

Montana Chess Association

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How to make your niece, son or granddaughter want to play

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Like all good uncles, I wish great things for my niece, who just turned three in January.

And like all chess players who learned the game after high school, I wish I could have learned the game when I was three.

I don't think that's possible, but in Peyton's case, I'm willing to set up the pieces whenever she's ready.

Already I've won some small victories in pursuing my devious and admittedly vicarious scheme.

She knows the names of the pieces and can distinguish them all, and what's more, she loves to play - asking almost every time she comes over if we can play "the chess."

She first knew chess as the thing that her uncle does on the

Internet after dinner.

I played it coy, though, keeping the mystery of the horsies and castles to myself, until one day she asked if she could play.

This was my cue to give her a chess set I'd bought for \$3 at Target for just this occasion.

We sat down to open it, and when I unfolded the cheap paper board, she picked out a knight and danced it around the squares, saying, "Neigh, neigh," as the horse galloped willy-nilly.

I felt proud and hopeful, glad that phase one of my plan had worked itself so efficiently.

We were so close, I thought. We had everything we needed - the board, the pieces, she was sitting on her side, I was sitting on my side.

And then she threw the knight behind the couch.



Peyton Grace Vifquain, 3, plays in a leaf pile.

We remain in phase two to this day. Her favorite activity involves piling my weighted pieces in the middle of their vinyl board and, with one swipe of her hand, sending the pieces in all directions. She calls it "crashing" the pieces.

But we make a little progress each time, because when we

clean them up we look for and put away each piece in turn.

"OK, pass me a rook," I'll say, and she always finds the right one.

I'm not sure how long we'll be playing "crashing" chess, but it has its own simple fun, and, for her, I have infinite patience.

COMING TOURNAMENTS

Feb 28-March 1

Time Control: g/2

\$1600 Guaranteed Prize Fund

EF: \$27 by 2/27; \$33 at door (under 19, \$5 less)

Prizes: \$325/200/125

Top Expert: \$100.

\$100 First/ \$75 second: A; B; C; D/E/unr

Biggest upsets: \$100 & \$50 (non-provisional ratings)

February 27 -- IM John Donaldson lecture and simul at River Park Square (Kress Gallery). Lecture is at 6:00 pm & simul starts at approx. 6:45 pm.

Additional details: www.spokanechessclub.org

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17th Collyer Memorial

St. Anne's Children's Center

25 West Fifth Avenue

Spokane, Washington

April 25-26

Time Control: g/2

EF:\$30 by 4/24, \$35 site,

juniors half price

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Prizes: Trophies to top MT sr, top MT jr.top in classes B-E/below, unrated. \$\$b/25, more per entries \$100-60-40

2 biggest upsets, \$30-25.

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74th Montana Open

GranTree Inn, Bozeman

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Hotel Rate: 84/night

GAMES

In this game, Bill McBroom takes advantage of some ill-advised pawn moves that cause Black to fall behind in development and open up his king.

McBroom was already better, but this exchange sacrifice assures victory. Black didn't have to get mated as quickly as in the game, but 23. ...Kxd8 doesn't survive either.

White's strategy of playing the passive-looking 2.d3 to duck the theory of the French Defense may have caused Black to overestimate his chances in the opening.

□ McBroom, Bill

■ Weyland, Ron

Turkey 08 Missoula

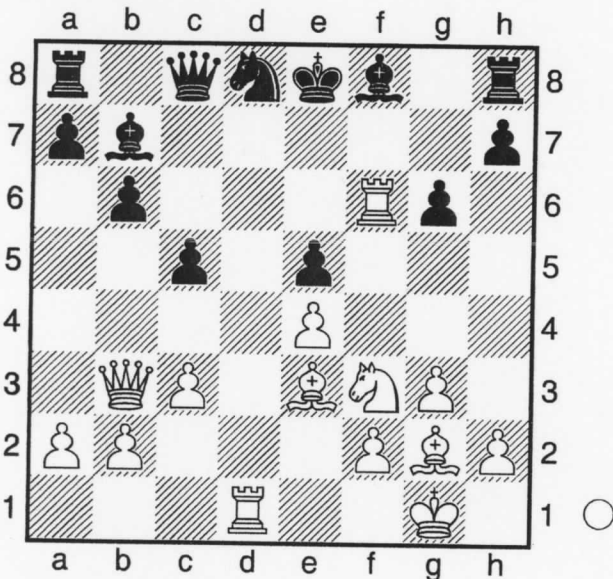
[Thomas-DeJongh, Brett]

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Blitz:4'+2" 79MB, Fritz10.ctg, Brett's Mac

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.Ngf3 Bg7
5.g3 dxe4 6.dxe4 Nd7 7.Bg2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7
9.Re1 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.c3 Ne7
12.Qc2 Qd7 13.Nf3 Bg7 14.Rd1 Qc8
15.Bg5 f6 16.Bf4 e5 17.Be3 c5 18.Rd2
Qe6 19.Rad1 Nc6 20.Rd6 Qc8 21.Qb3 Bf8
22.Rxf6 Nd8 Diagram



23.Rxd8+ Qxd8

[23...Kxd8 24.Nxe5 Qc7 25.Qe6 Qe7
 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Bg5 Rf6 28.Bxf6 Kc7
 29.Qxe7+ Kb8 30.Qd6+ Kc8 31.Qd8#]

24.Qf7#

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Here we see White (Romie Carpenter) defeat Muhammedin Deliorman in 24 moves in a key last-round game.

6. ..Qa5, in an attempt to pile up on the bishop on d2 saw White calmly continue to develop, and when Black exchanged to avoid wasting time, the queen on a5 was misplaced.

After a tricky pawn grab by White, Black got in trouble with an in-between move that didn't work. White escaped with an extra piece and the game.

Turkey 08 Missoula

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[Fritz 10 (15s)]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6

last book move **5.b3 Bb4+**

[5...dxc4!? 6.Bg2 cxb3 7.Qxb3 Be7#]

6.Bd2= White threatens to win material: Bd2xb4 Qa5

[6...a5 7.Bg2=]

7.Bg2 Bxd2+

[7...dxc4 8.bxc4 0-0 9.0-0±]

8.Nbxd2

[8.Qxd2 Qc7±]

8...0-0 9.0-0 White castles and improves king safety **Nbd7**

[9...c5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.dxc5 Qxc5

12.Rc1=]

10.Qc2 Re8 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4

13.Qxe4 Nf6 Black threatens to win material: Nf6xe4

[13...e5 14.c5±]

14.Qc2 b5?

[△14...Qc7!?!± would keep Black alive]

15.Ne5+- Bb7 16.Nxc6

[Weaker is 16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 Qb6

18.cxb5 Qxb5±]

16...Qb6 17.cxb5 Qxb5 18.Qc5 Qxc5

[18...Qb6 19.Rfe1+-]

19.dxc5 Nd5

[19...a5 20.Rac1+-]

20.Na5 Ba6 21.Rfd1 Rac8

[21...Rad8 22.a3+-]

22.Bxd5 Rxc5

[22...exd5 23.Rxd5 Kf8+-]

23.Bc6 Rc8 24.Bb7

[24.Bb7 Bxb7 25.Nxb7+-]

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GAMES

□ Korsmo, Kevin
 ■ Carpenter, Romie
 Turkey 08 Missoula
 [Fritz 10 (20s)]

B07
 1645
 1812
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B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.f4 h6 last book move **6.Bxf6**

[6.Bh4 c5 7.e5 Nh5 8.dxc5 Nxf4 9.exd6 g5 10.Bf2 0-0 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.a3 exd6 14.Nb5 Bg4 15.Qxa5]

6...exf6 Black has the pair of bishops
 [6...Bxf6 7.Qd2=]

7.Nf3

[7.f5 0-0 8.Qd3 d5 9.Nxd5 Bxf5 10.Nxc7 Bxe4=]

7...0-0= 8.Qd2 Black has a cramped position
Re8

[8...f5 9.e5=]

9.0-0-0±

White castles and improves king safety **Nd7**
 [9...f5 10.e5±]

10.g4

[10.f5 c6 11.Qf4 Nf8±]

10...c6 Prevents intrusion on b5

[10...d5 11.exd5 Nb6 12.f5±]

11.f5 b5 12.Bd3 g5 13.h4 Bb7 14.Rh3

[14.Qh2 b4 15.Ne2 c5±]

14...Rb8

[14...b4 15.Nb1 c5 16.d5±]

15.Rdh1

[15.Qh2 b4 16.Ne2 c5±]

15...b4 16.Na4 c5 17.b3

[17.hxg5 f5g5 18.Rxh6 cxd4+-]

17...Bxe4

[17...c4!? should not be overlooked 18.Bxc4 Bxe4=]

18.Bxe4± Rxe4 19.Qh2?? forfeits the advantage

[Δ19.hxg5 and White is still in the game f5g5 20.Rxh6 cxd4 21.f6 Nxf6 22.Qxg5=]

19...Qe7

[19...cxd4 20.hxg5 f5g5 21.Rxh6 Bxh6 22.Qxh6+-]

20.hxg5?

[Δ20.dxc5!? dxc5 21.Qg1±]

20...Re2+- 21.Qg1 f5g5 22.Nb2?

[22.Qd1 cxd4 23.f6 Bxf6 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4+-]

22...Re8 23.Nd3 Qe3+

[23...cxd4!? makes it even easier for Black 24.Qd1 Nb6 25.Ng1+-]

24.Qxe3 R8xe3 25.dxc5 dxc5 26.Nde1 Ne5 27.Kd1 Nxe4 28.Nd3 Nf2+ 29.Nxf2 Rxf2 30.Ne1 Rxh3 31.Rxh3 Rxf5 32.Nd3 g4 33.Rg3 h5 34.Ke2 Bd4 35.Rg2 Kg7 36.Ne1 Kg6 37.Rh2 Kg5 38.Nd3 g3 39.Rg2 Kg4 40.Ne1 Rf2+ 41.Rxf2 Bxf2 42.Nd3 Bd4 0-1

The preceding game features an interesting opening battle in the Pirc Defense. White gains what looks like a dangerous advantage by move 15 and it seems he's winning the attacking race. However, a series of inaccurate moves allows Black to turn the tide by move 24. Follow the Fritz analysis to see how White could have kept up the pressure.

2008-2009 Grand Prix Standings (Includes results from Turkey Open and Joyce's January Thaw)

1. Romie Carpenter	17
2. Ed McLaughlin	13.04
3. James Skovron	11.9
4. Bob Martin	7.6
5. Ted Catton	7.2
6. Matt Reed	5.4

Top Ten Active Montana Players

Name	Published Rating	Published
GREGORY W NOWAK	2129	2008-10-01
PAUL KEZMANN	2021	2008-06-01
SERGIY O DZYUBAN	2011	2008-06-01
DAVID A DUKE	1897	2008-12-01
THAD SUITS	1873	2008-12-01
ROMIE G CARPENTER	1809	2008-12-01
J MICHAEL JENSEN	1800	2008-12-01
JAMES J SKOVRON	1795	2008-12-01
EDWARD J MC LAUGHLIN	1750	2008-12-01
DOUGLAS HANSEN	1725	2009-01-01
ROBERT A MARTIN	1682	2008-12-01