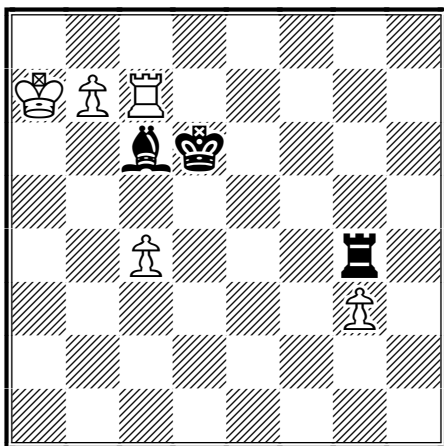


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1)

S Tiviakov (2625) – J Van der Wiel (2509)

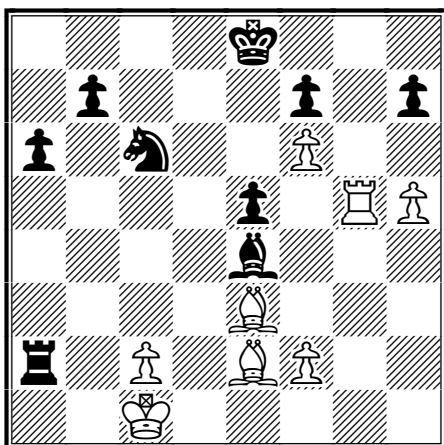
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Black to play

 White's last move was 65.b6-b7. How
 can Black save the game?

2)

E Van den Doel (2583) – R Janssen (2469)

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White to play

 The c2-pawn is attacked. Does White
 have any idea apart from protecting it?

European Championship final standings


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The 3rd European Championship has finished in Batumi, Georgia. The 4 players who shared second place played a tiebreak today. The winner was USSR ex-Champion Mikhail Gurevich (now of Belgium).


Gurevich

He won the silver medal. The third place and bronze went to Sergei Volkov, ex-champion of Russia. Merab Gagunashvili (Georgia) came forth and Gabriel Sargissian (Armenia) fifth. And just a reminder that the main title was won by GM Macieja of Poland. See the final standings in CT-597.

Another large-scale event starts tomorrow in Philadelphia. I hope we'll be able to inform you about the results and games of this famous World Open.

The amazing, fantastic, insuperable (etc.) Loek Van Wely keeps on raging at the Dutch Championship. In the 7th round he beat Dimitri Reinderman and retains sole lead with 6½ points. In today's game Loek sacrificed a piece

and in the end obtained the ending 4 pawns vs. single bishop. You can enjoy this battle in the *annotated game* section below. Another leader Sergei Tiviakov played a piece sacrifice and by move 31 had managed to annihilate all the pawns of his opponent Jon Van der Wiel. Then they played a very peculiar endgame R+2N+5P vs. R+B+2N. Tiviakov missed the win and the game ended in a draw on the 68th move. You can find Van der Wiel's saving idea in *Quiz Today* along with another fragment from the 7th round of this interesting tournament.

The results of the 7th round:

Reinderman – **Van Wely** 0:1
 Tiviakov – Van der Wiel ½:½
 Sokolov – Nijboer ½:½
Van den Doel – Janssen 1:0
 Jonkman – **Ernst** 0:1

Standings after 7 rounds:

1. **Van Wely** – 6½ points
2. Tiviakov – 5½
3. Sokolov – 5
4. Ernst – 4
5. Van den Doel – 3½
- 6–7. Reinderman, Van der Wiel – 2½
- 8–9. Janssen, Nijboer – 2
10. Jonkman – 1½

At the open tournament in Ljubljana after 6 rounds GMs Zelcic of Croatia and Eljanov of Ukraine are sharing first place with 5½ points.

Annotated Game

□ **D Reinderman (2537)**

■ **L Van Wely (2642)**

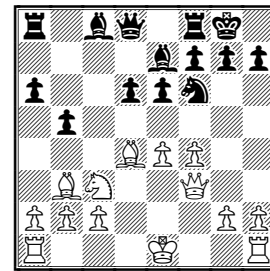


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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6
3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4
♗f6 5.♗c3 a6
6.♕c4 e6 7.♕b3
♗c6 8.♕e3 ♕e7 9.f4 0-0 10.♖f3
♗xd4 11.♕xd4 b5



Relax and watch the moves – it's all just the beginning of the theory. Something common in the Sicilian!

12. ♕xf6

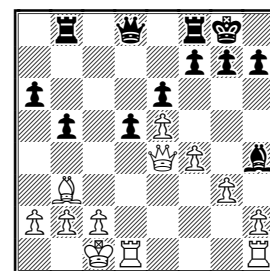
This capture leads to a forced play Rarely played is 12.0–0–0 ♕b7 13.♞he1 although statistics favours White; 12.e5?! doesn't work due to 12...dxe5 13.fxe5 ♖xd4! 14.exf6 ♕c5! and bad is 15.♗xa8? ♖f2+ 16.♗d1 ♕e3 **12...♕xf6 13.e5 ♕h4+ 14.g3 ♞b8 15.0-0-0**

The line 15.gxh4 ♕b7 16.♗e4 dxe5! (16...♖xh4+ 17.♖g3 ♖xg3+ 18.♗xg3 ♕xh1 19.♗xh1 with slight material advantage for White) 17.♞g1 (17.fxe5? ♖xh4+) 17...g6 18.♞d1 ♕xe4 19.♖xe4 ♖xh4+ 20.♗e2!? ♖xh2+ 21.♞g2 ♖xf4 22.♖xf4 exf4 23.♖f3 was tested at the highest level – in the World Championship match Short – Kasparov. That game ended in a draw.

15... ♕b7 16. ♗e4 ♕xe4

16...♕e7 is possible as in the case of 17.exd6 ♕xd6 the bishop is untouchable – 18.♞xd6? ♖xd6

17. ♖xe4 d5



18. ♖f3

This position has been considered as good for White on the basis of the game Morozevich – Mitenkov (Moscow 1991) which continued 18.♖d3 ♕e7 19.h4 ♖a5 20.f5 b4 (20...♖c7!?) 21.♖f3 ♖h8 22.f6 with initiative. But Black's 20th move isn't necessary. 20...Qc7 deserves attention aiming at e5.

18...Qe7

The bishop retreats at last to be sacrificed few moves later.

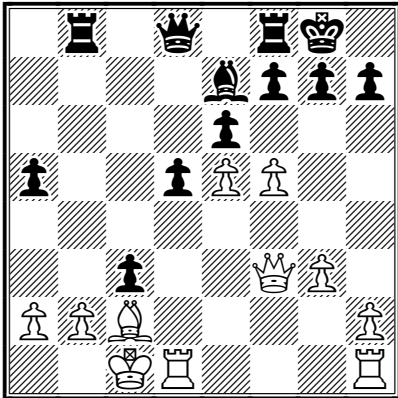
19.f5 a5 20.c3 b4!?

Loek goes his own way. 20...a4 21.Qc2 Qg5+ 22.Qb1 b4 occurred in the game Mitkov – Fernando (Aceimar 1999). Black won despite the 300 point Elo superiority of his that his opponent enjoyed.

21.Qc2

White is searching for a draw. After 21.c4, trying to prevent the files opening on the queenside, Black can keep up the attack by 21...a4! 22.Qxa4 Qa5

21...bxc3



22.f6!?

22.Qxc3 Qb6 is clearly better for Black as all his pieces are already prepared for the decisive action against the enemy king.

22...Rxb2!

22...gxf6 let White force the draw by perpetual check 23.Qxh7+! Qg7 24.Qg4+ Qh8 25.Qh5 cxb2+ 26.Qb1 Qg7 27.Qg4+ Qxh7 28.Qh5+ Qg7 29.Qg4+; and of course nobody wins a pawn in such positions since after 22...cxb2+ 23.Qb1 the king gets a comfortable hide-away behind the Black pawn

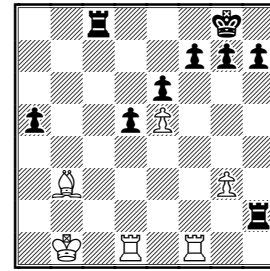
23.fxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxc3 Rxa2

Black has got three pawns for a piece. And what is more important is that these pawns once belonged to White's king castle.

25.Rhf1 Qb7 26.Qb3

The only way to stop the attack.

26...Qxb3 27.Qxb3 Rxc8+ 28.Qb1 Rxh2



In the endgame White's pawns are weak and Black can count on further gains.

29.Qa4 g5! 30.Rc1 Rxc1+ 31.Qxc1 Ra2 32.Qc2 Ra1+ 33.Qb1 Ra3 34.Rh1

34.Rg1 Re3

34...Rxc3 35.Qxh7+ Qg7 36.Qd2 d4! 37.Qc2 Re3 38.Re1

Otherwise Black obtains 5 pawns for a piece.

38...Rxe1 39.Qxe1 f6! 40.exf6+ Qxf6

Too many pawns! The poor bishop cannot be everywhere at once.

41.Qf2 g4 42.Qg3 Qg5 43.Qd1 d3 44.Qxg4 a4 45.Qxe6

Or 45.Qd1 a3 46.Qb3 d2

45...d2 0-1

White resigned. Black promotes one of the pawns after 45...d2 46.Qg4 a3 It's not easy to point at White's decisive mistake. Maybe the idea 18.Qf3 and 19.f5 is dubious and the 14-year-old Morozevich was right locating the queen on d3.

Solution to Quiz Today:

1) 65...Rxc4!

The rook ending after 65...Rxb7 66.Qxb7 Rxc3 67.Rc6+ Qd7 68.c5 is losing

66.b8Q Ra4+ 67.Qb6 Rb4+ 68.Qa7 Ra4+

Perpetual check, draw. 1/2-1/2

2) 26. Qg4!

27.Rg8# is threatened

26...Qg6

The king's stampede doesn't help 26...Qf8 27.Qc5+; or 26...Qd8 27.Qb6+ and Rg8# on the next move.; After 26...Rxc2+ 27.Qd1 Qf8 c5-square is controlled by the rook, but White plays 28.Rg7! with idea 29.Bh6

restoring the mating threat. The only defence 28...♗d4 29.♗h6 ♗f5 30.♗xf5 ♗xf5 31.♖g5+ ♜e8 32.♖xf5 leads to an ending with an odd number of pieces. Black prefers to cover the dangerous file by giving up the bishop immediately.

27.hxg6 hxg6 28.♗f3
and White won easily. **1-0**

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