

BCPS 2012 TOURNEY, SECTION G: STUDIES

Win or draw, free theme (but please read the detail under IMPORTANT below). No more than three entries per composer. Please note that a joint composition counts once for each composer. The three top prizes will receive medals. It is expected that there will be honourable mentions and commendations in addition to prizewinners. Judge: **John Roycroft**. Entries by **31.10.2011** (e-mail only) to <johncox@dewarhogan.co.uk>.

IMPORTANT Nalimov database positions (eg from EGTBs) are not required but will be welcomed. However, deep play arising from database positions, whether in main line or supporting variations, must be accompanied by a convincing explanation, and not merely by series of 'database' moves. Explanations may be in the English language or in Russian, German or French. Evaluation of explanations will be an integral part of the judging process.

One prize (of the announced three) is available for an original study showing significant play using the eight-man material Queen and two Pawns versus two Rooks and one Knight (GBR class 1603.20 or its converse 3201.02). This force occurred in the game which Botvinnik lost to Riumin in the 16th round of the VIII Soviet Championship in Leningrad in 1933. The moves of this game have not survived. The 'explanation' requirements of the IMPORTANT paragraph apply.