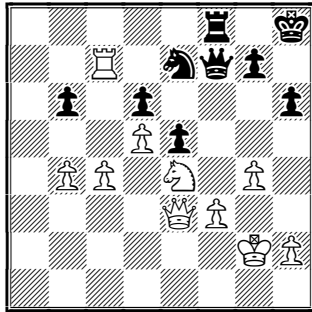


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Black to play
 position after 37.♟a7xc7

**Team SK Nova KBM
 Kovina wins Slovenian
 team championships**


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SK Nova KBM Kovinar from Marib won [the Slovenian team championship](#) in Bled with 17 match points out of 18 (39 individual points out of 54). Our congratulations to V. Tukmakov, D. Sermek, D. Pavasovic, M. Cebalo, M. Tratar, L. Mazi, Z. Velickovic! Second place went to **Marib ZSD Maribor SK Piramida** – 14 (37) points, and third to – **LSK Metalka trgovina Lju** – 13 (32) etc.

Israeli GM **Yona Kosashvili** became the sole leader of the [Curaçao open](#), by defeating GM Korchnoi in the 7th round. (see our annotated game section.)

Top results of the 7th round:

Kosashvili – Korchnoi **1:0**
 Macieja – S. Polgar **1:0**
 Zapata – Timman **½:½**
 Ligterink – Duesterwald **½:½**
 Gikas – Gallegos **0:1**
 Malmdin – Sequera **0:1**
 Grimm – Belakovskaia **0:1**

Standings after the 7th round:

1. Kosashvili – 6 points
2. Macieja – 5½
3–5. Korchnoi, Timman, Gallegos – 5
6–14. S. Polgar, Ligterink, Sequera, Duesterwald, Zapata, Molander, Belakovskaia, Mensing, Loew – 4½ etc.

Pairings for the 8th round:

Timman – Kosashvili
 Korchnoi – Macieja
 S. Polgar – Gallegos
 Duesterwald – Zapata
 Belakovskaia – Ligterink

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Results of the 5th round:

Dautov – Naiditsch **½:½**
 Huebner – Tischbieriek **1:0**
 Graf – Gisbrecht **1:0**
 Luther – Breutigam **1:0**
 Slobodjan – Gustafsson **0:1**

Pairings for the 6th round:

Naiditsch (4) – Huebner (4)
 Luther (4) – Graf (4)
 Jussupow (3½) – Gutman (3½)
 Gustafsson (3½) – Dautov (3½)
 Müller (3) – Bischoff (3)
 Tischbieriek (3) – Kritz (3)
 Siebrecht (3) – Slobodjan (3)
 Breutigam (3) – Handke (3)
 Gisbrecht (3) – Kalinitschew (2½)

GM Alexey Shirov has once again published an open letter, this time

about the FIDE General Assembly's decisions in Bled:

Dear colleagues,

As I wasn't playing in Bled I had at first very little information about what was going on at the last FIDE congress. Still, after having gathered some of it from various Internet sources, I would like to express my concerns. And of course, as an active professional I am mainly concerned about the future World championships and time controls. As I can understand, at the moment there is no proposed alternative to Seirawan – Kasparov scheme. But the scheme is not without drawbacks. If you put together 'first', 'second' and 'third' cycle, the logic simply disappears.

You can find the text in full at [TWIC](#).



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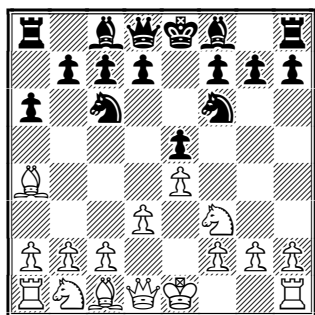
□ Y. Kosashvili (2543)

■ V. Korchnoi (2634)

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Annotations by IM Vladimir Barsky

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.d3 (D)



White avoids the main theoretical lines. Why? Maybe because the 71-year old Korchnoi is much better

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prepared in modern theory than his much younger opponent?

5...b5 6.♙b3 ♙c5 7.a4 ♖b8

7...♙b7!?

8.♙g5 h6 9.♙h4 d6 10.axb5 axb5

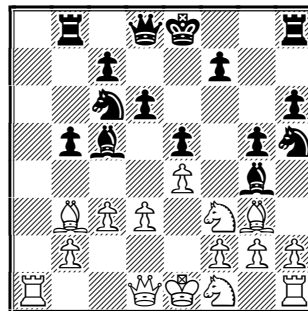
11.♘bd2 g5

White has played very modestly in the opening and Black begins a struggle for the initiative – why not!?

12.♙g3 ♙g4 13.c3 ♘h5

13...d5?! 14.exd5 ♘xd5 15.♖e2±

14.♘f1 (D)



14...♘f4?!

I don't like this move after which White could exchange his bishop on g3 which is off-side now. While after 14...♖f6 Black threaten to doubling pawns on f3, after which the bishop on g3 will be almost 'dead'.

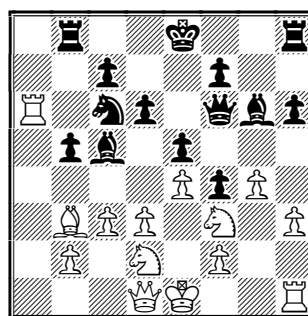
15.♙xf4 gxf4 16.h3 ♙h5 17.g4! ♙g6?!

17...fxg3 18.fxg3 lead to a position with mutual weaknesses, and Black's chances will be at least not worse. Very soon the bishop on g6 will become 'a big pawn'.

18.♘1d2 ♖f6

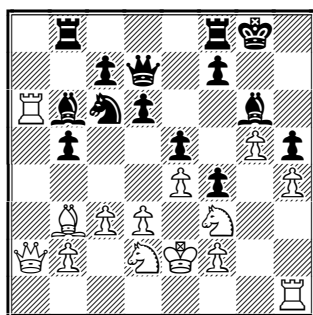
It's not so easy to understand the idea behind this move. Perhaps Black wanted to control the h4-square after 19.♙d5 ♘e7.

19.♙a6 (D)



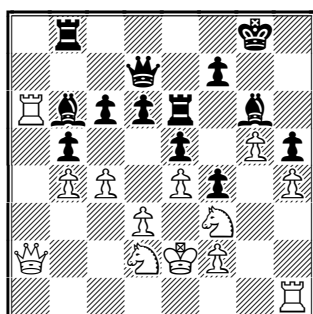
White recalls that he has control over an open file on the board.

19...♖b6 20.♔a1 0-0 21.h4 h5
22.g5 ♖e7 23.♔a2 ♖d7 24.♕e2!
(D)



e2 is the most safe place for king.
And now take a look at poor bishop
g6!..

24...♞fe8 25.♖c2 ♘d8 26.b4 ♘e6
27.♖b3 c6 28.♖xe6!? ♞xe6 29.c4
(D)



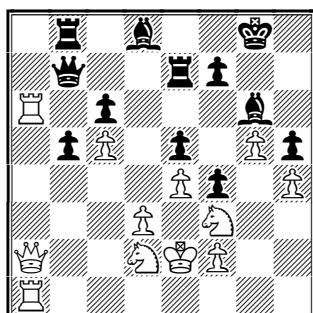
An aggressive, but rather risky move:
don't forget, White's king is in the very
center.

29...♖b7?!

Black had two interesting
alternatives: 29...bxc4 30.♘xc4!
(30.dxc4?! weakens the e4-pawn.)
30...♖d4 and ; 29...c5!? Black had to
have found complications, tried to
open files and diagonals – to include
bishop on g6 into play.

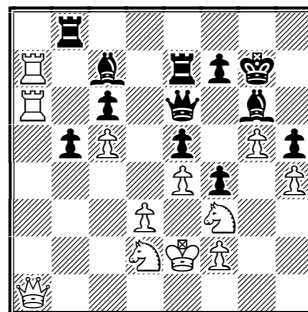
30.♞c1 ♞e7

Even here Black could play 30...bxc4
31.c5! dxc5 32.bxc5 ♖d8 33.♞a1 (D)



No doubt that in this position the two
knights are much stronger than the
two bishops.

33...♞f8 34.♖b2 ♖c7 35.♞a7 ♖c8
36.♞1a6 ♞b7 37.♞a8 ♞b8 38.♖a1
♞g7 39.♞8a7 ♖e6 (D)



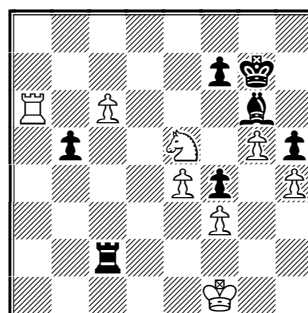
40.d4! exd4 41.♖xd4+ ♖g8
42.♖f6!

This is the point: White wins a key
pawn. Interesting that Black's queen
hasn't any point to enter to cause a
dangerous penetration into White's
camp.

42...♖d7 43.♖xc6 ♞d8 44.♖xd7
♞dxd7 45.♞f1 ♞g7

45...♖xe4 46.♘xe4 ♞xe4 47.♞b7
♞de7 (47...♞d1+ 48.♞g2 ♖e5 49.♞e7
♞d5 50.♞a8+ ♞g7 51.♞ae8+-)

46.♞b7 ♖e5 47.♞xd7 ♞xd7
48.♘xe5 ♞xd2 49.f3! ♞c2 50.c6 (D)



And the bishop is still sitting on g6
still. Black resigned. 1-0.

Solution to Quiz Today:

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37...♘xd5! 38.♞xf7 ♘xe3+ 39.♞f2
♘xg4+ 40.♞g3 ♞xf7 41.♞xg4
♞d7+- 42.♞f5 d5 43.♞xe5 dxe4
44.fxex4 ♞d2 45.c5 bxc5 46.bxc5
♞xh2 47.c6 ♞c2 48.♞d6 ♞g8

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49.♘d7 ♖f7 0-1.

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