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Message from the Guru

Welcome to another year of chess. As you can see from this Knight Times the last couple of months have been far from quiet!

It seems that the amount of chess being played in Australia just keeps growing and growing. You would struggle to find a weekend during the year when there wasn't a chess tournament somewhere within driving distance.

I think that one of the reasons that the standard of our top juniors has improved so much is because there is so much chess being played. This is great news if you are just new to the game, it makes your task of improving that much easier. Just play lots of tournaments!

We moved late last year and the new space (apart from looking amazing) has a nice area for club and tournament play. To provide yet another opportunity for you to play tournament chess we are running tournaments EVERY Saturday! There is a speed-chess tournament (5 minutes per game) from 10am - 11.30am and then a Chubbles tournament from 1pm - 3.30pm. One in 6 players will win a prize - guaranteed!

Chubbles is guaranteed to be the most fun you'll have on a chess board! A team game; it is noisy, fast, exciting and social. Come along and try it out - if you've not played before your first tournament is free!



See you on Saturday,

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RJ SHIELD

The RJ Shield grand-finals were played at Monash University on Sunday 28th November and attracted a field of 92 players in 4 divisions.

Open Leading Scores

7 A.Dyer
 6 T.Hendry
 5 A.Hain, J.Muggeridge
 (38 players)

U/12 Leading Scores

7 W.Malign
 5.5 H.Lai & H.Bayliss
 (25 players)

U/10 Leading Scores

6 Chris Foo
 5 B.Zhang, B.Yuan, A.Khahlil & H.Slasan
 (18 players)

U/8 Leading Scores

6 M.Phillips & E.Lin
 5. T.Morrison & E.McCutcheon



Alistair Dyer wins the RJ Shield Final

(11 players)

It was a great day with a number of interstate players participating as a warm-up for the National Finals.



Trophy winners at the Feb. 2011 RJ Shield.

February RJ Shield

This event was played at our lovely new venue Clayton RSL and attracted a field of 38 players. The run-away winner was Max Lee Chew who won all seven games but was lucky in the last round when his opponent missed taking a free rook! Max Ruan was also impressive in finishing a close second.

Leading Scores:

7/7 M.Chew Lee
 6 M.Ruan
 5 D.Lee, M.Hamimi, R.Strickland, V.Bhat & I.Lee
 4.5 N.Chin, Z.Guo, M.Salazar

It was good to see so many girls featuring in the leading scores!



Chess Interschool National Finals



MONASH University





Secondary Winners - Brighton Grammar School

The Interschool National Finals took place in November 2010 at Monash University and again attracted teams from all over Australia and New Zealand.

The winning schools were as follows:

Open Secondary

Brighton Grammar

Middle Years

Somerville Intermediate (NZ)

Primary

Deepdene Primary

Girls

Doncaster Gardens Primary

In addition to the tournaments there were coaching lectures each day and different mind games and puzzles available for play between rounds.

There were many strong players competing and hard fought games. Here is the battle between Tasmania's best junior and the no.2 player at Brighton Grammar.

National Schools Finals

Issac Ng Brighton Grammar 1507

Alistair Dyer Tas. Academy 1561

Queen's Gambit

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4
5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7.Nf3**

White could have won a pawn with 7.Qxd5 but after 7...Be6 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 Black's has a lead in development.

**7...d4 8.Ne4 Nf6 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.g3
Bg4 11.Bg2 Bc5 12.O-O O-O 13.Bf4
Rac8 14.Rc1**

Better was 14.Ng5 then 15.Ne4

14...Bb6 15.a3 Rfd8? 16.Bg5

Oops!

16...Qf5 17.Bxd8 Rxd8 18.Qd3 Qh5

Black has more space and active pieces but I'd rather have the exchange.

**19.b4 Bf5 20.Qb5 d3 21.exd3 Qg6
22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Bxd3 24.Rfd1
h6**

Poor Black is running out of ideas to try. Perhaps White can just take the "b" pawn now?

25.Qc3 Qf5 26.Rd2 Bd4



White to play.

27. Qxd3??

A miscalculation presuming that after 27...Qxd3 28.Rxd3 Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxd3 30.Rc8+ Kh7 31.Be4+ wins the R but Black does not have to swap Queens on move 27. After the simple 27.Qc7 White is just winning.

27...Bxf2+! 28.Rxf2 Qxd3

Now Black is well on top and coasts to victory.

29.Rf3 Qd4+ 30.Rf2 b6 31.Rf1 f6

32.Kh1 Re8 33.Rf4 Qc3 34.R4f3 Re3

35.Rxe3 Qxe3 36.Bd5+?

White could defend better by trying to build up a fortress with 36.Rf3 and Bf1.

36...Kf8 37.a4 Qd4 38.Bc6 Qc4 39.Bg2 Qxb4 and Black won.



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PUZZLE

Black has just played 1...Nd4. Can you find a quick win for White?



ANSWER: 2.Nxd7 Nx23.Nf6#! The power of the double check.

I've been ROOKED!



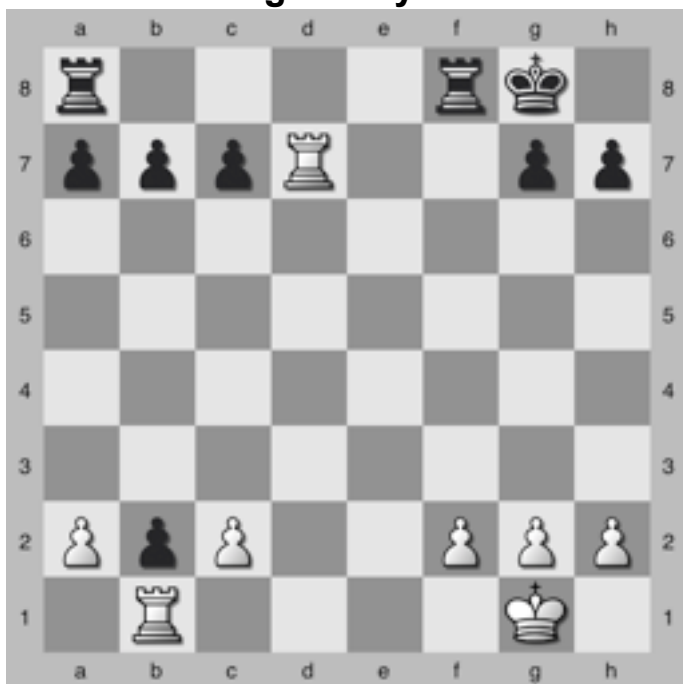
With IM Robert Jamieson

You'd think that endings with only a rook each and a few pawns left on the board would be relatively simple. They are not!

You would need to spend a lot of time analysing long variations to play most rook endgames correctly. However there is an alternative. If you have a basic understanding of where to place your rook and what you should be doing then you can probably get by.

Let's have a look at an endgame from the recent RJ Shield to illustrate this point.

Jack O'Shaughnessy - Nicole Chin



Black to Play

Who do you think is better in this ending? White is (temporarily) a pawn behind but has an active rook on d7. It usually hinges on which side can get the

active rook and tie their opponent down to defence.

In the position above Black played the defensive **21...Rac8?** instead of the aggressive **21...Rad8**. There could have followed **22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Kf1 b6 24.Rxb2 Rd4 25.Ke2 Kf7 26.c3 Ra4** and Black is better.

22.Rxb2 Rfe8 23.f3 Red8?

Not noticing that her pawn on b7 is undefended. **23. ... b6** was necessary.

24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxb7 Rd1+ 26.Kf2 Rd2+ 27.Kg3 Rxc2 28.Rxa7 c5

Now White is a pawn ahead but Black's active rook should be good enough to draw.

29.Kf4?

Needlessly giving up a pawn. Better was **29.a4 Ra2 30.f4 c4 31.Kf3 h5 32.h4 c3 33.Rc7 c2 34.a5 Rxa5 35.Rxc2 Kf7** and Black can probably draw.

29. ... Rxc7 30.a4? (30.h4)

Shedding another pawn. This should give Black counter-play on the Kingside.

30. ... Rxc7 31.a5 Rh6??

Rooks belong behind passed pawns! Better was **31. ... c4 32.a6 Ra2 33.Kg4 h6 34.f4 c3 35.Rc7 Rxa6 36.Rxc3.**

32.Rc7 Rf6+?

Driving the King to where it wants to go! Black needs counter-play with **32. ... c4 33.Ke3 Ra6 34.Rc5 g6 35.Kd4 c3 36.Kxc3 Rf6.**

33.Ke4 Re6+?

Again, get some counter-play with **33. ... h5 34.Rxc5 h4 35.Rh5 Rc6 36.f4 Rc4+ 37.Kf3 Ra4** and Black's rook is very active.

34.Kd5 Re3 35.Kxc5?

Winning was 35.a6 Ra3 36.a7 and White can check on the 8th rank then promote his pawn.

35. ... Ra3 (35. ... Rxf3 36.a6) **36.Kb6 h5** (36. ... Rb3+ 37.Kc6 Rc3+ 38.Kb7 Rb3+ 39.Kc8 Ra3 40.Rc5 g6 41.Kb7 Rb3+ 42.Kc6 Rxf3 43.a6 Ra3 44.Kb6 h5 45.a7 Rxa7 46.Kxa7 Kg7 47.Kb6 Kf6 48.Kc6 g5 49.Kd5 Kf5 50.Kd4+ Kf4 51.Kd3 h4 52.Ke2 and White wins.)

37.Rc5 h4 38.Rh5 Rxf3 39.Rxh4 Rf6+ 40.Kb5 g5?

Black could have defended by checking horizontally (rather than from behind the pawn) as White's King has no-where to hide. For instance 40. ... Rf5+ 41.Kb4 g5

42.Rd4 Kf7 43.a6 Kg6 44.Rd8 Rf7 45.Kb5 g4 46.Rg8+ Kf5 47.Kb6 Kf4 48.a7 Rxa7 49.Kxa7 g3 50.Kb6 Kf3 51.Kc5 g2 52.Kd4 Kf2 =

41.Rg4 Rg6??

Black can still draw with 41. ... Rf5+ 42.Kb6 Kh7 43.Ra4 Rf6+ 44.Kc5 Rf5+ 45.Kd6 Rf4 46.Ra1 Rf6+ 47.Kc5 Rf5+ 48.Kd4 Rf4+ 49.Kd5 Rf5+ 50.Ke6 Kg6 51.a6 Rf6+ 52.Kd5 Rf5+ 53.Kd4 Rf4+ 54.Ke3 Rf8 55.a7 Ra8 56.Kd4 Kf5 57.Kc5 g4 58.Kc6 g3 59.Kb7 Rxa7+ 60.Kxa7 Kf4 61.Kb6 Kf3 62.Kc5 g2 63.Kd4 Kf2 =

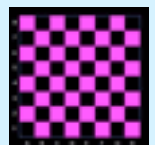
42.a6 Rxa6 43.Kxa6 Kf7 44.Rxg5 1-0

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Australian Junior Chess Championships
Billanook College, 15-23 January

The 2011 Australian Junior Championships were played in Morroolbark in January at Billanook College and organised by the local Ranges Chess Club.

Winners:

- Australian Junior Champion - Bobby Cheng
- Under 16 - Alistair Cameron
- Under 14 - Daniel Zhang
- Under 12 - Daniel Lapitan
- Under 10 - David Cannon
- Under 8 - Kevin Willathgamuwa

- Australian Junior Girls Champion - Savithri Narenthran
- Under 16 - Ruihong Lu
- Under 14 - May-Yi Foo
- Under 12 - Kashish Christian
- Under 10 - Denali Durden
- Under 8 - Jody Middleton

Aust Juniors 2011 - Under 18 Open
Cheng, Bobby (2207)
Dale, Ari (1621)
D87 - Grünfeld Indian/Classical Exchange Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 O-O 9.O-O Nc6 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Rb1 a6 12.Qc1 Rd8 13.Rd1 e6 14.dxc5 Ne5 15.Bb3 Ng4 16.Nd4 Qc7 17.h3 Qh2+ 18.Kf1 Nxe3+ 19.Qxe3 Qh1+ 20.Ke2 Qh2 (D) 21.Nf5 Qc7 22.Qg3 Qa5 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Rd1 Qe8 25.Ba4 Qf8 26.Nxg7 Kxg7 27.Qc7 b6 28.cxb6 Qa3 29.Be8



Bobby and James continue their rivalry.

Qb2+ 30.Rd2 Qb1 31.Qxf7+ Kh6 32.Qf8+ Kg5 33.h4+ Kxh4 34.Qh6+ Kg4 35.f3+ Kg3 36.Qh3+ Kf4 37.Qg4+ 1-0



White to play his 21st move.



It's not all serious at the Aust. Junior!