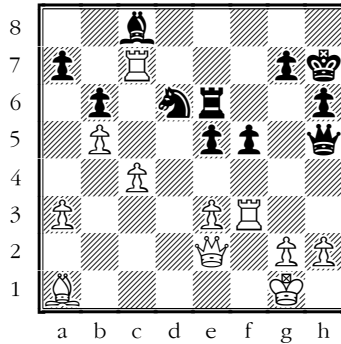
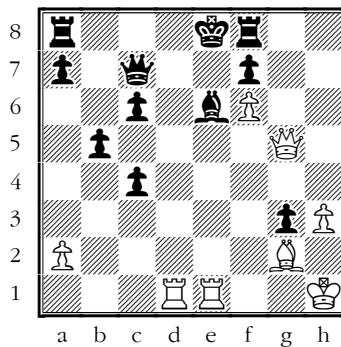


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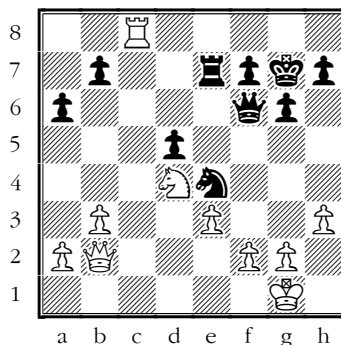
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World Chess News

Rapid Chess World Cup by GM Mikhail Golubev

For the 4th straight year the ACP World Rapid Chess Cup is organised by the Pivdenny Bank and its co-sponsors in Odessa, Ukraine. The only player who participated in all three previous tournaments, last year's winner Boris Gelfand, did not come this time. And the 2007 and 2008 winners, Peter Leko and Teimour Radjabov are also absent this year. 15 of 16 this year's participants already participated once or two times in the 2007-2009 Odessa ACP World Cups. And only Alexander Motylev is playing here for the first time.

Round 1 results:

Grischuk vs. Motylev 1-0, 1-0

Movsesian vs. Naiditsch 1-0, ½-½

Shirov vs. Bacrot ½-½, ½-½, 0-1, 1-0, 1-0

Karjakin vs. Drozdovskij 1-0, 0-1, 1-0, 1-0

Eljanov vs. Moiseenko 1-0, ½-½

Ivanchuk vs. **M.Gurevich** 0-1, ½-½

Jakovenko vs. Inarkiev 1-0, 1-0

Gashimov vs. Tregubov ½-½, ½-½, 1-0, 0-1, 1-0

The only real surprise of the day was Ivanchuk's loss to M. Gurevich. Ivanchuk looked tired after the Astrakhan FIDE GP tournament. The most interesting match was Shirov vs. Bacrot, while Jakovenko-Inarkiev (see our Annotated Game section) was undoubtedly the best game.

As an Odessa native I may be subjective, but in my opinion the first day of the ACP Rapid produced more interesting chess than the whole Astrakhan event. Of course, as the world champion Vishy Anand once said, 'good' chess and 'interesting' chess is not the same thing.

Round 2 (quarterfinals) and round 3 (semi-finals) will be on tomorrow.

Round 2 pairings:

Grischuk vs. Movsesian
 Shirov vs. Karjakin
 Eljanov vs. M.Gurevich
 Jakovenko vs. Gashimov

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Annotated Game

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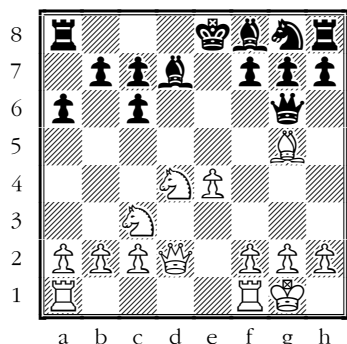
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The Ruy Lopez, Exchange Var. – [C69]

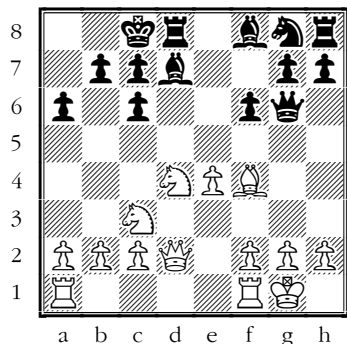
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6
 4.♙xc6 dxc6 5.0-0 ♖f6 6.d4 exd4
 7.♙g5 ♗d6 8.♘xd4 ♙d7 9.♘c3
 ♗g6 10.♗d2 (D)



10...f6?

10...♙e7 occurred in Radjabov-Mamedyarov, Astrakhan 2010 – that game was annotated in CT-3486!

11.♙f4 0-0-0 (D)



12.♘cb5!!N

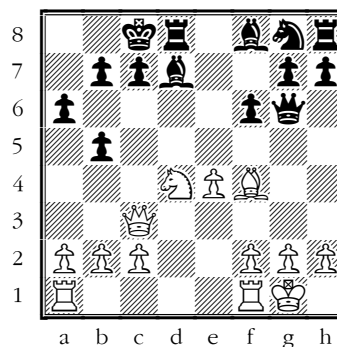
As far as I can judge, all spectators, GMs and amateurs alike, were impressed with his unusual tactical

blow. "I knew that such a trap existed. Otherwise I would have never found it" – said Jakovenko after the game. 12.♙g3? was played in the game M. Socko – Stefanova, Beijing blitz 2008.

12...cxb5

Of course, not 12...axb5? 13.♗a5+-. After 12...♙h3?! 13.♙a7+ ♖d7 (13...♗b8? 14.♘dxc6+!+-) White can choose 14.♙g3 ♗e8 15.♗c3. Also hopeless is 12...♙c5? 13.♗a5 ♙b6 because of 14.♗xb6 cxb6 15.♙a7#.

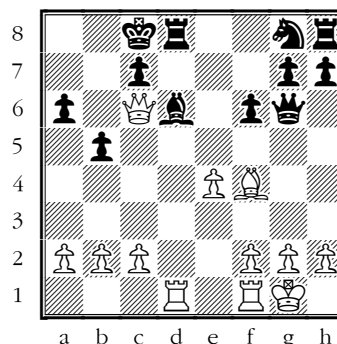
13.♗c3! (D)



13...♙c6 13...c5? or 13...c6?

immediately loses to 14.♗a5+-. The lesser of evils was the line, pointed out by Ivanchuk: 13...♙d6 14.♙xd6 and only now 14...♙c6 15.♘xc6 ♗xd6 16.♗h3+ f5 17.♙e5±. After taking on f5 White will be a pawn up, but there will be scope for some fight. Then 17...♗f6 18.♗xf5+ ♗xf5 19.exf5 ♘h6 20.g4 ♗d2 was mentioned by Ivanchuk as a possible continuation.

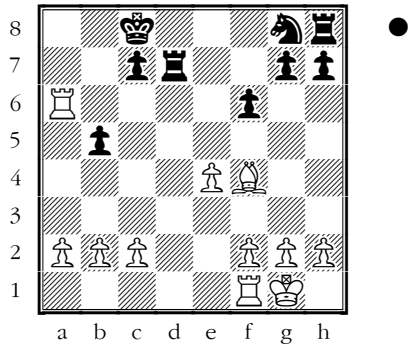
14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♗xc6 ♙d6 16.♗ad1+- (D)



And it turns out that Black is totally lost.

16...♗e8 17.♗xd6 The shortest way to victory was 17.♗xa6+! ♗b8 18.♙e3! as then Black would collapse within a few moves.

17...♗xc6 18.♗xc6 ♗d7 19.♗xa6 (D)



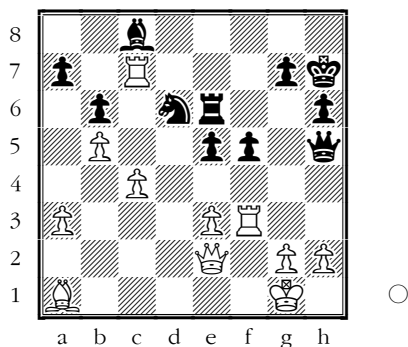
The Black's further resistance was rather pointless.

19...♖b7 20.♖a5 c6 21.♙e3 ♗b8
 22.a4 b4 23.♙c5 ♘h6 24.♙xb4
 ♙d4 25.♙c3 ♖xe4 26.♙d1 ♖he8
 27.h3 ♖4e7 28.♖h5 ♘f7 29.♖xh7
 ♘g5 30.♖h4 ♖e2 31.♖b4+ ♖c7
 32.♖bd4 ♖xc2 33.♖d7+ ♖b6
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 ♘e4 37.♙d4 c5 38.♙e3 ♘xf2
 39.♙xf2 ♖xf2 40.♙d5 ♖fe2 41.b4
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 44.♖xb4 1-0



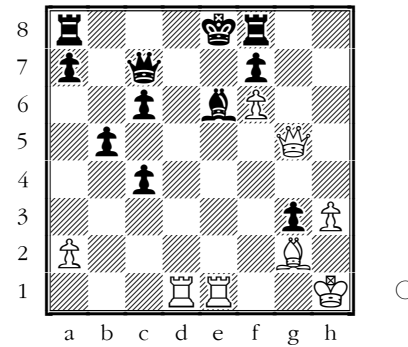
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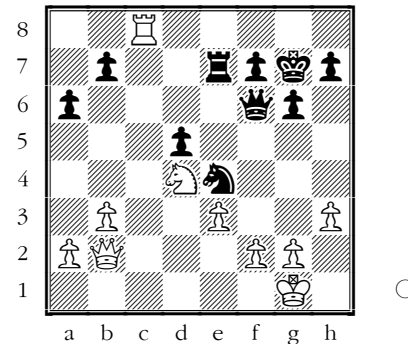
31.♖g3! 1-0 (31.♖g3 ♖xe2 32.♖cxg7+
 ♖h8 33.♖g8+ ♖h7 34.♖3g7#)

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31.♖xe6+! fxe6 32.♖g6+ ♖f7
 33.♙xc6# 1-0.

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27.f3! ♘d6 28.♘f5+! ♘xf5 29.♖g8+
 ♖xg8 30.♖xf6 ♖xe3 31.g4 ♘e7
 32.♖b6 ♖e6 33.♖xb7+- g5 34.b4
 d4 35.♖b8+ ♖g7 36.♖d8 ♘c6
 37.♖xg5+ ♖f8 38.♖c5+ ♖e8 39.a4
 d3 40.♖d5 ♘e5 41.f4 ♘f3+ 42.♖f2
 ♘e1 43.f5 ♖e2+ 44.♖f1 ♖e3
 45.♖a8+ 1-0.

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