



**From Chess Novice  
to Advanced Player in  
7 Days**

**Mato Jelic**

Chess essentials in combination  
with advanced strategies

---

# FROM CHESS NOVICE TO ADVANCED IN PLAYER 7 DAYS

By Mato Jelic



*Chess essential in combination with advanced strategies*

Excerpt from the book: *From Chess Novice to Advanced Player in 7 Days*

# **CONTENTS**

**ABOUT CHESS**

**HOW CHESS PIECES MOVE**

**SPECIAL MOVES**

**ALGEBRAIC CHESS NOTATION**

**QUICK CHECKMATES**

**MOST POPULAR CHESS OPENINGS**

**INSTRUCTIVE CHESS MINIATURES**

**30 MOST IMPORTANT ENDGAME POSITIONS**

**HOW TO EVALUATE A CHESS POSITION**

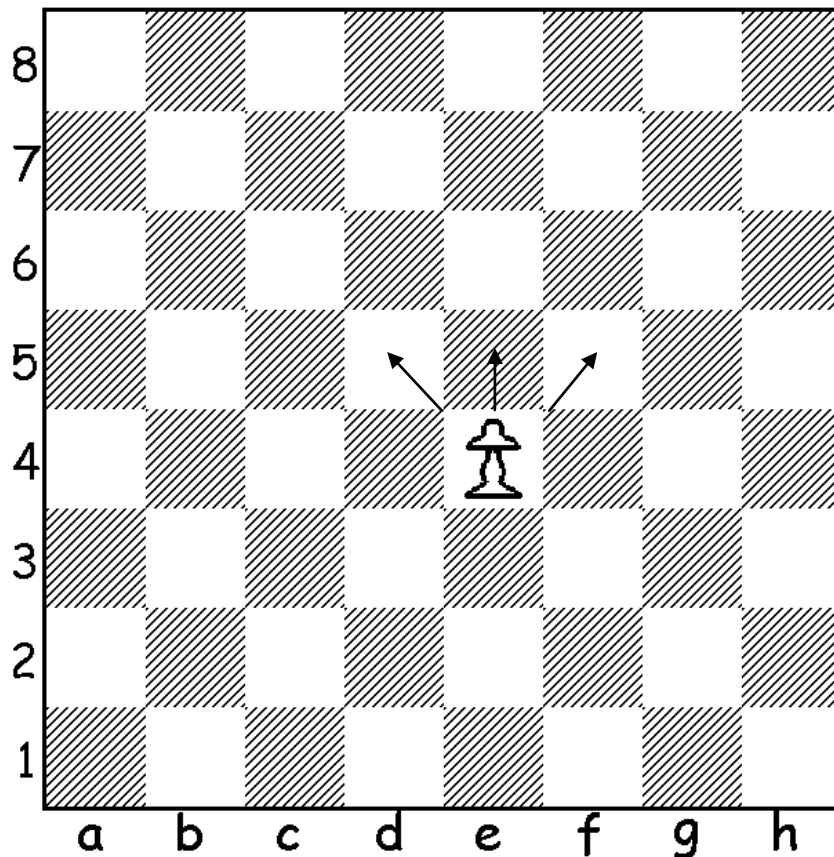
**CHESS EXERCISES**

**SOLUTIONS**

**TOP 10 TIPS FOR CHESS IMPROVEMENT**

## How chess pieces move

Pawn 



The pawn can only move forward, it can never go back and it captures diagonally. When capturing with pawns, it is correct most of the time to capture toward the center. From the starting position a pawn can move two squares.

For example from e2 to e4. (e2-e4)

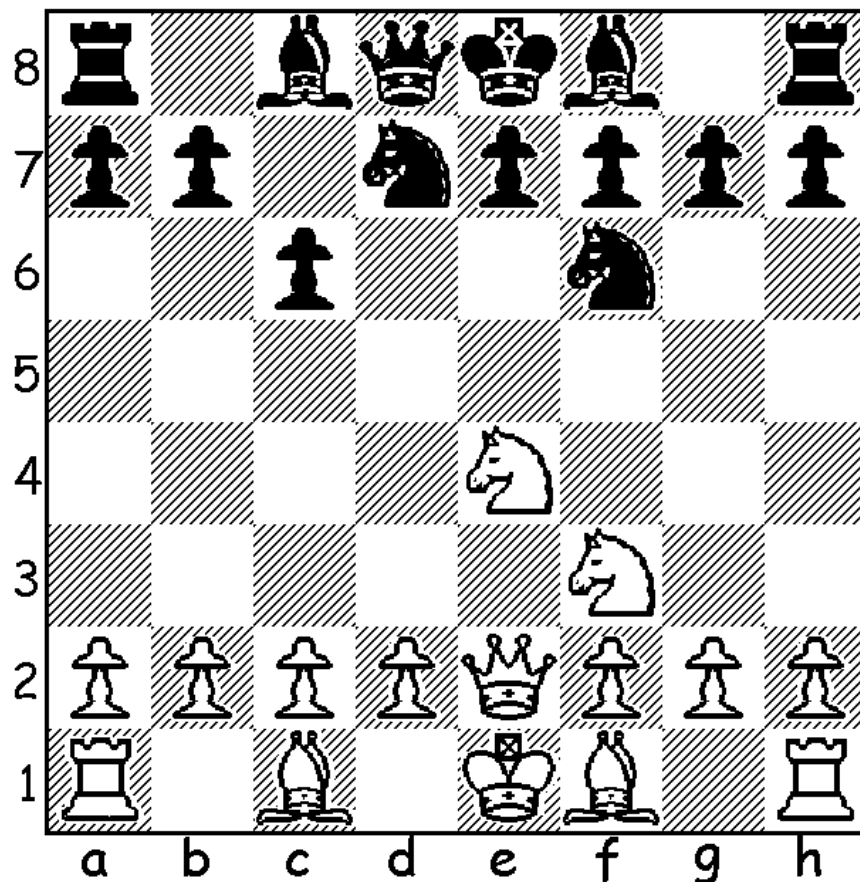
The relative value of the pawn is 1 point.

*“Pawns: they are the soul of this game, they alone form the attack and defense.”*

*Philidor*

## Smothered Mate (six moves)

- 1.e4 c6
- 2.Nc3 d5
- 3.Nf3 dxe4
- 4.Nxe4 Nd7
- 5.Qe2 (Blocking the bishop on f1) Ngf6

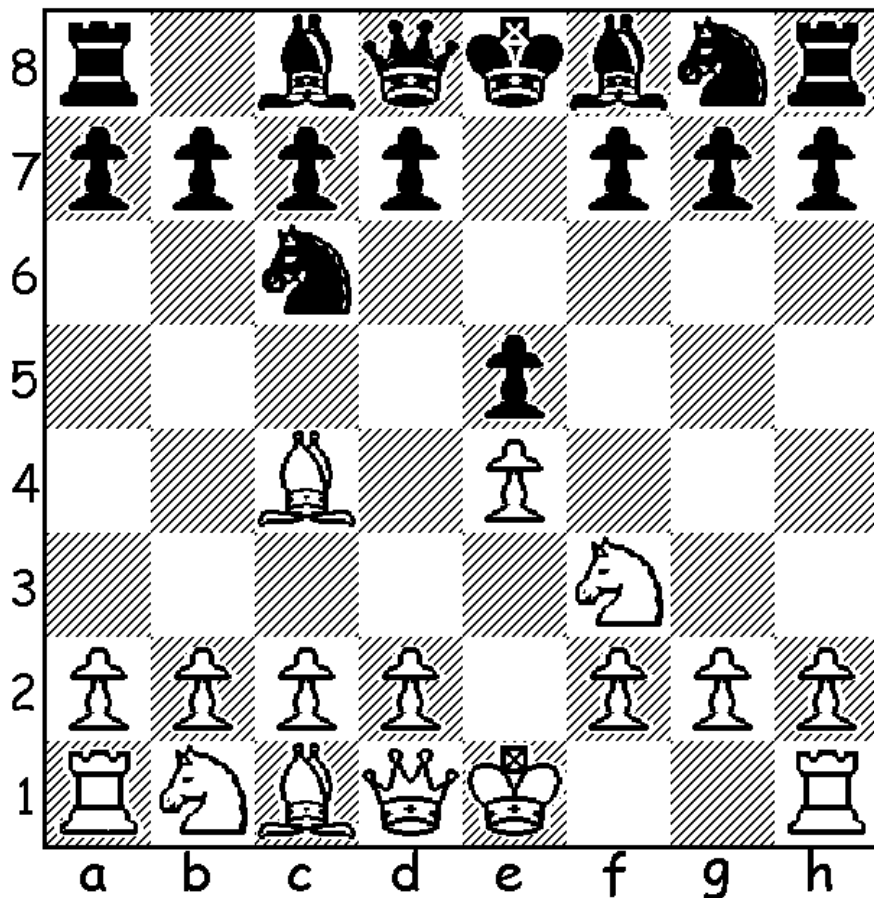


6.Nd6# Pawn on e7 is pinned. Only now black realized why 5.Qe2 was played

In chess, a smothered mate is a checkmate delivered by a knight. The checkmated king is unable to move because he is smothered by his own pawns and pieces.

*Make sure that every move has a purpose.*

## The Italian Game



The Italian Game was first developed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and is one of the oldest chess openings. The game is set up by the moves 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4. Bc4 eyes black's potentially weak f7 pawn.

### Main Variations

The Evans Gambit. 3 ... Bc5. White can continue with a quiet c3, a very quiet d3 or an aggressive b4.

The Fried Liver Attack. 3 ... Nf6. The two knights defending can lead to move 4. Ng5.

The Hungarian Defense is 3...Be7.

*"Life is like a game of chess, changing with each move."  
Chinese proverb*

## Instructive sample games

### Captain W D Evans vs Alexander McDonnell

London 1826

Italian Game: Evans Gambit "Naval Intelligence"

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 [5...Ba5]  
6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 [7...Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 Nf6] 8.0-0 Na5 9.Bd3  
d5 [9...Ne7] 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Ba3+- Be6 12.Nc3 Qd7 13.d5  
Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Bb5+ Qxb5 [15...c6 16.Qxd5]  
16.Re1+ Ne7 17.Rb1 Qa6 18.Rxe7+ Kf8 19.Qd5 Qc4  
20.Rxf7+ Kg8 21.Rf8#**

### Paul Morphy vs Alonzo Morphy

New Orleans 1849

Italian Game: Evans Gambit Accepted

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.d4 exd4  
7.cxd4 Bb6 8.0-0 Na5 9.Bd3 d5 [9...d6 is better] 10.exd5  
Qxd5 11.Ba3± Be6 12.Nc3 Qd7 13.d5 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5  
15.Bb5+ Qxb5 16.Re1+ Ne7 17.Rb1 Qa6 18.Rxe7+ Kf8  
19.Qd5 Qc4 20.Rxf7+ Kg8 21.Rf8#**

### Paul Morphy vs Ernest Morphy

New Orleans 1850

Italian Game: Evans Gambit

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4  
7.0-0 Bxc3 8.Nxc3 dxc3 9.Ba3 d6 10.Qb3 Nh6 11.Qxc3 Qf6  
[11...0-0 12.Bd5=] 12.e5 dxe5 13.Rfe1 Bd7 14.Rab1 0-0-0  
15.Ba6 Na5? [15...bxa6 16.Qb2 Bg4=] 16.Rec1 [16.Qxa5  
Qxa6] 16...Bc6 17.Qxa5 bxa6 18.Qxa6+ Kd7 19.Rxc6 Qf5  
[19...Qxc6 20.Rd1+ Ke6 21.Qxc6+-] 20.Rxc7+ Ke8 [20...Kxc7  
21.Qb7#] 21.Qc6+ Qd7 22.Rb8 Qxc6 23.Re7+ Kf8 24.Rxd8+  
Qe8 25.Rdxe8#**

## Rusakov vs Verlinsky

Moscow in 1947

1.e4 e5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 g5 6.Bg3 exd4 7.e5 dxc3 8.exf6 cxb2 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.fxe7 Bg7 11.Qxb2 Bxb2 12.Bxc7 Kxe7 13.Nd2 Bxa1 White resigned 0:1

## Stevenson vs Day

Correspondence game 1944

Queens Gambit Declined: Baltic Defense

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 b6 [5...Nc6 6.Qxb7 Nb4 7.Na3 Rb8 8.Qxa7 Ra8 9.Qb7 Rb8 10.Qa7=] 6.Nc3 c6 7.Nh4 Bd6 [7...Be4] 8.Nxf5 exf5 9.Bd3 Qd7 10.Qc2 g6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5 [13.0-0 is better] 13...Qxb5 14.Qc8+ Ke7 15.Qxh8 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Qxb2+ 18.Kd3 Nc6 19.Qxa8 Nb4#

Bernhard Fleissig vs Carl Schlechter

Vienna 1893

Polish Opening

1.b4 e6 2.Bb2 Nf6 [2...Bxb4 3.Bxg7+-] 3.a3 c5 4.b5 [4.bxc5 Bxc5<sup>3</sup>] 4...d5 5.d4 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Qd3 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Bc5! 9.Qxg7 Bxf2+ [9...Rf8-+] 10.Kd1 d4 [10...Rf8] 11.Qxh8+ Ke7 12.Qxc8 dxc3 13.Bc1 [13.Qxb7+ Kf6 14.Qxe4 cxb2 15.Qf4+ Ke7 16.Qg5+ Kf8 17.Qh6+ Ke8-+] 13...Nd7 14.Qxa8 [14.Qxb7 is better 14...Rd8 15.Qxe4 Nf6+ 16.Qd3 Rxd3+ 17.exd3=] 14...Qxb5 15.Bf4 Qd5+ 16.Kc1 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Nf2 18.Bxf2 Qd2+ 19.Kb1 Qd1+ 20.Ka2 Qxc2#

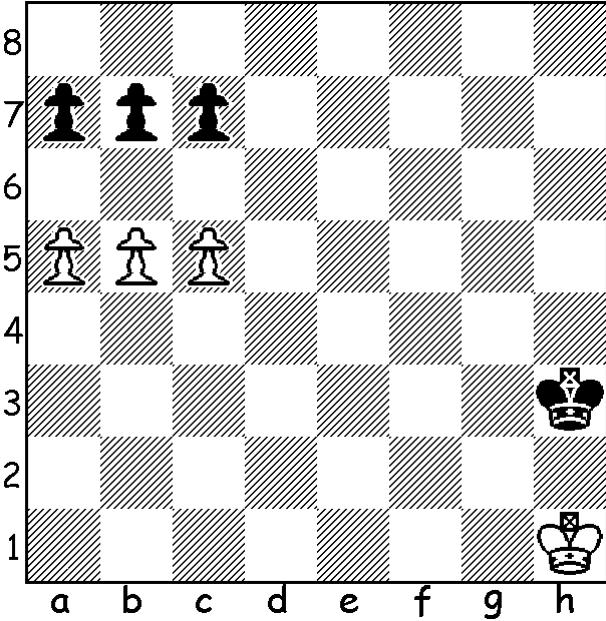
## Deep Blue (Computer) vs Garry Kasparov

IBM Man-Machine, New York USA 06, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6 7.N1f3 h6? [7...Bd6 is better move] 8.Nxe6 Qe7 [8...fxe6 9.Bg6+ Ke7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1] 9.0-0 fxe6 [9...Qxe6 10.Re1+-] 10.Bg6+ Kd8 11.Bf4 b5 12.a4 Bb7 13.Re1 Nd5 14.Bg3 Kc8 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Qd3± Bc6 17.Bf5 exf5 18.Rxe7 Bxe7 19.c4 Human resigned 19...bxc4 20.Qxc4 1-0

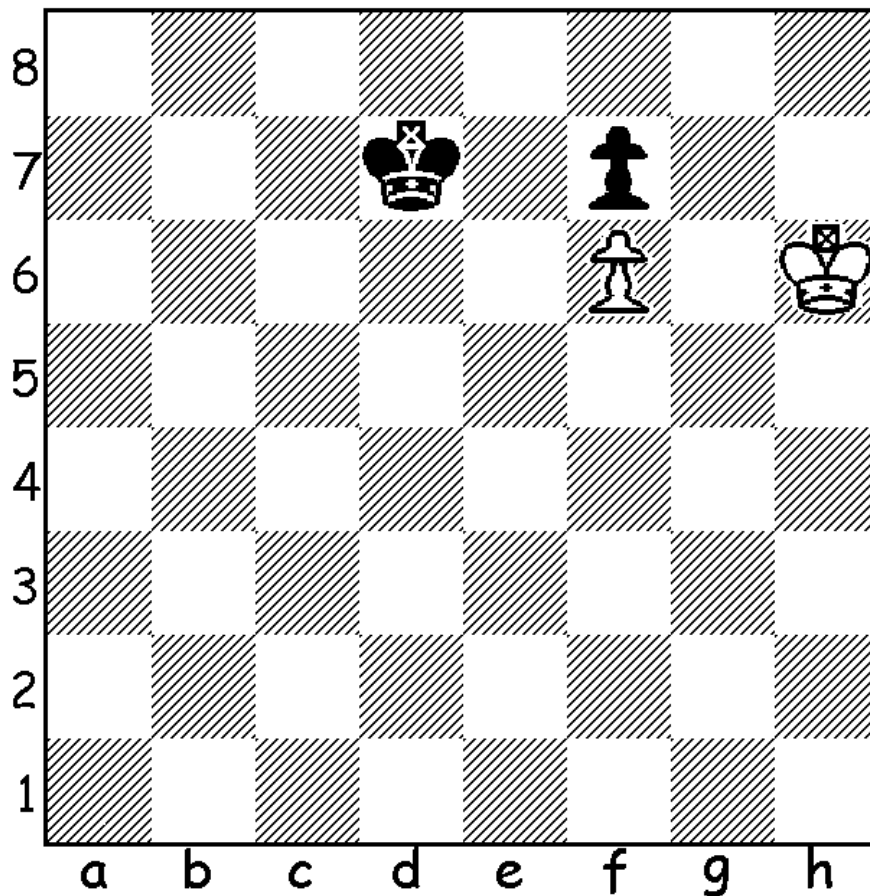


# 30 most important endgame positions



White to move and win. Solution on next page.

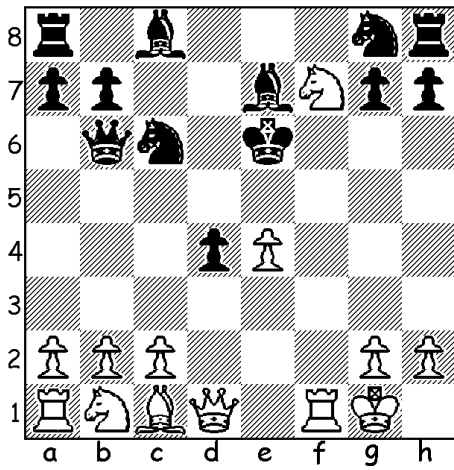
## 11. Zugzwang



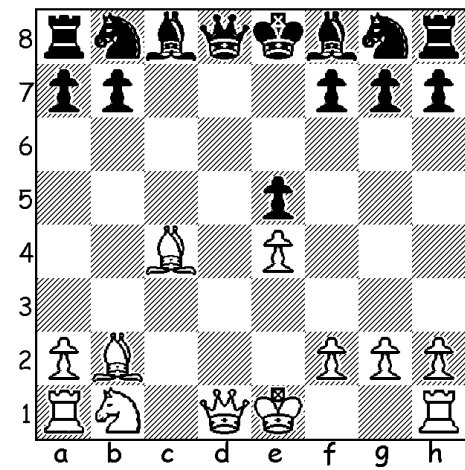
Whoever moves first wins, but not every move wins.

**1.Kh7!** [1.Kg7? Ke6 2.Kh6 Kxf6] **1...Ke6** [1...Kd6 2.Kg8! Ke6 3.Kg7 Kd7 4.Kxf7] **2.Kg7 Kd7 3.Kxf7 Kd8 4.Kg8 Ke8 5.f7+ Ke7 6.f8Q+**

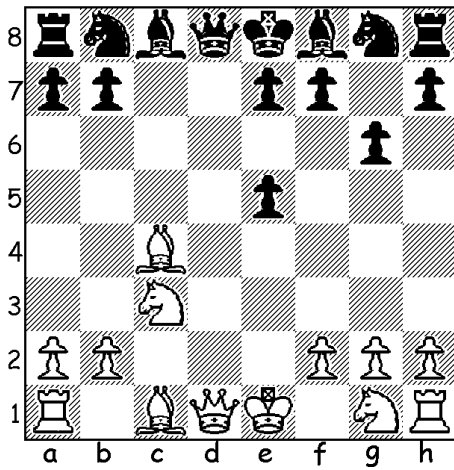
*“In the middle game, the king is merely an extra,  
but in the endgame, he is one of the star actors.”*  
Nimzowitsch



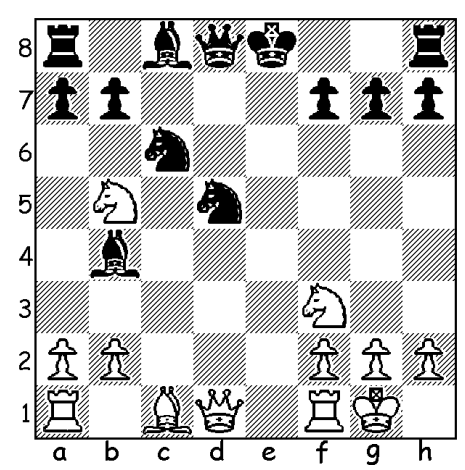
13



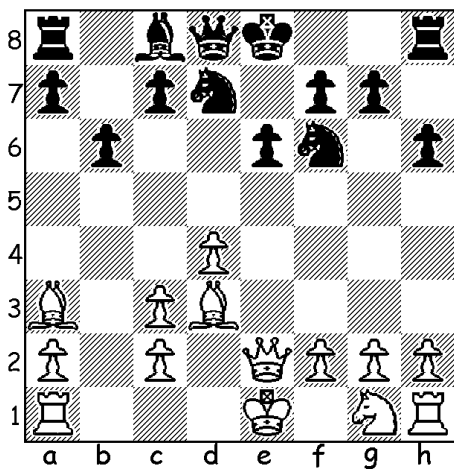
14



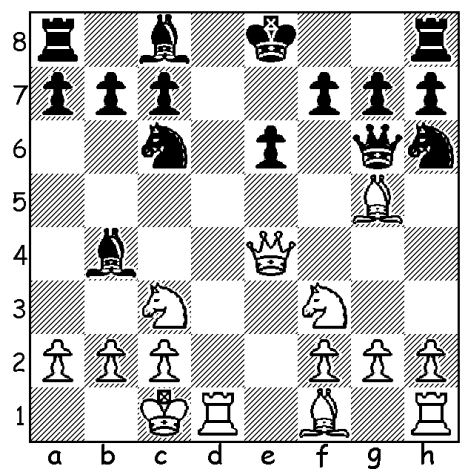
15



16



17



18

# Solutions

## Middle game exercises solutions

Exercise 1

3.Qh5#

Exercise 2

4.Qxe5+ Be7 5.Qxh8 Line

Exercise 3

5.Qxe4#

Exercise 4

7.Nxe5 Bxd1 8.Bxf7+ Ke7 9.Nd5# 1–0

Exercise 5

13.Bg5

Exercise 6

5.0–0 [5.Nxe5? Qd4] Line

Exercise 7

10.Qxd6 Black resigned 10...cxd6 11.Bxf7# 1–0

Exercise 8

12.Bb5# 1–0

Exercise 9

5.Nc6+ Black resigned

Exercise 10

12.c3+ Kb3 13.Qd1# 1–0

Exercise 11

14.Qxc6+ bxc6 15.Ba6# 1–0

Exercise 12

7.Nd5 Qd7 8.d3 Line

Exercise 13

11.Qg4# 1–0

Exercise 14

8.Bxf7+ Ke7 9.Ba3+

Exercise 15

7.Bxf7+ Black resigned 7...Kxf7 8.Qxd8 Line

Exercise 16

11.Qxd5 Qxd5 12.Nc7+ 1–0

Exercise 17

10.Qxe6+ fxe6 11.Bg6# 1–0

## **Follow your dreams, believe that you can do it and take action**

*“Follow your dreams, work hard, practice and persevere.  
Make sure you eat a variety of foods, get plenty of exercise  
and maintain a healthy lifestyle.”*

*Sasha Cohen*

*“In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.”*

*Nikos Kazantzakis*

*“I hated every minute of training, but I said, ‘Don't quit. Suffer  
now and live the rest of your life as a champion.’”*

*Muhammad Ali*



## Product Details

ISBN: 978-0-9874802-0-0

Audience: General

Format: Paperback

Language: English

Number of Pages: 120

Published: February 2013

Dimensions (cm): 14.8 x 21 x 0.7

Weight (kg): 0.170

**Cost: AUD \$20**

**Shipping: AUD \$5**

**Shipping: outside Australia: AUD \$8**

**Cost of shipping for every additional book is \$1 per book**

**For more information visit:**

[http://www.chessschool.com.au/chess\\_book](http://www.chessschool.com.au/chess_book)

***Self-paced self-tutor  
for novice chess players who know the basics***

***Used by parents, teachers and chess coaches***

AUD \$20

