

Secrets of Positional Chess

How to exploit strengths and weaknesses on the chessboard

Dražen Marović



How can one determine if a piece is weak or strong? Or if a square is weak or strong? These are the principal questions that grandmaster and trainer Dražen Marović addresses in this important book.

By discussing carefully chosen games and positions, Marović explains how to recognize good and bad features of positions, and how to make use of one's advantages and exploit the opponent's weaknesses. Themes that crop up repeatedly include 'weaknesses' that are unexploitable (and therefore are not weaknesses at all), surrendering certain squares in order to gain more important squares, and material sacrifices to exploit major weaknesses.

- Strength and weakness on files and diagonals
- Vulnerabilities on the first and second ranks
- Static weakness and attack
- Characteristics of the pieces
- Outposts

Dražen Marović is a grandmaster from Croatia, who has won medals as both player and trainer for various national teams. His pupils include Bojan Kurajica, World Under-20 Champion in 1965, and Al Modiahki of Qatar, the first Arabian grandmaster. Marović has a wealth of experience as a writer, editor and television commentator on chess. He is a former trainer of the Croatian national team. This is his third book for Gambit. His two previous books discussed various aspects of pawn play, and have been warmly received by the chess-playing public.

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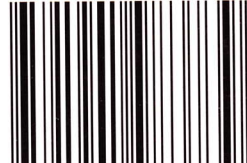
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