

ADVANCED LEVEL PART 2

27. Mating Motif (Blackburne's mate, Lolli's mate)

Blackburne's mate

Blackburne's mate is a position when the bishop pair and the knight on g5 perform checkmate to the opponent king. Often the queen is sacrificed in the first few moves to get the required position.

The following examples will give a better explanation

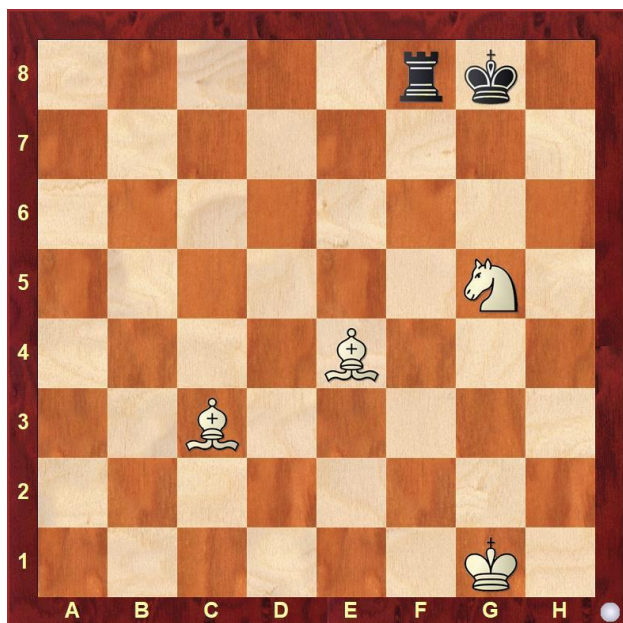


Diagram 12.1



Diagram 12.2

In diagram 12.1 we can observe that the bishop at c3 is controlling g7 and h8 squares and the knight at g5 is controlling the f7 square. Therefore, white can perform Blackburne's mate by playing Bh7#

In diagram 12.2 we can observe that the bishop at f6 is controlling g7 and h8 squares and the knight at g5 is controlling h7 square. Therefore, the white can perform Blackburne's mate by playing Qxh5 forcing the black to play gxh5 followed by Bh7#

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Lolli's mate

Lolli's mate is a position when the queen and the pawn perform a checkmate to the opponent's castled king. Although this happens with the help of pawn at f6 and the queen performing checkmate on g7.

The following examples will give a better explanation

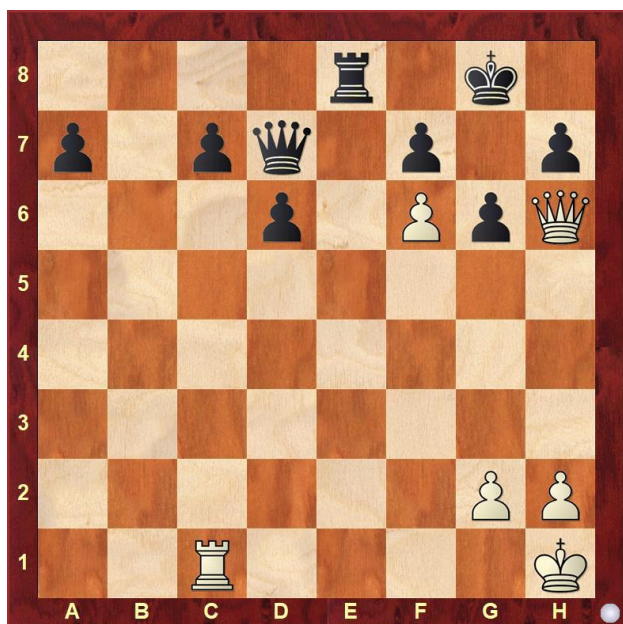


Diagram 12.3

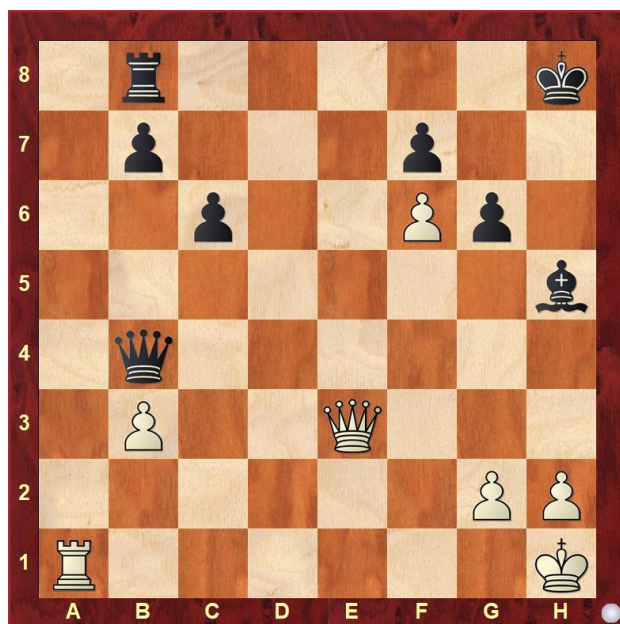


Diagram 12.4

In diagram 12.3, we can observe that the queen is blocking most of the squares of the opponent king. Therefore, the white can perform Lolli's mate by playing Qg7#

In diagram 12.4 we can observe that the pawn is already at f6. Therefore, white can perform Lolli's mate by playing Qh6+ forcing the black king to play Kg8 followed by Qg7#

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1. White to play & win

