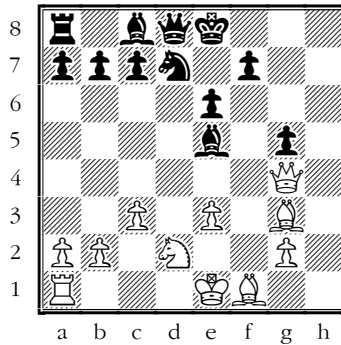


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World Chess News

Women's World Championship

The Women's World Chess Championship takes place in Hatay, Turkey from 2–25 December 2010 (First round: Saturday 4 December). There are 64 participants.

Top rated participants are:

Humpy Koneru (2600, IND)
 Hou Yifan (2591, CHN)
 Tatiana Kosintseva (2581, RUS)
 Nana Dzagnidze (2551, GEO)
 Antoaneta Stefanova (2548, BUL)
 Anna Muzychuk (2530, SLO)
 Pia Cramling (2526, SWE)
 Dronavalli Harika (2525, IND)
 Ju Wenjun (2524, CHN)
 Kateryna Lahno (2522, UKR)
 Viktorija Cmilyte (2514, LTU)

The world champion Alexandra Kosteniuk (2507, RUS) is defending her title. The legendary Maia Chiburdanidze (2502, GEO) is playing as well.

The highest rated female players who are NOT participating in the championship are Judit Polgar (2686, HUN), Susan Polgar (i 2577, USA), Nadezhda Kosintseva (2576, RUS) and Xie Jun (i 2574, CHN).

More about the women's world championship – in the forthcoming CT issues!

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70th Italian Championship

It was unusual that a 2700+ player participated in a category 10 event: GM Fabiano Caruana won the Italian Championship, which finished in Siena on 4 December 2010.

It is Caruana's third Italian title. Adolivio Capece informed us that Caruana's next important tournament will be Reggio Emilia on December 28 – January 6.

Final standings:

1. GM Caruana (2709) – 9 out of 11 (perf. 2727),
- 2–3. IM D'Amore (2485) and GM Garcia Palermo (2465) – 7½,
- 4–5. IMs Brunello (2544) and D.Rombaldoni (2494) – 6,
6. GM Godena (2549) – 5½,
7. IM Piscopo (2399) – 5,
- 8–10. GM Ortega (2480), IM Genocchio (2433) and FM Bonafede (2310) – 4½,
11. IM Dvirnyy (2492) – 3½,
12. IM A.Rombaldoni (2471) – 2½.

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60th Greek Championship

The Elo favourite, GM Vasilios Kotronias preserved his lead and won the Greek championship in Vrahati which ended on 4 December 2010.

Final standings:

1. GM Kotronias (2591) – 7,
- 2–4. IM Kapnisis (2511), GM Banikas (2590) and GM D.Mastrovasilis (2580) – 6½,
- 5–6. GMs I.Nikolaidis (2552) and A.Mastrovasilis (2556) – 5,
7. Kanakaris (2285) – 3½,
8. FM K.Nikolaidis (2308) – 3,
9. Koukoufikis (2278) – 1½,
10. Spiliadis (1888) – ½.

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London Chess Classic

Anand, Carlsen, Kramnik and Nakamura, as well as four top English players, Adams, Short, McShane and Howell, will compete in the 2nd London Chess Classic tournament from 8–15 December 2010.

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Svidler's Internet Interview

On 2 December 2010, the Chess in Translation website published a Crestbook KC-Conference with Grandmaster Peter Svidler, [Part 1](#).



Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

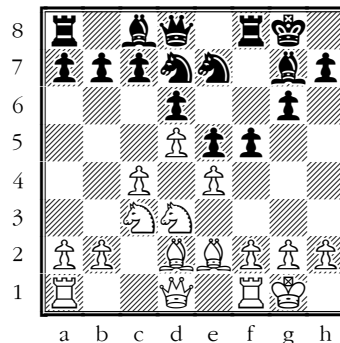
S. Bogdanovich – M. Golubev

Podgaets Mem Odessa UKR (10), 2010
King's Defense – [E99]

Never say never – but already in 2009 I decided that 2010 will probably be the last year that I'll play in the classical/long tournaments. Additionally since I'm still in the top

1,000 players it is a good time to go. I'm glad then, that there were a couple of well played King's Indians in the November Odessa event.

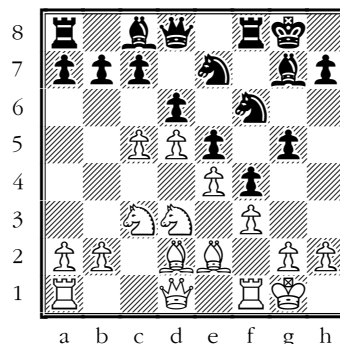
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11...♗f6

Calmer is 11...♖h8 and, especially, 11...fxe4. There is also 11...f4 which is usually considered to be dubious but maybe things are not that clear.

12.f3 f4 13.c5 g5 (D)



14.cxd6

Topical here is 14.♙c1 ♗g6 and now 15.♗b5!?. The old main line is 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.♗b5 ♖f7 17.♙c2 ♗e8 18.a4 h5 19.♗f2 where dubious for Black is 19...a6?! 20.♗a3! as in Ivanchuk–Golubev, Armiansk ch–Ukr jr 1983, this game, which is not yet in databases, opened my 2006 book on the K.I.D.

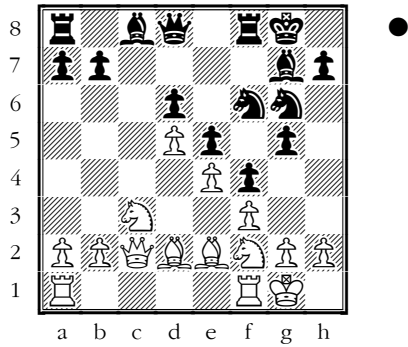
14...cxd6 15.♗f2 ♗g6

The alternative 15...h5 invites White to insert h3 or to switch to positions with an early ♙a1–c1, because 16.♙c2? is answered by 16...g4!. After the text White possibly has a larger choice, which is not necessarily good in a practical game.

16.♙c2 (D)

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16...Bf7

After 16...h5 17.Δb5! (usual is 17.h3) it can be dubious for Black to go for 17...g4 18.Δc7 g3 19.Δxa8 Δh7 though it deserves to be checked.

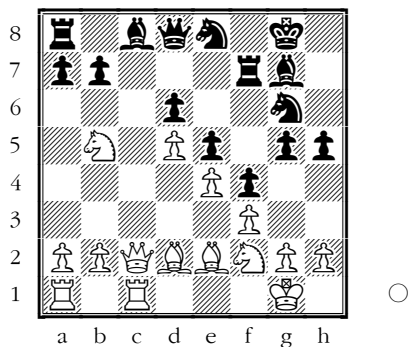
17.Bfc1 h5

After 17...Δe8 18.a4 h5 the unusual 19.Δcd1!? led to a long manoeuvring fight in Aronian–Nakamura, Bursa 2010. Eventually, White won that complex game.

18.Δb5!?

18.h3 leads to the main position of the Bfc1 set-up. (It occurred, as I remember, in my 1982 Ukrainian junior championship game against M.Gluzman, now an IM and chess coach in Australia ... During the last few years, I've been collecting all my preserved games at my web page. Alas, the majority of games from the junior tournaments have been lost). After the text, Δc7 must be prevented.

18...Δe8 (D)



19.a4

Not 19.Δxa7?! Δd7! (much stronger than 19...Bc7? 20.Δa5) 20.Δb5 g4! with Black attacking (as in B.Maksimovic–J.Todorovic, Yugoslavia 1991).

19...Δf6!N

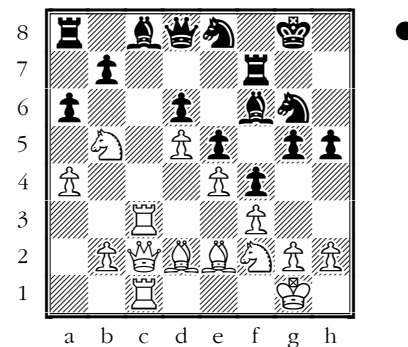
A move, which can be useful in attack and defence (still, in some lines Black may regret that the bishop interferes in

the development of the queen to h4 or g5). Premature is 19...a6?! 20.Δa3! 19...Δf8 is, generally, more typical than the text. 19...Δh4?! is also a typical move, but here it allows 20.Δxa7! Bc7 21.Δa5 Bxc2 22.Δxd8± After 19...Δd7 there was a recent game, as the database shows: 20.h3N (I was not sure about 20.Ba3 a6 21.Δc7 but 21...Δxa4 is maybe OK for Black) 20...Δf6 21.Ba3 Bb8 22.a5 Δd8 23.Δc3 Matlakov–Baryshpolets, Chotowa Wjun 2010: it looks playable for Black who could have tried 23...Δf6!?

20.Ba3

A tempting move. White correctly avoided the line 20.Δxa7 Bc7 21.Δa5 (a better chance is 21.Δc6! bxc6 22.dxc6 which is quite unclear at first glance.) 21...Bxc2 22.Δxd8 Bxe2 (it is good for Black to have a bishop on f6 here!) 23.Δxf6 Δd7± where Black wins a piece. Other options were 20.a5 and 20.h3 and a shift to a position from Matkalov–Baryshpolets is not improbable.

20...a6 21.Bc3 (D)



21...Δd7

Not 21...axb5? 22.Bxc8+-

22.Δa3∞

In the variation 22.Δc7 Δxc7 23.Bxc7 Δxa4! Black should be OK.

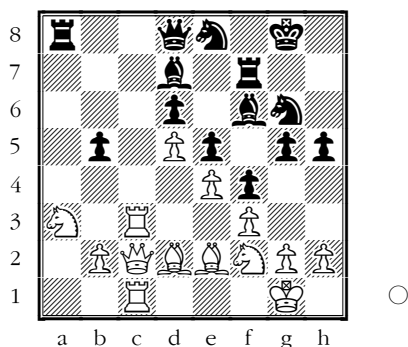
22...b5!?

The start of the attack which at least gives Black serious practical chances. The line 22...Bb8 23.a5 Ba7 24.Δc4 Δd8 did not attract me (but maybe was playable?). There were 'short' moves like 22...Bb8 where White cannot play 23.Δc4? (23.h3!? is normal) because of 23...b5±.

23.axb5

A curious idea was 23.Bc6 – sometimes White can play like this.

23...axb5 (D)



Already here White had a complex choice.

24.♖b3

After 24.♖b3! g4 25.fxc4 Black can consider 25...♗h4 (after the obvious 25...hxc4 26.♖xc4! Black cannot win a piece without losing an exchange. For example, 26...♗xb5 27.♗xb5 ♖b6+ 28.♖h1 ♖xb5 29.♖h6+ ♖g7 30.♖xf7 ♖xf7 and White can be somewhat better here) where 26.g3 can be checked (Avoiding 26.gxh5 ♗xf2+ 27.♖xf2 ♖b6+ 28.♖f1 f3!). If 24.♗xb5 Black plays 24...♗xa3! and should be OK as I thought. Again possible was 24.♗c6!?

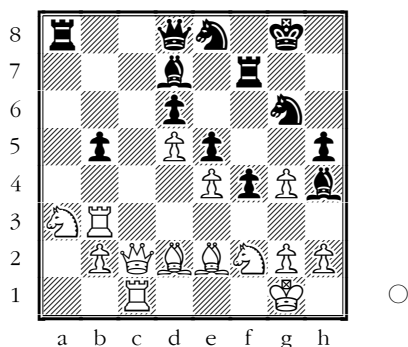
24...g4

I also examined 24...b4 25.♗xb4 g4 26.fxc4 ♗h4 but was afraid that it can be too much. In particular, I was far from sure whether Black has enough after 27.♗e1 ♗xf2+ 28.♗xf2 hxc4.

25.fxc4

Also a serious move is 25.♗xb5 where I intended to continue 25...♗h4!?

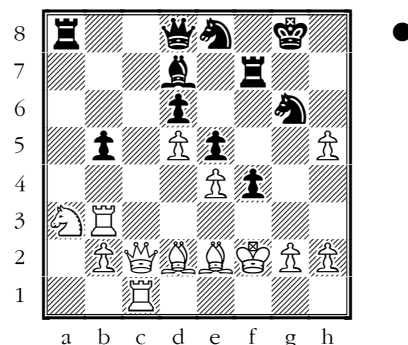
25...♗h4 (D)



26.gxh5?!

Critical was 26.g3! where after 26...b4! (I disliked 26...hxc4 27.♖xc4! and 26...fxg3 27.hxc3 which was what I intended to check first, maybe Black can even try something like 27...♖f4)

27.♖c4 (avoiding 27.gxh5 fxg3 28.hxc3 ♖f4!) 27...fxg3 28.hxc3 ♗a4 29.♖d3! is engine's suggestion for White. All this is very complex. 26...♗xf2+ 27.♖xf2 (D)



27...♖h4

Probably correctly abstaining from 27...♖b6+ 28.♖f1 ♖h4.

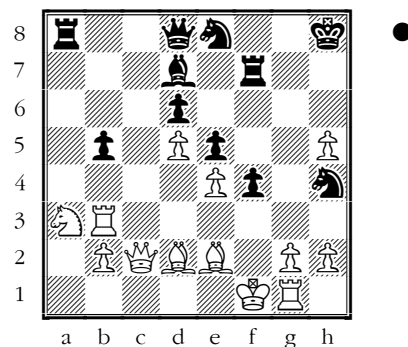
28.♗g1?!

It is tempting to involve the rook in the defence, but after this move the white pieces lose co-ordination and things are getting even more dangerous for White. 28.♗g1!? could have been preferable, after which Black has a number attractive options.

28...♖h8

Again abstaining from the check 28...♖b6+ 29.♖f1 ♖h8 (or 29...♖g7)

29.♖f1 (D)



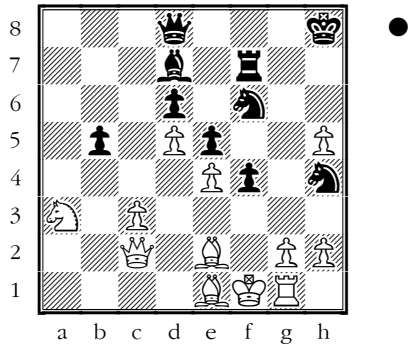
29...♖f6

29...♖b6 ('very strong' – Bogdanovich) was not clear to me, so I activated one more piece. 30.♗d1! is a suggestion by 'Fritz' then (30.♗f3? ♖xf3 31.♗xf3 b4+; 30.♗e1 f3 31.♗xf3 ♖xf3 32.♗xf3 ♗xf3+ 33.gxf3 ♗h3+ 34.♗g2 ♖e3!+) and if 30...f3 31.g4.

30.♗e1 ♗c8

It is at least logical to exchange rooks before pushing ...f3.

31.♗c3 ♗xc3 32.bxc3 (D)



32...f3!

32...dxd5? 33.exd5 f5 34.f2 e3+ 35.fxe3 fxe3+ was considered by me as an alternative, but I could not see the full compensation there. In fact, even 36.f3 (36.e1! h4+ 37.d1± was the main reason why I did not go for that line) 36...h4 37.e2! turns out possible, because 37...e4! (37...a4!?) fails to 38.e3 with the idea of 38...exf3 39.h6+-

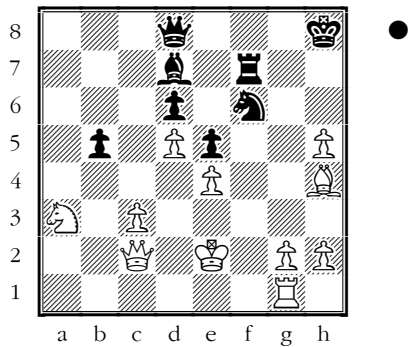
33.fxh4

Not 33.gxf3?? h3+; After 33.fxf3 hx5! → Black has a strong attack for not so much sacrificed material.

33...fxe2+

33...g4?? is nice, indeed, but it does not work at all: 34.fxd8 hx2+ 35.f2 g4+ 36.g3+-

34.e3 (D)



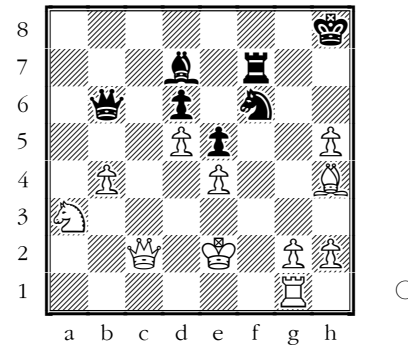
34...b4!±

Sacrificing one more pawn (in order to have access to the d4 square) is the key move, otherwise Black might have had problems. For example, 34...b6? 35.f1 g4+ 36.d2 xd5 37.exd5 xf1 38.g6 where Black should fight for a draw by 38...f2+! 39.fxf2 xf2+ 40.c1 b4! Or 34...g4+? 35.d3!

35.cxb4

After 35.d2 bxa3 36.h6+ g8 37.g6+ f8 38.h6+ Black, importantly, has 38...e8±.

My main intention after 35.d4 b5 36.cxb4 was 36...c8 (36...c7!± and if 37.f1?! c8!! 38.fxf6+ h7) 37.fxf6+ xf6 but here it is not clear whether Black can win after 38.c1! (my idea was 38.d3? f2!+-) **35...b6!+- (D)**



Stronger than 35...g4+?! 36.d3 b6. After the text it is hard to suggest anything for White.

36.f2 a6+!?

The Engine at least for a while prefers other moves, but the text is certainly good enough.

37.b5

37.d3? loses instantly to 37...g4+! 38.d2 xe4+!. After 37.d4 my main idea was to continue 37...xe4!? 38.xe4 f4 39.xf4 exf4 40.d4+ h7 41.c1 b5 42.d3 and here White is firmly lost: for example, 42...a2 should win a piece for Black (42...a3+!± can be even stronger)

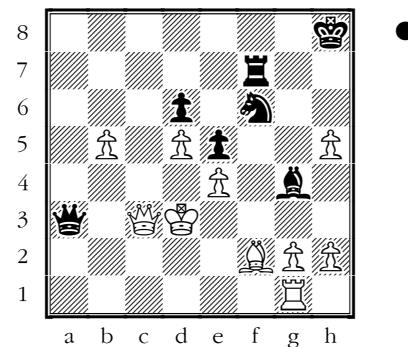
37...g4+!

Simplest.

38.d3

Or 38.d2 a5+ (for example) and wins.

38...xa3+ 39.c3 (D)



39...xc3+

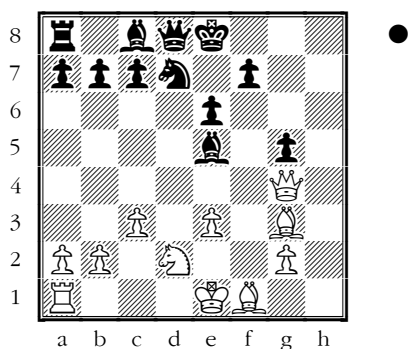
I did not expect that White would try to resist, being two pieces down.

After 39...♙e2+ 40.♖c2 ♗a2+ 41.♖c1 it is not hard to see that 41...♗xe4! decides, so it could have been a shorter win under the circumstances.
40.♖xc3 ♗xe4+ 41.♖d3 ♗xf2+ 42.♖e3 ♗d1+ 43.♖d3 ♗b2+ 44.♖c2 ♗a4 45.♞a1 ♞f2+ 46.♖b3 ♗c5+ 47.♖c3 ♙f5 48.♞a8+ ♖g7 49.♞d8 ♞c2+ 50.♖b4 ♞b2+ 51.♖c4 ♙d3+ 52.♖c3 ♞b3+ 53.♖d2 ♙xb5 54.g4 e4 0-1.

Solution to our Quiz:

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15...♗f6!-+ 16.♖xg5 ♙xg3+ 17.♖xg3 ♗xd2+ 18.♖xd2 ♗e4+ 19.♖e2 ♗xg3+ 20.♖f3 ♗xf1 0-1.

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