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As one might expect, there is a good deal of controversy among chess historians about both the

As some historians point out, the unique features of ashtapada, and its successor called chata

** Evolution into modern chess

The gradual appearance of different types of Indian military forces in the Indian board game k

In a race game players do not capture or extinguish their opponents. If a player lands on the

But when the principle of capture or extinction was accepted -- where the captured opponent's

This transition from race game to war game is important. But perhaps the most significant evol

As he says, "To change the Indian war game into chess it was necessary to throw away the dice.

According to Averbakh this would not have happened without the influence of Greece upon northe

This kingdom lasted for about 200 years in which time the region underwent a profound synthesi

The Greek influence was felt for hundreds of years after the demise of the Indo-Greek Kingdom.

** Chess in the Kushan Kingdom

Another writer goes even further in placing the origins of modern chess in the Afganistan/Nort

1. A relatively immobile center piece -- the King -- the capture of which is the object of the
2. A number of pieces that can make varying long moves -- moves that cover more than one space
3. A number of pieces that can only make short moves -- moves that cover only one space.

Josten claims these different pieces originated in different games, and were amalgamated in wh

According to Josten, chess did not spring fully developed into existence in 600 AD but evolved

But the most likely place where it all came together was the Kushan Empire, the eventual succe

As we saw with the Indo-Greek Empire, this area stood at the crossroads of Europe, India and t
This, according to Josten, is exactly what happened to the game of chess in the early centurie
"Following the gradual disintegration of the Kushan Empire, the neighbouring conquering states

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