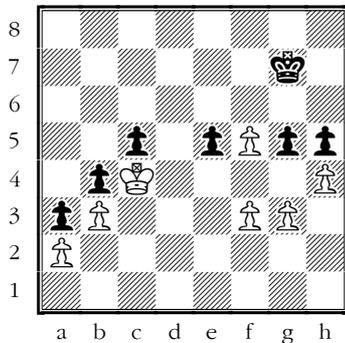


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## World Chess News

### FIDE Wch, Round 2

All four games of Round 2 ended in draws. The meeting of the leaders, **Topalov–Anand** lasted seven hours and became extremely dramatic. See our annotated game for highlights of this encounter. The other three games were not uneventful, but the fight was less tense there. **Kasimdzhanov**, playing White against **Svidler**, agreed a draw on move 24 in an acute, but, as it seems, somewhat better for him endgame. **Adams** showed in his game against **Polgar** a curious novelty in the Taimanov Sicilian (bishop h5 check!) and gradually obtained a strategically superior position. However, Polgar defended well and Adams did not find a good way to develop his initiative. Playing against **Morozevich**, **Leko** once again missed his chances in an open Sicilian with White. The game was quite complicated: Morozevich

sacrificed a pawn and had certain compensation, but after Black's unsuccessful 26<sup>th</sup> move White got a clear advantage. But then Peter played not so confidently, and spoiled the advantage (together with his extra pawn) within some ten moves. Probably it was Morozevich who had more chances for a win in the final part of this long game, but, as in the other games, everything ended peacefully. Brief notes to the games can be found in our gamefiles.

### Round 2 results:

Kasimdzhanov – Svidler ½–½

Adams – Polgar ½–½

Topalov – Anand ½–½

Leko – Morozevich ½–½

### Standings after 2 rounds:

Anand and Topalov – 1½, Adams, Kasimdzhanov, Morozevich and Svidler – 1, Leko and Polgar – ½.

### Round 3 pairings:

Anand–Adams

Morozevich–Topalov

Polgar–Kasimdzhanov

Svidler–Leko

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### Championship on the Web

The World Championship is actively covered at various popular web sites, including [TWIC](#), [ChessBase](#), and [ChessPro](#) (Russian and English!).

Curiously, GM Shipov in his [notes](#) to Round 1 games, found a possible way to a perpetual check from the final position of Svidler–Adams, where the opponents agreed for a draw (24...Rb1 25.Qe2 Rfb8 26.Ra1 R1b2 27.Qxa6 Bxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Qxf2+ 30.Kh1 Qh4+).

As usual, ICC ([chessclub.com](#)) provides live coverage of the games. More than two thousand visitors watched the queen endgame of the Topalov–Anand game.



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## XIV Monarch Assurance Open

Two Alexanders, **Shabalov** and **Areshchenko**, are leading after 6 rounds with 5 points. They will face each other on the top board in Round 7.

### Round 6 top results:

Shabalov – Kobalia ½-½  
Areshchenko – Postny 1-0  
Korneev – Gormally ½-½  
Ikonnikov – Mikhalevski ½-½

### Round 7 top pairings:

Shabalov (5) – Areshchenko (5)  
Kobalia (4½) – Korneev (4½)  
Erenburg (4½) – Galkin (4½)  
Kritz (4½) – Ikonnikov (4½)  
Gormally (4½) – Kuzubov (4)

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## 15<sup>th</sup> World Senior Championship

The championship takes place in Lignano, Italy from 28 September till 9 October. There are 140 participants. Top players are GMs Jansa, Vasiukov and Klovans. After two rounds, there are 25 players with a perfect score. Detailed coverage of the event is provided at: [schach.wienerzeitung.at](http://schach.wienerzeitung.at)

## Annotated Game

by GM Mikhail Golubev

**White: V. Topalov**

**Black: V. Anand**

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*Queen's Indian,*

*4.g3 - [E15]*

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4**

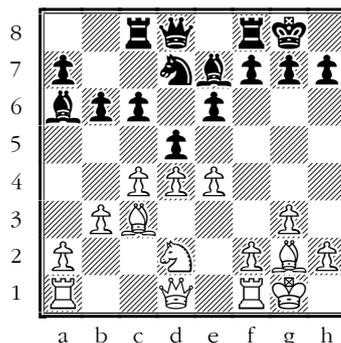
**e6 3.♗f3 b6**

**4.g3 ♖a6 5.b3 ♖b4+ 6.♗d2**

**♗e7 7.♗g2**

In Sofia Mtel Masters tournament, Topalov brilliantly defeated Anand after 7.♗c3 c6 8.e4 d5 9.♖c2 dxe4 10.♗xe4 ♖b7 11.♗eg5! c5 12.d5 exd5 13.cxd5 h6 14.♗xf7!! ♖xf7 15.0-0-0=, etc. But now Veselein goes for a main line.

7...c6 8.♗c3 d5 9.♗e5 ♗fd7  
10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗d2 0-0 12.0-0  
♖c8 13.e4 (D)



On the board is an important theoretical tabia, which is often tested at the highest levels. Black can hope only for equality, but he has a reasonable chance of achieving it.

**13...c5**

Here 13...b5 is a major alternative. In the latest top game, Bacrot-Adams, Dortmund 2005, Black faced problems.

**14.exd5 exd5 15.dxc5 dxc4 16.c6 cxb3 17.♖e1 b2!**

This intermediate move was introduced in 1997 and replaced the old, unsafe continuation 17...♖b5.

**18.♗xb2 ♗c5 19.♗c4**

Another known line is 19.♗a3 ♗f6! 20.♗xc5 bxc5 21.♖c1 ♗g5! (21...♖b5?! 22.♖xc5 ½-½ Shneider-Anand, Bastia rapid 2000 22...♖b6 23.♗e4 ♗e7 24.♖e5! ♖b4 25.♗f6+! gxf6 26.♖g4+ ♖h8 27.♖h5+- Rebel12-Fritz6, Computer tournament, Cadaqu 2000 or 27.♖f5 +-) 22.f4 ♗f6 23.♖h1 ♖b5 24.♖xc5 ♖b6 25.♗e4 with a rather symbolic White advantage (cmarine200 - lazer, www.playchess.de 2001).

**19...♗xc4 20.♖g4 ♗g5 21.♖xc4 ♗d3 22.♗a3**

In the past, the main attention was focused on 22.♗e5 ♗xe1 23.♖xe1 ♗f6! 24.♗xf6 (24.♗h3 ♖d2! 25.♖f1 ♖ce8 26.c7? ♗xe5 27.♖xe5 ♖xe5 28.c8♖ ♖e1+ 29.♖g2 ♖xc8 30.♖xc8+ ♖e8+- Komarov) 24...♖xf6 (½-½ Komarov-Nosenko,

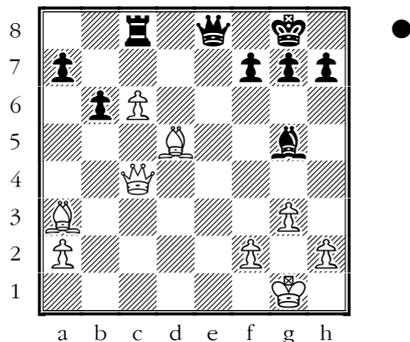
Slavutich 2005 - well there are reasonable doubts that the game was really played) 25.c7 ♖d6 26.♖c1 b5= with equality Kir.Georgiev-Komarov, Yugoslavia 1997

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**22...♖xe1 23.♞xe1 ♞e8 24.♞xe8+!**  
 Topalov shows his preparation and improves upon the only preceding game with 22.♗a3, Sammalvuo-Veingold, Finnish ChT 1997, where White played 24.♗e4

**24...♞xe8 25.♗d5! ♞ (D)**



Black has an extra exchange, but White's c6 pawn is dangerous and his bishop pair is powerful. Certainly, Topalov hoped that he would have better chances here (at least from a purely practical point of view).

**25...h5**

Played after a long think... Was Anand trying to find the objectively best plan? Or maybe he wished to surprise Veselin and avoid any preparation? The play now is complex, and rather unconcrete.

**26.♞g2 ♗e7 27.♗b2 ♗f6 28.♗c1!**  
 Preserving two bishops. Black has nothing to worry about after 28.♗xf6 gxf6

**28...♞e7**

Possible was 28...♞c7!? with idea to meet 29.♗f4 by 29...♗e5 30.♞e4 ♞e7

**29.♗e3**

29.♗f4!? (with idea of 30.c7) was called for. I am hesitating to name a clear reason as to why Veselin refused to make this move.

**29...♞c7**

Now the question to Viswanathan - why not 29...h4?!

**30.h4 ♗e5 31.♞d3 ♗d6**

There certainly would have been a certain logic in 31...♞h8!?, removing the king from a2-g8 diagonal. Anand might have disliked 32.♞e4 with idea 32...♗d6 33.♞f3

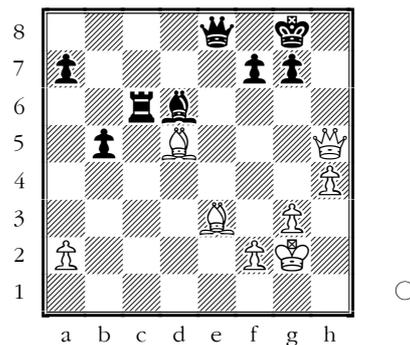
**32.♗g5 ♞e8 33.♞f3 b5!? 34.♗e3**

Topalov plays for a win. 34.♞xh5 ♞xc6! 35.♗xc6 (35.♞g6?! ♞b6!) 35...♞xc6+ leads to equality.

**34...♞e5 35.♞d1 ♞e8 36.♞xh5**

With the bishop on e3, White has additional possibilities.

**36...♞xc6 (D)**



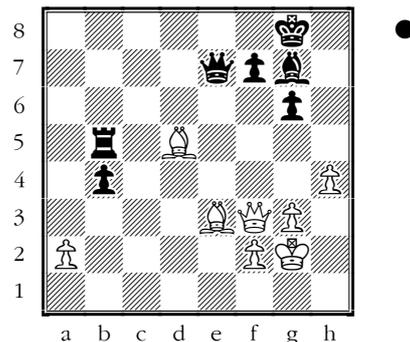
**37.♗xa7**

Interesting, but very uncertain was 37.♞g6!? ♞f8 38.♗d4

**37...♞a6 38.♗d4**

White exchanges his c6 pawn for two black pawns and preserves a very slight initiative

**38...♗f8 39.♗e5 b4 40.♞f5 g6 41.♞f4 ♞e7 42.♗d4 ♞a5 43.♞f3 ♗g7 44.♗b6 ♞b5 45.♗e3 (D)**



**45...♗c3**

A somewhat careless move.

**46.♗g5!**

Creating concrete problems for Black.

**46...♞a7?**

Wrong way. Also not good was 46...♞c7? 47.♞d3! ♞b6 48.♗d8! ♞xd8 49.♗xf7+; But 46...♞f8! still could maintain balance: 47.♞d3 ♞b6 48.♗d8 (or 48.♗e3 ♞f6) 48...♞d6 49.♗c7 ♞f6

**47.♞d3! ♞b6?!**

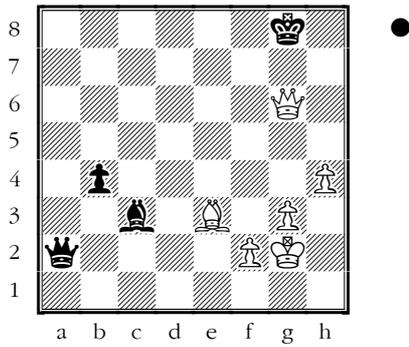
47...♞b6?! does not prevent 48.♗d8!; So, 47...♞a6! 48.♗d8! ♞g7 49.♞g1 ♞d6 50.♞xb5 ♞xd8 with realistic chances for a draw should have been preferred.

**48.♗e3!± ♞a6**

After 48...♞c7 49.♗xb6 ♞xb6 White can create the passed pawn by 50.a4!

**49.♗xf7+! ♞xf7 50.♞d7+ ♞f8 51.♞d8+ ♞f7 52.♞c7+ ♞g8**

53. ♖xb6 ♜xa2 54. ♖xg6+- (D)



White is obviously winning. Now he faces unexpected (at least for me as an online spectator) technical problems...

54... ♜h8 55. ♖c6 ♜f7 56. g4 ♗g7 57. h5 b3 58. ♖e4 b2 59. h6 ♗f6! 60. ♗d4?!

The most clear way to victory was 60. g5! ♖e7 61. ♖xe7 ♗xe7 62. ♗d4+ (not 62. g6?? ♗f6-+) 62... ♜h7 63. ♗xb2 ♗xg5 64. ♗g7+- and Black can resign.

60... ♜g8 61. ♗xf6?

61. ♗xb2!? ♗xb2 62. g5, most probably, was enough for victory. I remember a recent John Nunn article in New in Chess, devoted to such queen endgames, where the strongest side has two extra pawns (g+h), but, as a rule (incredibly) can not win. Here Black also has the bishop, but White's third pawn on the f-file is more important!

61... ♖xf6 62. ♜g3?!

After this move White should not win. But, honestly, I have no clue if he wins in other lines - e.g., 62. f3 ♜h8!

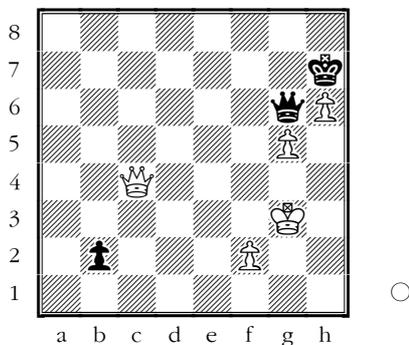
62... ♖b6! 63. ♖c4+

Or 63. ♖b1 ♜h8!

63... ♜h7! 64. g5!

Threatening with mate in two.

64... ♖g6!? (D)



After this move, an extremely interesting situation arose - I would not claim to have mastered all its

nuances. In short, I did not find a win for White. But I have a necessary note that 64... ♖xh6!? 65. gxh6 b1 ♖ is a Draw (!) according to a 6-Man tablebase (the instructions for its online use can be found at [www.chessassistance.com/News/6\\_man\\_tbs.html](http://www.chessassistance.com/News/6_man_tbs.html)) For example, 66. ♖e6 ♖g1+ 67. ♜f3 ♖f1, and so on.

65. ♖c7+ ♜g8! 66. ♖b8+

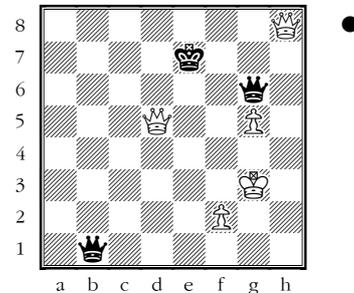
66. ♖d8+ ♜h7! (66... ♜f7 67. ♖d5+! is position, which White would be happy to achieve - more about it later); 66. ♖c8+ ♜f7!

66... ♜f7

Not 66... ♜h7? 67. ♖b7+ ♜g8 68. h7+! ♖xh7 69. ♖xb2, this is one of main White's traps.

67. ♖b7+ ♜f8!

Not 67... ♜g8? 68. h7+; And not 67... ♜e6? 68. ♖c6+! ♜f7 69. ♖d5+ ♜e7 70. h7 b1 ♖ 71. h8 ♖ (D)



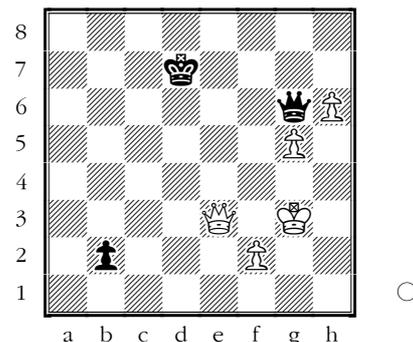
Now Black would be happy to get rid of his two queens (which would lead to stalemate), but this is impossible: 71... ♖g1+ 72. ♜f3! ♖xf2+ 73. ♜xf2 ♖c2+ 74. ♜g3!! ♖f2+ 75. ♜g4! ♖f4+ 76. ♜h5 ♖h2+ 77. ♜g6 ♖xh8 78. ♖f7+ ♜d8 79. ♖f6+-

68. ♖b8+ ♜f7 69. ♖b3+ ♜f8

70. ♖f3+ ♜e7

Not 70... ♜g8? 71. ♖a8+!+-, getting one of two familiar winning positions: 71... ♜f7 (or 71... ♜h7 72. ♖b7+) 72. ♖d5+

71. ♖e3+ ♜d7!? (D)

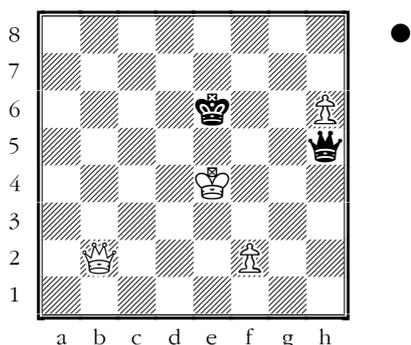


### 72. ♖d4+?

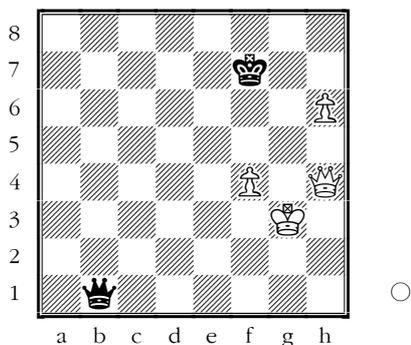
Better 72. ♖a7+ , continuing giving checks. (Still, I do not see a win...)

### 72... ♜e6??

72... ♜d6+! 73. ♜xd6+ ♜xd6 74. h7 b1♖  
75. h8♖ ♜g1+ 76. ♜f3 Qd1+! with perpetual. But not 76... ♜xg5? 77. ♜d4+ and... well, it is "mate in 64" according to Nalimov 5-Man online tablebases, <http://mx2.lokasoft.com/uk/tbweb.htm> (77. ♜b8+! is "mate in 74")  
**73. ♜xb2?** 73. ♜c4+! as far as I see wins: 73... ♜e7 74. ♜c7+! ♜e8 (74... ♜e6 75. ♜c6+; 74... ♜f8 75. ♜d8+) 75. ♜e5+ 73... ♜xg5+ 74. ♜f3 ♜h5+ 75. ♜e4 (D)



**75... ♜f5+?** I could not believe my eyes, seeing this move on ICC. 75... ♜g6+! was just a simple draw. I guess that the players were absolutely exhausted at this stage... **76. ♜e3 ♜g5+?** 76... ♜h3+!= draws, as claims the 6-Man tablebase **77. f4!** Now White is winning again **77... ♜g3+ 78. ♜e4 ♜e1+ 79. ♜f3 ♜f1+ 80. ♜g3 ♜g1+ 81. ♜g2 ♜b1 82. ♜c6+ ♜f7 83. ♜d7+ ♜f6 84. ♜g7+ ♜e6 85. ♜e5+** The key winning idea was 85. f5+!! ♜xf5 86. h7 ♜d3+ 87. ♜h4!  
**85... ♜f7 86. ♜h5+ ♜f6 87. ♜g5+ ♜f7 88. ♜h5+ ♜f6 89. ♜h4+ ♜f7 (D)**



**90. h7?** 90. ♜h5+ (??) would have led to a third repetition; 90. ♜g4!+- was still

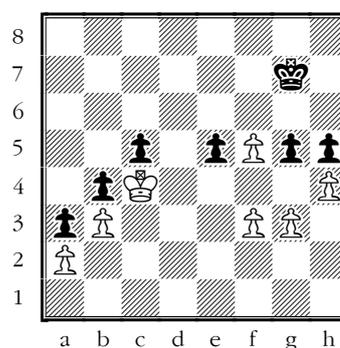
winning.; While 90. ♜g5? ♜e1+ is a draw. **90... ♜e1+!**= Now the drawing mechanism is relatively simple to find.  
**91. ♜g4 ♜d1+! 92. ♜g5 ♜d8+! 93. ♜h5 ♜d5+! 94. ♜g5 ♜h1+! 95. ♜h4 ♜d5+! 96. ♜g4 ♜d1+! 97. ♜g3 ♜e1+!**

A huge disappointment for Topalov, I guess. While Anand could hardly be completely satisfied with the game as well. But the spectators were happy! 1/2-1/2

### Solution to our quiz:

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**63... g4!** [63... gxf4? 64. gxf4 Kf6 65. Kxc5 Kxf5 66. Kxb4 Kf4 = 67. Kc3 (67. Kxa3 Kxf3 68. b4 e4 69. b5 e3 70. b6 e2 71. b7 e1Q 72. b8Q) 67... Kxf3 68. Kd2 e4 69. Ke1 Ke3 70. b4 Kd4 71. Ke2 Kc4 72. Ke3 Kxb4 73. Kxe4 Kc3 74. Ke3 Kb2 75. Kd2 Kxa2 76. Kc2 Ka1 77. Kc1 a2 78. Kc2 stalemate] **64. fxf4 e4! 65. gxf5 e3 66. Kd3 c4+! 0-1**

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