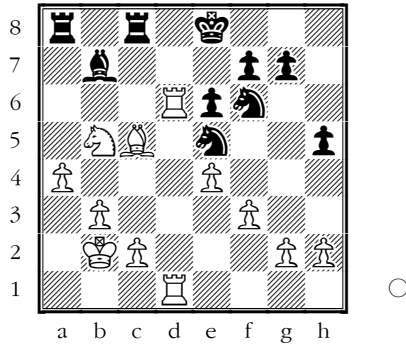
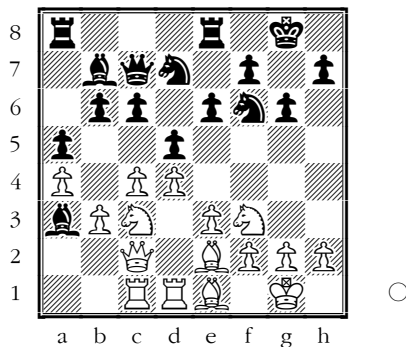


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## World Chess News

### Sinquefield Cup, Saint Louis USA

In the final round **Magnus Carlsen** defeated Levon Aronian and preserved clear first place with a 2966 ELO performance. This was Carlsen's final competition before his world championship match versus Vishy Anand. The average ELO of the Saint Louis super tournament was 2797.

### Round 6 results:

Carlsen – Aronian 1–0  
Kamsky – Nakamura ½–½

### Final Standings:

1. Carlsen – 4½,
2. Nakamura – 3½,
3. Aronian – 2½,
4. Kamsky – 1½.

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## Women's World Chess Championship

The fourth game of the match ended in a draw. The total score after 4 games is: Hou Yifan 3 – Ushenina 1.

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## ACP Cup Rapid, Riga

The ACP Cupid Cup in Riga, Latvia was won by **GM Alexander Grischuk**.

### Semifinal results:

**Svidler** – Grischuk ½–1½  
Ponomarev – **Nepomniachtchi** 1–1,  
0–2  
**Final: Grischuk** – Nepomniachtchi  
1–1, 1–1, 1–0



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# Annotated Game

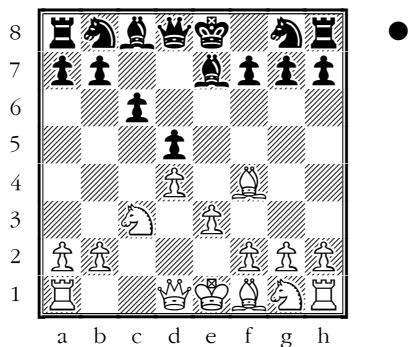
by GM Mikhail Golubev

**Nepomniachtchi (2717) -  
Ponomariov (2756)**

ACP Cup Riga (3), 15.09.2013  
*Queen's Gambit Declined - [D31]*

The ACP Rapid in Riga lasted only three days, but provided a lot of curious chess material. Alas, my compatriot Ruslan Ponomariov had allowed Ian Nepomniachtchi revenge in the second rapid game (and later the Russian won the tiebreak), but at least it was an interesting and beautiful encounter.

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♖e7 4.cxd5  
exd5 5.♗f4 c6 6.e3 (D)**



**6...♗f5**

Black avoids 6...♗f6 7.♗d3

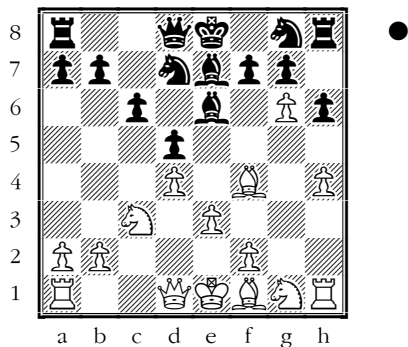
**7.g4 ♗e6**

This, otherwise not an especially popular, opening variation had been tested in several world championship matches.

**8.h4 ♘d7 9.g5!?**

A topical move. Ponomariov himself twice played it as White earlier this year.

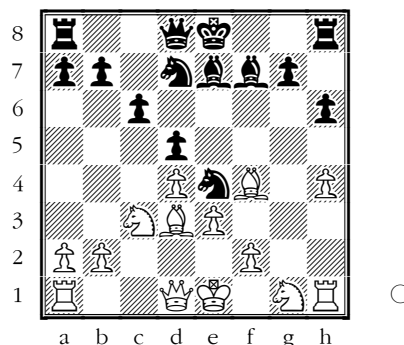
**9...h6 10.g6 (D)**



**10...♗gf6**

Instead, 10...fxg6?! 11.♗d3≠ ♗gf6N  
12.♗xg6+ ♗f7 13.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 14.♗f3  
occurred in Ponomariov-Sargissian,  
Wch Blitz 2013.

**11.gxf7+ ♗xf7 12.♗d3 ♗e4 (D)**

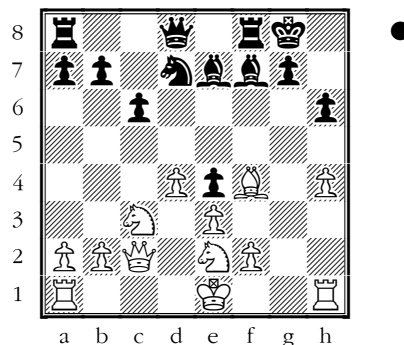


Black also tried 12...♗h5!? as in  
Morozevich-Giri, Reggio Emilia  
2011/12; and 12...♖a5?! 13.♗ge2 ♗e4  
14.♖b3 b5 15.♖c2≠ Dzagnidze-  
Kosteniuk, Geneve 2013.

**13.♗xe4N**

Completely playable for Black is  
13.♗xe4 dxe4 14.♗xe4 ♗f6∞  
Ponomariov-Riazantsev, Wch Rapid  
2013.

**13...dxe4 14.♗ge2 0-0 15.♖c2 (D)**



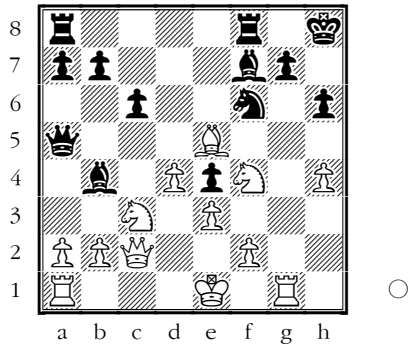
Black has a large variety of options  
here. Ponomariov's choice was not the  
best.

**15...♗f6?! 16.♖g1! ♖h8 17.♗e5!↑**  
White is seriously better now.

**17...♖a5 18.♗f4**

An interesting alternative was  
18.0-0-0!? ♗xa2 19.♗f4 ♗f7 20.♗g6+  
(or maybe 20.♖b1!? ) 20...♗xg6  
21.♖xg6 ♖a1+ 22.♗d2 ♖a5 23.♖dg1↑  
with a strong initiative.

**18...♗b4! (D)**



White's position is still promising but here he had to keep his strong bishop on e5.

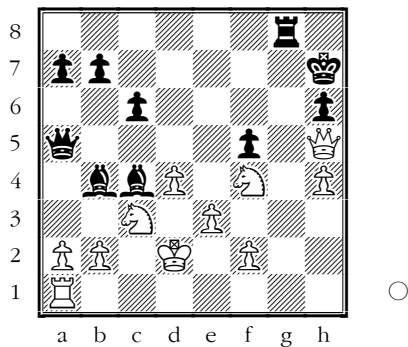
**19. Qxf6?! gxf6 20. ♖xe4 ♜g8! ∞**  
 Nepomniachtchi's idea surely was 20... ♗xc3+ 21. bxc3 ♖xc3+ 22. ♖e2 ♖c4+ 23. ♖f3!± but after Ponomariov's move Black gets more or less sufficient compensation for the pawn.

**21. ♜xg8+ ♜xg8 22. ♖d2 f5?!  
 This pseudo active advance rather weakens Black's position. Better options include 22... ♗d6!?**

**23. ♖f3!?**  
 White hopes to get more than a better endgame after 23. ♖e5+ ♖xe5 24. dxe5

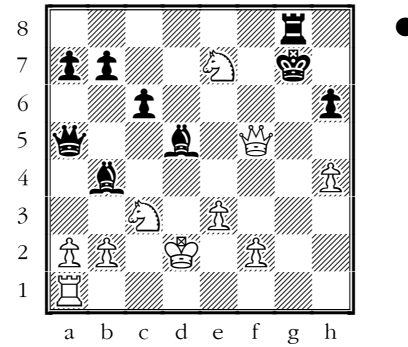
**23... ♗c4?**  
 Another, even more serious inaccuracy by Black.

**24. ♖h5! ♖h7 (D)**



**25. d5! ♗xd5**  
 The position after 25... ♗xc3+ 26. bxc3 ♖a3 27. ♖xf5+ ♖h8 is depressing for Black, White is surely able to convert his advantage step by step.

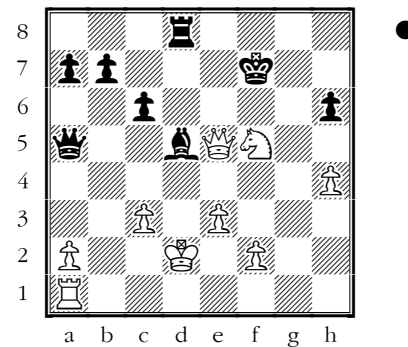
**26. ♖xf5+ ♖h8**  
 And now Nepomniachtchi finds a very nice and precise path to a victory.  
**27. ♗g6+! ♖g7 28. ♗e7! (D)**



**28... ♗xc3+**  
 Just hopeless for Black is 28... ♗d8 29. ♜g1+ (or 29. ♖c2 ♗xe7 30. ♜g1+ ♗g5 31. ♖c1!+-) 29... ♗g2+ 30. ♖e2 ♖xf5 31. ♗xf5+ ♖f6 32. ♗xh6

**29. bxc3 ♗d8**  
 Otherwise the victory is not guaranteed.

**30. ♖e5+! ♖f7 31. ♗f5!!+- (D)**

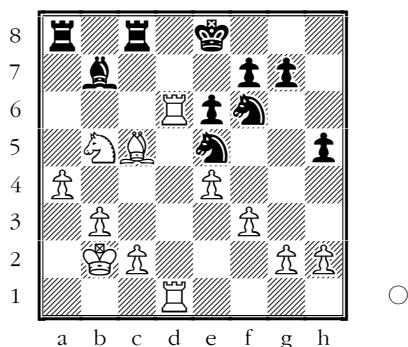


A rare situation: if Black plays with his bishop, attacking the white queen with a discovered check (!), then the counter check ♗d6+ decides.  
**31... ♗d7 32. ♗d6+ ♖f8 33. ♖e8+ 1-0.**



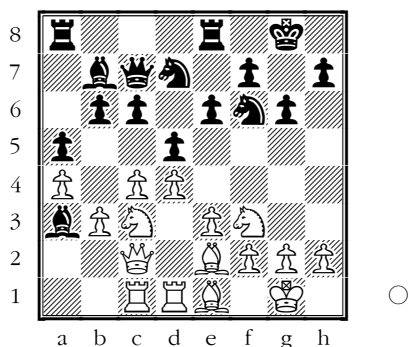
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**16.cxd5!± ♙xc1**  
16...exd5? 17.♗b5; 16...cxd5 17.♘xd5!  
**17.♗b5! ♚d8 18.dxc6 ♜c8 19.c7!**  
**♚e7 20.♞xc1**  
and White won after  
**20...♘d5 21.e4 ♘xc7 22.♘xc7 ♗b8**  
**23.d5 ♙a6 24.♚d2 ♙xe2**  
24...♞xc7 25.d6  
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