Announcement: Why didn't the robot win its chess game? Because he was a bit rusty ☺ And you know how easily the tree won its chess game? He won it in a bit of a breeze ☺ Yep, that's right, It's the next exciting RNF ☺. & Do Rook Out for RNF Edn 100 ☺

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ROOK NO FURTHER # 83

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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COACH JOKES:

Q: Why did the cheese win its chess game?
A: Because it made a very "gouda" move ☺

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

IDEAS TO KNOW IN GAMES #3
USING THE BISHOP PAIR

Hi guys. Often games can be won or lost by what's called piece imbalances- which means you have different pieces than your opponent. But what if yours and your opponent's pieces are worth the same points- like knights and bishops. What if you have a knight and your opponent has a bishop or vice versa. Both pieces are worth 3 points, so how do we know which piece is better. Normally this question comes down to how much space the pieces in question have. But usually if you have two bishops that's the best minor piece pairing there is (minor pieces are Knights + Bishops, major pieces are Queens + Rooks). Two Bishops can sweep the board, they cover both colours and are much faster than knights in moving around. When there's less pieces (in the endgame) the Bishop pair can be very strong in their coverage.

PESKY PUZZLES:

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

Question:
We are White here. Is there a way to trap and win the Black Rook for free? ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

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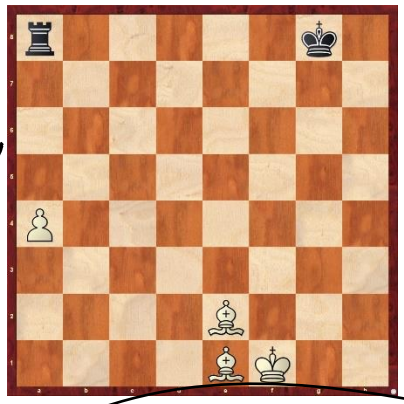

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Find the Winning plan in Puzzle 2

MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. Nf3 Nf6
2. g3 b6
3. Bg2 Bb7
4. 0-0 c5
5. d3 d5
6. Nbd2 g6
7. e4 dxe4
8. dxe4 Nxe4
9. Ng5 Nd6
10. Nxf7!! 1-0

Final Position ☺ ☺ ☺

From the 1977 game Johansson-NN. White's better by doing a fork

10. Kxf7 11. Bxb7!! Nxb7 & 12. Qf3+!! ☺ ☺

Bonus Chess Joke ☺ What does a night bird say if ever it's losing a chess game? "Owl not give up" ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ :)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 11TH MARCH **12:50pm- 4:00pm**
Online Code: 9R9UPMPY4P

HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 12TH MARCH **12:40pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: 1OHORPQBPF

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 18TH MARCH **12:50pm- 3:50pm**
Online Code: X2ODAS5RV9

CHESS SQUAD U/18 TOURNAMENT 19TH MARCH **9:30am- 12:30pm**
https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_Mt3iMGHXuqQvuJ

EPPING SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 25TH MARCH **1:40pm- 4:50pm**
Online Code: C11I8ZIN90

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SuperCoach signing off