

# Savielly Tartakower Quotes

*Chess, Mistake, Games, Chess Game, Sacrifice, Player, Variation, Moving,  
Strategy, Success, Surprise, Knowing, Defeated, Firsts, Black, Healthy, Class,  
Luck, Together, Fairy Tale*

Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do. Strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do.

~Savielly Tartakower

I talk to myself because I like dealing with a better class of people.

~Savielly Tartakower

No one ever won a game by resigning.

~Savielly Tartakower

The winner is the one who makes the next-to-last mistake.

~Savielly Tartakower

Seize the outpost K5 with your knight, and you can go to sleep. Checkmate will come by itself.

~Savielly Tartakower

The ability to create and to control the tension of battle is perhaps the principal attainment of the great player.

~Savielly Tartakower

To avoid losing a piece, many a person has lost the game

~Savielly Tartakower

A Chess game is divided into three stages: the first, when you hope you have the advantage, the second when you believe you have an advantage, and the third... when you know you're going to lose!

~Savielly Tartakower

The tactician must know what to do whenever something needs doing; the strategist must know what to do when nothing needs doing

~Savielly Tartakower

The mistakes are there, waiting to be made

~Savielly Tartakower

A Queen's sacrifice, even when fairly obvious, always rejoices the heart of the chess-lover.

~Savielly Tartakower

In chess, there is only one mistake: over-estimation of your opponent. All else is either bad luck or weakness.

~Savielly Tartakower

It is said that an ounce of common sense can outweigh a ton of 'variations'.

~Savielly Tartakower

Some part of a mistake is always correct

~Savielly Tartakower

Like the alchemist of old, for ever searching for the philosopher's stone, the analyst to-day never stops looking for stronger moves to prevent the defender from establishing equality.

~Savielly Tartakower

Chess is a fairy tale of 1001 blunders.

~Savielly Tartakower

Any opening is good enough, if its reputation is bad enough.

~Savielly Tartakower

A draw can be obtained not only by repeating moves, but also by one weak move.

~Savielly Tartakower

Shall we ever live to see the following wise prohibition - the audience is forbidden to smoke and the masters are forbidden to 'smoke out' the

audience by playing exchanging variations?

~Savielly Tartakower

I never defeated a healthy opponent.

~Savielly Tartakower

It's always better to sacrifice your opponent's men

~Savielly Tartakower

An isolated pawn spreads gloom all over the chessboard.

~Savielly Tartakower

Drawn games are sometimes more scintillating than any conclusive contest.

~Savielly Tartakower

All Chess players should have a hobby

~Savielly Tartakower

Psychologically, the choice of an appropriate opening is of the utmost importance for a player's success in a tournament.

~Savielly Tartakower

A game is always won through a mistake.

~Savielly Tartakower

Lasker thought that his rationalism rendered him immune from the surprises of chess theory.

~Savielly Tartakower

The first essential for an attack is the will to attack.

~Savielly Tartakower

It is well-known that chess and music go well together, and many are

those who have achieved unusual proficiency in both.

~Savielly Tartakower

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