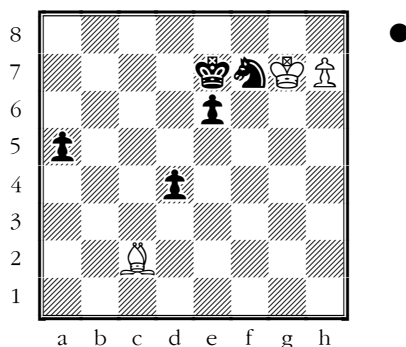


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ACP Cup Riga (1.1), 13.09.2013



World Chess News

Sinquefield Cup, USA

In the previous CT issue we informed our readers about the technical results of the Saint Louis super tournament, [Sinquefield Cup](#).

At the closing ceremony, the event sponsor Rex Sinquefield and the tournament organiser Tony Rich presented Magnus Carlsen with the trophy.



Earlier Sinquefield announced that next year they want to organise a tournament again, "maybe a little bigger".

Below are the standings in the unofficial live ratings (2700chess.com) after the St. Louis super tournament:

1. Carlsen 2870 (+8)
2. Kramnik 2796 (+2.4)
3. Aronian 2795.4 (♣17.6)
4. Grischuk 2785.8 (+0.8)
5. Nakamura 2782.6 (+10.6)
6. Caruana 2778.8 (♣0.2)
7. Anand 2775 (0)
8. Topalov 2769 (0)
9. Gelfand (2765.4 (+1.4)
10. Karjakin 2762 (♣10)

Zurich 2014

The 3rd Zurich Chess Challenge is scheduled to take place from January 29th to February 4th.

Six elite grandmasters will participate:

Magnus Carlsen (#1 in the Sep rating)

Levon Aronian (2)

Fabiano Caruana (5)

Viswanathan Anand (7)

Hikaru Nakamura (9)

Boris Gelfand (11)

This should be the first clash between Vishy Anand and Magnus Carlsen after their upcoming world championship match in Chennai. The regulations of the tournament are unusual. The grandmasters will play a round-robin with a classical time control, which will be followed by a rapid tournament with colours reversed on the last day. A win in the classical part counts 2 points and a draw 1 point. Wins in the rapid tournament count 1 point and draws half a point. The main sponsor is Oleg Skvortsov. He is organising the Zurich Chess Challenge for the 3rd time. The first Zurich Chess Challenge in 2012 was a match between Kramnik and Aronian. The second event in 2013 was a double-round robin with Kramnik, Anand, Caruana and Gelfand. (Source: chess-news.ru)

Women's World Chess Championship

September 16th is a free day at the match. The score after 4 games is: Hou Yifan 3 – Ushenina 1.

[Official website.](#)

Annotated Game

By GM Mikhail Golubev

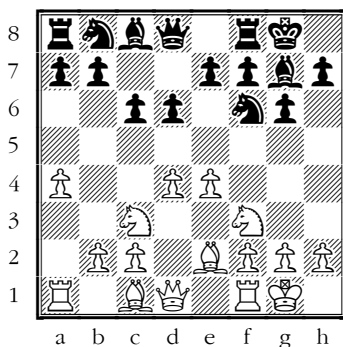
Jakovenko (2724) – Svidler (2746)

ACP Cup Riga LAT (1.2), 13.09.2013

Pirc, Classical (Two knights); B08

Today we will look at another game from the ACP Rapid Cup, which was successfully organised in the Latvian capital.

1.♘f3 g6 2.e4 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♗c3 ♕g7 5.♖e2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.a4 (D)



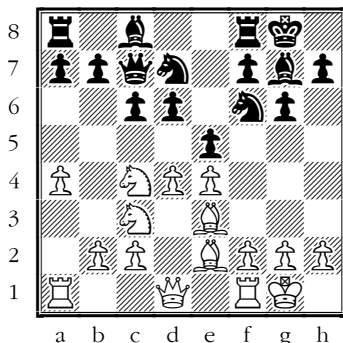
7...♖c7

Somewhat more often played are both 7...a5 and 7...♗bd7.

8.♖e3 ♗bd7

The main alternative is 8...e5.

9.♗d2! e5 10.♗c4 (D)

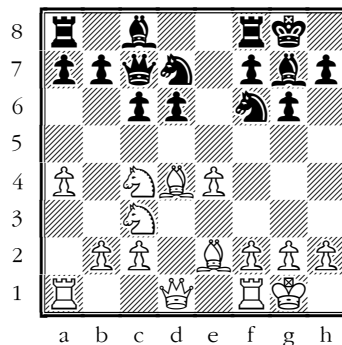


White is slightly better. The same position, but with an extra tempo h2-h3 for White (as Black lost time for ...♖d8-a5-c7) occurred in Golubev-Rakhmangulov, Odessa open 2003.

10...exd4

Of some interest is the line 10...♗xe4 11.♗xe4 d5 12.dxe5 dxe4 13.e6 ♗e5!? (13...fxe6 14.c3± Brkljaca-Popchev, Belgrade 2007) 14.exf7+ ♖xf7.

11.♖xd4 (D)



11...♖d8

Sensible also is 11...♗e5 where White can try 12.♗e3 (or maybe 12.a5).

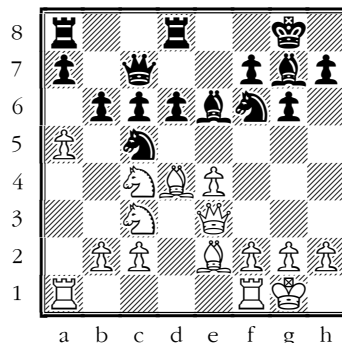
12.♖d2

A bit imprecise, most likely. After 12.♗e3 Black can consider 12...♖e8!?. One of the critical options is 12.f4!?.

12...♗c5

Also approximately equal, perhaps, is 12...♗f8!? 13.♖e3 d5 14.exd5 ♗xd5 15.♗xd5 cxd5 16.♖xg7 ♖xg7 17.♖d4+.

13.♖e3 b6!∞ 14.a5 ♖e6 (D)



15.b4?!

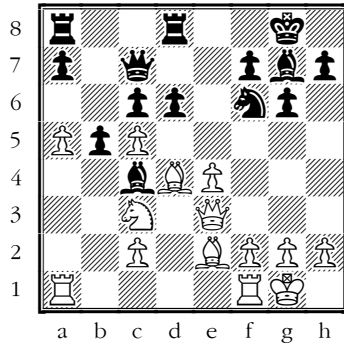
It is difficult to show any advantage for White. For example, 15.♖fd1 ♖xc4 (15...b5? 16.♗xd6!) 16.♖xc4 b5 17.♖xb5 ♗e6!∞ and Black probably has enough for a pawn. (Not 17...cxb5? 18.♖xf6 ♖xf6 19.♗d5+-). But after White's move Black captures the initiative.

15...♖xc4!∞ 16.bxc5

Black is much better after 16.♖xc4! ♗g4! 17.♖g3 (17.♖d2 d5+-) 17...♖xd4 18.bxc5 b5!? 19.cxd6 ♖xd6∞.

16..b5! (D)

Solution to our Quiz:



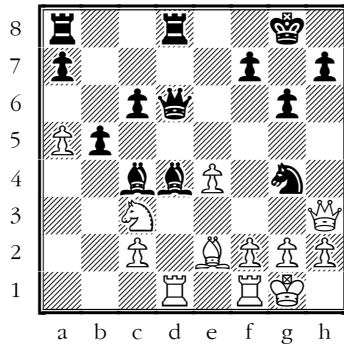
17.cxd6?

The lesser of evils was 17.♙xc4 ♘g4!
18.cxd6! ♜xd6 19.♙xf7+! ♜xf7 20.♜f3+
♜g8 21.♜xg4 ♜xd4 22.♜e6+ ♡.

17...♜xd6 18.♞ad1

Or: 18.♙xf6 ♜xf6! ♡. 18.♙c5 ♜e6 ♡;
18.♙xc4 ♜xd4 19.♜xd4 ♞xd4 ♡.

18...♘g4! 19.♜h3 ♙xd4 (D)

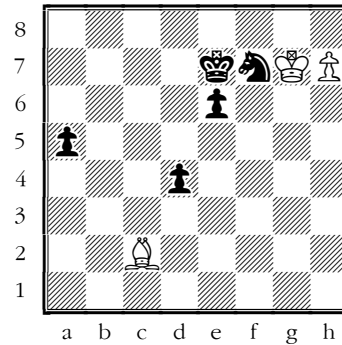


20.♙xc4

More stubborn was 20.♜xg4 ♡ but obviously Black has a big advantage there.

20...♘xf2--+ 21.♙xf7+ ♜g7! 0-1

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77...e5?

77...♘h8!-+ (Eljanov, facebook) 78.♜h6
(78.♜xh8 ♜f8-+) 78...♜f6 79.♜h5 ♜g7
80.♜g4 ♘f7-+.

78.♜g6! = e4 79.♙xe4 a4 80.♜f5
♘h8 81.♙b1 ♜d6 82.♜e4 ♜c5
83.♙a2 a3 84.♜d3 ♘g6 85.♜e4
♘h8 1/2-1/2

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