

ADVANCED LEVEL PART 2

26. Mating Motif (Greco's mate, Pillsbury's mate)

Greco's mate

Greco's mate is a position when the bishop traps the opponent king to the corner of the board by the use of the opponent's g-pawn and simultaneously using the queen or a rook to perform checkmate.

The following examples will give a better explanation

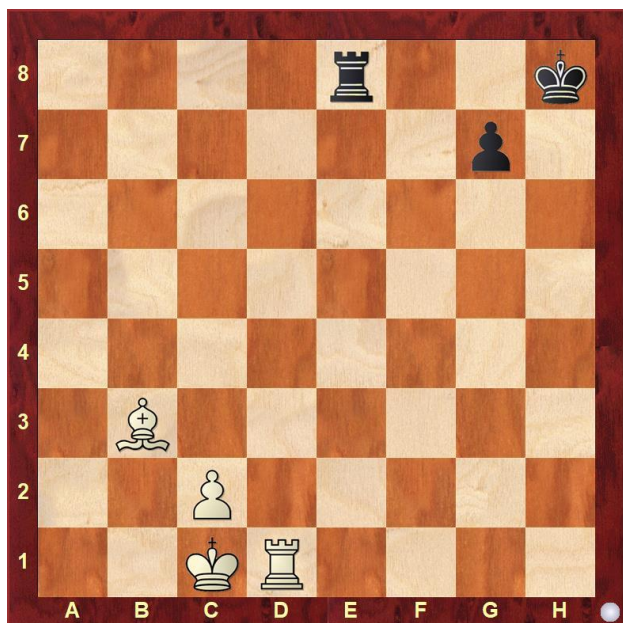


Diagram 11.1

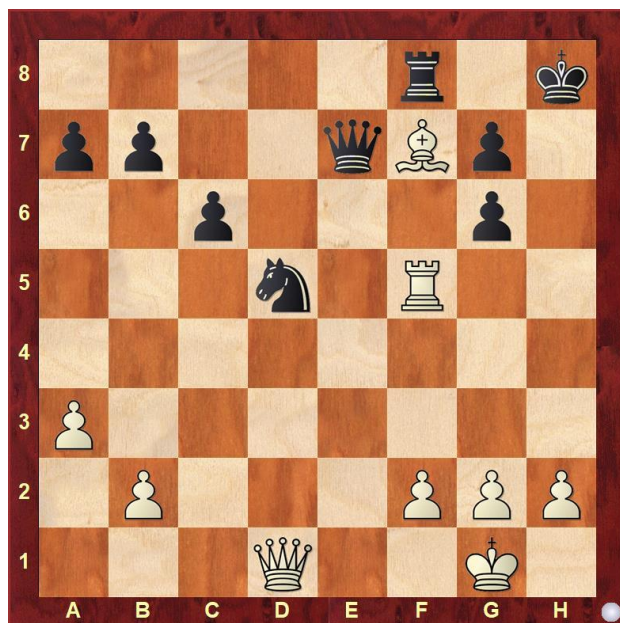


Diagram 11.2

In diagram 11.1 we can observe that the bishop is blocking the g8 square of the opponent king. Therefore, the white can perform Greco's mate by playing Rh1#

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Pillsbury's mate

Pillsbury's mate is a position when the rook and the bishop perform a checkmate to the opponents castled king with an open g file.

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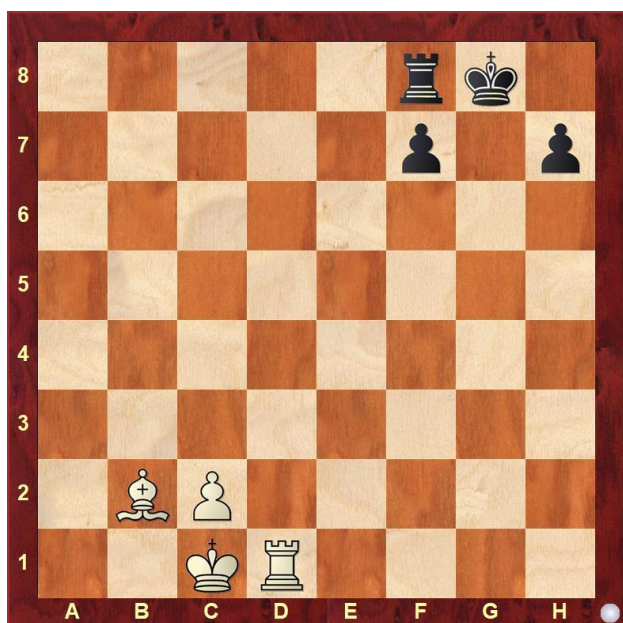


Diagram 11.3

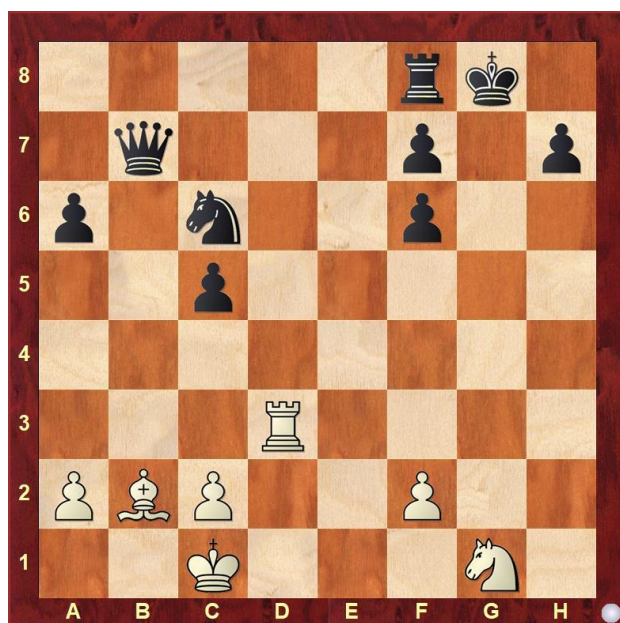


Diagram 11.4

In diagram 11.3 we can observe that the bishop is blocking the adjacent square of the opponent king. Therefore, the white can perform Pillsbury's mate by playing Rg8#

In diagram 11.4 we can observe that the g file is open. Therefore, white can perform Pillsbury's mate by playing Rg3+ forcing the black to play Kh8 followed by Bxf6#

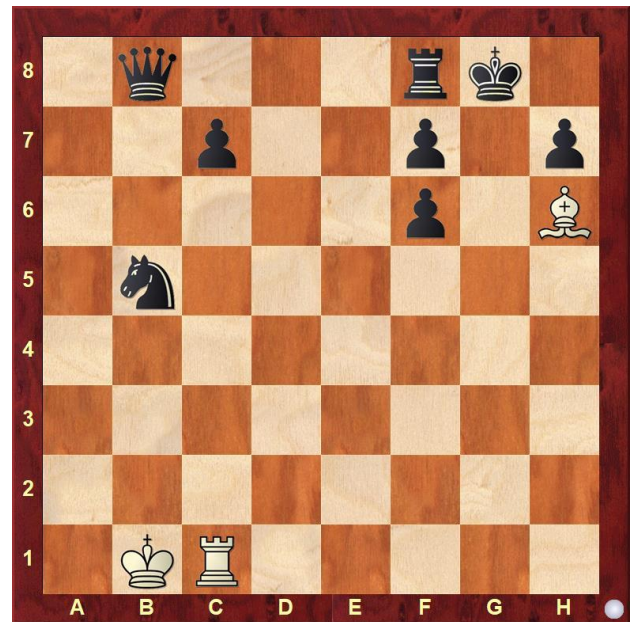
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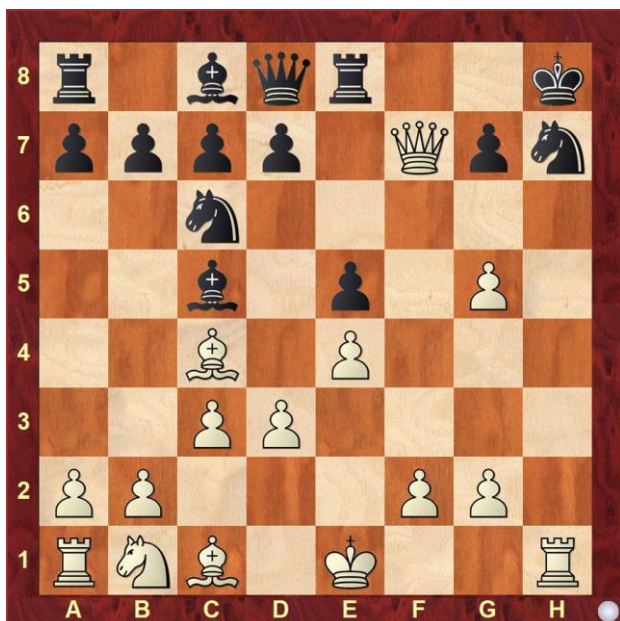
1. White to play & win



2. White to play & win



3. White to play & win



4. White to play & win

