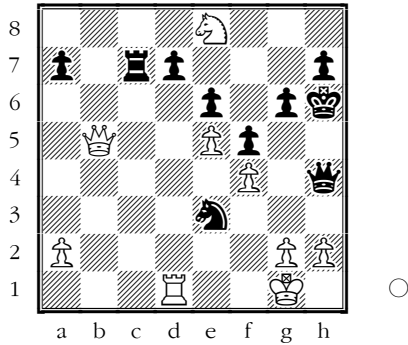


## Chess Quiz

**Nakamura (2613) – Ward (2485)**  
Gibraltar Masters (8), 01.01.2005



## Chess News

### Gibraltar Telecom Open

#### Round 9 top results:

Shirov – Spraggett 1-0  
Aronian – Gormally ½-½  
Areshchenko – Sutovsky 0-1  
Efimenko – Nakamura 1-0  
Speelman (5½) – Sargissian ½-½

#### Standings after 9 rounds:

**1-3.** Shirov, Efimenko & Sutovsky – 7;  
121 players; 10 rounds.

#### Last round top pairings:

(7) Sutovsky – Shirov (7)  
(6½) Kotronias – Efimenko (7)  
(6½) Kir. Georgiev – Erenburg (6½)  
(6½) Sargissian – Gormally (6½)  
(5) Rogers – Aronian (6½)

[Official website](#)

### Winter Open, Belgrade

This tournament took place on 22  
January – 1 February.

#### Final standings:

**1-2.** IMs Ostojic and Nestorovic – 7½;  
3. FM Djerfi – 7, etc.  
84 players; 9 rounds. [Official website](#)

## Bermuda International

#### Round 4 results:

Gelfand – Dominguez ½-½  
Vescovi – Volokitin 1-0  
Harikrishna – Macieja 1-0

#### Standings after 4 rounds:

**1.** Veskovi – 3 points;  
2-3. Gelfand and Harikrishna – 2½  
4. Dominguez – 2;  
5. Volokitin – 1½  
6. Macieja – ½

[Official website](#)

## Ivanchuk and the Belgian Club Championship

by GM Mikhail Golubev

On 30 January, GM Vassily Ivanchuk made his debut in the Belgian Interclub Championship, heading the leaders – the KSK47-Eynatten team. In round 8 his team played against *Rochade Eupen*. Ivanchuk defeated GM Vladimir Chuchelov (coach of Loek van Wely) on board 1. Full results of the match are below:

### KSK47-Eynatten – SK Rochade 5½ – 2½

Ivanchuk – Chuchelov 1-0  
Khenkin – Degraeve ½-½  
Komarov – Saltaev 1-0 (Forfeit)  
Ruck – Ahn 1-0  
Jo. Horvath – Meesen 1-0  
A. Horvath – Buhr 0-1  
Roeder – Bruehl ½-½  
Gulbas – Mareschal ½-½

(We would like to thank the Eynatten team manager Victor Schleck for supplying the games – see our database today).

The Eynatten team leads in the [championship](#) with an overwhelming advantage.

### Standings after 8 rounds:

1. KSK47-Eynatten – 51 pts (16 m. pt)
2. Boey Temse 2 – 36 (12),
3. CRELEL 1 – 35½ (10),
4. SK Rochade 1 – 35½ (9), etc.

GM Ivanchuk – Photo by Bernard Loo



Last year was successful for Ivanchuk – he won a tournament in Mexico, two individual European championships (with FIDE and rapid controls) and led the Ukrainian team to victory at the Chess Olympiad in Calvia.

In the beginning of January *Vysoky Zamok* newspaper published an [interview](#) (in Ukrainian) with Ivanchuk. He praised his colleagues on the Ukrainian national team, also noting the great potential of young GMs Korobov and Kuzubov.

Speaking of politics, Ivanchuk said that he is happy with the outcome of the elections in Ukraine. According to

him the majority of Ukrainian GMs supported the Orange Revolution.

Ivanchuk's 2005 schedule includes the Aeroflot Open in Moscow, chess festival in Monaco and the European Championship in Poland. He plans to learn Spanish and is not yet ready to talk about his friend Oksana, who accompanied him to Mexico last year.

### Annotated Game

by IM Vladimir Barsky

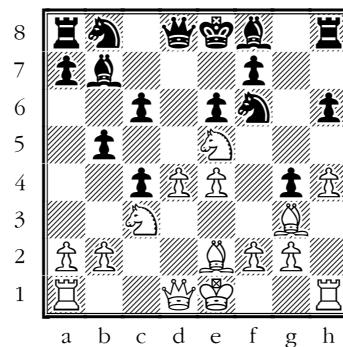
**White: D. Gormally (2472)**

**Black: A. Dreev (2704)**

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*QGD; Semi-Slav – [D43]*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♗c3  
e6 5.♕g5 h6 6.♗h4 dxc4 7.e4 g5  
8.♗g3 b5 9.♗e2 ♗b7 10.h4 g4  
11.♗e5 (D)**



Russian GM Alexei Dreev likes to play this very sharp line for Black. He is the main specialist here, and has introduced a lot of nice ideas here. For example, in his recent game vs. Kasparov, but alas ... in that game vs. the ex-champion of the world, Dreev missed his chances in a very complicated position and lost. For this game he also prepared a new idea, got a very attractive position and once again missed his chances...

**11...h5**

11...♗g8 12.♗xg4 ♗bd7 13.♗xf6+ ♖xf6  
14.♖d2 (14.e5 ♖f5 15.♗f3 0-0-0  
16.♖e2 ♗b6 17.a4 bxa4 ½-½ Van  
Wely,L-Dreev,A/Moscow 2004) 14...e5  
15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.dxe5 ♖xe5 17.0-0-0  
♖e7 18.e5 Sakaev,K-Dreev,A/  
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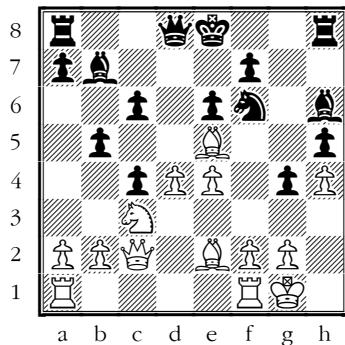
**12.0-0**

12.f3 ♖bd7 13.fxg4 hxg4 14.0-0 ♖xe5  
 15.♙xe5 ♖d7! 16.♙xh8 ♜xh4 17.♙xg4  
 ♜xh8 18.e5∞ Kasparov,G-Dreev,A  
 /Moscow 2004

**12...♖bd7 13.♜c2 ♖xe5**

13...♙e7 14.♞ad1 ♜b6 15.b3 cxb3  
 16.♜xb3 ♞d8 17.d5 ♖c5 18.♜b2 cxd5  
 19.♙xb5+ ♜f8 20.exd5 exd5 21.a4∞  
 Bocharov,D-  
 Sveshnikov,E/Krasnoyarsk 2003

**14.♙xe5 ♙h6 (D)**



According to my database it's a novelty. In previous games Black chose 14...Bg7 or 14...Rg8, for example: 14...♙g7 15.♞ad1 0-0 16.f3 ♖h7 17.♙xg7 ♜xg7 18.fxg4 ♜xh4 19.gxh5 ♖g5∞ Van Wely,L-Dreev,A/Wijk aan Zee 2002; 14...♞g8 15.♞ad1 ♖d7 16.♙g3 e5 17.dxe5 ♜e7 18.b3 b4 19.♖d5!? cxd5 20.exd5 c3 21.e6→ Ehlvest,J-Stripunsky,A/New York 2003

**15.b3**

White couldn't open the f-file due to 15.f3? ♙e3+ 16.♜h1 ♖d5! (or 16...♖d7) In case of 15.f4? 0-0, the Black king is safer than his rival

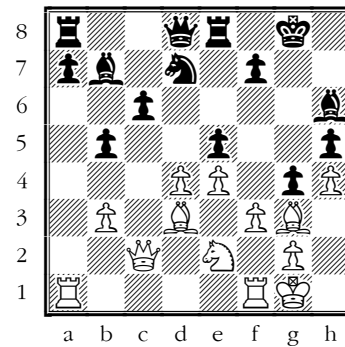
**15...cxb3 16.axb3 0-0 17.♙d3 ♞e8**

Another interesting line is 17...♖d7 18.♙d6 ♞e8 19.e5!? ♜xh4 20.♖e4 It looks like White has very strong compensation for two pawns - active pieces in the center.

**18.♖e2 ♖d7 19.♙g3**

After 19.♙d6 e5! 20.♖g3 exd4 21.♖f5 ♜f6 Black prepares c6-c5 and Ne5 with good counter-play.

**19...e5 20.f3 (D)**



White has to open the f-file to create some threats to the king on g8, or Black simply has an extra pawn.

**20...♙e3+ 21.♜h2 exd4**

Maybe better was 21...gxh3!? 22.♞xf3 exd4 for example: 23.♞f5!? c5 24.♞xh5 ♖f6 25.♞xc5 ♖xe4 Here White could return a pawn, but all Black's pieces are very active, and he has a clear advantage here.

**22.fxg4 ♖e5 23.g5!**

An important move: now the queen on d8 doesn't attack the h4 pawn any more, and the h2 King becomes rather well protected.

**23...♖xd3 24.♜xd3 c5**

Black's position looks dreadful, but the situation isn't so clear in reality.

**25.♖f4**

Knight is going on f6 through h5, so Black has to exchange it.

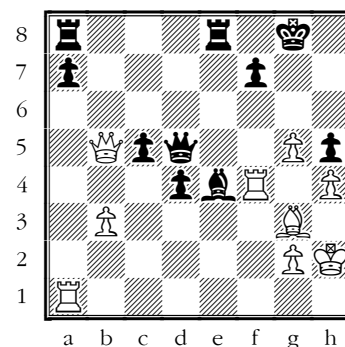
**25...♙xe4 26.♜xb5 ♙xf4**

26...♜b6!? 27.♜c4! (27.♜xb6 axb6 28.♖xh5 ♞e6∞) 27...♙xf4 28.♞xf4 ♞e6 29.♞e1∞

**27.♞xf4**

Black has managed to keep his extra pawn, but his king is rather weak. There are opposite colour bishops on the board, and it means that it's possible for White to create an attack.

**27...♜d5?! (D)**



27...♜c8!? 28.♜c4 ♜b7 (28...♞e6 29.♞a5∞; 28...♙f5 29.♞a5∞; 28...♙g6

29.♖a5) 29.♖af1!? (29.♜xc5 d3 30.♖f2 ♜xb3 31.♖xa7=) 29...♙d5 30.♜xc5 d3∞

**28.♖xa7!**

Maybe Black missed this blow – before the last move or somewhere earlier in previous calculations. So it looks like 27...Qc8 was the best alternative.

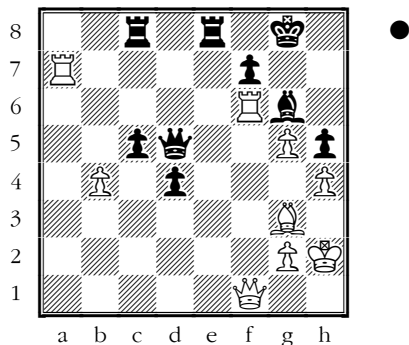
**28...♙f5**

28...♖xa7? 29.♜xe8+ ♜g7 30.♖xe4+-

**29.b4!**

Now White has very easy play.

**29...♖ac8 30.♜f1 ♙g6 31.♖f6 (D)**



With a simple but very unpleasant threat 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.Qf6.

**31...♖c6 32.♜b5 ♖ec8 33.♜b7!+- ♜e4**

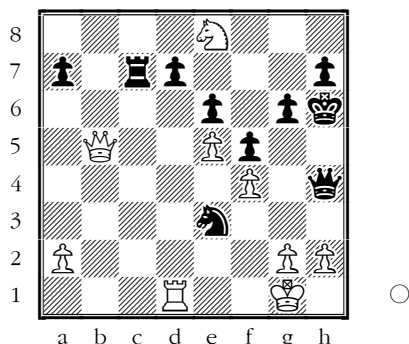
33...♜h7 34.b5+-

**34.♖xf7 1-0**

### Solution to our quiz:

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**37.♜b4! d6**

(37...♙xd1 38.♜f8+ ♜h5 39.♙f6+ ♜xf6 40.♜xf6 h6 (40...♜h6 41.♜f8+ ♜h5 42.♜d8+-) 41.g3 g5 42.h3 gxf4 43.♜f7+ ♜g5 44.♜g8+ ♜h5 45.♜e8+ ♜g5 46.♜d8+--)

**38.♙xc7 ♙xd1 39.♜d2+-**

The knight is trapped.

**39...dxe5** (39...♜g4 40.exd6+-)  
**40.♙xe6 exf4 41.♙xf4 ♙b2**  
**42.♙d3+ g5 43.♙xb2** and White won. **1-0**

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