

Announcement: Why are turtles so good at chess? Why are ducks also really good at chess? Well, turtles watch a lot of "turtutorials" and ducks watch a lot of "duckumentaries" on chess. They both also read (you guessed it), Rook No Further 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 44

## 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?

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**COACH JOKES:** Q: What do you call a dinosaur that doesn't give up playing chess?  
A: A try and try and try ceratops 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: MOST ATTACKING VARIATION #4 The Lion's Claw

Hi guys. Last few newsletters we've looked at playing safe and solid in the lion, aiming to setup a particular structure and play from there. The lion's claw variation is no different, except we go for an attack straight away. Particularly if our opponent plays "normally" and castles kingside, they can often face 4 or 5 pieces on their king instantly. The lion's claw aims for this general piece setup: **d6, Nf6, e5, Nbd7, Be7, c6, Qc7, h6, g5, Rg8, Nd7-f8-g6-f4!!** In this sort of line, black doesn't castle- or if he does, he castles on the Queenside, preferring to keep his king away from the powerful storm on the kingside. The knight manoeuvre, with Rook and Queen acting as batteries can often lead to super quick wins 😊 See the magic mini for a classic example 😊

## PESKY PUZZLES:

Question:  
How does white line up two of black's pieces here to obtain a winning advantage? 😊  
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In each position find the best move/moves.  
White to move = W Black to move = B



## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- d4 d6
- c4 e5
- Nc3 Be7
- Nf3 Nd7
- e4 Ngf6
- h3 h6
- Be3 c6
- Bd3 Qc7
- 0-0 g5
- Nd2 Nf8
- d5 c5
- Kh2 Ng6
- g3 Qd7
- g4 Nf4
- Nf3 Nxg4+
- hxg4 Qxg4



Here, the more pieces the merrier, as this led to checkmate 😊 Black has really 4 pieces directly/indirectly attacking.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| <b>PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 20TH MARCH</b>         | <b>12:40pm- 3:50pm</b> |
| Online Code: T4JUAWGAJD                                  |                        |
| <b>NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST MARCH</b> | <b>12:50pm- 3:50pm</b> |
| Online Code: 24KSDAG7ZI                                  |                        |
| <b>EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 27TH MARCH</b>         | <b>1:40pm- 4:50pm</b>  |
| Online Code: WVHTFBC4Y1                                  |                        |
| <b>HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 11TH APRIL</b>          | <b>12:50pm- 3:50pm</b> |
| Online Code: 5JUTLMH8RK                                  |                        |
| <b>EPPING CHESS CHALLENGE (AUTUMN) 12TH APRIL</b>        | <b>9:15am- 2:30pm</b>  |
| Online Code: 7D04A1MHIL                                  |                        |

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