

Checkmate Challenge

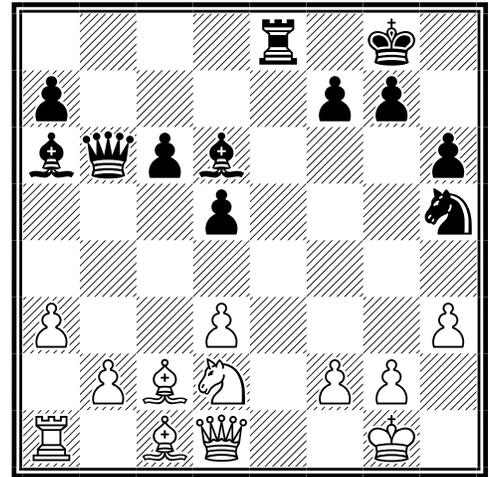
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Every Check, Every Capture, Every Time

Chess games are won and loss by checks and captures. The way to win more chess games is to look for every check and every capture every time regardless of what you think! In other words, instead of thinking, "check ... he'll just take it", and you reject that move, try changing the conversation in your head to: "check.... he'll just take it ... then what?" The "then what" is what most players are missing!!! Checks and captures aren't the only forcing moves on the board, but they happen more than any other kind of forcing move on the board! This game is the best game I've ever seen to learn how to check and check mate.

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| 1. | e2-e4 | e7-e5 |
| 2. | Ng1-f3 | d7-d6 |
| 3. | Bf1-c4 | Ng8-f6 |
| 4. | Nf3-g5 | d6-d5 |
| 5. | e4:d5 | h7-h6 |
| 6. | Ng5-f3 | e5-e4 |
| 7. | Nf3-d4 | c7-c6 |
| 8. | O-O | c6:d5 |
| 9. | Bc4-b3 | Nb8-c6 |
| 10. | Nd4:c6 | b7:c6 |
| 11. | h2-h3 | Bf8-d6 |
| 12. | d2-d3 | O-O |
| 13. | Nb1-d2 | Bc8-a6 |
| 14. | a2-a3 | Rf8-e8 |
| 15. | Rf1-e1 | e4:d3 |
| 16. | c2:d3 | Re8:e1+ |
| 17. | Qd1:e1 | Qd8-b6 |
| 18. | Bb3-c2 | Ra8-e8 |
| 19. | Qe1-f1 | Nf6-h5 |
| 20. | Qf1-d1 | |



20. Qf1-d1

This was an e-game I played against a woman in Indonesia. We had 3 days to reply to each move. This is a textbook case of poor development. From here the game belongs to black!!

It's checkmate in every continuation! There are more than 25 possible checkmates here. The shortest is a mate in 3; the longest is a mate in 9! Can you find all of the checkmates? Except for one line, every move in every line is a check! I'm still finding checkmates. If you find them and can demonstrate them, it will change your game. It changed mine!!

Here is the challenge: Any player that comes up to my analysis table and can demonstrate 20 checkmates from this diagram in 2013 will receive a free book. I have some really great books for you to choose from, too. No notes. I will check off the continuations as you show them to me! See you at Old Donation Center!

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