

Announcement: Did you guys hear about the chess player who really wanted to get a job as an astronaut? Why? So his pieces would have more space XD And, remember, jogging before playing chess is good as it helps in the long run. But careful of the pain of the feet 😊

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WHAT?

ROOK NO FURTHER 136!

What was the fruits ranking in the chess tournament again? It was top seed



=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: How was the horse's chess game going again?

A: Ok, his position was stable 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

There are lots of old chairs in the King's Castle as they're never 'throne' away

**"Chess
Lessons Learnt #1"**

**BEING CAREFUL OF
AUTOMATIC MOVES**

See one of my own games missing a free rook below

Hi everyone. This term I thought we should really build on a recurring theme in these newsletters. One of the most important ideas in all of chess actually. That is, learning from your own experiences playing. Recently, in one of my own tournament games from this year, I was reminded of the age old key idea: "one should try not play automatic moves. That is, even if you've checked out the position previously/ or especially if you've checked out the position previously by guessing your opponents move!" I say in this case especially so, since this is mostly when we miss stuff- when we think we have the position entirely under our control! Recently I was playing a fairly experienced opponent, I had a very strong attack, I said in my mind- if he moves here, I'll just do this

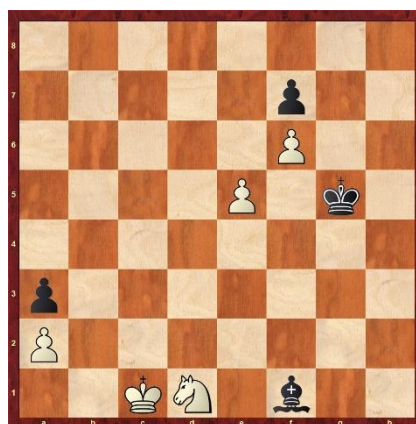
PESKY PUZZLES:

**Setup for the Double
Attack or Fork Here-**

Here, White, the legendary former World Champ Mikhail Tal can win easily, by setting up a simple fork. How? 😊 😊



Find the best move/moves.



And that's what happened! By not rechecking first I missed a free rook and lost



MAGIC Mini

Here, I play Black

Watch out for my auto pilot move 20: Be8?? Whereas, I saw immediately after, Nd3+ wins



1. e4 d6
2. d4 Nf6
3. Bd3 e5
4. Nf3 Bg4
5. d5 c6
6. c4 Nbd7
7. Nc3 Be7
8. h3 Bh5
9. Be3 0-0
10. g4 Bg6
11. h4 h5
12. g5 Ng4
13. Bd2 Nc5
14. Bc2 f5
15. gxf6 Bxf6
16. Qe2 Qb6
17. 0-0-0 Nxf2!!
18. Rdg1 Ng4
19. Nxh2 Rxh2?



Above I played 20. Be8 instantly and instantly saw (when I let go Nd3+ wins the Rook g1). I lost around 30 moves later

Why couldn't the apple play the orange in a chess game? Because the apple was out of juice and the orange couldn't concentrate



2) How can White win the Bishop no matter what after 4 moves. Hint: Fork

White wins the Queen. Hint: Setup for a fork 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- BURWOOD U/8 TOURNAMENT 25TH OCTOBER** 9:00am- 11:50am
Online Code: XSYIXU0JB8
- BURWOOD U/600 JCL TOURNAMENT 25TH OCTOBER** 1:00pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: MHPXRWTP94
- BLACKTOWN U/9 TOURNAMENT 25TH OCTOBER** 9:00am- 11:50am
Online Code: V9E2N7OWWU
- EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 25TH OCTOBER** 1:40pm- 4:50pm
Online Code: V06ITW5RAY
- EASTERN SUBURBS FUN TOURNAMENT 26TH OCTOBER** 12:40pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: 9Z72JCJCUA

To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

BONUS CHESS JOKE

A pawn's motto when it moves is "well, there's no going back now" 😊 :)

SuperCoach signing off