



THE PUZZLING SIDE OF CHESS

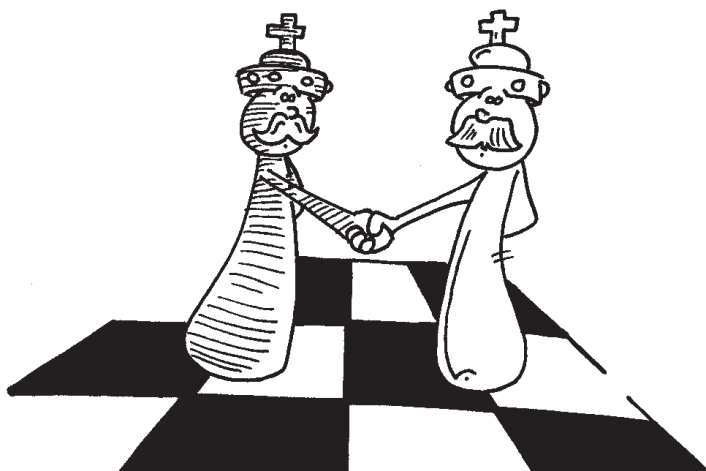
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DOUBLE ROYAL LOYDS No Kings

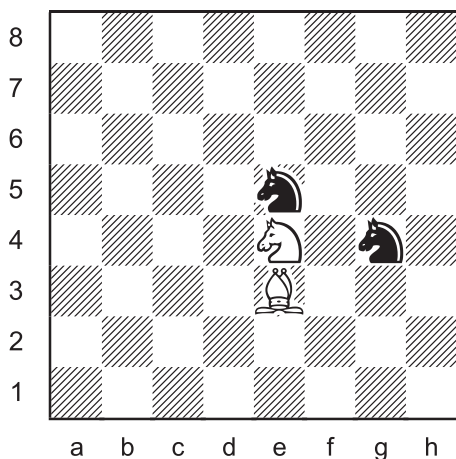
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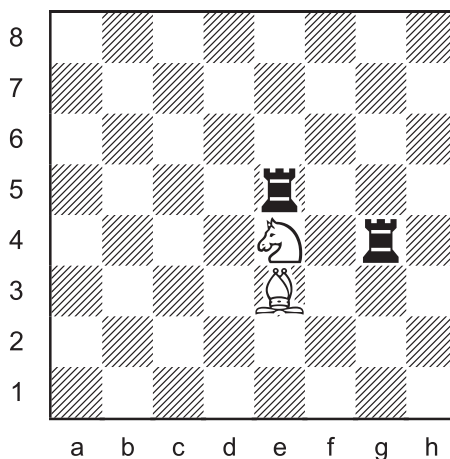
This column concludes a three-part series on *double royal loids*. In these puzzles, both kings are added to the board so that White has mate in 1. After two basic examples, we have eight more approximate twins using the same zero position as in columns 247 and 251.



Double Royal Loyd 33

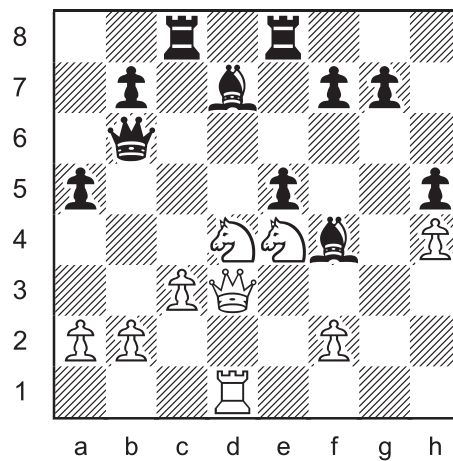


Double Royal Loyd 34



Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.

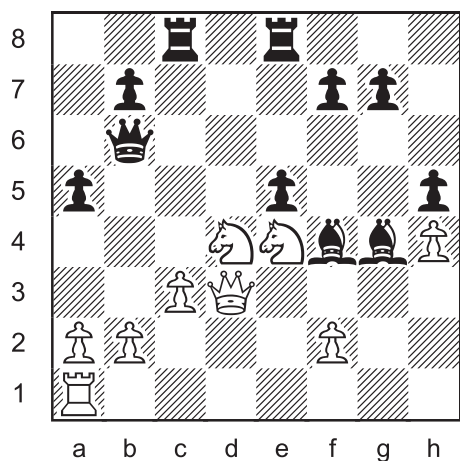
Double Royal Loyd 35



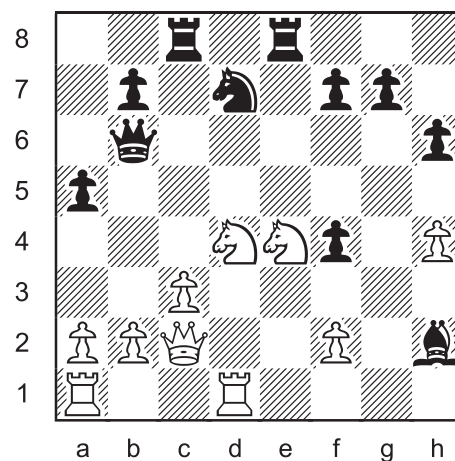
Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.



Double Royal Loyd 36

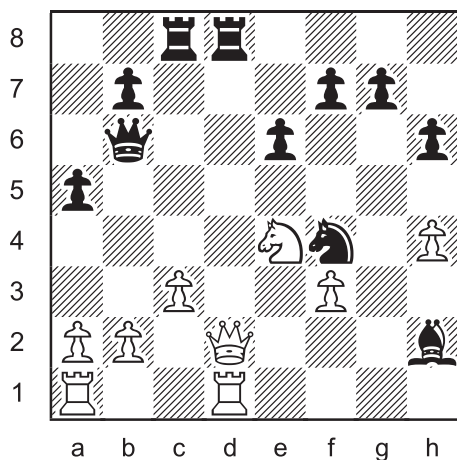


Double Royal Loyd 37

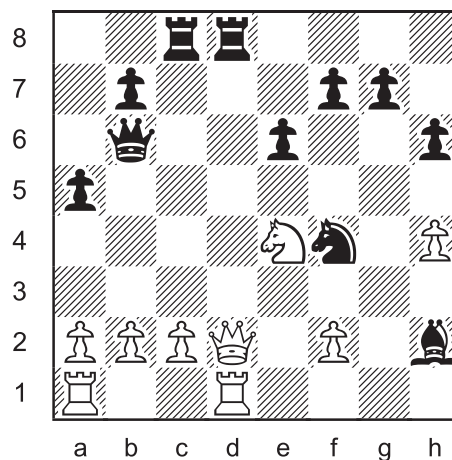


Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.

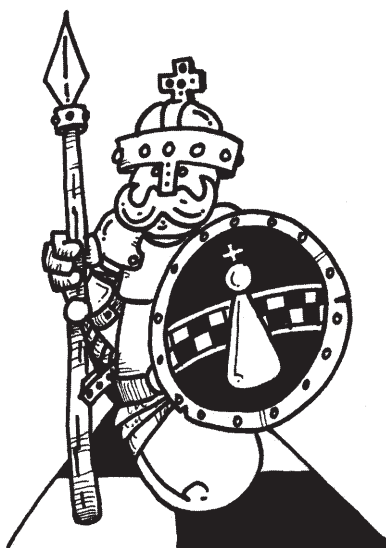
Double Royal Loyd 38



Double Royal Loyd 39

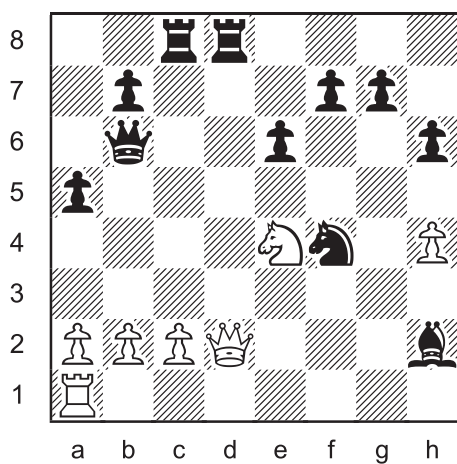


Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.

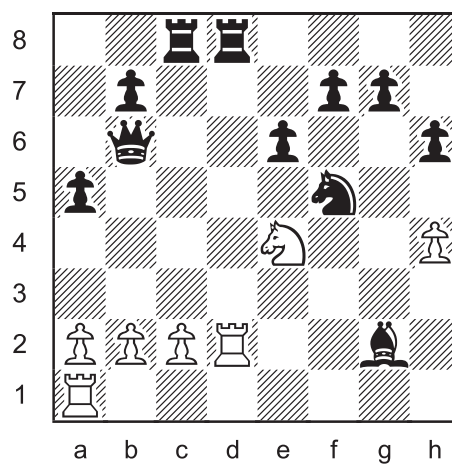


Warrior King

Double Royal Loyd 40



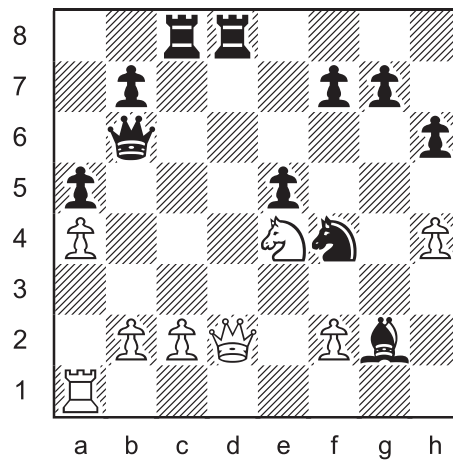
Double Royal Loyd 41



Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.

One last puzzle before ringing in the new year. Let's hope that 2026 brings some peace and harmony to our troubled world.

Double Royal Loyd 42



Add both kings so that White has mate in 1.



"Here's to happier days ahead!"

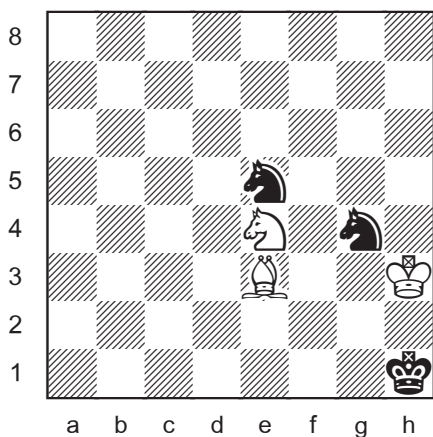
SOLUTIONS

All problems by J. Coakley, *Puzzling Side of Chess* (2025).

PDF hyperlinks. You can advance to the solution of any puzzle by clicking on the underlined title above the diagram. To return to the puzzle, click on the title above the solution diagram.

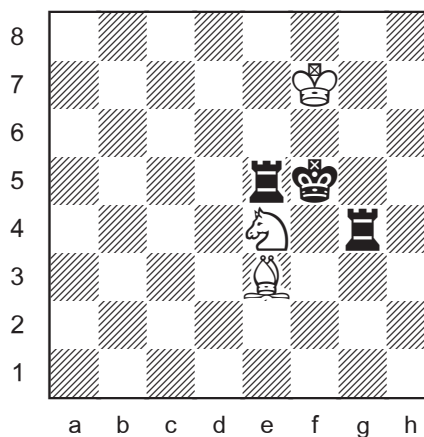
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Double Royal Loyd 33



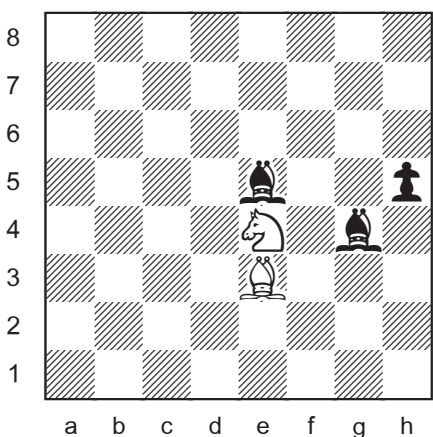
Add wKh3 bKh1.
1.Ng3#

Double Royal Loyd 34

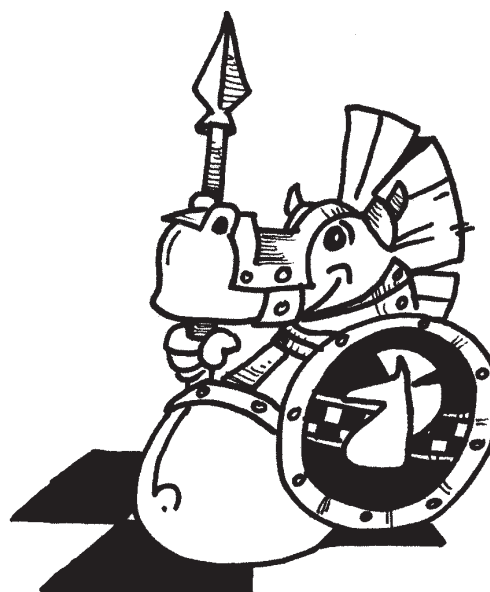


Add wKf7 bKf5.
1.Nd6#

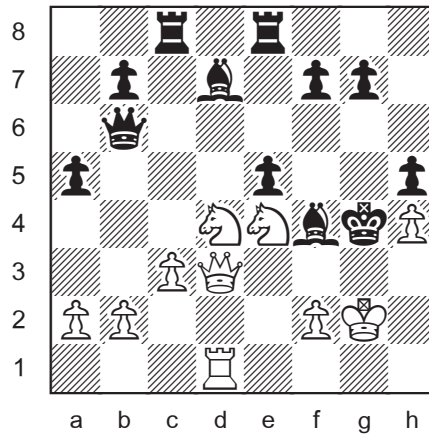
Double Royal Loyd 34b



Add both kings for mate in 1.
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Double Royal Loyd 35

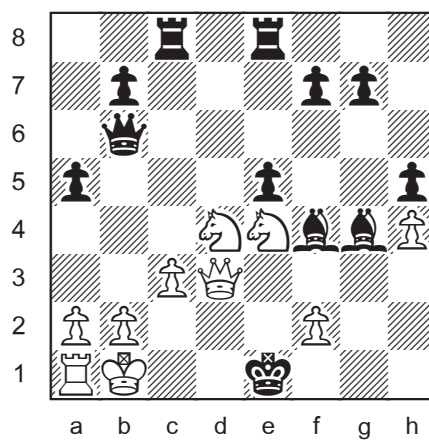


wKg2 bKg4

1.Qh3#



Double Royal Loyd 36

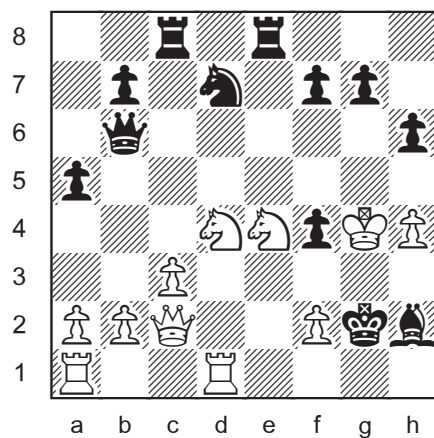


wKb1 bKe1

1.Nc2#

Double Royal Loyd 34b: *Add wKg2 bKh4. 1.Bg5#*

Double Royal Loyd 37

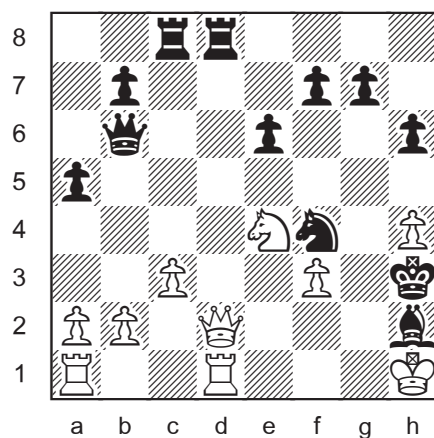


wKg4 bKg2

1.f3#



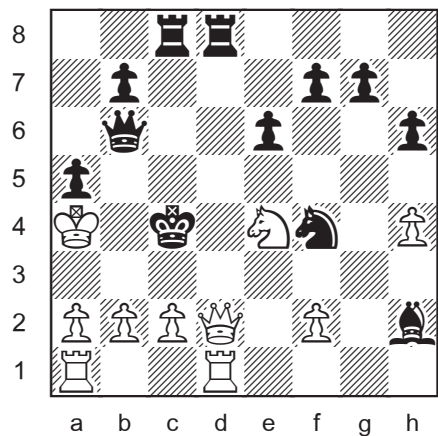
Double Royal Loyd 38



wKh1 bKh3

1.Qxh2#

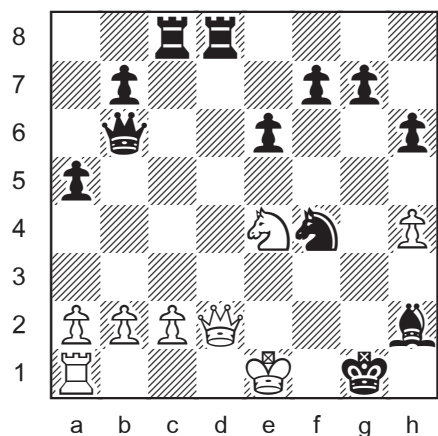
Double Royal Loyd 39



wKa4 bKc4
1.Qc3#

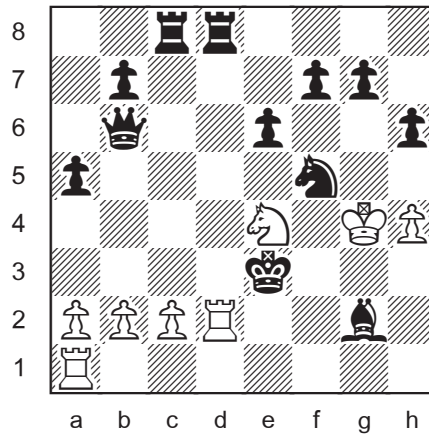


Double Royal Loyd 40



wKe1 bKg1
1.0-0-0#

Double Royal Loyd 41

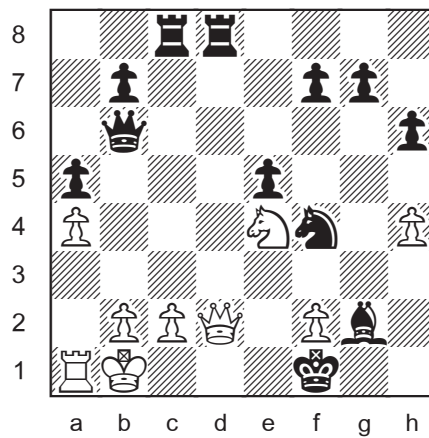


wKg4 bKe3

1.Re1#



Double Royal Loyd 42



wKb1 bKf1

1.Ka2#

Until next year!

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