

Announcement: What happened to the strawberry who had a bad chess position? He was in a jam 😊 Or, do you know how horses play chess in the dark? Knight light 😊 RNF 75 getting ever closer to the magic number of RNF 100, # coming soon 😊 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 75

## 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](http://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters) + on our [Facebook Page](#)

**COACH JOKES:** Q: You know why the egg lost its chess game?  
A: It eggnored the opponent's plans 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

### General And Useful Tips #3:

#### Give Your Pieces Space

Hi guys, in this RNF let's look at the great idea of giving each piece on our "team" as much space as possible. Pieces get stronger with more space, they're simply not as powerful with less. Now, when we talk about the space a piece has, what we mean is the amount of safe squares a piece can move to without being taken. Really, every idea in chess, every tactic that helps us to win opponent's pieces, every check (as an attack on the king), and checkmating pattern and everything else in between, requires our pieces to be controlling a lot of safe squares on the chess board. The reverse of this, is to try and limit the space our opponent's pieces have. If we can block them (wherever possible), it makes things that much harder for the opponent to attack us. To check and checkmate us. The final question is where is the most space on the chessboard? Directly in the center (or the middle). 😊 😊

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

Here, we are white.  
How can we trap our opponent's Rook here to win it?  
(Hint: Think about the safe squares the Rook can run to and guarding them) 😊



B



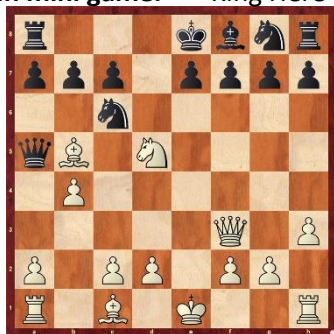
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## MAGIC MINIS

Trapped King Here

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 c6
2. Nc3 d5
3. Nf3 dxe4
4. Nxe4 Nf6
5. Qe2 Bg4
6. g3 Nbd7??
7. Nd6# 1-0



### Bonus Chess Jokes

A blocked in King is that much closer to checkmate 😊  
This checkmate is often something to watch out for, for Black in openings like the Caro Kann (played here). 😊 :)  
What was the name of the King who had 3 glasses of water but 2 were full? Phillip the 3rd 😊 😊  
Don't ask meow the cat won the chess tournament 😊 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 24TH SEPTEMBER 1:40pm- 4:50pm**  
Online Code: WOGVDY21IT

**INNER WEST CHESS CHALLENGE 28 27TH SEPTEMBER 8:45am- 3:15pm**  
Online Code: QB7L3XY9XY

**MOSMAN SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 1ST OCTOBER 1:30pm- 4:25pm**  
Online Code: WCRZYXN24

**CHESS SQUAD (ONLINE) U18 TOURNAMENT 1ST OCTOBER 9:30am-12:30pm**  
[https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod\\_L1PAWNPeFeqCJ5](https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_L1PAWNPeFeqCJ5)

**INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 2ND OCTOBER 9:20am- 1:00pm**  
Online Code: EKJNVWLQPS

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