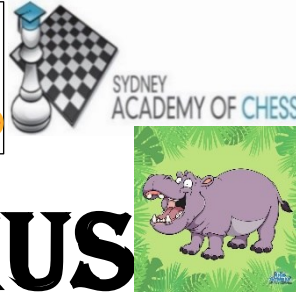


Announcement: Hippo hooray!! Continuing our special edition theme of Rook No Further this term, let's have a look at the "old hippo" chess structure 😊 And also please remember, a hippopotamus that can play chess is always a big deal XD RNF 123 bringing the goods- RNF 😊



2025 RNF 123

ROOK NO HIPPOPOTAMUS

How did ancient hippos record their chess games? In hippo-glyphics XD XD XD XD XD XD

THE WHAT

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COACH JOKES

That hippo sure has a great chess position! It must have stopped all its opponents hippopotential threats! 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

"Interesting Ideas 3"
The Old Hippo- see magic mini

It's hippo-possible not to find hippo chess jokes funny! XD

There is surprisingly no Rhino Opening :)

Hi everybody. For this edition of RNF- RNF 123, I thought we would look at the super interesting and super rare idea called "the old hippo". Now there is a hippopotamus defence in chess generally, (which is a way to start the game for Black!). Basically, you bring out your Bishops to b7 and g7, and have pawns on e6, d6, a6, b6 and h6 and g6. Your knights then come out to e7 and d7. This setup could be called the "Modern hippo". The "Old Hippo" is something different again though. This is an older idea, where you move all your pawns up one square (except the side pawns- so not you're A pawn or H pawn). Then you develop your knights to f2 and c2 (f7 and c7 for Black), by going knight h3 to f2 etc and on the other side. Your Bishops go on g2 and b2 and you castle +

DESKY PUZZLES:

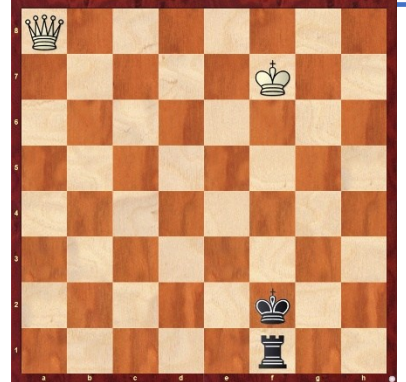
In each position find the best move/moves. attack the center from here. If your opponent attacks your pawns with theirs, take one way and push the other.

Old Hippo General Idea

To the right is an Old-Hippo type setup in action! A lot of key squares are controlled!



To the right is an example of the opponent trying to attack the old hippo setup!



White mates in 1 in checkless Chess. Checkless chess

MAGIC MINI

An online game with the old hippo

- e3 Nf6
- d3 g6
- f3 Bg7
- g3 0-0
- c3 c5
- b3 e5
- Nh3 d5
- Nf2 Nc6
- Bg2 Be6
- 0-0 Rc8
- Na3 a6
- Nc2 Nd7
- Bb2 f5 full setup
- e4 Nf6 Attack starts
- d4 b6
- c4 fxe4 Pawns rush
- dxe5 exf3
- Bxf3 Ne4
- Bxf3 Ne4
- cxd5 Nxf2
- Rxf2 Rxf3
- Rxf3 Bg4
- Rf8+ Qxf8 Star move
- Qxg4 Nxe5
- Bxe5 Bxe5
- Qe6+ 1-0 Fork



WHITE should take probably with the C pawn here and push the other pawn!

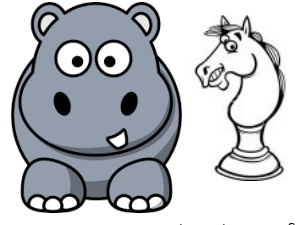
no checks, except checkmate

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 22ND MARCH** 12:40pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: ND0834EBE0
- EASTERN SUBURBS SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 23RD MARCH** 12:40pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: 9Z72JCJCUA
- EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT #2 29TH MARCH** 1:40pm- 4:50pm
Online Code: V06ITW5RAY
- NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN 30TH MARCH** 12:40pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: BJA48NEAT
- PARRAMATTA U/500 JCL TOURNAMENT 5TH APRIL** 12:45pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: 1X545TQUO

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SuperCoach signing off