

Announcement: Why'd the cheese win the chess game? It was very gouda :) Hi guys. This RNF covers the lion opening system (for black), but it can be played for white too. Learning the plans behind all sorts of different opening patterns, can be quite helpful 😊



ROOK NO FURTHER # 65

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? Rook no further! Find me on sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters + on our [Facebook Page](#)

COACH JOKES: Q: Why are stairs so good at chess?
A: Because they're always up to something 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Structure openings: "THE LION" - For Black - The Black Lion: See Magic Mini

Hi everybody. Let's look at the lion opening system. It's possible to play the white lion as white and the black lion (vs. anything white does) as black. This is a key advantage of the lion, it's a universal structure. That is, the lion is more about getting our pieces into the right squares rather than memorizing moves. It's also a rare opening, good to surprise your opponents. In the black lion, black generally goes **1. pawn to d6 first**. Then, usually we bring our **king knight out to f6** and play a **quick pawn to e5**. If white takes our pawn, then a Queen trade is likely coming (which is a safe variation of the lion called "**the yawn**"). Otherwise, black continues with moves like bringing their **queen knight to d7**, **bishop to e7** and **castling**. While further moves like **pawn to c6 + Queen to c7** leave black with a solid structure- something I call the "**castle variation**". Remember, practice does make perfect 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

Question:

Here we are White. Have a look and see which 2 of Black's pieces are lined up? How can white simplify/trade, then take advantage of the lined up pieces?



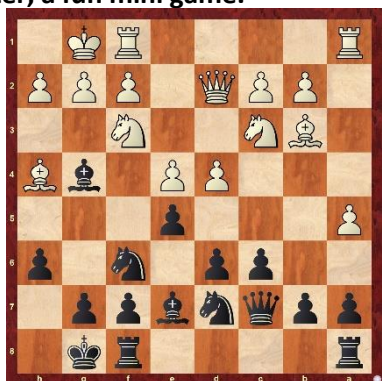
In each position find the best move/moves. White to move = W Black to move = B



MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 d6
2. d4 Nf6
3. Nc3 e5
4. Nf3 Nbd7
5. Bc4 Be7
6. 0-0 0-0
7. Bg5 c6
8. a4 Qc7
9. Qd2 h6
10. Bh4 Nb6
11. Bb3 Bg4
12. a5 Nbd7



Bonus Chess Joke

What happened in the barber's chess game? He won by a hair 😊

Here, all of black's pieces are out, black has a good, flexible position 😊 I've practiced at least 20000 online chess games using the lion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| EPHING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 26TH MARCH | 1:40pm- 4:50pm |
| Online Code: WOGVDY21IT | |
| EASTERN SUBURBS SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 27TH MARCH | 12:40pm- 3:50pm |
| Online Code: 7GLNOX854Q | |
| MOSMAN SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 2ND APRIL | 1:30pm- 4:25pm |
| Online Code: WCRTYZXN24 | |
| PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 9TH APRIL | 12:50pm- 4:00pm |
| Online Code: 51XQ3P2758 | |
| HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 10TH APRIL | 12:40pm- 3:50pm |
| Online Code: 73NU2BIEZ3 | |

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