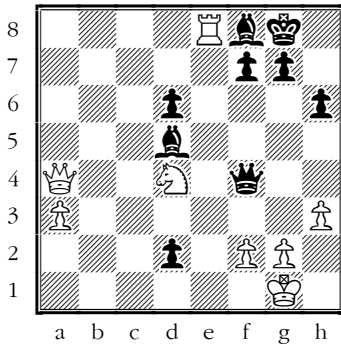
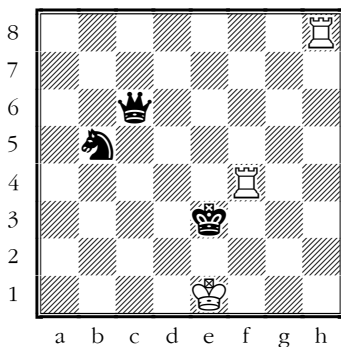


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(White to play and draw.)

On this Day...

The famous study composer, Henri Rinck was born in Lyon, France on 10 January 1870.

The Serbian current No. 1 female player, WGM/IM Alisa Maric, was born in New York on 10 January 1970.

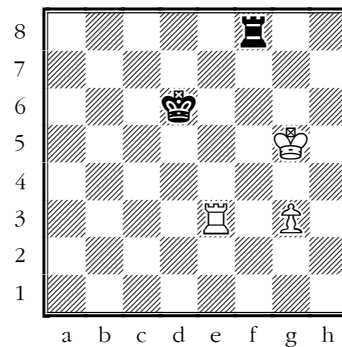


World Chess News

**World Team Championship
Bursa, Turkey**

The round 5 match India vs. Armenia was the first team draw (2-2) in the entire event. On first board Aronian missed a draw in a rook endgame:

Sasikiran – Aronian



position after 53. g5

Instead of 53... ♖g8+? as Aronian played, 53... ♖d5! was the only move to draw. Mega Database 2009 shows three examples: Slobodjan in 1991, Nikcevic in 1996 in Petrushin in 1997 all made the same mistake as Aronian!

It was hard to expect before the start of the tournament that the USA team without Kamsky would be able to fight for the highest places, but after they defeated Israel everything seems possible.

Round 5 results:

- India – Armenia 2-2
- Russia – Turkey 3½-1½
- Egypt – Azerbaijan 1-3
- Israel – USA 1½-2½
- Brazil – Greece 1-3

Standings after 5 rounds:

- 1-2. Russia and USA - 8
- 3-4. Armenia and India - 7
- 5-6. Azerbaijan and Israel - 6
- 8. Greece - 4
- 9. Brazil and Egypt - 2
- 10. Turkey - 0.

Round 6 pairings:

- Armenia - Greece
- USA - Brazil
- Azerbaijan - Israel
- Turkey - Egypt
- India - Russia

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Mondariz, Spain

The Mondariz Open took place on 26-30 December 2009. GM Aleksa Strikovic took clear first place with 6 points out of 7. GMs Karen Movsziszian and Alejandro Hoffman scored 5½ points. There were 34 participants.

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Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

White: B. Gelfand (2761)

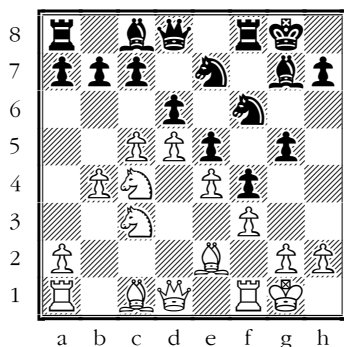
Black: H. Nakamura (2708)

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TUR (5), 09.01.2010

King's Indian Defence - [E97]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 ♘g7 4.e4
d6 5.♟f3 0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♟c6
8.d5 ♟e7 9.♟d2 ♟e8!? 10.b4 f5
11.c5 ♟f6 12.f3 f4 13.♟c4 g5 (D)



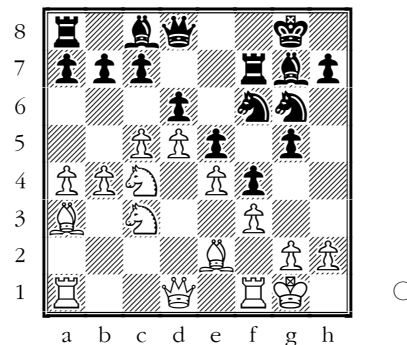
This curious variation may also arise through 9.b4. The theoretical assessment is between 'unclear' and

'winning for White', but in practice Black is successful quite often. In 1991 I won here a decent game against Vlatko Bogdanovski, but White had many serious possibilities to improve, and I returned as Black to this line only in 2002 after looking at the modern idea with ...d6xc5 (after White plays b4-b5).

14.a4

A principal alternative 14.♙a3 may lead to the same positions after the further b4-b5, ...d6xc5, ♙xc5, and a2-a4.

14...♟g6 15.♙a3 ♜f7 (D)



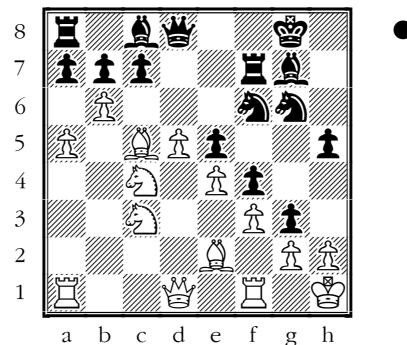
16.b5

This is a usual move, but in Beliavsky-Nakamura, Amsterdam 2009 (CT-3211) White showed an interesting novelty after 16.a5 h5 17.b5 dxc5, i.e. 18.b6!N and despite Nakamura's brilliant win in that game most annotators had the opinion that Black was objectively worse along the way. So, the question remains open there.

16...dxc5 17.♙xc5 h5 18.a5

In Bunzmann-Golubev, Bethune 2002 there was 18.d6!? (CT-787.cbv), 18.h3 as in Tishin-Golubev, Alushta 2006 (CT-2046) is a dubious approach here.

18...g4 19.b6 g3 20.♞h1 (D)



20...♙f8!

In the 2000s I tried to find a solution for Black in this line, which was

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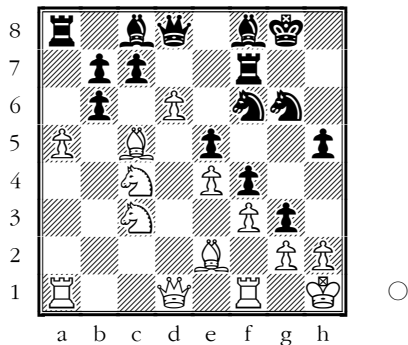
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recommended for White in Khalifman's "according to Kramnik" book (1st edition), and gradually came to a decision that this move is probably the most promising. A suggestion with some lines was included in my book *Understanding the King's Indian* (2006). Later, I found that Arbakov vs. Gufeld 1986 game, which was included in ChessBase database (EXT 2008), already featured this move.

21.d6N

Earlier only 21.♙g1 had been tried in practice: 21...♗h4!? (The 1986 game followed 21...axb6? 22.axb6 ♖xa1 23.♗xa1 h4 – intending 24.bxc7 h3! – 24.h3 ♗xh3 25.gxh3 ♖c8 26.♙g2 ♗h7 27.♗xe5 ♗xe5 28.♗d4 ♗g5 29.♖h1 and only here my 2006 analysis deviated from Arbakov–Gufeld with 29...♗g4!?, of some interest is also 21...♗h7) 22.♖e1? ♗xg2 23.♙xg2 ♖g7+ Roussel Roozmon-Charbonneau, Montréal 2008. Unprofitable lines for White include 21.♗xf8? ♗xe4!–+

21...axb6 (D)



22.♙g1

22.axb6 ♖xa1 23.♗xa1 cxd6 24.♖d1 allows 24...♗g4! 25.fxg4 ♖h4 26.♙g1 hxg4 followed by ...f3 – White can hardly survive this.

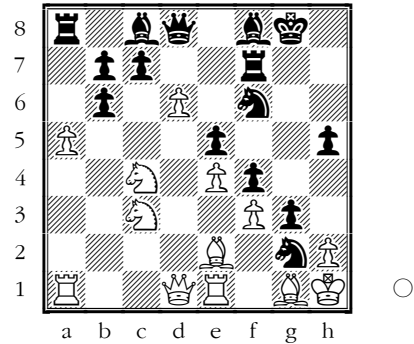
22...♗h4!

22...bxa5 'is unclear' – that all what was given in my book regarding 21.d6. But after 23.dxc7 ♖xc7 24.♗b5 White, despite being two pawns down for the moment, has an unpleasant initiative.

23.♖e1

23.♖a2 ♗h3 24.♗d3 also does not seem to be safe for White.

23...♗xg2 (D)



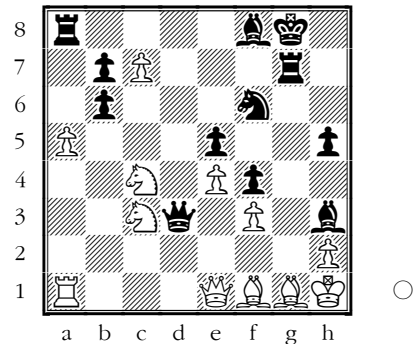
24.dxc7?

After 24.♙xg2 ♖g7 25.dxc7 an interesting attacking possibility is 25...♗e7 (GM Zagrebelny in his live notes at ChessPro.ru provided the line 25...gxh2+ 26.♗h1! hxg1♖+ 27.♖xg1 ♖xc7 and then 28.axb6 ♖xa1 29.bxc7 ♖xd1 30.♗xd1 ♖xg1+ 31.♙xg1 ♗e8 32.♗d5 ♗e6 33.♗xe5 ♗d6 34.♗xf4 ♗xc7= with a probable draw) and if 26.♗xb6 ♗xe4! with the idea of 27.♖d8 ♗h3+!

24...♗xe1! 25.♖xe1 g2+!

The most direct solution.

26.♙xg2 ♖g7+ 27.♗h1 ♗h3 28.♗f1 ♖d3!–+ (D)



A picturesque position.

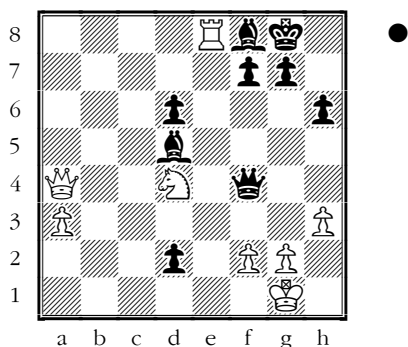
29.♗xe5 ♗xf1 30.♖xf1 ♖xc3 31.♖c1 ♖xe5 32.c8♖ ♖xc8 33.♖xc8 ♖e6 0-1.



Solutions to our Quiz:

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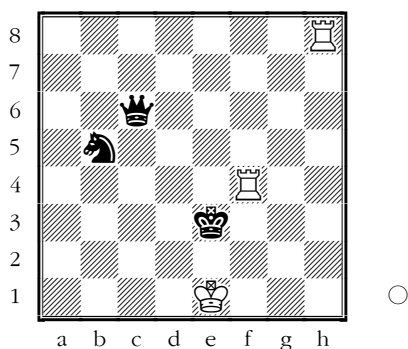
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32...♙c6! 33.♖xf8+ ♜xf8 34.♘e6+
♜g8 0-1.

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1.♖c4! ♜g2 Or 1...♜xc4 2.♖h3+ ♜f4
3.♖h4+= 2.♖h3+ ♜xh3 3.♖c3+
♘xc3 stalemate 1/2-1/2.

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