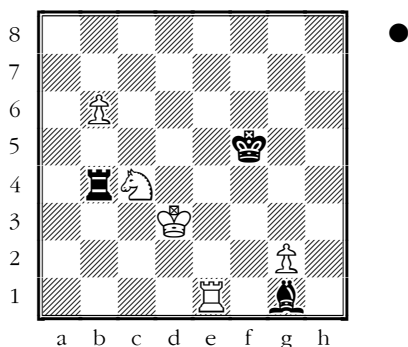


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After 5 rounds, Elina Danielian and Anna Muzuchyk are leading with 3½ points.

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Standings after 6 rounds:

- 1-2. Morozevich and Kramnik – 4,
 3-5. Radjabov, Carlsen and Caruana – 3½,
 6. Nakamura – 3,
 7-8. Grischuk and Aronian – 2½,
 9. McShane – 2,
 10. Tomashevsky – 1½.

June 15 is a free day at the tournament.

Round 7 (June 16) pairings:

Radjabov – Caruana
 Aronian – Grischuk
 Nakamura – Carlsen
 Tomashevsky – Morozevich
 McShane – Kramnik

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The World Blitz Ch Controversy

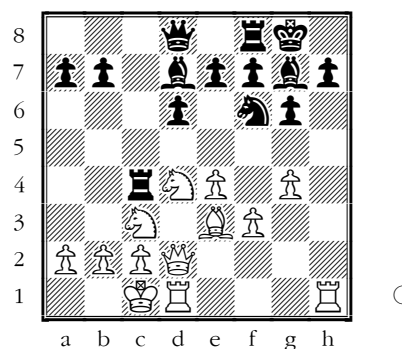
The [Chessvibes](#) website and Ruslan Ponomariov in his [blog](#) at the same website are discussing the fact that those Grandmasters who, as announced already, have [qualified](#) for the World Blitz Championship, are not invited to play in this [championship](#), which is scheduled to take place in early July in Astana, Kazakhstan.

The Sicilian Dragon – A new move in an old line

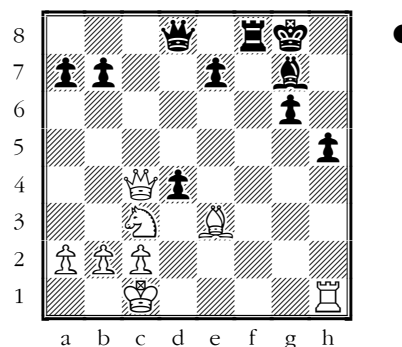
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Sicilian, Dragon, Yugoslav attack; B78

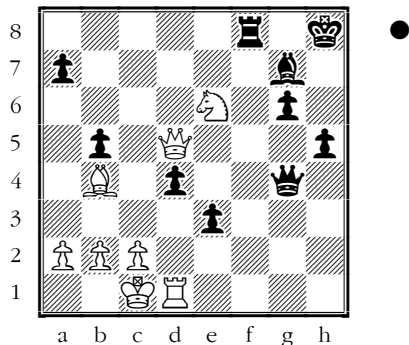
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 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♙e3 ♙g7 7.f3 0-0
 8.♚d2 ♘c6 9.♙c4 ♙d7 10.h4 ♖c8
 11.♙b3 ♘e5 12.0-0-0 ♘c4
 13.♙xc4 ♖xc4 14.h5 ♘xh5 15.g4
 ♘f6 (D)



16.e5 ♘xg4 17.fxg4 ♙xg4 18.♙dg1
 dxе5 19.♖xg4 h5 20.♚e2 exd4
 21.♖xg6 fxg6 22.♚xc4+ (D)



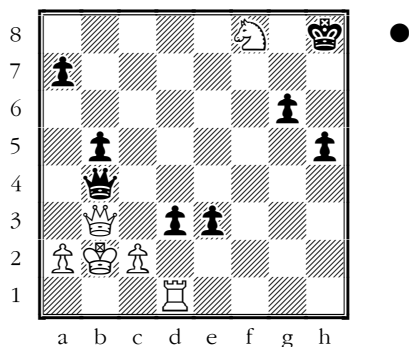
22...♖h8 23.♞d1 e5 24.♗e4 ♕h4
 25.♗g5 ♖g4 26.♙d2 e4 27.♗e6 e3
 28.♙b4 b5 29.♖d5 (D)



Recently, while preparing a small article in Russian (chess-news.ru/node/7826), I looked again at this position, which occurred in the Vitomskis-Koifman, corr. 1985 game (published in the Chess Informant at the time). With the help of the engine Stockfish, it turned out that my improvement, found, in the 1980s,

29...d3

works after all. The point is that after **30.♗xf8 ♙xb2+ 31.♖xb2 ♖xb4+ 32.♖b3 (D)**

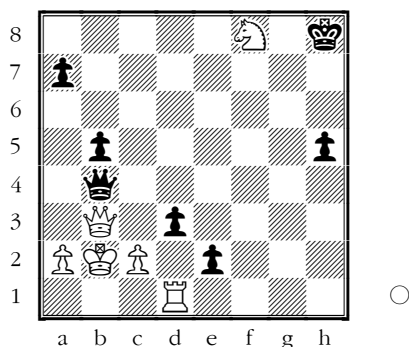


Black plays

32...e2!!

immediately. Not 32...♖xb3+? 33.cxb3 e2 34.♗xg6+ ♖h7 35.♗f8+ ♖h8 36.♖c1 exd1♖+ 37.♖xd1 which I analysed in the 1980s. I wrote about it in CT-3100.

33.♗xg6+ ♖h7 34.♗f8+ ♖h8! (D)



And White does not seem to have any winning chances, absolutely nothing.

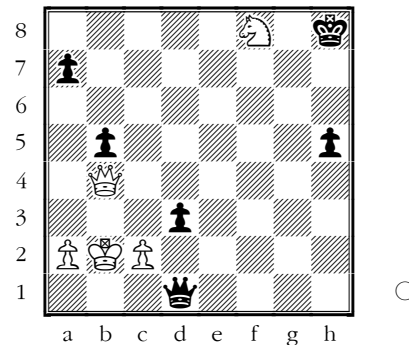
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35.♖xb4

35.♞g1 ♖xb3+ followed by d2 =.

35...exd1♖ (D)

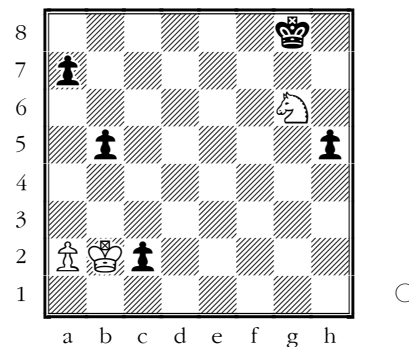


And here, for example,

36.♖c3+

After 36.cxd3 the simplest is 36...♖e2+ 37.♖c3 ♖e1+!

36...♖g8 37.♗g6 ♖xc2+ 38.♖xc2 dxc2= (D)



with an easy draw. So, not only 22... ♖h7 23. ♞d1 ♖b8! but also the 22... ♖h8 line may be playable for Black after all.

Solution to our Quiz:

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83...♙xb6! 84.♖c3 ♞b5! 84...♙c5? 85.♞e5+ 85.♗d6+ ♖g5!= 86.♞e6 86.♗xb5 ♙a5+ 86...♞b1 87.♗c4 ♙c7 88.♖d3 ♞g1 89.♞e2 ♙f4 90.♖e4 ♖g4 91.♗b6 ♖g3 92.♗d5 ♞xg2 93.♗xf4 ♞xe2+ 1/2-1/2

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