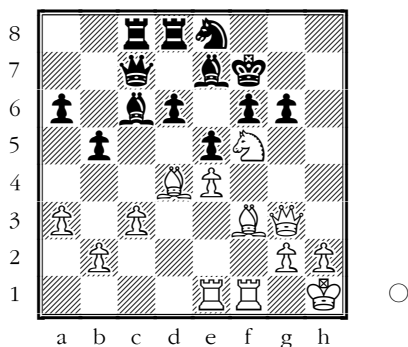


Chess Quiz

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Chess News

Polish Championship

Standings before the final round:

1. Wojtaszek – 8½
- 2–3. Kempinski, Socko – 8
4. Miton – 7½
- 5–6. Macieja, Markowski – 7, etc.

Armenian Championship

Standings after 4 rounds:

- 1–2. Anastasian, Asrian – 3
- 3–5. Sargissian, Yegiazarian, Art. Minasian – 2½
- 6–7. Ara Minasian, Babuljan – 2, etc.

The latest TWIC issue gives the results of three open tournaments that finished recently.

Metz Open

150 players, 9 rounds Swiss

Final standings:

1. M. Gurevich – 7½
- 2–6. Spraggett, Schekachev, Dziuba, D. Collas, Bauer – 7
- 7–16. Cheparinov, Kengis, Dunis, Bagheri, Savchenko, Barsov, Djuric, Sulava, Svetushkin, Murey – 6½, etc.

2nd Porto Carras International Open

53 players, 9 rounds Swiss

Final standings:

- 1–2. Miezis, Korneev – 7
- 3–4. A. Mastrovasilis, Sanduleac – 6½
- 5–11. Postny, Av. Bykhovsky, Tolstikh, Nikolaidis, Zysk, Obodchuk, Allahverdiev – 6, etc.

Cutro International Festival

40 players, 9 rounds Swiss

Final standings:

1. Miladinovic – 7
- 2–4. Drasko, S. Kasparov, Starostits – 6½
- 5–6. Ninov, M. Ivanov – 6, etc.

The WebChess Gambit Match

We have received the following Press Release:

From 10 until 13 May 2005 the Chess Events Maastricht Foundation organizes a match Van Wely – Stellwagen in the Centre Céramique in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The first two games are Random Chess games, the last two games are Advanced Chess games (normal games but with the eventual help of a computer).

One of the driving forces behind the Chess Events Maastricht Foundation is Jan van Reek. He was born on 10 July 1945 in Oostvoorne, studied Chemistry in Leiden, was a medical researcher in Maastricht, and nowadays lives in Margraten as a chess author and especially as an endgame specialist.

On 10 July 2005 he will celebrate his 60th anniversary with the start of The WebChess Gambit Match. Jan has therefore sponsored the prize fund. The match will be played on the ICCF

Webserver by two (former) Correspondence Chess World Champions: Mikhail Umansky and Gert Timmerman. ICCF is the International Correspondence Chess Federation, the world-wide body of correspondence chess recognized by FIDE. In the past ICCF games were played by post, later by fax and email, and nowadays a switch to webserver play is made. The essence of correspondence chess has always been that reflection time is measured in days, not in hours or minutes.

Mikhail Umansky (Russia) is living in Germany. He was the 13th World Champion (1998 – 2000). Gert Timmerman (the Netherlands) was the 15th World Champion (2001 – 2003). Both players participated in the ICCF 50 Years Jubilee World Champions Tournament (2001 – 2004) together with all other seven still living World Champions. This tournament was won by Umansky with the marvelous score of 7 out of 8 (TPR 2974). Timmerman shared the second place with 5 out of 8, together with Fritz Baumbach (Germany) and Vytas Palciauskas (USA).

Jan van Reek invited both Umansky and Timmerman to play a Gambit Match of six different games. The games are played on the ICCF Webserver and will be recorded live. The Dutch International Arbiter Nol van 't Riet will be the Tournament Director. The six gambits have been carefully selected by Jan van Reek in such a way that both players will have about the same chances, based on historical performances in these openings.

The gambits as they have been chosen by Jan van Reek are:

1. King's Gambit:

A. 1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4

B. 1. e4 e5 2. f4 else

2. Two Knights Defence

A. 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5

B. 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4

3. Evans Gambit and Scotch

A. 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4

B. 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4

On 13 May 2005 Umansky and Timmerman will be present in the Centre Céramique in Maastricht when the lots are drawn for those six gambit games at the closing banquet of the match Van Wely – Stellwagen. That is to say that three times the lots will decide which player will play the A-games with White. The other player then will automatically play with the White pieces in the B-game.

The games will be recorded under "Tables and Results" on the ICCF webserver: www.iccf-webchess.com.

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Annotated Game

by IM Maxim Notkin



White: D. Gormally (2472) (above)

Black: M. Hennigan (2408)

4NCL Nottingham ENG (7), 09.04.2005

Sicilian, Canal-Sokolsky (Nimzovich-Rossolimo, Moscow) attack - [B51]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♙b5+ ♘c6 4.c3

Played with the purpose of creating the pawn pair d4+e4. Except for the simplest 4.0-0 ; White may also choose 4.♙xc6+ bxc6 5.0-0 hoping to exploit the defects of opponent's pawn formation; or 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗xd4 (5.♙xd4)

4...♗f6 5.♙e2

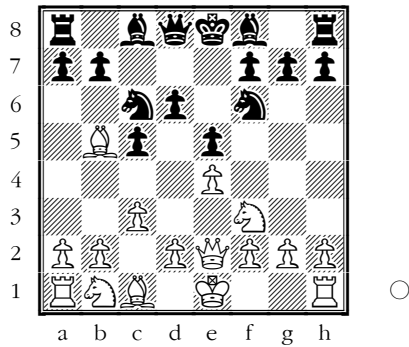
The queen's move weakens control over the d4 square but other ways of protecting the e-pawn are less comfortable while 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4? doesn't work due to 6...♙a5+ 7.♗c3

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♗xe4

5...e5 (D)



This move doesn't actually prevent d2-d4 but it does destroy White's plans of building up the pawn centre. Other options are 5...♗d7 ; and 5...♗g4 to both of which White usually plays 6.d4 consenting to trade the bishop for the knight after 6...cxd4 7.cxd4 a6 8.♗xc6+ bxc6

6.0-0

Kasparov against Petursson, Kopavogur rapid 2000 played 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 and after 7...a6 (7...cxd4) 8.e5! ♗d5 9.exd6+ ♗e6 10.♗xc6+ bxc6 11.dxc5 ♖a5+ 12.♗d2 ♗xc5 White got an opportunity to hold the enemy king in the centre by 13.d7+! ♗xd7 14.♗a3 with an advantage

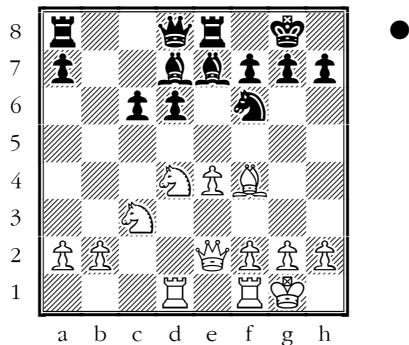
6...♗e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 exd4 9.♗xd4 ♗d7 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♗c3 0-0

The resulting position is identical to the one from the Steinitz Defence in the Ruy Lopez. The only difference consists in the absence of the c2 and c7 pawns. At the moment Black's bishops are rather passive but his position is solid.

12.♗f4

In Tkachiev - Xu Jun Singapore 1995 a draw was agreed after 12.♖f3 ♗b6 13.♗f5 ♗xf5 14.♖xf5 ♖fe8 15.b3

12...♖e8 13.♖ad1 (D)



13...d5

It's Black's turn to make a concession. At the cost of the isolation of the central pawn he frees his bishops

14.exd5 ♗xd5

14...cxd5 deserves attention as well since with the isolani it's better to have many pieces on the board

15.♗xd5

White could win a pawn by a tactical trick 15.♗xc6!? ♗xf4 (15...♗xc6 16.♗xd5 ♗xd5 17.♖b5!) 16.♖c4 but after 16...♗h3+! 17.gxh3 ♖c8 18.♗xe7+ ♖xe7 19.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 it would have not been easy to convert it.

15...cxd5 16.♖f3 ♗f6 17.♗e3

To 17.♖xd5 Black replies 17...♗g4 (or 17...♗a4 solving all his problems therefore White strengthens the central outpost)

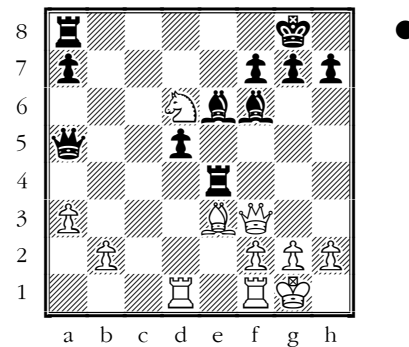
17...♖a5 18.a3 ♖e4 19.♗f5

As usual, the knight's appearance on f5 creates various threats and motives

19...♗e6

19...♗xb2? is bad in view of 20.♖xd5! ♖xd5 21.♗e7+ winning the queen; In principle the exchange on f5 favours White but here after 19...♗xf5 20.♖xf5 ♖d8 he is unable to protect his queenside and the position will be levelled quickly. The text move leads to a more complicated play

20.♗d6 (D)



20...♖a4?!

20...♖e5? loses the exchange after 21.♗c4 (or 21.♗d4) ; interesting is 20...♖h4!? and in the event of 21.g3 ♖g4 22.h3 ♖g6 Black is fine with his rook on g6; 20...♗g4!? equalizes immediately - 21.♖xd5 ♖xd5 22.♖xe4 ♖xe4 23.♗xe4 ♗xb2

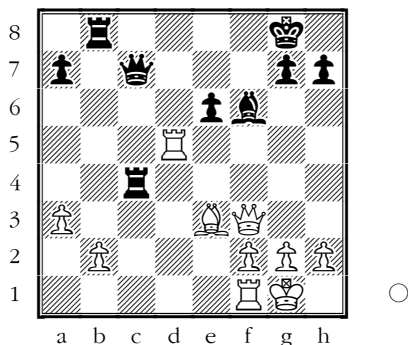
21.♗b7! ♖c7 22.♗c5 ♖c4 23.♖xd5

In the event of 23.♗xe6 fxe6 24.♖xd5! ♖c6! 25.♖d2 ♖xf3 26.gxf3 a5 White's extra pawn isn't enough for a win

23...♖b8

It's plain to see that the capture on d5 is insufficient - 23...♗xd5 24.♕xd5 ♖xc5□ 25.♕xa8+ ♖c8 26.♕xa7 and so on; But correct was 23...♗g4! 24.♕g3 (24.♗d7? runs into 24...♖c8! 25.♗d5 ♖xc5! 26.♕xf7+ ♖h8 and Black is a piece up) 24...♕xg3 25.hxg3 ♗xb2 26.f3 ♗e6 27.♗xe6 fxe6 28.♗d3 with a drawn ending

24.♗xe6 fxe6 (D)



25.♗h5! ♗xb2 26.♕h3

A double attack on h7 and e6

26...♗xa3 Or else Black loses a pawn without any compensation

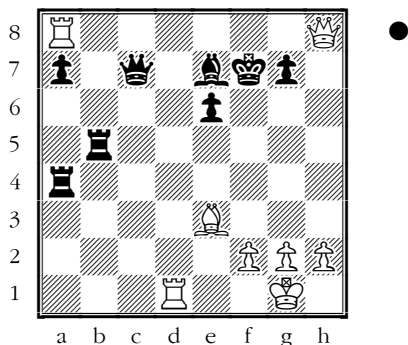
27.♗xh7 ♖b5

Black can't parry ♗h8+ so he protects against the following ♕h5

28.♗h8+ ♗f7 29.♗a8! ♖a4 30.♗d1?

Much simpler was 30.♕h8 The rook might have entered later on

30...♗e7 31.♕h8 (D)



31...♕d7!

An unpleasant surprise. White should lose a tempo due to the weakness of the back rank

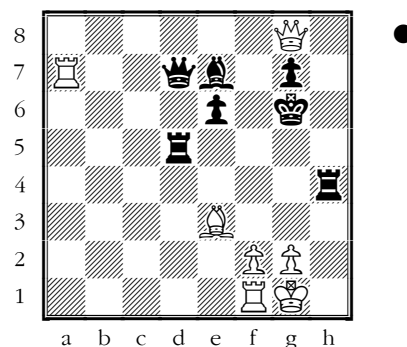
32.♕g8+ ♗g6 33.♖f1 ♗d5!

Intending ♗d1. White is forced to take care of his own king but reluctant to forget about the opponent's one he makes a highly inaccurate move

34.h4?!

White should have submitted to 34.h3 ♗d1 35.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 36.♕h2 ♗d6+

37.g3 and Black forces perpetual by 37...♗xg3+! 38.♕xg3 ♕g1+ 39.♕f3 ♕h1+ 40.♕g3 (40.♕e2? ♖a2+ mating) 40...♕g1+; The attempt to protect the 1st rank by 34.♖c8 followed by ♖cc1 fails to 34...♖a1! 35.g3 (35.♖cc1 ♖xc1 36.♗xc1 ♗d1+) 35...♗dd1 36.♗xd1 ♕xd1+ 37.♕g2 ♕f1+ 38.♕f3 ♕h1+ 39.♕g4 ♖a4+ 40.♗f4 ♕d1+ 41.♕h3 (41.f3 ♕d7! 42.♕e8+ ♕xe8 43.♖xe8 ♕f7 and in view of the threats of g5 and e5 White should give up the exchange) 41...♖xf4! 42.♕xe6+ (42.gxf4 ♕f3#) 42...♖f6 43.♕e4+ (43.♕xe7 ♕h5+ 44.♕g2 ♕f3+ 45.♕h3 ♕f5+ mating) 43...♕f7 44.♕c4+ ♗e6 45.♕f4+ ♕g6 and the checks are over **34...♖xh4 35.♖xa7? (D)**



35.g3 was essential. After the text move White could have been checkmated

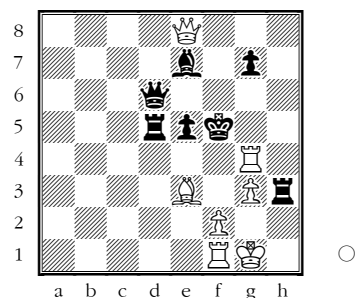
35...♕d6?

Missing 35...♗dh5! 36.f4 ♖h1+ 37.♕f2 ♖xf1+ 38.♕xf1 ♕d1+ 39.♕f2 ♗h4+ 40.g3 ♗xg3+! 41.♕xg3 ♕e1+ 42.♗f2 ♕c3+ Obviously both opponents were in time trouble

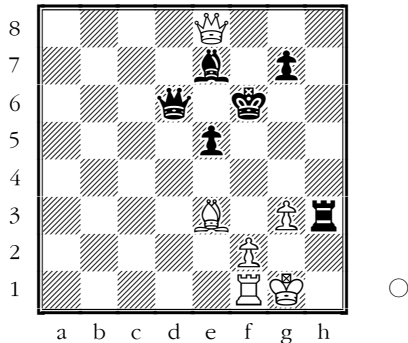
36.g3 ♖h3 37.♕e8+ ♗f6 38.♖a4 e5?

The decisive mistake After 38...♕d8 39.♖f4+ ♖f5 40.♗d4+ ♕g5 41.♕xd8 ♗xd8 42.♖e4 Black could hope to save the ending

39.♖c4!? Passing around from the other side 39.♖g4 was winning as well - 39...♕f5 (D)



40. ♖f7+! ♔f6 (40... ♖f6 41. ♖xd5 ♖xg4
 42. ♖e4+ ♖h5 43. g4+! ♖h4 44. g5+;
 40... ♖xg4 41. f3+ ♖xg3 42. ♔f2#)
 41. ♖g5+ ♖e4 42. ♖g6+ ♖f3 43. ♖f5+
 ♖e2 44. ♖c2+ ♔d2 (44... ♖f3 45. ♖f5+
 ♖g4 46. ♖e4#) 45. ♖c4+ ♖d3 46. ♖g4#
**39... ♖e6 40. ♖c6 ♔d6 41. ♖xd6
 ♖xd6 (D)**



42. ♖c1!

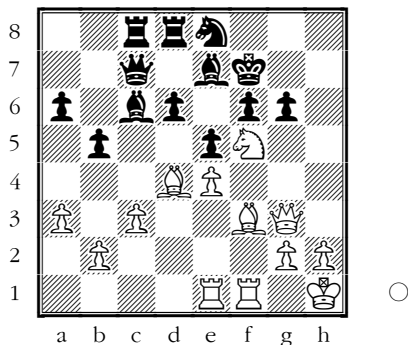
To save both the queen and the king
 Black has to give up the rook!

**42... ♖f5 43. g4+! ♖xg4 44. ♖c8+
 44. ♖c8+ ♖h4 (44... ♖h5 45. ♖xh3+)
 45. ♖c4+
 1-0**

Solution to our quiz:

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25. ♔h5!

**25. ♔h5 gxf5 26. ♔h6+ ♖e6 27. ♖h3+
 1-0**

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