

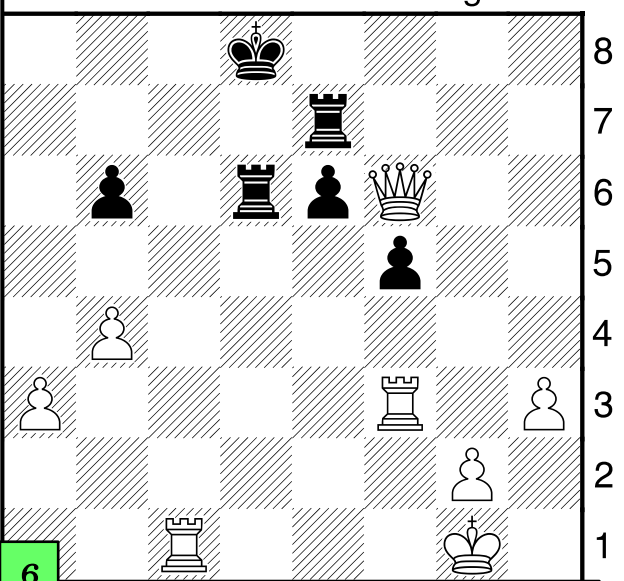
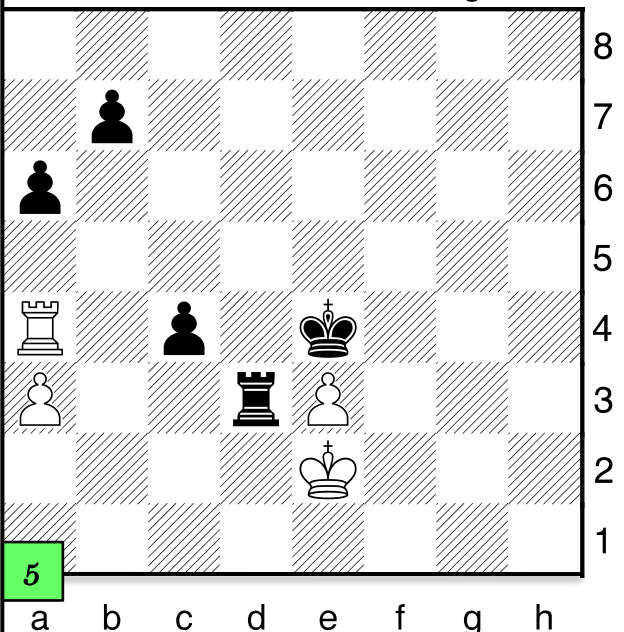
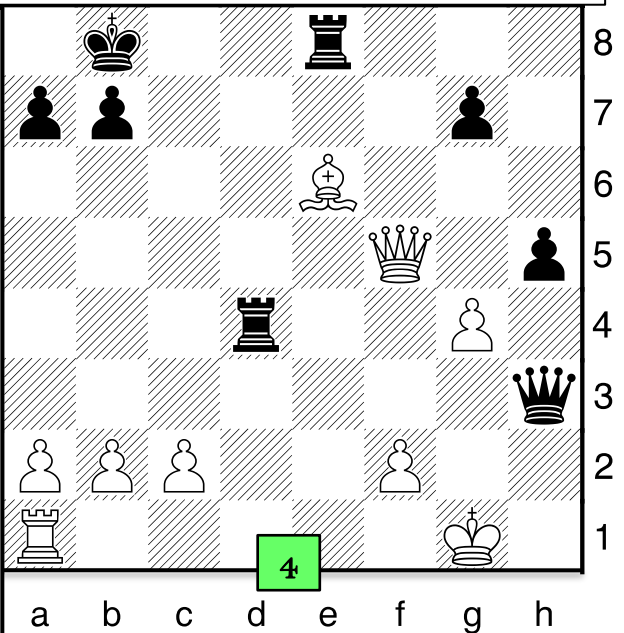
Tournament News!

Get ready for State!

Sunday, Feb 9 at
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10 AM, USCF
rated, directed by
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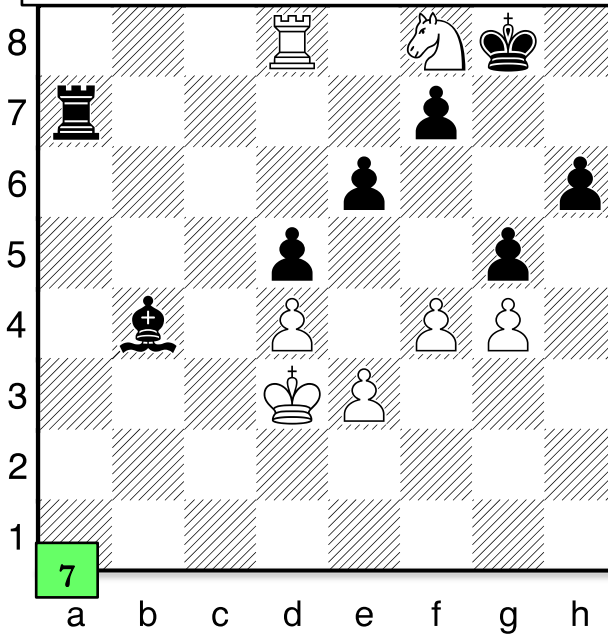
March 7: State team
March 14: K/8 Webber
March 21: State Individuals

Answers: 1) Nc4+ (discovered check: see B on f4?), Kd8, NxQa5! 2) Double attack: Qc8+, Kh7, QxRd7! 3) Double attack: Bxe6, Qa7, BxRf7+! 4) Look for check, double attacks: Qe4+, Ka8, QxRd4! 5) Remove the defender: Rxc4+, Kd5, KxRd3! 6) Look for checks! Qf8+, Kd7, Qc1#! Or: Qf8+, Re8, QxRd6#!

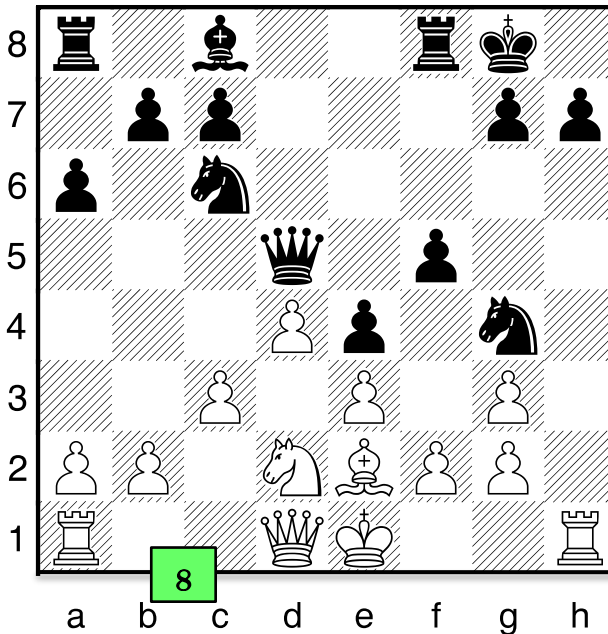
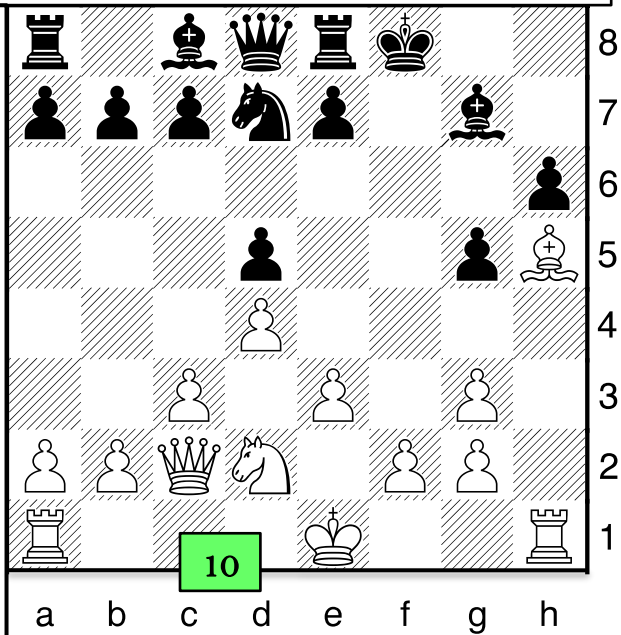


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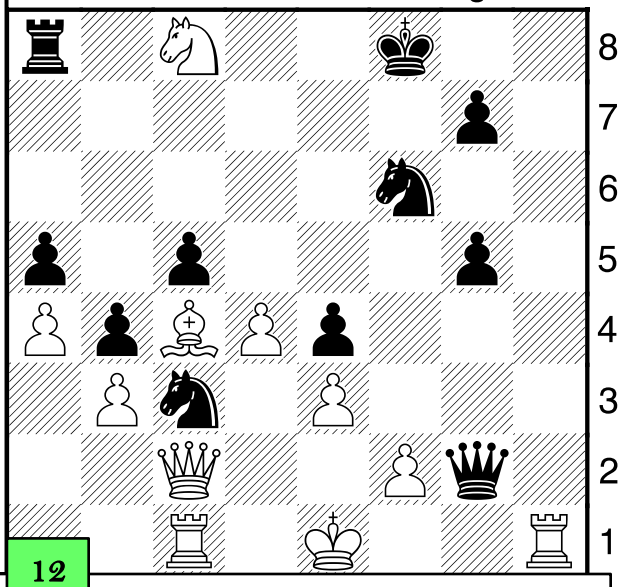
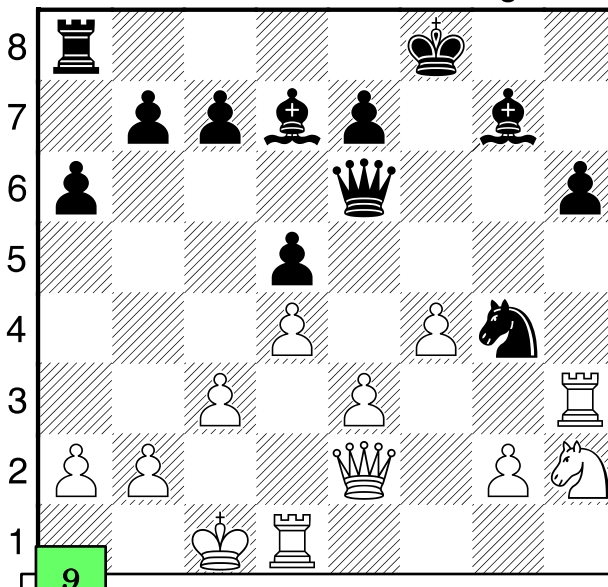
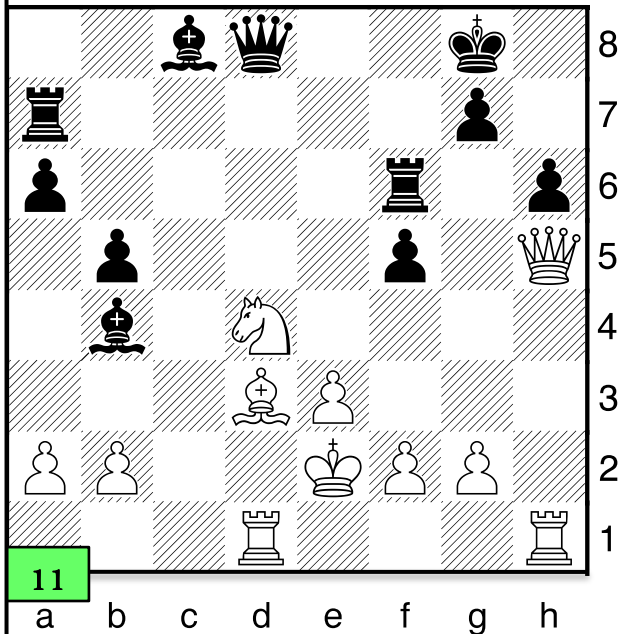
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I explain the answers with what's called "notation".
 Notation conventions: K is king, O is queen, N is knight, B is bishop & R is rook. Squares are lower case letters first then numbers. Check is +, "x" is capture & checkmate is #. Castling on the King side is "O-O" and on the Queen side is "O-O-O". Notate your games! Is my K safe? Why did my opponent make that move? Are my pieces safe? Do I have any checks, captures, threats of check and/or threats of capture? What order is best?



Answers - 7) Is the N trapped? Nxe6+ (check with R!), Kh7, Nc5! 8) See how black's K & Q are on the same diagonal? Bc4! QxB or Be6, BxQ
 9) Remove the defenders! Pawn f5! Qe4, QxNg4!
 10) Qg6 threatens mate, Kg8, QxQd8!
 11) Nc6, Qc7, NxRa7, QxNa7. If Nc6, RxNc6 then Bc4+, b5xBc4 and then RxQd8! Always look for checks!
 12) Worry about QxRh1? Or look for checks! Rh8+, Ng8, RxNg8#!
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