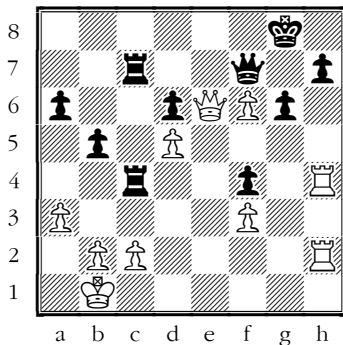


## Chess Quiz

**Adams (2720) Zhang (2639)**  
Wijk aan Zee NED (4), 14.01.2004

This is a possible continuation from today's annotated game. If Black had played 34... ♖f8-f7 what did Adams have planned?



## Corus Wijk aan Zee Round 4

After three eventless days, the fighting spirit has finally come down upon the players. The 4th round saw 5 decisive games and even the draws were full of adventures. Anand missed a spectacular win against Bologan. The short story about it appeared on TWIC soon after the game was over. The final position in Sokolov – Leko speaks for itself – except for the kings only the white bishop is left on the board. Svidler resigned to Kramnik in a drawn ending with opposite colour bishops and nobody knows why. Timman had excellent chances to beat Van Wely but in the end lost and went to the bottom of the table. And again it's not clear why should White resign in the final position! The complicated games Bareev – Shirov and Topalov – Akopian lasted more than 50 moves.

Annotating the game Anand – Akopian both Nikolai Vlassov in CT and myself on [www.worldchessrating.ru](http://www.worldchessrating.ru) didn't notice the good defensive move 37...Bd8 (see Martin Fischer's Letter to Editor in yesterday's CT issue). Of course our pride is hurt ☺ but it's not surprising that in such a puzzling game

some important things may escape the commentator's attention. Today I prefer to annotate the game Adams – Zhang Zhong that looks simpler but at the same time it's elegant and instructive.

The number of leaders increases with every round and I'm afraid soon there'll be no room on TWIC to place their photos ☺

### Group A

#### Round 4 Results:

Adams – Zhang Zhong 1:0  
Bareev – Shirov 1:0  
Kramnik – Svidler 1:0  
Anand – Bologan ½:½  
Timman – Van Wely 0:1  
Topalov – Akopian 1:0  
Sokolov – Leko ½:½

#### Round 4 Standings:

**1-5. Anand, Leko, Kramnik, Adams, Topalov** – 2½  
6-10. Svidler, Bologan, Sokolov, Bareev, Van Wely – 2  
11-13. Zhang Zhong, Shirov, Akopian – 1½  
14. Timman – 1

### Group B Standings:

**1. Fressinet** – 3½  
2-3. Naiditsch, Bruzon – 3  
4-7. Van der Wiel, Stellwagen, Tiviakov, Dominguez – 2½  
8. Lobron – 2  
9-10. Stefanova, Nakamura – 1½  
11-13. Hamdouchi, Zhu Chen, Nijboer – 1  
14. Granda Zuniga – ½

### Group C Standings:

**1-2. Ernst, Gagunashvili** – 4  
3. Carlsen – 3½  
4. Bosboom-Lanchava – 3  
5-6. Werle, Janssen – 2½, etc.

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## The Commonwealth Chess Championships

In the 5<sup>th</sup> round two young Indians that are among the favourites of the event were defeated by the Russian GMs. Harikrishna lost to Smirnov, Fominyh beat Ganguly. The winners have taken the lead with 4½ points and in the next round they play each other. All the other players mentioned below in the pairings are half a point behind.

Round 6 pairings:

Fominyh – Smirnov

Iskusnyh – Short

Sasikiran – Thipsay

Kunte – Bakre

Dzhumaev – Murshed

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## Excelsior Cup, Gothenburg Sweden

Round 6 standings:

1. Johannessen – 5

2. Rogozenko – 4½

3. Berg – 4

4–5. Ekesson, Gavrikov – 3, etc.

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## Belgian League

by GM Mikhail Golubev

There are three strong teams which are competing for victory in the 2003/4 season. In CT-1108 we reported on the match *KSK47 Eynatten vs. Rochade Eupen* from the 3<sup>rd</sup> round (Eynatten won, 5-3).

On 11<sup>th</sup> January in the 6<sup>th</sup> round Eynatten played against the leaders.

### KSK 47 Eynatten – Temse 4½-3½

Khenkin – Bischoff 1-0

Lutz – Miton ½-½

Van den Doel – Jaracz ½-½

Goloshchapov – Motwani 0-1

Golubev – Antoniewski 1-0

Popovic – Vanderstricht ½-½

Gulbas – Bobras 0-1

Schulz – Van Mil 1-0

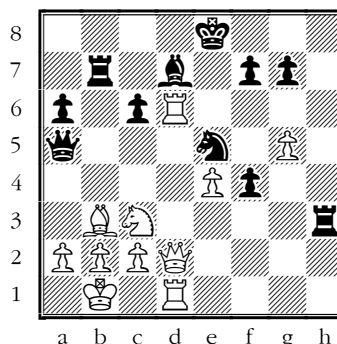
This win allowed *Eynatten* to get an equal number of game points (33) with *Temse* after 6 rounds. *Rochade Eupen* is in the third place with 31 points.

I would like to show one position from my games in the championship:

## Golubev–Antoniewski

Belgium Club Ch 2003/4

(6), 11.01.2004



Here I was afraid of **26...♠xc3!?**, when after 27.♖xc3 ♗xc3 28.bxc3 ♕e7! Black has good compensation for the exchange. Fortunately, I noticed that 27.bxc3! would be better, keeping queens on the board. After 27...♗c4 28.♗d4 ♘xd6 29.♗xd6 Black would have a choice:

29...♗xg5? fails to 30.♖h1!, while the alternatives – 29...♗c7 30.♗d4 and 29...♗xc3 30.♖h1 ♗h3 (this one is from *Fritz*) 31.♗xf4 or 31.g6 also leave White with the advantage.

But all of that was left behind the scene as in the game Black chose a different move:

**26...♖f3 27.♗d4**

Centralisation! However, 27.♗h2! would be also interesting.

**27...♖b4?**

This loses, but tried 27... ♕e7 28.♗a4! and 27...♖e3 28.♗d5! were no much better.

**28.♗a7 ♗d8 29.♗c5! 1-0**



## Death at the Chess Board

by GM Alex Baburin

Chess Today reader Pete Tamburro (USA) sent us a few messages from a discussion [group](#). We hope that this topic (however sad it may be!) will be of interest to our readers – perhaps you can contribute some interesting facts too?

**Pete Tamburro:**

"Some of you historians might know this. Dr. Olland may be the only chess player to die in two international tournaments at the same time.

According to BCM, 1933, he "died in the middle of a game at The Hague for the Dutch championship, which he appeared likely to win. The cause of death was heart failure."

What BCM didn't mention is that, at the same time, he was playing in Das Grosse Fernturnier Des Internationalen Fernschachbundes Um Die Bundesmeisterschaft which started in 1932."

**Pete Tamburro:**

"I forgot. You wanted a moral to the story. C.J.S. Purdy, when he died while playing, said to his son, John, as his last words: "I have a win, but it's going to take time." Both he and Dr. Olland had winning positions. So, if you're old and have heart trouble and a winning position, remain calm!"

**One of the group members responded:**

"A small mystery. Years ago, I checked the cross-table for the Olland game, and it is given as a loss for Olland. But the story goes that his gallant opponent resigned the game on the spot.

One explanation is that the opponent resigned the game, but the unnatural result might have affected the cross-table invidiously, and so the tournament director insisted on giving Olland a zero.

Yours, Larry"

**Pete Tamburro:**

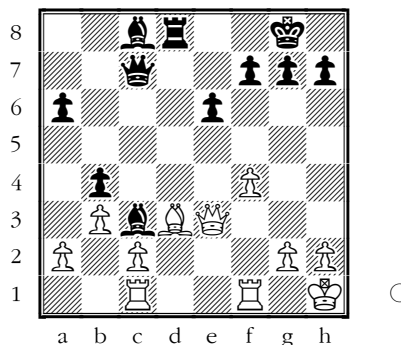
"Thanks to email and Andy Ansel, we just might have the game here. He writes that this is from round 8 of the 9-round tournament. If you look at the final position, you will see that only death would make a chess player resign that position. BTW, BCM later corrected itself. It insisted that Dr. Olland was indeed winning the game at his demise, but he was not, as they previously reported, winning the tournament.

**Olland-Hamming**

1933, Dutch Ch. (8), [B83]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♙e2 e6 7.0-0 ♙e7 8.b3 0-0 9.♖h1 a6 10.f4 ♜c7 11.♙f3 ♙d7 12.♘ce2 b5 13.♙b2 ♜fd8 14.♘g3 ♜ac8 15.♜c1 ♘xd4 16.♜xd4 ♜c5 17.♜d3 b4 18.♙d4 ♜b5 19.♜e3 d5 20.♙e2 ♜b7 21.♙d3 dxe4 22.♙xf6 ♙xf6 23.♘xe4 ♙c3?

Black blunders. Better was 23...♙e7. 24.♘d6 ♜c7 25.♘xc8 ♙xc8 (D)



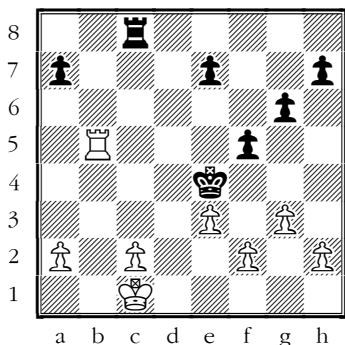
Of course, White is winning."

I would like to add that as far as I know GM **Vladimir Bagirov** (great fan of the Alekhine Defence!) died during a tournament in 2000 and possibly during the game.

Russian Master **Nilolai Kopylov** certainly died at the chessboard, giving a simultaneous display in his native Voronezh (Russia). I believe that the simul was part of the celebration of the victory over Germany (9 May). That was very symbolic, as Kopylov survived the Leningrad blockade and the hunger which came with it. I met him when I was a junior and won't forget how he stashed away bits of food...

Kopylov won a very interesting rook ending against Botvinnik in Moscow in 1951 ...

**M. Botvinnik – N. Kopylov**  
URSS Championship, Moscow, 1951



25.♖b7 ♜e8 26.♖xa7 ♕f3 27.a4  
♗xf2 28.a5 g5 29.a6 ♗xe3 30.♖d7  
e5 31.a7 ♜a8 32.♖xh7 f4 33.gxf4  
gxf4 34.♗d1 f3 35.c4 ♖d8+ 36.♗c2  
f2 37.♖f7 ♜a8 0-1

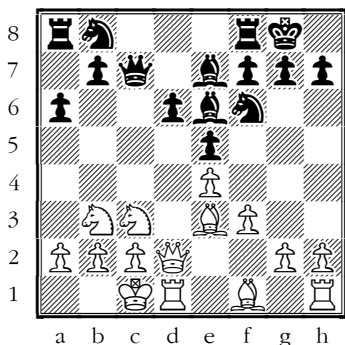
He told me that in one of his articles Botvinnik omitted that game when mentioning his losses in a certain period. Kopylov added: "But Botvinnik was then talking about losses in serious games and to strong players – maybe the Soviet championship was not serious enough a tournament and I wasn't too good an opponent!"

**Annotated Game**

*By Maxim Notkin*

**White: M Adams (2720) ->**  
**Black: Zhong Zhang (2639)**  
GMA Wijk aan Zee NED (4),  
14.01.2004  
*Sicilian B90*

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4  
♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♖e3 e5 7.♗b3 ♖e6  
8.f3 ♖e7 9.♗d2 0-0 10.0-0-0 ♗c7



Bronstein once described the Sicilian as "the c3 and f6 knights". Indeed in the main lines the fight for advantage often

involves flank pawn attacks aiming at these pieces that control the highly important d5 square. Even with the black pawn on e6, if White succeeds in driving his opponent's knight away it gives him a wider range of possibilities including the sacrifice Nd5. And if Black plays b5-b4 first he has good prospects of carrying out d6-d5 no matter whether he has his pawn on e6 or e5.

11.g4 ♜c8 12.g5 ♗h5 13.♗d5 ♖xd5  
14.exd5

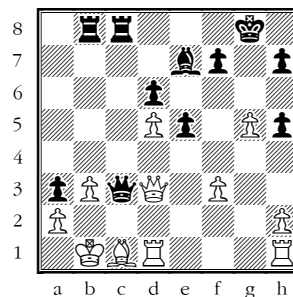
White has exploited the d5 square to get the pair of bishops. To compensate for it Black has a more obvious way of developing the initiative on the queenside – he may just push forward the a and b pawns while White's offensive on the kingside is hindered by the h5 knight. Moreover, the white knight on b3 is always a headache which sometimes is neutralised by the activity of its neighbour. But here... the neighbour is gone!

14...♗d7 15.♖h3 g6

Adams' 17th move shows that the main theoretical continuation 15...a5 is probably better. After 16.♗b1 a4 17.♗c1 a3 18.b3 ♗f4 the position with mutual chances arises in which White's king does not feel at ease and his knight is far from the battlefield.

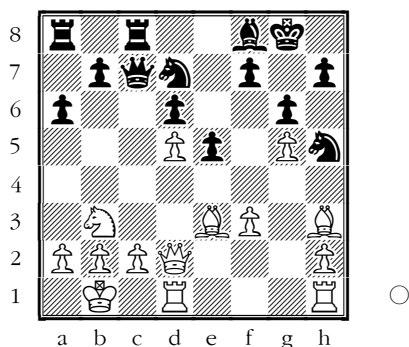
16.♗b1

Last year Emil Sutovsky won a very nice game with Black in this line though White's play was far from perfect – 16.♖g4 a5 17.♗xh5 a4! 18.♗a1 a3 19.b3 gxh5 20.♗b1 b5 21.♗d3 ♗c5 22.♗f5 ♗a4! 23.bxa4 ♗c3 24.♖c1 bxa4 25.♗d3 ♖ab8+ 26.♗b3 axb3 27.cxb3 (D)



27...♖xb3+! 28.axb3 a2+ 29.♗xa2 ♖a8+  
30.♖a3 ♗b4! (that's the point) 31.♗b1  
♗xa3 32.♖hg1 ♗a1+ 0-1 Borisek –  
Sutovsky, Terme Zrece 2003. Surely the  
knight on a1 doesn't make White's  
position more attractive

16...♙f8 (D)



17.♙c1!

The bad knight goes to a splendid post in the centre and the queen's position on c1 allows it to be transferred without a loss of time as the c2 pawn is protected.

17...♘f4

17...a5 was preferable nevertheless, playing with only pieces, Black is unable to create real threats on the queenside.

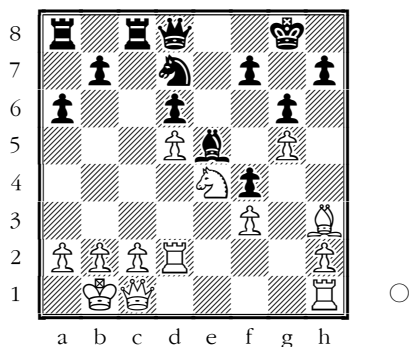
18.♙xf4 exf4 19.♘d2 ♙g7 20.♘e4 ♙e5

Yes Black has activated his bishop but Adams proves that in this position the knight is stronger.

21.♙d2!

The black knight is pinned and White is in no hurry to swap his bishop. I could have talked to you about "Adams who conceals his plans for the time being" but of course Zhang Zhong understood very well what his opponent was going to do next.

21...♙d8 (D)



22.♙xd7 ♙xd7 23.h4

White's offensive has begun.

23...♙c7

23...♙c4 comes into consideration trying to provoke the white pawns' movements on the queenside but the Chinese GM wanted to see the 7th rank protected

24.h5 ♙ac8 25.♙h4

One more subtlety. 25.♙dh2 would have been met by 25...♙b5 26.hxg6 fxf6 and the rook should go back to help the d-pawn; But 25.♙f1 was stronger in order to prevent Qb5 and planning the white queen's transposing to the kingside

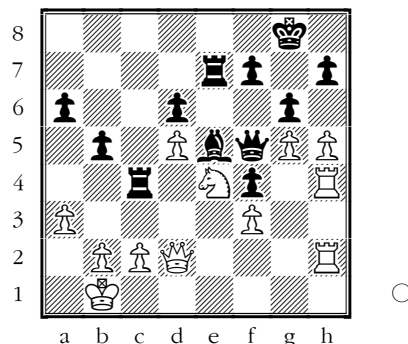
25...♙f5?!

After 25...♙b5! the only way for White to improve is the check on f6 – 26.♙f6+ ♙xf6 27.gxf6 However by 27...♙e8 followed by Qe5 Black may get counter chances

26.♙dh2 ♙e7 27.a3

With a large amount of heavy pieces on the board it's essential to have air for the king.

27...b5?! 28.♙d2 ♙c4 (D)



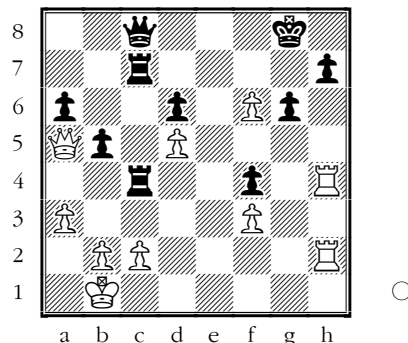
29.♙a5!

Adams immediately notices the changes in the position. Black's activity on the queenside has cleared a path for the white queen's penetration.

29...♙c8 30.♙f6+ ♙xf6 31.gxf6 ♙ec7

The rook has to cover the 7th rank but now it can't control the e-file

32.hxg6 fxf6 (D)



33.♙e1!

The queen's shifts are really impressive

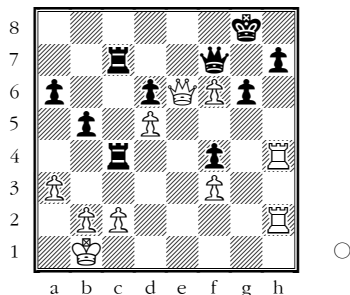
33...♙f8

33...♖xc2 loses to 34.f7+! ♔xf7  
 (34...♖xf7 35.♖xc2; 34...♗f8 35.♖xc2  
 ♖xc2 36.♖xh7+-) 35.♖xh7+ ♔f6  
 36.♖xc2 ♖xc2 37.♗e7+ ♔f5 38.♖f7#  
**34.♗e6+**

More precise is 34.♖e2 ♖c8 35.♖xh7!  
 ♔xf6 (after 35...♗xh7 36.♖e7+ Black  
 should give up the queen as in the  
 event of 36...♗g8 37.♗e6+ ♗h8  
 38.♗h3+ he is checkmated) 36.♗h1  
 and the black king is helpless

**34...♗h8**

If 34...♗f7 (D)



Quiz Answer: 35.♖xh7! ♗xe6 36.dxe6  
 ♖xh7 37.♖xh7 ♗xh7 38.e7 ♖c8 39.f7+-  
**35.♖h6**

The g6 pawn is doomed

**35...b4**

35...a5 36.♖xg6 ♖xc2 37.♖xc2 ♖xc2  
 38.♖g7 ♗c8 39.♖g1 followed by f7 and  
 Rg8+

**36.axb4 ♖xb4 37.♖xg6 ♖b8**

37...♖cb7 38.b3

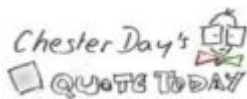
**38.f7 ♖xf7 39.♗xd6 ♖e7**

The rook ending is easily won for  
 White

**40.♖f6 ♖e1+ 41.♗a2 ♗e8 42.♖xf4**

Parrying the unpleasant threat of  
 Qa4+ :) Black resigns

**1-0**



"I TRY not to  
 prepare too much  
 before a game. In  
 Linares, I made the mistake of  
 preparing too much before the game.  
 Two o'clock, I was preparing for a four  
 o'clock game. I don't want to do this  
 again. I have noticed that if I go there  
 unprepared, it works out better; you  
 are more spontaneous"



**Anand**

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