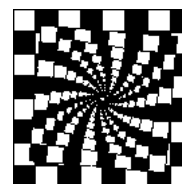


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Chess, Chess and more Chess

There was lots of exciting chess played in September

On September the 7th a tournament was held at **Caulfield Junior College** in Balaclava Road. Brighton Primary was victorious with St Leonard's College second and Ormond Primary third.

Congratulations to all players, there was much fun and excitement and a great day was had by all.



The following week was the final of the **Victorian Interschools' Competition**,

played in a more serious frame of mind at Emulation Hall in Canterbury.

Congratulations to Mt View Primary who won the tournament from Greythorn by half a point with Essex Heights close behind.

The winning Girls' School was PLC.

It was an exciting day, and it was great to see so many children from different schools enjoying the challenge of playing top quality chess.

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Test your chess knowledge :

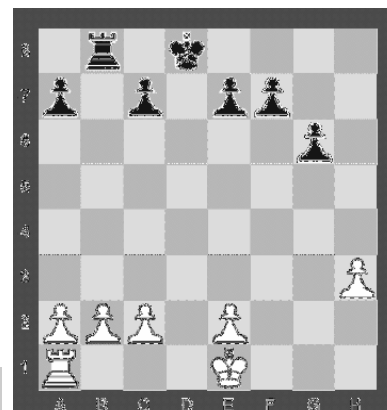
1. *Who is the new world Champion? (Clue: his surname starts with A)*
2. *What country does he come from?*
3. *Who is the oldest professional grandmaster still playing top level tournament chess?*
4. *Who is the worlds strongest female grandmaster?*

Puzzling Times

When you first look at the board, it seems that **Rook takes b2** would be a good move for black, (it wins a pawn) but there is a sting in the tail of this move.

Turn to the answers on the back page to find out what it is.

If you are an advanced chess student put the white pawn that was on h3 back to h2. In this case black can safely take the pawn on b2. What is the difference?



Black to move.



It was 1912 in London, just before the first world war. Life was relaxed and enjoyable for the upper classes who embraced chess as an interesting diversion.

And so it was that the game between the Englishman Sir George Thomas (black) and the American Master Edward Lasker (white) was watched by many distinguished and enthusiastic chess players.

The game was just out of the opening phase when the American stood up and announced to an astonished crowd 'Checkmate in 8 moves'.



White to move and win in 8 moves:

What confidence!

What followed was one of the most famous king hunts in chess history. Every move Edward Lasker made was a check except for the last one which was a checkmate!!

Try and solve it yourself before checking the right solution.

- | White: | Black: |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Qh7+ | Kh7 |
| 2. Nf6 double check, | Kh6 |
| 3. N(e5) - g4+, | Kg5 |
| 4. h4+ | Kf4 |
| 5. g3+ | Kf3 |
| 6. Be2+ | Kg2 |
| 7. Rh2+ | Kg1 |
| 8. 0-0-0# | checkmate |

Real-life checkmates

In Vienna in 1993, a fascinating game was played between the female Russian Grandmaster Chiburdanidze (playing white) and the aging Danish grandmaster Larsen.

It was white to play and checkmate in 2 moves.

Can you find the checkmate???

(Hint: 'Double check your move')



White to move.



Darryl's Corner

(Darryl Johansen - International Grandmaster)

It was 1991 and the visiting Master Leonid Sandler didn't know a great deal about chess in Australia. He was playing in the Adsteam-Lidums Australian Open for the first time and he expected all Australians to be pushovers.

But in playing one of the eventual tournament winners, he found that what you expect is not always what you get!!!

White, Sandler; Black, Johansen

1. e4 c5

2. Nf3 e6

3. d4 cd4

4. Nd4 Nc6

5. Be3 Nf6

6. Bd3?! e5! *Arguably stronger than 6.d5. The bishops on d3 and e3 aren't ideally placed.*

7. Nb3 d5

8. ed5?!

[8.N1d2] is passive, but consistent.

8. Nd5

9. Bd2 Be7+

10. a3?! 0-0

11. 0-0 Be6

12. Qe2 *White has rejected the idea of playing c4 presumably because of his awkwardly placed pieces.*

..... a5!

13. Nc3 a4

14. Nd5 Qd5

15. Nc1 f5+ *White's defensive resources are going to be tested!*

16. c3?

[16. f3]

[16. c4?! Qd6 17. Bc3 e4+]

[16. Bc3!? Makes the fewest concessions.]

16.....e4

17.Bb1 Ne5

18. Ba2 Qc6

19. Be6+ Qe6

20 Na2? *Abandoning the watch on d3.*

[20. Bf4 Ng6 (20...g5?! 21. Be5 Qe5 22. Re1 comes a bit too soon. Black hasn't secured

their space advantage) 21. Qe3]

20. Nd3

21. Bc1 *To guard b2 through black's 'volatile' space (activity) advantage becomes decisive.*

[21. f3 Nb2]

21.

22. f3



Black to move

[22. Nb4 f3 23. gf3 Qg6+ 24. Kh1 ef3]

22.....Nc5! *Intending 23e3 after which white's queen-side will barely participate. White dies quickly after*

23. fe4 Ne4

24. Qf3?

[24. h3! Bc5+ 25. Kh2 keeps white alive, though only just:]

[24 Bf4 Bc5+ 25 Be3 (25. kh1 Ng3+ picks up the queen) 25Ng3! 26 hg3 Be3+ with similar themes to the game]

24. Bc5+

25. Kh1 Ng3+!

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Answers

Chess Knowledge:

1. *Vishy Anand*
2. *India*
3. *Victor Korchnoi*
4. *Judit Polgar*

Puzzling times:

If 1. Rb2

Then 2. 0-0-0 +!! and white forks the black king and rook.

(try it on the board. You'll find the black king in check and the black rook lost!)

If the white pawn is on h2 instead of h3, then ask your chess teacher to explain the problem to you !!!!!!!!

Real-Life Checkmates:

1. *Nf7+! double check Kg8(forced)*
2. *Nh6# checkmate*

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