

Russia vs Russia

Late Game in the Chess Match of the Century

THE PIECES (WHITE SIDE)

KING – VLADIMIR PUTIN

If the King is captured, the game is lost. The King is limited by its movement patterns and so relies heavily on other pieces for protection.

QUEEN – UNITED RUSSIA

A heavy piece worth the most out of all pieces. Most versatile in terms of movement. Loss of Queen makes game harder to continue.

ROOK – ENERGY RESOURCES

A heavy piece second in value to the queen. Not as versatile in terms of movement, but valuable for its ability to castle with King and quickly change King's position on board.

BISHOP – FSB

Worth less than a rook and as much as a knight. Can only move along diagonals. Good for defense and discovered checks.

PAWNS

Worth the least out of all pieces. Extremely limited movement. Only redeeming virtue: if a pawn reaches the other end of the board, it can be turned into any piece. Extremely difficult.

THE PIECES (BLACK SIDE)

KING – RUSSIA, DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS?

The black King is similarly limited by its movement pattern. However it is also further at a disadvantage because it has to respond to whatever moves White side makes, since it moves after White. Nonetheless it is trying to progress towards the center to protect its pieces.

KNIGHT – NEW MEDIA (INTERNET, SOCIAL NETWORKS, ETC.)

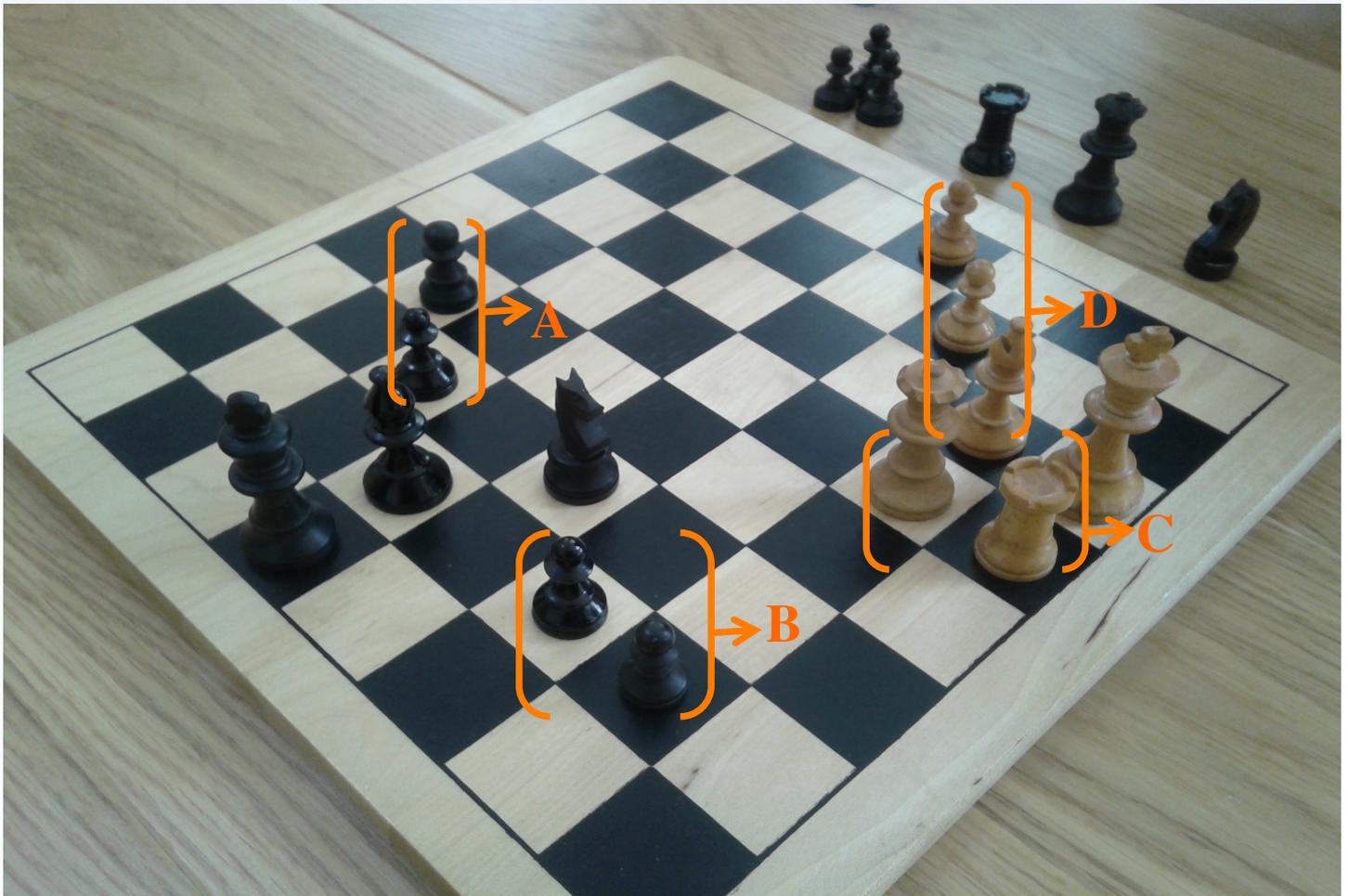
Moves in L-shape and can jump over pieces. Movements are unpredictable. Good for helping development of the center.

BISHOP – INCREASING DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS

Scope of movement is limited to diagonals, but is nonetheless good for offensive moves such as pinning (demonstrated).

PAWNS – NEW OPPOSITION AND SUPPORTERS

Some are approaching the end of the board, but without support they risk being captured by White side. Others are still near starting point, trying to reach center, but further development is under threat from Bishop.



THE SETUPS (YELLOW BRACKETS)

A: BLACK PAWN LINK

Supporters of alternative viewpoints in Russia are under threat, but trying to gain control of the center.

B: DOUBLED PAWNS

New opposition, such as Alexei Navalny, exist and are gaining popularity. However, there is disunity and they lack support to gain legitimacy.

C: DOUBLE HEAVY PIECES

A strong setup on a board. The pieces are able to defend one another and eliminate most threats to their position.

D: WHITE PAWN CHAIN

Oligarchs supporting the systemic opposition supporting fake youth groups such as Nashi. They are skewed towards the side. The FSB monitors the developments whilst keeping an eye on external developments.

CAPTURED PIECES

BLACK PAWNS – OLD OLIGARCHS WHO OPPOSED PUTIN AND WERE EITHER JAILED OR SENT INTO EXILE

Removed from play to become insignificant voices in the peanut gallery.

BLACK KNIGHT – SUBJUGATED MEDIA

Controlled by regime, writes what regime wishes people to believe.

BLACK ROOK – JUDICIARY

Controlled by regime, passes laws and judgements as decreed by regime.

BLACK QUEEN – RULE OF LAW

The regime is above the law and checks and balances, hence it is harder for democratic institutions to develop.

LATEST MOVE: BISHOP TO B5

WHAT WILL WHITE DO NEXT?