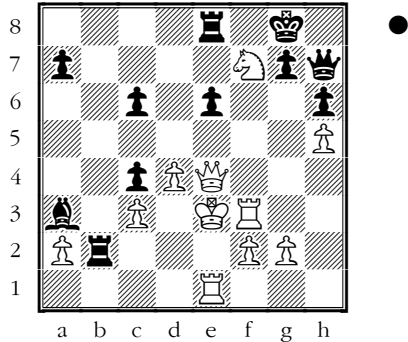


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Final Standings:

1. Kramnik – 10
 2. Anand – 8
 3. Shirov – 6
 4. Carlsen – 4.
- (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw).

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Grand Slam: Some Thoughts

by GM Mikhail Golubev

The Grand Slam system in chess is doing better than it could have been expected by many several years ago, in the beginning!

Still, some questions arise. For example, the Final winners (2008 Topalov, 2009 Aronian, 2010 Kramnik) if I am not wrong, all failed to win even a single "ordinary" Grand Slam event (Wijk, Linares, Sofia) in the respective seasons!

Personally, I would love to see the Grand Slam Final as the competition between **winners** of the season's greatest events. (Perhaps, even the world's number one and the world champion should not necessarily be invited in case neither has won any important event in the season).

Probably, not a direct right to participate, but at least inclusion to the list of candidates for playing in the Final can be provided to winners of the most important events that are **not** a part of the Grand Slam. Then, if someone wins more than one Grand Slam tournament (like Carlsen did this year!), the winner of the Moscow Tal Memorial, Dortmund, a FIDE GP event and so on (depending on which event was stronger) can be invited.

Indeed, ideally, such a tournament as the Tal Memorial should be a part of the Grand Slam.



World Chess News

Bilbao Masters

The hero from the start, **Vladimir Kramnik**, preserved his lead till the end, and won the Bilbao Masters Grand Slam Final.



Round 6 results:

Shirov – Kramnik ½–½
Anand – Carlsen ½–½

Galina Shliachtich: Updates

For those who may wish to help Ukrainian player Galina Shliachtich (for previous information, see CT 3620-3622) I provide the latest news.

The [Facebook Group](#), created in order to help Galina, posted is her photo, made by her son Artur.

As of 14 October, approximately \$1,500 USD has been collected, which is still not enough to cover all the expenses of the urgently required clinical examination of Galina in Kiev. But we are getting closer at least.

There are four ways to donate from outside Ukraine as of now: Webmoney, Western Union, Moneybookers and the money transfer to the Ukrainian Privatbank Account (in USD, Euro or UAH). See all details in English in my [Livejournal blog](#):

If any questions appear, please write to sos.galyna@gmail.com (several activists will receive your message then) or write to me personally at gmi@europa.com (--- Mikhail Golubev).



Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

White: V. Anand (2800)

Black: M. Carlsen (2826)

Grand Slam Final Masters Bilbao ESP

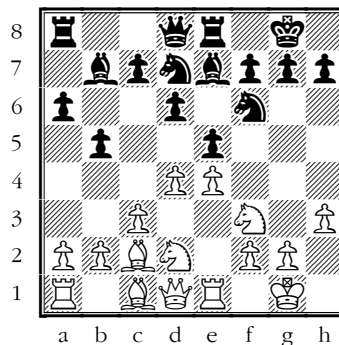
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Ruy Lopez - [C95]

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

The evergreen Breyer System.

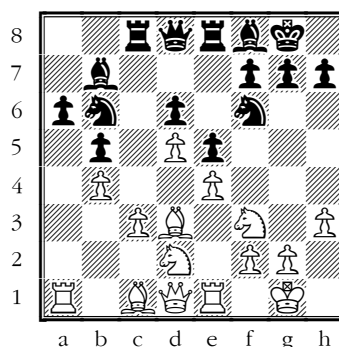
10.d4 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♙b7 12.♙c2 ♞e8 (D)



13.a4

13.♘f1 ♙f8 14.♘g3 has been tested 2,700 times according to the ChessBase database.

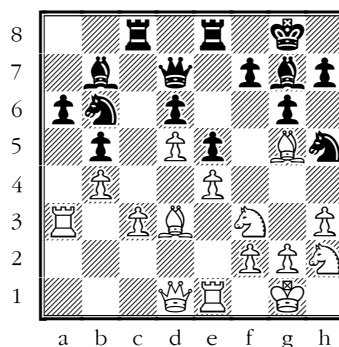
13...♙f8 14.♙d3 c6 15.b4!? ♘b6 16.axb5 cxb5 17.d5 ♞c8 (D)



18.♞a3N

For 18.♙b2 ♘h5 19.♙f1 f5 ∞ Shirov-Carlsen, Bilbao 2010 round 3 (1/2, 174); and 18.♞b3 ♞c7 19.♙b2 ♘h5 20.♞ac1 f5 21.c4 Shirov-Baramidze, Bundesliga 2009/10 (1-0, 42) see CT-3625.cbv.

18...♘h5 19.♘f1 g6! 20.♘1h2 ♙g7 21.♙g5 ♞d7 (D)

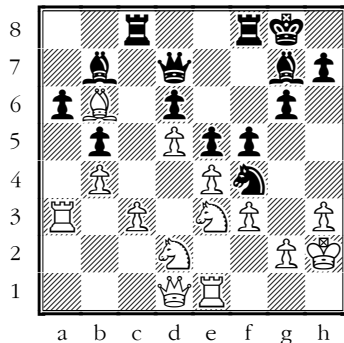


22.♙e3?

Consistent was 22.♘g4 f5! where Black is doing well in complications according to the online annotators.

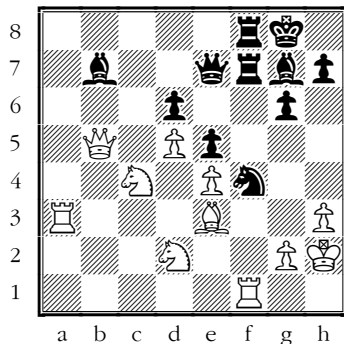
22...♖c4?!

Better for Black was 22...♗xd5 23.exd5 e4 – an obvious option, suggested by many. GM Edouard at ChessBase also mentions 22...♗a4!↑ followed by ...f5 23.♕xc4 ♜xc4 24.♗d2 ♜c7 25.♗hf1 ♗f4 26.♕b6 ♜cc8 27.♗e3 f5 28.f3 ♜f8 29.♖h2 (D)



Black anyway is better, but Magnus played strangely at some points in the following part of the game. He certainly needs a rest.

29...♜f7?! 30.c4 bxc4 31.♗exc4 fxe4 32.fxe4 ♜cf8 33.♕e3 ♕h6 34.♜f1 ♕g7?! 35.♖a4 ♖e7 36.b5! axb5 37.♖xb5 ∞ (D)



Now White has strong counter-play on the queenside.

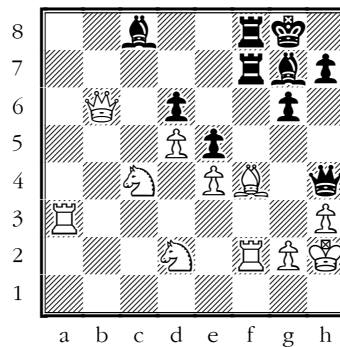
37...♕c8 38.♖b6!?

38.♜a7 is unsafe, as it weakens the kingside a bit. What can be analysed first is 38...♕d7, avoiding exchanges (38...♖g5 is simpler though)

38...♖g5

After 38...♖h4, 39.♕f2! is the most obvious response.

39.♜f2 ♖h4 40.♕xf4 (D)



Instead, 40.♗f3 ♖h5 41.♗g1!? ♖h4 42.g3!? ♗xd5 43.gxh4 ♗xb6 44.♜xf7 ♗xc4 45.♜xf8+ ♕xf8 46.♜a8 ♗xe3 47.♜xc8 was suggested by GM Shipov in his live notes at Crestbook.com, but then 47...♗f1+! 48.♖g2 ♗d2= wins the e4 pawn for Black and equalises.

40...♜xf4

Missing 40...exf4! with the idea of 41.♗xd6 ♖g3+! (spotted by many on the Internet) 42.♜xg3 fxg3+ 43.♖xg3 ♕e5+ 44.♖h4 ♜xf2 45.♗xc8 and Black has no less than a draw by 45...♕f6+ 46.♖g3 ♕e5+

41.♜xf4

Not clearly safe for White is 41.♗f3 ♖h5 42.♖xd6 g5!?

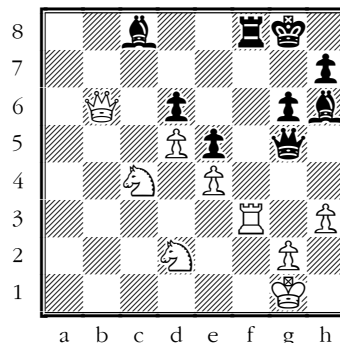
41...♖xf4+

After 41...exf4 42.♖xd6 it is not easy for Black to find enough resources. For example, 42...♕d4 43.♗f3 ♖g3+ 44.♖h1 and 44...♕xh3!? 45.gxh3 ♖xh3+ 46.♗h2 ♖h4 does not guarantee Black's survival – Maxim Notkin at Chesspro.ru.

42.♖g1!? ♕h6

42...♖h4!? 43.♜f3 ♖e1+ 44.♖h2 ♖h4! – Shipov

43.♜f3 ♖g5!? (D)

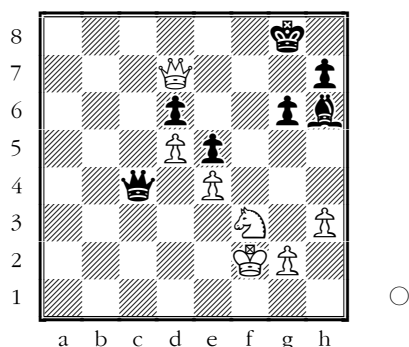


44.♖c6

White could have tried to play for a win, if nothing else, by 44.♖xd6!? ♜xf3 45.h4!! (Not 45.♗xf3? ♖c1+) 45...♖f4 (If 45...♖g3 46.♗xf3 ♕h3 47.♖b8+!±

Shipov) 46.gxf3 ♖h3 47.♙f2!? ♗h2+
48.♙e1

44...♖xf3 45.♗xf3 ♔c1+ 46.♙f2
♕d7! 47.♙xd7 ♖xc4 (D)



The draw is inevitable now.

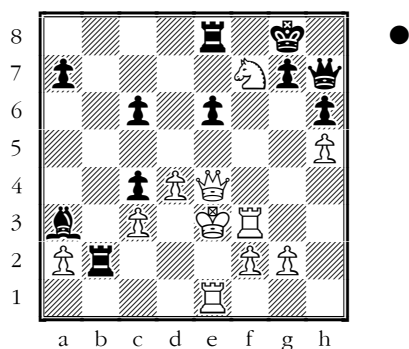
48.♙e6+ If 48.♙xd6 ♖c2+ with a perpetual check

48...♙g7 49.♙e7+ ♙g8 50.♙e6+ ♙g7 1/2-1/2.

Solution to our Quiz:

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30.♖d2 ♕xd2+ 0-1.

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