

Announcement: How was the horse's position in the chess game? It was stable 😊
 Also, did you know that soccer players are really good at chess for two reasons?
 Because they use their heads & also because they read RNF 😊 this is RNF edn 79 😊



ROOK NO FURTHER # 79

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: What happened to the horse that got half a point playing chess?
 A: He said it was the last straw! 😊

Chess Players in Focus 4#:

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Vera Menchik (1906-1944)- See Magic Mini

Hi everyone. For this RNF I thought we'd take a look at the chess ideas and games of the first ever Woman's World Chess Champion, Vera Menchik. Vera Menchik was the Woman's World Chess Champion from 1927 up until 1944, defending her title the most of all time (eight times). What we can learn from her games is the idea that we want to play very carefully and just try to avoid any complications the opponent might throw at us. That is, so that we can try and reach favorable and even completely winning endgame positions for us. This style of chess aims to reduce risk in as much as possible and is quite effective. Moreover, Vera Menchik, when she was playing, was also known for her ability to remain calm over the board, even when her opponents were attacking her, allowing her to see through such attacks a lot easier. Really strong players tend to do that from experience 😊

See Magic mini 😊

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 get one of our pawns through to the end and make a new Queen? 😊



B



W

MAGIC MINIS

Final game position

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. d4 d5
2. Nf3 Nf6
3. c4 c6
4. Nc3 e6
5. Bg5? Nbd7
6. e3 Qa5
7. Nd2 Bb4
8. Qc1 Ne4!
9. Ncxe4 dxe4
10. a3?? Bxd2+!!
11. Qxd2 Qxg5 0-1



Bonus Chess Jokes

How do trains hear instructions in chess tournaments? Engine ears 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

Menchik wins her opponent's unprotected piece 😊

The pirate couldn't stop playing chess as he was hooked 😊 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- CHESS SQUAD SATURDAY U18 TOURNAMENT 3RD DEC 9:30am- 12:30pm**
https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_L1PBCtHGRVNHdW
- INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 4TH DECEMBER 9:20am- 1:00pm**
 Online Code: EKJNVWLQPS
- EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 10TH DECEMBER 1:40pm- 4:50pm**
 Online Code: WOGVDY21IT
- PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 10TH DEC. 12:50pm- 4:00pm**
 Online Code: 51XQ3P2758
- CHESS SQUAD SATURDAY U18 TOURNAMENT 18TH DEC 9:30am- 12:30pm**
https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_L1gAWEXvk1tFJS

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