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Message from the Guru

As always, winter is the busiest time for Chess Kids. It must be the chess-friendly weather. Maybe we should setup a branch in Siberia?

I've just come back from a trip to New Zealand where Chris Depasquale is successfully offering Chess Kids programs in schools. As well as inviting their National Schools Champions to Melbourne to play in the National Finals (in Melbourne) we are hoping to do a lot more collaboration with our Kiwi neighbours in the near future. Already a number of NZ players are active on the play.chesskids online games room. We're looking forward to getting them involved in some of the Elite coaching as well.

The hardest part of becoming a good chess player is finding a group of peers with similar ability. Including NZ players in our Australian coaching and events will benefit the players of both countries.

We are also going through a re-branding phase; trying to modernise the names of our events and get them away from 'descriptive' names. You'll notice the first of these will be the RJ Shield Elite event (formerly known as Victorian Youth Championships). All the individual events will have the RJ Shield brand name attached to them and coupled with our Player Pathway description of Novice, Elite, Junior Master, Superstar.

I look forward to seeing you at on of the next RJ Shield events - whichever is most suited to your ability (rating) level; Novice 400-1200, Elite 800-1600, Junior Master 1200-2000 and Superstars 1600-2400.



David Cordover,
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Anthony Hain edges out Charlotte Dilnutt to win the July Ormond RJ Shield Tournament.

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RJ SHIELD

There were two July RJ Shield tournaments with 58 players participating overall.

The Ormond event had four previous winners playing but Anthony Hain emerged victorious with 7 wins.

In Doncaster it was a family affair with Ege Girgin edging (or is that egeing?) out his brother Baris on count-back.

Ormond Leading Scores

7 Anthony Hain
6 Charlotte Dilnutt
5 Alexander Csendes
(26 players)

Doncaster Leading Scores

6 Ege Girgin
6 Baris Girgin
5.5 William Lai
(32 players)

The next RJ Shield will be a big event in Doncaster with Bobby Cheng (World U12 Champion) and Michael Addamo playing.



Even little Chess Kids can win a trophy at the RJ Shield Tournaments.

THE MICHAEL ADDAMO RJ SHIELD

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With IM Robert Jamieson

Check for Traps!



One thing that I keep stressing to young players is to “examine all checks and captures.” This is one method to ensure that you don’t miss any tactics.

Most chess games are decided by blunders. A famous grandmaster once commented that chess games are won by the player who makes the next to last blunder.

We should not however assume that all our opponents are novices who go around blundering their pieces. They could instead be sneaky players who are setting a trap for us.

Take the following recent game for example. Black played 4...f6 threatening White’s B on e5. Instead of moving the B back to g3 White played

5.e3. Do we assume that this is a mistake and just take the free bishop? Of course not! Our suspicions should be aroused and before we take the piece we should quickly look at what we think our opponent will reply. This includes looking at all his checks and captures.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 g5 4.Be5 f6 5.e3



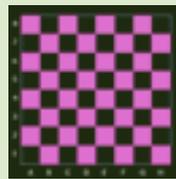
5...fxe5?? 6.Qh5# 1-0

Oh dear! Did we forget to check? Our opponent did not!



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Build Up to Win!



With IM Robert Jamieson



The other night I gave an on-line lesson to the “Chess Kids Elite” group on the theme of building up your attacks.

Many juniors try to launch an attack with only one or two pieces when the enemy has many defenders so their prospects of success are small. What players should be doing is developing all their pieces and building up in the area that they wish to attack. When you have more attackers than there are defenders then you go for it.

To demonstrate this concept I went through a game that I had recently played against my computer. The students loved the game and said “you should publish it” so here it is.

Robert Jamieson
Shredder

Kings Indian Attack

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5 4.O-O Be7 5.d3 d5

Gaining space but leaving a “hole” at c4 for my N.
6.Nbd2 d4 7.e4 O-O 8.a4 Nfd7 9.Nc4 Nc6
10.e5

White puts his own bid in for some space. Clearly White will now try to attack on the kingside and Black on the queenside. You attack where you have more space.

10..Nb6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.Re1 Nb4 14.b3 Qc7 15.h4 Bd7

Threatening 16...b5

16.Rc1 b5 17.axb5 Bxb5 18.Bg5 Bxg5

All my students wanted to recapture with the N but I have a different plan in mind based around control of f6.

19.hxg5 Qe7 20.Qd2 Ra2



It now dawned on me that Black’s attack was faster than White’s. He threatens 21....Bxd3 so I have to start defending.

21.Bf1 Rfa8 22.Nh2

This is my plan. The N is heading for f6.

22...R8a3 23.Ng4 Rxb3

White needs to act quickly before his queenside disappears.

24.Nf6+ Kh8

Not 24...gxf6 25.gxf6 Qf8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.fxb3.

25.Qf4 Nxc2 26.Qh4 gxf6 27.exf6 Qf8
 28.Rxe6
 28.g6 was a reasonable alternative.
 28...Kg8
 Not 28...fxe6? 29.g6!
 29.Rb6 Rbb2 30.Rxb7
 That's one pawn back. Don't want to get too far behind on material.
 30...Ba6 31.Re7 Bb5 32.Qe4
 I love consolidating moves like this. No need to panic even though I am down on material.
 32...Qd8 33.Bh3
 At last I can bring some more pieces into the attack on the kingside.
 33...Qa8 34.Rxf7! Qxe4 35.Rg7+ Kf8 36.dxe4 Bc4
 To stop 37.Be6
 37.Rxh7
 Now I am winning on the kingside and Black is winning on the queenside. Who's attack will get home first?
 37...Bg8 38.g6! Ra8
 Not 38...Bxh7 39.gxh and the pawn queens.
 39.Re7
 39.Rh8 was probably better but I am threatening mate in 1.
 39...Bb3 40.e5 d3 41.e6 d2 42.Rf7+ Kg8
 43.Rg7+ Kf8
 Now I should play Rd1 but I wanted to show off against the computer.
 44.Rh7 dxc1=Q+ 45.Kh2



Now Black is a R+N+Q ahead and you'd have to admit the he has won the battle on the queenside. Fortunately for White Black's K is on the kingside where White is winning.
 45...Kg8 46.f7+ Kf8 47.g7+ Ke7 48.f8=Q+ 48.g8=Q was best but I wanted to say it with checks.
 48...Rxf8 49.g8=Q+ Kd6
 Not 49...Ke8 50.Qg6+ Kd8 51.e7+
 50.Qxf8+ Ke5 51.Qxc5+ Ke4
 Anyone for chassey?
 52.Bg2+ Kd3 53.Rd7+ Ke2 54.Qb5+ Bc4
 55.Qxc4+ Kxf2 56.Rf7+ Qf4 57.Rxf4+ Ke1
 58.Qc3+ Kd1 59.Rf1+ Ke2
 Now it's mate in two with 59.Qf3+ but a quiet move works just as well.
 60.Kg1 Ra2 61.Bf3# 1-0

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Top 50 Players

1.		AlastairDyer	1598
2.		XD-_-	1588
3.		Daniel Holten	1556
4.		mikesguns	1532
5.		Edge360	1528
6.		Insight	1528
7.		magque	1514
8.		mastertan	1511
9.		Checkmate	1491
10.		thinkwin	1476
11.		ChessGuru	1474
12.		Midnight	1451
13.		Ace4wiz	1450
14.		Darquesse	1440
15.		accident	1416
16.		CarlGorka	1413

PLAYER OF THE MONTH



With IM Robert Jamieson

MICHAEL ADDAMO

Profile of Michael Addamo, Australia's representative to the World U/16 Youth Chess Championships in Greece.



How old are you? 16

At what age did you learn to play chess?

I started playing chess at the age of 4 when I was taught by my father. I was already better than him the year after. I then joined my school chess team when I started school.

What school do you go to?

Ivanhoe Grammar School

What are your ACF & FIDE ratings?

1589 and 1826 respectively

What are your best results?

I won the Doeberl Cup-Minor with 7/7, and came equal first in the U16 Victorian Championships

What is your favourite chess book?

Kasparov's Great Predecessors Series, because it shows many of Kasparov's famous wins. It is amazing to see the tactics he uses to win his games. For example queen sacrifices for mate and sacking material for the initiative.

How often do you play chess?

I play chess basically every day online and usually play around twice a week in real tournaments. I also play most weekender tournaments as well.

How much chess study do you do?

I analyze all my games on my computer (Rybka 3 and Chessbase 10), to see what I can improve on, I look at various openings I can play. I also read books to look at openings and to use tactics. Chess puzzles are also good to do as they improve my analysis thinking.

Who is your favourite chess player and why?

My favourite chess player would have to be Garry Kasparov as he is an inspiration to me because he is such a talented and skilled chess player.

Who are the strongest players that you have beaten?

Michael Baron and James Morris.

What are your interests outside of chess?

I like various sports including football, soccer, cricket, rugby and golf. I also have a interest in Maths and Science at school.

What advice would you give to young players starting out in chess?

My advice I would give to young players is to never give up playing chess even if you are not good, because it is only a matter of time before success will happen. Always keep persisting. No one became a champion straight away. It takes years of hard work before that happens. And my advice to all chess players is to never look at someone's rating as most of the time it does not accurately judge how good the player actually is.

STRANGE CHESS FACTS

After each side has played three moves, the pieces could form any one of over ninety million possible positions on the board.

A boy gave General Rahl of the British Army a note from a spy that George Washington was about to cross the Delaware and attack. The general was so immersed in a Chess game that he put the note in his pocket unopened. There it was found when he was mortally wounded in the subsequent battle.

The word "Checkmate" in Chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the King is dead."

Did you know that you can stalemate in 10 moves! Here's how.

- 1.c4 h5 2.h4 a5 3.Qa4 Ra6 4.Qxa5 Ra6
- 5.Qxc7 f6 6.Qxd7+ Kf7 7.Qxb7 Qd3
- 8.Qxb8 Qh7 9.Qxc8 Kg6 10.Qe6 =



FAMOUS QUOTES

**THE KING IS A FIGHTING PIECE.
USE IT!**
(WILHELM STEINITZ)

**WEAK POINTS OR HOLES IN
THE OPPONENT'S POSITION
MUST BE OCCUPIED BY PIECES
NOT PAWNS**
(SIEGBERT TARRASCH)

**A GOOD PLAYER IS ALWAYS
LUCKY**
(JOSE RAUL CAPABLANCA)

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By IM Robert Jamieson

If you are good at chess there are many opportunities to play overseas and represent your country. Australia recently sent three players to the World Junior and World Girls Championships in Poland.

Australia's rep. in the World Junior was ACT junior, Sherab Guo-Yuthok (seeded 121). There were 18 GMs, 34 IMs and 26 FMs and a total of 127 juniors (but no girl junior this year) from 57 chess federations. Average Elo is 2323!

In the World Girls there were 6 WGMs, 1 IM, 12 WIMs, 23 WFMs and a total of 85 players from 45 federations. Australia's reps. were WFM and 2010 Woman Chess Olympian Emma Guo seeded 65th and Tamzin Oliver, seeded 80th.

Back in my day in 1971, when I played in the World Junior in Athens, there was only one International Junior Championship and it had a field of 41 players with one GM and a few IMs. What a difference today!

The best thing about these events is that they introduce our better juniors to the big world of International Chess and expand their horizons considerably. I had the thrill of playing the top seed, Russian GM Vaganian, in the first round and he certainly taught me a lesson.

FINAL SCORES:

World Junior

- 10/13 GM Dmitry Andreikin 2650 RUS
- 10/13 GM Sanan Sjugirov 2610 RUS
- 9/13 GM Dariusz Swiercz 2492 POL

Sherab finished in 111th place on 4.5 points.

World Girls

- Won by Anna Muzchuk 2527 SLO 11/13.
- Emma Guo finished 58th 5.5 points.
- Tamsin Oliver finished 76th 4.5 points.

I followed some of the live games on the internet and have picked a nice little position for you to test your skill. White has just played 1.h5 to attack the Black King. How should Black continue?

Salgado-Lopez 2607 v Delorme 2455



Black to Play

Answer below.

ANSWER:
1...Qd5! 2.f3 Qd4+ 3.Kh2 (If 3.Kf1 Bg3+) Qh4+ 4.Kg1 Qxg3 0-1.