

Chess Ideas:

So you think you're a Chess master? Try this page!

The theme for these four puzzles is The Back Rank. The object is to mate or win substantial material by exploiting the back rank. Sound simple? Watch out! These aren't for beginners! The solution for each puzzle is beautiful (especially Diagram 2). These diagrams have been reproduced with permission from Combination Challenge! by Lou Hays and John Hall, Hays Publishing, Park Hill Oklahoma. To derive maximum benefit, set these puzzles up on a chess board and try to solve them without moving the pieces (like you would in a real game). Good luck!

Back Rank



Diagram 1: White to play



Diagram 2: Black to play



Diagram 3: Black to play

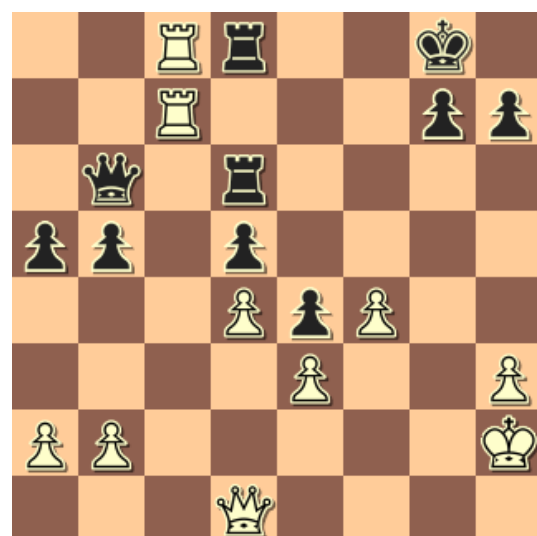


Diagram 4: White to play