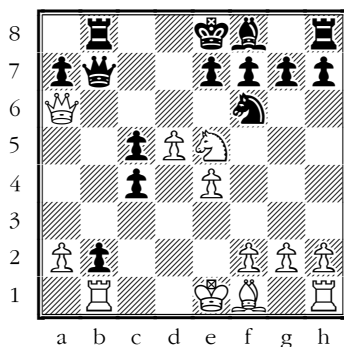
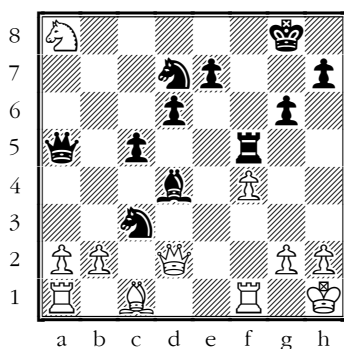


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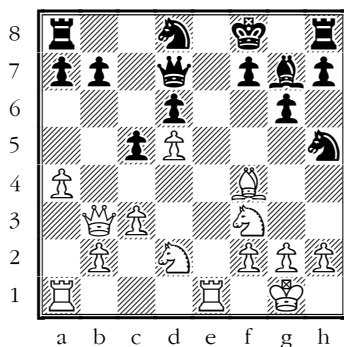
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World Chess News

FIDE World Cup

The first game of the final match between **Alexei Shirov** and **Gata Kamsky** will be played in Khanty-Mansiysk today. Kamsky will have White. Here are some statistics:

Alexei [Shirov](#) is 35 years old. His current rating of 2739 makes him No 10 in the world. His highest rating has been 2751 (January 2000).



Gata [Kamsky](#) is 33 years old. His current [rating](#) is 2714. Kamsky is No 17 in the world. His highest rating has been 2745 (July 1996). He returned to chess about three years ago after a long break.



According to MegaBase 2007, Shirov and Kamsky have played 19 games, starting from 1986, when Kamsky was just 12. Disregarding two early games (played in 1986 and 1988), the score is +5 -5 =7. The last of those games was played in 1996.

Curiously, after Kamsky's return to chess, he has faced Shirov only once – exactly a month ago in Moscow in the Tal Memorial. Kamsky blundered a piece and resigned on move 29. You can see all 20 games between Shirov and Kamsky in our database today.

The opponents have very different playing styles – Shirov is a renowned attacker, while Kamsky is considered one of the best defenders in the world. Shirov is usually well-prepared in the opening, while Kamsky often avoids theoretical lines. All of this promises a very interesting match!

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Villa de Navalморal 2007

This open tournament with a prize fund of 15,000 euro took place in Extremadura, Spain on 5–9 December 2007. The time control was 90 minutes + 30 seconds/move.

Final Standings:

1–3. GMs Granda Zuniga (PER, 2592), Del Rio (ESP, 2512) and Hamdouchi (MAR, 2571) – 7/9, etc (110 players).

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Salona 2007

Standings after 6 rounds:

1. A. Saric – 4
2–3. Stefanova and Pogonina – 3½
4–7. V. Georgiev, Dizdarevic, Godena and Brkic – 3
8–9. Dembo and Kurajica – 2½
10. and Romanishin – 2

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Match Warsaw – Buenos Aires – Kolkata

Results of round 1:

Warsaw I – Kolkata 1½–2½
Buenos Aires – Warsaw II 1–3

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Press-release

This match, held under honorary patronage of the Mayor of Warsaw Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz and Marshall of the Mazovian Voivodeship Adam Struzik, is highly symbolic. Born in 1910 in Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Mieczyslaw Najdorf emigrated to Argentina in 1939 and later received the citizenship of that country.

In October, 2006, for the first time, the Argentinean capital hosted a match, in which Warsaw defeated Buenos Aires 8½–7½. That encounter was the most important event of the Najdorf Chess Festival. The Warsaw team consisted of the following players: Bartosz

Socko, Bartłomiej Macieja, Robert Kempinski and Michal Olszewski. During the festival an agreement of co-operation was signed between the Najdorf Foundation and the Warsaw Chess Foundation.

Another team has now joined the rivalry of Warsaw and Buenos Aires, the team of Kolkata. Chess is extremely popular in India, due to the outstanding successes of the 38-year-old Viswanathan Anand. This September he won his second title of the World Champion. In the tournament, which was held in the capital of Mexico, the "tiger from Madras" scored 9 points. As the only participant, he didn't lose a single game, won four, and drew ten.

The match is being held in the Novotel Centrum Hotel from December, 11 to 13, according to the round-robin system. The team compositions are:

Buenos Aires:

IM Diego Flores (2566), GM Fernando Peralta (2546), GM Ruben Felgaer (2539) and IM Pablo Lafuente (2489).

Kolkata:

GM Dibyendu Barua (2491), GM Surya Shekhar Ganguly (2585), GM Sandipan Chanda (2593), IM Saptarshi Roy Chowdhury (2418) and Atanu Lahiri (2290).

Warsaw I:

GM Bartosz Soco (2646), GM Bartłomiej Macieja (2606), GM Mateusz Bartel (2608) and GM Robert Kempinski (2596).

Warsaw II:

IM Michal Olszewski (2424), IM Monika Socko (2473), FM Arkadiusz Leniart (2329) and Maciej Brzeski (2307).

Miguel (Mieczyslaw) Najdorf

He was born on April, 15, 1910 in Grodzisk Mazowiecki, died July, 5, 1997 in Malaga. He represented Poland and Argentina.

At the age of 10 Najdorf revealed a great chess talent. He learned to play

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chess from his friend's father, Ruben Fridelbaum. He played for Poland at Chess Olympiads till 1939, when he won a gold board medal in Buenos Aires (earlier he had won a bronze medal in Munich in 1936). So, Najdorf played an important role in the successes of the Polish national team. The outbreak of the war caught him at the Buenos Aires Olympiad, and he decided to stay there. He won a lot of gold and silver medals for his new homeland.

Najdorf set several records of simultaneous play. In Sao Paulo in 1950 he played a simul on 250 boards, achieving a remarkable score: 226 wins and 14 draws.

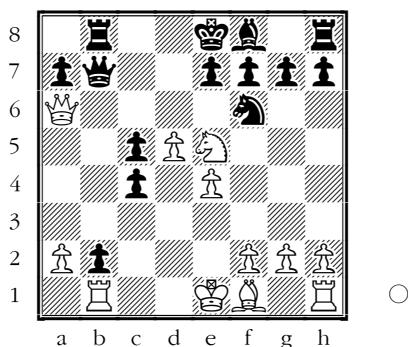
Chess was not his only success. Najdorf achieved a similar success in the insurance business and was one of the richest Argentineans after WWII. He owned one of the most presentable sky-scrappers in Buenos Aires.

The Nazis killed Najdorf's whole family, including his parents, wife and little daughter. His second daughter, born in Argentina, fulfilled her father's will visiting Grodzisk Mazowiecki a year after his death.

Solutions to our Quiz:

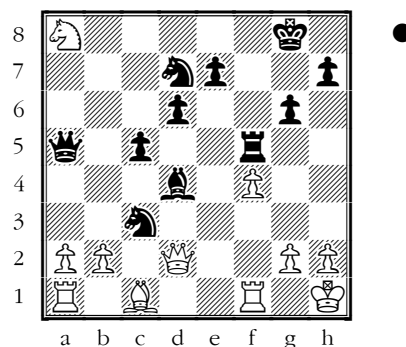
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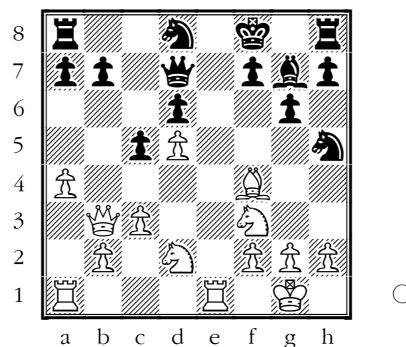
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14. ♗c6+ ♕d8 15. ♗xf7#)

Elbilja (2310) - Shirov (2670) France, 1993



22... ♗e4! 0-1 (22... ♗e4 23. ♗xa5
♗g3+ 24. hxg3 ♖h5#)

Kamsky (2695) - Anand (2720) Candidates, Sanghi Nagar (10), 1994



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