

Announcement: Did you guys hear about the cat who won the chess tournament? It was on the news yesterday. Just 'kitten' it came 2nd 😊 And, you know why the cowboy didn't want to play chess? Because he was afraid he might lose his horse (and they have horsepower) 😊😊

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ROOK NO FURTHER 139!

When the cowboy lost the online chess game he just 'rebooted'



=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: How'd the dog know which other dog was challenging it to over the phone chess? A: Collar ID 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

When the bad weather came 4th in the tournament it got a precipitation award

"Chess

Lessons Learnt #4"

OUTPOSTS

Weak Squares X 2

Plonking your pieces down so they are safe

Hi guys. Another key idea that we've covered before is the concept of 'outposts'. An outpost is any square (usually in the opponent's camp/on their side of the board) that can no longer be defended by a pawn. Outposts are great because when you put your pieces in them they can't be chased away. So this is how you can build your attacks up. Place your pieces in such outposts that they can work together and coordinate against the opponent's King. Outposts are thus jumping off points to kickstart our attacks. Another name for outposts are holes. Interestingly a few masters believe "with every pawn move a weakness is created" - as pawns can't move backwards. But we have to move our pawns of course so this takes things a bit far 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

Puzzle One

Double check to win a piece here.
Hint: Always look out for pieces that are lined up or can be lined up



Find the best move/moves.



However the lesson is we should try guard key squares with pawns



Magic Mini

Plant-Rose (we are White)

Note how we use the e5 and f6 outposts below for our knight and bishop to dominate



1. b3 d5
2. Bb2 c5
3. e3 Nc6
4. Bb5 Bd7
5. f4 Nf6
6. Nf3 e6
7. O-O Be7
8. Bxc6 Bxc6
9. Ne5 Rc8
10. Nc3 d4
11. Nxc6 Rxc6
12. Ne2 dxe3
13. dxe3 O-O
14. Ng3 Qxd1
15. Rfxd1 Nd5
16. c4 Nxe3
17. Rd7 Bd6
18. Nh5 Nc2
19. Bxg7 Nxa1
20. Bxa1 Rb8
21. Nf6+! Kf8
22. Nxe7+ Ke8
23. Nf6+ Kf8
24. g3 Be7
25. Be5! Rd8
26. Rxb7 Ra6
27. a4 Bd6
28. Bc3 Rb6
29. Nd7+ Rxd7
30. Rxd7 Rxb3



31. Bishop f6 here!! Wins the game on the spot- going back into the outpost! The move threatens mate & the Bishop!

2) Find the winning plan here for Black.

3) Setup the double check that

Wins for White. Hint: Queen Sacrifice then Horsepower'

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PARRAMATTA U/500 TOURNAMENT 6TH DECEMBER 12:45pm-3:50pm

Online Code: 1IX545TQU0

ROSEVILLE SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 6TH DECEMBER 1:40pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: 3CZSBPIYXF

CHESS SQUAD U/18 TOURNAMENT 7TH DECEMBER 9:30am- 12:30pm

https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_RQq2ddhLJmUMdq

BELLA VISTA SUNDAY TOURNAMENT 7TH DECEMBER 1:50pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: PFPUFUU928

BURWOOD SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH DECEMBER 9:20am- 1:00pm

Online Code: TX7STZUM8L

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BONUS CHESS JOKE
Never play chess in the jungle as there are too many cheetahs 😊😊 :)

SuperCoach signing off