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- Load and replay games online, from a vast database of over 9.6 million games.
- Quickly check a game's most salient points through the game quick view function. This presents an overview of the current game in 8 boards.
- Add your favourite games to your own personal databases.
- Search for games by the following criteria: White player, Black player, Tournament, Site, Year, ECO code, result and any combination of these criteria.
- Search for games by position.
- Search for games by endgame material distribution, for example, King and pawn endgames, or rook versus rook endgames.
- Download games from any search result in PGN format.
- Show a tournament's cross table, complete with Elo data, and click in the individual game cells to load the relevant game.
- Embed games in your site by including auto-generated code from any game.
- Quickly view and replay recent weeks' top games.
- Replay thoroughly analysed games by grandmasters for a more in depth viewing of recent games. Currently over 1700 annotated games are present. Some games are more verbose, while some contain more variations.
- View the "Ten Classics" – 10 very instructive and classically beautiful games.
- View the Top 250 games since the introduction of the Elo rating system, sorted by Elo rating.
- View each week's top viewed games.
- Replay the annotated "Game of the Week" which is published every Tuesday.
- Break down any position into its subsequent moves, together with sortable percentages of White wins, Black wins and draws. This functionality is the very useful Position Explorer.
- From the Position Explorer, if any position is of interest, the position's games can be loaded for viewing.
- Grasp the most important new moves every week at a glance through ChessBites' intelligent novelty finder.

- View the different openings that have been popularised by grandmasters, and quickly navigate to these openings' games.
- Select your favourite opening systems (according to ECO codes) and receive new games in these openings every week at the click of a button.
- Load the beautiful and instructive endgame fragments in the Chess Delight section.
- Play through and analyse annotated endgame studies, searchable by composer and material distribution. This can be done from the Endgames section.
- The Puzzles section allows you to match your skills against those of modern grandmasters. Puzzles are rated according to difficulty and can be searched by difficulty. A new position is presented every day.
- For puzzle lovers, there is a slightly advanced Checkmates in 2 page. Over 60,000 such puzzles exist in ChessBites.
- A fun, light hearted quiz to test your chess general knowledge is available with 1000 questions ranging from player and tournament questions, to position and picture quiz questions.
- The "Loyd on Saturday" page presents puzzles by the legendary problem composer Sam Loyd with a new puzzle every Saturday.
- View the tournament cross tables, games, and download the games of the recent top tournaments, including an interactive list of the top 200 tournaments of all time.
- Use the Tournament Explorer to delve into the tournament tree of the games database. Search for tournaments year by year, or by Event, Site and average Elo rating.
- View thirty-two of the strongest tournaments of the classic era of chess, together with clickable cross-tables, download and email functionality.
- The "Portrait of a World Champion" page is packed with biographical information about past (and current) Classical World Champions. Each biography contains historic information, together with cross tables of important tournaments and two distinctive games by the World Champion.
- View the top players sorted by Elo rating, download their games or simply view them online.
- Click on a player or enter their names and view their in-depth profile, together with statistics on Elo performance, results as White and Black, and opening information in both colours. All in an easy to grasp user interface.
- Use the Player Explorer to search for players by chess federation, title, sex or player names, and instantly access their profile or games.
- An Elo Calculator has been made available to quickly calculate your rating change after tournaments.

- To keep up to date with current world chess news, there is the News page which covers all the major chess events from around the globe.
- The Latest games section is updated weekly with a summary and cross tables of the past weeks' games, which have been entered into the ChessBites database.
- For beginners, there are Checkmates in 1, Checkmates in 2 and Checkmates in 3 pages where one can solve from over 200,000 checkmate positions.
- Replay and download twenty-four classic and instructive miniatures.

The games database is updated weekly with the most important tournaments all over the world.

The Games screen

White	ELO	Black	ELO	ECO	Year	Res.	#
Paehtz, Elisabeth	2453	Bok, Benjamin	2620	C47	2017	0-1	33
Oganian, Miran	2454	Jakovenko, Dmitrij	2710	A62	2017	0-1	85
Kezin, Roman	2455	Potkin, Vladimir	2574	E04	2017	0-1	37
Kezin, Roman	2455	Sjugirov, Sanan	2650	E01	2017	½-½	28
Kezin, Roman	2455	Artemiev, Vladislav	2692	D10	2017	½-½	78
Babujian, Levon	2458	Petrosian, TL	2615	B07	2017	0-1	39
Hayrapetyan, Ho	2472	Andriasian, Zaven	2593	B08	2017	½-½	55
Mikaelyan, A	2474	Ter Sahakyan, Samvel	2577	D43	2017	1-0	55
Lugovskoy, Maxim	2474	Kobalia, Mihail	2596	B40	2017	0-1	68

This is how the Games screen looks:

You can load a game by clicking on the relevant row in the list. Navigate through the loaded game by clicking on the move navigation buttons at the bottom of the board. You can also click on any move in the notation and the position will be loaded on the board. You can change the board colour or pieces from the "Options" page, which can be loaded from the bottom footer.

Loading games

To load a different game, click on any game in the list to the right of the board. The game will be highlighted and its notation will be loaded. When you hover over a row

in the games list, the tournament information will be displayed. Once a game is highlighted, you can navigate through it as usual. The games list can be viewed in "Data" mode, as seen above, or in "Moves" mode by clicking the "Moves" button beneath the list. This will present the games showing their moves right up to the end of the games. You can toggle between these modes. When in "Data" mode, you can select up to 6 games from the tick boxes (to the right in the games rows) and click "Compare" to view the selected games side by side.

Game quick view mode

Click on the 🛈 icon for any game in the games list and you will be presented with an 8 board summary of that game. This game quick view will look similar to the diagram below:

Kasparov, Garry - Topalov, Veselin, Hoogovens, Wijk aan Zee, 1999 1-0
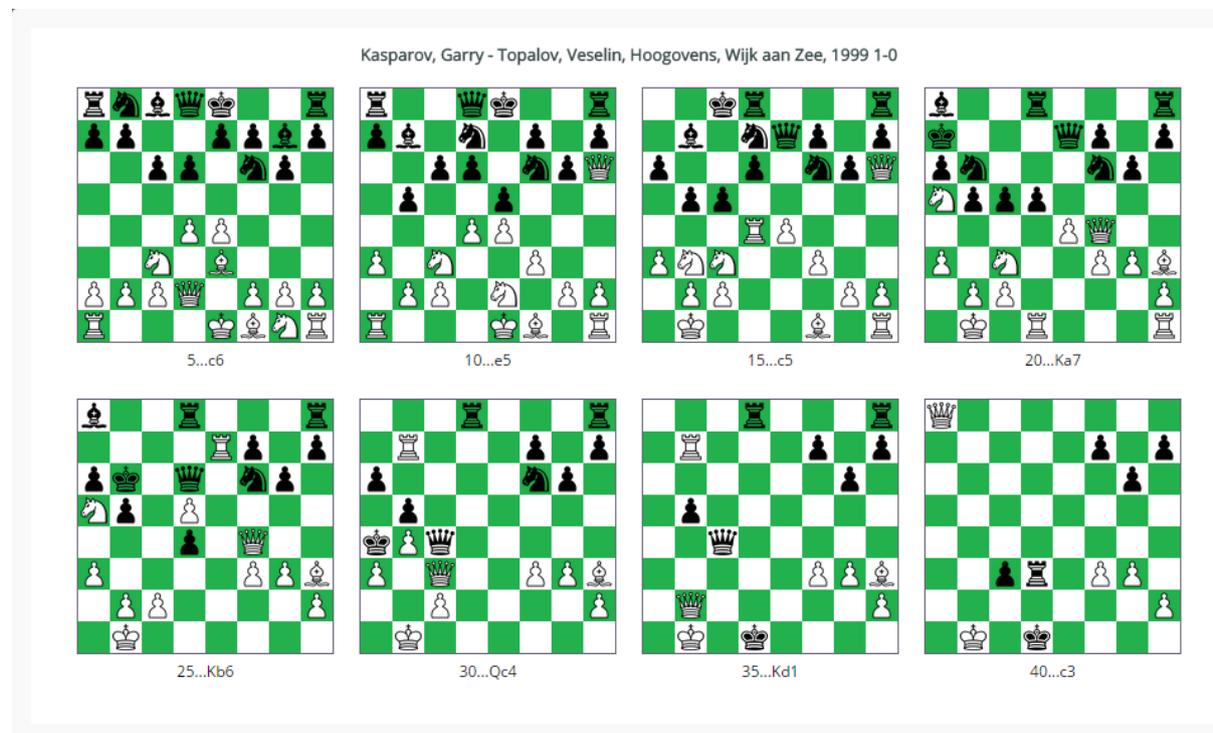
This functionality is handy when skimming through games, and you can look through them without having to load each game.

Adding games to Your Databases

When you are logged on, you can add games to your own personal databases. Here is how to do that:

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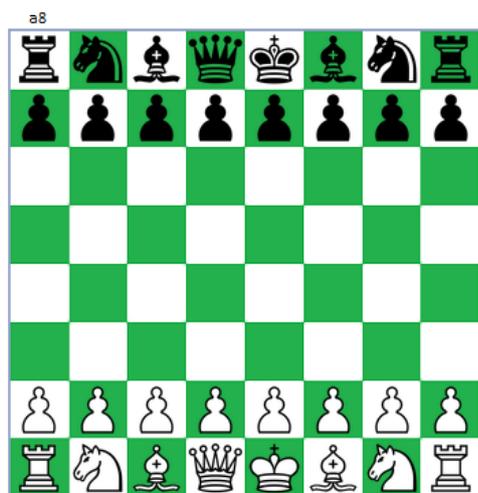
White		Elo	Black		Elo	ECO	Year	Res.	#			
Topalov, Mihail		1936	Kardoeus, David		2169	B33	2018	0-1	45	ⓘ	💾	☐
Topalov, Veselin		2740	Carlsen, Magnus		2861	B33	2019	0-1	28	ⓘ	💾	■
Topalov, V		2730	Wang Hao		2744	B33	2022	½-½	82	ⓘ	💾	☐
Topalov, V		2730	Wang Hao		2744	B33	2022	0-1	33	ⓘ	💾	☐

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Topalov, Veselin (2740) - Carlsen, Magnus (2861) - Abidjan GCT blitz (13), Abidjan, 2019
B33

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.c3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2 O-O 14.Nce3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.O-O e4 17.Nf4 Bf7 18.Bc2 Be5 19.Nfd5 Kh8 20.f4 exf3 21.Qxf3 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Qh4 23.g3 Rg8 24.Nf4 Qh6 25.Bxf5 Raf8 26.Ne6 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Rxf5 28.Qxf5 Rxg3+ 0-1

[Show games with this position (<=500)] [Find novelty]

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Game	Position	Endgames

White [Topalov]   Black [   ]   ☐ Ignore colours

ECO [B33] Year [   ]   Result [All ▾]

Event [   ]   Site [   ]

[Search] [Download] [Email] [Clear search]

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Comment ❓
[Very interesting game]
Save to an existing database
[▾] [OK]
or save to a new database
[Sicilian Sveshnikov] [OK]

As can be seen, at the bottom of the Games screen, there is the "My Databases" panel. You can enter a comment if you like, and then either save the game to an existing database (if you have previously created one, or to the [Default] database) or enter the name of a new database and save the current game in it. In the latter case, the new database will be created and associated to your user account, and the game will be added to it. You can create as many different databases as you like and you can access them from the "My Databases" link in the header. Couldn't be simpler!

Download single games in PGN

To download a game of particular interest, click on the 🖫 icon next to the said game. This will download the game in PGN format, right to your browser of choice. Games can also be downloaded by clicking on the blue "arrow" button at the bottom of the games list. Clicking this button will take you to the individual game, where you can download it through a link on that page.
Games can be downloaded one at a time freely. However, registered users can buy games to download in bulk. From the "My Account" page, you can increase your download games quota. Then, you can search for any games of interest, and download the games in PGN. The limit to the number of games you can download only depends on your quota.

Searching for games

The search panel at the bottom right of the Games screen can be used to search and display the games by filtering various criteria. With the "Game" tab selected, the following search fields are available: White player, Black player, ECO code, Year (minimum/maximum), Result, Event and Site. The system searches for players by matching the exact White/Black surname, or the exact White/Black surname, a comma, and the exact White/Black forenames. So, in order to find games where Peter Leko was White, you can enter *Leko* or *Leko, Peter* - but not *Leko, P*. The same goes for the Black surname. The Site and Event fields match on the exact value given. The new Tournament Explorer can now also be used for accurate tournament searches. See below for more information on this.

70...Rxf5

Kasparov, Garry (2710) - Karpov, Anatoly (2700) - World-ch30-KK1 Karpov-Kasparov +5-3=40 (6), Moscow, 1984
E15

White	Elo	Black	Elo	ECO	Year	Res.	#
Kasparov, Garry	2625	Karpov, Anatoly	2690	C42	1981	½-½	41
Kasparov, Garry	2625	Karpov, Anatoly	2690	D55	1981	½-½	18
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E17	1984	½-½	47
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E15	1984	½-½	44
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E15	1984	0-1	70
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E05	1984	½-½	20
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E12	1984	½-½	15
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	D58	1984	½-½	21
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E15	1984	½-½	16
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E15	1984	½-½	35
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E15	1984	½-½	22
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	A30	1984	½-½	15
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	E05	1984	½-½	20
Kasparov, Garry	2710	Karpov, Anatoly	2700	A33	1984	½-½	17

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Game | Position | Endgames

White Kasparov   Black Karpov   ☐ Ignore colours

ECO   Year   Result All ⌄

Event   Site

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45.Kf1 a4 46.Ke2 Kc5 47.Kd2 a3 48.Kc1 Kd4 49.f4
Ke4 50.Kb1 Rb8+ 51.Ka1 Rb2 52.Rxa3 Rxh2
53.Kb1 Rd2 54.Ra6 Kf5 55.Ra7 g5 56.Ra6 g4
57.Rxh6 Rg2 58.Rh5+ Ke4 59.f5 Rf2 60.Kc1 Kf3
61.Kd1 Kxg3 62.Ke1 Kg2 63.Rg5 g3 64.Rh5 Rf4
65.Ke2 Re4+ 66.Kd3 Kf3 67.Rh1 g2 68.Rh3+ Kg4
69.Rh8 Rf4 70.Ke2 Rxf5 0-1

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The "Ignore colours" tick box can be checked if the player(s) colour(s) can be reversed. Below is an example of another search, and the subsequent loading and replaying of one of the resulting games.

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White	Elo	Black	Elo	ECO	Year	Res.	#			
Topalov, Veselin	2740	Shirov, Alexei	2710		1998	0-1	0	ⓘ	💾	☐
Topalov, Veselin	2740	Shirov, Alexei	2710	D85	1998	0-1	53	ⓘ	💾	☑
Topalov, Veselin	2740	Shirov, Alexei	2710	B80	1998	0-1	66	ⓘ	💾	☐

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Topalov, Veselin (2740) - Shirov, Alexei (2710) - Linares 15th (10), Linares, 1998
D85

27.Qxa4 Nxa2 28.Qxa2 Bxe5 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Bg5 Rd5 31.Re3 Qd6 32.Qe2 Bd7 33.c4 Bxd4 34.cxd5 Bxe3 35.Qxe3 Re8 36.Qc3 Qxd5 37.Bh6 Re5 38.Rf3 Qc5 39.Qa1 Bf5 40.Re3 f6 41.Rxe5 Qxe5 42.Qa2+ Qd5 43.Qxd5+ cxd5 44.Bd2 a4 45.Bc3 Kf7 46.h4 Ke6 47.Kg1 Bh3 48.gxh3 Kf5 49.Kf2 Ke4 50.Bxf6 d4 51.Be7 Kd3 52.Bc5 Kc4 53.Be7 Kb3 0-1

Search games   Games: 9675979 / Last update: 19 Apr 2023

Game   Position   Endgames

White Topalov   Black Shirov   ☐ Ignore colours

ECO [ ] Year 1997 1999 Result 0-1 ▾

Event [ ]   Site [ ]

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Show games with this position (<=500) Find novelty   http://localhost/Games.aspx?d=LQZxrLQL ➡

Clicking on the White/Black player in the header of the notation section (below the board) will take you to the Player Profile page (see further below) with that player preloaded. Clicking on the tournament header in the notation section will show a cross table of the tournament of the game in question.

Linares 15th, Linares 1998

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
1. Anand, Viswanathan	2770		1 ½	½ ½	½ 0	1 ½	1 ½	1 ½	7½	2849	+11
2. Shirov, Alexei	2710	0 ½		1 ½	½ ½	0 1	1 0	1 1	7	2826	+18
3. Kramnik, Vladimir	2790	½ ½	0 ½		½ ½	1 ½	½ ½	1 ½	6½	2779	-2
4. Kasparov, Garry	2825	½ 1	½ ½	½ ½		½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	6½	2773	-9
5. Svidler, Peter	2690	0 ½	1 0	0 ½	½ ½		0 1	1 ½	5½	2729	+7
6. Ivanchuk, Vassily	2740	0 ½	0 1	½ ½	½ ½	1 0		½ 0	5	2688	-7
7. Topalov, Veselin	2740	0 ½	0 0	0 ½	½ ½	0 ½	½ 1		4	2621	-17

The players in the cross table can be clicked to load their profile. The individual game "cells" can also be clicked to take you to the particular game. As can be seen above, the Elo rating performance and rating change is also included in the cross table.

Search for games by position

You can also search for games by position. Click the "Position" tab in the search panel and click on the "Set position" link. This will open a screen where you can set up a position. You can click on the pieces below the board here and drop them on the board. Alternatively, if you have a FEN notation describing the position to be searched for, you can paste it in this window. Below is an example of a set up position:


After setting up the position (or entering the FEN notation, or clicking "Game Position"), click the "Done" button and then the "Search" button and the position's games will be loaded.

Searching for games by endgame material distribution.

Clicking the "Endgames" tab in the search panel, followed by clicking the "Endgames" button, will display a window where you can search which endgame type you desire, and high level games which fall into that category will instantly be displayed. Below is the window that allows you to select the endgame type:
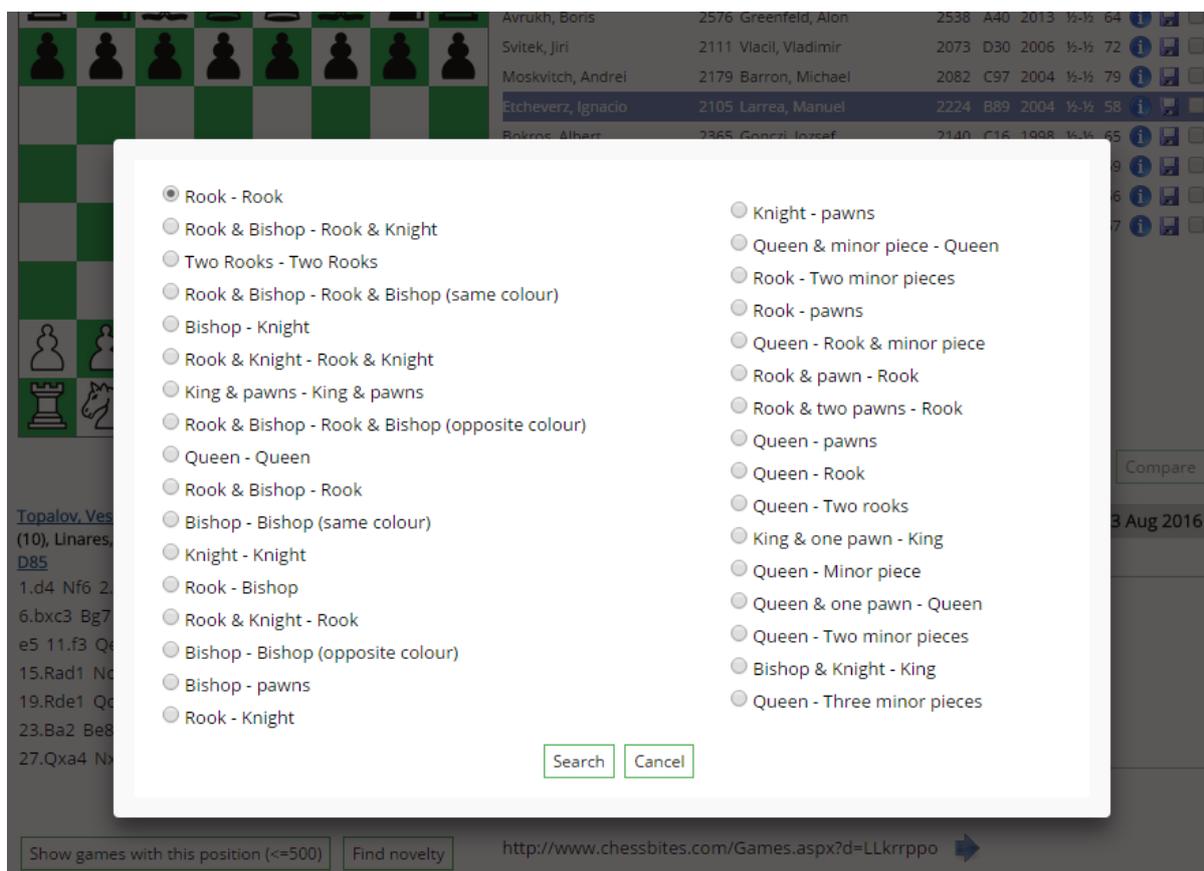
Downloading games in bulk

Registered users can increase their download quota from the My Account page. (The link to the My Account page is seen after logging in, in the site's header). They can then download games from any search result by clicking on the "Download" button at the bottom of the Search panel or by clicking the "Disk" icon next to tournaments or player games when available. The My Account page will show a history of the most recent 100 distinct downloads.

Most recent downloads

02/08/2016 20:48:54 - EUROTEL TROPHY; PRAGUE; From 2002 To 2002; Total: 82
01/08/2016 16:05:21 - Moscow Open A 2016; Moscow RUS; From 2016 To 2016; Total: 723
26/07/2016 21:28:36 - White: Leko, Peter; Ignore colours; 7th Hainan Danzhou GM; Danzhou CHN; From 2016 To 2016; Total: 9
24/07/2016 22:40:57 - 4th Norway Chess 2016; Stavanger NOR; From 2016 To 2016; Total: 45
19/07/2016 08:48:34 - White: Olafsson, Helgi; Ignore colours; From 1475 To 2016; Total: 1424

10/07/2016 14:54:58   Total: 5000

07/07/2016 00:30:57 - 9th Sveins Memorial; Oslo NOR; From 2016 To 2016; Total: 295
22/06/2016 18:22:33 - Ragger-Mamedyarov m 2015; Vienna AUT; From 2015 To 2015; Total: 6
22/06/2016 15:17:34 - Kosmos m 5'; Moscow; From 1998 To 1998; Total: 24
21/06/2016 08:12:18 - Gibraltar Masters 2016; Caleta ENG; From 2016 To 2016; Total: 1231

Top Games

This section allows you to select a date from a drop down list, and the top games that were updated in that date will be shown.

In the Top Games page below, the 19/04/2023 date was selected and we can see the top games (ordered by Elo Rating) that were played in that week's games update.

Below you will find the top 120 games that were played in the week selected from the drop-down list.

Date: 19/04/2023 ▼
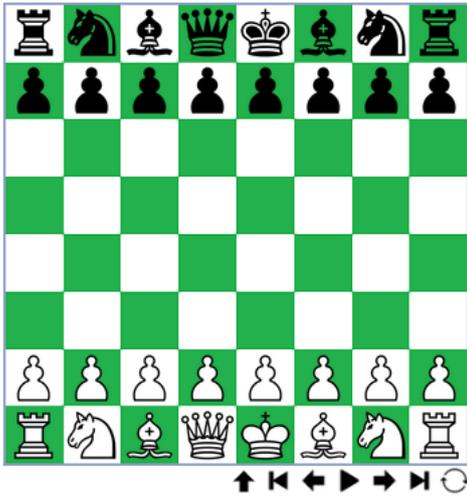
Ding, Liren (2788) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2795) - WCh 2023, Astana KAZ 2023 (4.1), Astana KAZ, 2023
A28
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Qc2 Bxc3 6.bxc3 d6 7.e4 O-O 8.Be2 Nh5 9.d4 Nf4 10.Bxf4 exf4 11.O-O Qf6 12.Rfe1 Re8 13.Bd3 Bg4 14.Nd2
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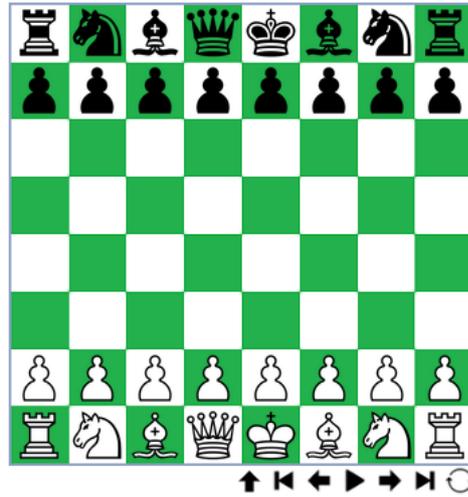
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2795) - Ding, Liren (2788) - WCh 2023, Astana KAZ 2023 (5.1), Astana KAZ, 2023
C84
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Bb7 10.a4 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.axb5 axb5
PGN   ChessBites 2023

120 games each week are presented in this page and you can navigate through them using the pager at the bottom.

The Annotated Games section

My Databases		White	ELO	Black	ELO	ECO	Year	Res.	#
Games		Paehtz, Elisabeth	2453	Bok, Benjamin	2620	C47	2017	0-1	33
Top games		Oganian, Miran	2454	Jakovenko, Dmitrij	2710	A62	2017	0-1	85
Annotated games		Kezin, Roman	2455	Potkin, Vladimir	2574	E04	2017	0-1	37
Ten Classics		Kezin, Roman	2455	Sjugirov, Sanan	2650	E01	2017	½-½	28
Top 250		Kezin, Roman	2455	Artemiev, Vladislav	2692	D10	2017	½-½	78
		Babujian, Levon	2458	Petrosian, TL	2615	B07	2017	0-1	39
Most viewed games		Hayrapetyan, Ho	2472	Andriasian, Zaven	2593	B08	2017	½-½	55
Game Of The Week		Mikaelyan, A	2474	Ter Sahakyan, Samvel	2577	D43	2017	1-0	55
		Lugovskoy, Maxim	2474	Kobalia, Mihail	2596	B40	2017	0-1	68

This section presents you with about 1700 games (at the time of writing), annotated by world class grandmasters.

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Game [1611] [Go] [<] [>] [Surprise me!] Player [Select] ▼
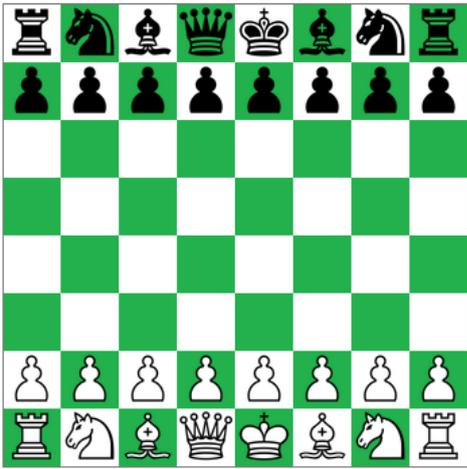
Akopian, Vladimir - Karpov, Anatoly, Linares 13th (4), Linares - A07 [1995] ½-½
Annotator: Horn,Pe

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.O-O Bg4 5.b3 Bxf3 *He could have waited, but perhaps he already had the following move in his mind.* 6.Bxf3 h5 *It doesn't look to me like a Karpov move.* (6...g6 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.Bg2 O-O 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Nd2 Re8 11.c4 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qc2 *remis/Sale-Laketic/JUG-ch/ 1991*) 7.d4 *Avoiding e7-e5.* Nbd7 8.c4 e6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Bb2 Qa5 11.a3 *Preparing b4 and avoiding Ba3.* Rd8 *Any attack on the white doesn't promise much, as Bf3 defends the Kg1 well. On the other hand, it seems extremely difficult, to find a good place for Ke8.* (11...O-O-O 12.b4) 12.Qc2 *Preparing e4* h4 13.cxd5 *Opening the centre is of course a good answer to the black demonstration.* cxd5 (13...exd5 14.e4 *and the position of Ke8 is even weaker than in the game.*) 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nd5 16.b4 Qb5 (16...Qb6) (16...Qc7 17.Qxc7 (17.Qb3) (17.Qe2) Nxc7 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nb7 Rb8 20.Rac1 Nd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rc7) 17.Nc3 ><*d5 is the key to progress for white.* Nxc3 18.Qxc3 hxg3 19.hxg3 Bd6 (19...Nf6 20.d5 (20.Qc7 Nd5)) 20.d5 (20.Kg2) (20.Rfe1) e5 (20...Be5 21.Qc2 *only helps white.*) 21.Kg2 ∧ *Rh1* f5 22.Qd2 (22.Rh1 Kf7) Kf7 23.Be2 Qb6 24.Rh1 Nf6 ><*d5* 25.f3 Rc8 26.Bd3 g6 27.Rae1 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 a5 (28...Nxd5 29.Rh7+) 29.Qg5 (29.bxa5 Qb3) Rg8 (29...axb4 30.Bxf5 gxf5 31.Rh6 Rc2+ (31...Ng8 32.Qxf5+ Ke7 33.Rh7+) (31...Be7 32.Qg6+ Kf8 33.Rh8+) 32.Kh3 Be7 (32...Ng8 33.Rh7+) 33.Qg6+) 30.Bc4 Qc7 (30...axb4 31.Bxe5 Bxe5 32.d6+ Ke8 33.Bxg8) 31.Bb3 Qe7 (31...axb4 32.Bxe5) 32.bxa5 e4 33.f4 e3 34.Qxf6+ (34.Be5 e2 (34...Ng4 35.Rh7+) (34...Ne4 35.Rh7+) (34...Rc8 35.Bxf6 Qxf6 36.Rh7+) (34...Nh5 35.Rxh5 gxh5 36.Qxf5+ Ke8 37.Ba4+ Kd8 38.Bf6) (34...Bxe5 35.d6+) 35.Re1 Ne4 (35...Rh8 36.Rxe2 Rh5 37.Qxf6+ Qxf6 38.Bxf6 Kxf6 39.Re6+) 36.Qh6 (36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.Rxe2) Ke8 37.Rxe2 Bxe5 38.d6)

[Training] [Copy link]

Click on the *Training* button to hide the notation and start guessing the masters' moves! Click on it again to display the full game notation.

The notation is colour-coded to display the different depths of the associated variations. Text comments appear in italics.

You can enter a game number directly and hit "Go", navigate forward and backwards through the annotated games, or click on the "Surprise me!" button for a random annotated game to be analysed. You can also select a player from the drop down list, and then navigate through this player's commented games. To clear a player selection, select the topmost *[Select]* item in the drop down.

A very useful feature in this page is the "Training" button. This will hide the notation and allow you to guess the players' moves.

Ten Classics

In this page you will find the following brilliant games at your fingertips:

Kasparov – Topalov, Wijk aan Zee 1999

Byrne, D – Fischer, New York 1956

Ivanchuk – Jussupow, Brussels 1991

Botvinnik – Capablanca, Holland 1938

Steinitz – Von Bardeleben, Hastings 1895

Anderssen – Dufresne, Berlin 1852

Bagirov – Gufeld, Kirovabad 1973

Bogoljubow – Alekhine, Hastings 1922

Torre Repetto – Banks, Detroit 1924

Averbakh – Kotov, Zurich 1953

Top 250

This page is a list of the top 250 (according to the players' Elo ratings) decisive games of all time. Here is a sample:

Top 250

1	**Carlsen, Magnus (2881)** - Aronian, Levon (2815)	2nd Norway Chess 2014	Stavanger NOR	2014	D38
2	Aronian, Levon (2805) - **Carlsen, Magnus (2877)**	2nd Sinquefield Cup 2014	Saint Louis USA	2014	A47
3	Caruana, Fabiano (2820) - **Carlsen, Magnus (2862)**	77th Tata Steel GpA	Wijk aan Zee NED	2015	B31
4	**Caruana, Fabiano (2805)** - Carlsen, Magnus (2876)	3rd Norway Chess 2015	Stavanger NOR	2015	C67
5	**Anand, Viswanathan (2804)** - Carlsen, Magnus (2876)	3rd Norway Chess 2015	Stavanger NOR	2015	C84
6	Caruana, Fabiano (2801) - **Carlsen, Magnus (2877)**	41st Olympiad Open 2014	Tromso NOR	2014	B01
7	Carlsen, Magnus (2877) - **Caruana, Fabiano (2801)**	2nd Sinquefield Cup 2014	Saint Louis USA	2014	C24
8	**Carlsen, Magnus (2862)** - Aronian, Levon (2813)	Sinquefield Cup 2013	Saint Louis USA	2013	C88
9	Carlsen, Magnus (2876) - **Topalov, Veselin (2798)**	3rd Norway Chess 2015	Stavanger NOR	2015	D43
10	Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - **Topalov, Veselin (2816)**	3rd Sinquefield Cup 2015	Saint Louis USA	2015	B51
11	**Carlsen, Magnus (2864)** - Kramnik, Vladimir (2803)	8th Tal Memorial	Moscow RUS	2013	A45
12	Radjabov, Teimour (2793) - **Carlsen, Magnus (2872)**	FIDE Candidates	London ENG	2013	E32
13	Caruana, Fabiano (2802) - **Carlsen, Magnus (2863)**	Vugar Gashimov Mem 2015	Shamkir AZE	2015	A90
14	**Caruana, Fabiano (2783)** - Carlsen, Magnus (2881)	Vugar Gashimov Mem 2014	Shamkir AZE	2014	C67
15	**Carlsen, Magnus (2877)** - Nakamura, Hikaru (2787)	2nd Sinquefield Cup 2014	Saint Louis USA	2014	D10
16	**Carlsen, Magnus (2881)** - Caruana, Fabiano (2783)	Vugar Gashimov Mem 2014	Shamkir AZE	2014	A49
17	**Carlsen, Magnus (2848)** - Aronian, Levon (2815)	4th London Chess Classic	London ENG	2012	C77

The player in bold is the winner of the game. You can click on each of the games and the game will be shown in a pop-up window.

Most Viewed Games


From this page, you will be able to view the ten most popular games from the date selected from the drop down list. Please see below:
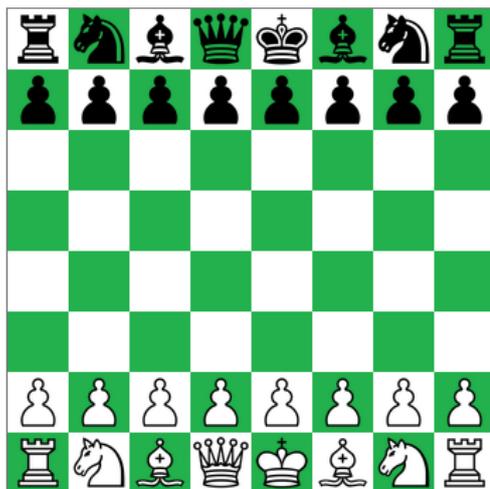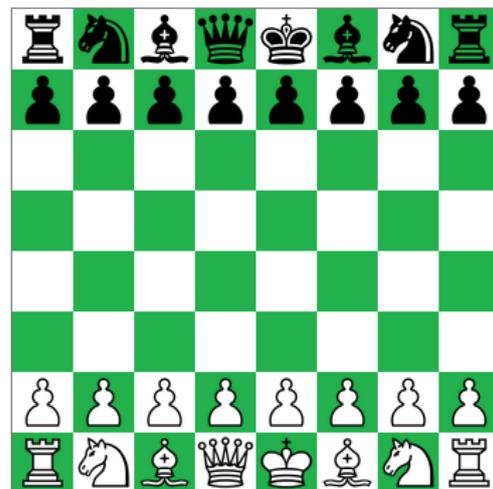
Changing the date will give you the most popular games of the week ending in the selected date.

Game of The Week

Every Tuesday a new annotated game is presented for your viewing. The games given are between high class players and are always full of interesting analysis. Below is an example of this week's game.


Sveshnikov, Evgeny - Tal, Mihail, USSR, USSR - B14 [1984] 1-0
Annotator: Sveshnikov,E

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 (7...exd5 8.Bb5+) 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Bd3 Nf6 N (9...Nxc3 Ue 34/173) (9...Ba5 Ue 35/175) (9...h6) 10.O-O h6 11.Rd1 O-O 12.a3 (12.Bf4) Bd6 (12...Be7 13.b4) 13.Ne4 Nxe4 (13...Nd5 14.Ng3 #C5 #CDh5) 14.Bxe4 Bd7 15.d5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Qf6 17.Bd2 Rac8 (17...Bf5 18.Qb3) 18.Bc3 Ne5 19.Qe4 (19.Bxb7 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Qf4) Nxf3+ (19...Rfe8 20.Bxb7) 20.Qxf3 Qg5 21.Bxb7 (21.h3 Bc6 22.g3) Bg4 22.Qd5 Rxc3 #EC 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Rxd6 Rb3 25.Bd5 Rxb2 26.h3 Be6 27.Re1 #CF Bxd5 (27...Rd2 28.Rexe6) 28.Rxd5 Rc8 29.Rxg5 Ra2 30.Rg3 Rc7 31.Rf3 Rd2 32.Re5 f6 33.Ra5 Rcd7 (33...Rdd7) 34.Rff5 Ra2 35.Rf4 Rad2 (35...Rc2) 36.Rfa4 Re7 37.Rxa7 Re1+ 38.Kh2 Rxf2 39.Rg4 g5 40.Rb4 Re8 41.Rbb7 (41.Rbb7 Rd2 42.a4 Rdd8 43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Rh7+ Kg8 45.Rag7+ Kf8 46.Rf7+ Kg8 47.Rhg7+ Kh8 48.Rg6)

Click on the *Training* button to hide the notation and start guessing the masters' moves! Click on it again to display the full game notation.

The Position Explorer

Undoubtedly one of the most instructive of ChessBites' features is the Position Explorer. The Position explorer can be invoked by clicking the "lens" button underneath the board in the Games screen (or Novelties page), or from the link in the menu (as above).
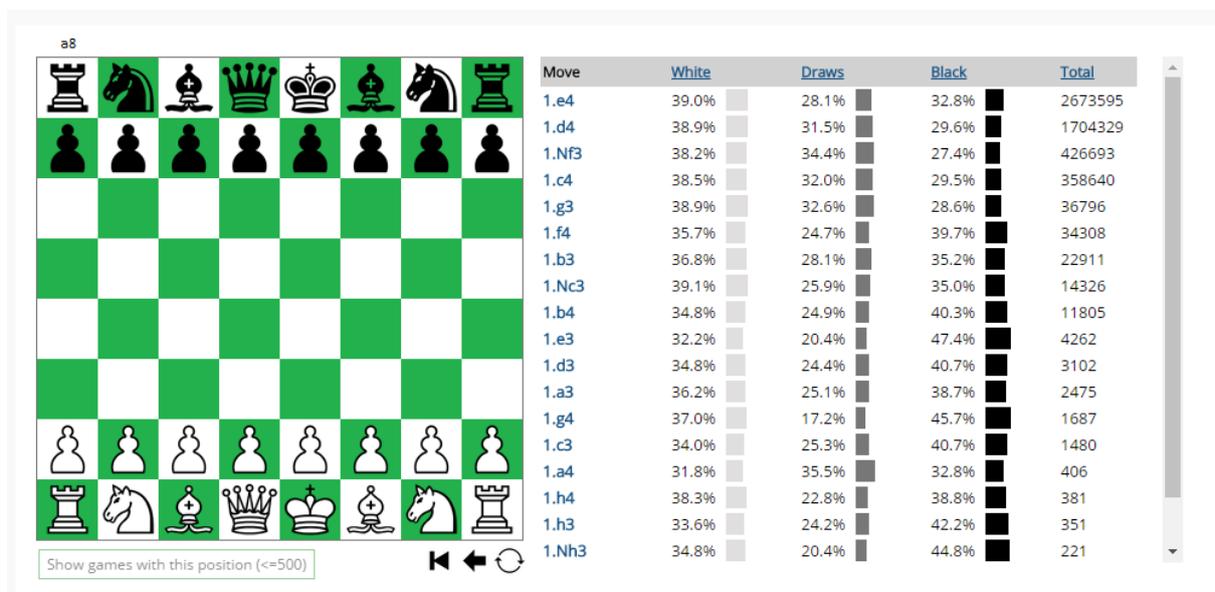
The above shows the Position Explorer being invoked from the start position. A great deal of information can be observed. You can sort the percentages by clicking the column headers. And you can go forward and explore the myriad of positions by clicking each individual move in the list.

Let's look at a more involved example.

Move	White		Draws		Black		Total
9.Nxg5	41.3%		26.6%		32.1%		3138
9.exf6	44.7%		26.5%		28.8%		555
9.Bg3	45.0%		22.0%		33.0%		109
9.Bxg5	20.0%		20.0%		60.0%		5

Show games with this position (<=500)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5

While moving forwards or backwards in the Position Explorer, there is a running notation (clickable) below the board. When a particular position deserves more scrutiny, you can click on the button "Show games with this position" and the system will load the 500 most recent position's games in a separate window.

Top Novelties

Whenever a games update occurs, normally weekly, the new top games are scanned by the system and wherever a move is identified as new in the position, it is displayed in this page. The games are listed in order of ECO code. A pager at the bottom allows you to quickly navigate to the openings that interest you, or to view all the week's novelties in one page. Below is the latest example of the novelty finder in action!

Below you will find the novelties that occurred in top class games, and that were played in the week selected from the drop-down list. Alternatively, you can search by ECO.

⦿ Date: 19/04/2023 ▾

○ ECO: [Select] ▾

Keymer - Idani (10.O-O)	Svane - Rodshtein (9.dxe6)	Narayanan - Hakobyan (9.e4)	Keymer - Sargsyan (27.Ne4)

A00 🔍 ☐   A04 🔍 ☐   A04 🔍 ☐   A04 🔍 ☐

Swiercz - Quesada Perez (9...c6)	Bok - Quesada Perez (11...Bh7)	Oparin - Duda (14.Rb1)	Nakamura - Idani (15.Rac1)

A05 🔍 ■   A05 🔍 ■   A05 🔍 ☐   A05 🔍 ☐

Clicking on the board will take you to the game at the particular position, while clicking the "lens" icon underneath the boards will show you the Position Explorer with the game's current position.

The novelties found in previous games updates can be found by selecting from the date drop down list at the top left. If you want to find out the recent novelties in a particular ECO code, you can do so by selecting from the ECO drop down.

The ECO Page

	White	ELO	Black	ELO	ECO	Year	Res.	#	
	Paehtz, Elisabeth	2453	Bok, Benjamin	2620	C47	2017	0-1	33	ℹ 💾 ☐
	Oganian, Miran	2454	Jakovenko, Dmitrij	2710	A62	2017	0-1	85	ℹ 💾 ☐
	Kezin, Roman	2455	Potkin, Vladimir	2574	E04	2017	0-1	37	ℹ 💾 ☐
	Kezin, Roman	2455	Siugirov, Sanan	2650	E01	2017	½-½	28	ℹ 💾 ☐

Openings
Explorer
Novelties
Search Openings By Name/ECO ▸
Latest Games In My Openings

This page is an overview of the Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings Classification System. There are links which will take you to individual sections (representing openings) within the page. When you find the particular *ECO code* for the opening you want to examine, you can click on the row and the system will take you to the games with that opening system.

Latest Games in My Openings

This is a recently introduced feature within ChessBites and it is extremely useful for players who want to keep abreast of modern opening theory. Let's have a look at how this screen works.

Here you can select the various ECO codes that interest you, and click on the 'Get latest games' button to get the past week's games in your selected ECO codes. You can select multiple items from the lists by holding down the CTRL button and clicking on the ECO codes. The selections you make are saved when you click the 'Get latest games' button. You can make changes to the preferred ECO codes and click the games button *up to twice every week*. When you get the games of your selected opening systems, a database in the My Databases section will be automatically created with the relevant games, and you will be taken to the My Databases page with the new database pre-selected.

Unselected   Selected   Save selected and get latest games   2 click(s) left before next games update.

Unselected	Selected
A00	A03
A01	A09
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As a logged in user, you can select the ECO codes which you are interested in, from the list on the left, and move them to the list on the right. The list on the right contains the ECO codes of the games with which you will be updated every week. After you have selected the openings of your choice (you can move the ECO codes between the two lists using the >> and << buttons), you can then click on the "Save selected and get latest games" button, and the selections you make will be saved for next time. Also, in so doing, a database with the games of your selected opening systems will be created on the fly and you will be taken to the "My Databases" screen with that database preselected. Thus every week after the site's games are updated, you can quickly know what is new in your systems. Note that you can click the "Get Latest games" button up to twice every week – this is done so as to avoid duplication of games within your databases.

Chess Delight
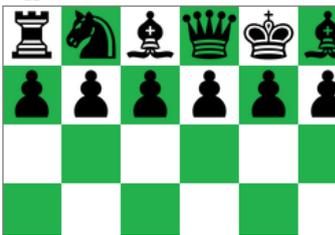
	Chess Delight		ELO	Black	ELO	ECO	Year	Res.	#
	Endgames		2614	Flores, Diego	2592	A61	2016	1-0	34
	Puzzles	Iva...	2572	Mareco, Sandro	2610	B90	2016	½-½	21
	Checkmates - Advanced		2602	Morovic Fernandez, Iva...	2572	E92	2016	1-0	34
			2610	Lenderman, Alex	2614	A09	2016	½-½	30
	Chess Fun Quiz		2587	Flores, Diego	2592	B42	2016	1-0	47
	Loyd on Saturday	aro	2681	Mareco, Sandro	2610	B51	2016	½-½	29
			2602	Gonzalez Vidal Yuri	2555	A15	2016	1-0	61

In this section, you will be presented with a short selection of beautiful, instructive and delightful chess studies. Click on a board position to view and replay it online.

Chess Delight
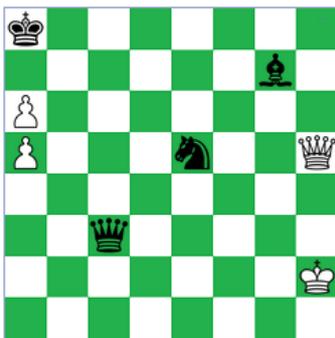
Gorgiev (64, 1928)
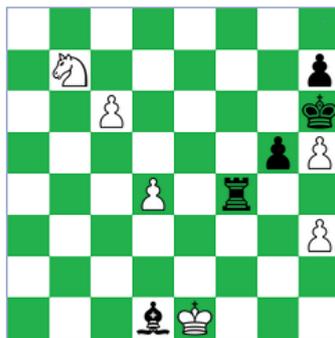
Kubbel (Schachmatny Listok, 19...
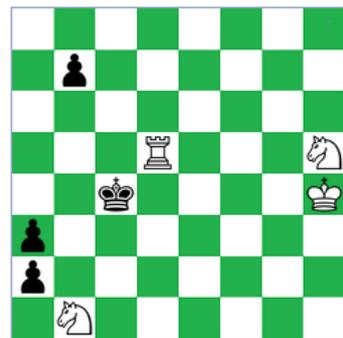
Kasparyan (Chess in USSR, 1936...
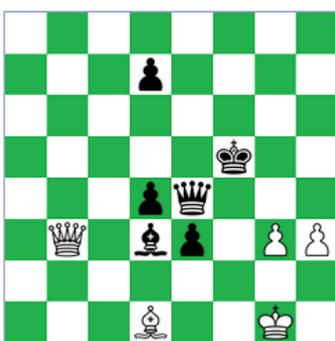
Safonov (64, 1929)
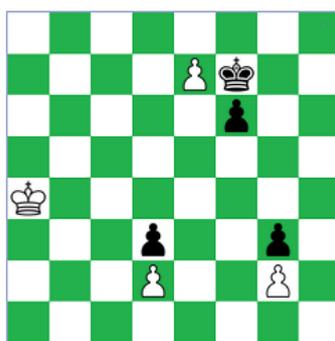
Gorgiev (Magyar Sakkvilag, 192...

Troitzky (L'Echiquier, 1930)

The Endgames section

Here you can view and play through different endgame studies. The endgame studies can be searched by composer and/or material distribution. For example, you can search for studies where white had 1 rook and 1 pawn, versus black's lone rook. You can say that you want white to have at least 2 rooks and black just 1 queen. This material search is very flexible as it is entirely up to you what to search for! You can also search for studies by their composer. If you are feeling a little curious, click on the "Random!" button underneath the board for random endgame studies.

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Training

Rinck, H. (1924) 1-0

Zinar, M. - 1983

Krikheli, I. - 1985

Brieger, R. - 1973

Hasek, J. - 1929
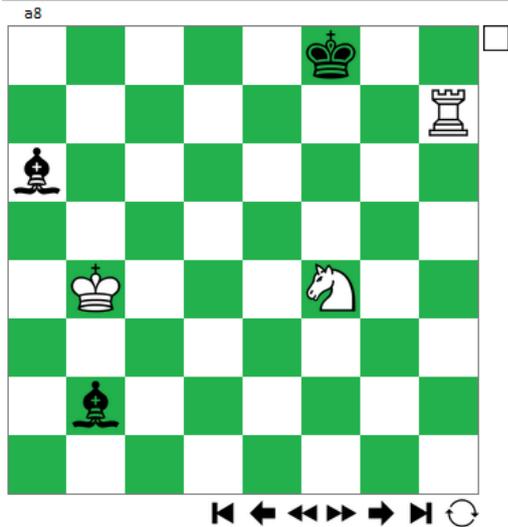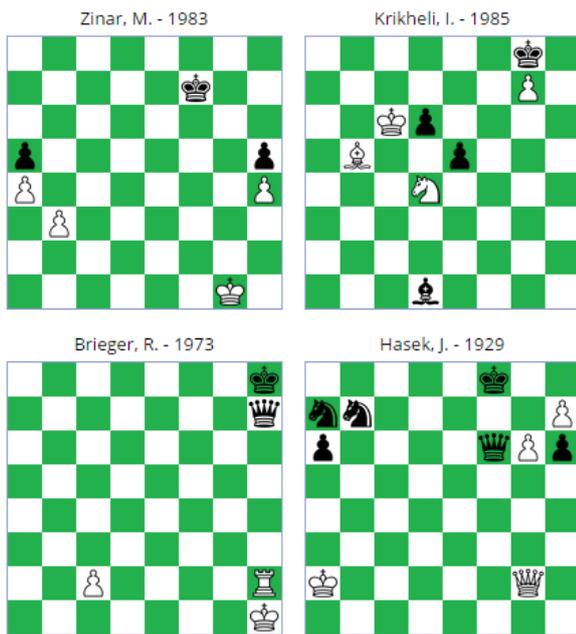
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Search endgames

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☐ Ignore colours

Clicking on one of the 4 smaller boards will load that study. As with the annotated games page, variations are colour coded to illustrate the different depth. You can click through the individual moves and the position will follow suit. When an endgame is first loaded, it is shown in "Training" mode, with the notation hidden. You can toggle this training mode on or off by clicking on the "Training" button underneath the board.

There are over 60,000 endgame studies and miniatures to be explored! An RSS feed for this page is available and you will be updated whenever a new Endgame is published on social media.

The Puzzles section

Accessing this menu item will take you to a screen where you can view different chess puzzles taken from grandmaster play. A different puzzle is presented daily. Pit your skills against those of the champions! The puzzles are rated according to difficulty – Easy, Medium and Hard. They can also be searched by difficulty level. When you think you have found the right continuation, click on the board or the game link under the board and the system will load the game in question, at the specific position, where you can verify your tactical prowess! You can navigate through the puzzles of different days if you so wish.

Bologan, Viktor - Sasikiran, Krishnan (Skanderborg, 200...

Checkmates – Advanced

Over 60,000 "advanced" checkmates are available. You will be presented with a puzzle with a hidden solution, which can be uncovered to test your solution.

You can enter a puzzle number directly and click "Go", or use the arrow buttons to navigate through these puzzles. There is also a "Surprise me" button which will load a random checkmate puzzle. To copy the link click on the "Copy link" button. An RSS feed for this page is available.

Chess Fun Quiz

This quiz is available for free for registered users. Once logged in, you can check your prowess in chess general knowledge. A forewarning though – the questions are quite challenging!

Loyd on Saturday

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	Chess Delight		ELO Black	ELO ECO Year Res. #
	Endgames		2614 Flores, Diego	2592 A61 2016 1-0 34
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	Loyd on Saturday	aro	2587 Flores, Diego	2592 B42 2016 1-0 47
			2681 Mareco, Sandro	2610 B51 2016 ½-½ 29

Every Saturday, a new puzzle by Sam Loyd is published and can be solved and replayed online. Initially the puzzle is in "Training" mode, but this can be toggled by clicking on the "Training" button. How many of Loyd's challenging puzzles can you solve?

Loyd on Saturday - 22/04/2023

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This page is dedicated to the magic of Samuel Loyd. Widely known as the king of chess composers, we present here a weekly original puzzle by the master himself. Make sure to browse to this page every Saturday for a new challenge!

Training

Loyd, S. (1876) 1-0

Top Tournaments in...

Here you will see a page with a drop down list from where to select the year you wish to browse. The top 20 tournaments (sorted by average tournament Elo rating) of the chosen year will be displayed. Clicking on the row will take you to the games of the tournament in question. Clicking on the ⓘ icon will show the cross-table of the relevant tournament, while clicking on the disk icon will download a PGN file with the games of the tournament. You can also email the tournament games by clicking on the "Letter" icon in the tournaments' rows. (Note: The recipient must purchase games to download from the My Account page to be able to download the games sent)

Top tournaments in...

1999 ▼

#	Event	Site	Year	ELO			
1	Siemens Giants	Frankfurt	1999	2763.44	ⓘ	💾	✉
2	Linares 16th	Linares	1999	2734.99	ⓘ	💾	✉
3	Dortmund SuperGM	Dortmund	1999	2705.04	ⓘ	💾	✉
4	Sarajevo Bosnia 29th	Sarajevo	1999	2703.93	ⓘ	💾	✉
5	Dos Hermanas	Dos Hermanas	1999	2698.94	ⓘ	💾	✉
6	Hoogovens	Wijk aan Zee	1999	2674.04	ⓘ	💾	✉
7	FIDE-Wch k.o. g/25+10	Las Vegas	1999	2623.88	ⓘ	💾	✉
8	Belfort Comtois 4th	Belfort	1999	2614.17	ⓘ	💾	✉
9	Pamplona	Pamplona	1999	2613.54	ⓘ	💾	✉
10	FIDE-Wch k.o.	Las Vegas	1999	2607.3	ⓘ	💾	✉
11	Rubinstein Memorial 36th	Polanica Zdroj	1999	2605	ⓘ	💾	✉
12	Enghien les Bains 3rd	Enghien les Bains	1999	2603.1	ⓘ	💾	✉
13	Lost Boys	Amsterdam	1999	2600	ⓘ	💾	✉
14	EU-Cup 15th	Bugojno	1999	2597.16	ⓘ	💾	✉

All-time Top Tournaments
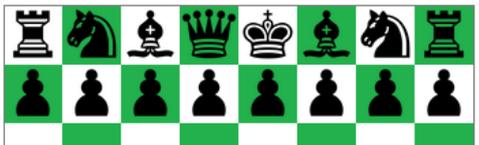
This page will list the top 20 tournaments (sorted by average tournament Elo rating) of all time. The same row/icon interactions as in the "Top Tournaments in..." section are in place here.

All-time top tournaments

#	Event	Site	Year	ELO			
1	2nd Sinquefield Cup 2014	Saint Louis USA	2014	2801.67	ⓘ	💾	✉
2	3rd Sinquefield Cup 2015	Saint Louis USA	2015	2794.6	ⓘ	💾	✉
3	FIDE Candidates	London ENG	2013	2786.5	ⓘ	💾	✉
4	7th London Classic 2015	London ENG	2015	2784.73	ⓘ	💾	✉
5	3rd Norway Chess 2015	Stavanger NOR	2015	2781.9	ⓘ	💾	✉
6	5th Final Masters	Sao Paulo/Bilbao BRA/ESP	2012	2781.17	ⓘ	💾	✉
7	4th Final Masters	Sao Paulo/Bilbao BRA/ESP	2011	2780.17	ⓘ	💾	✉
8	Vugar Gashimov Mem 2014	Shamkir AZE	2014	2780.17	ⓘ	💾	✉
9	FIDE Candidates 2016	Moscow RUS	2016	2777.75	ⓘ	💾	✉
10	9th Masters Final 2016	Bilbao ESP	2016	2777.67	ⓘ	💾	✉
11	8th Tal Memorial	Moscow RUS	2013	2777.4	ⓘ	💾	✉
12	6th Tal Memorial	Moscow RUS	2011	2776.4	ⓘ	💾	✉
13	7th Mikhail Tal Memorial	Moscow RUS	2012	2776.4	ⓘ	💾	✉

Tournament Explorer

A very useful feature, recently introduced in ChessBites, is the Tournament Explorer. Here you can browse tournaments by all sorts of criteria. The tournaments are presented in a tree where you can start by decade and drill down to the desired tournament. A screen shot is deserved!

Tournament Explorer

Event	
Site	London
Year	-
ELO	2700 -

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(20 Tournaments)

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⊟ 2000 - 2019
   ⊟ 2015
      ⊟ 7
         ├ 7th London Classic 2015, London ENG 2015 ⓘ 💾
         └ 7th London Classic TB, London ENG 2015 ⓘ 💾
   ⊟ 2014
      ⊟ 6
         ├ 6th London CC Elite Blitz 2014, London ENG 2014 ⓘ 💾
         └ 6th London Classic 2014, London ENG 2014 ⓘ 💾
   ⊞ 2013
   ⊞ 2012
   ⊟ 2011
      ⊟ 3
         └ 3rd London Chess Classic, London ENG 2011 ⓘ 💾
   ⊞ 2010
   ⊟ 2000
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         └ World Championship, London 2000 ⓘ 💾
⊞ 1980 - 1999
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As can be seen, the tournaments tree can be filtered by Event (tournament name), Site, a year range, and an average Elo range. For the Event and Site fields, the system will match on a "contains" basis. So, for example, in the case above, typing "Lon" instead of "London" would also have yielded the "London" results.

Thirty-two Classics

This page will show you thirty-two of the strongest tournaments of the pre-Elo rating era, ranging from Leipzig 1877 to Santa Monica 1966. Games by Lasker, Steinitz, Rubinstein, Capablanca and all the classic masters are at your fingertips!

32 Classics

Event	Site	Year			
Leipzig	Leipzig	1877	ⓘ	💾	✉
Hastings	Hastings	1895	ⓘ	💾	✉
St Petersburg9596	St Petersburg	1895	ⓘ	💾	✉
Nuremberg	Nuremberg	1896	ⓘ	💾	✉
Vienna	Vienna	1898	ⓘ	💾	✉
Paris	Paris	1900	ⓘ	💾	✉
Cambridge Springs	Cambridge Springs	1904	ⓘ	💾	✉
St Petersburg	St Petersburg	1909	ⓘ	💾	✉
Karlsbad	Karlsbad	1911	ⓘ	💾	✉
San Sebastian	San Sebastian	1911	ⓘ	💾	✉
St Petersburg final	St Petersburg	1914	ⓘ	💾	✉
Maehrisch Ostrau	Maehrisch Ostrau	1923	ⓘ	💾	✉
New York	New York	1924	ⓘ	💾	✉
Baden-Baden	Baden-Baden	1925	ⓘ	💾	✉
Moscow	Moscow	1925	ⓘ	💾	✉
Bad Kissingen	Bad Kissingen	1928	ⓘ	💾	✉

Leipzig, Leipzig 1877

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1. Paulsen, Louis		0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2. Anderssen, Adolf	1		½	1	0	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	8½
3. Zukertort, Johannes ...	0	½		1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½
4. Winawer, Szymon	1	0	0		1	0	1	1	1	½	1	1	7½
5. Goering, Carl Theodo...	0	1	1	0		1	0	0	1	1	1	0	6
6. Englisch, Berthold	0	½	0	1	0		0	1	1	½	0	1	5
7. Schallopp, Emil	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	1	1	0	1	5
8. Leffmann, Karl	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		½	1	1	½	5
9. Metger, Johannes	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½		½	1	1	3½
10. Flechsig, Ernst	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	½		1	½	3
11. Franke, August Wilhe...	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		½	2½
12. Paulsen, Wilfried	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	½	0	½	½		2½

Portrait of a World Champion

For some light hearted reading, the biographical "Portrait of a World Champion" page is very interesting. You will be presented with a list of the Classical World Champions, starting from Steinitz right up to Magnus Carlsen.

Portrait of a World Champion

1. Wilhelm Steinitz (1886–1894)
2. Emanuel Lasker (1894–1921)
3. José Raúl Capablanca (1921–1927)
4. Alexander Alekhine (1927–1935, 1937–1946)
5. Max Euwe (1935–1937)
6. Mikhail Botvinnik (1948–1957, 1958–1960, 1961–1963)
7. Vasily Smyslov (1957–1958)
8. Mihail Tal (1960–1961)
9. Tigran Petrosian (1963–1969)
10. Boris Spassky (1969–1972)
11. Robert James Fischer (1972–1975)
12. Anatoly Karpov (1975–1985)
13. Garry Kasparov (1985–2000)
14. Vladimir Kramnik (2000–2007)
15. Viswanathan Anand (2007–2013)
16. Magnus Carlsen (2013–2023)

Each World Champion's biography includes details on their careers, chess progression and results, together with cross tables of their greatest achievements. Two characteristic games for each champion are also included inline in this page.

Robert James Fischer (9 March 1943 - 17 January 2008)

World Champion between 1972 and 1975, Robert (Bobby) Fischer is arguably the most widely known chess player of all time. Together with Steinitz, Fischer's genius has often been overshadowed by controversies off the board. Fischer has raised chess to unprecedented popularity, as well as having substantially improved the conditions for professional players. Thousands have taken up chess as a result of Fischer's successes. He was born in Chicago and spent his formative years in different US cities until finally settling in Brooklyn. His parents separated when Fischer was a kid and his mother was his greatest influence on his life until she left the USA when Fischer was seventeen.

Fischer was taught the rules of chess by his sister when he was six. His mother took him to a simultaneous exhibition given by Max Pavey two years later. Fischer began playing religiously, up to six hours a day. Fischer was mostly influenced by Capablanca, but he also concentrated on modern openings and the King's Indian Defence and Najdorf Variation of the Sicilian Defence were his specialties.

After fifteen tournaments spanning two years, Fischer won his first major title, the US Open Championship, in 1957. He followed this by placing first in the US Closed Championship before his fifteenth birthday. His shared fifth in the 1958 Portoroz Interzonal made him the youngest grandmaster in FIDE history at the time.

Top Players in…

This page allows you to select a year, and the top 20 players (sorted by Elo Rating) will be displayed. You can click the players' rows for their games, download or email the players' games, similar to the way the Top Tournaments pages work.

Top players in…

1979 ▼

#	Player	ELO		
1	Karpov, Anatoly	2725	💾	✉
2	Kortschnoj, Viktor	2695	💾	✉
3	Portisch, Lajos	2640	💾	✉
4	Spassky, Boris V	2640	💾	✉
5	Mecking, Henrique	2630	💾	✉
6	Miles, Anthony J	2630	💾	✉
7	Polugaevsky, Lev	2625	💾	✉
8	Tal, Mihail	2625	💾	✉
9	Timman, Jan H	2625	💾	✉
10	Hort, Vlastimil	2620	💾	✉
11	Larsen, Bent	2620	💾	✉

Top Players of All Time

Here the top 20 players of all time will be shown, sorted by Elo rating. The same download/email functionality is available here as for the Top tournaments and other Top player sections.

Top players of all time

#	Player	ELO		
1	Carlsen, Magnus	2881	💾	✉
2	Kasparov, Garry	2851	💾	✉
3	Caruana, Fabiano	2844	💾	✉
4	Aronian, Levon	2830	💾	✉
5	Anand, Viswanathan	2817	💾	✉
6	Nakamura, Hikaru	2816	💾	✉
7	Topalov, Veselin	2816	💾	✉
8	Kramnik, Vladimir	2812	💾	✉
9	Grischuk, Alexander	2810	💾	✉
10	Giri, Anish	2798	💾	✉
11	Vachier Lagrave, Maxime	2798	💾	✉
12	Radjabov, Teimour	2793	💾	✉
13	Karjakin, Sergey	2788	💾	✉
14	Morozevich, Alexander	2788	💾	✉
15	So, Wesley	2788	💾	✉

Player Profile

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| White		ECO	Year	Res.	#
	Portrait of a World Champion				
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	Top players in...	E20	2016	½-½	87
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	Top players of all time	D80	2016	1-0	28
Li, Chao B	Player Profile	E21	2016	½-½	73
Yu Yangyi		E00	2016	1-0	43
Yu Yangyi	Player Explorer	D80	2016	0-1	53
Wang Hao	ELO Calculator	C42	2016	½-½	39
Inarkiev, Ernesto		E32	2016	1-0	39

This is a page which allows you to quickly view and analyse a player's most important chess statistics. The page can be invoked from the menu, as seen above, or from wherever there is a player link. In the case of clicking a player link, the profile of that player will be displayed in the Player Profile page. When loaded from the menu, you will be able to specify which player to profile. Let us look at Anatoly Karpov's ChessBites' player profile!

Karpov, Anatoly

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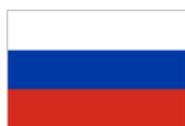
FIDE:	FIDE Card
Title:	GM
Years:	1961-2015
Number of games:	3872
Number of wins:	1642
Number of draws:	1750
Number of losses:	480
White score:	1547/2158 (71.69% - Average ELO: 2571.68)
Black score:	970/1714 (56.59% - Average ELO: 2613.15)

Rating progression
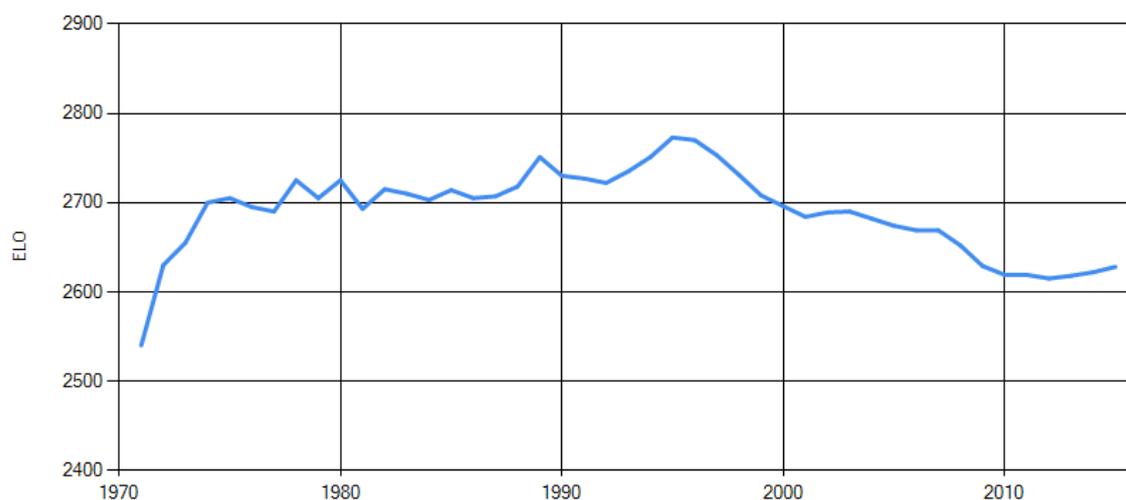
A summary is shown at the top. Where available, the player's federation's flag is shown. If the player has a known title and their gender is known, these will also be displayed. The flag, title, and gender icons are clickable and will take you to the Player Explorer (see below). An Elo progression chart is shown (for Elo rated players), and each year on the graph can be clicked to take you to the games of the player in

that particular year. Other information that can be obtained from the Player Profile page can be seen below.

Games
White wins
White draws
White losses
Black wins
Black draws
Black losses

Top wins

Karpov, Anatoly (2688) - Kasparov, Garry (2838), New York x3dworld m, New York (D92) - 2002
Karpov, Anatoly (2619) - Kasparov, Garry (2812), Valencia m rap, Valencia (D72) - 2009
Karpov, Anatoly (2690) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2809), Eurotel Trophy, Prague (E15) - 2002
Kasparov, Garry (2838) - Karpov, Anatoly (2688), New York x3dworld m, New York (C42) - 2002
Kasparov, Garry (2812) - Karpov, Anatoly (2619), Valencia m blitz, Valencia (D31) - 2009
Carlsen, Magnus (2801) - Karpov, Anatoly (2619), Wch Blitz, Moscow (E20) - 2009

Karpov, Anatoly - ? (904)

Kasparov, Garry (54/99)
Kortschnoj, Viktor (38½/62)
Timman, Jan H (34½/53)
Anand, Viswanathan (22½/52)
Polgar, Judit (21/35)
Ivanchuk, Vassily (16½/30)
Ljubojevic, Ljubomir (22/30)
Gelfand, Boris (15/29)
Shirov, Alexei (14½/26)
Andersson, Ulf (18½/24)
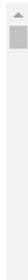
? - Karpov, Anatoly (514)

Kasparov, Garry (35½/94)
Kortschnoj, Viktor (31/59)
Timman, Jan H (30½/54)
Anand, Viswanathan (15/46)
Ljubojevic, Ljubomir (21/39)
Ivanchuk, Vassily (16½/34)
Gelfand, Boris (15½/30)
Polgar, Judit (13½/27)
Shirov, Alexei (15½/27)
Andersson, Ulf (10½/22)
Kamsky, Gata (11/22)
Portisch, Lajos (13½/22)
Spassky, Boris V (12/22)
Lautier, Joel (10½/21)
Topalov, Veselin (8½/21)
Kramnik, Vladimir (5½/19)
Piket, Jeroen (11/19)
Seirawan, Yasser (10½/19)
Short, Nigel D (8/19)

Openings played as White (335)

E15 Queen's Indian (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3)
Average ELO: 2645.8
Result: 59/88 = 67.05%

D46 Queen's Gambit Declined Semi-Slav (1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3)
Average ELO: 2603.24
Result: 34/49 = 69.39%

Openings played as Black (223)

B17 Caro-Kann, Steinitz Variation (1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7)
Average ELO: 2640.24
Result: 56½/111 = 50.9%

B12 Caro-Kann Defense (1.e4 c6 2.d4)
Average ELO: 2630.13
Result: 43½/85 = 51.18%

C92 Ruy Lopez, Closed (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3)
Average ELO: 2623.16
Result: 44½/83 = 53.61%

E15 Queen's Indian (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3)
Average ELO: 2640.35
Result: 42/83 = 50.6%

C42 Petrov Defense (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6)
Average ELO: 2662.91
Result: 31/68 = 45.59%

Needless to say, you can click anything in this page and you will be taken to the relevant games.

Player Explorer

By using the Player Explorer, you can search for players by federation, title, sex and player names. This page looks something like the below:


Changing the Federation, Title and Sex drop-downs will immediately refresh the list under the search panel. To search by player name, type the first letter(s) of the player surname (optionally followed by a comma and a forename) and click on the "Search" button to update the results. Clicking on the 🛈 icon to the left of each player row

will take you to the profile for that player, whilst clicking on the row itself will take you to the Games screen preloaded with the games of the clicked player.

Elo Calculator

In this section, you can enter your opponents' Elo ratings, your own Elo, and the points obtained, and ChessBites will calculate your performance rating and new Elo.
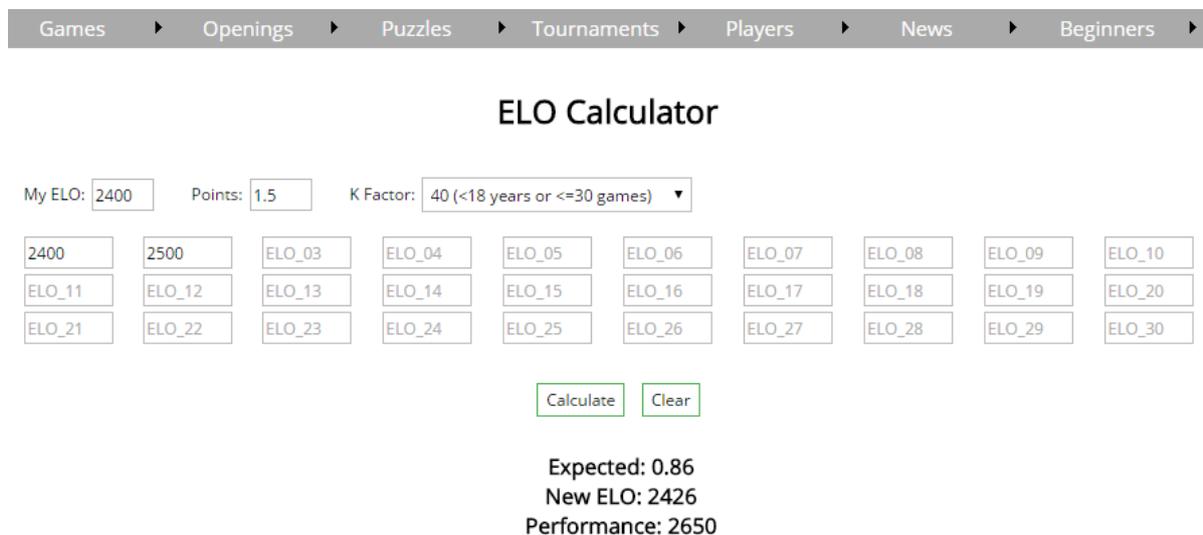
News

This page will present you with the latest in chess news from all around the world. This section is updated hourly by Google.

Chess News from Google

'I Hope That There Will Be a Change in The Future': Tunisian Chess Players Disqualified ...   25/04/2023 18:14

Three teenage Tunisian **chess** players were disqualified from the last round of the 2023 International **Chess** Federation (FIDE) World School **Chess** ...

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Latest Games

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White	ELO	Black
Bu Xiangzhi	2723	Xu, Xiangyu

News

Latest games

When the games database is updated, usually every week, the Latest Games page will summarise the best from the tournaments just updated. Clickable cross-tables, complete with Elo rating information are presented here.

The games database was last updated on 03/08/2016. Below is a selection of the latest tournaments and games.

Top games
Decisive short games
Recent checkmates

49th Biel Masters Match, Biel SUI 2016 💾

		1	2	3	4			
1. Vachier Lagrave, Maxime	2798	½	1	1	½	3	2959	+7
2. Svidler, Peter	2759	½	0	0	½	1	2598	-7

Exhibition Blitz Final, Biel SUI 2016 💾

		1	2			
1. Vachier Lagrave, Maxime	2798	1	1	2	3159	+8
2. Svidler, Peter	2759	0	0	0	2398	-8

17th Karpov Poikovsky, Poikovsky RUS 2016 💾

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1. Korobov, Anton	2656		½	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	6	2816	+18
2. Wojtaszek, Radoslaw	2733	½		½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5½	2763	+2
3. Matlakov, Maksim	2684	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5	2724	+4
4. Jakovenko, Dmitrij	2712	½	½	½		½	½	½	0	1	1	5	2721	0
5. Andreikin, Dmitry	2733	1	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	5	2718	-2
6. Motylev, Alexander	2660	½	½	½	½	½		0	½	½	1	4½	2682	+2
7. Smirin, Ilia	2676	0	½	½	½	½	1		½	1	0	4½	2680	0
8. Sutovsky, Emil	2622	0	0	½	1	½	½	½		0	½	3½	2597	-1
9. Bologan, Viktor	2654	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	1		1	3	2549	-11
10. Kovalenko, Igor	2667	0	½	½	0	½	0	1	½	0		3	2548	-13

At the top are links to the last week's "Top Games", "Decisive Short Games" and "Recent Checkmates". Clicking on either of these will move to the appropriate location and present you with the relevant games.

The Checkmates pages (Beginners menu)

These pages are meant for beginners of the game. Here you are presented with 2 random positions where the moving side can checkmate the opponent in 1, 2 or 3 moves (depending on the menu item chosen). Click on the board or on the players' link below each board to load the game in an overlaid window. For different positions, click the "Random" button at the bottom and 2 new positions will be displayed.

Checkmates in one

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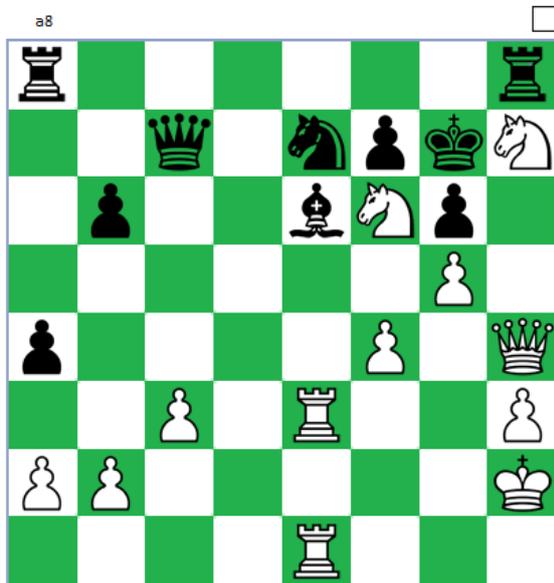
Maciel, Jacinto - Lupi, Pablo Cesar (Buenos Aires,...
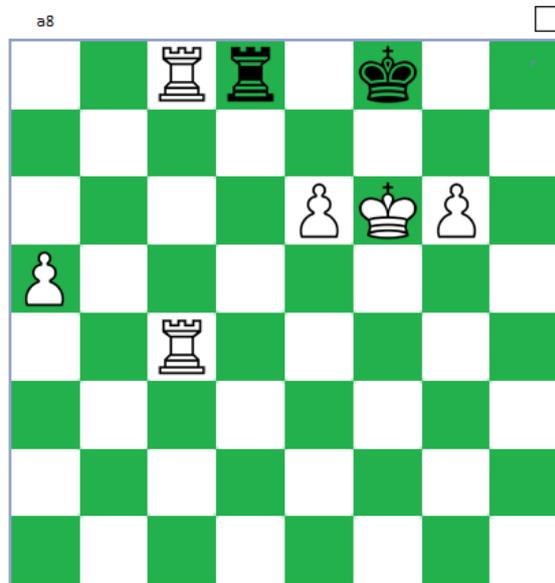
Revita, Samantha Glo - Giblon, Melissa (Kemer, 200...

Random!

Twenty-four miniatures

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White	ELO	Black	ELO	ECO	Yea
Bu Xiangzhi	2723	Xu, Xiangyu	2466	A15	201
Lu Shanglei	2611	Li, Chao B	2758	C24	201
Wei Yi	2696	Ma, Zhonghan	2461	C42	201
Zeng, Chongsheng	2552	Bu Xiangzhi	2723	A13	201

Checkmates in one

Checkmates in two

Checkmates in three

Twenty-four miniatures

Here you will be presented with a select collection of games from the classical era of chess. What these games have in common is that they are all very short, and have ended in a beautiful and instructive way. Have a look:

Twenty-four timeless miniatures

Seppelt - Laeganki, 1950
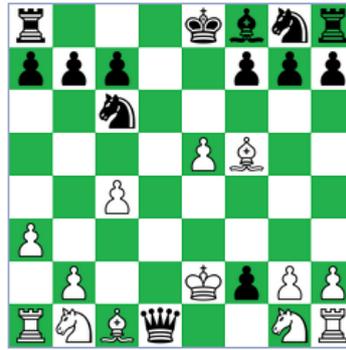
Hrdy - Haberditz, 1950
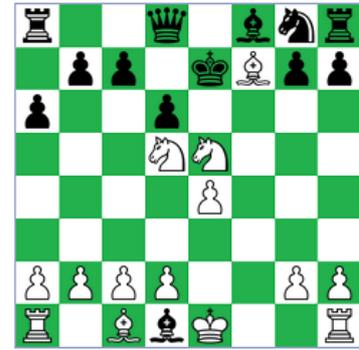
Pillsbury - Fernandez, 1900

Paersall - White, 1935
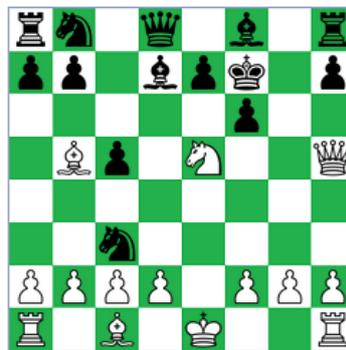
Thomas - Sapira, 1932
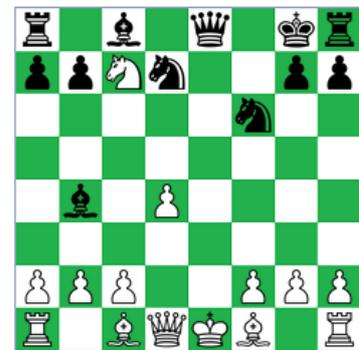
Schmann - Teschner, 1950

You can click on each board or on the game information beneath it, and you will be taken to a page where you can replay the game, and download it as PGN if so desired.

Embed games in your site

If you have a chess related site, and you want to include a replayable game (including free PGN download capabilities for the users of your site), this is very easy to achieve with ChessBites. Click on the "Embed Game in your site" button above the site's footer in the Games page. This can be seen highlighted in red below:

This will open a window where you can set various parameters for the game to embed. The code that needs to be included in the source of your site is displayed at the top.

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Move number: 1

Side to move: ○ White   ○ Black

Board size: ○ Medium   ● Large

Note: The selections above will be used to generate the embedded game. **Any
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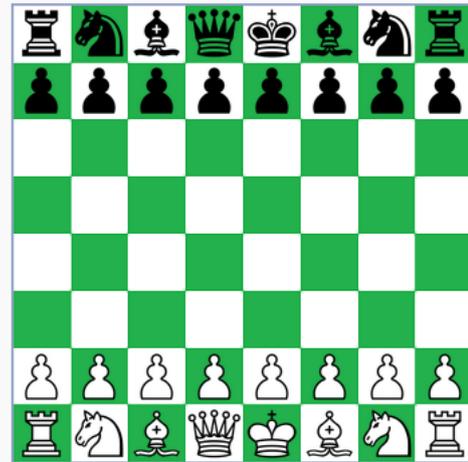
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1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 e5 5.O-O Nc6
6.Nc3 f5 7.Rb1 a5 8.a3 h6 9.b4 axb4 10.axb4 e4
11.Ne1 Nf6 12.d3 exd3 13.Nxd3 O-O 14.b5 Ne5

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