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# Anand Wins At Leon



Five time world chess champion **Viswanathan Anand** receives the trophy for the ninth time at Leon, Spain on June 13, 2016 when he won the Advanced Chess Tournament there. Pic: [www.advancedchess.com](http://www.advancedchess.com)

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The Asian Individual Chess Championships took place at Hotel Uzbekistan in Tashkent and concluded on June 5, 2016. Story and games on page 6. Pic: Uzbek Chess Federation website.

## Anand Wins Ninth Title In Leon

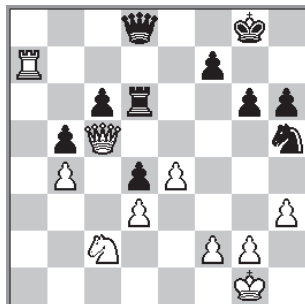
Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand beat the Chinese champion Wei Yi 2½-1½ in the best of four Advanced Chess Tournament finals at Leon, Spain on June 12.

Anand took the lead with the white pieces in the first game and drew the last three to win the tournament by the minimal margin. In game one, Anand won pawns on the queen side and reached a winning queen ending that forced his Chinese opponent to give up in 50 moves.

In the remaining games, Wei Yi held marginal advantages but was never close to winning any of the three drawn games.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Anand slipped from 1½-½ lead to 1½-1½ score when he lost to David Anton Guijarro overlooking a tactic on move 41. However, in the all-decisive fourth game, Anand won a pawn on move 41 and converted that into a win after 68 moves for a place in the finals. Wei Yi also accounted for Jaime Santos Latasa by 2½-1½ in the other semis.

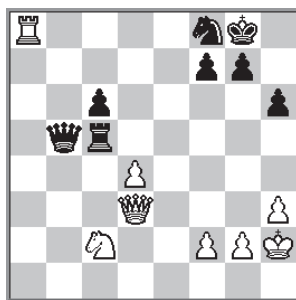
Rapid events at Leon and Mainz (Ger) have helped Anand's career immensely. Having a flair for quick thinking and a heart for facing knock out competitions, has helped the Indian stay on top in the elite ladder longer than most of his peers.



**Viswanathan Anand 2770**  
**Wei Yi 2694**

From a quiet Giuoco Piano opening, white removes both the defensive units of black on d4 with a rook tactic to win the game.

32.Ra8! Qxa8 33.Qxd6 Qa2 34.Nxd4 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qxd3 36.f3 Qd2 37.Nxb5 Qg5 38.Na7 Nf4 39.Qd2 Kh7 40.Nxc6 Qf6 41.e5 Qf5 42.b5 Ne6 43.b6 Nc5 44.Qb4 Nb7 45.Qe4 Qe6 46.f4 Nc5 47.Nd8 Qxb6 48.Qd5 Ne6 49.Nxe6 fxe6 50.Qd7+ 1-0.



**David Anton Guijarro 2627**  
**Viswanathan Anand 2770**

Black had just blundered with Rxc5? 41.Rxf8+! [41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Qa3+-] 1-0.



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Asian Individual, Tashkent

## Sethuraman, Bhakti Win Titles

India won the two titles on stake at the Asian Individual Chess Championships that concluded in Tashkent on June 3. Both S.P. Sethuraman of Chennai and Bhakti Kulkarni of Goa scored identical 7/9 scores to win by half point margins.

Sethuraman, 23, lost to top seed Le Quang Liem (Vie), drew Aravindh Chithambaram, Gao Rui and beat the rest of the six players. His victims included third seed Wei Yi. Importantly, he won the last three rounds in a row. The top five from here qualify for the 2017 World Chess Cup at Batumi, Georgia. Sethuraman gains around 13.60 Elo and should be in the World Top 100 ratings in July.

Fifteenth seed Bhakti Kulkarni, 24, remained undefeated and surprisingly won the women's event. She gains 50.20 Elo from this single event, and more importantly, she has qualified for the 2017 World Women's Championship. She was the lowest rated of the five Indians at Tashkent but surprised everyone by winning the title. In the fourth round, she recorded a surprise win over top seed IM Sarasadat Khademalsharieh of Iran.

Players from 19 nations in men and 15 in women took part in this event that was organised by the Uzbekistan Chess Federation in Tashkent.

**Final placings** (top and Indians): **Men:** 1 GM S.P. Sethuraman (Ind) 7/9; 2-9. GM Le Quang Liem (Vie), GM Wei Yi (Chn), GM Murtas Kazhgaleyev (Kaz), GM Deep Sengupta (Ind), GM Lu Shanglei (Chn), GM Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son (Vie), GM Surya S Ganguly (Ind), GM Batchuluun Tsegmed (Mgl) 6½ each; 11 GM B Adhiban 6; 15 GM Karthikeyan Murali 5½; 17 GM Vidit Gujrathi 5½; 18 GM Aravindh Chithambaram 5½; 23 GM Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzb) 5½; 29 GM M.R. Lalith Babu 5; 30 GM Abhijeet Gupta 5...91 players.

**Women:** 1 WGM Bhakti Kulkarni (Ind) 7/9; 2-3. WGM Dinara Saduakassova (Kaz), WGM Soumya Swaminathan (Ind) 6½ each; 4-6. WGM Nguyen Thi Mai Hung (Vie), WGM Hoang Thi Bao Tram (Vie), WIM Vo Thi Kim Phung (Vie) 6 each; 10 WIM B Pratyusha 5; 15 IM Padmini Rout 5; 17 WGM Mary Ann Gomes 4½; 20 WIM R Vaishali 4½...35 players.

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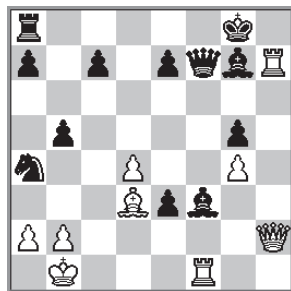
**B Adhiban 2665**  
**Shamsiddin Vokhidov 2370**  
 Queen's Indian E14  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5  
 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.c4 Be7  
 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 0-0 9.d5  
 Na6 10.Bc2 Qc7 11.Bg5



11...Qxc4?! Grabbing a pawn with the black pieces so early in the game could not be correct, our instincts say. Black pays a heavy price for this pawn. **12.d6 Bd8 13.Ne5 Qc8 14.Rc1 Bc6±** Black is planning to capture one more pawn, the one on g2. **15.Qd4 Qb7 16.Qh4** White has probably guessed that black will capture on g2 and is glad to oblige. **16...h6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6+- Bxg2** This second pawn grab is fatal. **19.f3! Nb4 20.Rf2! 1-0.**

**S P Sethuraman 2647**  
**Arif Abdul Hafiz 2348**  
 Grunfeld Defence D70  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5  
 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3  
 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6  
 9.0-0-0 f5 10.e5 Nb4 11.Nh3  
 Be6 12.Kb1 N4d5 13.Ng5  
 Nxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Bd5 15.h4

**Qd7 16.Bd3 Na4 17.Qc2 b5**  
**18.h5 h6 19.hxg6 hxg5 20.g4**  
**f4 21.Rh7 Bxf3 [21...fxe3**  
**22.Qh2 Bxa2+ 23.Ka1 Rfb8**  
**24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qh7+ Kf8**  
**26.g7+ mates in two.] 22.e6!**  
**Qxe6 23.Qh2 Rf7 24.gxf7+**  
**Qxf7 25.Rf1 fxe3**

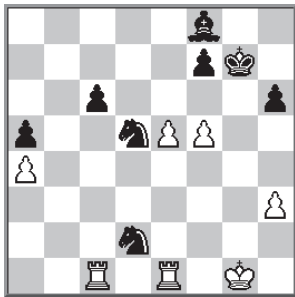


**26.Rxg7+! Qxg7 27.Rxf3**  
**Qh8?** [The best defence also loses: 27...Rd8 28.Bf5 Nc5?! (28...Rd6 29.Qh5! Rf6 30.Qe8+ Qf8 31.Qxb5+-) 29.dxc5 Rd1+ 30.Kc2 Rd2+ 31.Qxd2 exd2 32.Be6+ Kh8 (32...Kh7 33.Rf7) 33.Rh3+ wins.] **28.Qc2!** (Threat 29 Qb3+) **28...Qh1+ 29.Rf1 Qh3 30.Qc6 Rd8 31.Qe6+! Kh8 32.Qxe7 1-0.**

**Temur Igonin 2474**  
**B Adhiban 2665**  
 Caro-Kann B12

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7  
 4.Bd3 d6 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.0-0  
 0-0 7.Re1 Qc7 8.a4 e5 9.dxe5  
 dxe5 10.Nc4 Nbd7 11.b3 Re8  
 12.Ba3 Bf8 13.Bb2 b6 14.Qd2  
 Bb7 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Nfxe5  
 Rxe5 17.Qf4 Rde8 [An interesting alternative was:  
 17...Bh6 18.Qxh6 Rh5 19.Qe3  
 Qxh2+ 20.Kf1 Qh1+ 21.Ke2  
 Qxg2 22.Nd6 Qg4+ 23.Qf3  
 Bc8±] 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bxe5  
 Qxe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Bf1

**Kg7** There is a very strange material imbalance, two rooks and pawn for two knights and a bishop. White is better not only because of the arithmetic, but also because black's minor pieces do not yet function in harmony. [If 21...Bb4 22.Re3 Nfg4 23.Re2±] **22.c3 Bc8 23.b4 Be6 24.f4 Ned7 25.h3 a5 26.bxa5 bxa5 27.g4 h6 28.c4 Nb6 29.f5 gxf5 30.gxf5 Bxc4 31.e5 Nfd5 32.Bxc4 Nxc4 33.Rc1 Nd2?**

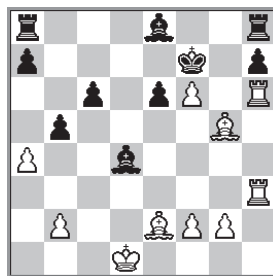


[Better was to activate his bishop by 33...Bb4 34.Re4 Nd2 35.Rg4+ Kf8 and black can hold it to a draw with careful play.] **34.Kh1** Taking the king to a corner where it is beyond the checking reach of any knight. **34...Nf3 35.Re4 c5 36.Rd1 Ng5 37.Ree1 Nf3 38.Re4 Ng5 39.Ree1 Nf3 40.Re4 Nd4!?** Black does not want a draw, he wants more! **41.Rg1+ Kh7 42.e6 fxe6 43.fxe6 Bd6 44.Rf1 Ne7 45.Rf8 Kg7 46.Ra8!= Kf6** [46...Nef5!= threatens 47...Ng3+ forking the rook and king.] **47.Rxa5 Nef5 48.Kg2 Nxe6 49.Ra6 c4** [If 49...Be5 50.a5 Nfd4 51.Ra8 Kf5 52.Rh4

Nf4+ 53.Kf1 h5 54.a6 Nc6 55.Rf8+ Kg5 56.Rhxf4 Bxf4 57.Rc8 Na7 58.Rxc5±±] **50.Rc6 Nc5 51.a5** [51.Rxc4? Ne3+-+] **51...c3 52.Re2 Kg5** [If 52...c2 53.Rxc2 Ne3+ 54.Kg1 Nxc2 55.Rxd6+ Ke5 56.a6! Nxa6 57.Rxa6+-] **53.a6 Nxa6 54.Rxa6 Bf4 55.Rc6 Bd2 56.Re4 Ne3+** [56...c2 57.Rc2 Ne3 58.Rxe3 Bxe3 59. Kf3 Bb6 60.Rc6 Bd4 with chances of a draw.] **57.Kf3 Nd1** He does not wait for 58 Re5+ Kh4 59 Rc4+ Bf4 60 Rxf4# 1-0

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**Nguyen Huynh Minh Huy** 2458  
 Slav Defence D16

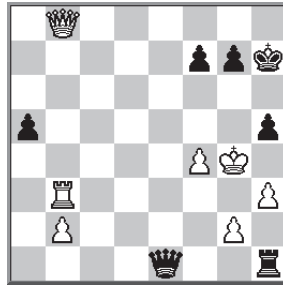
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 e6 6.e4 Bb4 7.e5 Ne4 8.Qc2 Qa5 9.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 10.Kd1 Bb4 11.Bxc4 Nd7 12.Qg4 g6 13.Ng5 Qd8** [Gideon Barcza vs Pal Rethy, Budapest, 1937 went: 13...Be7 14.Nf7 Kf7 15.Qe6 Ke8 16.b4 Qb6 17. Be3 Qb4 18.Bd2 Qb2 19. Bg5 Qa1 20.Kc2 Qa4 21. Bb3 Qb4 22.Rb1 Rf8 23. Ba2 Rf2 0-1] **14.Nxf7± Nf6 15. exf6 Kxf7 16.h4 Bc5 17.h5 Qxd4+ 18. Qxd4 Bxd4 19.hxg6+ Kxg6 20. Rh6+ Kf7 21.Ra3! b5 22. Be2 Bd7 23. Rah3 Be8 24. Bg5**



[White misses a clear win with: 24.Bh5+ Kf8 25.f7 Bd7 26.Rg3 Rc8 27.Rd3 c5 28.b4!+-] 24...Bxb2 25.Kc2 Bd4 26.Bd3 bxa4 27.R3h4 c5 28.Bxh7 Kf8 29.Be4 Rg8 30.Rh8 [30.f4!] 30...Rb8 31.Bh6+ Kf7 32.Rxg8 Kxg8 33.Bg7! Kf7 34.Rh6! Threat is Bg6+ mating. 34...Rb2+ 35.Kc1+- Bxf6 36.Bxf6 Rxf2 37.Bf3! (threat is Bh5+ mating) 37...Kg8 38.Rh8+ Kf7 39.Rh6 Kg8 40.Be5 Bb5 41.Rh8+ Kf7 42.Rh7+ Kg6 43.Rxa7 [Stronger was: 43.Be4+ Kg5 44.Rg7+ Kh6 45.Rg8+-] 43...Kf5 44.Bg3 Ra2 45.Ra5 Bd3 46.Rxc5+ Kg6 47.Rc3 Bf1 48.Kb1 Rd2 49.Bf4 Rd4 50.g3 Kf6 51.Kb2 e5 52.Be3 Rc4 53.Rxc4 Bxc4 54.Ka3 Bb3 55.g4 Bc2 56.Bc6 1-0

Wang Yiye 2442  
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Sicilian Defence B40

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 b6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.d5 exd5 14.Qxd5 dxe5 15.Qxe5 Bf6 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qd4 Qf5 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Rfe1 h6 21.h3 Rac8 22.Re5 Rxe5 23.Qxe5 Qc2 24.Rd2 Qb1+ 25.Qe1 Qg6 [25...Qxa2?? 26.b4+-] 26.Qe3 Ne6 27.Nd4? [27.a3=] 27...Qb1+ 28.Kh2 Nxd4 29.Qxd4 Qxa2 30.Rd3 Qc4 31.Qe3 Qc7+ 32.f4 Qc6 33.Qe5 Re8 34.Qd4 Re4 35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qb8 a5 37.Rd6 Qc1 38.Rxb6 Re1 39.Rb3 Rh1+ 40.Kg3 Qe1+ 41.Kg4 h5+!



[If 42.Kxh5 (42.Kg5 Qe7+ 43.Kxh5 g6+ 44.Kg4 f5+ Mates in 2 moves.; 42.Kf5 g6+ mates in 2.) 42...g6+ 43.Kg5 Qe7+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kf3 (or 45.Kg3 Qe1+ 46.Kf3 Rf1#) 45...Rf1+ 46.Kg3 Qe1+] 0-1.

S P Sethuraman 2647  
Deep Sengupta 2543  
Semi-Slav D47

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a3 0-0 11.Qc2 h6 12.e4 e5 13.h3 Re8 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Be3 Bd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4 18.Rad1 Qb6 19.Rfe1 Re7 20.Re3 Rae8 21.Qe2 a5 [21...a6=] 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bf5! Nxe5 [It was wiser to decline the pawn sacrifice: 23...Nf8 24.b4 Bc8 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.Ne4 Rd8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8±] 24.Bd7! Rxd7 25.Rxd7+- Bc8 26.Rd6 The pin along the e-file is very troublesome for black. 26...Qc5 27.Ne4! Qa7 28.Rxh6! Suddenly the scene shifts from the central d- and e-files to the demolition of the castled position. 28...gxh6 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Nxe8 Nc4 31.Re4 Bf5 32.Rf4 Bg6 33.Nf6 Qe7 34.Qg4! The devastating 35 Qc8+ is threat-

ened. 34...Qe6 35.Qd1! Qe7  
36.Nd7+ Ke8 37.Nf6+ Kf8  
38.b3! Ne5



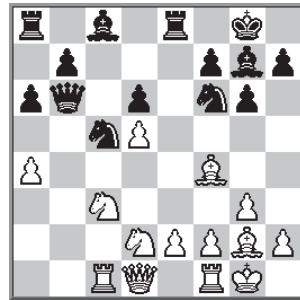
[38...Nxa3 39.Qc1 Nc2  
40.Re4!! Bxe4 (40...Qxf6  
41.Qxh6+ Qg7 42.Re8+-)  
41.Qxh6#!] 39.Ne4 Kg7 40.  
Qd4 h5 41.b4 a4 42. Nf6+-  
If 42...Kh8 43 Nd7 wins. 1-0

### Analysis by Bhakti Kulkarni

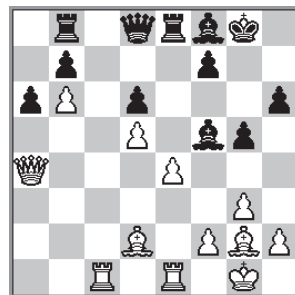
Bhakti Kulkarni 2296  
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Modern Benoni A63

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 I was expecting the Benoni as e she has a good score with it against me. 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Qc7 here there is also Qe7. 12.Rc1 Credit goes to my coach Gokhale sir, who suggested to me this plan of Rc1 and b2-b4 which worked really well in this round! 12...Re8 13.b4! Qb6 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Nd2 In the Benoni, manoeuvring

the knight to c4 via d2 to attack the d6 weakness is quite common.

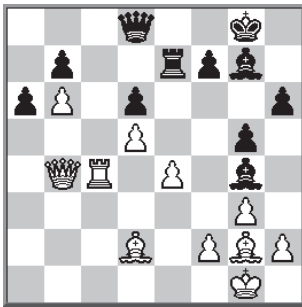


15...Bf8 16.Nc4 Qd8  
17.a5 Blocking black's queenside activity and creating a nice outpost for the knight on b6. 17...Bf5 18.Nb6 [18.f3! (to prepare e2-e4 may be better as it restrains the black forces.) 18...Nh5 19.Bd2± Qf6 20.Nb6 Rab8 21.g4+-] 18...Rb8 19.Re1 h6 20.Nca4! Exchanging off black's active pieces will help white to achieve e2-e4. 20...Nxa4 21.Qxa4 g5 22.Bd2 Nd7 23.e4 Nxb6 Forced 24.axb6 Now Rc7 cannot be stopped.





24...Bd7 25.Qb4 Rc8  
 26.Rxc8 Bxc8 27.Rc1 Bg7  
 28.Rc7 Re7 29.Rc4 with  
 the idea of playing Bc3 Bxc3  
 Qxc3 Bd7 Rc7. 29...Bg4?  
 Black who was in deep  
 thought here and played  
 Bg4 suddenly realised that  
 e4-e5 is coming but the B  
 doesn't have any other decent  
 option but to leave the  
 bishop on g4 because, if  
 ...Bd7 Qxd6 is coming.

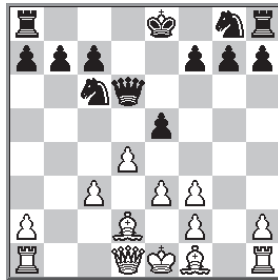


30.e5! The goal is  
 achieved in the Benoni!  
 30...Bf5 31.exd6 Rd7  
 32.g4 This move forces  
 black to move her Bishop  
 away from the c8-h3 diagonal  
 so that in future Rc8 can  
 be deadly. [32.Rc7 Rxd6  
 33.Rxb7 Rxd5 34.Bxd5  
 Qxd5 35.Re7] 32...Bd3  
 33.Rc7 Rxd6 34.Rxb7 Bb5  
 35.Qc5 Be5 36.Rc7 Qf6

37.b7! Rd8 38.Rc8 Bd7  
 39.Rxd8+ Qxd8 40.d6! f6  
 41.Ba5 Qe8 42.Bc7 1-0.

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 QP Chigorin D07

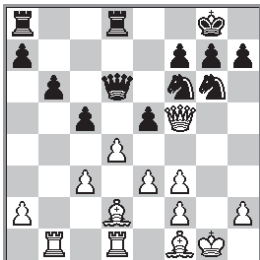
1.d4 Sarasadat was the top  
 seed and had recently made a  
 GM norm. However, I was not  
 nervous but eager to try a new  
 line of the QGD against her-  
 The Chigorin!! 1...d5 2.c4 Nc6  
 This really served me well as I  
 won both the crucial games  
 with Black with Chigorin-  
 other being penultimate round  
 with Chinese Li. 3.Nf3 Bg4  
 4.cxd5 Bxf3 5.gxf3 Qxd5 6.e3  
 e5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3  
 9.bxc3 Qd6 She was playing  
 pretty fast until this point. But  
 now she was confused with the  
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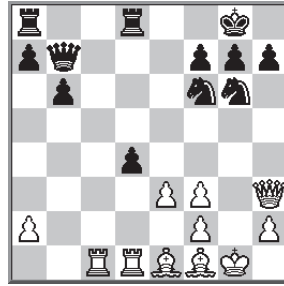
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 13.f4 f6 14.Kb1 Kb8 15.Ka1  
 Nc8 16.Bc1 Nb6 17.Ba3 Na5

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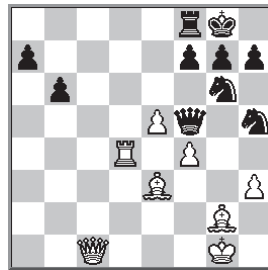
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 seenko,A, Khanty-Mansiysk  
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 16.Bg3 f5 17.Qd3 Nxd4  
 18.Qc4+ Kh8 19.cxd4 Qa5+  
 20.Ke2 f4 21.e5 Rae8 22.Be4  
 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5 24.f3 ffg3  
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 many 2013 2015, 0-1 (60)]  
**10...Nf6N** This was a new  
 move as previously everybody  
 had automatically played  
 Nge7 **11.Qc2 0-0 12.0-0 Rfd8**  
 Here I was confused between  
 Rfd8/Rad8 then I thought we  
 need a8 rook on c8 for c5 break  
 in future.My idea turned out to  
 be correct **13.Rab1 b6 14.Rfd1**  
**Ne7** Reposting the knight to a  
 better square on g6 which will  
 also be useful for Nh4xf3 in future  
**15.Bf1 Ng6 16.Qf5 c5**  
 Generally we should not open  
 the position when our oppo-  
 nent has the bishop pair. But  
 here the situation is different.  
 On the other hand, c7-c5 pres-  
 surises white's central weak-  
 ness and helps black gain some  
 space.



**17.Be1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qc6!**  
**19.Rbc1 Qb7 20.Qh3 exd4!**



**21.Bg2!?** Desperately,  
 Sarasadat decides to open up  
 the position for her bishops by  
 giving up a pawn. **21...dxe3**  
**22.fxe3 Qe7 23.Bf2 Rxd1+**  
**24.Rxd1 Qa3 25.f4** One  
 Bishop is now operating but  
 the other remains in its cage.  
**25...Rf8 26.Qf3 Re8 27.Qc6**  
**Qxa2 28.e4 Rf8 29.Qc1 Qe2**  
**30.Rd4 Qg4 31.e5 Nh5 32.h3**  
**Qf5 33.Be3**



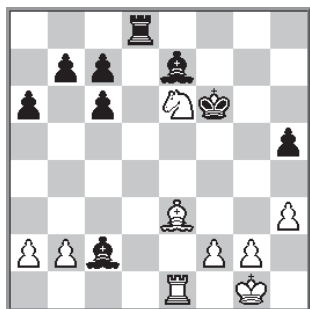
**33...Nh4 34.Bf2 Nxc2**  
**35.Kxc2 h6 36.Qe3 Rc8 37.Qf3**  
**g6** This win helped me take the  
 lead in the tournament after  
 the 4th round, a lead that I  
 maintained till the end! **0-1.**

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# Learn Endgames, Middlegames

Bishop of Opposite Colour, Drawing Technique

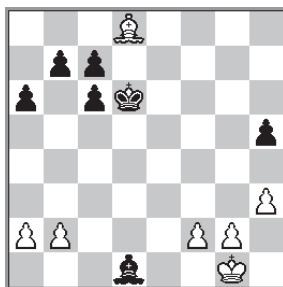
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Maxime Vachier Lagrave 2788  
Pavel Eljanov 2765

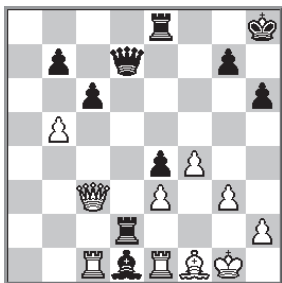
In a typical endgame arising from a Berlin Defence, Vachier-Lagrave has managed to keep a small initiative and Eljanov must tread carefully. **24...Rd1?** [24...Kxe6 25.Bc5+ Kd5 26.Bxe7 Re8 27.f3 offers White only very small hopes, but Eljanov has pinned his hopes on an opposite coloured bishops endgame.] **25.Bg5+! Kf7 26.Rxd1 Bxd1 27.Bxe7?** Played after just seven seconds thought. "I should spend more time [around here] because in the game [my kingside pawns were] not nearly fast enough," confessed Vachier-Lagrave. Neither player had noticed that after [27.Nd8+! Bxd8 28.Bxd8 White wins the c7

pawn, reaching a similar endgame to that in the game, except with Black having no queenside counterplay. The result should be a slow but certain win for White.] **27...Kxe6!** "On [27...Kxe7 28.Nf4 is killing," said Vachier-Lagrave, giving the line 28...Kf6 29.f3 h4 30.Kf2 "when I play 31.g4 next and you cannot get any counterplay.]" **28.Bd8 Kd6**



**29.f3?!** "During the game I felt that I would have very good winning chances and maybe I can play better," said Vachier-Lagrave, "but given that I am about 3 tempi short in the game, it is not likely that there is a [serious improvement]. My king is not active enough." "White needed to play

[29.b4!," said Eljanov, "but it still looks holdable." Vachier-Lagrave agreed; "It was definitely a much better try than what I did."] **29...c5! 30.Kf2 b5 31.Ke3 b4 32.g4 hxg4 33.fxg4** [33.hxg4 c4 34.g5 Bc2 is easy for Black.] **33...a5 34.Kf4 c4 35.Bf6 c5 36.h4 Ke6 37.Bh8 Kf7 38.h5 a4 39.a3 Be2** Now Black would be safe even without the queenside pawns - so Eljanov sets about eliminating them. **40.Be5 c3 41.bxc3 bxa3 42.c4 Bxc4 43.g5 Bd3 44.g6+ Bxg6 45.hxg6+ Kxg6 46.Ke4 c4 47.Ba1 c3 48.Kd3 a2 49.Kxc3 a3 50.Kb3 Kh7 51.Kxa2 Kg8 52.Kxa3** A huge missed opportunity for Vachier-Lagrave to join Carlsen in the tournament lead. ½-½



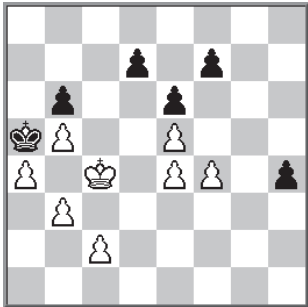
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**Anish Giri 2790**

Giri had enjoyed an initiative but after Topalov's last move, 34.b5, he could not find a

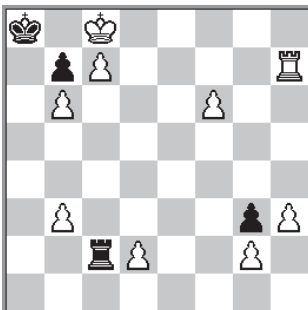
way through. **34...c5?** "I wanted to play [34...Rd8!? but after 35.bxc6 bxc6 36.Qxc6 Qg4!? 37.Rcxd1 (37.Qxe4 Bf3 and I just move the bishop back and play ...Qf3 and you are mated. [Topalov was not so convinced, correctly, as after 38.Qe7 Ba8 39.e4 Qf3 40.Be2!! White can defend. IR]) 37...Rxd1 38.Rxd1 Qxd1 39.Qxe4 is just a draw," said Giri. "Yes, but 34...c5 is just a big mistake," countered Topalov, who believed that Black should agree to equality with; 34...Ba4 35.bxc6 Bxc6.] **35.Qxc5 Ra8 36.Qb4?!** "[36.Qe5!, threatening 37.Rc7, is attacking everything and I think it's just over," said Topalov. Black would have to reply 36...Be2 but his attack is over and White is a safe pawn ahead.] **36...Bf3 37.Rc7!** This was Topalov's idea but Giri has prepared a fantastic counter. Giri was hoping that Topalov would play for a win with [37.Ra1 after which Black has 37...Rd8! when the threat of ...Qg4-h5 is hard to meet.] **37...Rxh2!! 38.Rxd7 Rh1+ 39.Kf2 Rh2+ 40.Bg2 Rxc2+!** The right choice on the final move of the time control. "If I try to checkmate with [40...Ra2+ then 41.Re2! wins," said Giri, who saw that after 41...Rxe2+ 42.Kf1 the threat of 43.Qf8+ leaves Black no time to mate White.] **41.Kf1 Rh2!** Now Black has only a bishop for the queen, but White can-

not avoid perpetual check.  
**42.Rd2** “Originally I thought [42.g4? was escaping, but of course it’s losing,” said Topalov, who back on move 37 had not seen 42...Rh1+ 43.Kf2 Ra2+ 44.Rd2 Rxd2+ 45.Qxd2 Rh2+ , etc.] **42...Rh1+ 43.Kf2 Rh2+ 44.Kf1 Rh1+ 45.Kf2** “Giri still knows how to draw, but he is learning to do it in a much more stylish way!” said one watching journalist. ½–½

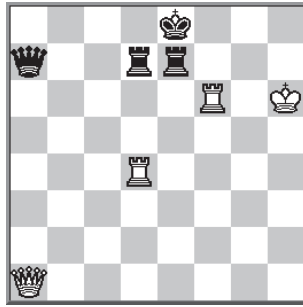
## Mate In The Endgame



1. White to play and win



2. White to play and win



3 White to play and win  
**SOLUTIONS**

1. **1.Kc3 h3 2.Kb2 h2** [2...Kb4 3.c3+ Ka5 4.Ka3 h2 5.b4#] **3.Ka3 h1Q 4.b4#** M Elnar 1980.

2. **1.d3 Rc4 2.Rh5** [2.dxc4 stalemate!] **2...Rc5 3.Rh4 Rc4 4.Kd7 Rd4+ 5.Ke8 Re4+ 6.Kf7 Re7+ 7.Kg6 Rg7+ 8.Kf5 Rg5+ 9.Kf4 Rf5+ 10.Ke3 Re5+ 11.Kd2 Re2+ 12.Kc3 Rc2+ 13.Kb4 Rc4+ 14.Ka3 Rxc7 15.Rh8+ Rc8 16.Rxc8#** Kapitto 1948.

3. **1.Rf8+ Kxf8 2.Rf4+ Rf7 3.Qh8+ Ke7 4.Re4+ Kd6 5.Qe5+ Kc6 6.Rc4+ Kb7 7.Qe4+ Kb8 8.Qe8+ Kb7 9.Qc8+ Kb6 10.Qc6+ Ka5 11.Ra4#** A Myterd 1920 1–0.

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# Viktor Korchnoy's Games

Selected and analysed by Manuel Aaron

**Viktor Korchnoy** (Swz 2659)

**Mathias Roeder** (Ger 2413)

King's Indian Samisch E81  
11th Goodricke Op Calcutta, 2000

Every great player has one game which he would not like to remember. This is Korchnoy's! 1.c4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 Ne5 9.h3 Nh5 10.Bf2 f5 11.exf5 Rxf5 12.g4 Rxf3 13.0-0-0 Ng3N 14.Bxg3 Rxc3 15.Qf4 [If 15.Ne4 Rxc3 16.Rxc3 Nf3] 15...Rxc3+! 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Kb1 Rf8 19.Be2 Rf2 20.Qe3 Qb6+! 21.Ka1 Nxc4! 22.Qc1 [22.Bxc4?? Qb2#] 22...Qb4! 23.Rd3 Bb5 24.h4 Na3 White is simply massacred. 0-1.

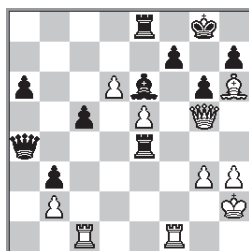
**Viktor Korchnoy**  
**Mikhail Tal**

Modern Benoni A62

USSR Chp Yerevan ARM, 1962

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 During the 1960s the Modern Benoni was the favourite opening system with the black pieces for Mikhail Tal. Korchnoy handles Tal's tactics positionally and wins a beautifully played game. 6.Nf3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.h3 Nc7 11.e4 Nd7 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Be3 Rb8 15.a4 a6 16.Bf1 Qe7 17.Nd2 Nc7 18.f4 b5 19.e5! dxe5 20.Nde4! The main threat is 21 d6 forking queen and

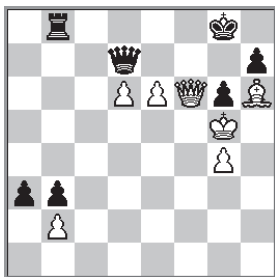
knight. 20...Qd8 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.d6! Ne6 23.fxe5 White has a great positional advantage as he has more space and Black does not have the services of his dark square bishop on the king-side. 23...b4 24.Nd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Bb7 26.Qd2 Qd7 27.Kh2 Preparing to deal with black's attack with his Q and B battery along the long white diagonal. 27...b3 28.Rac1! Qxa4 29.Bc4 The roles are reversed, Korchnoy is playing like Tal, sacrificing a pawn for the attack! 29...Bc8 30.Rf1 Rb4 31.Bxe6 Bxe6 32.Bh6 Re8 33.Qg5! Re4!



Typical Tal. As always, he does not defend the threat of Qf6 mating but develops his own mating threat. 34.Rf2!

[If 34.Qf6 Re2+ 35.Rf2 Rxf2+ 36.Qxf2 Qd4 37.Qf6 Qxb2+ 38.Kg1 Qd4+ and the game should end in repetition of moves, for he would lose if he moved to: 39.Kh1? Bd5+!] 34...f5 35.Qf6! Qd7 36.Rxc5 Rc4 37.Rxc4 Bxc4 38.Rd2 Be6 39.Rd1 Qa7 [If 39...Qf7

40.d7 Bxd7 41.Qxf7+ Kxf7 42.Rxd7+-] **40.Rd2 Qd7 41.Rd1 Qa7** It looks as though the game is heading for a draw, but.... **42.Rd4! Qd7 43.g4!** Korchnoy plays with logic and imagination. This move is not an assault on the black king but makes way for his king to join in the attack against the black king. **43...a5** [Black's only chance is to use his pawn majority on the queen-side as he cannot do anything on the king-side where his king is under house arrest. If White tries to exchange queens he would lose through: 43...Qf7? 44.d7!! Bxd7 45.Qxf7+ Kxf7 46.Rxd7+ Re7 47.Rxe7+ Kxe7 48.gxf5 gxf5 49.Kg3+ -] **44.Kg3! Rb8 45.Kh4 Qf7 46.Kg5! fxc4 47.hxc4 Bd7** Black plans 48.... a5-a4 **48.Rc4! a4 49.Rc7 a3 50.Rxd7!** Just in time! **50...Qxd7 51.e6!**



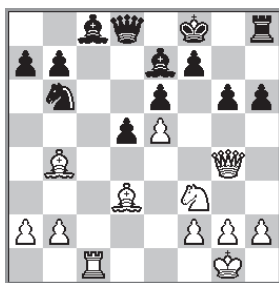
**51...Qa7** [Threatens ...Qe3+ winning. After 51...Rb5+? 52.Kh4 g5+ 53.Kh3 White is threatening mate on f8 as well as the queen on d7.] **52.Qe5! axb2 53.e7 Kf7 54.d7!** A beautiful finish to a great game! This move blocks the d7 square with the black

queen so that the king has no access to that square in the following variation! If now 54...Qxd7 55.Qf6+ Ke8 56.Qf8#! 1-0.

**Viktor Korchnoy**  
**Mijo Udovcic**

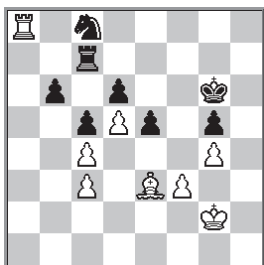
French Defence C05  
50th USSR Anniversary, Leningrad 1967

**1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.0-0 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4** Korchnoy said that this was the idea of Geller who had played it against him in Blitz games. He also said he avoided the mainlines of the French which was his own weapon as black, as Botvinnik had advised that he would end up playing against himself. **11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Qa4 Qb4 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Rac1 Be7 16.Qa4 Qd8** [If 16...0-0? 17.Rxc8 Rfxc8 18.Qxd7±] **17.Rc2** [17.Rfd1] 17...Kf8 [If 17...0-0 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.Qh3 f5 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Qxh6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Re1 With two pawns and a strong attack for his bishop.] **18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Qg4 Bd7 20.Ba5 Rc8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Bb4 g6**





[If 22...Bxb4 23.Qxb4+ Kg8 (23...Qe7? 24.Qxb6! axb6 25.Rxc8+ Qe8 26.Rxe8± white should win. 26...Kxe8± white should win.) 24.Qa5± and black cannot save the a7 pawn as, 24...a6? 25.Qxb6!!+-] **23.Qh4!! g5 24.Nxg5! Ke8** [24...hxg5?? If 25.Qxh8#; or if 24...Bxb4 25.Nxe6+ wins the queen.] **25.Bb5+ Bd7 26.Nxe6! fxe6** [26...Bxh4?? 27.Ng7#] **27.Qh5+ Kf8 28.Rc3! Rh7 29.Qg6! Rg7 30.Qxh6 Bxb5** [If 30...Bxb4 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qxg7+ Ke8 33.Rf3 Qe7 34.Qg8+ Qf8 35.Rxf8+ Bxf8 36.Qxe6+ Kd8 37.Bxd7+-] **31.Rg3! 1-0.**

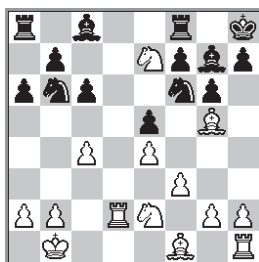


**Nana Ioseliani 2476**  
**Viktor Korchnoy 2620**  
 Veterans vs Ladies  
 Munich (1), 2000

**35...Kf6 36.Kf2 Kg6**  
**37.Ke2 Kf6 38.Kf2 Kg6**  
**39.Ke2 Kf6** Korchnoy told the Press Officer the next day that the final position was a win for

white. She had to move her king to b5 and then switch her rook to the h-file. ½-½.

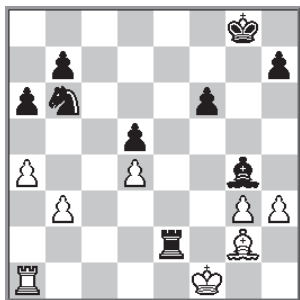
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 King's Indian Samisch E81  
 11th Goodricke, Calcutta 2000  
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.Bg5 c6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 a6 11.Nd5 Qxd2 12.Ne7+ Kh8 13.Rxd2± Nb6 14.dxe5 dxe5**



[If 14...Nxc4 15.exf6 Nxd2+ 16.Kc2 Nxf1 17.fxg7+ Kxg7 18.Nxc8 Raxc8 19.Rxf1±] **15.c5 Nbd7 16.Be3 Re8 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.Nc1± Bf8 19.Nb3 Kg7 20.g3 Rc7?** [20...Rcd8±] **21.Bh3 Be7 22.Rhd1+- Nf8 23.Na5** White completely controls the the board forcing the black forces to mill around aimlessly in their half. It is at such times that blunders and oversights occur. **23...Ne6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Nc4** Black cannot defend his e5 pawn. Korchnoy's positional chess prevailed. 1-0.

**Bogdan Lalic 2548**  
**Viktor Korchnoy 2659**  
 French Defence C11  
 Goodricke Open Calcutta 2000  
**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7** The French Defence

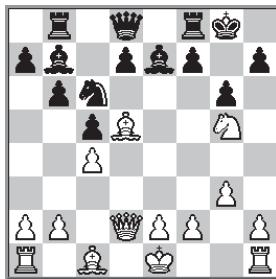
was Korchnoy's favourite weapon against 1 e4. 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.a3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5 10.g3 Qb6 11.Na4 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 Qb6 13.Na4 Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Qc7 Of course black wants more than a draw. 15.Nce2 0-0 16.Bg2 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Nb6 18.b3 f6 19.exf6 e5! 20.fxe5 Qxe5 21.Qd2 Rxf6 22.Rf1 Bf5 23.a4 Rc8 24.c3 Re8 25.Rf3 Bg4 26.Rxf6 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Qxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Rxe3+ 29.Kf2 Re2+ 30.Kf1 gxf6 31.h3



[If 31.a5 Rxc2 32.Kxc2 Nc8 33.Rc1 Ne7 34.Rc7 Nc6 35.Rxb7 Be2! 31...Rxc2 32.Kxc2 Bd7 33.Rc1 Bc6 34.Kf3 Nd7 35.g4 Nf8 36.h4 Ne6 37.Ke3 Kg7 38.Rf1 Bd7 39.Rf2 Kg6 40.Rf1 Nd8 41.Rg1 [If 41.Kf4 h5! 42.gxh5+ Kxh5 43.Ke3 f5! 44.Kf4 Nc6 45.Rd1 b5-+] 41...h6 42.Kf4 Nc6 43.Rd1 h5 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rg1 Nxd4 46.Rd1 Ne2+! 47.Ke3 d4+! The brilliance comes when necessary. If now 48 Kxe2 Bg4+ wins. 0-1.

**Viktor Korchnoy** 2670  
**Anatoly Karpov** 2700  
 Queen's Indian Defence E17  
 Candidates final, Moscow (21), 1974  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6  
 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.c4 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0

7.Qc2 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.Ng5  
 This variation in the Queen's Indian was very popular in the 1970s and 1980s among Soviet masters. 9...Nc6 10.Nxd5 g6 [10...Nxd5?? 11.Qxh7#] 11.Qd2 Nxd5 [11...Rb8 12.0-0 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nd4 14.Nf3 Bxd5 15.Nxd4 Bxc2 16.Kxc2 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Bf6=] 12.Bxd5! Rb8?



[Inexplicably, Karpov's sense of danger deserts him and he now makes the move which he should have done on the previous move. Best for him now was: 12...Na5 13.Bxb7 Nxb7 14.Ne4 Re8 15.0-0 Qc7±] 13.Nxh7! Re8 [Accepting the sacrifice would lead to a quick mate: 13...Kxh7 14.Qh6+ Kg8 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Be4 f5 18.Bd5+ Rf7 19.Qxf7+ Kh8 20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Qh6#] 14.Qh6 Ne5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5

This is forced as white is not only threatening the queen but also 17 Bf6 mating.

**17.Qxg5 Bxd5 18.0-0!**

A grave blunder would be: 18.cxd5?? Nf3+! 19.Kf1 Nxc5

**18...Bxc4 19.f4!**

[After 19.f4! Nc6 20.f5! Re5 21.Qf4! Bxe2 22.fxg6 wins.]  
 1-0.

## Visakh Wins Mumbai Mayor's Cup

Seed No.19 N.R.Visakh of Chennai startled the chess world by winning the 9th Mumbai Mayor's Cup event that concluded in the financial capital of India on June 9.



IM Visakh (see pic above from [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in)), 17, remained undefeated and won on higher tie-break score after tying for first with two other Indians, 18-year old GM from Bengal, Diptayan Ghosh seeded sixth and 23-year old untitled seed No. 14, Gusain Himal of Chandigarh. Ghosh was undefeated and took second place. For both Visakh and Gusain Himal it was a dream event to score 8/10! For a change, the East European GMs who have been dominating our Tournaments in recent years could only tie for the 4th to 11th places.

A total of 15 GMs and 15 IMs took part in this 10-round Swiss which attracted

12-nations. India had the most (170) entries followed by Bangladesh (13), Nepal, Russia (5 each), etc.



Tarini Goyal (born May 27, 2001, file pic by Arvind Aaron) who scored only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point less than the trio who won the top three prizes, gained 191.20 Elo from this single event with a strong finishing burst. She scored  $6\frac{1}{2}$  from the last seven games. In the last two games, she beat two in-form IMs, Ramnath Bhuvanesh of TN and Ravi S Teja of AP.

The event was organised by Venus Chess Academy from June 2-9, 2016 at Mount Litera School, Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai. The total prize fund was Rs. 27 lakhs. Group A had a prize fund of Rs. 11 lakhs with a first prize of Rs. 3 lakhs. Group B and C had identical prize funds of Rs. 8 lakhs each.

The winner got Rs.1 lakh in B and Rs. 1.25 lakh in C. It pays to play chess!

Mumbai City and Sports Authority of India were the sponsors and they were co-sponsored by LIC and Ankit Gems. It was supported by Mount Litera School, the venue and knowledge partners. The tournament director was naturally R.M.Dongre.

The Group B (Elo 1999 and less) also featured a three-way tie for first: 1-3. Varun Bhatt, Soram Rahul Singh, Siddhant Gaikwad 8½/10...333 players. Group C (Elo 1599 and less) was won by P Lokesh Hruthik 9/10...385 players. A total of nearly one thousand players took part in this ninth edition.

**Final placings:** 1-3. IM N.R. Visakh (TN), GM Dip-tayan Ghosh (WB), Gusain Himal (CHD) 8/10 each; 4-11. GM Boris Grachev (Rus), GM Farrukh Amonatov (Tjk), GM Evgeny Gleizerov (Rus), GM Swapnil Dhopade (Rly), GM Sandipan Chanda (WB), IM C.R.G.Krishna (AP), IM Girish Koushik (Kar), WFM Tarini Goyal (CHD) 7½ each...198 players.

**Ivan Popov 2648**

**Hemal Karsanji Thanki 2162**  
Sicilian Dragon B76

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Be6 This was a variation in the Sicilian Dragon that IM R.Ravi Sekhar employed during his heydays against the Yugoslav Attack. See diagram



10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Be2 Qc8 13.Rhe1± [This is Ivan Popov's novelty. Vasily Yemelin (2555)- Sergey Solovyov (2456), 78th St Petersburg Ch, 2005 was drawn after: 13.Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.h4 b5 17.Kb1 Rac8 18.h5 Kf7 19.e5 dxe5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.hxg6+ hxg6 22.Rh7+ Kg8 23.Rh8+ Kf7 draw.] 13...Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Bd4 [15.Qd3!?] 15...Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4 Rac8 18.Kb1 Rc5 19.Qe3 Threatening 20 Rd4 which provokes black's response. 19...e5 20.f5 Nb6 21.Rd3 Na4 22.Red1 Rfc8= 23.Qg5 Nxc3+ 24.Rxc3 Qf7 The queen gets back to defence, but white now seizes the initiative. 25.Rh3 Rxc2 If 26.fxg6 Qxg6 [26...hxg6 27.Qh6+ Kf6 28.Rf3+-] 27.Qxe7+ Kh8 28.Qxb7 R2c7 29.Qd5 Qg5? [⊔29...Rc5 30.Qd3 Qxg4=] 30.a3 Rc1+? [⊔30...Qxg4±] 31.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 32.Ka2 Qc4+ 33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.Re3 Kg7 35.b4 Kf6 36.Kb3 Rd4 37.h4 d5 [If 37...Ke6 38.Kc2 Rc4+ 39.Kd3 Rc1 40.Ke2 Rh1 41.h5±] 38.exd5 Rxg4 39.h5 Rd4 40.Rf3+ Ke7 41.Rg3 Kf6 42.Kc3 Rxd5 43.Rd3 Rb5 [The pawn ending is lost after:



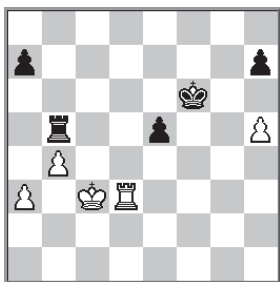


Diagram after 43...Rb5

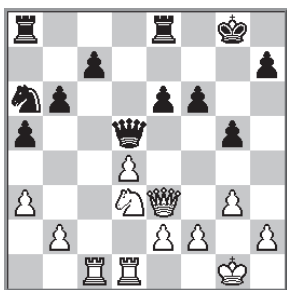
43...Rxd3+ 44.Kxd3 Kg5  
 45.Ke3 Kf5 46.a4 e4 47.a5 Ke5  
 48.h6 Kd5 49.b5 Kc5 50.Kxe4  
 Kxb5 51.Kf5 Kxa5 52.Kf6 Kb4  
 53.Kg7 a5 54.Kxh7 a4 55.Kg6  
 a3 56.h7 a2 57.h8Q] 44.Rd7  
 Ke6 45.Rxa7 Rd5 46.Rxh7 e4  
 47.Rh8 Kf7 48.h6 Rd3+  
 49.Kc4 Rxa3 50.h7 Kg7  
 51.Re8 Kxh7 52.Rxe4 Kg6  
 53.b5 Kf5 54.Re2 1-0.

**K.S. Raghunandan**

**Karen H Grigoryan** 2604

Bogo-Indian E11, 04.06.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3  
 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.a3 Bxd2+  
 6.Qxd2 b6 7.g3 Bb7 8.Bg2 0-0  
 9.0-0 d6 10.Nc3 Ne4 11.Nxe4  
 Bxe4 12.Qe3 d5 13.cxd5  
 Bxd5 14.Rac1 Na6 15.Rfd1  
 f6?! Played to prevent 16 Ne5,  
 but everybody knows such a  
 move is to be avoided. 16.Ne1  
 Re8 17.Nd3 Bxg2 18.Kxg2  
 Qd5+ 19.Kg1 g5?



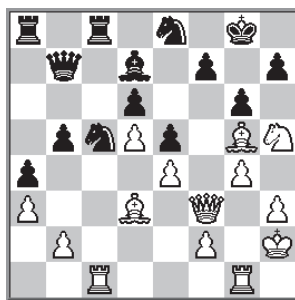
This attacks nothing, but  
 exposes his own king unneces-  
 sarily. Probably the young Ar-  
 menian GM underestimated  
 the 15-year old untitled In-  
 dian? **20.Ne5!! fxe5?**  
 [△20...Qb5±] **21.dxe5 Qb5**  
**22.Qxg5+ Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8**  
**24.Rd4!** There is no effective  
 defence against 25 Rg4+  
**24...Qxe2 25.Rd7** If 25. ..Qg4,  
 26 Qf7+ Kh8 27 Qh7# 1-0.

**Shailesh Dravid** 2171

**Saptarshi Roy** 2435

Ruy Lopez C99

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5  
 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1  
 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5  
 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2  
 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rd8 14.Nf1  
 Nc6 15.d5 Nb4 16.Bb1 a5  
 17.a3 Na6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.Be3  
 Rdc8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Qe2 a4  
 22.g4 Ne8 23.Ng3 g6 24.Kh2  
 Bd8 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Ng5  
 Bxg5 27.Bxg5 Nc5 28.Qf3  
 Kg8 29.Nh5!

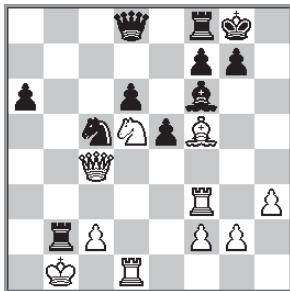


29...gxh5 30.gxh5 Kf8  
 31.Bh6+ [Stronger was 31.Bh4  
 threatening 32 Qg3 for Qg8#]  
 31...Ke7 32.Bg5+ Kf8 33.Bh4  
 f6 34.Bxf6! Now, black faces  
 deadly discovered attack  
 threats with imminent defeat.  
 34...Bg4 [If 34...Bf5 35.Bg5

Qf7 36.exf5 Nxd3 37.Qxd3 Rxc1 38.Bxc1+ ] 35.Bg7+! Ke7 [If 35...Kxg7 36.Rxg4+ Kh8 37.Qf8#] 36.Rxg4 Kd8 37.Bf6+ Kc7 38.Bxe5! Kb6 [Or 38...Kb8 39.Bd4 Qd7 40.e5+ ] 39.Bd4 Ka6 40.Bxc5 Rxc5 41.Rxc5 dxc5 42.e5! Rc8 43.Rxa4+! White must be enjoying spraying tactical shorts against the experienced Master. 43...Kb6 44.Bxb5! Qe7 [44...Kxb5 45.Qb3#] 45.Qe2 1-0.

Diptayan Ghosh 2562  
P Shyaamnikhil 2415  
Sicilian Najdorf B90

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nde2 h5 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.0-0-0 Bxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.Kb1 Be7 16.Be2 b5 17.a3 Qb8 18.Rd3 b4 19.axb4 Qxb4 20.Qa2 Nc5 21.Rf3 0-0 22.Nd5 Qb7 23.Rd1 Rb8 24.Ra3 Qd7 25.Bxh5 Nxe4 26.Bg4 Qd8 27.Qc4 Nc5 28.Bf5 Bf6 29.Rf3 Rxb2+!?



[This stirs up complications and gives White opportunities to win. Better: 29...Kh8= ] 30.Kc1 [White probably saw some phantoms. He should accept

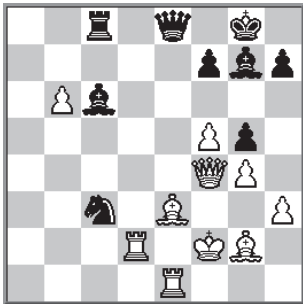
the rook offer and give back some of the material to get an easy game as follows: 30.Kxb2 e4+ 31.Rc3 Bxc3+ 32.Kxc3 Qg5 33.Qe2 Re8 and white should win as he has a bishop for only one pawn.] 30...Rb6 31.Nxf6+ Qxf6 32.Bh7+ Kxh7 33.Rxf6 gxf6 34.Re1 f5 Material is about level, but the black forces lack co-ordination. 35.Qh4+ Kg6 36.g4 fxc4 37.Rg1 Rb4 38.Rxg4+ Rxg4 39.Qxg4+ Kf6 40.Qh4+ Ke6 41.Qh6+ Ke7 42.Qg5+ f6 43.Qg7+ Rf7 44.Qg6 Ne6 45.h4 Rg7 46.Qe4 Rg1+ [If 46...Nc5 47.Qf5 a5 48.h5 Rg5 49.Qh7+ Ke6 50.h6±] 47.Kb2 Kf7 48.h5 Rg5 49.Qh7+ Rg7 50.Qd3 Nf4 51.Qxd6 Nxe5 52.c4! Nf4 53.c5 Rg2 54.Qd7+ Kf8 55.c6 Rxf2+ 56.Kb3 Ng6 57.Qd8+ Kf7 58.Qd5+ Kg7 [58...Kf8? 59.Qc5+!] 59.Qc5 Rf3+ 60.Kc2 1-0.

N R Visakh 2400  
Farrukh Amonatov 2614  
King's Indian E69

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 e5 9.Re1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Qb6 11.h3 Ng4 12.Nce2 Nge5 13.b3 Nc5 14.Be3 Re8 15.Rb1 a5 16.Nc3 Qc7 17.Re2 [Usual here is: 17.Qc2 ] 17...Qe7 18.Rd2 a4 19.f4 axb3 20.axb3 Ned7 21.b4 Nxe4!?

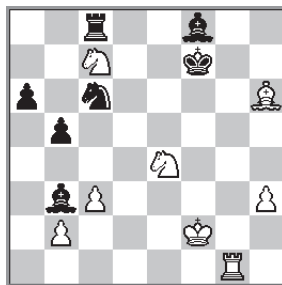
Black seeks a solution to be crowded out of the board by risky tactical play. Normal play would not get him anywhere: 21...Ne6 22.Nde2 Bf8 23.Qc2 Nf6 24.b5 Ng7 25.Qd3 Nd7 26.Rbd1 Qd8 27.bxc6 bxc6 28.e5±

22.Nxe4 d5 23.cxd5 cxd5  
 24.Nb5! dxe4 25.Nc7 Ra3  
 26.Nxe8 Qxe8 [If 26...Rxe3  
 27.Nd6! Nf8 28.Nxc8+]  
 27.Kf2?! [Bringing the king  
 out into the open in the mid-  
 dle-game, however safe it  
 might look, should be avoided.  
 Better was: 27.Bd4! Rxc3  
 28.Bxc7 Kxc7 29.Rc1 Nb6  
 30.Rd6 Bxh3 31.Qd4+ Kh6  
 32.Kh2!+ ] 27...Nf8 28.Qc1  
 Ra6 29.b5 Ra8 30.Qc4 Bf5  
 31.g4 Rc8 32.Qd5 Be6  
 33.Qxe4 Nd7 34.Qxb7 Nc5  
 35.Qf3 Na4 36.f5 Bd7 37.b6  
 Nc3 38.Re1 Bc6 39.Qf4 g5?!



This incomprehensible  
 move at first sight, hopes to get  
 his queen and bishop battery  
 infiltrating the white castled  
 position. He does achieve what  
 he has sought for. But at that  
 very moment, his queen is am-  
 bushed and exchanged off into  
 a lost bishop ending. 40.Qxg5  
 Ne4+ 41.Bxe4 Qxe4 (threat  
 Qg2#) 42.Rd8+! Rxd8  
 43.Qxd8+ Bf8 44.Qxf8+! Kxf8  
 45.Bc5+ Ke8 46.Rxe4+ Bxe4  
 47.Kg3! Kd7 48.Kf4 Bg2  
 49.h4 Bf1 50.Ke5 Be2 51.g5  
 Bd3 52.Kf6 Kc6 53.Bf2 Be4  
 54.h5 Kd7 55.Kxf7 Bxf5  
 56.g6 hxg6 57.hxg6 1-0.

Mikhail Ulybin 2520  
 N R Visakh 2400  
 Ruy Lopez Steinitz C76  
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5  
 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 g6  
 7.0-0 Bg7 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5  
 Nge7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nb3 b5  
 12.Nc5 Bg4 13.Bb3 h6 14.Be3  
 Na5 15.h3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Bc8  
 17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Rfd1 Rd6!  
 19.Ne1 Bf8 [The game has  
 been equal from the beginning.  
 This move gives a slight  
 chance to white, who, does not  
 see it! Black could also play:  
 19...Rxd1 20.Rxd1 f5 21.f4  
 fxe4=] 20.Ned3 [White misses  
 20.f4! Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Nc6  
 22.Ned3 f6±] 20...Nc6 21.f4 f6  
 22.g4 exf4 23.Nxf4 [Also in-  
 teresting is: 23.Bxf4 Ne5 24.b4  
 Nxd3 25.Bxd6 Nxb2 26.Bxf8  
 Nxd1 27.Bxh6 Nxc3 28.Rf1²]  
 23...f5 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Nd5  
 fxe4 26.Nxe4 Rg6+ 27.Kf2  
 Bf5 This bishop's activity is  
 changing the trend of the game  
 in favour of black. 28.Ng3 Bc2  
 29.Rg1 Bxb3 30.Nxc7 Rc8  
 31.Ne4 Rxc1 32.Rxc1+ Kf7  
 33.Bxh6?



A horrible blunder, proba-  
 bly in time trouble. 33...Rxc7!  
 [In all likelihood, white had  
 not expected this and was only  
 calculating the following:

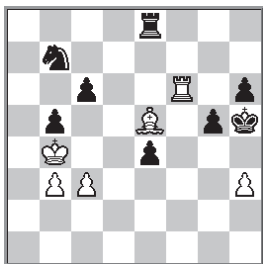
33...Bxh6? 34.Nd6 Ke7 35. Nc8 Kd7 36.Na6! Kc8 37. Rg6!] 34. Ng5+ Ke8 35.Bxf8 Kxf8 0-1.

Saptarshi Roy 2435

N R Visakh 2400

Petroff's Defence C42

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6. dxc3 Be7 7.Bf4 Nc6 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0 Qd7 10.h3 h6 11. g4 Bf6 12.Qe3 g5 13.Bg3 0-0-0 14.Bb5 Rde8 15.Qd2 a6 16.Ba4? Bxa2! 17.b3 b5! 18. Kb2 bxa4 19.Kxa2 axb3+ 20. cxb3 With an extra pawn, black has a clear advantage. 20...Na5! 21.Qd3 Qb5 22. Qxb5 axb5 23.Rd5 Re2+ 24. Ka3 c6! 25.Nd4 [After 25.Rxd6? Bxc3 black is in a mating net.] 25...Bxd4 26. Rxd4 d5 27.Rd3 Kd7 28.Kb4 Ra8 29.Re3 Rxe3 [If 29...Rb2 30.Rhe1 Rxb3+ 31.Kc5 White has the advantage.] 30.fxe3 Nb7 31.e4 dxe4 32.Rf1 [After 32.Re1 Re8 33.c4 e3 34.Rd1+ Kc8 35.Ra1 Re7 and black's e-pawn would cause much trouble for white.] 32...Ke6 33.Re1 f5 34.gxf5+ Kxf5 35. Rf1+ Kg6 36.Be5 Re8! 37. Rf6+ Kh5



Black is winning. But it is not easy to say how he will win. This game is very instructive. 38.Bg3 Nd8! Dont give back

any of your extra material unless you are forced! 39.Kc5 e3 40.Kd6 e2 41.Be1 Re3 42.Kd7 Rd3+! 43.Kc7 Rd1! 44.Bg3 e1Q 45. Bxe1 Rxe1 This simplifies to a pawn up rook ending which black wins easily. 46.Kxd8 Re3 47.Rxc6 Rxb3 48.Ke7 b4! 49.cxb4 Rxb3 50. Rb6 g4 51.b5 g3 52.Rb8 Kh4 53.Kd6 g2 54.Rg8 Rg3! 0-1.

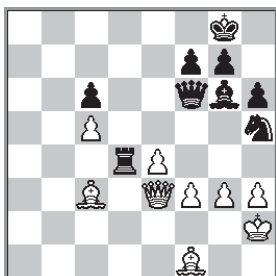
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Ramnath Bhuvanesh 2337

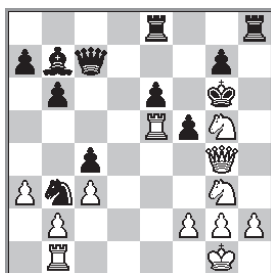
King's Indian E62

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3 c6 5.g3 g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7. 0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Ne4 9.Qb3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bc8 11.Ba3 [11.e4 Vaganian-Dydyshko, USSR Ch, Minsk, 1972 went: 11...Nd7 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.h3 Drawn on move 44.] 11 ...Na6 12.e4 Rb8 13.e5 b5 14.ed6 ed6 15.cb5 cb5 16. Rad1 Bf5 17.Rd2 Bh6 18. Rb2 Qc7 19.Rbe2 Qd8 20. Rb2 Nc7 21.Bb4 [If 21.Qb4 Rb6=] 21...Na6 22.Ba3 Bd3 23.Qd1 Bc4 24.Nd2 Be6 25.Ne4 [25.d5!±] 25...Rb6 26.Bf1 Nc7 27. Bb4 Na6 [If 27...f5 28. Nd2 Bf7 29.Ba5±] 28.a4 [28. Ba5+- wins the exchange.] 28...Bc4 29.axb5 [Again 29.Ba5+- ] 29... Bxb5 30. Bxd6 Rxd6 31. Nd6 Qxd6 [If 31...Bxf1 32.Nb7 Qc7 33.Rxf1 Qxc3 34. Rb3+-] 32.Bb5 Rb8 33. Qe2 Qa3 34.Rbb1 [Stronger was: 34.Ra2 ] 34 ...Qxc3 35.Bd7 Rf8 He forgot that his knight on a6 is on take. 1-0

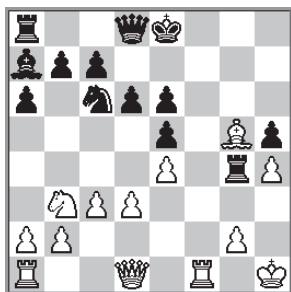
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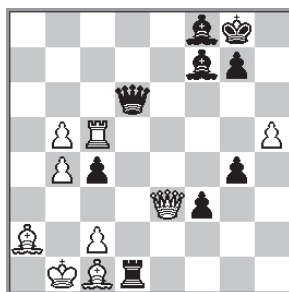
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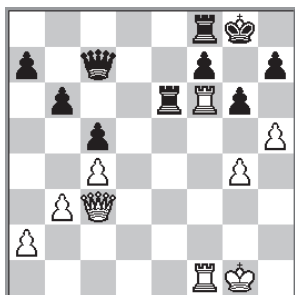
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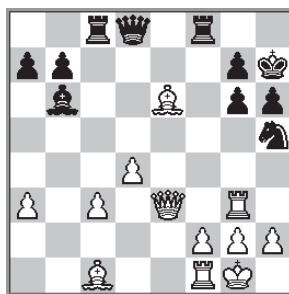
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5. Black to play and win



3. White to play and win



6. White to play and win

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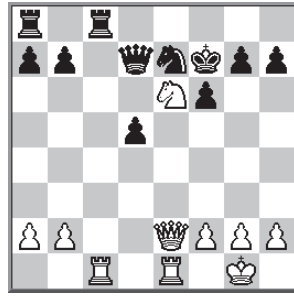
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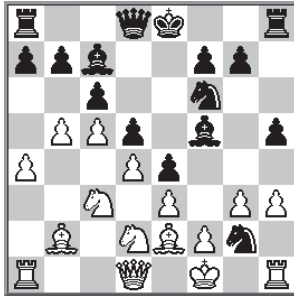
# Brilliant Tactics Of Steinitz



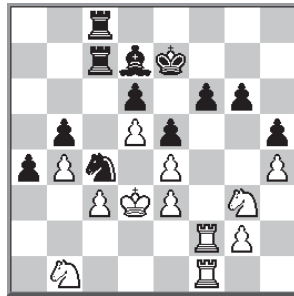
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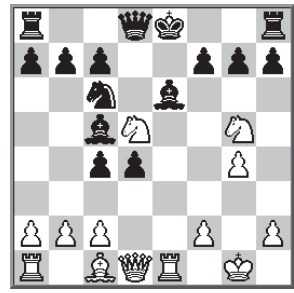
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6. White to play

Selections by Arvind Aaron and analysis are by Manuel Aaron.



1. **14.Qxe4** Steinitz sacrifices a bishop for two pawns and some attack down the semi-open h-file. **14...fxg3 15.hxg3 g6** [△15...g5] **16.Qxg6 Bd7 17.f4 Rf7 18.g4 Rg7 19.Qh6** [If 19.Qh5 e5 20.g5±] **19...Rxg4 20.Bd3 Rg7 21.Nf3 Qf7 22.g4 Rag8 23.g5 Bd8 24.Rh2 Rg6 25.Qh5 R6g7 26.Rdh1 Qxh5 27.Rxh5 Rf8** The rook on g8 has to move or else Rxh7+ would lead to mate. **28.Rxh7+ Rxh7 29.Rxh7+ Kg8 30.Rxd7 Rf7 31.Bc4!** [31.Bc4 Rxd7 32.Bxe6+ Rf7 33.g6+] 1-0. W Steinitz-E Lasker, St Petersburg 1895-96.

2. The 1st World Chp Match, Game One, saw this piece sacrifice followed by a win 30 moves later! **16...Nxe3+** This is the only move available in this position as the knight has no safe exit. **17.fxe3 Bxg3 18.Kg2 Bc7 19.Qg1 Rh6 20.Kf1 Rg6 21.Qf2 Qd7 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Rg1 Bxh3+** An attacking position with three extra pawns is rich compensation for black's knight. **24.Ke1 Ng4 25.Bxg4 Bxg4 26.Ne2 Qe7 27.Nf4** [The king cannot escape to the safer queen-side with: 27.Kd1 Qg5 28.Kc2 Rf6 29.Nf4 Bxf4 30.exf4 Qxf4-+ when black has four pawns as compensation for his knight.] **27...Rh6 28.Bc3 g5 29.Ne2 Rf6 30.Qg2 Rf3 31.Nf1 Rb8 32.Kd2 f5 33.a5 f4 34.Rh1 Qf7 35.Re1 fxe3+ 36.Nxe3 Rf2 37.Qxf2 Qxf2 38.Nxg4 Bf4+ 39.Kc2 hxg4 40.Bd2 e3 41.Bc1 Qg2 42.Kc3 Kd7 43.Rh7+ Ke6 44.Rh6+ Kf5 45.Bxe3 Bxe3 46.Rf1+?! Bf4!** [Black's game is so great

that he should win even if he fell into the small trap that white has set: **46...Qxf1 47.Ng3+ Kf4 48.Nxf1 Kf3**] 0-1. J Zukertort-Steinitz, New York 11-1-1886.

3. White played giving the odds of the Queen Rook. The opening is obviously the Evans Gambit. **12.dxe6! Nxb3 13.exf7+ Kd7** The first step in a long journey which ends in mate in enemy territory. **14.Be6+ Kc6 15.Ne5+ Kb5 16.Bc4+ Ka5 17.Bb4+ Ka4 18.axb3#** This mate with a pawn has occurred naturally. In olden days when only native Indian chess rules were known, composers of chess problems went to extraordinary lengths to compose problems where mate was delivered by a pawn, or foot soldier. This game would have gladdened the hearts of such 'mate with the pawn' fanatics. 1-0. W Steinitz-Rock London, London 1863.

4. **20.Qg4 g6 21.Ng5+ Ke8 22.Rxe7+! Kf8** [22...Qxe7 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Qxc8+ Qd8 25.Qxd8+ Kxd8 26.Nxh7 Ke7 27.g4+-; 22...Kxe7 23.Re1+ Kd6 (23...Kd8 24.Ne6+ Ke7 25.Nc5+-) 24.Qb4+ Kc7 25.Ne6+ Kb8 26.Qf4+-] **23.Rf7+!** [23.Rxd7?? Rxc1+ mates.] **23...Kg8** [23...Qxf7? 24.Rxc8+!] **24.Rg7+! Kh8 25.Rxh7+!** And black resigned at this point. As Steinitz demonstrated immediately afterward, there is a mate in ten moves which can only be averted by ruinous loss of material. **25...Kg8** [25...Kg8

26.Rg7+ Kh8 27.Qh4+ Kxg7  
 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7  
 30.Qg7+ Ke8 31.Qg8+ Ke7  
 32.Qf7+ Kd8 33.Qf8+ Qe8  
 34.Nf7+ Kd7 35.Qd6#] 1-0.  
 Wilhelm Steinitz - Curt von  
 Bardeleben, Hastings 1895.

5. 47...Na3!! 48.Ne2 Nxb1  
 49.Rxb1 Bg4 50.Rc1 Rc4  
 Threat 51...Bxe2 and 52....  
 Rxb4 winning a pawn. 51.Rc2  
 f5 [51...f5 52.Ng3 (52.exf5??  
 Bxf5+ and Rc2 falls.) 52...fxe4+  
 53.Kd2 Rf8 54.Rxf8 Kxf8 and  
 white can only watch while the  
 black bishop goes back to c8,  
 then b7 and finally captures  
 the d5 pawn.] 0-1. E Lasker-W  
 Steinitz, WChp (17), Montreal  
 1894.

6. 13.Rxe6+! fxe6  
 14.Nxe6! Qd7 [14...Qxd5??  
 15.Nxc7+-] 15.Qe2! [15.Nxc5  
 Qxd5-+] 15...Be7 16.Ndxc7+  
 Kf7 17.Qxc4 Ne5 18.Qb3!  
 Black cannot easily get out of  
 the threatened discovered at-  
 tack by white's queen and  
 knight battery. 18...Qd6 19.f4  
 Nxc4 20.Ng5+ Kg6 21.Qd3+  
 Kh5 [21...Kf6?? 22.Ne4+-]  
 22.Qh3+ Kg6 23.Qxg4 Qb6 [If  
 23...Qxc7 24.Ne6+-; or if  
 23...Bxg5 24.Qxg5+ Kf7  
 25.Nxa8 Rxa8 26.Bd2+-]  
 24.Nge6+ Kf6 [24...Kh6  
 25.f5+ g5 26.Qh3#] 25.Qg5+  
 Kf7 26.Qxg7# 1-0. Wilhelm  
 Steinitz - Philipp Meitner, Vi-  
 enna 1860.

## SOLUTIONS TO CHESS MAGIC

Positions 1-3 National Women Team Chp., Bhubaneswar  
 2016. Positions 4-6 National Team Chp, Bhubaneswar 2016.

1. 33...Rxe4! 34.fxe4 Qxf1 0-1 Shreya S Mohanty (1429) - P  
 Michelle Catherina (2212).

2. 19...Rxh4+!! 20.Bxh4 Qxh4# 0-1. Anoushkaa Mohanty  
 (1338)-Srija Seshadri (2145).

3. 32.Rxe6! fxe6 33.Rxf8+! Kxf8 34.Qh8+! [34.Qh8+! Ke7  
 35.Qxh7+ Kd6 36.Qxc7+ Kxc7 37.hxg6 wins.] 1-0 Bhakti Kulkarni  
 (2272)-Rani Pammi (1513).

4. 25.Rxe6+!! [After 25.Rxe6+!! Rxe6 26.Qxf5+! Kh6 27.Qh3+ Kg6  
 (27...Kxg5 28.Qf5+ Kh6 (28...Kh4 29.Ne4!) 29.Qh5#) 28.Qxe6+ Kxg5  
 29.Qf5+ Kh4 30.Ne4! mates.] 1-0 George Antony Stany (2429) - V  
 Karthik Ap (2378)

5. 43...f2! Deflects the white queen from the c1-h6 diagonal.  
 44.Qxf2 Qh6! Mate with 45...Qxc1 is imminent. 45.Qxf7+ This only  
 adds two more moves to the game without altering the result.  
 45...Kxf7 46.Bxc4+ Ke8 47.Re5+ Be7 0-1 K Rathnakaran  
 (2463)-Anup Deshmukh (2225).

6. 25.Rxg6!! Kxg6 [If 25...Nf4 26.Bxc8 Nxg6 27.Bxb7+-]  
 26.Qe4+ Kf6 27.Re1!! (threatens a flurry of discovered attacks.)  
 27...Rc6 28.Qf5+ Ke7 29.Bc8+! (29...Kd6 30 Qe5#) 1-0.  
 Debashis Das (2487)-B Sekar (2198).

## Obituary

# Viktor Korchnoy Passes Away

The greatest chess player never to have won the World Championship, Viktor Korchnoy, has passed away, at 85.

Born March 23, 1931 at St Petersburg (then known as Leningrad) in Russia, he died on June 6, 2016 at Wohlen, Switzerland his adopted country. He is survived by his wife and son Igor.

The 1974 Candidates Finals between Karpov and Korchnoy became a title match later because Fischer, as World Champion, refused to play the 1975 World Championship match over a wrangle over the rules. Korchnoy played in two World Championship Matches against Karpov in 1978 and 1981.

When he faced Anatoly Karpov, age was against him. He was 20 years older and lost the three matches by narrow margins. The 1981 margin (6-2 for Karpov) at Merano in Switzerland was the biggest Karpov could achieve. To come through the Candidates Cycle more than three times is already a big achievement and the mark of a chess genius.

In the next cycle, Korchnoy beat Kasparov in the very first game with the black pieces in the Candidates Semi-finals in London 1983 but lost the match overall and his opponent went on to unseat World Champion Karpov.

It must be remembered that Karpov, and earlier Botvinnik, were proud mem-

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Here are the individual decisive career scores of Korchnoy against world champions, draws not counting:

Korchnoy beat Mikhail Tal 13-4

Korchnoy beat Tigran Petrosian 12-10

Korchnoy beat Magnus Carlsen 1-0

Korchnoy drew Mikhail Botvinnik 1-1

Korchnoy drew Robert Fischer 2-2

Korchnoy lost to Anand 0-8

Korchnoy lost to Kramnik 0-6

Korchnoy lost to Kasparov 1-16

Korchnoy lost to Vassily Smyslov 3-5

Korchnoy lost to Anatoly Karpov 14-31

Korchnoy had beaten Spassky in a controversial 1977 Candidates match at Belgrade and has faced the former world champion in various time controls and for that reason it is excluded here.

bers of the ruling Communist Party of the Soviet Union and got all the advantages and privileges that were denied to people like Korchnoy. The mind boggles to think how many great players could have emerged from the Soviet Union had every citizen been really equal instead of some being more equal than the others!

Korchnoy played two training matches against 'friend' David Bronstein in 1970 that was revealed in the book *Secret Notes of Bronstein* in 2007. Korchnoy also was close with Karpov and played such a match in 1971.

During the peak of his career, in 1976, Korchnoy defected from the Soviet Union while playing in a tournament in the Netherlands.

During the early years of his defection, the USSR Chess Federation avoided sending its top players to events in which he played. Korchnoy's high rating was at risk and FIDE, under its morally right and courageous President Max Euwe, brought special laws to protect it. Under this, Korchnoy would not lose rating if he won a tournament clearly.

As a Soviet defector he faced several problems from his native country which still held his wife and son in Leningrad (now St Petersburg) and refused to let them go. Organisers in the West who were naturally sympathetic to Korchnoy were often told that their best players would not

play in tournaments if Korchnoy was a participant.

He suffered the most from the USSR Chess Federation, post defection. When he defected, they did not let his wife and son join him. When he found another partner in Petra, then they let them go!

### **8 Olympiad Gold Medals**

Korchnoy won six team gold medals in the Chess Olympiads for the USSR in 1960, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972 and 1974. He also won individual gold medals twice and individual bronze medals thrice. Later, he also played in the Chess Olympiad for Switzerland, his adopted country.

Korchnoy won the very tough Soviet Championship five times in 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1970. He has won almost every tournament in the West.

### **Korchnoy In India**

He played in the Goodricke Open, Kolkata in 2000. At the age of 69 he was the most exciting and most excitable player of the tournament. In the last round he lost to the German IM Mathias Roeder in a Gambit line of the Kings Indian. This game is given below. Immediately after losing a terribly upset Korchnoy lambasted Roeder in German saying over and over again that he had no understanding of chess and pointing at the remnants of the just concluded game "This is not chess!" The arbiters had to 'shush' him as other games

were still going on. A few hours later at the prize giving ceremony, while Petra applauded when Roeder received his prize Korchnoy just smiled and made a deprecating gesture with his hands.

It is said that one of the Indian masters playing in the 1998 Ubeda Tournament was paired against Korchnoy. In time trouble, the Indian looked at Korchnoy's score-sheet and seeing he had completed 40 moves, relaxed. A little later he lost on time! Korchnoy had made a mistake in recording his moves, writing one move twice.

Korchnoy had won the World Senior Championship in 2006.

Two years ago Korchnoy was active even playing from a wheel chair a veterans match against W Uhlmann.

Geurt Gijssen, a very famous International Arbiter has this to say of Korchnoy: He plays every game with a lot of energy and a tight-lipped face. During a game the word 'relax' does not exist for him. On the free days and during the closing ceremony, if he has a chance to dance, he is a totally different person.

### **Interesting Story**

There is an interesting, old story about Korchnoy being stopped by the Leningrad traffic police for speeding. Botvinnik was visiting from Moscow and Korchnoy was showing him around. While

seeing his driving license the cop exclaimed, "Comrade, you are the famous chess grand-master!" Korchnoy beamed and said "Yes!" and hoping the fine would be waived introduced Botvinnik: "and this is the World Champion, Botvinnik!" The thrilled cop shook hands all around and then turning to Korchnoy told him, "The fine is doubled! You must be more careful when driving the World Champion!"

### **Fischer v Korchnoy**

During the 1962 Stockholm Interzonal, Fischer and Korchnoy had a raging dispute while analysing a game after it was over. Fischer was so infuriated by Korchnoy's obstinate stand that he vowed to us, the English speaking group in Stockholm, that he would give Abe Yanofsky of Canada a variation by which he could defeat Korchnoy later in the tournament! Yanofsky asked him to show him then itself. Fischer told him, "You are a weakie, you will forget it by the time you play him!" Later, Fischer indeed taught Yanofsky a variation. Yanofsky used it against Korchnoy and had a terrific position. But when Korchnoy offered him a draw, he accepted!

Korchnoy was one of the world's most interesting players and one who spoke his mind, come what may. The chess world has lost one of its greatest players.

The games selections of Korchnoy are on page 17.

# Tournament Calendar

**FIDE/World/Asian Events [www.fide.com](http://www.fide.com)**

**Jul 09-18 Jul** Asian Schools, Tehran, Iran

**Jul 21-30 Jul** World U-16 Youth Olympiad, Poprad-Tatry, Slovakia

**Aug 07-21 Aug** World Junior, Bhubaneswar, India

**Sep 01-06 Sep** South Asian Amateur Chp. (U-2000 Elo) Srinagar

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**Sep 01-14 Sep** 42nd Chess Olympiad, Baku, Azerbaijan

**Sep 20-04 Oct** World Youth U-14, 16, 18 Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia

**Oct 18-31 Oct** World Cadet U-8, 10, 12 Batumi, Georgia

**Nov 11-30 Nov** World Chp, Carlsen v Karjakin, New York

**AICF/NATIONAL/Regional Championships [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in)**

**Jul 08-19 Jul** National Challenger, Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**Jul 22-30 Jul** National U-13, Boys/Girls, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Aug 22-30 Aug** National U-9, B/G, Jalandhar Tel 8146729999

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**Nov 02-14 Nov** National Women Premier, New Delhi

**Nov 20-28 Nov** National U-15 Boys/Girls, New Delhi

**OPEN/Rating Tournaments**

**Jul 02-06 Jul** Fischer Mem, Trivandrum PF: 3L. 9847427036

Aug 12-17 Aug Preksha Vishwabharti Parisar, Koba,

Gandhinagar Highway, Koba Patia, 382009. PF Rs.3L.

9328259544 / 9825605768

**Aug 13-15 Aug** KCA's 12th FIDE Rated U-1500, Kadavanthara, Ernakulam, Kerala. PF Rs.6.50L (1st Rs.100,000!).

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**Aug 27-31 Aug** Fomento Rating, Panaji, Goa PF: 2L. 9370719188

**Sep 09-11 Sep** TCA FIDE Rating, Theru Bazar, Dharmavaram, AP PF 2.20L. Tel: 9885012489/9052470215

**Sep 09-14 Sep** 5th K Das Mem, Bhubaneswar PF 5L. E-mail: [khordhachess@gmail.com](mailto:khordhachess@gmail.com)

**Sep 10-15 Sep** NL Pandiyar Open, Udaipur PF: 6L. E-mail: [lakecitychess64@gmail.com](mailto:lakecitychess64@gmail.com)

**Oct 01-03 Oct** DCA (U-1600) Rating Delhi, PF: 11L. 9891468906

**Oct 08-11 Oct** CA Kottayam Open Rating, Kerala PF 2.1L.

Tel 9447100071; 8943857644.

**Dec 19-24 Dec** Bhopal FIDE Rating Open, Bhopal. Tel 9425016455.

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## RECENT FRAMES



**Boris Grachev** (Rus) won the KIIT Chess Festival Elite Group at Bhubaneswar last month. Picture from the closing ceremony. Pic: [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in). Below: **Bhakti Kulkarni** (left) and **S.P. Sethuraman** (right) won the Asian Individual Chess Titles at Tashkent on June 5, 2016. Pic: Uzbek Chess Fed.

