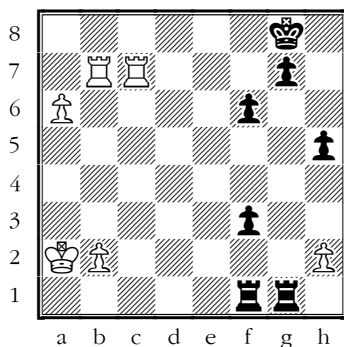
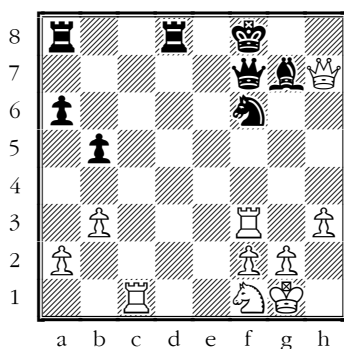


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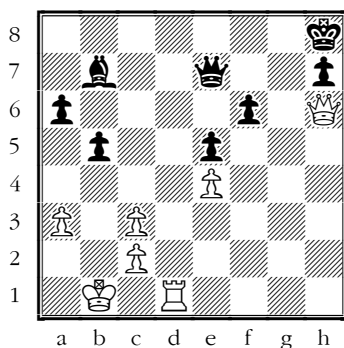
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World Chess News

FIDE World Cup

The first game of the final match Shirov – Kamsky ended in a draw after 42 moves (see Annotated game section).

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GM Tournament in Brazil

GM Rafael Leitao won this 10 player round robin on his own full point ahead of the closest pursuers.

Final standings:

1. Leitao – 7
- 2–4. Stamenkovic, Mekhitarian and Rodriguez – 6
5. Fier – 5, etc.

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Magistral de Elgoibar 2007

The 17th edition of this event is a 10 player closed tournament of Category 10 (average Elo 2491).

Standings after 4 rounds:

- 1–4. Korneev, Paunovic, Mirzoev and Miton – 3
- 5–7. Gomez, Huerga and Prie – 2, etc.

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Match Warsaw – Buenos Aires – Kolkata

The Indian players took first place winning all their matches. Robert Kempinski of Warsaw I team showed the best individual result scoring 2½ points.

Results of Round 2:

Warsaw II – Kolkata 1½– 2½
Buenos Aires – Warsaw I ½– 3½

Round 3 results:

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

Final standings:

1. Kolkata – 6 (7½)
2. Warsaw I – 4 (7½)
3. Buenos Aires – 2 (5)
4. Warsaw II – 0 (4)

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Salona 2007

All games of Round 7 were decisive.
Ante Saric retains the sole lead.

Standings after 7 rounds:

1. A.Saric – 5
2. Stefanova – 4½
- 3–4. V.Georgiev and Brkic – 4
5. Pogonina – 3½
- 6–8. Romanishin, Dizdarevic and Godena – 3
- 9–10. Dembo and Kurajica – 2½

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Annotated Game

by IM Maxim Notkin

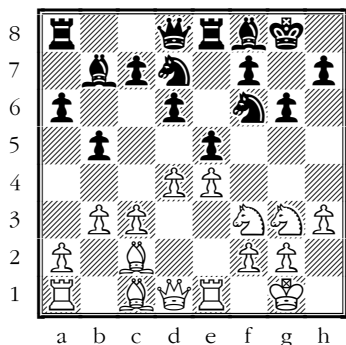
White: A. Shirov (2739)

Black: G. Kamsky (2714)

World Cup Khanty–Mansiysk RUS
(7.1), 13.12.2007

Ruy Lopez, closed, Breyer, 10.d4 – [C95]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4
♘f6 5.0-0 ♙e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♙b3 d6
8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♘b8 10.d4 ♘bd7
11.♘bd2 ♙b7 12.♙c2 ♞e8 13.♘f1
♙f8 14.♘g3 g6 15.b3 (D)



15...a5!?

Kamsky's novelty first played against Svidler in Round 4 of the World Cup. The main continuations in this well-known position are 15...♙g7 and 15...c6.

16.a4

Clearing up the situation on the queenside. For the moment Shirov follows in Svidler's footsteps. Probably future games would reveal other plans for White.

16...b4

Otherwise the a5 pawn may become Black's headache. But this advance turns White's a-pawn into a protected passer.

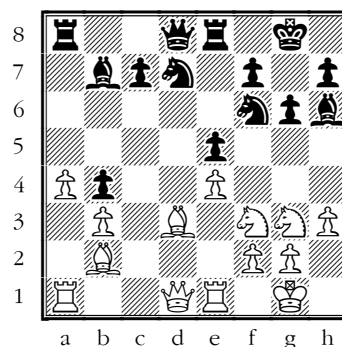
17.cxb4 axb4 18.♙b2

Feeble is 18.♙d2 exd4 19.♘xd4 (19.♙xb4 c5) 19...d5 and Black has no problems in general and with the b-pawn in particular. Or 18.♞d2 exd4 19.♞xb4 and after any of the moves ...♞c8, ...♞b8 or ...♞b8 White can neither take on d4 with the knight in view of ...c7–c5 nor with the queen in view of ...♙g7.

18...♙h6

Black has managed to activate his dark-squared bishop without a loss of a tempo. 18...exd4 is less advisable now as after 19.♞xd4 ♞b8 (in case of 19...c5 20.♞d2 White has a better pawn structure) 20.♞xb4 ♙xe4 21.♞c3 ♙xc2 22.♞xe8 ♞xe8 23.♞xc2 c5 24.a5 White's outside passed pawn may become dangerous.

19.dxe5 dxe5 20.♙d3 (D)



20...♘c5!?

Against Svidler Kamsky tried 20...♙f4 21.♞c2 ♞a5 22.♞ad1 ♞c5 23.♞e2 ♞e7 24.♘f1 ♘b6 25.g3 ♙h6 26.♙c1 ♙xc1 27.♞xc1 ♞c3 and drew after a long fight though White retained a slight initiative during the whole game. This time he comes up with a new idea not

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waiting for a surprise on his opponent's part.

21. ♖b5

Dubious is 21. ♖xe5?! ♖f4 and the white pieces lose a foothold; The text is obviously stronger than 21. ♖c4 since it results in the same position but with the black pawn on c6 which makes the e4 pawn less vulnerable.

21... ♜xd1 22. ♞axd1 c6

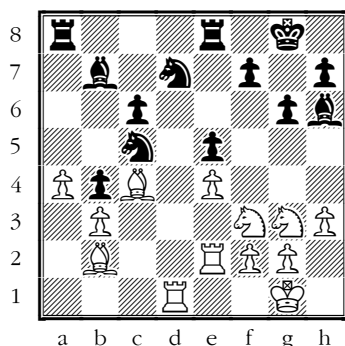
Forced as the e5 pawn is hanging.

23. ♖c4 ♜fd7

23... ♖f4? would be a mistake due to 24. ♜e2! with White's solid advantage e.g. 24... ♜fxe4 25. ♜xf4 exf4 26. ♜e5 ♞e7 (26... ♜g5 27. h4 ♜ge6 28. ♜g4) 27. ♜xf7 ♞f8 (27... ♞xf7 28. ♞xe4! ♜xe4 29. ♞d7) 28. ♜d8±.

24. ♞e2 (D)

Sending the rook towards the c-file.



24... ♖f4

On the official site Sergey Shipov suggested the ambitious 24... ♖b6 but it seems that this move doesn't perfectly solve Black's problems after 25. ♞c2 (in case of 25. ♜xe5 ♜xc4 26. ♜xc4 ♜xb3 27. ♜d6 ♞eb8 Black is fine) 25... ♜xc4 (in Sergey's line 25... ♖f8 26. ♜xe5 ♜xc4 27. ♞xc4 ♜xb3 28. ♜d7 ♖e7 White has 29. ♜h5! gxh5 30. ♞d3 h4 31. ♞xb3 ♞xa4 32. e5 h5 33. ♜f6+ ♖xf6 34. exf6 and in the resulting ending Black will suffer) 26. ♞xc4 ♜xb3 27. ♞xb4 ♜c5 28. ♜xe5 ♞xa4 29. ♞xa4 ♜xa4 30. ♖a1 ♜c5 (30... ♖g7 31. ♜xf7!) 31. ♜g4 ♖g7 32. ♜f6+ ♖xf6 33. ♖xf6 and White retains some edge due to the poor position of the black king.

25. ♞c2 ♞e7

Protecting the knight d7 Black creates the threat of ... ♖xg3, fxg3 ♜xe4.

26. ♜e2 ♖h6

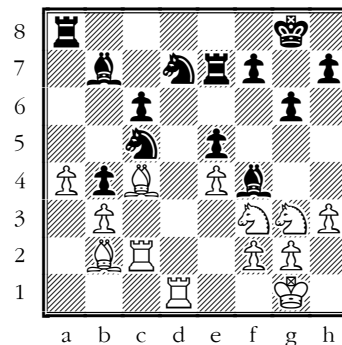
26... ♜xe4? gives White a menacing initiative after 27. ♜xf4 exf4 28. ♞e2 ♖b6 (defending against ♞xd7 and

♜g5) 29. ♖d3 f5 (29... ♞d8? 30. ♖f6!) 30. ♜g5 ♞ae8 (Sergey Zagrebelny on ChessPro pointed 30...c5 31.a5! with idea 31... ♞xa5? 32. ♖c4+ ♜xc4 33. ♞d8+ mating) 31. ♞de1±.

27. ♜g3

27. ♜c1 ♜xe4 28. ♜d3 ♜c3! 29. ♞e1 c5! is unclear(29...e4? 30. ♜xb4)

27... ♖f4 (D)



28. ♖c1!? ♖a6!

Finally reaching the b3 pawn fixed by Black's 16th move. To 28... ♖xg3 White has a strong in-between move 29. ♖g5!

29. ♖xf4 exf4 30. ♜e2 ♖xc4

In case of 30... ♞xe4 31. ♖xa6 ♞xa6 32. ♜ed4 ♞e7 (32... ♞f8 33. ♜xc6 ♞xc6 34. ♞xd7) 33. ♞c4 White will win the pawn back preserving the initiative.; as well as after 30... ♜xe4 31. ♜fd4 driving off the black knight from the c3 square by f2-f3 and then capturing on f4(31. ♖xa6 ♞xa6 32. ♞c4 c5! 33. ♞xd7 ♞xd7 34. ♞xe4 ♞d3 is double-edged)

31. ♞xc4 ♜xb3 32. ♞xb4 ♜bc5

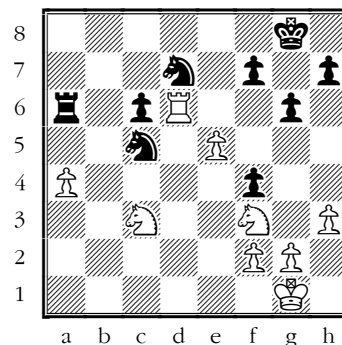
33. ♜c3 ♞ee8

33... ♞f8 looks simpler.

34. ♞d6

Perhaps from the psychological standpoint it was better to maintain the tension keeping two pairs of rooks on the board. However it's not clear how White can make real progress.

34... ♞e6 35. ♞bd4 ♞xd6 36. ♞xd6 ♖a6 37. e5 (D)



37...♖b6?!

37...♖f8 was possible when after 38.♗d4 Black equalizes by 38...♗b6 39.♗xf4 ♗bxa4 40.♗xa4 (40.♗c4 ♗xc3 41.♗xc5 ♗e4 42.♗c4 ♗a1+ 43.♖h2 ♗xf2 44.♗xc6=) 40...♗xa4 41.♗f6?! ♗e6 (Zagrebelny)

38.♗d1

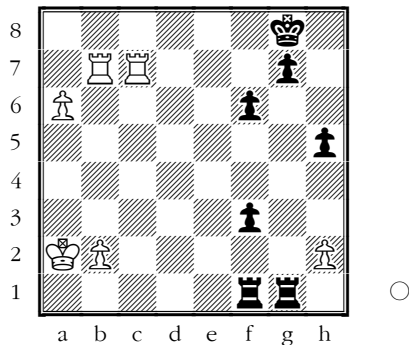
38.♗d4 was the last attempt to play for a win though Black should hold by 38...♗b3 39.♗e4 ♗xe4 (39...♗a3? 40.♗f6+ ♗xf6 41.exf6±) 40.♗xe4 ♗b1+ 41.♖h2 c5! 42.♗xf4 ♗b2 43.♖g3 ♗a2 44.♗c4 h6! when it's difficult for White to find a sensible move that doesn't give up his extra pawn.

38...♗b3 39.♗e2 ♗a3 40.♗ed4 ♗xa4 41.♗xc6 ♗f8 42.♗e7+ 1/2-1/2

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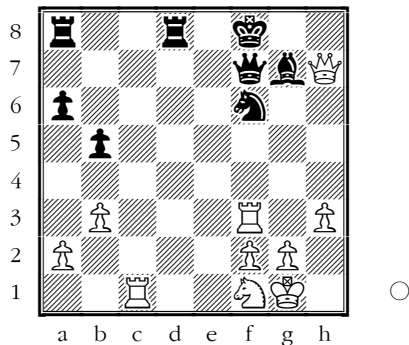
36.♗xg7+!

36.a7? ♗a1+ 37.♖b3 f2--+

36...♗xg7 37.a7 1-0

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30.♗c7! ♖xc7

30...♗xh7 31.♗xf7+ ♖g8 (31...♖e8 32.♗ce7#) 32.♗xg7+ ♖f8 33.♗xh7

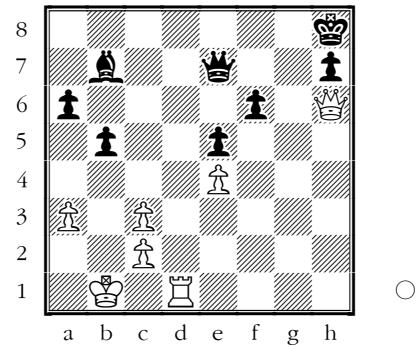
31.♗xf6+ ♗xf6

31...♖e8 32.♖g8+ ♖d7 33.♖e6#

32.♖xc7+-

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34.♗d7! 1-0

34.♗d7 ♖xd7 35.♖f8#

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