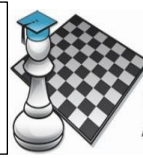


Announcement: If chess pieces could read, what would they read? I think it's pretty unanimous across the Rook, the Knight, the Bishop, the Queen, the King and each of the pawns, they would like to read (you guessed it) Rook No Further! 😊 😊



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# ROOK NO FURTHER # 23

## 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? Rook no further! Find me on [sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters](http://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters) + on our [Facebook Page](#)

**COACH JOKES:** Q: Where do horses go when they get sick?  
A: The horsepital 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Opening Tips 3: Larsen Attack: General Setup to aim for vs. D5

Hi guys. I'll explain what we should aim for vs a black d5. So, after 1. b3, d5, we should still play our mega bishop to b2. This stops black from achieving the classic pawn centre- he cannot play pawn e5 now, we would just take it. So Black usually plays pawn c5 here, and now we do want to develop our other pieces, so we should move our pawn to e3. This clears a path for our f1 bishop to take flight and supports the centre. Then, after black moves their knight to c6, our bishop on f1 should go to b5 and take the black knight, which has the benefit of clearing the diagonal for our mega bishop on b2. Other moves like pawn f4, knight f3, castling, pawn d3 + moving our other knight to d2, in any general order are usually the best moves to go for **See Below**

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.  
White to move = W Black to move = B

Note:  
From a real game. The sort of ideal setup for white vs d5 that we aim for.



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## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. b3 d5
2. Bb2 c5
3. e3 Nc6
4. Bb5 Bd7
5. Bxc6 Bxc6
6. f4 b6
7. Nf3 e6
8. Ne5! Bb7
9. Qe2 a6
10. O-O Nf6
11. f5 exf5
12. Rxf5 Bd6
13. Ng4 Be7
14. Nxf6+ gxf6
15. Qf2 Bc8
16. Rxf6 Bxe6??

17. Rxe6!! Black resigns...



**Black's pieces all lined up in a row. Unleashing some pins wraps things up in a neat bow. 😊😊😊😊**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>
- PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH MARCH** 12:50pm- 4:00pm  
Online Code: DUSXFNFAP0
  - HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 15TH MARCH** 12:40pm-3:50pm  
Online Code: 3EZ5IXRGIT
  - PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST MARCH** 12:40pm-3:50pm  
Online Code: XGRBK6II5Y
  - NORTHERN BEACHES SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 22ND MARCH** 12:40pm-3:50pm  
Online Code: 7RHIVA8JLH
  - EPHING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 28TH MARCH** 1:40pm-4:50pm  
Online Code: FAIA6UPLCT

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