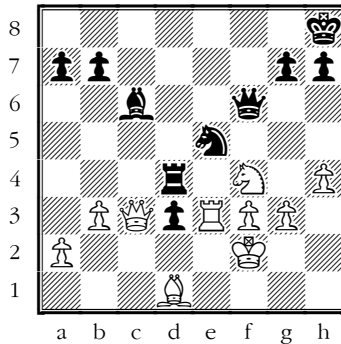
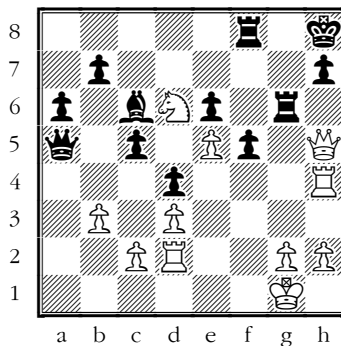


Test Yourself!

Mogranzini (2370) – Berkes (2597)
 It Frascati ITA (5), 29.03.2006



Spice (2216) – Trevelyan (2190)
 WLS-ch 52nd (6.1), 17.04.2006



World Chess News

Russian Club Championships

In the final round, the leaders *Ural* (Grischuk, Shirov, Akopian, Dreev, Malakhov, Motylev, reserve players Sakaev and Aleksandrov) and *TPS* (Ivanchuk, Volokitin, Najer, Volkov, V.Popov, Korneev, reserve players Kiriakov and S.Ivanov) play each other. *TPS* need a win as they have scored half a point individual points less!



In the women's event, last year's champions ABC are clear first with 19 points. FINEK-1 are 1 point behind. In the final round the leaders play the team from the lower part of the table which gives them a good chance to defend their title.

[Official site](#)

Premier League

Round 10 results:

Ural – Economist 3½–2½

1. Grischuk – Moiseenko 1–0
2. Shirov – Eljanov ½–½

MCF – TPS 2½–3½

1. Zvjaginsev – Ivanchuk ½–½
2. Erenburg – Volokitin ½–½
3. Kobalia – Najer 0–1

Ladya Kazan – Tomsk 400 3–3

1. Radjabov – Aronian ½–½
2. Timofeev – Morozevich ½–½

Termosteps – FINEK 3½–2½

1. Gelfand – Tiviakov ½–½
2. Rublevsky – Movsesian ½–½
3. Mamedyarov – Brodsky 1–0

Yuzhnyi Ural – Uniline 3–3

1. Asrian – Ponomariov ½–½
2. Riazantsev – Karjakin 1–0

Myeria – Lada 3½–2½

1. Miton – Alekseev ½–½

Standings before the final round:

1–2. Ural, TPS – 16

3. Tomsk 400 – 14

4. Termosteps – 13

5. Yuzhnyi Ural – 12

6. Ladya Kazan – 11

7. Uniline – 9

8–9. Economist, MCF – 7

10. Myeria – 6

11. Lada – 5

12. FINEK – 4

Van Wely vs Carlsen match

After his loss in game 1, Carlsen was victorious in game 2. The score is 1–1.

Sigeman & Co Tournament

This traditional round robin takes place in Malmo 28th April – 5th May. After 2 rounds Jan Timman has taken sole lead with a perfect score. Daniel Stellwagen is clear second with 1½ points.

Round 1 results:

Khenkin – Fedorov ½–½
Cicak – Hector 1–0
Atalik – Stellwagen ½–½
Hillarp Persson – P.Carlsson ½–½
Timman – Berg 1–0

Round 2 results:

Timman – Hillarp Persson 1–0
Stellwagen – Cicak 1–0
Fedorov – Atalik ½–½
P.Carlsson – Khenkin ½–½
Berg – Hector 1–0

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Dubai Open

In the 7th round the leader Darmen Sadvakasov lost to Gabriel Sargissian who is now sharing first place with his compatriot Tigran Petrosian and the Ukrainian Sergey Fedorchuk.

Round 7 top results:

Sargissian – Sadvakasov 1–0
Petrosian – Kacheishvili 1–0
Miroshnichenko – Fedorchuk 0–1
Izoria – Odeev 1–0

Standings after 7 rounds:

1–3. Sargissian, Petrosian, Fedorchuk – 6, 4–5. Sadvakasov, Izoria – 5½
17 players are on 5 points.

[Official site](#)

81th Argentinean Championship

After 3 rounds Peralta is leading with a perfect score. Felgaer is half a point behind. Valerga is on 2 points.

[Official website](#)

Chess Today # 1–2000: Whose Games did we Annotate?

by GM Mikhail Golubev

It is true to say that the CT team have annotated quite a lot of games in these two thousand issues. It was curious to check whose games were annotated the most in CT. On the whole, our preferences were on the side of such players who, in this period, were active at the top level (had enough invitations!?), strong, creative, cool and charismatic.

Number of games (fragments), annotated in CT 1–2000:

1. Anand (175) 2. Kramnik (151) 3. Shirov (144) 4. Topalov (137) 5. Morozevich (125) 6. Kasparov (119) 7. Leko (112) 8. Svidler (92) 9. Van Wely (89) 10. Adams (86) 11. Grischuk (82) 12. Ivanchuk (80) 13. Ponomarev (76) 14–15. Bareev (74) 14–15. Kasimdzhanov (74) 16–17. Radjabov (61) 16–17. Sutovsky (61) 18. Korchnoi (56) 19. Gelfand (55) 20. J.Polgar (54) 21. Bologan (52) 22–23. Rublevsky (46) 22–23. Vallejo (46) 24–25. Bacrot (45) 24–25. Dreev (45) 26–27. Karjakin (43) 26–27. Short (43) 28. Karpov (41) 29–30. Carlsen (39) 29–30. P.H.Nielsen (39), etc.

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GM Anand

*Most annotated player ...
and a Chess Today reader!*

In CT 1 – 2000 the games of more than 2,500 chess-players were annotated. The names of CT authors (some of whom were too active in annotating their own brilliancies) were, wisely, excluded from the list.

Galliamova to quit professional chess?

The finalist of the 2006 Women's world championship, Alisa Galliamova, said that she plans to quit professional chess at the meeting in Kazan (Tatarstan, Russia).

[Tatar-*Inform* article in Russian](#)

Welsh Championships

The [52nd Welsh Championship](#) was won by John Trevelyan who scored 5½/7. According to [British Chess Magazine](#), the champion won his two previous Welsh titles (both shared with others) in 1973 and 1979.

Annotated Game

by IM Maxim Notkin

White: S. Mamedyarov (2699)

Black: S. Volkov (2620)

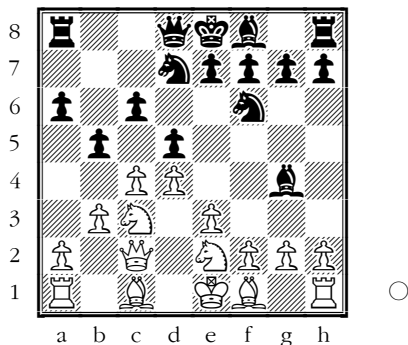
XIII TCh-RUS Sochi RUS

(9),28.04.2006

QGD; Slav defense – [D10]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.e3 a6 5.♞c2 b5 6.b3 ♟g4 7.♟ge2

7.♟d3 seems to be more natural but after 7...♟bd7 8.♟ge2 Black has the vigorous 8...e5! with good chances to equalize. 7...e6 is also playable as in case of 8.♟ge2 ♟xe2 any recapture has its drawbacks; in particular ♟xe2 is a somewhat annoying loss of tempo. **7...♟bd7 (D)**



After 7...e6 Black should reckon with 8.♟g3 **8.h3**

8.♟f4 e5 9.dxe5 ♟xe5 10.h3 ♟e6 was first played in Kasparov – Morozevich, Sarajevo 1999 where White won. However later on Black managed to obtain good positions in this line.

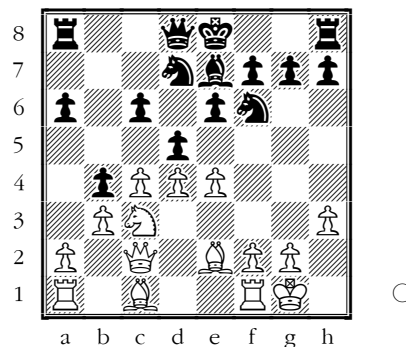
8...♟xe2

The stem line is 8...♟h5 9.♟f4 ♟g6 10.♟xg6 hxg6 but Volkov is often guided by his own opening conceptions.

9.♟xe2 e6

The game Poluljahov – Volkov, Krasnodar 2002 went 9...e5 10.dxe5 ♟xe5 11.0–0 dxc4 12.bxc4 ♟d6 13.♟e4 ♟xe4 14.♞xe4 0–0 15.♟b2 ♞e8 when Black can be satisfied with his position. Most likely in his studies Volkov had found an improvement for White since last year playing against Dreev at the Russian Superfinal he opted for 9...e6.

10.0–0 ♟e7 11.e4 b4 (D)



In Dreev – Volkov after 11...dxe4 12.♟xe4 0–0 13.♞d1 bxc4 14.bxc4 ♞c7 15.♞b1 ♞fb8 16.♞b3 ♞xb3 17.axb3 White got a durable edge thanks to the pair of bishops and a better pawn formation.

12.exd5!

You don't need to beg Mamedyarov to give up some material. Moreover the idea of this spectacular sacrifice has already been seen in practice. Actually White had no choice as in the event of 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 ♟xf6 14.♟e3 c5! 15.dxc5 (15.♞xc3 cxd4 16.♟xd4 e5 17.♞e3 0–0 18.♟b2 d4↑) 15...d4 16.♞ad1 dxe3 17.c6 exf2+ 18.♞xf2 ♞a7 Black's position is advantageous.

12...bxc3

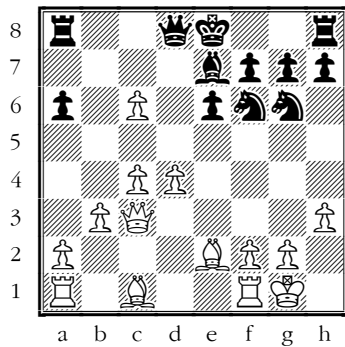
Volkov is one of those who are always ready to respond to a challenge More prudent was 12...cxd5

13.dxc6 ♟f8

The continuation 13...♟b8 14.♟f3 ♞c7 15.d5 0–0 16.♞d1 exd5 17.cxd5 would have transposed into Doettling –

Motylev, Mainz 2002 where White's position is clearly superior. 13...♖b6 is worth consideration.

14.♖xc3 ♘g6 (D)



Probably Black's idea was to stir up the kingside with the knights but White's activity on the opposite flank unrolls much faster.

15.b4! ♖b6

This move is more or less forced as after 15...0-0 16.a4 White will be ready to recapture on b5 with the a-pawn. Now he has to cede the d5 square.

16.b5 axb5 17.cxb5 ♘d5

The knight is perfectly placed but it can't stop all of White's pawns.

18.♖c4 0-0

The attempt to impede a2-a4 by 18...♙a3 is met with 19.♙xa3 ♖xa3 20.♖c5! ♖xc5 21.dxc5 and the white trio looks frightful.

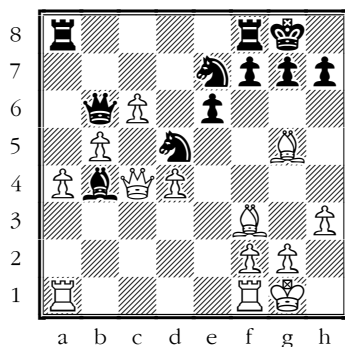
19.a4

Intending ♙d2 and a4-a5.

19...♙b4 20.♙f3 ♘ge7

Black has built up a barricade but White has enough resources to shake this construction.

21.♙g5! (D)



21...h6

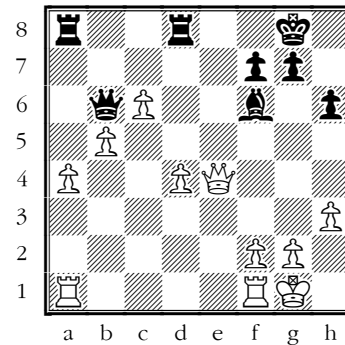
If 21...f6 22.♙h4 followed by an attack on the e6 pawn which would force Black to a further weakening by f6-f5. 21...♙a5 22.♖c5 ♖c7, maintaining the blockade, deserves attention.

22.♙xe7 ♙xe7 23.♙xd5 exd5

24.♖xd5 ♖fd8 25.♖e4

It would have been more difficult to advance the pawns after 25.♖e5 ♙f6 26.♖c5 ♙xd4 (worse is 26...♖xc5 27.dxc5 ♙xa1 28.♖xa1) 27.♖xb6 ♙xb6.

25...♙f6 (D)



26.d5!

Excellent! Mamedyarov hopes that the avalanche will sweep Black off the board despite his extra rook.

26...♙xa1 27.♖xa1 ♖c5 28.♖d1 ♖e8

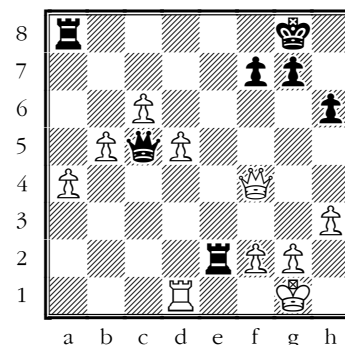
Any other move would have been answered by ♖d4.

29.♖f4

It may look like 29.♖d4!? runs into the typical 29...♖e1+ But in fact this move was possible. For example 30.♖h2 ♖d6+ 31.g3 ♖xd1 (31...♖e2 32.♖g2 ♖ae8 33.b6 ♖2e4 34.♖c3 ♖e2 and here after 35.♖d3 Black's threats have evaporated) 32.♖xd1 ♖c5 33.♖d2 ♖xa4 (33...♖d8 34.♖e3 ♖xd5 35.c7 ♖c8 36.b6 winning) 34.d6 ♖d4 35.♖e3 ♖xd6 36.c7. The best Black can obtain is a lost queen ending where he is a pawn down.

29...♖e2 (D)

Now Black has certain counterplay.



30.c7!

Less good is 30.d6 ♖xa4! 31.♖f3 ♖c2 32.♖f1 ♖d2 33.d7 ♖b4 34.♖e3 ♖h7 (34...♖xb5 loses to 35.c7 ♖xc7 36.♖xd2 ♖b8 37.♖e1) 35.b6 ♖b3 and probably Black would be able to keep the material balance.

30...♖xa4!

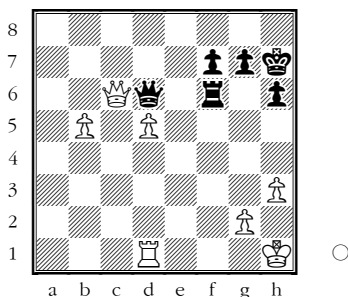
Obviously stronger than 30...g5 31.♖f3 ♗c2 32.♖f1 ♖d2 33.b6.

31.c8♖+ ♗xc8 32.♗xa4 ♖c5 33.♖h2

The computer suggests 33.♗a8+ ♖h7 34.d6 ♗xf2+ 35.♖h2 'with an enormous advantage' but after 35...h5! the evaluation noticeably falls down e.g. 36.♗d5 (36.d7 h4 is a draw out of hand) 36...f5! 37.♖h1 h4 38.♗f3 ♖e1+ 39.♖xe1 ♗xe1+ 40.♖h2 ♗e5+ 41.♖g1 ♗xb5.

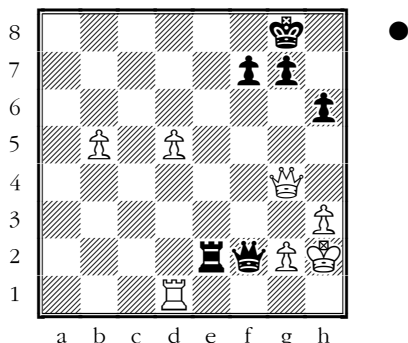
33...♗xf2

In case of 33...♗d6+ White had a lengthy way to victory but if he succeeds in discovering the 37th move the rest is rather simple - 34.♖h1 (34.f4 g5) 34...♖xf2 35.♗a8+ ♖h7 36.♗c6 ♖f6 (D)



37.♖g1! (in a rook ending after 37.b6 ♗xc6 38.dxc6 ♖xc6 39.♖b1 ♖c8, or 37.♗xd6 ♖xd6 38.g4 ♖g6 39.♖g2 ♖f6 the black king arrives in time) 37...♗a3 (37...♖g6 38.♗c2+; 37...♖g8 38.b6!; 37...g5 38.♗xd6 ♖xd6 39.♖f2 ♖g6 40.♖e3) 38.d6 ♗e3+ 39.♖h1 ♗e2 40.♗d5 ♖f1+ 41.♖xf1 ♗xf1+ 42.♖h2 ♗f4+ 43.♖g1 ♗c1+ 44.♖f2 ♗c2+ 45.♖e3 and the white king avoids the checks at Black's rear.

34.♗g4 (D)



34...♖e8?

By means of 34...h5! 35.♗g3 ♗f6 36.♖h1 (36.d6 leads to a draw after 36...h4 37.♗g4 (37.♗d3 ♗f2 38.♗d5 ♗g3+) 37...♗e5+ 38.♖h1 ♖e1+ 39.♖xe1 ♗xe1+ 40.♖h2 ♗e5+) 36...h4

Black could obtain good practical chances to save the game.

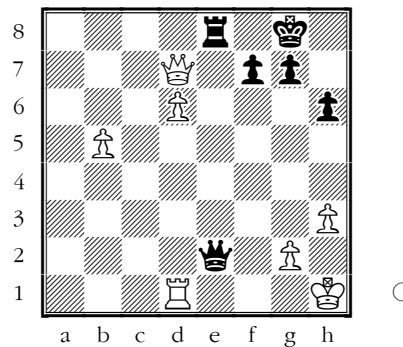
35.d6 ♗c5 36.♗d7

Simpler is 36.d7 ♖d8 37.♗e2 ♖f8 38.♖h1.

36...♗e5+

Missing the last possibility to complicate by 36...♖e2 to which White may reply 37.♖f1.

37.♖h1 ♗e2 (D)



38.♖c1

Even more convincing is 38.♗xe8+! ♗xe8 39.d7 ♗d8 40.b6.

38...♖f8 39.b6 The black rook is passive while the white pawns have finally started moving.

39...f5 40.b7 ♖h7 41.♗c8 ♗d2 42.b8♗ 1-0

Solutions to our quiz:

Mogranzini - Berkes:

38...♗g4+! 0-1 38...♗g4+ 39.fxg4 ♖xf4+ 40.gxf4 ♗xc3

Spice - Trevelyan:

29...♖xg2+!-+ 30.♖f1 ♖g7-+ 31.♖e2?! ♗a1+ 0-1

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