

Smart Score Sheet

Form A



White: _____

Black: _____

Date: _____

Recorded By (Initials): _____

As you reach each question during your game, circle either YES or NO as appropriate. For more information about this form, please see the booklet *Smart Score Sheets: Form A*. Players in official chess tournaments aren't allowed to use **any** special notes. This form should be used only for **training** purposes.

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Have you moved one of your men to a place where he's **attacking** a center square? **Yes** **No**

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Have you moved one of your ♖s **toward** the center of the chessboard? **Yes** **No**

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Right now, do you have a ♖ **on** one of the four center squares? **Yes** **No**

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Have you brought out your **king-side** ♗? (WITHOUT BLOCKING your queen pawn on its starting square!) **Yes** **No**

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Have you brought out **both** of your ♗s? **Yes** **No**

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Have you **castled AND** is your king now protected by at least two ♗s who haven't been moved? **Yes** **No**

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Do you have a ♗ on the d-file, on the e-file, **OR** on any file which has none of your ♗s? **Yes** **No**

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Do you have at least as many ♗s **on the 4 center squares** as your opponent does? **Yes** **No**

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Are you equal or ahead **in material**; **OR** have you sacrificed a man to gain an advantage? **Yes** **No**

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Are **none** of your men **pinned** against your ♖ or your ♗? **Yes** **No**

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Are there **NO** energy ♗s **on your half** of the chessboard? **Yes** **No**

_____ **31** _____

_____ **32** _____

Do you have at least 2 **ways to escape every check** your opponent could make right now? **Yes** **No**

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Count your ♗s which are **isolated, doubled, or backward**. Is this number less than 3? **Yes** **No**

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Do you have a ♖ on the opponent's back rank or on his second rank?

Yes No

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Have your ♗s been divided into **no more than 2 separate groups**?

Yes No

(Sometimes called *pawn islands*.)

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Have you **promoted** a ♖, OR do you now have a **passed ♖**?

Yes No

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Does the enemy ♘ have **no more than 2 possible moves** right now?

Yes No

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Do you now have the **initiative** -- are you primarily **attacking** rather than defending?

Yes No

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Do you have **enough material** left to give checkmate?

Yes No

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Do you have men positioned to keep the enemy ♘ **from invading** your half of the board?

Yes No

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Have you moved your ♗ **toward the center**, away from the edge of the board?

Yes No

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Is your opponent in check or **could you give check** on your next move?

Yes No

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Could you **force a draw** now by perpetual check, or by forcing a trade of the remaining men?

Yes No

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Do you have a ♖ **behind** a ♗ -- protecting one of your own ♗s, or attacking an enemy ♗?

Yes No

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Have you **trapped the enemy** ♘ along one of the **edges** of the chessboard?

Yes No

Continue, if needed, on a separate page.

Circle how this game ended:

White Won Black Won Draw

How many moves did you make before all of your ♗s, ♘s, and ♙s were moved off their starting squares?

How many of the questions did you answer **YES**?

How many of the questions did you answer **NO**?

How many minutes did this game last?

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