

Chešs KIDS KNIGHT TIMES

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Message from the Guru

The entire chess community was shocked by the tragic car crash that occurred on the way back from the Doeberl Cup in Canberra. Just like in chess the difference between life and death was just one square...two dead, two in intensive care and two unharmed, the only difference was where they sat.

The good news is that James Morris should be back to full strength in about 8 weeks - we can't guarantee he'll be coming on chess camp, but it certainly looks like he will be!

I've also been very touched by the care that everyone has shown - chess is a very tight knit community and it has been nice to see how supportive they can be in a time of crisis. Thanks to all those who Facebooked and sent cards ... James and his family appreciated the kind thoughts and I am certain it helped them through the most difficult of times.



David Cordover,

Managing Director,
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**THE ZILLMANN'S
- NICOLE, MATTHEW AND SHAWN - ALL
PRIZE-WINNERS IN THE NOVICE
TOURNAMENT.**

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RJ SHIELD

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Events are held on the last Sunday of most months. Venues at Ormond, Mildura and Yarrowonga.

NOVICES TOURNAMENT

**Sunday 24th March
Monash University**

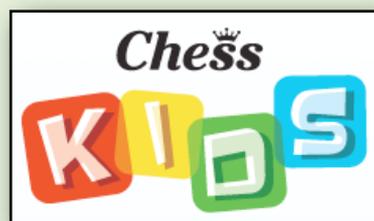


Who said chess couldn't attract a crowd!

Forty-seven keen young players contested the March Novices tournament with 11 year-old Joshua Lipp emerging as the victor with 6/7. Joshua won his first 6 games but was smashed by Gabriel Rips in the final round to miss out on a perfect score.

Shawn Zillman had a great tournament to win the top U/12 prize and his sister Nicole won the top girl. Shawn's big brother Matthew took third place to ensure that all the family went home with a trophy.

Thanks to the arbiters, Frank and Mary.



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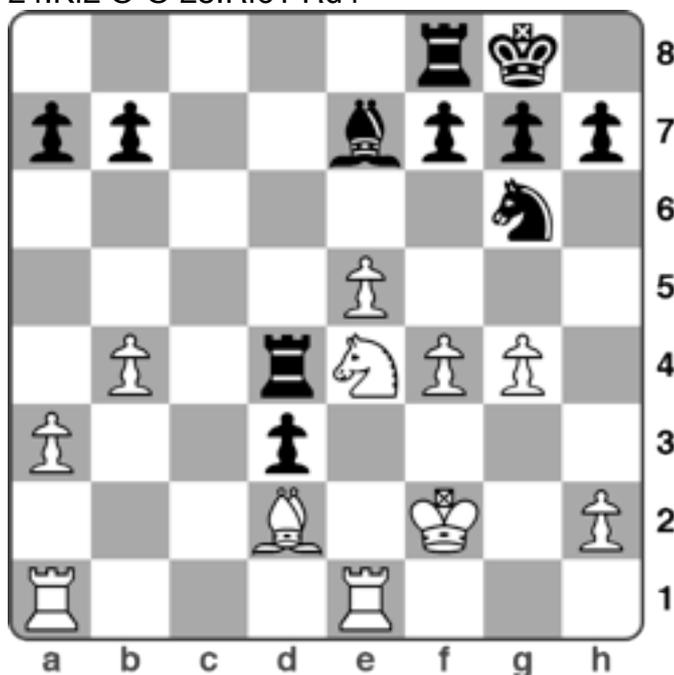
Novice Tournament

Sam Trewin 1146

Joshua Lipp 1140

Caro Kahn Defence

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.f4 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qb6 9.Nbd2 Nge7 10.g4 Rc8 11.a3 Ng6 12.Nf1 Qb3 13.Ng3 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Bc5 16.Qd3 d4 17.Ne4 Qd5 18.Rf1 dxc3 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Nxc3 d4 21.Ne4 d3 22.b4 Be7 23.Bd2 Rd8 24.Kf2 O-O 25.Rfe1 Rd4



26.Nf6+?? gxf6 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.f5 Bh4+ 29.Kf1 Bxe1 30.Kxe1 Re8+ 31.Kd1 Rxg4 32.fxg6 Rg1+ 33.Be1 Rgxe1+ 34.Kd2 Rxa1 35.Kxd3 Rxa3+ 36.Kc4 Re5 37.gxh7+ Kxh7 38.Kd4 Rae3 39.Kc4 a6 40.Kd4 Re2 41.Kd3 Rg5 42.Kd4 0-1

CHESS COACHING IS LOOKING GOOD.....

Chess Kids has a new coach and tournament organiser



Mary Dyer grew up in the rural state of Tennessee in the U.S.A. She first learned to play chess from her father as a small child. However, she did not begin seriously competing until she was 13 years old. Mary and her identical twin sister, Elizabeth,

joined the after school chess program in grade six and by grade nine they were a force to be reckoned with taking bronze, silver, and even gold medals in adult divisions.

During high school, Mary founded Cleveland High Schools first Chess Club. She was elected President of the club as well as Captain of the team. Together with her twin they represented their school at Regional and State Tournaments every year.

Throughout university Mary continued her chess playing casually and in an effort to focus on her studies, she took a break from competing. She always had an appreciation for the game and those skills she gained over the years in playing and competing. She wanted to thank an old friend and so she returned to her old school and began teaching in a volunteer position alongside her first chess coach, her mentor and good friend, Mr. Timothy Sams. Together they grew the chess club from 20 students to over 60 and qualified the Junior school for State Finals with a young grade 6 girl leading the team!

Mary is a proud chess student, competitor, and teacher who has a heart for education and for the invaluable skills that can be gained from learning and playing chess. She is a new member of the Chess Kids team and is very happy and proud to be a part of such a great cause.

GET WELL JAMES!

Readers may have heard on the news of the horrific automobile accident at Winton on Easter Monday which claimed the lives of two chess players and left two others in a critical condition.

Six Melbourne Chess Club members were returning from the Doeberl Cup in Canberra when their van overturned after a tyre blow-out. Chess Kids coach Anthony Hain escaped relatively unscathed but IM James Morris was left with critical chest injuries with some medics doubtful that he would make it.

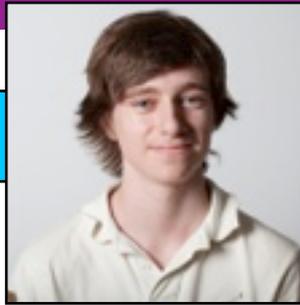
Fortunately James is a fighter, just like he plays on the chess board, and he has made a remarkable recovery to survive his injuries. He will be in rehabilitation at Epworth Hawthorn for quite some time but we are now hopeful that he will make a full recovery.

James has even said that he wishes to defend his Victorian Championship title from his hospital bed! Thanks to everyone who has dropped in to Chess Kids to sign a card for James he thanks everyone for their support during this difficult time.



IM James Morris

Stalemate Tricks

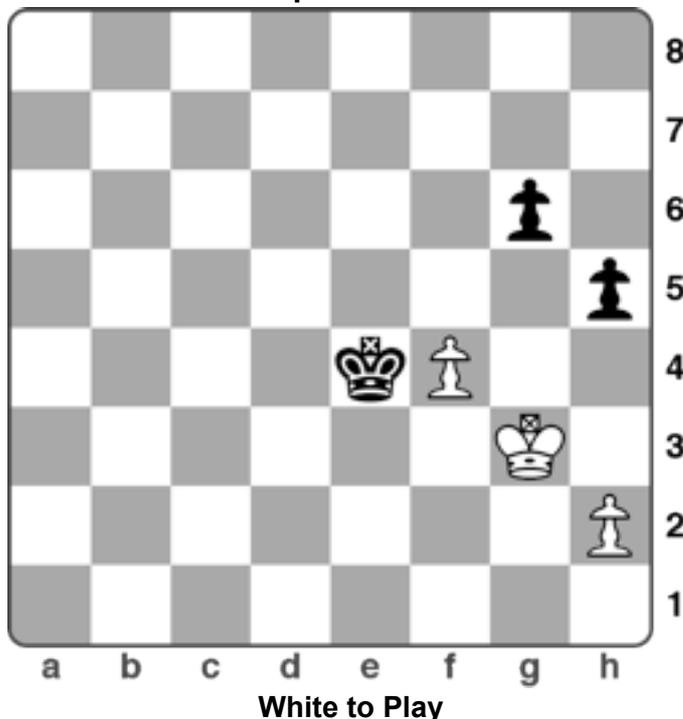


With Laurence Matheson

Stalemates are an important part of chess. They are often dismissed as what happens at the end of a boring ending, but stalemate tactics are some of the best around. Today we'll look at a few of them. I'll give you two to get you started. We start with an example with fewer pieces on the board. White appears to be in trouble here, as it looks like sooner or later he will be forced to move his King off from the defence of the f4 pawn, allowing Black to capture it and win the game.

I suggest you cover the moves below each diagram and try to find the stalemating idea yourself.

Filep v Mariotti

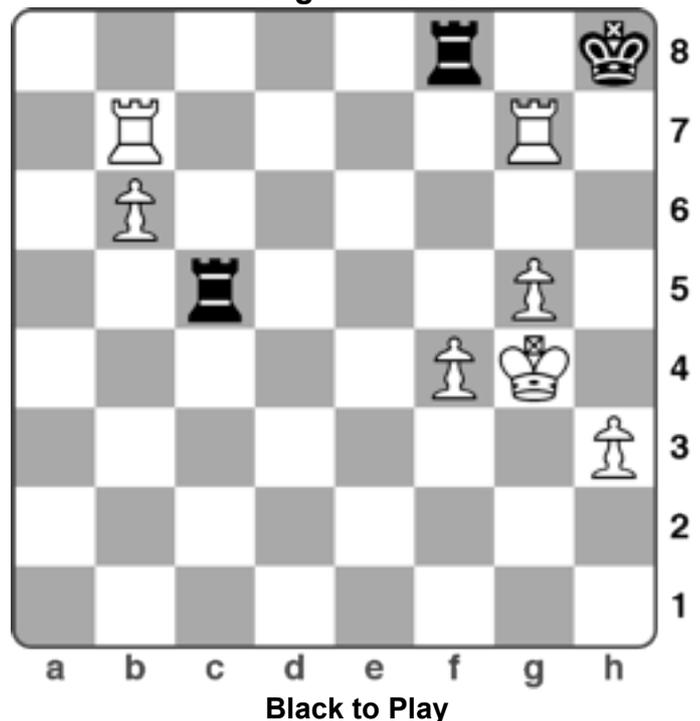


1.h3! 1.h4 Ke3 is not helpful as White loses his f4 pawn and the game **1...Ke3** Now it seems White will be forced to play h4 anyway, when he will lose his f4 pawn after Black's Ke4, but

White finds a cunning stalemate trick hiding... **2.Kh4! Kxf4** with stalemate!
2...Ke4 3.Kg5 h4 4.Kxh4 Kxf4 does not change anything.

Now we come to one of my own games; I was Black in this game, and being 4 pawns down was hopelessly lost. To top things off it was the last round of the tournament and I had just 30 seconds on the clock plus the 10 second increment added per move. I thought for 15 seconds, before finally hitting on an idea. My King can't move, so if I can somehow get rid of my rooks I will draw the game with a stalemate... kamikaze time!

Cheng v Matheson

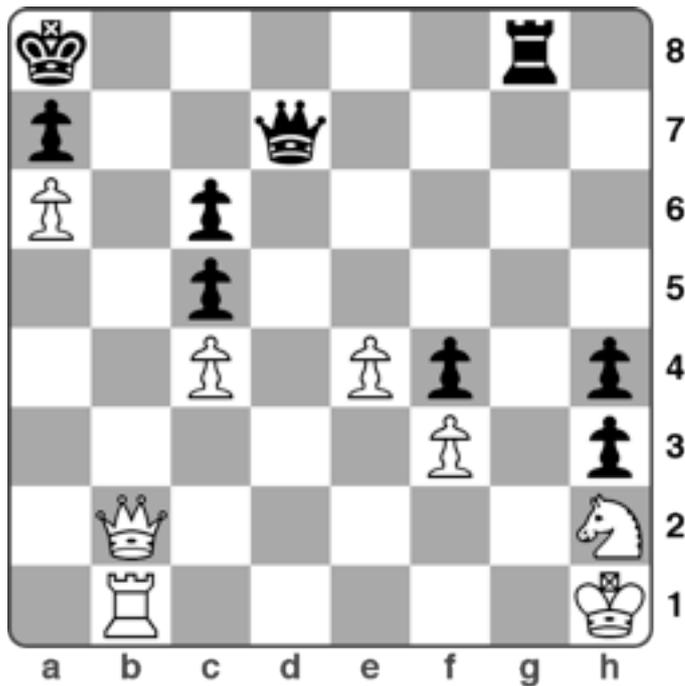


1. ... Rxf4+! 2.Kxf4 One rook bites the dust, now I just have to get rid of the other one!
2...Rf5+ 3.Kg4 Rxc5+ Now all I have to do is check along the 5th rank and he can never take me or it will be stalemate.
4.Kf4 Rf5+ 4. ... Rxc7 Be careful! This would be a tragedy as White can safely swap rooks.

5.Rxg7 Kxg7 6.b7 and White creates a new Queen. **5.Kg3 Rg5+ 6.Kh2 Rg2+** drawn.

Now it's your turn; this time you are playing with the Black pieces against Australia's best active player, GM Zong-Yuan Zhao and in trouble a Knight down. Notice how your King can't move? Perhaps you could use that to help save the game!

Zhao v Brown



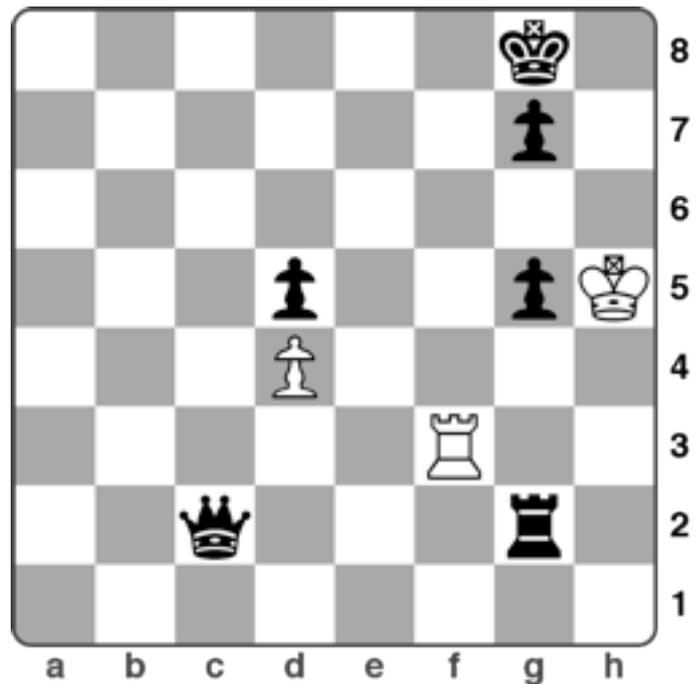
Black to Play

1. ... **Qd1+!** Black tries to get rid of his pieces.
 1. ... **Rg1+** Unfortunately doesn't work because of **2.Rxg1** when Black doesn't have a good way to give up his Queen. **2.Rxd1** If **2.Nf1** and White even loses after **2...Qxf3+ 3.Kh2 Rg2+**
2. ... Rg1+ drawn.

Now we move more locally, to the Victorian U18 Junior Championship of 2012. Things had gone badly wrong in this first round game for one of the tournament favourites, playing White. However, here he finds a good combination to pull out a remarkable draw a Queen down!

"I will draw the game with a stalemate... kamikaze time!"

Antolis v Chew



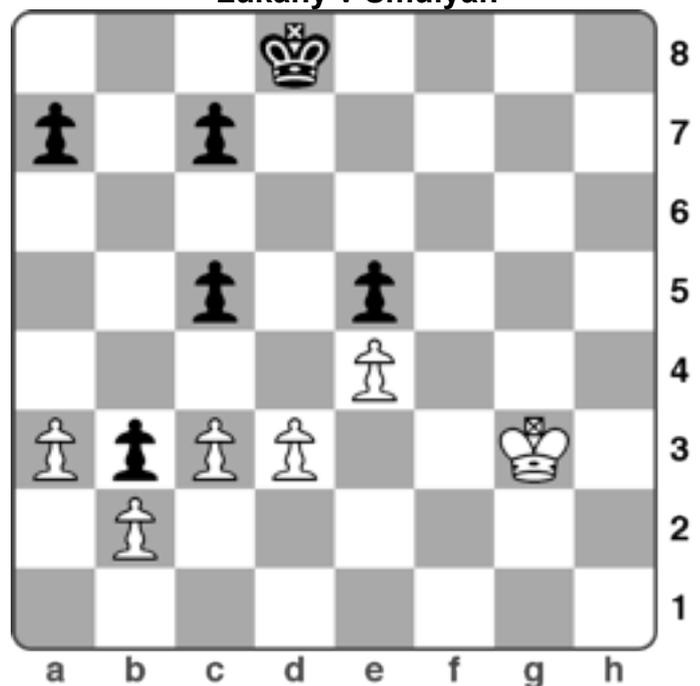
White to Play

1.Rf8+ Again, White tries to get rid of his rook, as his King has no moves.

1...Kh7 2.Rh8+ drawn

We again move away from home, to a quite remarkable finish. You are Black, to play, and will find that trying to passively defend the pawns does not help, as White eventually zugzwangs you out of defending them. You will also say that the stalemate possibilities seem remote, but trust me, it is there. Good luck!

Lukany v Smulyan



Black to Play

1. ... c4! A strange first move, but the point will become clear.

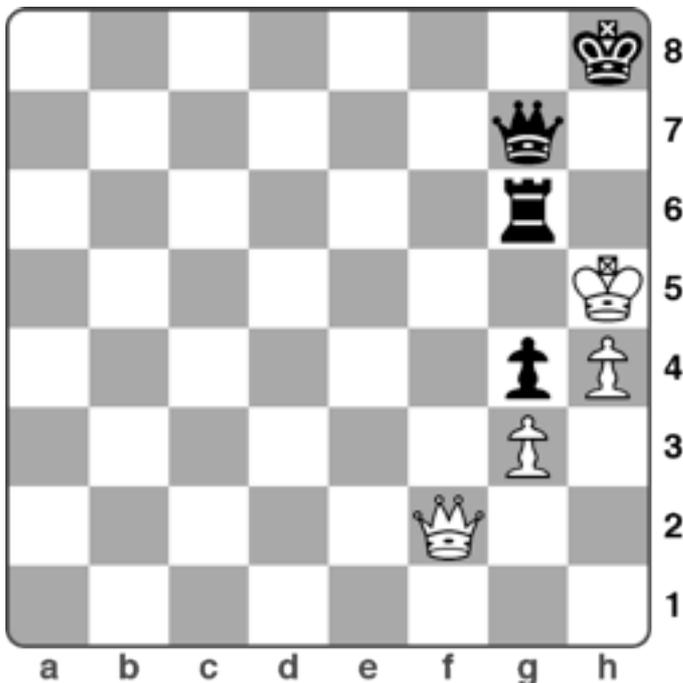
2.dxc4 2.d4 White tries to avoid what is coming, but this even loses after exd4 3.cxd4 c3 4.bxc3 b2 and Black Queens a pawn.

2. ... c5 Fixing the White pawns. Black's plan begins to emerge, and there is little White can do to stop it.

3.Kg4 Kc7 4.Kf5 Kb6 5.Kxe5 Ka5 6.Kd5 Ka4 7.Kxc5 a5 drawn.

Now it's time for my climactic smash hit of stalemate tricks. You are White, a rook down and it appears you are getting mated, but White, playing for the championship of some obscure city, devises something quite special.

Gross v Bitterfield

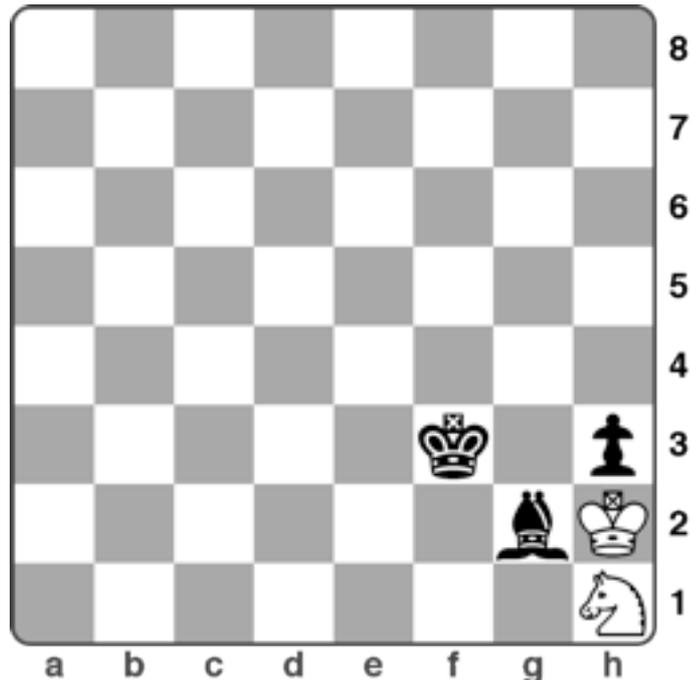


White to Move

1.Qf6!! A stunning move, completely paralyzing the Black pieces. 1...Kg8 does not help and even loses after 2.Qxg6, while 1...Kh7 2.Qxg7+ with stalemate next.

A few of you will know that 19 year old superstar IM James Morris is currently in hospital after a terrible car accident returning from a chess tournament in Canberra. We wish him all the best with his recovery. Here we have James up against IM Vlad Smirnov, trying to draw the game as White a pawn down.

Morris v Smirnov



White to Play

If you picked a legal move you are correct! All three legal moves draw here. White can alternate between h2 and g1 with his King, g3 and h1 with his Knight or do what James played and finish the game immediately...

1.Nf2 White now threatens to remove the last Black pawn, which is indefensible, so Black must take.

1...Kxf2 drawn.

QUICK ADVICE...

- Try to castle early to make your king safe.
- **When your opponent moves, ask yourself "what is he threatening?"**
- Before you move do a quick check of what your opponent may reply.
- **In a tactical position look at all checks and captures.**
- If you find a good move, look for a better move!
- **When you are ahead swap pieces, when behind swap pawns.**

ANTON SMIRNOV

World's 2nd highest rated 12 year-old!

by IM Robert Jamieson

**Australian chess has a new super-star!
12-year-old Anton Smirnov, the world's
2nd highest rated player in his age-group.**

Anton has scored an International Master norm at the Sydney International Tournament where he was undefeated even though his opponents included 5 grandmasters! This followed on from Anton's excellent result at the Doeberl Cup over Easter. The scorecards for both events are listed below.

Here is a sample of Anton's play.

Parramatta Sydney International Open, 2013

J.Tan AUS 2249

A.Smirnov AUS 2194

Sicilian: Najdorf

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Qf3 Be7 10.g4 h6
11.O-O-O Rc8 12.Rg1 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Kb2 Nh7
15.Qg3 g5 16.f3 O-O 17.Qf2 b5 18.Bd3 Rc8 19.Qe1
Nb6 20.Bd2 Nc4+ 21.Ka1 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Nf8 23.h4
Nd7 24.hxg5 Bxg5 25.Qe1 Nb6 26.Rh1 Na4 27.Rh5 f6
28.Bf1 Nxc3 29.Rd2 Bf7 30.Rh3 Kg7 31.Rd3 Na4
32.Rh2 Bc4 33.Qa5 Qc6 34.Rd1 Bf4 35.Rg2 Bf7
36.Qb4 Rd8 37.Qa5 Rd7 38.Qb4 d5 39.Bd3 d4 40.Rh1
Bxb3 41.cxb3 Nc3 42.Qa5 Rb7 43.Rf1 Rb6 44.Rc2
Qb7 45.Rh1 Rc6 46.Rf1 Qb8 47.Rh1 Bg5 48.Re1 Qd6
49.Rg1 Kh7 50.Rcg2 Qf8 51.Kb2 Qc8 52.Rc2 Be3
53.Re1 Bf4 54.Rh1 Bg5 55.Rg1 Qf8 56.Rcg2 Kg7
57.Rh1 Kf7 58.Re1



Black to play and win.

58...f5!

Anton has found the idea of trapping White's queen with Bd8.

59.gxf5?

White should defend with 59.a3 allowing the Queen to retreat to b4, however he has a different defence in mind.

59...Bd8 60.Bc4+

A desperate attempt to save his Queen.

60...Ke8

Better than 60...Rxc4 or 60...bxc4.

61.Qxd8+ Kxd8 62.Rg8 Qxg8 63.Bxg8

White has restored the material balance but Anton has seen further....

63...d3!

With the powerful threat of d2.

64.Ra1 d2 65.Kc2 d1=Q+ 66.Rxd1+ Nxd1+ 67.Kxd1 h5 68.Bd5 h4! 0-1

The pawn cannot be stopped. White resigns.



Anton's Sydney International Scorecard

Rd.	Bo.	SNo	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.
1	27	64	Brockman Roland	1708	AUS	3.0	w 1
2	11	11	Palit Somak	2449	IND	5.5	s ½
3	8	4	Heberla Bartlomiej	2562	POL	5.0	w ½
4	7	8	Horvath Adam	2509	HUN	6.5	s ½
5	9	10	Varga Zoltan	2472	HUN	5.5	w ½
6	15	27	Ayvazyan Armen	2211	AUS	5.0	s ½
7	13	22	Tan Justin	2249	AUS	5.0	s 1
8	9	14	Laxman R.R.	2429	IND	4.5	w 1
9	5	9	Czebe Attila	2479	HUN	6.0	s ½

Anton's Doeberl Cup Scorecard

33 -- SMIRNOV ANTON , K=0, Elo=2194, ID=0
D2C DOEBERL CUP PREMIER 2013, CANBERRA, 28/03/2013, 01/04/2013

R	C	ID	Cat	OPONENT	Rtg	diff	exp.	res	Cum	Pts
1	W	77	--	Senatock Steven	1804	390	0.91	1.0	1.0	3.0
2	B	11	IM	Palit Somak	2442	248	0.19	0.5	1.5	5.0
3	W	28	--	Lei Tindie	2232	38	0.45	1.0	2.5	5.5
4	B	5	GM	Zhao Zong-Yuan	2537	343	0.12	0.5	3.0	6.0
5	W	13	GM	Johansen Darryl K.	2430	236	0.20	0.5	3.5	5.5
6	B	23	FM	Ambus Andre	2324	130	0.32	1.0	4.5	4.5
7	W	1	GM	Li Chao h	2686	400	0.08	0.0	4.5	7.5
8	W	16	IM	Illingworth Max	2423	229	0.21	0.5	5.0	5.5
9	B	15	FM	Chen Bobby	2425	231	0.21	0.5	5.5	5.5
					var = 0, PRtg=2447	3367	2.69	5.5	31.0	

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