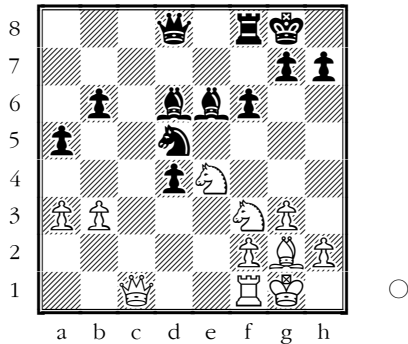


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World Chess News

European Club Cup

In the penultimate round, Spanish team **Linex Magic – Merida** won an important match versus Tomsk-400 and took the lead. Still, in order to take gold medals, in the last round Linex Magic, most likely, needs to win against the Russian team Economist from Saratov. Three of Linex's pursuers: **Economist**, **Ural** and **Bosna Sarajevo** all preserve chances for first place.

On the other hand, the team of the world champion Vishy Anand, **OSC Baden-Baden** have already lost all chances for first place. Yesterday they made their first draw. Anand himself also ended his game peacefully: he had Black versus Pavel Eljanov of **Ashdod** and repeated for a long time the game versus Kramnik from the recent Mexico World Championship. Anand was first to deviate from that game on move 20.

Round 6 top results:

Tomsk-400 – Linex Magic 2½-3½

Morozevich vs Kamsky ½-½
Karjakin vs Adams 1-0
Kasimdzhanov vs Rublevsky 0-1
Inarkiev vs Sargissian ½-½
Bologan vs Cheparinov 0-1
Smirnov vs Perez Candelario ½-½

Clichy – Ural 3-3

Pelletier vs Radjabov ½-½
Naiditsch vs Shirov ½-½
Fressinet vs Grischuk ½-½
Tregubov vs Akopian ½-½
David vs Malakhov 1-0
Apicella vs Dreev 0-1

Keystone – Bosna Sarajevo 2-4

Ponomariov vs Ivanchuk ½-½
Onischuk vs Almasi ½-½
Areshchenko vs Movsesian 0-1
Miroshnichenko vs I.Sokolov 0-1
Efimenko vs Short ½-½
Baklan vs Predojevic ½-½

Alkaloid – Economist 2½-3½

Mamedyarov vs Alekseev ½-½
Ki.Georgiev vs Tomashevsky ½-½
Volkov vs Tiviakov ½-½
Kozul vs Galkin 0-1
Stanojoski vs Roiz ½-½
Colovic vs Iljushin ½-½

Ashdod – Baden-Baden 3-3

Eljanov vs Anand ½-½
Smirin vs Svidler 0-1
Sutovsky vs Carlsen 1-0
Avrukh vs Bacrot 0-1
Moiseenko vs Nisipeanu 1-0
Kogan vs Harikrishna ½-½

Standings after 6 (of 7) rounds:

1. Linex Magic – 11 (24½)
2. Ural – 10 (27)
3. Economist – 10 (26)
4. Bosna – 10 (24)
5. Tomsk-400 – 9 (25½)
6. Baden-Baden – 9 (24½)
7. Clichy – 9 (23)
8. Gros Xake Taldea – 9 (22), etc.

Round 7 top pairings:

Linex Magic – Economist
Bosna – Ural
Baden-Baden – Clichy
Tomsk-400 – Gros Xake Taldea

Standings in the women's event:

1. Monte-Carlo – 11 (19).
2. Krasnoturinsk – 9 (16).
Six teams have 8 match points each. In the last round Monte-Carlo needs to score 1 point on four boards in their match versus Krasnoturinsk to ensure first place.

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Round 7 top boards, juniors:

So (5) – Adly (5)
Grigoryan (4½) – Wang Hao (4½)
Stellwagen (4½) – Meier (4½)
Gopal (4½) – Rodshtein (4½)
Ashwin (4½) – Laznicka (4½)

Round 7 top boards, girls:

Nebolsina (6) – Harika (5)
Vega Gutierrez (5) – Hooft (5)

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Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

White: P. Haba (2526)

Black: A. Morozevich (2758)



GM Morozevich

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3!

Nowadays the Catalan Opening is as topical as ever before.

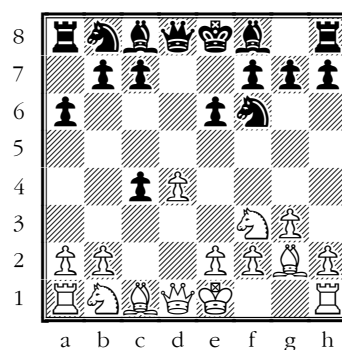
3...d5

Possibly, the black players should more often try 3...c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6, transposing to the Modern Benoni?

4.♙g2 dxc4

At the world championship in Mexico, a line 4...♙e7 5.♘f3 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.♖c2 a6 8.♗xc4 b5 9.♖c2 ♙b7 10.♙d2 was discussed five times. There, Black is fighting only for equality.

5.♘f3 a6 (D)



6.0-0

In Mexico, Kramnik against Morozevich played 6.♘e5 and after 6...♙b4+ 7.♘c3 ♘d5 he made a surprising new move 8.0-0!?, offering more pawns.

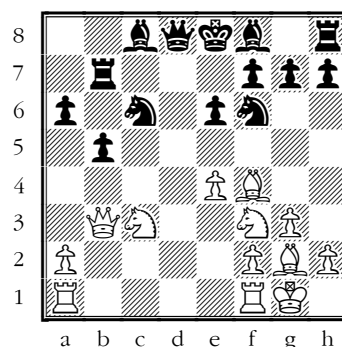
6...♘c6 7.♘c3

The alternative is 7.e3.

7...♞b8 8.e4 b5

This is a really risky line for Black, though it is not 'officially refuted' as of yet.

9.d5 ♘b4 10.b3 cxb3 11.♗xb3 c5 12.dxc6 ♘xc6 13.♙f4 ♞b7 (D)



Black has an extra pawn, but his survival is not absolutely guaranteed because of White's huge development advantage.

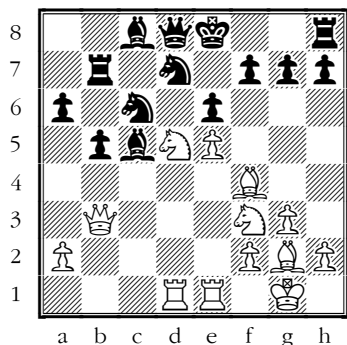
14.♞ad1!? ♘d7 15.♞fe1

This move seems to be new. Earlier White tried 15.e5 and also 15.♖c2 (as in M.Umansky-D.Weber, corr. 2004 – this game was annotated by Junior Tay in CT-1638).

15...♗e7!? 16.♗d5! ♗c5!

Clearly favours White 16...exd5? 17.exd5 ♖a5 18.♖b4!; while 16...0-0! 17.♗xe7+ ♗xe7 can hardly be suggested for Black as well.

17.e5! (D)



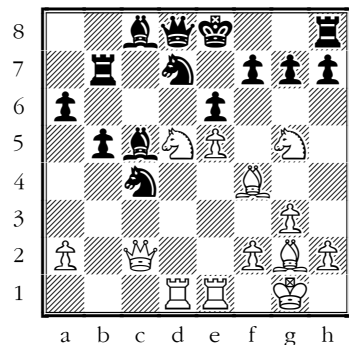
17...♗a5?!

Black's defence would not have been easy in any case. But the text rather helps White to prepare his actions. Let's look at other possibilities: 17...exd5 (this is also risky, indeed) 18.e6 (possibly stronger than 18.♗g5 ♗b6!?) 18...0-0 (after 18...fxe6 19.♖xe6+ ♗e7 20.♖xd5 Black's defence is really hard, the line 18...♗f6 19.exf7+ ♖f8 20.♖c2 ♖b6 21.♖xd5! ♗xd5 22.♖e8+ ♖xf7 23.♖xh8 ♗xf2+ 24.♖xf2 ♖xf2+ 25.♖xf2 ♗e6 26.♗g5+ ♖e7 27.♖xh7 ♖f6 results in a better endgame for White) 19.exd7 ♖xd7 (after 19...♗xd7 20.♖xd5 White's initiative is threatening) 20.♖c2 ♖b6 21.♖c1 ♗b4 22.♖xc6 ♖xc6 23.♖xc6 ♗xe1 24.♗xe1 with, as it seems, a promising ending for White: his knight goes to d3.; After 17...0-0 White can try 18.♖c2!? (rather than 18.♗g5 h6! , but possible is 18.♗g5) with a basic idea of 18...exd5 19.♗g5! g6 20.e6 ♗b4 21.exf7+ ♖xf7 22.♗xf7 ♖xf7 23.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 24.♖xd5±. One more option was 17...h6 (preventing ♗g5) where White has, at least, 18.♗c3 0-0 19.♗e4 with an initiative for the pawn.

18.♖c2! ♗c4?!

Quite bad for Black is 18...exd5 19.♗g5!±, but 18...h6 deserved attention also here, though White might already have considered a piece sacrifice 19.♗f6+! ♗xf6 20.exf6 with a lot of activity.

19.♗g5! (D)



19...♖a7

Again unplayable would have been 19...exd5? where good for White is 20.♗xd5; If 19...h6 , the best answer is, probably, 20.♗xe6! ♗xe6 21.♖g6+ ♖f8 22.♖xe6 and White has more than enough for the piece in further complications. For example, 22...♗dx5 23.♗f6! ♗d6 24.♖xd6 ♗xd6 25.♖xe5.

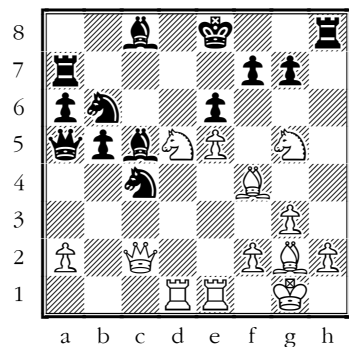
20.♗xh7

Another interesting idea was 20.♗h3! , but I would not analyse it, because the move of GM Haba seems to be strong enough.

20...♖a5

Does not help 20...♗a3 21.♖d3

21.♗g5! ♗db6 (D)

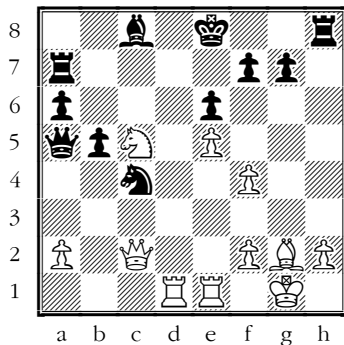


Black is lost after 21...♗b7 22.♗xe6 ♗xe6 23.♖g6+; or after 21...exd5 22.♖f5! ♗db6 23.e6; Objectively, 21...♖a4! might have been more stubborn than the text, but then White could simply trade the queens with a better position.

22.♗e4?

In no way is it easy to calculate consequences of 22.♗f6+! ♗xf6 23.exf6, but Black hardly would have been able to survive after this sacrifice. Or so it seems! Some approximate lines are: 23...♗d4 (or 23...♗a4 24.♗c6+ ♖f8 25.♖f5! threatening

26. ♖h7+! 23... ♖a4 24. ♖xe6!; 23... ♖f8 24. ♖f5! b4 25. ♖c6+ ♖d7 and now again 26. ♖xe6 ♖xf2+ 27. ♖xf2 ♖xf5 28. ♖g7+ ♖d8 29. ♖xf5 and White is winning) 24. ♖xe6! ♖xe6 (Black loses also after 24... fxe6 25. ♖g6+ ♖f8 26. ♖xd4! ♖xe1+ 27. ♖f1 ♖d5 28. ♖xc4! bxc4 29. ♖d6+ ♖e7 30. ♖g7+ , etc.) 25. ♖xe6+ fxe6 26. ♖g6+ ♖d8 27. f7! and the fight is more or less over.
22... ♖xd5 23. ♖xc5 ♖xf4 24. gxf4 (D)

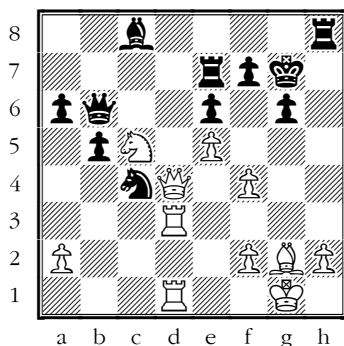


Now the position is not that clear: White's pieces are much more active, but Black is better structurally.

24...g6!?

Morozevich likes to surprise his opponents with not so obvious moves. A lesser player could have castled, for example). The black king goes to g7, while the rook remains active on h8.

25. ♖e4 ♖f8 26. ♖d4 ♖b6 27. ♖d3 ♖e7 28. ♖ed1 ♖g7 (D)



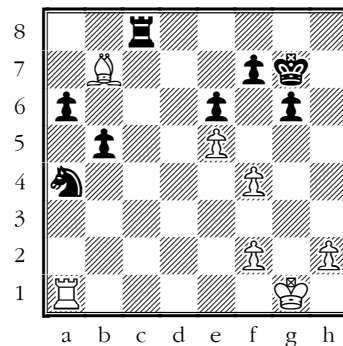
29.a4?

A big error. Haba clearly underestimates Black's next, and loses a pawn by force.

29... ♖c7! 30. ♖e4 ♖xd4 31. ♖xd4 ♖b2! 32. ♖a1 ♖xa4 33. ♖d6 ♖c3 34. ♖xc8?

A fatal mistake: White exchanges Black's passive bishop, hoping to win the a6 pawn. But it does not work this way.

34... ♖hxc8 35. ♖b7 ♖c1+ 36. ♖d1 ♖xa1 37. ♖xa1 (D)



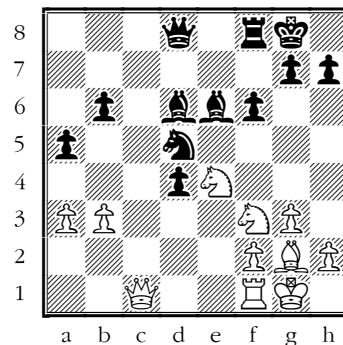
37... ♖b8!

It turns out that after 37... ♖b8 38. ♖xa6 ♖c5! White loses his bishop. So, he resigned. **0-1**



Solutions to our quiz:

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19. ♖c6! ♖c3 20. ♖xd4! 1-0

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