

Announcement: Why couldn't the chess player bring his pet with him to the chess tournament? Because it was too loud, it was a trumpet 😊 Hi everyone, let's look at the Owen Defence which tries to control the center from long range for Black, e4, b6 😊



ROOK NO FURTHER # 67

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 chalkboards so good at chess?
A: Because they're remarkable 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Reverse openings: THE OWEN DEFENCE

e4, b6, like a Reverse Larsen

Hi guys. Let's look at "The Owen Defence" for black. And, it's sort of like a reverse Larsen attack in a way. (See RNF 64). The main idea is the same in the Owen's defence. That is, to improve the scope of our bishop while developing. After the moves pawn to e4, black goes pawn to b6, white goes pawn to d4 (mostly) and now we go Bishop to b7. This is the bishop we want to give as much space as possible along the a8 to h1 diagonal 😊 Here, white can protect their e4 pawn with either knight to c3 or bishop to d3. If knight to c3, we go pawn to e6 and try for a quick bishop to b4 to pin the e4 pawns defender (the knight). The other way is if white goes Bishop to d3 (instead of knight to c3) to guard e4. In this case Black should still go e6 (to free their f8 bishop up) and try for the pawn breaks attacking the center with c5 and d5. The goal is to develop all the pieces and attack the center from long range. 😊

See magic mini for more Owen's Defence Ideas 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

Question:

Here we are white. How can we either win Black's Queen or get a checkmate by distracting a key black piece?



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



MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- e4 b6
- d4 Bb7
- Nc3 e6
- Nf3 Bb4
- Bd3 Nf6
- Qe2 d5
- e5? Ne4
- Bxe4?? dxe4
- Ng5 Qxd4! 0-1



Why white should take pawn d5 on move 7 😊

The other way white can try is **Bishop d3** first to protect their e4 pawn. So after pawn e4, pawn b6, pawn d4, Bishop to b7, white can go Bishop d3. We still go e6, now white goes knight f3, pawn c5, pawn c3, knight f6, Queen e2 & pawn d5!! After pawn e5, knight back to d7, Black can go Knight c6, a6+ b5 & castle either way 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST MAY 12:40pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: OJ3TRKEPPQ

CHESS SQUAD (ONLINE) U18 TOURNAMENT 7TH MAY 9:30am- 12:30pm

https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_L1PABYH4NUeEKY

EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 28TH MAY 1:40pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: WOGVDY21IT

MOSMAN SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 4TH JUNE 1:30pm- 4:25pm

Online Code: WCRTYZXN24

CHESS SQUAD (ONLINE) U18 TOURNAMENT 4TH JUNE 9:30am- 12:30pm

https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_L1PAPDXsuvfpeV

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