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Message from the Guru

Every year State Finals marks the point in the calendar where things start to wind down towards summer holidays.

Congratulations to Mount View Primary (Primary Champions), Deepdene Primary (Junior Primary Champions) and Glen Waverley Secondary (Middle Years Champions) for their respective victories. It's so great to see the standard of chess keep improving - I'm sure that the Primary teams of this decade would have won the Open Secondary titles of 15 or 20 years ago.

You may have noticed that we recently closed down our play.chesskids online games site and replaced it with an American site "www.chesskid.com". This site is the baby sister of chess.com and has some great features. In order to maintain a safe online environment and to ensure that all Aussie kids can find, play and chat with one another we are asking you to register via

www.chesskid.com/australia - by doing so we can monitor registrations to ensure a safe place for our kids to play and also you'll be able to find and play with all your friends - just like you could before on play.chesskids.

The last big event for the year is the Tera-Finals... this is a new event in Australia and part of the OzSchools Chess Challenge. Being new, the numbers are still a bit small and so the Tera-Finals has been combined with the RJ Shield Finals to make one big event. This gives our RJ Shield finalists the chance to share in \$4000 of cash prizes (more money than at the Australian Junior Championships!) and the Tera-Finalists get a few more challenges. It's likely that this amount of prize-money will attract some of the strongest juniors in the country. Details from www.chessfinals.com.au



David Cordover,
Managing Director,
Chess Group of Companies



RJ SHIELD

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

Check it out!

Events are held on the last Sunday of most months. Venues at Benteigh, Mildura and Yarrowonga. The RJ Shield finals will be on Sunday 24th November at Melbourne University.

Novice Tournament

Ashley Curry won the September Novice Event in Carnegie with 6.5/7 from Gabriel Rips and Oliver Cordover on 6 points.

Full Results are on:

<https://au.tornelo.com>



Oliver, Ashley, Connor and Gabriel at the Novice Tournament.

STATE FINALS

28 & 29 October 2013

The **Junior Primary Finals** were won by Deepdene Primary with 21/28 and the **Middle Years Finals** were won by Glen Waverley Secondary with 33/36 whilst the **Primary Finals** were won by Mount View Primary with 31.5/36. The leading schools from each event now go on to play in the **National Finals** on 25-26 November at Melbourne University. Congratulations to all the teams which made it through.

Full scores are on:

<https://au.tornelo.com>

Our thanks to Our Lady of Assumption Cheltenham for hosting the State Finals.



VICTORIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 2013

This year's Vic. Youth Chess Championships were held at Swinburne University Wantirna and the winners were as follows:

Under 7

7.5/8 Jay Landau

Under 9

8/8 Kayson Wang

Under 11

6.5/7 Haran Salasan

Under 13

5.5/7 Sam Trewin

Under 15

6.5/7 Rebecca Strickland



Coaches, parents and players follow the games on the large TV screens in the analysis room.

Vic. Youth Championships - Under 15, 2013

Rebecca Strickland 1278

Jon Tissainayagam 1126

Bishop's Opening: 3.d3

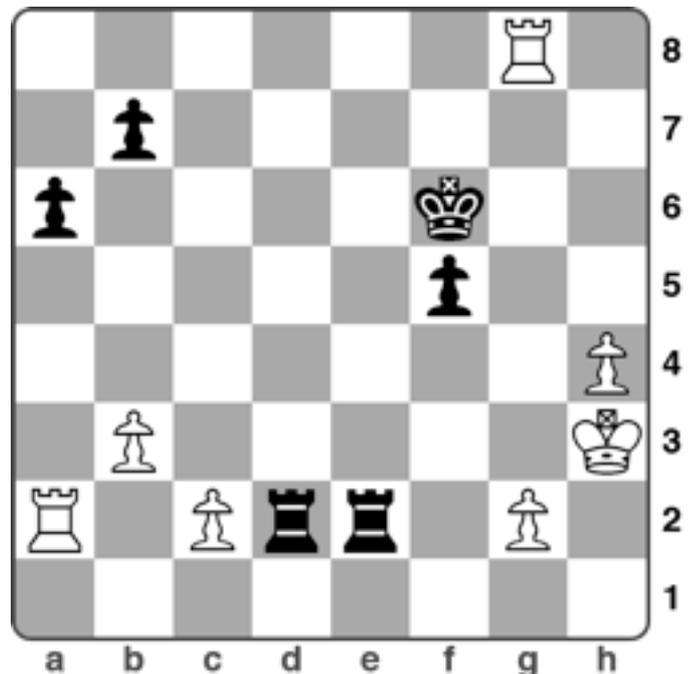
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Ne2 Bc5 5.O-O d6 6.h3 h6 7.Kh1 O-O 8.f4 exf4 9.Nxf4 Ne5 10.Bb3 c6 11.Nc3 Bb6 12.d4 Ned7 13.Be3 Re8 14.Qf3 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nfd5 Bxe3 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.Qxe3 d5 19.e5 d4 20.Qf4 dxc3 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rxf6 Be6 24.Rxh6 cxb2 25.Rb1 Bxb3 26.axb3 Rad8 27.Rxb2 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Rd2 29.Rh4 Ree2 30.Rg4+ Kf8 31.Ra2 a6 32.h4 f5 33.Rg5 Ke7 34.Kh3 Kf6 35.Rg8



Rebecca Strickland - Victorian Youth Chess Champion 2013

The tournament made use of modern technology with players recording their games live on iPads rather than using scoresheets. This allowed people to follow the games live on the web at home or on the big screens in the analysis room.

Here is the game between the top two players.



35...Re3+ 36.Rg3 f4 37.Rf3 Rf2 38.Ra4 Rxf3+ 39.gxf3 Rxf3+ 40.Kg4 Ke5 41.Kxf3 Kd5 42.Rxf4 Kc5 43.h5 Kb6 44.h6 Ka7 45.h7 b6 46.h8=Q a5 47.Qh7+ Ka6 48.Qd3+ Ka7 49.Rf7+ Ka8 50.Qd8#



On the International scene there is big news for Australia. The world's highest rated 12 year-old, Anton Smirnov, has been playing in the very strong Indonesian Open which has just concluded. Anton drew with a GM in round one, then drew with GM Torre (Asia's first GM) in round two.

"Impressive" I thought, but there was better still to come. Anton played 4 GMs for 1.5/4 and 5 IMs for 3/5 to finish on 6/11. This is a performance rating of 2450 and a second IM norm for Anton. If he keeps improving at this rate Australia will soon have another grandmaster.

Anton's Scorecard

Rd.	Bo.	SNo	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	Res.
1	21	21	GM Gopal G N	2527	IND	7.5	w ½
2	29	33	GM Torre Eugenio	2462	PHI	6.0	s ½
3	25	37	IM Paehtz Elisabeth	2440	GER	6.5	w 0
4	45	102	Panggabean Hasian	2190	INA	4.5	s 1
5	22	15	GM Salem A R Saleh	2567	UAE	6.0	w 0
6	42	92	Sinurat Tumpak	2249	INA	6.0	s ½
7	37	39	IM Juswanto Denny	2417	INA	5.0	w ½
8	34	43	IM Irwanto Sadikin	2407	INA	4.0	s ½
9	38	45	IM Karavade Eesha	2400	IND	5.0	w 1
10	25	25	GM Khusnutdinov Rustam	2509	KAZ	6.0	s ½
11	31	52	IM Purnama Tirta Chandra	2382	INA	5.0	w 1

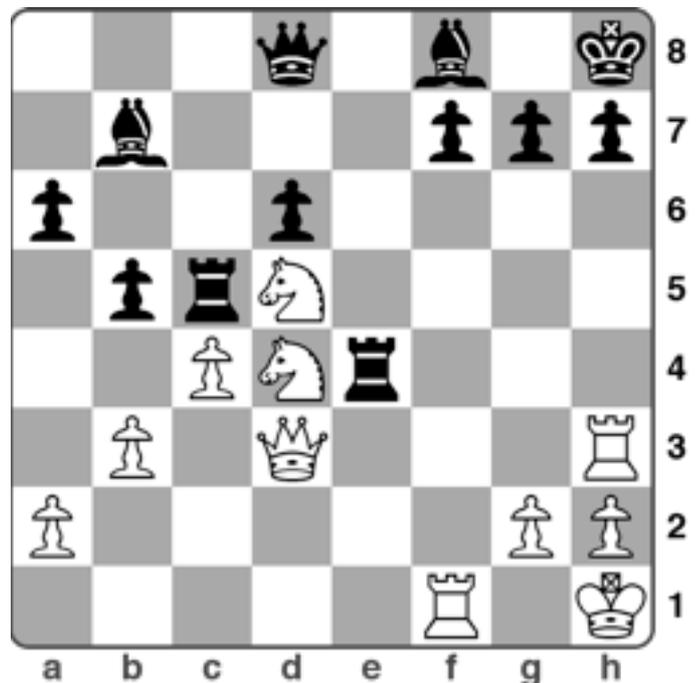
Indonesian Open, 2013

FM Anton Smirnov 2306

IM Chandra Purnama 2382

Sicilian: Kan, 5.Bd3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.O-O Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.c4 Be7 9.Nc3 O-O 10.Kh1 b6 11.f4 Nbd7 12.Bd2 Rd8 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Rf3 Bf8 15.Rh3 Rac8 16.Rf1 Re8 17.b3 Qb8 18.Bb1 e5 19.fxe5 Rxe5 20.Bf4 Ree8 21.Bg5 Rc5 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Rg3 Qd8 24.Qf3 Kh8 25.Nd5 b5 26.Rh3 Re5 27.Qd1 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Rxe4 29.Qd3



Black to play.

29...Rh4?

Better was 29...Qe8 30.Nc3 bxc 31.bxc d5 giving up the exchange to blunt White's attack.

30.Rhf3 Bxd5?

Again 30...f6 31.Ne6 sacrificing the exchange was better.

31.cxd5 Rxd5??

This loses to a nice tactic.

32.Rxf7 Be7 33.Qf3!

With the double threat of 34.Rf8+ and 34.Qxd5.

33...Bf6 34.Qxd5 1-0

If 34...Rxd4 35.Qxd4 Bxd4 36.Rf8+.



Stop Checking!

I thought that I'd talk about a problem that I'm having coaching young players. Sometimes they come up with funny ideas!

This sort of problem really struck home to me when I played through one of the play-off games at the recent Vic. Youth Chess Championships. Both players had strange ideas. They loved exchanging pieces at every opportunity even if the swap resulted in a slight advantage for the opponent (like he recaptures with a developing move). I guess that captures are the first thing that young minds look at and you get the thrill of taking one of your opponent's pieces. When he couldn't swap pieces one of the players had an even better plan. He would check his opponent's King. King moves, then he tries to check it again. I guess he was operating on the theory that if he checked enough times one of them may turn out to be checkmate! My answer to this was to suggest a better strategy. Instead of trying to check him to death, **KILL HIS ARMY!** Take all his pieces then you can think about checks and checkmates. This idea seemed to appeal to my student who repeated with gusto "**KILL HIS ARMY!**"

The other player had a different idea. He is convinced that the King is an attacking piece. He doesn't castle. He leaves his rooks at home in the corners and marches into the enemy camp with his lone King! What a great idea. After all, the first World Champion, Wilhelm Steinitz too thought that the King was "an attacking piece." It worked for Alexander the Great in his battle against the Persian King Darius so let's see whether or not this idea worked in the Vic. Youth game that I was playing through. Your task is to play through the game to the end (and there is an amusing finish) then tell me what both players missed.

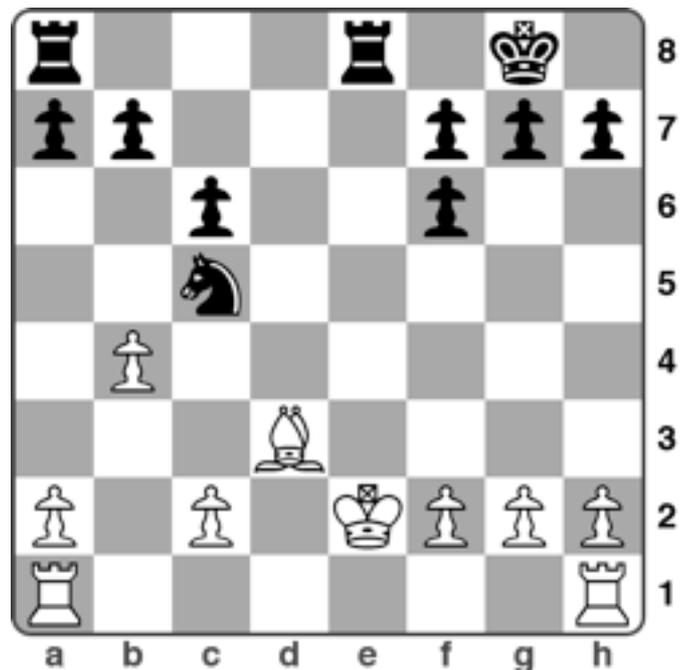
Victorian Youth Championships - Playoffs

Timothy Tianmeng Hu 604

Shawn Zillmann 895

Caro-Kann: 4.Nxe4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Qd5 5.Bd3 Qxd4 6.Nf3 Qd8 7.Ne5 Nf6 8.Nxf6+ exf6 9.Ng4 Bxg4 10.Qxg4 Qd7 11.Qxd7+ Nxd7 12.Ke2 Bc5 13.Be3 O-O 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.b4 Rfe8+



Now through the follow moves then tell me what both players missed (that would have reversed the result.)

16.Kd2 Nxd3

An exchange!

17.Kxd3

Here I come!

17...Rad8+ 18.Kc4 b5+

Black could have "killed his army" with 18...Rd2 but would have missed out on the thrill of checking.

19.Kc5

Now you are in trouble, I'm attacking your "c" pawn.

19...Rc8 20.Rhe1 Re5+ 21.Kd6

I'm coming to get you!

21...Rd5+ 22.Ke7 Rc7+ 23.Ke8 Rdd7 24.a3 Rb7 25.f4 Rdc7 26.Rad1 Rb8+ 27.Rd8 Rxd8+ Great, I've got a capture AND a check!

28.Kxd8 Rb7 29.Re8#

Oops! A triumph for the attacking King. What both sides missed was 22...Rcd8! threatening 23...R(5)-d7 mate and winning immediately.



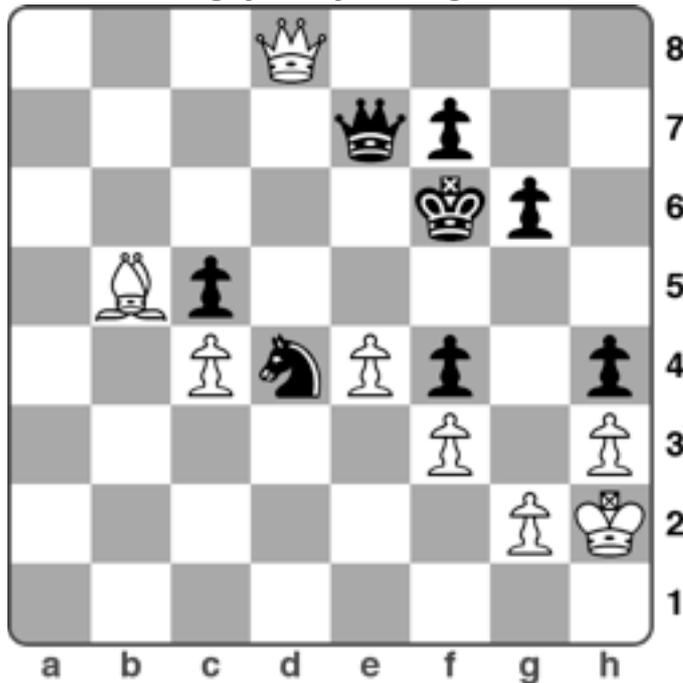
Test your Tactics

With IM Robert Jamieson

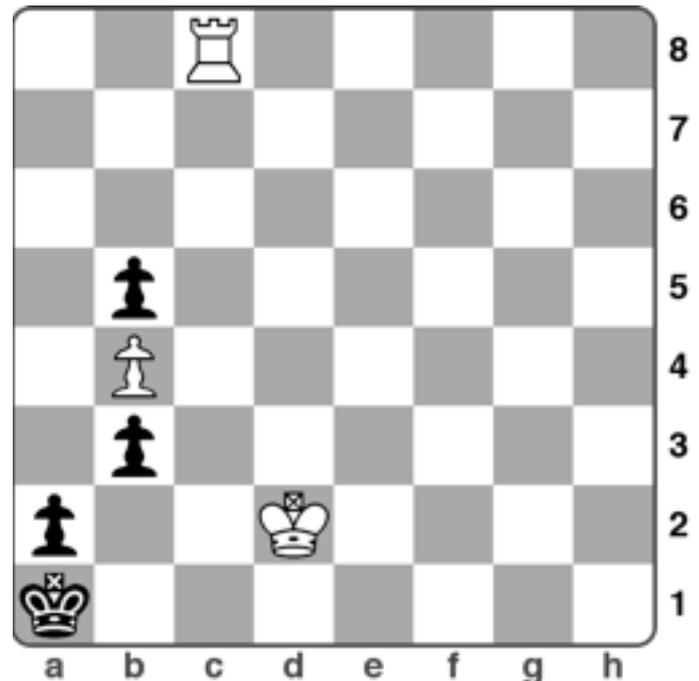
To be a good chess player you have to be able to out-think your opponent and to see moves/ideas that he has missed. Here are some positions to test your eye for tactics.

This next position is fairly difficult as it looks like the rook and King cannot stop the two black passed pawns. Even if you find a clever idea for White Black has a second line of play that you will also have to counter.

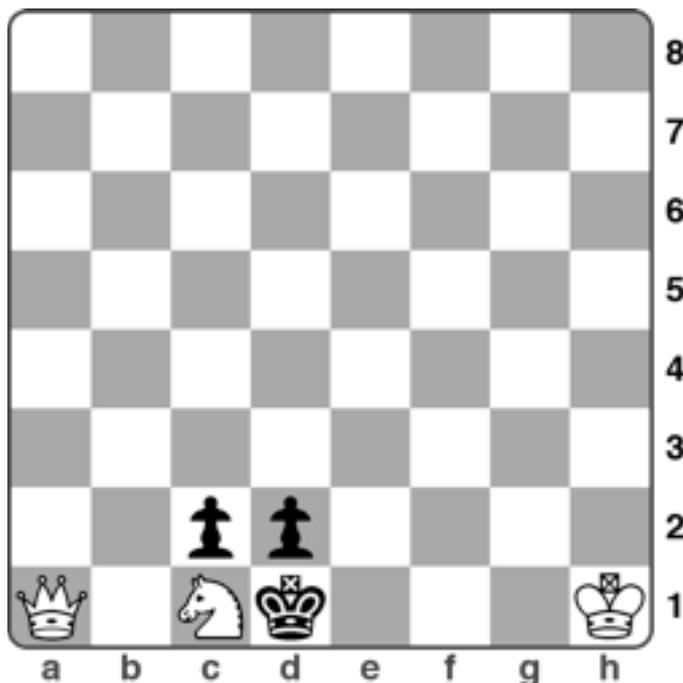
Polugayevsky v Gurgenzidze



White to play and win.



White to play and draw.



White to play and mate in 2 moves.

If you are stuck, ask yourself “how is White going to draw (e.g. K v K, triple repetition, stalemate, etc.) then see if you can set up a position that achieves that result.

ANSWERS:

A) White wins with 1.e5+! Ke6 2.Bd7+! Qxd7 3.Qf6# Very pretty.
 B) 1.Qd4! and 1...Kxc1 Qa1# or 1...Ke1 Qg1#.
 C) 1.Kc3 b2 (or 1...Kb1 2.Kxb3 a1=Q 3.Rc1+!! Kxc1 stalemate) 2.Rd8 b1=Q 3.Rd1 Qxd1 stalemate. Or 2...b1=R 3.Rd2 and Black cannot get his K out of the corner.



How to Attack

It's easy! Get more attackers than defenders then sacrifice (if necessary) to get at your opponent's King. Here's an example.

Box Hill Grades

Jason Tang 2109

Max Chew Lee 1862

Reti Opening

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.c4 O-O

5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d3

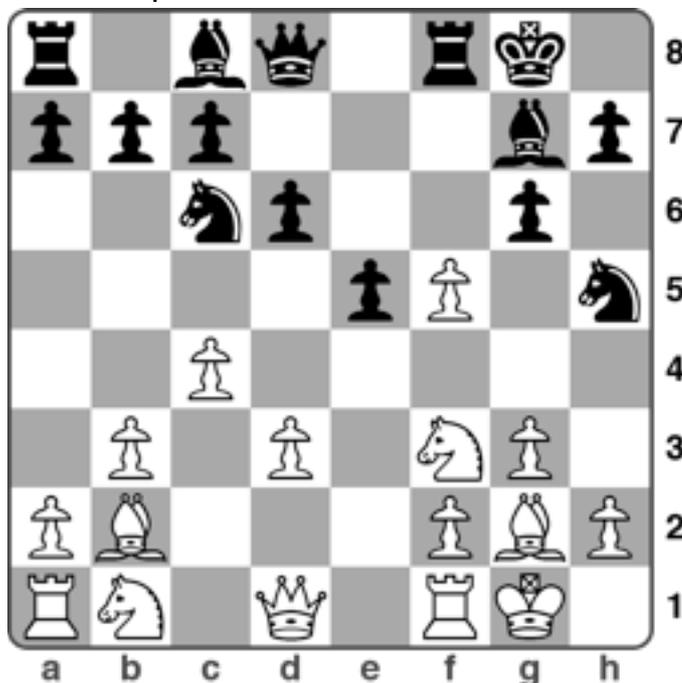
I don't like this pawn structure as it is better to have some pawn mobility. 8.d4 getting the two pawns side by side was better.

8...Nh5

Black has the right idea ... he is aiming for ...f5.

9.e4 f5 10.exf5

No doubt expecting a recapture but Black has a surprise in store.



10...e4! 11.Bxg7 exf3 12.Bxf8 fxe3

13.Kxg2 Qxf8

White has rook and two pawns for two pieces which would be good in an ending,

but with the Queens on the board and an attack in the air the pieces are usually better.

14.fxe3 Qh6 15.gxh7+ Kxh7 16.Re1 Bh3+!

The first bolt from the blue.

17.Kg1 Ne5 18.Re4

Missing his last defensive chance with 18.d4! as 18...Bg4 is answered by 19.Qc2+ Qg6 and White can get the queens off.

18...Nf3+!

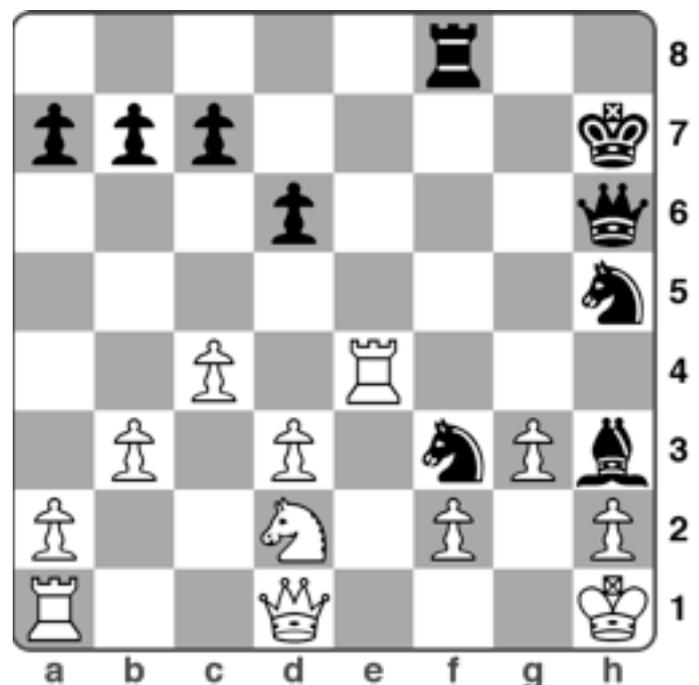
Can't take because of 19...Qc1+ with a back rank mate.

19.Kh1 Rf8

Notice how Black now has 5 attacking pieces to two defenders so he is obeying the basic rules of how to attack.

20.Nd2

Desperation. Black now has mate in 5 moves.



Black to play and win.

20...Nf3+! 21.fxe3 Bg2+! 0-1

After 22.Kxg2 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Nxd2+ 24.Ke1 Qf2#.

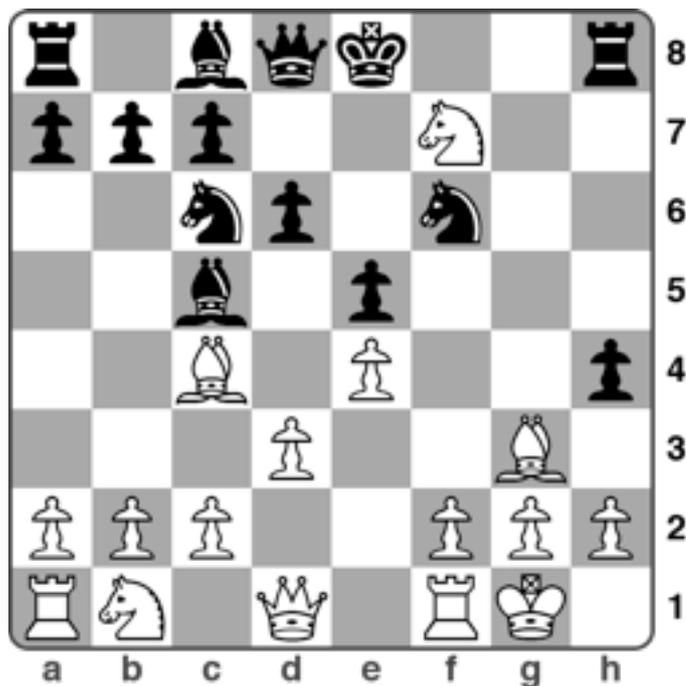
And now for another example of how easy attacking is. Just put your pieces on good squares and move them towards the opponent's King then sacrifice to open up the King's position.

**Botzhold
Gudmundsson**
Giuoco Pianissimo: 4.d3 Nf6

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6
5.Bg5**

Is this a good pin? White doesn't want to take the N so the pin is only worthwhile if it can be maintained.

**5... d6 6.O-O h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5
9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7**



Black to Play

It looks like Black is in trouble as his Q and R are forked, but he does have plenty of attackers.

**10...hxc3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qe1 Nd4
13.Nc3 Nf3+ 0-1 White Resigned**

After 14.gxf3 Bxf3 White cannot stop 15...gxh2+.



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