

CHESS STRATEGY IN ACTION AND REVISED WINNING

In any game, may it be physical or logical, strategy is an important key in winning. In a game of chess, strategy is everything. Even though you know the rules of the game by heart, you won't be called a real chess player unless you are familiar with some of its most tried-and-tested strategies.

The truth is that there are a lot of chess strategies developed by grandmasters and enthusiasts all over the years. Some of these strategies take time to learn, while others can be picked up immediately. You need not memorize them all, but it's always good to keep several excellent chess tricks up your sleeve just in case you need them. Since you're just a newbie at chess, you'd be better off learning the simplest of chess strategies. However, just because they're simple doesn't mean they're not useful. The thing is you can combine one or two of these strategies to come up with a powerful one. If you want to know more about these strategies, read on:

THE PHASES IN CHESS

It is often said that a chess game is comprised of three phases or stages: the opening, the middle game, and the end game. Of the three, the opening is perhaps the most crucial phase. As the name implies, the opening is when the first starting moves are made. Usually, the opening consists of six to eight moves where each player places the pieces in their proper attack or defense positions. As such, the opening is the phase when strategies are best carried out.

>First Strategy: No Moving Twice

In the opening, a good strategy is to never move any of your piece twice unless, of course, it is under attack. You should move a piece for the second time only if the rest have already been moved at least once.

>Second Strategy: Knights First, Bishops Second

When developing chess pieces, it is always deemed practical to develop the knights first before the bishops. Specifically, it is better to develop both knights first before you develop the bishop on the queen's side.

>Third Strategy: Develop Both Sides

It is a good strategy during the opening to develop both sides -- the kingside and the queenside. This is so you can get your high-value chess pieces to assume their defense and attack positions early on the game.

>Fourth Strategy: Stop Before the Border

When moving pieces, don't let them go over the line that separates your side of the board from your opponent's. All pieces should stop at the 4th rank until they have all been developed and are all set to back up each other should you decide to attack your opponent's territory.

>Fifth Strategy: No Early Attacks

Even though you're eager to checkmate your opponent's king, you should avoid making any early attack. Keep in mind that by going for an early kill, you will be

violating some of the previous strategies. You should never attack your opponent unless all the pieces are ready for it.

>Sixth Strategy: Search the Weak Spot

Before you decide to launch your attack or once you have already reached the middle game, immediately search for a weak spot in your opponent's defense. Once you've found it, take advantage of it. However, don't forget to watch your back -- your opponent might have found your weak spot, too. As such, before you jump into the opportunity of attacking your opponent, make sure that your defense is strong first.