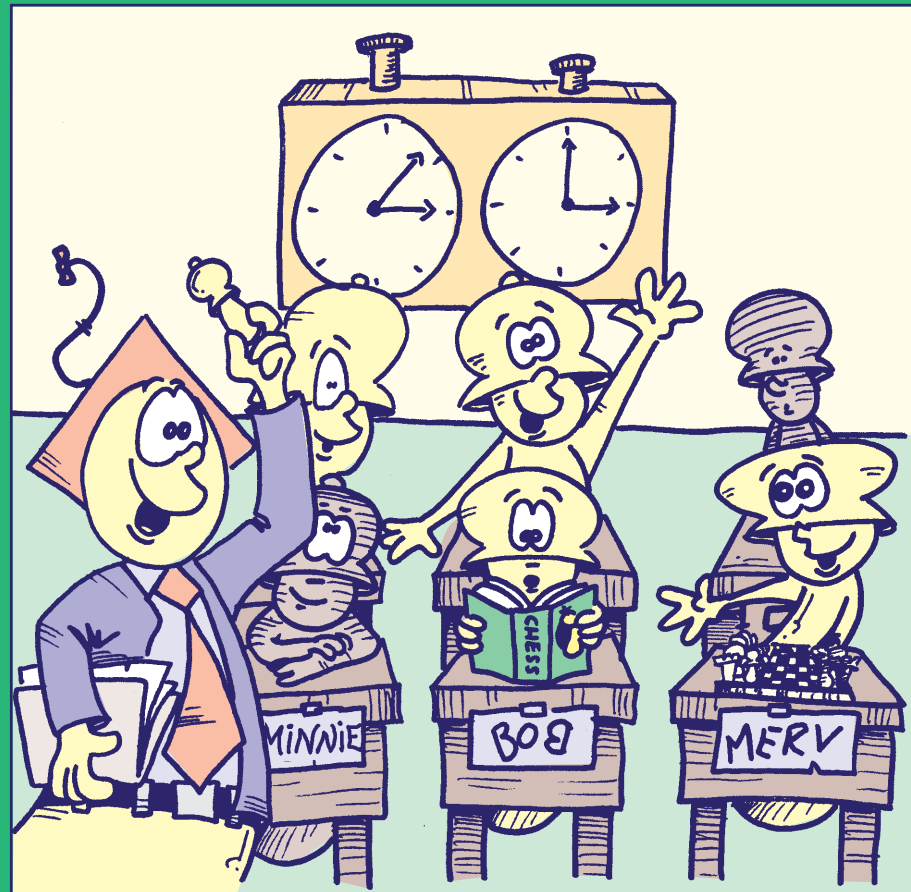


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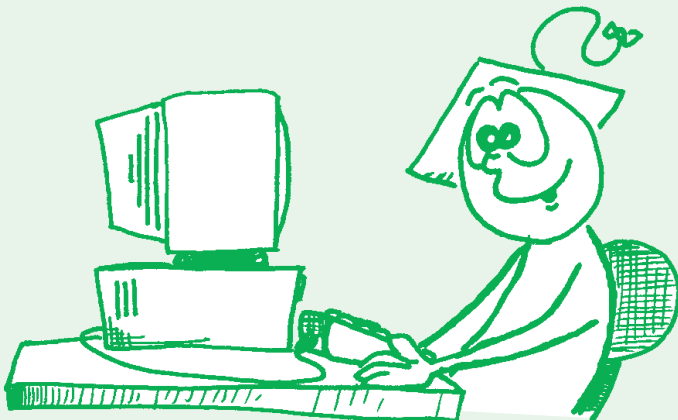
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Congratulations to David Zhang on winning the 2012 *Canadian Junior Championship*. We have a report from Calgary on page 26.

Here's the mag,

**Kiril**

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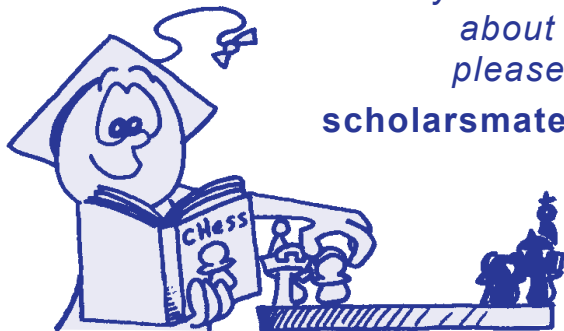
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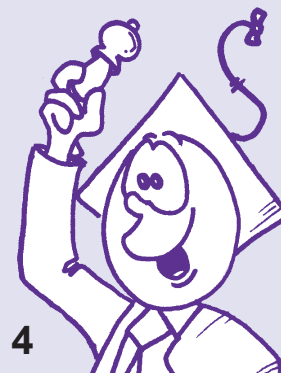
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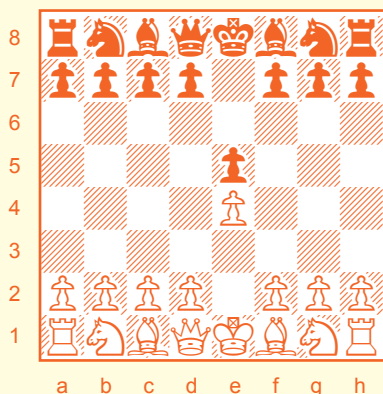
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## HOW TO READ A CHESS GAME

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.

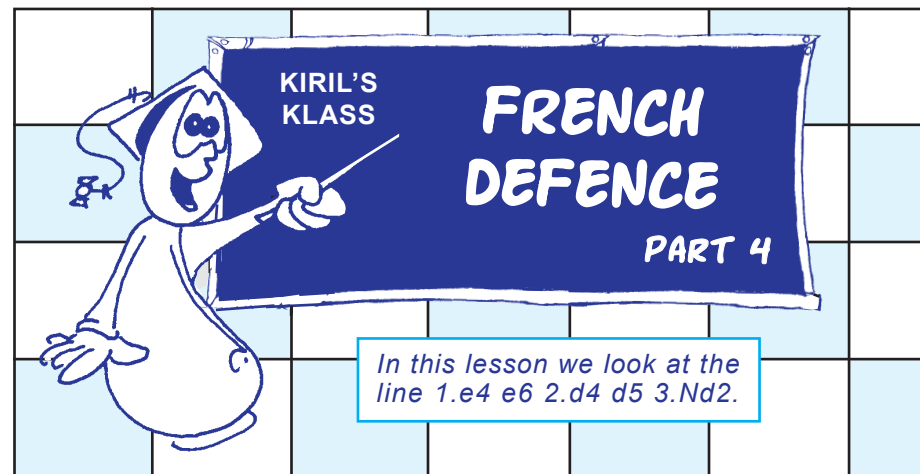
Here are some special symbols:

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

The game below is written in **algebraic notation**. It was the first game Kiril ever won. It's an old trap called **Scholar's Mate**!

white:	<b>Kiril</b>
black:	<b>Monkey's Uncle</b>
1.	<b>e4 e5</b>
2.	<b>Qh5 Nc6</b>
3.	<b>Bc4 Nf6?</b>
4.	<b>Qxf7 #</b>

Wow! Kiril got a checkmate in just four moves. That was fun!



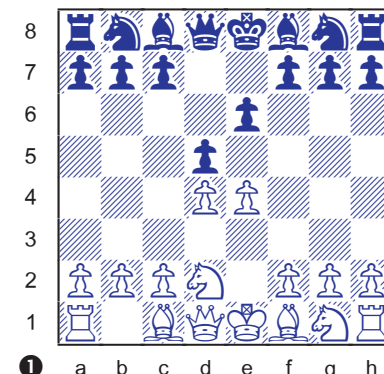
Our final lesson on the French Defence covers the Tarrasch Variation. After **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5**, White plays **3.Nd2**, protecting the e-pawn. See diagram #1.

It is named for the German master Siegbert Tarrasch, who recommended this line over a hundred years ago.

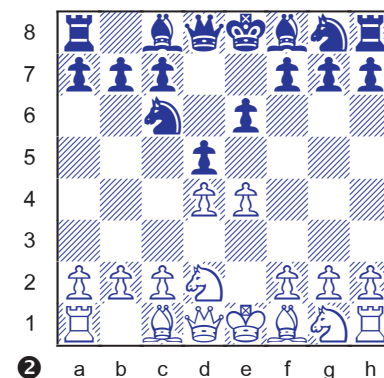
At first glance, 3.Nd2 seems like a bad idea. The knight blocks the bishop on c1 and the d-pawn is no longer defended by the queen. However, there is one good thing about this move. The c-pawn is free to advance to c3, giving White a strong central pawn structure.

Black has two main choices now: **3...Nf6** and **3...c5**.

Another move that has been tried is **3...Nc6** (diagram #2). Blocking the c7-pawn this way gives Black a passive position after **4.Ng3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7**. Black will attack the centre with ...f6, but White always has the freer game.

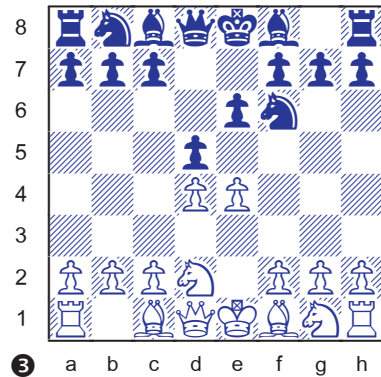


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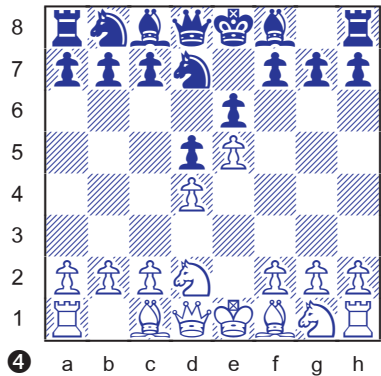


② a b c d e f g h

The move **3...Nf6** (diagram #3) threatens the e4-pawn. If White avoids pushing the pawn to e5 and defends it by **4.Bd3**, Black plays **4...c5!** The game is equal after **5.dxc5 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bxc5** or **5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Be7**.

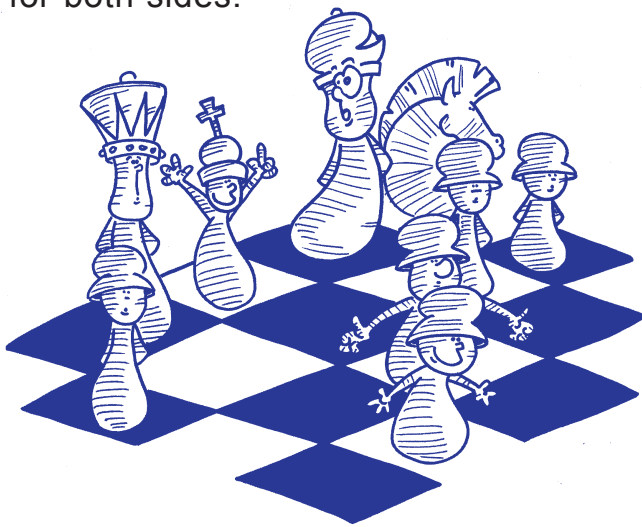


Normally White advances **4.e5**. Black has an okay position after **4...Ne4 5.Bd3 Nxd2 6.Bxd2 c5**, but the most common reply is **4...Nfd7**, planning ...c5, ...Nc6, and ...Qb6. See diagram #4.



Here White has two plans to choose from, one with pawn to f4 and one without.

After **5.f4**, the game usually goes **5...c5 6.c3 Nc6**. (6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 is also playable.) Following **7.Ndf3** (better than **7.Ngf3**) **7...Qb6**, a complex position is reached with chances for both sides.



The other white plan starts with **5.Bd3** (diagram #5). As usual, play continues **5...c5 6.c3 Nc6**. After **7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4**, Black will attack the centre by ...f6.

One line is **8...Qb6 9.Nf3 f6**, but best is the immediate **8...f6!** (diagram #6). Black wants to break down the white centre as soon as possible.

The gambit **9.f4 fxe5 10.fxe5 Nxd4** is better for Black after **11.0-0 Qb6** (or **11.Nxd4? Qh4+**).

So White should take on f6. After **9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0**, the position is even.

Black's other option on move 3 against "the Tarrasch" is **3...c5** (diagram #7).

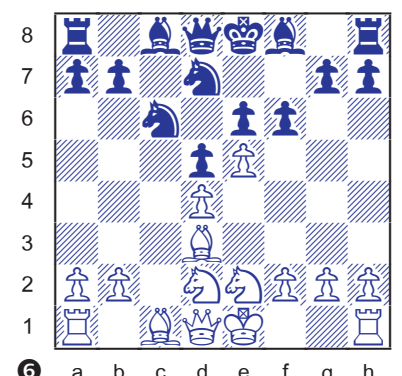
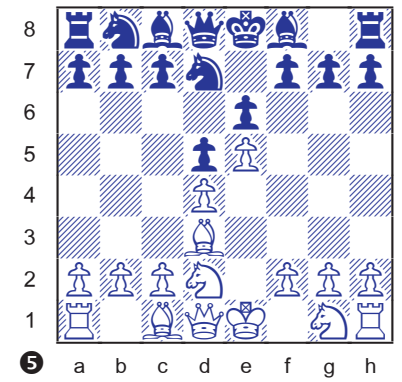
The exchange **4.dxc5?! Bxc5** gives Black a very easy game.

A better try for White is **4.Ngf3** but Black equalizes by **4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6** or **5...Nc6**.

The main line is **4.exd5**, when Black can take back with the e-pawn or the queen.

The capture **4...exd5** usually leads to an isolated d5-pawn, which may be weak in the endgame, but in the opening, Black gets active piece development. A sample line is **5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 Bg4**.

Trickier for Black is **5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Qe2+!? Be7 7.dxc5** when accurate play is required to win back the pawn.



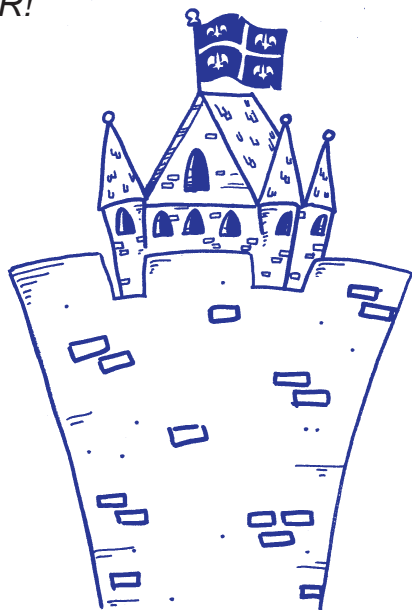
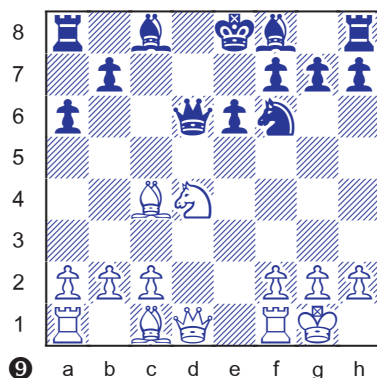
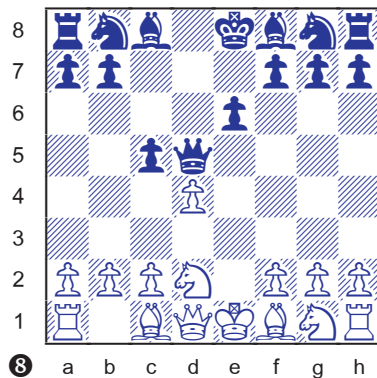
Black's most popular reply to 4.exd5 is **4...Qxd5** (diagram #8). White will gain a tempo later by attacking the queen, but Black achieves a solid position with no pawn weaknesses.

Both **5.dxc5 Bxc5** and **5.Bc4? Qxg2** are good for Black. So the next moves are almost always **5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6**.

Now White wins back the pawn on d4 by **7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4**.

After **9...Nxd4 10.Nxd4**, Black should play **10...a6** (diagram #9), an excellent defensive move which keeps the white pieces off the b5 square.

Well, friends, that's it for the French Defence. **BON CHANCE** and **AU REVOIR!**



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Alec, I thought you told me to turn left.  
Yea, dude. But I meant your other left!

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# CANADA TOP TEN



## KINDERGARTEN

1 RINGSKOG Noa	585	QC
2 BROWN Alexander	556	NS
3 ANGULO-VALENCIA Mateo	523	QC
4 LOCKE Sebastian	522	NL
5 SILLADOR Gabriel	468	AB
6 TUCKER Preston	466	ON
7 YAO Frederic	451	QC
8 LI Sarah-Grace	431	NL
9 DUBREUIL David	429	QC
10 FENG Bonny	429	ON

## GRADE 1

1 ZHAO Jonathan	1139	ON
2 MO Aidan	1113	ON
3 HUANG Qiuyu	951	QC
4 KHANIN Nikita	943	QC
5 LI Harry	909	ON
6 CHEN Hao	887	ON
7 SUPERCEANU Andi	864	AB
8 WILKE Lukas	820	ON
9 WU Nicholas	820	ON
10 GUO Haotong	807	ON

## GRADE 2

1 LIN Benjamin	1436	ON
2 ZHAO Ian	1182	AB
3 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1176	QC
4 WASHIMKAR Arhant	1121	ON
5 KIM Daniel	1104	AB
6 ZHANG Matt	1052	ON
7 LIU Robert	1048	QC
8 RAIZMAN Ruven	1017	ON
9 CHEN Michael	942	ON
10 MALE PATHIRANAGE Thisandi	925	ON

## GRADE 3

1 WANG Kaixin	1670	AB
2 LIN Kaining	1585	AB
3 LAI William	1437	QC
4 GROSSMANN Lenard	1418	AB
5 HENRY Nadia	1403	ON
6 ZHANG Taylor	1390	ON
7 NORITSYN Sergey	1388	ON
8 CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1383	AB
9 LIU Daniel	1375	ON
10 WANG Frank	1371	ON

## GRADE 4

1 YAO David	1646	AB
2 FAN Run Kun	1580	QC
3 PARAPARAN Varshini	1579	ON
4 KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1515	ON
5 ZHANG Hou Han	1440	QC
6 ZHAO Yue Tong	1439	ON
7 DOKNJAS Joshua	1413	BC
8 OUELLET Maili-Jade	1413	QC
9 HUANG Immanuel	1404	ON
10 SEKAR Varun	1370	ON

## GRADE 5

1 ZHANG Yuan Chen	1858	ON
2 BALENDRA Harigaran	1830	ON
3 WAN Kevin	1696	ON
4 MCCULLOUGH Ian	1644	AB
5 ZOTKIN Daniel	1561	ON
6 SUN Benjamin	1556	QC
7 ZHAO Harry	1543	ON
8 ZHANG Evan	1536	QC
9 SAINE Zachary	1505	QC
10 WANG Constance	1494	ON

## GRADE 6

1 CAO Jason	1866	BC
2 BELLISSIMO Joseph	1839	ON
3 KASSAM Jamil	1832	AB
4 NIE Mark	1824	AB
5 KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
6 ZITA Matthew	1621	AB
7 WANG Kelly	1598	QC
8 AGHAMALIAN Derick	1593	ON
9 LEE Jonah	1552	BC
10 ZHONG Joey	1539	ON

## GRADE 7

1 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2258	QC
2 PREOTU Razvan	2188	ON
3 KONG Dezhong	2048	BC
4 YU Zong Yang	1969	QC
5 ZHU HongRui	1923	QC
6 HOFFNER Noah	1873	AB
7 SONG Michael	1859	ON
8 DOKNJAS John	1852	BC
9 HUANG Zhonglin	1731	AB
10 CHANG Michael	1728	QC

## GRADE 8

1 THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2174	ON
2 PENG Jackie	2020	ON
3 MCCULLOUGH David	1931	AB
4 LIN Tony	1904	ON
5 DORRANCE Adam	1817	NS
6 YUN Chang	1816	QC
7 PLOTKIN Mark	1804	ON
8 ZHANG Kevin Z.	1637	ON
9 DESPRES Sebastien	1629	AB
10 MANAILOIU Dragos	1626	QC

## GRADE 9

1 WANG Richard	2337	AB
2 SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2150	QC
3 LUO Zhao Yang	2104	ON
4 KNOX Christopher	2032	ON
5 LEPINE Cedric	1992	QC
6 WU Qi You	1934	QC
7 FU James	1858	ON
8 LO Ryan	1840	BC
9 WANG YueKai	1800	AB
10 LAI Jingzhou	1763	BC

## GRADE 10

1 QIN Joey	2413	ON
2 SOHAL Tanraj	2209	BC
3 ZHANG Zhiyuan	2027	ON
4 LEU Richard	2014	ON
5 FLOREA Alexandru	2007	ON
6 VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1925	ON
7 LI Chang He	1854	BC
8 DENBOK Daniel	1802	ON
9 GUO Forest	1765	QC
10 KALAYDINA Regina	1751	AB

## GRADE 11

1 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2389	QC
2 ZHANG David	2285	AB
3 GUSEV Nikita	2270	ON
4 MARINKOVIC Mate	2192	ON
5 INIGO Aquino	2172	ON
6 ITKIN David	2171	ON
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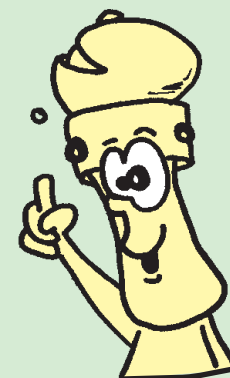
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2 CALUGAR Arthur	2453	ON
3 JIANG Louie	2413	QC
4 KLEINMAN Michael	2408	ON
5 YUAN Yuanling	2339	ON
6 XIONG Jerry	2300	ON
7 KAMINSKI Thomas	2164	AB
8 WANG Jesse	2110	ON
9 TROTTIER Emile	1972	QC
10 ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1942	ON

## HONOUR ROLL

1 SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2501	ON
2 CALUGAR Arthur	2453	ON
3 QIN Joey	2413	ON
4 JIANG Louie	2413	QC
5 KLEINMAN Michael	2408	ON
6 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2389	QC
7 YUAN Yuanling	2339	ON
8 WANG Richard	2337	AB
9 XIONG Jerry	2300	ON
10 ZHANG David	2285	AB

# DID YOU KNOW?



Five matches for the world chess championship have ended in ties, with no playoff to decide the victor.

For over a hundred years, the match rules stated that the reigning champ would keep his title if the score was equal after the final game. Some people think that gave the champion an unfair advantage.

YEAR	CHAMPION	CHALLENGER	SCORE
1910	Emanuel Lasker - Carl Schlechter	(+1 -1 =8)	
	Germany	Austria	
1951	Mikhail Botvinnik - David Bronstein	(+5 -5 =14)	
	Russia	Ukraine	
1954	Mikhail Botvinnik - Vasily Smyslov	(+7 -7 =10)	
	Russia	Russia	
1987	Garry Kasparov - Anatoly Karpov	(+4 -4 =16)	
	Azerbaijan	Russia	
2004	Vladimir Kramnik - Peter Leko	(+2 -2 =10)	
	Russia	Hungary	

In three cases (1910, 1987, 2004), the champion won the final game to even the score and save his title.

Smyslov later became champion in 1957. Karpov had been champion before from 1975 to 1985.

In 2006, Kramnik and Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) tied their 12 game match (+3 -3 =6), but the rules had changed by then, and a playoff was held, which Kramnik won (+2 -1 =1).

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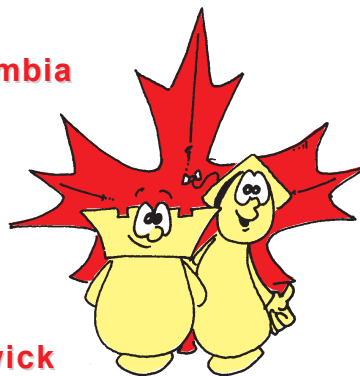
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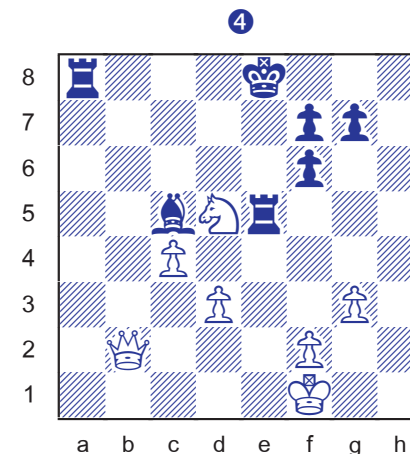
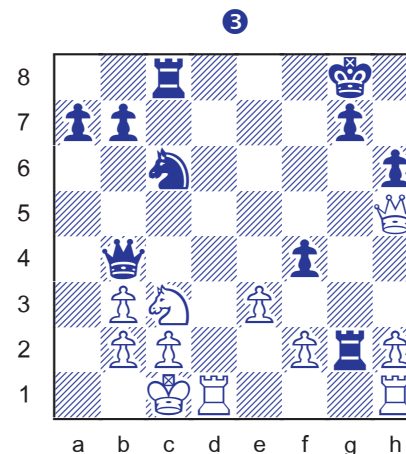
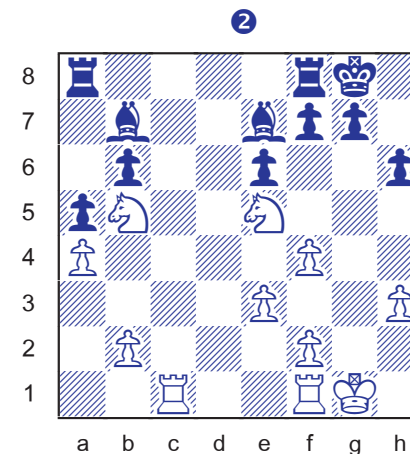
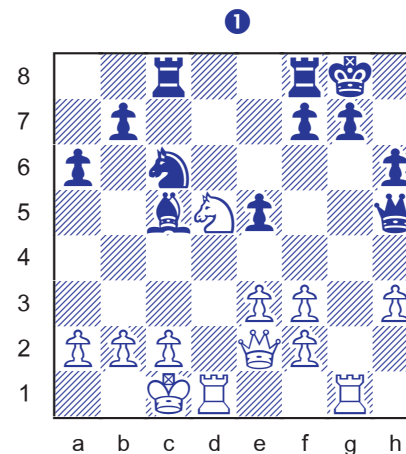
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White to move and win material.

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FIND 3 FORKS



# ONTARIO TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1 TUCKER Preston	466
2 FENG Bonnie	429
3 SYDYKHANOV Arman	428
4 RADIN Andrew	421
5 ATANASOVA Rada	419
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8 MANGALESWARAN Thakeshon	1257
9 LIU David	1246
10 MING Wenyang	1223

## GRADE 4

1 PARAPARAN Varshini	1579
2 KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1515
3 ZHAO Yue Tong	1439
4 HUANG Immanuel	1404
5 SEKAR Varun	1370
6 YIE Kevin	1354
7 BIRAROV Nicole	1317
8 IANSAVITCHOUS James	1300
9 HU Bill	1276
10 TRUONG Kyle	1262

## GRADE 5

1 ZHANG Yuan Chen	1858
2 BALENDRA Harigaran	1830
3 WAN Kevin	1696
4 ZOTKIN Daniel	1561
5 ZHAO Harry	1543
6 WANG Constance	1494
7 WANG Dinny	1455
8 GUGEL Brett	1430
9 CHEN George	1430
10 CHEN Richard	1427

## GRADE 6

1 BELLISSIMO Joseph	1839
2 AGHAMALIAN Derick	1593
3 ZHONG Joey	1539
4 THANABALACHANDRAN Luxiga	1526
5 SONG Eric	1442
6 CHEUNG Benedict	1412
7 MANGALESWARAN Mathuran	1379
8 ZHANG Jeff	1334
9 WANG Eric	1323
10 OHRLING Erik	1305

## GRADE 7

1 PREOTU Razvan	2188
2 SONG Michael	1859
3 TERRY Joshua	1547
4 KUTTNER Simon	1522
5 LI Michael	1510
6 LI Yinshi	1492
7 MICHELASHVILI Aleksandre	1471
8 ROMANOWICH Alexander	1466
9 GIBLON Melissa	1453
10 YE Hanyuan	1442

## GRADE 8

1 THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2174
2 PENG Jackie	2020
3 LIN Tony	1904
4 PLOTKIN Mark	1804
5 ZHANG Kevin Z.	1637
6 NASIR Zehn	1533
7 LI Robert	1495
8 YE RenXi	1468
9 TISMENKO Dennis	1461
10 ADRIAANSE Adam	1418

## GRADE 9

1 SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2150
2 KNOX Christopher	2032
3 FU James	1858
4 KALRA Agastya	1680
5 POSARATNANATHAN Juliaan	1642
6 HUANG Jayson	1558
7 QIAN Owen	1527
8 DUNNE Francesco	1464
9 YANG Yimang	1460
10 MCKEN Christopher	1443

## GRADE 10

1 QIN Joey	2413
2 ZHANG Zhiyuan	2027
3 LEU Richard	2014
4 FLOREA Alexandru	2007
5 VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1925
6 DENBOK Daniel	1802
7 CAI Tony	1683
8 MYERS Joshua	1550
9 SU Stanley	1518
10 CHAN Alex	1482

## GRADE 11

1 GUSEV Nikita	2270
2 MARINKOVIC Mate	2192
3 INIGO Aquino	2172
4 ITKIN David	2171
5 WU Kevin	2033
6 IVANOV Michael	2022
7 GLADSTONE Simon	1962
8 LI David	1799
9 LIU Dan	1707
10 CUNNINGHAM Ross	1656

## GRADE 12

1 SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2501
2 CALUGAR Arthur	2453
3 KLEINMAN Michael	2408
4 YUAN Yuanling	2339
5 XIONG Jerry	2300
6 WANG Jesse	2110
7 ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1942
8 PRYSIAZNY Michael	1910
9 WANG Jerry	1696
10 ZHOU Kevin	1683

## HONOUR ROLL

1 SAPOZHNIKOV Roman	2501
2 CALUGAR Arthur	2453
3 QIN Joey	2413
4 KLEINMAN Michael	2408
5 YUAN Yuanling	2339
6 XIONG Jerry	2300
7 GUSEV Nikita	2270
8 MARINKOVIC Mate	2192
9 PREOTU Razvan	2188
10 THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2174

# QUEBEC TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1 RINGSKOG Noa	585
2 ANGULO-VALENCIA Mateo	523
3 YAO Frederic	451
4 DUBREUIL David	429
5 DURAND-REANO Jasselyn	390
6 BOUDREAU Marie-Florence	385
7 LEMIEUX Alexia	382
8 QIAO Luna	378
9 DIMITROV Philippe	352
10 LAFORTUNE Finn	346

## GRADE 1

1 HUANG Qiuyu	951
2 KHANIN Nikita	943
3 KORDA Frantisek	805
4 YANG Patrick	699
5 MOCANU Alexander	698
6 XUE Yanran Elisa	676
7 GOGA Flavia-Maria	644
8 GENDRON Isaac	634
9 MA Anthony	568
10 KRUIJA Aron	565

## GRADE 2

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1176
2 LIU Robert	1048
3 ZHONG Wenxuan	893
4 TUNCBILEK Emir	860
5 TAO Eric	796
6 POULIN Guillaume	786
7 DEMERS Alexis	750
8 SAVCHENKO Elizabeth	748
9 XIE Dazhuo	743
10 COUTURE Etienne	728

## GRADE 3

1 LAI William	1437
2 TESSIER Leo	1145
3 LIU Julia	1134
4 TINICA Gabriel	1105
5 LUO Jia Yu	974
6 KORDA Radek	966
7 JIANG Lucas	922
8 GUAN Ziyu	896
9 CAUCHY-VAILLANCOURT Marek	865
10 BILODEAU-SAVARIA Carl-William	825

## GRADE 4

1 FAN Run Kun	1580
2 ZHANG Hou Han	1440
3 OUELLET Maili-Jade	1413
4 LUO Muhan	1358
5 YIP Mattew	1280
6 AIT-CHABANE Adam	1239
7 LU Daisy	1234
8 HUANG Teng Yi	1209
9 TURGEON Yoakim	1158
10 LU Jasmine	1138

## GRADE 5

1 SUN Benjamin	1556
2 ZHANG Evan	1536
3 SAINE Zachary	1505
4 HUANG Junhao	1426
5 YANG Eddie	1393
6 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	1339
7 YIP William	1330
8 ST-CYR Xavier	1281
9 SAHA Ananda	1277
10 YU Xin Yi	1223

## GRADE 6

1 WANG Kelly	1598
2 SHI Ling Yun	1451
3 LUO Alan	1374
4 GAO Christine	1326
5 SATIR Ege Nur	1297
6 LU Roselyn	1266
7 HE Haley	1254
8 HU Tian Ren	1244
9 BILODEAU-SAVARIA Cendrina	1237
10 VAILLANT Charles-Etienne	1223

## GRADE 7

1 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2258
2 YU Zong Yang	1969
3 ZHU HongRui	1923
4 CHANG Michael	1728
5 LIU Yu Qing	1449
6 EPURE Doru-Alexandru	1412
7 NIKULICH Andrey	1350
8 GAO Ying Chen	1311
9 LI George	1232
10 STEPHENNE Renaud	1223

## GRADE 8

1 YUN Chang	1816
2 MANAILOIU Dragos	1626
3 GU Sheng-Ming	1575
4 JOHNSON Nicholas	1556
5 BRICHO Mike	1442
6 JIANG Nathan	1381
7 NAZARIAN Ara	1342
8 PATEL Rohan	1326
9 SAMIKOV Chingis	1321
10 NANTEL Vincent	1294

## GRADE 9

1 LUO Zhao Yang	2104
2 LEPINE Cedric	1992
3 WU Qi You	1934
4 PAQUETTE Alexandre	1501
5 SHI Yang Tian Jiao	1400
6 LORANGER Erika	1392
7 XIANG Qun Tian	1373
8 VOLKOV Vladislav	1349
9 LIU Mu Dong	1322
10 SMIRNOV Arteme-Iouri	1264

## GRADE 10

1 GUO Forest	1765
2 NIKULICH Oleksandr	1608
3 YAO Houji	1583
4 NUNEZ-PAINCHAUD Raphael	1580
5 TAN Guang Tong	1534
6 YU Kexin	1495
7 WANG Yan	1452
8 XU Tian Run	1435
9 PLANTE Santiago	1410
10 DOUCET Jean-Pascal	1403

## GRADE 11

1 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2389
2 ROY Myriam	2086
3 CVETKOVIC Simeon	2041
4 COTE-LALUMIERE Tristan	1816
5 ALLARD Laurent	1778
6 SPRUMONT Oscar	1633
7 ROZYBAKIYEV Ilchin	1574
8 ISAEV Nikola	1529
9 MACISAAC Alexandre	1301
10 BILSKI Simon	1298

## GRADE 12

1 JIANG Louie	2413
2 TROTTIER Emile	1972
3 GELET Seymour	1940
4 SARRAZIN-GENDRON Roman	1788
5 KIEU Marc-Andre	1704
6 LIMA-BARBOSA Raphael	1626
7 LEUNG Chin	1611
8 BONI-ROWE Nicolas	1466
9 NANTEL Felix	1452
10 CHEN Bing Yu	1322

## HONOUR ROLL

1 JIANG Louie	2413
2 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2389
3 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2258
4 LUO Zhao Yang	2104
5 ROY Myriam	2086
6 CVETKOVIC Simeon	2041
7 LEPINE Cedric	1992
8 TROTTIER Emile	1972
9 YU Zong Yang	1969
10 GELET Seymour	1940

# ATLANTIC TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN \* / GRADE 1

1 RUSSELL Mark	604	NL
2 XAVIER-LEBLANC Alexandre	588	NB
3 BROWN Alexander *	556	NS
4 LOCKE Sebastian	522	NL
5 BEFEKADU Noah *	435	NB
6 LI Sarah-Grace	431	NL
7 BOON-PETERSEN Tobin	395	NL
8 OJO Tobin	388	PE
9 DAUPHINEE William	365	NB
10 HUBBARD Rachel	348	NS

## GRADE 2

1 CHEN Norman	901	NL
2 KUNDU Arnab	713	PE
3 LOCKE Heidi	685	NL
4 BOWN Callum	667	NS
5 WALSH Ian	664	NL
6 BATE Will	649	NS
7 HARRIS Jonathan	610	NL
8 VIGNEAU Paul	543	NB
9 PIERCEY Isaac	543	NL
10 KINGSTON Paul	542	PE

## GRADE 3

1 MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	995	PE
2 RUSSELL Brett	797	NL
3 LATOUR Simon	766	NB
4 NORMAN Jeremy	743	PE
5 QIU Nicholas	667	NL
6 LI Kevin	664	NS
7 SHABBIR Adnan	643	PE
8 KOSHI Benjamin	638	NS
9 DENNY Ethan	598	NL
10 LEBLANC Julien	590	NB

## GRADE 4

1 HUANG Xingbo	1173	NL
2 KERR Ian	980	PE
3 MANNHOLLAND Noah	839	PE
4 PEARSON Ethan	817	NB
5 BURDEN Matthew	771	NL
6 WOODWORTH Kyle	693	NS
7 HENDRICKSON Isaac	691	PE
8 JIANG Harvey	684	NL
9 MITTAL Ridhi	652	NL
10 KUNDU Arjun	647	PE

## GRADE 5

1 DORRANCE Lucas	1296	NS
2 BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1131	NL
3 NOLAN Justin	1003	NL
4 CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	981	PE
5 TUFTS Sei-Jin	969	NS
6 COADY Nicholas	949	NL
7 DOW Joshua	929	PE
8 PICKARD Ryan	898	NL
9 QUOC Tran	886	NS
10 LOCKE Miles	846	NL

## GRADE 6

1 SONG Sam	1242	NB
2 ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1226	NB
3 MCKEOWN Gary	1115	NL
4 RONAHAN-WOOD Jack	992	PE
5 HE Kate	981	NS
6 WALSH Andrew	925	NL
7 DELANEY Spenser	846	NL
8 WHITT Sheldon	830	NL
9 LATOUR Phillippe	815	NB
10 NORMAN Bradley	792	PE

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1 DORRANCE Lucas	1296	NS
2 SONG Sam	1242	NB
3 ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1226	NB
4 HUANG Xingbo	1173	NL
5 BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1131	NL
6 MCKEOWN Gary	1115	NL
7 NOLAN Justin	1003	NL
8 MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	995	PE
9 RONAHAN-WOOD Jack	992	PE
10 HE Kate	981	NS

## GRADE 7

1 ANDERSEN Paul	1217	NL
2 OLDFORD Noah	1143	NL
3 SNELGROVE Stephen	1140	NL
4 SCHRADER Nathaniel	1133	NB
5 ONG Ivanseth	1044	NS
6 GREGORY Liam	1035	NL
7 DAWSON Andrew	1021	NL
8 HICKMAN Thomas	990	NL
9 KIEFTE Andrew	968	NS
10 MAKAROV Joshua	950	NB

## GRADE 8

1 DORRANCE Adam	1817	NS
2 FENG Xinyu	1359	NB
3 STEELE Deivan	1014	NS
4 BUTLER Kevin	998	NL
5 WILKS Darius	973	NS
6 MCKEOWN Brody	947	NL
7 TWEEL James	944	PE
8 BURGGRAFF Matthew	939	NL
9 CHAULK Arrick	937	NL
10 LUDOVICE Diego	924	NS

## GRADE 9

1 QIU Christopher	1429	NL
2 PETERS Jeremy	1429	NS
3 ZHANG MaoMao	1334	NL
4 ROBICHAUD Nicolas	1318	NB
5 CROWELL Iain	1204	PE
6 WANG Jeffrey	1202	NS
7 HINK Ian	1089	PE
8 DAWSON Laura Jane	1065	NL
9 SCOTT Nicholas	1013	PE
10 CHURCHILL Shea	1011	NL

## GRADE 10

1 BENDZSA Matthew	1516	NL
2 GALLANT Dennis	1283	NS
3 TSAI Steven	1217	NS
4 HUNT Nicholas	1166	NL
5 RAMOS Alexander	1096	NL
6 BANGLA Venu	1083	PE
7 NOH Jaehoon	1077	NS
8 CARSON Cody	1052	NB
9 BARADARAN NOVEIRI Pouya	1022	NS
10 CASTONGUAY-PAGE Yannick	1014	NB

## GRADE 11

1 DROVER Justin	1543	NL
2 RAINNIE Aaron	1350	PE
3 LU Fred	1190	NS
4 STACKHOUSE Jordan	1138	NB
5 MATHEWS Tim	1122	NL
6 LAPLACE Logan	1113	NB
7 LIANG Andy	1050	NS
8 MEISNER Dana	1047	NS
9 ELMS Andrew	965	NL
10 LIU Jim	957	PE

## GRADE 12

1 KEITH-JACQUES Liam	1841	NB
2 DAWSON Michael	1548	NL
3 GREGORY Calvin	1328	NL
4 BENNETT Lee	1303	NS
5 HERBINGER Florent	1301	NS
6 PATRICK Richard	1175	NS
7 PEARCE Kyle	1132	NL
8 NADEAU Alex	1115	NB
9 MCDAVID Steven	1013	NB
10 PERRY Alexander	994	PE

## HONOUR ROLL

1 KEITH-JACQUES Liam	1841	NB
2 DORRANCE Adam	1817	NS
3 DAWSON Michael	1548	NL
4 DROVER Justin	1543	NL
5 BENDZSA Matthew	1516	NL
6 QIU Christopher	1429	NL
7 PETERS Jeremy	1429	NS
8 FENG Xinyu	1359	NB
9 RAINNIE Aaron	1350	PE
10 ZHANG MaoMao	1334	NL

# WESTERN TOP TEN

## GRADE 1

1 SUPERCEANU Andi	864	AB
2 ZHU Harmony	674	BC
3 JAMES Rowan	667	BC
4 HUANG Patrick	660	BC
5 AMROM Itay	640	MB
6 DOKNJAS Neil	636	BC
7 LAU Julian	602	AB
8 BRADFORD William	570	AB
9 MEHTA Kaetan	553	AB
10 SCHWARTZ Elisheva	503	MB

## GRADE 2

1 ZHAO Ian	1182	AB
2 KIM Daniel	1104	AB
3 SASATA Alexander	904	SK
4 ZHANG Daniel	850	AB
5 HUSTON-EARLE Joshua	821	MB
6 KOVAC Adrian	784	AB
7 LI Eric	762	AB
8 KASSAM Nabil	738	AB
9 APOSTOLU Alex	727	AB
10 MA Jeffery	647	AB

## GRADE 3

1 WANG Kaixin	1670	AB
2 LIN Kaining	1585	AB
3 GROSSMANN Lenard	1418	AB
4 CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1383	AB
5 PULFER Luke	1234	BC
6 LI Ying	1099	AB
7 LORTIE Isaac	1084	SK
8 WEI Daniel	1041	SK
9 AMROM Ron	930	MB
10 DAYE Peter	915	AB

## GRADE 4

1 YAO David	1646	AB
2 DOKNJAS Joshua	1413	BC
3 TRAN Colin	1345	AB
4 TOLENTINO Patrick	1288	AB
5 WOLCHOCK Theo	1222	MB
6 SU Michael	1215	BC
7 LORTIE Benjamin	1201	SK
8 BAL Nrithya	1176	AB
9 MA Derek	1143	MB
10 ROBERTSON Sean	1116	AB

## GRADE 5

1 MCCULLOUGH Ian	1644	AB
2 MAWANI Adam	1492	AB
3 STEVANOVIC Boris	1368	AB
4 STANISLUS Kevin	1337	AB
5 TOLENTINO Andre	1266	AB
6 KUYE Tosin	1250	AB
7 XU Jing Zhi	1234	BC
8 BHANDARI Yashasvi	1204	AB
9 LIN Ethan	1138	MB
10 VAGANOV John	1096	AB

## GRADE 6

1 CAO Jason	1866	BC
2 KASSAM Jamil	1832	AB
3 NIE Mark	1824	AB
4 KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
5 ZITA Matthew	1621	AB
6 LEE Jonah	1552	BC
7 LIN Rayden	1506	AB
8 WANG Poplar	1503	AB
9 MULIAWAN Lukas	1498	AB
10 NGUYEN Vinh	1448	AB

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1 CAO Jason	1866	BC
2 KASSAM Jamil	1832	AB
3 NIE Mark	1824	AB
4 KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
5 WANG Kaixin	1670	AB
6 YAO David	1646	AB
7 MCCULLOUGH Ian	1644	AB
8 ZITA Matthew	1621	AB
9 LIN Kaining	1585	AB
10 LEE Jonah	1552	BC

## GRADE 7

1 KONG Dezhong	2048	BC
2 HOFFNER Noah	1873	AB
3 DOKNJAS John	1852	BC
4 HUANG Zhonglin	1731	AB
5 STANISLUS Allan	1707	AB
6 SHI Diwen	1698	AB
7 WEI William	1682	AB
8 AWATRAMANI Janak	1662	BC
9 HESSE Austin	1593	AB
10 DI BLASI Luciano	1572	AB

## GRADE 8

1 MCCULLOUGH David	1931	AB
2 DESPRES Sebastien	1629	AB
3 SITU Dennis	1620	AB
4 YANG Tony	1600	AB
5 PAVLIC Stephen	1573	AB
6 HUI Jeremy	1564	BC
7 SWIFT Ryne	1561	MB
8 CHAN Dante	1464	AB
9 ZHAO Chenxi	1382	AB
10 HERDIN Mathew	1347	BC

## GRADE 9

1 WANG Richard	2337	AB
2 LO Ryan	1840	BC
3 WANG YueKai	1800	AB
4 LAI Jingzhou	1763	BC
5 LUDWIG Michael	1758	AB
6 BANSAL Prabjeet	1667	AB
7 SONG Henry	1645	AB
8 SHI MingHang	1643	AB
9 BARON Desmond	1632	AB
10 ZITA Aren	1626	AB

## GRADE 10

1 SOHAL Tanraj	2209	BC
2 LI Chang He	1854	BC
3 KALAYDINA Regina	1751	AB
4 SINGH Krishneel	1687	AB
5 WASSERMAN Leor	1547	MB
6 VIRJI Naveed	1534	AB
7 XIAO Alice	1486	BC
8 REYNOLDSON Nigel	1361	SK
9 TING Aaron	1353	AB
10 LI Stanley	1236	AB

## GRADE 11

1 ZHANG David	2285	AB
2 THOMAS Derek	2074	AB
3 LECLERC Etienne	1927	AB
4 CHENG Jack	1884	BC
5 BOTEZ Alexandra	1856	BC
6 HAN Yiming	1652	BC
7 KIRSCH Zachary	1571	AB
8 SANTOS Christopher	1556	MB
9 HAN Yifei	1446	BC
10 LI Devon	1322	MB

## GRADE 12

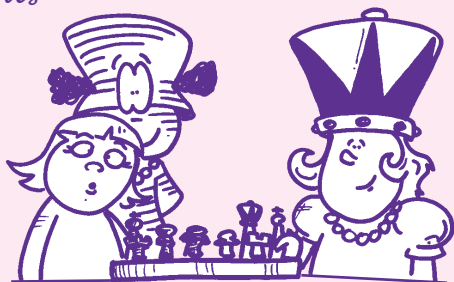
1 KAMINSKI Thomas	2164	AB
2 MILLER David	1900	AB
3 GREEN Aaron	1883	MB
4 LAZO Jan	1796	AB
5 WU Allan	1682	AB
6 DE GUZMAN Jeff	1667	AB
7 WANG Harris	1568	AB
8 LACY Sean	1535	AB
9 TIMM Joshua	1456	SK
10 WIEBE Isaac	1400	MB

## HONOUR ROLL

1 WANG Richard	2337	AB
2 ZHANG David	2285	AB
3 SOHAL Tanraj	2209	BC
4 KAMINSKI Thomas	2164	AB
5 THOMAS Derek	2074	AB
6 KONG Dezhong	2048	BC
7 MCCULLOUGH David	1931	AB
8 LECLERC Etienne	1927	AB
9 MILLER David	1900	AB
10 CHENG Jack	1884	BC

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# TOP GIRLS CANADA



## GRADE 1

1	GUO Haotong	807	ON
2	XUE Yanran Elisa	676	QC
3	ZHU Harmony	674	BC
4	GOGA Flavia-Maria	644	QC
5	MARTIN-CHASE Rose	542	ON

## GRADE 2

1	MALE PATHIRANAGE Thisandi	925	ON
2	CHERTKOW Sasha	876	ON
3	SAVCHENKO Elizabeth	748	QC
4	RODRIGUES Julia	727	ON
5	LOCKE Heidi	685	NL

## GRADE 3

1	HENRY Nadia	1403	ON
2	ZHANG Taylor	1390	ON
3	LIU Julia	1134	QC
4	PERRONE Anna	1066	ON
5	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	995	PE

## GRADE 4

1	PARAPARAN Varshini	1579	ON
2	KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1515	ON
3	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1413	QC
4	BIRAROV Nicole	1317	ON
5	LU Daisy	1234	QC

## GRADE 5

1	WANG Constance	1494	ON
2	LIU Jiaxin	1414	ON
3	ZHU Jiarong	1294	ON
4	YU Xin Yi	1223	QC
5	MILICEVIC Ljudmila	1163	ON

## GRADE 6

1	WANG Kelly	1598	QC
2	THANABALACHANDRAN Luxiga	1526	ON
3	SHI Ling Yun	1451	QC
4	GAO Christine	1326	QC
5	ZHOU Qiyu	1280	ON

## PRINCESS PARADE

1	WANG Kelly	1598	QC
2	PARAPARAN Varshini	1579	ON
3	THANABALACHANDRAN Luxiga	1526	ON
4	KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1515	ON
5	WANG Constance	1494	ON
6	SHI Ling Yun	1451	QC
7	LIU Jiaxin	1414	ON
8	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1413	QC
9	HENRY Nadia	1403	ON
10	ZHANG Taylor	1390	ON

## GRADE 7

1	GIBLON Melissa	1453	ON
2	MILICEVIC Aleksandra	1327	ON
3	CHENG Megan	1324	ON
4	POBERESHNIKOVA Agniya	1261	ON
5	GODWIN Michelle	1228	ON

## GRADE 8

1	PENG Jackie	2020	ON
2	YUN Chang	1816	QC
3	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1306	ON
4	RAVICHANDRAN Jarsheni	1236	ON
5	ROSCA Maria Alexandra	1200	QC

## GRADE 9

1	LORANGER Erika	1392	QC
2	GIBLON Rebecca	1321	ON
3	HOU Qian Qian	1211	QC
4	NAZARETH Linda	1134	ON
5	DAWSON Laura Jane	1065	NL

## GRADE 10

1	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1925	ON
2	KALAYDINA Regina	1751	AB
3	YU Kexin	1495	QC
4	XIAO Alice	1486	BC
5	WANG Yan	1452	QC

## GRADE 11

1	ROY Myriam	2086	QC
2	BOTEZ Alexandra	1856	BC
3	VIGNARAJAH Muralie	1345	ON
4	TRAN Tracey	1078	AB
5	LEE Cynthia	1078	AB

## GRADE 12

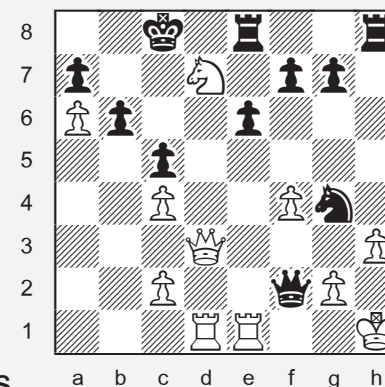
1	YUAN Yuanling	2339	ON
2	ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1942	ON
3	LEE Melissa	1346	ON
4	UTEPOVA Alika	1317	QC
5	CRITES Valerie	1245	ON

## CANADIAN QUEENS

1	YUAN Yuanling	2339	ON
2	ROY Myriam	2086	QC
3	PENG Jackie	2020	ON
4	ORLOVA Yelizaveta	1942	ON
5	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1925	ON
6	BOTEZ Alexandra	1856	BC
7	YUN Chang	1816	QC
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9	WANG Kelly	1598	QC
10	PARAPARAN Varshini	1579	ON

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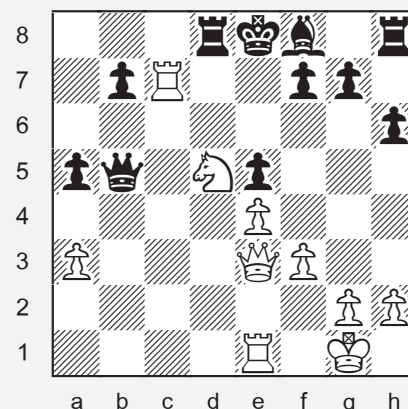
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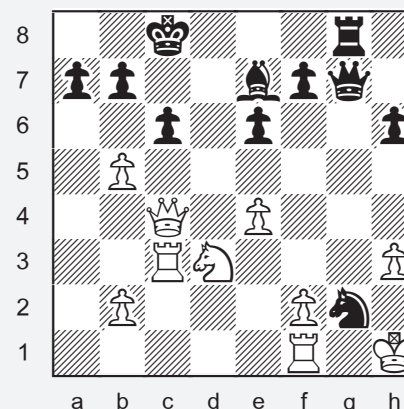
To "clear a square" means to move a piece off a square so that another piece can go there. In a clearance combination, the piece that moves away sacrifices itself.

♖ White to play mates in 3 with a knight sack that clears the d7 square for the queen. 1.Nxb6+! axb6 2.Qd7+ Kb8 3.Qb7# (1...Kc7 2.Qd6#)

♜ Black to move sets up a winning knight fork by 1...Qxe1+!, clearing f2. 2.Rxe1 Nf2+ 3.Kg1 Nxd3



♖ WHITE TO MOVE  
Win Material



♜ BLACK TO MOVE  
Win Material

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# MATE IN 1

WHITE CHECKMATES BLACK  
IN ONE MOVE.

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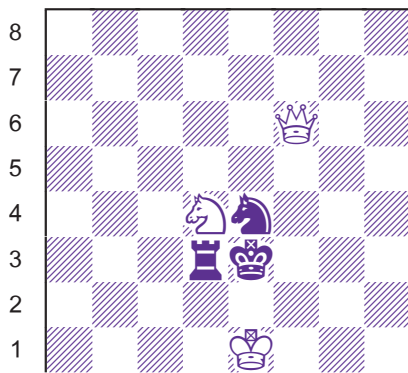
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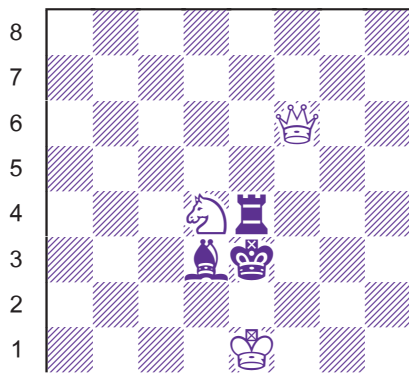


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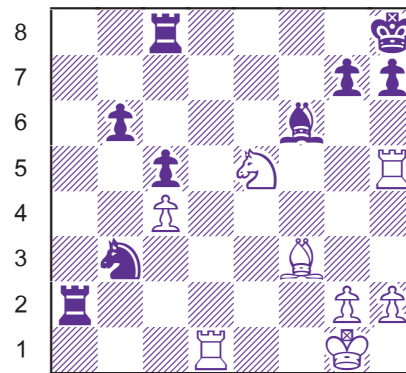
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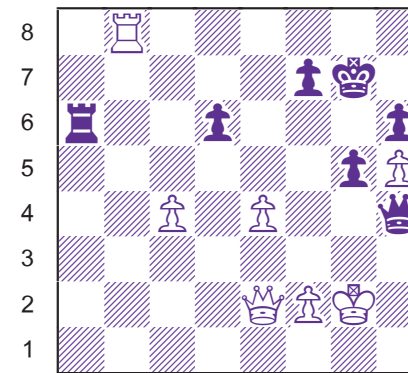
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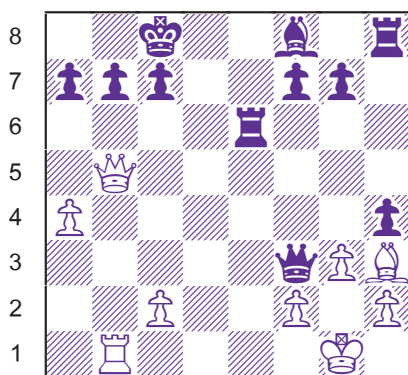
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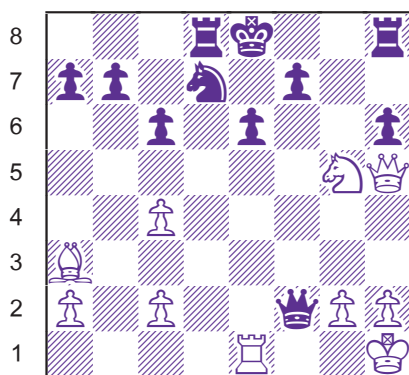
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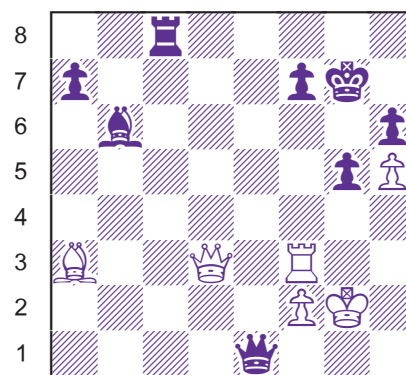
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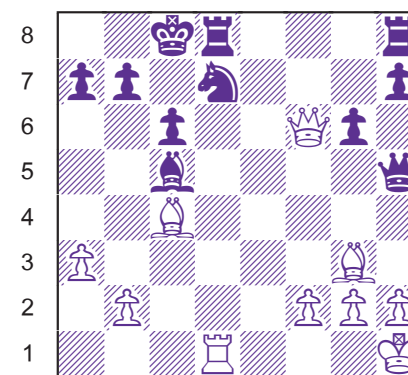
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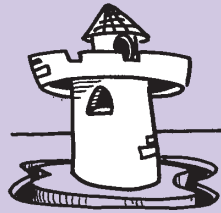


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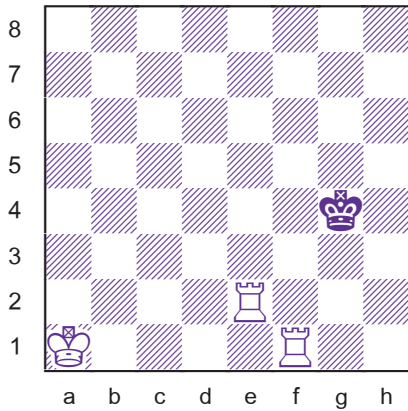
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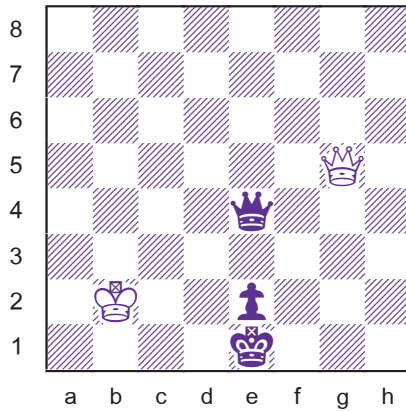
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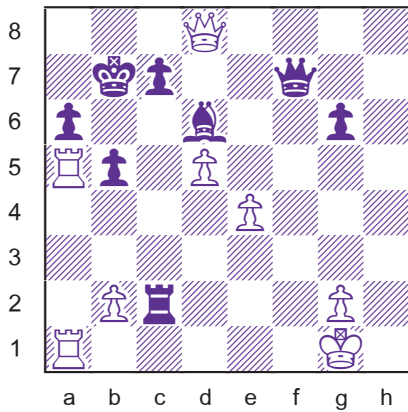
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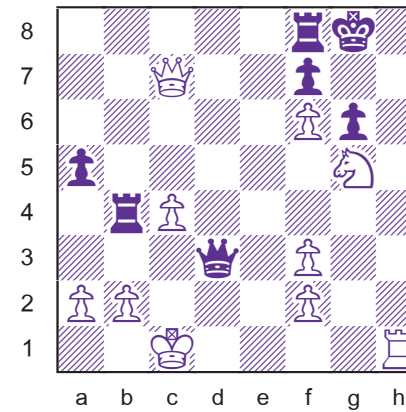
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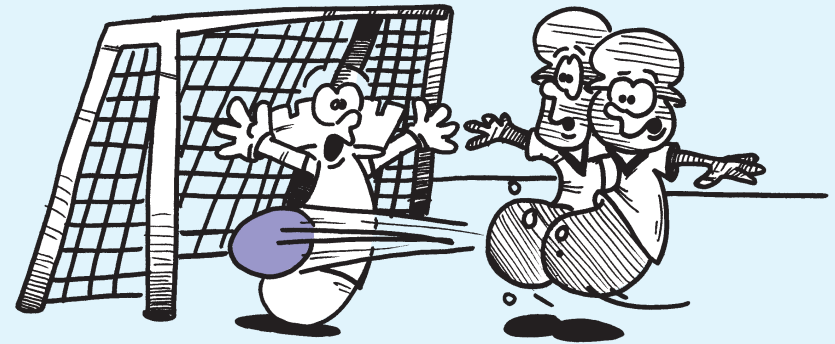
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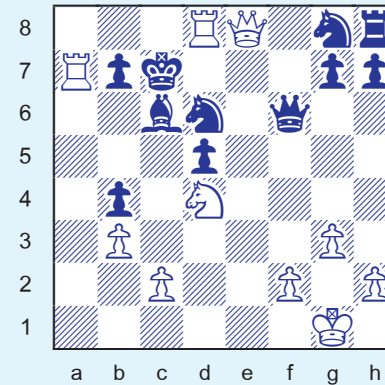
# LILY'S PUZZLER

HI BOYS AND GIRLS!

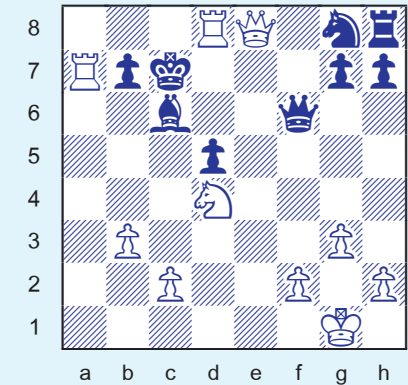
In a double whammy, White makes two moves in a row to checkmate the black king. The first move may not be a check. Either move may be a capture. Black does not get a turn. Wham, bam!



A



B



**DOUBLE WHAMMIES**

**WHITE PLAYS TWO MOVES IN A ROW TO MATE BLACK.**  
The first move may not be check.

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## CANADIAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

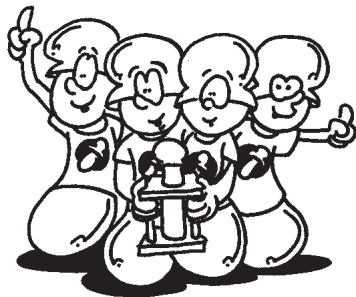
The 2012 Canadian Junior Championship was held in Calgary, Alberta on January 5-8. There were twelve players in the 7 round event, which qualifies the winner to the *World Junior* (under 20) in Greece later this year.

The new champion is David Zhang of Calgary. The 11th grader went undefeated in the tournament, drawing just one game.

Richard Wang (Edmonton) placed second with 6 points, followed by Shiyam Thavandiran (Toronto) at 5½ in third. Kevin Li (Winnipeg) and Keith MacKinnon (North Battleford SK) each scored 4 points and tied for fourth place.

The *Girls Under 20 Championship* took place at the same time, but only attracted 6 players. Top ranked Nicka Kalaydina from Calgary was the victor. The runners-up were Jill Ding (Victoria) and Melissa Lee (Windsor).

Congratulations to the Calgary Junior Chess Club on a very well organized event.



DAVID ZHANG

### CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONS SINCE 2000

2000	Pascal Charbonneau	QC
2001	Yaaqov Vaingorten	ON
2002	Stephen Glinert	ON
2003	Hao Yuan Wang	ON
2004	Zhe Quan	ON
2005	Shiyam Thavandiran	ON
2006	Bindi Cheng	BC
2007	Leonid Gerzhoy	ON
2008	Artiom Samsonkin	ON
2009	Raja Panjwani	ON
2010	Shiyam Thavandiran	ON
2011	Roman Sapozhnikov	ON
2012	David Zhang	AB

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

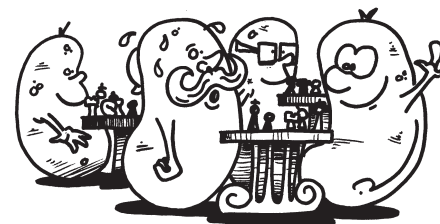
Mark Bluvshstein (Toronto) has been named the 2011 *Canadian Chess Player of the Year*. It is the fourth time he has won the award, which is decided by a vote of chess journalists.

The 23 year old grandmaster had several excellent results at international tournaments in 2011, and he also represented Canada last summer at the *World Cup* in Russia.

Canadian champion GM Bator Sambuev (Montreal) received the second most votes, and Michael Song (Toronto), bronze medalist at the *World Youth Championship*, was third.

Unfortunately, this may be the last time we have any chess news about Mark Bluvshstein. In October, he said, "It's time for me to leave chess and pursue other goals."

Good luck, Mark, with whatever you do. We hope to see you back at the board someday.



## QUEBEC JUNIOR

The 2012 *Quebec Junior Chess Championship*, sponsored by PepsiCo, was played February 10-12 in Montreal at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf.

There were 18 players in the 5 round tournament which had a prize fund of \$2500.

For the second year in a row, the champion is grandmaster Anton Kovalyov, followed by Louie Jiang in second place.

Five players tied for third: Nikita Kraiouchkine, Chang Yun, Oscar Sprumont, HongRui Zhu, and Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratté.

Eddie Yang won the reserve section, which had 29 players.

## CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

The 2012 *Canadian University Team Championship* was held on January 14-15 at Western University in London, Ontario. Nineteen teams took part.

First place went to the host school. The Western team was a real powerhouse, with three players rated over 2400: Raja Panjwani, Shiyam Thavandiran, and Aman Hambleton.

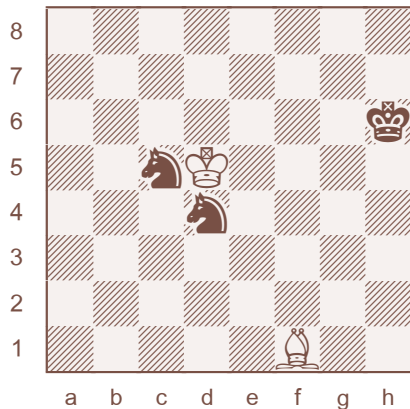
University of Toronto came second, and McGill University (Montreal) was third.



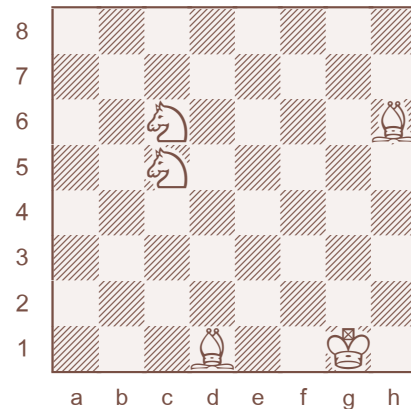
## WELCOME TO MY CONTEST !

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 is the white **bishop**. The object is to capture the black king without taking any pieces or moving where the bishop can be taken. Draw a line to show the path of the bishop. This is a **Maze in 7**. That means you should get the king in seven moves or less.



The **TRIPLE LOYD** was invented by Sam Loyd, a famous chess composer. They are called triple 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 43



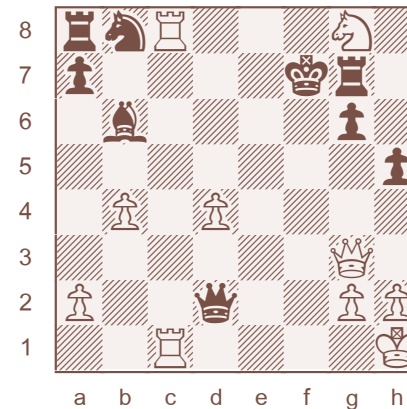
We received 1 correct solution to December's contest.

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|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Mate in 1 | 1.Qf6#                               |
| 2 | Mate in 2 | 1.Qxf8+ Kxf8 2.Rd8# (1...Kh7 2.Qg7#) |
| 3 | Maze      | Qd1-a1-g7-g1-a7-a6-b5-b4xh4          |
| 4 | Loyd      | A.Kd5 B.Kh1 C.Kf4 (Rf3#)             |

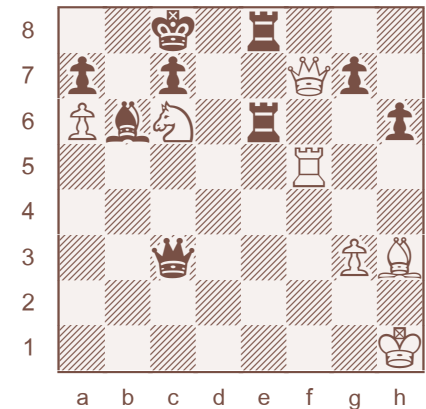
The winner of the drawing for a Kiril T-shirt is :  
**Andrei Vlad Lefter** of Toronto

# KIRIL'S KONTEST

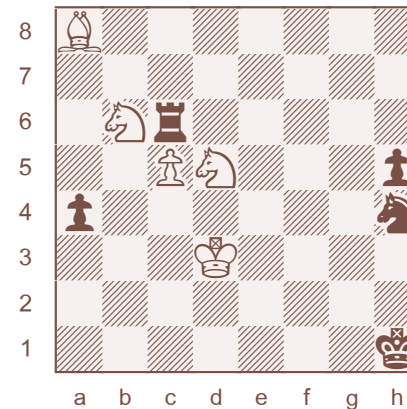
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**MATE IN 1**

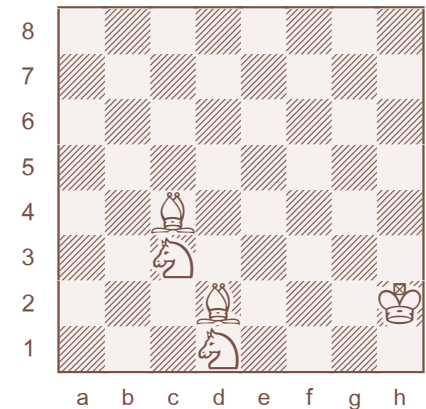


**MATE IN 2**



**CHESMAZE IN 17**

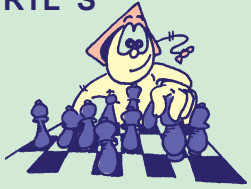
Only the white **BISHOP** moves. Capture the black king without taking any pieces or moving where the bishop can be taken.



**TRIPLE LOYD**

PLACE THE BLACK KING IN :

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



# KIRIL'S FIRST CLASS

One Saturday morning long ago, Kiril the Pawn was sitting at home on the couch watching cartoons. It was just about his favourite thing to do. Except for playing chess, of course!

When the phone rang, he tried to ignore it. But after a few rings, his mother shouted, "Kiril, can you get that, please?"

As you probably know, it's not so easy to ignore a mom!

It was Grandmaster Potatowski. He's the guy who taught Kiril how to play chess. "Hello, Kiril!"

"Oh, hi Spud! (That's what the potato's friends called him.) How are you doing?"

"Well, not so great, Kiril. I have an awful headache."

"Gee, that's too bad. I hope it gets better. I guess you don't want a game of chess, do you?"

"Not today, pal. I really feel like a vegetable. I was just calling to see if you could do a favour for me."

"Sure, Spud. I'm busy right now, but I'll have time later. What is it?"

"Well, I need somebody to teach my chess class this afternoon."

"Gee, Spud. I never gave a chess lesson before."

"Don't worry, it's simple. There are only six little pawns in the class."



Somehow the potato convinced him to do it. So after lunch, Kiril went down to the library on Maple Street, and got ready to teach his first class.

He was setting up a position on the demonstration board when the pawns arrived.

Kiril felt a bit nervous as he introduced himself to the class. "Hello, everybody. My name is Kiril. I'll be filling in for the grandmaster today. He couldn't make it."

One of the pawns (Merv) shouted, "He must be sick in the head again! He wasn't here last week either."

That made the others laugh, and the next thing you know, they were all running around the room singing some funny potato song.

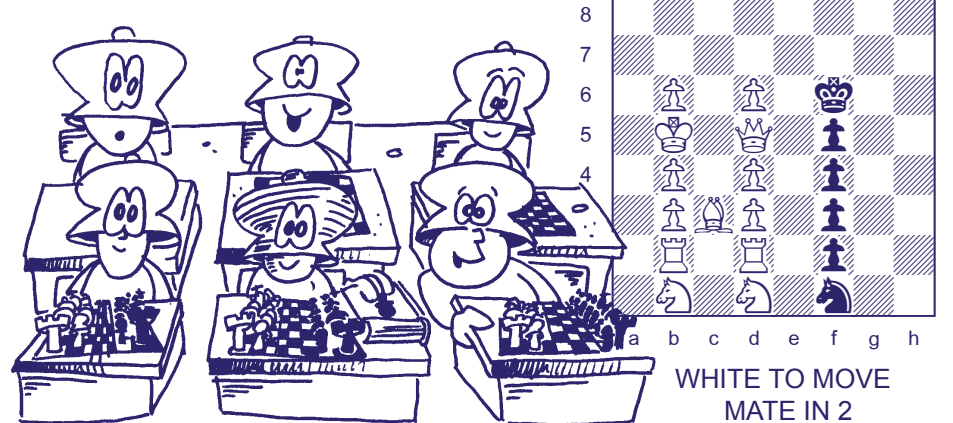
Kiril tried to take attendance but the situation was out of control. Now he knew why Spud had a headache!

Poor Kiril wasn't sure what else to do, so he finished putting the pieces on the board. That was a smart idea.

A student came over and said, "Hiya, Kiril. My name is Minnie. I'm Frizoon's sister. Is this puzzle for us?"

"Yea, it's for our lesson. I have a prize for whoever solves it."

It was like a miracle. As soon as the pawns heard that, they all ran back to their seats and sat down quietly. Merv was the first to say something. "C'mon, Kiril, teach us some chess!"





Everything went well after that. Norman figured out the mate in 2 puzzle, with a few hints from Kiril. The solution is 1.Qg8! and then checkmate by 2.d5#. Did you notice that the pieces spell the word 'hi'?

Norman's prize was an autographed copy of Spud's new book, called *Play Like A Potato*. (It may become a classic someday, if anyone ever reads it!?)

Kiril's topic for the lesson was discovered check. He showed them several cool positions, including one that ended with a pawn promotion. That was their favourite! Maybe you'll like it too. It's white to move, **mate in 2**.

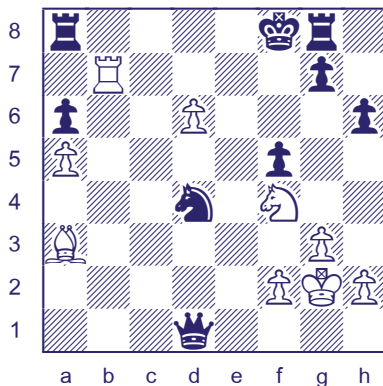
After the final example, Kiril asked, "Does anyone have any questions?"

Merv raised his hand up high.

"Yes, Merv. What is it?"

"Kiril, how come you wear that silly hat all the time?"

Everybody laughed and Kiril's face started turning red. In all the years he wore a scholar's cap, he never imagined that it might look silly.

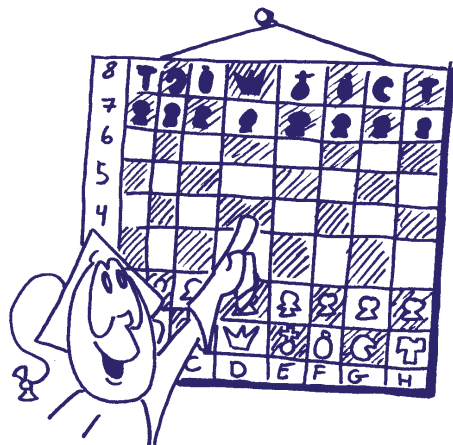


#D=8=Q Lf7 2.d8=Q 1

Kiril paused for a few moments and then adjusted his cap. "Gee, Merv, that's an interesting question. Let me tell you the story about how I got this hat."

So Kiril showed the class the first game of chess he ever won: 1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nc6? 4.Qxf7#.

Can you believe it? They had never seen a *scholar's mate* before!



Kiril's opponent (who will remain nameless) was so impressed by Kiril's play, he gave his scholar's cap to him after the game. The silly pawn has been wearing it ever since!

He was a teacher now, so Kiril explained that scholar's mate was a beginner's trap and that good players never tried it. "You know that bringing your queen out early like this is a bad idea, right?"

They all nodded their heads to agree.

Kiril looked at the clock and smiled. (He thought the lesson was going pretty well!) "Okay, kids, it's practice time now. Everyone find a partner. Let's play chess!"

Merv shouted, "Kiril, can I have a game with you?"

"Sure thing, Merv, that will be fun!"



1. e4 e5

2. Qh5?!

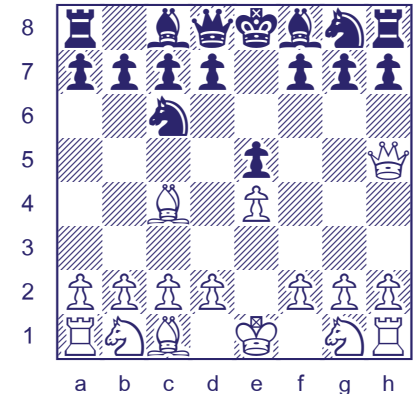
Merv has nerve! He goes for scholar's mate against the teacher!

2. ... Nc6

Kiril chooses the trusty *Potatowoski Defence*. No way is he going to fall for 2...Nf6? 3.Qxe5+!

3. Bc4

The bishop takes aim at the weak pawn on f7. It is only protected by the king.

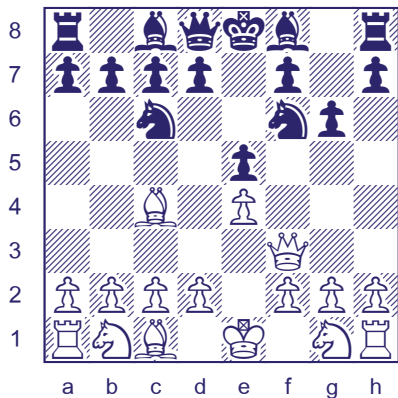


3. ... g6!

A monkey's uncle once tried 3...Nf6 against Kiril. Our hero played 4.Qxf7#!

4. Qf3 Nf6

The white queen is still attacking f7, so any move like 4...Bg7? would allow checkmate. (5.Qxf7#)

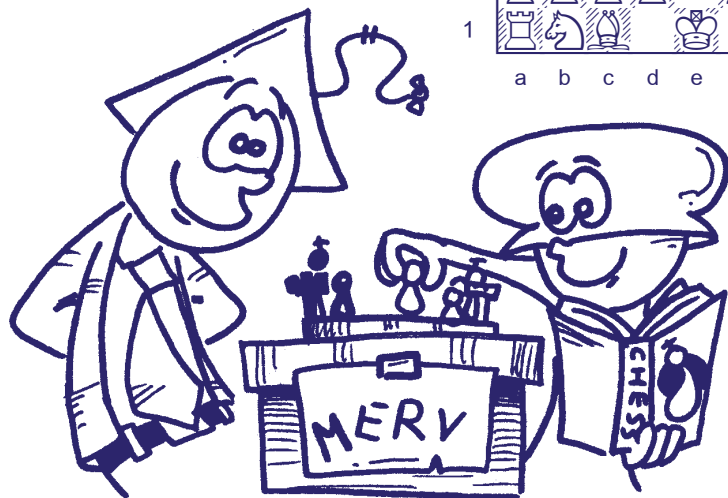


If white tries to drive the knight from f6 with 5.g4? (and 6.g5), black can get the advantage by 5...Nd4! 6.Qd3 d5! 7.exd5 Bxg4.

At this point, white's best line is 5.Ne2! d6 6.h3 Bg7 and the position is equal.

### 5. Qb3?!

Little Merv has his mind set on taking the f-pawn.



### 5. ... Nd4!

Forking the bishop and queen with 5...Nd4! would lose a pawn after 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Qa3+! Kxf7 8.Qxa5 (8...Nxe4? 9.Qd5+!)

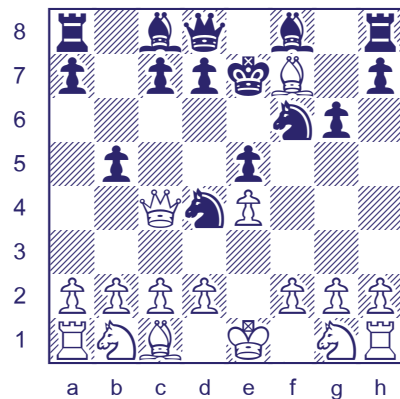
Kiril knows a better plan.

### 6. Bxf7+

Merv was one big smile when he said "Check!" He thought he had Kiril beat.

### 6. ... Ke7

### 7. Qc4 b5!



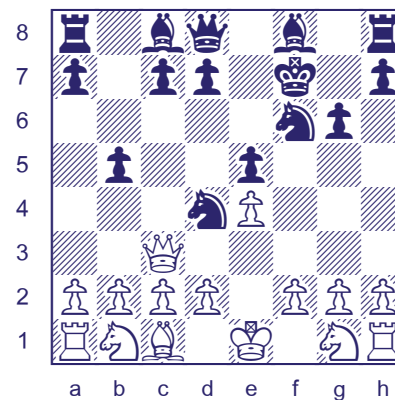
This is a page right out of Spud's book. Now white's queen has to give up her protection of the bishop.

### 8. Qc5+ Kxf7

Kiril captures the bishop and uncovers an attack on the queen from f8.

### 9. Qc3

Merv was about to play 9.Qxe5? when he noticed 9...Nxc2+! 10.Kd1 Nxa1.

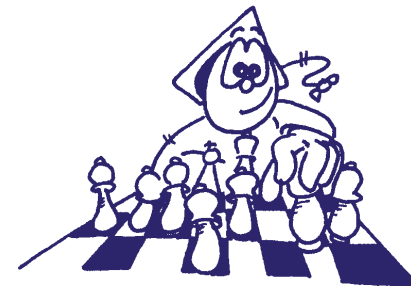


Minnie sat down beside them to watch the game. She said, "Hey, Kiril, can I play you next?"

"Yea, sure, Minnie."

"Great, I'm going to try scholar's mate on you. It's the best opening ever!"

(Did somebody say that teaching was simple?!)



### 9. ... Bb4!?

Sneaky Kiril sets a trap.

### 10. Qd3

"No thanks, buddy. You can't trick me!" (10.Qxb4 Nxc2+ 11.Kf1 Nxb4)

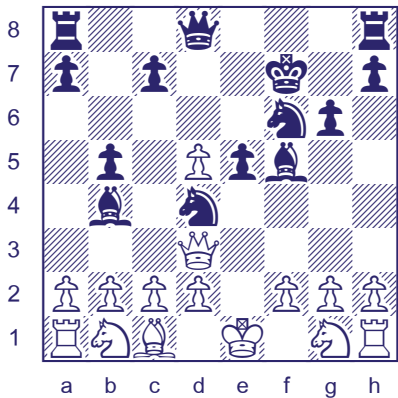


### 10. ... d5!

Black opens a diagonal for the bishop at c8 and threatens to take on e4.

### 11. exd5 Bf5

Kiril's minor pieces are chasing the white queen all over the place.

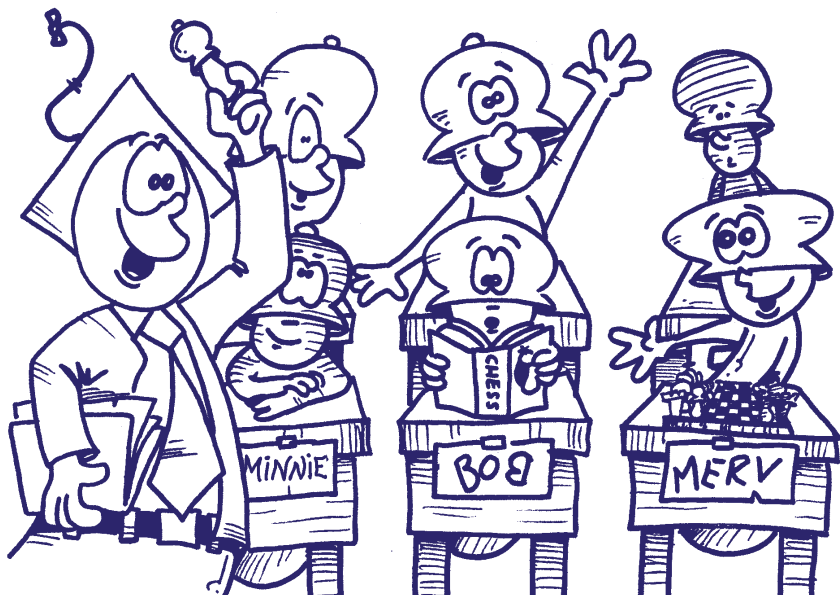


12. Qg3 Nxc2+

13. Kd1 Ne4

Kiril saw 13...Nxa1, but he wanted to teach Merv a lesson, so he attacked the queen again.

He used to lose lots of games himself by getting his queen out too soon.

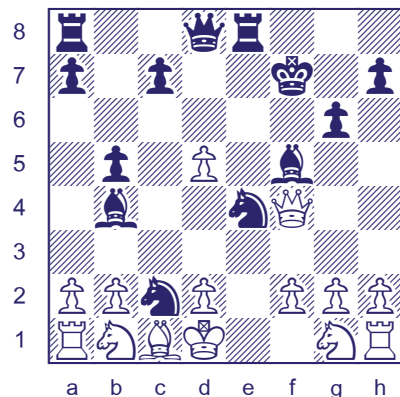


14. Qxe5 Re8

The chase continues! It was also possible to win white's queen by 14...Bd6 or 14...Nxf2+ 15.Ke2 Re8.

15. Qf4

The only safe square for the queen (as she moves for the 10th time).



BLACK TO MATE IN 4

Kiril was all set to take the rook on a1, when his brain light flashed!

He imagined a mate on e1 with his rook. *Wow!*

15. ... Nc3+!

Planning 16.Nxc3 Re1#

16. dxc3 Re1+

16...Qxd5+ works too.

17. Kd2 Qxd5+

18. Qd4 Qxd4#

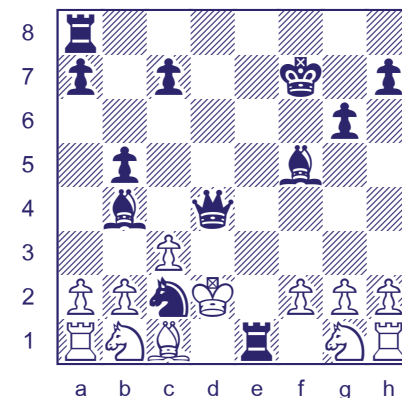
"You're a genius, Kiril! How did you get so good?"

"Thanks, Merv. I'm not really so smart though. I just try to learn from my mistakes."

"You mean like bringing your queen out early?"

"You got it, Merv!"

"Hey, Kiril, are you going to be here next week?"





**HEY, FRIENDS!**  
**I'VE GOT E-MAIL.**

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or enter my contest at:

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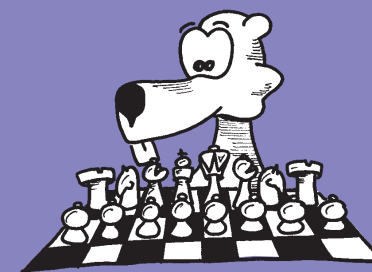
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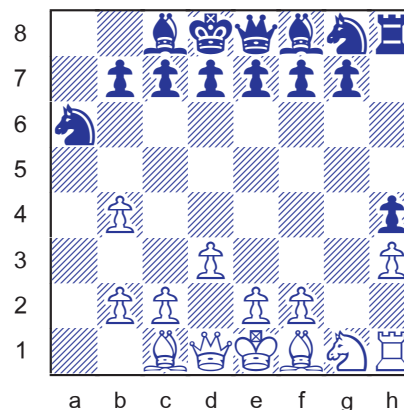
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# WHO'S THE GOOF?

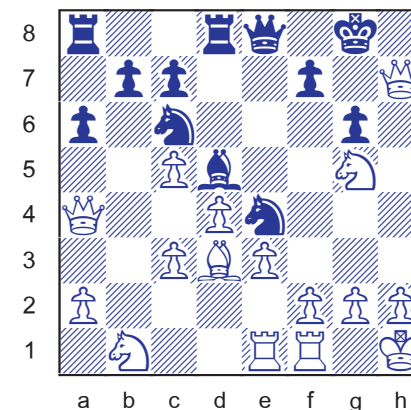


Hey there, goofologists! Somebody messed up here. In each of the diagrams below, there is something wrong. The positions are illegal. Can you find the goof? solutions page 43

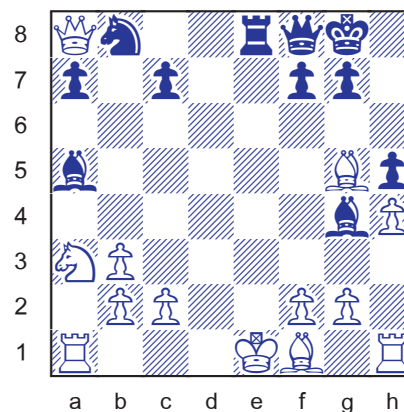
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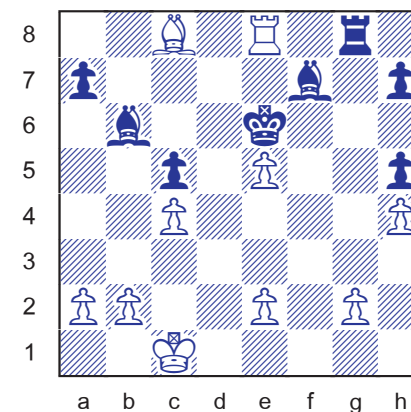
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# TOURNAMENTS FOR KIDS

## TORONTO

Chess'n Math 416 488-5506

Senator O'Connor Sec. School  
60 Rowena Dr. North York

registration 11:30 - 12:00 noon  
**February 26** Sunday

### **ONTARIO TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Marshall McLuhan SS

**March 31** grades K-3, K-9, K-12

**April 1** grades K-6

4 Players From Same School  
information: Chess'n Math

### **ONTARIO**

**Chess Challenge Qualifier**

Marshall McLuhan SS

**March 18**

## KITCHENER

Patrick McDonald 519 648-3253  
patrick@psmcd.net

Kitchener City Hall  
200 King St. W.

registration 12:30 - 1:00 pm

**March 11** Sunday

**April 15** Sunday

## THORNHILL

Yuri Lebedev 905 370-2299

Knights Of Chess  
5635 Yonge St. Suite 201

registration 3:30 - 3:55 pm  
**every Sunday**

**ALL EVENTS ARE SCHOLASTIC RATED.**

## TORONTO

Corinna Wan

annmail2008-oriole@yahoo.ca

Oriole Community Centre  
2975 Don Mills Rd. W.

registration 12:45 - 1:00 pm  
**every Sunday**

## TORONTO

N. Khoudgarian 416 879-7300

Swansea Town Hall Comm. Centre  
95 Lavinia Ave. 2nd floor

registration 12:45 - 1:00 pm  
**every Saturday**

## WINDSOR

John Coleman 519 974-9147

Riverside Library  
6305 Wyandotte East

registration 12:30 - 1:00 pm

**March 17** Saturday

**March 31** Saturday

## GUELPH

Hal Bond 519 822-2162

## CORNWALL

Raymond Lacroix 613 938-6364

Cornwall Public Library  
registration 12:00 - 12:30 pm

**March 3** Saturday

## BARRIE

Mary McCooney 705 323-3430

## OWEN SOUND

Larry Romanowich 519 389-4046

## OTTAWA

Brad Thomson 613 565-3662

RA Centre Outaouais Room  
2451 Riverside Drive

registration 12:00 - 1:00 pm

**February 19** CCC qualifier Sunday

**March 25** Sunday

## WINNIPEG

Peter Henson 204 256-6150

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

registration 12:15 - 12:45 pm

**February 26** Sunday

**April 15** Sunday

## CALGARY

Paul Gagne 403 771-2923

## EDMONTON

Bruce Thomas 780 474-2318

## ST. JOHN'S

Chris Dawson 709 747-5217

Mary Queen Of Peace School  
137 Torbay Rd.

**School Team Championship**  
**April 28** Saturday

## HALIFAX

Blaine Gallant 902 488-7507

Mount Saint Vincent University  
166 Bedford Hwy Rosaria Centre

registration 11:30 - 12 noon

**March 4** Youth Championship Sunday

## CHARLOTTETOWN

Jan Giles 902 658-2409

Colonel Gray High School  
175 Spring Park Rd.

registration 12:30 - 12:50 pm

**March 11** Sunday

## MONTREAL

Chess'n Math 514 845-8352

### **SCHOLASTIC TEAM TOURNAMENT**

Jean de Brebeuf College  
3200 St.Catherine

**February 26** Sunday

3 sections by grade  
K-3, 7-11, K-6

4 Players From Same School

### **QUEBEC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Jean de Brebeuf College  
3200 St.Catherine

**March 31** grades K-3 & 7-11

**April 1** grades K-6

4 Players From Same School

### **CHESS CHALLENGE QC Provincial Qualifiers**

Verdun	March 4
Gatineau	March 11
St. Henri	March 17
La Ruelle	March 24

## VICTORIA

Brian Raymer 250 595-0025

University of Victoria  
Human Social Devel. Bldg

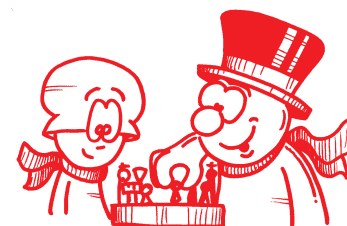
registration 9:00 - 9:30 am

**February 19** CCC qualifier Sunday

**March 4** Youth Championship Sunday

## SASKATOON

Don MacKinnon 306 445-8369



## 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](http://www.chess-math.org)

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

[www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub](http://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:

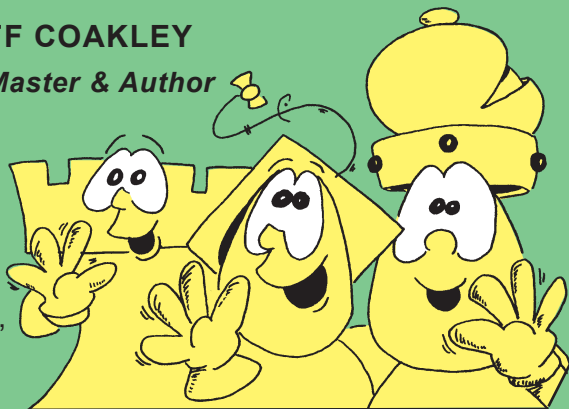
[www.chess-math.org/ratings/rate.htm](http://www.chess-math.org/ratings/rate.htm)

## COAKLEYCHESS.COM

homepage of JEFF COAKLEY  
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## \* SOLUTIONS \*

### MATE IN 1

- 1.Nc2#
- 1.Qf2#
- 1.Qe8#
- 1.Rxe6#

### MATE IN 3

- 1.Rg2+ Kh3 2.Rfg1 Kh4 3.Rh1#
- 1.Qg1+ Kd2 2.Qc1+ Kd3 3.Qc3#
- 1.Rxb5+ axb5 2.Qa8+ Kb6 3.Qa7#  
1...Ka7 2.Qb8#
- 1.Rh8+ Kxh8 2.Qh2+ Kg8 3.Qh7#

### MATE IN 2

- 1.Ng6+ Kg8 2.Bd5#
- 1.Qb2+ f6 2.Qb7#  
1... Kh7 2.Rh8# (2.Qh8#)
- 1.Rxf7+ Kxf7 2.Qg6#  
1... Kg8 2.Qh7#
- 1.Qxc6+ bxc6 2.Ba6#

### COMBO MOMBO

- 1.Re7+ clears c7 1...Bxe7  
2.Nc7+ Kf8 3.Nxb5
- 1...Ne3 clears g2  
2.fxe3 Qg2#  
2.Ne1 Nxc4

### LILY'S PUZZLER

- A. 1.Ra8 2.Qxc6#  
B. 1.Qe1 2.Qa5#

### TACTICS 101

- 1.Nf6+ 4 1.Qb5+
- 1.Rc7 1.Nc7+
- 1.Qd5+ 1.d4  
1.Qh3

### CHESSMAZE

Bf1-c4-a2-b1-h7-g8-f7xh5

### TRIPLE LOYD

A. Ke3 B. Ka8 C. Ke8 (Bh5#)

### WHO'S THE GOOF?

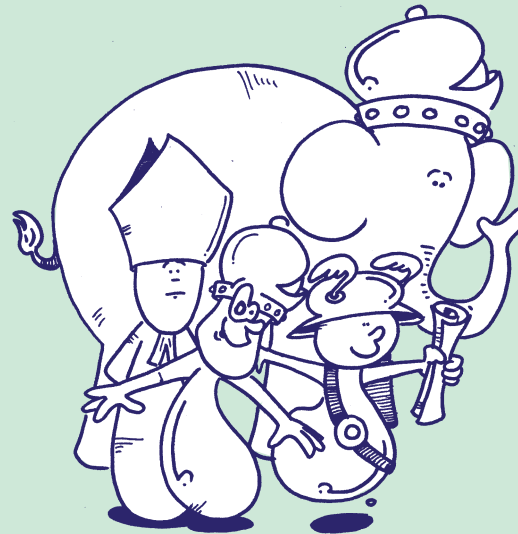
- The black king and queen are switched.
- White has 2 queens (and still has all 8 pawns).
- White is in an impossible double check.
- The white rook and bishop must both be promoted pieces, but white still has 7 pawns. Black is in double check, which could only happen if the last move was dx e8=R+. The bishop that started on f1 could never have gotten past the unmoved pawns on e2 and g2.



## **SCHOLAR'S MATE**

3423 St. Denis #400  
Montreal, Quebec  
H2X 3L2

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**SO LONG!**