Announcement: Did you know, that the gardeners only chess tournament was really easy to run as everyone knew the ground rules. And, garden statues are really good at chess anyhow. Take it from me, that's a 'little gnome fact'. RNF 129= *EVEN MORE CHESS JOKES*

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2025 RNF 129

ROOK NO FURTHER 129!

THE WHAT?

Which knight in history liked sandwiches the most? Sir Lunchalot 😊

=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?
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COACH JOKES

Q: Was the chess player ready for the online chess tournament?
A: Not even remotely 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS

"Simple Strategies from the get go 4"
Imbalanced Positions- Noteboom Example

What happened in the chess game the whistle was winning? It blew it XD

See Magic Mini

Hi everyone. This RNF will cover one of the trickiest quote unquote 'simple strategies' from the get go there is, that of 'creating imbalanced positions'. But the good news is, an imbalanced position is easy, when you know what it is and what to look for in your games. Imbalanced positions are any difference in the position between you and your opponent while still being an equal game. For example, a classic imbalance is bishop v knight. Both are worth 3 points. Or you might have 2 Rooks v Queen and pawn (both = 10 points). Imbalances help players win as they create differences in the position to work on- they can help create plans. I.e. get my knight jumping around the board and block their bishop. The noteboom variation of the Queens Gambit is one opening of many that gives an imbalance from the get go. Black gets 2 Queenside passed pawns v White's center pawns. ***See MM***

PESKY PUZZLES:

Find the best move/moves.

Queens Gambit
Triangle Noteboom

After the moves 1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 e6 (**the 'triangle' of pawns)** 4. Nf3 Black has 4. dxc4!? 5. e3 b5 6. a4 Bb4 7. Bd2 a5 8. axb5 Bxc3 9. Bxc3 cxb5 10. b3 Bb7 11. bxc4 & now 11. b4!?

Qside pawns v center in Noteboom

2) How does White win a rook? ***Hint: Open up space+ Knights have horse power :)***

Double Check the mate (White

MAGIC MINI

1. d4 d5
2. c4 c6
3. Nc3 e6
4. Nf3 dxc4
5. e3 b5
6. a4 Bb4
7. Bd2 a5
8. axb5 Bxc3
9. Bxc3 cxb5
10. b3 Bb7
11. bxc4 b4
12. Bb2 Nf6
13. Bd3 0-0
14. 0-0 Nc6
15. e4 Ne7
16. d5 exd5
17. cxd5 Ng6
18. Nd4 Nf4
19. Nf5 Bc8
20. Bb5 Bxf5
21. exf5 Qxd5!
22. Bxf6 Qxg2 0-1

From the game FM Mestnikov (2077)- v. IM Komliakov (2372) 2024 Titled Tuesday

The Black Queenside pawns certainly loom large in the end

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST JUNE — **12:40pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: ND0834EBE0

PARRAMATTA U/12 CHESS TOURNAMENT 21ST JUNE — **12:45pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: 9Z01CMLJKR

EASTERN SUBURBS SUNDAY TOURNAMENT 22ND JUNE — **12:40pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: 9Z72JCJCUA

HURSTVILLE SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 22ND JUNE — **9:50am- 12:50pm**
Online Code: 2SA40U34KW

EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 28TH JUNE — **1:40pm- 4:50pm**
Online Code: V06ITW5RAY

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BONUS CHESS JOKE
The princess chess tournament was really close. Rapunzel won it, but by a hair 😊 😊 😊 😊

SuperCoach signing off