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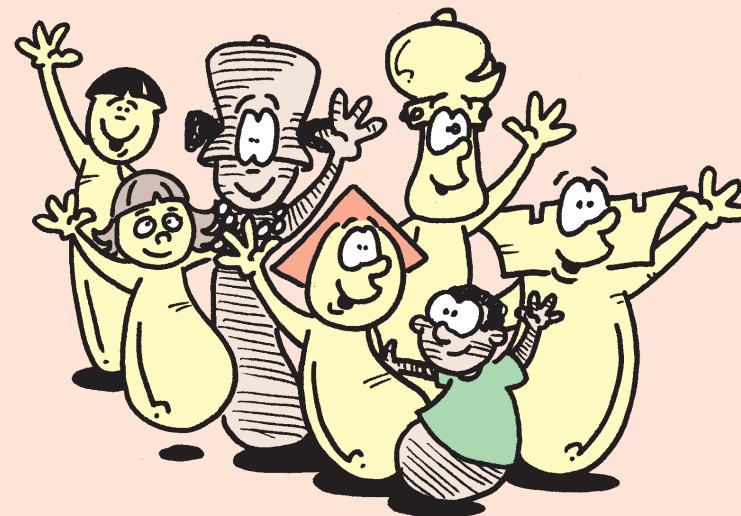
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HELLO, CHESS PALS!



Welcome to another year of *Scholar's Mate*! We hope you enjoy the magazine.

As usual, there were lots of big tournaments this summer. Congratulations to all the winners. Special mention goes to *Canadian Junior* champion Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux of Montreal. Photos and reports on page 16.

The *Chess'n Math Association* is proud to announce its new *Chess Excellence Program*. Prizes totalling \$10,000 will be awarded to 48 of Canada's best young chess players at the end of the coming school year. Check out the details on page 10.

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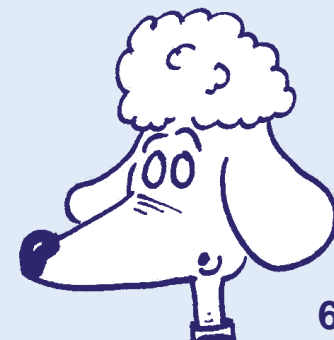
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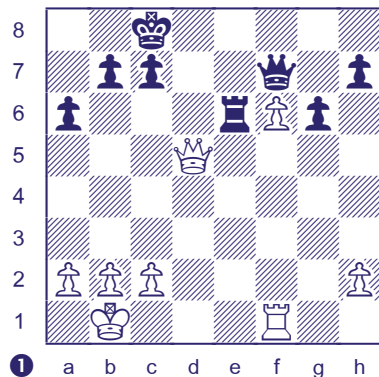
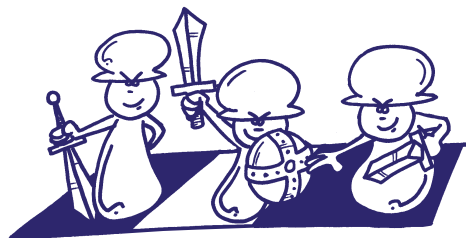
Pawns are the little guys in chess. But some little guys can be very tough.

Not all pawns are equal. Their value changes throughout the game, depending on their position and the jobs they do. The most dangerous pawns are the ones who are furthest advanced. They can threaten to promote, or limit the freedom of the opponent's pieces, or help in attacking the king.

Dangerous pawns are often worth more than bishops or knights. Let's look at some examples.

In diagram #1, material is even but White has a passed pawn on f6 just two squares from the last rank. Do you see the danger for Black?

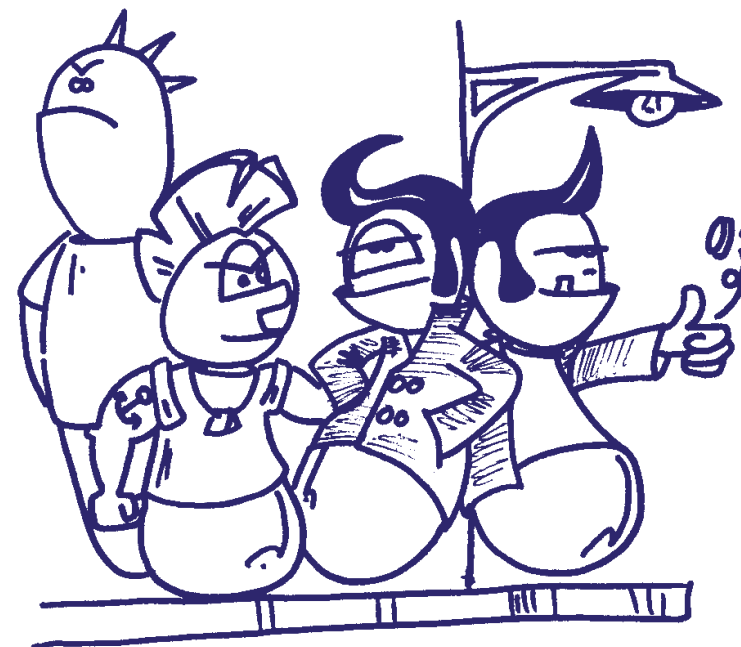
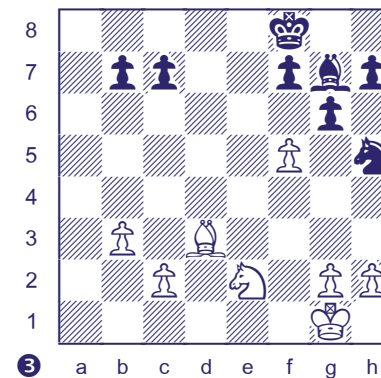
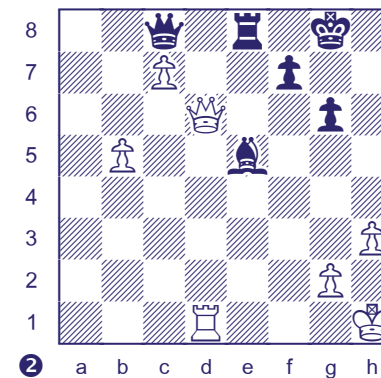
White wins by sacrificing the queen to clear the pawn's path. 1.Qxe6! Qxe6 2.f7. Black cannot stop the pawn from queening.

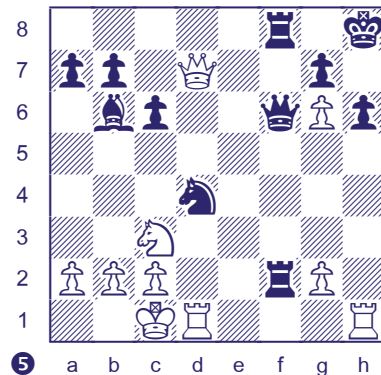
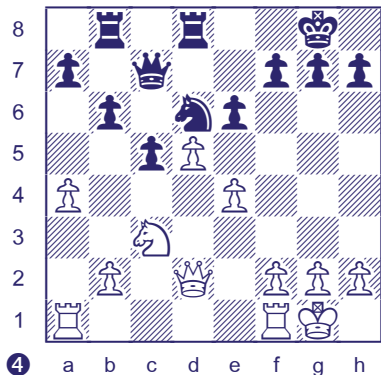


Two connected passers can cause twice as much trouble.

White is down a bishop for two pawns in position #2 and it looks like the pawn on c7 will soon be lost (1.Qd8? Bxc7). But the queenside pawns are far advanced and that gives White a genius idea. 1.Qxe5! Rxe5 2.Rd8+ Re8 3.Rxc8 Rxc8 4.b6 and the two connected pawns overpower the rook. 4...Kf8 5.b7

In #3, White uses advanced pawns to lock Black's bishop out of play. 1.g4! Nf6 2.g5 Nd7 3.f6! Bh8. The bishop will never free itself unless Black gives up a piece on f6. It's like White has an extra piece! The move...h6 can be met with h4.





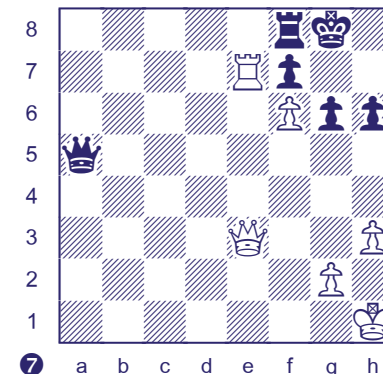
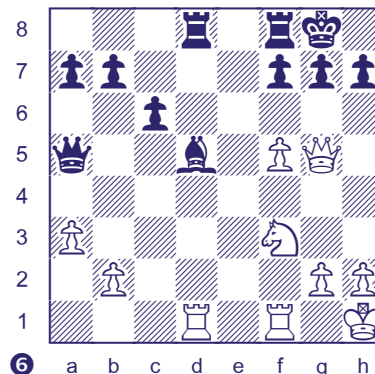
Example #4 also shows how an advanced wall of pawns can cramp the opponent's game. 1.e5! Nf5 2.d6!

The d-pawn drives a wedge in the black position. This gives the white pieces much more freedom than Black's. Here's another line: 1.e5 Nc4 2.d6 Nxd2? 3.dxc7! with a cool fork. (Better is 2...Qc6 3.Qe2!)

The g6 pawn in diagram #5 is extremely dangerous for Black. It plays an essential part in White's mating attack. 1.Rxh6+! Kg8 (1...gxh6 2.Qh7#) 2.Rh8+! Another rook sack lets the queen gain a tempo on her way to the h-file. 2...Kxh8 3.Qh3+ Kg8 4.Qh7#



In example #6, the white f-pawn assists the queen in forcing mate. 1.f6! g6 (the only way to prevent Qxg7#) 2.Qh6 followed by 3.Qg7#.



Could you resist playing 1.Qxh6 in position #7? You should since 1...Qa1+ 2.Kh2 Qxf6 is an equal game.

However, White can score the point with the help of his advanced pawn. The trick is 1.Rxf7!

- 1...Kxf7 2.Qe7+ Kg8 3.Qg7#
- 1...Rxf7 2.Qe8+
 - 2...Rf8 3.Qxg6+ Kh8 4.Qg7#
 - 2...Kh7 3.Qxf7+ Kh8 4.Qg7#
- 1...Ra8 2.Rg7+ Kh8 3.Qxh6#
- 1...Qd8 2.Rg7+ Kh8 3.Qxh6#
- 1...Qa1+ 2.Kh2 Qxf6 (stops mate)
 - 3.Rxf6 Rxf6 4.Qxh6

Bye for now, friends!



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Chess Excellence Program 2018-2019

The *Chess'n Math Association* is proud to announce a new program, created to recognize the talent and hard work of Canadian chessplayers who participate in CMA events. The "Players of the Year" will become *Chess'n Math Ambassadors* and receive a special jacket with their name embroidered on the front.



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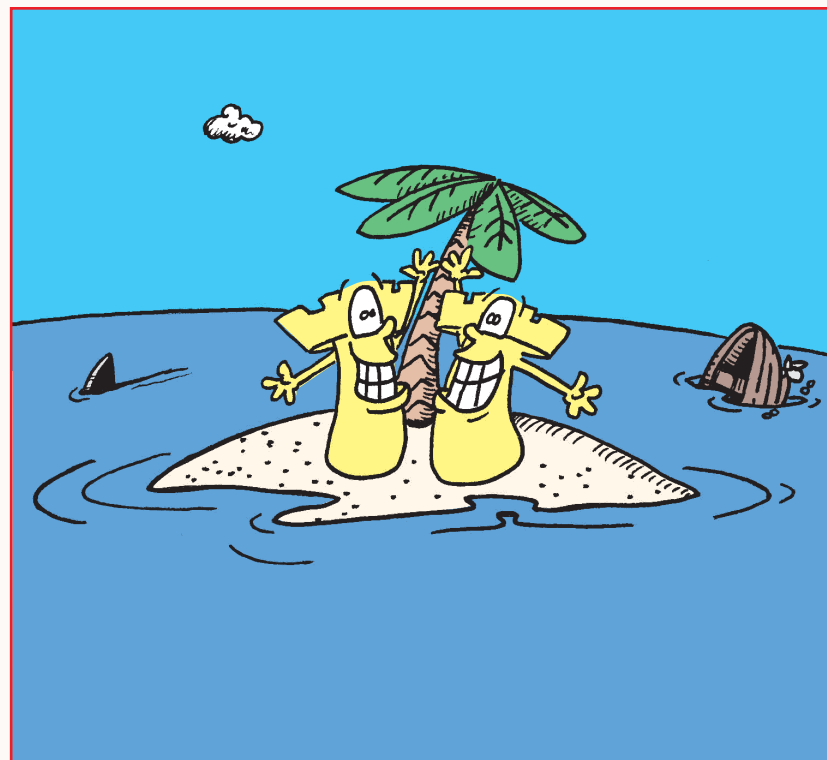
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Nominations for *player of the year* must be submitted by June 1, 2019. A form will be available on the CMA website. The criteria are exceptional results or significant improvement, sportsmanship, and model behaviour in the chess community. A biography and reason for nomination must accompany the form. The voting committee will consist of one representative from each province.

MORT AND MARLEY



Hey Marley, we sure got lucky!

How's that, Mort?

Well, this island was so close to where we wrecked.

I wouldn't call that luck. Our boat sank because it hit the island!

Yea, right. But imagine if we ran into an iceberg instead.



CANADA TOP TEN



GRADE 1

1	WU Nicholas	889	BC
2	HUANG Justin	864	ON
3	SHAR Timur	738	ON
4	YANG Nathan	728	BC
5	GAO Heye	727	ON
6	YE Oliver	673	BC
7	DUIC Matthew	626	ON
8	MARCHAND Calix	621	NS
9	TSO Justin	615	ON
10	WANG William	598	ON

GRADE 2

1	QU Jayden	1069	BC
2	IVANESCU Matthew	1009	AB
3	ISSANI Nameer	975	ON
4	GAO Justin	967	BC
5	LIU Zi	940	ON
6	O'MALLEY Patrick	938	ON
7	HU Richard	936	QC
8	ZHONG Ryan	920	ON
9	DUVAL Mathieu	877	QC
10	WANG Edouard	861	QC

GRADE 3

1	LIU Lucas	1214	QC
2	TSENG Bradley	1140	ON
3	GUO Richard	1138	ON
4	XIE Fei	1112	QC
5	LAU Joshua	1096	ON
6	GEORGESCU-NICOLAU Luca	1037	QC
7	BOROOMAND AryaCyrus	1036	BC
8	MANE Arnab	1032	ON
9	CHEN Chen	1019	QC
10	RAMAMONJISOA Nikita	1015	QC

GRADE 4

1	QU Greta	1526	ON
2	YANG Ryan	1512	BC
3	YAN Alex	1512	QC
4	SONG Ethan	1494	BC
5	GAO Lucy	1308	ON
6	LI Gabriel	1288	ON
7	HAN Johnathan	1286	ON
8	LI James	1281	QC
9	XIE Daniel	1259	ON
10	JIN Alexander	1233	BC

GRADE 5

1	XU Daniel	2131	ON
2	CHANDRA Anand	2082	AB
3	ZHONG Kevin	2052	QC
4	NING Eric	2034	ON
5	ATANASOV Anthony	2011	ON
6	WANG Daniel	1760	BC
7	WU Nathan	1535	BC
8	CHANG Alexander	1526	QC
9	LI Adam	1488	ON
10	COAT Sven	1481	ON

GRADE 6

1	ZHENG Richard	2154	QC
2	CHEN Max	2029	ON
3	GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1869	QC
4	ZHAO Jeffrey	1786	ON
5	HUANG Youhe	1695	ON
6	ZHANG Chu Hang	1675	QC
7	LIU Kevin	1543	QC
8	ZHANG Henry	1498	ON
9	GHAZARIAN Tigran	1493	ON
10	RIQUELME Martin	1473	MB

ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	ZHENG Richard	2154	QC
2	XU Daniel	2131	ON
3	CHANDRA Anand	2082	AB
4	ZHONG Kevin	2052	QC
5	NING Eric	2034	ON
6	CHEN Max	2029	ON
7	ATANASOV Anthony	2011	ON
8	GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1869	QC
9	ZHAO Jeffrey	1786	ON
10	WANG Daniel	1760	BC

GRADE 7

1	ISSANI Nameer	2241	ON
2	KANG Dorian	2138	ON
3	NOOR ALI Aahil	1975	ON
4	RUSONIK Max	1952	ON
5	GU Chuyang	1708	BC
6	CRACIUN David	1697	QC
7	JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	1661	ON
8	JACOBS Michael	1604	ON
9	WU Lucian	1597	BC
10	WANG Paul	1588	AB

GRADE 8

1	HUANG Qiuyu	2444	QC
2	TANAKA Tyler	2246	QC
3	DOKNJAS Neil	2026	BC
4	ENGLAND Max	1942	ON
5	ZHAO Jeffrey	1939	ON
6	HUANG Patrick	1922	BC
7	LOW Kevin	1905	BC
8	TIAN Sherry	1856	BC
9	RICHARD Leo	1788	QC
10	WU Tony	1775	PE

GRADE 9

1	RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	2561	QC
2	VETTESE Nicholas	2414	ON
3	HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2370	BC
4	DURETTE Francis	2196	QC
5	LIN Benjamin	2126	ON
6	ZHAO Ian	2056	AB
7	ZHONG Wenxuan	2007	QC
8	QU Leo	1882	BC
9	ZHENG Victor	1795	BC
10	MIRABELLI Aidan	1721	ON

GRADE 10

1	HUA Eugene	2451	ON
2	TALUKDAR Rohan	2383	ON
3	NORITSYN Sergey	2294	ON
4	DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2271	ON
5	ZHANG Henry	2183	ON
6	SURYA Benito	2162	ON
7	GAISINSKY Adam	2019	ON
8	LIU Daniel	1978	ON
9	FENG Richard	1969	ON
10	PULFER Luke	1900	BC

GRADE 11

1	OUELLET Maili-Jade	2409	QC
2	DOKNJAS Joshua	2344	BC
3	CAI Jason	2289	ON
4	LIANG Hairan	2287	ON
5	LI William	2271	ON
6	FAN Run Kun	2136	ON
7	YIE Kevin	2113	ON
8	LIU Lambert	2110	ON
9	LEONG Ryan	1927	BC
10	GROSSMANN Lenard	1912	AB

GRADE 12

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 Harigarar	2093	ON

HONOUR ROLL

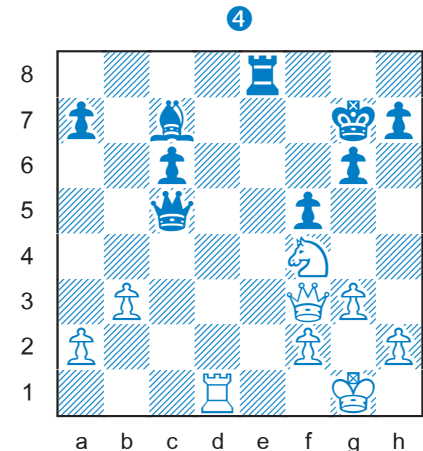
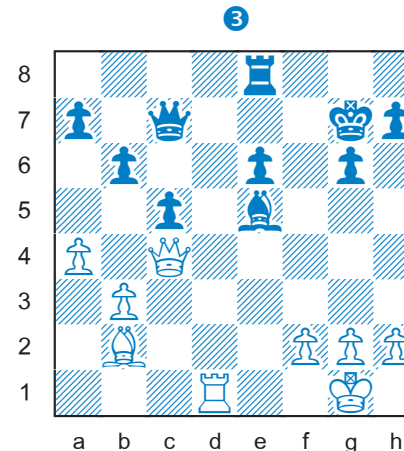
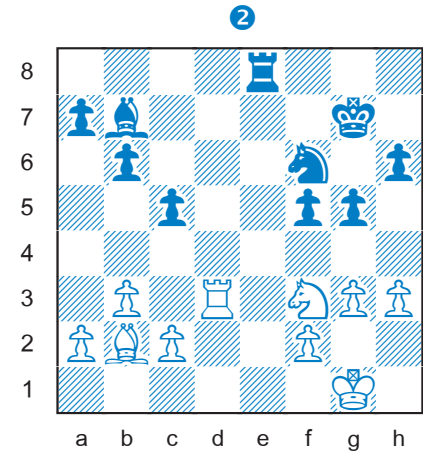
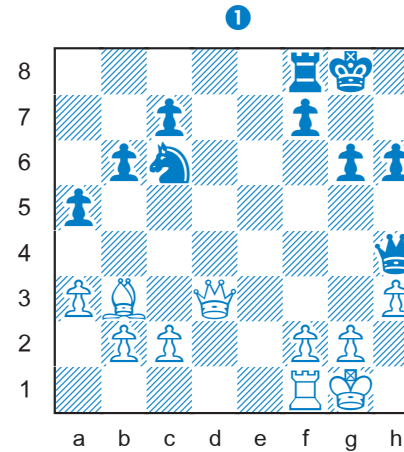
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TACTICS 102

"EXPLOIT the PIN!"

White to play and win material.

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SAINT AMANT

(1800 - 1872)

French master *Pierre Charles Fournier de Saint Amant* was considered the world's best chess player in 1843 after winning a match against Howard Staunton in London. Later that same year, he lost their rematch in Paris.



“Doubled and isolated pawns are a disadvantage because they are difficult to defend.”

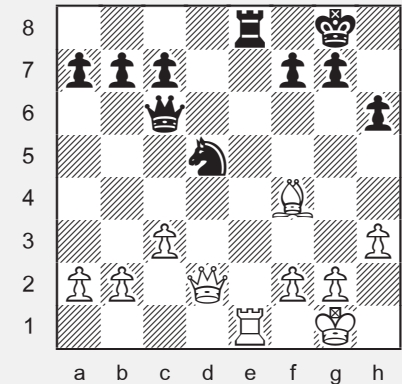
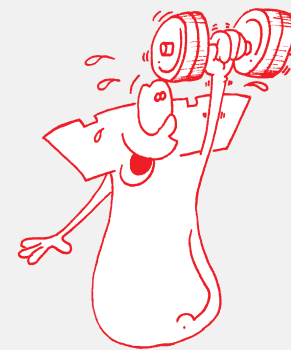
FRENCH DEFENCE 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5

Saint Amant was the leader of the team which first played this opening in a postal match between England and France in 1834.

Saint Amant led a colourful life. A gentleman of noble birth, he worked as an actor, soldier, explorer, and diplomat. During his short chess career, he was a successful wine merchant and editor of the magazine *Le Palamède*. He retired to Algeria in 1861.

COMBO MOMBO !!

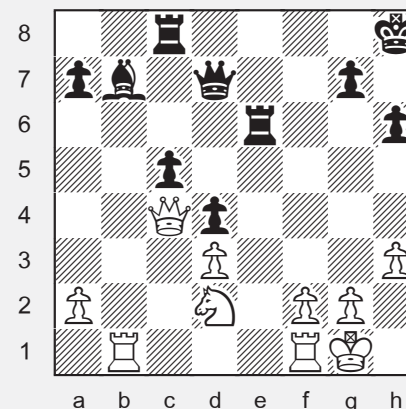
SPOTLIGHT ON OVERLOAD



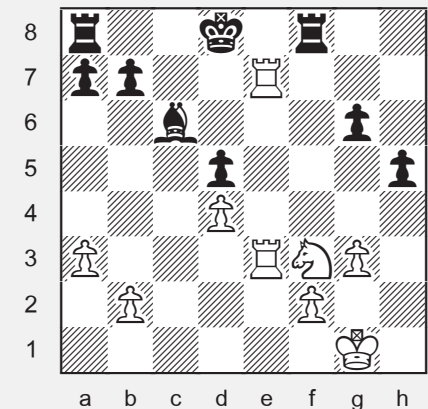
A chess piece must often stand guard duty. When it has too many defensive jobs, we have an *overload*. An overworked piece is the target of many combos.

♛ The black queen has two jobs, guarding d5 and e8. White makes the queen to do one job, so she cannot do the other. 1.Rxe8+ Qxe8 2.Qxd5

♜ White's queen is also overloaded, defending e1 and f4. Black to play wins by 1...Rxe1+ 2.Qxe1 Nxf4. (Not 1...Nxf4? 2.Rxe8+! Qxe8 3.Qxf4.)



♙ WHITE TO MOVE
Win Material



♚ BLACK TO MOVE
Win Material

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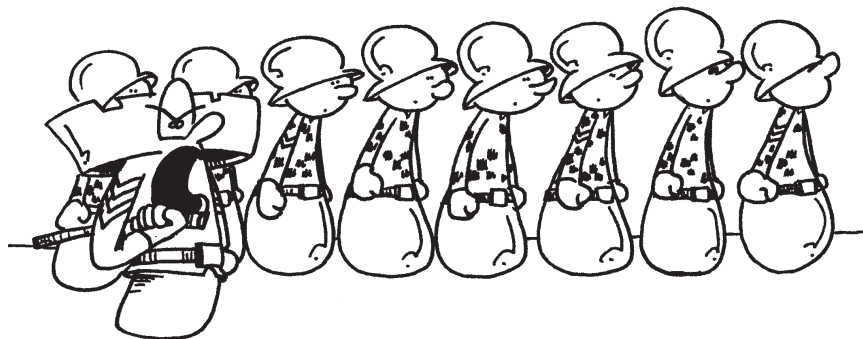
CANADIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2018 Canadian Youth Chess Championships were played on July 2-5 in Quebec City. 287 players took part in the open sections. This year's national champions and runners-up are:

<8	Roger Zuo	ON	<14	Nicholas Vettese	ON
	Arnav Mane	ON		Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux	QC
	Lucas Liu	QC		Ian Zhou	AB
<10	Kevin Zhong	QC	<16	Rohan Talukdar	ON
	Daniel Xu	ON		Joshua Doknjas	BC
	Noah Yuen	ON		Benito Surya	ON
<12	Max Chen	ON	<18	Brandon Zhu	BC
	Jeffrey Zhao	ON		William Bremner	BC
	Richard Zheng	QC		Andrew Colvin	ON

Winners of the separate girls only competition (78 players) were:

< 8	Rae Chen	ON	<14	Emma He	ON
	Eveleen Kaur	ON		Hazel Guo	ON
	Alina Chen	ON		Isabelle Wang	QC
<10	Greta Qu	ON	<16	Maïli-Jade Ouellet	QC
	Winnie Zhuang	ON		Svitlana Demchenko	ON
	Annie Li	QC		Cynthia Cui	NB
<12	Jessica Qian	BC	<18	Yi Lin Li	QC
	Julia Tsukerman	QC		Pepi Eirew	BC
	Mysha Gilani	ON		Cindy Yu	QC



PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

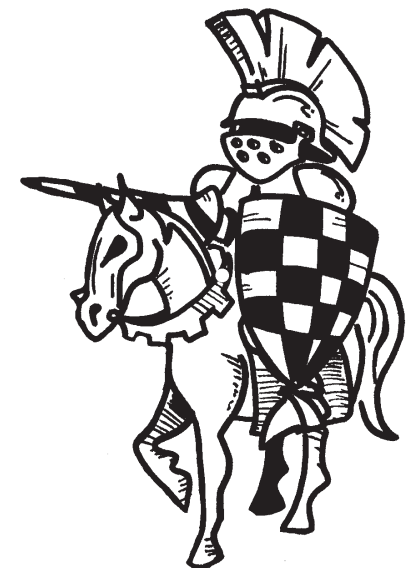
Fourteen Canadians travelled to Santiago, Chile for the 2018 Pan-American Youth Festival on July 22-28. The event attracted 641 players from 22 countries.

Congratulations to Max Chen (Toronto) who placed second in the under 12 open section, scoring 7 points out of 9 games. Others with excellent results were by Adam Gaisinsky (Windsor ON, 8th, under 16), Daniel Pugach (Toronto, 10th, under 8), and Alina Chen (Mississauga, 10th, under 8 girls).

CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 Canadian Junior Championship was held at Humber College in Toronto on August 8-12 with 10 participants. The new champion is 9th grader Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux (Montreal) after winning a playoff against Mark Plotkin (Toronto). Nicholas Vettese and Hairan Linag (both Toronto) tied for third. The top scoring girl was Sherry Tian (Vancouver).

Shawn and Sherry are representing Canada at the World Junior and Girls Under 20 Championship this month in Turkey.





TWELVE YEAR OLD GRANDMASTER

Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa of Chennai, India has become the second youngest person to ever become a grandmaster. He earned the title by achieving his third *GM norm* at a tournament in Italy in June. His age at the time was 12 years, 10 months. "Pragg", as he is known, received a hero's welcome when he returned home.

The only other player to become a GM before their 13th birthday is last year's world championship challenger Sergey Karjakin (Russia), who did it at 12 years, 7 months. Current champ Magnus Carlsen (Norway) is fifth on the list of youngest GMs at 13 years, 4 months.



A Royal Celebration

SUSAN POLGAR ALL-GIRLS INVITATIONAL

The 15th *Susan Polgar Foundation All-Girls Invitational Tournament* was held in St. Louis, Missouri on July 21-26. The 60 players all qualified at regional competitions held in various countries. The prizes for this prestigious event included \$10,000 in cash and over \$300,000 in scholarships to Webster University.

The tournament ended in a five-way tie for first place between Sasha Konovalenko (US), Thanh Thuy Nguyen (US), Antonella Romero (Peru), Shreya Mangalam (US), and Svitlana Demchenko (Canada). The playoff was won by Sasha Konovalenko (Michigan).

Seven Canadians took part. Besides Svitlana, other top scorers were Sarah Peng (Oakville), Yi Lin Li (Montreal), and Cynthia Cui (Fredericton).

WORLD JUNIOR

The 2018 *World Junior Chess Championship* was held in Gebze, Turkey on September 4-16. There were 165 players in the 11 round under 20 years old event.

The new champion is Parham Maghsoodloo (Iran), who clinched the title with one round to go. The runners-up were Abhimanyu Puranik (India) and Sergei Lobanov (Russia).

Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux (Montreal) came 71st with a respectable 6 points in a tournament that included 25 GMs and 40 IMs.

The *World Girls Under 20 Championship*, with 98 participants, was won by Aleksandra Maltsevskaya (Russia), on tiebreaks over Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova (Uzbekistan). Sherry Tian (Vancouver) scored 3½ points.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Several important tournaments are scheduled for this fall. Here are the locations and starting dates. Stay tuned for reports next issue.

Chess Olympiad	Georgia	September 23
World Youth Championships (<14,16,18)	Greece	October 19
Women's World Championship	Russia	November 1
World Cadet Championships (<8,10,12)	Spain	November 3
World Championship	London	November 9



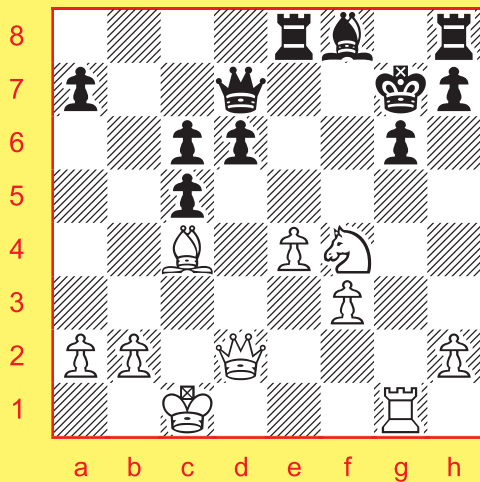
CHECKMATES



WHITE TO MOVE

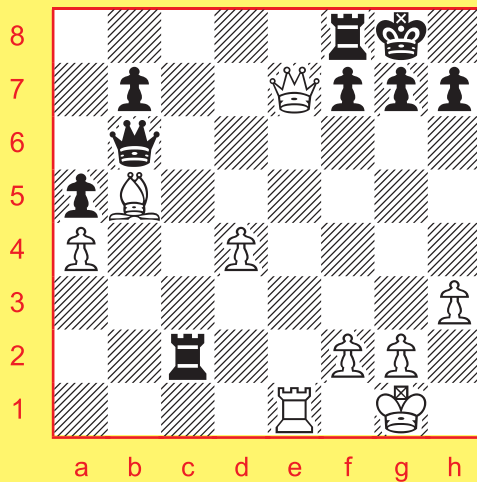
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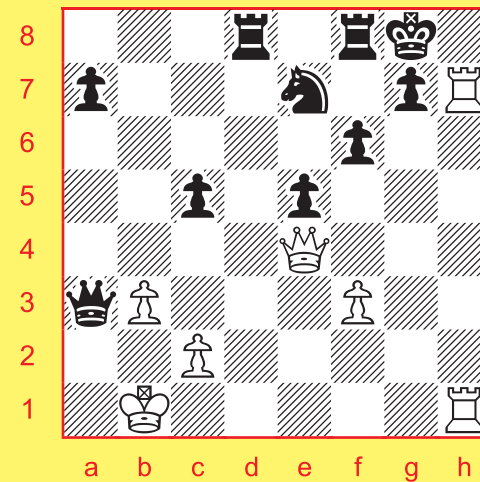
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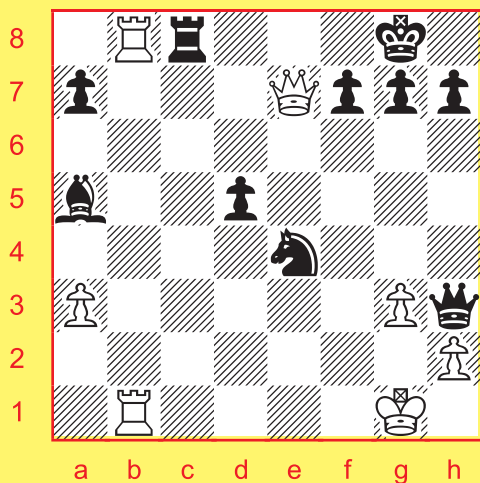
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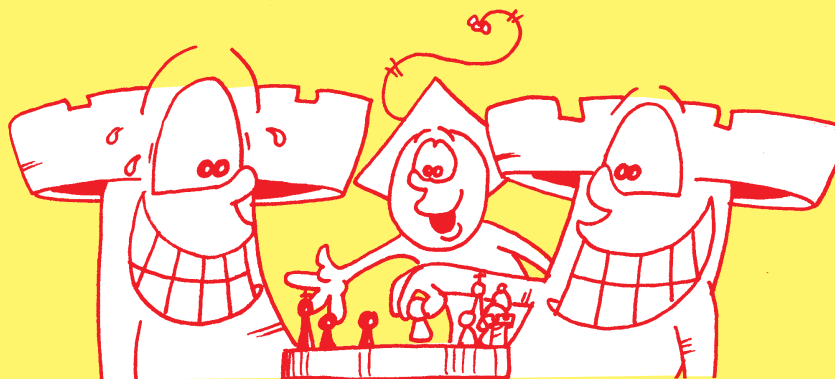


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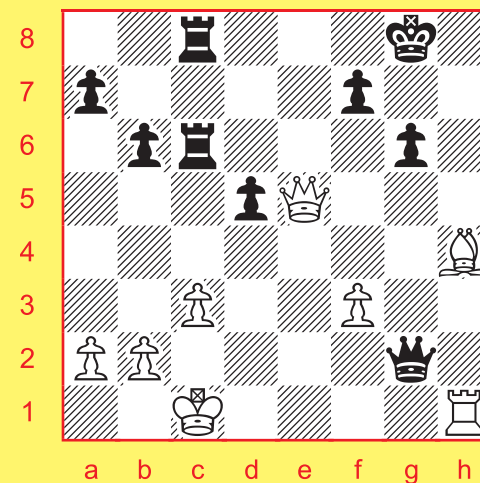


MATE IN 2



"Wow! Nice move."

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MATE IN 3

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LILY'S PUZZLER

Hi boys and girls!

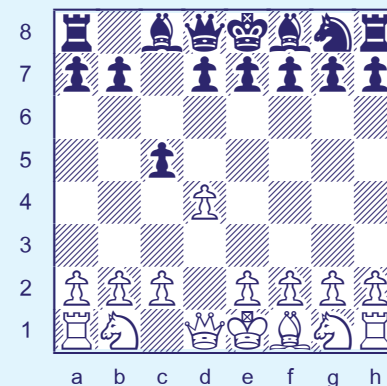
Harmonius Hound, the famous chess detective, is back with another fun mystery for us to solve.

The diagram position, with White to play, was reached in a game after exactly four turns by each side. The moves might be weird, but they are legal.

It's the *Case of Waiting for the Right Moment*.

Good luck!

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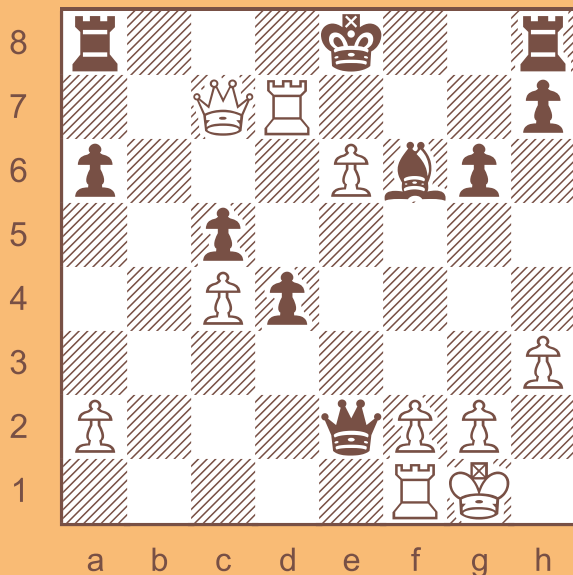
**THIS POSITION
WAS REACHED
AFTER BLACK'S
FOURTH MOVE.
WHAT WERE THE
MOVES?**





KIRIL'S KONTEST

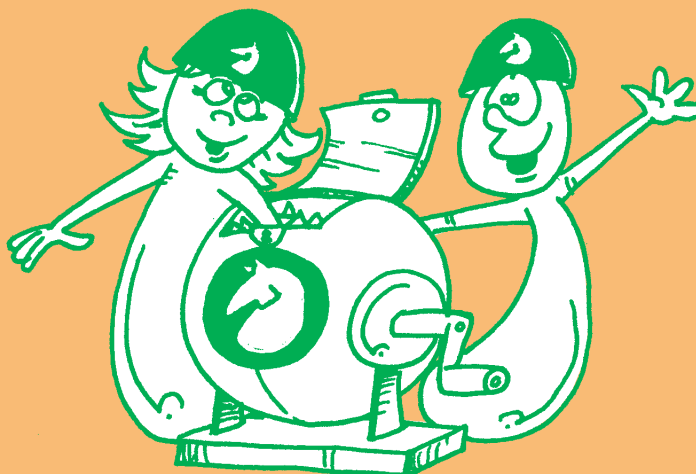
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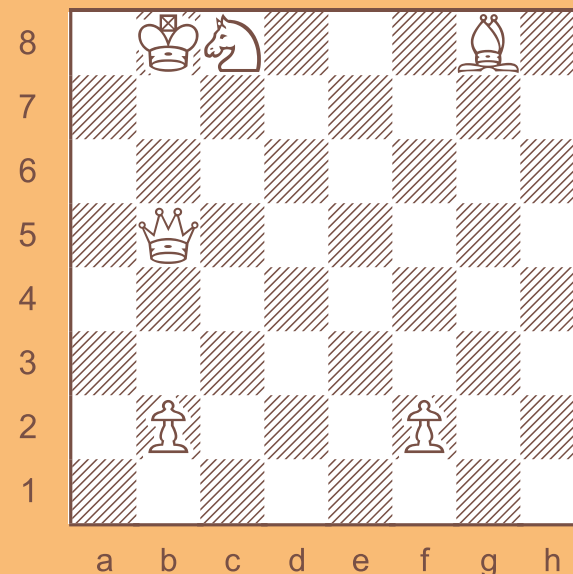
White to play.
Force checkmate
in two moves.

2



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:

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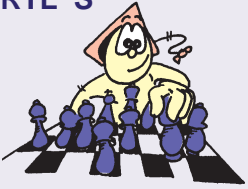
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One lucky person will win the drawing
for a set of chess pencils
and a knight key chain.

There were 2 correct entries for June's contest.

- 1 Mate in 2 1.Qd5 Kc7 (or ...Ke7) 2.d8=Q#
- 2 Triple Loyd A.Kc6# B.Ka6= C.Kd4 (Rd7#)

The winner of the drawing for a set of pencils
and a key chain is Joelle Yang of Montreal.



THE DAWG POUND 4

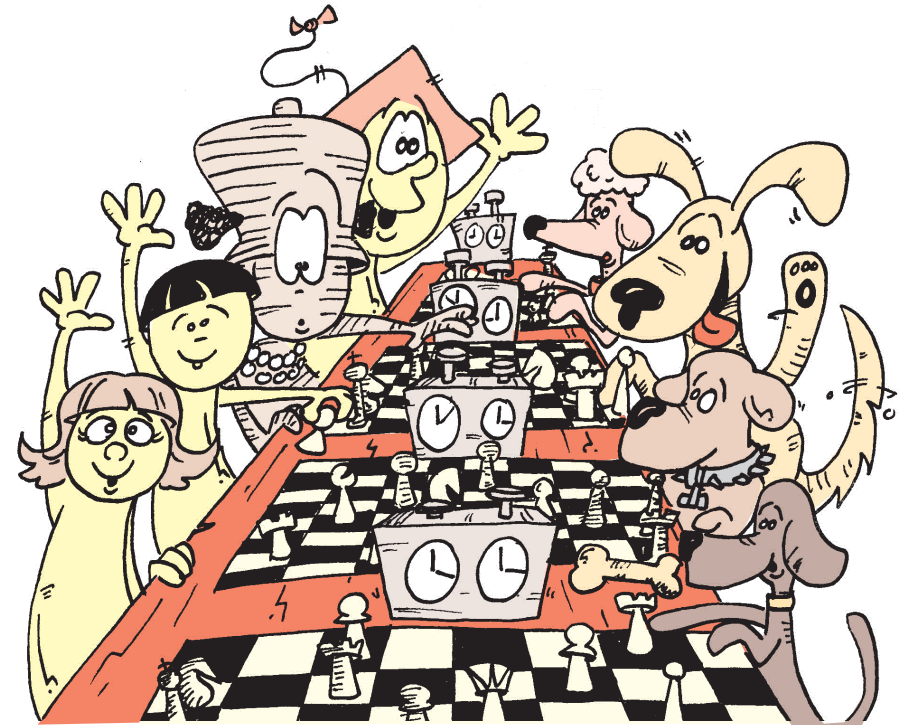
It was a happy day at Chesstown Public. Everyone was excited about the new chess season and the team match taking place after school. Especially Kiril. He was really proud to play fourth board for the pawns.

The other members of the team were Lily, Ping Lee, and Frizoon. As you can imagine, they all hoped to start the year with a big victory.

Their opponents were a team of friendly dogs. Ears up, tongues out, tails wagging. They called themselves the "Dawg Pound 4".



Top dog for the visiting team was Barkley, a clever little mutt in a golden collar. Board two was his buddy Thor, an old bulldog with a slobbery grin. On third board sat Rover, an Irish setter who never sat still. And next to him, playing last board against Kiril, was a cute French poodle with a fluffy pink hairdo. Her name was Petunia, but she preferred the nickname Pinkee.



The match began the usual way, with players smiling and shaking hands and paws. Then things got serious.

It only took a few minutes for the first game to finish. Rover, distracted by everything around him, played too fast against Frizoon and got checkmated in ten moves. The pawns had the lead, 1-0.

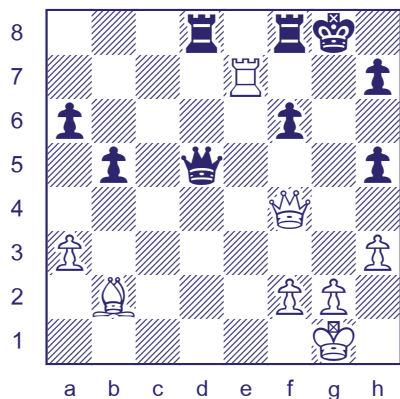
The battle on board one was intense. Lily won a pawn in the opening, but fell behind in development. Then one mistake did her in. Barkley unleashed a powerful attack, and soon she had to resign. The score was tied 1-1.

Two games to go. The position below is from second board. Thor is up a pawn and the exchange (R for B), but his king is open. What would you play if you were Ping?



White **PING LEE**
Black **THOR**

White to play



1. **Qg3+!**

Be careful. The obvious 1.Qh6? loses to 1...Qd1+ 2.Kh2 Qd6+ 3.g3 Qxe7.

1.Bxf6 lets Black reach an equal ending by 1...Rxf6! 2.Qxf6 Qd1+ 3.Kh2 Qd6+ 4.Qxd6 Rxd6.

1. ... **Qg5**

If 1...Kh8, it's instant mate with 2.Qg7#.

2. **Qxg5+**

Opening the long diagonal for the bishop.

2. ... **fxg5**

3. **Rg7+ Kh8**

4. **Rxg5+**

Discovered check! Just as good is 4.Rg6+

4. ... **Rf6**

Thor could delay mate one move by 4...Rd4 5.Bxd4+.

5. **Bxf6#**

The pawns lead 2-1.

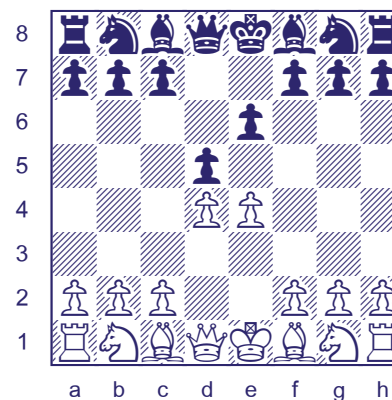
So it's all up to Kiril. If he wins, the team wins. If he loses, the match ends in a tie. The pressure is on! Here's the whole game from the start.

White **KIRIL the PAWN**
Black **PINKEE POODLE**

1. **e4 e6**

2. **d4 d5**

All poodles are trained to play the French Defence!



3. **Nc3**

Kiril protects the e-pawn and keeps the centre fluid. White's other choices are the *Advance Variation* 3.e5 and the *Exchange Variation* 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3.

3. ... **Nf6**

Pinkee develops a knight and attacks e4 again.

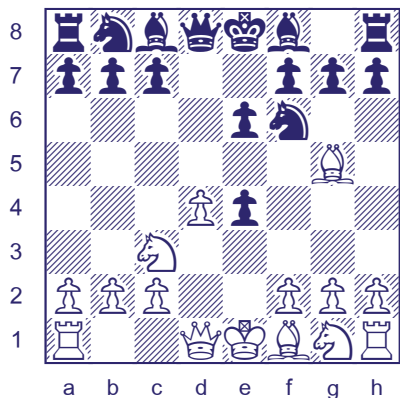
4. **Bg5**

Pinning the black knight.

4. ... **dx4**

This capture simplifies the fight for central control. A good alternative is 4...Be7, unpinning the knight.





5. Bxf6

The normal line at this point is 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3. But Kiril has an idea and takes the knight first.

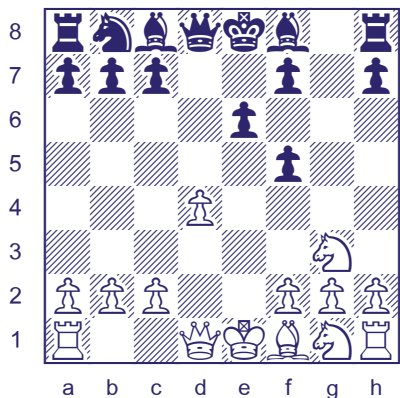
5. ... gxf6!?

A little surprise for Kiril. He expected 5...Qxf6 6.Nxe4. After 6...Qg6 7.Ng3, White could gain a tempo by *Bd3*.

6. Nxe4 f5

Pinkee drives the knight from the centre. Another plan is 6...Be7, keeping a pawn on f6. For example, 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7.

7. Ng3



7. ... Bg7

The target now is the white d-pawn.

8. Nf3 c5

Threatening d4 again.

9. Bb5+

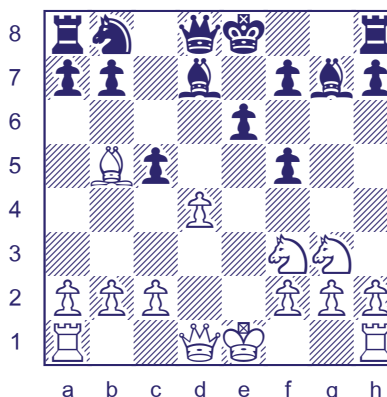
Kiril brings out his bishop with check and gets ready to castle.

Taking 9.dxc5? would give Black the advantage after 9...Bxb2.



9. ... Bd7

The best way to get out of check. Blocking by 9...Nc6 is less good. One fine line for White is 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nh5! Bxd4 12.c3 Bf6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qd6.

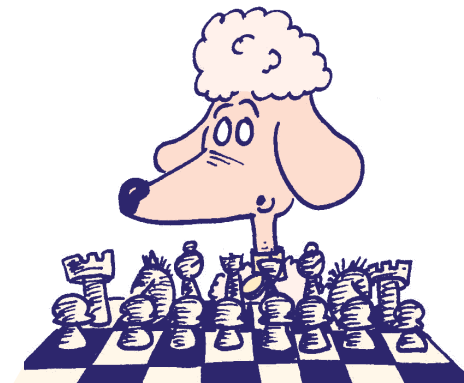
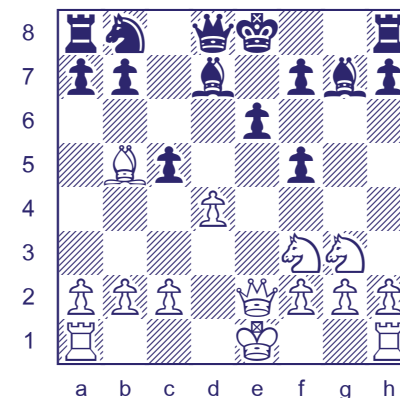


This was the position at the time Ping defeated Thor. The easy way for White to achieve an equal game is 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.0-0. But Kiril has an idea.

10. Qe2?

Oh no! What has he done?

The queen move defends the bishop at b5 and pins the black e-pawn so that 10...cxd4 can be answered with 11.Nxf5. Unfortunately, Kiril overlooked one small detail. Do you see what he missed?



10. ... Qa5+!

Pinkee saw the fork right away. Bye-bye, bishop.

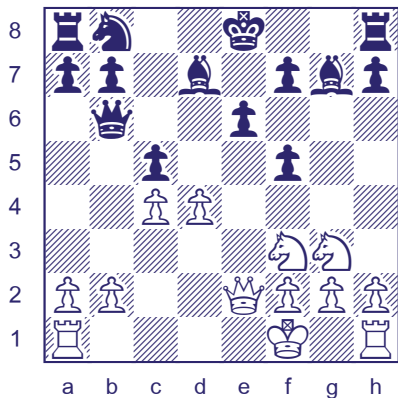
11. Kf1

Black is also winning after 11.c3 Bxb5 12.Qe3 cxd4.

11. ... Qxb5

The poodle is up material and offers a queen trade. Kiril's only hope is to keep the queens on the board.

12. c4 Qb6



13. Nxf5

White is losing, but it's too soon to resign. Kiril uses the pin on the e-file to grab the pawn at f5.

Pinkee fluffed her hair and wiggled her nose while she pondered her next move.



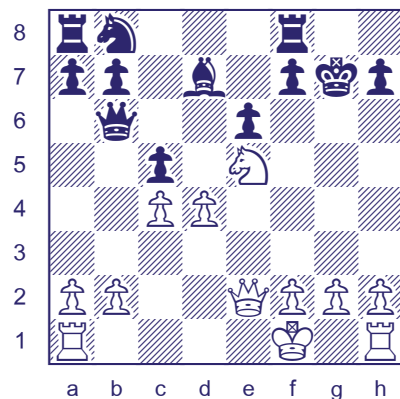
13. ... 0-0?!

The poodle is too cautious. She didn't like the looks of 13...Bxd4 14.N3xd4 cxd4 15.Qe5! Rg8 16.Nd6+ Kf8, but that is Black's best line. 17.Qf6!? is answered with 17...Rg7 18.c5 Qa6+! (and not 17...Qxd6? 18.Qd8+ Kg7 19.Qg5+ when White draws by perpetual check).

14. Nxg7 Kxg7

Kiril was glad to trade off the black bishop on g7. But he still felt awful about his bad position and letting his team down. He just had to keep on trying.

15. Ne5!?



Clever Kiril, sacrificing the d-pawn to open a line for his queen.

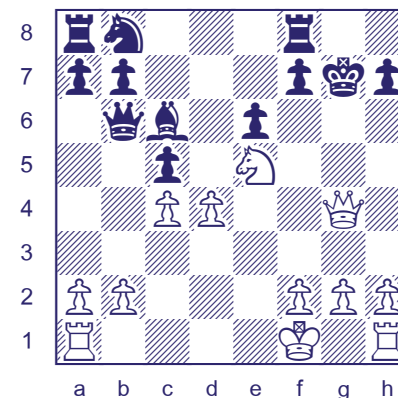
If Pinkee takes the bait with 15...cxd4?, White gets back in the game after 16.Qg4+ (16...Kh8 17.Qh4! or 16...Kf6 17.Qh4+! Kxe5 18.Qg3+ with a "perp").

15. ... Bc6?

Lucky Kiril. This move is also a mistake. The way to keep a winning position is 15...f6! Then White's hope and fun are over.

16. Qg4+

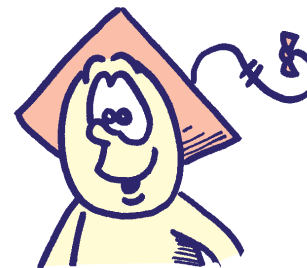
The pawn made his move, pressed the clock, then breathed a sigh of relief.



16. ... Kh8

Hiding in the corner. Going forward with 16...Kf6 leads to a quick perpetual check by 17.Qh4+ Kg7 18.Qg5+. (Not 17...Kf5? 18.g4+ Ke4 19.g5+ Kf5 20.Qg4#.)

Much worse is 16...Kh6? 17.Re1! when the threat of Re3 and Rh3# forces mate. (17...cxd4 18.Nxf7+! Rxf7 19.Rxe6+ Rf6 20.Rxf6#)



17. Qh4!

Prepping a perp.

17. ... Nd7

Pinkee finally develops her knight, preventing Qf6+. She calculated that 17...f6? 18.Ng6+ Kg7 19.Nxf8 Kxf8 20.Qxf6+ was major trouble for Black.

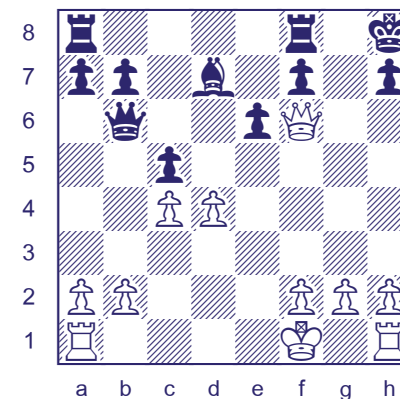
18. Nxd7

White removes the guard.

18. ... Bxd7

19. Qf6+

Happy Kiril. Now he has a perpetual smile on his face.



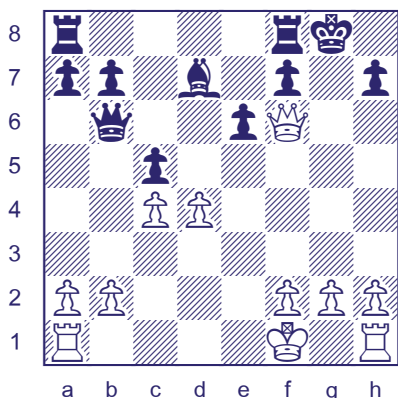
19. ... Kg8

20. Qg5+ Kh8

21. Qf6+

The second time in the same position.

21. ... Kg8



Kiril thought about going for the win here by 22.Rd1 or 22.Re1, or even 22.h4. But Black always gets the advantage with 22...Qd8 or 22...e5. He made a smart decision to settle for a draw.

22. Qg5+ Kh8

23. Qf6+ ½-½

Same position third time.

So Chesstown Public won the match 2½-1½ and who would have guessed, Kiril was the hero of the day.

The dogs didn't seem to mind at all. They were happy just to run around the school. Ears up, tongues out, tails wagging. The Dawg Pound 4!



CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE THE FIRST 30 YEARS

1989	Ottawa
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1991	Montreal
1992	Montreal
1993	Edmonton
1994	St. John's
1995	Toronto
1996	Fredericton
1997	Montreal
1998	Winnipeg
1999	Summerside
2000	Calgary
2001	Toronto
2002	St. John's
2003	Montreal
2004	Winnipeg
2005	Ottawa
2006	Moncton
2007	Quebec City
2008	Edmonton
2009	Toronto
2010	Montreal
2011	Victoria
2012	Halifax
2013	Ottawa
2014	Winnipeg
2015	Quebec City
2016	Regina
2017	Toronto
2018	St. John's

Ontario has placed first 22 of the last 24 years. In other years, they were second 5 times and third 3 times (1991-1993).

Quebec has been team champion 8 times, including the first 6 years. They also won in 1997 and 2009. They came in second place 20 times. They were third in 2000 and fourth in 2011.

British Columbia has come in second place 5 times (1991-1993, 2000, 2011) and third 19 times, including 2014 through 2018.

Alberta has placed fourth 20 times and fifth 5 times (1994-96, 2005-06). They finished in third place in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2011.

Manitoba was third in 2002 and 2006, fourth in 2003 and 2005, and fifth in 1990-91, 2001, 2004, 2007-12, and 2017-18.

Saskatchewan placed fifth in 2016, and sixth in 1998, 2011, and 2018.

New Brunswick came fifth 8 times (1992, 1998-2000, 2013-15) and sixth 14 times. In 1989 they finished in third place!

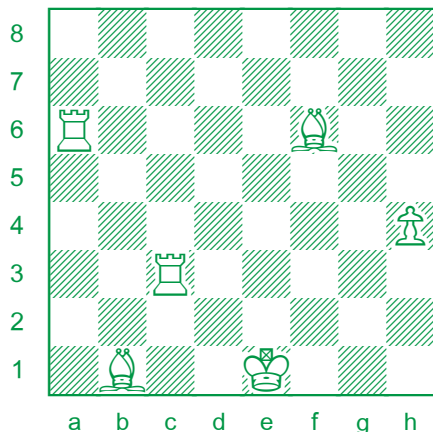
Nova Scotia came in sixth place in 2005, 2007, and 2008. They were seventh 7 times.

Prince Edward Island had its finest moment in 2017, placing sixth, their best result since coming seventh in 1993.

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



TRIPLE LOYD



Place the black king on the board so that:

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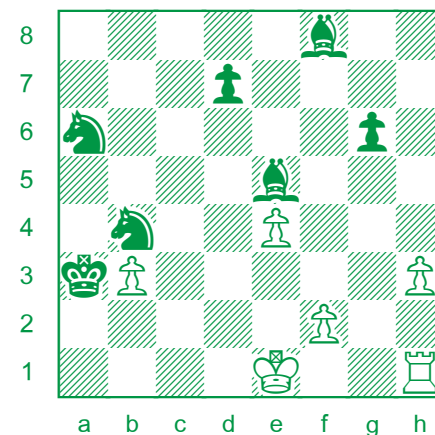
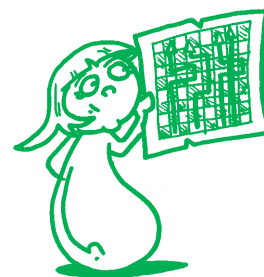


Maïli-Jade Ouellet vs. Svitlana Demchenko CYCC 2018



Cheshire Cats. Black to play and win.

chess maze



ROOK MAZE IN 18

Only the white rook moves. Capture the black king in eighteen moves (or less) without taking any pieces or moving to a square where the rook can be taken. Black does not get a turn.

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ONTARIO TOP TEN

GRADE 1

1 HUANG Justin	864
2 SHAR Timur	738
3 GAO Heye	727
4 DUIC Matthew	626
5 TSO Justin	615
6 WANG William	598
7 JI Sherwin	544
8 SIU Marcas	532
9 YANG Jayden	502
10 SHOEMAKER Nelson	491

GRADE 2

1 ISSANI Nameer	975
2 LIU Zi	940
3 O'MALLEY Patrick	938
4 ZHONG Ryan	920
5 WANG Arthur	849
6 ZHU Jeremy	847
7 DUANMU Isaac	836
8 GHAZARIAN Haik	818
9 CHEN Rae	750
10 LIU Lawrence	743

GRADE 3

1 TSENG Bradley	1140
2 GUO Richard	1138
3 LAU Joshua	1096
4 MANE Arnab	1032
5 PUGACH Daniel	1005
6 FENG Benjamin	931
7 YAO Henry	925
8 GAO Sean	907
9 LAU Jayden	906
10 CHEN Alina	897

GRADE 4

1 QU Greta	1526
2 GAO Lucy	1308
3 LI Gabriel	1288
4 HAN Johnathan	1286
5 XIE Daniel	1259
6 WANG Nathan	1230
7 ZHUANG Winnie	1166
8 SHI Michael	1124
9 YANG Larry	1057
10 MORRISON Daniel	1051

GRADE 5

1 XU Daniel	2131
2 NING Eric	2034
3 ATANASOV Anthony	2011
4 LI Adam	1488
5 COAT Sven	1481
6 WANG Kaison	1430
7 QIU James	1382
8 LI Julia	1297
9 RUCHINSKAYA Valerie	1284
10 HUANG Richard	1267

GRADE 6

1 CHEN Max	2029
2 ZHAO Jeffrey	1786
3 HUANG Youhe	1695
4 ZHANG Henry	1498
5 GHAZARIAN Tigran	1493
6 LIU Henry	1403
7 SHAPIRO Idan	1399
8 LIN Angela	1382
9 GULEC Andrew	1369
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GRADE 7

1 ISSANI Nameer	2241
2 KANG Dorian	2138
3 NOOR ALI Aahil	1975
4 RUSONIK Max	1952
5 JEYAKUMAR Bhavatharshan	1661
6 JACOBS Michael	1604
7 SRINIVAS Atharva	1536
8 GAO Raymond	1500
9 SHEN Isamel	1449
10 HU Kyle	1439

GRADE 8

1 ENGLAND Max	1942
2 ZHAO Jeffrey	1939
3 ZHAO Jonathan	1653
4 CHEN Hao	1479
5 MO Aidan	1475
6 CHEN Harry	1452
7 WU Nicholas	1412
8 WANG Michael	1410
9 LI Wing Xiaolong	1397
10 WANG Eric	1385

GRADE 9

1 VETTESE Nicholas	2414
2 LIN Benjamin	2126
3 MIRABELLI Aidan	1721
4 LI Alan	1687
5 PAPANJA Arul	1676
6 AKOPHYAN Nick	1590
7 YANG Fan	1589
8 WASHIMKAR Arhant	1584
9 ZHANG Brighton	1570
10 RAZMAN Ruven	1502

GRADE 10

1 HUA Eugene	2451
2 TALUKDAR Rohan	2383
3 NORITSYN Sergey	2294
4 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2271
5 ZHANG Henry	2183
6 SURYA Benito	2162
7 GAISINSKY Adam	2019
8 LIU Daniel	1978
9 FENG Richard	1969
10 MING Wenyang	1888

GRADE 11

1 CAI Jason	2289
2 LIANG Hairan	2287
3 LI William	2271
4 FAN Run Kun	2136
5 YIE Kevin	2113
6 LIU Lambert	2110
7 LI Eric	1874
8 ZHAO Yue Tong	1846
9 PENG Sarah	1688
10 XUE Andrew	1682

GRADE 12

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

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1 SCORTEANU Victor	570
2 ADAM Gabriel	569
3 JIANG Sicheng	560
4 TSUKERMAN Leon	533
5 RAMOS Heidi	530
6 LOPEZ Alejandro	528
7 IVANOV YUAN Maksim	488
8 NANWO Nsifa	484
9 FABRIZIO Emanuel	448
10 WU Stephan	446

GRADE 2

1 HU Richard	936
2 DUVAL Mathieu	877
3 WANG Edouard	861
4 WANG Leo	850
5 ZHOU Xiaoran	840
6 GUILLEMETTE Hugo	797
7 BERTOMEU Rolf	781
8 AREVALO-DURAND Sebastian	773
9 LOU Aaron	736
10 DELAGE GODARD Felix	730

GRADE 3

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2 XIE Fei	1112
3 GEORGESCU-NICOLAU Luca	1037
4 CHEN Chen	1019
5 RAMAMONJISOA Nikita	1015
6 DING Michel	912
7 IORDANESCU Victor	901
8 YIN Patrick	856
9 MEMON Saad	855
10 FARAGE Joseph	845

GRADE 4

1 YAN Alex	1512
2 LI James	1281
3 HUARD Matheo	1137
4 LIU Eric	1110
5 MA Lily	1096
6 JIANG Barron	1084
7 DUFRESNE Christophe	1040
8 LI Travis	1006
9 HU Lucy	965
10 HOU Yuanen	935

GRADE 5

1 ZHONG Kevin	2052
2 CHANG Alexander	1526
3 CHAPDELAIN Gwyn	1444
4 LATORRE Vincent	1342
5 BOCAN Richard	1270
6 RAMAMONJISOA Sacha	1253
7 LI Ze Yue	1245
8 LI Annie	1222
9 HU Raymond	1220
10 ADAM Rafael	1219

GRADE 6

1 ZHENG Richard	2154
2 GUIPI BOPALA Prince	1869
3 ZHANG Chu Hang	1675
4 LIU Kevin	1543
5 NAVALA Anthony	1435
6 LI Zhongxuan	1353
7 CAO Edgar	1324
8 WANG Rachel	1279
9 FERNANDEZ BUSTO Edouard	1278
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2 OMICHI Haruaki	1580
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5 WEI Hunter	1333
6 GONZALEZ Tristan	1325
7 FARAHDEL Anahita	1275
8 HE Yu Xi	1256
9 HE Jiaqi	1254
10 LEI Storm	1246

GRADE 8

1 HUANG Qiuyu	2444
2 TANAKA Tyler	2246
3 RICHARD Leo	1788
4 YU Daniel	1615
5 LAROCHE Hugo	1438
6 BERCUVITZ Tani	1394
7 WANG Isabelle	1391
8 HALL Arturo	1368
9 LIU Owen	1330
10 RASMUSSEN Nicolas	1329

GRADE 9

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	2561
2 DURETTE Francis	2196
3 ZHONG Wenxuan	2007
4 YU Xi Ming	1633
5 DEMERS Alexis	1592
6 LIU Robert	1422
7 ZHOU David	1366
8 WANG Caroline	1334
9 MAI William	1331
10 ZUO Dustin	1319

GRADE 10

1 TINICA Gabriel	1896
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	1231
10 ROUILLON Maxime	1226

GRADE 11

1 QUELLET Maili-Jade	2409
2 LI Eric	1880
3 ZHANG Hou Han	1728
4 TURGEON Yoakim	1644
5 LUO Muhan	1423
6 LU Daisy	1420
7 LU Jasmine	1420
8 KIRYAKOV Marin	1415
9 LI Yi Zhou	1336
10 SHEN Xin Cheng	1330

GRADE 12

1 SAHA Ananda	2265
2 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	2015
3 LI Yi Lin	1937
4 SAINE Zachary	1837
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

HONOUR ROLL

1 RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX Shawn	2561
2 HUANG Qiuyu	2444
3 QUELLET Maili-Jade	2409
4 SAHA Ananda	2265
5 TANAKA Tyler	2246
6 DURETTE Francis	2196
7 ZHENG Richard	2154
8 ZHONG Kevin	2052
9 JOHNSON-CONSTANTIN Matthieu	2015
10 ZHONG Wenxuan	2007

ATLANTIC TOP TEN

GRADE 1

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 2

1	MORRISON Oskar	644	NS
2	GOWDA Ankush	584	PE
3	MCKIM Satya	502	NF
4	BEVAN Cruz	489	PE
5	LEBEL Loik	477	NB
6	HUANG Tony	472	NB
7	GRANT Zoe	443	NS
8	FENG Simon	441	PE
9	BRODERICK Seth	433	NF
10	RYAN Fabian	429	NF

GRADE 3

1	LEBLANC Zachary	870	NB
2	WANG Sam	705	PE
3	QIU Max	700	PE
4	LEBLANC Xavier	658	NB
5	MEANEY Luke	636	NS
6	BOYCE Rigden	629	NS
7	XIE Linke	624	NB
8	REDWOOD Luke	616	NS
9	MITTAL Rachit	579	NF
10	HUANG Theo	548	NB

GRADE 4

1	LIANG Leon	993	PE
2	WANG Andy	945	NS
3	KOMIAK Jacob	860	NF
4	ZHANG Brian	814	NS
5	JANES Millie	775	NF
6	YAN Cindy	774	PE
7	YANG Bella	758	PE
8	DAIGLE Xavier	720	NB
9	MALLAIS Julien	678	NB
10	TIWANA Avner	663	PE

GRADE 5

1	YAO Michael	951	PE
2	SALAH Alan	899	NF
3	SHAFI Omar	884	NS
4	SHEPPARD Jacob	881	NF
5	WINFIELD Jordan	839	NS
6	ALLEN Jack	754	NB
7	RUSANOVSKIY George	735	NS
8	MCINTYRE Malcolm	731	PE
9	SONIER William	729	NB
10	LEBLANC Vincent	726	NB

GRADE 6

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	SELLAL Mohamed	847	NB
9	PAMUNUWE GEDARA Udan	815	PE
10	LAPOINTE Dominic	814	NB

ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	SULLIVAN Madoc	1430	NS
2	FANG Evan	1102	NF
3	DICKIE Luke	1034	PE
4	LIANG Leon	993	PE
5	PAN Thomas	987	NF
6	FARHAT Taim	972	NS
7	MCINTYRE Duncan	952	PE
8	YAO Michael	951	PE
9	WANG Andy	945	NS
10	FARQUHAR Allister	916	NS

GRADE 7

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	946	NB
10	LOCKE Sebastian	915	NF

GRADE 8

1	WU Tony	1775	PE
2	KAPRA Jerjis	1383	NS
3	RUSSELL Mark	1364	NF
4	GAO Jiarui	1361	NS
5	LEBLANC Alexandre X.	1320	NB
6	DORMODY Peter	1231	NF
7	ZENG Fanreng	1198	NS
8	LOTY Ezekiel	1164	NS
9	TIBBO Jacob	1034	NB
10	WEI Ronnie	1025	PE

GRADE 9

1	KUNDU Arnab	1378	PE
2	BLANCHETTE Luc	1233	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 10

1	DORNIEDEN Jonas	1520	NS
2	CUI Cynthia	1460	NB
3	RUSSELL Brett	1418	NF
4	NAKAYASU Rikuto	1329	NS
5	MCCALLUM Karla Lynn	1195	PE
6	CAPELLO Jordan	1187	NB
7	LAZAREV Shon	1159	NB
8	LI Kevin	1103	NS
9	LOTY Eric	1092	NS
10	LLEWELLYN Breanne	1087	NS

GRADE 11

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 12

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 Niils-Lennart	1208	NS
9	CHOWDHURY SoumyaDeep	1166	PE
10	LOCKE Miles	1132	NF

HONOUR ROLL

1	WU Tony	1775	PE
2	PICKARD Ryan	1541	NF
3	CHISLETT Benjamin	1535	NF
4	MERRIGAN Daley	1526	NF
5	DORNIEDEN Jonas	1520	NS
6	HUANG Xingbo	1496	NF
7	CUI Leonardo	1477	NB
8	DORRANCE Lucas	1471	NS
9	CUI Cynthia	1460	NB
10	NAIDAPPUWA WADUGE Dulhan	1440	NS

WESTERN TOP TEN

GRADE 1

1	WU Nicholas	889	BC
2	YANG Nathan	728	BC
3	YE Oliver	673	BC
4	LI Jacob	557	AB
5	JOHNSON Joshua	452	SK
6	DOROSHENKO Sophia	442	BC
7	PERLA Manny	429	AB
8	LU Sarah	424	BC
9	FERDINAND Merek	410	AB
10	GUERRA Anahi	408	BC

GRADE 2

1	QU Jayden	1069	BC
2	IVANESCU Matthew	1009	AB
3	GAO Justin	967	BC
4	SORGARD William	842	SK
5	GOLCHIN Ryan	831	BC
6	WANG Alan	782	BC
7	JIANG William	767	BC
8	TIAN Eliza	754	BC
9	KOSSEY Oscar	753	AB
10	MOK Erwin	676	BC

GRADE 3

1	BOROOMAND AryaCyrus	1036	BC
2	GUO BiaoBiao Boyong	981	BC
3	KOFMANSKY Matthew	901	BC
4	POMPAS Codrin	900	BC
5	MING Jerry	898	AB
6	EISENBERG Colette	865	BC
7	MURALLIDARAN Arthithan	842	AB
8	LI Tony	775	BC
9	JIANG Ray	759	AB
10	AMARASINGHE Gisadi	698	MB

GRADE 4

1	YANG Ryan	1512	BC
2	SONG Ethan	1494	BC
3	JIN Alexander	1233	BC
4	LIN Leo	1213	SK
5	ZOU Alex	1171	BC
6	DARVEKAR Yash	1100	AB
7	SCHWARTZ Elazar	1035	MB
8	PUREVJAMTS Anu	1022	AB
9	LIU Jiaqi	1005	BC
10	LIU Jialin	973	BC

GRADE 5

1	CHANDRA Anand	2082	AB
2	LEONG Daniel	1760	BC
3	WU Nathan	1535	BC
4	JIANG Eric	1473	BC
5	LEE Woosung	1412	BC
6	PICHE Zachary	1359	MB
7	OFFENGENDEN Ron	1298	AB
8	YU Sophia	1263	BC
9	MOK Gillian	1262	BC
10	SU Ethan	1180	BC

GRADE 6

1	RIQUELME Martin	1473	MB
2	XU Andrew	1431	BC
3	SRINIVASAN Hemant	1389	AB
4	SHARMA Vishruth	1341	AB
5	EISENBERG Lucas	1265	BC
6	LIANG Eugene	1256	BC
7	ZHANG Dustin	1231	AB
8	JIANG Kate	1230	BC
9	WU Benjamin	1224	BC
10	LIN Felix	1203	SK

ROOKIE ROLL top K-6

1	CHANDRA Anand	2082	AB
2	LEONG Daniel	1760	BC
3	WU Nathan	1535	BC
4	WU Ryan	1512	BC
5	SONG Ethan	1494	BC
6	RIQUELME Martin	1473	MB
7	JIANG Eric	1473	BC
8	XU Andrew	1431	BC
9	LEE Woosung	1412	BC
10	PICHE Zachary	1359	MB

GRADE 7

1	GU Chuyang	1708	BC
2	WU Lucian	1597	BC
3	WANG Paul	1588	AB
4	ZHOU Aiden	1584	BC
5	WINDRAM James	1505	AB
6	BRAVO Erik	1471	BC
7	SPASOJEVIC Luka	1452	BC
8	IVANESCU Mark	1445	AB
9	TAN Brendan	1410	AB
10	SUN Elvin	1353	BC

GRADE 8

1	DOKNJAS Neil	2026	BC
2	HUANG Patrick	1922	BC
3	LOW Kevin	1905	BC
4	TIAN Sherry	1856	BC
5	SUPERCEANU Andi	1663	AB
6	RUSSO Max	1544	MB
7	LAU Julian	1523	AB
8	JAMES Rowan	1523	BC
9	RIQUELME Nicolas	1463	MB
10	YANG Henry	1456	BC

GRADE 9

1	HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2370	BC
2	ZHAO Ian	2056	AB
3	QU Leo	1882	BC
4	ZHENG Victor	1795	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 10

1	PULFER Luke	1900	BC
2	RICHARDSON Kai	1822	BC
3	YANG Brian	1810	BC
4	LOW Ethan	1759	BC
5	WANG Kaixin	1741	AB
6	LEHINGRAT Callum	1726	BC
7	CHUNG Alec	1712	BC
8	LIN Kaining	1495	AB
9	VASIC Maxim	1468	AB
10	WEI Daniel	1463	SK

GRADE 11

1	DOKNJAS Joshua	2344	BC
2	LEONG Ryan	1927	BC
3	GROSSMANN Lenard	1912	AB
4	MA Derek	1856	MB
5	SU Michael	1828	BC
6	YAO David	1813	AB
7	BOZEV Andrea	1686	BC
8	WANG Jeff	1669	AB
9	WOLCHOCK Theo	1655	MB
10	FOX Dylan	1654	BC

GRADE 12

1	GEDAJLOVIC Max	2338	BC
2	SCHNABEL Bennett	2094	BC
3	HIEBERT Kenji	2054	BC
4	BREMNER William	1955	BC
5	ZHENG Maven	1772	BC
6	LI Kevin	1763	BC
7	GENG Matthew	1694	BC
8	WU Chenxi	1577	AB
9	CHAO Lucy	1544	AB
10	TOLENTINO Andre	1539	AB

HONOUR ROLL

1	HEMSTAPAT Andrew	2370	BC
2	DOKNJAS Joshua	2344	BC
3	GEDAJLOVIC Max	2338	BC
4	SCHNABEL Bennett	2094	BC
5	CHANDRA Anand	2082	AB
6	ZHAO Ian	2056	AB
7	HIEBERT Kenji	2054	BC
8	DOKNJAS Neil	2026	BC
9	BREMNER William	1955	BC
10	LEONG Ryan	1927	BC

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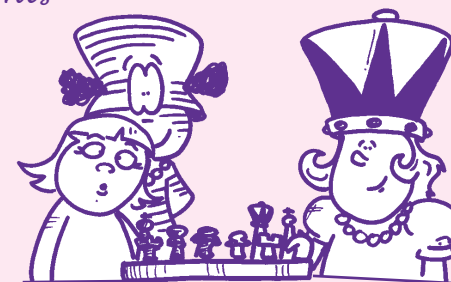
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GRADE 1

1 RAMOS Heidi	530	QC
2 DOROSHENKO Sophia	442	BC
3 LU Sarah	424	BC
4 GAI Jennifer	422	ON
5 DEONARINE Jessie	408	ON

GRADE 2

1 LIU Zi	940	ON
2 TIAN Eliza	754	BC
3 CHEN Rae	750	ON
4 SATURDAY Julie	647	AB
5 MYRZAIBRAIMOVA Alia	627	MB

GRADE 3

1 LAU Jayden	906	ON
2 CHEN Alina	897	ON
3 EISENBERG Colette	865	BC
4 XIE Nancy	789	QC
5 LING Kathryn	761	ON

GRADE 4

1 QU Greta	1526	ON
2 GAO Lucy	1308	ON
3 ZHUANG Winnie	1166	ON
4 MA Lily	1096	QC
5 GUO Rainyee	1047	ON

GRADE 5

1 LI Julia	1297	ON
2 RUCHINSKAYA Valerie	1284	ON
3 YU Sophia	1263	BC
4 MOK Gillian	1262	BC
5 AI Amy	1226	ON

GRADE 6

1 LIN Angela	1382	ON
2 WANG Rachel	1279	QC
3 JAIN Ankita	1243	QC
4 JIANG Kate	1230	BC
5 KELKAR Ishaan	1212	ON

PRINCESS PARADE

1 QU Greta	1526	ON
1 LIN Angela	1382	ON
2 GAO Lucy	1308	ON
1 LI Julia	1297	ON
2 RUCHINSKAYA Valerie	1284	ON
2 WANG Rachel	1279	QC
3 YU Sophia	1263	BC
4 MOK Gillian	1262	BC
3 JAIN Ankita	1243	QC
4 JIANG Kate	1230	BC

GRADE 7

1 TSUKERMAN Julia	1438	QC
2 GILANI Mysha	1395	ON
3 VELLANKI Naga	1347	ON
4 PLOTKIN Julia	1304	ON
5 FURDA levgeniia-Diana	1278	MB

GRADE 8

1 TIAN Sherry	1856	BC
2 WANG Isabelle	1391	QC
3 GUO Hazel	1312	ON
4 VAN Anna	1291	BC
5 LIN Alle	1253	ON

GRADE 9

1 HE Emma	1493	ON
2 WANG Caroline	1334	QC
3 TAN Kylie	1301	ON
4 MATTINA Abby	1259	ON
5 CHERTKOW Sasha	1205	ON

GRADE 10

1 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2271	ON
2 QIAO Cindy	1829	ON
3 TSYPIN Allison	1495	QC
4 CUI Cynthia	1460	NB
5 ZHANG Taylor	1362	ON

GRADE 11

1 OUELLET Maili-Jade	2409	QC
2 PENG Sarah	1688	ON
3 BOTEZ Andrea	1686	BC
4 CAO Lucy	1536	AB
5 YU Rinna	1520	BC

GRADE 12

1 LI Yi Lin	1937	QC
2 WANG Constance	1570	ON
3 CHAO Lucy	1544	AB
4 LIU Dora	1527	ON
5 ZHU Jiarong	1499	ON

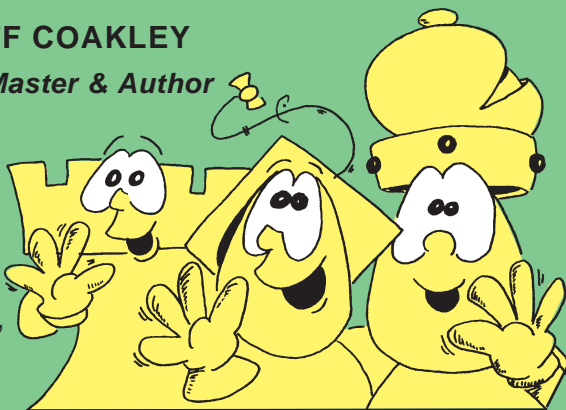
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2 DEMCHENKO Svitlana	2271	ON
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5 QIAO Cindy	1829	ON
6 PENG Sarah	1688	ON
7 BOTEZ Andrea	1686	BC
8 WANG Constance	1570	ON
9 CHAO Lucy	1544	AB
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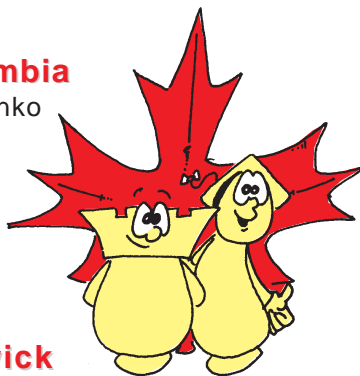
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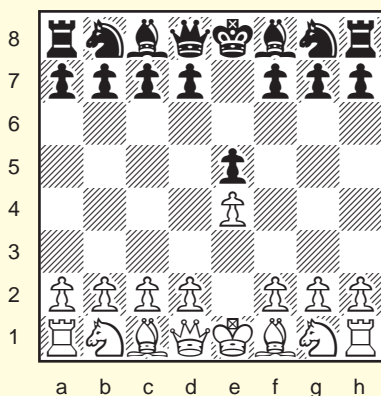
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Every square also has a name. The first part is its file and the second part is its rank. In this diagram, a white pawn moved to e4 and a black pawn to e5.



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.Nh5#
- 1.Qxf8+ Kxf8 2.Re8#
- 1.Rxg7+ Kxg7 2.Qh7#
- 1.Qe8+ Rxe8 2.Rxe8#
- 1.Qh8+ Kxh8
2.Bh6+ Kg8 3.Rh8#

CHESS MAZE

Rh1-g1-g4-h4-h7-f7-f3-e3-e2-d2-d1-c1-c8-a8-a7-b7-b5-a5xa3

TACTICS 102

- 1.Qxg6+ Kh8 2.Qxc6
- 1.Rd7+ Kg6 2.Rxb7
(1.Rd6? Bxf3 =)
- 1.Qf4 Bxb2 2.Qxc7+
1...Kg8 2.Bxe5
- 1.Rd7+ Kg8 2.Rxc7
1...Re7 2.Ne6+ Kf6 3.Nxc5

TRIPLE LOYD

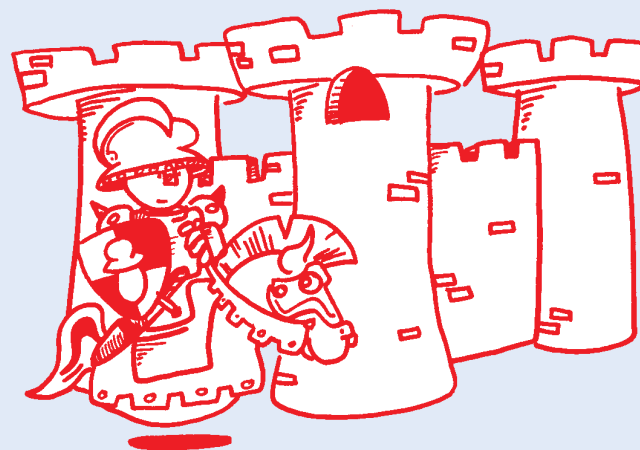
- Kd3#
- Kd5=
- Kf4 (Ra4#)

COMBO MOMBO

- 1.Rxb7 Qxb7
2.Qxe6
- 1...Rxf3
2.Rxf3 Kxe7

LILY'S PUZZLER

- d3 c6
- Bf4 c5
- Bxb8 Rxb8
- d4 Ra8



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