

Prairie Chess Club Newsletter: Week 2 Summary

Dear Chess Club Families:

Chess Tournaments

Prairie Chess Tournament is scheduled for 9/20/2025.

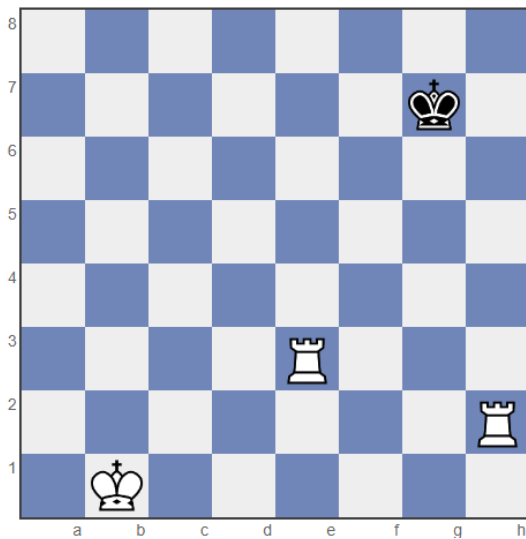
Registration can be done here: https://www.kingregistration.com/event/PCS_Sept25

We are looking for parent volunteers who would be available for setup, selling pizza/pop, and teardown/cleanup. Here is a link to sign up:

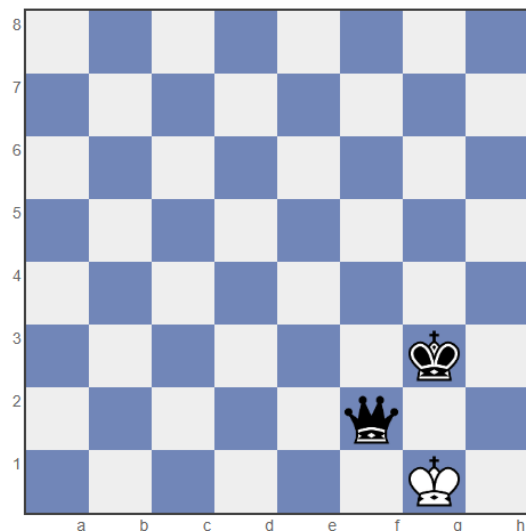
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Ridge Chess Club:

Ridge students examined the fundamentals of the various ways for checkmate. We went over some basics. We continued to play games and had a handful of high school volunteers. Some of the 4th graders experimented with King and Queen checkmate challenge.



Example of a Rolling Rooks



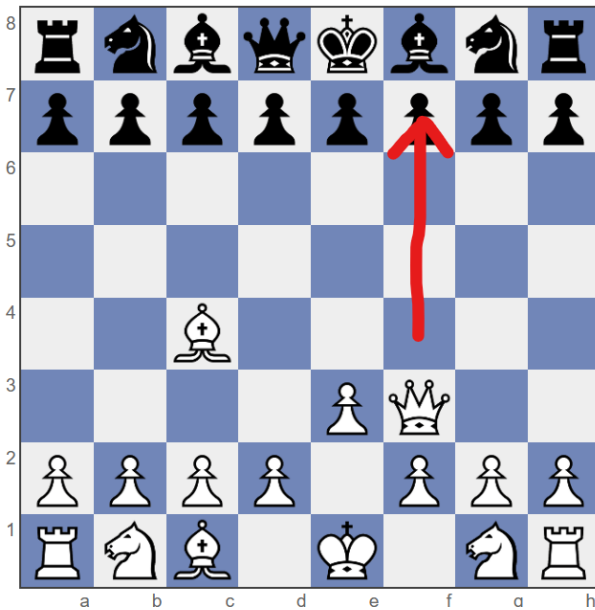
Example: Checkmate with King and Queen

Special thanks to the parents that brought in snacks! I know the kids enjoyed them.

Creek Chess Club:

We reviewed scholars' mates and then continued with playing games.

Scholars Mate (4 Move Checkmate)



Scholar's Mate targets the F7 pawn but can be done as playing black (F2 pawn).

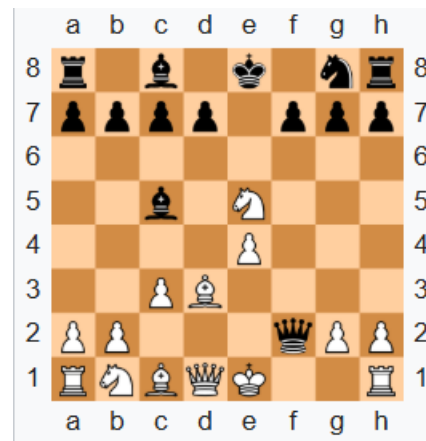
The pawn in front of the king up 1

The queen out 2.

The bishop out 3.

Then the queen up 4.

There are similar variants.



Ganguly vs. Madaminov, 2023

Extra reminder of the time and location:

Prairie Creek (Cafeteria)

Grades: 5th-8th

Address: 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Start Time: 2:45PM

End Time: 3:30PM

Prairie Ridge (Library)

Grades: 3rd-4th

Address: 278 S Pr Rd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Start Time: 4:15PM

End Time: 5:00PM

Thanks, Josh!