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ROOK NO FURTHER # 8

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 looks like half a pawn?
A: The other half!

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: ON PLANNING

Hi, have you ever wondered what it means to make a plan? Somewhat showing the importance of planning in chess, masters all generally agree that even a bad plan is better than having no plan at all. One of the greatest players of all time, the legendary third world champion Jose Capablanca once himself famously said a plan is not about thinking ahead 20 moves – "...I only think one move ahead but it's always the best move!" In general terms there are a few key things we can all do when we play. Firstly, we should always check for opponent's threats after they make their move, **before we make our own!** Then, if no threats, can we make any meaningful threats of our own? Can we create any immediate or long-term weaknesses in our opponent's position? Can we improve the position of our worst placed piece etc? All key questions that help us to make a great plan!

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. Nf3 Nc6
2. d4 d6
3. d5 Ne5
4. Nxe5 dxe5
5. e4 Nf6
6. Nc3 e6
7. Bb5+ Bd7
8. dxe6 Bxb5!
9. exf7+ Kxf7!
10. Qxd8 Rxd8
11. Nxb5 Nxe4
12. f3 a6
13. Nxc7?? Nf6
14. Bg5 Rd7
15. Na8 Bc5 white resigns 0-1



Final Position, a knight in the hand is worth 2 in the bush?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

HURSTVILLE SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 9TH JUNE 10:00am- 1:00pm

Online Code: PISL5A7Z15

BONDI SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 16TH JUNE 1:00pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: J9H3T7XVA2

NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 23RD JUNE 1:00pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: WXNK52SL00

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 29TH JUNE 1:00pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: CDOBE7HY5L

INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH JULY 9:15am- 1:00pm

Online Code: 7INO5CFB6C

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