

Discover how famous chess minds work. Learn from one of the greats of the game. Stewart Vernon Thompson. He is the founder and greatest exponent of the **Psychological Duffer School of Chess**. He is DOUBLE winner of Holme Valley Chess Tournament and current holder of the Trophy. His famous games include a DOUBLE against the late great Roger Tuddenham.

Thompson's thoughts are made crystal clear. Chess opening theory also comes under his unforgiving microscope.

"Study, study, study," says Thompson. "Print out the lines ! File them in your cabinets. Play through them ad nauseam. Analyse them on Fritz. Buy opening books, check your databases .. **And it won't make a scrap of difference !**

Know why ? **'Cos you forget 'em !!**

It's a complete and utter waste of time !!

"When you've seen one chess opening you've seen 'em all."

"I have an opening repertoire as extensive as a flea's arse and it never did me any harm."

Tartakower said "In chess, the mistakes are all there waiting to be made."

"Yes, and I can show you how to find most of them !"

asserts Stewart.



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4. Why I am not interested in Chess

by Stewart V. Thompson



The concentration is total. The effort immense. The results abysmal.

In this best selling book Stewart V. Thompson asserts the futility of the noble game. He shows how his positional beliefs of delaying castling, leaving the King in the centre, always placing Bishops on knight 5, and if your opponent's Bishop is on c4/f4 always play N-R4 to demonstrate that it is misplaced (should be on N5), always attempting to bluff a duffer when playing a kid etc. lead to rapidly lost positions. He gives illustrative games from the Huddersfield Congress 2010. One fine example is this game where J.G. Hainsworth {White} defeats Stewart Thompson in the final round.

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 c6 6.a3 Qa5 {?} 7.b4 Bxb4 {??} 8.axb4 Qxb4 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.e4 b5 11.e5 Ng8 12.Nd5 Qf8 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Ba5 Nb6 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Nxa8 Qb4+ 17.Qd2 c3 18.Qc2 Ne7 19.Nxb6 Bb7 20.Be2 Nf5 21.O-O Kc7 22.Nc4 {and White won} .

“Gobsmacked ? - Ass-kicked more like!” said Huddersfield League secretary Geoff Peake [rated 210 Rapidplay grade 2010] after reading Thompson's incredible new book. In his next game Peake promptly lost to Gilpin in a won position and resigned from the futile game. “Ass-kicked ?” says Peake, “You will be bollock whopped after reading this book !”

**Happy 63rd Birthday
Stewart !**

Geoff Peake