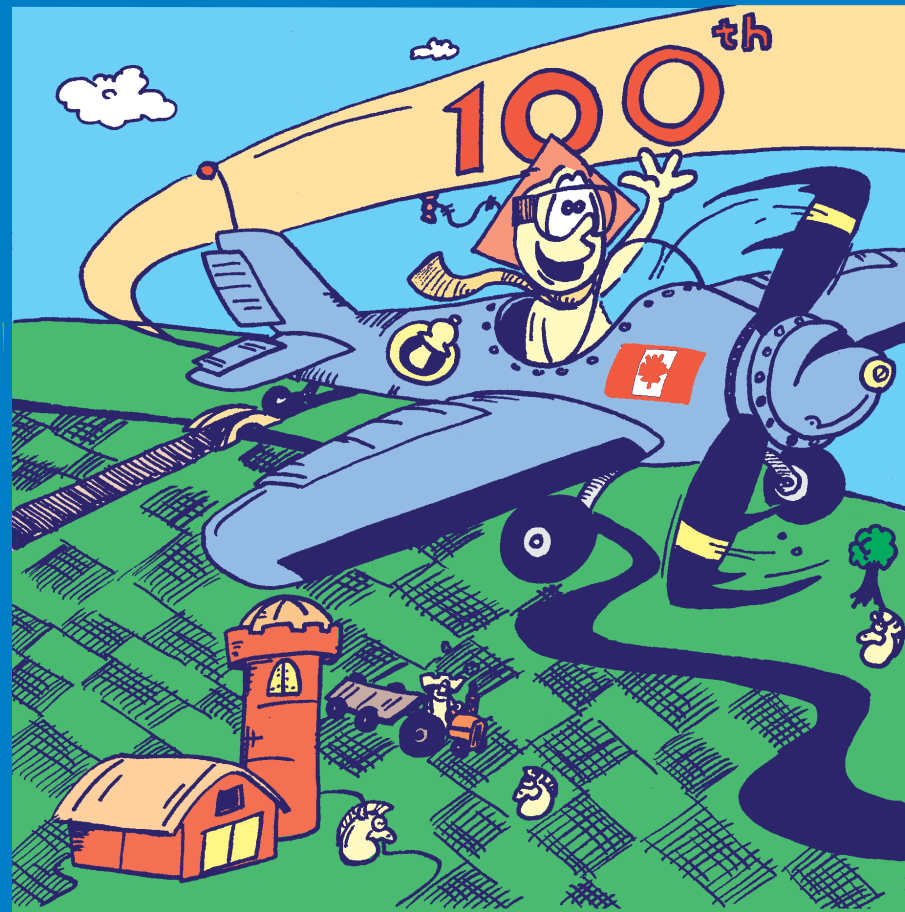


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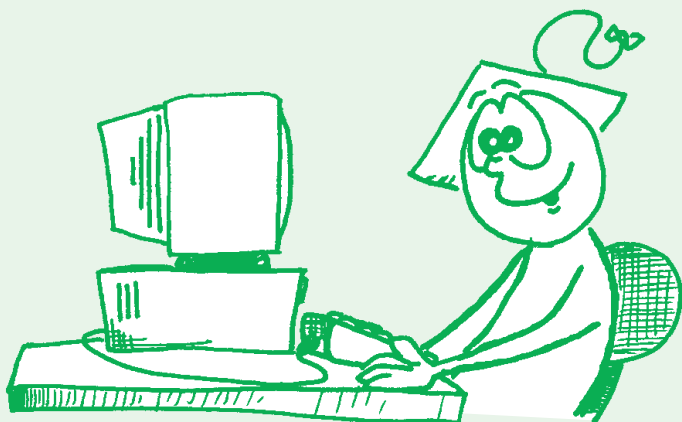
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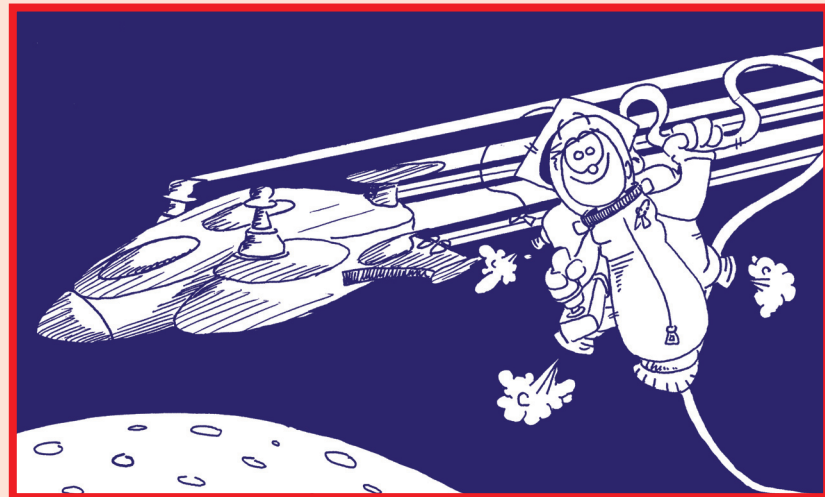
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HELLO, EARTHLINGS!



Greetings from outer space! Welcome to our *Pawns in Space* issue. I hope you have your helmets on and your seat belts fastened. We're taking off shortly.

Congratulations to all the Canadians who took part in the *World Youth Chess Championships* in December. In case you didn't hear, Harmony Zhu of Toronto is the new world champion for girls under 8 years old. Wow!

And if you're wondering about the drawing on the cover, this is the 100th *Scholar's Mate* with Jeff Coakley as editor. We're travelling back in time to bring you his first story: *Pawns In Space*.

Hang on!

Kiril

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HOW TO READ A CHESS GAME

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

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

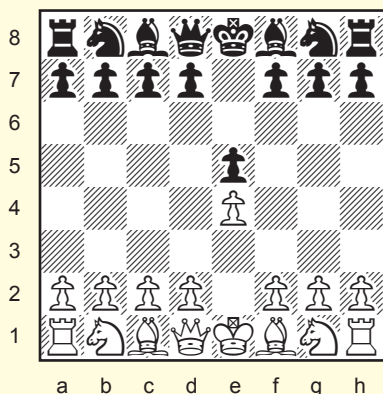
When moves are written down, the first capital letter shows the piece which moves. **Q** is queen. **B** is bishop. **R** is rook. **N** is used for knight because the king is **K**. If there is no capital letter, that means a pawn moves.

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

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

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

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



Here are some special symbols:

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

The game below is written in **algebraic notation**. 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



Hey, friends!

This is Kiril the Pawn. I didn't receive any letters from readers this time. Maybe you can write me. Tell me about your chess club, show me a position from one of your games. ask me a question, or just say hi!

My address is given below. You can send contest entries there too. The prize for our usual contest is a Kiril t-shirt. But we're also giving away a deluxe wooden chess set in our special **WoW contest**. See the **Scholar's Mate** page on the **Chess'n Math** website for details. Good luck!

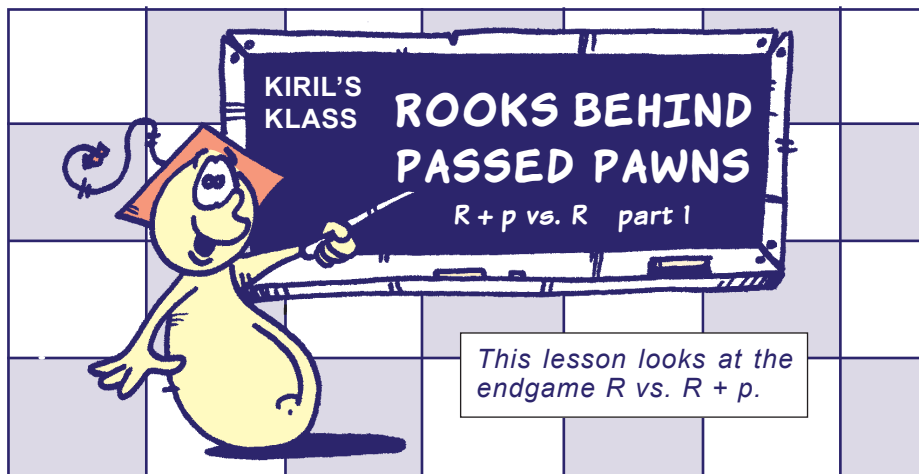
Kiril



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

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

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An important goal in rook endings is to keep your rook active. The surest way to get a bad game is to put your rook in a passive position where it is stuck on defence.

When there is a passed pawn on the board, both sides should try to place their rook “behind the pawn”. Then, every time the pawn advances, the rook gets more room to move.

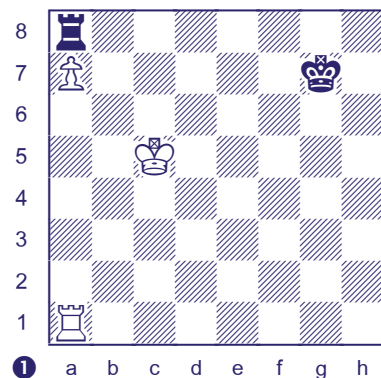
But if a rook stands in front of a passed pawn, then the opposite happens. With each step of the pawn, the freedom of the rook decreases.

Putting *rooks behind passed pawns* is a good general rule for all rook endgames. However, in this lesson, we will only look at basic positions with R+P vs. R.

In diagram #1, the white rook is behind the pawn, and the black rook is in front of it.

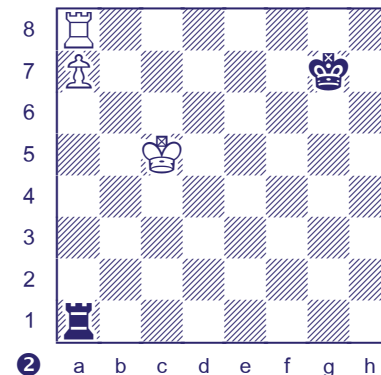
White’s rook is perfectly placed to help push his passed pawn forward. The black rook is not so lucky. His freedom is almost zero. If he moves away, then the pawn promotes.

After **1.Kb6**, Black can resign. **1...Kf7 2.Kb7 Rd8 3.a8=Q Rxa8 4.Rxa8 1-0**



In example #2, everything is the same except that the two rooks have switched places. This makes all the difference in the world. Now the white rook is stuck in front of the pawn and the black rook has freedom. If Black plays carefully, White will not be able to win.

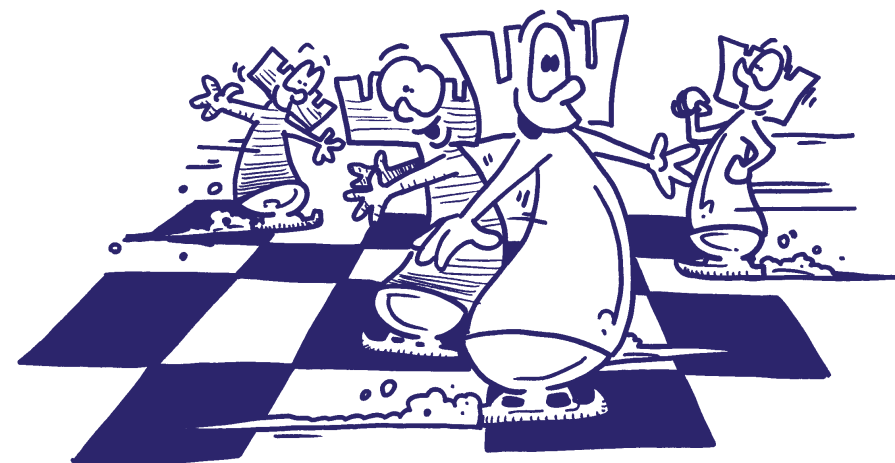
To draw, the black king must stay on g7 or h7. Leaving those squares is a big mistake. For example, going to the 6th rank by **1...Kf6?** loses to **2.Rf8+ Ke7 3.a8=Q**. And **1...Kf7?** is met by **2.Rh8! Rxa7 3.Rh7+**, skewering the black rook. **3...Ke6 4.Rxa7**.



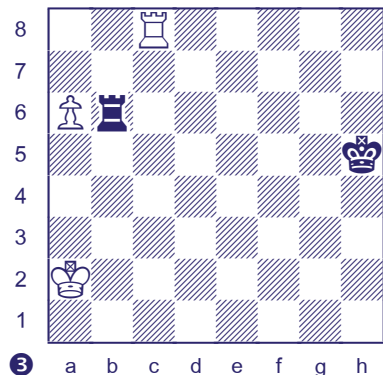
Another goof for Black to avoid is moving the rook off the a-file. **2...Rb8** and the pawn will promote.

So Black’s first move should be **1...Kh7!** (or **1...Ra2**), keeping the white rook tied to the defence of the pawn.

If White plays **2.Kb6**, protecting the pawn and freeing the rook, Black checks by **2...Rb1+**. As long as the white king guards the pawn, the black rook continues to check. **3.Ka6 Ra1+ 4.Kb7 Rb1+**. When the white king leaves the pawn undefended, then the black rook returns to the a-file. **5.Kc6 Ra1!** In this way, Black draws.



In diagram #3, Black has just attacked the white pawn with ...Rb6. What would you play as White?



There are three options to consider. Two are bad and one is good.

Advancing 1.a7? loses the pawn to 1...Ra6+ 2.Kb3 Rxa7. So white has to guard the pawn with the rook.

The way to win is to get behind the pawn. This can be done with the check 1.Rc5+, gaining a necessary tempo. After 1...Kg6 2.Ra5!, the white rook is ready to *push* the pawn. The game might go 2...Rb8 3.a7 Ra8 4.Kb3 Kf6 5.Kb4 Ke6 6.Kb5 Kd7 7.Kb6 Kc8 8.Rc5+ Kd7 9.Kb7 1-0.

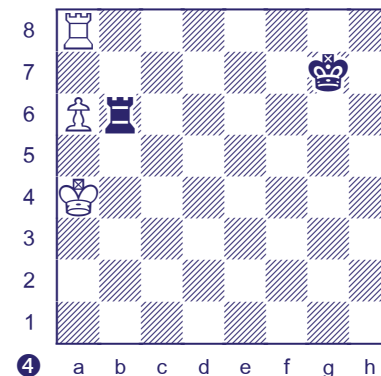
The way for White to only draw is to go in front of the pawn. The position following 1.Ra8? Kg6! 2.a7 Ra6+! 3.Kb3 Kg7! 4.Kb4 Ra1 5.Kc5 is the same as diagram #2.



In the line 1.Ra8? Kg6, White could still try to win by leaving the pawn at a6.

Diagram #4 shows the position after 2.Ka3 Kg7 3.Ka4. White's clever plan is to shelter the king from checks on the a7 square.

Black has to defend precisely. To draw, the rook has to check the white king along the ranks. (This method cannot be used against a pawn on b6.)



After 3...Kh7?, the white plan would work. 4.Ka5 Rb1 5.Rc8! Ra1+ 6.Kb6 Rb1+ 7.Ka7 Kg7 8.Ka8 Kf7 9.a7 Ke7 10.Rb8 Rc1 11.Kb7 Rb1+ 12.Kc6! Rc1+ 13.Kd5 Rd1+ 14.Kc4 Rc1+ 15.Kd3 Rd1+ 16.Kc2 1-0.

Black must play 3...Rf6!

From now on, if the white pawn ever advances, the black rook gets behind it. (4.a7 Ra6+! 5.Kb5 Ra1 ½-½)

Following 4.Kb5, the black rook checks from the f-file. 4...Rf5+ 5.Kc6 Rf6+. Black continues checking until the white king approaches the black rook. 6.Kb7 Rf7+ 7.Kc6 Rf6+ 8.Kd5!? Rb6! 9.a7 Ra6! ½-½

See you next time!

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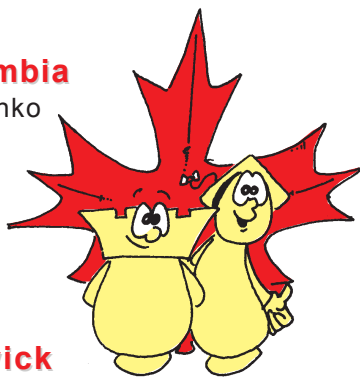
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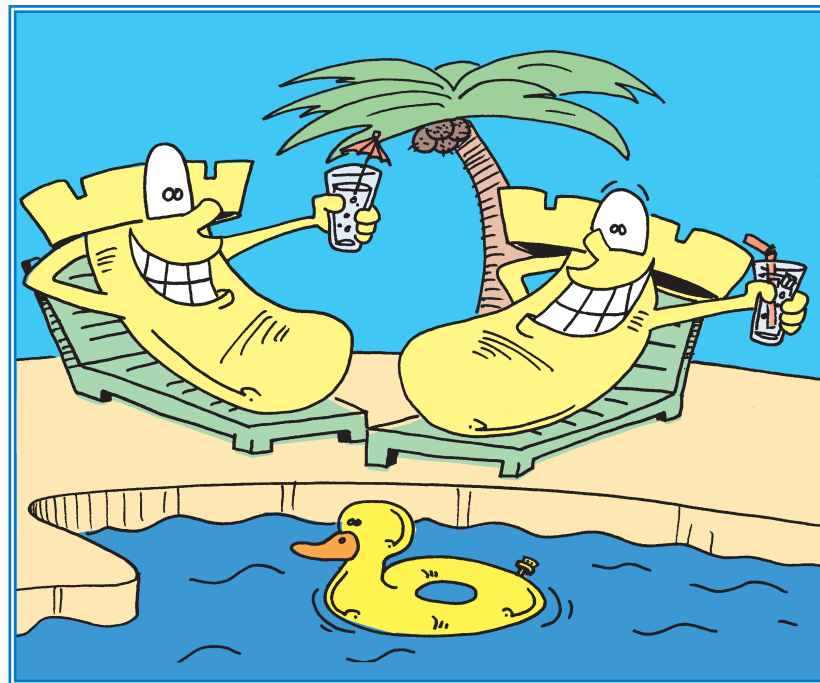
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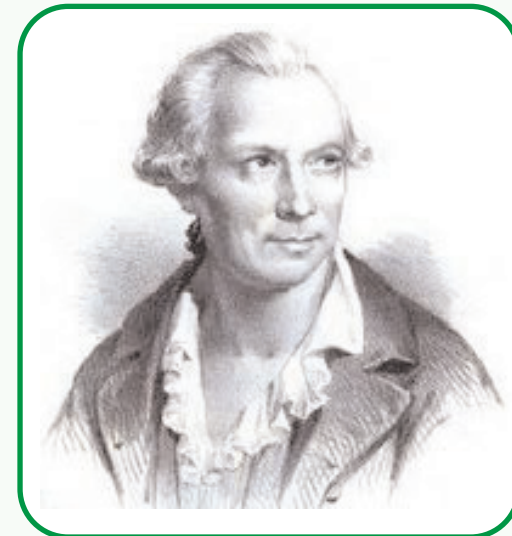
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“Pawns are the soul of chess.”

Philidor liked to keep his pawns mobile. In the opening named after him, Black avoids blocking the pawn on c7 with 2...Nc6.

PHILIDOR DEFENCE 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6

Philidor was the first player to understand the importance of the pawn formation. He pioneered other parts of the game as well. *Philidor's method* is the standard way of drawing a rook endgame when down a pawn, and the smothered mate is also known as *Philidor's legacy*.



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1 OFFENGENDEN Ron	1000 AB
2 ATANASOV Anthony	786 ON
3 ETTIBARYAN Hovanes	688 ON
4 CHEN Jason	684 BC
5 HANNAHLEE Toro	616 BC
6 LI Ze Yue	609 QC
7 TANG Jacky	582 BC
8 CHAN Anson	572 ON
9 TAO Neilson	560 QC
10 MA Dylan	508 QC

GRADE 1

1 GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1130 QC
2 ZHU Max	1046 BC
3 CHEN Max	1012 ON
4 ZHENG Richard	1008 QC
5 XU Andrew	893 BC
6 CHEN Derek	883 ON
7 GHAZARIAN Tigran	827 ON
8 SHAPIRO Idan	822 ON
9 SUN Justin	774 QC
10 LI Dylan	725 ON

GRADE 2

1 ISSANI Nameer	1437 ON
2 ZHOU Aiden	1357 BC
3 NOORALI Aahil	1348 ON
4 WU Lucian	1264 BC
5 JIANG David	1214 BC
6 JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	1208 ON
7 RUSONIK Max	1188 ON
8 GILANI Mysha	1167 ON
9 RADIN Andrew	1152 ON
10 SHEN Isamel	1102 ON

GRADE 3

1 LOW Kevin	1728 BC
2 ZHU Harmony	1638 ON
3 HUANG Qiuyu	1615 QC
4 ZHAO Jonathan	1478 ON
5 ENGLAND Max	1401 ON
6 SUPERCEANU Andi	1380 AB
7 DOKNJAS Neil	1331 BC
8 MO Aidan	1324 ON
9 LAU Julian	1308 AB
10 WU Nicholas	1305 ON

GRADE 4

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1710 QC
2 AKOPHYAN Nick	1581 ON
3 ZHONG Wenxuan	1572 QC
4 LIN Benjamin	1548 ON
5 VETTESE Nicholas	1531 ON
6 LI Alan	1400 ON
7 LIU Robert	1398 QC
8 DURETTE Francis	1384 QC
9 MAH Sean	1357 AB
10 WASHIMKAR Arhant	1354 ON

GRADE 5

1 NORITSYN Sergey	2152 ON
2 HUA Eugene	1851 ON
3 GROSSMANN Lenard	1829 AB
4 WANG Kaixin	1809 AB
5 GUO Thomas	1803 ON
6 TALUKDAR Rohan	1784 ON
7 RICHARDSON Kai	1751 BC
8 MING Wenyang	1748 ON
9 PULFER Luke	1662 BC
10 LIU Daniel	1577 ON

GRADE 6

1 DOKNJAS Joshua	1878 BC
2 YAO David	1877 AB
3 OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876 QC
4 SU Michael	1870 BC
5 ZHAO Yue Tong	1786 ON
6 FAN Run Kun	1775 QC
7 YIE Kevin	1663 ON
8 ZHANG Hou Han	1609 QC
9 CAI Jason	1605 ON
10 ZHANG Zhehai	1592 ON

GRADE 7

1 ZHANG Yuan Chen	2269 ON
2 WAN Kevin	2168 ON
3 GEDAJLOVIC Max	2071 BC
4 SHEN Chris	2008 ON
5 BALENDRA Harigaran	2001 ON
6 CHEN Richard	1865 ON
7 XU Jeffrey	1861 ON
8 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN M.	1752 QC
9 SHAMRONI Dennis	1752 ON
10 NGUYEN Duy Thien An	1746 ON

GRADE 8

1 CAO Jason	2329 BC
2 ZHOU Qiyu	2205 ON
3 BELLISSIMO Joseph	2067 ON
4 KASSAM Jamil	1854 AB
5 SONG Sam	1848 NB
6 LEI Sean	1799 ON
7 ZITA Matthew	1795 AB
8 YU Wenlu	1790 ON
9 KAISER Jakob	1732 AB
10 NIE Mark	1715 AB

GRADE 9

1 PREOTU Razvan	2529 ON
2 SONG Michael	2369 ON
3 CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2351 QC
4 YU Zong Yang	2300 QC
5 AWATRAMANI Janak	2227 BC
6 SHI Diwen	2116 AB
7 DOKNJAS John	2107 BC
8 ZHU HongRui	2074 QC
9 KONG Dezhong	1980 BC
10 MICHELASHVILI Aleksandre	1880 ON

GRADE 10

1 PLOTKIN Mark	2267 ON
2 DORRANCE Adam	2242 NS
3 LIN Tony	2229 ON
4 PENG Jackie	2205 ON
5 HERDIN Mathew	2184 BC
6 NASIR Zehn	2134 ON
7 SONG Terry	2061 ON
8 THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2002 ON
9 ADRIANSE Adam	1994 ON
10 HUI Jeremy	1968 BC

GRADE 11

1 WANG Richard	2471 AB
2 KNOX Christopher	2374 ON
3 SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2272 ON
4 LI Kevin	2271 MB
5 FU James	2241 ON
6 LO Ryan	2186 BC
7 KALRA Agastya	2178 ON
8 LUO Zhao Yang	2141 QC
9 NYAMDORJ Davaa-Ochir	2072 BC
10 WU Ray	2070 BC

GRADE 12

1 QIN Joey	2454 ON
2 SOHAL Tanraj	2346 BC
3 NIKULICH Oleksandr	2100 QC
4 GUO Forest	2051 QC
5 FLOREA Alexandru	2039 ON
6 ZHANG Zhiyuan	2025 ON
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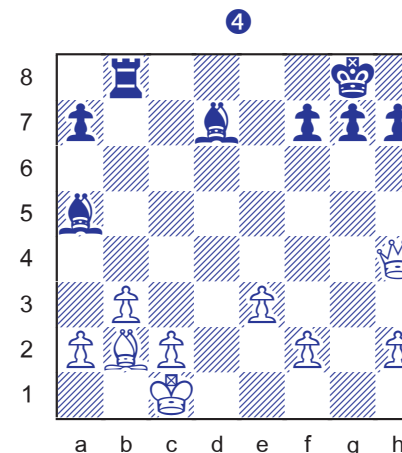
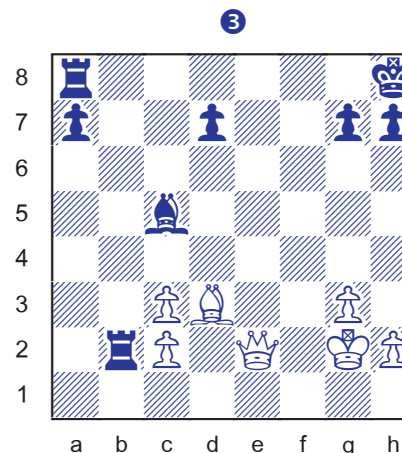
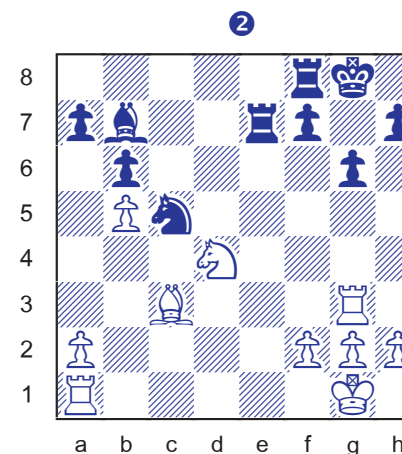
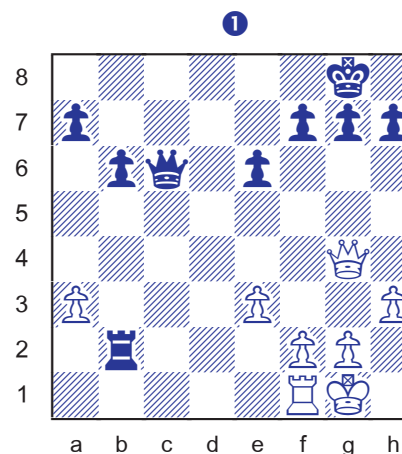
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TACTICS 101

FIND THE DOUBLE ATTACKS

White to move and win material.

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FIND 2 DOUBLE ATTACKS

FIND 3 DOUBLE ATTACKS

ONTARIO TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1	ATANASOV Anthony	786
2	ETTIBARYAN Hovanes	688
3	CHAN Anson	572
4	SCHAEFFLER Amon	454
5	YANG Jessica	421
6	ZHANG Alex	402
7	LEE Nathan	399
8	GAGARIN Leon	391
9	CLINTON Nicky	378
10	KHENI Kush	376

GRADE 1

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6	TANG Matthew	1238
7	CHEN Hao	1187
8	KULIC Mateo	1116
9	GAN David	1070
10	GUO Hazel	1068

GRADE 4

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4	LI Alan	1400
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6	ZHENG Ethan	1345
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8	EKZHANOV Sergey	1283
9	LAWRENCE Livinon	1271
10	WANG Thomas	1239

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7	SIVAPATHASUNDARAM Manojh	1551
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GRADE 6

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5	HUANG Immanuel	1535
6	LIANG Hairan	1518
7	IANSAVITCHOUS James	1494
8	SEKAR Varun	1481
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10	TRUONG Kyle	1425

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8	NGUYEN Duy Thien An	1746
9	ZHAO Harry	1735
10	ZOTKIN Daniel	1731

GRADE 8

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3	LEI Sean	1799
4	YU Wenlu	1790
5	ZHONG Joey	1714
6	WANG Eric	1714
7	PENG Janet	1589
8	AGHAMALIAN Derick	1580
9	SONG Eric	1510
10	CHEUNG Benedict	1438

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2	SONG Michael	2369
3	MICHELASHVILI Aleksandre	1880
4	KUTTNER Simon	1834
5	TERRY Joshua	1780
6	LI Yinshi	1776
7	YE Hanyuan	1723
8	TAO Rachel	1624
9	LI Michael	1604
10	POBERESHNIKOVA Agniya	1580

GRADE 10

1	PLOTKIN Mark	2267
2	LIN Tony	2229
3	PENG Jackie	2205
4	NASIR Zehn	2134
5	SONG Terry	2061
6	THANABALACHANDRAN Kajan	2002
7	ADRIANSE Adam	1994
8	ZHANG Kevin Z.	1863
9	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1838
10	LI Robert	1566

GRADE 11

1	KNOX Christopher	2374
2	SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2272
3	FU James	2241
4	KALRA Agastya	2178
5	SUN Mike	1936
6	BOHAN BAO Tony	1900
7	QIAN Owen	1810
8	JEYAPRAGASAN Kuhan	1713
9	POSARATNANATHAN Juliaan	1683
10	GIBLON Rebecca	1674

GRADE 12

1	QIN Joey	2454
2	FLOREA Alexandru	2039
3	ZHANG Zhiyuan	2025
4	LEU Richard	2014
5	WU Qi You	1996
6	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1795
7	FARRANT-DIAZ Nathan	1782
8	CAI Tony	1683
9	DENBOK Daniel	1657
10	MYERS Joshua	1626

HONOUR ROLL

1	PREOTU Razvan	2529
2	QIN Joey	2454
3	KNOX Christopher	2374
4	SONG Michael	2369
5	SEMIANIUK Konstantin	2272
6	ZHANG Yuan Chen	2269
7	PLOTKIN Mark	2267
8	FU James	2241
9	LIN Tony	2229
10	PENG Jackie	2205

QUEBEC TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1	LI Ze Yue	609
2	TAO Neilson	560
3	MA Dylan	508
4	CHANG Alexander	492
5	HUARD Matheo	486
6	OPOTA Nolhan	400
7	POULIN Emile	394
8	WING Isaac	378
9	LI Ocean	369
10	DESLANDES Romain	362

GRADE 1

1	GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1130
2	ZHENG Richard	1008
3	SUN Justin	774
4	LIU Kevin	718
5	LIANG Simon	682
6	ZHANG Chen Rui	609
7	LUI Guang Zhu	590
8	FRADETTE Edouard	583
9	CORPS Maxime	580
10	SHAO Yi Chen	533

GRADE 2

1	KULESHOVA Julia	1101
2	OMICHI Haruaki	913
3	ZHONG Ziyi	862
4	CAI Tony	861
5	DIMITROV Philippe	840
6	XU Yihan	788
7	LE DUIN William	787
8	RIVAS Cedric	775
9	GONZALEZ Simon	743
10	HE Yu Xi	736

GRADE 3

1	HUANG Qiuyu	1615
2	BERCUVITZ Tani	1091
3	YANG Patrick	996
4	MOCANU Alexander	992
5	ZENG Raymond	956
6	KHANIN Nikita	943
7	RASMUSSEN Nicolas	937
8	LIU Owen	937
9	XU Austin	926
10	GOGA Flavia-Maria	880

GRADE 4

1	RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	1710
2	ZHONG Wenxuan	1572
3	LIU Robert	1398
4	DURETTE Francis	1384
5	DEMCHENKO Svitlana	1336
6	XIE Dazhuo	1200
7	DEMERS Alexis	1173
8	YU Xi Ming	1169
9	SHI Leo	1100
10	LI Xuan Xuan	988

GRADE 5

1	LAI William	1564
2	GUAN Ziyu	1430
3	TINICA Gabriel	1348
4	LIU Julia	1253
5	TSYPIN Allison	1243
6	SEGUIN Eliott	1237
7	ZHAO William	1236
8	TESSIER Leo	1132
9	CAUCHY-VAILLANCOURT Marek	1074
10	LI Jason	1038

GRADE 6

1	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876
2	FAN Run Kun	1775
3	ZHANG Hou Han	1609
4	LUO Daisy	1488
5	LUO Muhan	1423
6	LU Jasmine	1386
7	TURGEON Yoakim	1317
8	BECERRA-HERRERA Abel	1294
9	GUO Catherine	1289
10	YIP Mattew	1289

GRADE 7

1	JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	1752
2	YANG Eddie	1740
3	SAHA Ananda	1706
4	ZHANG Evan	1649
5	SAINE Zachary	1631
6	SUN Benjamin	1522
7	ST-CYR Xavier	1464
8	HUANG Junhao	1426
9	YIP William	1353
10	CHAVES Christopher	1349

GRADE 8

1	WANG Kelly	1710
2	SHI Linda	1680
3	LUO Alan	1546
4	GAO Christine	1526
5	LI Yilin	1490
6	VAILLANT Charles-Etienne	1382
7	HE Haley	1341
8	XIONG Yiwei	1317
9	LUO Wei Han	1310
10	SERBAN Diana	1260

GRADE 9

1	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2351
2	YU Zong Yang	2300
3	ZHU HongRui	2074
4	CHANG Michael	1793
5	LIU Yu Qing	1757
6	NIKULICH Andrey	1363
7	GAO Ying Chen	1265
8	WANG Yin Lai	1260
9	LI George	1252
10	LIM Victor	1240

GRADE 10

1	YUN Chang	1870
2	JOHNSON Nicholas	1838
3	MANAILOIU Dragos	1698
4	GU Sheng-Ming	1614
5	NAZARIAN Ara	1442
6	SAMIKOV Chingis	1431
7	JIANG Nathan	1381
8	HARRIS Gabriel	1370
9	JALALI Salar	1318
10	TURCOTTE VAN DE RYDT C.	1249

GRADE 11

1	LUO Zhao Yang	2141
2	LEPINE Cedric	1997
3	ALCANTARA Maximo	1604
4	PAQUETTE Alexandre	1505
5	SHI Yang Sky	1453
6	LIU Mu Dong	1426
7	XIANG Qun Tian	1403
8	LORANGER Erika	1401
9	VOLKOV Vladislav	1387
10	SMIRNOV Arteme-louri	1304

GRADE 12

1	NIKULICH Olexsandr	2100
2	GUO Forest	2051
3	YAO Houji	1697
4	WANG Yan	1599
5	TAN Guang Tong	1534
6	MA Indy	1514
7	YU Kexin	1499
8	XU Tian Run	1452
9	PLANTE Santiago	1448
10	ADAMOWICZ Marek	1402

HONOUR ROLL

1	CHIKU-RATTE Olivier Kenta	2351
2	YU Zong Yang	2300
3	LUO Zhao Yang	2141
4	NIKULICH Olexsandr	2100
5	ZHU HongRui	2074
6	GUO Forest	2051
7	LEPINE Cedric	1997
8	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876
9	YUN Chang	1870
10	JOHNSON Nicholas	1838

ATLANTIC TOP TEN

GRADE 1 / KINDERGARTEN*

1	MCINTYRE Duncan	622	PE
2	DICKIE Luke	464	PE
3	CHEN Frank	457	NL
4	YANG Julia *	456	NL
5	PAN Thomas	382	NL
6	CONNOR Zoe	379	PE
7	MCGRATH Luke	359	NL
8	SUTCLIFFE Katie	356	PE
9	FRID Alex	356	NS
10	KOMIAK Jacob *	337	NL

GRADE 2

1	FRANCOEUR Vincent	812	NB
2	MACEACHERN Seamus	794	PE
3	CASTONGUAY Ethan	782	NB
4	CHRISTIANSEN Asher	658	NS
5	BROWN Alexander	646	NS
6	LOCKE Sebastian	622	NL
7	LI Sarah-Grace	539	NL
8	ROBICHAUD Zachery	536	NB
9	ING Gabriel	531	PE
10	LEBLANC Alex	522	NB

GRADE 3

1	RUSSELL Mark	928	NL
2	XAVIER-LEBLANC Alexandre	914	NB
3	KAPRA Jerjis	862	NS
4	DORMODY Peter	859	NL
5	MORRIS Finn	632	PE
6	MURPHY Brennan	620	NS
7	DENNY Annie-Rose	599	NL
8	BOON-PETERSEN Tobin	585	NL
9	GRANDY Jessica	575	PE
10	NAKAYASU Shuto	562	NS

GRADE 4

1	CHEN Norman	1108	NL
2	WALSH Ian	1052	NL
3	KUNDU Arnab	986	PE
4	BROWN Callum	892	NS
5	DOUCETTE Luc	769	PE
6	NORMAN Alex	732	NL
7	BAILEY Isaac	723	NL
8	HEFFERTON Harrison	718	NL
9	LOCKE Heidi	706	NL
10	HARRIS Jonathan	697	NL

GRADE 5

1	RUSSELL Brett	1167	NL
2	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	1162	PE
3	DORNIEDEN Jonas	947	NS
4	QIU Nicholas	894	NL
5	KOSHI Benjamin	865	NS
6	BLAISDELL Hunter	860	PE
7	CUI Cynthia	844	NB
8	LOTY Eric	800	NS
9	LI Kevin	795	NS
10	LATOUR Simon	761	NB

GRADE 6

1	HUANG Xingbo	1307	NL
2	JIA Jacky	1180	PE
3	KERR Ian	998	PE
4	MITTAL Ridhi	970	NL
5	KUNDU Arjun	956	PE
6	MANNHOLLAND Noah	900	PE
7	GOSSE Daniel	895	NL
8	WEILAND Robin	894	NB
9	PORTER Michael	881	NL
10	WOODWORTH Kyle	870	NS

ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	HUANG Xingbo	1307	NL
2	JIA Jacky	1180	PE
3	RUSSELL Brett	1167	NL
4	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	1162	PE
5	CHEN Norman	1108	NL
6	WALSH Ian	1052	NL
7	KERR Ian	998	PE
8	KUNDU Arnab	986	PE
9	MITTAL Ridhi	970	NL
10	KUNDU Arjun	956	PE

GRADE 7

1	DORRANCE Lucas	1493	NS
2	BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1383	NL
3	PICKARD Ryan	1282	NL
4	TRAN Quoc	1153	NS
5	CHISLETT Benjamin	1136	NL
6	CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	1122	PE
7	NOLAN Justin	1105	NL
8	TUFTS Sei-Jin	1036	NS
9	COADY Nicholas	1014	NL
10	LOCKE Miles	1009	NL

GRADE 8

1	SONG Sam	1848	NB
2	MCKEOWN Gary	1322	NL
3	ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1294	NB
4	HE Kate	1133	NS
5	WALSH Andrew	971	NL
6	NORMAN Bradley	949	PE
7	RONAHAN-WOOD Jack	938	PE
8	WHITT Sheldon	887	NL
9	DELANEY Spenser	868	NL
10	LU David	827	NS

GRADE 9

1	DAWSON Andrew	1311	NL
2	SCHRADER Nathaniel	1250	NB
3	ANDERSEN Paul	1244	NL
4	SNELGROVE Stephen	1208	NL
5	OLDFORD Noah	1199	NL
6	GREGORY Liam	1091	NL
7	ONG Ivanseth	1048	NS
8	JACKMAN Luke	1018	NL
9	MAKAROV Joshua	991	NB
10	YE Johnny	973	NS

GRADE 10

1	DORRANCE Adam	2242	NS
2	FENG Bob	1667	NB
3	MCKEOWN Brody	1154	NL
4	LUDOVICE Diego	1098	NS
5	WANG Lee	1097	NS
6	WILKS Darius	1065	NS
7	KARFOUL Al Mothanna	1007	PE
8	HOLLAND Kevin	995	NS
9	CAISSIE Sebastien	994	NB
10	GALLANT Cameron	983	NS

GRADE 11

1	PETERS Jeremy	1638	NS
2	QIU Christopher	1588	NL
3	ROBICHAUD Nicolas	1556	NB
4	WANG Jeffrey	1391	NS
5	ZHANG MaoMao	1341	NL
6	CROWELL Iain	1318	PE
7	CHURCHILL Shea	1122	NL
8	DAWSON Laura Jane	1115	NL
9	HINK Ian	1066	PE
10	DREW Ryan	991	PE

GRADE 12

1	BENDZSA Matthew	1570	NL
2	MENG Peter	1400	NB
3	GALLANT Dennis	1360	NS
4	TSAI Shang-Chen	1271	NS
5	CASTONGUAY-PAGE Yannick	1222	NB
6	CARSON Cody	1203	NB
7	RAMOS Alexander	1156	NL
8	BANGLA Venu	1122	PE
9	ADAMS Kirk	1036	NS
10	DESY-GILLIES Jean-Simon	974	NB

HONOUR ROLL

1	DORRANCE Adam	2242	NS
2	SONG Sam	1848	NB
3	FENG Bob	1667	NB
4	PETERS Jeremy	1638	NS
5	QIU Christopher	1588	NL
6	BENDZSA Matthew	1570	NL
7	ROBICHAUD Nicolas	1556	NB
8	DORRANCE Lucas	1493	NS
9	MENG Peter	1400	NB
10	WANG Jeffrey	1391	NS

WESTERN TOP TEN

KINDERGARTEN

1	OFFENGENDEN Ron	1000	AB
2	CHEN Jason	684	BC
3	HANNAHLEE Toro	616	BC
4	TANG Jacky	582	BC
5	BROWN Seth	441	AB
6	SASATA Natasha	380	SK
7	CROOM Tucker	369	BC
8	SHI Harry	366	BC
9	ZHANG Alex	362	BC
10	KANG Umber	342	BC

GRADE 1

1	ZHU Max	1046	BC
2	XU Andrew	893	BC
3	QIAN Jason	714	BC
4	CHAN Oscar	697	BC
5	IMOJ Joshua	694	BC
6	ZHANG Dustin	657	AB
7	JAYASEKARA Ayan	529	BC
8	LORTIE Sofia	528	SK
9	TEYMURAZYAN Sasha	525	AB
10	LIN Chloe	524	BC

GRADE 2

1	ZHOU Aiden	1357	BC
2	WU Lucian	1264	BC
3	JIANG David	1214	BC
4	GU Chuyang	1043	BC
5	LIU Kevin	1005	BC
6	FAN Elaine	995	BC
7	ZHANG Arthur	922	BC
8	SILLADOR Gabriel	885	AB
9	WU Will	827	BC
10	TOLENTINO Khino	824	AB

GRADE 3

1	LOW Kevin	1728	BC
2	SUPERCEANU Andi	1380	AB
3	DOKNJAS Neil	1331	BC
4	LAU Julian	1308	AB
5	ZHANG Aidan	1300	BC
6	BRADFORD William	1171	AB
7	CHUNG Leo	1106	BC
8	HUANG Patrick	1036	BC
9	TOLTON Alex	1003	AB
10	ZHANG Jerry	994	BC

GRADE 4

1	MAH Sean	1357	AB
2	ZHENG Victor	1343	BC
3	ZHAO Ian	1342	AB
4	GUO Jim	1270	BC
5	DU Daniel	1268	BC
6	TAM Jesse	1234	BC
7	SASATA Alexander	1151	SK
8	MA Gabriel	1143	BC
9	PAN Nicholas	1120	BC
10	ZHANG Daniel	1108	AB

GRADE 5

1	GROSSMANN Lenard	1829	AB
2	WANG Kaixin	1809	AB
3	RICHARDSON Kai	1751	BC
4	PULFER Luke	1662	BC
5	LOW Ethan	1533	BC
6	CHUNG Alec	1512	BC
7	LIN Kaining	1495	AB
8	CHITRAKAR Siddhartha	1493	AB
9	RENY Alex	1388	BC
10	CHEN Philip	1279	BC

GRADE 6

1	DOKNJAS Joshua	1878	BC
2	YAO David	1877	AB
3	SU Michael	1870	BC
4	YU Rinna	1584	BC
5	MA Derek	1493	MB
6	TRAN Collin	1439	AB
7	MADOKORO Aidan	1424	BC
8	TOLENTINO Patrick	1402	AB
9	POLDAS Jonathan	1397	AB
10	WOLCHOCK Theo	1382	MB

GRADE 7

1	GEDAJLOVIC Max	2071	BC
2	MCCULLOUGH Ian	1610	AB
3	HAN Lionel	1485	BC
4	SHRESTHA Prayus	1475	AB
5	JAYAVEERA Lahiru	1467	BC
6	LIU Danny	1419	BC
7	WU Chenxi	1387	AB
8	SAWANT Digvijay	1377	BC
9	TOLENTINO Andre	1370	AB
10	MAWANI Adam	1362	AB

GRADE 8

1	CAO Jason	2329	BC
2	KASSAM Jamil	1854	AB
3	ZITA Matthew	1795	AB
4	KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
5	NIE Mark	1715	AB
6	SHAO Nathan	1659	BC
7	TAPP Ashley	1633	BC
8	YU Robin	1626	BC
9	KNOX Nathaniel	1596	BC
10	MULIAWAN Lukas	1576	AB

GRADE 9

1	AWATRAMANI Janak	2227	BC
2	SHI Diwen	2116	AB
3	DOKNJAS John	2107	BC
4	KONG Dezhong	1980	BC
5	NYAMDORJ Uranchimeg	1779	BC
6	HOFFNER Noah	1777	AB
7	STANISLUS Allan	1742	AB
8	LEE Nicholas	1683	AB
9	WEI William	1682	AB
10	DI BLASI Luciano	1572	AB

GRADE 10

1	HERDIN Mathew	2184	BC
2	HUI Jeremy	1968	BC
3	SWIFT Ryne	1768	MB
4	CUI Karl	1762	BC
5	MCCULLOUGH David	1694	AB
6	SITU Dennis	1687	AB
7	DESPRES Sebastien	1629	AB
8	ZHAO Chenxi	1615	AB
9	PAVLIC Stephen	1562	AB
10	SEDIGHI Nima	1336	BC

GRADE 11

1	WANG Richard	2471	AB
2	LI Kevin	2271	MB
3	LO Ryan	2186	BC
4	NYAMDORJ Davaa-Ochir	2072	BC
5	WU Ray	2070	BC
6	LAI Jingzhou	1952	BC
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8	PERICO Jenry	1837	AB
9	PANG Michael	1836	MB
10	LUDWIG Michael	1785	AB

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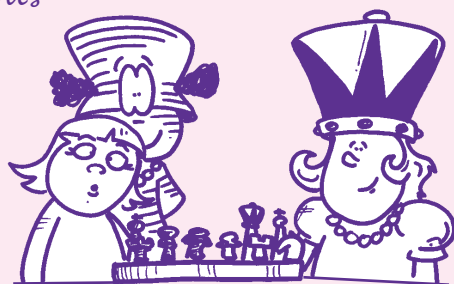
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3	KALAYDINA Regina-Veronica	1914	AB
4	LI Chang He	1842	BC
5	XIAO Alice	1814	BC
6	SINGH Krishneel	1715	AB
7	CATT Curtis	1661	BC
8	VIRJI Naveed	1534	AB
9	REYNOLDS Nigel	1475	SK
10	LI Stanley	1236	AB

HONOUR ROLL

1	WANG Richard	2471	AB
2	SOHAL Tanraj	2346	BC
3	CAO Jason	2329	BC
4	LI Kevin	2271	MB
5	AWATRAMANI Janak	2227	BC
6	LO Ryan	2186	BC
7	HERDIN Mathew	2184	BC
8	SHI Diwen	2116	AB
9	DOKNJAS John	2107	BC
10	NYAMDORJ Davaa-Ochir	2072	BC

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TOP GIRLS CANADA



GRADE 1

1	LORTIE Sofia	528	SK
2	LIN Chloe	524	BC
3	POLDAS Mishal	489	AB
4	MEYNEN Aijha	464	AB
5	MA Maria	427	BC

GRADE 2

1	GILANI Mysha	1167	ON
2	SHEN Isamel	1102	ON
3	KULESHOVA Julia	1101	QC
4	FAN Elaine	995	BC
5	ATANASOVA Rada	965	ON

GRADE 3

1	ZHU Harmony	1638	ON
2	GUO Hazel	1068	ON
3	RADIN Claire	966	ON
4	GOGA Flavia-Maria	880	QC
5	TIO Kaitlyn	828	BC

GRADE 4

1	DEMCHENKO Svitlana	1336	QC
2	TAN Kylie	1209	ON
3	CHERTKOW Sasha	1186	ON
4	ZHAO Cindy	1076	BC
5	MO Michelle	1036	AB

GRADE 5

1	HENRY Nadia	1379	ON
2	ZHANG Taylor	1362	ON
3	ZHANG Jeannie	1271	ON
4	LIU Julia	1253	QC
5	TSYPIN Allison	1243	QC

GRADE 6

1	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876	QC
2	YU Rinna	1584	BC
3	LU Daisy	1488	QC
4	KANESHALINGAM Mayee	1419	ON
5	PARAPARAN Varshini	1409	ON

PRINCESS PARADE

1	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876	QC
2	ZHU Harmony	1638	ON
3	YU Rinna	1584	BC
4	LU Daisy	1488	QC
5	KANESHALINGAM Mayee	1419	ON
6	PARAPARAN Varshini	1409	ON
7	BIRAROV Nicole	1401	ON
8	LU Jasmine	1386	QC
9	HENRY Nadia	1379	ON
10	ZHANG Taylor	1362	ON

GRADE 7

1	ZHU Jiarong	1561	ON
2	WANG Constance	1542	ON
3	LIU Dora	1527	ON
4	YU Cindy	1333	QC
5	TANG Terra	1249	ON

GRADE 8

1	ZHOU Qiyu	2205	ON
2	WANG Kelly	1710	QC
3	SHI Linda	1680	QC
4	PENG Janet	1589	ON
5	GAO Christine	1526	QC

GRADE 9

1	NYAMDORJ Uranchimeg	1779	BC
2	TAO Rachel	1624	ON
3	POBERESHNIKOVA Agniya	1580	ON
4	LI Kristen	1444	ON
5	GIBLON Melissa	1372	ON

GRADE 10

1	PENG Jackie	2205	ON
2	YUN Chang	1870	QC
3	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1838	ON
4	SEDIGHI Nima	1336	BC
5	ROSCA Maria	1230	QC

GRADE 11

1	GIBLON Rebecca	1674	ON
2	LORANGER Erika	1401	QC
3	HOU Louisa	1211	QC
4	XIA Linda	1143	ON
5	DAWSON Laura Jane	1115	NL

GRADE 12

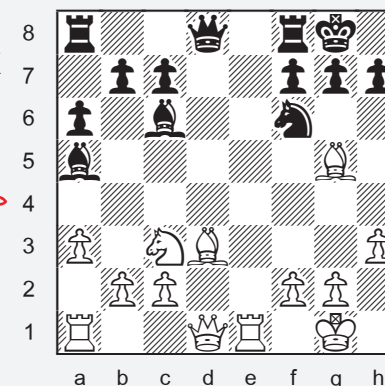
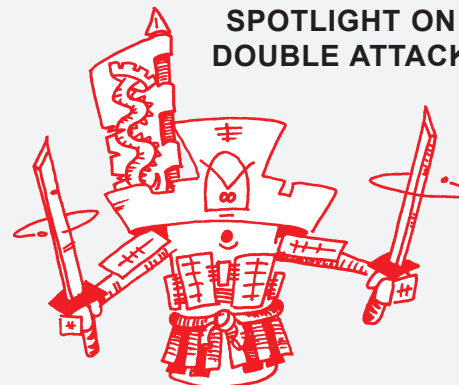
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2	XIAO Alice	1814	BC
3	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1795	ON
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5	MA Indy	1514	QC

CANADIAN QUEENS

1	PENG Jackie	2205	ON
2	ZHOU Qiyu	2205	ON
3	KALAYDINA Regina-Veronica	1914	AB
4	OUELLET Maili-Jade	1876	QC
5	YUN Chang	1870	QC
6	SAMETOVA Zhanna	1838	ON
7	XIAO Alice	1814	BC
8	VYRAVANATHAN Sobiga	1795	ON
9	NYAMDORJ Uranchimeg	1779	BC
10	WANG Kelly	1710	QC

COMBO MOMBO !!

SPOTLIGHT ON DOUBLE ATTACK

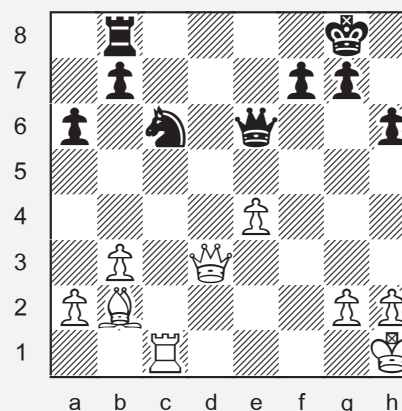


A double attack is any move that makes two threats at the same time.

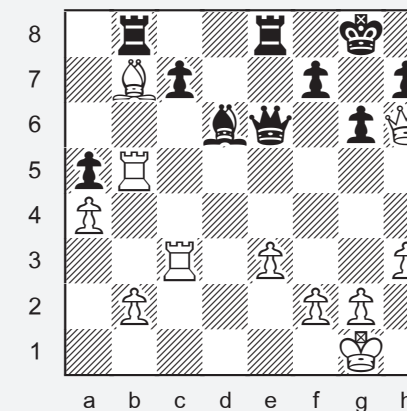
The most common double attack is a *fork*. But there are other kinds too. The examples given here have moves which attack a piece and also threaten mate.

♔ White wins by 1.Bxf6 Qxf6 2.Qh5!, with the two threats 3.Qxh7# and 3.Qxa5.

♚ Black to play has a similar combo with 1...Bxc3 2.bxc3 Qd5!, followed by 3...Qxg2# or 3...Qxg5.



♔ 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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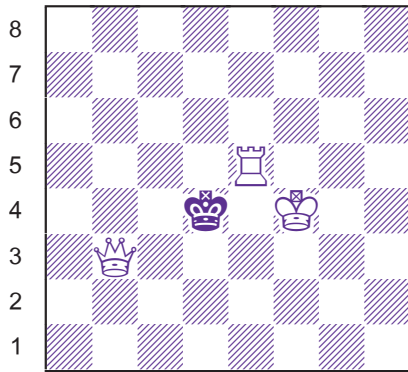
MATE IN 2

WHITE CHECKMATES BLACK
IN TWO MOVES.

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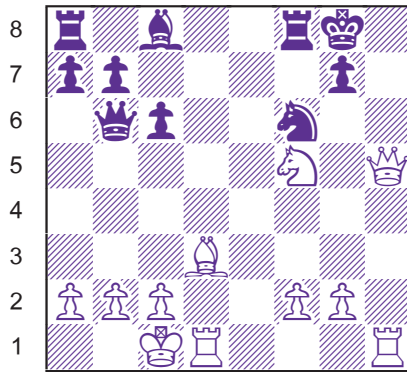


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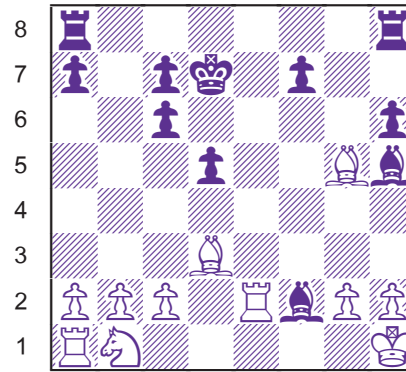
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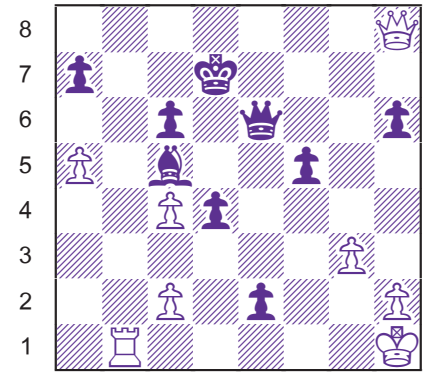
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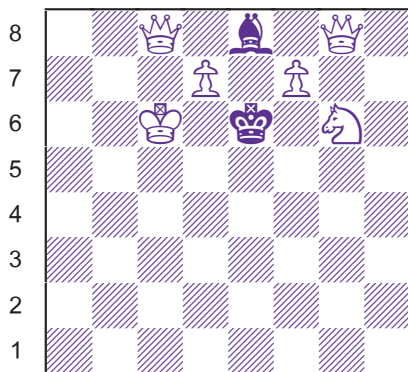
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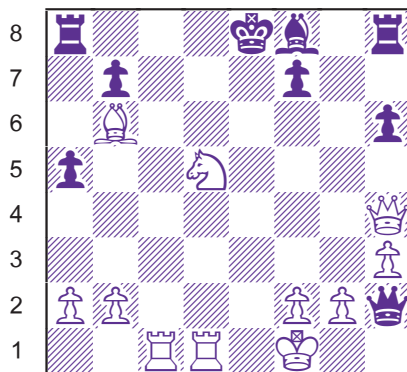
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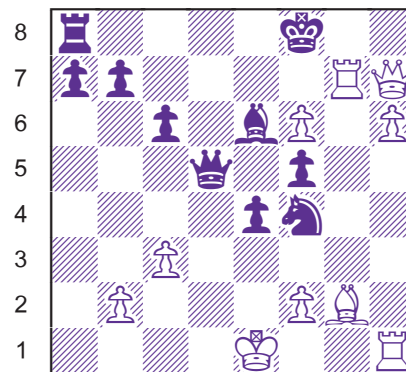
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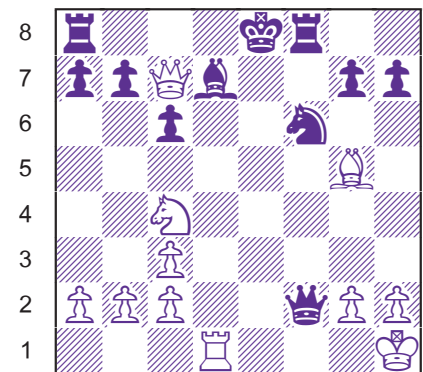
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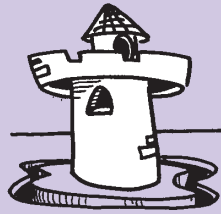


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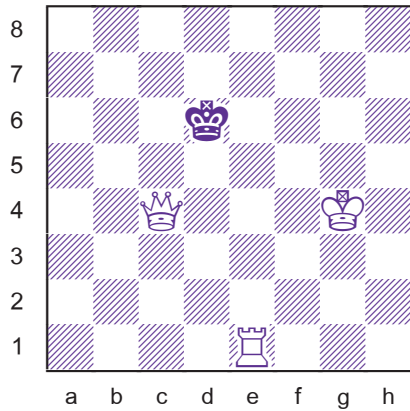
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WHITE CHECKMATES BLACK
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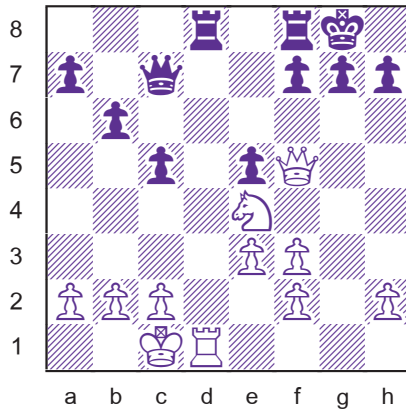
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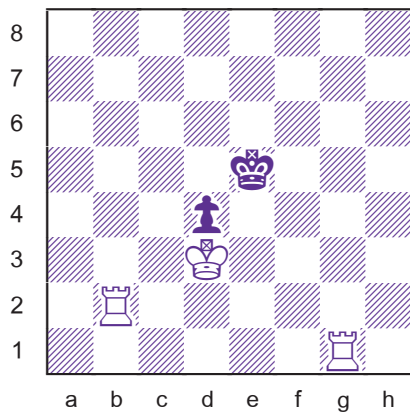
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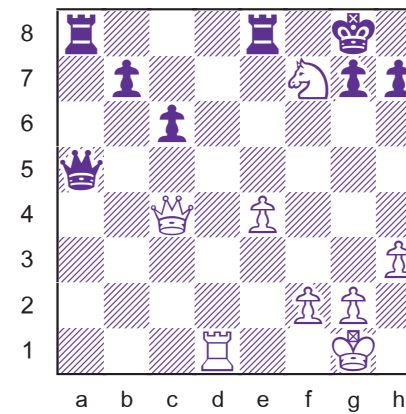
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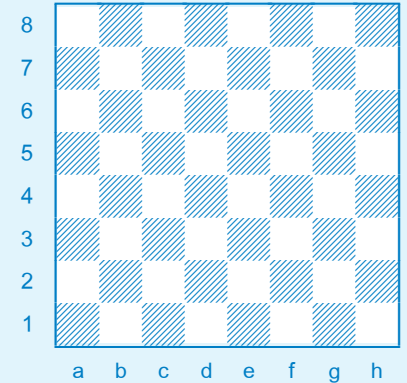
LILY'S PUZZLER

Hi boys and girls!

In these puzzles, all you need is four queens.

Don't forget, a piece does not attack the square that it stands on.

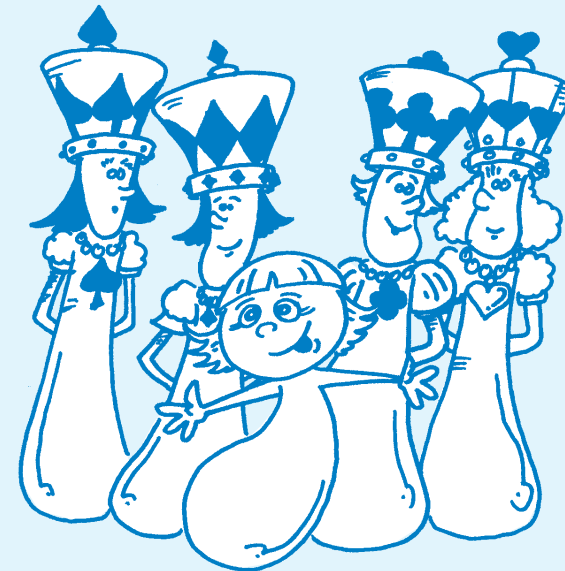
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Place four queens on the board so that:



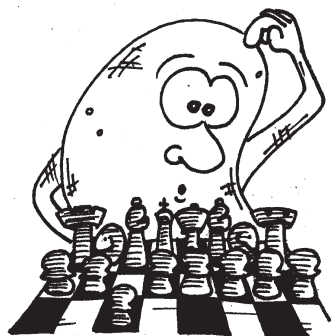
- A. the most squares are attacked
- B. the fewest squares are attacked.
- C. no queen is guarded and every empty square except the four corners is attacked.





MONTREAL 1894

Sixteen year old Frank Marshall wins the Montreal Chess Club Championship. Twenty years later he becomes one of the world's first grandmasters.



CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

Twenty teams competed in the 2014 Canadian University Chess Championship, held on January 11-12 at Carleton University in Ottawa.

For the second year in a row, the winner was McGill University (Montreal). Team members were Louie Jiang, Michael Kleinman, Raven Sturt, Keith MacKinnon. University of Waterloo (Ontario) placed second.

SASKATCHEWAN

The December 8 tournament in Regina attracted 16 players. Tying for first place in the top section were Alexander Sasata, Daniel Wei, and Avram Tcherni.

QUEBEC YOUTH

The 2014 Quebec Youth Chess Championship, sponsored by PepsiCo, was held in Montreal on January 17-19. There were 36 participants in the five round event. The winners are:

- <12 Maïli-Jade Ouellet
- <14 Run Kun Fan
Eddie Yang
- <16 Zong Yang Yu
- <18 Nicholas Johnson

QUEBEC JUNIOR

The 2014 Quebec Junior Chess Championship took place on February 7-9 in Montreal.

Four players tied for first with 4 points out of 5, splitting the \$1000 prize fund: Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratté, Zong Yang Yu, Oleksandr Nikulich, and Nikita Kraiouchkine.

Olivier Kenta placed first on tie-breaks and was awarded the title of Quebec junior champion.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Fifty-four players took part in the February monthly tourney in Charlottetown, breaking the old attendance record by two. The winners in the top two sections were Iain Crowell and Seamus MacEachern.

WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2013 World Youth Chess Championships took place in the United Arab Emirates on December 18-28. There were 1795 kids from 120 different countries participating this year, including 41 Canadians (27 boys and 14 girls).

The star of Team Canada was Harmony Zhu, the new Girls Under 8 World Champion! The third grader from Toronto scored 9 points out of 11 games to win the title. Hurray for Harmony!!

Nameer Issani (Toronto) also had a stellar performance, placing 9th in the Open Under 8 section with an impressive 8 points.

Other players with outstanding scores in the open sections were Richard Wang (Edmonton, 7½ <16), Aahil Noorali (Toronto, 7 <8), Rohan Talukdar (Windsor, 7 <10), and Luke Pulfer (Victoria, 6½ <10). And in the girls competition: Maïli-Jade Ouellet (Montreal 7 <12), Qiyu Zhou (Ottawa, 7 <14), and Jeannie Zhang (Windsor, 6½ <10). Way to go, everyone!

See page 41 for all the Canadian results and the winners in each section. Next year's WYCC will be in Durban, South Africa.



HARMONY ZHU
GIRLS WORLD CHAMPION

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

A Candidates Tournament will take place in Russia in March to determine the challenger for the next world championship match against Magnus Carlsen (Norway). These grandmasters have qualified for the event:

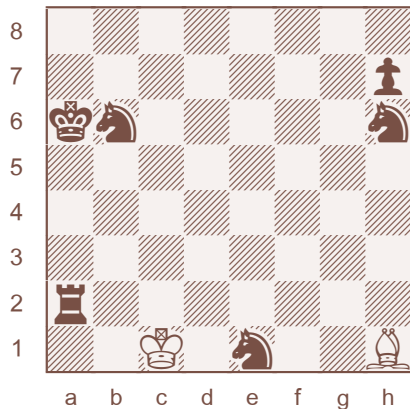
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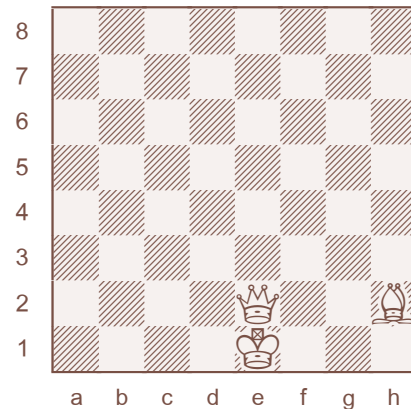
WELCOME TO MY CONTEST !

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

In a **CHESSMAZE** 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 9**. That means you should get the king in eleven 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 45



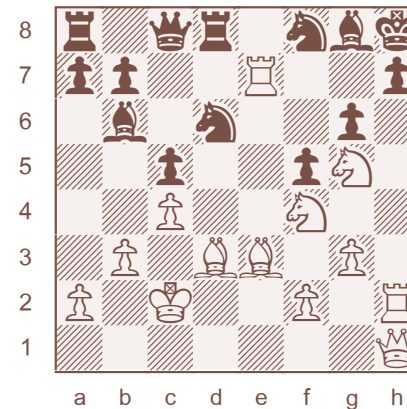
We received 2 correct solutions to December's contest.

- 1 Mate in 1 1.Re2#
- 2 Mate in 2 1.Qe5 Kf8 2.Qh8# (1...Kd8 2.Qb8#)
- 3 Maze Qa8-d8-c7-h2-g1-e3-e2-d1-a1-a2-g8-h8-h6xa6
- 4 Loyd A.Kc1 B.Ka8 C.Kh8 (Rb8#)

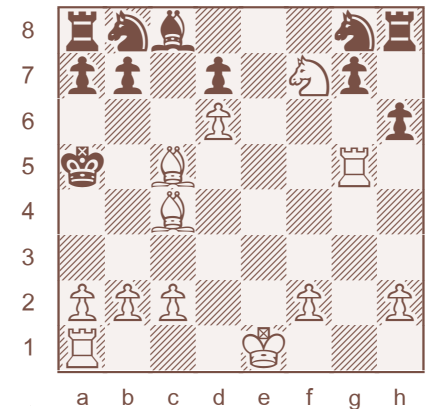
The winner of the drawing for a Kiril T-shirt is:
Mark Russell of St. John's, Newfoundland

KIRIL'S KONTEST

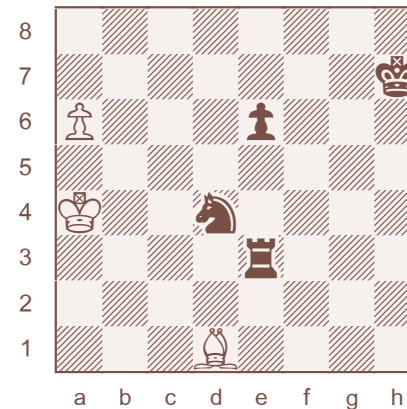
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Deadline: March 31



MATE IN 1

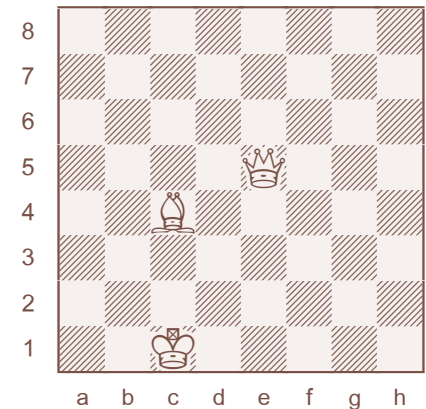


MATE IN 2



CHESSMAZE IN 11

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 :

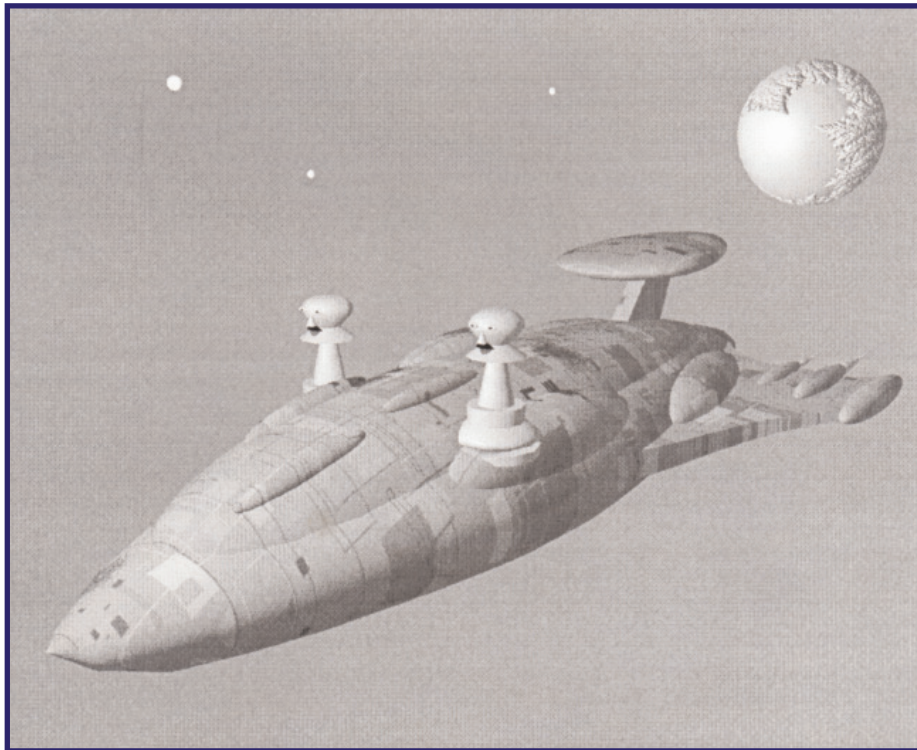
- A** Checkmate
- B** Stalemate
- C** Mate in 1



PAWNS IN SPACE

Kaptain's log. Stardate 2274. Our spaceship has just departed from Starbase 64 in the galaxy Orbitron. We are returning to planet Earth. Our mission, to compete in the *Galactic Chess Championship*, has been completed.

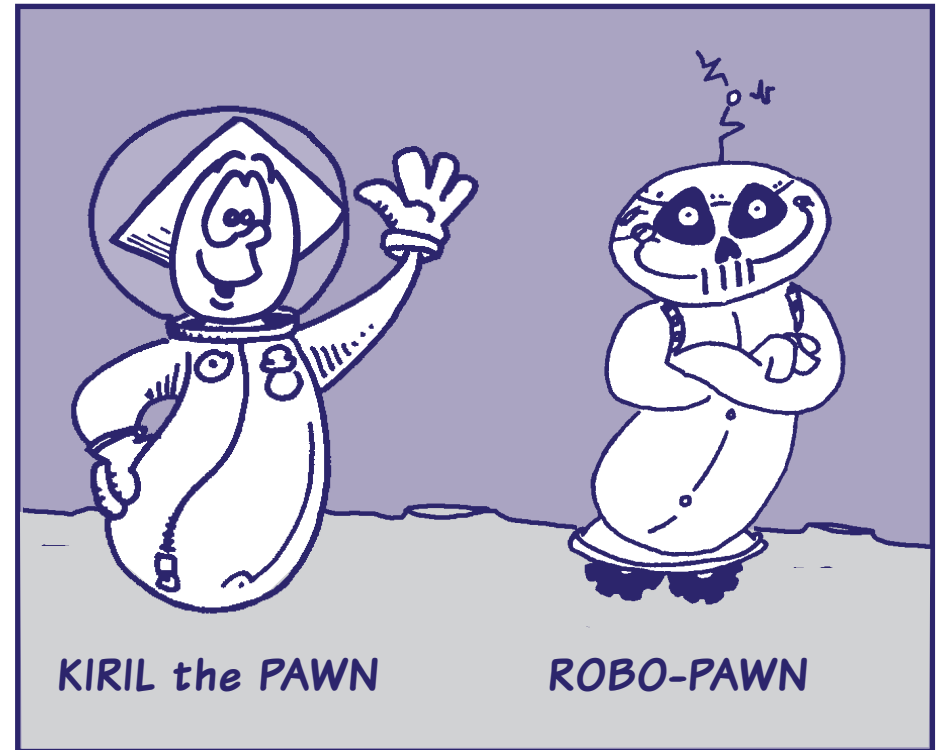
The tournament was a huge success. There were players there from every part of the known universe. The high level of play, the friendly atmosphere, and the unbelievably delicious vitamin pills can only be described with one word: "doubleplusgood"!



Our team of pawns performed very well. They didn't win the gold. But we are happy to report that they are bringing home the plutonium medal. The entire rank of pawns will be radiating with pride at the welcome home parade.

Kiril was our brightest star. His excellent score earned him eighth place in the individual pawn competition. Once he got on top of his game, he shot through the field like a meteor. It was only in the first round that he had some trouble. That was when Kiril faced one of his strangest opponents ever.

It was no ordinary pawn he had to play. This guy was made of metal, not wood or plastic like a normal pawn. We found out later that he was really half pawn, half machine. One rumour claimed that he was a recycled space probe, but we can't confirm that. The only thing we know for sure is that his name was ...ROBO-PAWN!



KIRIL the PAWN

ROBO-PAWN

It was Kiril's first trek to the "tournament of stars". He knew he would have to play his best to do well here.

As he sat at the board waiting for his opponent to arrive, Kiril wondered if it was true. "Did Robo really have a computer for a brain?"

White KIRIL the PAWN
Black ROBO PAWN

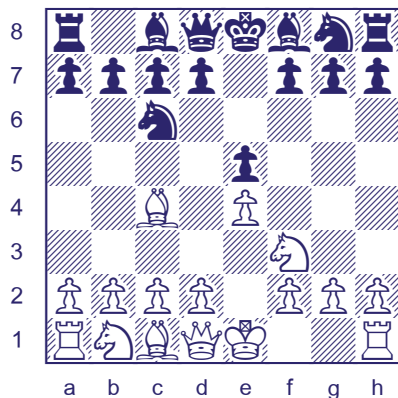
1. e4 e5

Kiril was glad to see this move. "At least he didn't play one of those weird outer space defences."

2. Nf3 Nc6

3. Bc4

Kiril plays his favourite Earth opening, the *Italian Game*.



3. ... Bc5

4. 0-0

The usual move is 4.c3, but there's nothing wrong with castling.



4. ... Nf6

5. d3 d6

6. Bg5

6. ... h6

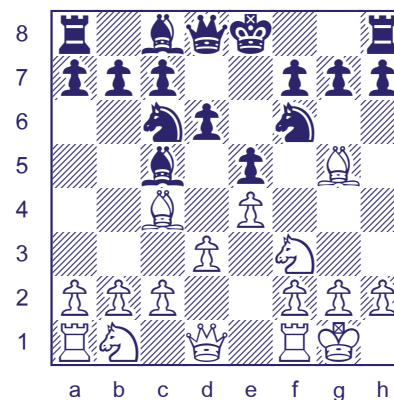
Robo didn't like the pin at all. So he asks the bishop a question. "Well, Mr. B, what will it be? Capture or retreat?"

7. Bh4?

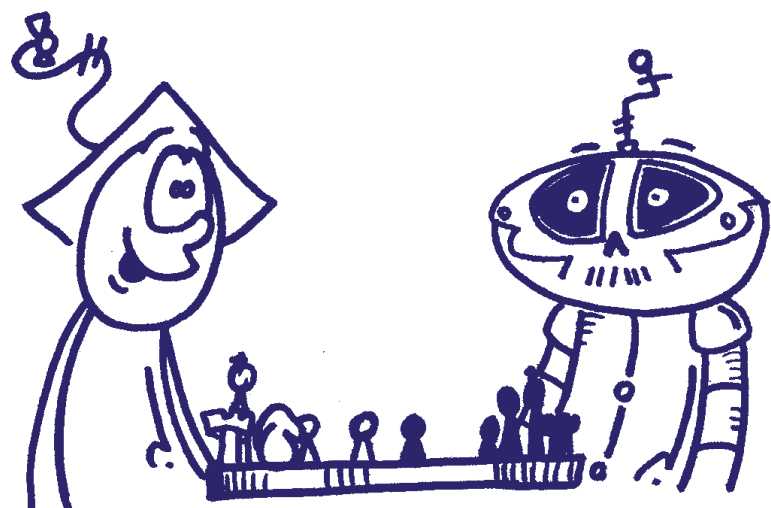
Kiril retreats. He knows that taking the knight by 7.Bxf6 would help Black to develop with 7...Qxf6.

Moving the bishop back to h4 keeps the knight on f6 pinned. That's usually a good idea. But Robo-Pawn is programmed to look for exceptions to the rules!

After the game, Rocky Rook told Kiril that the best



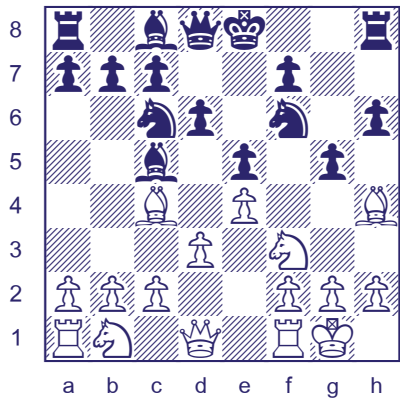
When Kiril slid his bishop out, he thought to himself, "Okay, Robo, let's see how you like it when I pin your knight against the queen."



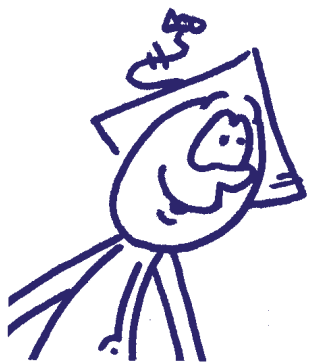
move was 7.Be3. If Black trades by 7...Bxe3 8.fxe3, then White gets an extra pawn in the centre and an open f-file for his rooks.

7. . . . g5!

Robo's eyes lit up when he clanked out this move.



Kiril couldn't believe it. "What's this metal head doing? Now his kingside is completely ruined. He must have a screw loose!"

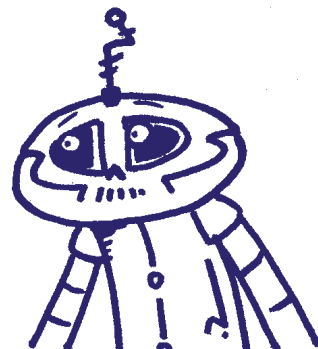
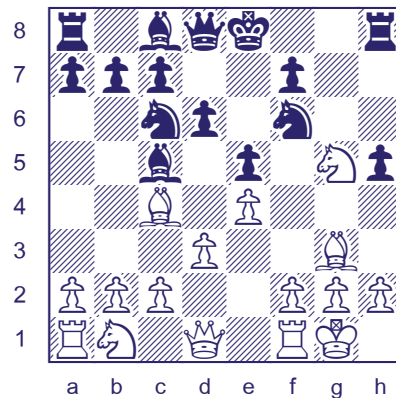


What Kiril didn't realize is that Robo was planning to castle on the queenside.

8. Bg3 h5!

"Uh-oh, he's trying to trap my bishop with his h-pawn. But wait a second. Can't I just take the pawn on g5 with my knight? Then I'm threatening Nxf7, forking his queen and rook. That sure looks doubleplusgood to me."

9. Nxc5



If 9.h3, Black can open lines against the white king with 9...g4, followed by the exchange of pawns.

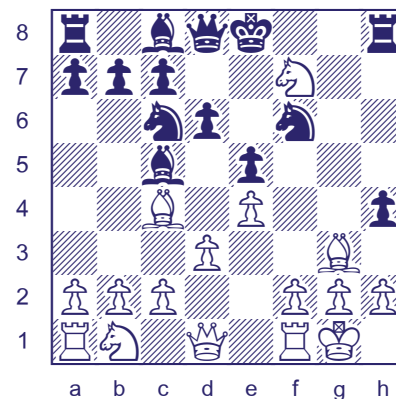
In a game from 1862, White defended with 9.h4. The future world champion Wilhelm Steinitz replied 9...Bg4! Later he castled queenside and won with an attack on the white king. (10.hxg5 h4! is very good for Black after 11.Bh2 Nh7 or 11.gxf6 hxg3.)

9. . . . h4!

Robo-Pawn ignores the threat to f7 and charges forward towards the black king. His turbo-processors were working doubleplus speed. He was blinking and flashing all over.

10. Nxf7

"Thanks for the fork, Robo!"



10. . . . hxg3!

Kiril almost fell off his chair. "What's this? A free queen! Now I know this guy needs a tune up."

But Kiril didn't capture the queen right away. First he made sure that he wasn't falling into a trap.

He looked at three moves for Black after 11.Nxd8.

11...gxh2+ 12.Kh1

11...Bxf2+ 12.Rxf2!

11...Rhx2 12.Ne6!

"No checkmate there. And if Black takes my knight by 11...Kxd8, then I can play 12.hxg3. Thanks for the queen, Mr. Machine."

Robo had also calculated this variation: 11.Nxh8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.hxg3 Kd7 14.Ng6 Qe8 15.Qg5 Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Qxg6! 17.Qh4 Rh8! 18.Qxh8 Nh7 and mate by the black queen cannot be stopped. This machine is no vacuum cleaner!

11.hxg3 Bg4! 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nxh8 Kd7 would lead to the same line.

11. Nxd8

“What a great way to start a tournament. I’m so lucky. This is doubleplusgood!”

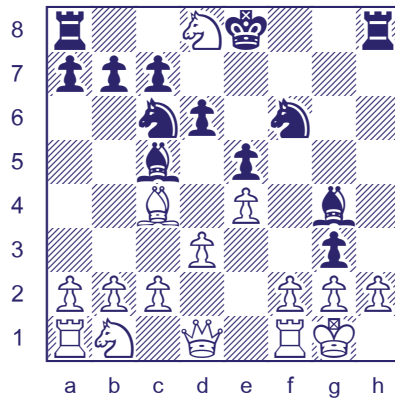
As Kiril daydreamed about his victory, his mind began to wander off into space. But not for long.



Robo’s beeper beeped a beep! And then he made a move, slow and mechanical like the smile on his face.

11. . . . Bg4!

“Attacking my queen, eh? Well, that’s easy to defend. But there sure are a lot of black pieces out there.”

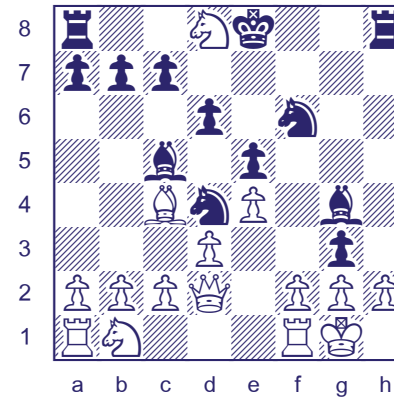


12. Qd2

Here Kiril expected Black to take on d8 or h2. In case you hadn’t noticed, that is not the robot style!

12. . . . Nd4!?

Robo-Pawn was blinking and beeping and buzzing like a pinball machine.



Kiril’s heart was pounding fast against his chest. “This is getting tricky. I don’t see how I’m going to get out of this mess.”

But he did know that he had to stop 13...Ne2+.

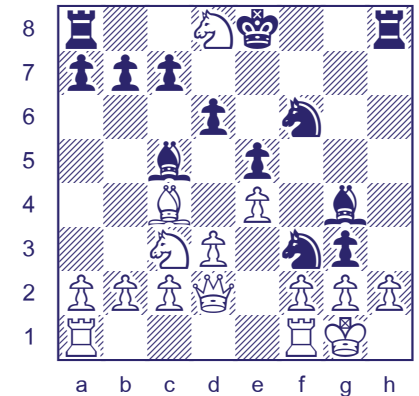
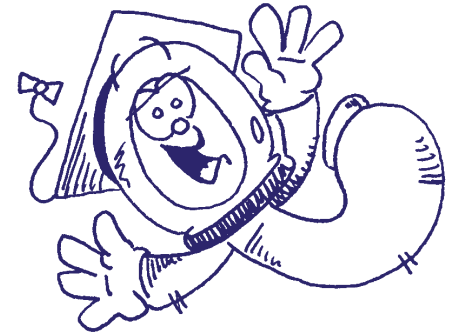
13. Nc3

What else is there to do? After 13.h3 Ne2+, White is mated with 14.Kh1 Rxh3+! 15.gxh3 Bf3#. The best bet is to give back the queen by 14.Qxe2!? Bxe2.

13. . . . Nf3+!

When Robo said “check”, sparks started shooting off his antenna.

Kiril was beside himself. It felt like gravity was going in the wrong direction.

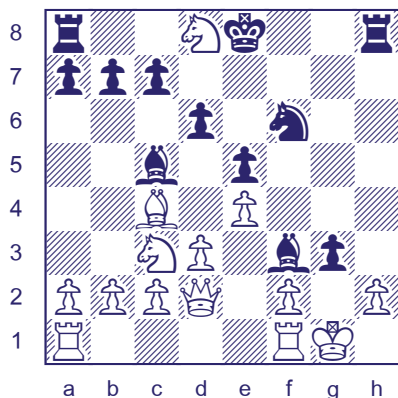


“Holy cow, I thought I was winning. Now I am falling into a black hole. If my king goes in the corner, I get mated. I have to take.”

14. gxf3

(14.Kh1 Rxh2#)

14. . . . Bxf3



The threat is 15...gxh2#. Mate cannot be stopped. 15.hxg3 Rh1# or 15.Rfc1 gxh2+ 16.Kf1 h1=Q# are the main choices.

So Kiril resigned.

0-1

After they shook hands, Robo-Pawn said to Kiril, "Doubleplusluck in the rest of the tournament."

And guess what? That's just what happened. Kiril didn't lose another game.

There's only one word to describe the white position now: "doubleplus-ungood"!



THE END

2013 WYCC United Arab Emirates
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OPEN under 8 (173 players)

- 1 Praggananandhaa R. India 11
- 2 Can Isik Turkey 9
- 3 Suleymanli Aydin E. Azerbaijan 9
- 9 Issani Nameer Canada 8
- 28 Noorali Aahil Canada 7
- 46 Low Kevin Canada 6½
- 91 Wu Nicholas Canada 5½
- 115 James Rowan Canada 5

OPEN under 10 (199)

- 1 Liang Awonder USA 10
- 2 Peng David USA 9
- 3 Teclaf Pawel Poland 9
- 38 Talukdar Rohan Canada 7
- 46 Pulfer Luke Canada 6½
- 66 Guo Thomas Canada 6
- 76 Surya Benito Canada 6
- 79 Richardson Kai Canada 6
- 114 Gaisinsky Adam Canada 5½
- 121 Low Ethan Canada 5
- 126 Makarczyk David Canada 5
- 145 Rodrigue-Lemieux Shawn Canada 4½
- 148 Zhang Henry Canada 4½

OPEN under 12 (208)

- 1 Hakobyan Aram Armenia 9½
- 2 Raghunandan Srihari India 9
- 3 Lobanov Sergei Russia 9
- 92 Zhu Jeffrey Canada 6
- 131 Zhang Zehai Canada 5

OPEN under 14 (190)

- 1 Li Di China 9½
- 2 Zajic Milan Serbia 9
- 3 Atabayev S. Turkmenistan 9
- 56 Graif William Canada 6
- 79 Shi Diwen Canada 6
- 102 Yu Wenlu Canada 5½
- 135 Lee Stefano Canada 4½

OPEN under 16 (163)

- 1 Karthikeyan Murali India 9
- 2 Girish Koushik India 9
- 3 Alekseenko Kirill Russia 8
- 16 Wang Richard Canada 7½
- 62 Kalra Agastya Canada 6
- 75 Hui Jeremy Canada 5½
- 111 Plotkin Mark Canada 5
- 115 Dorrance Adam Canada 5
- 116 Lo Ryan Canada 5

OPEN under 18 (123)

- 1 Idani Pouya Iran 8½
- 2 Anton Guijarro David Spain 8
- 3 Vaibhav Suri India 8

GIRLS under 8 (117)

- 1 Zhu Harmony Canada 9
- 2 Mungunzul Bat-Erdene Mongolia 9
- 3 Bhagyashree Patil India 8½
- 52 Gilani Mysha Canada 6

GIRLS under 10 (140)

- 1 Salonika Saina India 9
- 2 Asadi Motahare Iran 8½
- 3 Lakshmi C India 8½
- 31 Zhang Jeannie Canada 6½
- 82 Tsy-pin Allison Canada 5½
- 93 Tan Kylie Canada 5
- 101 Qiao Cindy Canada 4½

GIRLS under 12 (141)

- 1 Shengxin Zhao China 9½
- 2 Shuvalova Polina Russia 9
- 3 Antova Gabriela Bulgaria 8½
- 47 Ouellet Maili-Jade Canada 7
- 115 Tao Ellen Canada 4½

GIRLS under 14 (126)

- 1 Tsolakidou Stavroula Greece 9
- 2 Abdusattorova B. Uzbekistan 9
- 3 Vasenina Anna Russia 8½
- 20 Zhou Qiyu Canada 7
- 50 Tapp Ashley Canada 6
- 72 Tao Rachel Canada 5½

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- 1 Gu Tianlu China 9
- 2 Nicolas Zapata Irene Spain 8½
- 3 Khademalsharieh Sarasadat Iran 8½
- 72 Giblon Rebecca Canada 5

GIRLS under 18 (99)

- 1 Tomnikova Lidia Russia 8½
- 2 Ziaziulkina Nastassia Bulgaria 8½
- 3 Ibrahimova Sabina Azerbaijan 8½
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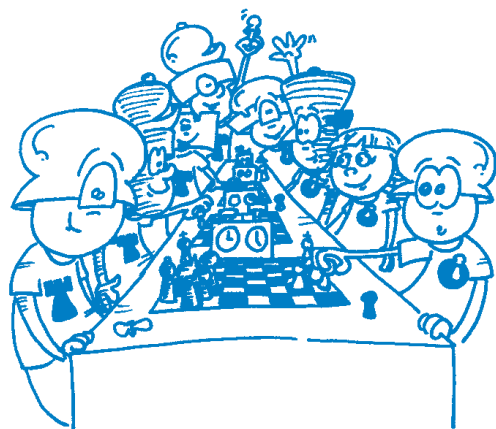
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April 6 grades K-6

4 Players From Same School
information: Chess'n Math

CHESS CHALLENGE QC Provincial Qualifiers

Verdun March 9
St. Henri March 15
Outremont March 22
La Ruelle March 23
South West March 30
Drummondville April 5
The Priory April 12
Rouyn-Noranda April 13
Montreal April 13

VICTORIA

Brian Raymer 250 595-0025

Hotel Grand Pacific
463 Belleville St.

April 18 *Youth Champ.* Friday

CALGARY

Simon Ong 403 274-2954

EDMONTON

Bruce Thomas 780 473-1557

WINNIPEG

Jeremie Piche 204 237-1497

University of Manitoba
University College Building
Saunderson Street

registration 12:15 - 12:45 pm

February 23 Sunday

April 13 Sunday

SASKATOON

Don MacKinnon 306 445-8369

HALIFAX

Chris Felix 902 489-5899

Mount Saint Vincent University
166 Bedford Hwy
Evaristus Hall room 358

registration 11:30 am - 12 noon

April 6 *NSYCC* Sunday

CHARLOTTETOWN

Stacey Kerr 902 628-7576

Colonel Gray High School
175 Spring Park Rd.

registration 12:00 - 12:50 pm

March 30 Sunday

April 27 *School Team* Sunday

ST. JOHN'S

Chris Dawson 709 747-5217

NL School Team Championship
Mary Queen of Peace School
137 Torbay Rd.

April 12 Saturday



RATINGS

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

www.chess-math.org

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

www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub

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

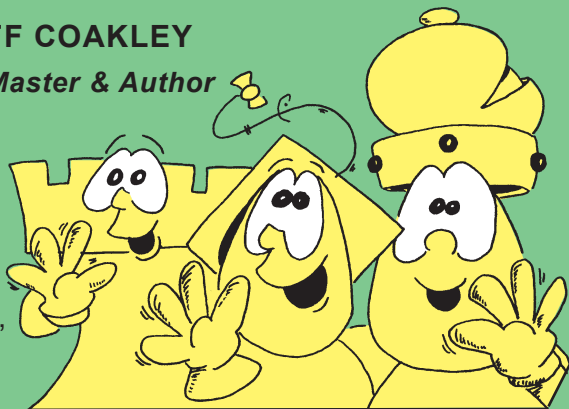
For information on how to rate your tournaments:

www.chess-math.org/ratings/rate.htm

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* SOLUTIONS *

MATE IN 1

- 1 1.Rd5#
- 2 1.Ne7#
- 3 1.dxe8=N#
- 4 1.Qa4#

MATE IN 3

- 1 1.Re6+ Kd7 2.Qc6+ Kd8 3.Re8#
- 2 1.Nf6+ gxf6 2.Rg1+ Kh8 3.Qxf6#
- 1...Kh8 2.Qxh7#
- 3 1.Rb6 Kf4 2.Rb5 Kf3 3.Rf5#
- 1...Kf5 2.Kxd4 Kf4 3.Rf6#

TRIPLE LOYD

- A. Kf3#
- B. Kh1=
- C. Ka8 (Qa6#)
- 4 1.Nh6+ Kh8 2.Qg8+ Rxc8 3.Nf7#
- 1...Kf8 2.Qf7#

MATE IN 2

- 1 1.Bf5+ Kd6 2.Be7#
- 2 1.Rb7+ Kd6 2.Qb8#
3. 1.Rg8+ Bxc8 2.Qe7#
- 4 1.Qxd7+ Nxd7 2.Nd6#

COMBO MOMBO

- 1 1.Rxc6 Qxc6 2.Qg3
(3.Qxg7# or 3.Qxb8+)
- 2 1...Rxb7 2.Rxb7 Qd5
(3.Qd1# or 3.Qxb7)

TACTICS 101

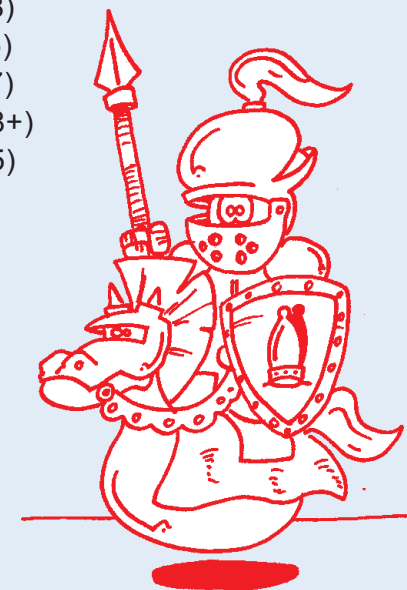
- 1 1.Qd4 (2.Qd8+ & 2.Qxb2)
- 2 1.Nf5 (2.Nh6# & 2.Nxe7+)
- 3 1.Qe4 (2.Qxh7# & 2.Qxa8)
1.Qh5 (2.Qxh7# & 2.Qxc5)
- 4 1.Qd4 (2.Qxg7# & 2.Qxd7)
1.Qg3 (2.Qxg7# & 2.Qxb8+)
1.Qg5 (2.Qxg7# & 2.Qxa5)

CHESSMAZE

Bh1-c6-e8-h5-d1-b3-e6
-h3-f1xa6

LILY'S PUZZLER

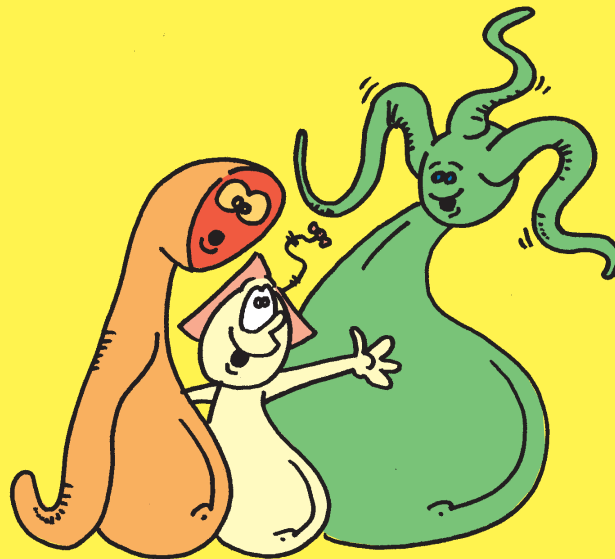
- A. 61 squares attacked
Qb2 Qd5 Qd7 Qf2
(unguarded a6, g6, h6)
Qb2 Qd5 Qe6 Qf2
(unguarded a4, c7, h7)
- B. 40 squares attacked
Qa1 Qa8 Qh1 Qh8
- C. Qb6 Qc2 Qf7 Qg3
Qb5 Qd2 Qe7 Qg4



SCHOLAR'S MATE

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*Hey, you guys look like chess players.
How about a game?*