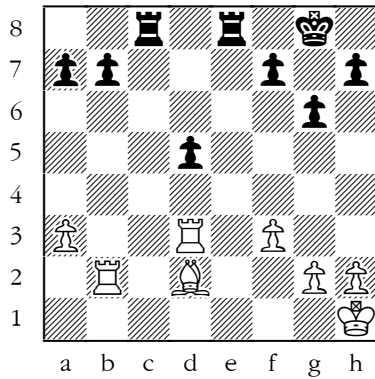


Name: _____ Date: _____

Deflection and Back Rank Mate

Compiled by Steven Craig Miller

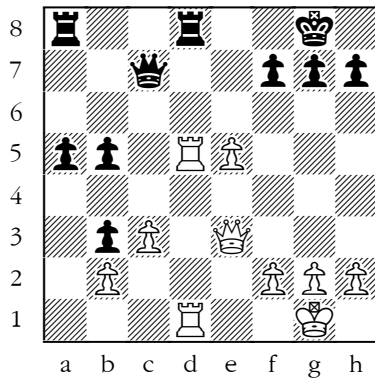
In the following exercises, the solution ends with a back rank mate. But before you can play the back rank mate, you must deflect away the piece (or pieces) guarding against the back rank mate.



Gromek—Barcza, Warsaw 1956
Black to move & win

White Black

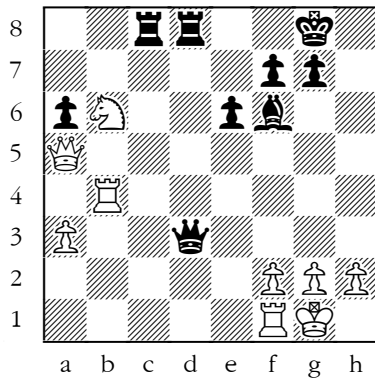
1. ... _____
2. _____ _____



Minic—Honfi, Vrnjacka Banja 1966
White to move & win

White Black

1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____



Fontein—Euwe, Amsterdam 1939
Black to move & win

White Black

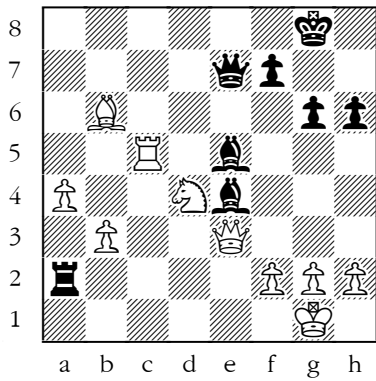
1. ... _____
2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Removing the Guard and Back Rank Mate

Compiled by Steven Craig Miller

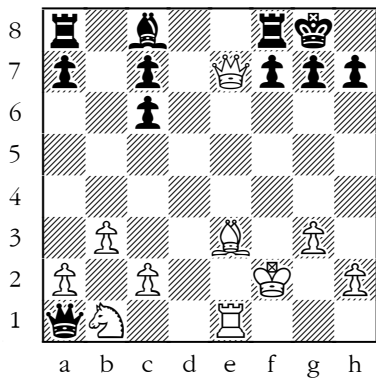
In the following exercises, the solution ends with a back rank mate. But before you can play the back rank mate, you must remove the piece (or pieces) guarding against the back rank mate.



Tukmakov—Kasparov, Frunze 1981
Black to move & win

White	Black
-------	-------

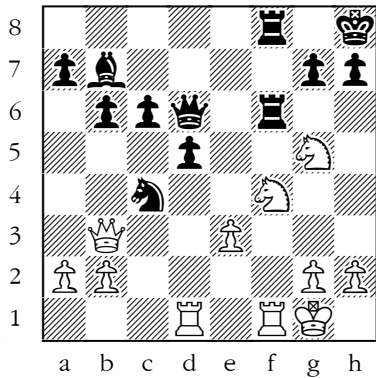
- | | |
|----------|-------|
| 1. ... | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |



Botner—Patterson, USA 1958
White to move & win

White	Black
-------	-------

- | | |
|----------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |



Steiner—Balogh, Postyen 1992
White to move & win

- | | |
|----------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ |