



# Chess Kids

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## Editorial

Why is it that fewer girls play chess than boys? Over the past 3 months there have been over 1650 school-children playing in interschool competitions. Only 18% of these are girls.

At least 1 in 5 events have female participation of less than 10% and no day anywhere saw participation over 26%.

At the highest level of chess in Australia it is worse, only 2 of the top 40 players are female!

It is interesting to note there was a significant correlation between zones where girls finished in the top places and larger proportions of girls playing.

Does that mean girls only care about winning? Not at all. I think that girls are more interested in the social aspect of chess and having a role model or friend who can compete at the top level will help their own self-confidence when the more competitive boys tease or gloat over their victories.

So what can we do to get more girls participating? Chess Kids is launching their "Chess for Girls" program with the goal of raising the participation rates over 30% by the end of this year. I feel there will be a 'critical mass' of girl players (around 30% to 40%) and if we can reach this level then it will become sustainable in the long-term.

### Girls' Knight

Friday's @ Chess World

Starts Friday July 22

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**Our goal: double the number of girls playing chess by the end of the year.**

We are lucky enough to have Women's International Master ANASTASIA SOROKINA join our organisation to provide coaching and inspiration to girls. Anastasia is the #2 female player in Australia and has been coaching in Brisbane for the past 2 years. We welcome her move south!

To achieve our goals we need support from teachers, parents and girls themselves. Any girls playing competitions already should, in the next 3 months, bring in at least 2 friends to show them how much fun chess can be.

Chess develops many thinking skills, perhaps the most obvious is that of visual-spatial manipulation skills. This is

an area that traditionally girls have been shown to be weaker (it is why girls can't read maps!) - so it becomes even more important that we encourage our girls to play chess and develop these skills.

On a different note there have been a host of tournaments these last few weeks. The Australian Masters (IM norm event), Victorian Junior Masters and Junior Masters Reserves (although not a single female player in any of those events). We will include reports on each of these tournaments in this magazine over the next couple of issues.

-David Cordover

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# Chess Kids Elite

Name	Surname	Qualify	Zone	Apr-03	May-07	Jun-19	Total
Aleks	Stojilovic	5.5	Monash	3.0	2.0	4.0	9.0
Declan	O'Reilly	5.0	Whitehorse	3.5		3.0	6.5
Rhys	Hopkins	7.0	Mornington	2.5	4.0		6.5
Anthony	Elmer	5.0	Glen Eira	2.0	4.0		6.0
Alex	Balnionis	7.0	Glen Eira	4.0	2.0		6.0
Will	Sitch	5.0	Stonnington	3.5		2.0	5.5
Sean	Hyatt	5.5	Monash	3.0		2.0	5.0
Aaron	Rusnak	5.0	Glen Eira			4.0	4.0
Nick	Stocky	5.0	Boroondara			4.0	4.0
Kozo	Simutanyi	5.0	Bayside SC	4.0			4.0
James	Morris	8.0	Glen Eira	4.0			4.0
Declan	Jamieson	5.0	Manningham	3.5			3.5
David	Leong	5.0	Manningham	3.5			3.5
Jamie	Yung	5.5	Manningham	3.5			3.5
Jared	Christensen	6.0	Maroondah			3.0	3.0
David	Toper	6.0	Glen Eira			3.0	3.0
Michael	Simmonds	5.0	Glen Eira	2.0		1.0	3.0
Rhyno	Van der Sluijs	7.0	Geelong			3.0	3.0
Jordan	Benson	6.0	Geelong			3.0	3.0
Christopher	Rae	6.0	Dandenong Ranges			3.0	3.0
Terence	Lo	5.0	Manningham	3.0			3.0
Nathan	Lee	5.0	Whitehorse	3.0			3.0
Mark	Koh	5.0	Manningham	3.0			3.0
Jessica	Van De Garde	4.0	Monash	3.0			3.0
Jesse	Landes	6.0	Glen Eira	3.0			3.0

## Individual Standings

With Aleks Stojilovic having managed to attend all 3 days - and put in a magnificent 4/4 in June - he has raced out into first place.

Also particularly well done to Aaron Rusnak and Nick Stocky who quickly put themselves into the top rankings with 4/4 in their first Elite attendance.

May's training day was on a Saturday and far less well attended because of this. Our guest coach for the day was International Master David Smerdon, always a popular visitor.

June 19 was back on track (28 players) at the new venue in Bentleigh and guest coach NY Wong (along with IM Leonid Sandler and Denis Bourmistrov) giving lessons on planning, endgames and how to play chess blindfolded!

Selections will take place in August for the Chess Kids team to the National Championships. A maximum of 40 players from around Australia will be accepted.

Zones	Players	Apr-03	May-07	Jun-19	TOTAL	Average	Qualify av.
Glen Eira	12	20	8.5	10	38.5	3.21	6.0
Manningham	11	23	0	1	24.0	2.18	5.0
Monash	7	12	4.5	7	23.5	3.36	5.3
Whitehorse	4	9	0	3	12.0	3.00	5.8
Stonnington	5	7.5	1	2	10.5	2.10	5.5
Mornington	5	3	4	2	9.0	1.80	6.0
Geelong	4	0	0	8.5	8.5	2.13	5.9
Maroondah	3	1.5	0	5	6.5	2.17	5.7
Gippsland	4	0	0	6	6.0	1.50	5.3
Bayside SC	2	4	0	0	4.0	2.00	5.0
Boroondara	1	0	0	4	4.0	4.00	5.0
Dandenong Ranges	1	0	0	3	3.0	3.00	6.0
Casey	4	2.5	0	0	2.5	0.63	6.0
Yarra Ranges	2	0	0	2.5	2.5	1.25	6.3
Mildura	2	0	2	0	2.0	1.00	3.3
Darebin	1	0	0	2	2.0	2.00	7.0
Kingston	1	1.5	0	0	1.5	1.50	4.0

## Zone-by-Zone

The zone-by-zone table shows that, based on the 3 days this year, Glen Eira is the strongest Zone, with a total Elite score of 38.5 (average per player of 3.21 out of a maximum 4 points).

Monash and Boroondara have better averages, but not enough representation to overtake Glen Eira. This might well change in the second half of the year with Elite Days scheduled for the Croydon area as well as Moonee Valley area - perhaps greater local participation has assisted Glen Eira to date.

And just a mention that 3 of the 69 players having participated to date are girls. Average score = 1.50.

Group A					June 19 Training Day				
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	Andrew	McRobert	7.0	Darebin SC	1	0	0	1	2
2	Rhyno	Van der Sliujs	7.0	Geelong SC	1	1	1	0	3
3	Jared	Christensen	6.0	Maroondah	1	0	1	1	3
4	David	Toper	6.0	Glen Eira	1	1	0	1	3
5	Sarah	Milenko	6.0	Frankston	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sean	Hyatt	5.5	Monash	0	1	0	1	2
7	Will	Stich	5.0	Stonnington	0	1	1	0	2
8	Adam	Crust	5.0	Geelong SC	0	0	1	1	2
9	Dan	Gerchovich	6.0	Glen Eira	0	1	1	0	2
10	Angus	Crust	6.0	Monash	1	0	0	0	1

Group B									
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	Jacob	Traynor	7.0	Yarra Ranges	0	0	1	0	1
2	Jackson	Smyss	6.0	Frankston	0	0	0	0	0
3	Hamish	Curran	6.0	Gippsland	0	1	0	0	1
4	Jordan	Benson	6.0	Geelong	1	1	0	1	3
5	Aleks	Stojilovic	5.5	Monash	1	1	1	1	4
6	David	Hamilton	5.0	Gippsland	1	0	1	0	2
7	Declan	O'Reily	5.0	Whitehorse	1	1	0	1	3
8	Dominique	Ling	5.0	Maroondah	0	0	1	1	2

Group C									
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	Christopher	Rae	6.0	Dandenong Ranges	0	1	1	1	3
2	Olivia	Caneva	5.5	Yarra Ranges	0	1	0.5	0	1.5
3	Scott	Watson	5.5	Geelong	0	0	0	0.5	0.5
4	Daniel	Deng	5.0	Manningham	0	0	1	0	1
5	Michael	Simmons	5.0	Glen Eira	0	0	0.5	0.5	1
6	Aaron	Rusnak	5.0	Glen Eira	1	1	1	1	4
7	Jamie	Gatt	5.0	Gippsland	1	0	0	1	2
8	Liam	Axford	5.0	Gippsland	1	0	0	0	1
9	Huw	Roberts	5.0	Frankston	1	1	0	0	2
10	Nick	Stocky	5.0	Boroondara	1	1	1	1	4

Group A									
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	Rhys	Hopkins	7.0	Mornington	1	1	1	1	4
2	Alex	Balnionis	7.0	Glen Eira	1	0	1	0	2
3	Winston	Dzau	7.0	Glen Eira	0.5	0	0	1	1.5
4	Alexander	Zenin	6.0	Stonnington	0	1	0	0	1
5	Dennish	Qian	6.0	Glen Eira	0	0	1	0	1
6	Myuran	Thavarajah	6.0	Monash	0.5	1	0	1	2.5

Group B									
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	Aleks	Stojilovic	5.5	Monash	1	0	0	1	2
2	Anthony	Elmer	5.0	Glen Eira	1	1	1	1	4
3	Dale	Peters	4.0	Mildura	0	1	1	0	2
4	Craig	Peters	2.5	Mildura	0	0	0	0	0

May 7 Training Day

\*Players highlighted will be those moving up a group in the next training session.

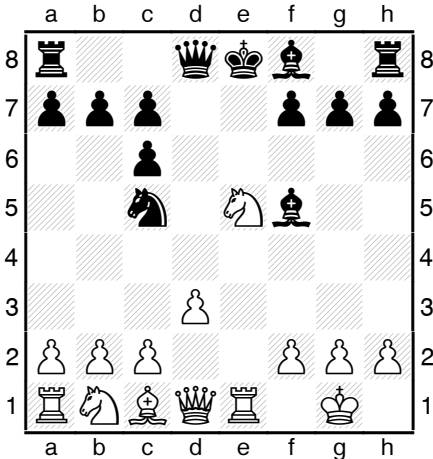
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# Games Page

**David Toper - Will Sitch**

*CKE, 19.06.2005*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Nxe4 A bit greedy. 6.Re1 Now the Rook is in line with Black's King. 6...Bf5 7.d3 Nc5 8.Nxe5

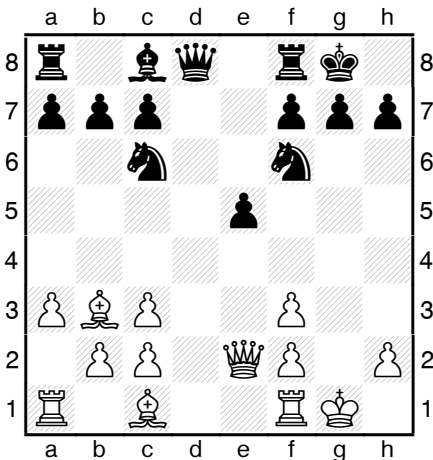


This is a common trap. The Rook is lined up with the King. All white needs to do is move the Knight with a dangerous Discovered Check! 8...Bd6? 9.Nxc6+ There it is! Check and the Queen is gone. 9...Qe7 10.Nxe7 Bxe7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.Bd2 Bf6 13.Nc3 Rhe8 14.Qh5 Rxe1+ 15.Rxe1 Bg6 16.Qxc5 b6 17.Qc6 Bd4 18.Re7 Re8 19.Qxc7# 1-0

**Michael Simmons - Nick Stocky**

*CKE, 19.06.2005*

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Qe2 0-0 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 d5 8.Bb3 dxe4 9.0-0 exf3 10.gxf3

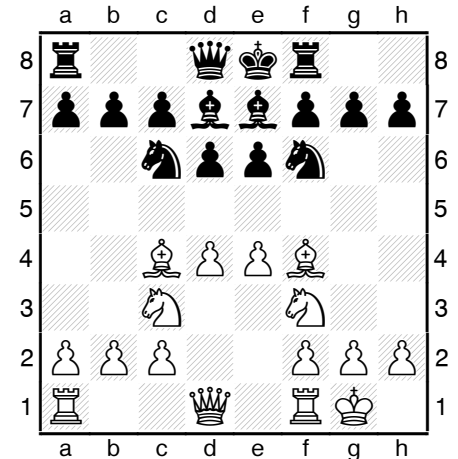


Black has opened up White's defences. 10...Bh3 11.Re1 Re8 12.Qe3 Nd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Qe4 Qd8 15.Qd3 Qg5+ Ooh, watch out for the Bishop on c1! 16.Kh1?? Bad mistake, Michael had a chance to win! Qg2# 0-1

**Will Sitch - Sean Hyatt**

*CKE, 19.06.2005*

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Bd7 4.0-0 Be7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bf4 Rf8



Black is far too defensive. It looks safe, but really is just cramped. White plays excellently to open up Black's King.

8.e5! dxe5 9.dxe5 Ng8 10.Ng5 f6 11.Nxh7 Rf7 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bxe6 Bxe6 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Nb5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 c5 17.Nxe6+ Kd7 18.Rad1+ Kc6 19.a3 f5 20.b4 cxb4 21.axb4 Bxb4 22.Be5 Bc3 23.Nf6 Re8 24.Rd6+ and shortly 1-0

**Rhys Hopkins - Sean Hyatt**

*Junior Masters (Reserves), 28.06.2005*

1.e4 e6 2.c4 d6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qa4+ c6 8.Qxb4 Qd7 9.Nf3 Qe7+ 10.Qxe7+ Kxe7 11.Bc4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Bg5+ Nf6 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Rfe1 c5 16.Re2 h6 17.Bxf6+ Nxf6 18.Rae1 Kd7 19.Rxe6 cxd4 20.Re7+ Kd6 21.R1e6+ Kc5 22.Rc7+ Kb4 23.Nxd4 Ne8 24.a3+ Ka5 25.b4 1-0

**Aaron Rusnak - Dennish Qian**

*Junior Masters (Reserves), 30.06.2005*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bb5 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nh5 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nxd4 11.Qd1 Nxf4 12.Qc1 e5 13.a4 Qg5+ 0-1

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## Tournament Tips

Today's tip is a survival skill!

How do you survive when you have just your King left and nothing else?

There are 3 ways to survive to score 1/2 a point:

**1. Stalemate**

This is when your King is not in check, but cannot make a legal move. Similar to checkmate, but without the check. This is a draw.

**2. 50-Move Rule**

As soon as you are down to just your King and no other pieces you can start a "count-down". The laws of chess state that if your opponent can not get you in checkmate within 50 moves then the game is declared a draw. Each time you move your King to a safe square you count another move (only count your moves, not your opponent's as well). Try to keep your King towards the MIDDLE of the board, this is where he will be safest!

**3. Time**

If your opponent's time runs out then the game will be declared a draw. (Usually this would be a win, but a player who has just a King and nothing else cannot possibly win.)

So how do you avoid these strategies and ensure a win if you are the one who is winning by a Queen, Rook, Bishop and perhaps more?

**1. Always place the King in CHECK**

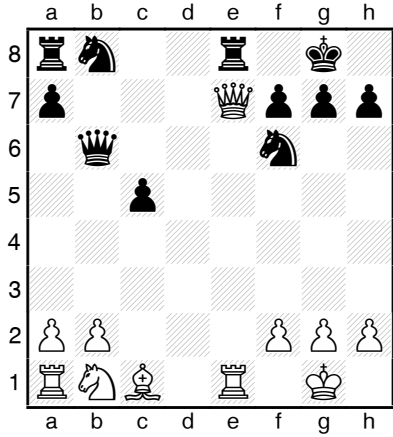
**2. Each move use a DIFFERENT piece**

It is when you use the same piece all the time that it ends up taking 50 moves. Follow the 2 rules and you should never have a problem getting your opponent into checkmate! Remember, ONE piece can never get the King into checkmate.

# Brain Strain? Do some puzzles!

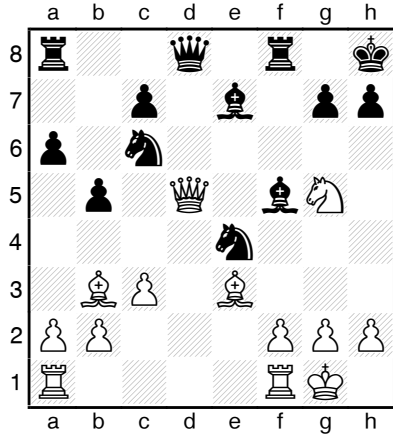
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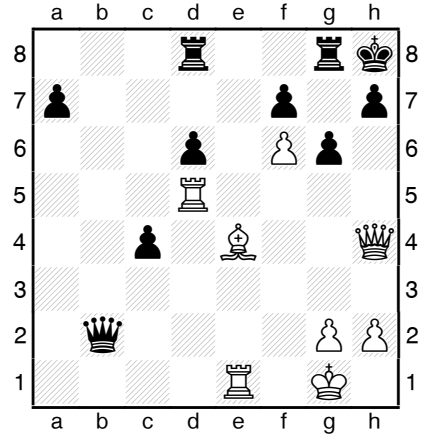
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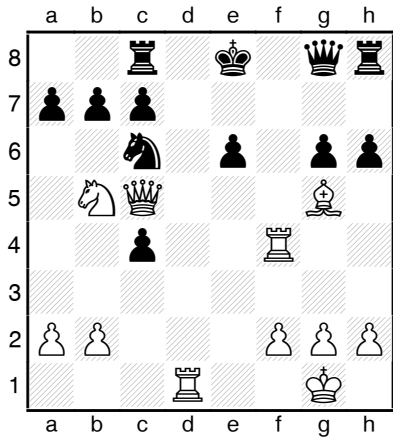
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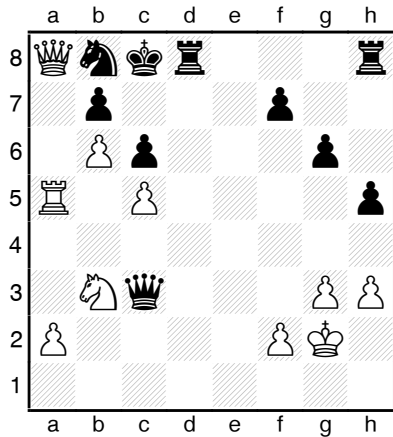
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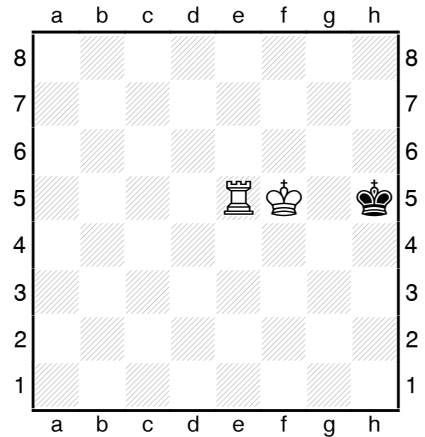
White to play and mate in 3.

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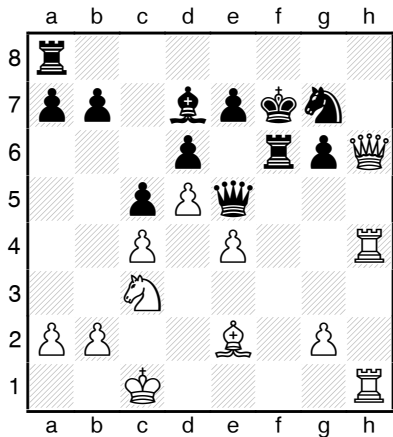
White to play and mate in 3.

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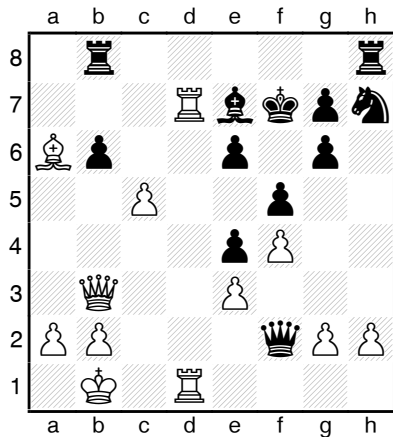
White to play and mate in 3.

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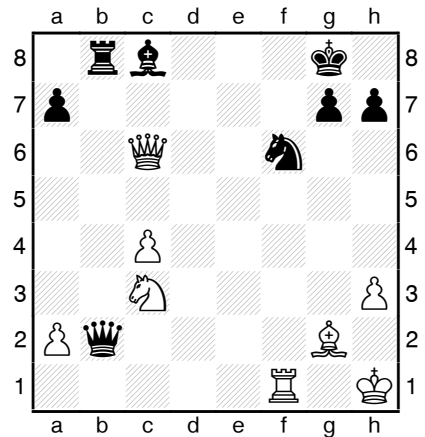
White to play and mate in 4.

8.



White to play and mate in 4.

9.



White to play and mate in 4.

# Chess Kids Coaching

## "Never Give Up"

### What can you learn from this game?

- Never, ever give up!!
- Initiative is more valuable than material in many cases. Use it wisely.
- A pawn is equal to approximately 3 moves.
- Don't go grabbing material if you have to waste lots of time to do so.
- Don't counter-sacrifice material. The more material you have, the easier it is to win.

*Victorian Junior, 1996*

**Ladislav Zeve 1982**

**David Cordover 2065**

*Sicilian Defence, Pelikan Variation*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.c3 Bg7 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Nce3 Be6

All this is pretty standard opening theory. White has chosen a lesser known line.

**15.Bd3 f5 16.Qh5 e4?**

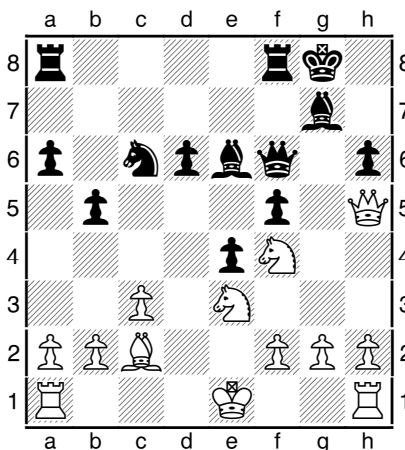
Playing e4 is a little premature here, as it leaves the 'f4' square very weak.

**17.Bc2 h6?! 18.Nf4**

Making use of the weak square.

**18...Qf6??**

Totally missing his threat.



**19.Nxe6!**

Of course, if Qxe6 then Bb3 will win the Black queen.

**19...Rf7 20.Nf4 b4!**

I probably should resign, but decided to play on, sacrificing more material to gain a small initiative. The initiative is a very powerful weapon and should never be underestimated.

**21.Bb3 bxc3 22.Qxf7+**

Greedily taking all the material offered.

**22...Qxf7 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rb1**

Already Black has some threats. If White captures the pawn on c3 then Bxc3, Ke2, Nd4+ will win the entire rook back.

**24...Be5 25.g3?!**

The intermezzo has now created holes all over the white camp.

**25...cxb2 26.Nc4 Bc3+ 27.Kf1 Nd4 28.Nxb2?**

It is unnecessary to sacrifice material, but that is the problem that the person with a material advantage has. He has to decide if the initiative is strong enough to warrant a counter-sacrifice to take off some of the pressure. Here White felt that the pawn on b2 was quite a menace.

**28...Rb8 29.Kg2 Rxb2!**

You shouldn't swap pieces as a rule when you have a material disadvantage, but at the same time, don't be afraid to swap. The initiative can be particularly useful in the endgame.

**30.Rxb2 Bxb2 31.Rb1 Ba3 32.Rb6 a5 33.Ra6 Bb4 34.Nd5 Ke6 35.Nxb4 axb4 36.Rb6 Nc2**

White has managed to totally nullify any chances that Black formerly had. But now the endgame is here White plays poorly.

**37.Rb5 d5 38.Rb6+ Ke5 39.Rxb6**

Gaining material, but losing a lot of time in doing so. Three tempi are worth one pawn.

**39...d4 40.Kf1 d3 41.Rb6 Kd4 42.h4 Kc3 43.h5 Nd4**

Still lost for Black, but his pawns are creating counter chances.

**44.Rd6!**

The only move. Now if Black plays d3-d2 White will win instantly with Rxd5!! Can you see how he will subsequently win the king and pawn ending?

**44...Nb5 45.Rc6+ Kb2 46.h6 Nd4 47.Rc4?**

Rooks work best from a distance. The rook should be sitting as far away as

possible.

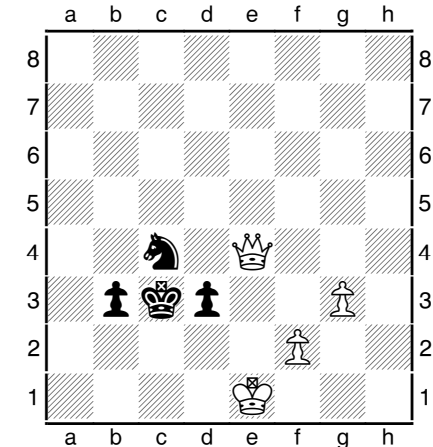
**47...Nf3 48.h7??**

Why give up the rook when you don't have to? He was a little too eager to get a new Queen.

**48...Nd2+ 49.Ke1 Nxc4 50.h8=Q+ Kxa2**

Again the material balance is way in favour of White. But never forget about the initiative! If you learn anything from this game it is simply to never give up. The smallest initiative can blow out into quite a force.

**51.Qc8 Kb3 52.Qxf5 Kc3 53.Qxe4 b3**



**Position after 53...b3**

White has taken plenty of material, but lost a lot of TIME. The black pawns now create enough threats to draw! Who would have thought that in the diagram White could only draw??

**54.Qb7 Kc2 55.Qd5 Kc3 56.Qb5 b2 57.g4 Na3 58.Qe5+ Kb3 59.Qb8+ Kc3 60.Qh8+ Kb3 61.Kd2?**

White should just take the perpetual check.

**61...Nc4+! 62.Kxd3 b1=Q+ 63.Ke2 Qe4+ 64.Kd1?? Nb2+ 65.Kd2 Qd3+ 66.Ke1 Qd1# 0-1**

An unfortunate way to loose, as 64.Kg1 would probably still have held a draw.

# Australian Chess History

**Historical Game, 1895**  
**FK Esling**  
**Goldsmith**  
*Petroff's Defence*

FK Esling was the first Australian Chess Champion, winning a match in 1885 against Sir Hatfield Dingly-Gossip. He was also a renowned architect. Probably his most famous building being the Flinders Street Railway Station!

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 f5**

In these days players were not as sophisticated. Rather more common was a brutal attack from the start of the game. As players learned more about the game they tended to build up their forces first, and then create an attack.

**4.dxe5 fxe4 5.Ng5**

Already starting to eye the "weak spot", the f7 square.

**5...d5 6.e6**

Continuing to put pressure onto the weak spot. Now threatening a fork.

**6...Bc5**

Ignoring the threatened fork in favour of quick development and a hopeful attack on White's weak spot (f2 square).

**7.Nc3 Qf6 8.Bb5+ c6 9.0-0**

Leaving the bishop en prise. If it is taken then White can play 10.Nxd5 followed by a fork on either f7 or c7!

**9...Bxe6 10.Bc4**

Hoping to take the protection away from the pawn on e4.

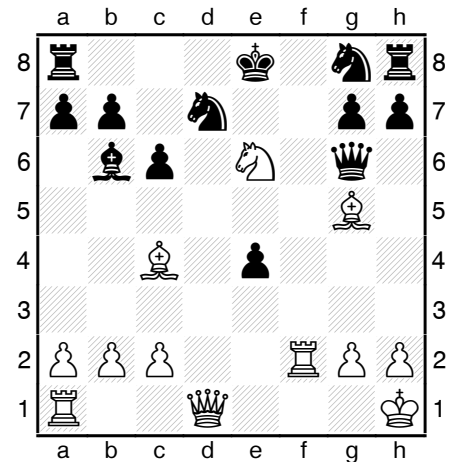
**10...e3**

Counter sacrifice! This move undermines the g5 knight's protection.

**11.Nce4 dxe4 12.Nxe6 exf2+ 13.Kh1 Bb6 14.Bg5 Qg6 15.Rxf2**

Working on the weak Black back rank.

**15...Nd7**



A beautiful combination to finish.

**16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rd1+ Kc8 18.Rf8+ Qe8 19.Rxe8+ Bd8 20.Rdxd8# 1-0**

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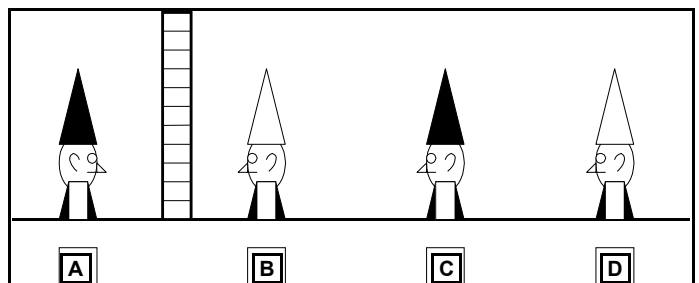
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Shown above are 4 men buried up to their necks in the ground. They can not move so can only look forward. Between A and B is a brick wall which can not be seen through.

They know that between them are 4 hats, 2 x black and 2 x white, but they do not know which colour they are wearing.

In order to avoid being shot one of them must call out to the executioner the colour of their hat. If they get it wrong, everyone will be shot.

They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 10 minutes to fathom it out.

After 1 minute:

Q Which one of them calls out ?

Q. Why is he 100% certain of the colour of his hat ?

**This is not a trick question.**

There are no outside influences nor other ways of communicating. They cannot move and are buried in a straight line. So A & B can only see their respective sides of the brick wall, C can see B and D can see B & C.

23RD MAY 2005 - 23RD JUNE 2005

# Victorian Interschool Championships

Originally only 22 zones were scheduled for Term 2, but demand forced this to be extended to 26. In total 1646 students participated in the Term 2 rounds, coming from 137 schools. This is a 37% increase on last year!

It was great to see plenty of chess players involved in Regional Areas with Ballarat having 53 players, Warrnambool attracting over 100 players, Mornington over 120, Gippsland over 140 and Geelong more than 150 players!

Only 4 schools to date have managed to qualify more than 5 players for the State Finals. Those are Our Lady of Assumption - Cheltenham, Brighton Grammar, Lilydale Primary and Caulfield Grammar - Wheelers Hill Campus.

A school that wins 2 Zone Events qualifies 8 players for the finals, 3 zone wins

give 10 places and the maximum 12 places for a school that can win 4 zones!

There are 30 Primary, 4 Junior Secondary and 4 Open Secondary teams qualified for the Finals. Finals are scheduled for October 24 and 25 at St Catherine's Girls School in Toorak.

Disappointing was a small turnout of only 35 players for the Girls Only Zone. In term 3, with our efforts to get more girls playing chess we are hoping for 100+ entries to the girls only event and 600 girls across all events.

We hope to have 34 Zones in Term 3, mostly Metro Melbourne, but also Mildura, Gippsland and Bendigo.

For Term 3 entries or more details go to [interschool.chesskids.com.au/victoria/](http://interschool.chesskids.com.au/victoria/)



**We are hoping to have 600 girls involved in Interschool Chess in Term 3.**

## Summary of Term 2 Events

Zone	Date	Venue	Entries	Schools	Finalists
Darebin Open Secondary	23-May	Lakeside Secondary	59	8	Penleigh & Essendon GS
Darebin Jnr Secondary	23-May	Lakeside Secondary	45	3	Penleigh & Essendon GS
Geelong Primary	24-May	St Joseph's College	109	9	Torquay Primary
Geelong Jnr Secondary	24-May	St Joseph's College	44	4	Oberon High
Casey	24-May	St Kevin's - Hampton Park	48	2	St Kevin's - Hampton Park
Whitehorse	26-May	Southwood Grammar	72	6	Kangaroo Ground Primary
Kingston	30-May	Mentone Girls Grammar	50	3	Our Lady of Assumption
Frankston	31-May	The Peninsula School	124	9	Red Hill School
Warrnambool Secondary	31-May	Warrnambool College	47	5	Warrnambool College
Warrnambool Primary	31-May	Warrnambool College	54	5	Warrnambool West Primary
Gippsland Open Secondary	1-Jun	Drouin Secondary	77	7	Mirboo Nth Secondary
Dandenong Ranges	2-Jun	St Paul's - Monbulk	46	3	Lilydale Primary
Glen Eira	6-Jun	Tucker Rd Primary	75	6	Brighton Primary
Gippsland	7-Jun	Warragul Nth Primary	72	9	Warragul Nth Primary
Stonnington	8-Jun	De La Salle	81	8	Trinity Grammar
Maroondah	8-Jun	Croydon West Primary	92	6	Doncaster Gardens Primary
Yarra Ranges	9-Jun	Warburton PS	53	6	St Joseph's
Girls Only Primary	10-Jun	Loreto Mandeville Hall	35	3	Shelford Girls School
Darebin	14-Jun	Ivanhoe Primary	82	7	Ivanhoe Primary
Bayside Open Secondary	16-Jun	Brighton Grammar	23	2	Brighton Grammar
Bayside Jnr Secondary	16-Jun	Brighton Grammar	20	2	Brighton Grammar
Brimbank	17-Jun	Sacred Heart - St Albans	90	4	St Brigid's - Gisbourne
Ballarat	17-Jun	Mt Clear Primary	53	4	Mt Clear Primary
Manningham	21-Jun	Beverly Hills	90	7	Doncaster Primary
Monash	21-Jun	Caulfield Grammar - WH	55	6	Caulfield Grammar - WH
Whittlesea	23-Jun	Findon Primary	60	6	As yet unknown



28TH JUNE 2005 - 8TH JULY 2005

# Victorian Junior Masters

No	Player	Area	ACF	FIDE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Svetozar Stojic	Brimbank	1818	1981	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	1	0.5	8.0
2	Derek Yu	Boroondara	1487		0	X	0	0.5	1	0	0	0	0.5	0	2.0
3	James Morris	Glen Eira	1571		0	1	X	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5.0
4	Nic Dour	Kingston	1712		0	0.5	0	X	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	0	3.5
5	Alastair Dyer	Tasmania	1052		0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
6	Eugene Schon	Whitehorse	1444		0	1	0	0.5	1	X	1	0	0	0	3.5
7	Artem Nikolayevsky	Glen Eira	1581		0	1	0	0	1	0	X	0	0	0	2.0
8	Gino Thornton	New Zealand		2041	0.5	1	1	0.5	1	1	1	X	0.5	1	7.5
9	Jesse Jager	Manningham	1919	1947	0	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	0.5	X	1	7.0
10	Dusan Stojic	Brimbank	1999	2033	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	X	6.5

The Junior Masters (Premier above and Reserves below) is the most prestigious Junior Event of the year. It is an invitational event with the winner gaining qualification to the International Master Tournament in 2006. This year we have visiting players from New Zealand and Tasmania.

Well done Svetozar Stojic for winning!

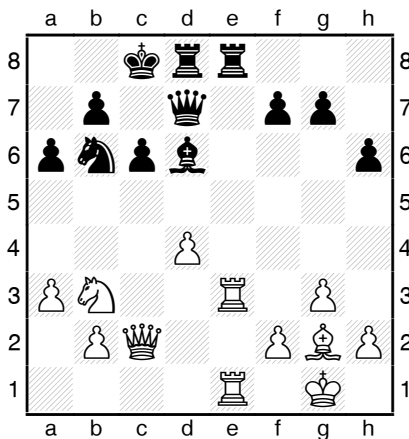
The Reserves was hard-fought and ended up with improving Rhys Hopkins finishing equal first with Jamie Kenmure, and winning in the playoff! Third place was won by David Toper after defeating Dennish Qian in a playoff.

### Rhys Hopkins - Jamie Kenmure

Reserves (4), 30.06.2005

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Be6 5. Nc3 c6 6.cxd5 Bxd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.

Nf3 Nd7 9.g3 Ngf6 10.a3 0-0-0 11.Bg2 Qe6+ 12.Be3 h6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Re1 Nd5 15.Qa4 a6 16.Nd2 N7b6 17.Qc2 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Qd7 19.Rae1 Rhe8 20. Nb3 Bd6



Rhys here missed the opportunity to distract the defences with 21.Bh3! White would end up winning a rook by 21... Qxh3 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Rxe3 23.Rxe3 Qd1+ 24.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 25.Bf1 Na4 26. Re8+ Rd8 27.Bh3+ Kc7 28.Re7+ Kb8 29.b4 Rf8 30.f4 Nb2 31.Kf2 Nc4 32. Ke2 Nxa3 33.Kd3 Nb5 34.Bf5 Nc7 35. Kc4 Nb5 36.h4 Na3+ 37.Kb3 Nb5 38. Kc4 Na3+ 39.Kb3 Nb5 40.Kc4 Nc7 41. Be4 Re8 42.Rxe8+ Nxe8 43.g4 Kc7 44. g5 Kd7 45.Bf5+ Ke7 46.Bc8 f6 47. gxf6 gxf6 48.Bxb7 Nc7 49.Bxc6 Ke6 50.b5 axb5+ 51.Bxb5 Kf5 52.c6 Kxf4 1/2-1/2

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No	Player	Area	ACF	Elite	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	Aaron Rusnak	Glen Eira		9.0	X	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5
2	Rhys Hopkins	Mornington		13.5	1	X	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
3	Jamie Kenmure	Dandenong	1154	0.0	1	0.5	X	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
4	Dennish Qian	Glen Eira	816	7.0	1	0	0	X	1	1	0	1	4
5	Mathew Bradshaw	Manningham		6.0	1	0	0	0	X	1	1	0	3
6	Huw Roberts	Mornington		7.0	0.5	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0.5
7	Sean Hyatt	Monash		10.5	1	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	3
8	David Toper	Glen Eira	715	9.0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	X	4

MAY, 2005

# Victorian Junior Championships

By International Master Leonid Sandler

For the last two years I have been privileged to be the Chief Arbiter of the Victorian Junior Chess Championship, Under 12's.

It was pleasing to see that more and more young talents are participating in the Victorian Championships. It looks like that all the hard work which is happening at the grassroots, school-level lessons, incursions and interschool competitions is starting to pay off.

I was very impressed by the new Victorian Under 10 Champion, Yi Liu who is only eight years of age. Yi played against some excellent opponents, three to four years his senior. Eight games without a loss and 5.5 points shows that we have a very talented player, hopefully he will be able to progress rapidly.

Seven year old, Isaac Ng played his first tournament ever. Isaac showed an unusual maturity for his age and performed very well under pressure, scoring four points only ½ a point less than Victorian Under 8 Champion, Andrew Gurevich. These two players impressed me the most, but obviously there were many more talented kids.

As captain of the Australian Women's Olympiad Team I have a particular interest in girls playing chess. Only seven girls participated and we have to make more of an effort to at least double this amount next year.

Generally speaking, the state of Victorian Junior Chess is looking good. More kids are taking the game of chess seriously and hopefully the quality will continue to improve.

Here are the Final Standings of the Victorian Under 12 Championships.

## 8 Rounds, 14-15 May 2005

### Under 12 Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Udit Thakur 7/8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eugene Schon 7/8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Dalton 5.5/8

### Under 10 Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Yi Liu 5.5/8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Feng 5.5/8  
3<sup>rd</sup> N. Liu 5.5/8

### Under 8 Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Gurevich 4.5/8  
2<sup>nd</sup> M. Chen 4/8  
3<sup>rd</sup> M. Chan 4/8

### Under 12 Girls

Alison Zhu scored 4 points and received the title; though Shu-Yu Wang scored 4.5 but as she already holds the Under 14 title she is ineligible to win the Under 12 title as well.

### Under 10 Girls

Elissa Xie 4/8

The following game was played in the final round. The player with the Black pieces, Devraj Bhattacharya was half a point behind Udit Thakur and needed to win in order to have a chance to win the tournament. With the stakes so high it is not uncommon to see players making lots of mistakes under pressure.

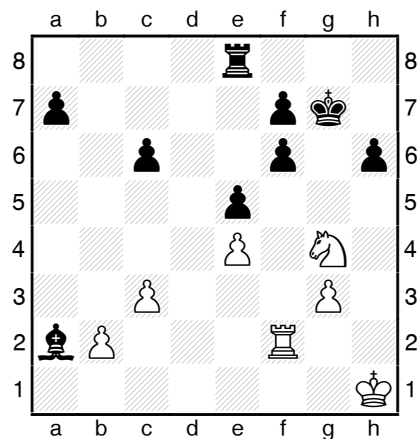
### Udit Thakur - Devraj Bhattacharya

#### Round 8, Sicilian Defence

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c3 A slightly off-beat move. The most common and best continuation is 3.d4. I have noticed during this tournament that the majority of players are not trying to play the most principal lines in the opening stages of the game. I have seen a lot of talented young players and it is important to start building a decent opening repertoire at an early age.

Juniors should try and play principal openings which give them an opportunity to use their creativity and combinational skills. I am always suggesting to my students to pick up one of the world's top players and follow their games, using their opening repertoire to build your own. Remember when you play a good opening you have more opportunities for the middle-game and

endgame. 3...Nf6 4. Be2 An alternative is 4.Bd3!? Bd7 Obviously not 4...Nxe4?? 5. Qa4+ winning a piece. 5. d3 c4!? An interesting attempt to break up White's centre. 6. Bg5 cxd3 7. Bxd3 Nc6 8. O-O h6?! I would prefer 8...e6 or even 8...e5. 9. Be3 Also possible is 9.Bxf6!? 9...e5 10. Nb-d2 Be7 11. h3 O-O The opening stage of the game has been completed and Black has achieved a very comfortable position. 12. Nh2?! 12. Qe2 Connecting the Rooks was more appropriate. 12...d5 13. exd5 Nxd5 14. Qf3 Nxe3 15. fxe3? Blundering a pawn. 15... Bxh3! 16. e4 Be6 17. Kh1 Bg5 18. Ra-d1 Bf4 19. g3 Bxd2 20. Rxd2 Bxa2 21. Rf-d1 Black has two extra pawns and should be winning. All that is needed is a few accurate moves such as 21...Qe7 preparing to challenge an open file. Suddenly Devraj played 21...Qf6?! giving his opponent a glimpse of hope. 22. Qxf6 gxf6 23. Bb5 Ra-d8 or Be6!? 24. Bxc6 Rxd2 25. Rxd2 bxc6 26. Rf2?! What about the open file? White had some other moves such as 26.Rd6 or 26.Ng4 Re8 (Another possible option was 26. Be6 and after 27.Rxf6 Kg7 and Black should slowly win.) 26...Re8 27. Ng4 Kg7



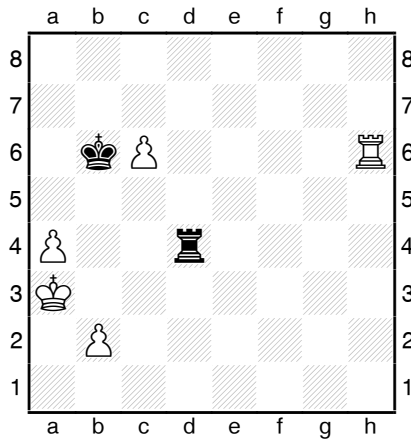
28. Rxf6?? Losing a piece, but after 28.Nxf6 Rd8 White can still fight a bit longer. 28... Re6?? A comedy of errors. Black is reluctant to swap off Rooks, instead 28...Be6! or 28...h5! winning a piece and the game. 29. Rxe6 fxe6 30. Nxe5 Bb1! 31. Kg1 31.Nxc6?? 32.

Be4+ wins the Knight **31...Bxe4** In this interesting endgame White has excellent chances to save the draw because of Black's pawn structure. (All four pawns are pawn islands). **32. Kf2 Kf6 33. Nd7+ Kg5 34. Nc5 Bd5 35. b3!?** Preparing c4 **35... Kf5 36. b4 Kg5 37. Ke3 Kg4 38. Kf2 h5 38...e5!** With the interesting idea of swapping 'e' pawn for 'g' pawn was called for. **39. Nd3! Kg5 40. Nc5 h4?** Wrong plan. Swapping pawns Black is removing White's weakness (the g3 pawn). It is worth remembering that the Bishop is often stronger than the Knight when you can play on both sides of the board. With "g" and "h" pawns disappearing, White will be able to hold the position, because play will be concentrated in the middle of the board and queenside and the White Knight will be able to match the Bishop's power. **41. gxh4+ Kxh4 42. Ke3 Kg5 43. Kd4 Kf5 44. Nd7!** Stopping the 'e' pawn advancing. White is safe. **44... a6 45. Ne5 Kf4 46. Nd7 46...Kf5 47. Ne5 Kf4 48. Nd3+ Kf5 49. Ne5 = c5+** another unexpected turn in the game. Black is playing with fire! Possible chance was to try **49...a5!?** and if **50.axb5?!** c5+ **51.Kxc5 Kxe5 50. bxc5 a5 51. Nd3 Bc6 52. Ne5 Be8?!** Losing the game. (**52...Bd5**) **53. c6 53...Bxc6** what else? **54. Nxc6 a4 55. Nb4 (55.Kc4!) ...e5+ 56. Ke3 a3 57. c4 e4 58. c5?? Ke5** Instead of this, Udit had an easy win, lets see: **58. Kd4 Kf4** (what else) (**58.Na2!** also wins) **59.c5 Kf5 60.Nc2 a2 61.c6 59. c6 Kd6=** Black offered White a draw here and refused. **60. Kxe4 Kc7??** A dramatic finale of an

exciting game. **61. Kd5!** Of course Black is now doomed. **61...Kb8 62. Kd6 Kc8 63. c7** and Black resigned. 1-0

This win gave Udit Thakur the Victorian Under 12 title because his count-back score was more than Eugene Schon. (Both players finished on 7/8).

Sometimes kids are reluctant to play endgames because they don't know what to do. Here is an example.



**Dennish Qian – Dominic Canale**

White completely outplayed his opponent and reached this easily winning position. But instead of continuing to play, lets say **43.b4**, Dennish for some reason OFFERED A DRAW?? When I asked him after the game why he did this, he could not answer. A mystery!!

Of course the best strategy here is just to slowly march your pawns (with the help of your King) down the board, eventually getting a new Queen!

## Reading a Chess Game

There are a few things to learn when you first read through moves of a chess game. Here is a brief explanation.

### 1. The Moves are Numbered

A number shows the move-number during the game. Eg. **42.Bc3** was the 42nd move. If there are "..." before the move that indicates Black's move.

### 2. Which Piece or Pawn?

If a pawn is moved there is no letter given, just the name of the DESTINATION SQUARE. Eg. **1.e4** means Pawn moves to e4.

If a stronger piece moves then the Capital Letter indicates which piece (Eg. N=knight, K=king). Just the DESTINATION square of the piece is given.

### 3. More information

It is possible to get more information than just the moves of the game; symbols have meanings:

- X = Capture
- + = Check
- ++ or # = Checkmate
- 1-0 = White wins
- 0-1 = Black wins
- ! = Good Move
- ? = Bad Move
- ?! Or !? = Uncertain/Unclear

Now you can play through the moves of the games in this magazine - see how you go!

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## Answers to Brain Strain from page 5.

- 1.Qxe8+ Nxe8 2.Rxe8++
- 1.Qg8+ Rxc8 2.Nf7++
- 1.Qxh7+ Kxh7 2.Rh5++
- 1.Qxc6+ bxc6 2.Nxc7+ Rxc7 3.Rd8++
- 1.Qxb7+ Kxb7 2.Ra7+ Kc8 3.Rc7++
- Any rook move - if 1...Kh4 2.R to the 3rd rank Kh5 3.Rh3++ If 1...Kh6 2.R to the 7th 2...Kh5 3. Rh7++
- 1.Qxg7+ Kxg7 2.Rh7+ Kf8 3.Rh8+ Kf7 4.R1h7++
- 1.Qxe6+ Kxe6 2.Bc4+ Kf6 3.R1d6+ Bxe6 4.Rf7++
- 1.Qe8+ Nxe8 2.Bd5+ Be6 3.Bxe6+ Kh8 4.Rf8++



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