

Smirin, Topalov & Georgiev lead Bosnia 2001

All the players in the top half of the [Bosnia 2001](#) tournament in Sarajevo took half a step forward in the 4th round, while in the bottom half there were two decisive games.

Results of the second round:

Kurajica - Movsesian ½:½

Atalik - Sokolov **0:1**

Dreev - Georgiev ½:½

Smirin - Topalov ½:½

Dizdarevic - Kozul **1:0**

Standing after the fourth round:

1-3. Smirin, Topalov, Georgiev
– 3 points

4. Dreev – 2½

5-7. Dizdarevic, Kurajica, Sokolov – 2

8-9. Movsesian, Kozul – 1

10. Atalik - ½

Pairings for the fifth round:

Kozul - Kurajica

Topalov - Dizdarevic

Georgiev - Smirin

Sokolov - Dreev

Movsesian - Atalik

You can see all the games in our cbv and pgn-files.

Another two supertournaments start this week: -

[The II Merida, Mexico](#) double round robin event takes place 16th-22nd May with Anand, Khalifman, Short and Gilberto Hernández.

Pairing for round 1:

Anand - Khalifman

Hernandez - Short

And if that's not enough then how about the International Super Tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan? Kasparov is going to show us whether he has found a refutation of the Berlin!

Astana City, the new capital of Kazakhstan, hosts an International Super Tournament from May 20 - June 1 dedicated to the 10th anniversary of Kazakhstan's Independence.



The games will start at 3 p.m. local time (GMT +6)

Participants:

Vladimir Kramnik

Garry Kasparov

Alexander Morozevich

Alexey Shirov

Boris Gelfand

and Kazakhstan's top player Darmen Sadvakhasov (2585).

There will be live coverage at

<http://astana.fide.com>

and

<http://www.kasparovchess.com> Category 20 (average rating 2733).



Editors note: Chess Today's correspondent **Vladimir Barsky** will be there as a second of

Alexander Morozevich and will send news for us.

The XXXVI [Capablanca Memorial](#) in Havana, Cuba.

Standing after the 9th round:

1. Vallejo Pons – 6 points out of 8

2-4. Bruzon (8 games), Andersson (9), Miles (9) – 5

5-7. Dominguez (8), Stefansson (8), Hauchard (8) – 4½

The II international tournament "Open Backa Palanka 2001" took place 2nd-10th May 2001. Final standing:
1. Stojanovic – 7 points out of 9
2-3. Markovic, Milu – 6½
4-8. Benkovic, Leskur, Rajlich, Kosanovic, Sanduleac – 6 etc.

Information by Mihajlo Savic on the site <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html>

The Asian Zonal [Championships](#) took place in Colombo May 4th to 14th, 2001. Final standing:
Men.

1. Sasikiran – 9 points out of 11
2. Ganguly – 8½
3. Kunte – 8 etc.

Women.

1. Shah – 7 ½ points out of 9
2. Ghate – 7
- 3-4. Barua, Meenakshi – 6½ etc.

Results of the forth round of the Russian Club Championships in Tomsk.

Group 1:

Maikop – Novokuznetsk **3:3**
Tomsk - Khabarovsk **4½:1½**
Norilsk – Vladivostok **5:1**

Group 2:

St-Petersburg-2 - N.Tagil **4½:1½**
St-Petersburg-1 – Kazan **3½:2½**
Tjumen – Novosibirsk **4½:1½**

Standing after the 4th round.

Group 1: Norilsk – 6 (15½), Maikop – 6 (14½), Novokuznetsk – 5 (15), Tomsk – 5 (14½), Vladivostok – 2 (7½), Khabarovsk – 0 (5).

In the last round the match Tomsk – Novokuznetsk looks interesting.

Group 2: Tjumen – 7 (15½), St-Petersburg-2 – 6 (13), St-Petersburg-1 – 5 (13), Kazan – 3 (12½), Novosibirsk – 3 (10½), N.Tagil – 0 (7½).

Here the tournament situation looks more or less clear.

Starting lists of the four top-teams.

Norilsk: Bareev, Grischuk, Malakhov, Rustemov, Dolmatov, Smagin, Glek, Volzhin

Tjumen: Bologan, Onischuk, Lastin, Motylev, Najer, Prokopchuk, Chuprov, Pliasunov

St-Petersburg-1: Svidler, Sakaev, Korchnoi, Volkov, S. Ivanov, Emelin, Ionov, Lugovoi

Tomsk: Filippov, Vladimirov, Landa, Pigusov, Kotsur, Scherbakov, Makarov, Khasin.

Also see our annotated game section.

<http://www.totalchess.spb.ru/Kalend/Tomsk01.html> and <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html>



Annotated Game

Notes by IM Vladimir Barsky

A Onischuk (2658) – V Loginov (2499)
TCh–RUS Tomsk RUS (3), 15.05.2001
E12

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3

The Petrosian system.

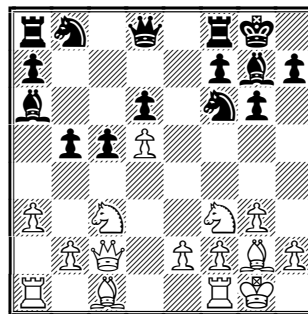
4...c5!?

Black transforms play into an Indian Defence type position.

5.d5 ♙a6 6.♖c2 exd5 7.cxd5 g6

7...♘xd5?? 8.♖e4+

8.♘c3 ♙g7 9.g3 0-0 10.♙g2 d6 11.0-0 b5



12.b4!?

Quite a rare move. The idea is to prevent Black's activity on the Queenside. An alternative plan is a pawn offence in the centre, for example:
12.♖e1 ♘bd7 13.e4 ♖b6 14.h3 ♜ac8
15.♙e3 ♖b7 16.♙f4 b4 17.♘a4 ♙b5
18.♙xd6 ♜fe8 19.axb4 cxb4 20.♖b1 a5≡

Rustemov – Loginov, St. Petersburg 1998.

12...♖bd7 13.♙f4!?N

It looks like a novelty, though there were only a few games in this position. The following is one of them: 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.♙b2 ♖e8 15.♞fe1 ♗b6 16.♘d2 ♞c8 17.♞ad1 ♗b4 18.♘ce4 ♗xe4 19.♘xe4 ♙xb2 20.♞xb2 ♞xe4 21.♙xe4 ♘c4 22.♞b3 ♗xa3 23.d6 ♞d7= R.Bagirov – Sakaev, Dubai 2000.

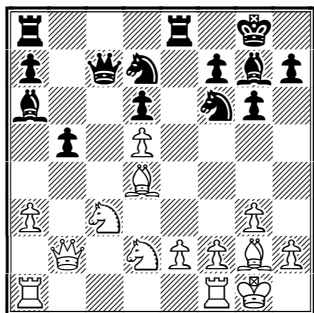
13...♞b6 14.bxc5 ♞xc5!?

After 14...dxc5 15.♞ab1 White develops an unpleasant pressure on the b5 and c5 pawns. But now he receives an important square c6.

15.♙e3 ♞c4

The idea of this move – to provoke Nd2, as opposed to Nf3–d4–c6.

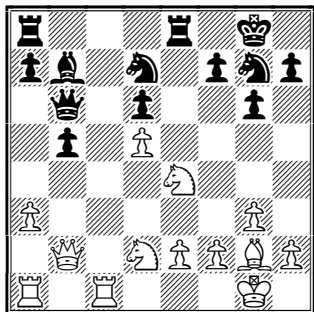
16.♘d2 ♞c7 17.♙d4! ♞fe8 18.♞b2



18...♘h5

Black tries to weaken his opponent's pressure with some exchanges, but his Black squares are becoming very weak. It will be a motive of White's small combination.

19.♙xg7 ♗xg7 20.♞fc1 ♞b6 21.♘ce4 ♙b7



22.♞c6!

It's a point.

22...♙xc6 23.dxc6 ♘c5 24.♗f6+ ♗h8 25.♘xe8 ♞xe8 26.♘b3

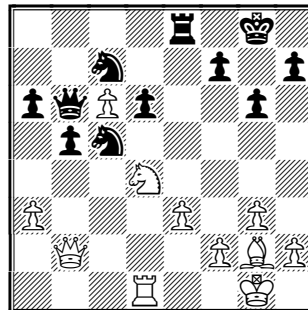
White didn't win any material but as a result of this combination received a

strong passed pawn on c6 and activated his g2 Bishop a little, while black's isolated d6 pawn became rather weak.

26...♙g8 27.♘d4 ♗ge6 28.e3

Of course White doesn't want to connect his opponent's pawns.

28...a6 29.♞d1 ♘c7?!



30.♘c2

Now it's very difficult to protect the d-pawn either on d6 or on d5.

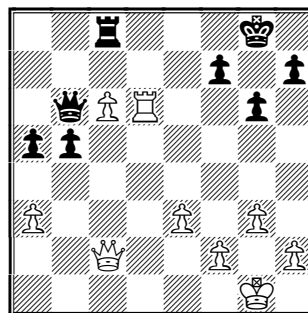
30...d5

Or 30...♞e6 31.♙h3

A) 31...♞xc6!? 32.♙xe6 fxe6 33.♘b4 ♞b6 (33...♞d7 34.♞d4) 34.♞f6!±;

B) 31...f5 32.♙g2 ♗e4 33.♘d4±

31.♘b4 ♗e4 32.♞c2 ♗f6 33.♘xd5 ♗cxd5 34.♙xd5 ♗xd5 35.♞xd5 ♞c8 36.♞d6 a5



37.♞e4!

As is often the case, centralisation is very strong in this type of position.

37...b4 38.axb4 axb4 39.♞d5 ♞f8

Or 39...b3 40.♞d7 ♞f8 41.♞b7+-

40.♞d7 ♞a6 41.c7 1-0

Recommended Web sites:

<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html>

<http://www.ks.gov.ba/bosna2001>

<http://www.chessbg.com>

<http://www.inderr.co.cu/capablanca/>

<http://www.totalchess.spb.ru/Kalend/To msk01.html>

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