

Chess KIDS KNIGHT TIMES

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Message from the Guru

It feels like chess players in Victoria have changed gear and taken it up a level. The standard of play, the enthusiasm, the numbers and the energy of the past couple of weeks has been greater than I've seen at any time in the past. It feels like another quantum leap is about to happen.

The Victorian Youth Championships was won by Karl Zelesco who seems to be getting closer and closer to Superstar Bobby Cheng with every tournament. He's off to play in the World Youth Championships in Brazil shortly and we wish him all the best! If he plays to his best ability I think he's a really good chance for a medal.

Karl's school, Deepdene Primary, may very well win the "School of the Decade" award after taking out the Junior Primary and Open Primary State Finals -- not only that, but finishing 2nd in the Middle Years State Finals! Just watch out in a few years for those Junior Primary players...the standard is already amazing!

The exciting project we're working on for next year is www.chesstraining.com.au -- this will be the hub of our Junior Training Squads for 2012. The JTS will be searching for committed players (no more than 12 per squad) who want to work hard during the year, preparing for the Australian Junior Championships. We are even guaranteeing a 200 point rating increase! If you think you have what it takes, register your interest now before applications open on December 5th.



David Cordover,
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STATE FINALS



Deepdene Dominate!

DEEPDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM
WINNERS: PRIMARY STATE FINALS
RUNNERS-UP: MIDDLE YEARS FINALS

*Karl Zelesco, Max Chew Lee, Matthew Cheah,
Dominic Lai, Ryan Lumpreiks, Alanna Chew Lee,
Stephen Chen, Samuel Chua.*

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RJ SHIELD

September RJ Shields

There were three RJ Shield events in September as follows:

Clayton Leading Scores:

7/7 E.Girgin
6 T.Gamage
5 J.Tissa
(30 Players)

Doncaster Leading Scores:

9/9 T.Ng
8 T.Ongko
6 S.Seevannayagam
(10 Players)

Mildura Leading Scores:

6/7 A.Harrison and Z.Harrison
5 K.Brooker
(35 Players)

For full results and updated ratings just log on to www.chesskids.com.au and click on the ratings and results button.

There were no events in October because of the Vic.Youth Championship.



THE CHESS KIDS CENTRE ACTIVITIES

We run sessions
EVERY WEEKDAY
5:15pm-6:15pm.

And Saturday from 9am - 12:00pm.

PRIMARY STATE FINALS

Deepdene Primary scooped the pool again in the Primary and Junior Primary Divisions.

Primary:

32 Deepdene Primary School,
28 Patterson Lakes Primary,
28 Doncaster Gardens Primary

Leading Scores:

9.0 Karl Zelescp
8.0 Max Chew Lee & Matthew Cheah
7.5 Ege Girgin, Zhi-Lin Guo & Daniel Yuan

Junior Primary

24 Deepdene Primary,
20 Tucker Rd Primary,
19 Southmoor Primary

Leading Scores:

7.0 Tianli Zhang
6.0 Ken Weeraratne, Evan Inavolu,
Thomas Morrison, Jacob Curry

Full scores are available at:

<http://tornelo.chesskids.com.au/tournaments/state-finals-open-primary>



350 players crowded into the venue...

Solutions to Puzzles on page 6.

- #1 **1.Re7! 1-0** If 1...Qxe7 2.Qxd5+.
#2 **1...Qe1!! 0-1** If 2.Qxe1 Nf3+ 3.Kh1 Rxh2#
#3 **1.Qh6+ gxh6 2.Rxf6+ Kg7 3.Bxh6+ Kg8 4.Rf8#**
#4 **1.Qxg5+! Nxg5 2.Nf5+ Kg6 3.h5#.**

SECONDARY STATE FINALS



The Glen Waverley Secondary Team
 Michael Chan, Allen Yu, Zachary Loh & Samuel Chan.

Eighty-two players from thirteen schools contested the Secondary State Finals held at Brighton Grammar on 2nd September.

Glen Waverley Secondary dominated the event with Jason Tang (Brighton Grammar) and Michael Chan (Glen Waverley) being the individual highest scorers with 8.5/9.

Full scores are available at:
<http://tornelo.chesskids.com.au/tournaments/state-finals-open-secondary>

A lot of the top games featured exciting blitz finishes with players winning with only seconds to spare. The top player, Jason Tang, won at least two games in this manner. My favourite game was the following tactical encounter.

Secondary Interschool State Finals
Ari Dale 1306 (Northcote)
Allen Yu 1589 (Glen Waverley)
 Queen's Gambit
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.e3 O-O 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Re8 10.O-O h6 11.Bh4 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Rab1 Nd6 14.Nd1? Nf6 15.b4 Bd7 16.a4 Rac8 17.Ndc3 a6 18.a5 Bg4 19.Na4 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Nfe4 21.Rfc1 Qg5 22.Nb6 Rcd8 23.Bxa6? bxa6 24.Qxa6 Nd2? (Nxf2!) 25.Rb2 N6e4 26.Rxc6



Black to Play

26...Nxf2 27.Rxd2? (27.Qe2) Nh3+ 28.Kh1 Qxe3 29.Re2 Nf2+? (29...Qg1#) 30.Rxf2 Qxf2 31.h3 Re1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.g3 Qf2# 0-1

The top three teams now progress to the National Finals to be held in Kyneton from 27th November to 29th November at the Campaspe Downs Country Resort.

Full details at: <http://www.interschool.com.au>

Team Standings

↓	Place	Team Name	Top Player	Score	Players
🏆	1	Glen Waverley Secondary	Michael Chan	30½	8
🥈	2	Brighton Grammar - Senior School	Jason Tang	26½	7
🥉	3	Mazenod	Vincent Ngo	23½	8
	4	Melbourne High School	Nicholas Chan	22½	9
	5	Northcote High	Eddy Wang	21	8

MIDDLE YEARS STATE FINALS

Leading Team Scores:

- 29 Glen Waverley Secondary
- 26.5 Deepdene Primary
- 26.5 Melbourne High
- 24.5 Brighton Grammar
- 22.5 Emmanuel College

Leading Individual Scores:

- 8.5 Bobby Cheng
- 8 Karl Zelesco
- 7.5 Michael Chan, Allen Yu
- 7 Ari Dale, Issac Ng, Kit Ming Foo, Jeffrey Jiang & Zachary Loh

Here are the two most interesting games:

Middle Years State Finals

Michael Chan

FM Bobby Cheng

Closed Sicilian

- 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.d3 a6 4.a4 Nc6 5.g3 d5
- 6.Bg2 d4 7.Nce2 Bd6 8.f4 Nge7 9.Nf3 f6
- 10.O-O Rb8 11.c3 dxc3 12.bxc3 b5
- 13.axb5 axb5 14.Be3 O-O 15.Qe1 b4
- 16.Qf2 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Qb6



- 18.d4 cxd4 19.Nexd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Bc5
- 21.cxb4 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Qb5 23.Bc5 Rfe8
- 24.Rd6 Qc4 25.Qa2 Qxa2 26.Rxa2 Nc8

- 27.Rd7 e5 28.fxe5 Rxe5 29.Rd8+ (29.Rc7!)
- 29...Kf7 30.Rf8+ Kg6 31.Bd6 (31.Be3!)
- 31...Nxd6 32.Rxb8 Bxe4 33.Bxe4+ Rxe4
- 34.Rb2 Nc4 35.Rb3 Nd2 36.Rc3 Re1+
- 37.Kf2 Rb1 38.Ke2 Rb2 39.Kd3 Nf3 40.b5
- Ne5+ 41.Kd4 Nd7 42.Rb7 Ne5 43.b6 h5
- 44.Kc5 Kf5 45.Kd6? (45.Rxg7) 45...Rd2+
- 46.Kc7 Nf7 47.Kb8 Ke6 48.Rbc7 Nd6
- 49.b7 Rb2 50.R3c6 Kd5 51.Rxd6+ Kxd6
- 52.Kc8 Re2 53.Kb8?? (53.Rd7+) agreed drawn. (White had 12 secs left!)

Middle Years State Finals

FM Bobby Cheng

Karl Zelesco

Slav Defence

- 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.g3
- dxc4 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.O-O Be7 8.e4 O-O
- 9.a4 Qa5 10.Bf4 Bb4 11.Qc2 Rd8 12.Rfd1
- Qb6? 13.h3 (13.a5!) 13...c5 14.d5 exd5
- 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Nf6 17.Ne5 Nd7
- 18.Nxc4 Qg6 19.Qxg6 hxg6 20.Bc7 Re8
- 21.Nd6 Re2 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.d6 Rxb2
- 24.Bxb7 Rf8 25.Rab1 Ra2 26.Bc6 Ne5
- 27.Bd5 Rc2 28.Bb3 Rd2



- 29.Rxd2 Bxd2 30.Rd1 (30.f4!) c4 31.d7
- Nxd7? (31...cxb3 32.Bxe5 Ba5) 32.Rxd2
- cxb3 33.Rxd7 b2 34.Rd1 Rc8 35.Bf4 Rc4
- 36.Rb1 Rxa4 37.Rxb2 Ra1+ 38.Kg2 a5
- 39.Rb7 a4 40.Ra7 Kf8 41.h4 Kg8 42.Be5
- Kf8?? 43.Bxa1 1-0

CHESS PUZZLES TO SOLVE

To be a good chess player you must be good at tactics. Here is a chance to test yourself with some difficult puzzles. Remember to look at all checks and captures.

#1 White to Play



#3 White to Play



#2 Black to Play



#4 White to Play



Answers are at the bottom of the page 2.

VICTORIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

By David Cordover

Well done to everyone who took part in the Vic Youth this weekend. For many it was the first time they were recording games, which is a big step. I was most impressed with how the younger players coped with recording games, clocks and thinking about their moves all at the same time! Certainly we have a lot of very talented youngsters in Victoria and it bodes well for the future.

Superstar Karl Zelesco (age 12!) won the event with a perfect 7/7 and after being in trouble in his first game managed to win the rest comfortably. We wish him all the best in the World Youth Championships later this year!

Prizewinners

Under 21/15 – 1st Place (\$150) Karl Zelesco, 2nd Nathan Hibberd, 3rd Dmitry Lee, 1st U15 Jack Hughes (\$150)

Under 13 – 1st Place (\$150) Max Chew Lee, 2nd Thumula Gamage, =3rd Jonathan Tissa, Lachlan Martin

Under 11 – 1st Place (\$150) Jason Chew, 2nd Vishal Bhat (age 9), =3rd Josh Lipp, Henry Lai

Under 9 – 1st Place (\$150) Luis Chan, 2nd Kris Chan, 3rd Amelia Mendes (most improved +115)

Under 7 – 1st Place (\$150) Bobby Yu, 2nd Emily Lin, 3rd Yoni Chul

Lucky Prizes:



Karl Zelesco receives his trophy from IM Robert Jamieson

Elijah Cordover (book), Raminii Vijan (Aus Junior free entry), Dominic Lai (hat), Luis Chan (cards), Alistair McCutcheon (Egyptian pewter chess set), Emily Zhang (Wooden chess set), Max Chew Lee (clock), Max Phillips (clock), Daniel Olshansky (glass chess set) and Bobby Yu (Egyptian pewter chess set)



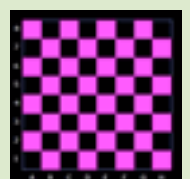
4 year-old Oliver Cordover had to stand on a chair to play his games!



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With IM Robert Jamieson

Don't be **A F R A I D !**

I remember my first ever game in an Australian Junior Championship. I was only 14 years old and I was paired with one of the top seeds, Alan Goldsmith, the second best junior in all of South Australia! My knees were knocking and I was shaking in fear throughout the whole game.

Fortunately with experience you overcome your nerves and are happy to play on without quaking in fear at the possibility of a loss. I developed a philosophy of not accepting draws, even in "level" positions and playing on. This places your opponent under considerable pressure when they realise that you are not scared and are trying to win.

I observed one example of lack of "fighting spirit" at the Australian Girls Championship early in the year. In the following game I was barracking for White (the Victorian player!) who was playing a much higher rated opponent. In the game she was clearly better yet she agreed to a draw!

Australian Girls Championship 2011

Charlotte Dilnutt 782

Sophie Eustace 1503

Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6
5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Ne2? Nf6 7.f3 d5 8.exd5
Nxd5 9.Bd2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 11.Nxc3
Qb6 12.Na4 Qb4+ 13.c3 Qe7 14.Bb5 Bd7
15.Qd2 a6 16.Nb6 Rd8 17.Ba4 Ne5 18.Qe3
O-O?

Missing 18...Nxf3+! 19.Qxf3 Bxa4 20.Nxa4
Qh4+ 21.Qg3 Qxa4 and White can't play
22.Qxg7 because of 22...Qe4+.

19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.O-O-O Nc5 21.Bc2 Nd7?
(21...a5)



22.g4?

I don't like this move. White has a Q-side pawn majority and a BvN so she should be aiming to swap off into an ending where these factors will be an advantage. Something like 22.Rd2 or Kb1 were solid moves to play against a higher-rated opponent. It's strange that so many young players seem to think that chess is about attacking. They don't know how to be patient and to build up their position first.

22... Nf6 23.h4

Surely White is attacking on the wrong side of the board! Her advantage is on the queenside.

23...Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8? Losing a pawn.

25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.g5 Ne8 If 26...Nd5
27.Qd3 threatens both h7 and 28.c4.

27.Qe4 g6 28.Qxb7 a5

Now White has her higher rated opponent on the ropes but has she the confidence to play for a win?

29.Qe4 Nd6 30.Qd3? (Better 30.Qd4) **Qe7**
31.f4 Nf5 32.Qh3 1/2-1/2



“Why did you agree to a draw? You are a pawn up.”
 “I was scared of 32...Qd6 33.Qh2 Ne3 34.Qf2 Nd5 and Black gets her pawn back.”

True, but the ending is still better for White if the queens come off so 35.Qd4 Qc7 36.Qe5 is fine.

If you play on you may lose. You may still draw. You may even win, but whatever happens you will have learnt something!

“I'm not afraid of him. He's afraid of me. I'm not afraid of him.” **(Bobby Fischer)**

“If your opponent offers you a draw, try to work out why he thinks he's worse off.” **(Nigel Short)**

“In Chess, at least, the brave inherit the earth.” **(Edmar Mednis)**

World Junior Champs 2011



World Girls 2011

Shekhar Madhurima IND 1854

Savithri Narenthran AUS 1693

Four Knights Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Nd4 5.Nxe5 "This is not dangerous for Black, but might be for White!" - IM Pinski in his book on the 4 knights 5...Qe7 6.f4 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 d6 8.Nf3 Qxe4+ 9.Kf2 Ng4+ 10.Kg3 Qg6 11.Nh4 Qh5



White to Play

12.Nxc7+ Kd8 13.h3 Nf6 14.Nxa8 Qxh4+!! 15.Kxh4 Ne4 16.Qh5 Be7+ 17.Qg5 Bxg5+ 18.fxg5 h6 19.g6 fxg6 20.g4?? [White could survive only by 20.Rf1 g5+ 21.Kh5 Ng3+ 22.Kg6 Nxf1 and now after 23.Kxg7 Re8 24.Kxh6 white's compensation for the doomed knight is inadequate.] 20...Bd7 21.d3 g5+ 22.Kh5 Be8# 0-1
 (Notes from "Chess Chat Forum")