



# Elements of Chess Strategy

Alexei Kosikov

- A disciplined approach to planning
- Presents a range of middlegame and endgame situations
- Written by an illustrious chess trainer

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Forming a plan is the most important goal of logical chess thought. Without a good plan, we are reduced to tactical opportunism, rather than harnessing the power of our pieces to achieve specific tasks and make methodical progress towards victory. However, few chess-players – even those fortunate enough to have a trainer – develop a disciplined approach to planning. In this book, one of the world’s leading chess teachers provides step-by-step guidelines for identifying the features of a position onto which our strategy should be latched. He adopts a thoroughly modern approach, recognizing that the opponent will have his own plans and be attempting to disrupt ours. The effectiveness of Kosikov’s methods – in particular the STEPS algorithm – is shown by his pupils’ over-the-board proficiency.

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