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THE STARTER PROBLEM

John Rice
Mate in 2



Solution

1 Qf7 Threat 2 Qf1 mate

1.....Qb8+ 2 a x b8 = Q mate

1.....Qb2 2 Rc1 mate

1.....Q x c2 2 Qb7 mate

1.....c x d3 2 Q x b3 mate

Try 1 a8 = Q? 1.....Qb5!

Try 1 Q x c6? 1.....c x d3!

513 Solutions were submitted, 247 of them correct, and 266 incorrect. The Starter was published in national newspapers, appeared on their websites, and was circulated to schools. 55 Juniors under the age of 18 replied with 29 of them giving the correct answer. The numbers of each incorrect solution submitted were as follows: -

1.....Bc1	135
1.....Q x c6	40
1.....R moves check	29
1.....a8 = Q	18
1.....B x c4	15
1.....Q x b3 check	10
1.....Qg7	7
Other Legal Moves	3
Illegal Moves	9
Total	266

By far the most incorrect solutions gave 1.....Bc1, which does not make a threat. If White follows with 2 R x c3+, Black can play 2.....c x d3.

1 Q x c6 threatens 2 Qh1 mate, but Black can play 1.....c x d3

1 a8 = Q leaves Black with only one move to avoid mate, which is 1.....Qb5. White can mate after all other Black moves.