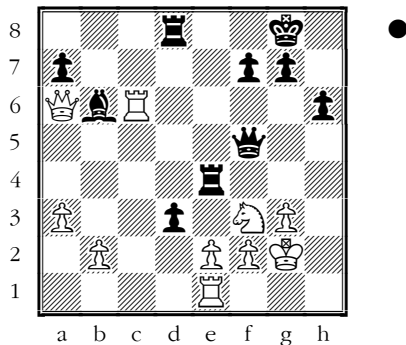


Chess Quiz

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World Junior Championship Cochin,
India, 2004



Can you find how the top-seeded player of the World Junior Championship was crushed?

Chess News

57th Russian Championship Super-Final, Moscow

Garry Kasparov beat Alexei Dreev in a crucial battle of the 6 round. Without a doubt we have seen a part of Kasparov's thorough opening preparations – Dreev tried to be equal to the task in one of his favourite lines. He made some spectacular decisions, then offered a tough resistance in the endgame with 3 pawns for a piece, but everything was in vain. Kasparov scored a very important win and thus becomes one of the leaders of the Championship – (see the annotated game.)

Another leader in the event, is still Alexander Grischuk, who played a rather short but still very interesting game with the white pieces against Artyom Timofeev. At one point Grischuk's position seemed suspicious but after a long thought he came up with a spectacular sacrifice of a knight, then his rook shared the

same fate – but it was just to make perpetual.

Bareev – Svidler was a theoretical duel in the Grunfeld Defence. Black sacrificed a queen for rook and bishop and created an unbreakable position so a draw was agreed rather early.

Korotylev – Tseshkovsky was a tough battle in the Benko Gambit. Black obtained a typical compensation for the pawn, then his initiative brought him a couple of extra pawns but White's strong passed pawn in the queen endgame was good enough to secure the half point.

Finally, **Alexander Motylev** scored his first victory over a solid Vladimir Epishin, who suffered his first defeat. It was also a tough and complicated battle so spectators were very content today – perhaps it was the most interesting round so far!

Round 6 results:

- Grischuk – Timofeev ½-½
- Kasparov – Dreev 1-0
- Korotylev – Tseshkovsky ½-½
- Bareev – Svidler ½-½
- Motylev – Epishin 1-0
- Morozevich – rest day

Standings after Round 6:

- 1. Grischuk – 4(6)
- 2. Kasparov – 3½(5)
- 3. Dreev – 3½ (6)
- 4. Timofeev – 3(5)
- 5. Bareev – 3(6)
- 6-7. Svidler, Korotylev – 2½(5)
- 8. Epishin – 2½(6)
- 9. Motylev – 2(5)
- 10. Tseshkovsky – 2(6).
- 11. Morozevich – 1½(5)

Round 7 pairings:

- Morozevich – Grischuk
- Tseshkovsky – Kasparov
- Dreev – Motylev
- Timofeev – Bareev
- Svidler – Korotylev
- Epishin – rest day

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World Juniors and Girls Championships Cochin, India

Indian star, **Pentyala Harikrishna**, and a full namesake of former World Champion, **Tigran Petrosian**, of Armenia are sharing the lead after 4 rounds.

Juniors:

Round 4 results:

Berkes – T.Petrosian 0-1
Tikkanen – Harikrishna 0-1
Alekseev – Yunieski Quezada 1-0
Wojtaszek – Jianu 1-0
Gupta – Paragua 0-1
Zhe Quan – L'Ami 0-1

Standings after Round 4:

1-2. Harikrishna, T.Petrosian – 4
3-5. Alekseev, Paragua, L'Ami – 3½
etc.

Girls:

Round 4 results:

Majdan – Ushenina ½-½
Zhang Jilin – Vinuthna 1-0
Motoc – Paehtz 0-1

Standings after Round 4:

1-3. Paehtz, Ushenina, Majdan – 3½
4-5. Mijovic, Aketayeva – 3 etc.

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Russian Women Cup Final Voronezh

Anna Dushenok almost secured an overall win.

Standings after Round 8:

1. Dushenok – 7
2. Pogonina – 5 etc. 12 players.

Unfortunately the [site](#) (in Russian only) has not been updated since round 6 so we have just received some news by phone.



Spanish Team Championships Sanxenxo, Pontevedra

Round 3 results (* stands for black):

Graciense Escacs – Tiendas UPI

1½-2½

Lautier – Bologan ½-½

*Malakhov – Pelletier ½-½

Lacasa Diaz – Fressinet 0-1

*Rahal – Tiviakov ½-½

Valencia Cuna Ajedrez – Foment

Martinenc 3½-1½

Vallejo – Marin 1-0

*P.H.Nielsen – Narciso 1-0

Moiseenko – Jerez Perez 1-0

*Arizmendi – G.Gomez ½-½

Caja Canarias – Reverté Albox 2-2

Magic – Caja Insular Canarias 3-1

Marcote – Ibercaja 2½-1½

Standings after Round 3:

1. Tiendas UPI – 9½

2. Valencia Cuna Ajedrez – 8½

3. Reverté Albox – 7 etc.

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Women Chess Festival Chelyabinsk, Russia

This recently finished event was dedicated to the 85th jubilee of **Kira Zvorykina**, who also participated! The World Champion **Nona Gaprindashvili** won the event with 5 points out of 7, **Valentina Kozlovskaya** came second; third place went to **Ludmila Belavenets**.

Eight living legends took part in this round-robin tournament – apart from those named above Ludmila Lubarskaya, Larisa Volpert, Rimma Bilunova and Vera Tikhomirova also played. All of them have been the Russian Champion in different years, some of them many times!

[Official site](#) (in Russian only)



Annotated Game

by GM Ruslan Scherbakov

White: G. Kasparov (2813)

Black: A. Dreev (2698)

Russian Championship Moscow,

Russia (6), 21.11.2004

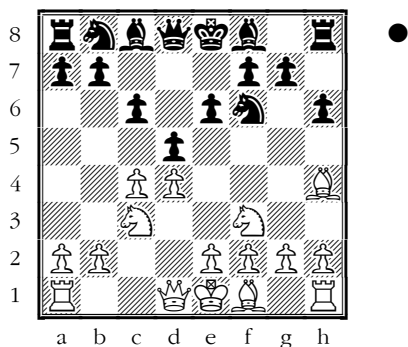
Semi-Slav – [D43]

A very important game – Kasparov is half a point behind...

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♙c3 e6 5.♙g5 h6

Alexei Dreev' speciality – the so-called Moscow Variation.

6.♙h4 (D)



Though Kasparov recently prefers to start the game with 1. e4, his early efforts raised the popularity of this AntiMoscow Gambit – a very ambitious approach, which usually leads to great complications.

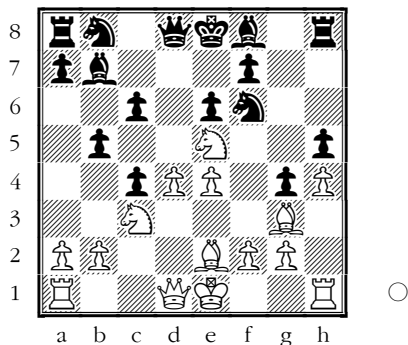
6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.♙g3 b5 9.♙e2 ♙b7 10.h4

The most promising continuation.

10...g4 11.♘e5

Here Black has a choice – to defend the g4-pawn or to ignore White's threat.

11...h5 (D)



Both 11...♗bd7 ; and 11...♞g8 , keeping the h5-square for the knight and hoping to exploit the opened g-file in case of White's capture on g4,

are also known to be playable for Black and, by the way, Dreev moved his rook to g8 in some games.

12.f3!?

Kasparov shows a clear intention to crush Black today. Besides, this undermining move probably came as a nasty surprise for Dreev since it was known to be rather double-edged and so not very popular. 12.0-0 ♗bd7 13.♞c2 ♘xe5 14.♙xe5 ♙g7 15.♞ad1 0-0 has usually been played: 16.♙g3 (16.f3 promises nothing due to 16...♘h7 17.♙xg7 ♞xg7 18.fxg4 ♞xh4 19.gxh5 ♘g5 and after 20.♞d2 Black can force a draw by 20...♘h3+ 21.gxh3 ♞g3+= as was shown in a few games) 16...♘d7 17.f3 ♞b6 18.♞h1 This position was recently under test: 18...c5 (this is stronger than 18...e5 19.d5 (19.dxe5!? is also interesting: 19...♘xe5 and here in the game Filippov – Borovikov, ECC Halkidiki 2002 White could have thought about 20.f4!±) 19...cxd5 20.♘xd5 ♙xd5 21.♞xd5± with better chances for White, Vallejo – Dreev, Biel 2002) 19.d5 ♘e5 20.fxg4 hxg4 (In the game Johansson–Corthals, IECC 2004 Black played 20...♘xg4 21.♙xg4 hxg4 and after 22.e5 exd5 23.♘xd5 ♙xd5 24.♞xd5 ♞ae8 25.♞d6 ♞a5 26.♞f5→ found himself in trouble since his king had a lack of defenders) 21.♞c1!∞ with very complicated play, Avrukh – Novikov, Calvia (ol) 2004.

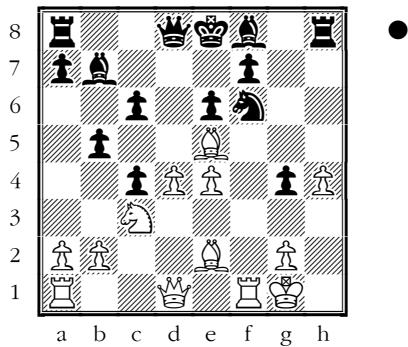
12...♗bd7 13.fxg4 hxg4

In a recent game Beliavsky – Kobalia, WCh Tripoli 2004 Black tried 13...♘xe5 14.♙xe5 hxg4 15.♙xg4 ♞h6!? with wild play but it should be well-known to Kasparov since Mikhail Kobalia is one of his seconds.

14.0-0 ♘xe5

In the game Malinin – Sestjakov, Tula 2001 Black was crushed after 14...♙h6 15.♘xf7! ♞xf7 16.e5 ♙e3+ 17.♞h2 ♞e8 18.exf6 ♘xf6 19.♙xg4 ♞e7 20.♞f3 ♞h6 21.♞ae1→ c5? 22.d5!+- but perhaps not everything is clear in this line.

15.♙xe5 (D)



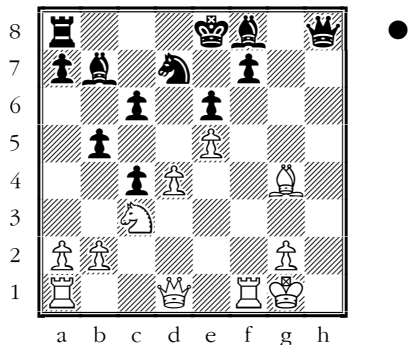
15...♟d7!?

Didn't Black see that his knight is pinned?! A passive defence did not help Black much in the game Nechaev – Maksimenko, Alushta 1999: 15...♞e7 16.♟d2 ♞xh4? 17.♟f4→ with a decisive attack.; Perhaps Kobalia's manoeuvre 15...♞h6!?

16.♞xh8 ♟xh4

The point of Black's sacrifice – due to the threat ...g4–g3 White has no time to save his dark-squared bishop and so Black is hoping to exploit the weakened dark-squares in White's camp.

17.♞xg4 ♟xh8 18.e5! (D)



A very strong and well-calculated decision. Despite all dangers White is fighting for the dark-squares and improving his knight. [The careless 18.♞h5? could be fatal for the d4-pawn and also for the White king after 18...0–0–0 19.♞xf7 e5↑ with an annoying initiative.

18...♞xe5

Black accepts the challenge but perhaps it was not the best decision, especially from a practical point of view. [After 18...0–0–0 White's chances were preferable after the subtle 19.♟e1! (in case of 19.♟e2 c5 20.♞xb5 a6 21.♞a3 cxd4 Black could obtain

excellent chances to get his bishop to c5 after the forthcoming ...d4–d3) 19...♟g7 (here after 19...c5 20.♞xb5 a6 (20...cxd4 21.♟a5+–) 21.♞a3 cxd4 22.♞xc4 the d-pawn advance comes without tempo!) 20.♞f3 but Black could still find counter chances. Besides, after the text move this initiates simplifications, after which White was very safe in the endgame with an extra piece.

19.dxe5 ♞c5+ 20.♞f2 ♟xe5 21.♟e2!?

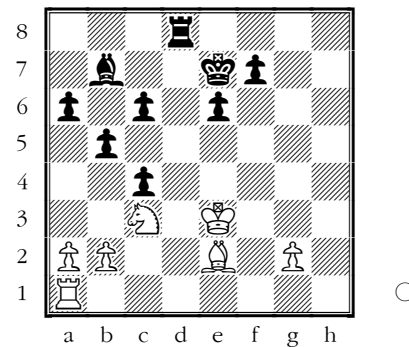
Here 21.♟e1 also came to mind, trying to get the rook into play without waste of time. However, Black could think about 21...♟f4!?

21...♟xe2

21...♞xf2+ was not better: 22.♟xf2 0–0–0 23.♞e1 and Black could face more problems with his pawns: 23...♟d4 24.♟xd4 ♞xd4 25.♞h5± and so on.

22.♞xe2 ♞d8 23.♟f1 ♞xf2 24.♟xf2 ♟e7

The penetration by 24...♞d2? was not possible due to the obvious 25.♞e4 25.♟e3 a6 (D)

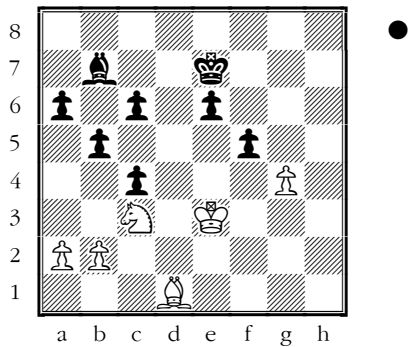


It is not recommended to put pawns on squares the same color as the bishop's. However, there is a secret rule: if such a bad thing has already happened then a player in many cases should leave his pawn structure as it is or even more – to put all remaining pawns on the same "bad" squares.

26.♞d1!?

Again, Kasparov tends toward simplifications, trying to avoid any surprises. Everybody knows how skilfully Alexei Dreev plays with a rook. 26.♞e4!?

26...♞xd1 27.♞xd1 f5 28.g4! (D)

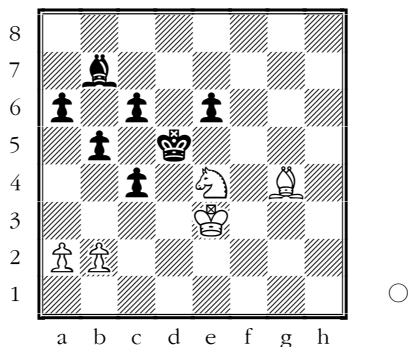


It is essential to break Black's pair of pawns in center – then it will be much easier for White to go through his defence.

28...fxg4 29. Qxg4 Qd6

An attempt to "improve" the position by 29...c5? was losing to 30. Qe4 Qxe4 31. Qxe4+- and the Black's lonely king will sooner or later be pushed back by zugzwang. It is also important that White has a "good" bishop to promote his a-pawn.

30. Qe4+ Qd5 (D)



31. Qf3

Being under time pressure, White wasn't sure of 31. Qxe6+! but it seemed to be winning: 31... Qxe6 32. Qc5+ Qd5 33. Qxb7 c5 (33...b4 34. b3! led to the same) 34. Qa5 b4 (34... Qd6?! 35. Qe4 Qc7 36. Qd5) 35. b3 c3 36. Qd3 and White will slowly improve his position and undermine Black's pawns: 36... Qd6 37. Qc4+ Qc6 38. a4 (38. Qe3 Qb5) 38... Qd5 39. Qe3+ Qe5 40. Qc2 Qd5 41. Qe1 Qe5 42. Qc4 Qd6 43. Qd3 c2 44. Qc1 Qc6 45. Qd3+- and so on.

31... Qc8 32. Qh5

White could already begin some actions by 32. Qg5+!? but Kasparov probably prefers to get to time control without changing the position.

32... a5 33. Qf3 e5

So Black decided to improve his

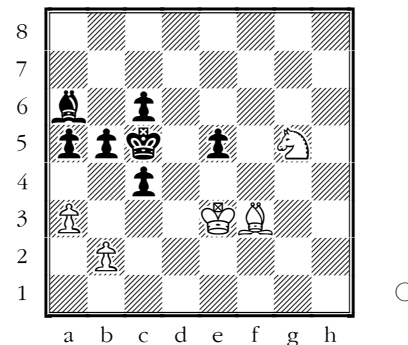
bishop and increase his control over the dark squares by advancing his e-pawn. However, in many cases such pawns may become a target! [33... Qe5!? deserved serious attention, just to keep waiting although White could probably find some plans, for example, 34. Qf2 followed by Nf2-g4 and so on.

34. Qg5+ Qc5 35. Qe4+ Qd5 36. a3

Qa6 37. Qh5

With a mating threat!

37... Qc8 38. Qf3 Qa6 39. Qg5+ Qc5 (D)



40. Qe2

Again, on move 40 White wasn't sure of 40. Qf7 c3! ⇌

40... Qc8 41. Qf7

41. Qe4!? looked quite good.

41... b4

41...c3 was parried by 42. bxc3 b4 43. Qxe5 bxa3 44. Qc4+-

42. Qxe5 Qe6

So the pawn was lost by Black is still defending – he has two more extra pawns.

43. a4!

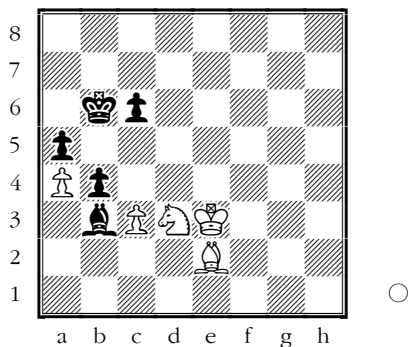
Releasing the tension which kept White in pressure and so made it more difficult to make progress.

43... c3 44. Qd3+ Qb6

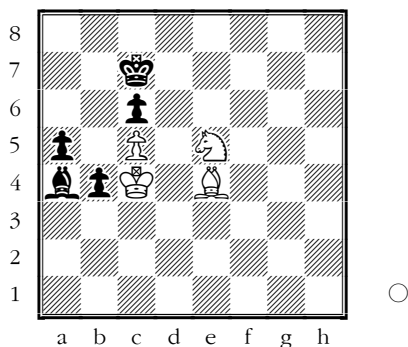
The attempt by 44... Qc4 was parried by 45. Qc1+ (but not 45. Qf4+? Qb3 46. Qxe6 Qxb2 and Black is fine) 45... Qc5 46. bxc3 bxc3 47. Qd3+ and White wins.

45. bxc3 Qb3 (D)

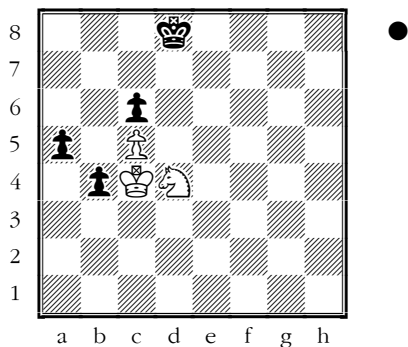
and very important win by Garry Kasparov. **1-0.**



Both of White's pawns are under attack. What to do? **46.c4!** The bishop cannot take both pawns at the same time so White will keep one pawn on the board! **46...Qxa4 47.♖d4 Qc2 48.c5+ ♜c7 49.♙f3** The position has finally become clear. White has secured his pawn on c5 and now has some possible plans to convert his advantage. **49...Qb3 50.♙e4** There was no need to calculate such lines as **50.♗e5 a4 51.♗xc6 a3** although White was winning with **52.♗a5!** **50...♙a4 51.♜c4 Qc2 52.♙f3 Qa4 53.♗e5 ♜b7 54.♙e4 ♜c7**



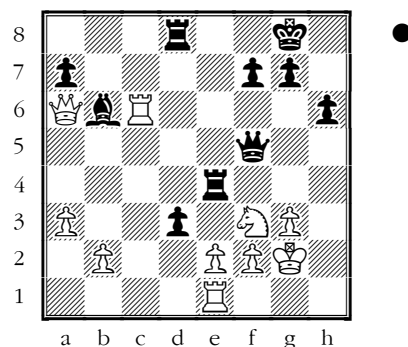
55.♗f3! A decisive manoeuvre - the knight is going to d4. **55...Qd1 56.♗d4 Qa4 57.♙c2! Qxc2 58.♗xc2 ♜d8 59.♗d4 (D)**



The white king takes care about the a5-pawn so Black resigned. A tough

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29...♞h4!! This brilliant sacrifice gives Black a decisive attack! **30.gxh4 ♜g4+ 31.♜h1 Qxf2 32.♜a5 ♞d4? 32...♞e8-+** was stronger. **33.♜e5** Missing a good chance **33.♜c7! Qxe1 34.♜c8+ ♜h7 35.♜xg4 ♞xg4 36.exd3 Qxh4** - Black is better but White is still alive. **33...♞f4!-+ 34.♜b8+ ♜h7 35.♞c8 ♜h3+ 36.♗h2 Qg3 37.♞h8+ ♜g6 38.♜d6+ ♜h5 39.♜d5+ ♜xh4 40.♜g2 Qxe1** White resigned. **0-1.**

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