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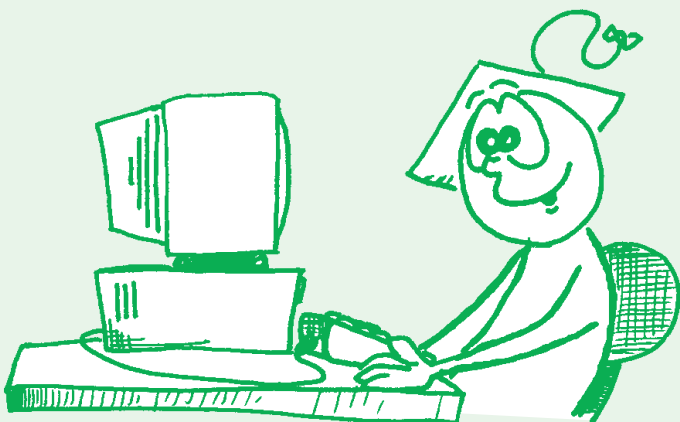
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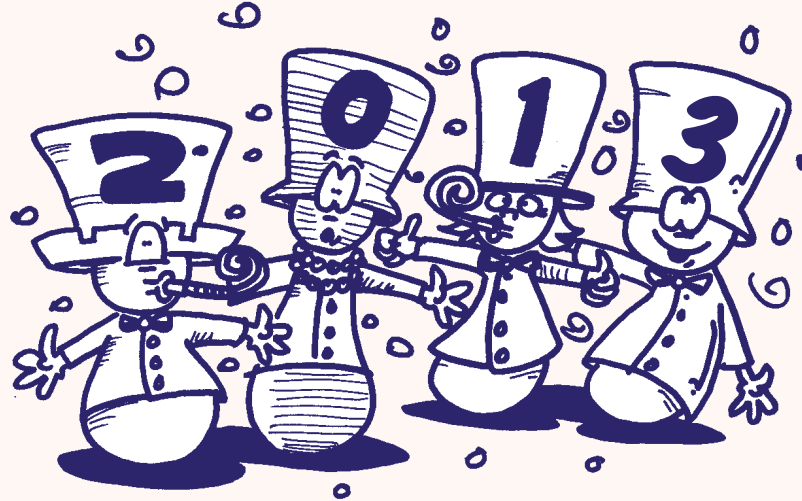
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## HELLO CHESS PALS!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Scholar's Mate crew wishes you all lots of fun and success at chess in 2013.

Congratulations to all the Canadians who took part in the *World Youth Championships* last month in Maribor, Slovenia. Especially to Richard Wang of Edmonton, who brought home the bronze medal in the under 14 section.

And three cheers for Aman Hambleton too. The twenty year old student from Ottawa is Canada's newest International Master. Hip, hop, hurray!

We had 35 entries for October's WOW contest. The winner of the deluxe chess set is announced by Mort and Marley on page 15.

Here's the mag,

**Kiril**

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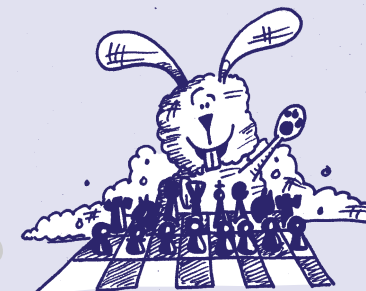
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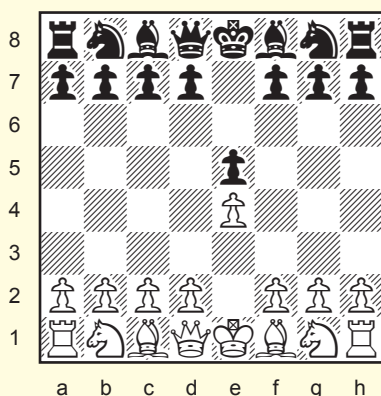
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## HOW TO READ A CHESS GAME

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.



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

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.

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

	ROCKY	KIRIL
1.	e4	e5
2.	Qh5	d6
3.	Bc4	Nf6 ?
4.	Qxf7 #	

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

## LETTERS TO KIRIL



Hello Kiril the Pawn!

I really like your mags, because there are lots of interesting puzzles, like Who's the Goof, Kiril's Klass, and the stories like Kiril's Korner & The Invisible Pawn (I've read that one). But in the new issue (#114), I've always wondered: how can we solve the puzzles in Lily's Puzzler if we didn't know what the last move was?

My most popular tournament is Oriole Chess. My new rating is 910. Are you a grandmaster?

Your favorite reader,  
**Thomas Wang**  
Toronto, Ontario

Hi Thomas,

It's really great to hear from my favourite reader! I'm glad you enjoy the magazine.



The "retractor mates" in Lily's Puzzlers were quite tricky. Figuring out which move White just made is part of the puzzle. There is only one move which can be taken back that allows a mate in 1.

My friend Spud Potatowoski is a grandmaster, but not me. I'm just a pawn who likes to play chess. Say hi to all my pals at the Oriole Chess Club.

**Kiril**

Dear Kiril,

My name is Leo Koganov from Stamford, CT, USA. I am a fourth grade student at Hart Magnet School.

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I enjoyed playing the game Megazoid - GM Potatowoski on my magnetic chess set. Megazoid won with a cool mate in three.

I liked solving your puzzles! Thanks for the contest,

Leo

Hello Leo,

It's good to make a connection with someone from Connecticut! How are things south of the border?

Thanks for entering my WoW contest. That was a cool game by the Megazoid. Hey, does everyone at Hart Magnet School have a magnetic chess set!?

Good luck, my new friend.

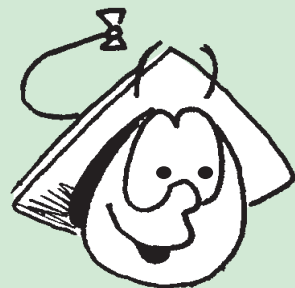
Kiril

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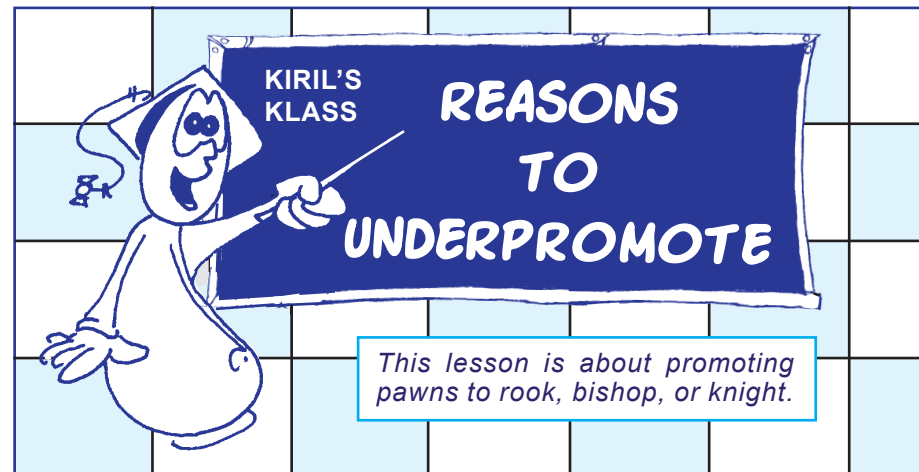
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Moving a pawn to the last rank is always a big moment in a game. Normally it means "queening" the pawn.

The queen is the most powerful piece on the board, so getting a new one is usually great strategy. However, there are a few situations where it is better to promote to something else.

When a pawn is promoted to rook, bishop, or knight, it is called an *underpromotion*.

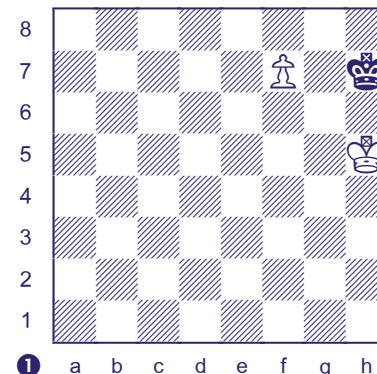
### ROOK

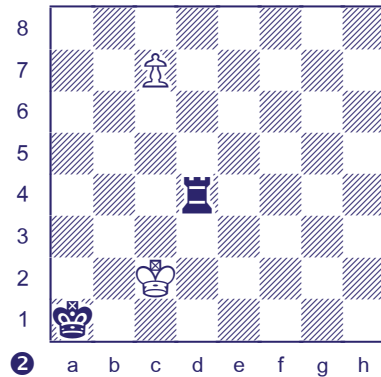
*The only good reason for promoting to a rook is to avoid stalemate.*

Position #1 shows a typical case. Rushing forward with 1.f8=Q? puts the black king in stalemate. That would be embarrassing for White.

The pawn has to promote now or Black will play ...Kg7 and capture it. The next best thing to a queen is a rook, so White plays 1.f8=R!

After 1...Kg7, there is a mate in five. 2.Rf1 Kh7 3.Rf7+ Kh8 4.Kg6 Kg8 5.Rf1 Kh8 6.Rf8#





Position #2 is more complicated. It was analyzed over a hundred years ago by Fernando Saavedra of Spain.

Making a new queen with 1.c8=Q looks like a good idea. Queen versus rook is usually a win. But Black has a trick to save the day. 1...Rc4+! forks the white king and queen, which forces a stalemate by 2.Qxc4.

If White attacks the rook with 1.Kc3, Black defends by 1...Rd1 (2.c8=Q? Rc1+ 3.Kb3 Rxc8 or 2.Kc2 Rd4!).

Against 1.Kb3, Black holds on with 1...Rd3+. There are three lines then:

- 2.Kc2 Rd4 repeats the position.
- 2.Kc4 Rd1 followed by 3...Rc1.
- 2.Kb4 Rd4+ 3.Kb5 (3.Kc5 Rd1) 3...Rd5+ 4.Kb6 Rd6+ 5.Kb7 Rd7 6.Kb8 Rxc7

Surprisingly, promoting to a rook wins. It doesn't happen often, but sometimes a rook can beat a rook. After 1.c8=R!, White threatens mate by Ra8#.

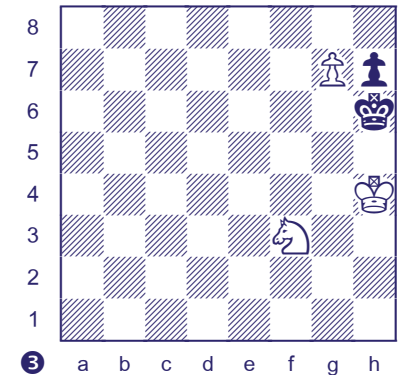
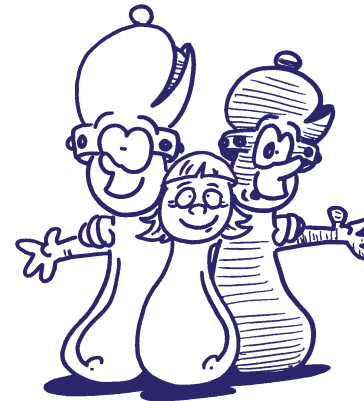
The only defensive try is 1...Ra4, closing the a-file. Then White plays 2.Kb3!, attacking the rook and threatening Rc1#. There is nothing left for Black to do, except resign. (2...Kb1 3.Kxa4 or 2...Rh4 3.Rc1#)



## BISHOP

The only good reason for promoting to a bishop is to avoid stalemate when promoting to a rook would also be stalemate.

A rook is better than a bishop, so it is smarter to make a rook if you can. Diagram #3 is an exception.



White cannot allow ...Kxg7, so the pawn must promote right away. Unfortunately, 1.g8=Q? and 1.g8=R? are both stalemate.

The clever thing to do is an underpromotion to bishop. After 1.g8=B!, White can win the black h-pawn and then mate with bishop and knight against the lone black king. Do you know how? It's not easy.

1...Kg7 2.Bd5 Kg6 3.Be4+ Kg7 4.Kh5 Kg8 5.Kh6 Kf7 6.Kxh7 Now White must mate in fifty moves or the game is drawn. 6...Ke6 7.Kg6 Kd6 8.Nd2 Kc5 9.Kf5 Kb4 10.Kf4 To force checkmate, White has to drive the black king to a corner square that is the same colour the bishop is on (a8 or h1). So Black heads for a "safe corner". 10...Ka3 11.Ke5 Ka2 12.Nc4 Kb3 13.Kd4 Ka4 14.Nd2 Ka3 15.Kc3 Ka2 16.Nb3 Ka3 17.Bb1

The placement of the white king, bishop, and knight is the standard formation for kicking the black king out of the safe corner. The next three white moves are the key to victory in this ending.

17...Ka4 18.Nd4! Ka5 19.Be4! Kb6 20.Ne6! Notice how the bishop and knight work together to cover the c5, c6, c7 squares, which prevents the black king from running to h8. He will meet his doom in the a8 corner.

20...Kb5 21.Kb3 Ka5 22.Bg6 Kb6 23.Be8 Ka5 24.Bd7 Kb6 25.Kc4 Ka5 26.Bb5 Kb6 27.Kb4 Ka7 28.Ka5 Kb7 29.Bd7 Ka8 30.Kb6! The white king usually needs to be a “knight-jump” from the corner when mate is delivered. 31.Kb8 31.Nc5 Ka8 32.Be6 A “waiting move” that passes the turn. 32...Kb8 33.Na6+ Ka8 34.Bd5# Wasn't that fun?

By the way, White could also have won in diagram #3 by promoting to a knight. It is impossible to force mate with two knights against a lone king, but it is sometimes possible when the defender has a pawn. However, it is extremely difficult, and in this case it would take ninety moves! For any crazy people who want to see how it is done, go to page 44.

## KNIGHT

A queen can do anything that a rook or a bishop can do. But a knight is different. The knight does not move on a straight line like the queen, rook, and bishop.

There are five reasons why promoting to a knight can be better than making a new queen.

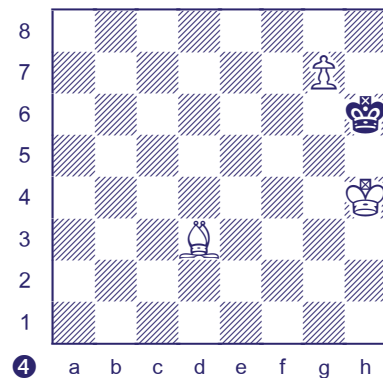
1. To avoid a draw when promotion to queen or rook is stalemate, and promotion to bishop does not win.

Diagram #4 is an example of this rare situation.

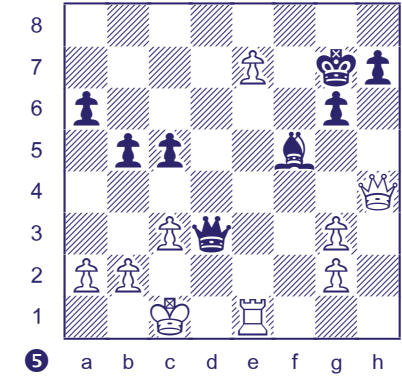
1.g8=Q? and 1.g8=R? are both stalemate.

1.g8=B? gives White two bishops on light squares, so mate is impossible.

Are you ready to mate with a bishop and a knight? If so, 1.g8=N+! wins.



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2. To gain a tempo by giving check.

When both players have strong attacks, every tempo is critical. There may not be time for a queen promotion. The important thing is to keep your own attack going.

In position #5, Black is threatening mate by ...Qc2#. There is no good way to stop it, except to mate the black king first! It's obvious that 1.e8=Q? Qc2# will not do.

The road to glory begins with an underpromotion to knight. 1.e8=N+! is check. The tempo gained by forcing the black king to move is decisive.

Against 1...Kf7, 1...Kf8, or 1...Kh8, White can mate by 2.Qf6+ Kg8 3.Qg7#.

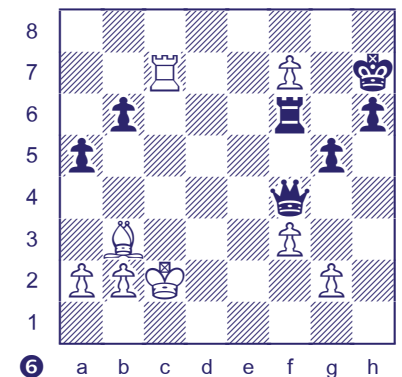
1...Kg8 is met by 2.Nf6+ with a quick mate to follow. For example, 2...Kg7 3.Qxh7+ Kxf6 4.Qe7# or 2...Kf8 3.Qh6+ Kf7 4.Qxh7+ Kf8 5.Qg8#.

3. To give double check.

Sometimes a double check is stronger than a new queen.

In diagram #6, 1.f8=Q+? is a discovered check, but White loses after 1...Qxc7+ (check).

The winning shot is 1.f8=N+! with double check and a mate in two. 1...Kh8 2.Rh7# Ouch.



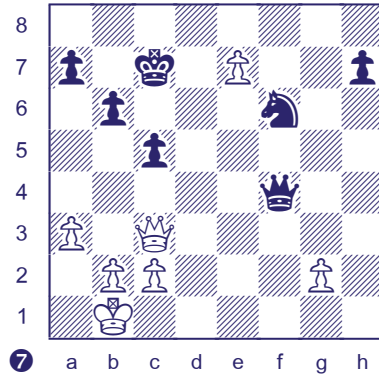
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4. To win material with a fork.

Pawn promotion is a great way to get ahead in material. So is a fork. Once in a while, a knight fork can gain more material than making a new queen.

Black is up a piece for a pawn in diagram #7. But there is a white pawn on the seventh rank and that allows a combination.

First White sacks their queen to eliminate the piece that guards e8. 1.Qxf6! Qxf6. Then the e-pawn can promote. But instead of reaching an equal position by promoting to a queen, White makes a knight of it with 2.e8=N+, forking the black king and queen. After 2...Kc6 3.Nxf6, White has a winning endgame.



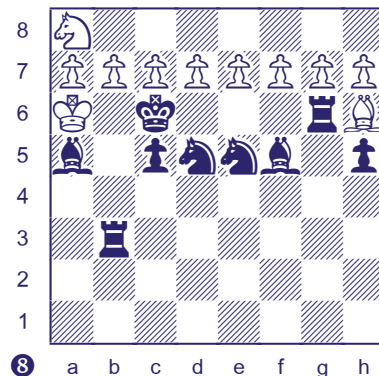
5. To be extra cool.

Actually, this is not a good reason for underpromotion. Most opponents do not appreciate a show-off, especially when they are losing. In competitions, it is considered good sportsmanship to finish a game as efficiently as possible. Generally, that means making a queen when a promotion is necessary.

However, in the world of chess puzzles, show-offs are always welcome.

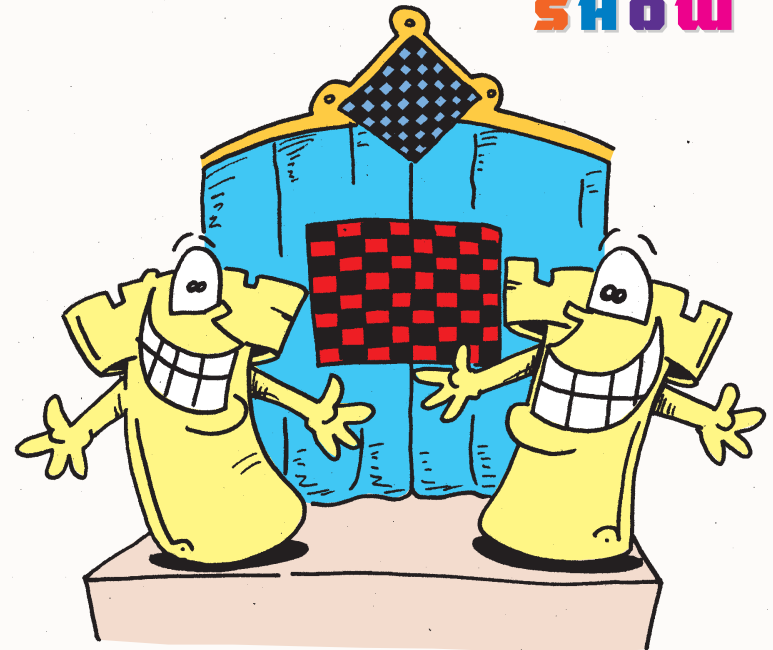
Problem #8 is a composed *mate in eight* moves. The white pawns are going up the board. Have a good night everyone!

- SOLUTION:** 1.b8=N+ Rxb8  
 2.axb8=N+ Kd6 3.c8=N+ Ke6  
 4.d8=N+ Bxd8 (4...Kf6 5.e8=N#)  
 5.exd8=N+ Kf6 6.g8=N+ Rxg8  
 7.hxg8=N+ Kg6 8.f8=N#



**WHITE TO MATE IN 8**  
 William Shinkman 1908  
 version by Andre Cheron 1964

# THE MORT AND MARLEY SHOW



**Good evening, pals and gals. Welcome to the show. Let's hear it for your hosts, the rooks with the most, from coast to coast, Mort and Marley!**

Hey, Marley, here we are on our own show!

Great opening line, Mort. This is awesome.

Yea, so now what do we do?

Well, why don't we announce the winner of the October WOW contest?

Is that the one with the free trip to Mexico?

No, it's the deluxe chess set we're giving away.

Oh, right. And the winner is . . . Kiril the Pawn!

Just kidding, folks. It's VINCENT MAYKA from Montreal. Congratulations and félicitations!



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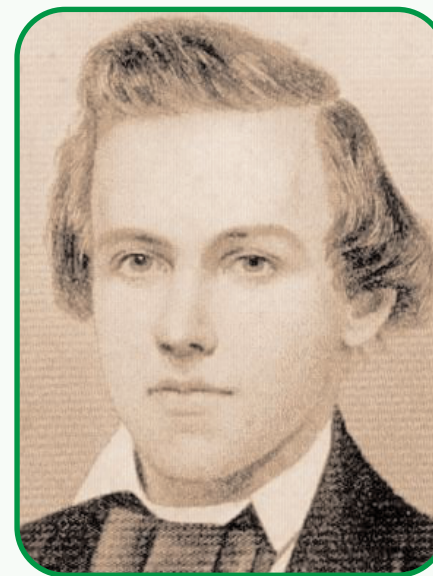
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(1837 - 1884)

This legendary master was the champion of New Orleans when he was 12 years old. In 1858 he conquered the chess world by winning matches against Adolf Anderssen and the other top masters of Europe.



*"Help your pieces so they can help you."*

His method of fighting against the Spanish Game is now its main line.

### MORPHY DEFENCE

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6!

Paul Morphy's games are perfect examples of the power of rapid development. His brilliant combinations are as awesome today as they were a hundred and fifty years ago.



# CANADA TOP TEN



## KINDERGARTEN

1 GUIPI BOPALA Prince	649	QC
2 ZHENG Richard	582	QC
3 DURAND-REANO Jasselyn	390	QC
4 DESCHENES Joaquim	342	QC
5 TILLEY Andrew	337	ON
6 TOLTON Ben	336	AB
7 HO Cassidy	335	ON
8 CHAN Stephanie	335	ON
9 ZHANG Kyle	322	ON
10 CHEN Ivy	316	QC

## GRADE 1

1 ISSANI Nameer	1212	ON
2 RADIN Andrew	1103	ON
3 NOORALI Aahil	1016	ON
4 GILANI Mysha	832	ON
5 RIVAS Cedric	786	QC
6 DIMITROV Philippe	727	QC
7 ETTIBARYAN Levon	705	ON
8 LOCKE Sebastian	657	NL
9 SYDYKHANOV Arman	655	ON
10 ST-GERMAIN Frederic	646	QC

## GRADE 2

1 HUANG Qiuyu	1393	QC
2 ZHAO Jonathan	1309	ON
3 LAU Julian	1153	AB
4 MO Aidan	1129	ON
5 SUPERCEANU Andi	1098	AB
6 WU Nicholas	1068	ON
7 LOW Kevin	1041	BC
8 ENGLAND Max	999	ON
9 LI Harry	990	ON
10 YANG Patrick	989	QC

## GRADE 3

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1533	QC
2 LI Alan	1475	ON
3 LIN Benjamin	1397	ON
4 WASHIMKAR Arhant	1360	ON
5 AKOPHYAN Nika	1332	ON
6 ZHAO Ian	1321	AB
7 VETTESE Nicholas	1268	ON
8 CHEN Michael	1196	ON
9 ZHENG Ethan	1190	ON
10 LIU Robert	1127	QC

## GRADE 4

1 GROSSMANN Lenard	1811	AB
2 WANG Kaixin	1697	AB
3 LAI William	1564	QC
4 GUO Thomas	1552	ON
5 LIU Daniel	1529	ON
6 CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1484	AB
7 LIN Kaining	1473	AB
8 ZHANG Taylor	1436	ON
9 MING Wenyang	1422	ON
10 NORITSYN Sergey	1388	ON

## GRADE 5

1 YAO David	1701	AB
2 ZHAO Yue Tong	1636	ON
3 FAN Run Kun	1627	QC
4 DOKNJAS Joshua	1569	BC
5 OUELLET Maili-Jade	1535	QC
6 ZHANG Hou Han	1528	QC
7 YIE Kevin Yi-Xiao	1494	ON
8 HUANG Immanuel	1476	ON
9 SEKAR Varun	1461	ON
10 KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1451	ON

## GRADE 6

1 WAN Kevin	2124	ON
2 ZHANG Yuan Chen	1964	ON
3 BALENDRA Harigaran	1714	ON
4 CHEN Richard	1682	ON
5 XU Jeffrey	1681	ON
6 MCCULLOUGH Ian	1611	AB
7 ZOTKIN Daniel	1597	ON
8 ZHANG Evan	1593	QC
9 SHAMRONI Dennis	1590	ON
10 SAINE Zachary	1539	QC

## GRADE 7

1 CAO Jason	2212	BC
2 BELLISSIMO Joseph	2019	ON
3 KASSAM Jamil	1883	AB
4 ZHOU Qiyu	1814	ON
5 NIE Mark	1774	AB
6 KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
7 ZITA Matthew	1672	AB
8 AGHAMALIAN Derick	1599	ON
9 WANG Kelly	1595	QC
10 MULIAWAN Lukas	1576	AB

## GRADE 8

1 SONG Michael	2322	ON
2 PREOTU Razvan	2300	ON
3 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2278	QC
4 AWATRAMANI Janak	2240	BC
5 YU Zong Yang	2102	QC
6 ZHU HongRui	2047	QC
7 KONG Dezhong	1980	BC
8 DOKNJAS John	1940	BC
9 HOFFNER Noah	1802	AB
10 STANISLUS Allan	1742	AB

## GRADE 9

1 PENG Jackie	2214	ON
2 LIN Tony	2130	ON
3 DORRANCE Adam	2124	NS
4 THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2061	ON
5 PLOTKIN Mark	2058	ON
6 YUN Chang	1870	QC
7 MCCULLOUGH David	1808	AB
8 MANAILOIU Dragos	1698	QC
9 NASIR Zehn	1685	ON
10 HUI Jeremy	1672	BC

## GRADE 10

1 WANG Richard	2454	AB
2 KNOX Christopher	2276	ON
3 LI Kevin	2224	MB
4 LO Ryan	2217	BC
5 SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2182	ON
6 LUO Zhao Yang	2098	QC
7 WU Qi You	2012	QC
8 FU James	1998	ON
9 LEPINE Cedric	1997	QC
10 KALRA Agastya	1894	ON

## GRADE 11

1 QIN Joey	2449	ON
2 SOHAL Tanraj	2269	BC
3 FLOREA Alexandru	2158	ON
4 ZHANG Zhiyuan	2027	ON
5 LEU Richard	2014	ON
6 GUO Forest	1920	QC
7 VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1861	ON
8 LI Chang He	1854	BC
9 WASSERMAN Leor	1808	MB
10 KALAYDINA Regina	1804	AB

## GRADE 12

1 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2461	QC
2 ZHANG David	2409	AB
3 GUSEV Nikita	2309	ON
4 ITKIN David	2252	ON
5 MARINKOVIC Mate	2247	ON
6 CHENG Jack	2206	BC
7 GLADSTONE Simon	2194	ON
8 INIGO Aquino	2186	ON
9 IVANOV Michael	2123	ON
10 WU Kevin	2069	ON

## HONOUR ROLL

1 KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2461	QC
2 WANG Richard	2454	AB
3 QIN Joey	2449	ON
4 ZHANG David	2409	AB
5 SONG Michael	2322	ON
6 GUSEV Nikita	2309	ON
7 PREOTU Razvan	2300	ON
8 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2278	QC
9 KNOX Christopher	2276	ON
10 SOHAL Tanraj	2269	BC

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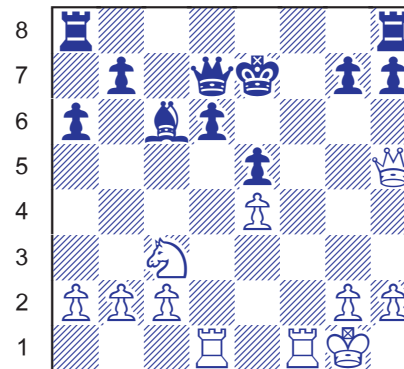
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# ONTARIO TOP TEN

## GRADE 1

1	ISSANI Nameer	1212
2	RADIN Andrew	1103
3	NOORALI Aahil	1016
4	GILANI Mysha	832
5	ETTIBARYAN Levon	705
6	SYDYKHA NOV Arman	655
7	JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	633
8	ATANASOVA Rada	614
9	SHEN Isamel	612
10	FU Steven	604

## GRADE 2

1	ZHAO Jonathan	1309
2	MO Aidan	1129
3	WU Nicholas	1068
4	ENGLAND Max	999
5	LI Harry	990
6	ZHANG Richard	959
7	CHEN Hao	910
8	ZHU Harmony	870
9	CARRIGAN Griffin	860
10	RADIN Claire	860

## GRADE 3

1	LI Alan	1475
2	LIN Benjamin	1397
3	WASHIMKAR Arhant	1360
4	AKOPHYAN Nika	1332
5	VETTESE Nicholas	1268
6	CHEN Michael	1196
7	ZHENG Ethan	1190
8	TAN Kylie	1082
9	ZHANG Matt	1081
10	HE Maxwell	1078

## GRADE 4

1	GUO Thomas	1552
2	LIU Daniel	1529
3	ZHANG Taylor	1436
4	MING Wenyang	1422
5	NORITSYN Sergey	1388
6	LIU Sam	1385
7	WANG Frank	1372
8	RUAN Colin	1339
9	ZHANG Eugene	1315
10	LIANG Andrew	1257

## GRADE 5

1	ZHAO Yue Tong	1636
2	YIE Kevin Yi-Xiao	1494
3	HUANG Immanuel	1476
4	SEKAR Varun	1461
5	KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1451
6	CAI Jason	1423
7	BIRAROV Nicole	1401
8	PARAPARAN Varshini	1376
9	IANSAVITCHOUS James	1359
10	TRUONG Kyle	1358

## GRADE 6

1	WAN Kevin	2124
2	ZHANG Yuan Chen	1964
3	BALENDRA Harigaran	1714
4	CHEN Richard	1682
5	XU Jeffrey	1681
6	ZOTKIN Daniel	1597
7	SHAMRONI Dennis	1590
8	LIU Dora	1538
9	ZHAO Harry	1526
10	WANG Constance	1505

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	WAN Kevin	2124
2	ZHANG Yuan Chen	1964
3	BALENDRA Harigaran	1714
4	CHEN Richard	1682
5	XU Jeffrey	1681
6	ZHAO Yue Tong	1636
7	ZOTKIN Daniel	1597
8	SHAMRONI Dennis	1590
9	GUO Thomas	1552
10	LIU Dora	1538

## GRADE 7

1	BELLISSIMO Joseph	2019
2	ZHOU Qiyu	1814
3	AGHAMALIAN Derick	1599
4	ZHONG Joey	1520
5	CHEUNG Benedict	1512
6	WANG Eric	1486
7	SONG Eric	1449
8	LEI Sean	1409
9	WANG Michael	1406
10	PENG Janet	1400

## GRADE 8

1	SONG Michael	2322
2	PREOTU Razvan	2300
3	TERRY Joshua	1702
4	LI Yinshi	1700
5	YE Hanyuan	1662
6	KUTTNER Simon	1629
7	MUNTANER Daniel	1567
8	SIRKOVICH Daniel	1512
9	LI Michael	1480
10	MICHELASHVILI Aleksandre	1471

## GRADE 9

1	PENG Jackie	2214
2	LIN Tony	2130
3	THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2061
4	PLOTKIN Mark	2058
5	NASIR Zehn	1685
6	ZHANG Kevin Z.	1663
7	LI Robert	1574
8	ADRIANSE Adam	1565
9	YANG Bryant	1488
10	YE Stephen	1468

## GRADE 10

1	KNOX Christopher	2276
2	SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2182
3	FU James	1998
4	KALRA Agastya	1894
5	SUN Mike	1758
6	JEYAPRAGASAN Kuhan	1695
7	POSARATNANATHAN Juliaan	1683
8	GIBLON Rebecca	1587
9	MCKEN Christopher	1574
10	HUANG Jayson	1558

## GRADE 11

1	QIN Joey	2449
2	FLOREA Alexandru	2158
3	ZHANG Zhiyuan	2027
4	LEU Richard	2014
5	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1861
6	DENBOK Daniel	1710
7	CAI Tony	1683
8	MYERS Joshua	1626
9	SU Stanley	1543
10	CHAN Alex	1482

## GRADE 12

1	GUSEV Nikita	2309
2	ITKIN David	2252
3	MARINKOVIC Mate	2247
4	GLADSTONE Simon	2194
5	INIGO Aquino	2186
6	IVANOV Michael	2123
7	WU Kevin	2069
8	LI David	1811
9	CUNNINGHAM Ross	1700
10	LIU Dan	1657

## HONOUR ROLL

1	QIN Joey	2449
2	SONG Michael	2322
3	GUSEV Nikita	2309
4	PREOTU Razvan	2300
5	KNOX Christopher	2276
6	ITKIN David	2252
7	MARINKOVIC Mate	2247
8	PENG Jackie	2214
9	GLADSTONE Simon	2194
10	INIGO Aquino	2186

# QUEBEC TOP TEN

## GRADE 1 / KINDERGARTEN\*

1	RIVAS Cedric	786
2	DIMITROV Philippe	727
3	GUIPI BOPALA Prince *	649
4	ST-GERMAIN Frederic	646
5	XU Yihan	611
6	CHEN Jacques	602
7	RINGSKOG Noa	585
8	ZHENG Richard	582
9	DUARTE J.Andre	541
10	GOODMAN Jason	530

## GRADE 2

1	HUANG Qiuyu	1393
2	YANG Patrick	989
3	KHANIN Nikita	943
4	LIU Owen	904
5	MOCANU Alexander	884
6	ZENG Raymond	822
7	LI Johnson	767
8	XU Austin	762
9	GOGA Flavia-Maria	735
10	RASMUSSEN Nicolas	709

## GRADE 3

1	RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1533
2	LIU Robert	1127
3	ZHONG Wenxuan	1104
4	DEMERS Alexis	986
5	DURETTE Francis	984
6	YU Xi Ming	964
7	XIE Dazhuo	939
8	TAO Eric	887
9	ZHOU David	870
10	LI Xuan Xuan	858

## GRADE 4

1	LAI William	1564
2	LIU Julia	1259
3	TINICA Gabriel Philip	1157
4	TESSIER Leo	1132
5	CAUCHY-VAILLANCOURT Marek	1047
6	ZHAO William	1015
7	GUAN Ziyu	1005
8	JIANG Lucas	1003
9	SEGUIN Elliott	906
10	TSYPIN Allison	900

## GRADE 5

1	FAN Run Kun	1627
2	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1535
3	ZHANG Hou Han	1528
4	LUO Muhun	1420
5	LU Daisy	1378
6	LU Jasmine	1308
7	YIP Matthew	1289
8	TURGEON Yoakim	1207
9	AIT-CHABANE Adam	1176
10	BECERRA Abel	1173

## GRADE 6

1	ZHANG Evan	1593
2	SAINE Zachary	1539
3	SAHA Ananda	1514
4	SUN Benjamin	1507
5	YANG Eddie	1505
6	JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	1489
7	HUANG Junhao	1426
8	ST-CYR Xavier	1389
9	YIP William	1353
10	YU Cindy	1309

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	FAN Run Kun	1627
2	ZHANG Evan	1593
3	LAI William	1564
4	SAINE Zachary	1539
5	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1535
6	RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1533
7	ZHANG Hou Han	1528
8	SAHA Ananda	1514
9	SUN Benjamin	1507
10	YANG Eddie	1505

## GRADE 7

1	WANG Kelly	1595
2	SHI Linda	1532
3	LUO Alan	1455
4	GAO Christine	1388
5	VAILLANT Charles-Etienne	1382
6	HE Haley	1328
7	XIONG Yiwei	1320
8	SERBAN Diana	1279
9	LU Roselyn	1268
10	LUO Wei Han	1258

## GRADE 8

1	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2278
2	YU Zong Yang	2102
3	ZHU HongRui	2047
4	CHANG Michael	1728
5	LIU Yu Qing	1564
6	EPURE Doru-Alexandru	1412
7	NIKULICH Andrey	1360
8	GAO Ying Chen	1312
9	LI George	1228
10	STEPHENNE Renaud	1221

## GRADE 9

1	YUN Chang	1870
2	MANAILOIU Dragos	1698
3	GU Sheng-Ming	1614
4	JOHNSON Nicholas	1613
5	BRICHKO Mike	1442
6	NAZARIAN Ara	1439
7	SAMIKOV Chingis	1392
8	JIANG Nathan	1381
9	PATEL Rohan	1326
10	ROSCA Maria	1247

## GRADE 10

1	LUO Zhao Yang	2098
2	WU Qi You	2012
3	LEPINE Cedric	1997
4	ALCANTARA Maximo	1640
5	PAQUETTE Alexandre	1505
6	SHI Sky	1478
7	XIANG Qun Tian	1451
8	LIU Mu Dong	1432
9	LORANGER Erika	1401
10	VOLKOV Vladislav	1374

## GRADE 11

1	GUO Forest	1920
2	NIKULICH Oleksandr	1782
3	YAO Houji	1581
4	NUNEZ-PAINCHAUD Raphael	1580
5	WANG Yan	1577
6	TAN Guang Tong	1534
7	MA Indy	1514
8	YU Kexin	1499
9	XU Tian Run	1452
10	PLANTE Santiago	1448

## GRADE 12

1	KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2461
2	CVETKOVIC Simeon	2026
3	ROY Myriam	1886
4	SPRUMONT Oscar	1784
5	COTE-LALUMIERE Tristan	1750
6	ROZYBAKIYEV Ilchin	1574
7	ISAEV Nikola	1543
8	MACISAAC Alexandre	1331
9	BILSKI Simon	1305
10	QIN Kai Long	1304

## HONOUR ROLL

1	KRAIOUCHKINE Nikita	2461
2	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2278
3	YU Zong Yang	2102
4	LUO Zhao Yang	2098
5	ZHU HongRui	2047
6	CVETKOVIC Simeon	2026
7	WU Qi You	2012
8	LEPINE Cedric	1997
9	GUO Forest	1920
10	ROY Myriam	1886

# ATLANTIC TOP TEN

## GRADE 1

1	LOCKE Sebastian	657	NL
2	BROWN Alexandre	570	NS
3	SANCHEZ Austin	488	NB
4	THERIAULT Cedric	410	NB
5	LI Sarah-Grace	407	NL
6	DAVIS Jack	399	NL
7	CHRISTIANSEN Asher	371	NS
8	MACEACHERN Seamus	368	PE
9	CHRISTY Julian	363	PE
10	MAILLET Marie-Eve	355	NB

## GRADE 2

1	XAVIER-LEBLANC Alexandre	818	NB
2	RUSSELL Mark	756	NL
3	KAPRA Jerjis	603	NS
4	DORMODY Peter	547	NL
5	LANTZ Ronan	529	PE
6	BOON-PETERSEN Tobin	490	NL
7	DAUPHINEE William	488	NB
8	MCCREA Han	472	NB
9	LOSIER Jonathan	460	NB
10	BEFEKADU Noah	445	NB

## GRADE 3

1	CHEN Norman	956	NL
2	WALSH Ian	875	NL
3	BROWN Callum	860	NS
4	KUNDU Arnab	849	PE
5	BATE Will	748	NS
6	LOCKE Heidi	706	NL
7	HARRIS Jonathan	671	NL
8	PIERCEY Isaac	661	NL
9	SAVOIE Samuel	632	NB
10	PORTER Thomas	625	NL

## GRADE 4

1	RUSSELL Brett	994	NL
2	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	955	PE
3	QIU Nicholas	830	NL
4	KOSHI Benjamin	830	NS
5	LI Kevin	769	NS
6	LATOUR Simon	761	NB
7	SHABBIR Adnan	715	PE
8	DENNY Ethan	691	NL
9	CUI Cynthia	678	NB
10	SANCHEZ Tristan	676	NB

## GRADE 5

1	HUANG Xingbo	1257	NL
2	KERR Ian	1013	PE
3	WEILAND Robin	911	NB
4	KUNDU Arjun	889	PE
5	SINGH Sahejpreet	888	NS
6	CHANDRAKANTH Nandan	877	NL
7	PORTER Michael	846	NL
8	MANNHOLLAND Noah	831	PE
9	PEARSON Ethan	815	NB
10	CUI Leonardo	794	NB

## GRADE 6

1	DORRANCE Lucas	1467	NS
2	BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1249	NL
3	CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	1088	PE
4	TUFTS Sei-Jin	1016	NS
5	COADY Nicholas	1007	NL
6	LOCKE Miles	959	NL
7	NOLAN Justin	955	NL
8	CHISLETT Benjamin	942	NL
9	KING Benjamin	936	NS
10	PICKARD Ryan	935	NL

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	DORRANCE Lucas	1467	NS
2	HUANG Xingbo	1257	NL
3	BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1249	NL
4	CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	1088	PE
5	TUFTS Sei-Jin	1016	NS
6	KERR Ian	1013	PE
7	COADY Nicholas	1007	NL
8	RUSSELL Brett	994	NL
9	LOCKE Miles	959	NL
10	CHEN Norman	956	NL

## GRADE 7

1	SONG Sam	1454	NB
2	ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1236	NB
3	MCKEOWN Gary	1222	NL
4	HE Kate	1072	NS
5	RONAHAN-WOOD Jack	1062	PE
6	WALSH Andrew	963	NL
7	NORMAN Bradley	948	PE
8	DELANEY Spenser	868	NL
9	WHITT Sheldon	847	NL
10	MACDONALD Brandon	841	NS

## GRADE 8

1	DAWSON Andrew	1229	NL
2	SCHRADER Nathaniel	1192	NB
3	OLDFORD Noah	1179	NL
4	ANDERSEN Paul	1166	NL
5	SNELGROVE Stephen	1154	NL
6	GREGORY Liam	1137	NL
7	ONG Ivanseth	1048	NS
8	MAKAROV Joshua	991	NB
9	HICKMAN Thomas	990	NL
10	KIEFTE Andrew	968	NS

## GRADE 9

1	DORRANCE Adam	2124	NS
2	FENG Bob	1521	NB
3	LUDOVICE Diego	1092	NS
4	WILKS Darius	1027	NS
5	MCKEOWN Brody	1025	NL
6	STEELE Deivan	1014	NS
7	CHAULK Arrick	998	NL
8	HOLLAND Kevin	995	NS
9	CAISSIE Sebastien	994	NB
10	GALLANT Cameron	983	NS

## GRADE 10

1	ROBICHAUD Nicolas	1562	NB
2	QIU Christopher	1514	NL
3	PETERS Jeremy	1473	NS
4	WANG Jeffrey	1378	NS
5	ZHANG MaoMao	1335	NL
6	CROWELL Iain	1298	PE
7	HINK Ian	1094	PE
8	DAWSON Laura Jane	1083	NL
9	CHURCHILL Shea	1037	NL
10	DREW Ryan	991	PE

## GRADE 11

1	BENDZSA Matthew	1510	NL
2	GALLANT Dennis	1360	NS
3	TSAI Shang-Chen	1250	NS
4	CASTONGUAY-PAGE Yannick	1228	NB
5	CARSON Cody	1203	NB
6	HUNT Nicholas	1166	NL
7	RAMOS Alexander	1156	NL
8	BANGLA Venu	1122	PE
9	NOH Jaehoon	1077	NS
10	ADAMS Kirk	1036	NS

## GRADE 12

1	DROVER Justin	1642	NL
2	RAINNIE Aaron	1335	PE
3	STACKHOUSE Jordan	1314	NB
4	LAPLACE Logan	1209	NB
5	LU Fred	1201	NS
6	XU Shen	1194	NS
7	GALLANT Ryan	1178	PE
8	SAMUSHE Naybu	1155	PE
9	MATHEWS Tim	1116	NL
10	LIANG Andy	1072	NS

## HONOUR ROLL

1	DORRANCE Adam	2124	NS
2	DROVER Justin	1642	NL
3	ROBICHAUD Nicolas	1562	NB
4	FENG Bob	1521	NB
5	QIU Christopher	1514	NL
6	BENDZSA Matthew	1510	NL
7	PETERS Jeremy	1473	NS
8	DORRANCE Lucas	1467	NS
9	SONG Sam	1454	NB
10	WANG Jeffrey	1378	NS

# WESTERN TOP TEN

## GRADE 1

1	BUI Khoa	628	AB
2	TOLENTINO Khino	564	AB
3	CHEN Leo	555	AB
4	SILLADOR Gabriel	553	AB
5	EMES Chad	540	AB
6	JINDOL Dhrov	530	AB
7	CHEN Elizabeth	508	AB
8	MEYNEN Aijha	476	AB
9	LOW Aaron	474	SK
10	ABAD RJ	457	AB

## GRADE 2

1	LAU Julian	1153	AB
2	SUPERCEANU Andi	1098	AB
3	LOW Kevin	1041	BC
4	JAMES Rowan	836	BC
5	BRADFORD William	795	AB
6	TOLTON Alex	785	AB
7	AMROM Itay	782	MB
8	HUANG Patrick	693	BC
9	DOKNJAS Neil	690	BC
10	FERNANDO Samith	645	MB

## GRADE 3

1	ZHAO Ian	1321	AB
2	KIM Daniel	1104	AB
3	ZHANG Daniel	1019	AB
4	MAH Sean	1018	AB
5	SASATA Alexander	980	SK
6	KOVAC Adrian	972	AB
7	HUSTON-EARLE Joshua	921	MB
8	MUDRY Connor	862	AB
9	KASSAM Nabil	858	AB
10	ZHENG Victor	853	BC

## GRADE 4

1	GROSSMANN Lenard	1811	AB
2	WANG Kaixin	1697	AB
3	CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1484	AB
4	LIN Kaining	1473	AB
5	CHEN Philip	1279	BC
6	CARLSON Andrew	1275	AB
7	PULFER Luke	1222	BC
8	LORTIE Isaac	1175	SK
9	LI Ying	1099	AB
10	MUKHAMEDSHIN Amir Khan	1078	MB

## GRADE 5

1	YAO David	1701	AB
2	DOKNJAS Joshua	1569	BC
3	TOLENTINO Patrick	1414	AB
4	TRAN Colin	1409	AB
5	BAL Nrithya	1363	AB
6	MA Derek	1356	MB
7	WOLCHOCK Theo	1334	MB
8	LORTIE Benjamin	1272	SK
9	SU Michael	1214	BC
10	DENG Yi	1208	BC

## GRADE 6

1	MCCULLOUGH Ian	1611	AB
2	HAN Lionel	1465	BC
3	STEVANOVIC Boris	1355	AB
4	SHRESTHA Prayus	1348	AB
5	MAWANI Adam	1346	AB
6	KUYE Tosin	1298	AB
7	STANISLUS Kevin	1281	AB
8	TOLENTINO Andre	1256	AB
9	XU Edwin	1204	BC
10	CHEN Samuel	1161	BC

## ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	GROSSMANN Lenard	1811	AB
2	YAO David	1701	AB
3	WANG Kaixin	1697	AB
4	MCCULLOUGH Ian	1611	AB
5	DOKNJAS Joshua	1569	BC
6	CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1484	AB
7	LIN Kaining	1473	AB
8	HAN Lionel	1465	BC
9	TOLENTINO Patrick	1414	AB
10	TRAN Colin	1409	AB

## GRADE 7

1	CAO Jason	2212	BC
2	KASSAM Jamil	1883	AB
3	NIE Mark	1774	AB
4	KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
5	ZITA Matthew	1672	AB
6	MULIAWAN Lukas	1576	AB
7	LEE Jonah	1524	BC
8	WANG Poplar	1503	AB
9	LIN Rayden	1454	AB
10	NGUYEN Vinh	1448	AB

## GRADE 8

1	AWATRAMANI Janak	2240	BC
2	KONG Dezhong	1980	BC
3	DOKNJAS John	1940	BC
4	HOFFNER Noah	1802	AB
5	STANISLUS Allan	1742	AB
6	HUANG Zhonglin	1731	AB
7	SHI Diwen	1723	AB
8	WEI William	1682	AB
9	LEE Nicholas	1645	AB
10	DI BLASI Luciano	1572	AB

## GRADE 9

1	MCCULLOUGH David	1808	AB
2	HUI Jeremy	1672	BC
3	SITU Dennis	1637	AB
4	DESPRES Sebastien	1629	AB
5	YANG Tony	1600	AB
6	ZHAO Chenxi	1587	AB
7	PAVLIC Stephen	1562	AB
8	SWIFT Ryne	1558	MB
9	CHAN Dante	1464	AB
10	HERDIN Mathew	1347	BC

## GRADE 10

1	WANG Richard	2454	AB
2	LI Kevin	2224	MB
3	LO Ryan	2217	BC
4	LAI Jingzhou	1858	BC
5	PANG Michael	1836	MB
6	WANG YueKai	1806	AB
7	LUDWIG Michael	1704	AB
8	BANSAL Prabjeet	1684	AB
9	ZITA Aren	1666	AB
10	SONG Henry	1645	AB

## GRADE 11

1	SOHAL Tanraj	2269	BC
2	LI Chang He	1854	BC
3	WASSERMAN Leor	1808	MB
4	KALAYDINA Regina	1804	AB
5	SINGH Krishneel	1715	AB
6	PERICO Jenry	1631	AB
7	XIAO Alice	1580	BC
8	VIRJI Naveed	1534	AB
9	REYNOLDSON Nigel	1510	SK
10	TING Aaron	1353	AB

## GRADE 12

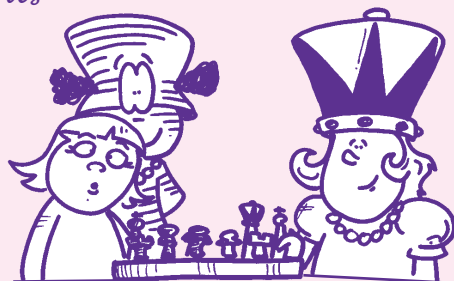
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2	CHENG Jack	2206	BC
3	HAN Yifei	2058	BC
4	LECLERC Etienne	1953	AB
5	THOMAS Derek	1926	AB
6	BOTEZ Alexandra	1876	BC
7	SANTOS Christopher	1740	MB
8	HAN Yiming	1652	BC
9	CANNON Farley	1641	BC
10	KIRSCH Zachary	1601	AB

## HONOUR ROLL

1	WANG Richard	2454	AB
2	ZHANG David	2409	AB
3	SOHAL Tanraj	2269	BC
4	AWATRAMANI Janak	2240	BC
5	LI Kevin	2224	MB
6	LO Ryan	2217	BC
7	CAO Jason	2212	BC
8	CHENG Jack	2206	BC
9	HAN Yifei	2058	BC
10	KONG Dezhong	1980	BC

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# TOP GIRLS CANADA



## GRADE 1

1	GILANI Mysha	832	ON
2	ATANASOVA Rada	614	ON
3	SHEN Isamel	612	ON
4	PILNITZ Constantia	585	ON
5	ETTIBARYAN Lena	562	ON

## GRADE 2

1	ZHU Harmony	870	ON
2	RADIN Claire	860	ON
3	GUO Hazel	836	ON
4	GOGA Flavia-Maria	735	QC
5	MARTIN-CHASE Rose	704	ON

## GRADE 3

1	TAN Kylie	1082	ON
2	CHERTKOW Sasha	1007	ON
3	SAVCHENKO Elizabeth	764	QC
4	MALE PATHIRANAGE Thisandi	759	ON
5	RODRIGUES Julia	723	ON

## GRADE 4

1	ZHANG Taylor	1436	ON
2	LIU Julia	1259	QC
3	HENRY Nadia	1189	ON
4	ZHANG Jeannie	1110	ON
5	PERRONE Anna	1066	ON

## GRADE 5

1	OUELLET Mailli-Jade	1535	QC
2	KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1451	ON
3	BIRAROV Nicole	1401	ON
4	LU Daisy	1378	QC
5	PARAPARAN Varshini	1376	ON

## GRADE 6

1	LIU Dora	1538	ON
2	WANG Constance	1505	ON
3	ZHU Jiarong	1394	ON
4	YU Cindy	1309	QC
5	MILICEVIC Ljudmila	1226	ON

## PRINCESS PARADE

1	LIU Dora	1538	ON
2	OUELLET Mailli-Jade	1535	QC
3	WANG Constance	1505	ON
4	KANESHALINGAM Mathanhe	1451	ON
5	ZHANG Taylor	1436	ON
6	BIRAROV Nicole	1401	ON
7	ZHU Jiarong	1394	ON
8	LU Daisy	1378	QC
9	PARAPARAN Varshini	1376	ON
10	YU Cindy	1309	QC

## GRADE 7

1	ZHOU Qiyu	1814	ON
2	WANG Kelly	1595	QC
3	SHI Linda	1532	QC
4	PENG Janet	1400	ON
5	GAO Christine	1388	QC

## GRADE 8

1	GIBLON Melissa	1384	ON
2	POBERESHNIKOVA Agniya	1340	ON
3	PANDY Saramae	1325	ON
4	CHENG Megan	1324	ON
5	MILICEVIC Aleksandra	1258	ON

## GRADE 9

1	PENG Jackie	2214	ON
2	YUN Chang	1870	QC
3	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1306	ON
4	ROSCA Maria Alexandra	1247	QC
5	BUI Keira	1049	ON

## GRADE 10

1	GIBLON Rebecca	1587	ON
2	LORANGER Erika	1401	QC
3	HOU Louisa	1211	QC
4	NAZARETH Linda	1134	ON
5	TSUI Pearl	1085	AB

## GRADE 11

1	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1861	ON
2	KALAYDINA Regin	1804	AB
3	XIAO Alice	1580	BC
4	WANG Yan	1577	QC
5	MA Indy	1514	QC

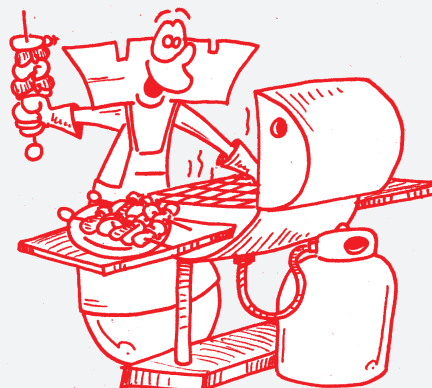
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3	SAMUSHE Naybu	1155	PE
4	TRAN Tracey	1078	AB
5	LEE Cynthia	1078	AB

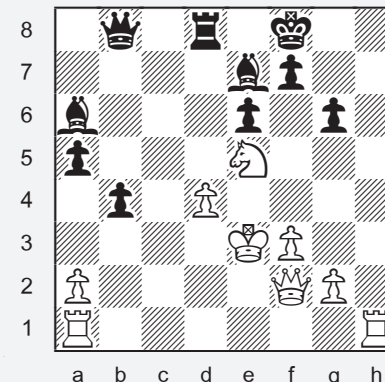
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6	ZHOU Qiyu	1814	ON
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9	GIBLON Rebecca	1587	ON
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# COMBO MOMBO !!



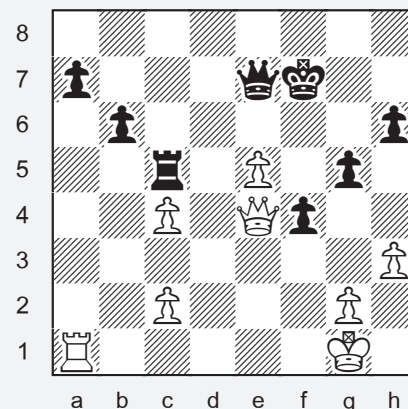
## SPOTLIGHT ON SKEWERS



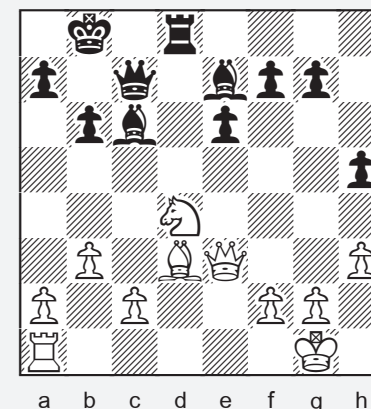
Skewers are the sticks we put food on to barbecue. A chess skewer is a move that attacks two pieces along the same line. After the first piece (usually K or Q) moves away, the one behind it is taken. This tactic is also known as an *x-ray attack*.

♔ White wins with a decoy sacrifice and skewer. 1.Nd7+! Rxd7 (1...Kg7 2.Nxb8) 2.Rh8+ Kg7 3.Rxb8

♚ Black to play wins a piece with 1...Qxe5+! After 2.dxe5, there is a skewer by 2...Bc5+ 3.Kf4 Bxf2.



① WHITE TO MOVE  
Win Material



② BLACK TO MOVE  
Win Material

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# MATE IN 1

WHITE CHECKMATES BLACK  
IN ONE MOVE.

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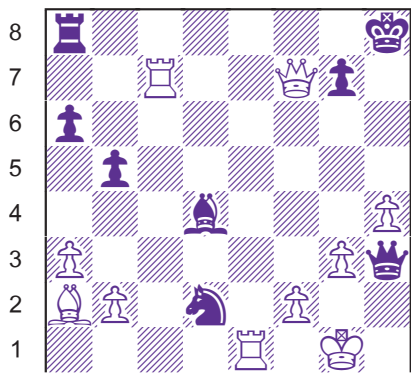
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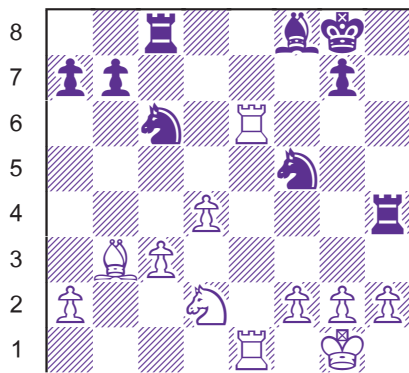


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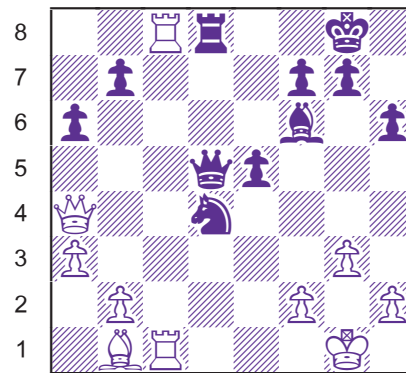
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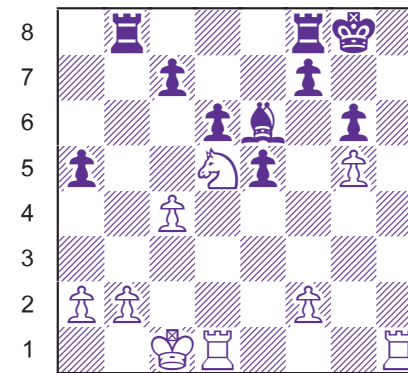
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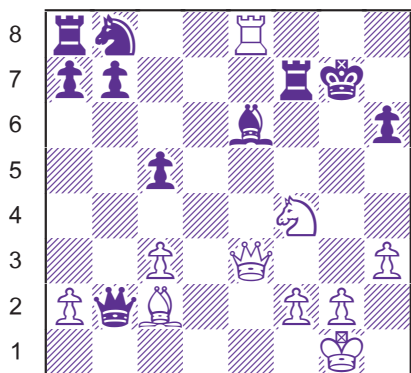
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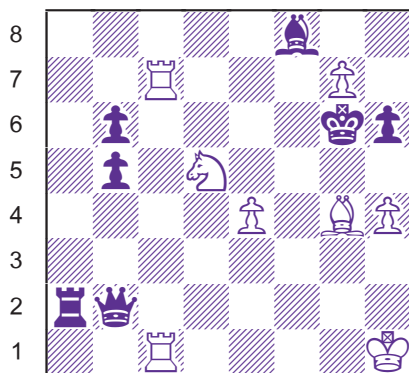
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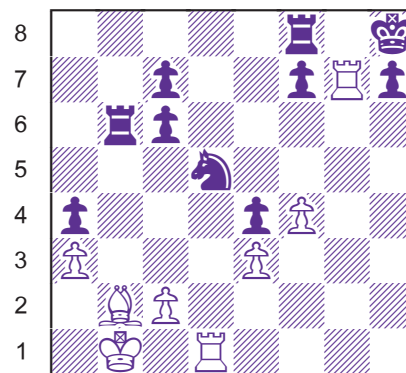
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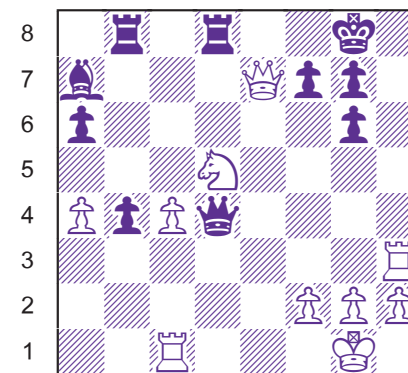
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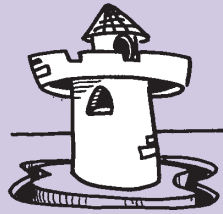


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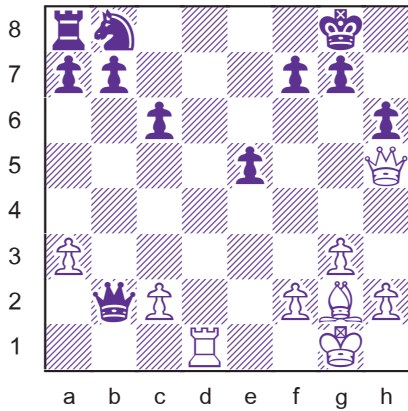
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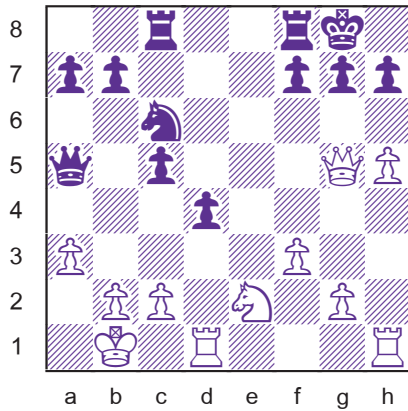
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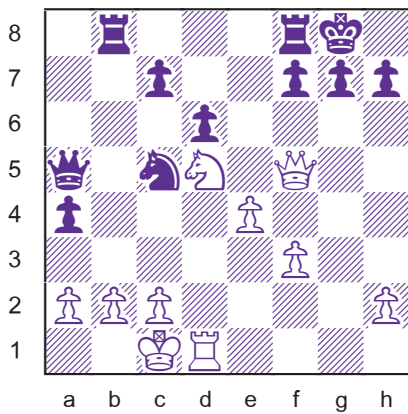
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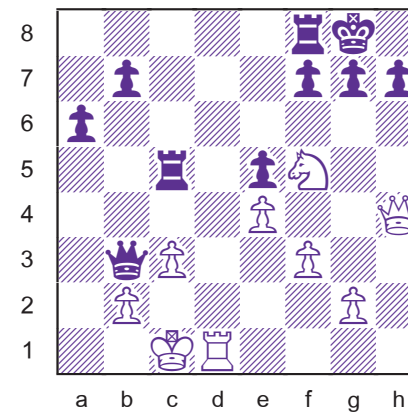
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# LILY'S PUZZLER

Hi BOYS AND GIRLS!

Usually we try to beat our opponent in chess. But in these puzzlers, we actually try to help them!

Black goes first and plays a move that lets white give mate.

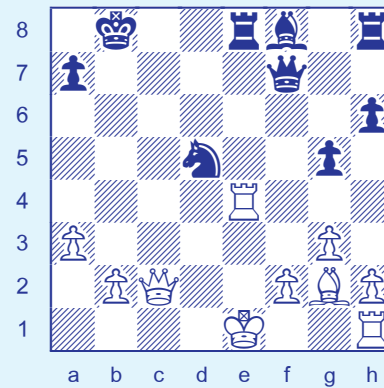
Don't you wish that players would be this nice in your tournament games?

Good luck!

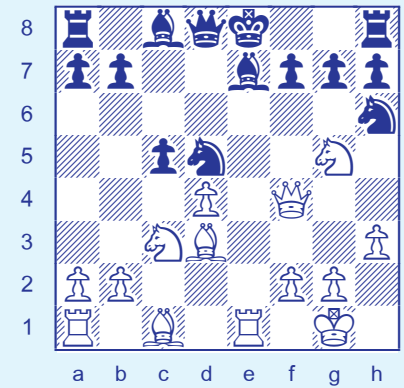
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A



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## HELPMATES IN 1

BLACK TO PLAY. FIND THE MOVE THAT  
LETS WHITE MATE IN 1.



# CANADA AND WORLD NEWS



## QUEBEC YOUTH

The 2012 Quebec Youth Chess Championship, sponsored by PepsiCo, was played at College Jean-de-Brebeuf in Montreal on November 23-25, with 47 players. The winners were:

- < 8 Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux
- <10 Maili-Jade Ouellet
- <12 Kelly Wang
- <14 Olivier-Kenta Chiku-Ratte
- <16 Maximo Alcantara
- <18 Nikita Kraiouchkine

## B.C. JUNIOR

The British Columbia Junior Championship took place on December 1-2 in Vancouver. The five round tournament ended in a three-way tie between Jack Cheng, Tanraj Sohal, and Jason Cao.

## NEWFOUNDLAND

The 2012-2013 Newfoundland and Labrador Individual Chess Championship was played on November 12 in St. John's, with 41 players attending.

The champions are:

- PRIMARY Norman Chen
- ELEMENTARY Xingbo Huang
- JUNIOR HIGH Andrew Dawson
- HIGH SCHOOL Justin Drover

## ALBERTA JUNIOR

Nine players took part in the Alberta Junior Championship on November 3-4 in Edmonton. First place went to IM Richard Wang (Edmonton) with a perfect score in the five round event.

David Miller (Grand Prairie) came second and Nicholas Lee (Calgary) was third.

For those people who may not know, in chess "junior" refers to competitions for players under 20 years old.

## NORTHERN ALBERTA

The Northern Alberta Scholastic Chess Championship was held on December 9th in Edmonton with 62 players. The champions in each grade are:

- 1 Gabriel Sillador
- 2 William Bradford
- 3 Nabil Kassam
- 4 Lenard Grossmann
- 5 David Yao
- 6 Ian McCullough
- 7 Matthew Zita
- 8 Noah Hoffner
- 9 David McCullough
- 10 Jenry Perico
- 11 Marcela Louie
- 12 Derek Thomas

The tournament was organized by *The Roving Chessnuts*.

## WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2012 World Youth Chess Championships took place in Maribor, Slovenia on November 7-19. There were 1574 kids from 91 different nations participating this year, including 28 Canadians (16 boys and 12 girls).

The big news for Team Canada was the third place finish of Richard Wang in the under 14 section. The young international master from Edmonton scored an impressive 8½ points out of 11 games. It was the second time that Richard won the bronze medal at the World Youth tournament. He also did it three years ago when he was under 12.

Other players with a plus score (6 or more points) in the open sections were Mark Plotkin (Toronto) and Tanraj Sohal (Surrey).

Our leading player in the girls competition was Harmony Zhu (Toronto), who finished 8th in the under 8 section with 8 points. Other girls with a plus score were Kylie Tan (Mississauga), An Nguyen (Fredericton), Nicka Kalaydina (Calgary), and Qiyu Zhou (Ottawa). Way to go!

See page 45 for all the Canadian results and the winners in each section. Next year's WYCC will be in the United Arab Emirates.



## VICTORIA

There were 21 players at the Victoria City Championship on December 2. The winners in the 3 sections by grade were:

- GRADE K-3 James Rowan
- GRADE 4-7 Matthew Geng
- GRADE 8-12 Rui Wu

## WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2012 Women's World Chess Championship was held in Siberia in November. Sixty-four women took part in the knockout tournament.

The new champion is 27 year old Anna Ushenina from the Ukraine. Runner-up was former champion Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria).

Canadian Natalia Khoudgarian got eliminated in the first round by GM Xue Zhao (China). So did thirty-one other players.

Hal Bond (Ontario) was the chief arbiter for the event.



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## MORE NEWS



### MARITIME SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

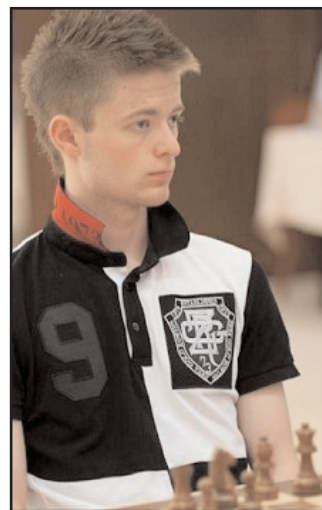
The third annual *Maritime Scholastic Team Championship* was held in Charlottetown on November 17 between teams from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Each province fielded 24 players for the four round match, which was divided into four groups by grade.

The overall winner was Team New Brunswick with a dominating 76½ points out of 96. Nova Scotia was second with 38½ followed by PEI with 29.

The individual champions were Alexandre LeBlanc (NB K-3), Soumyadeep Chowdhury (PE 4-6), Sam Song (NB 7-9), and Nicolas Robichaud (NB 10-12).

Other players deserving mention, with perfect 4-0 scores, were: Yannick Castonguay-Page, Cody Carson, Joshua Makarov, Justin Chae, Robin Weiland, and Luc Blanchette, all from New Brunswick.

New Brunswick will host the event in 2013. Thanks to *Lawtons Drugs* for sponsoring scholastic chess in Atlantic Canada.



**IM Aman Hambleton**

### AMAN HAMBLETON

Congratulations to Aman Hambleton, Canada's newest International Master.

The twenty year old student from Ottawa earned his third and final "IM norm" at a tournament in Mexico City in November. His other norms were at the *World Junior Championship* this summer and the *Spice Cup* in St. Louis in October.

His chess results in 2012 have been amazing. Among other victories, he came first at the *Elite Championship of Quebec*. His score in games against grandmasters this year is 8 wins, 7 draws, and just 2 losses.

Good luck, Aman!!

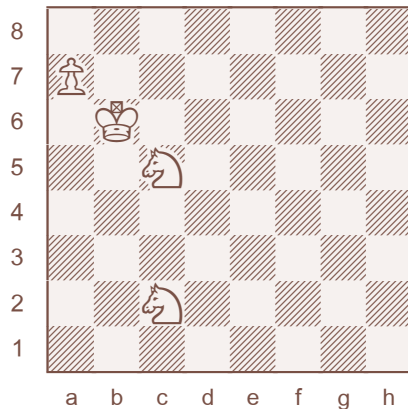
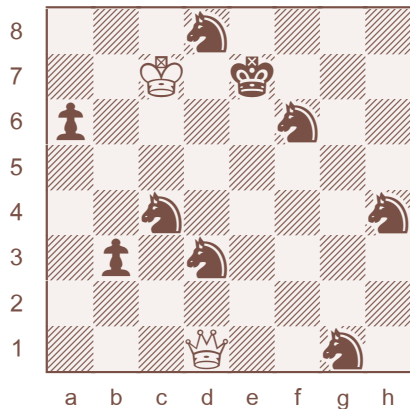


## WELCOME TO MY CONTEST !

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 **CHESSMAZE** only one white piece moves. In this maze, it is the white **queen**. The object is to capture the black king without taking any pieces or moving where the queen can be taken. Draw a line to show the path of the queen. This is a **Maze in 9**. That means you should get the king in nine 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 51



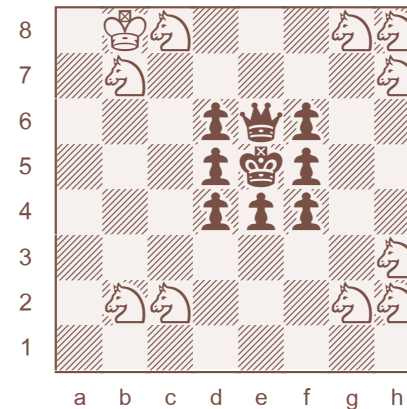
We received 6 correct solutions to October's contest.

- 1 Mate in 1 1.Nf7# or 1.Ng4#
- 2 Mate in 2 1.f8=B Kd8 2.Rd1#
- 3 Maze Rh1-f1-f4-h4-h5-g5-g2-e2-e8-d8-d6-c6-c7xa7
- 4 Loyd A.Ka3 B.Kc3 C.Ke5 (Re2#)

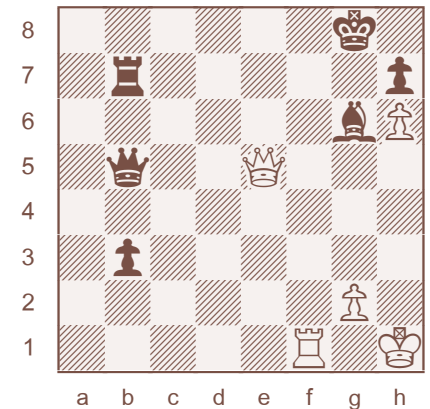
The winner of the drawing for a Kiril T-shirt is :  
**Brett Russell** of Newfoundland

# KIRIL'S KONTEST

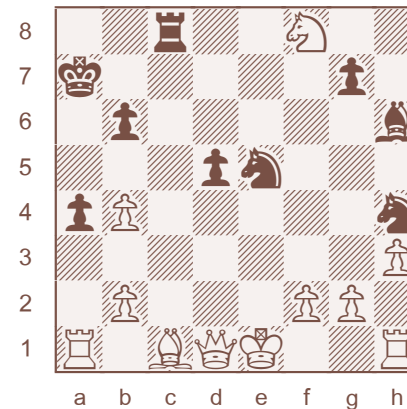
Mail entries to: 3423 St. Denis #400 Montreal, Quebec H2X 3L2  
or e-mail to: kiril@chess-math.org Deadline : January 24



MATE IN 1

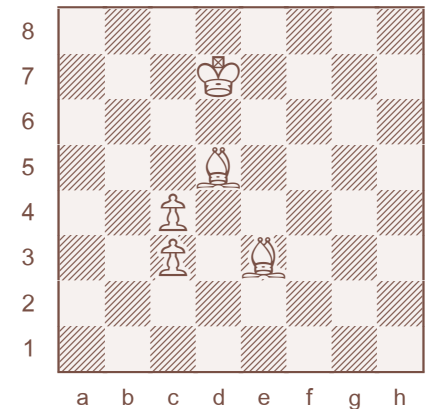


MATE IN 2



CHESSMAZE IN 13

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



TRIPLE LOYD

PLACE THE BLACK KING IN :

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



## THE TALE OF THE DUST BUNNY

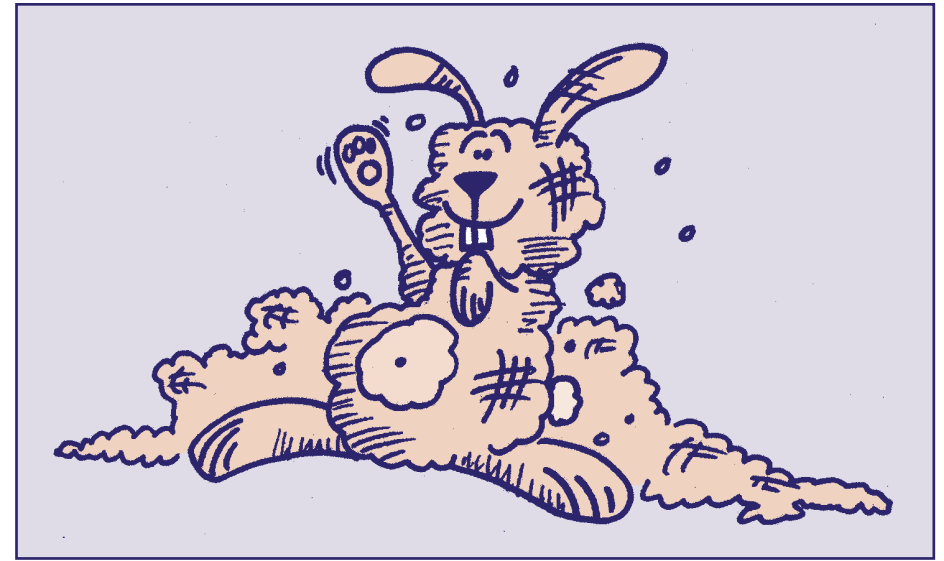
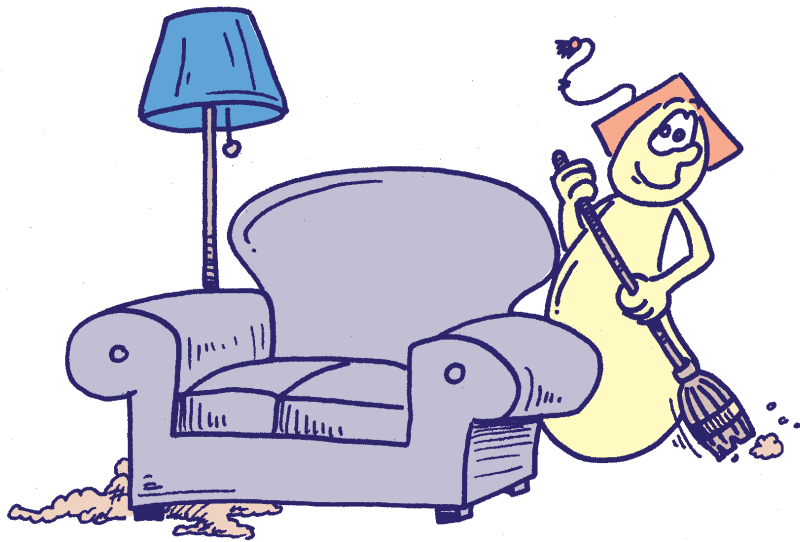
Our story takes place at Kiril's house. It's Saturday afternoon, and he is standing by the back door, putting his shoes on so he can go outside and play.

His mother was in the kitchen cleaning the windows. He was just about to say goodbye to her when she asked him for a little favour. "Kiril, before you go, could you do me a little favour?"

"Sure, mom, what is it?" That's what Kiril always answered. He liked helping his mother. After all, she did nice things for him everyday.

"Could you sweep behind the sofa in the living room? It gets really dusty back there."

"Sure, mom." So Kiril got the broom and pulled the sofa away from the wall. "Wow!" It really was dusty.



Kiril had seen dust bunnies before, but never any this big. And never one that actually looked like a rabbit!

What happened next was even more surprising. The dust bunny said hello to him! "Hello, Kiril."

Kiril took a step back. He wasn't sure what to do, so he just said, "Hello, Mr. Dust Bunny."

The dust bunny smiled and wiggled his tail. "So what are you doing with that broom, Kiril?"

"Well, I'm supposed to sweep here behind the sofa."

This time the bunny took a step back. He wasn't sure what to do, so he wiggled his nose for a while, and then said, "Hey, how about a game of chess first?"

That sounded good to Kiril.

### **WARNING** Do not play with dust bunnies.

Dust bunnies are more than just dust. They are made from dust, lint, hairs, dead skin, food bits, and sometimes tiny insects. The different parts are brought together by air currents caused by people walking through a room or opening doors. They are held together by friction and static electricity. As a dust bunny moves around, it gathers more particles, growing bigger and bigger.

White **KIRIL the PAWN**  
 Black **DUST BUNNY**

**1. d4**

Kiril usually opens 1.e4, but this move is also good.

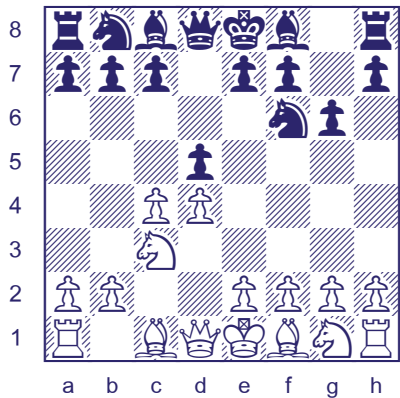
**1. ... Nf6**

The dust bunny plays the *Indian Defence*. The knight on f6 stops 2.e4.

**2. c4 g6**

Black will *fianchetto* his bishop on g7.

**3. Nc3 d5**



**GRUNFELD DEFENCE**

The *Grinfeld* has been a favourite of several world champions.

If Black plays ...d6 instead of ...d5, then the defence is called the *King's Indian* (3...Bg7 4.e4 d6).

**4. Nf3**

Kiril likes to develop his knights. Another good line is the *Exchange Variation*: 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3. White gets a big pawn centre, but Black can attack it from the sides with 6...Bg7, followed by 7...0-0 and 8...c5.

**4. ... Bg7**

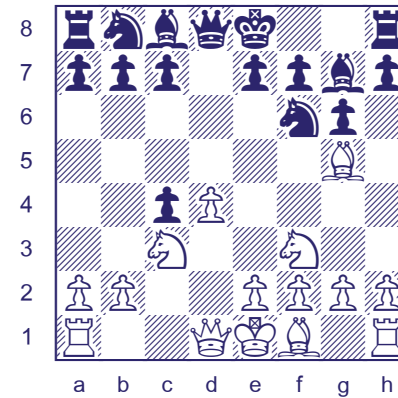
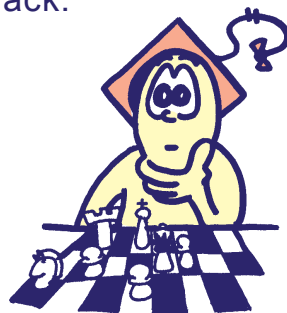
**5. Bg5**

Now Kiril plans to bring his bishops out. He knows that development is very important in the opening.

The threat is 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nxd5, winning a pawn.

**5. ... dxc4**

A trickier way to defend is 5...Ne4! Then 6.Nxd5? loses to 6...Nxg5! 7.Nxg5 e6, attacking both knights. 6.Bh4 Nxc3 and 6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 are fine for Black.



The rabbit snares a pawn, but Kiril knows there is no way for him to keep it.

**6. e3**

White opens a diagonal for the bishop on f1 so that he can play 7.Bxc4.

The move 6.e4 may be a little stronger. Kiril prefers a solid position with the d-pawn firmly protected.

**6. ... Be6**

The dust bunny tries to hold on to his extra pawn.

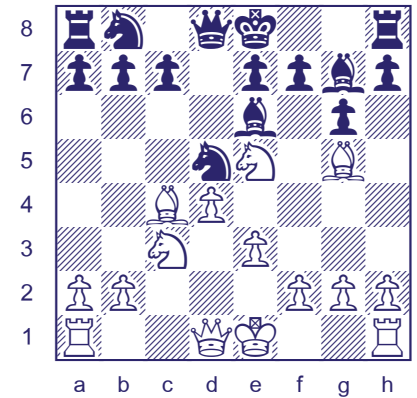
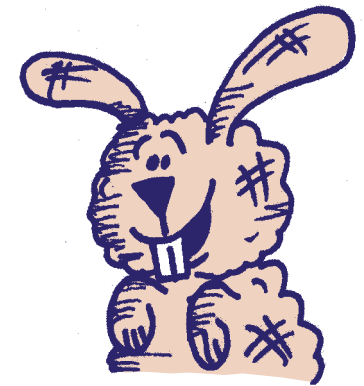
**7. Ne5!**

The knight attacks c4 and guarantees that White will get his pawn back.

**7. ... Nd5!?**

A clever trap by the sly rabbit. And Kiril falls for it.

**8. Bxc4?**



Poor Kiril. He should have taken with the knight. The game is even after 8.Nxc4. Now Black gains material.

**8. ... Nxc3!**

This capture on c3 is the winning move.

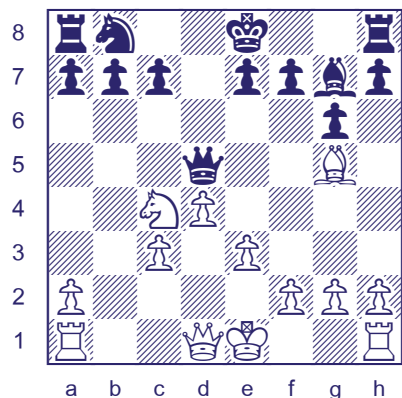
Forking with 8...f6? looks strong, but White would stand better after 9.Qb3!

- 9...fxg5 10.Qxb7
- 9...fxe5 10.Bxd5 Bxd5 11.Nxd5
- 9...Nxc3 10.Bxe6
- 9...c6 10.Bxd5! cxd5 11.Qxb7

The next two moves by White are “forced”.

9. **bxc3 Bxc4**

10. **Nxc4 Qd5!**



A triple fork by the queen, attacking the knight on c4, the bishop on g5, and the pawn on g2. Uh-oh!

But Kiril wasn't ready to give up. He had an idea, and it just might work!



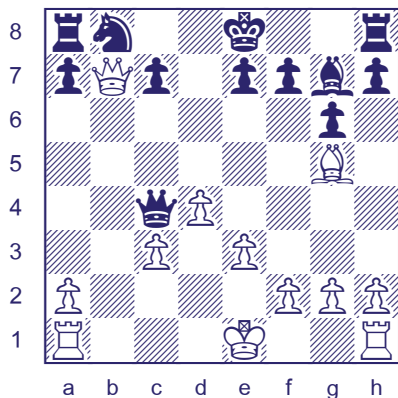
11. **Qf3!?**

The white queen aims at Black's b-pawn! If the dust bunny takes on c4 or g5, then Kiril can take on b7 and trap the rook on a8.

11. ... **Qxc4!**

This rabbit is not in the habit of making mistakes. 11...Qxg5? 12.Qxb7 would lead to an equal position.

12. **Qxb7**



Kiril was getting excited. He hopes that Black plays 12...Qxc3+ 13.Ke2 Qc6? to guard the rook. Then he is all set to bust this bunny with 14.Qc8#!

12. ... **0-0!**

No luck for Kiril today. The black king runs for cover.

13. **Qxa8**

Kiril's plan of trapping the black rook in the corner has worked. He is actually up in material (R+p for N).

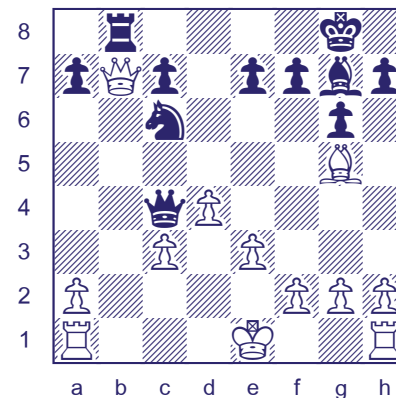
If he had seen what was coming next, he may have played 13.Qb3 instead. But then he would be down a knight for a pawn.

13. ... **Nc6**

The dust bunny is in no hurry to take the pawn on c3. He activates his knight and uncovers an attack on the black queen from the rook at f8.

14. **Qb7 Rb8**

The rook gains a tempo by attacking the queen and prepares to enter the battle along the open b-file. This rabbit is fierce!



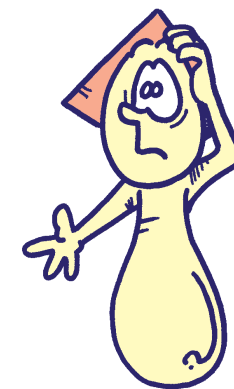
15. **Qxc7**

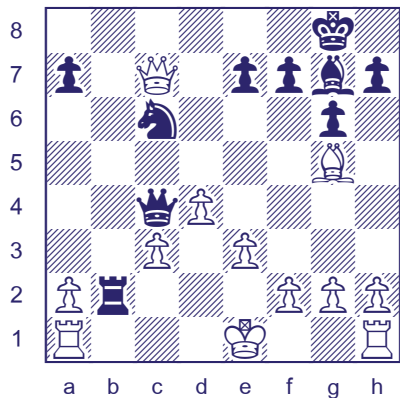
Another pawn for Kiril. He should've tried 15.Qxb8+!? Nxb8 16.Kd2. Two rooks and a pawn against queen and knight is not too bad.

15. ... **Rb2!**

Yikes! Black is threatening ...Qe2#. And unfortunately for Kiril, he cannot castle because the black queen is attacking the f1 square.

Also winning is 15...Qxc3+ 16.Ke2 Rb2+ 17.Kf3 Nxd4+ 18.Kg3 Qxc7+.





Kiril wasn't ready to give up. He had an idea, and it just might work!

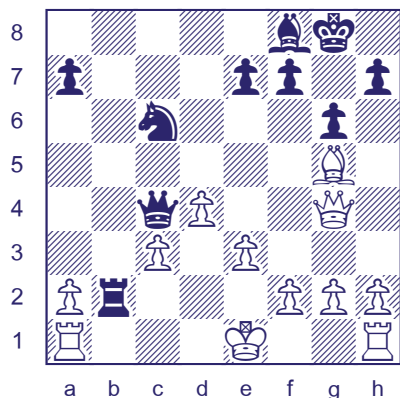
**16. Qc8+**

The check gains a tempo to bring the queen to g4.

**16. . . . Bf8**

**17. Qg4**

The e2 square is guarded now. Unfortunately for Kiril, there are other problems.



**BLACK TO MATE IN 5**

The dust bunny wiggled his nose for a while, then he picked up his queen.

**17. . . . Qxc3+**

The white c-pawn finally gets captured. "Check!"

**18. Kf1**

Kiril runs for his life.  
(18.Kd1 Qd2#)

**18. . . . Qd3+!**

And the rabbit is right on his tail. "Check!"

**19. Kg1**

There is no way for White to escape. 19.Ke1 Qd2+ 20.Kf1 Qxf2#

**19. . . . Rb1+**

"Check!" The wily rabbit avoids the fancy blunder 19...Qb1+? 20.Qd1!

**20. Rxb1 Qxb1+**

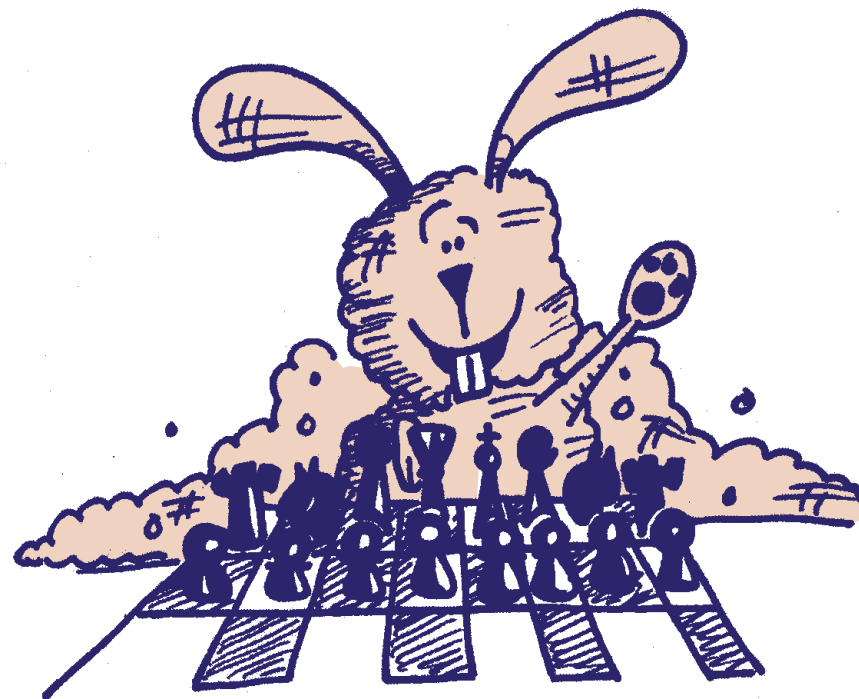
"Check!"

**21. Qd1 Qxd1#**

"Checkmate, my friend!"

Kiril was beaten, but it had been a good game. So he smiled and said, "Good game, Mr. Dust Bunny. You really played great."

"Thanks, Kiril. You played some good moves too."  
 "Yea, too bad there were some bad ones in between!"  
 After they stopped laughing, the dust bunny wiggled his tail and said, "So, Kiril, what shall we do next?"  
 "Gee, I guess I have to sweep you up now."  
 "I was afraid you were going to say that. Let's think of something else, okay?"  
 "I don't know, Mr. Bunny. My mom asked me to clean behind the sofa. She won't like it if I leave you here. But wait a second. I have an idea. And it just might work! I'll put you in my bedroom."  
 That sounded good to the rabbit.  
 So Kiril took his new friend upstairs and put him under his bed. The perfect place for a friendly dust bunny.



**No animals were harmed in the making of this story.**  
 Except maybe one tiny bug that got crushed by the sofa.

**WHO'S THE GOOF?****solutions**

1. The board is turned sideways.
2. White is in an impossible double check.
3. White's light-square bishop could never get to b3 from f1 with unmoved pawns on e2 and g2. The bishop is not a promoted pawn because White still has eight pawns on the board.
4. The white queen is giving check, but she had no legal move on the previous turn to reach e7. She would already be checking the king on any square she could have moved from (d7, d8, f7, f8, or the e-file). The last move was not a capture on e7 because Black is only missing a pawn and a light-square bishop. The pawn must have been captured on g3 (dark square), and the light-square bishop could never be on e7.

**KIRIL'S KLASS** page 11 diagram 3 *mate with 2Ns vs. P*

1.g8=N Kg7 2.Ne7 Kf6 3.Nd5+ Kf5 4.Kg3 h5 5.Nh4+ Ke4  
 6.Nf4 Ke3 7.Nfg2+ Ke4 8.Kf2 Kd4 9.Kf3 Ke5 10.Ne3 Kd4  
 11.Kf4 Kd3 12.Nd5 Kc4 13.Ke5 Kb5 14.Nf4 Kc4 15.Ne6 Kd3  
 16.Kf4 Kc3 17.Ke3 Kc4 18.Ke4 Kb5 19.Kd5 Kb4 20.Kd4 Kb5  
 21.Nd8 Kb6 22.Kd5 Kb5 23.Nc6 Ka6 24.Nd4 Kb7 25.Nb5  
 Kb6 26.Nd6 Ka5 27.Kc5 Ka4 28.Ne4 Kb3 29.Kb5 Ka2 30.Nc5  
 Kb1 31.Kc4 Kc2 32.Nf3 h4 33. d4 h3 34.Nh2 Kd2 35.Nb3+  
 Kc2 36.Kc4 Kb2 37.Nd4 Ka2 38.Kc3 Ka3 39.Nb3 Ka4 40.Kc4  
 Ka3 41.Nc5 Kb2 42.Kd3 Kb1 43.Kc3 Kc1 44.Ne4 Kd1 45.Ng3  
 Kc1 46.Nf5 Kd1 47.Ne3+ Kc1 48.Kc4 Kb2 49.Kb4 Ka1  
 50.Nc4 Ka2 51.Kc3 Kb1 52.Kd2 Ka1 53.Kc1 Ka2 54.Kc2 Ka1  
 55.Kb3 Kb1 56.Nd2+ Kc1 57.Kc3 Kd1 58.Nb3 Ke1 59.Kd4  
 Ke2 60.Ke4 Ke1 61.Ke3 Kd1 62.Kd3 Ke1 63.Nd4 Kd1  
 64.Ne2 Ke1 65.Nc3 Kf2 66.Kd2 Kg2 67.Ke3 Kg3 68.Ne2+  
 Kg2 69.Nd4 Kg3 70.Ndf3 Kg2 71.Nd2 Kg3 72.Ndf1+ Kh4  
 73.Kf4 Kh5 74.Kf5 Kh6 75.Kf6 Kh7 76.Ne3 Kh6 77.Neg4+  
 Kh7 78.Kf7 Kh8 79.Ne3 Kh7 80.Nf5 Kh8 81.Kg6 Kg8 82.Ng7  
 Kf8 83.Kf6 Kg8 84.Ne6 Kh7 85.Kg5 Kg8 86.Kg6 Kh8 87.Kf7  
 Kh7 88.Ng4 h2 89.Ng5+ Kh8 90.Ne5 h1=Q 91.Ng6# Wow!

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1	Abdusattorov Nodirbek	Uzbekistan	10
2	Uzumcu Ahmet Utku	Turkey	9½
3	Shen Christopher	USA	8½

64	Washimkar Arhant	Canada	5½
80	Doknjas Neil	Canada	5

**OPEN under 10** (192)

1	Nguyen Anh Khoi	Vietnam	11
2	Sargsyan Shant	Armenia	9
3	Ram Aravind	India	8½

85	Doknjas Joshua	Canada	5½
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**OPEN under 12** (190)

1	Sevian Samuel	USA	9
2	Wheeler Cameron	USA	9
3	Zhu Yil	China	9

87	Cao Jason	Canada	5½
156	Cheung Lukas	Canada	4

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1	Troff Kayden	USA	9
2	Aravindh Chithambaram	India	9
3	Wang Richard	Canada	8½

23	Preotu Razvan	Canada	7
73	Plotkin Mark	Canada	6
78	Shi Diwen	Canada	5½
106	Doknjas John	Canada	5
127	Thanabalachandran K.	Canada	4½

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1	Eliseev Urii	Russia	9
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3	ChigaeV Maksim	Russia	8

49	Sohal Tanraj	Canada	6
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85	Itkin David	Canada	4½
96	Florea Alexandru	Canada	4½

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1	Swiercz Dariusz	Poland	9
2	Gabuzyan Hovhannes	Armenia	8½
3	Cori Jorge	Peru	8
106	Blium Benjamin	Canada	3½

**GIRLS under 8** (90)

1	Asadi Motahare	Iran	10½
2	Tereshechkina Taisiya	Russia	9
3	Juhasz Judit	Hungary	8½

8	Zhu Harmony	Canada	7½
38	Tan Kylie	Canada	6

**GIRLS under 10** (126)

1	Priyanka N	India	9½
2	Badelka Olga	Belarus	9
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65	Zhou Lily	Canada	5½

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17	Zhou Qiyu	Canada	7
96	Tapp Ashley	Canada	4½

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1	Mahalakshmi M	India	9
2	Khomeriki Nino	Georgia	9
3	Monnisha Gk	India	8

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103	Pobereshnikova Agniya	Canada	4

**GIRLS under 16** (105)

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2	Rodionova Polina	Russia	9
3	Xiao Yiyi	China	8½

39	Kalaydina Regina	Canada	6
68	Giblon Rebecca	Canada	5
87	Xiao Alice	Canada	4

**GIRLS under 18** (80)

1	Goryachkina Aleksandra	Russia	9½
2	Schut Lisa	Netherlands	8½
3	Severina Maria	Russia	8

74	Lee Melissa	Canada	3½
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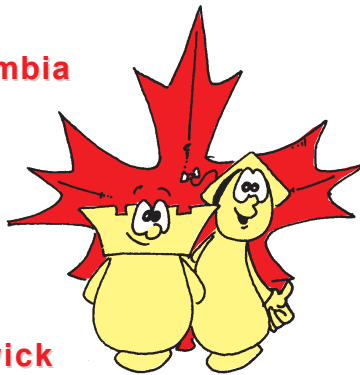
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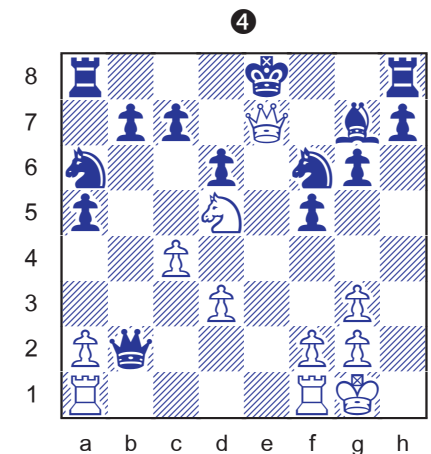
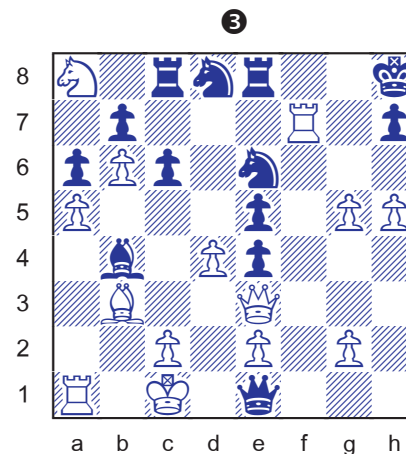
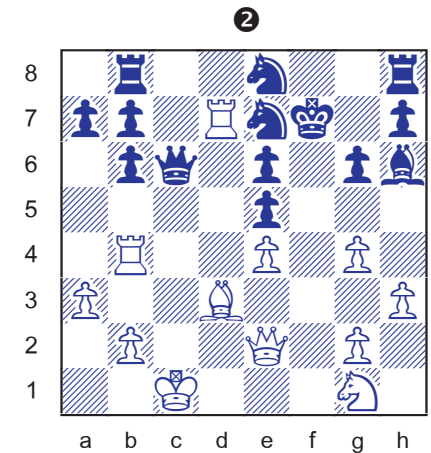
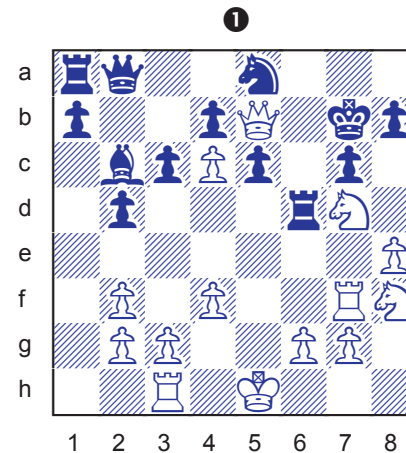
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# WHO'S THE GOOF?



Hey there, goofmasters! 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 44







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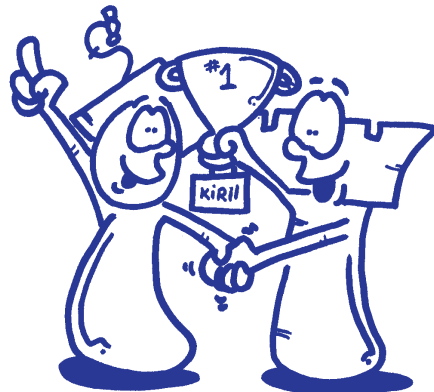
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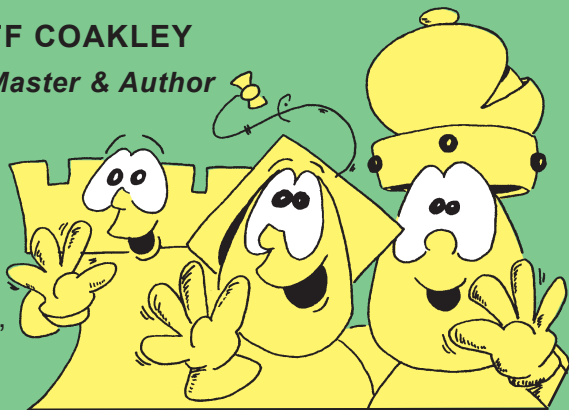
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### **MATE IN 1**

- 1 1.Qh5#
- 2 1.Rh6#
- 3 1.Nh5#
- 4 1.gxf8=N#

### **MATE IN 3**

- 1 1.Rd8+ Kh7 2.Qf5+ g6 3.Qxf7#
- 2 1.h6 g6 2.Qf6 any 3.Qg7#  
1...other 2.Qxg7#
- 3 1.Nf6+ gxf6 2.Rg1+ Kh8 3.Qxf6#  
1...Kh8 2.Qxh7#

### **TRIPLE LOYD**

- A. Ka4
- B. Ka8
- C. Kc8 (a8=Q#)

### **CHESSMAZE**

Qd1-a1-d4-a7-a8-h1-h2-g3-g7xe7

### **MATE IN 2**

- 1 1.Qe8+ Rxe8 2.Rxe8#
- 2 1.Nf6+ Kg7 2.Rh7#
- 3 1.Rg8+ Kxg8 2.Rg1#
4. 1.Qf8+ Kxf8 2.Rh8#  
1... Rxf8 2.Ne7#

### **COMBO MOMBO**

- 1 1.Rxa7 Qxa7 2.Qh7+ Ke6  
3.Qxa7
- 2 1...Rxd4 2.Qxd4 Bf6  
3.Qb4 Bxa1

### **LILY'S PUZZLER**

- A. 1...Ne7 2.Rb4#
- B. 1...Kd7 2.Bb5#

### **WHO'S THE GOOF?**

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### **TACTICS 101**

- |          |         |          |        |        |
|----------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| 1 1.Rf7+ | 3 1.Bb5 | 4 1.Bd4+ | 1.Qf4+ | 1.Qf5+ |
|          | 1.Rb6   | 1.Bf4+   | 1.Qg5+ | 1.Qg3+ |
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