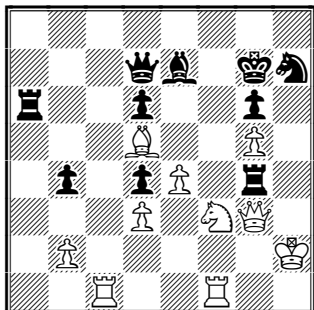


Chess Quiz

Morozevich - Lutz
Biel 2003



White to play

Chess News

[The Biel International Chess Festival](#)

In the 4th round, all three games – Morozevich–Lutz, Pelletier–Korchnoi and Bacrot–Smirin – ended in success for the player with White. After Morozevich's nice victory (see our Quiz Today) he is now sole leader with 3½/4.

All three 4th round games are available in this issue's CBV file. We also include the score of the fighting game, which young Yannick Pelletier won against Viktor Korchnoi in ... Korchnoi's simul – ten years ago.

[14th Pardubice \(Czech Republic\) Chess Festival](#)

In the 6th round on the top boards, M.Gurevich won against Espig, and Potkin won against Vysochin. Gurevich and Potkin now share the lead with 5½/6.

[Zonal Tournament 3.3](#)

12 strong Chinese players competed in this 12th category event (average rating 2546), which took place in Yongchuan, China, July 11–23. Young stars Bu Xiangzhi and Ni Hua were the winners with 8/11. Ni Hua also scored a GM Norm.

The latest news from the [Copenhagen Open Politiken Cup 2003](#) and [The Smith & Williamson British Chess Championships](#) were not available at our press time. We will continue our coverage of these events in forthcoming issues.

Web Watch: Ilyumzhinov Express

Earlier on this week, [the full version](#) of the latest interview with Kirsan Ilyumzhinov appeared at the website of the Russian paper Sport-Express.

A Short summary of the chess part of interview (there was also one devoted to soccer):-

The match Ponomariov–Kasparov will be the FIDE World Championship match. It will begin in Yalta (Ukraine) on 19th September. First moves will be made by the Russian President Putin and Ukrainian President Kuchma. Prize fund will be one million US dollars, 20% of it will be deducted in favour of FIDE, despite Ponomariov disagreeing with this. FIDE will not pay compensation to Ponomariov for the 'rescheduled' (using Ilyumzhinov's word) match in Argentina. If Ponomariov will not play under such conditions, then Ivanchuk will replace him. 'FIDE has no intention to solve Ponomariov's problems', Ilyumzhinov said. There is a possibility that Argentina will hold the Kramnik–Leko match. And the unification match, according to Ilyumzhinov, possibly will take place in Spring of 2004.

And further news from Sport-Express (24.7.2003): Kirsan Ilyumzhinov to visit Kiev on July 25. He will take part in the first meeting of the World Championship's organising committee. *[We hope that this meeting could bring some positive results, but Ukrainian chess observers are quite cautious lately. There is no visible signal of the end of the 'cold war' between Ruslan Ponomariov and FIDE.]*

Annotated Game

Crushing the Dragon

□ M Bennedik

■ V Demian

Email (ICCF Champions League), 2002 – B76

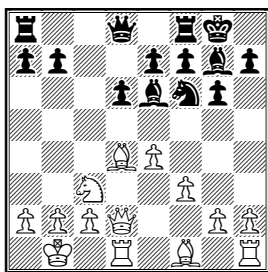
Notes by GM Mikhail Golubev

This impressive email game is included in the brand new *Informer* 87 (Electronic Edition), and earlier it was published in the *New in Chess Yearbook*, issue 67.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♙e3 ♙g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♚d2 ♘c6 9.0-0-0!

White follows the classical Rauzer recipe to fight the Dragon. Another popular move is 9.♙c4 .

9...♘xd4 10.♙xd4 ♙e6 11.♜b1!



11...♚c7

White's previous move prevented the immediate 11...♚a5? which is now bad in view of 12.♘d5! .; 11...♘d7 12.♙xg7 ♜xg7 was Black's choice in Konstantinopolsky–Lisitsin, Leningrad 1935 (possibly, the first practical test of Rauzer's attack, which he analyzed with his friend Alexander Konstantinopolsky). Now 13.♘d5!?, preventing ...♚a5, could give better chances to White.

12.h4

12.♘d5!? ♙xd5 13.exd5 ♜fc8 (or 13...♜ac8) 14.♜c1! is less critical, but is also a promising line.

12...♜fc8 13.h5!

An alternative is 13.g4 (White can play g4 also one move earlier) 13...♚a5, and now 14.♚g5!? – invented by Ivanchuk in 1993.

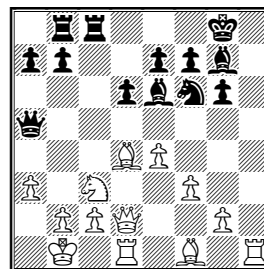
13...♚a5

Here 13...♘h5? loses by force: 14.♙xg7 ♜xg7 15.g4 ♘f6 16.♚h6+ ♜g8 17.e5 dxe5 18.g5 ♘h5 19.♜xh5 gxh5 20.♙d3+- .

14.hxg6

But after 14.a3?!, 14...♘h5! is already possible: 15.♙xg7 ♜xg7 16.g4 ♜xc3! 17.gxh5 ♜c5.

14...hxg6 15.a3 ♜ab8



16.♙d3!

After 16.g4 b5 Black experienced few problems.. e.g. 17.♚g5 ♚c7 18.e5 , and now sufficient is 18...♘d5 (there are also risky ideas 18...dxe5 and 18...♘e4!?) 19.exd6 ♘xc3+ 20.♙xc3 (20.bxc3 ♚xd6!) 20...exd6, as in Shevelev–Venediktov, Sverdlovsk Ch 1957. Here White should have played 21.♙d3 (instead of 21.♜d3? b4-+) 21...♙xc3 22.bxc3 ♚xc3 23.♙xg6 , and now 23...b4!? 24.♙xf7+ ♜f8 25.♚g8+ ♜e7 26.♚g5+ ♜f8= leads to a draw.

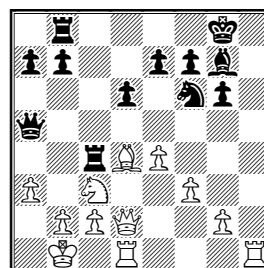
16...♙c4

Another trend is 16...b5 17.♚g5! , as in Van der Wiel–Sax, Plovdiv 1983, the game, where White used 16.♙d3! for the first time. It continued 17...♚c7 18.e5 dxe5 19.♙xe5 ♚c5 20.f4 ♜b7 21.♙xg6! fxg6 22.♚xg6 ♙f7 23.♜h8+! ♜xh8 24.♚xf7 ♜g8 25.♜h1+ ♘h7 26.♚h5 1-0, and Black's supporters are looking for a radical improvement to this day.

17.♙xc4

Before this game it was not considered as a serious attempt for White, who tried 17.g4 and several other moves. About 15 years ago I analysed 17.♙e3!?, but failed to find a clear advantage after 17...♘d7! 18.♙xc4 ♜xc4 19.♘d5 ♚xd2 20.♜xd2 ♜e8 with the idea 21.♙xa7 b6 .

17...♜xc4



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18. ♖c1!

This is Bennedik's novelty – the move which possibly deserves even two exclamation marks. The explanation: White defends against Black's threat (18... ♗xe4), and at the same time preserves his queen on the c1–h8 diagonal, thereby creating the strong threat of 19. ♖d5. 18. ♖e3?! would be not good in view of 18... e5! 19. ♖xa7 ♖a8 20. ♖b6 ♖xc3!, and White must go for 21. ♖xc3 ♖xb6. Earlier White tried 18. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 19. ♖d5, with no chances for a real advantage.

18... e6

18... ♖bc8 looks natural, but there comes 19. ♖d5! ♖xd5 (or 19... ♖xc2 20. ♖xe7+ ♖f8 21. ♖f4! ♖xe7 22. ♖xf6+ ♖xf6 23. ♖xd6+-) 20. ♖xg7 ♖xc2 (20... ♖xg7 21. ♖xd5) 21. ♖h6 f6 22. ♖xf6!, and White wins.; And after 18... e5 19. ♖e3 White has a classical dominating position.

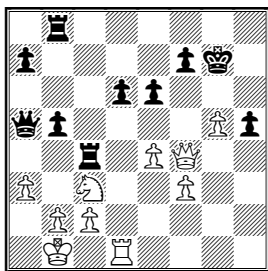
19. g4 b5?!

Not the best, but Black has problems. For example, 19... ♖bc8!? 20. g5 ♖h5 21. ♖xg7 ♖xg7 22. ♖xd6 ♖e5 offers him some chances, but hardly full compensation.

20. g5 ♖h5 21. ♖xg7 ♖xg7

Benedik gives the line 21... ♖xg7 22. ♖f4 b4 23. ♖xd6! ♖cc8 24. ♖d5!? ♖c7 25. ♖xc7 ♖xc7 26. ♖b5 , with an extra pawn for White.

22. ♖xh5! gxh5 23. ♖f4!



Analysis shows that Black has no adequate defense.

23... ♖g8

An important nuance is 23... ♖d8 24. ♖xd6 ♖e7 25. ♖e5+! f6 (25... ♖g6 26. f4) 26. gxf6+ ♖xf6 27. ♖d7+ ♖g6 , and White takes the rook: 28. ♖xb8+- .

24. g6! f5

If 24... fxc6 , then 25. ♖f6 ♖c7 26. ♖xg6+ ♖g7 27. ♖xe6+ , etc.

25. ♖xd6 ♖xc3

25... ♖c7 26. ♖e5!

26. ♖e5! ♖c7 27. ♖xe6+ ♖g7

27... ♖f8 28. ♖d7!

28. exf5 b4 29. f4!?

More prosaic 29. ♖d7+ ♖xd7 30. ♖xd7+ could win as well.

29... bxa3 30. ♖d7+ 1-0

Solution to Quiz

36. ♖e5! dxe5 or 36... ♖xg3 37. ♖f7+ ♖h8 38. ♖xg6+ ♖g8 39. ♖xe7+ 37. ♖f7+ ♖h8 38. ♖xh7+! ♖xh7 39. ♖h3+ 39. ♖h3+ ♖g7 40. ♖h6# 1-0

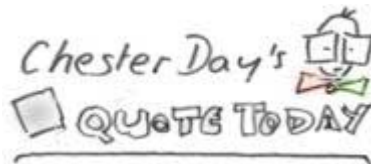
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Garry Kasparov