

Elements of Positional Evaluation: How the Pieces Get Their Power

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About the AuthorNational Master Dan Heisman is a chess writer and professional chess instructor in the Philadelphia area. His best-selling chess book Looking for Trouble was one of the first chess books to highlight the importance of identifying possible tactical threats. His popular monthly column for beginners, Novice Nook, has been a regular feature at ChessCafe.com since 2001.