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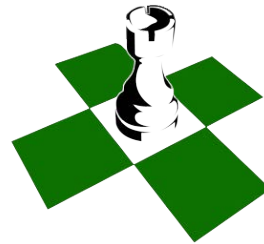
**USING CHESS TO MAKE CHILDREN BETTER IN IRELAND SOCIALLY
ADJUSTED, MORE INTELLIGENT, BETTER HUMAN BEINGS**

Our main focus in this issue is on WEI Yi of China. He has just celebrated his 16th birthday and looks to be on his way to great things.

On pages 3-4 you can read about his latest exploits and how he compares with the World Champion.

Do you have ambitions to catch him? If you do, you will need to practice your chess. That means playing games but also, like all sportsmen and sportswomen, you must train.

Your very first training would be with our In the Beginning. Our Puzzles section can help later on and also see our link to ChessBase's free training on p.5. Finally, don't forget that physical training is also important for chess.



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WEI Yi in Wijk aan Zee 2015 (photo by Alina l'Ami from ChessBase)

In the Beginning

Chess Camp 5 by Igor Sukhin Checkmate in Two

In the Beginning – 309 (Chess Camp 5-151)
White to move.



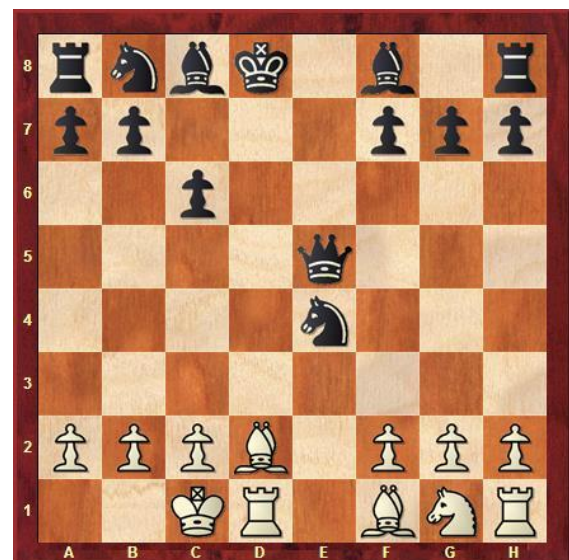
In the Beginning – 311 (Chess Camp 5-164)
White to move.



In the Beginning – 310 (Chess Camp 5-157)
Black to move.



In the Beginning – 312 (Chess Camp 5-171)
White to move.



309. 1. ♖f3xf7+ ♔e8-d8 2. ♖f7xf8#.

311. 1. ♖f7-d5+ ♔d6-e7 2. ♖d5xe5#.

310. 1... ♙e7-b4+ 2. ♚e1-d1 ♜e8-e1#.

312. 1. ♙d2-g5+ ♔d8-e8 [1... ♚d8-c7
2. ♙g5-d8#] 2. ♜d1-d8#.

WEI Yi – World’s Top Junior & Champion of China!

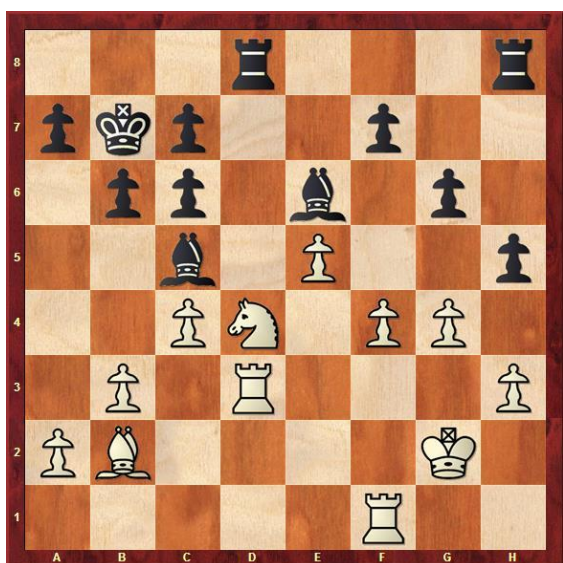
WEI Yi celebrated his 16th birthday on June 2. There seems to be no stopping him.

He has opened up a gap of almost 50 rating points at the top of all juniors (under the age of 20).

He was still just 15 when he became the youngest ever Champion of China at the end of May in Xinghua. Yi, rated 2718 at the time, was third seed in the Championship behind DING Liren (age 22) 2757 and YU Yangyi (age 20) 2723. WEI scored 7.5/11 (+5 =5 -1), finishing half a point ahead of DING, who beat. YU shared third place on 6.5.

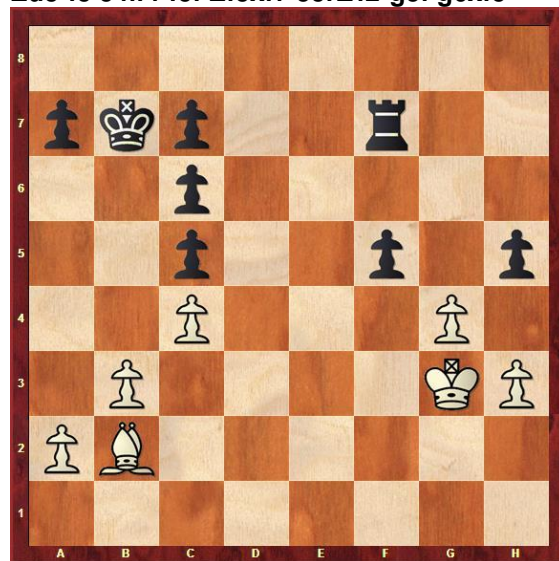


Here are the critical positions from his game (White) against DING.



28. ♖d4xe6! ♜d8xd3 29. ♗e6xc5+ b6xc5
30. e5-e6 ♜h8-d8 [30... ♜h8-f8? 31. ♗b2-g7]
31. e6xf7 ♜d3-d2+? [Defence was difficult.

Here is some analysis by GM Ramirez :
31... ♜d8-f8 32. f4-f5! g6xf5 33. g4-g5
♜f8xf7 34. g5-g6 ♜f7-f8 35. g6-g7 ♜f8-g8
36. ♗b2-e5! is unpleasant for Black; 31...h5-
h4 32. ♜f1-f3!] 32. ♜f1-f2 ♜d2xf2+ 33. ♗g2xf2
♜d8-f8 34. f4-f5! ♜f8xf7 35. ♗f2-g3! g6xf5



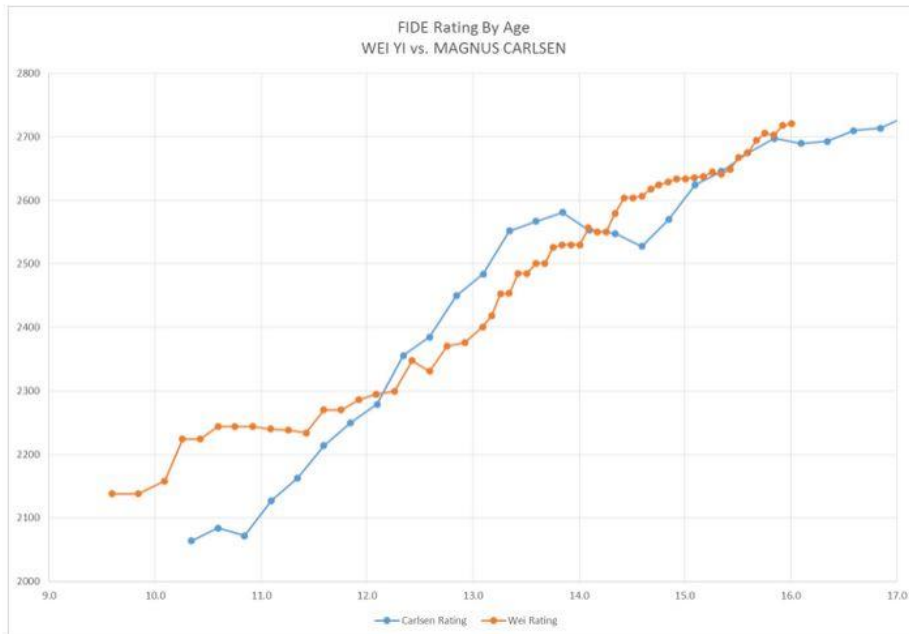
36. g4-g5 1-0.

and its easy to win after 36... ♗b7-c8
37. g5-g6 ♜f7-f8 38. g6-g7 ♜f8-g8
39. ♗g3-f4 ♗c8-d7 40. ♗f4xf5 ♗d7-e7
41. ♗f5-g6 ♗e7-e6, just taking the h-pawn
being simplest.

Comparisons are now being made between WEI and Magnus Carlsen. The following graphs (from Chess by the Numbers and Vidar Andreassen) show why people are getting excited.

Sergey Karjakin, now 25 years old and ranked 12 in the world (2753) was another prodigy. He holds the record for the youngest player ever to qualify for the Grandmaster title (12y7m). Carlsen is third on that list (13y4m) and Wei is fourth (13y8m).

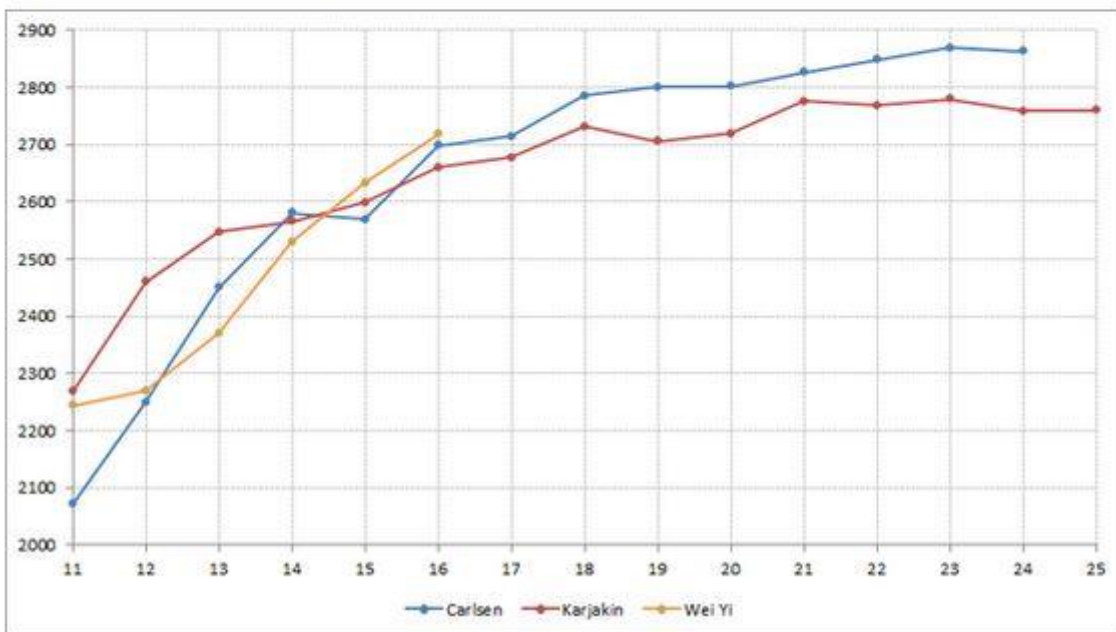
Ratings are far from perfect, but they are fascinating...



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A bit simpler, only numbers from their birthdays



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




Need more training? Our friends at ChessBase have lots for free:
<http://en.chessbase.com/post/chessbase-s-free-tactics-training>

Youngest Grandmasters

Wikipedia has a page with some fascinating lists, including those shown here. You can find them at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_prodigy#List_of_youngest_grandmasters Since Bobby Fischer (in 1958) and Judit Polgar (in 1991) set records at the age of 15, 23 players have made it before their 15th birthday, Fabiano Caruana just sneaking in 11 days before his. Here are the top 18 and also the sequence for youngest age of females acquiring the GM title.

1.	Sergey Karjakin	 Ukraine	12 years, 7 months, 0 days
2.	Parimarjan Negi	 India	13 years, 4 months, 22 days
3.	Magnus Carlsen	 Norway	13 years, 4 months, 27 days
4.	Wei Yi	 China	13 years, 8 months, 23 days ^[2]
5.	Bu Xiangzhi	 China	13 years, 10 months, 13 days
6.	Samuel Sevian	 United States	13 years, 10 months, 27 days ^[3]
7.	Richárd Rapport	 Hungary	13 years, 11 months, 6 days ^[4]
8.	Teimour Radjabov	 Azerbaijan	14 years, 0 months, 14 days
9.	Ruslan Ponomariov	 Ukraine	14 years, 0 months, 17 days
10.	Wesley So	 Philippines	14 years, 1 month, 28 days ^[5]
11.	Étienne Bacrot	 France	14 years, 2 months, 0 days
12.	Jorge Cori	 Peru	14 years, 2 months ^[6]
13.	Ilya Nyzhnyk	 Ukraine	14 years, 3 months, 2 days ^[7]
14.	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	 France	14 years, 4 months ^[8]
15.	Péter Lékó	 Hungary	14 years, 4 months, 22 days
16.	Hou Yifan	 China	14 years, 6 months, 16 days ^[9]
17.	Anish Giri	 Netherlands	14 years, 7 months, 2 days ^[10]
18.	Yuriy Kuzubov	 Ukraine	14 years, 7 months, 12 days ^[11]

1978	Nona Gaprindashvili	 Soviet Union	37 years
1984	Maia Chiburdanidze	 Soviet Union	23 years
1991	Susan Polgar	 Hungary	21 years
1991	Judit Polgár	 Hungary	15 years, 4 months
2002	Humpy Koneru	 India	15 years 1 month
2008	Hou Yifan	 China	14 years, 6 months ^[15]

Asian Schools Championship

This event was played in Singapore shortly after the World Schools Championship in Thailand. If you are a young player, it's great – there are more and more events for you to aspire to.

Here is one of the gold medals that the winners among the 350 players from 19 countries received.



Some of the many hopeful parents:



(photos by Peter Long)



The medal table looked like this:

	gold	silver	bronze
Philippines	6	4	1
India	5	8	6
Mongolia	4	2	4
Kazakhstan	4	2	2
Singapore	2	2	0
Uzbekistan	2	1	2
China	1	1	2
Sri Lanka	0	2	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	1
Hong Kong	0	1	0
Indonesia	0	0	2
New Zealand	0	0	2
UAE	0	0	1

Behind the scenes – chess events need lots of arbiters, and helpers of all kinds.



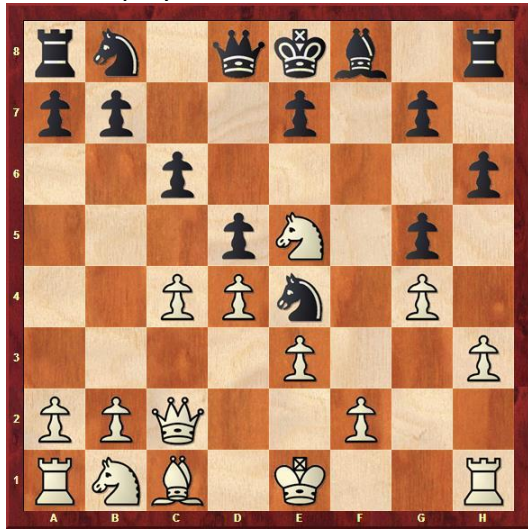
And all those boards and sets in the playing hall do not set themselves up!



Puzzles

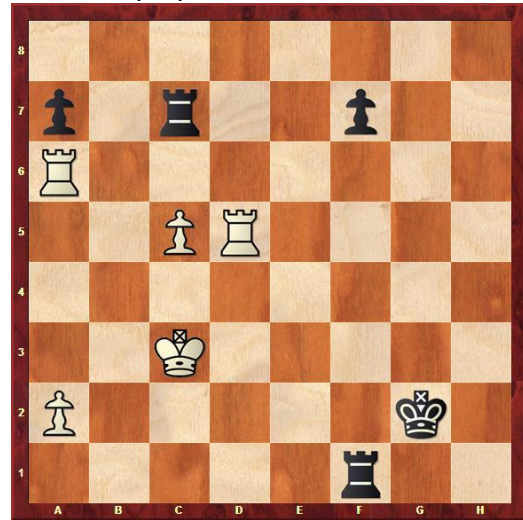
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1 Whit to play. Pin and win?



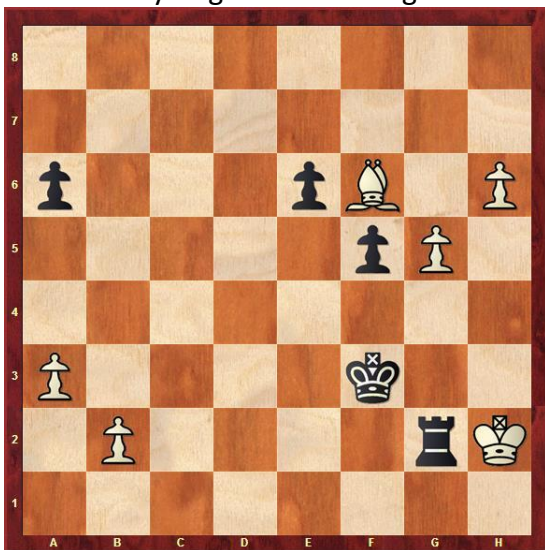
Parva BEHZAD NAZIF – WIN lei Lei War World Schools Ch u11 Girls, Pattaya 2015

3 White to play.



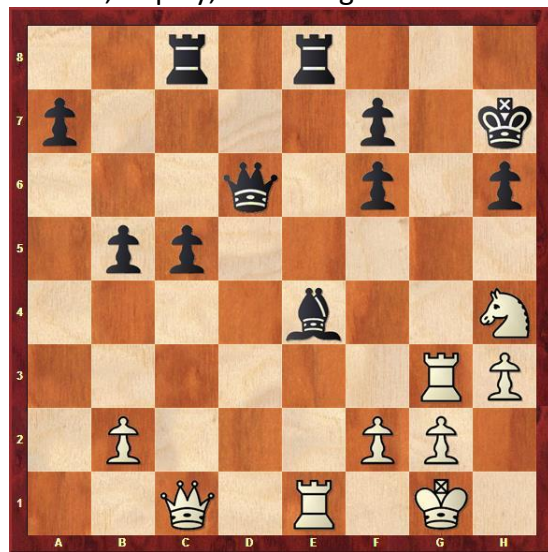
Xiner ZHENG – Munkhzul DAVAAKHUU World Schools Ch u9 Girls, Pattaya 2015

2 Which way to go with the king?



Ganzorig AMARTUVSHIN – ZHANG Fuhan World Schools Ch u11 Open, Pattaya 2015

4 White, to play, is winning. What's best?



Magizhnan NIKHIL – Khaled KHALIFAH World Schools Ch u9 Open, Pattaya 2015

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES

1. 11.f2-f3 e7-e6 [11...Qe4-d6 12.Wc2-g6+ Qd6-f7 13.Wg6x7#] 12.f3xe4 ... 1-0.
2. 46.Qh2-h3 [46.Qh2-h1? Wg2-g4+ 47.b2-b4 Qf3-f2 48.g5-g6 Wg4xg6 49.Qf6-d4+ Qf2-e3 50.h6-h7 Wg6-h6+ 46...Wg2-g1= 1/2-1/2.
3. 47.Wd5-g5+ Qg2-h3 [47...Qg2-f3 48.Wa6-f6+ Qf3-e2 49.Wg5-e5+ Qe2-d1 50.Wf6x1#] 48.Wa6-h6#.
4. 30.We1xe4 W8xe4 31.Wg3-g7+ Qh7xg7 32.Qh4-f5+ 1-0 [32...Qg7-g6 33.Qf5xd6 W8e4-e8 34.Qd6xe8 Wc8xe8 35.Wc1xc5].