

## Bosnia takes the lead in Bled; Georgia team in lead in women's section; Gelfand wins in France

The team of Bosnia and Herzegovina has taken the lead at [The 35<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad in Bled](#). The Bosnians scored the first point against Poland in the very beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> round when Krasenkow committed a serious mistake and immediately resigned to Nikolic. Of course the quick failure of the leader had a negative influence upon the Polish team. Armenia and Russia drew their match. With White the Armenians played accurately against the World Champions Kasparov and Khalifman and made them lose the first half a point in the tournament. Morozevich won on 4<sup>th</sup> board but Grischuk incorrectly sacrificed a pawn to Lputian and couldn't save the ending. Ivanchuk won a good ending (see the Annotated game) but it didn't let the Ukrainian team celebrate the total win. Judit Polgar again brought the decisive point to the Hungarian team but today her position was completely lost. The English team is among the leaders at last after crushing Chile 4:0.

*The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> round:*

### Men

Poland – **Bosnia 1:3** (Krasenkow – **Nikolic** 0:1, **Atalik** – Macieja ½:½, Socko – **Kurajica** ½:½, **Bistic** – Kempinski 1:0)  
 Armenia – **Russia 2:2** (Akopian – **Kasparov** ½:½, **Grischuk** – Lputian 0:1, Asrian – **Khalifman** ½:½, **Morozevich** – Sargissian 1:0)  
 Czech Republic – **Ukraine 2:2** (Hracek – **Ponomariov** ½:½, **Ivanchuk** – Babula 1:0, Navara – **Baklan** ½:½, **Neverov** – Vokac 0:1)  
 Hungary – Moldova 2½:1½ (**Leko** – Bologan ½:½, Svetushkin – **Polgar** 0:1, **Ruck** – Sanduleac ½:½, Kruschiov – **Acs** ½:½)

**Romania** – France 3:1 (Romanians won two games with Black)  
 Netherlands – Cuba 2:2 (all games drawn)

**Georgia** – Croatia 2½:1½

**Slovakia** – Uzbekistan 3:1

**China** – Azerbaijan 3:1 (Ye beat Radjabov)

**Byelorussia** – Germany 2½:1½

**USA** – Sweden 1½:2½ (Christiansen lost to Berg)

**Switzerland** – Kazakhstan 3½:½ (Korchnoi – Kotsur 1:0)

**England** – Chile 4:0

*Round 5 Standings:*

**1. Bosnia** – 15½

2–3. Armenia, Russia – 15

4. Romania – 14½

5–10. Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary, Switzerland, England – 14, etc.

*Round 6 pairings:*

Bosnia – Russia

Romania – Armenia

Czech Republic – Hungary

Ukraine – England

Switzerland – Poland

Georgia – China

In the Women's tournament the USA team managed to defeat the invincible Chinese. Frankly the score could have been 3:0 in China's favour but the American girls had all the luck. Georgia is clear first after beating India 3:0.

*The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> round:*

### Women

China – **USA 1:2** (Xu Yuhua – **Krush** 0:1, **Shahade** – Wang Pin 1:0, **Zhao Xue** – Donaldson 1:0)

**Russia** – Poland 2:1 (Kovalevskaya – Radziewicz ½:½, Dworakowska – **Matveeva** ½:½, **Kosintseva** – Kadziolka 1:0)

**Georgia** – India 3:0 (**Ioseliani** – Vijayalakshmi 1:0, Ramaswamy –

**Khurtsidze** 0:1, **Arakhamia-Grant** – Swathi 1:0)

### Round 5 Standings:

1. Georgia – 12
2. USA – 11½
- 3–5. Netherlands, Russia, Czech Republic – 11, etc.

### Round 6 pairings:

- Netherlands – Georgia  
USA – Russia  
France – Czech Republic  
Hungary – China

Boris Gelfand won the rapid tournament in [Cap d'Agde](#). In the semifinals he defeated Vladislav Tkachiev 1½:½ and in the final match crushed Anatoly Karpov 2:0. Our congratulations to Boris who now goes directly to Bled to help the Israel team which seems has lost self-confidence without their leader.

After 4 rounds of the [6<sup>th</sup> Bavarian Chess Masters](#) 10 players have perfect scores. Let's name them: Landa, Lanka (these two are different names ☺), Malakhov, Jaracz, Kindermann, Sandipan, Oratovsky, Schmaltz, Golod, Bromberger.

## Annotated Game

□ Vassily Ivanchuk (2709)

■ Vlastimil Babula (2590)

*Bled 2002 Bled (5), 30.10.2002 B33*

Notes by IM Maxim Notkin

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 e5 6.♟db5 d6  
7.♟d5

Ivanchuk avoids a long theoretical discussion after 7.♟g5, choosing a secondary line of the Sveshnikov Variation which is convenient, however for good positional players. For example this year at the Julian Borowski Tournament in Essen, Leko outplayed Krasenkow demonstrating a significant improvement.

7...♟xd5 8.exd5 ♟b8 9.c4

White has created a pawn chain. Now the knight may retreat to c3.  
9...♟e7 10.♟d3 a6 11.♟c3 0-0  
12.0-0 f5

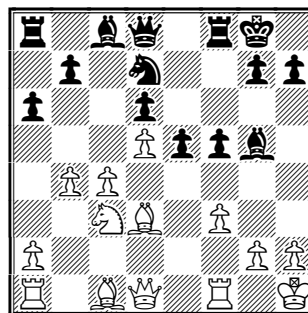
The most logical plan. Black has the pawn majority on the kingside and he should try to make use of it. The

position reminds of some lines of the Saemisch Variation in the Kings Indian.

13.f3 ♟d7 14.♟h1 ♟g5

In case of 14...♟f6? the dark-squared bishop would be "bad". Moreover Black needs a major piece on the e-file to support the e5-e4 advance.

15.b4 (D)



15...♟xc1

Krasenkow played 15...a5 16.a3 axb4 17.♟xg5 ♟xg5 18.axb4 ♟xa1 19.♟xa1 ♟e3 and Leko retreated 20.♟e2 (instead of the mistaken 20.♟b1? e4! 21.fxe4 ♟e5 winning a piece (Bartel – Machaj, Poland 2000). The position after 20.Be2 isn't bad for Black but Babula has opted for another way.)

16.♟xc1 b6

Black should prevent c4-c5.

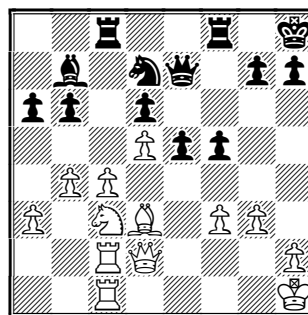
17.a3 ♟h8 18.♟d2 ♟b7 19.♟c2

The game steps into the phase of positional manoeuvres. Each side tries to improve the co-ordination of his pieces.

19...♟c8 20.♟fc1 ♟h4

Black plans the pawn sacrifice e5-e4 f3xe4 f5-f4 in an opportune moment gaining the e5 square for the knight.

21.g3 ♟e7 (D)



21...♟h5 deserved attention.

22.f4

It's time to change the pawn structure.

## 22...g6

If 22...e4 then 23.♘f1 ♖fe8 24.♗e3 and White has various offers for his knight: ♖a4 or ♖e2-d4.

## 23.♗g1!

Everyone calls it prophylactics.

## 23...exf4 24.gxf4 ♖fe8 25.♘f1 ♗g8

Black has another reason to touch his king. He prepares for the exchange of queens and wants the king to be closer to the centre in the ending.

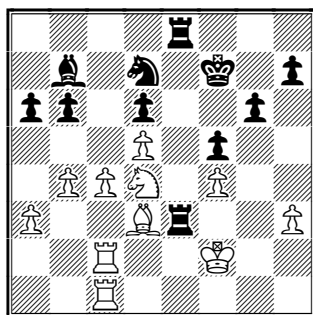
## 26.♗f2 ♗e3 27.♗xe3 ♖xe3 28.♗f2 ♖ee8

Black doesn't get anything special after 28...♖ce8 29.♖e2 ♖f6!? 30.h3!; 28...♖e7 looks slightly better.

## 29.♘d3 ♗f7 30.h3 ♖e7 31.♖e2

This manoeuvre may seem unpleasant for Black but in fact he has enough resources to protect the e6-square.

## 31...♖ce8 32.♖d4 ♖e3? (D)



This move allows White to carry out a little combination but Ivanchuk misses this opportunity. Right was 32...♖f6 and if 33.♖e6 then 33...♘c8 33.♖c3?

After 33.♘xf5! gxf5 34.♖xf5 ♖xh3 35.♖xd6+ ♗f8 36.♖xb7 White is two pawns up.

## 33...♖xh3?

Overlooking (or this time maybe underestimating) the capture on f5. Vassily doesn't slip two times! Black should have played 33...♗f6 with good chances to equalise.

## 34.♘xf5! ♖xc3 35.♘e6+ ♗f6 36.♖xc3

Thanks to the in-between check White has obtained a strong bishop. Now his advantage is clear.

## 36...♖f8 37.f5! gxf5 38.♘xf5

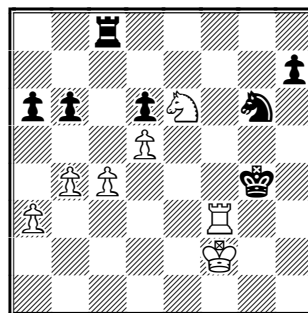
Not 38.♖xf5? ♖xe6 39.♖xd6 ♖b8 40.dxe6 ♗xe6=

## 38...♖g6 39.♖h3 ♘c8?!

39...♖e7 was more stubborn.

## 40.♘xc8 ♖xc8 41.♖f3+ ♗g5

The other moves lead to a loss of the d6-pawn. 41...♗g7 42.♖f5+; 41...♗e7 42.♖c6+ ♗e8 43.♖f6; 41...♗e5?! 42.♗e3! ♖e7 43.♗d3! threatening with ♖f7 and ♖f3# 43...b5 44.♖e3+ ♗f6 45.♖e6+ ♗f7 46.cxb5 axb5 47.♖xd6 42.♖e6+ ♗g4 (D)



## 43.c5! bxc5 44.bxc5

The passed pawn inevitably appears and nothing can stop it from promoting.

## 44...♖b8

In case of 44...dxc5 45.d6 ♖e5 trying to hold the pawn White checks 46.♖f4+ and Black can only choose between a loss of the knight and a curious mate - 46...♗h3 (46...♗h5 47.♖f5+) 47.♖g5+ ♗h2 48.♖h4#!

## 45.cxd6! ♖b2+

45...♖b7 46.♖c5 ♖b8 47.d7 ♖e5 48.♖f6+-

## 46.♗e3 ♖e5

46...♖b3+ 47.♗e4 ♖xf3 48.d7 47.♖f4+ ♗g3 48.♗d4 ♖d7 49.♖f7 Black resigned. 1-0.

(The CBV and PGN files contain interesting missed opportunities for White --- Ralph P. Marconi.)

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