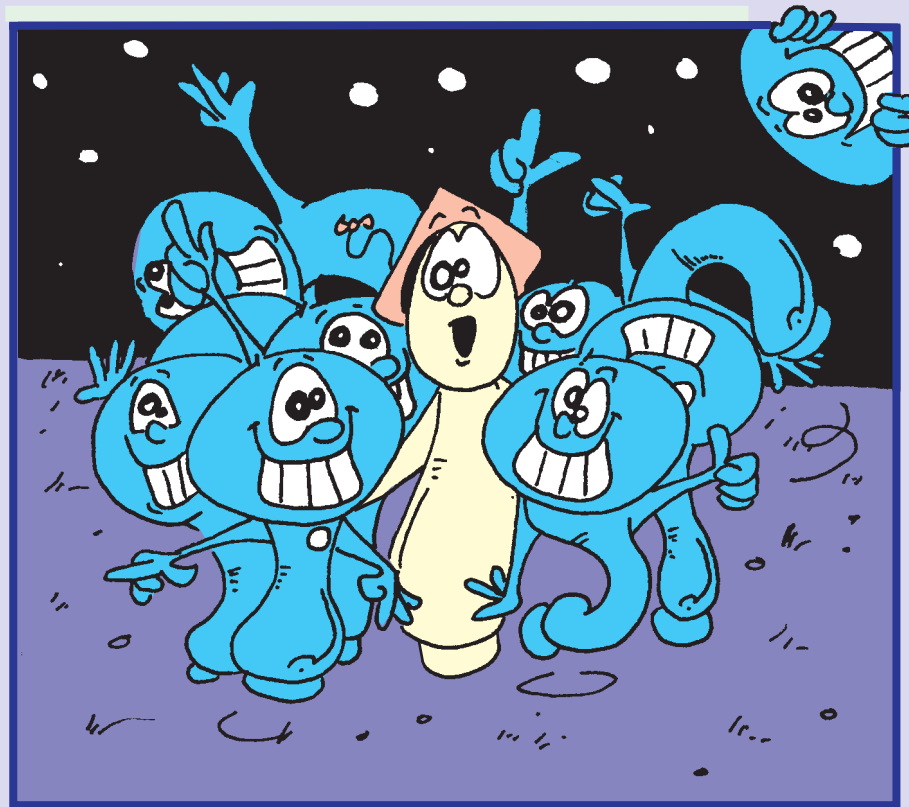


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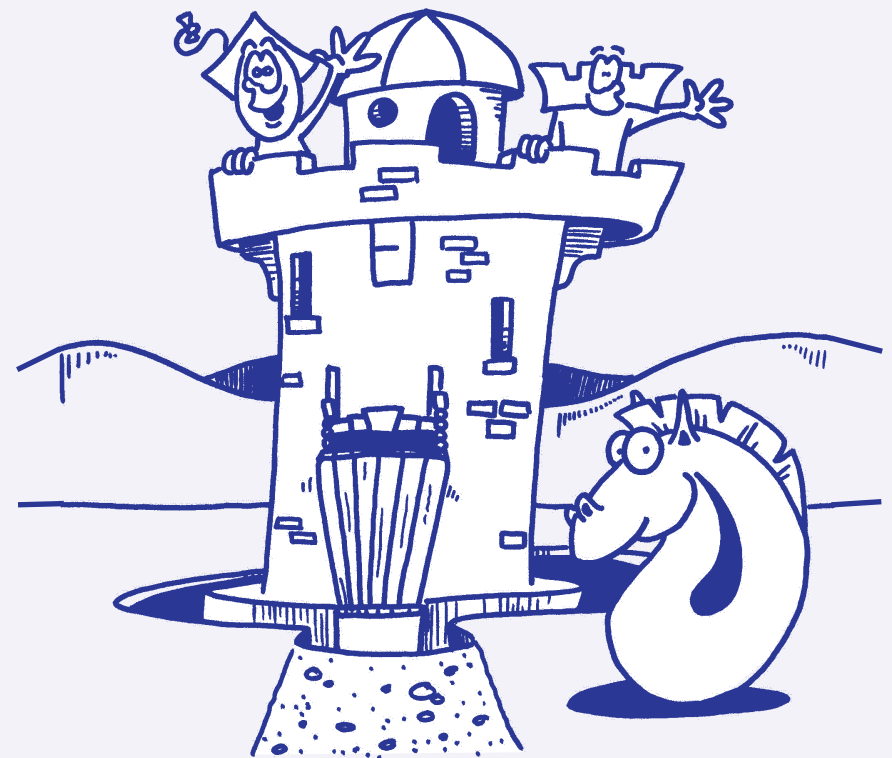
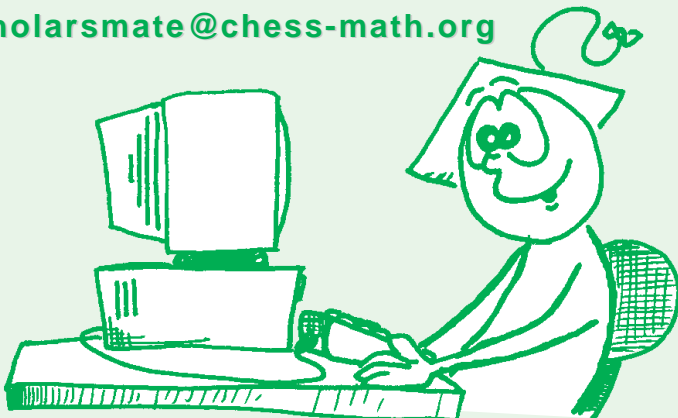
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Have you been following my adventures with the Invisible Pawn? If so, you'll be glad to hear that we conclude the story in this issue.

I hope you like the magazine!

Kiril

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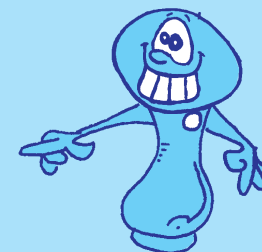
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HOW TO READ A CHESS GAME

It's easy. The board has 8 files and 8 ranks. Files are the rows of squares that go up and down. Each one is named by a small letter. Ranks are rows that go sideways. Each one is named by a number.

Every square also has a name. The first part is its file and the second part is its rank. In this diagram, a white pawn moved to e4 and a black pawn to e5.

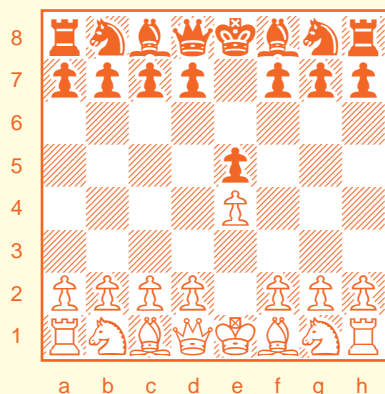
When moves are written down, the first capital letter shows the piece which moves. **Q** is queen. **B** is bishop. **R** is rook. **N** is used for knight because the king is **K**. If there is no capital letter, that means a pawn moves.

Next is the square that the piece moves to. **Bc4** says that a bishop moves to the square c4. When a piece is captured, an **x** is put before the square. **Qxf7** means a queen takes on f7.

If a pawn captures, the letter of the file it starts on is given first, then an **x** followed by the square it takes on. **exd5** says a pawn on the e-file captures on the square d5.

When two pieces of the same kind can go to the same spot, another letter is put after the piece to show what file it came from. **Rae1** tells us that a rook on the a-file moves to e1.

If the pieces that can move to the same spot are on the same file, then their rank number is added. **N6e4** means the knight on the 6th rank moves to e4.



Here are some special symbols:

+	check
#	checkmate
e. p.	en passant
O - O	castles kingside
O - O - O	castles queenside
1 - 0	white wins
0 - 1	black wins
½ - ½	draw
!	excellent move
?	mistake
!?	cool move
?!	weird (weak) move

The game below is written in **algebraic notation**. Ed was new to chess and fell into an old trap called **Scholar's Mate**!

	ALEC	ED
1.	e4	e5
2.	Qh5	d6
3.	Bc4	Nf6 ?
4.	Qxf7 #	

Oh no! Ed got mated in just four moves. That was no fun!

LETTERS TO KIRIL



Dear Kiril,

I really like the Invisible Pawn stories. I just finished the third one. They are on the road! But I am worried about Elvis.

I look forward to every issue. Hope I get to read the fourth one soon.

Your Friend,

David Shields
Shauanvon, Saskatchewan
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THE KING LIVES

Hi David!

It's great to hear from you. How are things in your part of the universe?

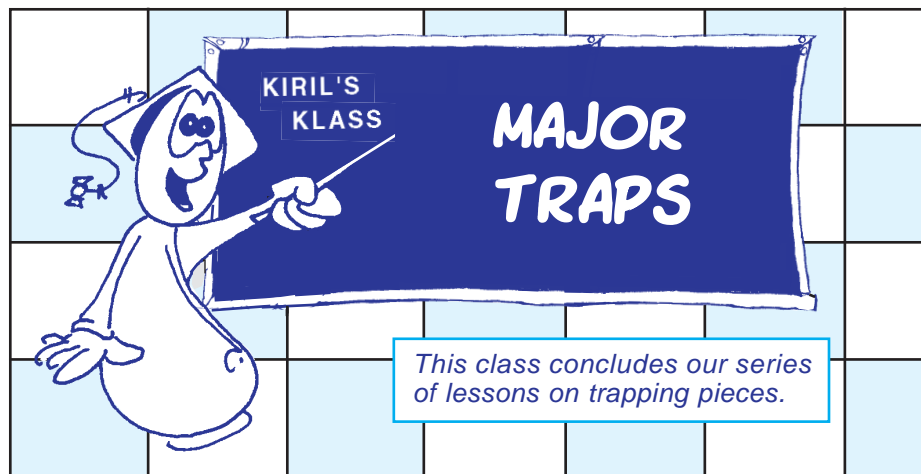
Don't worry about Elvis. He disappeared for a while, but I am sure he plans to make a comeback.

In this issue, we have the final episode of the Invisible Pawn. Can you guess what happens? I bet you'll be as surprised as me when you meet the Blue Moonies!

Bye for now,

Kiril

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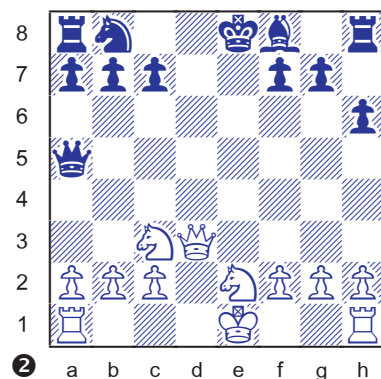
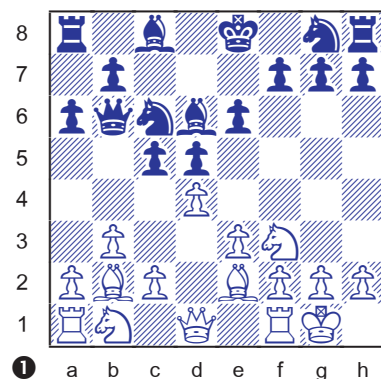
The rooks and queens are known as the *major pieces*. Winning one of them is often enough to win a game.

They are powerful pieces with lots of mobility, but they can still be trapped just like the other pieces.

The most common way to trap a rook is to catch him in the corner before he has a chance to get developed.

In diagram #1, the bishop on b2 takes care of business. After **1.dxc5 Bxc5 2.Bxg7**, the black rook at h8 has no escape.

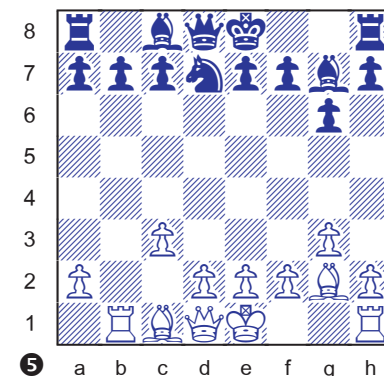
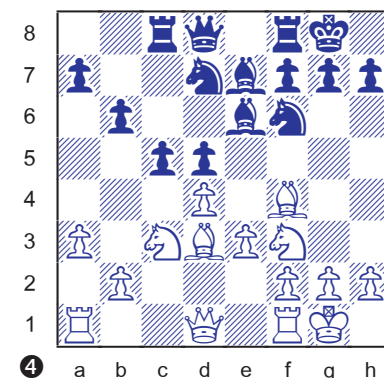
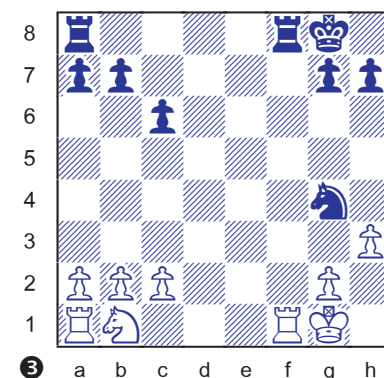
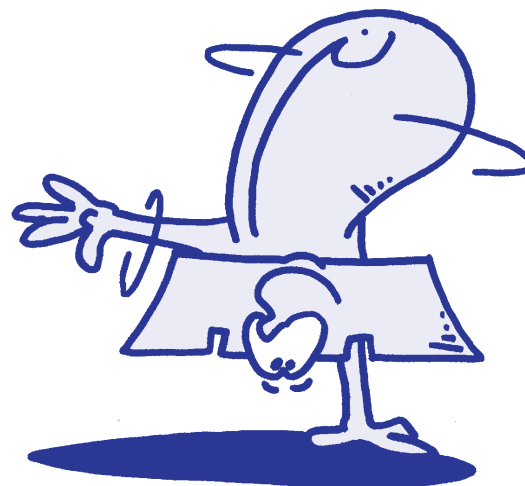
A queen can trap a rook in the same manner. The rook on a8 is the target in example #2. White gains a tempo with check to capture on b7. **1.Qe4+ Be7 2.Qxb7**. And black can resign.



Knights can also be used to corner a rook. In position #3, black to move wins with the standard trap. **1...Rxf1+ 2.Kxf1 Ne3+ 3.Kf2 Nxc2**. Next comes **4...Nxa1**.

Two bishops work together in diagram #4 to attack a rook and cover all its flight squares. After **1.Ba6!**, Black loses the exchange (**1...Ra8 2.Bb7!** or **1...Rc6 2.Bb7**).

White also wins material in the line: **1...cxd4 2.Nxd4 Rc5 3.Na4! Ra5 4.Nc6**, forking the black queen and rook.



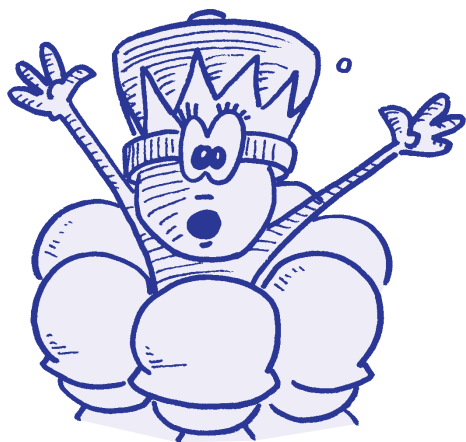
Another way that rooks get trapped is when they are caught behind enemy lines. Position #5 arises from the English Opening: **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Rb1 Nd7**.

Black hopes for **8.Bxb7?** Bxb7 **9.Rxb7 Nb6!** followed by **10...Qc8**.

The queen is the hardest piece to trap. It sometimes happens when she grabs a pawn before development is complete, like in number #6. The black queen plans to escape next turn by **1.a3 Qb6** or **1.Rfb1 Qa3**. However, white can cut off her retreat with **1.Nb5!**

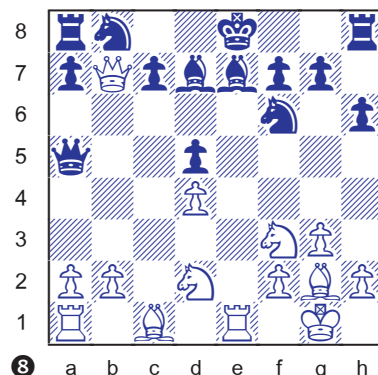
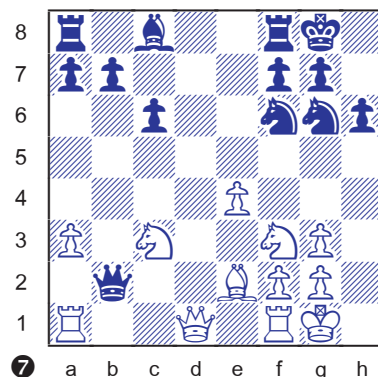
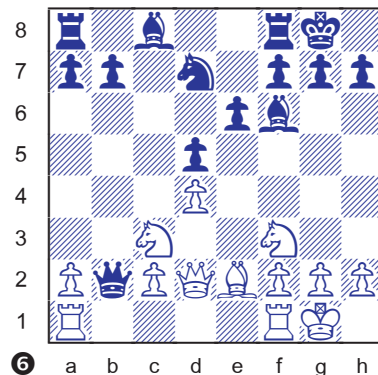
The best that black can do is **1...a6 2.Rfb1 Qxa1 3.Rxa1 axb5**, getting a rook and knight for the queen.

Example #7 is very similar. This time the knight attacks the queen. **1.Na4!** And she has nowhere to run.



The white queen is the one who has to be careful in diagram #8. She just took on b7. Black can save the rook on a8 by **1...Qb6!** (**1...Bc6? 2.Qc8# oops!**)

The game is equal then following **2.Qxb6 axb6**. But **2.Qxa8?** would give the advantage to black because of **2...Bc6!**, trapping the queen in the corner.

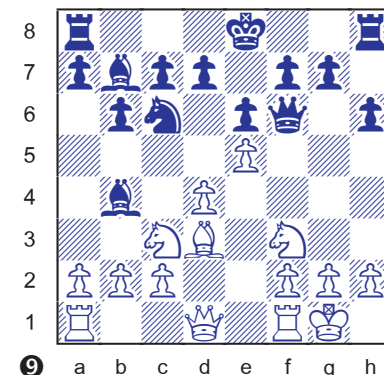


Position #9 comes from a Trompowsky Attack: **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.0-0 Nc6 9.e5**. (Here black should retreat with **9...Qd8**.)

Instead, the queen can get trapped in the middle of the board if she goes **9...Qf4?** It's curtains for her majesty after **10.Ne2 Qg4 11.h3 Qh5 12.Nf4**.

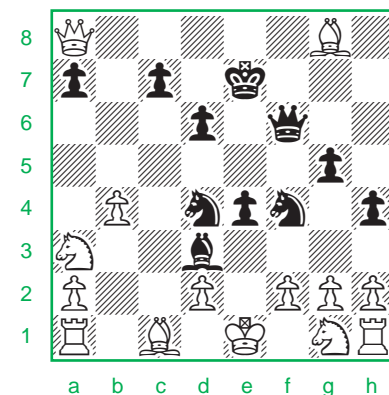
We hope you enjoyed our three lessons on trapping pieces. Did you notice that we never trapped any pawns? Well, that's all right with me!

So long for now.



the invisible pawn

the immortal game



Kieseritzky - Anderssen 1851

BLACK TO PLAY
Mate in 3

See page 15. Solution: 1...Nxg2+ 2.Kd1 Qf3+ 3.Nxf3 Bc2#

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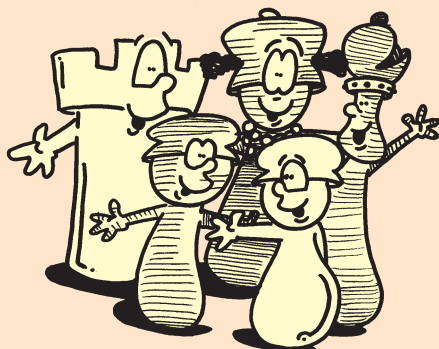
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Hey Alec, look! They included one of our games
in the magazine.

That's cool, Ed. Is it the one where I sacrificed
both of my queens to checkmate you?

No, dude, this game only lasted 4 moves.

Oh yea, I know that one. I think we played the
exact same moves about 50 times!

HEY DUDES!

Special Ed and Smart Alec need
help. You can send suggestions
and funny comments to them at
Kiril's address. Please be kind!

kiril@chess-math.org





CANADA TOP TEN



KINDERGARTEN

1	BERUBE Louis-Alexandre	619	QC
2	SOHANPAL Amitoj	575	ON
3	PINABEL Milo	574	QC
4	BELLISSIMO Teresa	552	ON
5	BATE Will	537	NS
6	LIN Benjamin	534	ON
7	ZHANG Ethan	530	ON
8	ZHANG Matt	524	ON
9	SASATA Alexander	519	SK
10	HAYES Taian	494	QC

GRADE 1

1	LIN Kaining	1271	AB
2	LORTIE Isaac	904	QC
3	ZHANG Taylor	899	ON
4	LAI William	884	QC
5	WANG Frank	875	ON
6	JU Larry	840	ON
7	BILODEAU-SAVARIA C-William	825	QC
8	KOSASHVILI Yoav	771	ON
9	PERRONE Anna	771	ON
10	NORMAN Jeremy	753	PE

GRADE 2

1	ZHAO Yue Tong	1177	ON
2	ROBERTSON Sean	1111	AB
3	WOLCHOCK Theo	1082	MB
4	MA Derek	1069	MB
5	BUKTA Miklos	1042	ON
6	YIE Kevin	1022	ON
7	SEKAR Varun	999	ON
8	HU Henry	988	ON
9	TRAN Colin	956	AB
10	ZHANG Michael	950	ON

GRADE 3

1	MCCULLOUGH Ian	1507	AB
2	GUGEL Brett	1430	ON
3	ZOTKIN Daniel	1371	ON
4	ZHANG Evan	1307	QC
5	MAULUCCI Anthony	1306	ON
6	HUANG Junhao	1289	QC
7	SUN Benjamin	1250	QC
8	MAWANI Adam	1247	AB
9	WAN Kevin	1237	ON
10	LIU Dora	1234	ON

GRADE 4

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3	KAISER Jakob	1515	AB
4	WANG Kelly	1497	QC
5	SHI Ling Yun	1371	QC
6	NIE Mark	1326	AB
7	RUPPA-KASANI Vikram	1269	AB
8	CHEUNG Benedict	1238	ON
9	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Cendrino	1237	QC
10	VORA Hanz	1232	ON

GRADE 5

1	KONG Dezhong	1792	BC
2	HUANG Zhonglin	1771	AB
3	ZHU HongRui	1713	QC
4	DOKNJAS John	1672	BC
5	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	1640	QC
6	HOFFNER Noah	1625	AB
7	AWATRAMANI Janak	1572	BC
8	WEI William	1554	AB
9	SONG Michael	1519	ON
10	SHI Diwen	1468	AB

GRADE 6

1	MCCULLOUGH David	1706	AB
2	YANG Tony	1575	AB
3	SITU Dennis	1572	AB
4	DORRANCE Adam	1571	NS
5	SWIFT Ryne	1552	MB
6	CHAN Dante	1507	AB
7	PAVLIC Stephen	1494	AB
8	BRICHKO Mike	1478	QC
9	PLOTKIN Mark	1464	ON
10	ZHANG Kevin	1461	ON

GRADE 7

1	WANG Richard	2244	AB
2	KNOX Christopher	1924	ON
3	LUO Zhao Yang	1700	QC
4	KALRA Agastya	1680	ON
5	LEPINE Cedric	1674	QC
6	LUDWIG Michael	1673	AB
7	WANG YueKai	1658	AB
8	SHI MingHang	1643	AB
9	BARON Desmond	1632	AB
10	LIU Steven H.	1616	ON

GRADE 8

1	QIN Joey	2304	ON
2	SOHAL Tanraj	2000	BC
3	FLOREA Alexandru	1960	ON
4	LI Chang He	1942	BC
5	LEU Richard	1872	ON
6	ZHANG Zhiyuan	1686	ON
7	KALAYDINA Regina	1638	AB
8	CAI Tony	1613	AB
9	NUNEZ-PAINCHAUD Raphael	1580	QC
10	TAN Guang Tong	1537	QC

GRADE 9

1	KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2303	QC
2	GUSEV Nikita	2262	ON
3	MARINKOVIC Mate	2188	ON
4	ZHANG David	1940	AB
5	INIGO Aquino	1930	ON
6	THOMAS Derek	1873	AB
7	CHENG Jack	1816	BC
8	CVETKOVIC Simeon	1790	QC
9	IVANOV Michael	1765	ON
10	LECLERC Etienne	1681	AB

GRADE 10

1	SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2420	ON
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3	CALUGAR Arthur	2340	ON
4	YUAN Yuanling	2323	ON
5	XIONG Jerry	2300	ON
6	KAMINSKI Thomas	2229	AB
7	KLEINMAN Michael	2058	ON
8	WANG Jesse	1996	ON
9	ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1834	ON
10	KEITH-JACQUES Liam	1820	NB

GRADE 11

1	SZALAY Karoly	2356	ON
2	MARTCHENKO Alexander	2354	ON
3	MACKINNON Keith	2290	SK
4	MAI Lloyd	2268	ON
5	RAKOV Pavel	2176	ON
6	PENG Bill	2172	ON
7	HUANG Richard	1978	BC
8	DUMONT Felix	1834	QC
9	FAN Brendan	1830	ON
10	MANLEY Jason	1820	NB

GRADE 12

1	NORITSYN Nikolay	2564	ON
2	HANSEN Eric	2518	AB
3	THAVANDIRAN Shiyam	2460	ON
4	HAMBLETON Aman	2308	ON
5	ME Kevin	2178	SK
6	ARAUULO Mark	2174	MB
7	PACE Christopher	1990	ON
8	LUNA Jose	1926	AB
9	MRUGALA David	1896	AB
10	ROZYBAKIYEV Rasul	1867	QC

HONOUR ROLL

1	NORITSYN Nikolay	2564	ON
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4	SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2420	ON
5	JIANG Louie	2371	QC
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7	MARTCHENKO Alexander	2354	ON
8	CALUGAR Arthur	2340	ON
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10	HAMBLETON Aman	2308	ON

DID YOU KNOW?



The white pieces have not always gone first in a game of chess. In the past, players would “toss” to see who got the first move, and it didn’t matter which colour pieces they had. So black went first half of the time!

If the players had a second game, they kept the same pieces, and the other colour moved first.

The idea of white always making the first move began in England around 1850. To “standardize” published games, books and magazines started to show white going first, regardless of which colour the players actually had.

“The Immortal Game”, won by Adolf Anderssen in 1851, is usually given with Anderssen as white. But actually he had the black pieces! (See page 11.)

Chess players debated the “first move” issue for several decades before the modern rule was finally accepted. The earliest reference to the new rule is from 1889, when world champion Wilhelm Steinitz wrote that white moves first in “all international and public matches and tournaments”.

Chess sets come in all different colours. But we always call the lighter pieces “white”, and the darker ones “black”. If a chess set had red and green pieces, which colour do you think would be “white”?



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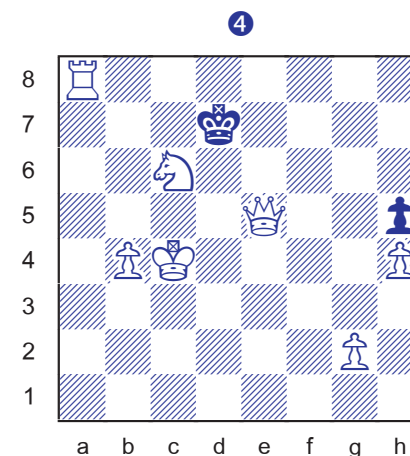
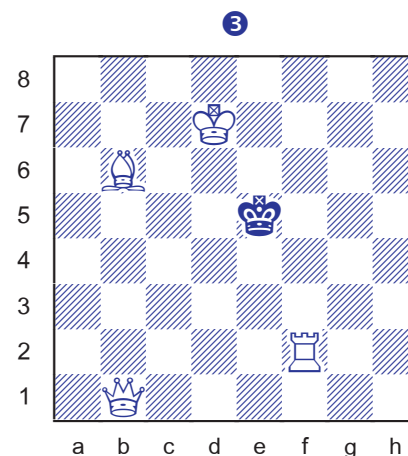
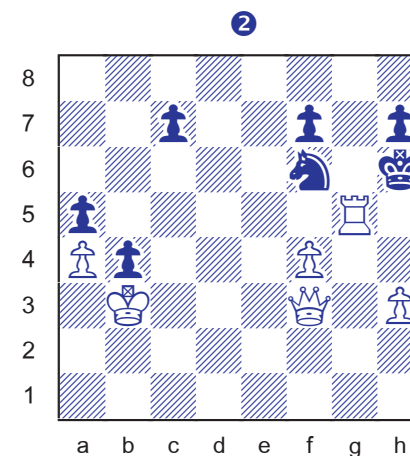
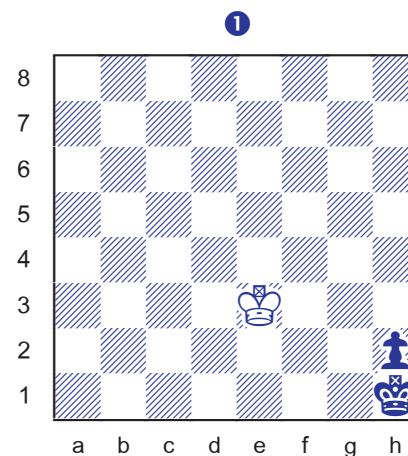
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FIND THE STALEMATES

White to move and stalemate black.

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9	SELVANAYAGAM Yanojan	1064
10	ZHONG Joey	1022

GRADE 5

1	SONG Michael	1519
2	LI Yinshi	1450
3	LI Michael	1356
4	TERRY Joshua	1323
5	XI Jason	1232
6	LEV Jonathan	1226
7	PREOTU Razvan	1223
8	ROMANOWICH Alexander	1217
9	LIANG Lakes	1215
10	KUTTNER Simon	1205

GRADE 6

1	PLOTKIN Mark	1464
2	ZHANG Kevin	1461
3	PENG Jackie	1427
4	PIRVU Stefan	1352
5	MAGGISANO Joseph	1336
6	HU Wei Qi	1302
7	YANG Bryant	1291
8	YE RenXi	1282
9	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1281
10	LI Robert	1276

GRADE 7

1	KNOX Christopher	1924
2	KALRA Agastya	1680
3	LIU Steven H.	1616
4	FU James	1521
5	LAI Jonathan	1397
6	TANG Leslie	1354
7	POSARATNANATHAN Juliaan	1353
8	GIBLON Rebecca	1307
9	DUNNE Francesco	1305
10	TING Ryan	1304

GRADE 8

1	QIN Joey	2304
2	FLOREA Alexandru	1960
3	LEU Richard	1872
4	ZHANG Zhiyuan	1686
5	FARHANG Arvin	1476
6	MYERS Joshua	1443
7	CHAN Alex	1440
8	DENBOK Daniel	1350
9	PASSADOR Stephen	1319
10	DRAGAN Cristian	1306

GRADE 9

1	GUSEV Nikita	2262
2	MARINKOVIC Mate	2188
3	INIGO Aquino	1930
4	IVANOV Michael	1765
5	GLADSTONE Simon	1672
6	WU Kevin	1622
7	LI David	1608
8	ITKIN David	1490
9	CUNNINGHAM Ross	1413
10	KUMAR Amit	1412

GRADE 10

1	SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2420
2	CALUGAR Arthur	2340
3	YUAN Yuanling	2323
4	XIONG Jerry	2300
5	KLEINMAN Michael	2058
6	WANG Jesse	1996
7	ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1834
8	PRYSIAZNY Michael	1770
9	ZHANG Brent	1740
10	WANG Jerry	1708

GRADE 11

1	SZALAY Karoly	2356
2	MARTCHENKO Alexander	2354
3	MAI Lloyd	2268
4	RAKOV Pavel	2176
5	PENG Bill	2172
6	FAN Brendan	1830
7	KAGRAMANOV Dalia	1810
8	WU Aaron	1802
9	JIANG Bowen	1508
10	OLDEN-COOLIGAN Benjamin	1428

GRADE 12

1	NORITSYN Nikolay	2564
2	THAVANDIRAN Shiyam	2460
3	HAMBLETON Aman	2308
4	PACE Christopher	1990
5	ANG Alan	1858
6	AVINAASH Sundar	1840
7	LAI Matthew	1728
8	XIONG Sonja	1666
9	KAUFMAN Harris	1662
10	DOUGLAS Richard	1612

HONOUR ROLL

1	NORITSYN Nikolay	2564
2	THAVANDIRAN Shiyam	2460
3	SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2420
4	SZALAY Karoly	2356
5	MARTCHENKO Alexander	2354
6	CALUGAR Arthur	2340
7	YUAN Yuanling	2323
8	HAMBLETON Aman	2308
9	QIN Joey	2304
10	XIONG Jerry	2300

QUEBEC TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1	BERUBE Louis-Alexandre	619
2	PINABEL Milo	574
3	HAYES Taian	494
4	PONOMAREV Denis	472
5	CHEN Eric	450
6	GUERRE Christopher-Olivier	424
7	XIE Dazhuo	412
8	BROUILLARD Xavier	395
9	BEAULIEU Renaud	390
10	EMOND Louis	381

GRADE 1

1	LORTIE Isaac	904
2	LAI William	884
3	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Carl-William	825
4	KORDA Radek	686
5	TREMBLAY Cedric	668
6	CAUCHY-VAILLANCOURT Marek	630
7	SPILAJ Laura	629
8	ST-ONGE Mathieu	614
9	XI Michael	614
10	FOISY Olivier	609

GRADE 2

1	YIP Matthew	945
2	CHEN Zi Xin	904
3	LORTIE Benjamin	879
4	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Carl-Elliott	867
5	GU Richard	797
6	ZHANG Hou Han	787
7	RIVARD Simon	772
8	GAO Catherine	749
9	PELLETIER Michael	740
10	WEN Ying Qi	675

GRADE 3

1	ZHANG Evan	1307
2	HUANG Junhao	1289
3	SUN Benjamin	1250
4	BOISSIERE Nicolas	1148
5	YIP William	1137
6	SAINE Zachary	1087
7	ST-CYR Xavier	1085
8	XIAO Richard	1080
9	BRICHKO Kate	1054
10	YANG Eddie	896

GRADE 4

1	WANG Kelly	1497
2	SHI Ling Yun	1371
3	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Cendrina	1237
4	PATEL Kishan	1187
5	HE Haley	1138
6	SATIR Ege Nur	1097
7	HU Tian Ren	1096
8	JI Yuan Qing	1071
9	ZHANG Gary	996
10	VAILLANT Charles-Etienne	985

GRADE 5

1	ZHU HongRui	1713
2	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	1640
3	CHANG Michael	1413
4	YU Zong Yang	1306
5	CHAND Jerry	1210
6	NIKULICH Andrey	1174
7	LIU Yu Qing	1173
8	GAO Christine	1161
9	LI George	1140
10	FORGET Guillaume	1100

GRADE 6

1	BRICHKO Mike	1478
2	YUN Chang	1449
3	GU Sheng Ming	1409
4	JIANG Nathan	1353
5	PATEL Rohan	1326
6	NANTELL Vincent	1294
7	JOHNSON Nicholas	1287
8	NAZARIN Ara	1267
9	MANAILOIU Dragos	1262
10	HE Lin Sheng	1230

GRADE 7

1	LUO Zhao Yang	1700
2	LEPINE Cedric	1674
3	WU Qi You	1527
4	PAQUETTE Alexandre	1257
5	SMIRNOV Artem-Iouri	1236
6	ALSENE-RACICOT Julien	1217
7	SHI Yang Tian Jiao	1202
8	GAO Ying Chen	1171
9	MOREAU-MERCIER Cedric	1161
10	ASEO Alper	1150

GRADE 8

1	NUNEZ-PAINCHAUD Raphael	1580
2	TAN Guang Tong	1537
3	YAO Houji	1490
4	WANG Yan	1417
5	GUO Forest	1416
6	XU Tian Run	1383
7	HANNA Patrick	1330
8	YU Ke Xin	1318
9	AHMED Ashraf	1295
10	MA Indy	1294

GRADE 9

1	KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2303
2	CVETKOVIC Simeon	1790
3	ROY Myriam	1678
4	ALLARD Laurent	1634
5	COTE-LALUMIERE Tristan	1613
6	ROZYBAKIYEV Ilchin	1553
7	SPRUMONT Oscar	1493
8	FAGEN Michael	1316
9	MACISAAC Alexandre	1294
10	RAINEY Ivan	1264

GRADE 10

1	JIANG Louie	2371
2	GELET Seymour	1818
3	SARRAZIN-GENDRON Roman	1810
4	KIEU Marc-Andre	1704
5	LIMA-BARBOSA Raphael	1552
6	TROTTIER Emile	1528
7	BONI-ROWE Nicolas	1461
8	NANTELL Felix	1452
9	SAULNIER-LEGAULT Lea	1440
10	UTEPOVA Alik	1298

GRADE 11

1	DUMONT Felix	1834
2	PAGE-FORTIN Mathieu	1742
3	POULIN Mathieu	1700
4	BOUCHER Antoni	1428
5	KEANE-MCCARNEY Eamon	1263
6	ALLARD-DOS SANTOS Alexandre	1240
7	TRAN-VUONG Riviere	1235
8	LABUTE Simon	1224
9	ZHOU Guanyan	1215
10	DESCHENES Laurent	1138

GRADE 12

1	ROZYBAKIYEV Rasul	1867
2	DESCHENES Marc-Andre	1660
3	DISCEPOLA Jordan	1632
4	DOBREV Martin	1610
5	WANG Mathieu	1408
6	CHAN Charles	1388
7	HE Shao Hang	1322
8	MCNEIL-DUVAL Hugues	1318
9	LEVESQUE-DUCHESNE Merlin	1242
10	LIN Chen Xi	1184

HONOUR ROLL

1	JIANG Louie	2371
2	KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2303
3	ROZYBAKIYEV Rasul	1867
4	DUMONT Felix	1834
5	GELET Seymour	1818
6	SARRAZIN-GENDRON Roman	1810
7	CVETKOVIC Simeon	1790
8	PAGE-FORTIN Mathieu	1742
9	ZHU HongRui	1713
10	KIEU Marc-Andre	1704

ATLANTIC TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1 BATE Will	537 NS
2 WALSH Ian	386 NL
3 LAMOUREUX VJ	351 NS
4 SIMMONS-LEGROW Keegan	295 NL
5 KNIGHT Cameron	276 NL
6 HOWELLS Agatha	226 NL



GRADE 1

1 NORMAN Jeremy	753 PE
2 RUSSELL Brett	595 NL
3 LI Kevin	583 NS
4 MUNDLE Alexis	487 PE
5 MCCALLUM Karla	463 PE
6 ST-GERMAIN Simon	435 NB
7 MCCLARTY Mary-Rose	379 PE
8 PEACOCK Charlie	374 PE
9 SIMMONS-SMITH Kristian	369 NL
10 KING Samuel	365 NB

GRADE 2

1 HENDRICKSON Isaac	677 PE
2 MANNHOLLAND Noah	633 PE
3 KERR Ian	628 PE
4 PORTER Brendan	618 NL
5 WOODWORTH Kyle	598 NS
6 BURDEN Matthew	593 NL
7 SHEARS Ian	591 NL
8 SMITH Andrew	579 NS
9 ING Nathaniel	578 PE
10 BUTLER Alex	526 NB

GRADE 3

1 DORRANCE Lucas	1182 NS
2 COADY Nicholas	872 NL
3 PICKARD Ryan	827 NL
4 BORDEN Ethan	807 PE
5 ONG Irisjade	766 NS
6 LOCKE Miles	708 NL
7 HUANG Brian	666 NS
8 CHISLETT Benjamin	649 NL
9 HARRIS Andrew	647 NL
10 HAN Andrew	640 NS

GRADE 4

1 ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1098 NB
2 NORMAN Bradley	867 PE
3 WALSH Andrew	847 NL
4 DELANEY Spenser	841 NL
5 RONAHAAN-WOOD Jack	777 PE
6 MCKEOWN Gary	776 NL
7 GALLANT Evan	754 NL
8 PAYZANT David	674 NS
9 BARADARAN NOVEIRI Borna	647 NS
10 SULLIVAN Douglas	646 NL

GRADE 5

1 ANDERSEN Paul	1140 NL
2 MCCLARTY David	1053 PE
3 SCHRADER Nathaniel	999 NB
4 HICKMAN Thomas	990 NL
5 DAWSON Andrew	973 NL
6 KIEFTE Andrew	943 NS
7 YE Johnny	863 NS
8 ROGERS Benjamin	862 NL
9 ONG Ivanseth	854 NS
10 OLDFORD Noah	852 NL

GRADE 6

1 DORRANCE Adam	1571 NS
2 QIU Christopher	1341 NL
3 STEELE Deivan	1020 NS
4 BUTLER Kevin	1000 NL
5 BURGGAFF Matthew	939 NL
6 LUDOVIC Diego	902 NS
7 FENG Bob	880 NB
8 BURT Joshua	879 NL
9 LAMOUREUX Victor	866 NS
10 TWEEL James	861 PE

GRADE 7

1 BENDZSA Matthew	1368 NL
2 CROWELL Iain	1144 PE
3 PETERS Jeremy	1096 NS
4 ZHANG MaoMao	1032 NL
5 DAWSON Laura Jane	1015 NL
6 MAITZEN Owen	1015 NS
7 WANG Jeffrey	1014 NS
8 SCOTT Nicholas	1013 PE
9 HINK Ian	949 PE
10 ROBERTS Jennika	885 NB

GRADE 8

1 GALLANT Dennis	1181 NS
2 HUNT Nicholas	1166 NL
3 RAMOS Alexander	1092 NL
4 NOH Jaehoon	1077 NS
5 BARADARAN NOVEIRI Pouya	1047 NS
6 NASSAR Ahmad	1046 NS
7 DOUCETTE Ryan	998 PE
8 CARSON Cody	946 NB
9 TSAI Steven	944 NS
10 STYLIANIDES Theo	894 NL

GRADE 9

1 DROVER Justin	1418 NL
2 RAINNIE Aaron	1209 PE
3 LU Fred	1185 NS
4 LAPLACE Logan	1037 NB
5 LIANG Andy	1023 NS
6 KASSOUF Ghazi	955 PE
7 MEISNER Dana	950 NS
8 MACLEAN Katrina	938 NS
9 ELMS Andrew	929 NL
10 SOUCY Nick	919 NL

GRADE 10

1 KEITH-JACQUES Liam	1820 NB
2 DAWSON Michael	1440 NL
3 HERBINGER Florent	1365 NS
4 BENNETT Lee	1277 NS
5 PEARCE Kyle	1132 NL
6 GREGORY Calvin	1075 NL
7 FINDLEY Michael	973 NL
8 CONFORT Daniel	959 NB
9 DONALDSON John	946 PE
10 LAPPER Matthew	932 NB

GRADE 11

1 MANLEY Jason	1820 NB
2 DAWSON Jeffrey	1350 NL
3 KENNEDY Jamie	1165 NL
4 WEAVER Ian	1165 NS
5 KOSHI Glen	1129 NS
6 BROWN Daniel	1107 NL
7 KERFONT Clinton	1057 NL
8 SILVA Leticia	1056 NS
9 RATTE Jaric	1045 NL
10 LANDRY Francois-Guillaume	1037 NB

GRADE 12

1 DU Jasmine	1361 NS
2 GRANT Devin	1336 NL
3 HARRISON Michael	1182 PE
4 CHAISSON Lukas	1173 NL
5 PEACH Brian	1094 NL
6 KERFONT Kyrill	1073 NL
7 WHALEN Brett	1036 PE
8 PARK Marcus	980 NL
9 TOUROUT Allan	979 NL
10 BELANGER Mathieu-Olivier	963 NB

HONOUR ROLL

1 MANLEY Jason	1820 NB
2 KEITH-JACQUES Liam	1820 NB
3 DORRANCE Adam	1571 NS
4 DAWSON Michael	1440 NL
5 DROVER Justin	1418 NL
6 BENDZSA Matthew	1368 NL
7 HERBINGER Florent	1365 NS
8 DU Jasmine	1361 NS
9 DAWSON Jeffrey	1350 NL
10 QIU Christopher	1341 NL

WESTERN TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1 SASATA Alexander	519 SK
2 SUN Zachary	372 AB
3 ZHENG Stephen	365 MB
4 VILLENEUVE Gabrielle	245 MB
5 TOOVEY Scholes	244 SK
6 SCOTT Weldon	227 MB



GRADE 1

1 LIN Kaining	1271 AB
2 WANG Kaixin	720 AB
3 AMROM Ron	660 MB
4 WEI Daniel	648 SK
5 KONTAREY Tom	592 AB
6 LI Ying	549 AB
7 WANG Thomas	544 AB
8 GUO Boyd	540 SK
9 MUKHAMDSHIN Amirkhan	539 MB
10 BELCOURT Kaden	538 AB

GRADE 2

1 ROBERTSON Sean	1111 AB
2 WOLCHOCK Theo	1082 MB
3 MA Derek	1069 MB
4 TRAN Colin	956 AB
5 YAO Tian	948 AB
6 MAXFIELD Emmett	930 AB
7 TOLENTINO Patrick	902 AB
8 NATARAJAN Aakash	807 MB
9 GENG Matthew	755 BC
10 SAMPATH Lirish	730 MB

GRADE 3

1 MCCULLOUGH Ian	1507 AB
2 MAWANI Adam	1247 AB
3 KERR Jeremy	1160 AB
4 LIN Ethan	1072 MB
5 STANISLUS Kevin	981 AB
6 XU Jingzhi	964 BC
7 ZHI Xinwei	924 AB
8 MCLEOD Fraser	887 SK
9 RAPONI THORSRUD Julian	850 AB
10 STEVANOVIC Boris	844 AB

GRADE 4

1 KASSAM Jamil	1523 AB
2 KAISER Jakob	1515 AB
3 NIE Mark	1326 AB
4 RUPPA-KASANI Vikram	1269 AB
5 NICULESCU Andrei	1226 AB
6 AKHVERDIEV Artyom	1179 AB
7 BROUGHTON Alexander	1177 AB
8 LIN Rayden	1152 AB
9 WANG Johnston	1131 AB
10 LEE Jonah	1127 BC

GRADE 5

1 KONG Dezhong	1792 BC
2 HUANG Zhonglin	1771 AB
3 DOKNJAS John	1672 BC
4 HOFFNER Noah	1625 AB
5 AWATRAMANI Janak	1572 BC
6 WEI William	1554 AB
7 SHI Diwen	1468 AB
8 LI David	1408 AB
9 WANG Longxiang	1386 AB
10 STANISLUS Allan	1336 AB

GRADE 6

1 MCCULLOUGH David	1706 AB
2 WANG Tony	1575 AB
3 SITU Dennis	1572 AB
4 SWIFT Ryne	1552 MB
5 CHAN Dante	1507 AB
6 PAVLIC Stephen	1494 AB
7 DESPRES Sebastien	1443 AB
8 LECLERC Joel	1311 AB
9 NESS Davin	1291 AB
10 JENSEN Ryan	1216 AB

GRADE 7

1 WANG Richard	2244 AB
2 LUDWIG Michael	1673 AB
3 WANG YueKai	1658 AB
4 SHI MingHang	1643 AB
5 BARON Desmond	1632 AB
6 DURUPALA Rishi	1471 AB
7 PANG Michael	1420 MB
8 LAI Jingzhou	1412 BC
9 WU Sammy	1377 AB
10 BANSAL Prabjeet	1335 AB

GRADE 8

1 SOHAL Tanraj	2000 BC
2 LI Chang He	1942 BC
3 KALAYDINA Regina	1638 AB
4 CAI Tony	1613 AB
5 MILNER Arie	1504 BC
6 VIRJI Naveed	1440 AB
7 TING Aaron	1347 AB
8 LOKE Myron	1343 AB
9 WASSERMAN Leor	1306 MB
10 LI Stanley	1236 AB

GRADE 9

1 ZHANG David	1940 AB
2 THOMAS Derek	1873 AB
3 CHENG Jack	1816 BC
4 LECLERC Etienne	1681 AB
5 BOTEZ Alexandra	1586 BC
6 HAN Yifei	1516 BC
7 HAN Yiming	1488 BC
8 KIRSCH Zachary	1340 AB
9 POLLOCK Scott	1213 AB
10 CONSTANTINESCU Vlad	1207 AB

GRADE 10

1 KAMINSKI Thomas	2229 AB
2 LAZO Jan	1796 AB
3 GREEN Aaron	1744 MB
4 WU Allan	1612 AB
5 WANG Harris	1404 AB
6 TING Mark	1400 AB
7 LACY Sean	1363 AB
8 WIEBE Isaac	1326 MB
9 WILD Joshua	1312 BC
10 BATBOLD Terry	1310 AB

GRADE 11

1 MACKINNON Keith	2290 SK
2 HUANG Richard	1978 BC
3 RAIHMAN Igal	1736 MB
4 BABICH Yaroslav	1503 AB
5 ONG Raymond	1493 AB
6 WU Anthony	1473 AB
7 MA Brandon	1285 AB
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9 ARAULLO Marlon	1144 MB
10 LIU Forest	1136 AB

GRADE 12

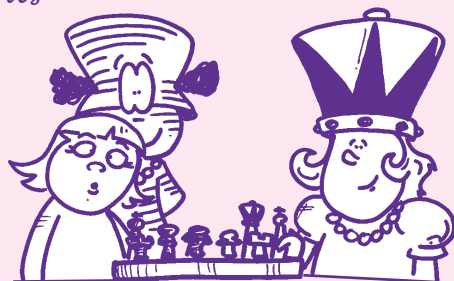
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7 LACY Ryan	1668 AB
8 DAVIDUCK Quinn	1414 AB
9 RAYMER Elliot	1334 BC
10 MRUGALA Jonathan	1300 AB

HONOUR ROLL

1 HANSEN Eric	2518 AB
2 MACKINNON Keith	2290 SK
3 WANG Richard	2244 AB
4 KAMINSKI Thomas	2229 AB
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6 ARAULLO Mark	2174 MB
7 SOHAL Tanraj	2000 BC
8 HUANG Richard	1978 BC
9 LI Chang He	1942 BC
10 ZHANG David	1940 AB

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TOP GIRLS CANADA



GRADE 1 / KINDERGARTEN*

1	ZHANG Taylor	899	ON
2	PERRONE Anna	771	ON
3	SPILAJ Laura	629	QC
4	BELLISSIMO Teresa*	552	ON
5	YOUN Clara	499	ON

GRADE 2

1	PARAPARAN Varshini	916	ON
2	CHEN Zi Xin	904	QC
3	BIRAROV Nicole	827	ON
4	GAO Catherine	749	QC
5	SCHWARTZ Leah	707	MB

GRADE 3

1	LIU Dora	1234	ON
2	ZHU Jiarong	1104	ON
3	BRICHKO Kate	1054	QC
4	MILICEVIC Ljudmila	1003	ON
5	WANG Constance	965	ON

GRADE 4

1	WANG Kelly	1497	QC
2	SHI Ling Yun	1371	QC
3	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Cendrina	1237	QC
4	PENG Janet	965	ON
5	NAZAROV Stephanie	956	QC

GRADE 5

1	GAO Christine	1161	QC
2	GIBLON Melissa	1149	ON
3	MUZYKA Dianna	1140	AB
4	MILICEVIC Aleksandra	1135	ON
5	ZHAO Jia Yun	1090	QC

GRADE 6

1	YUN Chang	1449	QC
2	PENG Jackie	1427	ON
3	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1281	ON
4	LOUIE Marcella	1195	AB
5	ROSCA Maria Alexandra	1119	QC

PRINCESS PARADE

1	WANG Kelly	1497	QC
2	YUN Chang	1449	QC
3	PENG Jackie	1427	ON
4	SHI Ling Yun	1371	QC
5	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1281	ON
6	BILODEAU-SAVARIA Cendrina	1237	QC
7	LIU Dora	1234	ON
8	LOUIE Marcella	1195	AB
9	GAO Christine	1161	QC
10	GIBLON Melissa	1149	ON

GRADE 7

1	GIBLON Rebecca	1307	ON
2	XIA Linda	1057	ON
3	QIU Amy	1029	ON
4	NAZARETH Linda	1023	ON
5	DAWSON Laura Jane	1015	NL

GRADE 8

1	KALAYDINA Regina	1638	AB
2	WANG Yan	1417	QC
3	YU Ke Xin	1318	QC
4	MA Indy	1294	QC
5	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1275	ON

GRADE 9

1	ROY Myriam	1678	QC
2	BOTEZ Alexandra	1586	BC
3	ZHANG Wenye	1073	QC
4	SHU Chang	1055	QC
5	MATHESON-SMITH Adriane	1048	ON

GRADE 10

1	YUAN Yuanling	2323	ON
2	ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1834	ON
3	SAULNIER-LEGAULT Lea	1440	QC
4	UTEPOVA Alike	1298	QC
5	LEE Melissa	1249	ON

GRADE 11

1	KAGRAMANOV Dalia	1810	ON
2	BLAKE Candace	1186	ON
3	WAN Karen	1182	ON
4	SILVA Leticia	1056	NS
5	FRENETTE Catherine	1025	NB

GRADE 12

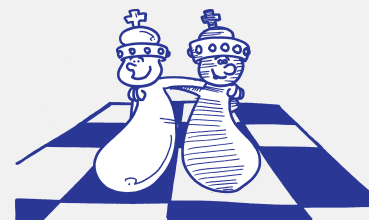
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2	DU Jasmine	1361	NS
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4	HOAD Sandy	1208	ON
5	YANG Marguerite	1174	QC

CANADIAN QUEENS

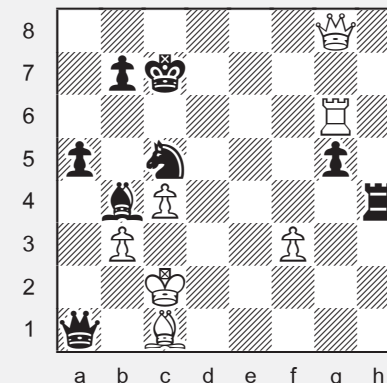
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3	KAGRAMANOV Dalia	1810	ON
4	ROY Myriam	1678	QC
5	XIONG Sonja	1666	ON
6	KALAYDINA Regina	1638	AB
7	BOTEZ Alexandra	1586	BC
8	WANG Kelly	1497	QC
9	YUN Chang	1449	QC
10	SAULNIER-LEGAULT Lea	1440	QC

COMBO MOMBO !!

SPOTLIGHT ON STALEMATE



Stalemate is sometimes our last chance to escape from a lost position. A common way to force a stalemate is:

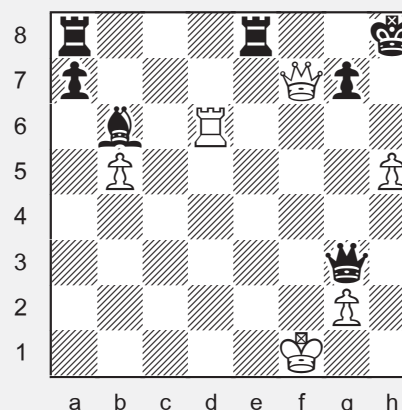


First, eliminate your pawn moves, either by trading or blocking them. Second, when your king has no moves, sacrifice your other pieces with check.

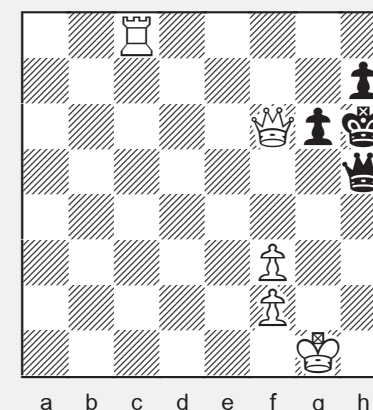
♔ Black is up by a knight and threatens $Rh2+$ or $Qc3+$. White needs some miracle whip to save this game! Or maybe some “stale” bread.

Step 1: Block the f-pawn. 1.Bf4+! gxf4 (or 1...Rxf4).

Step 2: Get rid of rook and queen. 2.Rc6+! Kxc6 3.Qd5+ Kb6 4.Qc6+! Kxc6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (or 4...Ka7 5.Qb6+ Ka8 6.Qa7+ Kxa7) [Or earlier: 2...bxc6 3.Qd8+ Kb7 4.Qb8+ Ka6 5.Qb6+]



① WHITE TO MOVE
Make A Draw



② BLACK TO MOVE
Make A Draw

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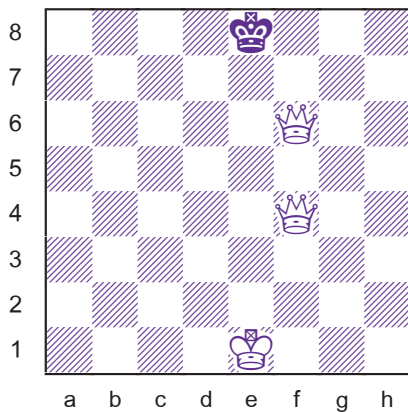
MATE IN 1

WHITE CHECKMATES BLACK
IN ONE MOVE.

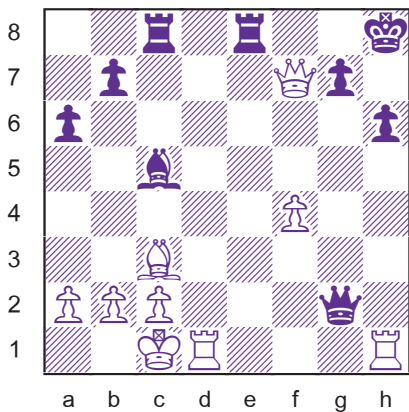
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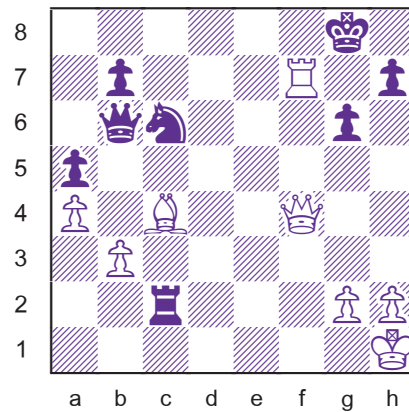
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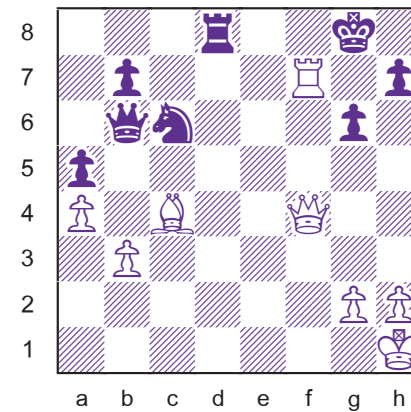
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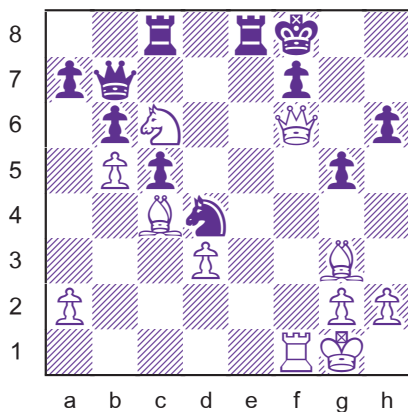
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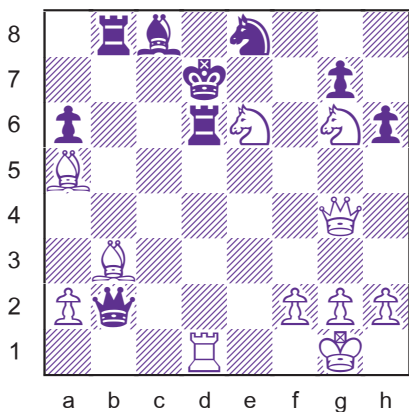
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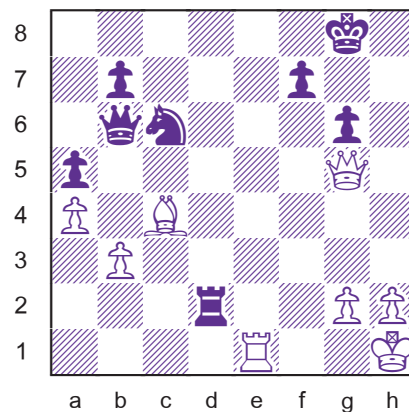
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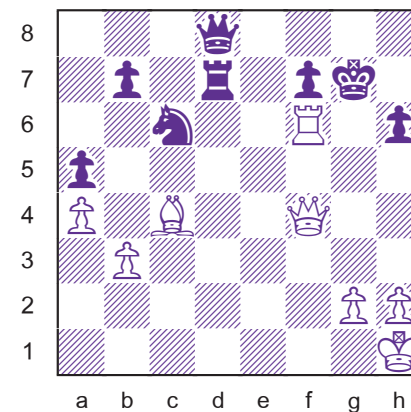
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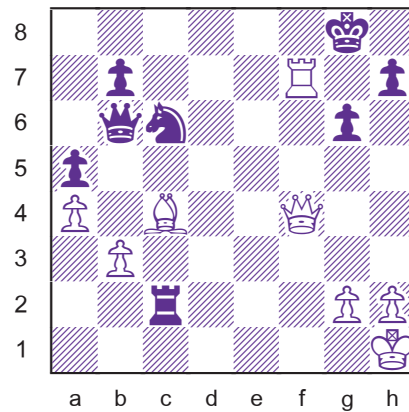
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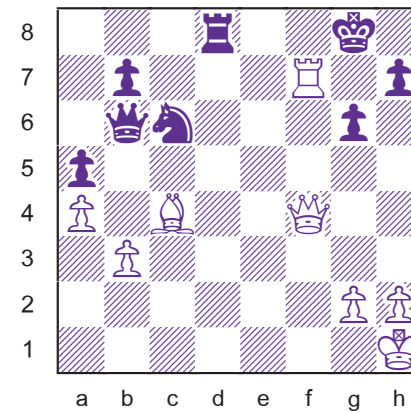
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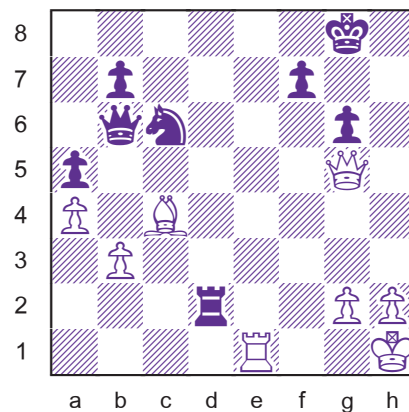
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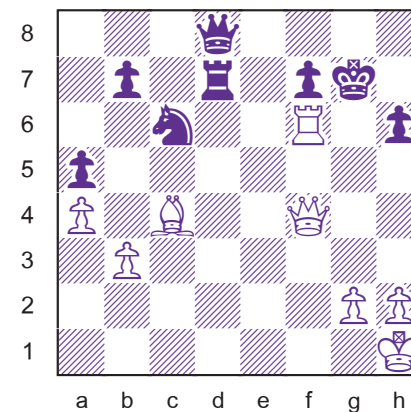
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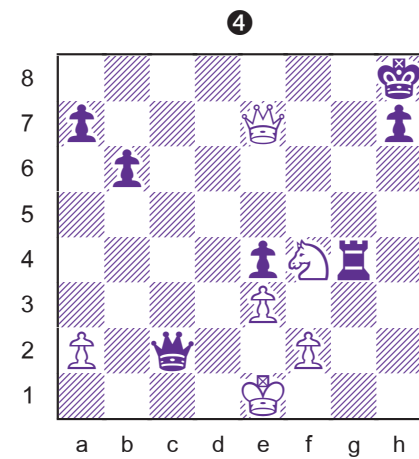
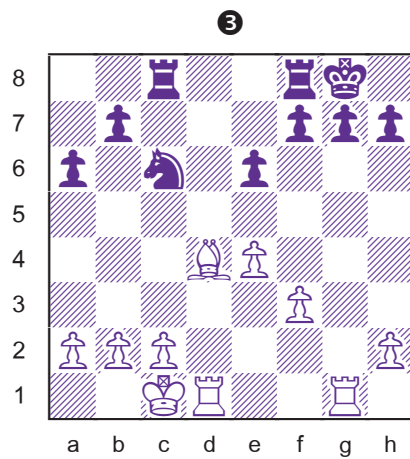
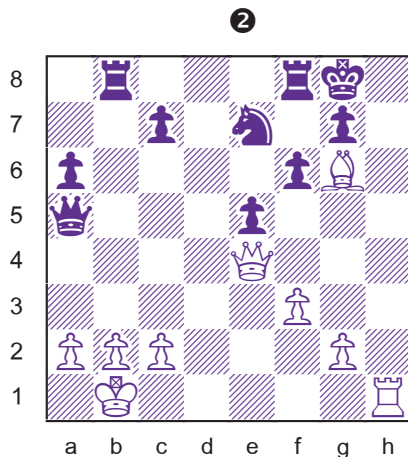
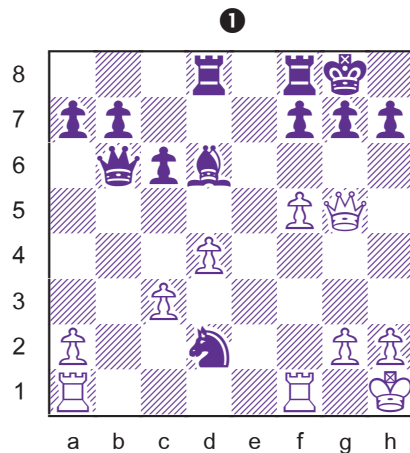
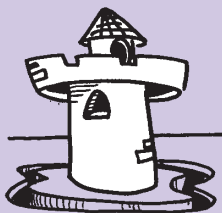
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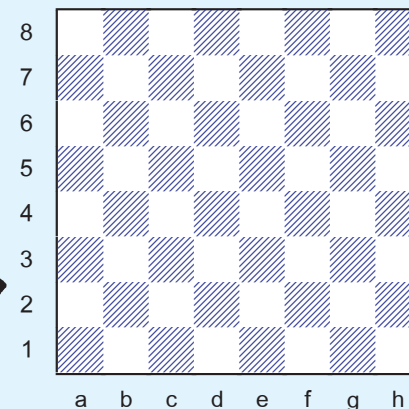
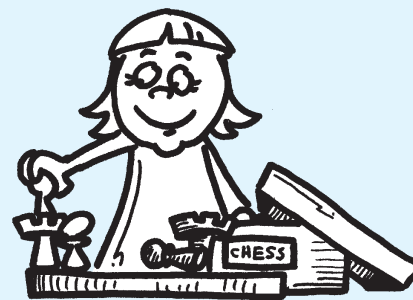
MATE IN 3

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IN THREE MOVES.

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LILY'S PUZZLER



- PLACE A KING, 2 ROOKS, 2 BISHOPS,
AND 2 KNIGHTS ON THE BOARD SO THAT:
- A. THEY HAVE THE MOST POSSIBLE MOVES.
 - B. THEY HAVE THE FEWEST POSSIBLE MOVES.
 - C. THEY FORM A "DEFENSIVE LOOP".

Each piece guards exactly one other piece and no piece is guarded twice. Piece #1 guards piece #2, piece #2 guards piece #3, ..., and piece #7 guards piece #1.

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HEY, FRIENDS!
I'M ON THE INTERNET.

You can write me a letter
or enter my contest at:

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**QUEBEC SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2010 Quebec Scholastic Team Championship was held at Jean-de-Brebeuf College in Montreal on March 28th.

An impressive 101 teams took part, with over 460 players. Now that's a tournament!

St-Jean-de-Matha and Kinderville each scored 4½ match points out of 5 in the K-3 group and tied for first place. The top three teams in each section will compete at the annual *Ontario-Quebec School Team Match* on June 6 in Kingston, Ontario.

Grades K-3	Grades K-6	Grades 7-11
=1 St-Jean-de-Matha	1 Fernand-Seguin	1 Internationale
Run Kun Fan	Michael Chang	R. Sarrazin-Gendron
Zi Xin Chen	Sheng Ming Gu	Ilchin Rozybakiyev
Richard Gu	Renaud Stephenne	Guang Tong Tan
Dan Ni Hu	Victor Lim	Oscar Sprumont
=1 Kinderville	=2 St-Joseph	2 Notre-Dame
William Yip	=2 Charlemagne	3 Regina Assumpta
Xavier St-Cyr	=2 Internationale	
Matthew Yip		
Thomas Benoit		
3 Fernand-Seguin		

UPCOMING EVENTS 2010

<i>World Chess Championship</i>	
Anand vs. Topalov	
April 21 - May 12	Bulgaria
<i>Canadian Junior Championship</i>	
April 30 - May 4	Toronto
<i>Canadian Chess Challenge</i>	
May 23-24	Montreal
<i>Canadian Youth Chess Championship</i>	
July 6-9	Windsor
<i>World Junior Championship</i>	
August 2-17	Poland
<i>North American Youth Championship</i>	
August 16-19	Montreal
<i>39th Chess Olympiad</i>	
September 19 - October 4	Russia
<i>World Youth Chess Championship</i>	
October 19-31	Greece

**ONTARIO SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2010 Ontario School Team Chess Championship took place in Toronto at Senator O'Connor Secondary School on March 6-7. The four player teams were divided into three groups on Saturday, and the K-6 section was played Sunday. A total of 36 teams took part with 145 players.

For the second year in a row, first place in the high school section went to the "Norsemen" of North Toronto Collegiate.

The top three teams in the other sections are given below. Seneca Hill and Upper Canada both had 4½ match points in the K-3 group, but Seneca Hill scored more individual points to place first.

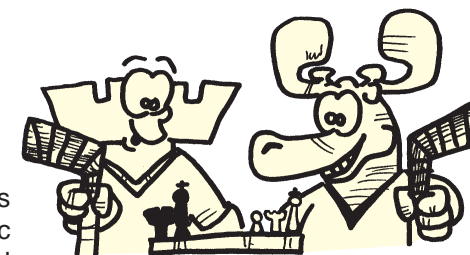
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1 Seneca Hill	1 Denlow Junior	1 Henderson
Bill Hu	Michael Song	Rebecca Giblon
Eric Shen	Yinshi Li	Melissa Giblon
Kyle Truong	Michael Wang	Andrew Xu
Aaron Law	Eric Pang	Jonathan Jablonski
2 Upper Canada	2 Crosby Heights	2 King Edward
Mark Yatchew	3 Seneca Hill	3 Crescent
Darius Jamal		
S. Shoichet-Barturs		
Rodney Chan		
3 Palmerston		

QUEBEC JUNIOR

The 2010 Quebec Junior was played on March 12-14 at Olympic Stadium in Montreal. The 5 round event attracted 36 players.

This year's champion, scoring a perfect 5 out of 5, is grandmaster Anton Kovalyov.

Tying for second place were Louie Jiang, Nikita Kraiouchkine, and Sankalp Modwal. They each scored 4 points, losing their only game to Anton.

**HALIFAX**

The Nova Scotia School Team Championship was held April 11 at Mt. Saint Vincent University. The winning teams were:

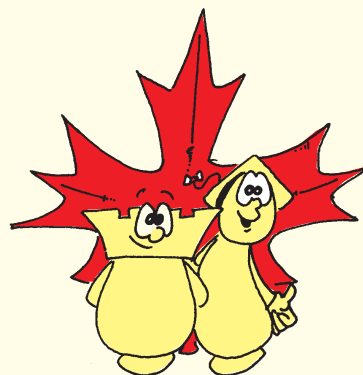
GRADES K-4	Park West
ELEMENTARY	Hawthorn
JUNIOR HIGH	Clayton Park
HIGH SCHOOL	Halifax West

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

2010 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

MANITOBA

- 1 Amirkhan Mukhamdshin Winnipeg
- 2 Theo Wolchock * Winnipeg
- 3 Ethan Lin *** Winnipeg
- 4 Justin Villeneuve Winnipeg
- 5 Justin Lin * Winnipeg
- 6 Ryne Swift **** Winnipeg
- 7 Michael Pang **** Winnipeg
- 8 Leah Green Winnipeg
- 9 Devon Li Winnipeg
- 10 Aaron Green *** Winnipeg
- 11 Igal Raihman ** Winnipeg
- 12 Daniel Oberton Winnipeg



NEWFOUNDLAND

- 1 Brett Russell St. John's
- 2 Brendan Porter St. John's
- 3 Nicholas Coady St. John's
- 4 Spenser Delaney St. John's
- 5 Paul Andersen * St. John's
- 6 Christopher Qiu **** St. John's
- 7 Matthew Bendzsa *** St. John's
- 8 Alexander Ramos St. John's
- 9 Justin Drover ***** St. John's
- 10 Michael Dawson *** St. John's
- 11 Jeffrey Dawson * St. John's
- 12 Devin Grant ***** St. John's

PRINCE EDWARD IS.

- 1 Jeremy Norman Charlottetown
- 2 Ian Kerr * Charlottetown
- 3 Joshua Dow Charlottetown
- 4 Bradley Norman ** Charlottetown
- 5 David McClarty West St. Peters
- 6 Arsalan Rahimian Charlottetown
- 7 Iain Crowell ** Charlottetown
- 8 Ryan Doucette **** Charlottetown
- 9 Aaron Rainnie **** DeSable
- 10 Alexandre Perry * Charlottetown
- 11 Joshua Bryan Kensington
- 12 Michael Harrison Kensington

NOVA SCOTIA

- 1 Will Bate Halifax
- 2 Kevin Li Halifax
- 3 Lucas Dorrance ** Cambridge
- 4 Borna Baradaran Noveira Bedford
- 5 Andrew Kieft Halifax
- 6 Adam Dorrance ***** Cambridge
- 7 Jeffrey Wang ** Halifax
- 8 Pouya Baradaran Noveira Bedford
- 9 Fred Lu * Halifax
- 10 Florent Herbingier Halifax
- 11 Glen Koshi Halifax
- 12 Jasmine Du *** Halifax

SASKATCHEWAN

- 1 Daniel Wei Saskatoon
- 2 Becham Toovey Saskatoon
- 3 Fraser McLeod ** Saskatoon
- 4 Avram Tcherni *** Regina
- 5 Daniel Zhou * Saskatoon
- 6 Jimmy Barthia Saskatoon
- 7 Jason Xiao Saskatoon
- 8 Nigel Reynoldson ***** Saskatoon
- 9 Maegan Krajewski Regina
- 10 Josh Timm * Nipawin
- 11 Keith MacKinnon ***** Battleford
- 12 William van der Kamp Saskatoon

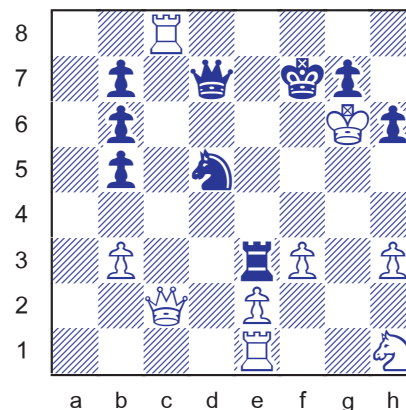
* champion last year also

WHO'S THE GOOF?

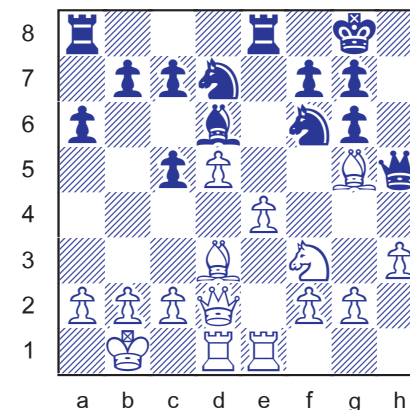


Attention, brain squad! Somebody messed up here. In each of the diagrams below, there is something wrong. The positions are illegal. Can you find the goof? solutions page 55

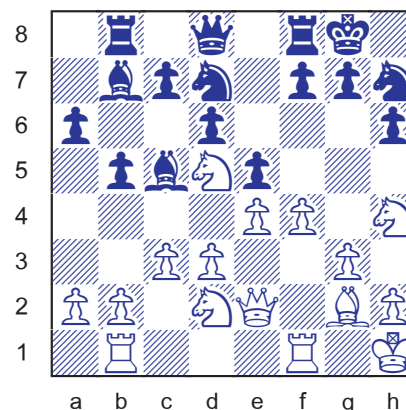
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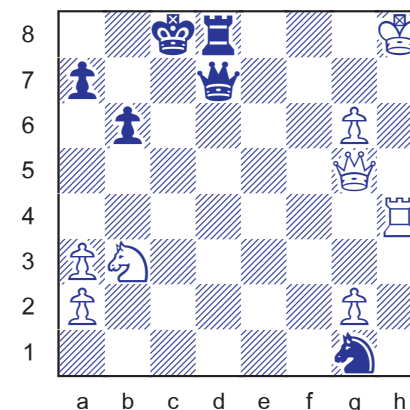
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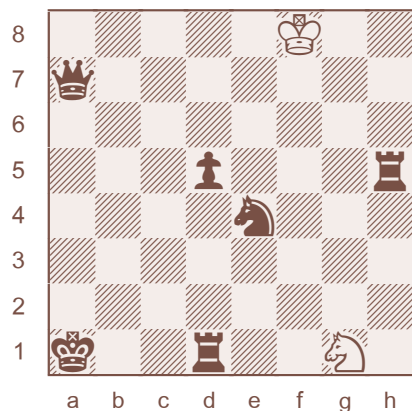




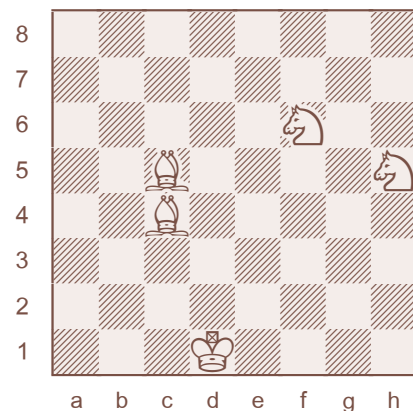
WELCOME TO MY CONTEST !

Can you solve the 4 puzzles on the next page? Mail me your answers if you do. One lucky person will win a Kiril T-shirt. White moves first in the mate problems. In case you never saw a "maze" or "loyd" before, here are some examples:

In a **CHESMAZE** only one white piece moves. In this maze, it's the white **knight**. The object is to capture the black king without taking any pieces or moving where the knight can be taken. Draw a line to show the path of the knight. This is a **Maze in 8**. That means you should get the king in eight moves or less.



The **TRIPLE LOYD** was invented by Sam Loyd, a famous chess composer. They are called triple lloyd because there are three parts. In part **A**, you place the black king on the board so that he is in checkmate. In part **B**, place him in stalemate. For part **C**, put the black king down so that White has a mate in 1. solutions page 55



We received 3 correct solutions to February's contest.

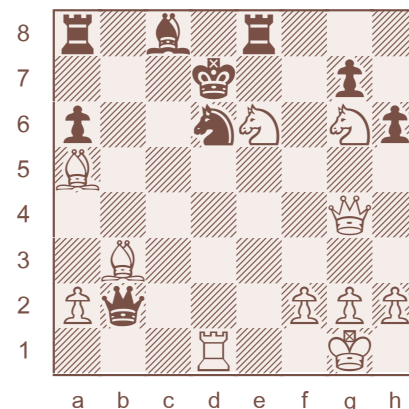
- 1 Mate in 1 1.Qa8#
- 2 Mate in 2 1.Bb3 axb3 2.Nxb3#
- 3 Maze Ba8-a6-d3-b1-a2-b3-a4-d7-g4-f3xh1
- 4 Loyd A.Ka4 B.Kc4 C.Ke4 (Re3#)

The winner of the drawing for a Kiril T-shirt is :

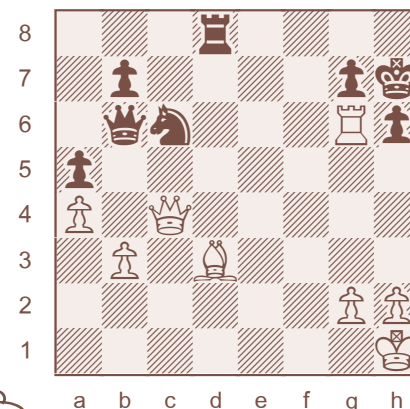
Bob Feng of Moncton, New Brunswick

KIRIL'S KONTEST

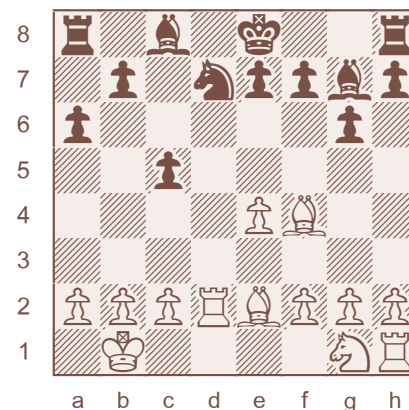
Mail entries to: 3423 St. Denis #400 Montreal, Quebec H2X 3L2
or e-mail to: kiril@chess-math.org *Deadline : May 15*



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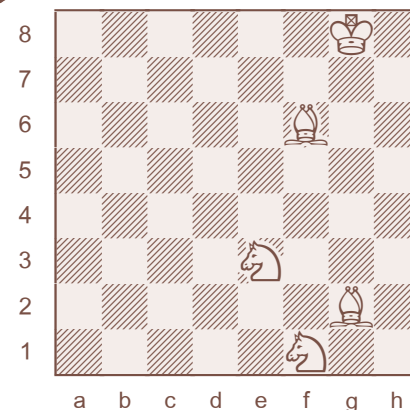


MATE IN 2



CHESMAZE IN 11

Only the white **KNIGHT** moves. Capture the black king without taking any pieces or moving where the knight can be taken.



TRIPLE LOYD

PLACE THE BLACK KING IN :

- A** Checkmate
- B** Stalemate
- C** Mate in 1



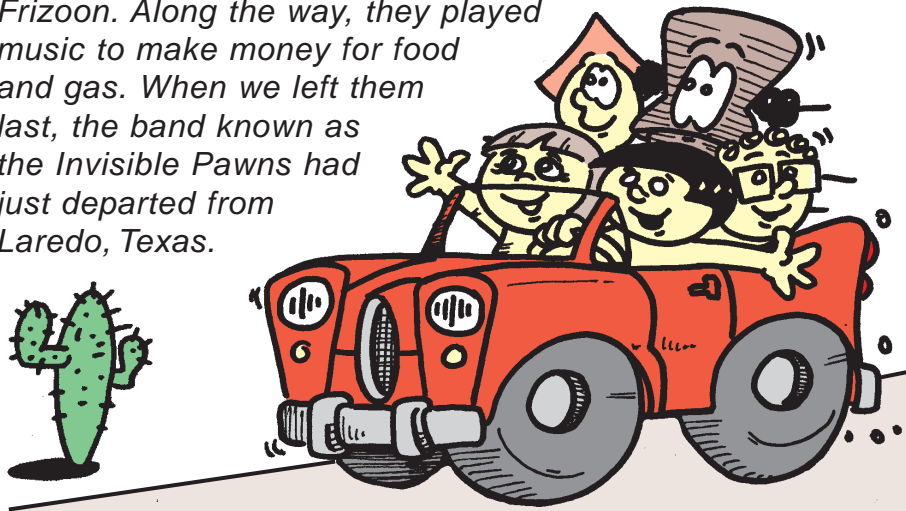
The Invisible Pawn
PART 4

THE BLUE MOONIES

In case you missed it, here's what happened so far: Kiril was walking down the street one day when someone gave him a bag with the Blue Lunar Chess Set inside. The police arrested Kiril for stealing it. At his trial, Judge Mudd found him guilty and sentenced our hero to ten years in chess prison.

That's where he met Elvis Pawnsley and made friends with Moe and Larry. Together, the four pawns planned an escape. After forming a band, they convinced the guard Jumbo Pawn to let them play at a jailhouse party. When the lights went out after the last song, they climbed over the wall.

Elvis had a car waiting and they headed south for Mexico. At the U.S. border, Elvis hid in the trunk. But when the guard opened it for inspection, there was nobody there. The other pawns continued on without him and were joined by Lily and Frizoon. Along the way, they played music to make money for food and gas. When we left them last, the band known as the Invisible Pawns had just departed from Laredo, Texas.



Kiril and his pals found the easy life in Mexico. The skies were sunny and the days were free. Between burritos and siestas, they sang songs and played with the new friends they met. Frizoon knew a little Spanish and that helped a lot!



Everyone wondered if Elvis would ever show up. Kiril always said, "Well, of course he will. He told me so!" But the others weren't so sure.

Then one day, Elvis appeared, right in the middle of a song, strumming his guitar! Kiril couldn't stop smiling, he was so glad to see his old friend again.



Later, down at the beach, Lily asked him the big question, "So, Elvis, tell us, are you the pawn who stole the chess set from the museum?"

The king could not tell a lie. "Yes, ma'am, that was me." And then he told them the most incredible story.

"The whole thing started long ago when a flying saucer landed by my house in Tennessee. It was full of these crazy creatures called Blue Moonies.

"They got that name after their world was blown to pieces by a giant explosion. They survived by living on their moon. Imagine, a moon without a planet!

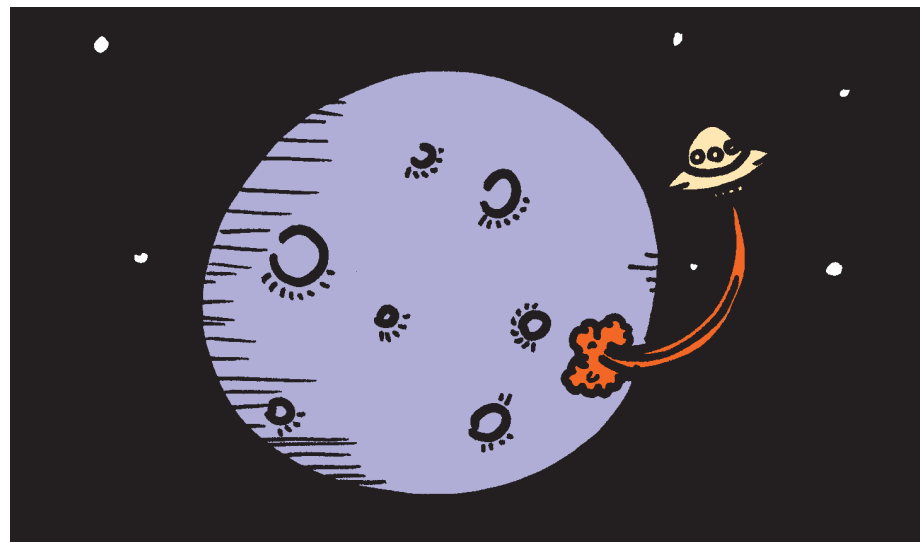
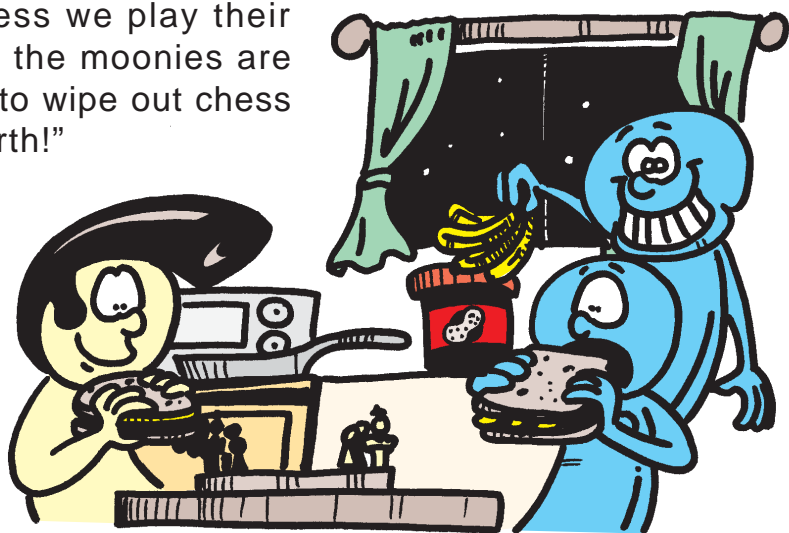
"There wasn't much to do there though. It was just a big blue rock. So the moonies built a spaceship and now they roam the universe, searching for fun.

"They looked hungry that night, so I invited them in for peanut butter and banana sandwiches. While we ate, I taught their chief how to play chess. He liked it so much, he zapped me with his ray gun! That was the moonie way of saying thanks. You should have heard them all laughing.

"It didn't hurt, but since then, whenever I eat peanut butter and bananas, I become invisible! One bite and I vanish for ten minutes. Cool, eh?

"But, please, don't get the wrong idea. Beware of the Blue Moonies! They're not always as friendly as they seem. Sometimes they do mean things when they try to have fun. That's why I need your help.

"Unless we play their game, the moonies are going to wipe out chess on Earth!"



The pawns could not believe their ears! It sounded like a story somebody made up. Kiril was confused. "Elvis, how could they do away with chess?"

The king shook his head. "I'm not sure how, but the moonies are smart. If they say they can make chess disappear from our world, I believe them."

Larry laughed, "Maybe they'll use peanut butter!"

Moe wasn't amused. He grabbed Larry by the ear and shouted "Hello, is there anybody in there?" Then he asked Elvis, "What's this game we have to play?"

"Well, first of all, we need the *blue lunar chess set*. It belongs to the moonies, and they want it back. The set is still at the museum, but the staff won't give it to me. We'll have to steal it.

"Once we get the set, I have to meet them at the rendezvous, and play a game of chess with their chief. If I win, we keep the set. If I lose, . . . chess is dead."

Kiril could feel his bones chilling. "Gee, Elvis, this is awful. Is this their idea of fun?"

"I'm afraid so. But I have a plan. Are you with me?"

Kiril looked around at the others and then answered for them all, "You can count on us, Elvis."



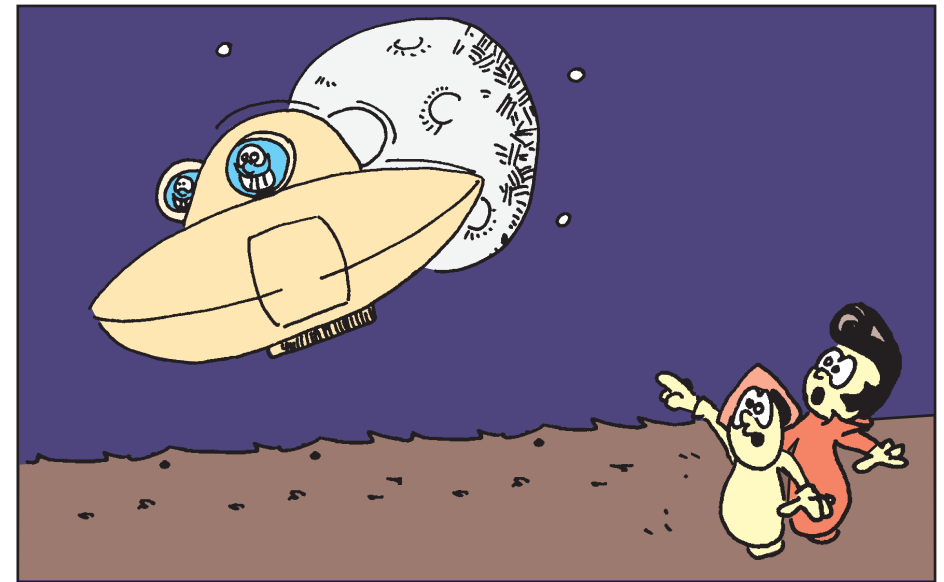
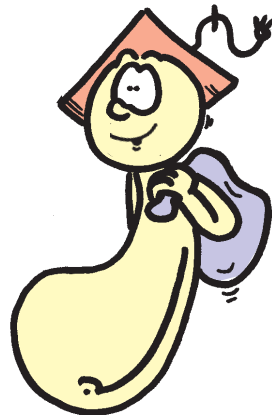
A few days later, the pawns were back in Canada. And the robbery was on. Every detail of the job was worked out to precision.

Lily and Frizoon entered the museum first. While they distracted the guard, Larry sneaked into the computer room and turned off the security system.

Elvis ate his sandwich and disappeared into the hall where the blue lunar chess set was on display.

When Moe lit off the fireworks at the hot dog stand, everyone ran to see what was going on. And nobody noticed a chess set floating in the air.

The invisible pawn handed the set to Kiril through the bars on the window. He put it in a bag and walked off down the street. No alarms, no sirens, no police! It was a smooth getaway.

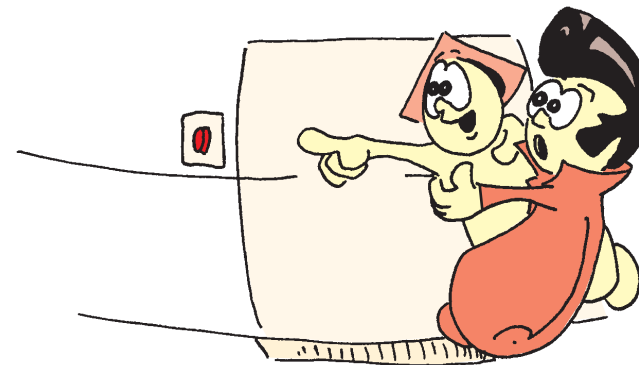


Late that night, Kiril met Elvis at the appointed time and place. As they gazed up at the full moon, the shadow of a flying saucer crossed the sky.

The Blue Moonies had arrived!

After the saucer landed, the two pawns waited by the door. Kiril pointed at a button on the side of the spaceship and said, "Hey, I wonder what this is for?"

Elvis yelled, "NO! Don't push that button!"



But it was too late. He already pushed it.

The next thing Kiril knew, he was standing inside the flying saucer, surrounded by a bunch of crazy moonies!

"Greetings, earthling. We are ready to play."

Kiril looked around for Elvis, but the king wasn't there. Our hero would have to face the blue moonies himself.

"Hi, Chief! I brought your chess set back."

The chief winked at him and said, "Good, you must be a friend of Elvis Pawnsley. Too bad he's not here. It's time for the big game. Looks like you get to play me instead. Do you have a name?"

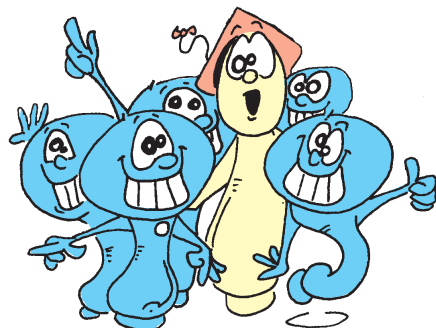
"I'm Kiril the Pawn, but you can just call me Kiril."

"OK, Kiril, do you know what happens if you lose?"

"Sort of, yea. You wipe out chess on Earth, right?"

"That's right! We call it the *chesso-finito* rule. I think it makes this game more fun, don't you?"

Before he said, "Not really", Kiril ducked out of the way of a moonie. They were bouncing everywhere!



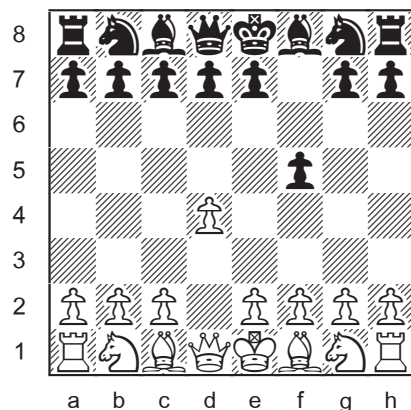
White **CHIEF MOONIE**
Black **KIRIL the PAWN**

When the leader of the moonies raised his finger, everything got quiet and every eye focused on the blue lunar chess set. The battle was about to begin.

1. d4

Like most alien life forms, the moonie always opens with his queen pawn.

1. ... f5



DUTCH DEFENCE

Kiril is no chicken. With the future of chess resting on his shoulders, he decides to play aggressively.

The idea of this defence is to control the e4 square and to build up an attack along the open f-file after castling kingside.

2. Nf3 Nf6

3. e3 e6

4. Bd3 b6

5. O-O Bb7

The bishop takes charge of the long diagonal and

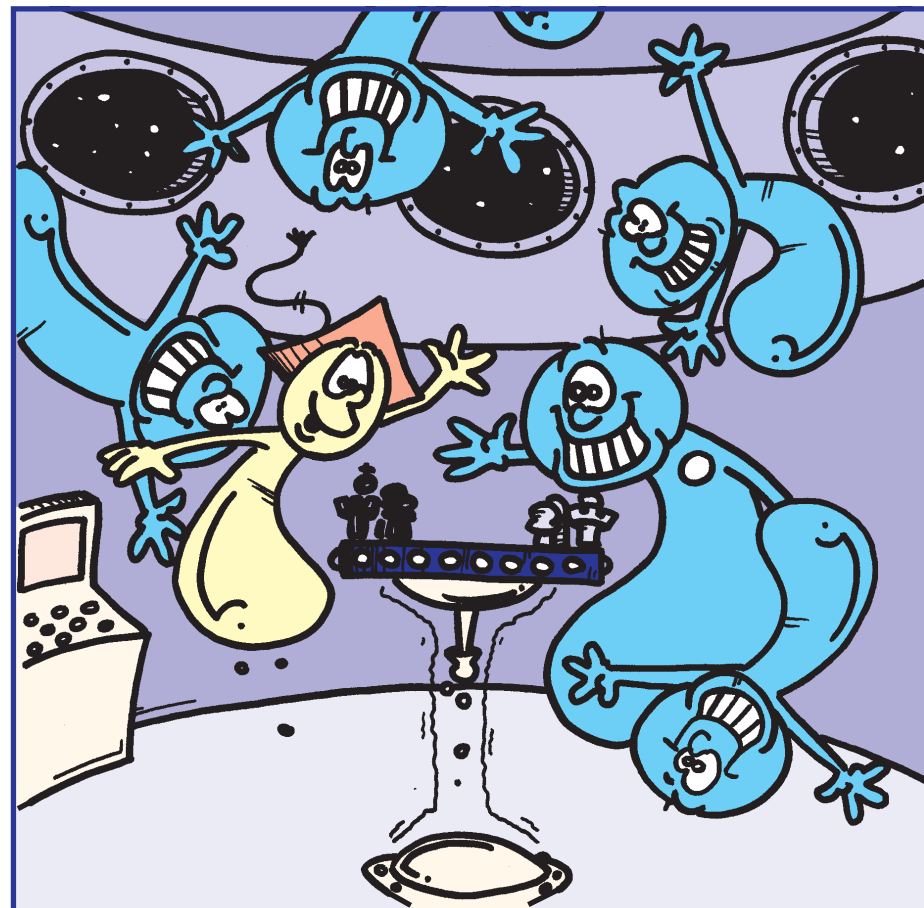
aims through the centre at the white king.

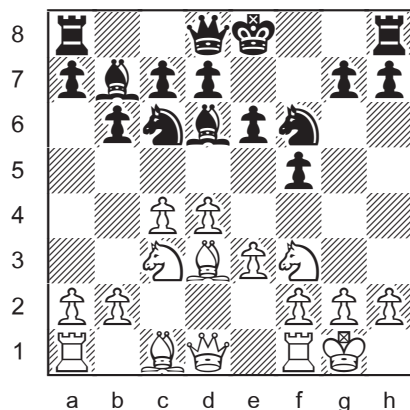
6. c4 Bd6!?

Now the other bishop has his eye on the king too. More usual is ...Be7 but Kiril is going for the glory!

7. Nc3 Nc6?!

This natural knight move blocks the bishop at b7, giving up the grip on e4. Better was 7...O-O.





8. e4!

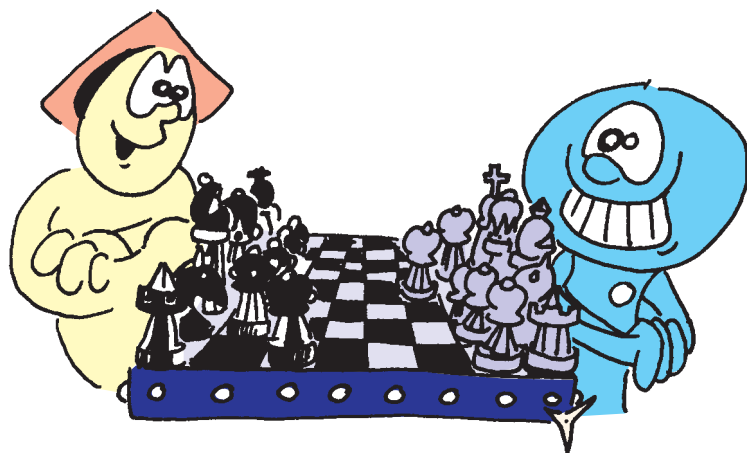
Moonie doesn't miss his chance. He does a fast blast to open the centre.

8. . . . fxe4

9. Nxe4 Be7

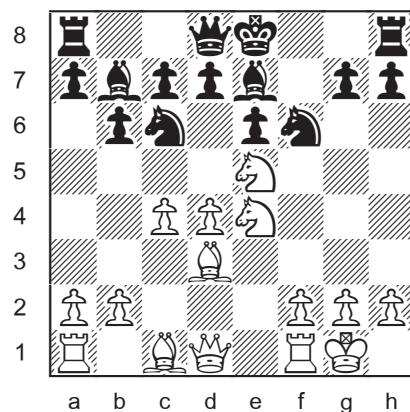
It's no fun to retreat, but Kiril gets doubled pawns after 9...0-0 10.Nxd6 cxd6.

Exchanging knights with 9...Nxe4 10.Bxe4 would just help the white bishop.



10. Ne5!?

The chief sacks a pawn to invade with his knights.



10. . . . Nxd4

Kiril didn't see what was coming, so he was happy to take the pawn. It sure was nice to win material!

White is better after 10...0-0
11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6
13.Qh5 or 10...Nxe5 11.Nxf6+
Bxf6 12.dxe5 Bxe5? 13.Qh5+!

11. Nxf6+ Bxf6

12. Qh5+ Uh-oh!

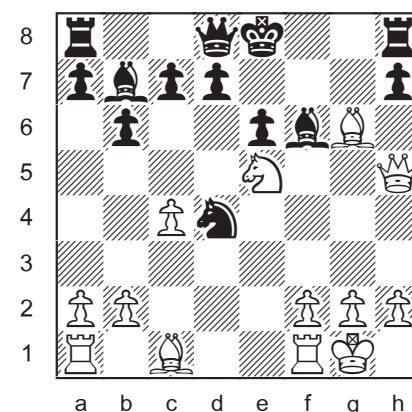
This is what Kiril missed.

12. . . . g6

No way was he going to let him play 13.Qf7+. But now comes another bolt from the blue!

13. Bxg6+ Oh no!

After he shouted "check", the chief flashed Kiril a big moonie grin.



Kiril felt like crying. His position was falling apart. And to make things even worse, two blue moonies were doing flips over the board! The same thought kept running through his head: "Why didn't I castle when I had the chance?"

13. . . . hxg6

14. Qxg6+ Ke7

(14...Kf8? 15.Qf7#)

15. Ng4!?

This moonie is a meanie! He saw that black might survive the attack after 15.Qf7+ Kd6, so he figured out a different way to win.

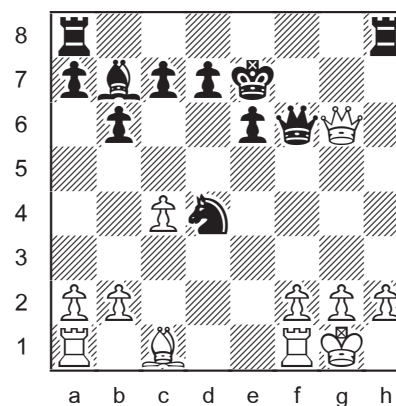


15. . . . Qf8

15...Rf8? loses to 16.Nxf6 Rxf6 17.Qg7+! followed by the crunchy 18.Bg5.

16. Nxf6 Qxf6

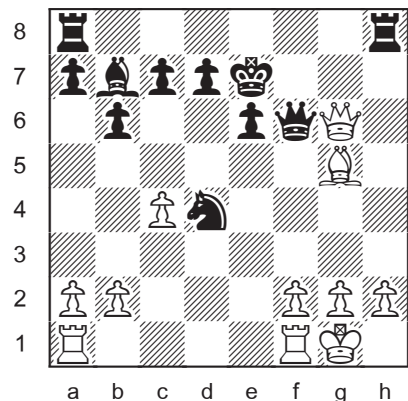
The pawn knew what was coming next. And he knew he was going to lose. All his hopes had vanished.



17. Bg5

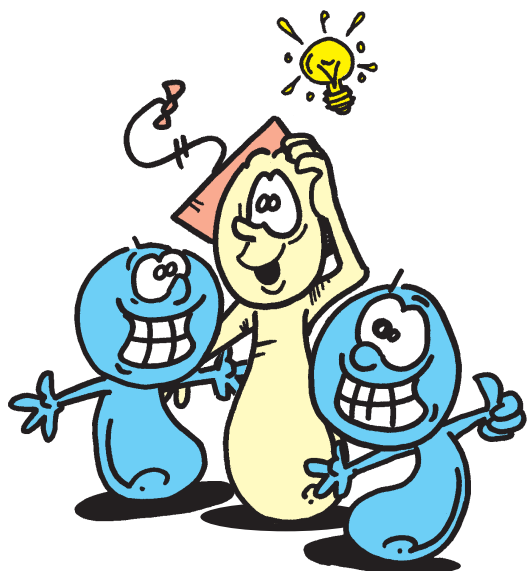
The chief goofball pinned the queen and jumped up for a victory dance!

As Kiril sat watching the celebration, he decided to at least give one check before he resigned.



17. . . . Ne2+

"Take that, Blue Moonies!"



18. Kh1

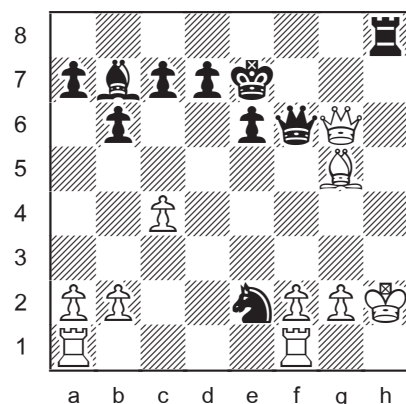
And then it happened. His brain light came on bright!

18. . . . Rxh2+!

It was a miracle! Kiril had a forced checkmate.

19. Kxh2 Rh8+

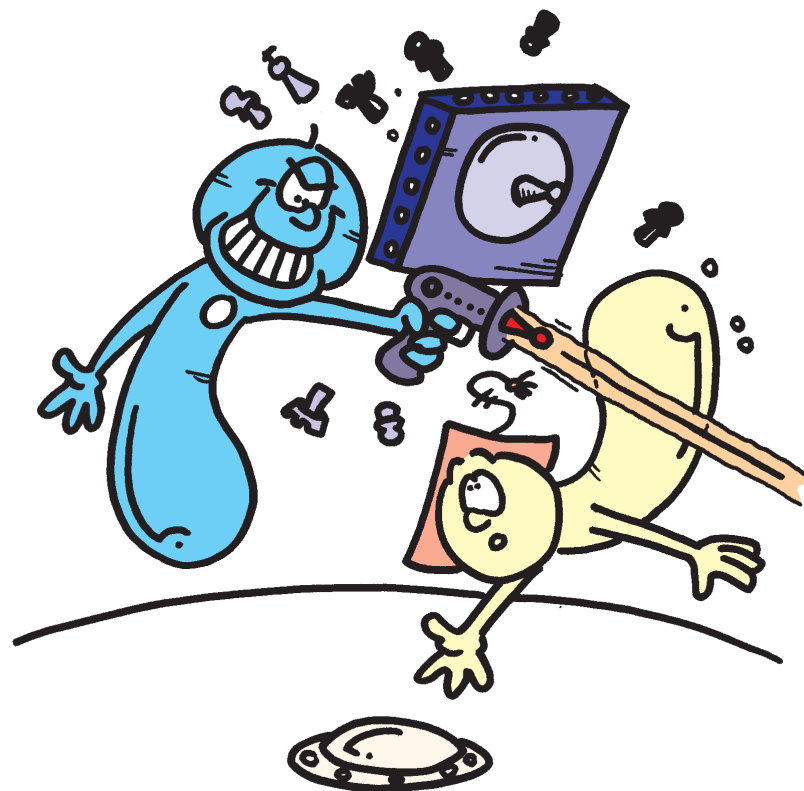
The moonie leader stood still and raised his finger. Everything got quiet.



He saw that Kiril had him beat. It's game over after 20.Qh6 Rxh6+ 21.Bxh6 Qxh6# or 20.Bh6 Qh4#.

Chess was saved!

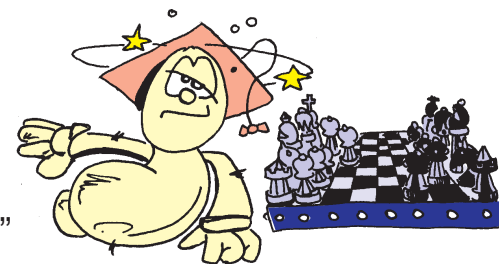
The Chief Blue Moonie pulled out his ray gun and pointed it at Kiril's nose. Before he zapped him, he said, "Thanks, that was fun!"



When Kiril came to, he was lying on the ground, with the blue lunar chess set beside him. The moonies were gone.

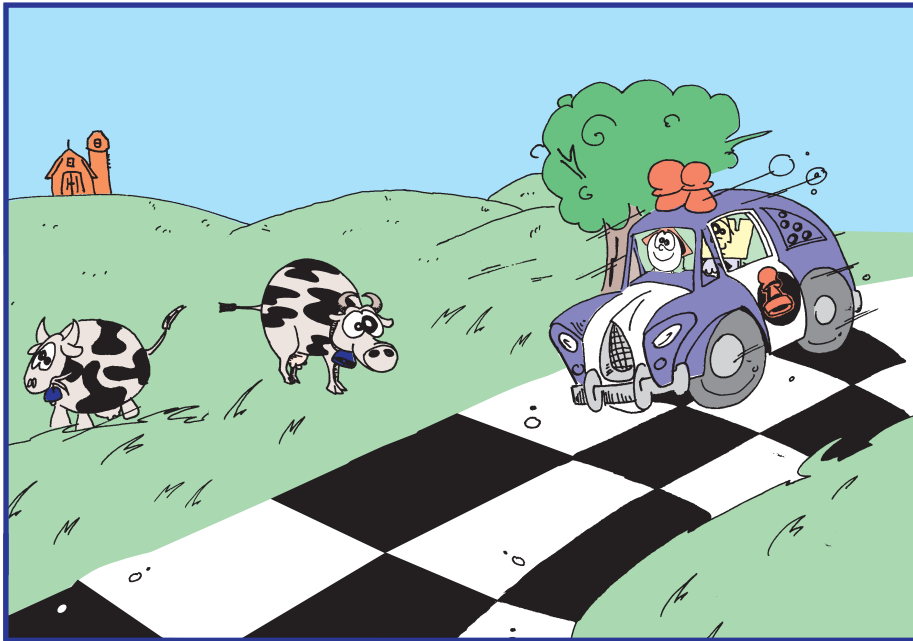
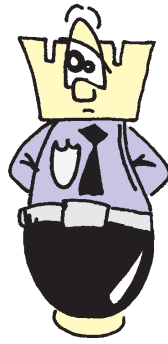
But our hero wasn't alone. The police were there too.

Kiril's voice trembled, "Please don't shoot me!"



Imagine his surprise when Officer Bailey helped him to his feet and said, "C'mon, Kiril, don't be silly. You're one of the nominees at the Pawn of the Year Awards. If we hurry, we still have time to make it."

The siren was blaring as they raced to the arena.

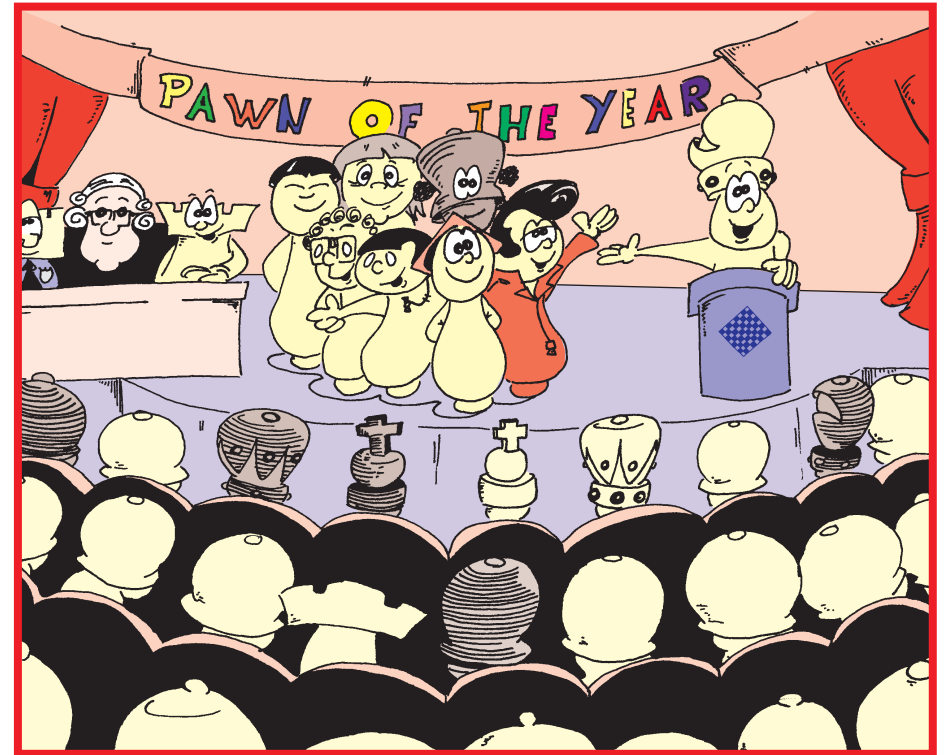


When they arrived, the emcee (Biff the B!) was just calling the finalists to the stage. Kiril's pals were all there: Lily, Larry, Moe, and Frizoon. And Elvis too!

The hall was packed. Kings and queens and V.I.P.'s were everywhere. One of the judges was Judge Mudd!



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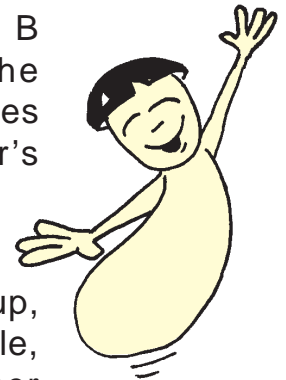
A spotlight zoomed in on the podium and Biff the B started announcing the winners. "Third place goes to Ping Lee, this year's most improved player."

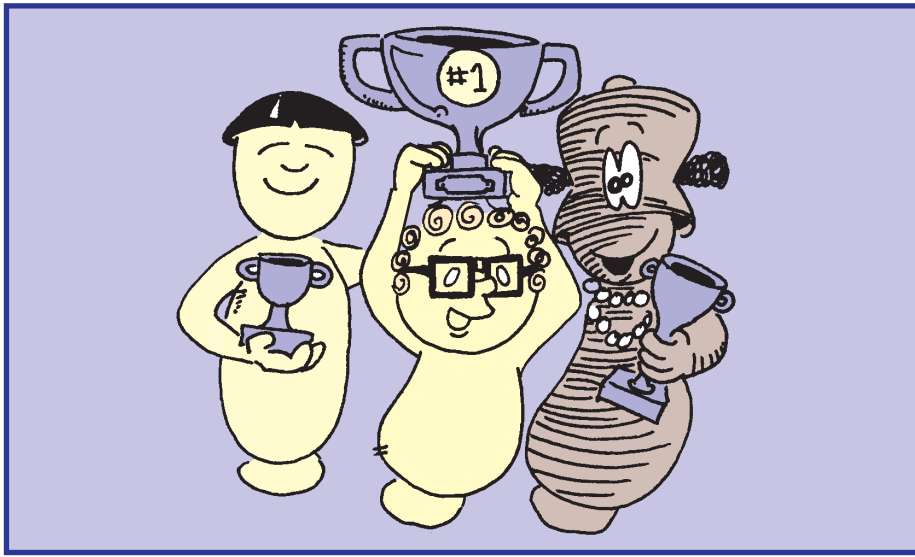
(yay!)

"And our first runner-up, from downtown Centreville, is Frizoon LePawn! For her outstanding contribution to girls chess in Canada."

(lots of applause!)

Biff asked the audience for silence. Then he smiled. "Ladies and gentlemen, the 2010 Pawn of the Year is ..."





LARRY PAWN! Leader of the campaign to let pawns move backwards. It is a great honour to present you with this trophy, sir. Congratulations!"

The crowd cheered as Larry held the cup above his head. When Biff asked him to say a few words, he said, "I'd like to thank my friends for their support. And wish good luck to everybody here tonight that is involved in the Pawn Rights Movement." But no one heard him. Moe unplugged the microphone. What a joker!

Later at the banquet, Elvis thanked Kiril for winning the big game and told him how he straightened things out with the authorities.



The king had a chat with the prime minister earlier. He explained to him how Kiril was innocent, and why they had to escape from prison, and what Kiril did to stop the blue moonies. He assured the PM that the blue lunar set would be returned to the museum. That, plus an Elvis autograph, was enough to clear their names!

When Kiril and Elvis said their goodbyes, the king asked him a favour. "You know, Kiril, I was thinking about Jumbo Pawn. It felt bad when we tricked him. I'd like to give him my blue suede shoes. Can you please see that he gets these?"

"Sure thing, Elvis, he'll like that!"

And so the mystery ends. Kiril put the famous blue shoes in a bag and headed home down Maple Street, waving hello to neighbours and friends, and whistling a happy tune.



THE END



TOURNAMENTS FOR KIDS

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Chess'n Math 416 488-5506

Marshall McLuhan Sec. School
1107 Avenue Rd.

May 2 *Grand Prix* Sunday
registration 10:00 - 11:00 am

May 16 Sunday
June 6 Sunday
registration 11:30 - 12:00 noon

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Marshall McLuhan SS
TORONTO

Saturday May 22

13 sections by grade, K-12
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annmail2008-ogcc@yahoo.ca

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Yuri Lebedev 905 370-2299

Knights Of Chess
5635 Yonge St. Suite 201
check-in 2:30 - 3:00 pm
pre-registration recommended
every Sunday

GUELPH

Hal Bond 519 822-2162

Guelph University Centre
room 441

registration 12:30 - 1:00 pm
May 8 Saturday

OTTAWA

Brad Thomson 613 565-3662

RA Centre Outaouais Room
2451 Riverside Drive

registration 12:00 - 1:00 pm

May 2 *Grand Prix* Sunday
May 16 Sunday

CORNWALL

Raymond Lacroix 613 938-6364

Cornwall Public Library
registration 12:00 - 12:45 pm

May 1 Saturday
June 5 Saturday

SIMCOE COUNTY ON

Mary McCooney 705 323-3430

BARRIE

Saturdays 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Ferris Lane Community Church
49 Ferris Lane

COLLINGWOOD

first Thursday each month
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Collingwood Public Library
100 Second St.



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MONTREAL

Chess'n Math 514 845-8352

Lucien Pagé High School
8200 St. Laurent Boulevard
registration 11:15 - 11:45 am

May 2 *Grand Prix* Sunday
May 30 Sunday

HALIFAX

Cheryl Weaver 902 443-6940

Mount Saint Vincent University
166 Bedford Hwy Rosaria Centre
registration 12:00 - 12:30 pm

April 25 *Youth Championship* Sunday

CHARLOTTETOWN

Bill Pitre 902 569-2989

Colonel Gray High School
175 Spring Park Rd.

pre-registration required

April 18 *School Team* Sunday

WINNIPEG

Peter Henson 204 256-6150

University of Winnipeg
Lockhart Hall room 5L24
515 Portage Ave.

registration 12:15 - 12:45 pm

May 2 Sunday

ST. JOHN'S

Chris Dawson 709 747-5217

Team & Individual Championship
St. Matthew's Elementary School
119 Cowan Ave.

April 17 Saturday

VICTORIA

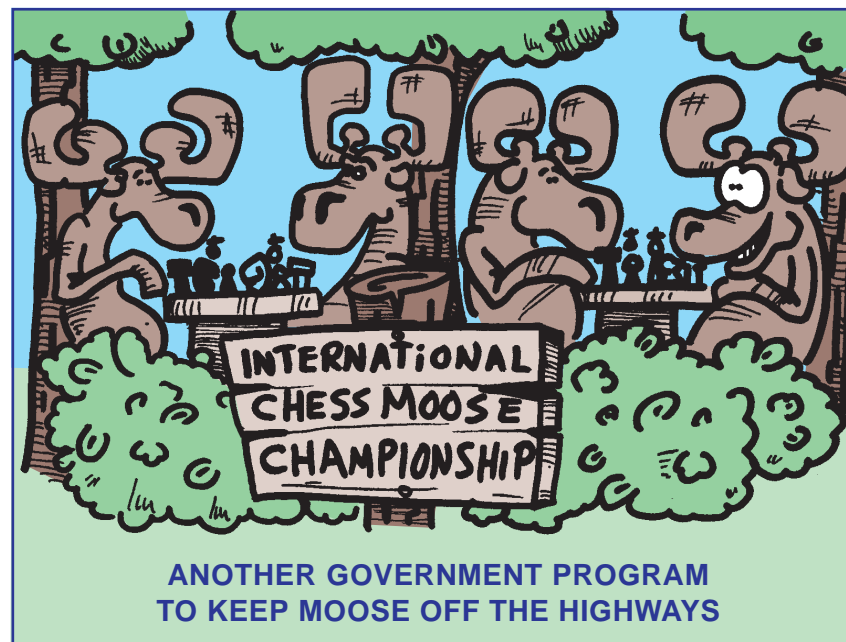
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CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE THE FIRST 21 YEARS

1989 Ottawa
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 1991 Montreal
 1992 Montreal
 1993 Edmonton
 1994 St. John's
 1995 Toronto
 1996 Fredericton
 1997 Montreal
 1998 Winnipeg
 1999 Summerside
 2000 Calgary
 2001 Toronto
 2002 St. John's
 2003 Montreal
 2004 Winnipeg
 2005 Ottawa
 2006 Moncton
 2007 Quebec City
 2008 Edmonton
 2009 Toronto



Quebec has been team champion 8 times, including the first 6 years. They also won in 1997 and 2009. They came in second place 12 times, and finished third in 2000.

Ontario has placed first 13 of the last 15 years. Earlier, they were second 4 times and third 3 times (1991-1993).

British Columbia has come in second place 4 times (1991-1993, 2000) and third 12 times (1990, 1994-99, 2001, 2005, 2007-9).

Alberta has placed fourth 12 times and fifth 5 times (1994-96, 2005-06). They finished in third place in 2003, 2004 and 2005!

Manitoba was third in 2002 and 2006, fourth in 2003 and 2005, and fifth in 1990-91, 2001, 2004, and 2007-09.

New Brunswick came fifth 4 times (1992, 1998-2000) and sixth 12 times. In 1989 they finished in third place!

Nova Scotia came in sixth place in 2005, 2007, and 2008. They were seventh 5 times.

Newfoundland has placed fourth 3 times (1994-1996) and fifth 3 times.

Saskatchewan placed sixth in 1998, and seventh in 1997, 2000, 2004.

Prince Edward Island had its finest moment in 1993 when they came in seventh place.

RATINGS

Scholastic ratings for all players who have taken part in a CMA tournament during the last three years can be found on the *Chess'n Math Association* webpage:

www.chess-math.org

Click the "ratings" tab on the homepage, which will take you to the *ratings page*:

www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub

Once on the *ratings page*, with Kiril and the map of Canada, you can search ratings by name, province, age, or grade! You can also see a list of recently rated tournaments at the bottom of the page. Click on the tournament to see a crosstable of the event.

For information on how to rate your tournaments:

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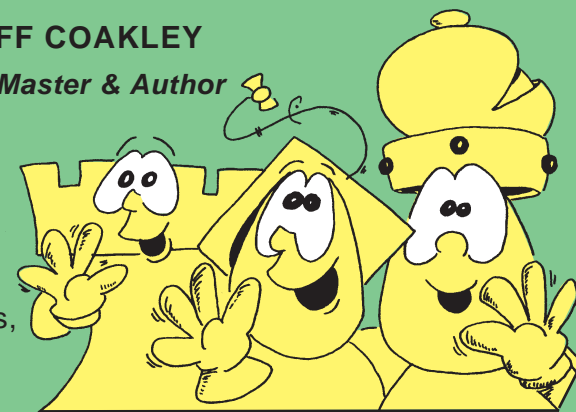
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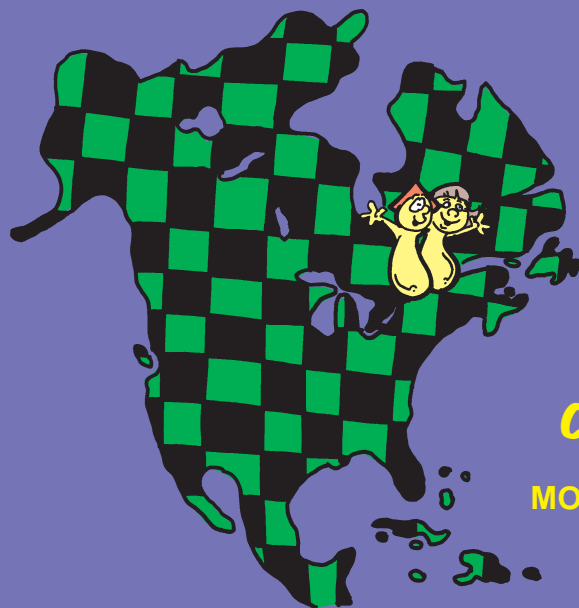
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2010 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

MONTREAL, QUÉBEC
AUGUST 16 - 19

Organized by the CHESS'N MATH ASSOCIATION

The Chess'n Math Association is proud to announce that the 2010 North American Youth Chess Championship will be held August 16-19 in Montreal. The FIDE sanctioned event is part of the celebrations for the 25th anniversary of Chess'n Math.

The tournament is a 7 round swiss, with 2 games per day. It is open to anyone from Canada, the United States, Mexico, or the rest of North America. The time control is 90 minutes per player with a 30 second increment. There are 6 sections by age: under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. Age on 1 January, 2010.

Trophies for the top 5 players in each section. First place winners receive the FIDE Candidate Master title. The top boy and girl in each section qualify for the 2011 Pan-American Youth Chess Festival (with free accommodation).

Entry fee is \$75 if paid by July 15 (\$100 by August 13, and \$125 after August 13). CFC membership is required for all Canadian citizens and residents.

The venue is the University of Quebec, with accommodation at Lord Berri Hotel. Reserve rooms by phone before July 15 at 1 888 363-0363. Mention "chess" to receive the special rate of \$99.95 per night plus taxes (1-4 persons per room, 2 double beds).

See you there!!

* SOLUTIONS *

MATE IN 1 MATE IN 3

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 1.Qa4# | 1 1. f6 (threat Qxg7#) 1...g6 2.Qh6 & 3.Qg7# |
| 2 1.Rxh6# | 2 1. Rh8+ Kxh8 2.Qh4+ Kg8 3.Qh7# |
| 3 1.Qh8# | 3 1. Rxg7+ Kh8 2.Rg8+ Kxg8 3.Rg1# |
| 4 1.Nd8# | 4 1. Qf8+ Rg8 2.Ng6+ hxg6 3.Qh6# |

MATE IN 2

- 1 1. Rf8+ Kg7 2.Rg8#
2 1. Rd7+ Kh8 2.Qf6#
3 1. Qxg6+ Kh8 2.Re8#
1. . . . Kf8 2.Qxf7#
4. 1. Qxh6+ Kg8 2.Rg6#

TACTICS 101

- 1 1.Kf2 4 1.Na7 1.Ne7
2 1.Qc6 1.Na5 1.Kb5
3 1.Qd3 1.Nd4 1.Kc5
1.Qh1 1.Nd8 1.Kd5
1.b5

COMBO MOMBO

- 1 1.Rh6+ gxh6 2.Qh7+ Kxh7 ½-½
(2.Qg8+? Qxg8! or 2.Qxe8+? Qg8!)
2 1...Qg4+ 2.fxg4 ½-½ (2.Kf1 Qxc8=)

CHESSMAZE

Ng1-e2-f4-e6-d8
-c6-b4-c2xa1

LILY'S PUZZLER

- A 78 moves
Ke2 Rg6 Rb4 Bd5 Be5 Nc5 Nf5
B 10 moves
Kf2 Rg1 Rg2 Bh1 Bh2 Nf1 Ng3
C Kc3 Nb4 Bc6 Rd7 Nf7 Bg5 Re3
There are many solutions to parts A & C.

TRIPLE LOYD

- A. Kf8 B. Kh8
C. Kf3 (Bd5#)



WHO'S THE GOOF?

1. The kings are next to each other.
2. Black has 2 sets of doubled pawns, which required two captures, but white is only missing one piece.
3. White has three knights.
4. White is in an impossible check. The black rook could only get to d8 from along the 8th rank, where it would already be giving check. No discovered check was possible. Black did not castle last turn because the black king would have to cross over d8, which is attacked by the white queen.

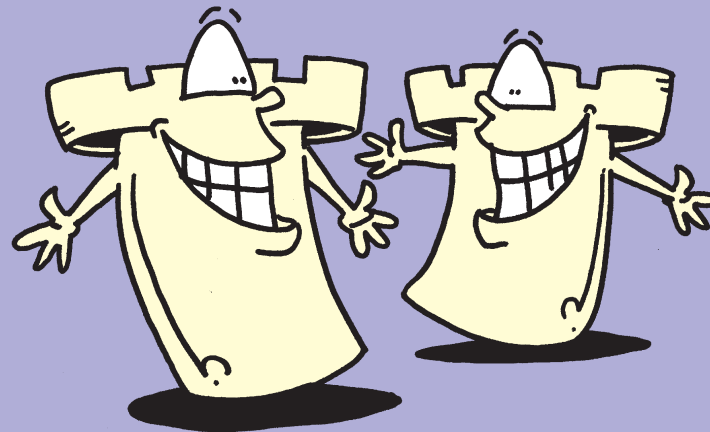
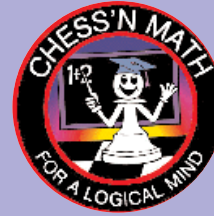
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