

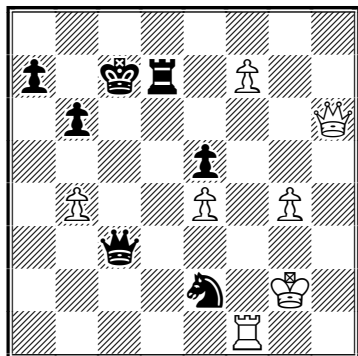
Bruzon wins 2002 Capablanca Memorial; Kosintseva captures 52nd Russian Women's Championship

The 4th round saw the first quick draws at The Julian Borowski tournament in Essen. It seems those who had started poorly decided to take a break in the 4th round. Besides, in the 3rd round Leko equalized easily against Zvjaginsev. But on the next day Vadim showed his great ability again defeating Korchnoi with Black. However, even with 3.5 points he doesn't take sole lead, as Krasenkow won three games in a row after his draw in the 1st round. It is known that Michal is not among the most consistent of players in the world, but his skill is beyond question. He has just won the Polish championship and he seems to be in very good shape. Leko is winning with White, and makes a draw with Black. Three of his games lasted more than 60 moves. Before going over our annotated game take a look at the following interesting positions.

1. R. Kasimdzhanov (2674) – M. Krasenkow (2641)

Borowski GM Essen (GER) (4),
19.05.2002

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41...♔c2!

After 41...♔f4+ White plays 42.♖xf4
♗d2+ 43.♖f2! ♗xh6 44.f8♗=

Krasenkow allows the opponent to promote the pawn!

42.f8♗ ♔f4+ 43.♖g3

The only move.

43...♗g2+ 44.♖h4 ♗xf1!

The attack is going on! With two queens on the board Rustam couldn't save the game.

45.♗ff6?

It seems that 45.♗f5! lead to a draw. The fantastic main line is 45...♗h1+ 46.♖g5 ♔h3+ 47.♖f6! ♖d6+ 48.♗e7! ♖xh6 49.♗d7+ ♖b8 50.♗d8+ ♖b7 51.♗d7+ ♖a6 52.♗a4+ with perpetual check.

45...♗h1+ 46.♖g5

46.♖g3 ♗e1+ 47.♖h2 ♖d2#]

46...♔h3+ 47.♖f5?

47.♖h5 was the only way to continue although Black can still play for win by 47...♔g1+ 48.♖g5 ♗xe4!

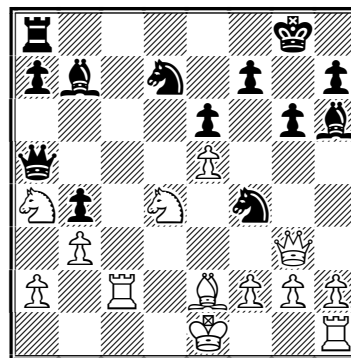
47...♖f1+

White resigned. After 47...♖f1+ 48.♖xe5 (48.♖e6 ♖d6+; 48.♖g6 ♗xf6+ 49.♖xf6 ♖d6+) 48...♗b5+ 49.♖e6 ♖d6+ he loses one of his queens. **0-1.**

2. Kortschnoj, V (2635) – Zvjaginsev, V (2645)

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Black has more than sufficient compensation for the exchange. Korchnoi tries to solve the problems by setting a trap but Zvjaginsev falls into it.

20.0-0 ♔xg2 21.♗xg2! ♔xg2
22.♔c6

The queen has no place to go. The d5-

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square is mined because of Ne7+.

22...♗e3!

Worse is 22...♖c8 23.♗xa5 ♖xc2
24.♗d1

23.fxe3

After 23.♗xa5 ♗xc2 Black is a pawn
up and the e5-pawn will be lost soon. If
24.f4 then 24...♗e3 25.♖f3 ♗d5

23...♗xe3+ 24.♖g2 ♖d5+

A very important check.

25.♗f3 ♖d3 26.♖b2 ♖b5

and Black realized his material
advantage. **0-1.**

The results of the 3rd round

Korchnoi – Dautov 1-0

Zvjaginsev – Leko ½-½

Lutz – Fridman ½-½

Luther – Kasymdzhanov ½-½

Krasenkow – Jussupow 1-0

The results of the 4th round

Dautov – Jussupow ½-½

Kasymdzhanov – **Krasenkow** 0-1

Fridman – Luther ½-½

Leko – Lutz 1-0

Korchnoi – **Zvjaginsev** 0-1

Standings after the 4th round

1-2. **Zvjaginsev, Krasenkow** – 3.5

3. Leko – 3

4-5. Lutz, Korchnoi – 2

6-7. Luther, Jussupow – 1.5

8-10. Dautov, Kasymdzhanov, Fridman
–1

The Capablanca Memorial has finished.
Three games of the last round ended
quickly, except the game of between
the leaders' Bruzon – Vera, contrary to
my expectations. The World Champion
Under-20, **Lazaro Bruzon**, won and
became the first Cuban to win this event
since 1990. The other young Cuban GM,
Lenier Dominguez, managed to beat
Hannes Stefansson and took second
place.

The results of the final round

Dominguez – Stefansson 1-0

Kogan – Nataf 1/2

Bruzon – Vera 1-0

Nogueiras – Zapata 1/2

Arencibia – Morovic 1/2

Final Standings

1. **Bruzon** – 6

2. Dominguez – 5.5

3-4. Vera, Nogueiras – 5

5. Arencibia – 4.5

6-8. Stefansson, Nataf, Zapata – 4

9-10. Morovic, Kogan – 3.5

Tatyana Kosintseva became the sole
winner of the 52nd Women
Championship of Russia. In the last
round she defeated Olga Styazhkina,
while Ekaterina Polovnikova, who had
been leading by half a point, lost her
game to Svetlana Matveeva, and
together with the past year champion
Olga Zimina they shared second place.
Funny, nobody scored 6 points!

The final standings

1. **T. Kosintseva** – 7

2-4. Matveeva, Polovnikova, Zimina –
6.5

5- 9. Grabuzova, Pogonina,
N.Kosintseva, Slavina, Zayac – 5.5

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Standings after the 6th round

1-2. **Guidarelli, Inkiov** – 4.5

3-4. Habu, Marcelin – 4, etc.

♖♗♘

Attack without checking!

White: M. Krasenkow (2641)

Black: A. Jussupow (2618)

*Borowski GM Essen (GER) (3),
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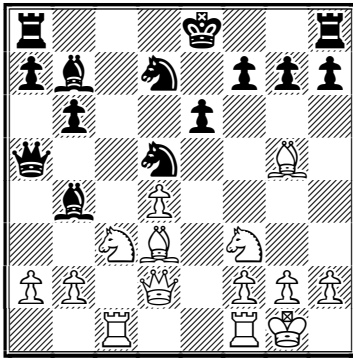
**1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 ♗f6 3.c4 e6 4.♗c3
♗bd7 5.♗g5 c6 6.e3 ♖a5 7.cxd5
♗xd5 8.♖d2 ♗b4**

In this system Black tries to make use
of the pin on the Knight c3.

9.♖c1 c5

9...h6 10.♗h4 and only now 10...c5 (or
10...0-0 is more popular)

**10.♗d3 b6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4
♗b7 (D)**



13.a3!

A typical sacrifice. At the cost of one pawn White obtains the strong center and the pair of bishops aiming at the enemy's kingside. Last but not least: Black's queen is far from the main events.

13...Qxc3 14.bxc3 N5f6!? 15.We3

Of course, the positional threat 15...Ne4 should be parried.

15...0-0

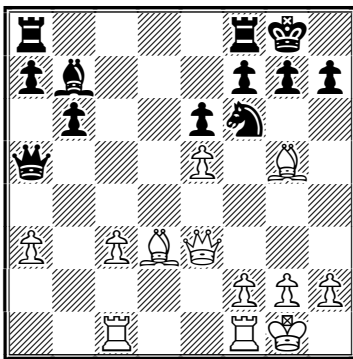
It's too early for 15...Qxf3 16.Wxf3 and the rook a8 is attacked. Now Black is ready to capture on f3.; In case of 15...Wxa3 16.Qxf6?! Nxf6 17.Qb5+ Qe7 Black's king stays in the center, but it's not so bad for him. White doesn't have to exchange his bishop. There are many ways to develop the initiative, for example: 16.c4, 16.Ne5.

16.Ne5

16.Nd2 worth considering. After this move Black had an interesting resource at his disposal.

16...Nxe5 17.dxe5

The ending isn't good for White because of the weak pawns on the queenside. (D)



17...Nd7?!

17...Ng4!?, winning the e5-pawn, deserved serious attention, and if 18.Wh3 f5 19.exf6?! then 19...Wxg5

20.Wxh7+ Qf7 and White's attack is not dangerous. To capture this bishop with the queen is the main tactical idea of this opening variation!

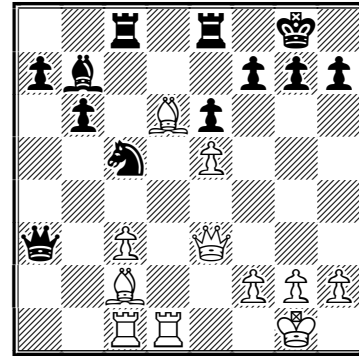
18.Qe7 Bfe8 19.Qd6!

As it will be clear pretty soon, White's position is very strong. Black king is alone in his castle. 19.Qxh7? Qxh7 20.Wd3+ Qg8 21.Wxd7 led to a drawish endgame after 21...Wd5

19...Nc5

The last guard has gone.

20.Qc2 Wxa3 21.Bfd1 Bc8 (D)



22.Bd4!

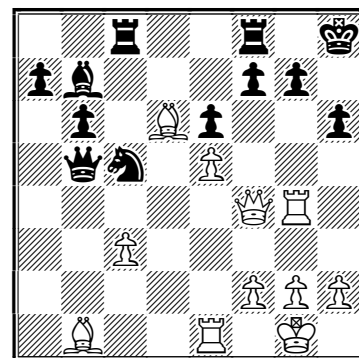
A nice and instructive move. White uses the 4th rank to lift the rook to the kingside.

22...h6 23.Bg4 Qh8 24.Be1 Wb2 25.Qb1 Wb5

Black tries to bring his queen back. 25...a5 loses in view of 26.Qxc5 bxc5 27.Wd3 g6 28.We3! (the hasty 28.Bxg6 fxc6 29.Wxg6 Be7 30.Wf6+ Bg7 31.Wxh6+ Qg8 32.Wxe6+ leads to perpetual check only) 28...Qg7 29.Wf4 Wxc3 30.Bc1 Wb2 31.Qxg6!

26.Wf4 Bf8

Offering the ransom, but Krasenkov gives no quarter.(D)



26...Wd7 didn't save - 27.Bh4 Qg8 28.Wg3 Qh8 29.Wg5!

27.Qe7! Nd3 28.We3

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28.♖xd3 ♔xd3 29.♗f6 also wins.

28...♗fd8

28...♗xe1 29.♖xh6+! gxh6 30.♗f6# is what White was hoping for when playing 28.♖e3.

29.♗f6!

Black resigned. Krasenkow carried out the attack without a single check! **1-0**.

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