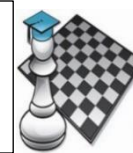


Announcement: Zoom in, zoom out, the end of 2020, wow. Have a great Christmas readers, and never fear, ROOK NO FURTHER will be back EVEN BIGGER, EVEN BETTER, EVEN CHESS JOKIER- IF THAT'S POSSIBLE IN 2021 😊 Until then... SC



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ROOK NO FURTHER # 40

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 + on our [Facebook Page](#)

COACH JOKES: Q: What happened when the ocean and the river played chess?
A: They tide 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

GOLDEN RULES #5

Have a reason for your moves

Hi everyone. This comes with more experience, but it is so important to think about why you're moving where you're moving. Am I stopping an opponent's threat? Am I attacking an opponent's piece? Am I getting more space for one of my pieces? Am I getting one of my pawns closer to the end to make a new Queen and so on. There's lots of different reasons we could have for moving a particular piece over to a particular square in this way. But this is also how we make plans and build our long term thinking. If ever we aren't sure where to move and our opponent IS NOT ATTACKING US, then we can definitely always improve the position of our worst placed piece for example. In this way, we can always have a reason for our moves 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.

White to move = W Black to move = B

Question:
Which fork/double attack is the best for white here? How does white defend after? 😊 😊



W



B

Notable notation

REVISING HOW TO READ CHESS GAMES

A chess notation crash course for RNF 40

Each piece has its own letter

K = King Q = Queen R = Rook

B = Bishop N = Knight

Pawn = (no letter just the square it moved to, ie d6 or f3. Or if 2 pawns, cxd4, hxg2 etc)

Special Moves

Captures = X

Check = +

Checkmate = ++ or #

Castle Kingside = 0-0

Castle Queenside = 0-0-0

Squares = Letter first, then number

Examples, f2, h4, c6 etc.

In action: Rxd6, Qxg2# Nc4+ cxd1 etc.,

UPCOMING EVENTS

BONUS BONUS HOLIDAY CHESS JOKES 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

What do you say to a thirsty bee playing chess? Bee hydrated 😊

Why should you never play chess vs. a bacon tree? It'd be a hambush 😊

Why was the penguin chess player so popular? Because he's an ice guy 😊

I couldn't really make sense of the bird's chess position. It was toucan fusing 😊

Where do dolphins try to get their pawns too in chess? The dolphinish line

😊 😊

2020's FUNNIEST CHESS JOKE AWARD

Where do horses go when they get sick? The horsepital 😊



SuperCoach signing off