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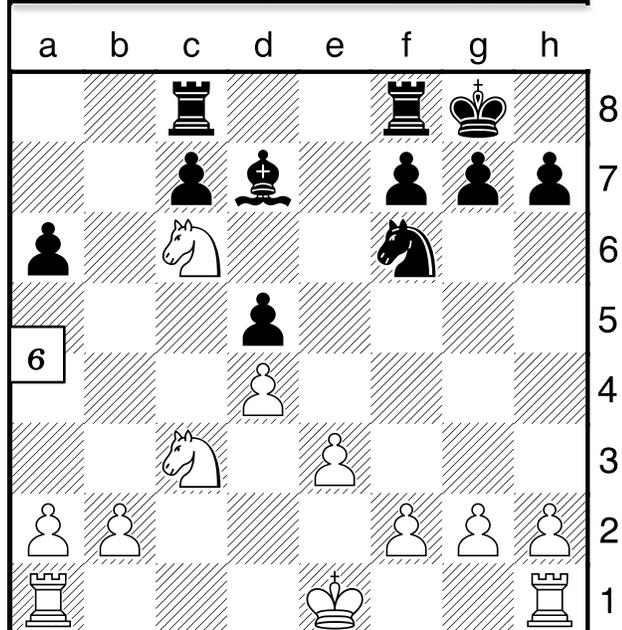
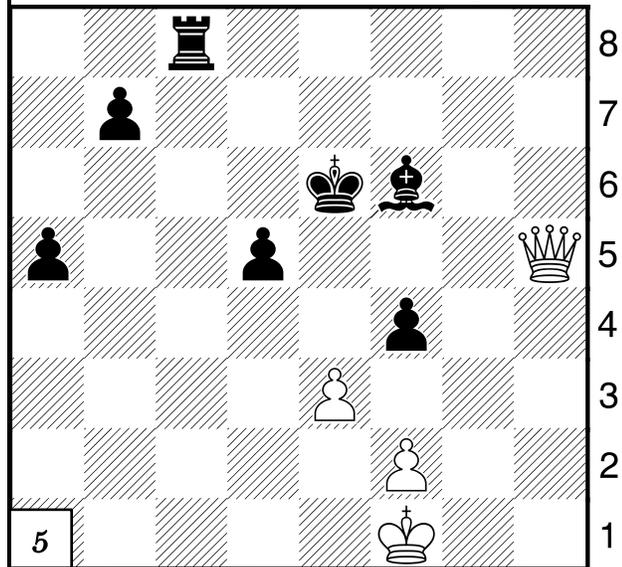
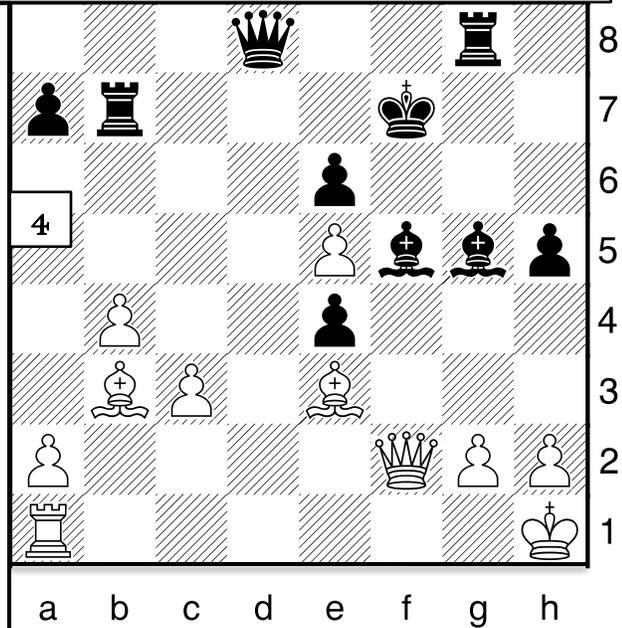
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I explain the answers with what's called "notation".

Notation conventions:
K is king,
Q is queen,
N is knight,
B is bishop &
R is rook.

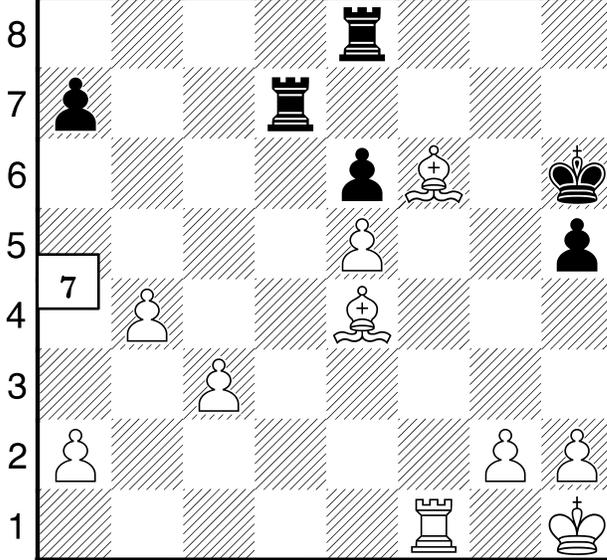
Squares are lower case letters first then numbers. Check is +, "x" is capture & checkmate is #.
Castling on the King side is "O-O" and on the Queen side is "O-O-O".
Notate your games!

- 1: Rc8 double attack: K moves away win the N!
- 2: g3 checkmate!
- 3: Ng5 mate!
- 4: QxBf5. If e6xQ BxK to win! The pawn on e6 is pinned!
- 5: Qg4 or Qh3 for a skewer: Q attacks the K, K moves away and QxRc8!
- 6: Ne7+ (this double attack with a knight is a "fork"), Kh8, Nxc8!

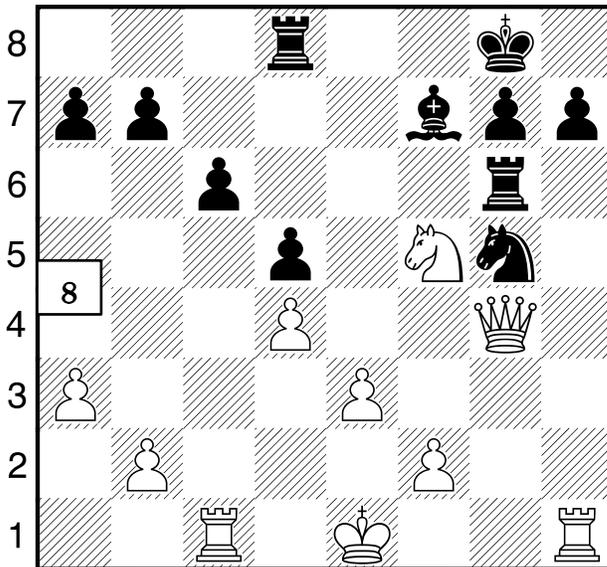


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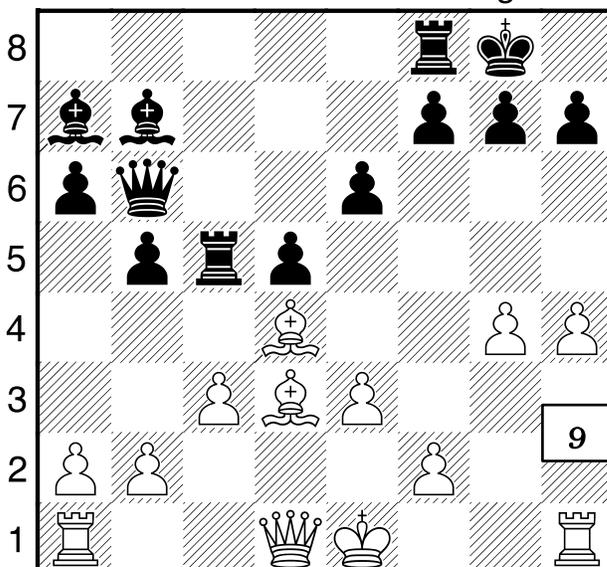
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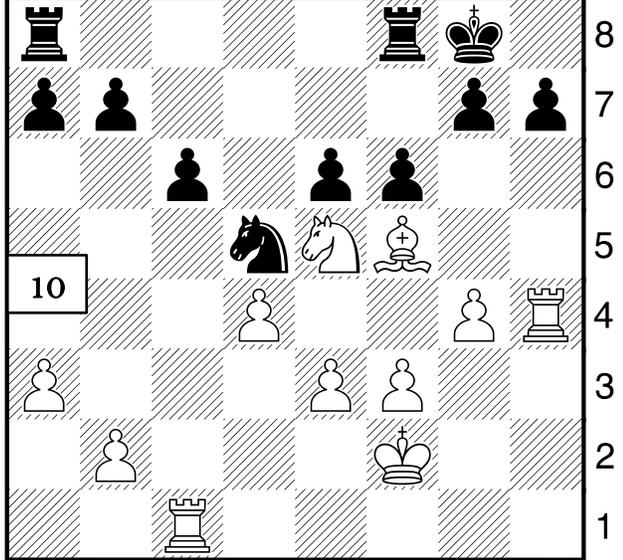
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7: Bc6 double attack wins a rook! 8: Ne7 forks K&R, K escapes NxR! 9: R on c5 is pinned (it can't move: if it does BxQ!): keep attacking with b4 to take R with a pawn!

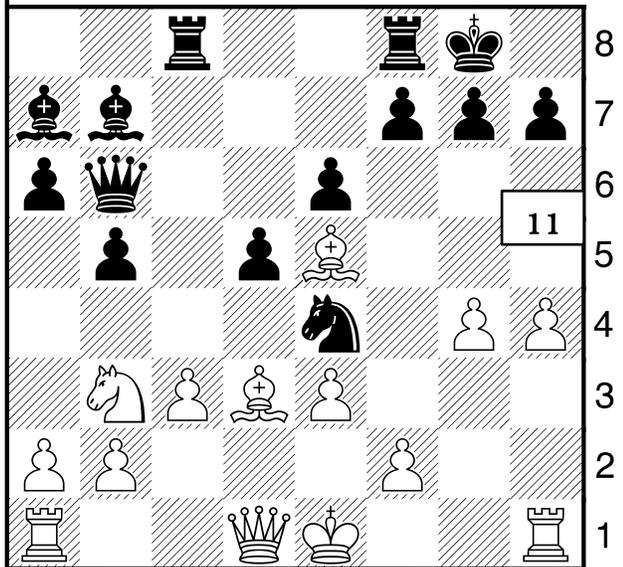
10: Bxh7+, Kh8, Ng6#! 11: Bd4 skewers Q which must move then BxB!

12: Rule 1: is my K safe? No! My opponent played Kh1: what should black do now? I hope you find Rxh2+, KxRh2, Rh8#!

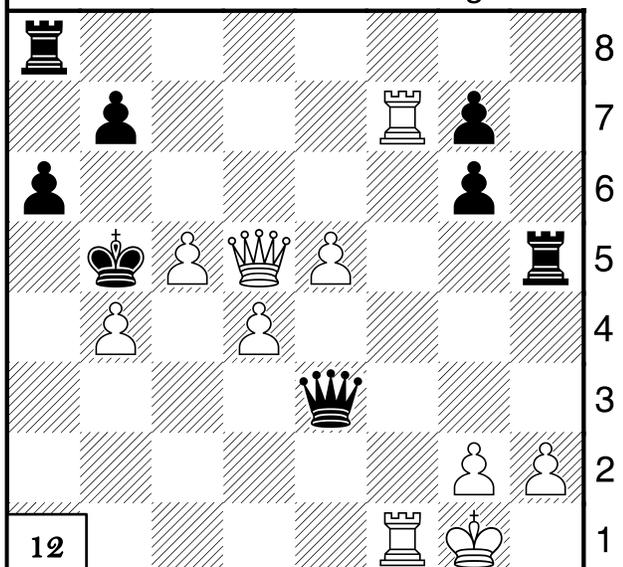
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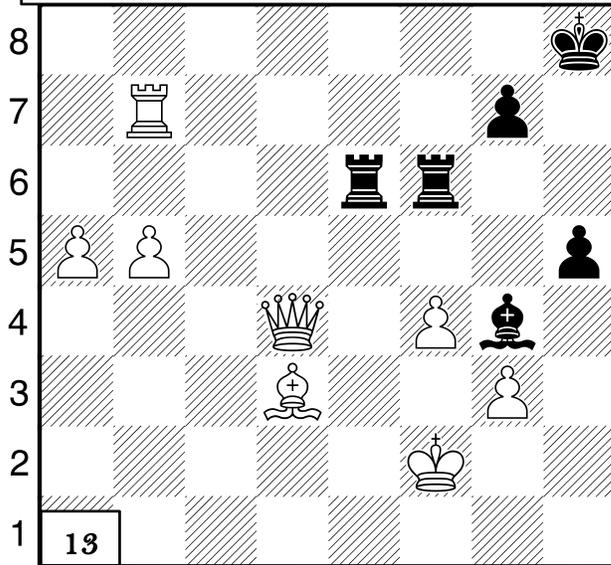
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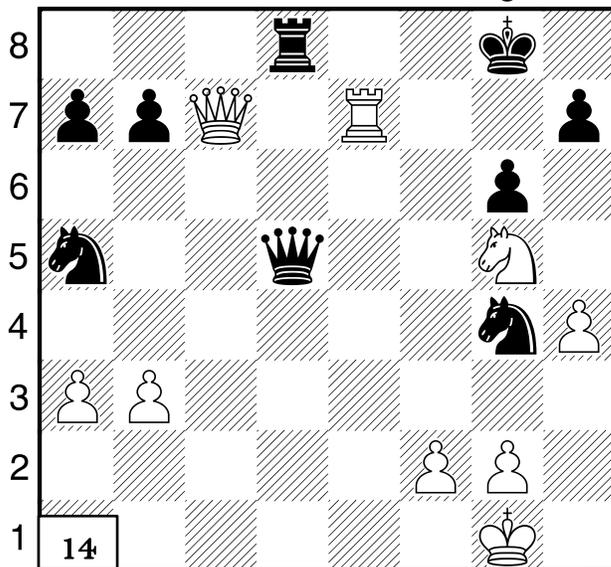
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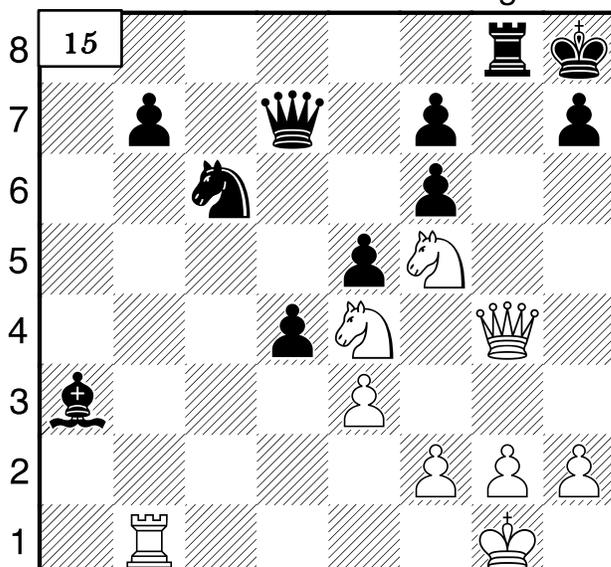
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13: The B attacks h7 so to mate we need to attack g8 & h8. Hence either our R or Q work: Rb8+, Re8, RxRe8+, Rf8, RxRf8#!

14: Is our K safe? Not really! If it was black's turn black has mate with Qd1+, Re1, QxRe1#! So either we deal with this or focus on our attack. What do we have? If we make a move that isn't check we lose! Rg7+, Kh8, Rxh7+, Kg8, Qg7#!

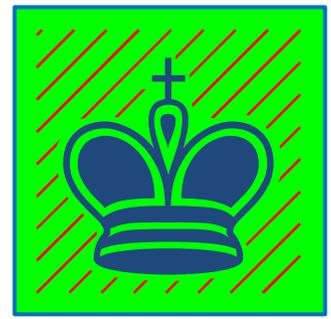
15: Always look for moves that are check no matter how silly they may seem because your opponent has to respond to them. If your opponent only has one move you can keep calculating what comes next.

What comes next is the essence of chess!

Chess is logic, not chance. Chess is science too: the scientific method comes naturally to chess players: formulate a plan, test it on the board, see if it works, store what you learn in your brain, adjust as needed and play again! Learn what works and what doesn't by practicing!

We have two checks: Qg7 (silly because after black takes with his R we have nothing) and QxRg8?? What is next if we play QxRg8? Black must play KxQg8. Would we have any interesting checks or captures now? I hope you find Nxf6+! A royal fork (double attack with a knight on a K & Q!)! Black saves his K we win his Q!! So we start by winning a R, then lose out Q, then win a pawn and a Q!

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