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SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

ROOK NO FURTHER # 3

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: Why wouldn't the cowboy play chess? He was afraid he might lose his horse! 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

I don't know about you, but if I have a choice between doing something super easy or doing something super hard I like to do the super easy thing. Why? Because it's easier! And all strong chess players are the same. The chess word is **simplification (i.e. making the game simple)**. At the start of the game, it's actually quite hard to get a checkmate. What's easier is trying to win something- like a pawn, or obtain an advantage of some sort (like getting the bishop pair of minor pieces), then even trade. That is, reducing down your opponent's defences, increasing your advantage, and thereby, making the game **alot** easier to win.

PESKY PUZZLES

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



MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 d5
2. Nf3 dxe4
3. Ng5 Nf6
4. Bc4 e6
5. Nc3 Bc5
6. Ngxe4 Nxe4
7. Nxe4 Bb6
8. 0-0 0-0
9. d3 Nd7
10. Bg5 Qe8
11. Re1 Kh8
12. d4
13. Nd6!! Oops! **black resigns, Queen trapped**



How did black blunder here?
12. c6??
13. Nd6!! Oops! **black resigns, Queen trapped**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- PARAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 16TH MARCH 12:50pm-4:00pm**
Online Code: FKDMQAV4F7
- HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 17TH MARCH 1:00pm-4:00pm**
Online Code: Y0GLTAROKK
- PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 23RD MARCH 1:00pm-4:00pm**
Online Code: ONP868WYJ5
- BONDI SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 24TH MARCH 1:00pm-4:00pm**
Online Code: IZUQ5F6R3Q
- NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 24TH MARCH 1:00pm-4:00pm**
Online Code: 74YEH6M69S

To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



SuperCoach signing off