



1. What did the tooth get for winning the chess tournament? A little plaque 🏆
2. What did he actually get? A crown 👑
3. No but seriously? Well, he couldn't actually play, as this particular tournament was scheduled just after lunch and it was tooth-hurty 😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞

Hi everyone. For today's newsletter I'll talk about the very important (but not often looked at) topic of "**pattern recognition**". It's always an excellent idea to try and steer games into things we've seen before. It's easy to do this at the start of games (by playing our fave openings), but middlegame attacks and endgame patterns are possible as well :) :)

Your Task: Find the best move(s) below.

P.S. If your dog eats your newsletter at this point don't worry 😊

**REMEMBER FIDO SAYS  
THERE'S AWARDS FOR  
SIMPLY HAVING A GO**



How can Black win material?  
Hint: Think Fork/Double Attack



How does White win a pawn?  
Hint: Remove the Bishop  
on e6's defenders 😊

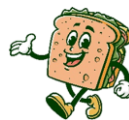



How does White win a lot of material?  
Hint: Why does an attack on  
Black's Queen work? 😊



*Recent online game v a 2300 (online rated) opponent. I play Black.*

At the start this game wasn't going well, but I stuck in there, and simply tried to steer the game back into a familiar attacking pattern I've successfully used a million times :)



01. e4 d6	07. Ng5 h6	13. Kh1 c6	19.Nxc5 Qxc5+
02. Nf3 Nf6	08. f4 hxg5	14. Bxf7 Nf6	20. Be3 Qxe3+
03. Nc3 e5	09. fxg5 Nh7	15. Bb3 Ng4	White resigns
04. Bc4 Be7	10. g6 d5	16.Rxf8+ Qxf8	0-1
05. d3 Nbd7	11. gxh7+ Kh8	17. Na4? Nf2+	Patterns FTW!
06. 0-0 0-0	12. Bxd5 Bc5+	18. Kg1 Nxd1	



"Chess is the  
gymnasium of  
the mind"  
(Blaise Pascal)



Super Coach signing off