Announcement: Remember, dragons generally only like to play chess with a timer as otherwise the games will drag on XD And, regardless, dragons would never use a dice in a chess game as things would get too dicey XD 137 Editions later, RNF still bringing the jokes $\stackrel{\text{ce}}{\sim}$



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Can the month of March win the chess tournament? No, but April May

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?

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Q: How did the snail come back from his bad chess position?

A: He 'wormed' his way out of it 🥹

TACTICAL TIPS + What was the vegetables excuse for not playing chess? "Bean there, done that"

Lessons Learnt #2"

"Chess

CHESS MOMENTUM

See one of my recent tournament games below

Hi guys. This newsletter topic will be different again. One thing I've really noticed in chess- maybe especially as you get more experience (but looking back it really has affected my whole chess journey- from the dinosaur age to now), is the idea of "chess

momentum". Really, this is just about getting on a roll. You could have chess momentum and win a few tournaments close together. You could have chess momentum and finally beat someone who has always given you trouble and then when you beat them once, you beat them multiple times. Or, even just in a standalone game you're playing you could be losing and then turn the tide with one move and then suddenly you find the whole game shifts. An awareness of this idea, just generally, I think helps as it

Puzzle One

Find the right

move here to win the Black Queen. Hint:

Deflect/distract the Black pieces

MAGIC Position





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gives us something to work towards

in our games

Ν Т 2 Ρ Ν 3) Only White's Queen moves

2) How can White kickstart a winning

Here, I play Black

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Here in this game I was really struggling (and knew it) until I unravelled my pieces below:



The game

follows:

2. Re3

1.

concluded as

Ne₅

Qh5!

attack? Hint: Find the kev sauare LPCOMING EV

in this chess maze, how many moves to

mate? <

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

PARAMATTA U/500 TOURNAMENT 1ST NOVEMBER 12:45pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: 1IX545TQU0

ROSEVILLE SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 1ST NOVEMBER 1:40pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: 3CZSBPIYXF

BURWOOD SUNDAY TOURNAMENT 2ND NOVEMBER 9:20am-1:00pm

Online Code: TX7STZUM8L

ROUSE HILL U/9 CHESS TOURNAMENT 2ND NOVEMBER 1:40pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: SQLZRHXAE4 **BELLA VISTA SUNDAY TOURNAMENT 2ND NOVEMBER** 1:50pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: PFPUFUU928

Momentum in defending here. Giving space to my pieces in the game meant I could sacrifice

back to stop the whole attack:)

3. d6 Bg4 4. Qd5+ Kh8 5. Rde1 Rab8 6. Rxe5? fxe5

7. Rxe5 Qh6 8. d7 Red8 9. Re7 Qf6

10. Rf7 Qxc3 11. Be4 Rxd7!!

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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

Actual castles don't move, they're in for the long

SuperCoach signing off