

In the thousand-year history of chess problem composing, task and record problems occupy a special place. They are important both for the maximum effects that they achieve and because they define the limits within which the problem composer's artistry is exercised.

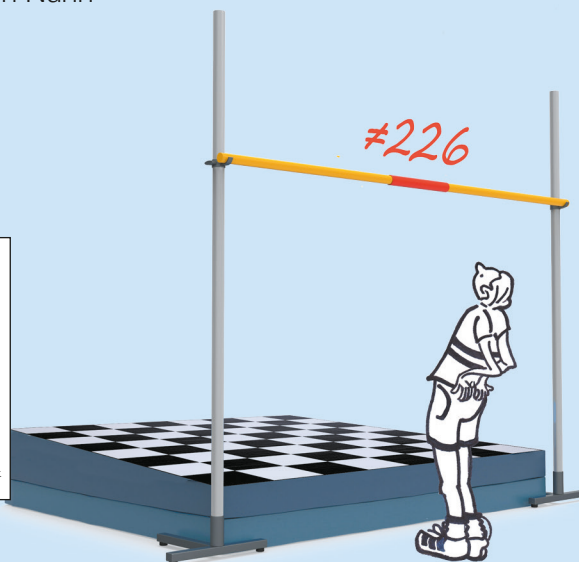
When *Chess Problems: Tasks and Records* was first published in 1995, it was at once hailed as a standard work. A revised edition appeared in 2001. Since then many new records have been set, and this third edition brings the book up to date with more than 960 problems by some 400 composers from over 40 different countries. An introduction to give newcomers their bearings is followed by a systematic treatment of records ranging from the simplest type of problem – White to mate in two moves – to the wider fields of longer and less orthodox problems.

Jeremy Morse caught the 'puzzle bug' when his parents introduced him to *The Times* crossword at the age of six. Over the subsequent eighty years he has solved and set crosswords, other word puzzles, mathematical puzzles, bridge problems and chess problems.

In his spare time he has pursued a career in banking, which included the chairmanship of Lloyds Bank from 1977 to 1993. He has also been Chancellor of the University of Bristol and Warden of Winchester College. He was knighted in 1975.

'An invaluable work.'
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