

# Chess KIDS KNIGHT TIMES

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## Message from the Guru

Welcome to Term 4. This is the term where all the things you've learned and the hard work that you've put in through the year is put to the test!

In just a few days the Victorian Youth Championships takes place, followed the next day by State Interschool Finals (hopefully your school has qualified). At these events we will be presenting 12 very talented players with their Junior Master certificates! Out of the nearly 25,000 players on the rating list only 46 have made it to Junior Master level, a great achievement and well done to the 12 who achieved this level in 2012. Junior Master is awarded if you can get your rating to your age x 100 PLUS 100 points!

We are very proud that 6 of our Training Squad members have been EXPELLED from Training Squad - they got too good, too quickly! These 6 have now formed a Super Group and will be working with an International Master on a weekly basis. Applications for Training Squad 2013 are now open - apply on [www.chesstraining.com.au](http://www.chesstraining.com.au).



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**THE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS IN ACTION AT THE WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TURKEY.**

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# RJ SHIELD

The RJ Shield now has its own website - [www.rjshield.com](http://www.rjshield.com)

Check it out!

### August Doncaster RJ Shield (25 players)

6/7 A.Chan  
5.5 Zhi-Xin Guo & H.Lai

### August Bentleigh RJ Shield

**Open** (25 Players)

6.5/7 W.Maligin  
5 L.Martin, R.Strickland, M.Phillips & J.Fay

### Under 10 (38 players)

6.5/7 B.Phelan  
6 C.McGrath  
5 G.Lipp, T.Sweet, E.Sweet & J.Katranski

### Next RJ Shield Events

October 28 - Tucker Rd Primary.  
October 28 - Doncaster Gardens Primary



**RJ & William Maligin**  
- winner of the August Bentleigh RJ Shield.



## 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.

## NOVICES TOURNAMENT

MONASH UNIVERSITY, 23RD SEPTEMBER

Eighty-two keen, young players played in the September Novices event with Henry Bayliss starting with 7/7 in the Open Section (17 players). In the U/10 section Callum McGrath equalled this feat (22 players) and gained 78 rating points. In the U/8 section Elijah Cordover was victorious with 6.5/7 (43 players)

Full scores are at <https://tornelo.chesskids.com.au/tournaments/novice-tournament--2>



Henry Bayliss congratulated by Hilda O'Callaghan, who pioneered junior chess clubs in Melbourne 20 years ago.

# STATE SECONDARY FINALS

BRIGHTON GRAMMAR  
19TH SEPTEMBER



September saw the State Secondary Finals at Brighton Grammar, and boy was it close! Glen Waverley Secondary scored 27 points to edge out Melbourne High on 26.5 points from Northcote High on 25.5 points (18 schools, 102 players).

Top seed, Ari Dale from Northcote, scored an impressive 9/9 from Zach Loh of Glen Waverley on 8 points then Michael Chan, Issac Ng and Allen Yu on 7 points. All very strong players, with Ari and Zach leaving in a few weeks for Slovenia to play in the World Youth Chess Championships.

Full results at [www.tornelo.chesskids.com.au](http://www.tornelo.chesskids.com.au)

Ari Dale was in trouble in a couple of his games but made up for it in the last round with a snappy 8 move win!

State Secondary Finals  
**Wilson Ngieng 1417**  
**Ari Dale 2018**

Caro Kahn  
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c3 Bg4 6.Be2 Qc7**

Should White playsafe with 0-0 or should he try to swap off some pieces against his stronger opponent with Ne5?

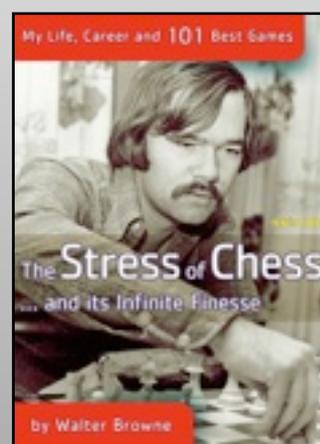


**7.Ne5** {Wrong choice!} **Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nxd4**  
White now touched his Queen but finding no good square for it, resigned.

## CHESS THOUGHT FOR YOU ...

**Here's a radical idea you may like to try ...**  
Why not read a chess book? You've heard of them? They are sort of like an old-fashioned computer made of paper.

It's a bit slower than a computer, but you still get to read the thoughts and ideas of some really strong chess players and learn from their games and comments.



The best way is to play through the games and try to guess each player's next move. I picked up a biography of Walter Browne, my boyhood hero, the other day. It's a good read.



## Planning Ahead....

With IM Robert Jamieson

**Most reasonable chessplayers can calculate variations and play a game without too many blunders, but to become a good player you need to be able to also find the correct plan in your games.**

Of course there are some chess sayings to help us, like:

- Seek play where you have an advantage.
- If you want to attack first build up your pieces.
- Put your pieces on good squares.

That's all good general advice, but let's look at a couple of practical examples.

What are your thoughts on what White should be doing in the following position?



**White to Move**

In the game, from an RJ Shield, White came up with **1.Kf2 Bb7 2.Rh1** which, to my mind,

was a very strange plan indeed. Is White planning an attack on the kingside? Black has no weaknesses there are plenty of defenders. When I showed this position to the junior training squad some people came up with the alternative idea of 1.c4 hoping for 1...dxc4 2.Be4 Rb8 3.bxc4 but of course Black just plays 1...Bb7 instead.

What I usually do is ask myself "where do I want my pieces?" and in this position the only piece not doing a good job is the N. I therefore look around for a good square for the N and d4 screams out as a great outpost. From there the N can help on the queenside, the kingside and the centre and it can't readily be exchanged or driven away. Looking around, I'd like also to play b4 at some stage to gain space on the queenside and to discourage Black from moving his "a" pawn.

Finally, I'd have a bit of a look at Black's position to see if he has any weaknesses that I can attack. Clearly I could try to put pressure on his "a" pawn by doubling rooks on the "a" file however Black can probably just reply with a5. Can I stop this defensive idea? Yes! 1.Ba6! leaves the "a" pawn as a target on a7 and if Black plays 1...Bxa6? 2.Rxa6 helps me to double rooks. Even better, he can't reply 1...Bd7 as then 2.Bb7 wins the "a" pawn. Looks good - I have my plan.

In our second position, White is ahead in development, although his pawn structure is not great, and he has just played Ne4. What should Black do?



**Black to Move**

If the Black N runs away with 1...Nd5 then 2.Nc5 looks strong - threatening both the b7 pawn and Nd7. If Black replies 2...Nb6 then 3.a4 renews the threats. So that leaves exchanging on e4 instead but which piece should capture? The majority in the training squad chose 1...Nxe4. Perhaps it looks more natural to exchange N for N but after 2.Bxe4 then White is threatening 3.Bxg6 so 2...Bxe4 looks forced. 3.Rxe4 allows White to recapture with a developing move with chances to double rooks on the "e" file. Looks a bit better for White (and that is what happened in the game).

Instead if Black plays 1...Bxe4 2.Bxe4 let's assess the position. The key question is which is the better piece, the N or the B? I'd prefer the N which is on a good square from which it cannot be moved, and it may at some stage also want to go to d5 - a good outpost. In addition the B on e4 may now become a target, allowing Black to catch up in development with, say, 2...Qd6! (threatening 2...Qxd4+). Clearly if Black can get his rooks into the game and consolidate the position will be better for him because of his better pawn structure. So our decision is **1...Bxe4!** and Black is a bit better.

**BEST IN THE WEST**  
18-19 AUGUST, 2012



**Max Phillips** - beat an 1800 rated player at Best in the West Weekender.

Forty-nine players contested the Best in the West Weekender, including a sizeable contingent of Chess Kids Training Squad juniors.

**Leading Final Scores:**

- 5/5 G.Canfell
- 4.5 J.Puccini
- 4 D.Dragecevic, J.Tan, D.Stojic, L.Matheson & J.Penrose.

Of the Chess Kids juniors the better performers were William Malagin with 3.5 points, Gary Lin scored 3 points and Max Phillips scored 2 points against a very strong field. Well done!

**NOBLE PARK CLASSIC**  
22-23 SEPTEMBER, 2012

A number of Chess Kids were amongst the field of 59 players which contested the first Noble Park Classic week-ender. The tournament was won by local Domagoj Dragicevic with 6.5/7.

**Chess Kids Leading Final Scores:**

- 5.5/7 Carl Gorka (3rd place)
- 3.5 Ryan Kam
- 3 Rebecca Strickland, Lachlan Martin, Haran Salasan
- 2.5 Gary Lin & Max Phillips

# WORLD YOUTH TEAMS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Robert Jamieson



Forty teams competed in the World Youth (u16) Teams Chess Championship in Turkey in August. Australia was represented by three teams with our top team finishing in a creditable 8th place. The tournament was won by Russia from Iran and India.

Justin Tan did best in the top team, scoring 6 points, whilst Ari Dale scored 6.5 points for the B team against weaker opposition.

### The Final Standings:

- Team A 8th
- Team B 30th
- Team C 25th

Australia played the winners, Russia, and were very unlucky not to have drawn the match. Bobby missed a win in the ending and how Laurence didn't win the following game remains a mystery.

U -16 Chess Olympiad 2012

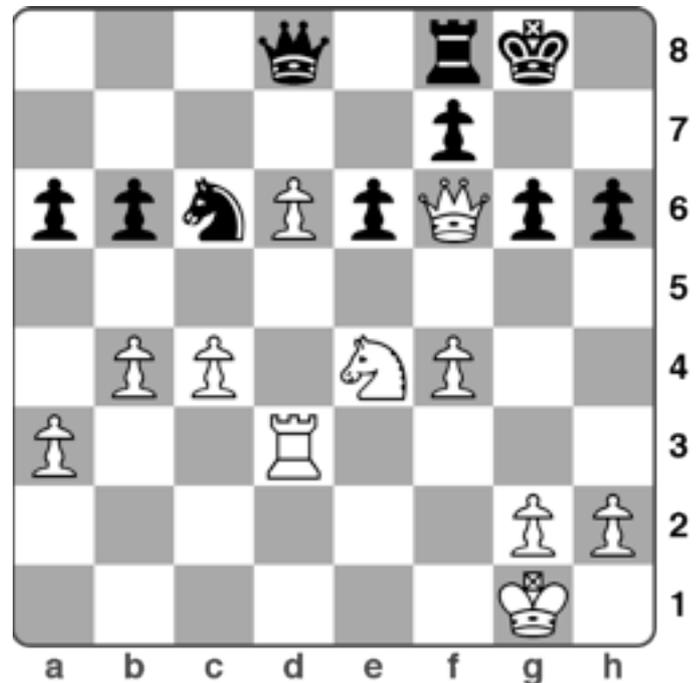
**L.Matheson AUS 2140**

**IM V.Artemiev RUS 2476**

Sicilian 3.Bb5

- 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.O-O Nf6 6.e5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 Qc7 8.d4 e6 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Na3 a6 11.Nac4 Nc6 12.Bg3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qh5 h6 16.c4 g6 17.Qh4 Nb6 18.Rfd1 Nd7 19.f4 Kg7 20.Bf2 Rad8 21.Ne4 Na5

- 22.Rac1 b6 23.b3 Nb8 24.Qf6+ Kh7
- 25.Bh4 Nac6 26.Rd6 Rhf8 27.Bf2 Nd4
- 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Rd1 Nc6 30.b4 d3
- 31.R1xd3 Rxd6 32.exd6 Qd8 33.a3 Kg8



White to play.

### 34.c5?

Black is clearly powerless to do anything so White should just build up his position before doing anything decisive. 34.h4 or even 34.Kf2 would have been good.

- 34... bxc5 35.Qxd8 Rxd8 36.Nxc5 Nb8 37.d7?

Again, a couple of moves building up (Kf2!) would have left Black without anything to do.

- 37...Kf8 38.Rd6 Ke7 39.Rb6 Nxd7 40.Nxd7 Rxd7 41.Rxa6 Rd2 42.b5 g5 43.fxg5 hxg5 44.b6 Rb2 45.a4 Kd6 46.a5 Kc6 47.Ra7 Rb5 48.Kf2 f5 49.Ke3 e5 50.Kd3 e4+ 51.Kc4 Rc5+ 52.Kb4 Rb5+ 53.Ka4 Rb1 54.Re7 Kd6 55.Re8 1/2-1/2

And now a trivia question for you. Who was the strongest player in the "Australia A" team? Bobby Cheng perhaps? Wrong! Bobby finished second last in the team arm wrestling contest which was won by little Justin Tan. Justin is a champion gymnast as well as being a very good chess player.

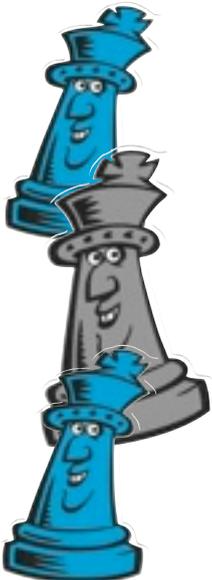


## National Interschool Chess Championships

November 25-27

Primary, Middle-Years, Open Secondary and Girls Only

120 places open to any school



This event is the most highly regarded chess event of the year. With the **best teams** from all over **Australia** and **New Zealand** competing; the best chess coaches from **Chess Kids** providing individual feedback and coaching and a fantastic social atmosphere. You'll want to be part of NICC 2012!

**Entries are now open!** Only 120 places open to any school - others are allocated by qualification through State events.

Just a stone throw from the Melbourne CBD, The University of Melbourne's Queen's College is proud to host the 2012 National Interschool Chess Championships.

They have very comfortable on-site accommodation (single rooms) at Queen's College and next-door at Trinity College and lots of space on site for stretching your legs!

## Victorian Youth Chess Championships 2012

20th and 21st October 2012

Swinbourne University, KIOSC Trade Training Centre

369 Stud Rd, Wantirna South.

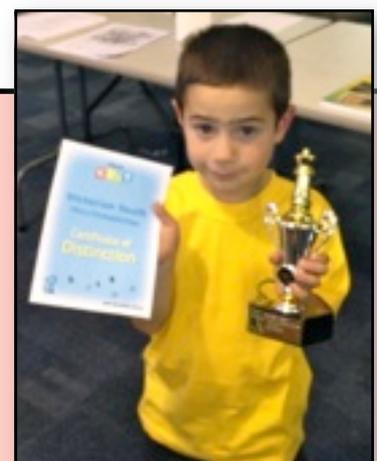
Saturday 2pm - 4pm followed by free pizza and transfer chess.

Sunday 10am - 4.30pm presentations.

Entry Fee \$75

[www.chesstournament.com.au/vic-youth](http://www.chesstournament.com.au/vic-youth)

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# 12 YEAR-OLD BOY BEATS INTERNATIONAL MASTER!



Jason Chew

**A few years ago at the National Schools Finals a young boy was having a bad tournament and was struggling to hold back tears after he lost an important game. His rating would go down which meant that he wouldn't qualify for the junior master title which he desperately wanted. His name was Jason Chew.**

I tried to console him: "Your rating is not important I explained. It goes up and it goes down and its only a measure of your playing strength. What is important is that you learn from your mistakes and in the long term become a good player."

Since that day Jason has worked really hard on his chess and played in heaps of junior tournaments plus adult events at the Melbourne Chess Club, Box Hill Chess Club and Noble Park Chess Club. He plays on-line at "Chess Kids On-Line" under the tag "Swizzace" and we have played many games against each other on-line late at night and yes, Jason's play has improved rapidly.

Jason is currently playing in the Melbourne Chess Club Open against some very stong

adult opponents. In round 4 he beat David Beaumont, a competent player rated 2061, and was congratulated on his upset victory.

Next round Jason had moved up to board 3 and was playing Black against International Master Mirko Rujevic, a very experienced opponent. Jason knew his opening theory, played his favourite French defence, and 19 moves later had scored a crushing victory!

MCC Open

**IM Mirko Rujevic 2253**

**Jason Chew 1653**

French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 O-O 9.O-O-O c4 10.f5 b5! 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nxb5 Rb8 13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.exd6 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc3 Ne4 17.Qa3



**Black to play**

**17...c3! 18.Nd3 Na5 19.Nc5 Qxb2+ 0-1**  
After 20.Qxb2 cxb2+ 21.Kb1 Nc3#.

Great, inspirational play by Jason. Perhaps you can follow in his footsteps?