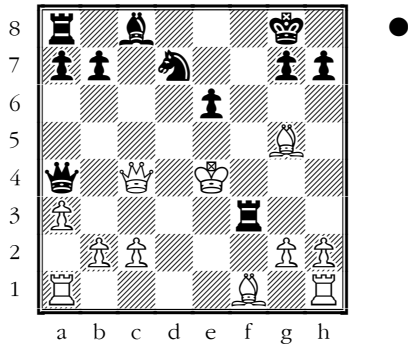
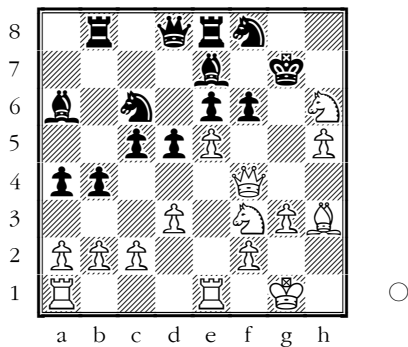


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**World Chess
News**

Credit Suisse, Zurich

Garry Kasparov, as planned, appeared at the chess board on August 22nd to play six blitz games in a tournament celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Credit Suisse. This bank is known in the chess world for its past support, Biel chess festivals, etc. Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov shared first



place: both of them can now include the tournament in the long list of their victories.



Time should tell what this return means. For the moment, the press (especially in Russia!) are speculating with all their might - despite Kasparov's numerous clear statements that he does not want to return to professional chess.

Round 1

Kasparov - Korchnoi 1-0
Polgar - Karpov 1/2-1/2

Round 2

Karpov - Korchnoi 1-0
Polgar - Kasparov 0-1

Round 3

Kasparov - Karpov 1/2-1/2
Korchnoi - Polgar 0-1

Round 4

Karpov - Polgar 1-0
Korchnoi - Kasparov 1/2-1/2

Round 5

Kasparov - Polgar 1-0
Korchnoi - Karpov 0-1

Round 6

Karpov - Kasparov 1/2-1/2
Polgar - Korchnoi 1-0

Final Standings:

1-2. Kasparov and Karpov - 4 1/2, 3.
Ju. Polgar - 2 1/2, 4. Korchnoi - 1/2.

One quote from Anatoly Karpov's [interview](#) for Izvestia (22nd August 2006):

"Since 1984, when these mad matches with Kasparov began, I never relaxed for more than ten days in a row".

[Official website](#)

More on Mainz

by GM Mikhail Golubev

It seems to me that due to the efforts of the Mainz organisers, the public image of Chess960 (also known as Fisherrandom) gradually becomes more positive. At least, it surely goes this way with my own opinion! Well, the "wrong" setup of pieces still looks ugly to me. But that it is just a matter of habit and education. Children, when they learn to play chess, in the beginning are trying to put pieces *randomly*. Chess960 helps solve some key problems of modern chess. When I have to annotate the game for the mainstream newspaper, I am often simply afraid to inform readers about how many moves of the game was theory. Importantly, further generations of chess-players simply deserve to have a free room for their opening findings at the early stages of the game! So, though I still may like acute theoretical games, now I am ready to support the development of Chess960. It may be noted that Fischer is a recognised chess genius and it can be psychologically acceptable for many to follow his example. Any radical suggestions from lesser figures would hardly get reasonable chances for public success.

Now to the Mainz web links. ChessBase yesterday has published an [illustrated report](#) from the Ordix Open (which, as we informed our readers, was won by GM Kasimdzhanov). The Ordix Open [full results](#) (622 players!) can be found at the official site. Many other web sites covered the Mainz festival. I would like to mention here the [ICC](#) (daily reports by John Henderson are available there) and [Kostenik.com](#).

French Championships

GM Laurent Fressinet in continuing to lead in the main, National-A French championship. In the women's championship Almira Skripchenko is leading with an impressive result: 7½ points out of 8.

Standings after 8 rounds:

1. Fressinet – 6,
2. Tkachiev – 5½,
3. Lautier – 5,
4. Fontaine – 4½,
- 5–6. Vachier-Lagrave and Dorfman – 4,
- 7–8. A.Sokolov and Bauer – 3½,
- 9–12. Libiszewski, Colin, Nataf and Vaisser – 3.

[Official website](#)

NH Chess Tournament

In the round four Dr. Nunn of the "Experience" team defeated Smeets nicely, but one of the "Rising Stars", Karjakin, managed to win his game as well. The overall score is still level: Rising Stars 10 – Experience 10.

Round 4 results:

- Beliavsky – Carlsen ½–½
Jussupow – Karjakin 0–1
Andersson – Wang Hao ½–½
Nunn – Smeets 1–0
Ljubojevic – Stellwagen ½–½

[Official website](#)

Staunton Memorial

After two draws with White in Rounds 7 and 8 (versus Jan Timman and Jan Werle), Ivan Sokolov's lead looks less convincing than it was before.

Standings after round 8:

1. I.Sokolov – 6½,
- 2–4. Adams, Werle and Timman – 6,
5. L'Ami – 5,
6. Bosboom-Lanchava – 4,
- 7–10. Visser, Speelman, Levitt and Wells – 3,
11. D.Howell – 1½,
12. Day – 1.

[Official website](#)

Rubinstein Memorial

As TWIC reports, the Rubinstein Memorial takes place in Polanica Zdroj, Poland from 20th – 28th August. It is an all-play-all event of the 13th Category with ten participants.

Standings after round 3:

1. Kryvoruchko (UKR 2536) – 2½,
- 2–3. B.Socko (POL 2621) and Laznicka (CZE 2602) – 2,

4-7. Heberla (POL 2551), Kempinski (POL 2567), Belov (RUS 2598) and Bobras (POL 2535) - 1½,
8-9. Zubarev (UKR 2518) and Czarnota (POL 2547) - 1,
10. S.Atalik (TUR 2619) - ½.
[Official website](#)

Bratto, Italy

Adolivio Capece informs:

"The 26th International Chess Festival "Conca della Presolana" in Bratto, Italy (a small mountain town, 40 km far from the city of Bergamo), has started on 19th August. 10 GMs and many IMs are playing. Bratto is one of the strongest tournaments in Italy and probably the most crowded. It is possible to follow the most important games of the Master Group live on the web site (www.scaccobratto.com). On the same days the Italian Women's Championship and the Italian Under-20 Championship are taking place. In the latter event, 13-year-old International Master Fabiano Caruana is playing, it is his first official tournament in Italy. On August 21st there were two beautiful games in Bratto: the one played by Fabiano Caruana (he won the daily beauty prize) and the one played by GM Miso Cebalo - an interesting theoretical novelty in the Trompowsky. [See *today's database - CT Ed.*] On August 23rd at 21:00 in the nice Hotel Milano there will be the official presentation of the DVD about the Chess Olympiads Torino 2006."

Lithuania vs Latvia

The traditional match between Lithuania and Latvia on 100 boards ended 57-43 in favour of the host country, Lithuania. The match took place on Saturday, August 12 in Kaunas. Results of individual boards: www1.omnitel.net/margiris (Source of news: TWIC).

First Saturday August GM

The First Saturday August tournaments have ended on 15th August.

GM Group Final Standings:

1. G.Meier - 9½, 2-3. A.Braun and Le Quang Liem - 9, 4-5. D.Kosic and M.Rodshtein - 8½, 6. Yu.Lapshun - 7, etc. (14 players).

[FS website](#)

Re GM Slugfest and BAP

In his blog, Dennis Monokroussos has [commented](#) on yesterday's CT contribution by Clint Ballard, "GM Slugfest and BAP". Some thoughts by the blog visitors can be found at the same page.

Chess Chronicle No More?

by GM Alex Baburin

Yesterday I got an e-mail through our [website](#), which made me very curious. It went like this: "Hi! Is *Chess Today* still existing? Can I subscribe and pay money by credit card without risk? I have heard, *Chess Today* doesn't come out regularly anymore?! How about that?? Please give me some hope, because I would like to subscribe!"

Well, I knew that *Chess Today* still existed - for I had just prepared the past four issues of it! ☺ I also knew that our payment options were very safe, for we have not had a single complaint in our nearly 6 years of existence. But what did that e-mail refer to then?

I quickly recalled that recently somebody asked me about *Chess Chronicle*, so I guessed that our would-be-subscriber could have confused that newsletter with CT. A quick search on Google revealed that indeed *Chess Chronicle* might have folded - Chessville [hinted](#) at that on the 19th of August 2006. A further check showed that the CC [website](#) is no longer accessible.

Before *Chess Chronicle* was launched, its publisher and editor Abdul Karim sought general advice from me. I believe that I was as friendly and accommodating as one can be towards his future competitor. Therefore I was rather amused when I saw that CC not

only copied our format (that is not protected by copyright, of course), but took almost word for word our introduction. Compare their [intro](#) with the latest version (the earlier version had even stronger resemblance!) of our [home page](#). Surely, Mr Karim could have worded it a bit differently? Later I learnt that *Chess Chronicle* had a rather feeble respect for copyright, as Mig's blog [reported](#) in January 2006. Finally, I was not happy to read that CC had called our work (even if a bit indirectly) 'yellow journalism'. As they say in Russia, "no good deed goes unpunished!" I should have kept that in mind when advising Mr Karim!" ☺

Anyway, I'd be interested to know what really happened to *Chess Chronicle*. If you know anything, please send a message to ababurin@iol.ie And please let your chess friends know that **Chess Today** is alive and well! One good way to do that is to forward them our latest issue!

Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

White: T. Radjabov

Black: V. Anand

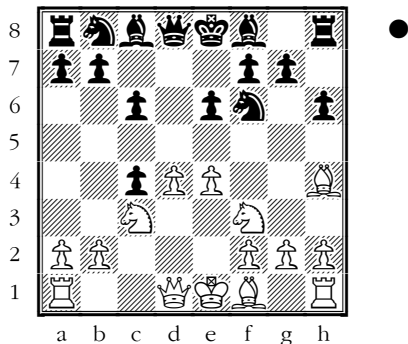
GrenkeLeasing Rapid Wch Match

Mainz GER (7), 20.08.2006

QGD; Semi-Slav - [D43]

In many ways, the rapid chess world championship match was decided in its penultimate game.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♙f3 e6 5.♙g5 h6 6.♙h4 dxc4 7.e4 (D)

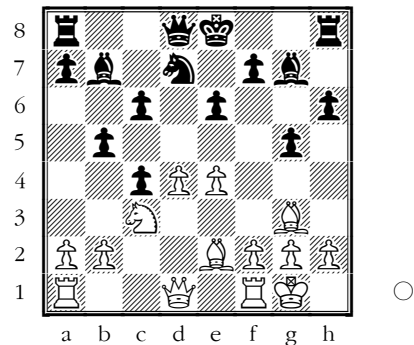


7...g5

This is Black's usual continuation in the highly topical "Anti-Moscow Gambit". Instead, 7...b5 8.e5 transposes to the Botvinnik Variation, the most normal road to which is

5...dxc4.

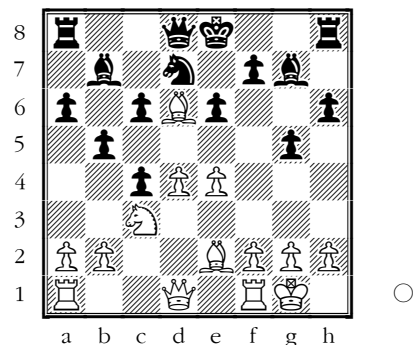
8.♙g3 b5 9.♙e2 ♙b7 10.0-0 ♘bd7 11.♘e5 ♙g7 12.♘xd7 ♘xd7 (D)



13.♙d6

This particular position occurred in practice for the first time in 2005, but already we have touched on this subject in several CT issues. If now 13...e5, then Black's main problem is 14.♙g4!, Izoria-Riazantsev, Ajaccio rpd 2005. While 14.d5, as Radjabov earlier played against Dreev, is also possible.

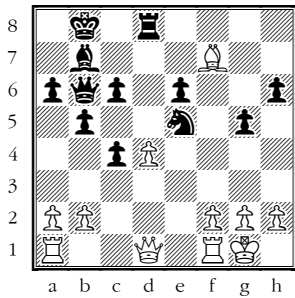
13...a6 (D)



Black overprotects his b5 pawn, preparing a possible ...c5.

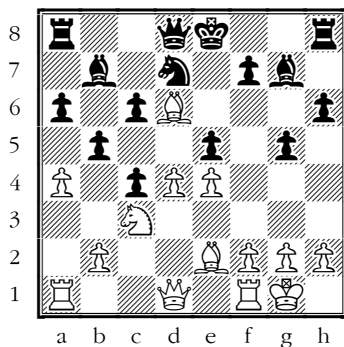
14.a4

The line 14.e5 c5 15.♙h5 ♙f8 16.d5 ♙xd6 17.♙xf7+ ♖xf7 18.dxe6+ ♖g7∞ first occurred in Izoria-Erenburg, Khanty Mansyisk 2005, Round 1.3.; Of interest for us today is the third game of the Mainz match, which continued 14.♙h5 ♙f8!N (14...e5 15.f4! Agrest-Kulaots, Turin 2006) 15.♙xf8 ♖xf8!? 16.e5 (GM Korotylev at ChessPro.ru suggested 16.d5!?) 16...♖b6! (Maxim Notkin in CT-2044 examined 16...c5 17.d5 ♘xe5 18.♖e1 where "Black's position looks shaky") 17.♘e4 0-0-0! 18.♘d6+ (18.♙xf7? ♘xe5!) 18...♖b8 19.♘xf7 (Other options: 19.♙xf7 c5! 20.♙xe6 cxd4 21.♙xd7 ♖xd7 22.a4 b4⇒ GM Shipov, ChessPro; 19.b3!? GM Zarnicki, Clarin.com) 19...♖xf7! 20.♙xf7 ♘xe5∞ (D)



(The knight goes to d3. Now Black has a good compensation for the exchange) 21.♖h5 (21.♙xe6 ♜xd4!? 22.♖e2 ♘d3 23.♞ad1 c5↑ Korotylev) 21...♞xd4 22.♙xe6 (22.♙g8!? Monokroussos) 22...c5 (at this point Radjabov had only 5 minutes left, while Anand had 21 minutes) 23.♖xh6? (23.♙f5 ♖c6 24.♖h3 Korotylev) 23...♞a7!?. Black is better, and Anand won after 24.♞ae1 ♘d3 25.♞e3 ♞d6 26.h4 ♘f4 27.hxg5 ♘xe6 28.f3 b4 29.♞h2 ♖c7 30.♞g1 ♘f4 31.♖f8 ♞d2 32.♞e7 ♖d6 33.♖f7 ♘e2+ 34.♞h1 ♘g3+ 35.♞g1 ♖d4+ 36.♞h2 ♖h4+ 0-1

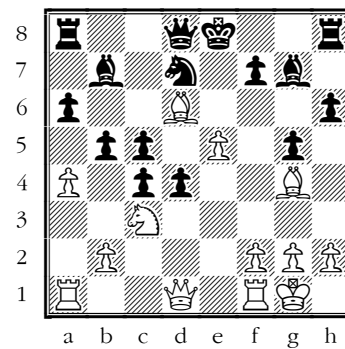
14...e5 (D)



15.♙g4N

A curious game Izoria–Erenburg, Khanty Mansyisk 2005 (Round 1.2) followed 15.d5 c5 16.b4!? (16.axb5 ♖b6!) 16...cxb4 (At the first glance, unpleasant for Black is 16...♖b6 17.bxc5 ♘xc5 18.♙xc5 ♖xc5 19.axb5 axb5 20.♞xa8+ ♙xa8 21.♖a1 0-0 22.♖a5; as well as 16...cxb3 17.axb5) 17.♙xb4 a5 18.♙d6 b4 19.♘b5 ♞c8 20.♙xc4 (20.♙g4!? h5 21.♙xb4! axb4 22.♘d6+ was suggested in CT-1848) 20...♞xc4 21.♞c1 ♞xc1 22.♖xc1 ♖b6!= 23.♘c7+ ♞d8 24.♘b5 ♞e8 25.♘c7+ ½-½

15...exd4 16.e5 c5! (D)



In contrast with the 13...e5 line, the inclusion of 13...a6 14.a4 makes the advance of the c-pawn possible. Much weaker was 16...♘xe5? 17.♖xd4! with the idea 17...♘f3+ 18.gxf3 ♙xd4 19.♞fe1++- or 16...dxc3? 17.e6.

17.♞e1

"To my mind in case of 17.♙f3 White retains a dangerous initiative", observed Maxim in his analysis in CT-2044. (Yes, he predicted the novelty also for this Radjabov vs Anand game!). For a while I could not find anything playable for Black after the bishop's retreat, because I mainly considered the natural capture 17...♙xf3?! (Also dubious are all 17...♞a7?! 18.♙xb7 ♞xb7 19.♖f3; 17...dxc3?! 18.♙xb7 cxb2 19.♞b1; and 17...♙xe5?! 18.♙xb7±. But when I switched off my computer, then I quickly spotted 17...♘xe5! After 18.♙xb7 ♖xd6 19.♙xa8∞ the engine may suggest 19...♖d8 20.axb5 dxc3 21.♙c6+ ♘xc6 22.bxc6 ♖xd1 23.♞axd1 0-0 24.bxc3 ♞c8 while the human can prefer 19...0-0) 18.♖xf3, and here Black is in deep trouble, because the white bishop on d6 practically paralyzes him: 18...♘xe5 (Otherwise: 18...dxc3 19.e6! ♘e5 20.exf7+ ♞d7 21.♖d5!±; 18...♙xe5 19.♘e4!+--) 19.♖d5! (probably strongest) 19...dxc3 20.♞ae1 (or maybe 20.♞fe1!?) 20...♞a7 21.♞xe5+ ♙xe5 22.♖xe5+ ♞d7 and now, say, 23.♖xc5!?. This all may deserve some more serious study.

17...♘xe5!

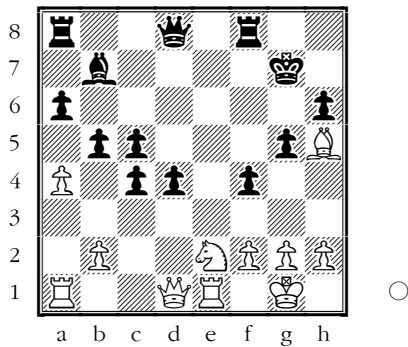
Again not good for Black is 17...dxc3?! 18.e6

18.♙xe5 0-0 19.♙xg7 ♖xg7

20.♘e2 f5!

Otherwise ♘g3.

21.♙h5 f4!∞ (D)



Black's compensation for the piece seems to be sufficient. White's knight is restricted on e2, so it is hard for White use his only trump: the weakened position of the black king.

22.b4!

Radjabov is trying to open the position, and it seems to be the correct policy.

22...cxb3

Solid. Instead, highly unclear is 22...d3 23.bxc5! (where Black can not go for 23...dxe2? 24.♖xe2), as well as 22...f3 23.♗g3!? with the idea of Δ 23...cxb4! 24.♖e6 ♖f6 25.♖e1 ♗d5 26.♖e7+.

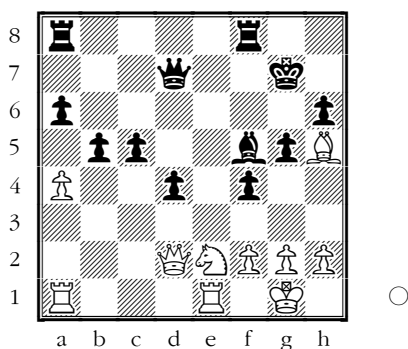
23.♖xb3 ♖d5!

Not 23...c4? 24.♖b2 c3 25.♗xc3! dxc3 26.♖xc3+-- and, suddenly, White's attack decides.

24.♖h3!

The exchange of queens is desirable for Black, but not for White.

24...♗c8 25.♖d3 ♗f5 26.♖d2 ♖d7 (D)



27.♖ac1?!

Perhaps, the first inaccuracy. Korotylev at ChessPro gives 27.♗f3!? ♖ae8 28.axb5 axb5 29.h3 b4 30.♖a5 ♖d6 31.♖c1 ♖e5∞; and 27.♖ec1 d3 28.♖xc5 dxe2 29.♖xe2=.

27...♖ac8 28.h4

White is trying to create some potential targets for attack, but this advance may weaken his position more than Black's.

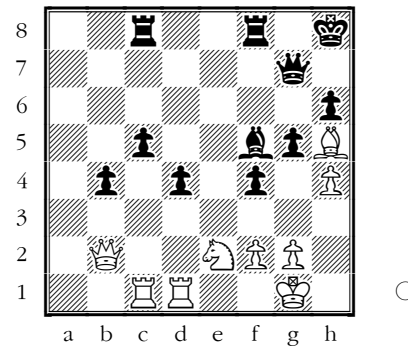
28...♖h8 29.axb5 axb5 30.♖b2

30.♖a1!? Korotylev

30...b4 31.♖ed1

Or 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.♖c4 ♗d3!? and 33.♗xd4? is parried by 33...♖g7!-+.

31...♖g7!≠ (D)



Preparing ...d3. Black already dominates, so Radjabov decides to return his extra knight, seeking drawing chances.

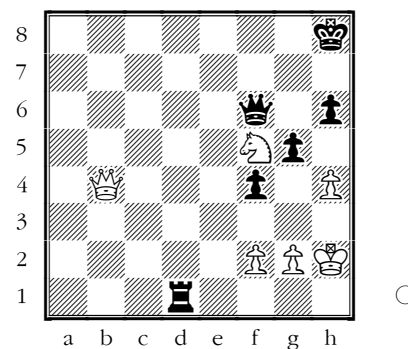
32.♗xd4!? ♖fd8

There were important alternatives: 32...gxh4!?, as suggested by Maxim Notkin in his live comments at Chess Pro, and also the most obvious 32...cxd4 33.♖xb4 d3.

33.♖xc5 ♖xc5 34.♖xb4 ♖cd5?

Correct was 34...♖e5! 35.♗xf5 ♖xd1+ 36.♗xd1 ♖xf5 with a healthy extra exchange and serious winning chances for Black.

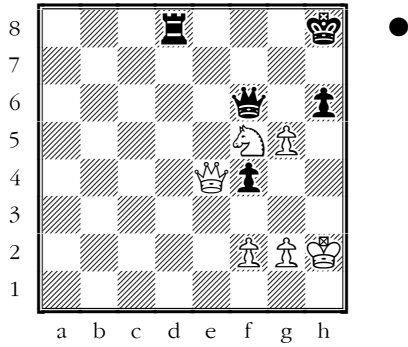
35.♗xf5 ♖xd1+ 36.♗xd1 ♖xd1+ 37.♖h2 ♖f6 (D)



38.♖e4?!

Missing the way out: 38.♗xh6!! (pointed out by Maxim, by Kasparov on Playchess.com, etc.) 38...♖xh6 (or 38...g4 39.♗f7+ Δ ♖xf7 40.♖c3+! =) 39.♖c3+! ♖g7 40.♖c8+= - Black is not able to avoid the perpetual check without losing his rook.

38...♖d8≠ 39.hxg5 (D)



39...♔xg5!?

If 39...hxg5, then, possibly, 40.♖h3! followed by ♖g4.

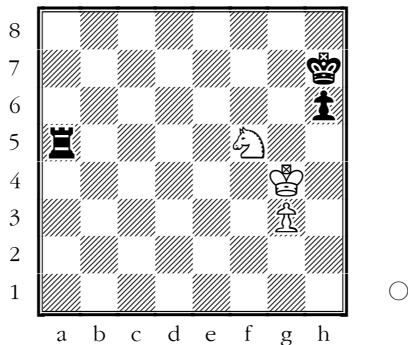
40.♖h3

After 40.♗e5+ ♖g8 41.♗e6+ (Korotylev) Black has 41...♖h7!≠.

40...♜f8 41.♞h4 ♜g8 42.♗f5

Offering the exchange of queens. White could also play 42.♗f3 or 42.♗e2, defending the g4 square and planning to meet 42...h5 by the check on the long diagonal.

42...♗xf5+ 43.♞xf5 ♖h7 44.g3 fxg3 45.fxg3 ♜a8 46.♖g4 ♜a5 (D)

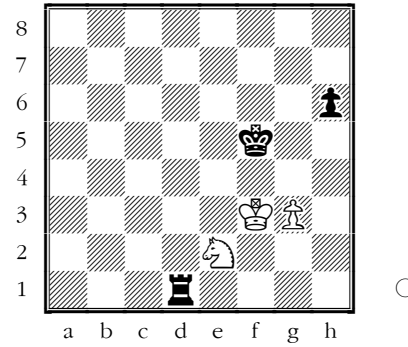


Korotylev, who analysed this ending, opined at ChessPro that this is probably a draw. Likely so. (One would be more confident, having some relevant tablebase at hand.) In the real world, Radjabov's problems with the time on his clock were of higher importance than the objective assessment of the endgame.

47.♞h4 ♖g7 48.♞g2 ♗f6 49.♞f4 ♜g5+ 50.♖h4

Possibly, Radjabov did not see an important defensive method (which will be described below), otherwise he could play 50.♗f3.

50...♗f5 51.♞h5 ♜g4+ 52.♖h3 ♜a4 53.♞f4 ♜a1 54.♞e2 ♜h1+ 55.♖g2 ♜e1 56.♗f3 ♜d1 (D)



57.♖g2?

It was not too late to play 57.♞f4!, preparing the knight's transfer to f2. A similar position occurred in the game Hanstein - Von Heydebrand und der Lasa as long ago as 1841. Accordingly to the available score of that game, Black did not try seriously to break White's defence.

57...♖g4 58.♖f2 ♜d3 After the further ...♜f3! White's defence inevitably collapses. **0-1**

Solutions to our quiz:

16...b5!!-+ 17.b3

17.♗xa4 ♖b7+ 18.♖d4 e5 #

17...♖b7+ 18.♖d4 ♗a6! 0-1

21.♖xe6!!

♞xe6

21...♞xe5

22.♞f5+-

22.exf6+!

♖xf6

23.♜xe6!!

♜xe6

24.♖g4+!

♗f8

24...♖h8

25.♞f7+

♖h7

26.♗g6#;

24...♖h7

25.♗g6+

♖h8

26.♞f7#;

24...♖xh6

25.♗g6#;

24...♖g5

25.♗xe6+-

25.♖g8+!

25.♗xe6+-

25...♖e7

26.♗f7+

♖d6

27.♞f5 #

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