

Announcement: Why is it impossible to checkmate chess players in the Summer? Because they're always daylight saving their Kings 😊 And did you know you could never have a chess tournament in space? You'd have to planet first 😊 RNF # 100 soon



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ROOK NO FURTHER # 96

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: If the number 13 asks for a draw in a chess game, you can say?...
A: Not on my watch 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Famous Chess Players in History #1

James Mason 1849-1905 😊

Hi guys. As we get ever closer to RNF 100 😊, I thought we'd look even more this term, on what we can learn from famous chess players in history. Starting with the legendary 19th century Irish player James Mason. Mason himself held a rating of third best player in the world during the 1870s and 1880s, and even for about half a year during this time he was rated as the best player in the World. His fearless attacking style was directly related to his confidence over the board. For, before we start a game against anybody (particularly players we know are high rated), we should think that win, lose or draw, we will have fun and enjoy the game. If we think we will lose before we even start, take it from SuperCoach, it's almost impossible to win. Apart from his work

in the London System- see RNF 70 this is what we can

PESKY PUZZLES:

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

Question:

We are White. Find a move to distract the Black Queen away from defending their rook 😊



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This is hard. What does Re5 block? 😊

Hint: Time machine move

MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- d4 d5
- Bf4 c5
- Bxb8 Rxb8
- dx c5 Qa5+
- Nc3 e6
- e4 Bxc5
- exd5 Nf6
- Bb5+ Ke7
- Nf3 Nxd5
- Qd2 Nc3
- Qg5+! f6
- Qxc5+ Kf7
- Be8+!! 1-0

Final Position



Mason-Chigorin 1889 1-0

Bonus Chess Joke- How did the penguin fix his broken chess set? Iglooded it together

Mason here beats another 19th Century legend Chigorin winning his Queen

Find the White Rook check leading to mate

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST OCTOBER 12:40pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: 19I9LQASTV

PARRAMATTA U/12 TOURNAMENT 21ST OCTOBER 12:45pm- 4:00pm

Online Code: CYBQBFF0QG

CHESS SQUAD U/18 TOURNAMENT 22ND OCTOBER 9:30am- 12:30pm

https://www.chesssquad.com/subscribe/?plan=prod_Mt3orjaQ1sA60F

HURSTVILLE SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 22ND OCTOBER 9:40am- 1:00pm

Online Code: W1HY2FC27M

HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 22ND OCTOBER 12:40pm- 3:50pm

Online Code: 6GV3FKC5R8

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James Mason



SuperCoach signing off