

Siegbert Tarrasch

Quotes

*Chess, Games, Men, Moving, Chess Game, Like Love, Player, Pawns,
Success, Opponents, Play, White, Waiting, Lying, Bishops, Ideas, Giving Up,
Kings, Feelings, Principles*

It cannot be too greatly emphasized that the most important role in pawn endings is played by the king.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

When you see a good move, sit on your hands and see if you can find a better one.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

He who fears an isolated Queen's Pawn should give up Chess.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

I already came upon the world as a extraordinary human being; to my parents' great horror, I was equipped with a clubfoot which, however, did not hamper my rapid progress.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

First-class players lose to second-class players because second-class players sometimes play a first-class game

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

It is not enough to be a good player... you must also play well

~Siegbert Tarrasch

When you don't know what to do, wait for your opponent to get an idea; it is sure to be bad.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Chess is a terrible game. If you have no center, your opponent has a freer position. If you do have a center, then you really have something to worry about!

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Weak points or holes in the opponent's position must be occupied by pieces not Pawns

~Siegbert Tarrasch

If the defender is forced to give up the center, then every possible attack follows almost of itself.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

The future belongs to he who has the bishops.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Before the endgame, the Gods have placed the middle game.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

What is the object of playing a gambit opening?... To acquire a reputation of being a dashing player at the cost of losing a game

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Intellectual activity is perhaps the greatest pleasure of life; chess is one of the forms of intellectual activity.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

One doesn't have to play well, it's enough to play better than your opponent

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Every move creates a weakness.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Always put the rook behind the pawn.... Except when it is incorrect to do so.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

In a rook and pawn ending, the rook must be used aggressively. It must

either attack enemy pawns, or give active support to the advance of one of its own pawns to the queening square.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Mistrust is the most necessary characteristic of the Chess player

~Siegbert Tarrasch

All lines of play which lead to the imprisonment of the bishop are on principle to be condemned.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

A thorough understanding of the typical mating continuations makes the most complicated sacrificial combinations leading up to them not only not difficult, but almost a matter of course

~Siegbert Tarrasch

One of these modest little moves may be more embarrassing to your opponent than the biggest threat

~Siegbert Tarrasch

I have always a slight feeling of pity for the man who has no knowledge of chess, just as I would pity the man who has remained ignorant of love.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Many have become chess masters - no one has become the master of chess.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

I look one move ahead... the best!

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Here are some of the questions and answers to an examination paper in chess that was given some time ago

~Siegbert Tarrasch

White has no positional equivalent for the centralized pawn.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

White lost because he failed to remember the right continuation and had to think up the moves himself

~Siegbert Tarrasch

... a lively imagination can exercise itself most fully and creatively in conjuring up magnificent combinations.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Chess is a form of intellectual productiveness, therein lies its peculiar charm. Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

When you don't know what to play, wait for an idea to come into your opponent's mind. You may be sure that idea will be wrong

~Siegbert Tarrasch

I have a quite feeling of pity for all those who don't know chess; almost like I am sorry for those who never learned to love. Chess, like love and music, has the ability of making people happy.

~Siegbert Tarrasch

Up to this point White has been following well-known analysis. But now he makes a fatal error: he begins to use his own head

~Siegbert Tarrasch

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