

Chess Boot Camp
for the
Busby Grand Masters

**DRAFT LESSON PLAN
OVERVIEWS
(Ten Sessions)**

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Training Session 1

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - Tips for a good opening:
 1. Develop your pieces
 2. Get your King safe
 3. Control the centre
 4. Protect your pieces
 5. Knights before bishops
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - Forking out:
 1. Pawn forks
 2. Knight forks
 3. Queen forks
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 1. Knight on e7
 2. Missing f-pawn

• Training Session 2

- **A. Improve Your Openings**

- *Open Games 1: The Giuoco Piano*

- » 1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bc4 Bc5

- **B. Get Tactical**

- Pins and Skewers:

1. Pins with Bishops
2. Pins with Queens and rooks
3. Skewers

- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**

1. Arabian Mate
2. Philidor's Legacy

Training Session 3

- **A. Improve Your Openings**

- *Open Games 2: The Evans Defence*

- » 1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bc4 Bc5 (Giuoco Piano)
- » 4. b4

- **B. Get Tactical**

- **Decoys and Deflections:**

1. Decoy sacrifices using rooks and queens
2. Deflections

- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**

1. Rook sacrifices on h8
2. Taimanov's Knight Check

Training Session 4

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - *Open Games 3: The Ruy Lopez*
 - » 1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3.Bb5
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - Overloads
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 1. The See-Saw
 2. The Petrosian Draw

Training Session 5

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - *Open Games 4: The Sicilian Defence*
 - » 1. e4 c5
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - Discovered Attack
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 1. Blackburne's Mate
 2. Boden's Mate

Training Session 6

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - Closed Games 1: The Queens Gambit
 - » 1. d4 d5, 2. c4
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - Discovered Check
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 1. Double rook sacrifice
 2. Double bishop sacrifice

Training Session 7

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - Closed Games 2: The Nimzo-Indian Defence
 - » 1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Bb4
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - Double Check
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 - 1. Morphy's Mate
 - 2. Pillsbury's Mate

Training Session 8

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - *Closed Games 3: The Slav Defence*
 - » 1. d4 d5, 2. c4 c6
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - The Cunning Caro-Kann Trap
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 - 1. Greco's Mate
 - 2. Lolli's Mates

Training Session 9

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - *Flank Openings 1: The English Opening*
 - » 1. c4 ... 2. b3 ... 3. Bb2
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - The Zwischenzung!
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 1. Back-Rank Mate
 2. Anderssen's Mate

English Opening

1. c4 e6



- The battle at the start of the game is to gain control of the central 4 squares:
 - d5, e5, d4, e4
- White can try to achieve this by moving his e and d pawns but this has disadvantages
 - What are these disadvantages?
- The alternative is to attack the central squares from the c or f files.
 - What are “files”?
- One of the most famous methods of doing this is the “English Opening”
 - 1. c4 ..., 2. b3 ..., 3. Bb2 ... , 4. g3 ..., 5. Bg2 ...
 - How do you think black should respond?

Training Session 10

- **A. Improve Your Openings**
 - *Flank Openings 2: The English Opening*
 - 1.Nf3
 - » 1. Nf3 ... 2. g3 ... 3. Bg2
- **B. Get Tactical**
 - ‘Elastic band’ trap
- **C. Check-up on your Check-Mates**
 - 1. Legall’s Mate
 - 2. The Fischer Trap