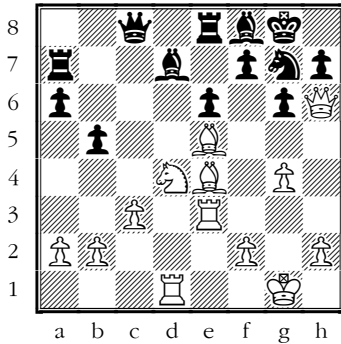
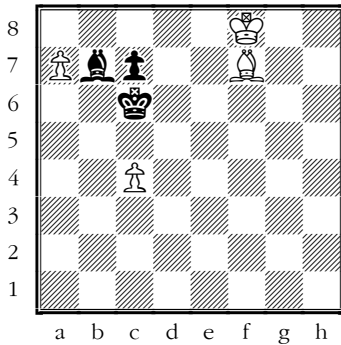


Chess Quiz

H. Jonkman - L. Espig
Chemnitz Open 1998



M. Golubev, 2005



White to play and win

On this Day...

by GM Mikhail Golubev

Well, I turned 35 today, but we at *Chess Today* do not consider such dates as something which deserves special attention. I decided to meet this semi-jubilee by doing some work. I added my "historical" [preview](#) in Russian to Ponomarev-Kasparov match (which was published in issue 9/2003 of the Ukrainian sports magazine *Komanda+*) at my Geocities page. And I also conducted an email interview with the real hero of the day, Dutch GM **Harmen Jonkman**, who was born on 30 May 1975. I am not sure whether Jonkman and I have met each

other again in person after our shared victory at the Chemnitz Open - 1998. Thank you, Harmen!

Interview with Grandmaster Harmen Jonkman

by GM Mikhail Golubev

Please tell us something about your chess career. How it began and developed.

My father explained the rules to me when I was five years old. Already a year later I was able to beat him. He then gave me a small chess computer for my birthday and I was practising every day with it. At twelve I became Dutch youth champion. I was then taught by the 74 year old International Master Van Scheltinga who was a strong player during the time of former world champion Max Euwe. Sadly Van Scheltinga passed away when I was 18 years old and since then I have studied chess on my own. In 1999 I became an International Master and in 2002 an International Grandmaster.

Are you playing chess professionally?

At the age of 17 I started playing chess professionally. For some years I played little chess because I went back to study and one year served in the army. Since 1999 I started playing chess professionally again and rapidly became a Master and Grandmaster.

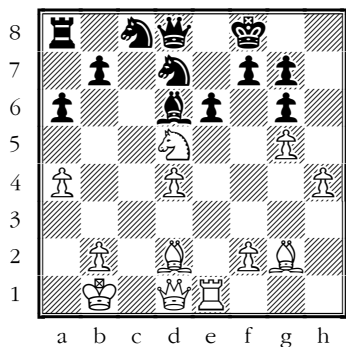
Can you name one or a few of your best games, played so far?

A nice game I remember was a beautiful queen sacrifice followed by a quiet move against Grandmaster Espig from Germany. Actually this was played in the tournament in Chemnitz in 1998 which I shared first with you



Mikhail! Another nice game I remember was against Grandmaster Naiditsch from Germany in the Corus tournament in 2002 because I won that game in style for my home crowd in Wijk aan Zee.

H. Jonkman – A. Naiditsch
Corus-B Wijk aan Zee, 21.01.2003



29 h5! exd5 30 hxg6 Ne7 31 gxf7
g6 32 Bxd5 Qb6 33 Be6 Rd8 34 Qg4
Nf5 35 Bxf5 gxf5 36 Qh5 Qxd4 37
Re8+ 1-0.

When and how did you begin to work on your, now famous, International Chess Calendar (www.chess-calendar.nl) ?

It started in the days when Internet was still in the diapers. I started playing chess professionally and received copies of several magazines with their calendars. To get a proper overview I listed the tournaments in the computer and when my friends wanted to join me I published the list on the internet. The first time was back in 1994.

Do you have a financial profit from your work on the calendar, or is it just a hobby?

No, I have no financial profit from the calendar. It started as a hobby and it still is. I would like though to make it more professional and more continuous. Now sometimes I am unable to make updates due to travels abroad.

Did you get invitations to tournaments as a result of your work on your Calendar?

Yes, organisers as well as the players appreciate my calendar, and also get

to know me because of the calendar which sometimes gives invitations.

In how many countries did you play chess so far?

Over 30 countries. Still I haven't visited a few continents like Asia and Australia which is on my wish list.

What was the most exotic of your chess trips?

The most exotic was recently to Colombia where I played an International tournament in a remote place called Neiva. Other exotic places were Cairo, Egypt, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, and Kapuskasing in Canada. Usually I try to spend some time before or after the tournament to see more of the surroundings as during the tournament there is no time.

How many classical games per year do you play?

Close to 200 classical games which includes weekend tournaments.

Do you play chess on the Internet?

I play on ICC under the nickname FlyCatcher.

Can the Netherlands be called one of leading chess nations in the world?

I think the Netherlands is certainly a good country to play chess in. Many team competitions which forms the base income for a professional chess player are nearby. We have some good open tournaments like in Amsterdam, Vlissingen, Dieren, Hoogeveen and of course the most famous Corus tournament in Wijk aan Zee.

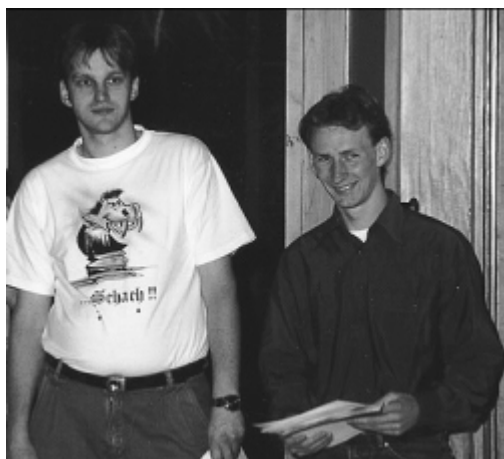
How large a ELO should a Dutch player achieve to be considered a serious professional?

International Masters in the Netherlands can be chess professional by writing and teaching. For a serious chess professional an Elo of 2550 is necessary I think.

What are your next plans?

Next week I will go to La Palma, Canarian Islands, than I will play in

the Amsterdam Open, and after an Open in Banyoles in Spain. Undoubtedly more will come up...



Mikhail Golubev and Harmen Jonkman at the prize giving in Chemnitz-1998. (Photo from the tournament's [website](#)).

Chess News

Leko vs Adams Match

Yesterday *Chess Today* received the following information:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

The most exciting and strongest international rapid chess match (8 games) of the year 2005 between No. 3 Peter Leko (Hungary) and No. 6 Michael Adams (England) will take place between 2 June and 5 June 2005 in the Kossuth Cinema of Miskolc/Hungary.

We would very much appreciate a pre-view on this event by publishing the URL of the official website: **www.lekoadams.info**. The games will be broadcast live here and you will find all necessary information with regard to the match and the venue.

Best regards,
Carsten Hensel
(Manager to Peter Leko, International Grandmaster)"

FIDE and ACP Meeting

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP) on 24th May had a meeting in Athens discussing a number of important issues (including time controls and the future of the world championship). A report by Pavel Tregubov can be found at [TWIC](#) site, at the [FIDE](#) site, and at the official [ACP](#) site.

Frascati Chess Week

This tournament ended yesterday, but at press we were unable to locate the final information.

Standings after round 7 (of 9):

Bruno – 5½, Miladinovic and Gouliev – 4; Khenkin, Garcia Palermo, Ronchetti and Rombaldoni – 3½
Ortega, Corvi and Vocaturo – 2½.
[Official site](#)

Fischer Watch

Here and there appears news that Robert Fischer is considering to play chess again. On 27 May ChessBase published a [report](#) on Spassky's visit to Iceland. The Fischer interview (in Russian) appeared at [Rodnaya Gazeta](#) web site.

Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

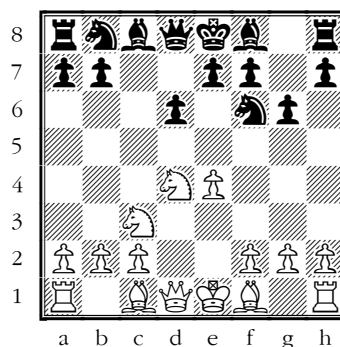
White: A. Shirov (2726)

Black: R. Polzin (2517)

BL 0405 SC Baden Oos – SFR
Neukolln Bundesliga GER (5.2),
11.12.2004

Sicilian Defence/Dragon – [B76]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 (D)

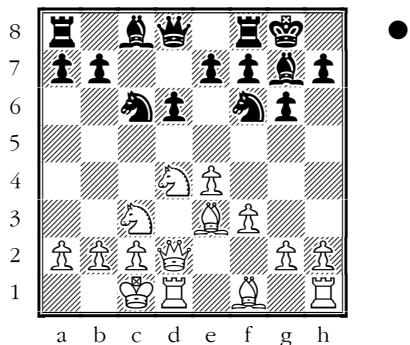


If my records are correct, I started to play the Dragon with Black in 1980. So, this year I can celebrate a quarter of century of my staying with this opening. I play it also with White, and last year agreed to an experiment: I wrote a Dragon Chapter for the book "Experts vs. the Sicilian" (www.qualitychessbooks.com), trying to provide a repertoire for White versus the Dragon. It was, I think, a decent and in any case quite a long work (48 pages). Still, life does not stop, and for today's annotated game I chose a relatively fresh and interesting Dragon game, while few other fresh games and analyses will be placed inside the notes below.

6. ♖e3 ♗g7 7. f3! 0-0

The old Botvinnik's move 7...a6!? 8. ♖d2 ♗bd7! has started to attract some attention again. 9. ♖c4 b5 10. ♖b3 ♖b7 and in Korneev-Williams, Gausdal 2005 White could have followed the classical recipe 11. ♖h6!± (as in Krutikhin-Botvinnik, Moscow 1963) what I actually recommended in the "Experts" book. Still, most Dragon players are not in such desperation that would force them to switch to 7...a6 completely.

8. ♖d2 ♗c6 9. 0-0-0 (D)



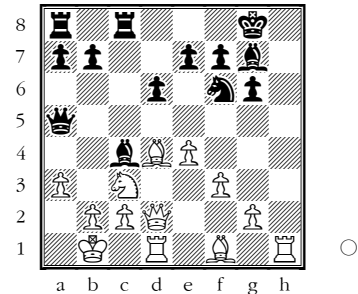
My recommendation in the "Experts" book. 9. ♖c4 is also topical, but it is a different story.

9...d5!

The second important line is **9... ♗xd4** 10. ♖xd4 ♖e6 11. ♖b1 ♖c7 12. h4 (an important positional alternative is 12. ♗d5!? ♖xd5 13. exd5 with the fresh example 13... ♖fc8 14. ♖c1 a5?! 15. ♖b5 a4 16. c4 ♗d7 17. ♖xg7 ♖xg7 18. h4↑ Kir.Georgiev-Ward, Gibraltar Masters 2005. One more interesting game on the topic 12. ♗d5, Bego-Yoos, can be found online at:

www.primesupportandservice.com/tutoring/id7.htm)

12... ♖fc8 13. h5 ♖a5 14. hxg6 hxg6 15. a3 . Now 15... ♖ab8 is the usual move, but at ChessPublishing Dragons Forum (altmax.com/cgi-local/cpf/YaBB.cgi) folks actively discussed another possibility, 15... ♖c4! (d)



I did not analyse this rare move in "Experts" accurately. The latest words in both discussion and practice are:

a) 16. ♖xc4 ♖xc4 17. ♖xf6 (17. ♖c1 e6 18. g4 ♖ac8 transposes to a known position from 15... ♖ab8 16. ♖d3 ♖c4 line) 17... ♖xf6 18. ♗d5 ♖xd2 19. ♖xd2 gives White a small plus.;

b) 16. ♖h3 (my recommendation in "Experts") 16... ♖xf1 17. ♖xf1 ♖c4 18. ♖d3 (and this is idea of Gutman's from "Schach-Archive". In "Experts" I considered 18. ♖fh1 ♖ac8 19. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 20. ♖h7 but missed 20... ♖xc3! 21. ♖h6 ♖e5 22. f4 ♖h3! 23. fxh6 ♖xh6 24. ♖7xh6 ♖xe5 where Black has an acceptable position - pointed out by "TopNotch".) 18... ♖ac8 19. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 20. ♗d5 (Gutman) and here "TopNotch" discovered 20... ♖xb2!! which probably allows Black to reach equality:

b1) 21. ♖xb2 ♖xc2+ 22. ♖b1! ♖8c3! 23. ♖xc2 ♖b5+ 24. ♖b2 ♖xf1+ 25. ♖a2 ♖c4+ 26. ♖b1= "TopNotch".

b2) 21. ♖b3 ♖c3 22. ♗xe7+ ♖g7 23. ♗xc8 ♖b4!.

b3) 21. ♗xe7+ ♖g7 22. ♗xc8 (22. ♗f5+ ♖g8= "Swiss Dragon") 22... ♖b4!! 23. ♖a2 (23. c3 ♖xa3 24. ♖c2 ♖b3+ 25. ♖d2 ♖c4 26. f4 ♖xc3+ 27. ♖e2 ♖a2+ 28. ♖f3 ♖d4 29. ♖g4 ♖xg2+ 30. ♖g3 ♖h2 31. ♖h3 ♖g2+=) 23... ♖xa3 24. ♖d5 ♖b2+ 25. ♖a1 ♖b5 26. ♖h7+ ♖xh7 27. ♖xf7+ ♖h6 28. ♖h1+ ♖h5 29. ♖xh5+ ♖xh5 30. ♖xb7 ♖c5+ 31. ♖b1 ♖h4 ("TopNotch") and Black is fine.

b4) 21. ♖fh1 ♖c3 22. f4 (proposed in forum by "Mikhail_Golubev")

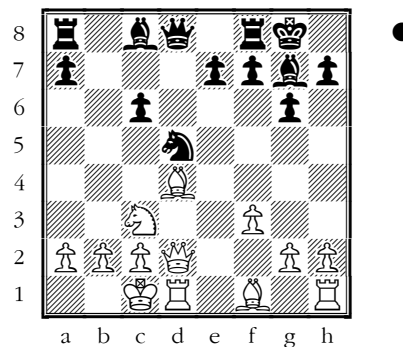
probably leads to equality in complicated lines: 22...e6 23.♖e7+ (23.e5 ♖b5+ 24.♖c1 ♕xe5!∞) 23...♖g7! 24.♗xc8 (or 24.♖h7+ ♖f8! 25.♗xc8 ♖b4+! 26.♖c1 ♖xa3+ 27.♖d1 ♖d4 28.♖h8+ ♖g7 29.♖1h7+ ♖f6 30.♖xd4+ ♕xd4 31.♖f8 ♖a1+ 32.♖e2 ♖a6+=) 24...♖b5+ 25.♖c1 ♖b2+ 26.♖d1 ♖d4 27.♖h7+ ♖f6! 28.♖xd4+ ♕xd4 29.g4 e5 30.g5+ ♖e6 31.f5+ ♖d7 32.♖xf7+ ♖c6 33.♖hh7 ♕b6 34.♗xb6 ♖d4+=.

c) 16.g4!? lead to a problems for Black in the very recent game Kosteniuk–Pogonina, Russian Women's Ch (Samara) 2005. It followed: 16...♕xf1 17.♖dxf1 ♖c4 18.♕e3 ♖ac8 19.♕h6 ♕h8 20.♗d5 ♖d8 (20...♖xd2?? 21.♗xe7+) 21.♗e3 ♖4c5 22.♖h3 ♖b5 (22...♖b6 23.c4!? e6 "Swiss_Dragon") 23.♗d1! (an atypically strong defending move) 23...♖a5 24.♖d3 (worse is 24.♖h2?! ♖xa3 25.♕c1 ♕g7 26.♖h1 ♖f8 27.♕h6 ♕xh6 28.♖xh6 ♖e8 – GM Yakovich, chess63.com) 24...♖a6 (or 24...♗d7 25.♖fh1 and now 25...♖b6 26.♕c1 ♕g7 27.♖e2 or 25...♗c5 26.♕d2 ♕xb2 27.♕xa5 ♗xd3 28.a4! ♖xa5 29.♗xb2+- Yakovich) 25.♖fh1 ♗d7 26.♕c1 ♕g7 27.♖d2 ♖a4 (27...♗f8 28.♖h2 f6 29.f4 ±/+– Yakovich) 28.♖h2 ♖d4 29.♖h8+ ♕xh8 30.♖h7+ 1–0.

One more alternative is

9...♕d7, which seems to be even more dubious than the previous line. 10.g4 (or 10.♖b1 ♖c8 11.g4 ♗e5 12.♕e2 as GM Korneev always plays with White. His latest victory was over Ortiz Fernandez Vega at Linares open 2005: 12...b5 13.♗cxb5 ♗exg4 14.fxg4 ♗xe4 15.♖d3 ♗c5 16.♖a3 a6 17.♗c3 ♖b8 18.♕f3 ♖c8 19.h3 e5 20.♗b3 e4 21.♗d5 ♖e8 22.♕e2 ♕c6 23.♕xc5 dxc5 24.♖xc5+-, etc.) 10...♖c8 11.h4 ♗e5 12.h5 ♖a5 13.♗b3 ♖c7 14.♕e2 b5 15.♖b1! . Both Dearing in his book and I in "Experts" independently evaluated this line in White's favour.

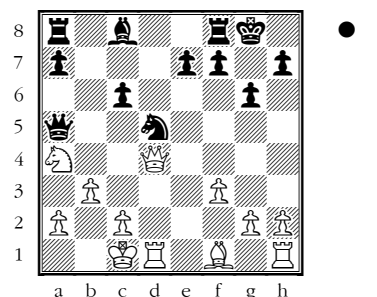
10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♕d4! (D)



An important crossroad.

12...e5

Recently I did not see important news on 12...♗xc3!?, but will mention 12...♕xd4 13.♖xd4 ♖b6 14.♗a4 ♖a5 15.b3 (d)



and now:

a) 15...♖c7N 16.♕c4 ♖d8 17.g4?! ♕e6 18.♗c5 ♗f4 19.♗xe6 ♗xe6 20.♖e3 ♗f4 21.h4 ♗g2 22.♖e4 ♖f4+ 23.♖xf4 ♗xf4 24.♖de1 e6 25.♖e4 ♗d5 and White hardly had a serious advantage in Van den Doel–Rogers, Dutch Cht 2004. I must confess that I missed this game, while preparing the chapter for "Experts".

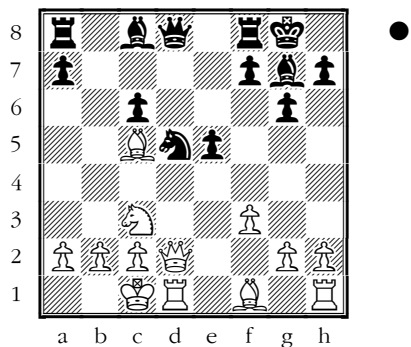
b) 15...♕f5 16.♖c5 (alternative is 16.g4 with the idea of 16...♕xc2 17.♖d2) 16...♖xc5 17.♗xc5 ♗c3 18.♖e1! ♗xa2+ 19.♖b2 ♗b4 20.♕c4! ♖fe8 21.g4! ♕c8 22.♖e5♞ Van der Wiel–Golubev, 2nd Bundesliga West 1999/2000 was what I gave in "Experts" chapter. Based on my own experience, I can say that this line is not pleasant for Black.

c) 15...♕e6 is proposed as the solution for Black by Emil Wellner, who sent me his analyses by email. An optimistic stuff, where all the lines end in Black's favour! But the optimism is what the Dragon players needs most! I will include below the Wellner's lines without any comments (and will only note that 16.♖e5! in reality seems to be White's best option):

c1) 16.h4 ♖fd8 17.h5 (17.♕d3 ♗b4

18.♖c5 ♔d5 19.♗xa5 ♚xa2+ ♞) 17...♚f6 18.♖c5 ♖c7 19.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 20.♙d3 ♗d5 ♞.
c2) 16.♙c4 ♗fd8 17.♖e5 ♖b4 18.h4 h6 19.h5 g5 20.g3 ♗a3+ 21.♖b2 ♖d6 22.f4 (22.♗hg1 ♙f5 ♞) 22...♙g4 ♞.
c3) 16.c4 ♚b6 17.♖c5 ♗a6 18.♚c3 ♚d7 19.♖xe7 ♗a5 20.♖b2 ♚c5 21.h4 (21.♙d3 ♗ab8 ♞) 21...♖b4 22.♖d6 (22.♖f6 ♗ab8 23.♚e4 ♚xb3 ♞) 22...♖b6 23.h5 ♗ad8 ♞.
c4) 16.♖c5 ♖c7 17.h4 (17.♙c4 ♖f4+ 18.♖b1 ♖g5 ♞) 17...♗fd8 18.h5 (18.♙d3 ♗ab8 ♞) 18...♚f6 ♞.
c5) 16.♖d2 ♖c7 17.♚c5 (17.c4 ♚f6 18.♚c5 ♙f5 19.g4 ♗ad8 ♞; 17.♙c4 ♗fd8 18.♚c5 and now 18...♚f4 ♞ or 18...♙f5 with variants 19.g4 ♚b6 ♞ and 19.♗he1 a5 ♞; 17.h4 ♗fd8 18.♙d3 ♖e5 19.♖b1 ♗ab8 ♞) 17...♗fd8 18.♗e1 (18.♚xe6 ♖e5! ♞) 18...♚f4 19.♚a6 (19.♖c3 ♙c8 20.h4 ♚d5 ♞; 19.♚xe6 ♚xe6 20.♖c3 ♚d4 ♞) 19...♗xd2 20.♚xc7 ♗ad8 21.♚xe6 ♚xe6 22.♙c4 ♗xg2 23.♙xe6 ♗dd2! =/ ♞.

13.♙c5 (D)

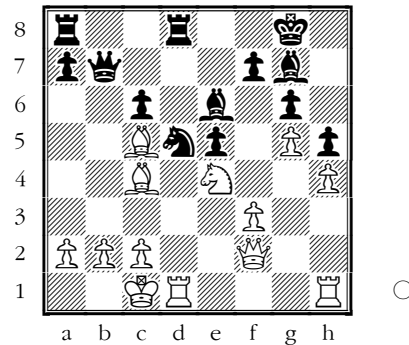


13...♗e8!?

The main continuation is 13...♙e6 14.♚e4 ♗e8 (14...♗b8 15.♙c4 f5 16.♚g5 e4 occurred in Pavlovic-Snape, Hastings Knock-Out 2004. The game, which was annotated by GM Pavlovic in Informator 92 continued 17.c3 ♙h6 18.h4 ♗e8 19.fxe4 fxe4 20.♗he1 ♗a5 21.♙a3 e3 22.♖d3?! ♚f4?! 23.♖xe3 ♙xg5 24.hxg5 ♖xg5 25.♗d7 ♚e2+ 26.♗xe2 ♖xe3+ 27.♗xe3 ♙xc4 28.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 29.♙e7 ♙xa2 30.♙f6 ♗e6 31.♗g7+ ♖f8 32.♙d4 ♙d5 33.♗xh7 ♙c4 34.♙c5+ ½-½. Instead, White can play 17.♙b3, as I proposed in "Experts" but maybe this line deserves additional study?) 15.h4 h6 16.g4 ♖c7 The main move (while 16...♚f4 is an important alternative). My attention was attracted to John Donaldson's review of the Dearing's

book

http://www.jeremysilman.com/book_reviews/jd/jd_play_the_sicilian_dragon.html John writes: "Since GM Mikhail Golubev recently wrote the chapter in how to play against the Dragon in EXPERTS vs. the SICILIAN, and advocated 9.0-0-0, I was curious to see how the two books would compare. The critical point seems to be reached after (...) 17.g5 h5 18.♙c4 ♗ed8 19.♖f2 ♖b7 (d)



20.♗he1 ♚f4 21.♙xe6 ♚xe6 . Now Dearing gives 22.♚f6+ ♙xf6 23.gxf6 ♗a6 24.a3 ♖c4 with good play for Black by way of an antidote to the Ehlvest treatment versus Marin, Calcutta 1997. Golubev gives 22.♙d6 ♗d7 23.♗d2 ♗ad8 24.♗ed1 as slightly better for White, though it looks like a position Black can tolerate, 24...♖b6 or 24...♖b5 are both worth a look." What Donaldson missed there is that 24...♖b6 in fact transposes to the game Psakhis-Komljenovic, Andorra 1994 which followed 25.♖xb6! axb6 26.♙e7! with White's advantage according to Psakhis notes from Informator 61....At my request Patrick Buchmann, the editor of computer site <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/lefouduroi> organised several engines' theme tournaments, where the play began from position after 19...♖b7. The computers, perhaps, did not show too high a level of understanding of this rather positional line, but all games can be found in today's game files, in notes to 'Tornado' vs 'Diablo' game.

14.♚e4

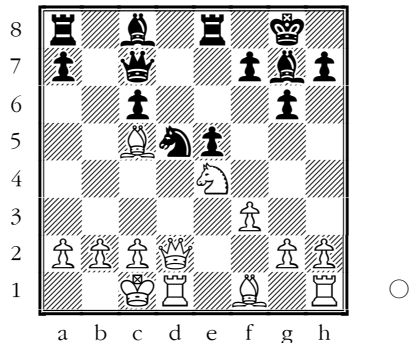
The most principled. The well-known 14.♚xd5 cxd5 15.♖xd5 ♖xd5 16.♗xd5 ♙e6 17.♗d6 ♙xa2 18.b4! allows White to get a slight, but hardly too significant advantage in the endgame.; Another move is 14.♙c4 . Dearing in his book recommends 14...♖h4 (! -

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Dearing) 15.♘d5 cxd5 16.♙xd5 ♕f5!? (a novelty – M.G.) 17.♗e4 (17.g3 ♖h3!?) 17...♞e8 18.♗d6 ♕e6 19.♙e4 ♖g5+ 20.♞d2 ♗h6 with plenty of compensation for Black.

14...♙c7!? (D)



The move, which I prepared for some time before Bundesliga 2001/2 game, were I expected to meet Shirov or Adams. After using it successfully against Shirov, I wrote an article on 13...♞e8 topic in NIC Yearbook 65, but even there missed two important things in further lines. 14...f5 is now under strong suspicion because White has 15.♗d6 ♕f8 16.♗b5! ♗d7 17.♗a4!; While 14...♗e6 just transposes to 13...♗e6.

15.♗d6 After the game against Shirov, I told to Aexei that I was most afraid of this move, and he followed my recipe in the game against Rainer Polzin, who managed to find certain drawbacks in White's concept. The main line is 15.h4! ♞d8 16.h5 f5 (If 16...♗f5, then 17.hxg6 ♗xg6 18.♗c4 is the most precise) and now:

a) 17.hxg6 fxe4! 18.fxe4! ♗e6! 19.exd5 cxd5 20.♗a3!? hxg6 (20...♗f5 21.♞xh7! ♙c6!?) 21.g4 (21.g3!?) 21...e4 22.♙g5 ♙f7∞ occurred in Shirov–Golubev, Bundesliga 2001/2 (½–½, 37) and later in Handke–Polzin, Bundesliga 2002/3 (1–0, 40).

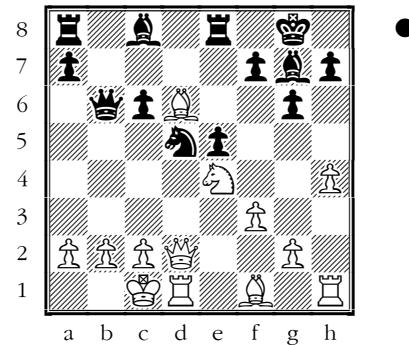
b) 17.♗c3 ♗e6 18.♗c4! also leads to a rather unclear play.

c) 17.h6! (the first thing, missed by me in preparation and in the NIC article) 17...♗h8 (17...fxe4 18.hxg7 exf3 19.♗f8!?)±) 18.♗g5 ♗f6 19.♗c4 ♞b8 and now 20.♗b3?? was Volokitin–Golubev, ACP Internet Blitz 2004, where Black could have played 20...♞xb3 21.axb3 ♗f4±. Instead, White has 20.a4! or 20.b3!?, in both cases his position seems to be strategically dominating because Black

is almost unable to improve the position of his pieces. I am afraid to provide the ultimate conclusion, but after 17.h6! things look unpleasant for Black.

15...♙b6 15...♙d8 16.♗a3 ♙b6!? 17.h4 ♞b8 18.h5 ♗f8 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.♗c4 ♗xa3 21.♗b3!± – "Experts vs. the Sicilian".

16.h4 (D)



Taking into account Black's next move, White can be advised to play 16.♗c5! ♙c7, returning to the position after Black's 14th.

16...♗f6!

The second thing, which was totally missed by me in analyses. Now White has no time for 17.♗c5? because of 17...♗xe4. I considered practically all other sensible Black moves, but without encouraging conclusions. 16...♞d8 17.♗e7! ♞d7 18.♗c5!± is main White's idea behind 15.♗d6 & 16.h4 move order.; 16...♗e3 17.♗c5! ♗xf1 18.♞hxh1!? favours White; 16...f5! 17.♗c5! followed by ♗d6; 16...♗e6? 17.♗c5 ♙c7 transposes to position from Nikulishin–Haba, Voronezh 1981 where the further Czech grandmaster found himself in trouble after 18.h5! ♞ad8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.g3±; 16...h6!? 17.g4 ♗e6 18.g5 h5 gives Black hope to switch to the main lines with 13...♗e6. Polzin's 16...♗f6! which he found over the board probably allows Black to get approximately balanced play. Below I will mainly cite the available notes, and also the brief notes from Rainer which I received from him by email.

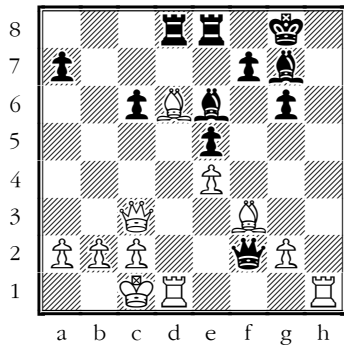
17.h5

If 17.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 18.h5 then, of course, 18...e4± (Rogozenko, CBM)

17...♗xe4

17...♗xh5 18.♞xh5 gxh5 19.♗c5 ♙c7 20.♙g5± was, according to Polzin, Shirov's idea in the game.

18.fxe4 ♖e6 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.♖c3
♜ad8 21.♗e2 ♜f2 22.♗f3 (D)



22...g5

More accurate was 22...♖g3!?, preventing g4 – Polzin

23.b3

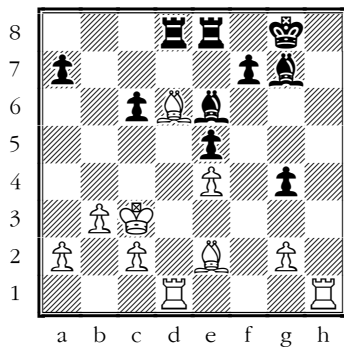
23.g4! is the proposal by Johannes Fischer

(<http://www.chessbase.de/2005/fischerfischer/1/shirovpolzin.htm>). The play could continue 23...♗xg4! (23...♖g3)

24.♗xg4 (or 24.♞hf1 ♖g3 25.♗xg4 ♖xg4 26.♖xc6 ♖e6) 24...♖f4+ 25.♖b1 ♖xg4 26.♖xc6 with a tense fight, and, possibly, somewhat better prospects for White.; 23.♗xe5??, obviously, fails to 23...♗xe5 24.♖xe5 ♖e3+ 25.♖b1 ♞xd1+ 26.♗xd1 ♗xa2+

23...♖g3 24.♖b2 g4 25.♗e2 ♖xc3+ 25...♖xg2!? 26.♖e3 ♗d5 is very interesting – Polzin

26.♖xc3 (D)



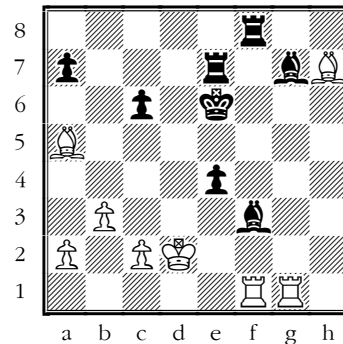
26...♗d5! 27.♗c7 ♞c8 28.♗a5

According to Rogozenko, a bit better was 28.exd5 cxd5 29.♞xd5 ♞xc7+ 30.♗c4 (30.♖d2 f5∞ J.Fischer) 30...e4+ 31.♖d2 ♖f8 32.♖e3 28...♗xe4 29.♗xg4 f5 30.♗h5 ♞e7 31.♗g6 ♗xg2 32.♗xf5 e4+ 33.♖d2 ♞f8

33...♗xh1 34.♗xc8 ♗f3 35.♞g1 ♖f7 (≠ Rogozenko) is just drawish according to Polzin.

34.♗h7+ ♖f7 35.♞hg1

Not 35.♗b4? ♗xh1 36.♗xe7 (36.♞xh1 ♞d8+ 37.♖e2 ♞e6) 36...♗h6+ 37.♖c3 ♞h8 38.♞xh1 ♞xh7 39.♗h4 ♗g7+ followed by 30...♗f6 –+ (J.Fischer). 35...♗f3 36.♞df1 ♖e6 (D)



37.♞xg7!

37.♗g6?! ♗d4≠ J.Fischer

37...♞xg7 38.♗xe4 ♞g2+

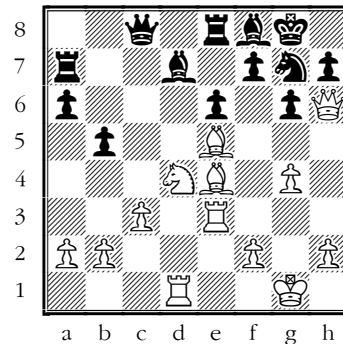
38...♞gf7 39.♗d3 and White hardly risks anything.

39.♖c3 ♗xe4 40.♞xf8 ♞xc2+ 41.♖d4 1/2-1/2.

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24.♞h3 ♗h5 25.♖xh7+! ♖xh7

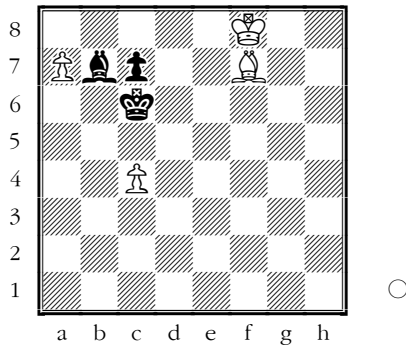
26.♞xh5+ ♗h6 27.♗f6!+-

27.g5?! f5 28.♞xh6+ ♖g8 29.♞xg6+ ♖f8 30.♗f3 →

27...♞h8 28.♞xh6+

28.♞xh6+ ♖xh6 29.♞d3 ♖c5 30.♞h3+ ♖h5 31.♞xh5+ gxh5 32.g5# 1-0.

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White to play and win

- 1. Qd5+ Bb6 2. a8**
2... Qxb7? Bxb7 3. Be7 Bxa7=
2... Qxa8 3. Qxa8 c6! 4. Qb7! Bxb7
4... Bc5 5. Qa6+-
5. c5! Ba6
5... Bc7 6. Be7+-
6. Be7 Ba5
6... Bb5 7. Bd6+-
7. Bd7! Bb5 8. Bd6+- +-

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