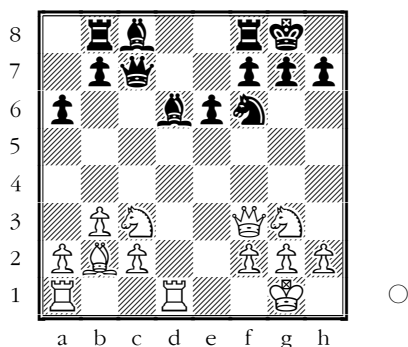


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Magem (2593) – Oms Pallisse (2528)
Magistral Casino Barcelona (3), 2010



On This Day

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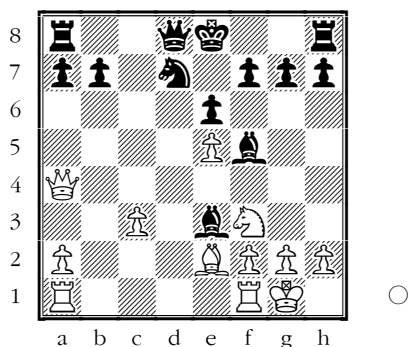


World Chess News

Tal Memorial

After an extremely interesting round 8, Mamedyarov is leading alone. Truth be told, his victory over Wang Hao was the outcome of the latter's unforced mistakes – after the opening White had no advantage whatsoever. Shirov won his first game. His 15th move was quite impressive:

Shirov – Eljanov



15. ♖ad1!! (1–0, 25)

Karjakin's win over Kramnik is today's main annotated game.

Round 8 results:

Mamedyarov – Wang Hao 1–0
Aronian – Grischuk ½–½
Karjakin – Kramnik 1–0
Nakamura – Gelfand ½–½
Shirov – Eljanov 1–0

Standings after 8 rounds:

1. Mamedyarov (2763) – 5½,
2–3. Aronian (2801) and Karjakin (2760) – 5,
4–6. Wang Hao (2727), Nakamura (2741) and Grischuk (2771) – 4½,
7. Kramnik (2791) – 3½,
8. Shirov (2735) – 3,
9. Gelfand (2741) – 2½,
10. Eljanov (2742) – 2.

Round 9 pairings:

Gelfand – Mamedyarov
Wang Hao – Karjakin
Eljanov – Aronian
Grischuk – Nakamura
Kramnik – Shirov

[Official website](#) (in Russian)

Casino Barcelona

This all-play-all 14th category event took place from the 4th to the 12th of November.

Final standings:

1–2. GMs Bruzon (CUB) and Salgado Lopez (ESP) – 7 out of 9,
3. GM Inarkiev (RUS) – 6,
4–5. GMs Jussupow (GER) and Edouard (FRA) – 4½,
6–7. GMs Alsina Leal (ESP) and Cuartas (COL) – 4,
8. GM Oms Pallisse (ESP) – 3½,
9. GM Magem (ESP) – 2½,
10. GM Hess (USA) – 2.

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German Bundesliga

This weekend, rounds 3 and 4 in Schachbundesliga take place. We will cover it in the forthcoming CT issues.

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Annotated Game

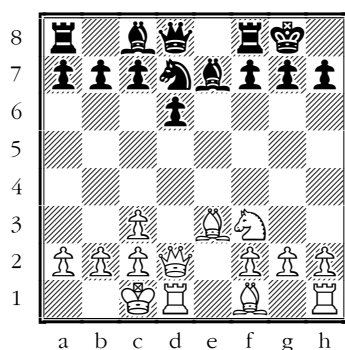
by GM Mikhail Golubev

Karjakin (2760) – Kramnik (2791)

Tal Memorial Moscow (8), 13.11.2010

Russian Defence; C42

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗xe5 d6
4.♗f3 ♗xe4 5.♗c3 ♗xc3 6.dxc3
♙e7 7.♙e3 0-0 8.♚d2 ♗d7
9.0-0-0 (D)



9...♗e5

9...♙e8 10.h4 c6 (a rare plan) 11.♙d3
♗f6N occurred in Nakamura–Kramnik,
Round 4 (CT–3653).

10.h4 c6

Against Topalov in Sofia 2005,
Vladimir played 10...♙g4 (CT–1651).
Later Kramnik tried 10...♙e8 against
Svidler in the Russian Superfinal 2005
(CT–1869).

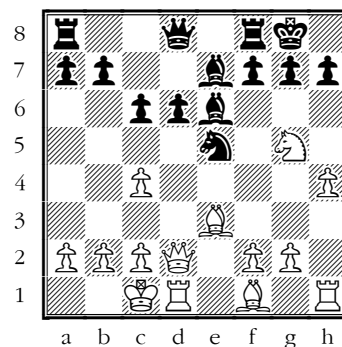
11.c4!?

In round 1, the game Karjakin–
Gelfand continued 11.♙b1 ♙g4
12.♙e2 ♗xf3 13.gxf3 ♙h5 14.f4 ♗xe2
15.♙xe2 ♗f6N 16.♙hg1 ♙e8 17.f5 ♙h8
18.h5 h6 19.♙d2 – White won after a
long fight, but things were far from
clear along the way.

11...♙e6

Other moves are awaiting practical
test.

12.♗g5!± (D)



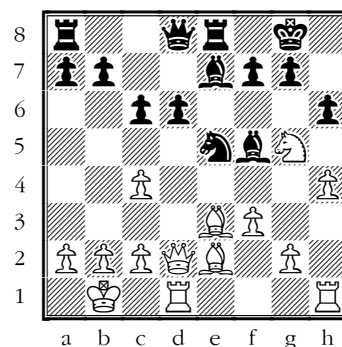
12...♙f5

Gashimov–Gelfand, Astrakhan 2010
continued 12...♗xc4 13.♙d3 (13.♗xe6
♗xd2 14.♗xd8 ♗xf1 15.♗xc6 bxc6
16.♙hxf1∞ is playable for Black)
13...♙xg5 14.hxg5 g6 15.♙f4±. After
12...♙c8, 13.♙d4 looks promising.

13.♙b1

13.f4 is not too ambitious – 13...♗g4
14.♙d3 ♙d7∞.

13...♙e8 14.f3! h6 15.♙e2! (D)



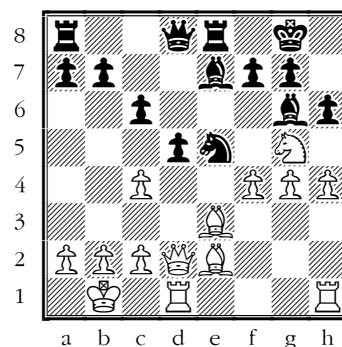
15...d5

15...hxg5! is extremely dangerous for
Black, even though it's not easy to
prove White's advantage in analysis
versus the computer. I prefer White,
one way or another: 16.g4! ♙g6
17.hxg5 ♙d7 18.♙d4 f6 19.gxf6 ♗xf6
20.g5 and so on.

16.g4 ♙g6

Only a chess engine may suggest
retreating the bishop to d7 or c8.

17.f4 (D)



17...dxc4

The line 17...d4 18.♙xd4 hxcg5 19.hxcg5 ♙e4 20.♖c3± could hardly satisfy Black either.

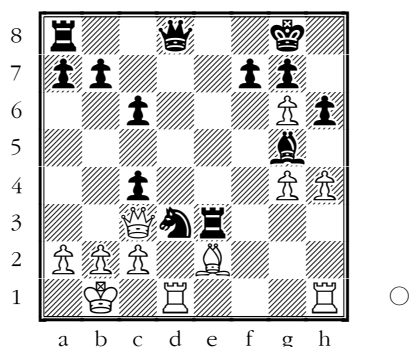
18.♖c3! ♘d3

The passive 18...♘d7 does not deserve to be considered seriously.

19.f5!

It is only natural that White wished to avoid the line 19.♖xc4? ♘xb2! 20.♖xb2 where his king comes under attack: 20...♙f6+ (Not 20...♖a5 21.h5 b5 22.♖b3 ♖a3+ 23.♖b1 ♖xb3+ 24.axb3 ♙xg5 25.♙h3!) 21.♖b1 ♖e7! 22.♙h3 b5 23.♖b3 a5!⇒

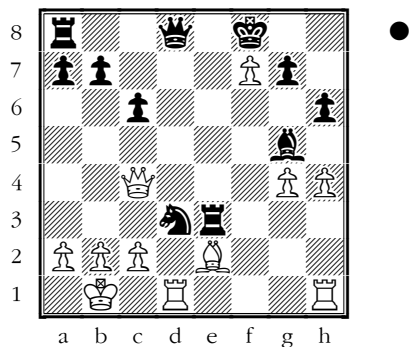
19...♙xg5 20.fxg6 ♙xe3 (D)



21.gxf7+

21.♖xc4↑ was probably more precise. One curious line after 21...♙xh4 is 22.♙xd3!? (22.♙xd3 is more obvious) 22...♙xd3 23.♙xd3 ♖e7 24.♖xf7+ ♖h8 (24...♖xf7? loses a bishop) 25.♙f1 and Black will not necessarily manage to hold this. For example, 25...♙d8 26.♖xe7 ♙xe7 27.♙f7 ♙d7 28.g5 hxcg5 29.a4 g4 30.♙f1 g3 31.♙h1+ ♖g8 32.♙c4+ ♙d5 33.♙e1 ♖f8 34.♙xd5 cxd5 35.♙e2 and then White will activate his king.

21...♖f8 22.♖xc4 (D)



22...♙xe2?

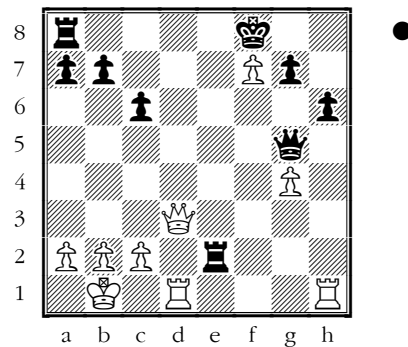
After 22...♙xh4!? 23.♙xd3 ♙f6 Black is in danger, but it is not easy for White

to conduct the attack. 24.g5 ♙xg5 25.♖g4 ♖e7 is a possible continuation.

23.hxcg5± ♖xg5?

This is a decisive mistake in a very difficult position. More stubborn was 23...b5 24.♖c3!? (24.♖b3 ♖d5 25.♖xd5 cxd5 26.♙xd3) 24...b4 25.♖xd3 ♖xd3 26.cxd3! ♙e6 27.gxh6 gxh6 28.g5±

24.♖xd3+- (D)

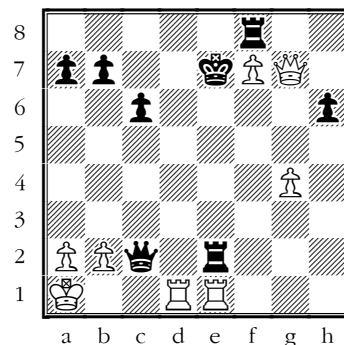


Now Black is firmly lost.

24...♖e3

Or 24...♙f2 25.♖h7! ♖xf7 26.♙d7+ ♖f6 27.♖e4! ♖e5 28.♙f7+ ♖xf7 29.♖xe5 and wins.

25.♖h7! ♖e4 26.♖g8+ ♖e7 27.♖xg7 ♖xc2+ 28.♖a1 ♙f8 29.♙hf1 ♙d2 30.♙fe1+ ♙e2 (D)



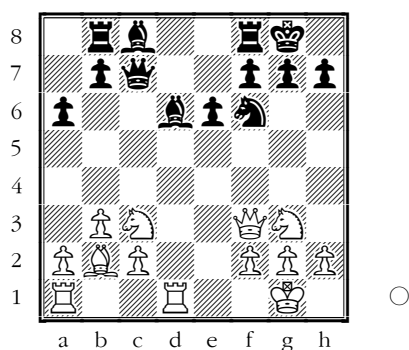
31.♖c3! ♖xf7 32.♖f3+ 1-0.



Solution to our Quiz:

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**17. Rxd6! Qxd6 18. Nce4+- Nxe4
19. Nxe4 Qc7**

Or 19... Qe7 20. Nf6+ Qh8 21. Ne5! Ra8
(21... Nd7 22. Nxd7 Qxd7 23. Ng3 f6
24. Nxb8) 22. Qe4! gxf6 23. Nh4.

20. Nf6+! Qh8 21. Qe4! 1-0.

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