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International Master **Wazeer Ahmad Khan** (born Feb 4, 1947, right) of Rampur, UP made a Grand Master norm at Mandalay in Myanmar when he won the Asian Senior (Above-65) Championship there recently. In the centre is AICF CEO and Deputy President of the Asian Chess Federation **Bharat Singh Chauhan**. At left is **Maung Maung Lwin**, President of the Myanmar Chess Federation.

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Padmini's Hat-trick



Padmini Rout of Odisha wins third National Women Premier Title at Delhi this month. She won in Sangli 2014, Kolkata 2015 and now in the capital for a hat-trick. Two other players who made it three in a row are Rohini Khadilkar of Mumbai and S Vijayalakshmi of Chennai.

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↑ Sergey Karjakin of Russia and Magnus Carlsen (right, without the tie!) of Norway at the drawing of colours in the World Championship Match at New York this month. Source: www.fide.com

Wazeer Retains Asian Seniors Title

(With input from Maung Maung Lwin and Peter Long)

By Manuel Aaron

IM Wazeer Ahmad Khan of India won the 7th Asian Seniors Chess Championship in the 'Above 65' category when it ended this November in Mandalay, Myanmar. And he won it in style with a sweeping score of 9/9 though he was only the 5th seed! He gets a GM norm as a bonus.

Born 4th Feb 1947, Wazeer had earlier won the 6th Asian Seniors Championship in 2015 when it was held in Larestan, Iran. Thanks to that victory, he was awarded the title of International Master. At that tournament, IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan had won the 'Above 50' category.

Amazingly, in the 'Above 50' section, unrated Myint Han of Myanmar beat last year's champ, IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan to take the first prize ahead of five IMs from Kazakhstan, Iran, Pakistan, Myanmar and Singapore!

Mandalay also had an Asian Seniors Women (Above 50) Championship. As only 3 women participated, they were included in the Above 50 Open and separate prizes given. Helen Milligan of New Zealand won this with 5 points and retained the title that she had won last year in Iran.

Wazeer Ahmad Khan is a chess professional who has

travelled to several countries, including the USA, giving chess lessons.

He lives in Rampur in UP, a four hour drive from Delhi. He says that the UP Government, headed by Akhilesh Yadav, has solidly appreciated his skill in chess by honouring him with the Yash Bharti Award of Rs 11 lakhs (about US\$ 15,000) and a monthly pension of Rs 50,000 (fifty thousand) which he has received for the past six months.

Wazeer has four daughters and three sons, all of whom are well settled in life. His elder brother, Zameer Ahmad Khan (1933-2014) had qualified for the National "A" in Bombay 1986 but did not participate. That was the Championship won by V.Anand for the first time.

Wazeer is now preparing to participate in the World Seniors Championship to be held in Marianske Lazne, in the Czech Republic from Nov 18 to Dec 1. The World Seniors would be tough as GMs like Viktor Korchnoy have won it.

The Championship was efficiently organised by Maung Maung Lwin (President, Myanmar Chess Federation) who is an FM, International Arbiter (IA), FIDE Trainer (FT) and International Organ-

iser. He publishes a monthly chess magazine, Myanmar Chess Digest which contains articles in both English and Burmese.

FM, IA and FIDE Trainer Peter Long was the Chief Arbitrator. Apart from being the Chief Arbitrator at Mandalay, he also concurrently organised an Arbiters' Seminar at which he is an expert. He had organised an Arbiters' Seminar in Thailand in June. He is scheduled to run such seminars at Indonesia in December and New Zealand in January.

He is the Features Editor of a newly launched American Chess magazine and writes the Opinion page in 'themalay mailonline.com'

Top results of the 'Above 50': 1. Myint Han (Mya) 8; 2-3. IM Mahmood Lodhi (Pak), IM Mohandesi Shahin (Iran) 7½ ...36 players.

Top results of the 'Above 65': 1. IM Wazeer Ahmad Khan (Ind) 9/9 !!; 2 Saw Kyaw Nyein (Mya) 6½; 3-4. Robert Gibbons (NZ), Tin Mg Aye (Mya) 6 each....17 players.

We give below a game from Mandalay.

Wazeer Ahmad Khan (1847)

Aung Say

Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein E41

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 c5 6.Bd3 dxc4
7.Bxc4 Ne4 8.Qc2 f5 9.0-0±
Bxc3 10.bxc3 a6 11.Bd3 Nf6
12.dxc5 Nc6 13.Nd4 Ne5
[♠13...Qc7] 14.Rd1 Nxd3
15.Rxd3 Qe7



16.c6!+- bxc6 [♠16...0-0
17.Qb3 bxc6 18.Ba3 c5 19.Nxf5
Qc7 20.Qc4+-] 17.Nxc6 Qc7
18.Rd8+ Kf7 19.Rxh8 Qxc6
20.f3 Nd5 21.c4 Ra7 22.Bb2
Kg6 23.Qb3 Nb6 24.Bd4 Rb7
25.Bxb6!/? [Simplifies and
wins. However, stronger was:
25.Rc1 e5 26.Bxe5 Be6 27.Qc3
Nxc4 28.Qe1! threatens the
winning 29 Qg3+] 25...Rxb6
26.Qa3 Qb7 27.Qd3 Bd7
28.Rd1 Ba4 29.Rd2 Rb1+
30.Kf2 Rh1 31.Qd6! A good
move, attacking e6 and defend-
ing h2 from afar. 31...Kh6
32.Rb8 Qf7 33.Rb6 g6
34.Rxa6 Qb7 35.Qf4+ Kg7
36.Rxa4 1-0.

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National Junior Games

By Manuel Aaron

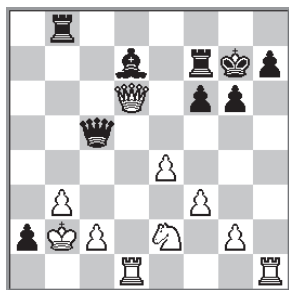
Tejaswini Sagar 2256

Saina Salonika 2093

Sicilian Dragon B78

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3
Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4
Bd7 10.0-0 Rb8 11.h4 b5
12.Bb3 Na5 13.h5 Nc4 14.
Bxc4 bxc4 15.Bh6 Qb6 16.b3
cxb3 17.axb3 Qc5 [17...Qa5
had been successfully tried in a
2005 game.] 18.Kb2 a5
19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.hxg6 fxg6
21.Nd5 Rf7 [21...h5 leaving
his e7 pawn to its fate was a
better idea.] 22.Nxf6 exf6
23.Ne2 a4 24. Qxd6 a3+
25.Kb1 a2+ 26. Kb2



26...a1Q+? [⊔26...Qa7
27.Nc3 Ra8 28.Ra1±] 27.Kxa1
Ra8+ 28.Kb2 Ra2+ 29.Kxa2
Qxc2+ 30.Ka1 Bb5 (Threat
Ra7+ mating) 31.Qb8 Rf8
32.Qb7+ Rf7 33.Rxh7+! If
33...Kxh7 34 Qxf7+ Kh6 35
Rh1+ Kg5 36 f4+ Kg4 37 Qxg6#
1-0.

The National Junior and
National Junior Girls Champi-
onships were covered in the

previous issue of Chess Mate. We
present more games.



Arpita Mukherjee 2040

Tejaswini Sagar 2256

33.Bxc8! The start of a
nice, long, winning variation.
33...Rxc8 34.Rb6! Qd7
35.Nf5+!! gxf5 36.Qxh6+ Kf7



Arpita Mukherjee

37.Rf6+! Ke7 38.Qg7+ Kd8
39.Rf8+ Kc7 40.Rf7 Rd8
41.exf5! Qxf7 42.Qxf7+ Rd7
43.Qe8 Nxb2 44.Qxe5+ Kc6
45.f6 Nd3 46.Qe6+ Rd6
47.Qe8+ Kc5 48.f7! 1-0.

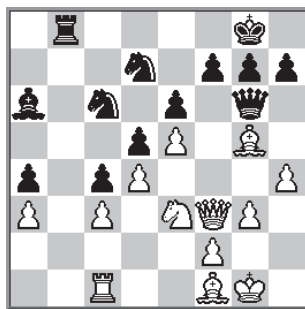
Ananya Suresh 1946
 D Jishitha 1884
 French Defence C00

Hotel Shelton, Rajahmundry

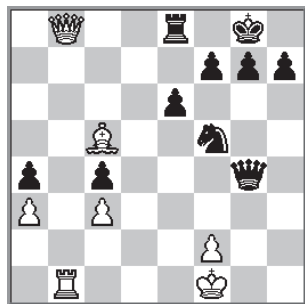
D.Jishitha of A.P. is the current National U-13 Girls Champion. In this game she displays extraordinarily strong attacking skills. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 b5 11.Nf1 c4 12.d4 b4 13.c3 a5 14.h4 [A European game in 1999 went: 14.Ne3 a4 and immediately drawn in a European game in 1999 !] 14...Ba6 15.N1h2 a4 16.a3 bxc3 17.bxc3 Rab8 The battle lines are drawn. Black will try to attack down the open b-file. White's hopes rest on her ability to attack black's castled king as it is surrounded by very few pieces. This is similar to the Kings Indian Attack. 18.Ng5 Rb3 19.Qc2 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Rfb8 21.Ng4?! [21.Nf3 to be followed by Bh3 and Ng5 for an attack on e6 and f7. The knight does little from g4.] 21...Qa5 22.Re3 Qb6 [22...h6 (it is important not to allow Be7) 23.Bf4 Na7 for 24...Nb5 is very strong.] 23. Ree1 Qa5 24.Re3 Rb2 25.Qd1 Qb6 26.Re1 Qb3 27.Qf3 Qc2 28.Rac1 Qd3 [28...Qg6] 29.Ne3 Rb1 30.Bf1 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 [Not 31.Bxd3? Rxe1+ 32.Bf1 Rb3-+] 31...Qg6

See diagram

32.Nxc4 Bxc4 33.Bxc4 Nxe5! 34.dxe5 dxc4! [34...Nxe5? 35.Qf4!] 35.Rd1? [35.Qc6 Qd3=] 35...Nxe5 36.Qb7 Rf8 37.Be7 Re8



38.Bd6-+ [238.Qb5 f6! 238...Qg4! This must have been a surprise to white. 39.Rb1 Nf3+ 40.Kg2 Nxf4+ 41.Kf1 Nf5 42.Bc5 Qg6 43.g4 Nh4 [43...Qxg4 44.Qb8



Analysis Diagram

44...Qd1+!! 45.Kg2 Qd5+ 46.Kh2 Rd8-+] 44.Qb8 f5 45.Bd6 h5! [Avoiding the trap: 45... Rxb8?? 46.Rxb8+ Kf7 47. Rf8#] 46.Qb5 fxf4 47.Rd1 Nf5 48.Qxa4 g3 49.Qxc4 gxf2 50.Kxf2 Nxd6 51.Rxd6 Rf8+ 52.Ke2 Qg2+ If 53 Ke1 (or Ke3) Qg3 picks up the rook. Or if 53 Kd1 Rf1+ wins. 0-1.

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Anand Loses In Finals

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France ranked World No.3 defeated World No.7 Viswanathan Anand 1½-½ in the finals of the Corsica Masters held in Bastia this October.

The 16-player Rapid Knock Out saw the Indian lose in the finals. Every match consisted of two games, one with White and the other with Black.

Anand, a many time winner of this event, played resourcefully to draw with the black pieces in the first game, sacrificing a queen for rook and minor piece. Then, he created a fortress to draw a queen and pawn versus rook and pawn ending. In the final game, Anand lost with white and said these things happen in short matches. He said simply: "My plan in the Final did not go very well."

Anand beat Koen Leehouts 2-0, Tigran Gharamian 1½-½, Teimour Radjabov 1½-½. on course to the Finals. World women's champion Hou Yifan of China was beaten 3-1 in Tie-break by Anton Korobov in the quarter finals.

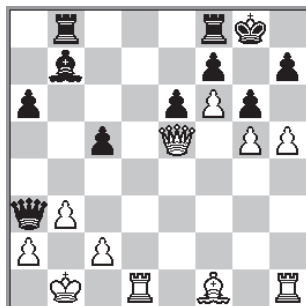
Viswanathan Anand 2776

Koen Leenhouts 2499

Sicilian Taimanov B48

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qf3 d6 8.Nxc6 [Sayantan Das 2411 vs David Alberto (Ita 2597), 14th Delhi Open 2016 went: 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Qg3 Nf6

10.h4 Rb8 11.h5 h6 12.Kb1 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.f3 b4 15.Ne2 e5 16.Nc1 a5 17.Bd3 a4 18.Bd2 Bd7 19.b3 axb3 20.cxb3 Be6 21.Be3 d5 22.Rd2 dxe4 23.fxe4 Be7 24.Bd4 Qb7 25.Qxe5 0-0= ...54 1-0] 8...bxc6 9.0-0-0 Nf6 10.Qg3 Nh5 11.Qh4 Nf6 12.g4 Be7 13.g5 Nd7 14.f4 Rb8 15.Qg3 d5 16.f5 Bd6 17.Qh3 Ne5 18.f6 g6 [⊠18 ...gxf6 19.gxf6 Nd7 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Be2 Be5 22.Bd4 Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Qf4+ 24.Kb1 Nxf6♯] 19.Qg2 Qa5 20.Bd2 Qb4 21.b3 Qa3+ 22.Kb1 d4 23.h4 [23.Bc1 Qa5 24.Ne2 c5 25.h4=] 23...dxc3 24.Bxc3 0-0? [This is one of the rare situations when castling is a bad move! Stronger was: 24...Qc5 25.Qd2 Bc7 26.Bxa6 Bxa6 27.Bxe5 Rd8♯] 25.Qg3 Nc4 [Now too late is: 25...Qc5 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Bxe5 Qd1+ 28.Kb2 Rb7 29.h5 and white has a winning attack down the h-file.] 26.e5 Bxe5 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Qxe5 Bb7 His attack blunted, black has to make such a move to complete his development. 29.h5 c5



30.hxg6!! Bxh1

[If 30...hxg6? 31.Rh8+! Kxh8 32.Qh2+ Kg8 33.Qh6 mates.]

31.Qh2! fxg6 32.Rd7! h5 33.Rg7+ Kh8 34.Qxh1

[This was a Rapid game with reduced time for each game. In normal chess with more thinking time, white would not pick up this bishop as he has a quicker mate with: 34.Rh7+! Kxh7 (or 34...Kg8 35. Bd3 should mate soon. (35.Qc7!? Rb7! 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Qd6!)) 35.Qc7+! Mates.]

34...Rbd8

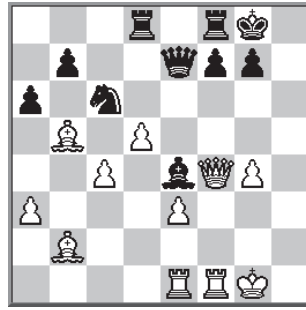
[If 34...Rg8 35.Rxg6!! Rxg6 36.Qxh5+ Kg8 37.Qxg6+ mates.; or 34...Rfd8 35.Be2+-] **35.Be2 Qa5 36.Bxh5 gxh5 37.Qxh5# 1-0**

Anton Korobov 2687

Hou Yifan 2649

Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein E59

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Bb2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 e5 12.h3 Bf5 13.Qe2 Rad8 14.Bb5 e4 15.Nd2 Bg6 16.Nb3 Bh5!?N 17.g4 [this was the move that black wanted to provoke with the lure of her c5 pawn. 17.Qc2± was a safer alternative.] **17...Bg6 18.Nxc5 h5 19.f4** [19.c4 hxg4 20.hxg4 Nb8 21.Rac1±] **19...exf3 20.Qxf3 hxg4 21.hxg4 Rd5 22.Qf4 Qe7 23.c4 Rdd8 24.Rae1** [This is not an effective move as e4 is firmly under black's control. Better was: 24.Rad1!] **24...Ne4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.d5 a6!**



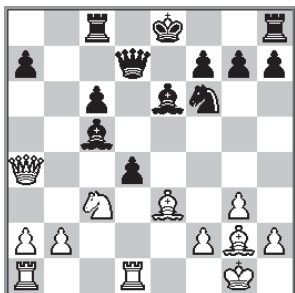
27.dxc6? [In a momentary lapse of concentration, white misses the strongest continuation and loses in a few moves. He lets a dangerous black rook into his backyard when he was close to victory with: 27.Ba4! b5 28.Bd1 Na5 29.cxb5 Nc4 30.Bc3 axb5 (30...Nxa3 31.bxa6 Rxd5 32.Bf3 Bxf3 33.Rxf3±; 30...Qxa3? 31.Bxg7! Kxg7 32.Qxe4+-) 31.Bb4 Nd6 32.Bf3 f5 33.Bxe4 fxe4 34.Qh2±] **27...Rd2! 28.Bf6** [There is no defence now. If 28.Rf2 Qh4 29.Qh2 (29.Rxd2 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Qg2#) 29...Qxg4+ 30.Kf1 Bd3+-] **28...Rg2+ 29.Kh1 gxf6!** (The discovered check can wait!) **30.Rf3 Rf2 0-1**

M Vachier-Lagrave (Fr, 2811)

Vishy Anand (Ind, 2776)

Queen Pawn D02 Bastia FRA
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.c4 Be6 9.Qa4 Qd7 10.Rd1 Rc8 11.Nc3 d4 12.e3 Be7 [Vicari 2072 vs Rosin 2127 in Lodi Op, Italy, 2005 went: 12...c5 13.Nb5 a6 14.Qxa6 Bxc4 15.Nc7+ Qxc7 16.Qxc4 Be7 17.a4 0-0 18.a5 Qa7 19.Bd2 Rfd8 20.Qe2 h6 21.exd4 exd4

22.a6 c4 23.Bb7 Rc7 24.Ba5
 ...33 1-0] 13.exd4 exd4 14.c5
 Bxc5 15.Be3



This is how white planned to get back his sacrificed pawn with some advantage. But a surprise awaits him! 15... **dxe3!** 16.Rxd7 **exf2+** 17. **Kh1 Kxd7** [Also possible was: 17... Bxd7 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4+ Kd8 20.Qc4 Bb6 21.Qxf7 Re8 22.Rf1 Bd4=] 18.Rd1+ **Ke7 19.Qa5** [19.Bxc6? Rhd8 20.Rf1 (20.Bg2 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 h6⌘) 20...Kf8 21.Bb7 Bh3 22.Bg2 Bf5⌘] 19...**Bb6 20.Qa3+ c5 21.Rf1 Rhd8 22.Rxf2 Kf8 23.Na4 Kg8**

The black king has reached the safety of his king-side in an equal position.

24.Nxb6 **axb6 25.h3 h6 26.Qa6 Rd6 27.a3 Rcd8 28.Qe2 c4 29.Kh2 Rd3 30.Qe1 b5 31.Qe5 Bd5 32.Bxd5 R8xd5 33.Qf4 c3 34.bxc3 Rxc3 35.a4 bxa4 36.Qxa4 Rdd3 37.Rg2 g6**

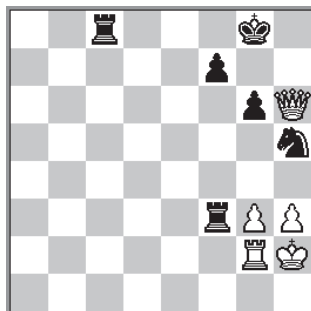
[37...Rf3! would deprive white of any counter and give black the upperhand.]

38.Qf4 [White was probably lured into this variation with this double attack. Here he could successfully



World No.3 Maxime Vachier-Lagrave

fight for a draw with: 38.Rf2! Kg7 39.Qf4 Rc6=] 38...Rf3 39.Qxh6 Nh5 40.Rd2 Rc8 41.Rg2=



[If 41.g4? Nf4 42.h4 Rh3+ 43.Kg1 Rc1+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Ke3 Re1+⌘] 41...R**xg3!!** Whatever little hopes of advantage that white had nursed was gone with this! 42.R**xg3 N**xg3 43.K**xg3 Rc5!** 44.Q**e3 Rf5** Black has established a fortress. He is going to shift his rook between f5 and h5, not allowing the white king to cross his fourth rank. 45.h**4 Rh5** 46.Q**f4 Rf5** 47.Q**e3 Rh5** 48.Q**f4 Rf5** 49.Q**e3** ½-½.

Anand Wins Champions Showdown

Former world champion Viswanathan Anand won the Champions Showdown that took place from Nov 9-15, 2016 at St. Louis. St. Louis is in the U.S. State of Missouri, built along the western bank of the Mississippi River.

It was a four player event featuring classical, rapid and blitz controls. The players were former World Champions V.Anand (47), Topalov (41) and two young Americans Caruana (24) and Nakamura (29).

Anand's "Rapid" performance lifted him high and above the rest when he scored 4½/6 in the double round all-play-all. This was one point above the rest and helped him win the overall trophy by the same margin.

In the classical controls, playing two games against every opponent, Anand and Topalov, the two former world champions in the field, took 3½/6, pushing the younger Americans below.

In Blitz it was 4 games against each opponent. Nakamura narrowly outscored Anand with 7½/12. Anand scored 7/12. St. Louis had the opportunity of watching and enjoying the champions play under three varieties of time controls.

Anand, the 1969-born Indian based in Chennai won this contest ahead of three very strong opponents for an ever-

green showing. This showing could be the answer to the media who toss the question of retirement on the Indian once in a while.

Anand is enjoying the game and the format of playing chess in three different controls should make him favourite to win against any opposition.

Final combined scores and placings: 1 Viswanathan Anand (Ind, Classical 3½/6, Rapid 4½/6, Blitz 7/12) 15; 2 Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 3/6, 3½/6, 7½/12) 14; 3 Fabiano Caruana (USA, 2/6, 2½/6, 6½/12) 11, 4 Veselin Topalov (Bul, 3½/6, 1½/6, 3/12) 8.

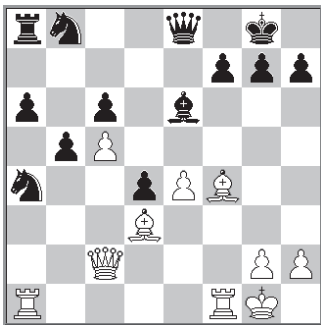
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English Opening A21; 60m

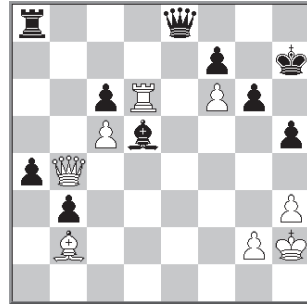
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Nc3 d6 6.e3 Bb4 [C.McNab 2388 vs P.Cramling 2488, Gibraltar Masters, 2004 went: 6...Qe7 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Rd8drawn on the 28th move.] 7.d4 e4 8.Nd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nf6 10.Ba3 0-0 11.c5 d5 12.Be2 Re8 13.0-0 b5 14.Bc1 a6 15.a4 Qd7 16.f4 exf3 17.Nxf3 Ne4 18.Ne5 Rxe5 For the exchange, black gets two pawns and a lively position. One feels that Anand is enjoying his chess and playing with a gay abandon reminiscent of his younger days.
19.dxe5 Nxc3 20.Qc2 Nxa4

21.e4 Qe8 22.Bd3 [The e5 pawn cannot be saved: 22.Bf4 dxe4 23.Rxa4 bxa4 24.Qxe4 a3 25.Ra1 Be6 26.Bd3 g6 27.Rxa3 Qe7 28.Qd4 Bd5] **22...d4!** This dummys white's Queen and Bishop battery away from h7 and provides a central square for his bishop later in the game. **23.e6 Bxe6 24.Bf4** Black must be making this move to provide an active outlet for his Nb8 at b4. Incidentally, it sets in motion the journey of his connected passed pawns on the queen-side.



24...a5! 25.Bd6 Na6 26.e5 g6 27.Rf4 Nb4 28.Qd2 Nxd3 29.Qxd3 Nc3 30.Rxd4 b4! 31.Qd2 h5 32.h3 Qd8 33.Rf1 Kh7 34.Rf6 Nd5 35.Qg5 Qg8 36.Qh4 [White can try a mating attack with his major pieces, but his bishop, firmly stuck on d6, does not help the attack in any way. If now **36.Rh4 Nxf6 (36...b3?? 37.Rxh5+ gxh5 38.Rh6#) 37.exf6 Kh8!** and if now **(37...b3?? 38.Rxh5+ gxh5 39.Qxh5#) 38.Rxh5+ gxh5**

39.Qxh5+ Qh7] 36...Nxf6 37.exf6 b3 While white has run out of ideas for attacking the black king, black has a clear plan of advancing his connected passed pawns. **38.Be5 Qf8 39.Rd6 Bd5 40.Kh2 a4 41.Qb4 Qe8 42.Bb2**



42...a3! [42...a3 43.Bxa3 Qe5+ 44.Kh1 Qa1+ 45.Kh2 Qxa3+] **0-1.**

V Anand 2779 -

V Topalov 2760

Ruy Lopez C78, Rapid

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bc5 In this game, this Archangelsk bishop suffers horribly and is made to jump through hoops at White's command! **8.a4 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 b4 11.Ne2 d5 12.Nxe5 dxe4 13.d4 Bb6 14.Bg5** N The cautious 14 c3 is seen here. **14...b3?!** Initiating a sequence of moves which lead to the exchange of this pawn for white's central d-pawn. But the resultant position is a favourite recipe for White's aggressive endgame. **15.cxb3 Nc6 16.**

b4!± Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18. Bxf6! Qxd1 19.Raxd1 gxf6

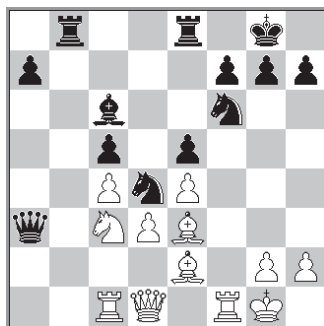
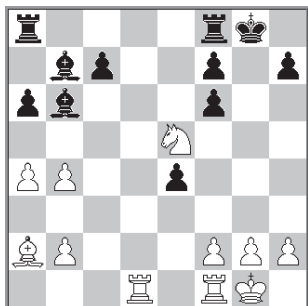


Diagram after 21...dxe5

20.Nxf7! Rxf7 21.Rd7 Raf8 22.a5! With both black rooks tied up comically, white uses the opportunity to harrass a bishop and gain space. 22...Ba7 23.Rc1 Bb8□ 24.Rcd1! Kg7 25.Rxf7+ Rxf7 26.Bxf7 Kxf7 27.Rd8! e3 28.fxe3 Ba7 29.Kf2 Ke7 30.Rg8! Be4 31.g4 Kd7 32.h4 Ke7 33.h5 Kd7 34.Rg7+ Kc6 35.Re7 Bc2 36.h6 Kd6 37.Rf7 Black's dark square bishop is helpless to stop the plunder of yet another pawn. 37...Be4 38.Rxf6+ Ke7 39.Rxa6 Bb8 40.g5 1-0.

V Topalov 2760-V Anand 2779 English A21 Rapid

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5 4.e3 Nf6 5.b4 Be7 6.Nxe7 Qxe7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.a3 d6 9.d3 c5 10.Ne2 b6 11.bxc5 bxc5 [□11...dxc5] 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Rb1 Re8 14.e4 Nc6 15.Be2 Nd4 16.0-0 Rab8 17.Bc1 Bc6 18.Be3 Qc7 19.f4 Qa5 20.Rc1 Qxa3 21.fxe5 dxe5 See diagram

22.Rxf6? [□22.Bg5± A speculative exchange sacrifice

which is nonchalantly re-futed.] 22...gxf6 23.Bh6 Re6! A deep defence against the threatened mating attack. 24.Bh5 f5! 25.Be3 [Or, if 25.Bd2 fxe4 26.dxe4 Rb7 27.Qe1 f6 28.Ra1 Qb4 29.Rb1 Nb3 30.Qe2 Kh8±] 25...f4 26.Bf2 Rh6 27.Bg4 Rg6 28.h3 f3 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.Nd5 fxe2 white has lost a rook and two pawns for just one knight. 0-1

V Anand 2779 - Topalov 2760

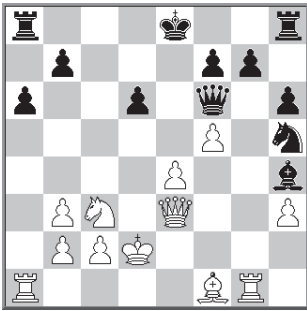
Ruy Lopez C65, Blitz

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.h3 Bd6 7.Nc3 c5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd2 Be6 10.Nc4 Nd7 11.Nxd6? This was a Blitz game. 11...cxd6 12.f4 f5 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.g4 Rf8 15.f5 Bf7 16.Qf3 c4 17.Be3 cxd3 18.cxd3 Rc8 19.d4 b5? 20.Nxb5 exd4 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Qg3 Qd7 23.Bf4 Qb7 24.b3 Qb4 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Qxe5 Rfe8 27.Qf4 Rc3 28.Kh2 Bd5 29.f6 [29.Rae1+] 29...Ree3? [29...gxf6 30.Qxf6 Qb8+ 31.Qf4 Qxf4+ 32.Rxf4 Ree3=] 30.f7+ [30.f7+ Kh8 (30...Kf8 31.Ne6+ Bxe6 32.Qxb4+) 31.f8Q+ Qxf8 32.Qxf8+] 1-0

Games Section

S.P. Sethuraman 2649
 Martijn Dambacher 2479
 Sicilian Najdorf B90
 Itaka v KSK47 Eynatten

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5
 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f4 Nc6 9.Qf3 Be7
 10.Be3 exf4 11.Bxf4 Ne5
 12.Qe3 Nh5 13.g3 Ng6
 14.Rg1 Ngxf4 15.gxf4 Bh4+
 16.Kd2 Black has achieved a
 minor victory by making
 white's king move! 16...Qf6
 17.f5 Bxb3 18.axb3 h6



19.Nd5! This knight eventually takes care of black's threat of pinning with ...Bg5. 19...Qxb2 20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Ra4 Rc8 22.Rc4 An innocent player would think that this move is only to protect the Nc7, ignoring white's threat of 23 Ne6+. 22...Bg5 23.Ne6+ Ke7 [If 23...fxe6 24.Rxc8+ Ke7 25.Rc7+ Kd8 26.Rxg5 Kxc7 27.Rxh5+ -] 24.Nxg5 hxg5 25.Qb6 Rxc4 26.Bxc4 Rd8 27.Qxb7+ Rd7

28.Qb6 Nf6 29.Bd3 Qe5
 30.Qe3 d5 31.exd5 Qxe3+
 32.Kxe3 Nxd5+ 33.Kf3
 Nb4 34.Be4 Kf6 35.Ra1
 Rc7 36.c4 Ke5 37.Ke3 Rc5
 38.Rd1 The game is level,
 but in all probability, black
 lost on time. 1-0.

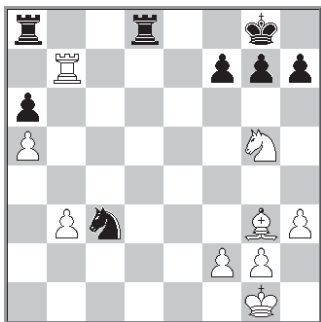
Ernesto Inarkiev 2714 -
 Vladimir Kramnik 2810
 Ruy Lopez C65

SHSM Legacy Square Moscow v Syberia

This game features trapping of pieces. The first is a rook trap on the 25th move when white loses the exchange. The second trap occurs only in the variation as white is now wary of being trapped again! When he is all poised to capture the f7 pawn on move 31, white sees that the wily Kramnik has prepared another well-concealed trap for his knight.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6
 6.Be3 Bd6 7.h3 Nd7 8.Nbd2
 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.c3 c5
 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.Nc4 Ng6
 13.Rad1 Bf8 14.d4 exd4
 15.cxd4 Qe7 16.dxc5 Qxe4
 17.Qxe4 Rxe4 18.b3 Re8
 19.Rd2 b6 20.Rc1 Ba6 21.a4
 bxc5 22.Rd7? This is seeking
 trouble. Black's natural re-
 sponse to the threat to his c7

pawn would be to play ...Bd6. And one step later, he would try to win the bottled rook. **22...Bxc4 23.Rxc4 Bd6 24.Bxc5 Nf8 25.Bxd6 Nxd7 26.Rxc7³ Nb6 27.a5 Nd5 28.Rb7 Red8 29.Bg3 a6 30.Ng5** After losing the exchange on the 25h move white is desperate to get back some material. But this attempt to win the f7 pawn is fraught with great risk as black's next move demonstrates. **30...Nc3!**



31.Be5 [If 31.Nxf7 Rd5! 32.Be5 Nb5 33.Bb8!? (to prevent ..Rf8 winning the knight) 33...Nd4! (threat 35...Rb5 winning) 34.Be5 Nxb3! 35.Rxb3 Kxf7+] **31...Ne2+ 32.Kh2 f6 33.Ne6 fxe5 34.Nxd8 Rxd8 35.Rb6 Ra8 36.g3 Rf8 37.Kg2 Rf6! 38.Rb8+ Kf7 39.Rb7+ Kg6 40.Re7 Nc1! 41.Rxe5 Rxf2+! 42.Kxf2 Nd3+ 43.Ke3 Nxe5 44.Kd4 Nc6+ 45.Kc5 Nxa5 46.b4 Nb7+ 47.Kb6 a5!** [After 47...a5 48.bxa5 Nxa5 49.Kxa5 Kf5 50.Kb4 Ke4 51.Kc3 Kf3

52.g4 g5 53.Kd4 Kg3 54.Ke3 Kxh3 55.Kf3 Kh4 wins.] **0-1.**

Analysis to the above games from the European Club Cup, Novi Sad 2016 are by IM Manuel Aaron. Some more games without analysis:

Mats Persson 2314

Sergei Rublevsky 2689

Queen Pawn D02, 06.11.2016

Oslo Schakselskap v Syberia

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 c6 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.c5 Qa6 10.Bf4 b6 11.cxb6 axb6 12.Rfe1 0-0 13.e4 Rfc8 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bf1 Qb7 17.Bb5 Bf6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bg5 20.f3 Bf5 21.Re2 h5 22.Bd6 Rc4 23.Rd1 Rac8 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.Qc3 Bd3 26.Rxd3 cxd3 27.Qxd3 Qd5 28.Bb4 Qxa2 29.Bc3 Bf6 30.Qb5 h4 31.Kg2 Qb1 32.Rd2 Qc1 33.Qd3 Rd8 34.Qe4 Rd5 35.Qe2 b5 36.f4 Qa1 37.g4 g6 38.Kh3 Qa4 39.b4 Qb3 40.Rd3 Qc4 41.Qd2 Be7 42.g5 Rf5 43.Kg4 Qd5 44.Rf3 Qe4 0-1.

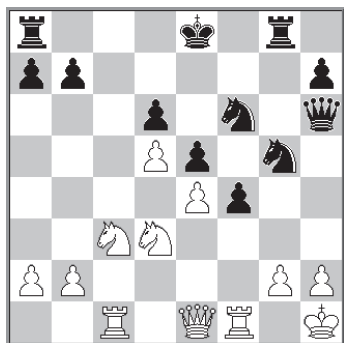
Marco Baldauf 2431

Dmitry Andreikin 2736

Modern A42, 06.11.2016

Schachfreunde Berlin v Alkaloid

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.d5 Nd7 7.Bd3 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.0-0 f5 10.Qd2 f4 11.Ne1 Nf6 12.f3 Bd7 13.Bc2 g5 14.Ba4 g4 15.Nd3 Bxa4 16.Nxa4 Qd7 17.Nc3 Rg8 18.c5 Nf7 19.Rac1 gxf3 20.Rxf3 Ng5 21.Rff1 Qg4 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Kh1 Qh4 24.Qe1 Qh6



25.Nxf4 exf4 26.e5 Nh5
27.exd6+ Kf7 28.Nb5 Kg6
29.Kg1 Rae8 30.Qd2 f3 31.Qd3+
Kg7 32.Nd4 Kh8 33.Nxf3 Nh3+
34.Kh1 Ng3+ 0-1.

Navara David 2725

Alexandre Vuilleumier 2350

Pirc B07, 06.11.2016

AVE Novy Bor v Club de Geneve

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5
4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.f3 Bg7
7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 d5 9.e5 Nh7
10.f4 c5 11.Ndb5 d4 12.Nd6+
Kf8 13.Bc4 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6
15.Qg4 Qe7 16.Nd5 Qd7
17.Qxg6 Nc6 18.Nf6 Nxf6
19.exf6 dxe3 20.0-0-0 Nd4
21.c3 Ne2+ 22.Kb1 Nxf4
23.Qg4 Bxf6 24.Qxf4 Qh7+
25.Ka1 Kg7 26.Qg3+ 1-0.

Esben Ejning 2205

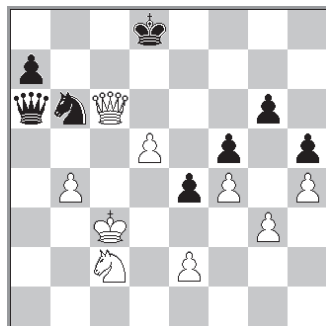
Alon Greenfeld 2562

Queen Pawn A46, 06.11.2016

Skakklubben Nordkalotten v Beer Sheva

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 g6 4.g3
Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Na6 7.Re1 d5
8.a3 Bf5 9.Nh4 Bd7 10.b4 cxd4
11.cxd4 Ne4 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.Bxe4
dxe4 14.Nc3 e5 15.d5 e3 16.f3 e4
17.Rc1 f5 18.f4 Rf7 19.Ng2 Qb6
20.Ba1 Nc7 21.Kf1 Ne8 22.Qb3
Nd6 23.Na4 Bxa4 24.Rxc8+ Nxc8

25.Qxa4 Nd6 26.Bxg7 Kxg7
27.Rc1 Rc7 28.Rxc7+ Qxc7 29.
Nxe3 b5 30.Qa6 Kf7 31.Ke1 Qc3+
32.Kf2 Qc7 33.a4 bxa4 34.Qxa4
Qb7 35.Qa5 Qb6 36.Qc5 h5 37.h4
Ke7 38.Qc3 Kf7 39.Ke1 Ke8
40.Kd2 Kd7 41.Qc5 Qa6 42.Nc2
Nc4+ 43.Kc3 Nb6 44.Qc6+ Kd8



45.Kd4 Qxe2 46.Ke5 Qc4
47.Qxc4 Nxc4+ 48.Kf6 e3
49.Kxg6 e2 50.Kxh5 Ne3
51.Ne1 Nxd5 52.Kg6 Ke7 53.h5
Kf8 54.b5 Nc7 55.h6 Kg8
56.Nd3 Ne6 57.Kxf5 Nc5 58.
Ne1 Kh7 59.Ke5 Kxh6 60.g4
Kg6 61.Kd4 Ne6+ 62.Ke3 Nc7
63.b6 Nd5+ 64.Kxe2 Nxb6 65.
Kd3 Nd5 66.Ke4 Nf6+ 67.Kf3
a5 68.Nc2 a4 69.Na3 Nd5 70.
Ke4 Nf6+ 71.Kf3 Nd5 72.Ke4
Nf6+ 73.Kf3 Nd5 74.Ke4 1-0.

Vladislav Artemiev 2658

S Mamedyarov 2762

Queen Pawn Torre D03

Ladya Kazan v VSK Sveti Nikolaj

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7
4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e3 d5 6.Be2 Nbd7
7.0-0 Re8 8.c4 c5 9.cxd5 cxd4
10.e4 h6 11.Bh4 Nc5 12.Qc2
Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bb5 Bf5
15.Bxe8 Qxe8 16.Rfe1 Qd7
17.Rxe4 Qxd5 18.Rae1 Rc8

19.Qd3 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 e5 21.Re1
f5 22.Qb1 d3 23.Nd2 Rc2 24.Nf1
Qd4 25.Ne3 Rxb2 26.Qa1 f4
27.Ng4 h5 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Qc1
d2 30.Qc8+ Kh7 31.Rd1 Rb1 0-1

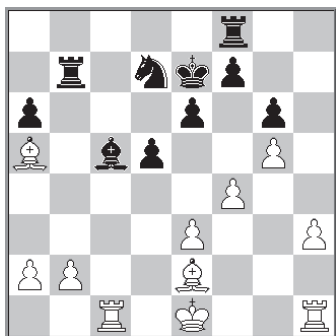
Richard Rapport 2730

Gata Kamsky 2648

Slav Defence D15, 07.11.2016

VSK Sveti Nikolaj v Ladya Kazan

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5
4.d4 a6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Qb3 Ra7
7.Nh4 Be6 8.c5 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5
10.g4 Bg6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 e6
13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Na4 b6
15.cxb6 Rb7 16.Bd2 c5 17.dxc5
Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qc3
Qxb6 20.Rc1 Rc7 21.Qxg7 Rf8
22.Be2 Nd7 23.Qc3 Ke7
24.Qa5 Qxa5 25.Bxa5 Rb7



32.Qe4 Qa7 33.b3 Nd2
 34.Qe2 Nb1 35.Qe1 Na3
 36.Qe4 Nb1 37.Bc6 Rd8
 38.Qh4 Rb8 39.Be4 h6
 40.Bf5 Nxc3 41.Qh5 Nd5
 42.Kh1 Qd4 43.Qg6 Nf6
 44.Be6 c5 45.Kg2 c4 46.bxc4
 bxc4 47.Rxf6 Qxf6 48.Qxf6
 gxf6 49.Bxc4 a5 50.Kf3 Rc8
 51.Bb3 f5 52.Ke3 Re8+
 53.Kf3 Kg7 54.Nb2 Kf6
 55.Nc4 Bb4 56.Ne3 Ke5
 57.Bc2 Rc8 58.Ke2 Rc3
 59.Bd3 Rc1 60.Nxf5 Ra1
 61.Nxh6 Rxa2+ 62.Kf3 Kd4
 63.Be2 a4 64.Nf5+ Ke5
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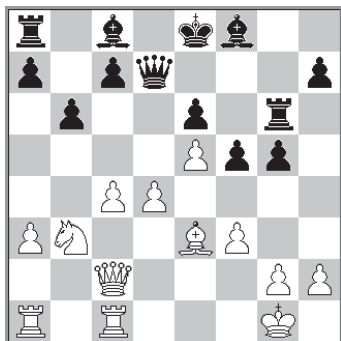
Matthias Bluebaum 2641

Edouard Romain 2628

Queen's Gambit Acc D20

VSK Werder Bremen v KGSRL Gent

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4
 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bxc4 Nb6
 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Be3 Nb4 8.Be4
 f5 9.a3 N4d5 10.Bxd5 Nxd5
 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qd5
 13.Nf3 Qc4 14.Qc2 e6
 15.Nd2 Qc6 16.0-0 b6 17.f3
 Rg8 18.c4 g5 19.Nb3 Rg6
 20.Rfc1 Qd7



21.d5 exd5 22.e6 Rxe6
 23.Re1 Bg7 24.Rad1 Qe7 25.
 Qd2 f4 26.Bf2 Kf7 27.Qxd5 c6
 28.Qd3 h6 29.c5 Rxe1+ 30.
 Rxe1 Be6 31.Nd4 Rd8 32.Qh7
 Rh8 33.Qb1 Bxd4 34.Bxd4 Rd8
 35.Qh7+ Ke8 36.Qxh6 Kd7
 37.cxb6 axb6 38.Bxb6 Rf8
 39.Kh1 Rf5 40.h3 c5 41.Qh8
 Rd5 42.Qa8 Qd6 43.Ba5 Ke7
 44.Bc7 Qd7 45.Qg8 c4 46.Qg7+
 Ke8 47.Qg8+ Ke7 48.Qg7+ Ke8
 49.Qg6+ Ke7 50.Be5 Rd1
 51.Bf6+ Kf8 52.Qh6+ 1-0.

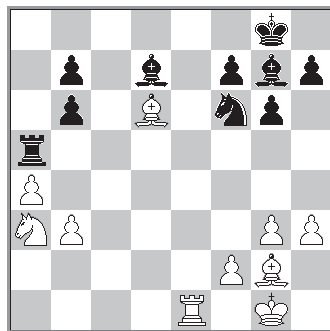
S Mamedyarov 2762

M Vachier-Lagrave 2811

Grunfeld D78, 08.11.2016

VSK Sveti Nikolaj v OR Padova

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3
 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4
 c6 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Nc3 Rd8
 9.Rd1 Bf5 10.Ne1 dxc4 11.
 Qxc4 Na6 12.e4 Be6 13.Qa4
 Qb4 14.Nc2 Qxa4 15.Nxa4
 Nd7 16.Bg5 Re8 17.b3 Nb6
 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.Rac1 Nc7
 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 Bg4
 22.Re1 Nb5 23.h3 Bd7
 24.a4 Nc3 25.Na3 Ra5
 26.Bxe7 Nxd5 27.Bd6
 Rxe1+ 28. Rxe1 Nf6 <P.33>



World Championship, New York

Carlsen Trails Karjakin 3.5 - 4.5

Magnus Carlsen is using the “jump” opening strategy which is mainly to avoid opening preparation of the Russian opponent Sergey Karjakin. In this, no opening variation will be repeated. Now, whether this strategy works out well or not will be known after all 12 games of the match and tie-breaks (if) are completed.

Draws ruled the first seven games. In game eight, Carlsen played white and made two mistakes that cost him the game. He pushed too far on move 32, avoided repetition on move 44 and drifted on move 49. So, Karjakin is ahead.

In his very first visit to India as part of the recce to Chennai, Carlsen gave a few interviews. The first one was to Arvind Aaron. And in the very first question, he was asked two non-Russians are playing for the world title (Anand v Carlsen in Chennai 2013). Are the Russians finished in chess. “No! They are not.” replied Carlsen defending the Russians.

Now, Carlsen trails Karjakin 3.5 to 4.5 after 8 games in a best of 12 series. The first seven games were drawn. Carlsen had mild chances in the third game. The detailed coverage will be made in the December 2016 issue. The first eight games are analysed by Manuel Aaron.

Magnus Carlsen 2853

Sergey Karjakin 2772

G/1, Trompowsky Attack A45

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 The

Trompowsky Attack in the first game of the match!

Carlsen clearly wanted to upset the Russian who is expected to be well versed in Opening theory. Many replies like 2...Ne4, 2...c5 with unfathomable complications are possible.

However Karjakin prefers to play on familiar ground. **2...d5 3.e3 c5 4.Bxf6**

gxf6 Does this early shatter of black's king-side pawns matter?

This game shows that it does'nt. **5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Bb5** [In a 2006 game between two lesser known players in the Spanish town of Benidorm, 6.c3 was tried. Black won, but we cannot read much into it as Black was rated 1982 and White was unrated!]

6...e6 7.c4 [7.b4 Rg8 8.g3 Bd7 9.c3 a5 10.Nf3 axb4 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.cxb4 b6 13.Nd4 bxc5 14.bxc5 would lead to interesting complications, but by nature, White may not wish to play the two knights against two bishops middle-game in such a position and in the very first game of a World Championship Match! We miss the fearlessness of Bobby Fischer in the first game of his 1972 Match with Spassky where, in an equal bishop ending, he cap-

tured 29....Bxh2 and got his bishop trapped after 30 g3. Clearly, he was distracted because he refused to play the second Match Game unless the TV cameras were removed. He was forfeited! That despite the 0-2 start he won the Match 12.5-8.5 is a testimony to his great skill and unflinching courage.]



7...dxc4 8.Nd2 Bxc5 9.Ngf3 0-0 10.0-0 Na5 11.Rc1 Be7 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Qc3 Qd5 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Qxc4 17.Rxc4 Rfc8 18.Rfc1 Rxc4 19.Rxc4 Rd8 20.g3 Rd7



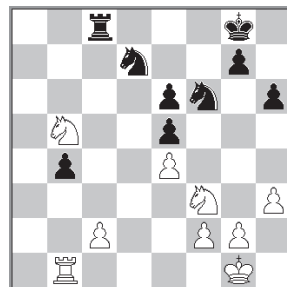
The game will be drawn now unless one of the players makes a bad mistake.

21.Kf1 f5 22.Ke2 Bf6 23.b3 Kf8 24.h3 h6 25.Ne1 Ke7 26.Nd3 Kd8 27.f4 h5 28.a4 Rd5 29.Nc5 b6 30.Na6 Be7 31.Nb8 a5 32.Nc6+ Ke8 33.Ne5 Bc5 34.Rc3 Ke7 35.Rd3 Rxd3 36.Kxd3 f6 37.Nc6+ Kd6 38.Nd4 Kd5 39.Nb5 Kc6 40.Nd4+ Kd6 41.Nb5+ Kd7 42.Nd4 Kd6 ½-½.

Sergey Karjakin 2772
Magnus Carlsen 2853

G/2, Ruy Lopez Closed C84

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.d4 Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Re8 13.Ra1 Nc4 14.Re1 Rc8 15.h3 h6 16.b3 Nb6 17.Bb2 Bf8 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.a4 c6 20.Qxd8 Rcx d8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ne2 Bb4 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.Nxc3 Nbd7 25.Ra6 Rc8 26.b4 Re6 27.Rb1 c5?! This move which accepts doubled pawns on the e-file should have given black much grief, but he manages to survive. Better was: [27...Ree8] 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Nxb5 cxb4



30.Rxb4 [Δ30.Ne1! Rc4 (30...Nxe4 31.Rxb4 Ndf6

32.Kf1±) 31.f3 Nh5 32.Kf2 Nc5
 33.Ra1 Nf4 34.h4 Kh7 35.g3
 Nh5 36.Nd6 Rd4 37.Ra5! Rd2+
 38.Ke3 Rxd6 39.Rxc5±]
30...Rxc2 31.Nd6 Rc1+
32.Kh2 Rc2 33.Kg1 ½-½.

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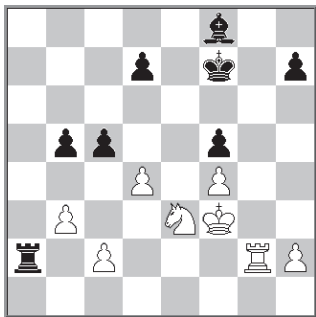
G/3, Ruy Lopez Berlin C67

Unlike the earlier games there was much excitement now. In this game, Carlsen nearly won but Karjakin put up a brilliant defence to hold the draw.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re2?!

It is hard to see the reasoning behind this move.

10...b6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bf4 Rxe1 13.Qxe1 Qe7 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Qxe7 Bxe7 16.a4 a6 17.g3 g5! 18.Bxd6 Bxd6 19.Bg2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f5 21.Nd5 Kf7 22.Ne3 Kf6 23.Nc4 Bf8 24.Re1 Rd8 25.f4 gxf4 26.gxf4 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ne3 c6 29.Kf3 Ra8 30.Rg1 Ra2 31.b3 c5 32.Rg8 Kf7 33.Rg2±



White's position is better as his knight is able to create several threats in all directions.

33...cxd4 34.Nxf5 d3
 Threatened with the loss of his d4 pawn, black decides to give it away in the best possible manner.

35.cxd3 Ra1 36.Nd4 b4 37.Rg5 [□37.Ke4±] 37...Rb1 38.Rf5+ Ke8 39.Rb5 Rf1+ 40.Ke4 Re1+ 41.Kf5 Rd1 42.Re5+ Kf7 43.Rd5 Rxd3 44.Rxd7+ Ke8 45.Rd5 Rh3 46.Re5+ Kf7 47.Re2 Bg7 48.Nc6 Rh5+

[48...Rxb3? 49.Nd8+ Kf8 50.Ne6+ Kf7 51.Ng5+-]

49.Kg4 Rc5 50.Nd8+

[White can try to win with: 50.Nxb4 Rb5 51.Nc6 h5+ 52.Kf3 Rxb3+ 53.Ke4 Rc3 54.Ne5+ Bxe5 55.Kxe5 Rc5+ 56.Ke4 Kf6 57.Rd2 Rc4+ 58.Rd4 Rc2 59.h3 Rc3 60.Rd6+ Kf7 61.Rd3 Rc4+ 62.Kf3 and the extra pawn is not getting anywhere.]

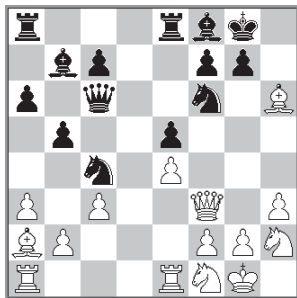
50...Kg6 51.Ne6 h5+ 52.Kf3 Rc3+ 53.Ke4 Bf6 54.Re3 h4 55.h3 Rc1 56.Nf8+ Kf7 57.Nd7 Ke6 58.Nb6 Rd1 59.f5+ Kf7 60.Nc4 Rd4+ 61.Kf3 Bg5 62.Re4 Rd3+ 63.Kg4 Rg3+ 64.Kh5 Be7 65.Ne5+ Kf6 66.Ng4+ Kf7 67.Re6

White has developed a dangerous initiative, but Karjakin remains unfazed and cool. The threat now is 68 Ne5 and if then ...Kf8, 69 Ng6+, or if ...Ke8 69 f6 winning.

67...Rxb3! 68.Ne5+ Kg7!
 69.Rxe7+ Kf6 70.Nc6 Kxf5!
 71.Na5 [After 71.Nxb4 Rxb3
 white has no more pawns left
 and the game would be drawn.]
 71...Rh1 72.Rb7 Ra1 73.Rb5+
 Kf4! black has calculated well
 and gives his b-pawn with
 check. 74.Rxb4+ Kg3 75.Rg4+
 Kf2 76.Nc4 h3 77.Rh4 Kg3!
 78.Rg4+ Kf2! Black has mar-
 shalled his meagre resources
 in the endgame to salvage an
 honourable draw. ½-½.

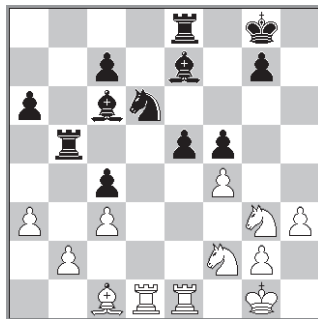
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Magnus Carlsen 2853

G/4, Ruy Lopez Anti-Marshall C88
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5
 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d6
 10.a3 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Rfe8
 12.c3 Bf8 13.Nf1 h6 14.N3h2
 d5 15.Qf3 Na5 16.Ba2 dxe4
 17.dxe4 Nc4 18.Bxh6 Qc6



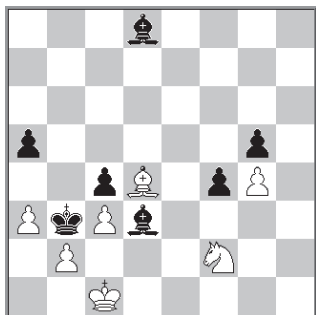
19.Bxc4? [This turns his b2
 pawn into a backward pawn on
 a semi-open file and makes it
 an object of black's attack.
 Better was: 19.Bc1 Nxe4
 20.Ne3 Bc5 21.Nhg4= and
 white is ready to capture the
 Nc4 without disadvantage.]

19...bxc4 20.Be3 Nxe4
 21.Ng3 Nd6 22.Rad1 Rab8
 23.Bc1 f6 24.Qxc6 Bxc6
 25.Ng4 Rb5 26.f3 f5 27.Nf2
 Be7 28.f4

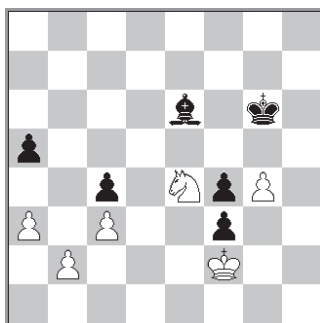


28...Bh4! [Tempting is:
 28...exf4 29.Ne2 Bh4 30.Nd4
 Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Ne4 32.Nxe4!
 Bxe1 33.Nxb5 fxe4 34.Nd4=]
 29.fxe5 Bxg3 30.exd6 Rxe1+
 31.Rxe1 cxd6 32.Rd1 Kf7
 33.Rd4 Re5 34.Kf1 Rd5
 35.Rxd5 Bxd5 Black's two
 bishops dominate the board
 and white's g2 pawn requires
 constant protection. 36.Bg5
 Kg6 37.h4!? [37.Be3 Kf6
 38.Bd4+ Be5 39.Bb6 7]
 37...Kh5 38.Nh3 Bf7 [The tac-
 tic that white had depended on
 was: 38...Bxh4 39.Nf4+ Kxg5
 40.Nxd5 f4 41.Nb6 Kf5
 42.Nxc4 d5 43.Nd2 Bf6
 44.Ke2 7] 39.Be7 Bxh4
 40.Bxd6 Bd8 41.Ke2 g5
 42.Nf2 Kg6 43.g4 Bb6 44.Be5
 a5 45.Nd1 f4 [While Carlsen
 thought that this move just
 won for him, Karjakin proves it
 is now a white fortress into
 which black cannot penetrate!
 Better was 45...Be7] 46.Bd4

Bc7 47.Nf2 Be6 48.Kf3 Bd5+
49.Ke2 Bg2 50.Kd2 Kf7 51.
Kc2 Bd5 52.Kd2 Bd8 53.Kc2
Ke6 54.Kd2 Kd7 55.Kc2 Kc6
56.Kd2 Kb5 57.Kc1 Ka4
58.Kc2 Bf7 59.Kc1 Bg6 60.
Kd2 Kb3 61.Kc1 Bd3



62.Nh3 [If 62.Nxd3 cxd3
63.Kd2 Kc4 64.a4 Bc7! 65.Bf6
f3 66.b3+ Kxb3 67.Kxd3 Bf4
68.c4 f2 69.Ke2 Kxc4 70.Kxf2
Kb4+] 62...Ka2 63.Bc5 Be2
64.Nf2 Unfortunately for
black he cannot attack the Nf2
which is defending his key g4
pawn. 64...Bf3 65.Kc2 Bc6
66.Bd4 Bd7 67.Bc5 Bc7
68.Bd4 This bishop would not
leave the g1-a7 diagonal as it
has to protect the Nf2. 68...Be6
69.Bc5 f3 70.Be3 Bd7 71.Kc1
Bc8 72.Kc2 Bd7 73.Kc1 Bf4
White's last attempt to win.
But it makes white's task of
drawing easier. 74.Bxf4 gxf4
75.Kc2 Be6 76.Kc1 Bc8
77.Kc2 Be6 78.Kc1 Kb3 Black
now plans to take his king to g5
to win the g4 pawn. 79.Kb1
Ka4 80.Kc2 Kb5 81.Kd2 Kc6
82.Ke1 Kd5 83.Kf1 Ke5
84.Kg1 Kf6 85.Ne4+ Kg6
86.Kf2!



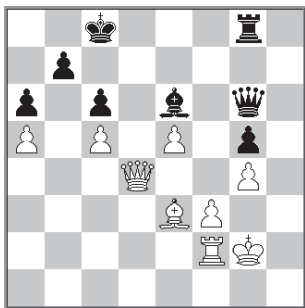
An excellent move to secure
the draw.

86...Bxg4 87.Nd2 Be6 88.
Kxf3 Kf5 89.a4 Bd5+ 90.Kf2
Kg4 91.Nf1 Kg5 92. Nd2 Kf5
93.Ke2 Kg4 94.Kf2 ½-½.

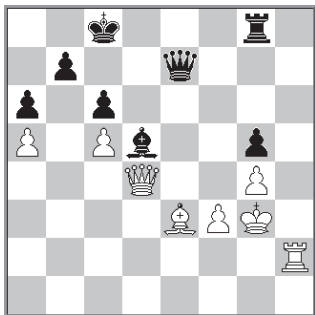
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Sergey Karjakin 2772
G/5, Giuoco Piano C54

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4
Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.a4
d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4 Ba7 9.Re1
[9.h3 has been played here pre-
viously.] 9...Ne7 10.Nbd2 Ng6
11.d4 c6 12.h3 [12.Bb3]
12...exd4 13.cxd4 Nxe4?!
[13...Re8] 14.Bxf7+ Rxf7 15.
Nxe4 d5 16.Nc5 h6 17.Ra3
Bf5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5
Qh4 20.Rf3 Bxc5 21.bxc5
Re8 22.Rf4 Qe7 23.Qd4
Ref8= 24.Rf3 Be4 25.Rxf7
Qxf7 26.f3 Bf5 27.Kh2 Be6
28.Re2 Qg6 29.Be3 Rf7 30.
Rf2 Qb1 31.Rb2 Qf5 32.a5
Kf8 33.Qc3 Ke8 34.Rb4 g5 35.
Rb2 Kd8 36.Rf2 Kc8 37.Qd4
Qg6 38.g4 h5 39.Qd2 Rg7 40.
Kg3 Rg8 41.Kg2 hxg4 42.
hxg4 d4 A strong move giving
his bishop access to d5 and
opening up the d-file for his
rook in a few situations.

43.Qxd4



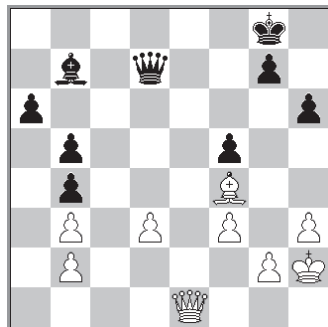
43...Bd5? [This was premature. Better was to attempt an immediate invasion of the white position along the h-file with 43...Rh8! 44.Qe4 Qh6 45.Kf1 Rd8 46.Ke1 Qh1+ 47.Rf1 Qh4+ 48.Rf2 Qg3 And white has a difficult time defending his king.] **44.e6 Qxe6 45.Kg3 Qe7 46.Rh2**



46...Qf7 [Black misses a good attacking possibility in: 46...Qc7+ 47.f4 Qxa5 48.fxg5 Qe1+ 49.Bf2 Qe2 50.Qe3 Qd1 51.Qf4 Re8 52.g6 Qd3+ 53.Kh4 Qxg6] **47.f4 gxf4+ 48.Qxf4 Qe7 49.Rh5 Rf8 50.Rh7 Rxf4 51.Rxe7 Re4 ½-½**

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 G/6, Ruy Lopez C88

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxe5 Nd4 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Bf4 Nxb3N [Kasimdzhanov 2683 vs Bacrot 2695, Mainz 2007 went: 13...c5 14.Rc1 Bd6 15.Ne4 Nxb3 16.axb3 Be7 17.Ng3 f6 18.Nf3 Rf7 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.Bxb4 cxb4 21.d4 Rd8 22.c3 Bf8 ... 50.1-0] 14.axb3 c5 15.Ne4 f6 16.Nf3 f5 17.Neg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 h6 19.Ne6 Qd5 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Re5 [If 21.Nc7 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Qxf4 24.Nxa8 Nxc2 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.Nb6 Bxf3 (26...Nxa1 27.Nd7!=) 27.Nd7 Bxg2+ 28.Kg1 Qg3=] 21...Qd6 22.c3 Rxe6 23.Rxe6 Qxe6 24.cxb4 cxb4 25.Rc1 Rc8 [We can already feel the game becoming a draw. If 25...g5 26.Bg3 Rd8 27.d4 f4 28.Bf2 Bd5 29.Rc5 Bxb3 30.Qd2=] 26.Rxc8+ Qxc8 27.Qe1 Qd7 28.Kh2



The last time a World Championship Match took place in New York was in Sep-Oct 1995 when Anand played Kasparov.

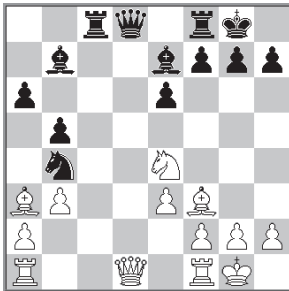
28...a5! [Black has to be careful. The immediate 28...Qxd3 can lead to trouble after 29.Qe6+ Kh7 30.Be5! f4! 31.Bxg7 (31.Qf7 Qg6 32.Qxb7 Qg3+ 33.Kg1 Qe1+=) 31...Qg6 32.Bf6 Bd5 33.Qe7+ Kg8 (33...Bf7 34.Bd4±) 34.Qd8+ Kf7 35.Qxd5+ Kxf6 36.Qd4+!± White wants to capture the key f4 pawn, and if now: 36...Kg5 37.h4+!+-] 29.Qe3 Bd5 30.Qb6 Bxb3 31.Qxa5 Qxd3 32.Qxb4 Be6 ½-½

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G/7, Queen's Gambit Acc D27

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.0-0 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.dxc5 Nc6 11.Nd2 Bxc5 12.Nde4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Be7 14.b3 Nb4 15.Bf3 0-0 16.Ba3= Rc8 [Δ16...Rb8]



17.Nf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxb7 Bxa1 19.Bxb4 Bf6 20.Bxf8 Qxd1 21.Rxd1 Rxf8 22.Bxa6 b4! though white has won a pawn, the presence of opposite colour bishops indicates only a draw. 23.Rc1 g6 24.Rc2 Ra8 25.Bd3 Rd8 26.Be2 Kf8 27.Kf1 Ra8 28.Bc4 Rc8 29.Ke2

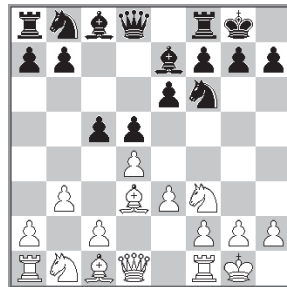
Ke7 30.f4 h6 31.Kf3 Rc7 32.g4 g5 33.Ke4 Rc8 ½-½.

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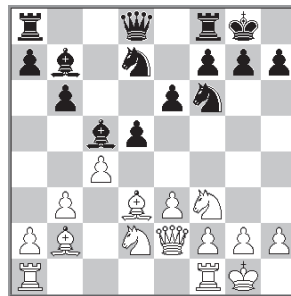
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G/8, QP Colle System D05

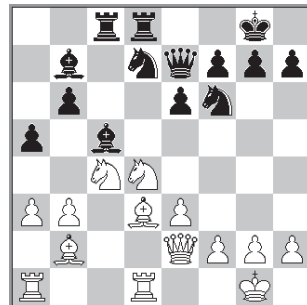
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0



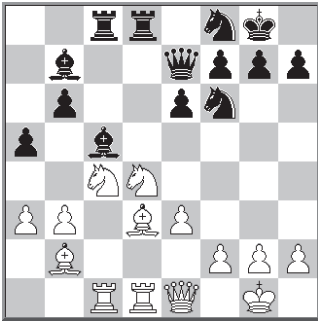
7.Bb2 b6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.c4



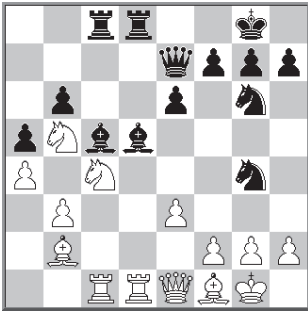
11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe7 13.a3 a5 14.Nd4 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Rac8



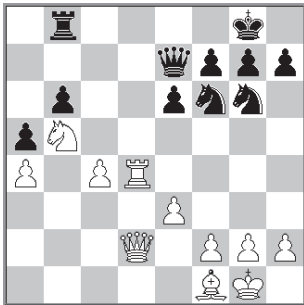
16.Rac1 Nf8 17.Qe1?! Perhaps he planned f2-f3 but decided not to execute it?!



17...Ng6 18.Bf1 Ng4=
19.Nb5 Bc6 20.a4 Bd5



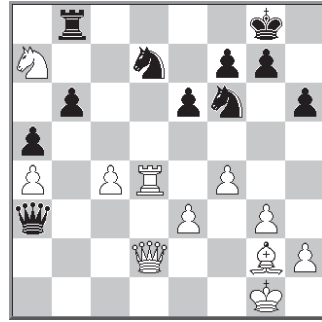
21.Bd4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Bxd4
23.Rxd4 Rxc4 24.bxc4 Nf6
25.Qd2 Rb8!



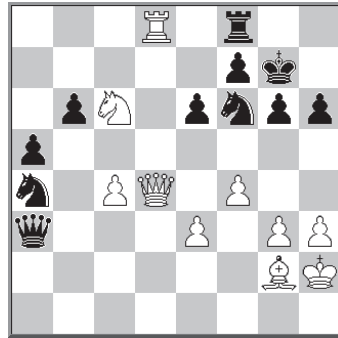
Black avoids exchanges as he perceives that White's

queen-side pawns are disconnected and weak and could be exploited.

26.g3 Ne5 27.Bg2 h6 28.f4
Ned7 29.Na7 Qa3!

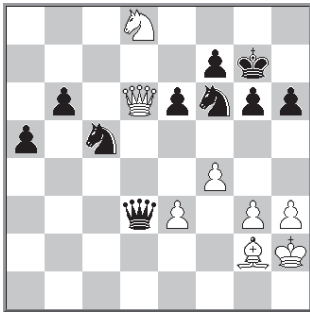


30.Nc6 [Carlsen has great trust in his position. Better was: 30.Rxd7 Nxd7 31.Qxd7 Qxe3+ 32.Kf1 Qc1+ 33.Kf2 Qxc4=] 30...Rf8 31.h3 Nc5 32.Kh2 Nxa4 33.Rd8 g6 34.Qd4 Kg7

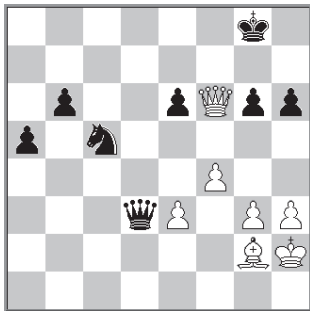


35.c5? [Best was: 35.Ne5 (threatening 36 Nd7!) 35...Qc5 36.Rxf8 Qxf8 37.Nd7 Qe7 38.Nxb6 Nxb6 39.Qxb6 Qb4=] 35...Rxd8 36.Nxd8 Nxc5± White has very little to show for black's connected, extra, passed pawns. But black has to

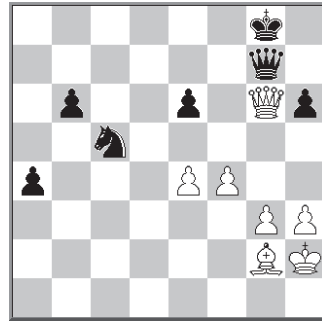
do a lot more to convert this advantage to a victory. **37.Qd6 Qd3**



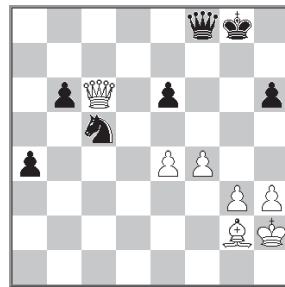
38.Nxe6+ [If **38.Qxb6** a4 **39.Qxc5 Qxd8** **40.g4 Qd3!** wins for black as it prevents all future checks by the white queen along the a1–h8 diagonal and the a-pawn advances smoothly.] **38...fxe6** **39.Qe7+ Kg8** **40.Qxf6** Unfortunately for white he does not get back his knight with a check and gives black valuable time to progress.



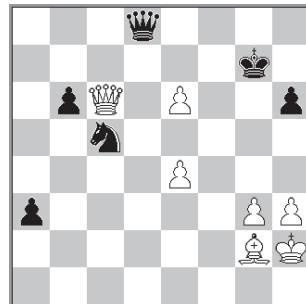
40...a4! **41.e4** This is the only way to capture g6, but this move blocks his bishop from further participation in the battle on the queen-side. **41...Qd7** **42.Qxg6+ Qg7**



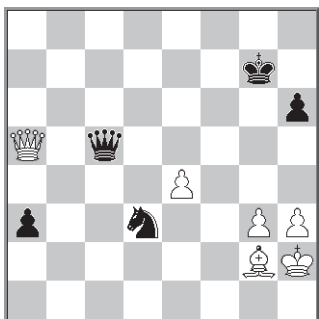
43.Qe8+ Qf8 **44.Qc6** [44.Qg6+? Kh8! and white can resign!]



44...Qd8! **45.f5 a3** **46.fxe6 Kg7** [Not the immediate: **46...a2?** **47.e7 Qxe7** **48.Qa8+ Kh7** **49.Qxa2+**]

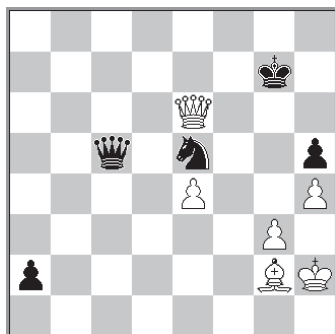


47.e7 Qxe7 **48.Qxb6 Nd3** **49.Qa5?!** [49.Bf1 Ne5 **50.Be2 Nf7** **51.Bh5 a2** **52.Bxf7 Qxf7** **53.Qd4+ Kg6** **54.e5=**] **49...Qc5**



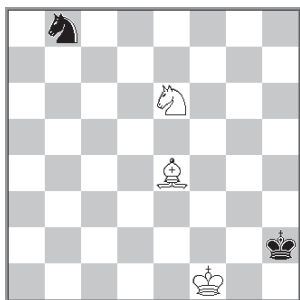
50. Qa6 Ne5 51. Qe6 [Black's advantage is minimal after 51. Qa8 Nf7 52. h4f7] 51...h5 52. h4? [Black's task could be made more difficult by 52. Qa6 h4! 53. Qb7+ Nf7 54. Qb3 Qa5! 55. Qa2 hxg3+ 56. Kxg3 Qe5+ 57. Kf3 (57. Kf2!! Qb2+ wins.)

57...Qb2 58. Qd5 a2-+]
52...a2!!

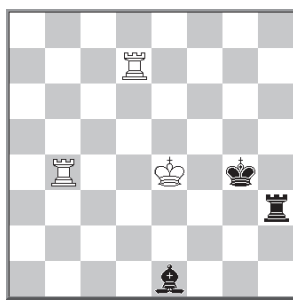


[A brilliant knockout punch. If now 52...a2 53. Qxa2 Ng4+ 54. Kh3 Qg1 55. Qb2+ Kg6! no more checks! 56. Bf3 Nf2+ wins the queen.] 0-1.

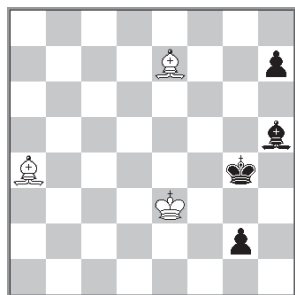
MATE IN THE ENDGAME SOLUTIONS P.33.



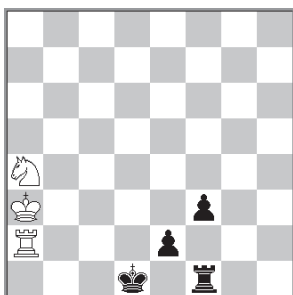
1. White to play and mate



3. White to play and mate



2. White to play and mate



4. White to play and mate

Alkaloid Wins European Club Cup

Second seed Alkaloid won the European Club Cup team event that took place in Novi Sad, Serbia from Nov 6-12. Alkaloid is from Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, part of erstwhile Yugoslavia.

Alkaloid had in its ranks Ding Liren (Chn, 3/5), Andreikin (Rus, 4½/7), Eljanov (Ukr, 4½/6), Jakovenko (Rus, 3½/6), Yu Yangyi (Chn, 5½/7), Kryvoruchko (Ukr, 5/7), Nedev (Mkd, 1.0/2; Pancevski (Mkd, 2/2) and won five matches and drew two for the title by a clear margin of 12/14.

Each team had 8 players and it was a six board match. Top seed Syberia with Kramnik, Grischuk finished sixth. It again goes to confirm that Russians are over rated in team competitions.

Alkaloid beat opponents in the first five rounds and drew its sixth and seventh rounds matches against Syberia and Legacy Square Moscow. Draws were agreed on all six boards on both the matches. Ding Liren worked hard to draw Kramnik in the sixth round.

A fourth ranked team, Mednyi Vsadnik with Dominguez, Svidler, Vitiugov, Bu, Fedoseev and Rodshtein finished second. The winning team (Alkaloid), Syberia and Odlar Yurdu (Baku) were the three unde-

feated teams in the 62-team competition of seven rounds.

The fourth strongest player in the meet, Harikrishna, 30, played on top board for the Czech team Ave Novy Bor scoring 3½/5. Harikrishna lost one game to Sjugirov (Rus) and won three games while drawing Mamedyarov (Aze). He gains one Elo. His fifth seeded team disappointed finishing eighth.

Krishnan Sasikiran scored 5½/6 for the same Ave Novy Bor team to gain 7.4 Elo. His performance rating was a super 2797.

The penultimate round defeat of Ave Novy Bor to Sveti Nikolaj spoilt their final placings. Sasikiran's win on the bottom (sixth) board went in vain as Shirov and Wang Hao lost in the 4th and 5th boards. They had earlier lost to tenth seed Zhiguli 2-4 in the third round.

Sethuraman played all seven games for his team Itaka (Serbia) which finished 36th. He scored 4½/7 and loses 1.80 Elo points. A total of 145 GMs were present among the 442 players from 47 nations in a truly global competition. Russia had 42 players, more than hosts, Serbia, 38.

Top final placings: 1 Alkaloid 12; 2-6. Mednyi Vsadnik, Legacy Square Mos-

cow, Ashdod, Odlar Yurdu, Syberia 11 each; 7-10. Zhiguli, Ave Novy Bor, VSK Sveti Nikolaj Srpski, Schachgesellschaft Zurich and others 10 each...62 teams.

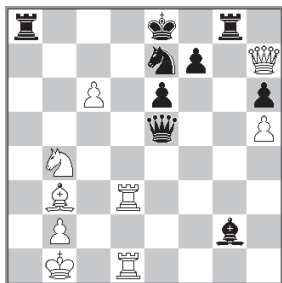
Friso Nijboer 2550

Gelfand 2720

Sicilian Najdorf B94

En Passant v OR Padova

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qb6 8.Bb3 e6 9.Qd2 Be7 10.0-0 Nc5 11. Qe2 Qc7 12.f4 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Rb8 18.h4 Bd7 19.h5 h6 20.Rh3 a5 21.a3 Qb6 22.c3 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.c4 Qb7 25.Qg4 Ra8 26.Kb1 Ra5 27.Qxg7 Rg8 28. Qh7 [28.Qxh6! Bc6 29.Nxc6 Nxc6 30.Qh7 Rf8 31.Qd3 Qc8 32.Qd6+-] 28...Qa7 29.Nc2 Bc6 30.Rhd3 Qc7 31.Nxb4 Bxg2 32.c5 [32.Rd6 Rg3 33.Bc2 Rg8 34.Qxh6+-] 32... Ra8 33.c6? [Too slow. He can win with: 33.Rd7 Qxe5 34.Rxe7+ Kxe7 35.Rd7+ Kxd7 36.Qxf7+-] 33...Qxe5



34.Qxh6? [After this, the tide turns! White can win with: 34.Ba4 Be4 35.c7+ Kf8 36.Qxh6+ Qg7 (36...Rg7 37. Qh8+ Ng8 38.h6+-) 37.Qxg7+

Kxg7 38.Bc2 Bxd3 39.Bxd3 Rgc8] 34...Be4! 35.Qe3 Rg3! 36.Qb6 Rb8 [36...Rb8 37.Bc2 Rxd3 38.Nxd3 Bxd3 Black wins.] 0-1.

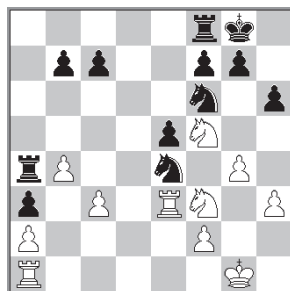
P Gabor 2587-**Harikrishna** 2768

Giucco Piano C54

CSM Baia Mare v AVE Novy Bor

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4

Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 a5 9.Nbd2 [9.a4 was played successfully in a game in the 2002 Vietnam Women's Championship in Hanoi.] 9...a4 10.Bb5 Bd7 11. Nc4 Nb8 12.Bxd7 Nbx7 13. d4 Ba7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15. Be3 [After 15.Nfxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Nxe5 Rfe8 18.Bf4 c6 19.Nf3 Nxe4 20.Be3 Bxe3 21. Rxe3 Nc5 Black has a slight edge.] 15...Bxe3 16. Nxe3 a3 This undermines c3. 17.b4 Nxe4 18.Nf5 Ndf6 19. Qc2 Qd7 20.g4 Rf7 Qa4 21.Qxa4 Rxa4 22.Re3



22...g6!? [This exercise ultimately leads to a slight advantage for black after a few twists and turns. For conservative players the normal here is: 22...Re8=] 23.Nxh6+ Kg7 24.h4 Kxh6 25.g5+ Kg7 26.gxf6+ Nxf6 27.Rxe5 Rd8 28.Re7 Nd5 Rf7 29.Re5 Nxc3

30.Rc5 Nd5 31.Rd1 c6 32.b5 Ra5!-+ 33.Nd4 Rh8 Black lets go his c6 pawn and plays for mate! **34.Nb3 Ra4 35.bxc6 Rg4+ 36.Kf1 bxc6 37.Rd4 Nf4 38.h5 Rh4 39.f3 Rh1+ 40.Kf2 Ne6 41.hxg6 Nxc5 42.Nxc5 R1h2+** Black's new objective to promote his a-pawn will win soon. **0-1.**

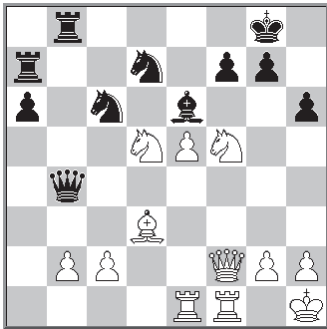
Pentala Harikrishna 2768

Matthias Bluebaum 2641

French Classical C11

AVE Novy Bor v SV Werder Bremen

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.Bf2 h6 12.a3 0-0 13.0-0 Ra7 14.Rae1 b4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.f5 exf5 17.Bxf5 Nb6 18.Bd3 Bg4 19.Kh1 Bxf2 20.Qxf2 Rb8 21.Nh4 Be6 22.Nf5 Nd7 23.Nxd5!!



23...Qc5 [If **23...Bxd5 24.Qg3 Qf8 (24...g6 25.Nxh6+ Kg7 26.e6! Nde5 27.Rxe5 Nxe5 28.Qxe5+ Kxh6 29.Rf4 Qe7 30.Rxf7+;** **24...Kf8 25.Qxg7+ Ke8 26.Be4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4+)** **25.Nxh6+ Kh8 26.Nxf7+** followed by **27 Qh4+** wins.]

24.Nfe7+ Nxe7 25.Nxe7+ Kh8 [25...Qxe7? 26.Qxa7+-] **26.Nc6! Qxc6 27.Qxa7 Rxb2 28.Qd4 Rb6 29.Rb1 Rxb1 30.Rxb1** White is threatening **31 Rb8+ Nxh8 32 Qd8+** mating. **1-0.**

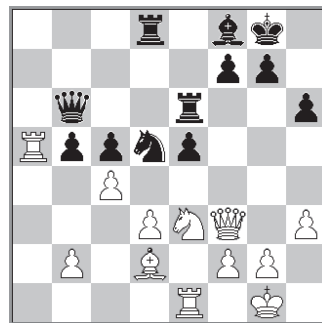
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Krishnan Sasikiran 2654

Ruy Lopez C90

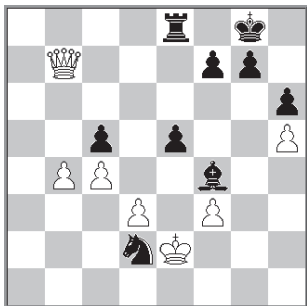
VSK Sveti Nikolaj Srpski v Novy Bor

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.Nbd2 Nc6 12.Nf1 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Ne3 Be6 15.a4 Rc8 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bb3 Qd7 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Ra6 Qd7 20.Nf5 Qb7 21.Ra1 Bf8 22.Nh2 Re6 23.Ng4 Ne7 Black drives away the knight which is posted on f5. That is his priority. **24.Nxf6+ Rxf6 25.Ne3 Rd8** Planning d6-d5. **26.Bd2 Re6 27.Ra5 d5 28.exd5 Nxd5 29.Qf3** This pin on the knight is easily dodged. **29...Qb6 30.c4**



30...Nxe3!! The first move of a very long and exciting combination where it was easy to miss a tactical trick. **31.Rxb5 Nxb5 32.Rxb6 Nxe1 33.Qb7**

Nf3+! 34.Kf1 [34.Qxf3 Rxb6] **34...Nxd2+ 35.Ke2 Re7 36.Qc6** [If 36.Qg2 Nb1 37.Qg1 e4] **36...Nb1 37.f3** [White is worried over black's central thrust e5-e4. For example, if 37.Qh1 e4 38.d4 cxd4 39.Qxb1 d3+ 40.Kd2 Rc7 41.b3 Bc5 Black's initiative is awesome.] **37...Red7 38.Rb3 Be7! 39.Rb7 Rxb7 40.Qxb7 Bg5!** This provides the escape square for his knight through d2. **41.Qb6 Rc8 42.Qb7 Rf8 43.h4 Bf4 44.Qb5 Nd2 45.h5** [If 45.Qxc5 Nb3 46.Qd6 Nd4+-+] **45...Rc8 46.Qb7 Re8 47.b4**



[or 47.Qc6 Re6 48.Qc8+ Kh7 49.Qxc5 Nb3-+] **47...e4! 48.fxe4**

[48.dxe4 Nxc4 49.Qb5 Nd6 50.Qxc5 Re5!-+] **48...Rb8! 0-1.**

<Continued from P19>

29.Nc4 Ra6 30.Bxb7 Ra7 31.Bg2 b5 32.Bc5 Ra6 33.Bb7 bxc4 34.Bxa6 cxb3 35.a5 Bf5 36.Bd4 1-0.

Aronian 2795-Rapport 2730
Chigorin D07, 08.11.2016

OR Padova v VSK Sveti Nikolaj

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 e5 6.dxe5 Bb4 7.Bd2 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Ba5 9.e3 0-0 10.Qa4 Bb6 11.Qf4 Qe7 12.h4 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Qc4+ Kh8 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17.Ng5 Ne5 18.Qe4 Qd7 19.0-0 Re8 20.Qc2 h6 21.Ne4 Rh5 22.Ng3 Rxh4 23.Rad1 Rf8 24.Bc1 Qg4 25.Rd5 Qg5 26.Qe2 c6 27.Rd4 Rh1+ 28.Kxh1 Bxd4 29.f3 Bb6 30.Ne4 Qh5+ 31.Kg1 Bc7 32.Kf2 Qh2 33.Ke1 Rd8 34.Bd2 Nd3+ 35.Kd1 Qe5 36.g4 Qb5 37.Qg2 Nb2+ 38.Kc2 Nc4 39.Bc1 Rd5 40.g5 Na5 41.Bd2 Qd3+ 0-1

Solutions for "Mate In The Endgame"

1) **1.Kf2 Nd7 2.Ng5 Ne5 3.Bf5 Nc4 4.Nf3+ Kh1 5.Bc2 Nd6 6.Ng5 Nc4** [6...Kh2 7.Bd3 Ne8 8.Nf3+ Kh3 (8...Kh1 9.Bf1 Nf6 10.Bg2#) 9.Bf5#] **7.Be4+ Kh2 8.Nf3+ Kh3 9.Bf5# 1-0.**

2) **1.Bd7+ Kg3 2.Bd6+ Kh4 3.Kf4 Bd1** [3...Bf7 4.Bg4 g1Q 5.Be7#; 3...g1Q 4.Be7+ Qg5+ 5.Bxg5#] **4.Be7+ Kh5 5.Be8+ Kh6 6.Bf8# 1-0.**

3) **1.Rb1 Rh8 2.Rg7+ Kh5** [2...Kh4 3.Rxe1 Re8+ 4.Kf4 Rxe1 5.Rh7#; 2...Kh3 3.Rxe1 Re8+ 4.Kf3 Rxe1 5.Rh7#] **3.Rxe1 Re8+ 4.Kf5 Rxe1 5.Rh7# 1-0.**

4) **1.Nc3+ Ke1 2.Ne4 Kd1 3.Kb3 e1Q** [3...e1N 4.Kc3 Nc2 5.Rxc2 Rg1 6.Nf2+ Ke1 7.Nd3+ Kf1 8.Rf2#] **4.Nc3+ Qxc3+ 5.Kxc3 Ke1** [5...Rg1 6.Kd3 Ke1 7.Ke3 Kf1 8.Kxf3 Rg8 9.Ra1#] **6.Kd3 Rf2 7.Ra1# 1-0**

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V.S. Raahul, third from right receives the winner trophy.

National Amateur, Mumbai

Raahul Wins Amateur Title

Second seed V.S. Raahul of Tamil Nadu won the 5th SBI Life National Amateur Chess Championship that concluded at Mumbai on November 11, 2016.

In the final round, 1997-born Raahul, defeated top seed Ameya Audi of Goa with the white pieces to jump out of a three-way shared lead and emerge clear winner.

Raahul suffered a second round reversal to Raahil and won nine games and drew Omkar Kadam (Mah) on course to the title with $9\frac{1}{2}/11$. He gains 26.8 Elo from this event and also importantly qualified to represent India at the World Amateur Championship in Spoleto, Italy during April 1-9, 2017.

This event is held once a year and is for players rated 2300 and below. This 255-player, 11-round Swiss was organised by Praful Zaveri's (extreme left in pic) Indian Chess School. International Arbiter I.G. Parmar (Guj, second from right in pic) was the chief arbiter.

This event ran from Nov 5-11, 2016 at the Thakur College of Science and Commerce in Kandivali (East) in Mumbai.

Top final placings: 1 V.S. Raahul (TN) $9\frac{1}{2}/11$; 2-3. Y.V.K. Chakravarthy (AP), Omkar Kadav (Mah) 9 each; 4 Aditya Mittal (Mah) $8\frac{1}{2}$; 5-10. Raahil Mullik (Mah), Devansh Ratti (Mah), Ameya Audi (Goa), R Udadhyyay (Mah), Vedant Panesar (Mah), Jeet Shah (Mah) and others 8 each...255 players.