

15. The wrong square Bishop endgame

A bishop and a pawn will generally win against a lone king. However there is one important exception: when the pawn is on the edge of the board and the bishop does not control the promotion square. The rule of the wrong bishop draw is simple.

The endgame - king + bishop and pawn vs king, is always a draw when the pawn is on a or h-file and the bishop does not control the promotion square. The defending king can reach the promotion square in time to defend it.

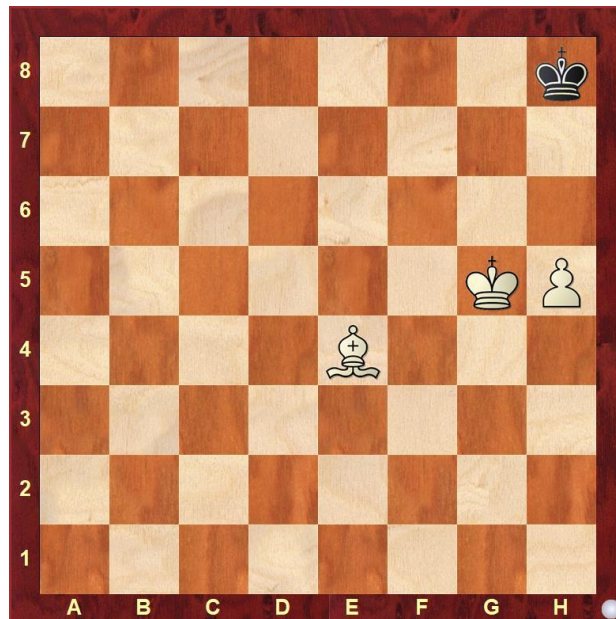


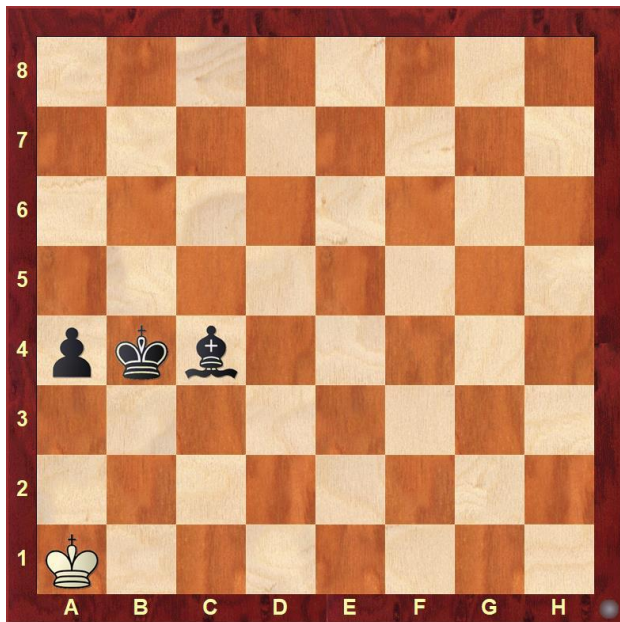
Diagram 15.1

In diagram 15.1, light square bishop cannot take control of dark square h8 throughout the game. Hence, the game will end up in a draw.

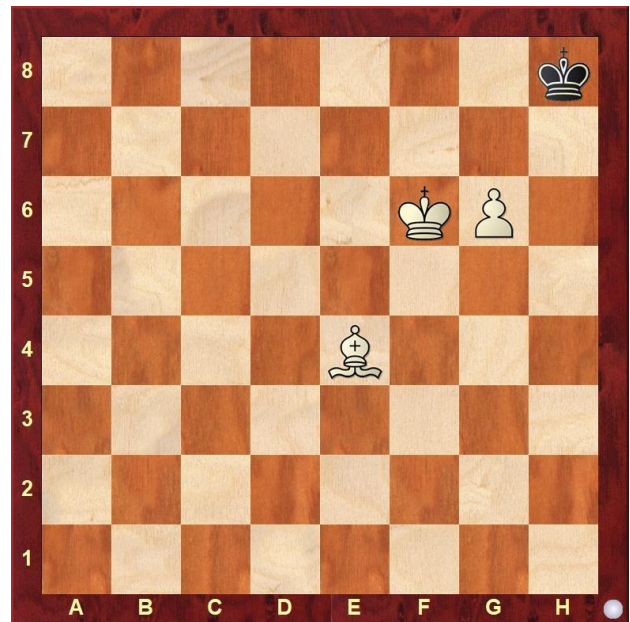
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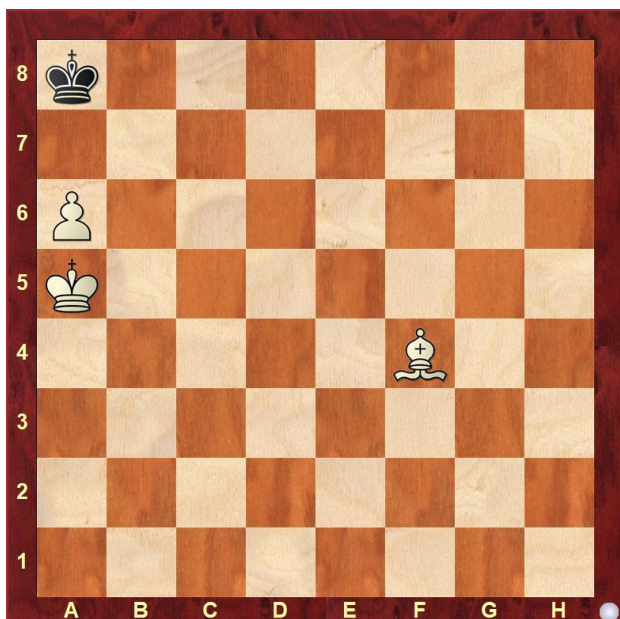
1. Black to play. What will be the result of the game? White wins | Black wins | Draw



2. White to play. What will be the result of the game? White wins | Black wins | Draw



3. White to play. What will be the result of the game? White wins | Black wins | Draw



4. Black to play. What will be the result of the game? White wins | Black wins | Draw

