

Announcement: A chess joke a day (from SuperCoach) keeps the doctor away. Hmm, I wonder, did the inventor of the chess knock knock joke, "whose there"? "Queen." "Queen who"? "Queen your room it's a mess"! win a no-bell prize? 😊 Have fun RNF 27



ROOK NO FURTHER # 27

THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY?

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COACH JOKES: Q: Why can't cars play chess?
A: Because they're tired 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Terrific Chess Traps and Zaps 2: The Tennison Gambit

Hi everyone. Wow. The Tennison Gambit. The pivotal game I can find recorded of it was played in 1891, by "Captain Tennison" the inventor of this opening. A big part of this opening's strength is in fact that it is so old. That is, making it a rare and not commonly played idea- over 100 years later in 2020! The tennison gambit is for white and happens after the moves e4 d5 Nf3! The move black frequently tries now is dxe4 and white plays Ng5 threatening to take the e pawn back on e4. But he also eyes the weakest square on the board at the start, f7. (the square only guarded by the king). The move which black tried in 1891, was the strongest-looking move, but actually it proved to be the weakest, was pawn to f5. See the **miniest of mini games** below.

PESKY PUZZLES:

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



QUESTION:
Supercoach vs a former State Blitz champ here (in a tennison line) why shouldn't black trade Queens? What happens?

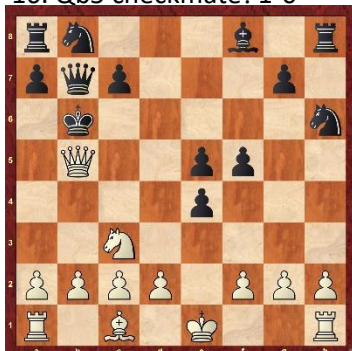
MAGIC MINIS

Captain Tennison vs. NN New Orleans 1891

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| 1. e4 d5 | 13. Nc3! (any move- say e5) |
| 2. Nf3 dxe4 | 14. Bxb7+ Qxb7 |
| 3. Ng5 f5? | 15. Qa4+ Kb6 |
| 4. Bc4! Nh6 | 16. Qb5 checkmate! 1-0 |

5. Nxe4! Rxh7
6. Qh5+ Kd7
7. Qg6 Rh8
8. Be6+ Kc6
9. Bxc8+ Qd6
10. Qe8+ Kb6
11. Qa4! Qc6
12. Qb3+ Ka6

black doesn't want to block now as white will trade and bye bye rook.



THE WORLDS GREATEST KING ON b6 😊

FUN FUN FUN CHESS TRIVIA

- 1) As late as 1561, castling was 2 separate moves. The first move you had to play Kg1 and the second, Rf1.
- 2) A knight's tour is where you place a single knight in any corner of an empty chess board, and the knight (moving like a knight) journeys to every square once. The number of possibilities is over 122 million!
- 3) Speaking of the number of possibilities in chess, there are well over 1000 different openings including variations and defences that one can learn at the start of the game.
- 4) More than 600000000 (Six hundred million) people worldwide know how to play chess.
- 5) Harry Nelson Pillsbury- one of the strongest players at beginning of the 20th century could play 22 games of chess and checkers blindfolded together.



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