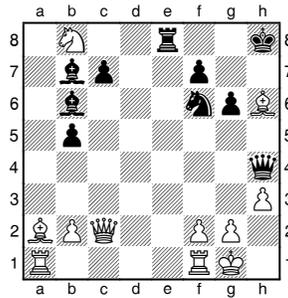
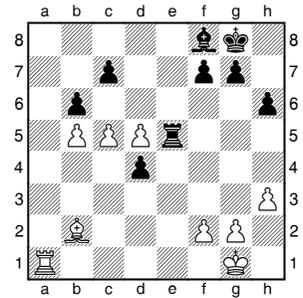


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Gareev – Van Wely
Los Angeles 2011

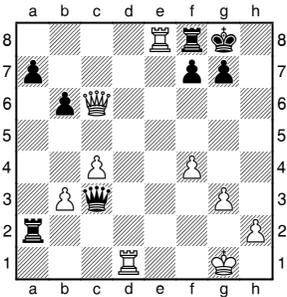
Both kings are exposed, but White has more pieces in play and it is his move.



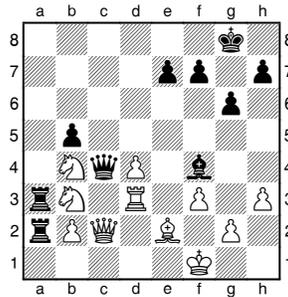
2 **Black to play**
Kamsky – Svidler
FIDE World Cup, Khanty-Mansiisk 2011
How did Black round off a neat victory?



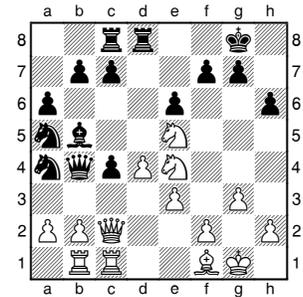
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Radjabov – Bacrot
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Does White have any winning chances?



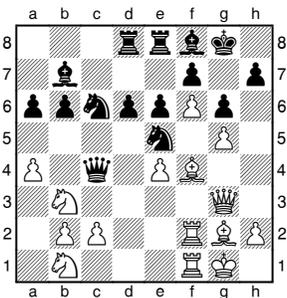
4 **Black to play**
Chatalbashev – Nybäck
European Clubs Cup, Rogaška Slatina 2011
Black decided to defend actively, playing for mate with 27...♙c2. Was this a good idea?



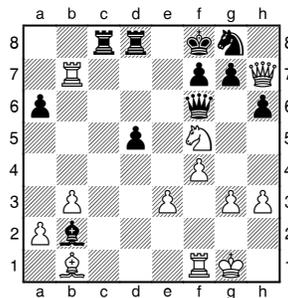
5 **Black to play**
Bu Xiangzhi – A. Gupta
FIDE World Cup, Khanty-Mansiisk 2011
Black restored material equality by 32...♙a1+? 33 ♘xa1 ♙xa1+ 34 ♖d1 ♙xd1+ 35 ♗xd1 ♗xb4, but he had no more than an edge. What should play?



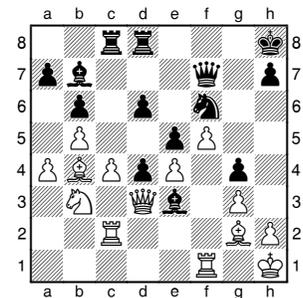
6 **White to play**
Caruana – Drozdovsky
FIDE World Cup, Khanty-Mansiisk 2011
Black's clump of pieces on the queenside no doubt catches your eye. What move would now have given White a decisive advantage?



7 **White to play**
Ivanchuk – Bu Xiangzhi
FIDE World Cup, Khanty-Mansiisk 2011
Black has just played his knight to c6. Can you see any ideas this might allow?



8 **White to play**
Elianos – Leko
Governor's Cup, Saratov 2011
Play continued 27 ♖d1 ♗c6 28 ♗xg8+ ♗xg8 29 ♘e7+ ♗f8 30 ♘xc6 ♗xc6, when White had a favourable ending that Black managed to draw. Did White have anything better in the diagram position?



9 **Black to play**
Tikkanen – Vitiugov
European Clubs Cup, Rogaška Slatina 2011
This is a good test of your chess vision. The game looks blocked and even turgid, but can you see any dramatic ideas for Black?

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