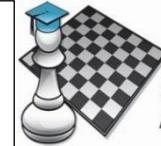


Announcement: If you noticed this notice, then you'd also notice that this notice is very much worth noticing! ☺ Rook No Further! Out every two weeks during Term 4. Also on the Sydney Academy of Chess FB Page. Remember to click like ☺



SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

# ROOK NO FURTHER # 18

## THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY? And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments? Then rook no further!

**COACH JOKES:** Q: What did the Grandmaster do when he felt sick?  
A: He took the knight off! ☺

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: General Tips 3: Knights vs Bishops which Piece is Stronger?

Hi guys. I've seen lots of games that have come down to whose bishop or whose knight is better given the position? Without getting too technical, there are a few general rules that can help us work out if a knight or bishop is better. While both are worth 3 points, knights tend to like closed positions more (i.e. positions with lots of pieces still on the board) as they can jump over stuff. Bishops like open positions, (with not many pieces on the board) as they can move a lot faster than in an L shape. Having the so called "bishop pair"/the two bishops is usually always an advantage and this is actually the best minor piece pairing there is. That is, out of two bishops, two knights or knight and bishop. Remember, try to open the position if you have two bishops!

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.  
White to move = W Black to move = B



W



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## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1.e4 c5

10. Kc1 Nf6?

2.f4 d5

11. Nxe5! **Black resigns 1-0**

3.d3 dxе4

4. dxе4 Qxd1+

5.Kxd1 Bg4+

6. Nf3 Nc6

7.Be3 0-0-0+

8. Nd2 e5

9.fxe5 Nxe5



My opponent "dropped his knight. Why didn't he pick it up? ☺

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 23RD NOVEMBER

Online Code: FURSSC8495

1:00pm- 3:50pm

NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN 24TH NOVEMBER

Online Code: YDBCSXKZI1

1:00pm- 3.50pm

INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 1ST DECEMBER

Online Code: V3KTJQOYA0

9:15am-1:00pm

EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH DECEMBER

Online Code: 1Y0SGCAZB4

1:45pm-4:50pm

PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH DECEMBER

Online Code: JFMJ523IMF

12:50pm-4:00pm

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