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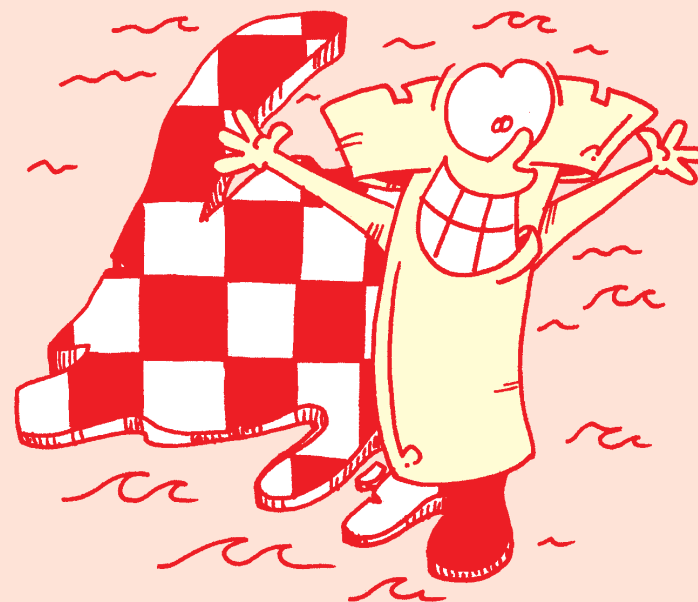
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## HELLO, CHESS PALS!



Greetings from St. John's, Newfoundland, site of this year's *Canadian Chess Challenge* nationals. Congratulations to all the champions. Check out the full report starting on page 6.

We hope you have a great summer. Maybe I will see you at a chess camp somewhere!

Here's the mag.

## Kiril

# SUMMER CHESS CAMPS

## TORONTO

July 3 - 6

July 16 - 20

July 30 - August 3

August 13 - 17

August 27 - 31

Mount Pleasant Church  
527 Mount Pleasant Rd.

## OTTAWA

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July 23 - 27

August 13 - 17

August 20 - 24

Parkdale Church  
429 Parkdale Ave

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July 2 - 6

July 9 - 13

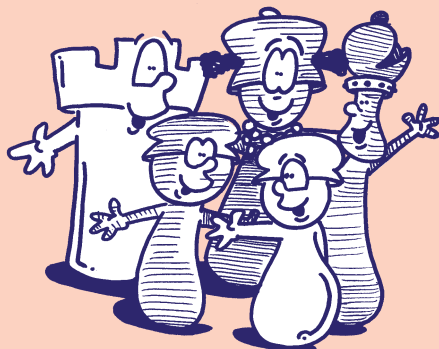
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August 13 - 17

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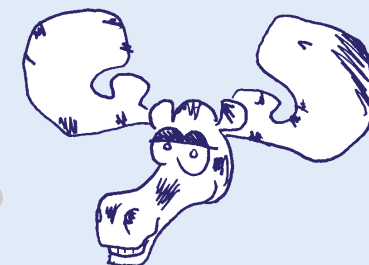
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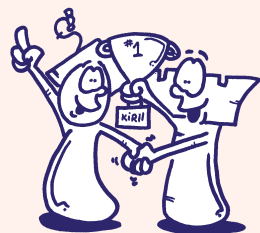


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# CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE



## REPORT FROM ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

The 30th annual *Canadian Chess Challenge* finals took place on Victoria Day weekend at Memorial University in St. John's. As always, each of the ten provinces was represented by one player in each grade.

Saturday was a fun day, with families visiting Signal Hill and other sites around the city. There was also a blitz tournament in the afternoon. The opening banquet in the evening featured a juggler and two very talented hula hoop twirlers.

The competition started on Sunday. While a bagpiper played, the teams marched into the hall carrying their provincial flags. After the national anthem, the players shook hands and the chessboard battles began.

When the last king was toppled on Monday afternoon, Ontario had won their ninth straight championship, with nine players earning medals, including five gold. Nameer Issani (Toronto) won his grade for the fourth time.

Team Quebec finished a strong second, led by Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux (Montreal) and five-time champ Qiuyu Huang (Montreal). Their only loss was to Ontario, 7½-4½.

British Columbia defeated Alberta 8-4 in the final round to place third. They dominated the lower teams, but lost close matches to Ontario 7½-4½ and Quebec 7-5. Eight players won medals, with gold for Jayden Qu (Surrey), Ethan Song (Burnaby), and Joshua Doknjas.

Alberta came in fourth, and had two silver medalists: Matthew Ivanescu (Edmonton) and Paul Wang (Calgary).

## 2018 CHAMPIONS

1	JAYDEN QU	British Columbia
2	LUCAS LIU	Quebec
3	ETHAN SONG	British Columbia
4	ANTHONY ATANASOV *	Ontario
5	MAX CHEN **	Ontario
6	NAMEER ISSANI ***	Ontario
7	QIUYU HUANG ****	Quebec
8	SHAWN RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX *	Quebec
9	EUGENE HUA *	Ontario
10	JOSHUA DOKNJAS ***	British Columbia
11	RICHARD CHEN ****	Ontario
12	SAM SONG **	New Brunswick

\* previous national champion

A solid Manitoba team won five matches to place fifth, with medals for Derek Ma and Brock Beach (Winnipeg). By the way, the prizes are actually trophies. We just talk about them as if they're medals, like at the Olympics.

The *Most Improved Team* was Nova Scotia, with 7 more points than 2017. New Brunswick jumped three places in the standings, from 9th to 6th, and received the plaque for *Top Atlantic Team*. They scored 19-17 against the other Atlantic provinces, tying their matches versus PEI and Nova Scotia.

Nine players were undefeated. Seven had perfect 9-0's: Jayden Qu, Lucas Liu (Montreal), Max Chen (Toronto), Anthony Atanasov (Oakville), Richard Chen (Hamilton), Qiuyu Huang, and Sam Song (Saint John).

Playoff games decided first place in grades 8 and 10.

## 2018 TEAMS



	match	individual
ONTARIO	9	91
QUEBEC	8	83
BRITISH COLUMBIA	7	82½
ALBERTA	6	70
MANITOBA	5	48½
SASKATCHEWAN	3	42½
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	36½
NOVA SCOTIA	1½	32
PRINCE EDWARD IS.	1½	27½
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	26½

Eight of the 2017 champions returned to defend their title. Five succeeded: Max Chen, Nameer Issani, Qiuyu Huang, Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, and Richard Chen.

Four sets of siblings took part. The best results were by the Doknjas brothers (Surrey). Joshua placed first in grade 10 and Neil second in grade 7. Martin and Nicolas Riquelme (Brandon, MB) came fourth and sixth.

Ten girls took part. Maïli-Jade Ouellet (Montreal) tied for first in grade 10, but lost her playoff game. Greta Qu (Mississauga) came second in grade 3 and Lucy Chao (Edmonton) placed fourth in grade 11.

The \$200 prize for *Best Team Shirt* went to home team Newfoundland, whose logo was a mighty king-crushing puffin. See photo page 49. Manitoba was second (\$100) and Nova Scotia third (\$50).

The *Yves Casaubon Outstanding Contribution Award* was presented to Christian Lacasse (Montreal), for his many years of dedicated work “behind the scenes” at the Chess Challenge nationals. Setting up the playing hall, hanging banners and scoreboards, producing the tournament booklet, and generally ensuring that the event always runs smoothly. Merci beaucoup, Christian!



## 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

*top:* Qiuyu Huang, Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, Eugene Hua, Joshua Doknjas, Richard Chen, Sam Song

*front:* Jayden Qu, Lucas Liu, Ethan Song, Anthony Atanasov, Max Chen, Nameer Issani

## SILVER

1	Matthew Ivanescu	AB
2	Richard Guo *	ON
3	Greta Qu *	ON
4	Kevin Zhong *	QC
5	Richard Zheng *	QC
6	Paul Wang	AB
7	Neil Doknjas	BC
8	Nicholas Vettese ****	ON
9	Brian Yang	BC
10	Maïli-Jade Ouellet **	QC
11	Ananda Saha	QC
12	Brock Beach	MB

## BRONZE

1	Jeremy Zhu	ON
2	BiaoBiao Boyong Guo	BC
3	Leo Lin	SK
4	Anand Chandra	AB
5	Madoc Sullivan	NS
6	Luka Spasojevic	BC
7	Tony Wu	PE
8	Ian Zhao	AB
9	Jonas Dornieden	NS
10	Derek Ma	MB
11	William Bremner	BC
12	Johnny Burn	AB

\* previous national champion

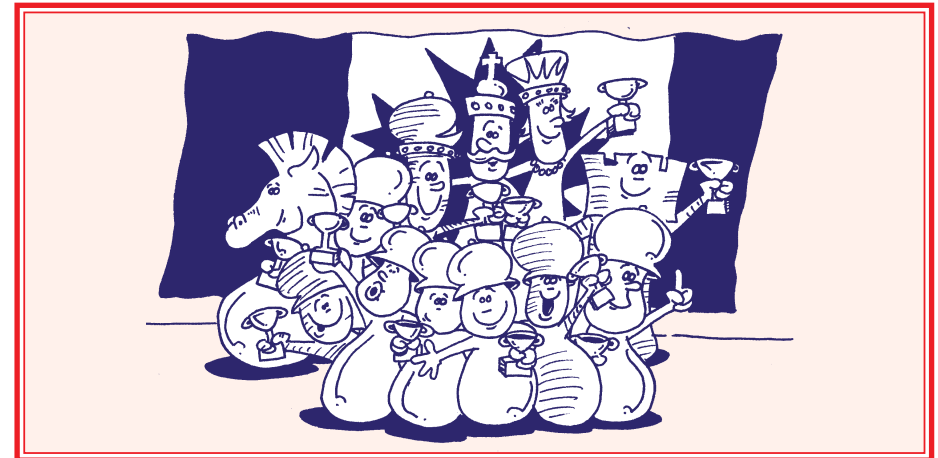


Avram Tcherni (Regina) was awarded a special plaque for competing at the Chess Challenge nationals in all twelve grades. He will also be receiving a \$1200 bursary from *Chess'n Math Association*. Well done, Avram!

The *Most Valuable Player* was bronze medalist Tony Wu (Charlottetown, grade 7), scoring 25% of PEI's points.

A bughouse tournament was held after the awards ceremony on Monday. "The Hustlers" (John and Joshua Doknjas) placed first in the popular event.

The 2018 finals will be in Vancouver. See you there!

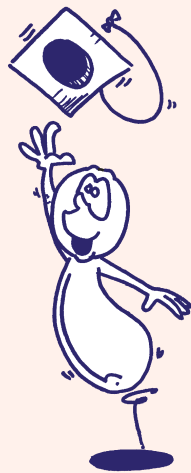


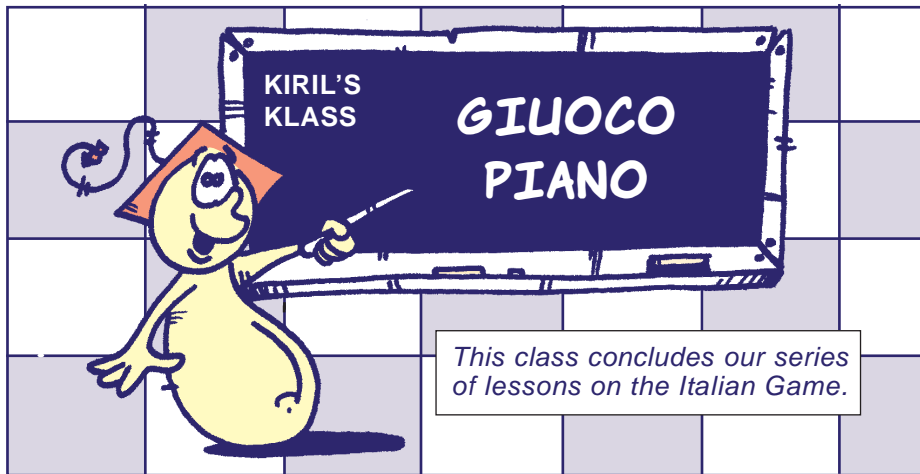
TEAM ONTARIO

### 2018 MEDALS

GOLD SILVER BRONZE

ONTARIO	5	3	1
QUEBEC	3	4	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	2	3
ALBERTA		2	3
NEW BRUNSWICK	1		
MANITOBA		1	1
NOVA SCOTIA			2
SASKATCHEWAN			1
PRINCE EDWARD IS.			1



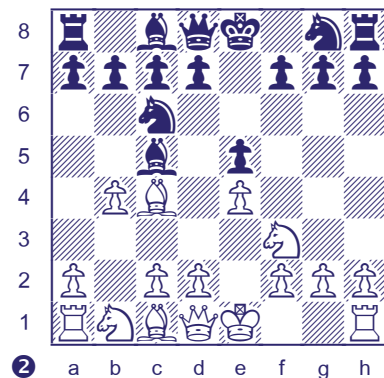
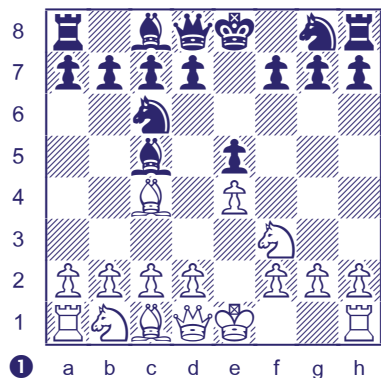


The *Italian Game* starts **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4**. In the last lesson, we looked at **3...Nc6**. This time we cover the classical defence **3...Bc5**. Diagram 1.

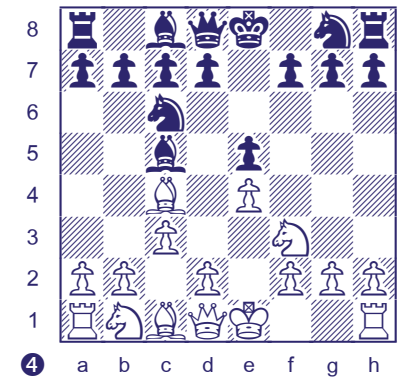
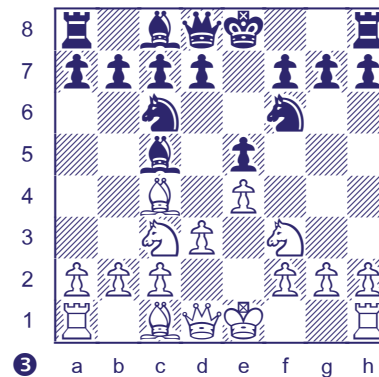
After this bishop move, the opening is called the *Giuoco Piano*. In Italian, that means “quiet game”. They call it quiet because there are usually no loud sacrifices!

In this position, White has several reasonable moves to choose from. But not **4.Ng5? Qxg5**.

If White feels brave, then the Evans Gambit **4.b4!?** is a good try. Diagram 2. The b-pawn is sacrificed for a gain of tempo and a strong centre. A typical line goes **4...Bxb4 5.c3! Ba5 6.O-O d6 7.d4**.



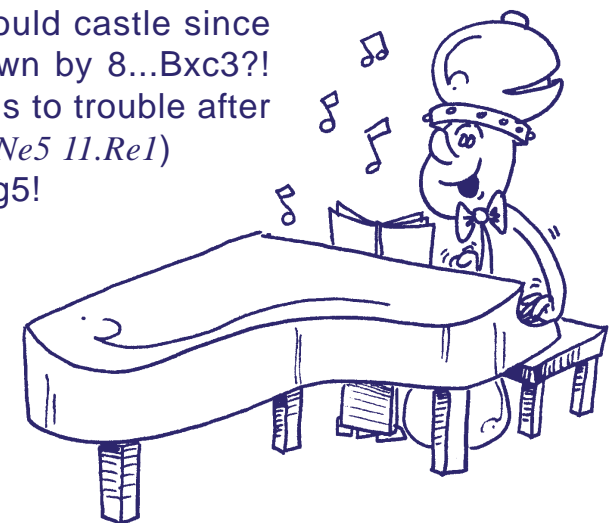
Many people like to play **4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3** here, or **4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3**, which is the same thing. Diagram 3. The white position is all right, but it is not very aggressive. If White wants an advantage in a king pawn opening (**1.e4 e5**), they must play **d4** or **f4** at some point to attack the black centre. In this line, it is hard to push either of these pawns, so Black equalizes easily.



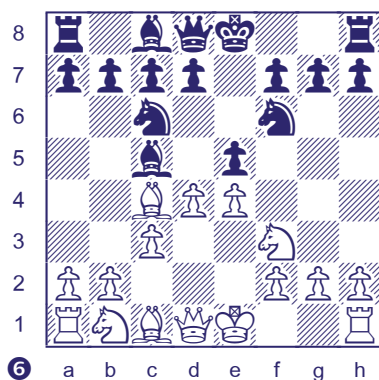
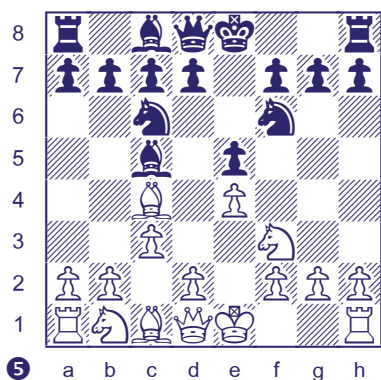
The way to challenge Black is to prepare the advance of the d-pawn with **4.c3!** Diagram 4.

The move **4...d6** is not very good here since it allows White to build up a strong pawn centre with **5.d4! exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.O-O**.

Then Black should castle since winning the e-pawn by **8...Bxc3?! 9.bxc3 Nxe4** leads to trouble after **10.d5! Ne7 (10...Ne5 11.Re1) 11.Qd4 Nf6 12.Bg5!**



Black's best reply is **4...Nf6**. Diagram 5. The knight puts pressure on White by attacking e4.



White continues as planned with **5.d4**. Diagram 6.

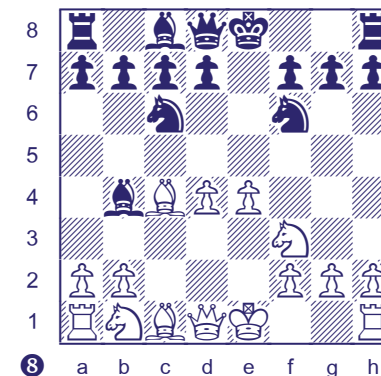
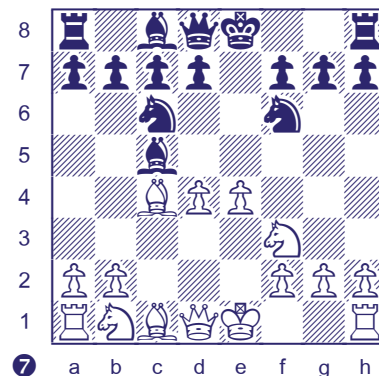
Note that attacking f7 by 5.Ng5? is just a waste of time because Black can defend by castling. Following 5...O-O, White should avoid 6.Bxf7+ Rxf7 7.Nxf7 Kxf7. Trading knight and bishop for rook and pawn is almost always a bad idea early in the game. It leaves White way behind in development.



In case you were wondering, "Giuoco" is pronounced "gee-oak-oh".

Bad for Black is 5...Bb6? 6.dxe5 Ng4 (6...Nxe4? 7.Qd5!) 7.Bxf7+! Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Kf8 9.Qxg4 Nxe5 10.Qg3.

So the game usually goes **5...exd4 6.cxd4**. Diagram 7.



If Black retreats 6...Bb6, White responds 7.Nc3 with the better game. (7.e5 gets messy after 7...d5!)

The main line is **6...Bb4+**. Diagram 8. Now White has a choice between the daring 7.Nc3 and the safe 7.Bd2.

**7.Nc3!?** is the *Moller Attack*. White sacrifices a pawn for fun and glory. **7...Nxe4 8.O-O!** Diagram 9. Black must walk a narrow path to stay alive.

Here are some lines.

8...Nxc3? 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Ba3!

White is winning.

10...Bxa1? 11.Re1+ wins Q

10...d6 11.Rc1 Ba5

12.Qa4 a6 13.Bd5

8...Bxc3 (best) 9.d5!

(Not 9.bxc3? d5!)

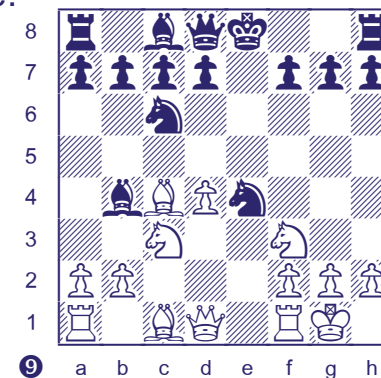
9...Ne5?! 10.bxc3 Nxc4

11.Qd4! Ncd6 12.Qxg7 Qf6 13.Qxf6 Nxf6

14.Re1+ Kf8 15.Bh6+ Kg8 16.Re5! White wins.

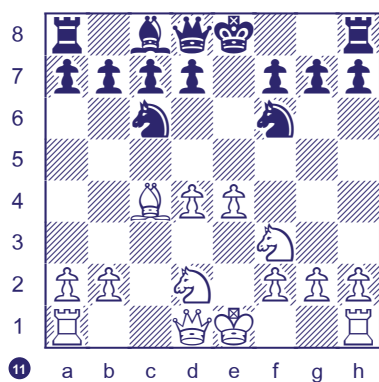
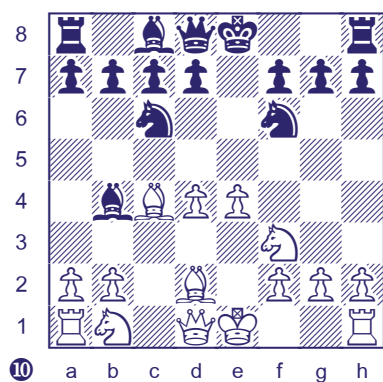
9...Bf6! 10.Re1! Ne7 11.Rxe4 d6

A complicated position where White has attacking chances for the sacrificed pawn.





For the sensible folks in the crowd, we recommend the solid and promising **7.Bd2!** Diagram 10.



Now Black trades by **7...Bxd2+**. Other moves are worse:

7...d6? 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.d5

7...d5?! 8.exd5 Nxd5 (8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2) 9.Bxb4 Ncxb4 10.Qb3!

7...Nxe4 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Bxf7+! Kxf7 10.Qb3+ d5 11.Ne5+! Ke6 12.Qxb4

White recaptures with **8.Nbxd2**, developing a knight and guarding the pawn on e4. Diagram 11.

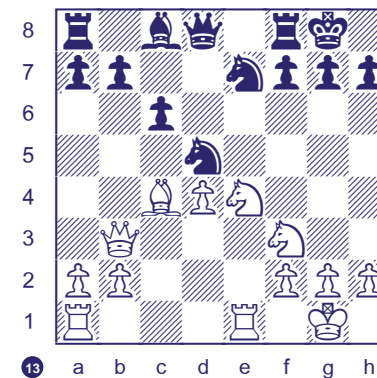
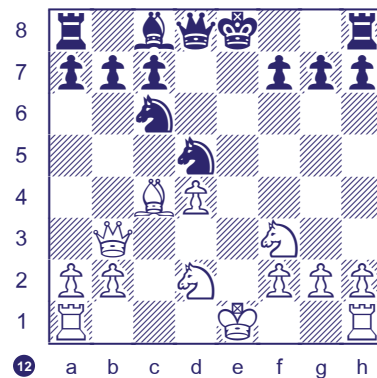
Black can easily go wrong here with 8...d6?! White gets a clear advantage by 9.O-O O-O 10.Re1. Also weak is 8...Nxe4?! 9.d5! Nxd2 10.Qxd2 Ne7 11.d6! with a nice attack for White.

Only the move **8...d5!** gives Black a chance for equality. After **9. exd5 Nxd5**, the game would be level following 10.O-O O-O, but White can keep an edge by attacking the knight on d5 with **10.Qb3!** Diagram 12.

Black has several options in this position. Two of them are quite bad.

10...Be6? 11.Qxb7 Na5 12.Bb5+

10...Qe7+? 11. Kf1! Threatening Bxd5 and Rae1.



Another line is 10...Na5 11.Qa4+ Nc6 (11...c6 12.Bxd5). White can repeat the position with 12.Qb3 or play for a win by 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.O-O O-O 14.Rfe1 (or 14.Qb3!?).

The best defence is **10...Nce7**. Black plans to establish a permanent blockade on d5. Play normally continues **11.O-O O-O 12.Rfe1 c6**. Black gives extra support to the knight on d5. **13.Ne4!** Diagram 13.

White's pieces are well placed. The pawn at d4 is strong and gives the white knights good outposts at e5 and c5. The rook on a1 can be activated by pushing the a-pawn or by moving it to one the central files.

Black will try to simplify the game and trade to an ending where the isolated d-pawn is weak.

A tough battle is ahead.

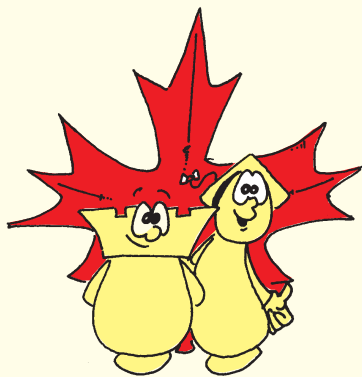
So, friends, that concludes our visit to sunny Italy.

"Ciao for now!"



# CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

## 2018 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS



### ONTARIO

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2	Richard Guo *	Toronto
3	Greta Qu *	Mississauga
4	Anthony Atanasov ***	Oakville
5	Max Chen **	Toronto
6	Nameer Issani *****	Toronto
7	Jeffrey Zhao	Markham
8	Nicholas Vettese	Toronto
9	Eugene Hua	Hamilton
10	Hairan Liang *	Markham
11	Richard Chen ***	Ancaster
12	Joey Zhong	Toronto

### ALBERTA

1	Matthew Ivanescu *	Edmonton
2	Ray Jiang	Fort MacMurray
3	Yash Darvekar *	Edmonton
4	Anand Chandra **	Calgary
5	Hermant Srinivasan	Calgary
6	Paul Wang **	Calgary
7	Andi Superceanu **	Edmonton
8	Ian Zhao *****	Calgary
9	Maxim Vasic	Calgary
10	Aditya Raninga	Calgary
11	Lucy Chao	Edmonton
12	Johnny Burn	Fort MacMurray

### QUEBEC

1	Edouard Wang	Montreal
2	Lucas Liu	Montreal
3	James Li	Montreal
4	Kevin Zhong ***	Pierrefonds
5	Richard Zheng	Montreal
6	Haruaki Omichi	Montreal
7	Qiuyu Huang *****	Montreal
8	S.Rodrigue-Lemieux *	Montreal
9	Gabriel Tinica	Montreal
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11	Ananda Saha **	Montreal
12	Linda Shi *	Montreal

### NEW BRUNSWICK

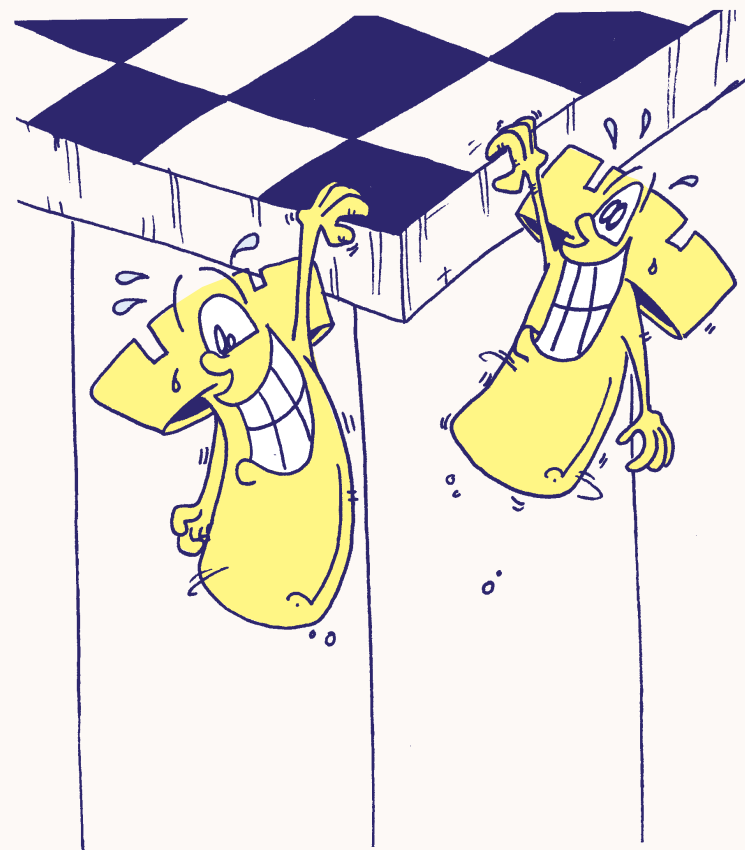
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4	Ryan Nikmaram	Moncton
5	Mohamed Amine Sellal	Dieppe
6	Kiro Veljanovski *	Saint John
7	Alexandre X.LebLANC *	Moncton
8	Luc Blanchette *	Dieppe
9	Shon Lazarev	Fredericton
10	Leonardo Cui ***	Fredericton
11	Ben Yeomans ***	Riverview
12	Sam Song *****	Saint John

### SASKATCHEWAN

1	William Sorgard	Churchbridge
2	Abigail Sorgard *	Churchbridge
3	Leo Lin **	Saskatoon
4	Oscar Salkeld *	Regina
5	Jiahe Gu	Saskatoon
6	Leonard Carolino **	Saskatoon
7	Alexander de Padua**	Prince Albert
8	Alexander Sasata ****	Saskatoon
9	Daniel Wei *****	Saskatoon
10	Ray Dai **	Saskatoon
11	Andrew Li *****	Regina
12	Avram Tcherni *****	Regina

\* champion last year also

# MORT and MARLEY



Hey Mort, this is a bad situation.

Yea, and my arms are getting tired.

So what are we going to do?

I don't know, Marley. I've never fallen off the board before.



# CANADA TOP TEN



## KINDERGARTEN

1 HUANG Justin	790	ON
2 WU Nicholas	773	BC
3 WANG William	732	ON
4 GAO Heye	727	ON
5 TSO Justin	654	ON
6 YANG Nathan	644	BC
7 DUIC Matthew	626	ON
8 MARCHAND Calix	621	NS
9 JIANG Sicheng	576	QC
10 SCORTEANU Victor	570	QC

## GRADE 1

1 QU Jayden	1027	BC
2 IVANESCU Matthew	1009	AB
3 HU Richard	915	QC
4 O'MALLEY Patrick	886	ON
5 ZHU Jeremy	854	ON
6 SORGARD William	842	SK
7 DJUROVICH Ilya	841	QC
8 DUANMU Isaac	836	ON
9 DELAGE GODARD Felix	824	QC
10 WANG Edouard	823	QC

## GRADE 2

1 GUO Richard	1184	ON
2 LIU Lucas	1161	QC
3 TSENG Bradley	1104	ON
4 LAU Joshua	1074	ON
5 GEORGESCU-NICOLAU Luca	1065	QC
6 BOROOMAND AryaCyrus	1051	BC
7 CHEN Chen	1017	QC
8 MANE Arnav	999	ON
9 PUGACH Daniel	966	ON
10 EISENBERG Colette	958	BC

## GRADE 3

1 QU Greta	1521	ON
2 YANG Ryan	1512	BC
3 SONG Ethan	1508	BC
4 YAN Alex	1505	QC
5 LI Gabriel	1265	ON
6 LI James	1261	QC
7 WANG Nathan	1237	ON
8 LIN Leo	1230	SK
9 GAO Lucy	1193	ON
10 HAN Johnathan	1178	ON

## GRADE 4

1 CHANDRA Anand	2094	AB
2 XU Daniel	2071	ON
3 NING Eric	2055	ON
4 ATANASOV Anthony	2014	ON
5 ZHONG Kevin	2009	QC
6 WANG Daniel	1709	BC
7 LI Adam	1528	ON
8 CHANG Alexander	1526	QC
9 WU Nathan	1522	BC
10 JIANG Eric	1503	BC

## GRADE 5

1 ZHENG Richard	2145	QC
2 CHEN Max	1955	ON
3 GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1888	QC
4 ZHAO Jeffrey	1746	ON
5 HUANG Youhe	1700	ON
6 LIU Kevin	1526	QC
7 GHAZARIAN Tigran	1493	ON
8 ZHANG Chu Hang	1482	QC
9 RIQUELME Martin	1473	MB
10 ZHANG Henry	1463	ON

## GRADE 6

1 ISSANI Nameer	2241	ON
2 KANG Dorian	2187	ON
3 NOOR ALI Aahil	2000	ON
4 RUSONIK Max	1965	ON
5 GU Chuyang	1773	BC
6 CRACIUN David	1681	QC
7 JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	1677	ON
8 JACOBS Michael	1604	ON
9 WU Lucian	1588	BC
10 WANG Paul	1588	AB

## GRADE 7

1 HUANG Qiuyu	2434	QC
2 TANAKA Tyler	2221	QC
3 DOKNJAS Neil	2040	BC
4 ENGLAND Max	1922	ON
5 HUANG Patrick	1922	BC
6 ZHAO Jeffrey	1913	ON
7 LOW Kevin	1905	BC
8 TIAN Sherry	1862	BC
9 RICHARD Leo	1783	QC
10 WU Tony	1771	PE

## GRADE 8

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	2533	QC
2 VETTESE Nicholas	2380	ON
3 HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2364	BC
4 DURETTE Francis	2196	QC
5 LIN Benjamin	2126	ON
6 ZHAO Ian	2049	AB
7 ZHONG Wenxuan	2007	QC
8 QU Leo	1882	BC
9 ZHENG Victor	1801	BC
10 MIRABELLI Aidan	1717	ON

## GRADE 9

1 HUA Eugene	2451	ON
2 TALUKDAR Rohan	2331	ON
3 NORITSYN Sergey	2294	ON
4 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2272	ON
5 ZHANG Henry	2195	ON
6 SURYA Benito	2147	ON
7 GAISINSKY Adam	2016	ON
8 LIU Daniel	1974	ON
9 FENG Richard	1969	ON
10 PULFER Luke	1900	BC

## GRADE 10

1 OUELLET Maili-Jade	2384	QC
2 DOKNJAS Joshua	2329	BC
3 CAI Jason	2289	ON
4 LIANG Hairan	2287	ON
5 LI William	2282	ON
6 FAN Run Kun	2136	ON
7 LIU Lambert	2126	ON
8 YIE Kevin	2113	ON
9 GROSSMANN Lenard	1912	AB
10 LI Eric	1874	ON

## GRADE 11

1 CHEN Richard	2527	ON
2 ZHANG Yuan Chen	2364	ON
3 WAN Kevin	2356	ON
4 GEDAJLOVIC Max	2338	BC
5 SAHA Ananda	2265	QC
6 ZHAO Harry	2252	ON
7 ZOTKIN Daniel	2240	ON
8 XU Jeffrey	2221	ON
9 SCHNABEL Bennett	2094	BC
10 BALENDRA Harigaran	2093	ON

## GRADE 12

1 SONG Sam	2472	NB
2 BELLISSIMO Joseph	2433	ON
3 CAO Jason	2423	BC
4 ZHOU Qiuyu	2344	ON
5 LEI Sean	2281	ON
6 YU Wenlu	2205	ON
7 ZHONG Joey	2124	ON
8 WANG Eric	2103	ON
9 ZHU Brandon	2102	BC
10 PETERSEN Caleb	1976	ON

## HONOUR ROLL

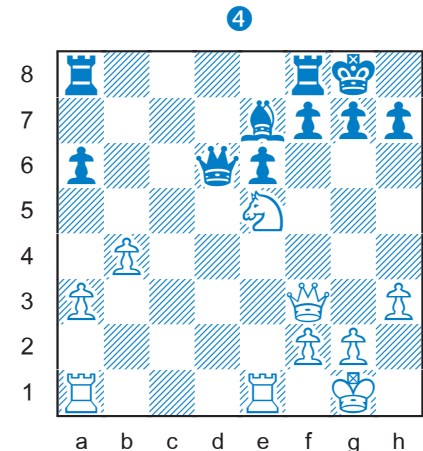
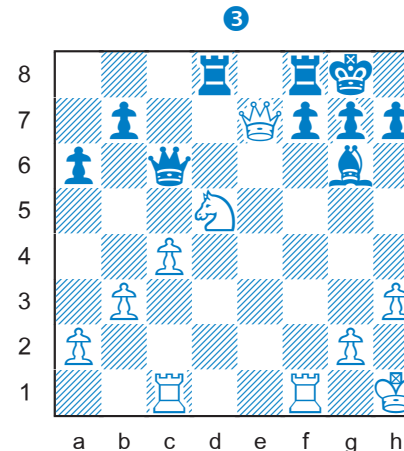
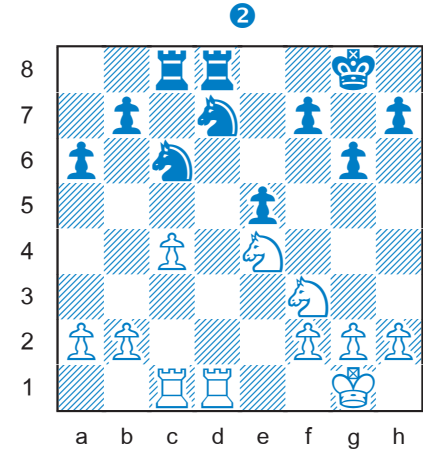
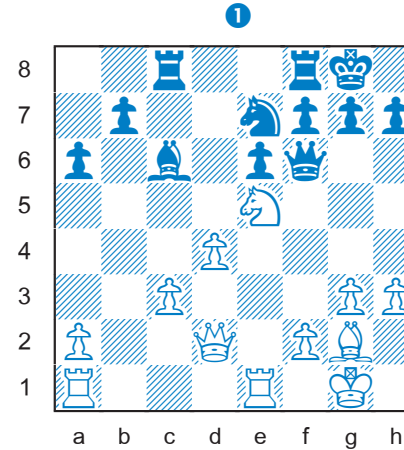
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# TACTICS 102

“FIND the WINNING MOVE!”

White to play and win material.

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# CARL SCHLECHTER

(1874 - 1918)

This kind and courteous Austrian master tied a match for the world chess championship against Emanuel Lasker at Berlin, Germany in 1910. The newspapers in his hometown of Vienna declared him “Co-Champion of the World”.



“Connected passed pawns are very strong.”

## SCHLECHTER DEFENCE

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6

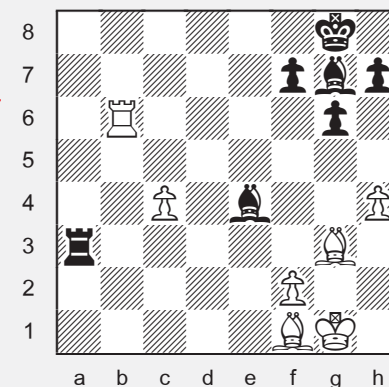
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 c6

A solid formation, reached by various move orders.

Schlechter’s nickname was *The Drawing Master*. Because of his quiet positional style, he often drew games against other leading players. He enjoyed composing chess problems and was editor of the famous *Bilguer Handbook of Chess*. Tragically, he died of starvation at the end of the first World War.

# COMBO MOMBO !!

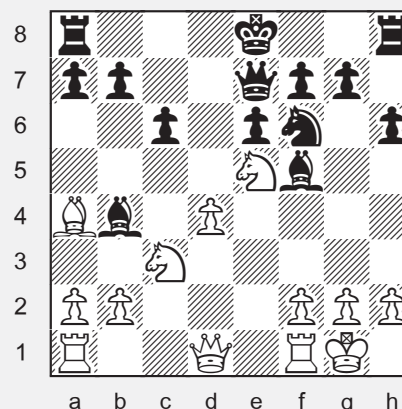
## SPOTLIGHT ON BISHOP FORKS



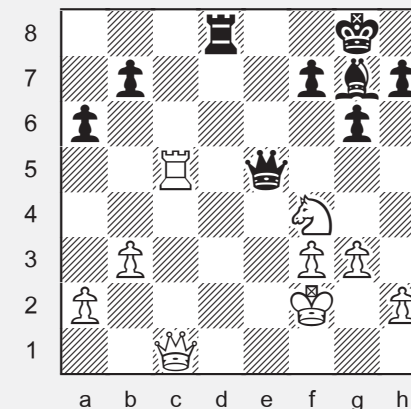
A fork is a tactic where one piece attacks two of the opponent’s pieces at the same time. Great for combos!

♔ White to play sacrifices the exchange to set up the winning bishop fork. 1.Rb8+ Bf8 2.Rxf8+! Kxf8 (2...Kg7 3.Re8) 3.Bd6+ Ke8 4.Bxa3. Up a bishop.

♚ If Black goes first, they can “sack the ex” in the same way. 1...Rxg3+! 2.fxg3 Bd4+ 3.Kh2 Bxb6.



♔ WHITE TO MOVE  
Win Material



♚ BLACK TO MOVE  
Win Material

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## GRAND PRIX

The final events in the 2018 *Grand Prix* competition took place in May at Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa. Anyone who scored 7½ points out of 15 games in the three tournaments got a cash prize. A total of \$7500 in gift certificates were awarded by the *Chess'n Math Association* and split among 139 winners. The top scorers in each age group were:

### MONTREAL

- <8 Lucas Liu
- <10 Alex Yan
- <12 Richard Zheng
- <14 Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux  
Tyler Tanaka

### TORONTO

- <8 Bradley Tseng  
Patrick O'Malley
- <10 Anthony Atanasov
- <12 Max Chen
- <14 Jingchun Ji

### OTTAWA

- <8 Lucas Zhong
- <10 Michael Shi
- <12 Eric Hu
- <16 Oswin Ning, Alwin Ning

## NEWFOUNDLAND

There were 47 players at the *Newfoundland and Labrador School Team Championship* on April 14 in St. John's. The winning schools by grade were:

- K-3 Vanier
- 4-6 Vanier
- 7-9 St. Paul's
- 9-12 Gonzaga



## BORDER WARS

The 27th annual Washington state vs. British Columbia team match was held in Vancouver on May 5. Each team has two students per grade (K-12) and everyone plays two games. The Canucks won big time this year, 33-19. Their third victory in a row. The overall score in the series is now tied 13½ - 13½.

Eleven B.C. players won both of their games: Brandon Zhu, Kate Jiang, Andrew Hemstapat, Victor Zheng, Joshua Doknjas, James Li, Andrew Xu, Kevin Li, Nicholas Wu, Daniel Wang, and Chuyang Gu.

## ONTARIO SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 *Ontario School Team Chess Championship* was played on May 27th in Toronto. 161 players took part in the event. The top teams in each section are shown below.

### Grades K-3

- 1 Arbour Glen  
Tony Lu  
Hancy Jiang  
Ryan Wang  
Veronica Xu
- 2 Seneca Hill
- 3 Seneca Hill

### Grades K-6

- 1 Glen Shields  
Max Rusonik  
Henry Zhang  
Ethan Lin  
Mark Rozin
- 2 Alexmuir
- 3 Silver Stream

### Grades 7-9

- 1 Zion Heights  
Jonathan Zhao  
Joey Qiao  
Wing Xiaolong Li  
Cullen Ye
- 2 A.Y. Jackson
- 3 Zion Heights

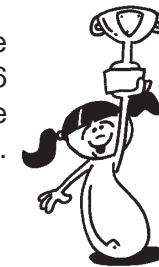
## CHESS OLYMPIAD

The 43rd *Chess Olympiad* will be held September 23 to October 6 in Batumi, Georgia. That is the country in Asia, not the US state. Canada's "national team" is:

- Eric Hansen
- Aman Hambleton
- Alexandre Lesiége
- Nikolay Noritsyn
- Razvan Preotu

The Canadian women's team is:

- Svitlana Demchenko
- Maïli-Jade Ouellet
- Qiyu Zhou
- Agnieszka Matras Clement
- Lali Agbabishvili



### Grades 10-12

- 1 Crossley  
John Hansler  
Anna Plakhuta  
Zachary Pasma  
Larisa Plakhuta
- 2 Martin Grove

## QUEBEC GIRLS

The 2018 *Quebec Girls Chess Championship* took place April 8 in Montreal with 35 players. The new grade champions are:

- K Heidi Ramos
- 1 Roya Heck-Zolfaghari
- 2 Viviane Gong
- 3 Lily Ma
- 4 Annie Li
- 5 Ankita Jain
- 6 Anahita Farahdel



## QUEBEC SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 Quebec School Team Chess Championship was held in Montreal at College André Grasset on March 24-25. The four player teams were divided into three groups by grade. 321 players took part. The top three teams in each section qualify to play in the annual Quebec-Ontario match at Kingston on June 9. College Jean-de-Brébeuf placed first in the high school section.

### Grades K-3

- 1 Fernand-Seguin *Bruce Li*  
James Li  
Travis Li  
Jayson Li  
Anass Bouras
- 2 La Verendrye *Magnus Carlsen*
- 2 Fernand-Seguin *Les Petits Baobabs*
- 2 St. Leon de Westmount  
*Les Romains*

### Grades K-6

- 1 St. Leon de Westmount  
*Kings Baobabs*  
Chu Hang Zhang  
Daniel Orejuela Liu  
Storm Lei  
Aayan Memon
- 2 Fernand-Seguin *Shredders*
- 3 La Verendrye *Garry Kasparov*
- 3 Selwyn House *Fearsome Foursome*

## CALGARY SCHOOLS

The Calgary School Chess Championship on May 27-28 attracted 106 participants.

The winning teams were:

- PRIMARY Renert
- ELEMENTARY Renert
- JUNIOR HIGH Westmount
- HIGH SCHOOL Notre Dame

Individual city champions were also crowned.

- PRIMARY Quentin De Buck
- ELEMENTARY Vishruth Sharma
- JUNIOR HIGH Maxim Vasic
- HIGH SCHOOL Patrick Tolentino



## NOVA SCOTIA

There were 58 players at the final Grand Prix tournament in Halifax on April 8. The winners for the 2017-2018 season are:

- 1. Jonas Dornieden
- 2. Madoc Sullivan
- 3. Jiarui Gao

## ONTARIO YOUTH

The 2018 Ontario Youth Chess Championship was played on May 12-13 at Kitchener City Hall. 153 boys and 37 girls took part. Here are the top three finishers in each open section.

- < 8 **Daniel Pugach**  
Roger Zuo  
Arnav Mane
- <10 **Anthony Atanasov**  
Greta Qu  
Daniel Yuan
- <12 **Max Chen**  
Youhe Huang  
Dorian Kang
- <14 **Nicholas Vettese**  
Arul Papneja  
Arhant Washimkar
- <18 **William Li**  
Eric Li  
Benito Surya

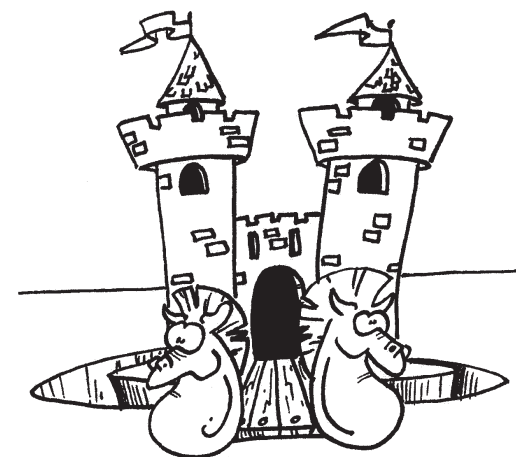
Greta Qu placed second in the open <10 section. The winners of the separate girls sections were:

- < 8 Eveleen Kaur
- <10 Winnie Zhuang
- <12 Isamel Shen
- <14 Elena Yang  
Jezzel Farkas

The 2018 Canadian Youth Chess Championship will take place in Quebec City on July 2-5.

## QUEBEC JUNIOR

The 2018 Quebec Junior Chess Championship took place on April 22-23 in Montreal with 18 players. The winner was Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratté. Runners-up were Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux and Maïli-Jade Ouellet.



## ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL

The 51st Ontario High School Chess Championship was held May 11-12 in Toronto with 156 players. The individual champion is Henry Zhang (Windsor). Richard Chen (Ancaster) and Hairan Liang (Markham) tied for second. The school team champion is Vincent Massey SS (Windsor). Chaminade College (Toronto) came second and Victoria Park CI (Toronto) third.



## ONTARIO - QUEBEC SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual match between the top school teams from Quebec and Ontario was held on June 9 at Queen's University in Kingston. Eighty-seven players took part. Winning teams are listed below.

The top scorers in the ON-QC girls competition were Lily Ma (grade 3, QC) and Anahita Farahdel (grade 6, QC).

### Grades K-3

- 1 Fernand-Seguine  
James Li  
Travis Li  
Jayson Li  
Anass Bouras
- 2 St-Leon
- 3 Arbour Glen

### Grades K-6

- 1 Glen Shields  
Max Rusonik  
Henry Zhang  
Ethan Lin  
Mark Rozin
- 2 Silver Stream
- 3 Alexmuir

### Grades 7-12

- 1 A.Y. Jackson  
Cindy Qiao  
Daniel Orejuela Liu  
Tiffany Yan  
Ethan Truong
- 2 Jean-de-Brébeuf
- 3 Crossley

## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION

The new women's world champion is 27 year old Ju Wenjun from Shanghai, China. She earned the title by defeating 2017 champion Tan Zhongyi 5½ to 4½ in a match held May 2-20 in China. Ju Wenjun earned the grandmaster title in 2014.



## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

World chess champion Magnus Carlsen (Norway) will defend his title for the third time this November. The challenger is 25 year old Fabiano Caruana (USA), who won the *Candidates Tournament* at Berlin, Germany in March. The 12 game match will take place in London, England with a prize fund of over a million dollars.

## EDMONTON

The *Edmonton School Grade Championships*, organized by the Roving Chess Nuts took place on June 3 at Greenfield Hall. Here are this year's city champions:

grade

- 1 Scott Tang
- 2 Arthithan Mrallidaran
- 3 Anu Purevjamts
- 4 Ryan Chen
- 5 Michelle Enkhtaivan
- 6 Sam Hoekman
- 7 Pascal LaCroix
- 8 Nathan Thunder
- 9 Elon Wang



## NOVA SCOTIA TEAM

The *2018 Nova Scotia School Championship* on April 29th in Halifax had a record 124 players. The winners were:

- |             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| PRIMARY     | St. Joseph A. McKay |
| ELEMENTARY  | Sacred Heart        |
| JUNIOR HIGH | Oxford              |
| HIGH SCHOOL | Halifax West        |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The *P.E.I. School Chess Team Championship* was played on April 22 in Charlottetown with 42 participants. Spring Park Elementary came first in both sections (K-4 and K-6).



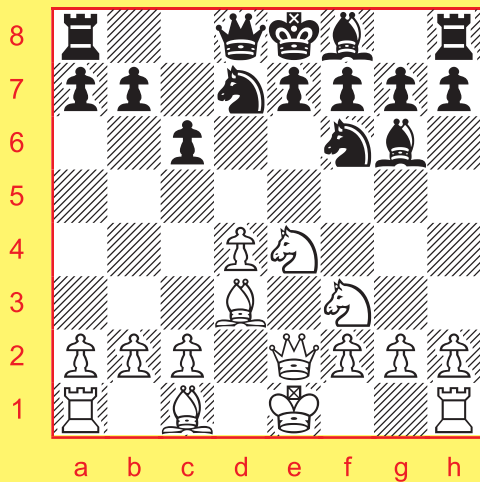
# CHECKMATES



WHITE TO MOVE

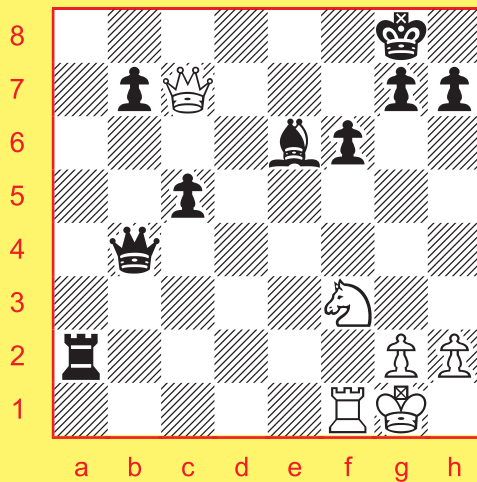
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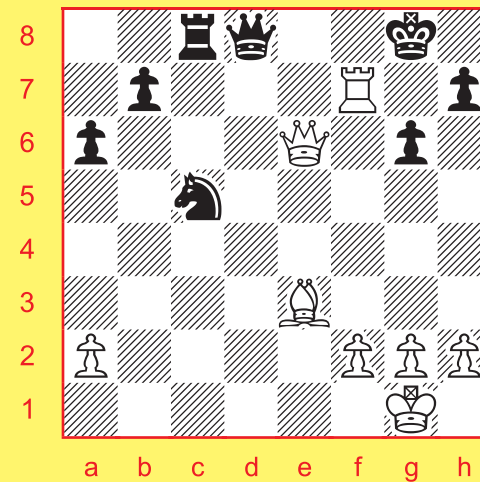
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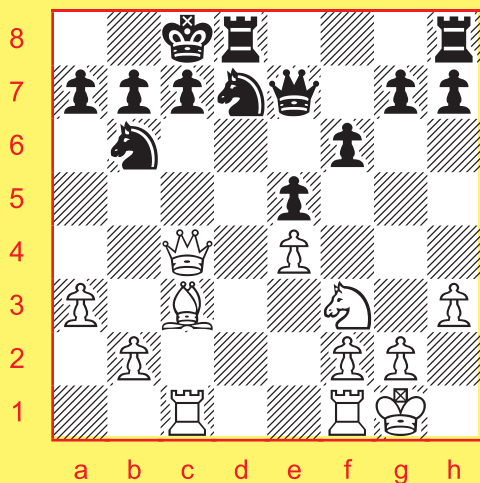
**MATE IN 2**

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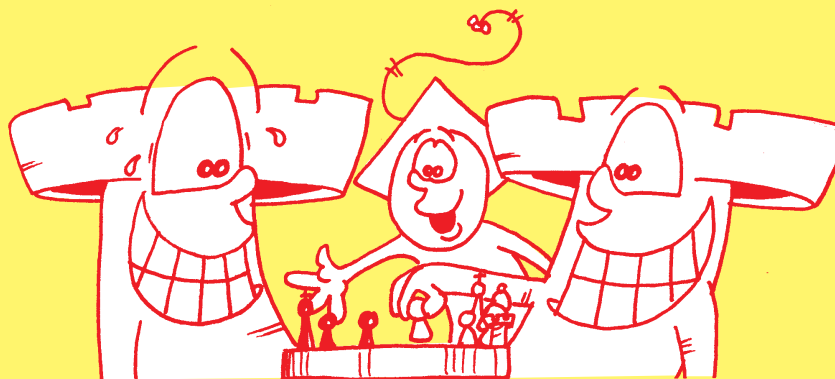


**MATE IN 2**

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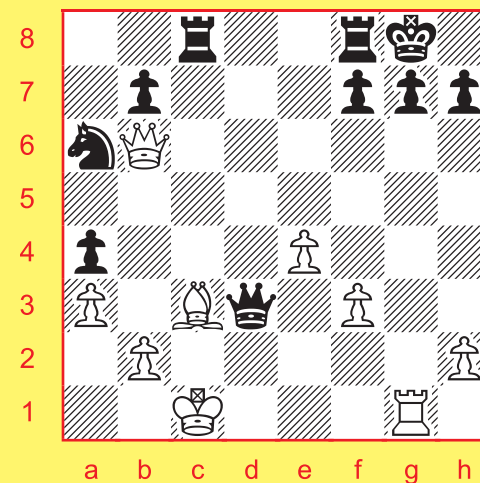


**MATE IN 2**



*"Wow! Nice move."*

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**MATE IN 3**



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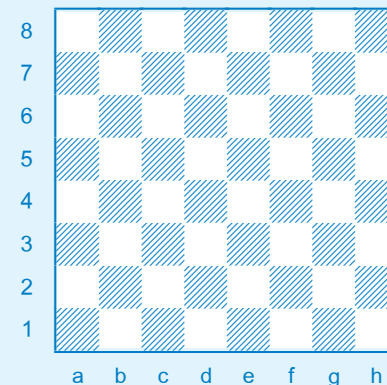
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## LILY'S PUZZLER

Hi boys and girls!

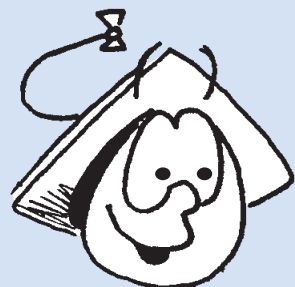
Here's a fun puzzle with  
a bevy of bishops. The  
goal is to make a "ring  
of double protection".  
Good luck!



### Dark B Double Defensive Loop

What is the most dark-square bishops that can  
be placed on the board so that every bishop is  
defended exactly twice and the "defensive chain"  
forms a single continuous loop?

The first bishop guards the second; the second  
guards the third; the third guards the fourth; ...;  
and the last bishop guards the first. solution page 63



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

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

[kiril@chess-math.org](mailto:kiril@chess-math.org)

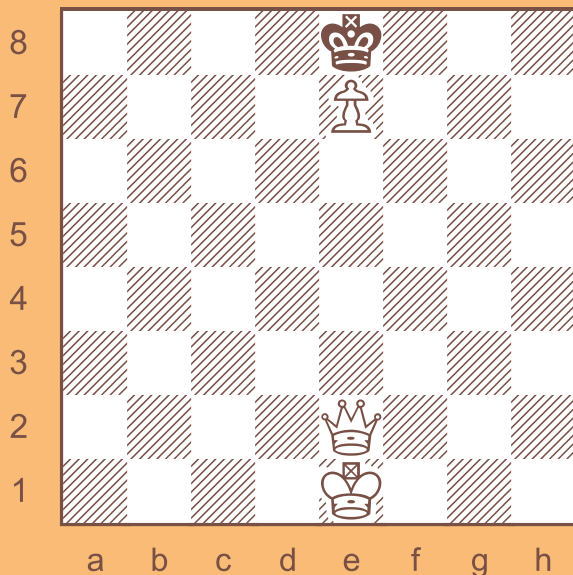


# KIRIL'S KONTEST

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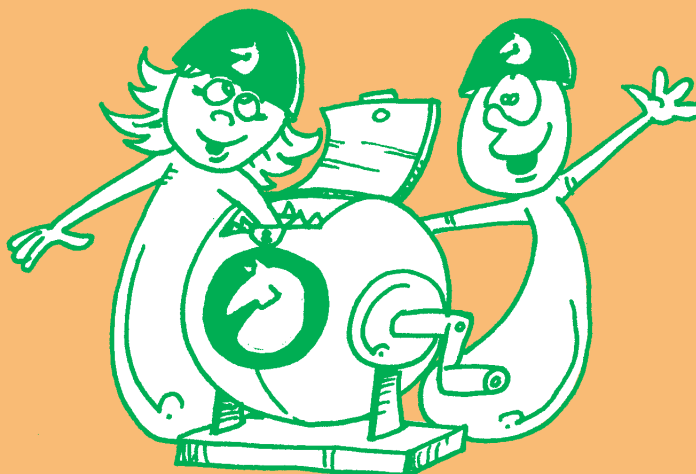
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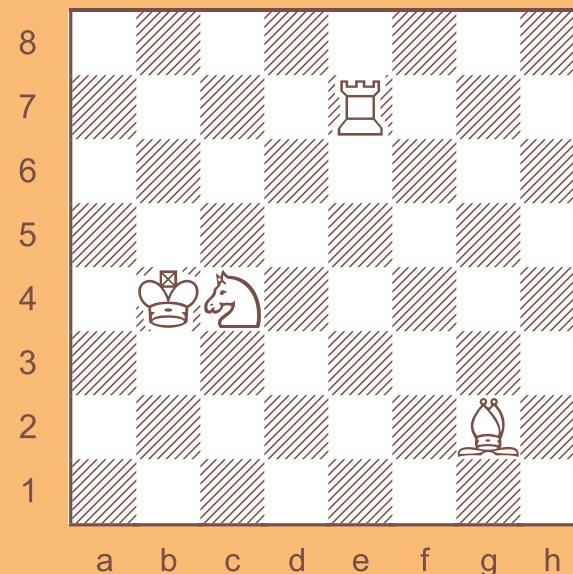
## MATE IN 2

White to play.  
Force checkmate  
in two moves.



Can you solve these puzzles?

Send in your answers and  
maybe you will win the contest.  
The prize is a set of chess  
pencils and a knight key chain.



## TRIPLE LOYD

Place the black king so that:  
A. Black is in mate.  
B. Black is in stalemate.  
C. White has mate in 1

Enter the contest by mailing your solutions to:

[kiril@chess-math.org](mailto:kiril@chess-math.org)

Deadline: August 27, 2018

One lucky person will win the drawing  
for a set of chess pencils  
and a knight key chain.

There were 2 correct entries for March's contest.

1 Mate in 2 1.Qc7+ Ke6 2.Qf7# (1...Ke8 2.Nd6#)  
2 Triple Loyd A.Kd6# B.Kb8= C.Kd8 (b8=Q#)

The winner of the drawing for a set of pencils  
and a key chain is Jason Chung of Duncan BC.



## CHESS SUMMIT: DAY 3

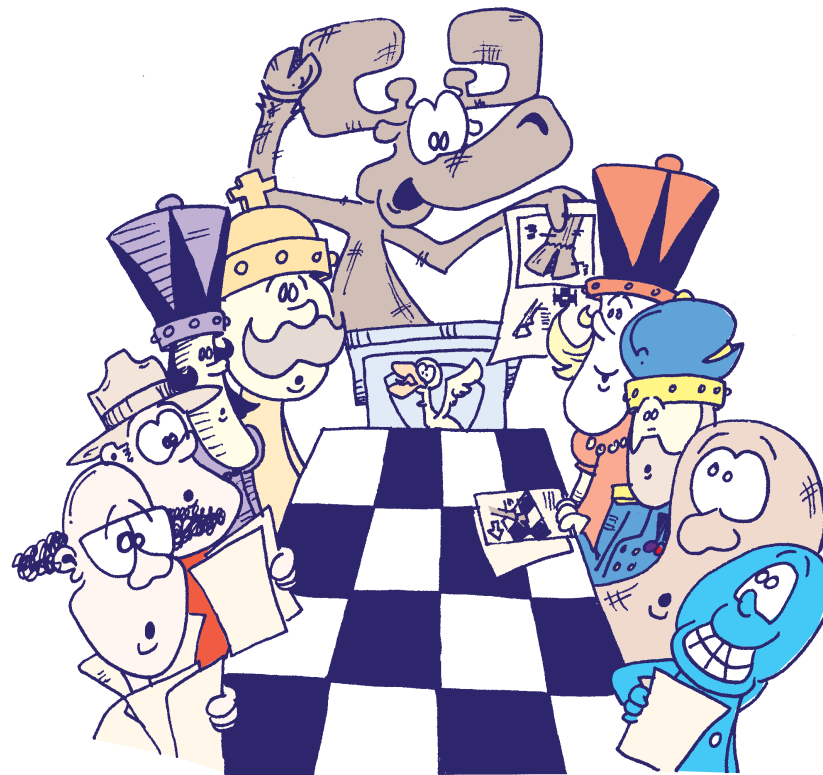
# TOUCHY TOPICS

In case you missed issues 126 and 127, the stories were about a conference called the Chess Summit. Leaders from around the world gathered at the Lakeside Lodge to discuss important topics and make decisions about the game of chess. On day one, they decided not to change the colour of the pieces. Then, on day two, they voted not to make changes to White's first move. Can you guess what they will not do on day three?

It was the final day of the Chess Summit, and there was still lots of work to be done. Reports had to be presented, issues had to be discussed, and decisions had to be made.

Major Dooper, the host of the event, hoped that they could finish everything before lunch. That would leave time in the afternoon for fun and games.

The first speaker of the day was Muzio Moose, head of the committee for players with special needs.



"Good morning, friends. My subject for today is *touch move*. For some players, this is a difficult rule to follow. Especially for animals with hoofs instead of hands."

Dr. Checkle interrupted the moose to make a point. "Yes, I have observed this fact in nature. Many animals are not psychologically able to obey rules."

He was about to explain his theory in more detail when the Queen of Clubs raised her hand. In a queenly way, she said, "Doctor, please, let Muzio continue."

The moose tried not to smile. "Thanks, your majesty. Dr. Checkle may be right, but the problem is actually physical. Picking up a chess piece with a hoof is quite tricky. It's very easy to accidentally drop it on the wrong square or touch another piece by mistake."

Captain Bemo nodded in agreement. "So, Muzio, what is the solution?"

“Well, Captain, I suggest we form a new committee to investigate our options. They can present a report at the next summit about ways to make the touch move rule more fair for all players.”

King Octavius liked what he heard. “Excellent idea, Muzio. We’ll put you in charge of the committee. Your work in this area is much appreciated.”

It wasn’t exactly what the moose had in mind. But what could he say? “Thank you, your majesty.”



After a short break, the Queen of Hearts came to the podium. Everyone was looking forward to her speech on the future of girls chess.

“As most people know, chess is a game where boys and girls can play together on equal terms. It is not a sport like hockey or football where size, strength, or speed is important.

“So the question is, why do we have separate competitions just for girls?

“There are two good reasons. Firstly, it is a way to get more girls involved in chess. Some girls don’t want to enter a tournament or join a club if most of the players are boys. But they will come out to events for girls only.

“Secondly, it is natural to hold championships for players in different categories. For example, by age or by school grade. In the same way, it is very interesting to have girl and woman champions.”

The queen took a sip of water and cleared her throat. “But there are two big problems with how girls chess is currently organized.

“Number 1, there should not be special titles for girls.

“Awarding titles like *woman grandmaster*, where the requirements are much less than a normal GM, makes no sense. In fact, it sends the wrong message to girls. This kind of special treatment implies that they are not as good as boys. However, that is clearly not the case. More and more females are successful at all levels of chess, and the top women masters earn the same titles as the men. That’s the way it should be.”

The queen paused a moment and then proceeded.

“Problem number 2. It is a stupid policy to have a separate girls championship at the same time as an open championship. Girls should be able to participate in both events, which should be held on different dates.

“Many girls do not even know that they can play in the open section. They sign up for the girls section because they think that is the only option.

“We must ensure that all girls are aware of their choice. And we need to encourage more girls to participate in the open championships. A good role model for them is Judit Polgar, the best woman player ever. She always played in open sections and avoided girl only events.

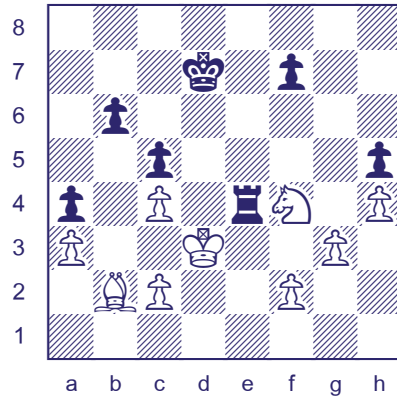
“My final recommendation is this. If we want to hold open and girl championships at the same time, then all players, boys and girls, should play in one section. Girls compete equally for the *open* prizes, and the girl with the top score is *girl champion*. It’s very simple.”



The Queen of Hearts took her seat, and blushed as everyone applauded. It was a great speech and a great way to end the summit.

The next item on the schedule was a fancy luncheon in the dining hall. After dessert was served, Major Dooper asked Kiril to bring out the chess sets. Let the fun begin!

**White** GM POTATOWOSKI  
**Black** CAPTAIN BEMO



**Black to move**

Captain Bemo was enjoying his blueberry pie, but not his chess position. See diagram.

Spud has more material with a pawn and two minor pieces for a rook. And he is about to win the pawn at h5. That will give White a powerful passed pawn on the h-file.

But then the captain had the most extraordinary idea.

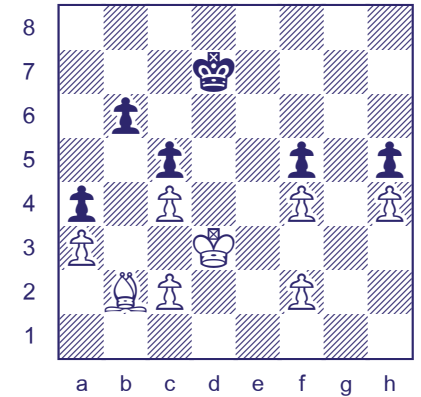
1. ... **Rxf4!** Giving up his rook to create an unbreakable naval blockade.
2. **gxf4** **f5!**

Mr. Potato understood the situation and immediately agreed to a draw. A narrow escape by Captain Bemo.



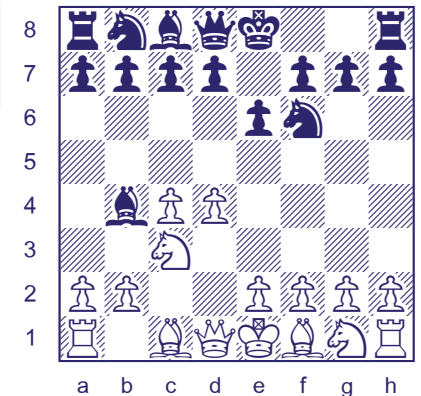
White has an extra piece but making progress is impossible. The black pawns prevent the white king from advancing and the bishop cannot capture any pawns on its own.

Spud could try 3.Bd4!?, and hope for 3...cxd4? 4.Kxd4. But he knew Bemo wouldn't fall for that. Black just plays 3...Ke6.



Perhaps the most interesting game of the afternoon was between the Queen of Hearts and King Octavius. The champion of girls chess vs. the man on the throne.

**White** QUEEN of HEARTS  
**Black** KING OCTAVIUS



1. **d4**

The queenliest of openings, "pawn to queen 4".

1. ... **Nf6**

The *Indian Defence*, which can take many forms.

2. **c4**

White's usual second move.

2. ... **e6**

3. **Nc3**

Against 3.Nf3, most players choose the *Queen's Indian Defence* with 3...b6.

3. ... **Bb4**

**NIMZO-INDIAN**

A popular defence, named after Latvian grandmaster Aron Nimzovich, author of a famous book called *My System*.

Other options are 3...c5 4.d5, the *Benoni Defence*, or 3...d5, transposing to the *Queen's Gambit*.

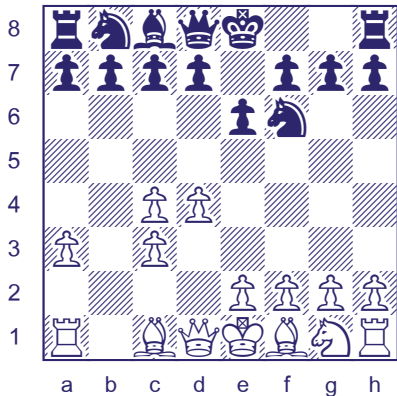
4. a3

White puts the question to the bishop. Take or retreat?

4. ... Bxc3+

The bishop is trapped after 4...Ba4? 5.b4 Bb6 6.c5!

5. bxc3



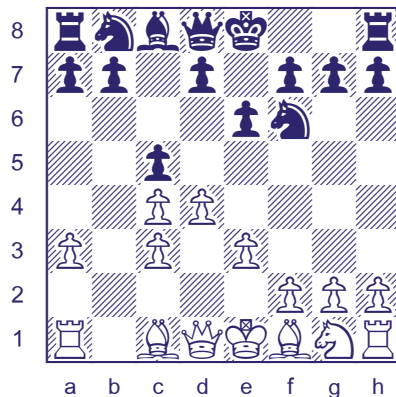
5. ... c5

Striking at the white centre. Also good is 5...0-0.



6. e3

The queen strengthens her position. Taking the c-pawn gives Black an easy game. 6.dxc5? Qa5!



A typical pawn structure in the Nimzo-Indian.

6. ... b6

7. Bd3 Nc6

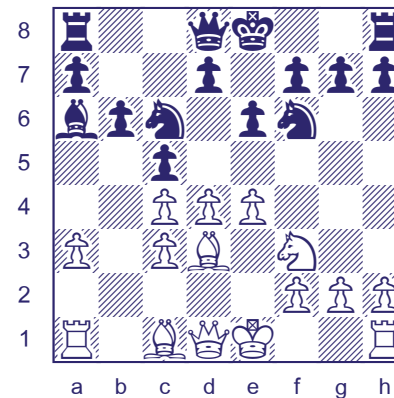
Against 7...Bb7, White takes control of the centre with 8.f3! Nc6 9.Ne2 Rc8 10.e4.

8. Nf3 Ba6?!

The king's plan is to gang up on the pawn at c4 by ...Na5 and ...Rc8.

Castling is better, though White stands well following 8...0-0 9.e4.

9. e4



Building a strong centre with pawn to e4 is often the key to defeating the Nimzo. Pushing forward with 10.e5 is also a threat.

9. ... cxd4

King Octavius swaps pawns to open the c-file. White has the advantage after 9...0-0 10.e5 or 9...Na5 10.e5.

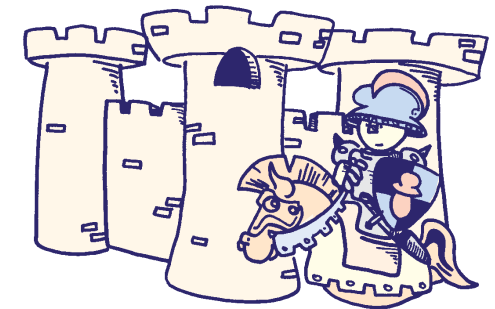
10. cxd4 d5

The best try. It seems that neither player is in a hurry to castle. A wise decision by Black. 10...0-0? 11.e5 gives White a crushing attack.

11...Ng4 12.h3 Nh6  
13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Bxh6

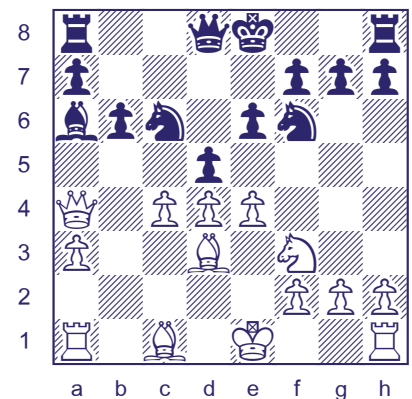
11...Nh5 12.g4 traps N

11...Ne8 12.Bxh7+ *Kapow!*  
12...Kxh7 13.Ng5+  
13...Kg8 14.Qh5  
13...Kg6 14.h4!



11. Qa4!

Forking bishop and knight.



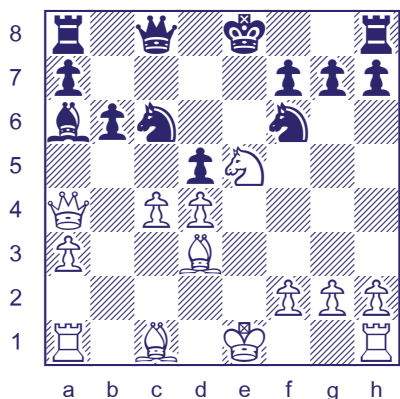
**11. ... Qc8**

Defending both pieces. The other way out of the fork is 11...Bb7, when White stays in control with 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e5 Ne4 14.0-0.

**12. exd5 exd5**

**13. Ne5**

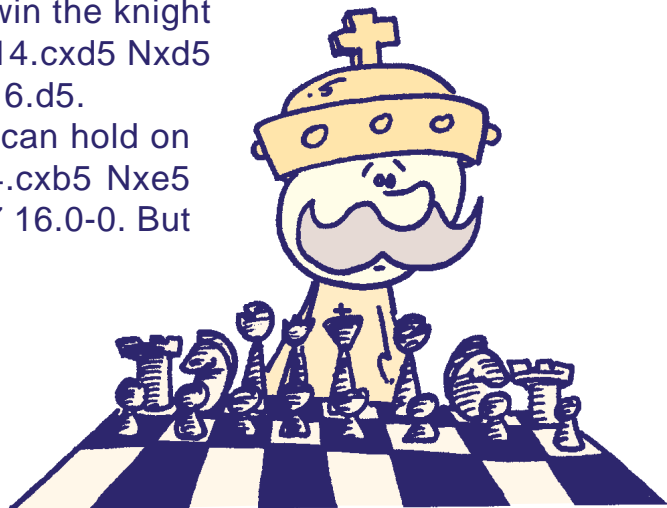
Attacking the pinned knight.



**13. ... dxc4?**

White would win the knight after 13...Bb7 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Bb5 Nde7 16.d5.

Maybe Black can hold on with 13...b5 14.cxb5 Nxe5 15.bxa6+ Ned7 16.0-0. But probably not.



**14. Bf5!**

Brilliant play by the Queen of Hearts. Other moves give Black the better game.

14.Nxc4 0-0!

14.Qxc6+ Qxc6

15.Nxc6 cxd3

14.Nxc6 b5! 15.Qc2 Qxc6

14.Bxc4 Bxc4

15.Qxc4 Nxe5

**14. ... Qxf5**

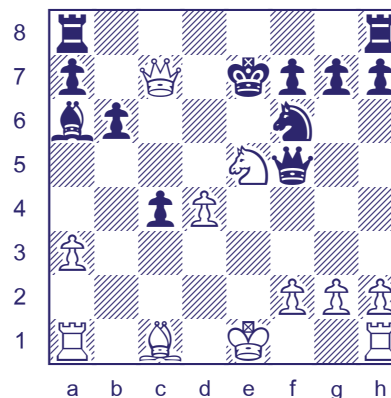
The advance 14...b5 fails to 15.Bxc8 bxa4 16.Bxa6.

**15. Qxc6+ Ke7**

So that the rook on a8 is guarded by the other rook.

**16. Qc7+!**

The king hunt has begun.



**16. ... Nd7**

There are no good moves for the king.

16...Kf8 17.Qxf7#

16...Ke6 17.0-0! Rhf8

18.Re1

16...Ke8 17.Qxf7+ Kd8

18.Nc6+ Kc8 19.Ne7+

**17. 0-0**

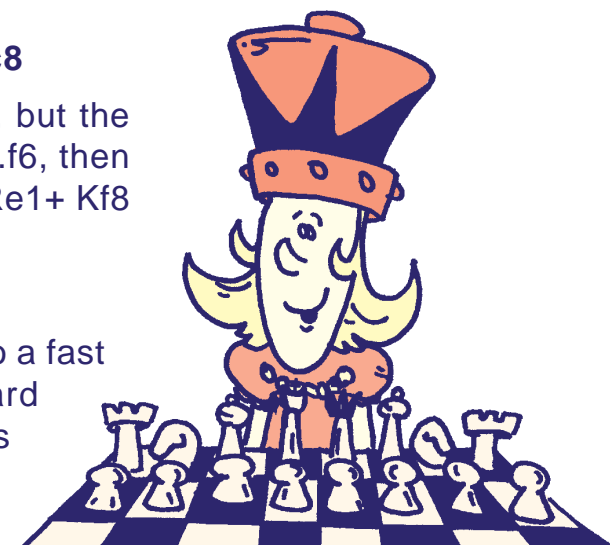
Castling at last, activating the rook on h1.

**17. ... Rac8**

Too soon to resign, but the battle is lost. If 17...f6, then 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Re1+ Kf8 20.Qxd7.

**18. Nc6+ Kf8**

This retreat leads to a fast finish. Going forward with 18...Kf6 forces White to find the following moves.



19.Qd6+ Qe6 20.Qf4+ Qf5 21.Qh4+!

21...Kg6 22.Ne7#

21...Ke6 22.Qe7+ Kd5

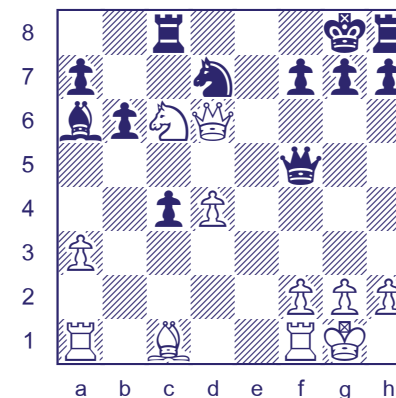
23.Nb4+ Kxd4 24.Qe3#

21...g5 22.Qh6+ Qg6

23.Bxg5+ Ke6 24.d5+

**19. Qd6+ Kg8**

Or 19...Ke8 20.Qe7#.



White to mate in 4

20. Ne7+ Kf8

21. Ng6+!

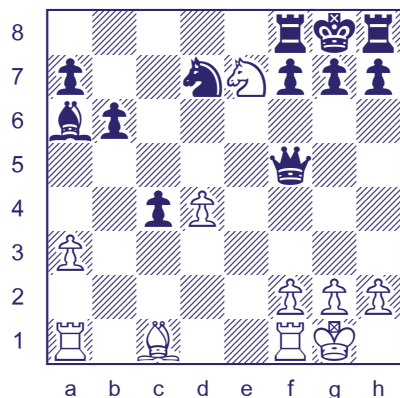
Even better than 21.Nxf5+

21. ... Kg8

22. Qf8+! Rxf8

23. Ne7#

A royal smothered mate.

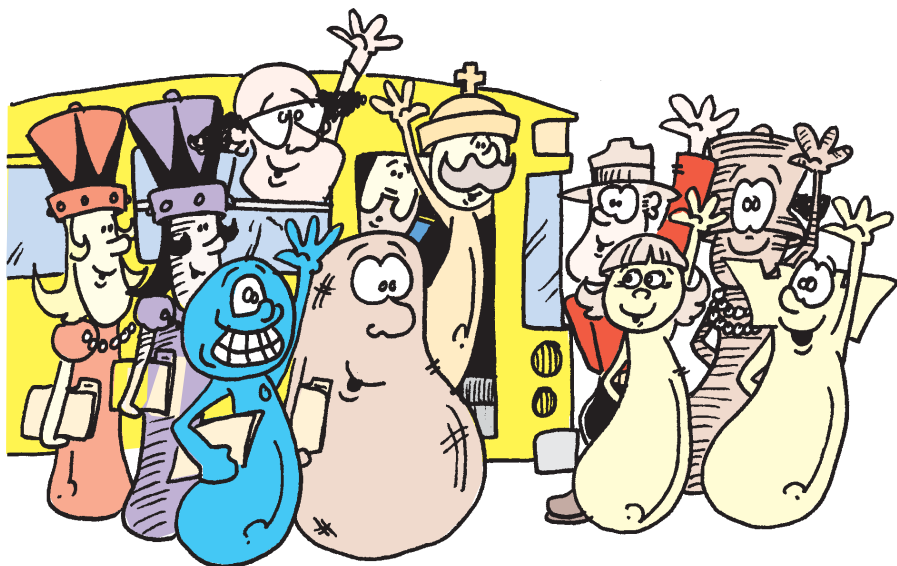


King Octavius tipped his crown to the Queen of Hearts. "A beautiful game, your highness. I wish that I could play so well someday."

As always, the Queen was humble in victory. "You're too kind, your majesty."

The afternoon went by quickly and soon it was time for the delegates to depart. Before they left, everyone gathered in front of the lodge to say farewell.

Everyone except Kiril. His job was loading the luggage in the back of the bus. The bags were heavy, but he was proud to be part of the Chess Summit.



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Vera Menchik	1927–44	Russia/ England/ Czechoslovakia
Lyudmila Rudenko	1950–53	Ukraine
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Olga Rubtsova	1956–58	Russia
Nona Gaprindashvili	1962–78	Georgia
Maia Chiburdanidze	1978–91	Georgia
Xie Jun *	1991–96 1999-2001	China
Susan Polgar	1996–99	Hungary
Zhu Chen	2001–04	China
Antoaneta Stefanova	2004–06	Bulgaria
Xu Yuhua	2006–08	China
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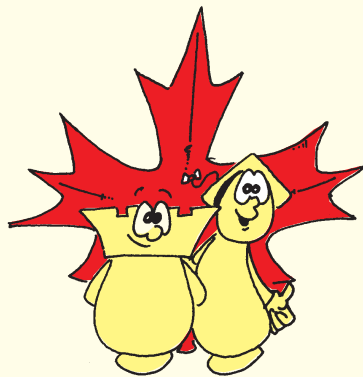
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# CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

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### NEWFOUNDLAND

- 1 Satye McKim Portugal Cove
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- 6 Tanish Bhatt \* St. John's
- 7 Mark Russell St. John's
- 8 Norman Chen \*\*\* St. John's
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- 1 Oskar Morrison Halifax
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- 3 Andy Wang Halifax
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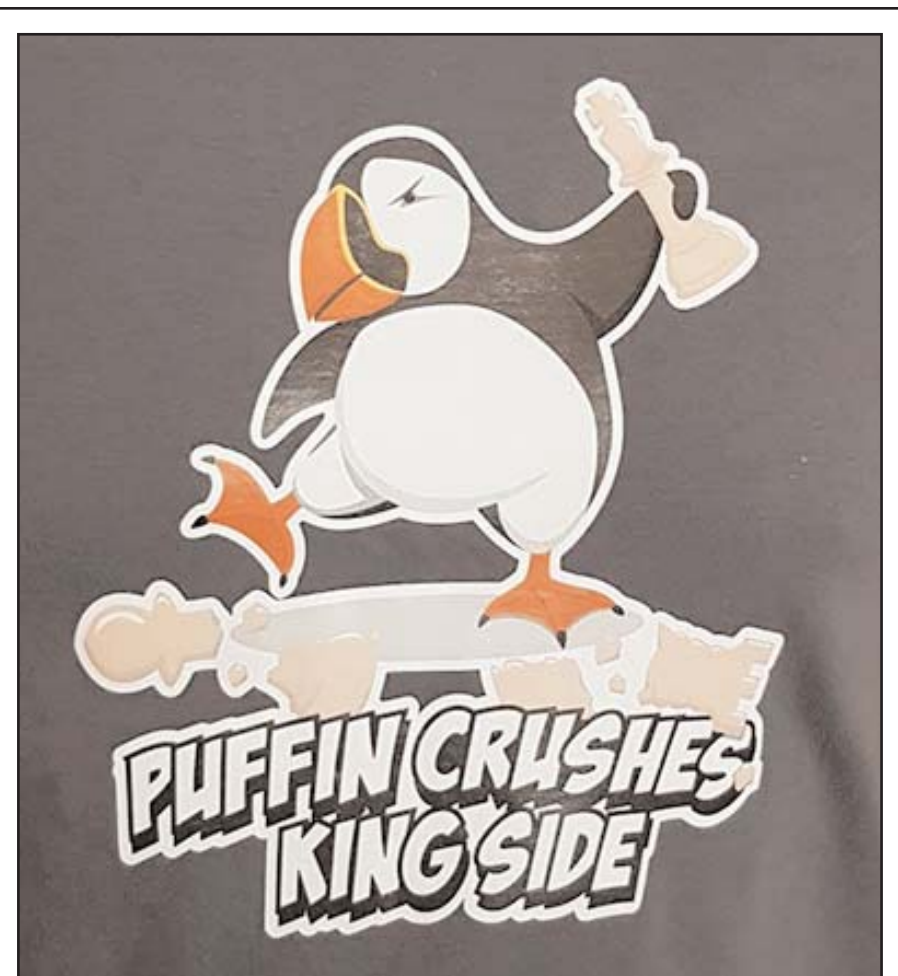
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- 1 Jayden Qu Surrey
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- 7 Neil Doknjas \*\* Surrey
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- 9 Brian Yang \* Richmond
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- 1 Ankush Gowda Charlottetown
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- 4 Michael Yao Charlottetown
- 5 J. MacMillan-Dallaire Charlottetown
- 6 Seamus MacEachern Charlottetown
- 7 Tony Wu \* Charlottetown
- 8 Arnab Kundu \*\*\*\*\* Charlottetown
- 9 Hunter Blaisdell Charlottetown
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- 12 J.Ronahan-Wood \*\* Charlottetown



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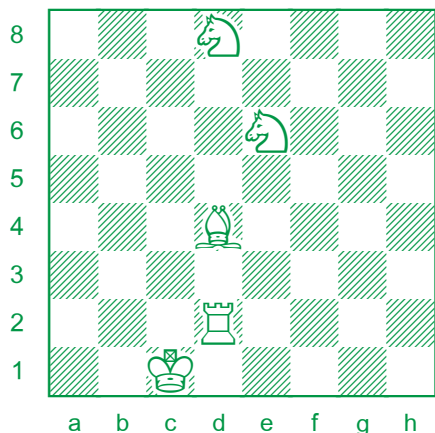
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#### Best Team T-Shirt

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| 2005 Manitoba             | 2012 Quebec               |
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| 2007 Manitoba             | 2014 Saskatchewan         |
| 2008 Saskatchewan         | 2015 Manitoba             |
| 2009 Manitoba             | 2016 Newfoundland         |
| 2010 Newfoundland         | 2017 Prince Edward Island |
| 2011 Prince Edward Island | 2018 Newfoundland         |

# TRIPLE LOYD



Place the black king on the board so that:

- A. Black is in checkmate.
- B. Black is in stalemate.
- C. White has mate in 1.



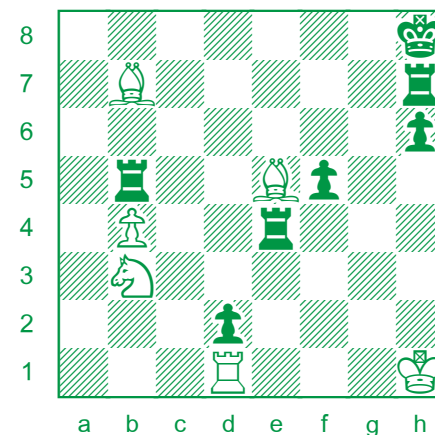
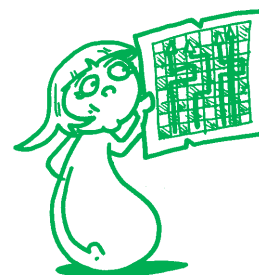
Team Quebec

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Cheshire Cat. The vanishing Cricket.

# chess maze



## KNIGHT MAZE IN 27

Only the white knight moves. Capture the black king in twenty-seven moves (or less) without taking any pieces or moving to a square where the knight can be taken. Black does not get a turn. *solution page 63*

# ONTARIO TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1 HUANG Justin	790
2 WANG William	732
3 GAO Heye	727
4 TSO Justin	654
5 DUIC Matthew	626
6 SIU Marcas	503
7 YANG Jayden	502
8 SHOEMAKER Nelson	491
9 ZHANG Louis	470
10 LI Triston	468

## GRADE 1

1 O'MALLEY Patrick	886
2 ZHU Jeremy	854
3 DUANMU Isaac	836
4 GHAZARIAN Haik	818
5 WANG Arthur	816
6 LIU Lawrence	705
7 GAGNON Joshua	676
8 ISSANI Nameer	667
9 ZHANG Octavius	663
10 ZHONG Ryan	641

## GRADE 2

1 GUO Richard	1184
2 TSENG Bradley	1104
3 LAU Joshua	1074
4 MANE Arnav	999
5 PUGACH Daniel	966
6 YAO Henry	939
7 CHEN Alina	921
8 LAU Jayden	906
9 WANG Jaden	828
10 FENG Benjamin	823

## GRADE 3

1 QU Greta	1521
2 LI Gabriel	1265
3 WANG Nathan	1237
4 GAO Lucy	1193
5 HAN Johnathan	1178
6 XIE Daniel	1170
7 ZHUANG Winnie	1117
8 SHI Michael	1091
9 GUO Rainyee	1080
10 YANG Larry	1057

## GRADE 4

1 XU Daniel	2071
2 NING Eric	2055
3 ATANASOV Anthony	2014
4 LI Adam	1528
5 QIU James	1442
6 COAT Sven	1436
7 WANG Kaison	1430
8 LI Julia	1383
9 HUANG Richard	1256
10 ODOEMELAM Daniel	1240

## GRADE 5

1 CHEN Max	1955
2 ZHAO Jeffrey	1746
3 HUANG Youhe	1700
4 GHAZARIAN Tigran	1493
5 ZHANG Henry	1463
6 GAO William	1421
7 SHAPIRO Idan	1399
8 LIN Angela	1395
9 LIU Henry	1383
10 DINATOLO Zack	1349

## GRADE 6

1 ISSANI Nameer	2241
2 KANG Dorian	2187
3 NOOR ALI Aahil	2000
4 RUSONIK Max	1965
5 JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	1677
6 JACOBS Michael	1604
7 SRINIVAS Atharva	1520
8 GAO Raymond	1463
9 HU Kyle	1463
10 SHEN Isamel	1451

## GRADE 7

1 ENGLAND Max	1922
2 ZHAO Jeffrey	1913
3 ZHAO Jonathan	1634
4 CHEN Hao	1479
5 MO Aidan	1475
6 CHEN Harry	1452
7 WU Nicholas	1412
8 WANG Eric	1375
9 ZHOU Licheng	1361
10 QIAO Joey	1357

## GRADE 8

1 VETTESE Nicholas	2380
2 LIN Benjamin	2126
3 MIRABELLI Aidan	1712
4 LI Alan	1687
5 PAPNEJA Arul	1668
6 AKOPHYAN Nick	1590
7 WASHIMKAR Arhant	1584
8 ZHANG Brighton	1570
9 RAIZMAN Ruven	1539
10 YANG Fan	1443

## GRADE 9

1 HUA Eugene	2451
2 TALUKDAR Rohan	2331
3 NORITSYN Sergey	2294
4 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2272
5 ZHANG Henry	2195
6 SURYA Benito	2147
7 GAISINSKY Adam	2016
8 LIU Daniel	1974
9 FENG Richard	1969
10 MING Wenyang	1888

## GRADE 10

1 CAI Jason	2289
2 LIANG Hairan	2287
3 LI William	2282
4 FAN Run Kun	2136
5 LIU Lambert	2126
6 YIE Kevin	2113
7 LI Eric	1874
8 ZHAO Yue Tong	1846
9 PENG Sarah	1690
10 XUE Andrew	1682

## GRADE 11

1 CHEN Richard	2527
2 ZHANG Yuan Chen	2364
3 WAN Kevin	2356
4 ZHAO Harry	2252
5 ZOTKIN Daniel	2240
6 XU Jeffrey	2221
7 BALENDRA Harigaran	2093
8 SHAMRONI Dennis	2012
9 SHEN Chris	2008
10 NGUYEN Duy Thien An	1682

## GRADE 12

1 BELLISSIMO Joseph	2433
2 ZHOU Qiyu	2344
3 LEI Sean	2281
4 YU Wenlu	2205
5 ZHONG Joey	2124
6 WANG Eric	2103
7 PETERSEN Caleb	1976
8 COLVIN Andrew	1954
9 ZHANG Jeff	1637
10 PENG Janet	1591

## HONOUR ROLL

1 CHEN Richard	2527
2 HUA Eugene	2451
3 BELLISSIMO Joseph	2433
4 VETTESE Nicholas	2380
5 ZHANG Yuan Chen	2364
6 WAN Kevin	2356
7 ZHOU Qiyu	2344
8 TALUKDAR Rohan	2331
9 NORITSYN Sergey	2294
10 CAI Jason	2289

# QUEBEC TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1 JIANG Sicheng	576
2 SCORTEANU Victor	570
3 ADAM Gabriel	556
4 IVANOV YUAN Maksim	488
5 NANWO Nsifa	484
6 RAMOS Heidi	468
7 FABRIZIO Emanuel	448
8 WU Stephan	446
9 BASILE Thomas	434
10 CHEN Oscar	413

## GRADE 1

1 HU Richard	915
2 DJUROVICH Ilya	841
3 DELAGE GODARD Felix	824
4 WANG Edouard	823
5 GUILLEMETTE Hugo	797
6 AREVALO-DURAND Sebastian	797
7 WANG Leo	762
8 ZHOU Xiaoran	723
9 LOU Aaron	721
10 BERTOMEU Rolf	712

## GRADE 2

1 LIU Lucas	1161
2 GEORGESCU-NICOLAU Luca	1065
3 CHEN Chen	1017
4 RAMAMONJISOA Nikita	914
5 IORDANESCU Victor	891
6 MEMON Saad	857
7 DING Michel	834
8 FARAGE Joseph	829
9 YIN Eric	824
10 FANG Chu Fan	810

## GRADE 3

1 YAN Alex	1505
2 LI James	1261
3 HUARD Matheo	1137
4 LIU Eric	1110
5 DUFRESNE Christophe	1091
6 MA Lily	1040
7 LI Travis	986
8 JIANG Barron	983
9 WANG Lucy	947
10 HOU Yuanen	935

## GRADE 4

1 ZHONG Kevin	2009
2 CHANG Alexander	1526
3 CHAPDELAINNE Gwyn	1421
4 LATORRE Vincent	1303
5 BOCAN Richard	1272
6 RAMAMONJISOA Sacha	1263
7 LI Ze Yue	1245
8 BELIVEAU Mathieu	1244
9 HE Zekai	1242
10 ADAM Rafael	1212

## GRADE 5

1 ZHENG Richard	2145
2 GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1888
3 LIU Kevin	1526
4 ZHANG Chu Hang	1482
5 NAVALA Anthony	1435
6 LI Zhongxuan	1353
7 CAO Edgar	1324
8 JAIN Ankita	1317
9 FERNANDEZ BUSTO Edouard	1278
10 OREJUELA LIU Daniel	1220

## GRADE 6

1 CRACIUN David	1681
2 OMICHI Haruaki	1561
3 TSUKERMAN Julia	1416
4 ZHONG Ziyi	1355
5 WEI Hunter	1333
6 GONZALEZ Tristan	1325
7 HE Jiaqi	1290
8 HE Yu Xi	1256
9 LEI Storm	1214
10 DENG Kevin	1194

## GRADE 7

1 HUANG Qiuyu	2434
2 TANAKA Tyler	2221
3 RICHARD Leo	1783
4 YU Daniel	1615
5 LAROCHE Hugo	1446
6 WANG Isabelle	1399
7 BERCUVITZ Tani	1394
8 HALL Arturo	1368
9 LIU Owen	1330
10 RASMUSSEN Nicolas	1329

## GRADE 8

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	2533
2 DURETTE Francis	2196
3 ZHONG Wenxuan	2007
4 YU Xi Ming	1633
5 DEMERS Alexis	1604
6 LIU Robert	1422
7 ZHOU David	1339
8 WANG Caroline	1334
9 MAI William	1331
10 ZUO Dustin	1319

## GRADE 9

1 TINICA Gabriel	1788
2 GUAN Zi Yu	1608
3 LAI William	1564
4 YANG Muyuan	1525
5 ZHAO William	1512
6 TSYPIN Allison	1495
7 YU Alec	1284
8 LIU Julia	1253
9 CAI Susan	1249
10 ROUILLON Maxime	1226

## GRADE 10

1 OUELLET Maili-Jade	2384
2 ZHANG Hou Han	1728
3 TURGEON Yoakim	1636
4 LUO Muhan	1423
5 LU Daisy	1420
6 LU Jasmine	1420
7 KIRYAKOV Marin	1406
8 LI Yi Zhou	1336
9 SHEN Xin Cheng	1330
10 LATREILLE Etienne	1318

## GRADE 11

1 SAHA Ananda	2265
2 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	2044
3 LI Yi Lin	1894
4 SAINE Zachary	1819
5 ZHANG Evan	1750
6 YANG Eddie	1739
7 ST-CYR Xavier	1607
8 SUN Benjamin	1522
9 HUANG Junhao	1488
10 AUDET Olivier	1455

## GRADE 12

1 SHI Linda	1722
2 LUO Wei Han	1718
3 WANG Kelly	1703
4 GAO Christine	1686
5 LUO Alan	1636
6 HE Haley	1419
7 LI Frank	1384
8 VAILLANT Charles-Etienne	1382
9 TINICA Sabina	1379
10 XIONG Yi Wei	1371

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8 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	2044
9 ZHONG Kevin	2009
10 ZHONG Wenxuan	2007

# ATLANTIC TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1	MARCHAND Calix	621	NS
2	PITTMAN Luke	540	NF
3	JUSTASON Magnus	438	NB
4	EYRES Alex	429	NB
5	WILBAND Blake	364	NB
6	RICHARD Marc-Olivier	363	NB
7	AHMIA Adam	333	NB
8	CHEN Shane	325	PE
9	BELANGER Elliott	311	NB
10	PETITPAS Brandon	287	NB

## GRADE 1

1	MORRISON Oskar	644	NS
2	GOWDA Ankush	613	PE
3	HUANG Tony	516	NB
4	MCKIM Satya	502	NF
5	BEVAN Cruz	489	PE
6	LIU Darrin	456	NB
7	LEBEL Loik	456	NB
8	GRANT Zoe	443	NS
9	BRODERICK Seth	433	NF
10	RYAN Fabian	429	NF

## GRADE 2

1	LEBLANC Zachary	795	NB
2	WANG Sam	705	PE
3	QIU Max	665	PE
4	LEBLANC Xavier	658	NB
5	MEANEY Luke	636	NS
6	BOYCE Rigden	629	NB
7	XIE Linke	624	NS
8	REDWOOD Luke	616	NS
9	MITTAL Rachit	579	NS
10	HUANG Theo	548	NB

## GRADE 3

1	WANG Andy	945	NS
2	LIANG Leon	891	PE
3	KOMIAK Jacob	860	NF
4	ZHANG Brian	814	NS
5	JANES Millie	775	NF
6	YAN Cindy	774	PE
7	DAIGLE Xavier	720	NB
8	TIWANA Avner	663	PE
9	SHORT George	643	NF
10	HANI Oliver	642	NS

## GRADE 4

1	YAO Michael	901	PE
2	SALAH Alan	899	NF
3	SHAFI Omar	884	NS
4	SHEPPARD Jacob	881	NF
5	WINFIELD Jordan	839	NS
6	JIJO Johan	772	PE
7	ALLEN Jack	754	NB
8	RUSANOVSKIY George	735	NS
9	MCINTYRE Malcolm	731	PE
10	SONIER William	729	NB

## GRADE 5

1	SULLIVAN Madoc	1430	NS
2	FANG Evan	1102	NF
3	DICKIE Luke	1034	PE
4	PAN Thomas	987	NF
5	FARHAT Taim	972	NS
6	MCINTYRE Duncan	952	PE
7	FARQUHAR Allister	916	NS
8	PAMUNUWE GEDARA Udan	848	PE
9	SELLAL Mohamed	847	NB
10	LAPOINTE Dominic	824	NB

## GRADE 6

1	BHATT Tanish	1208	NF
2	MACEACHERN Seamus	1199	PE
3	DENG Tommy	1091	NS
4	VELJANOVSKI Kiro	1045	NB
5	KAPADIA Arnav	1031	NS
6	CHRISTIANSEN Asher	996	NS
7	BROCKERVILLE Jacob	968	NF
8	EASTWOOD Silas	965	NS
9	FELTER-GONEN Yaron	930	NB
10	LOCKE Sebastian	915	NF

## GRADE 7

1	WU Tony	1771	PE
2	KAPRA Jerjis	1383	NS
3	RUSSELL Mark	1364	NF
4	GAO Jiarui	1361	NS
5	LEBLANC Alexandre X.	1351	NB
6	DORMODY Peter	1231	NF
7	ZENG Fanreng	1198	NS
8	LOTY Ezekiel	1164	NS
9	WEI Ronnie	1025	PE
10	TIBBO Jacob	1011	NB

## GRADE 8

1	KUNDU Arnab	1378	PE
2	BLANCHETTE Luc	1223	NB
3	CHEN Norman	1145	NF
4	BROWN Callum	1082	NS
5	BABCOCK Simon	1072	NS
6	WALSH Ian	1047	NF
7	FARHAT Zein	1008	NS
8	DOUCETTE Luc	1005	PE
9	HEFFERTON Harrison	993	NF
10	MORSE Caleb	954	NB

## GRADE 9

1	DORNIEDEN Jonas	1520	NS
2	CUI Cynthia	1464	NB
3	RUSSELL Brett	1418	NF
4	NAKAYASU Rikuto	1329	NS
5	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	1195	PE
6	CAPELLO Jordon	1187	NB
7	LAZAREV Shon	1159	NB
8	LI Kevin	1103	NS
9	LOTY Eric	1092	NS
10	LLEWELLYN Breanne	1087	NS

## GRADE 10

1	MERRIGAN Daley	1526	NF
2	HUANG Xingbo	1496	NF
3	CUI Leonardo	1477	NB
4	MITTAL Ridhi	1288	NS
5	CHANDRAKANTH Nandan	1264	NF
6	ROOKARD Kalen	1211	NS
7	GOSSE Daniel	1201	NF
8	SUN Tyler	1115	NB
9	NGUYEN Quang	1095	NB
10	WEILAND Robin	1074	NB

## GRADE 11

1	PICKARD Ryan	1541	NF
2	CHISLETT Benjamin	1535	NF
3	DORRANCE Lucas	1471	NS
4	NAIDAPPUWA WADUGE Dulhan	1440	NS
5	BOON-PETERSEN Stefan	1406	NF
6	YEOMANS Ben	1379	NB
7	TRAN Quoc	1218	NS
8	HELDT Nils-Lennart	1208	NS
9	CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	1166	PE
10	LOCKE Miles	1132	NF

## GRADE 12

1	SONG Sam	2472	NB
2	MCKEOWN Gary	1596	NF
3	MACDONALD Brandon	1415	NS
4	ROBICHAUD Alexandre	1363	NB
5	HE Kate	1320	NS
6	WANG Jiaying	1299	NF
7	WOOD-RONAHAN Jack	1207	PE
8	VAN-HEERDEN Hendrik	1095	NF
9	LEBLANC Colin	1072	NB
10	VU Nam	1065	NB

## HONOUR ROLL

1	SONG Sam	2472	NB
2	WU Tony	1771	PE
3	MCKEOWN Gary	1596	NF
4	PICKARD Ryan	1541	NF
5	CHISLETT Benjamin	1535	NF
6	MERRIGAN Daley	1526	NF
7	DORNIEDEN Jonas	1520	NS
8	HUANG Xingbo	1496	NF
9	CUI Leonardo	1477	NB
10	DORRANCE Lucas	1471	NS

# WESTERN TOP TEN

## KINDERGARTEN

1	WU Nicholas	773	BC
2	YANG Nathan	644	BC
3	LI Jacob	561	AB
4	JOHNSON Joshua	452	SK
5	YE Oliver	443	BC
6	DOROSHENKO Sophia	442	BC
7	PERLA Manny	429	AB
8	LU Sarah	423	BC
9	FERDINAND Merek	410	AB
10	DOROSHENKO Dasha	404	BC

## GRADE 1

1	QU Jayden	1027	BC
2	IVANESCU Matthew	1009	AB
3	SORGARD William	842	SK
4	GAO Justin	786	BC
5	TIAN Eliza	769	BC
6	JIANG William	767	BC
7	GOLCHIN Ryan	757	BC
8	KOSSEY Oscar	703	AB
9	SATURDAY Julie	647	AB
10	MOK Erwin	638	BC

## GRADE 2

1	BOROOMAND AryaCyrus	1051	BC
2	EISENBERG Colette	958	BC
3	GUO BiaoBiao Boyong	931	BC
4	KOFMANSKY Matthew	871	BC
5	POMPAS Codrin	870	BC
6	LI Tony	817	BC
7	AMARASINGHE Gisadi	698	MB
8	JIANG Ray	693	AB
9	MURALLIDARAN Arthithan	686	AB
10	FAY Oliver	686	BC

## GRADE 3

1	YANG Ryan	1512	BC
2	SONG Ethan	1508	BC
3	LIN Leo	1230	SK
4	DARVEKAR Yash	1125	AB
5	ZOU Alex	1070	BC
6	JIN Alexander	1069	BC
7	SCHWARTZ Elazar	1035	MB
8	PUREVJAMTS Anu	976	AB
9	LI Toby	872	AB
10	HUANG Winston	857	BC

## GRADE 4

1	CHANDRA Anand	2094	AB
2	WHISLETT Daniel	1709	BC
3	WU Nathan	1522	BC
4	JIANG Eric	1503	BC
5	LEE Woosung	1412	BC
6	PICHE Zachary	1359	MB
7	OFFENGENDEN Ron	1298	AB
8	YU Sophia	1263	BC
9	MOK Gillian	1228	BC
10	SU Ethan	1180	BC

## GRADE 5

1	RIQUELME Martin	1473	MB
2	XU Andrew	1431	BC
3	SHARMA Vishruth	1341	AB
4	SRINIVASAN Hemant	1269	AB
5	LIANG Eugene	1256	BC
6	EISENBERG Lucas	1250	BC
7	ZHANG Dustin	1231	AB
8	WU Benjamin	1224	BC
9	LIN Felix	1171	SK
10	REZNIKOV Yakov	1162	BC

## GRADE 6

1	GU Chuyang	1773	BC
2	WU Lucian	1588	BC
3	WANG Paul	1588	AB
4	ZHOU Aiden	1584	BC
5	IVANESCU Mark	1453	AB
6	SPASOJEVIC Luka	1452	BC
7	TAN Brendan	1410	AB
8	WINDRAM James	1379	AB
9	ZHAO David	1310	BC
10	SUN Elvin	1305	BC

## GRADE 7

1	DOKNJAS Neil	2040	BC
2	HUANG Patrick	1922	BC
3	LOW Kevin	1905	BC
4	TIAN Sherry	1862	BC
5	SUPERCEANU Andi	1663	AB
6	JAMES Rowan	1547	BC
7	RUSSO Max	1544	MB
8	LAU Julian	1523	AB
9	RIQUELME Nicolas	1463	MB
10	YANG Henry	1436	BC

## GRADE 8

1	HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2364	BC
2	ZHAO Ian	2049	AB
3	QU Leo	1882	BC
4	ZHENG Victor	1801	BC
5	DU Daniel	1662	BC
6	GUO Jim	1528	BC
7	MAH Sean	1514	AB
8	SASATA Alexander	1496	SK
9	WAN Justin	1401	BC
10	KOVAC Adrian	1341	AB

## GRADE 9

1	PULFER Luke	1900	BC
2	RICHARDSON Kai	1884	BC
3	YANG Brian	1762	BC
4	LOW Ethan	1759	BC
5	WANG Kaixin	1717	AB
6	CHUNG Alec	1712	BC
7	LEHINGRAT Callum	1706	BC
8	LIN Kaining	1495	AB
9	VASIC Maxim	1468	AB
10	WEI Daniel	1463	SK

## GRADE 10

1	DOKNJAS Joshua	2329	BC
2	GROSSMANN Lenard	1912	AB
3	MA Derek	1856	MB
4	LEONG Ryan	1845	BC
5	SU Michael	1828	BC
6	YAO David	1813	AB
7	BOTEZ Andrea	1708	BC
8	WANG Jeff	1669	AB
9	WOLCHOCK Theo	1655	MB
10	FOX Dylan	1654	BC

## GRADE 11

1	GEDAJLOVIC Max	2338	BC
2	SCHNABEL Bennett	2094	BC
3	HIEBERT Kenji	2054	BC
4	BREMNER William	1929	BC
5	ZHENG Maven	1772	BC
6	GENG Matthew	1694	BC
7	LI Kevin	1691	BC
8	WU Chenxi	1577	AB
9	CHAO Lucy	1544	AB
10	TOLENTINO Andre	1539	AB

## GRADE 12

1	CAO Jason	2423	BC
2	ZHU Brandon	2102	BC
3	LI James	1968	BC
4	BEACH Brock	1924	MB
5	KASSAM Jamil	1854	AB
6	SHAO Nathan	1841	BC
7	TAPP Ashley	1743	BC
8	KAISER Jakob	1732	AB
9	KNOX Nathaniel	1732	BC
10	NIE Mark	1715	AB

## HONOUR ROLL

1	CAO Jason	2423	BC
2	HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2364	BC
3	GEDAJLOVIC Max	2338	BC
4	DOKNJAS Joshua	2329	BC
5	ZHU Brandon	2102	BC
6	SCHNABEL Bennett	2094	BC
7	CHANDRA Anand	2094	AB
8	HIEBERT Kenji	2054	BC
9	ZHAO Ian	2049	AB
10	DOKNJAS Neil	2040	BC

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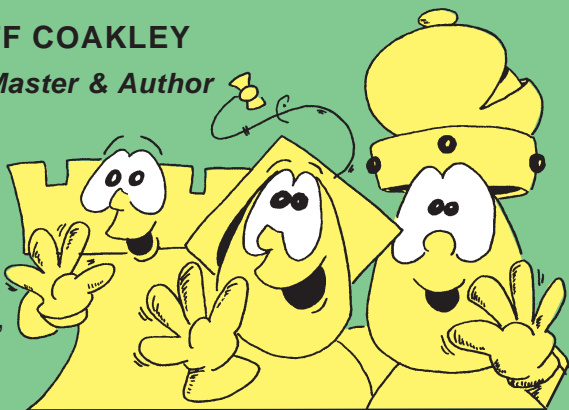
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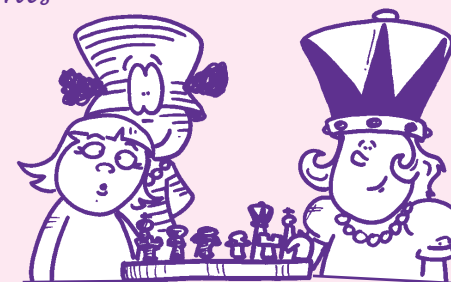
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# TOP GIRLS CANADA



## GRADE 1

1 TIAN Eliza	769	BC
2 SATURDAY Julie	647	AB
3 MYRZAIBRAIMOVA Alia	627	MB
4 CHEN Rae	618	ON
5 STOCKLEY Fiona	589	ON

## GRADE 2

1 EISENBERG Colette	958	BC
2 CHEN Alina	921	ON
3 LAU Jayden	906	ON
4 XIE Nancy	789	QC
5 LING Kathryn	721	ON

## GRADE 3

1 QU Greta	1521	ON
2 GAO Lucy	1193	ON
3 ZHUANG Winnie	1117	ON
4 GUO Rainyee	1080	ON
5 MA Lily	1040	QC

## GRADE 4

1 LI Julia	1383	ON
2 YU Sophia	1263	BC
3 MOK Gillian	1228	BC
4 AI Amy	1191	ON
5 LI Annie	1146	QC

## GRADE 5

1 LIN Angela	1395	ON
2 JAIN Ankita	1317	QC
3 WANG Rachel	1214	QC
4 KELKAR Ishaan	1208	ON
5 JIANG Kate	1108	BC

## GRADE 6

1 SHEN Isamel	1451	ON
2 TSUKERMAN Julia	1416	QC
3 GILANI Mysha	1385	ON
4 PLOTKIN Julia	1297	ON
5 HE Jiaqi	1290	QC

## PRINCESS PARADE

1 QU Greta	1521	ON
2 SHEN Isamel	1451	ON
3 TSUKERMAN Julia	1416	QC
4 LIN Angela	1395	ON
5 GILANI Mysha	1385	ON
6 LI Julia	1383	ON
7 JAIN Ankita	1317	QC
8 PLOTKIN Julia	1297	ON
9 HE Jiaqi	1290	QC
10 VELLANKI Naga	1283	ON

## GRADE 7

1 TIAN Sherry	1862	BC
2 WANG Isabelle	1399	QC
3 QIAO Joey	1357	ON
4 VAN Anna	1320	BC
5 GUO Hazel	1281	ON

## GRADE 8

1 HE Emma	1403	ON
2 TAN Kylie	1346	ON
3 WANG Caroline	1334	QC
4 MATTINA Abby	1259	ON
5 CHERTKOW Sasha	1205	ON

## GRADE 9

1 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2272	ON
2 TSYPIN Allison	1495	QC
3 QIAO Cindy	1487	ON
4 CUI Cynthia	1464	NB
5 ZHANG Taylor	1362	ON

## GRADE 10

1 OUELLET Maili-Jade	2384	QC
2 BOTEZ Andrea	1708	BC
3 PENG Sarah	1690	ON
4 YU Rinna	1520	BC
5 YU An	1506	BC

## GRADE 11

1 LI Yi Lin	1894	QC
2 WANG Constance	1570	ON
3 CHAO Lucy	1544	AB
4 LIU Dora	1527	ON
5 ZHU Jiarong	1499	ON

## GRADE 12

1 ZHOU Qiyu	2344	ON
2 SHI Linda	1722	QC
3 WANG Kelly	1703	QC
4 GAO Christine	1686	QC
5 PENG Janet	1591	ON

## CANADIAN QUEENS

1 OUELLET Maili-Jade	2384	QC
2 ZHOU Qiyu	2344	ON
3 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2272	ON
4 LI Yi Lin	1894	QC
5 TIAN Sherry	1862	BC
6 SHI Linda	1722	QC
7 BOTEZ Andrea	1708	BC
8 WANG Kelly	1703	QC
9 PENG Sarah	1690	ON
10 GAO Christine	1686	QC

## TOP CANADA grade K -6

1	Nameer Issani	2241	ON
2	Dorian Kang	2187	ON
3	Richard Zheng	2145	QC
4	Anand Chandra	2094	AB
5	Daniel Xu	2071	ON
6	Eric Ning	2055	ON
7	Anthony Atanasov	2014	ON
8	Kevin Zhong	2009	QC
9	Aahil Noorali	2000	ON
10	Max Rusonik	1965	ON



## TOURNAMENTS FOR KIDS

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1	Magnus Carlsen	Norway	2843	(1990)
2	Fabiano Caruana	USA	2816	(1992)
3	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	Azerbaijan	2810	(1985)
4	Liren Ding	China	2798	(1992)
5	Vladimir Kramnik	Russia	2792	(1975)
6	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	France	2789	(1990)
8	Anish Giri	Netherlands	2782	(1994)
8	Sergey Karjakin	Russia	2777	(1990)
9	Wesley So	USA	2778	(1993)
10	Hikaru Nakamura	USA	2769	(1987)

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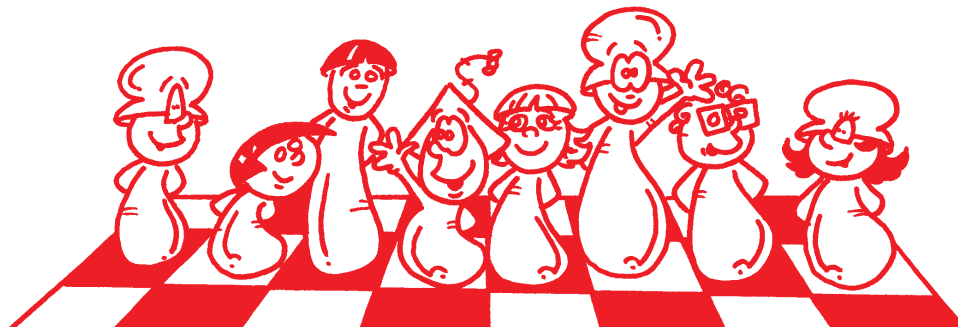
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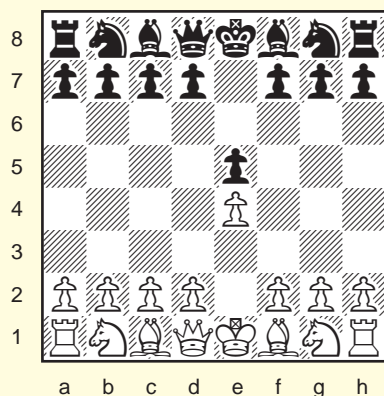
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## HOW TO READ A CHESS GAME

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

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.

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!

## \* SOLUTIONS \*

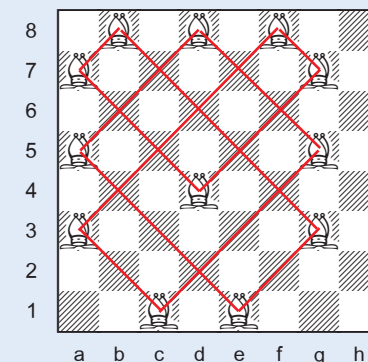
### MATES

- 1.Nd6#
- 1.Qe8+ Kf7 2.Ne5#
- 1.Rf8+ Kxf8 2.Bh6#  
1...Kg7 2.Qf7#
- 1.Qxc7+ Kxc7 2.Bxe5#
- 1.Rxg7+ Kh8  
2.Rg8+ Kxg8 3.Qg1#

### TRIPLE LOYD

- Ka1#
- Kh1=
- Kd6 (Bf6#)

### LILY'S PUZZLER



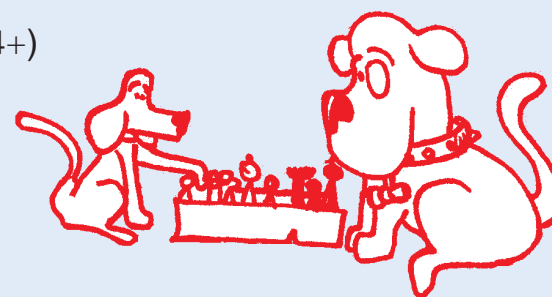
12 bishops is the max.  
There are many solutions.

### CHESS MAZE

- Nb3-a1-c2-a3-b1-c3-a4  
-b2-d3-f2-h3-g1-f3-h2-f1  
-g3-h5-f6-e8-d6-c8-a7  
-c6-d8-e6-f8-g6xh8

### COMBO MOMBO

- 1.Nxc6 bxc6  
2.Bxc6+ Nd7  
3.Bxa8  
(1...Qd6 2.Nxb4+)
- 1...Qxc5+  
2.Qxc5 Bd4+  
3.Qxd4 Rxd4  
(3.Ke2 Bxc5)



### TACTICS 102

- 1.Bxc6 Nxc6 2.Nd7 forks Qf6 & Rf8
- 1.Rxd7 Rxd7 2.Nf6+ forks Kg8 & Rd7
- 1.Qxd8 Rxd8 2.Ne7+ forks Kg8 & Qc6
- 1.Rad1 Qc7 2.Rd7 forks Qc7 & Be7  
1...Qb6 (or 1...Qb8) 2.Nd7 forks Qb6 & Rf8



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