

Chess
KIDS KNIGHT TIMES

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Message from the Guru

As the weather gets colder and wetter our chessboards start to look more and more appealing! Lots of parents of soccer (or footy) kids standing in the rain wishing their kids were Chess Kids too....

Welcome to Term 2, with plenty of opportunities for you to stay out of the rain!

For players rated over 800, our Training Squad camp in July has 10 or so places still available.

See www.chesstraining.com.au if you are interested in attending our Intensive 4-day Camp.

For schools we have a new initiative - FREE WEBINARS EACH WEEK. Using this technology schools should be able to run a lunchtime chess club on their own, for free, and get the same high-quality coaching as if they had a coach in their school.

Prepare to celebrate International Chess Day on July 20...more details next issue about how you can show you love chess on this day.

And finally, keep your eyes open in the next week or so for a new Chess Kids website ... www.chesskids.com.au.



David Cordover,
 Managing Director,
 Chess Group of Companies

World Championship Match



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RJ SHIELD

Chess Tournaments for Everyone



Nicole Chin wins RJ Shield.

The RJ Shield events are the longest running series of junior chess tournaments in Australia. They were first started by Hilda O'Callaghan in 1994 and known simply as "Novice

Tournaments". They were later named after legendary International Master and former Australian Chess Champion, Robert Jamieson. Robert is still involved with these events.

This year we will run a number of smaller RJ Shield "grand prix" events in various locations - points scored in these events go towards end-of-year awards.

The Novice Tournaments are mass-participation events (in age-groups), designed to be an enjoyable first tournament experience for anyone learning about chess. But they aren't just for beginners, you'll find that beginners right through to Training Squad kids take part in these fun tournaments.

Most of Victoria's top junior players started out at RJ Shield events; so why not come along and see where you end up - who knows, like many before, you might Conquer the World!

Next RJ Shield Events

May 27 - Tucker Rd Primary.

May 27 - Doncaster Gardens Primary

May 27 - Mildura Senior College

The RJ Shield now has its own website - www.rjshield.com

Check it out!



THE CHESS KIDS CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Sessions for all standards are held during the week and on weekends.

Please contact us on 1300 424 377 for enquiries or bookings.



JUNIOR TRAINING SQUAD



The Chess Kids Junior Training Squad is looking forward to July 14-17 when squad members get to go on a four day chess camp at a luxury resort in Tasmania.

A small number of places at the camp are still available if you are rated >800 and want to improve rapidly

Check out:

<http://www.chesstraining.com.au/>

for full details of the squad and the camp.



**BALLARAT
BEGONIA
OPEN 2012**

The Ballarat Begonia Open was held over the Labour Day long weekend and Chess Kids took up a squad of juniors and coaches to play in the tournament.

Congratulations to everyone who played at Ballarat. Gary Lin was the top scorer with 3.5 points and in his last 3 games he had 3 draws with 1600-1800 rated players! Carl and I were pleasantly surprised with the standard of play of squad members. Lachlan played a hard field; Max saw some nice tactics and scored 3 points, as did William who was a bit unlucky. Well done everyone!

Max played a very nice tactic in the following game and was unlucky to have only ended up drawing.

Ballarat Begonia Open
Terence Mills 615
Max Phillips 816
 Queen's Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.O-O Qb6 8.e3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 cxd4 11.exd4 Qxd4 12.Re1+



Be7 13.Qb3 Qb4 14.Qe3 O-O 15.a3 Qc5 16.Qd3 Ne5 17.Rxe5 Qxc1+ 18.Kg2 Qxb2 19.Qc3



Black to Play

19...Bxa3! 20.Qxa3 Qxe5 21.Nd2 Rac8 22.Qxa7 Ra8 23.Qxa8 Rxa8 24.Rxa8+ Ne8 25.Bg4 h6 26.Bd7 Kh7 27.Rxe8 Qd6 28.Rd8 Qc7 29.Bf5+ g6 30.Rd7 Qc3 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Bxg6 Qxd2 33.Rxb7 Qg5 34.Bf7+ Kf8 35.Rd7 Qg7 36.f4 Qb2+ 37.Kf3 Qc3+ 38.Kg4 Qg7+ 39.Kf3 Qc3+ 40.Kg4 Qg7+ 41.Kf3 Qc3+ 1/2-1/2



Gary Lin - top scorer at Ballarat

NOVICE TOURNAMENT

MONASH UNIVERSITY
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

The first Chess Kids Novice Tournament was held at Monash University at the end of first term. A good field of 91 players (and numerous parents) turned up for the tournament which was split into three divisions.



LEADING SCORERS:

12/U Section (22 players)

6/7 Henry Bayliss and Gary Lin

10/U Section (27 players)

6/7 Rakith Kodikara, George Missailidis & Daniel Roisman

8/U Section (42 players)

6/7 Harry Phillips & Ethan Sweet

Here is the last round game between the two leaders.

Novice Tournament

Henry Bayliss 1003

William Maligin 1046

Slav Defence



Haran v Henry (front) & Jacob v William (back).

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 Be7 7.Bxc4 h6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.e5 Be7 10.O-O Qc7 11.Ne4 Bd7 12.Rc1 O-O 13.Bb5 Qb6 14.Bd3 Qxb2 15.Nc3 Qb6 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qc2 b6 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Nb5 Qd8 20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.exd6 Qf6 22.Bd3 Qf4 23.Qc3 Qxd6 24.Ne5 Kg8 25.Qc2 Qe7 26.Bh7+ Kh8 27.Bg6 Kg8 28.Bh7+ Kh8 29.Bg6 Kg8 30.Bh7+ Kh8 31.Bg6



31...Kg8 32.Bh7+ agreed drawn.

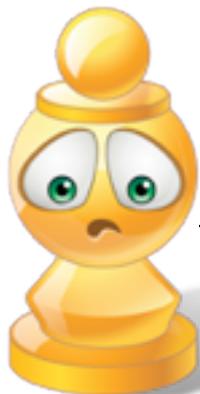
Black missed that he could have played 31...f6 or 31...Be8 and was still winning!



The Outside Passed Pawn

With IM Robert Jamieson

In the endgame the aim is usually to queen a pawn so we need to create a passed pawn which can then rush to the eighth rank.

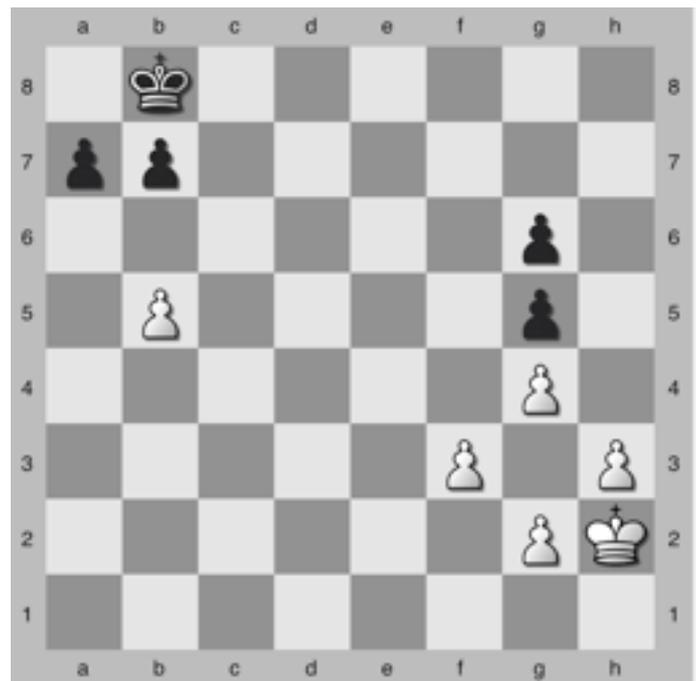


Please make me into a Queen!

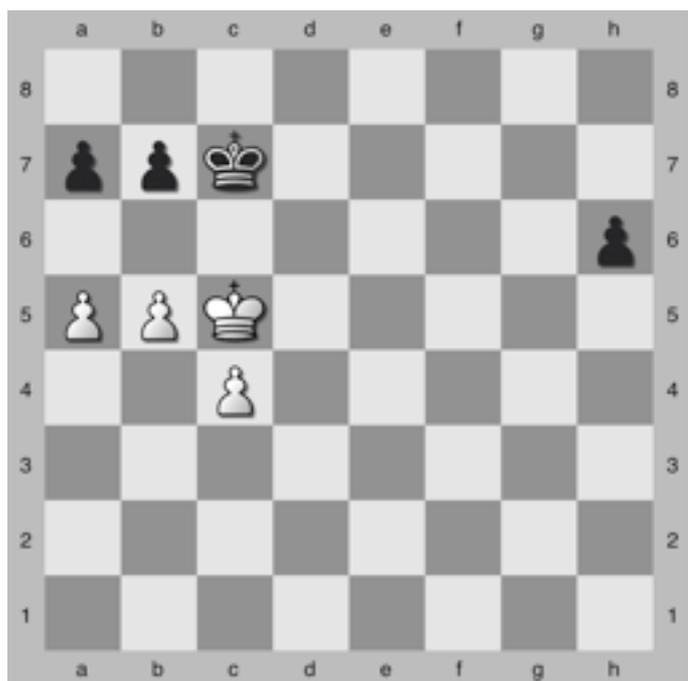
In King and pawn endgames the outcome is often decided when one side creates a distant or "outside" passed pawn. In the diagram below Black has an outside passed pawn on the "h" file so the White King will have to rush over to the "h" file to stop the pawn from queening. This leaves White's Queenside pawns undefended and the Black King can just gobble them up for an easy win.

Sometimes it comes down to who can create the outside passed pawn first and which pawn is quickest to queen.

Have a look at the following diagram:



Black to play



Black to play

Which side can create an outside passed pawn? Which pawn queens first? What is the result of the game with best play?

ANSWER:

Black can create a passed pawn with 1...a5, 2.bxa6 e.p. bxa6 so how can White respond? 3.f4 is best so that if Black replies 3...gxf4? 4.h4! a5 5.h5 and White queens first. Instead Black should just ignore the pawn on f4 and play 3...a5 and if White tries f5 to create a passed pawn the Black King can come across and catch it. So, does White have any resource to save the game? You'll need to use your imagination!

The answer is on page 8.



With IM Robert Jamieson

Interschool Chess



FM Bobby Cheng leads Melbourne High to an emphatic victory at the Bayside Interschool Zonal.

The Chess Kids Interschool Competition is now in full swing so I thought I'd pop in to check out one of the zonal tournaments. My choice fell on the Bayside Zone, held at Brighton Grammar, which is always the strongest tournament.

Melbourne High, led by FM Bobby Cheng, scored an outstanding 27.5/28 to win the Secondary division whilst Glen Waverley Secondary did nearly as well to score 27/28 in the Middle Years division.

Here is one of the more interesting games where Bobby Cheng drops the exchange but fights back to score an quick victory.

Bayside Interschool

Bobby Cheng

Melbourne High

Omesh Prathiraja

Glen Waverley

Pirc Defence

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.e5 dxe5 7.fxe5 Ng4 8.Bf4 f6 9.Bc4+ Kh8 10.O-O c6 11.e6 g5



12.Bxb8 Ne3 13.Qe2 Nxf1 14.Rxf1 Rxb8 15.Ne4 f5 16.Nexg5 Bxd4+ 17.Kh1 Bxb2 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.Qxe5+ Kg8 20.Nf7 Rxf7 21.exf7+ Kf8 22.Qh8# 1-0

The State Finals will be held at Monash University in October.

Bayside Secondary Division

Team Standings

#	Team Name	Top Player	Score
1	Melbourne High School	Bobby Cheng	27½
2	Glen Waverley Secondary - B	Trevor Yiu	13
3	Brighton Grammar - Senior School	Jeffrey Jiang	12½
4	Carey Grammar (Kew) - A	Jeremy Albert	12



With IM Robert Jamieson

When not to Attack

One of the messages that I try to impart to my students is that they should base their plans on the particular position in their game rather than what they may like to do.

A player may be good at attacking for instance but if the position does not call for an attack then he should focus on some other plan.

A classic example of this occurred in the recent Sydney International Open. Have a look at the position below. Black has no weaknesses. Black's pieces are well placed and White is behind in development, yet White decided to attack!

J.Ikeda v S.Solomon
Sydney International Open 2012



White to Play

Clearly White should focus on completing his development with moves like Re1 or b3 and Bb2. Instead he came up with....

1.b4?

Black just ignores the "attack" and makes logical developing moves.

1...Bf6 2.Rb1 Rhe8 3.b5 Ne5 4.Nxe5 Rxe5

Recapturing with gain of tempo.

5.Qa4 Kb8 6.c4 Nc8!

A clever defence - removing the piece that White was planning to attack and counter-attacking down the "d" file.

7.Rb3 Be2

Swapping off one of the attacker's pieces and getting his rook to a good spot on the second rank.

8.Bxe2 Rxe2 9.Nf3 Nb6!

White's "attack" has clearly stalled and he now must focus on defending his weakened pawns.

10.Qb4 Re4! 11.Nd2 Rd4 12.Re1

A sad reflection on his position - Black can just take on d2 if he wishes, gaining two pieces for a rook. Instead he decides to pick off the white pawns.

12...Bg5 13.Nf1 Rxc4 14.Qa3 Bf6 15.Rh3

White needs to make room for his Queen as Black was threatening 15...Ra4 picking up the "a" pawn.

15...Qxb5

Another pawn drops.

16.Rxh7 Rc2?

Missing 16...Rc3 17.Qb2 Qf5! embarrassing the R on h7, but it hardly matters.

17.Be3? Rc3 0-1.

Oh dear! The Queen is trapped. Perhaps a fitting end to a hopeless attempt at attacking.

White ignored the basic principles of when you should attack.

Firstly you need to build up your pieces so that you have more attackers than your opponent has defenders. If you have a space advantage that helps also as it makes it easier for you to transfer pieces into the attack.

Secondly you need some weakness in the defences around you opponent's King (such as his pawn structure). If necessary you can sacrifice something to open up the King.

But, please remember the bottom line is:

ONLY ATTACK IF YOUR POSITION JUSTIFIES IT.

CHESSAROOS DEFEATED IN FIRST INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

by GM Ian Rogers

Indonesia 6.5
Australia 3.5

Australia was defeated by Indonesia in an internet match between the Chessaroos and Indonesia's best U/16 players on April 21.



The historic match was delayed by technical problems at the Indonesian end, but in the end the lower ranked Indonesian team, playing at the Adianto Chess School in Jakarta, fully deserved their victory.

The Australian team was made up of 5 boys and five girls in their team, most aged 14 or 15, playing from four cities around Australia, while the Indonesian team, featuring a female Women FIDE Master on board one, was slightly younger and included many juniors who had already achieved Asian or ASEAN titles in their age categories.

Indonesia had warned Australia that their international rankings may be severe underestimates, due to a lack of internationally rated opportunities for their players, but even so the Australians were hot favourites. Australia was expected to show dominance on the top 3 boards, where the ratings gap between the two teams was greatest, but the tone for the contest was set when the Chessaroos scored only 1/3 on these boards.

The match, which received widespread publicity in Indonesia, was supported by Grandmaster and Senator Utut Adianto, a member of Indonesia's Education and Culture Committee. Adianto, who recently visited Australia, hoped that the match would help strengthen relations between Australia and Indonesia.

The Australia v Indonesia match is hoped to be the first of a number of international matches to prepare Australia's U/16 Squad for the 2012 Youth Olympiad in Turkey later in the year.

Results (Indonesia White on board 1)

- 1.FM Bobby Cheng - WFM Aulia Medina 1-0
- 2.Yi Liu - CM Ali Luthfi Muhammad 0-1
- 3.Laurence Matheson - Jodi Setyaki Azarya 0-1
- 4.Pengyu Chen - FM Ivan Maxmillian Putra Draw
- 5.Andrew Pan - Surya Setiawan Draw
- 6.WFM Megan Setiabudi - Priasmoro Novendra 0-1
- 7.Savithri Narenthran - Gerald Priguna 0-1
- 8.Leteisha Simmonds - Ummi Fisabilillah 1-0F
- 9.Mirakla Mithran - Constantinius Pratama Draw
- 10.Shirley Gu - David Saputra 0-1

AUS v INA Internet Match

Azarya, Jodi Setyaki Matheson, Laurence

Caro Kahn

- 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6
- 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.O-O Ngf6 10.c4
- Bd6 11.Re1 O-O 12.Bg5 Bxg3 13.hxg3 h6 14.Bf4
- Qb6 15.Bd6 Rfc8 16.b4 Ne8 17.Be7 Qc7 18.g4
- Ndf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Rd8 21.Rad1 b6 22.Qf3
- Rac8 23.a4 a6 24.g3 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.c5 Nd5
- 27.g5 hxg5 28.Kg2 g6 29.Qg4 Qe7 30.Rh1 Kg7
- 31.Rb1 Rh8 32.Rxh8 Rxh8 33.Nf3 Rh5 34.Qe4 Nc3
- 35.Qd3 Nxb1 36.Qxb1 g4 37.Ne5 Qd8 38.Qe4 Qd5
- 39.Qxd5 cxd5 40.Nc6 Rh8 41.Na7 Kf6 42.Nxb5
- Rb8 43.Nd6 Ke7 44.b5 Kd7 45.Kf1 f6 46.Ke2 e5
- 47.Kd3 Ra8 48.b6 Kc6 49.Kc3 Rd8 50.Kb4



- 50...exd4?? (50...Rxd6!) 51.Nb5 Ra8 52.Nxd4+ Kb7
- 53.Kb5 Ra1 54.c6+ Kb8 55.Kc5 Rb1 56.Nb5 d4
- 57.c7+ Kb7 58.Nd6+ Ka6 59.c8=Q+ Ka5 60.Qa8#
- 1-0

ANSWER to puzzle on page 5 ...

White has a sneaky way to draw after 1...a5
2.bxa6 e.p. bxa6 3.f4 a5 4.fxg a4 5.Kg3 a3 6.Kh4
a2 7.g3 a1=Q but it's stalemate!