

Alexander Kotov

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Drawing general conclusions about your main weaknesses can provide a great stimulus to further growth.

~Alexander Kotov

Bobby Fischer is the greatest Chess genius of all time!

~Alexander Kotov

You must not let your opponent know how you feel.

~Alexander Kotov

It is better to follow out a plan consistently even if it isn't the best one than to play without a plan at all. The worst thing is to wander about aimlessly.

~Alexander Kotov

The placing of the centre pawns determines the "topography" of a game of chess.

~Alexander Kotov

Sit there for five hours? Certainly not! A player must walk about between moves, it helps his thinking.

~Alexander Kotov

The rise of the Soviet school to the summit of world chess is a logical result of socialist cultural development.

~Alexander Kotov

When you have finished analyzing all the variations and gone along all the branches of the tree of analysis you must first of all write the move down on your score sheet, before you play it.

~Alexander Kotov

I can remember a case where Capablanca worked out an impressive combination, but then chose to make a simple move in answer to which

his opponent resigned at once!

~Alexander Kotov

Time trouble is blunder time.

~Alexander Kotov

In analysing complicated variations one must examine each branch of the tree once and once only.

~Alexander Kotov

If you study the classic examples of endgame play you will see how the king was brought up as soon as possible even though there seemed no particular hurry at the time.

~Alexander Kotov

Anyone who wishes to learn how to play chess well must make himself or herself thoroughly conversant with the play in positions where the players have castled on opposite sides.

~Alexander Kotov

The masters and grandmasters can be divided into three groups - the inveterate time trouble merchants, those who sometimes get into trouble, and those for whom the phenomenon is a very rare occurrence.

~Alexander Kotov

My achievements in the field of chess are the result of immense hard work in studying theory.

~Alexander Kotov

Once we have chosen the right formation in the centre we have created opportunities for our pieces and laid the foundation of subsequent victory.

~Alexander Kotov

Once there is the slightest suggestion of combinational possibilities on the board, look for unusual moves. Apart from making your play creative and interesting it will help you to get better results.

~Alexander Kotov

All candidate moves should be identified at once and listed in one's head. This job cannot be done piecemeal, by first examining one move and then look at another.

~Alexander Kotov

It has always been recognized that chess is an art, and its best practitioners have been described as artists.

~Alexander Kotov

Experience and the constant analysis of the most varied positions builds up a store of knowledge in a player's mind enabling him often at a glance to assess this or that position.

~Alexander Kotov

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