

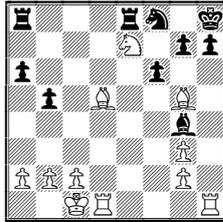
Quiz Today

1. 'Who is the first ever Irish GM?'

Try solving this mystery – the answer is in at the end of this issue. ☺

2. Shamkovich-Kremenietsky

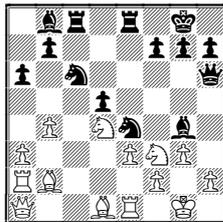
Moscow 1963



White to play

3. Miles-Suba

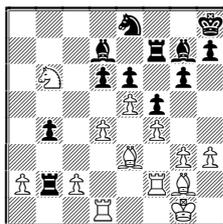
Thessaloniki 1984



Black to play

4. Short - Wang Zili

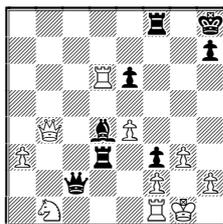
Beijing 2000



White to play

5. Ernst-Timoshenko

Tallinn 1989



Black to play

Chess News

Yesterday round 3 was played at the [European Championship](#) in Istanbul. Here are results from the 10 top tables:

Kotronias-Beliavsky 1-0

Georgiev-Neuerov ½-½

Agrest-Graf ½-½

Gashimov-Dautov ½-½

Ivanisevic-**Nisipeanu** 0-1

Ivanchuk-Gagunashvili ½-½

Grischuk-Socko 1-0

Pavasovic-**Azmaiparashvili** 0-1

Malakhov-Delchev ½-½

Sakaev-Timofeev 1-0

Standings after 3 rounds:

1-2. Kotronias (2597) and Nisipeanu (2606) – 3 points;

3-23. Dautov (2611), Neuerov (2583), Graf (2630), Sakaev (2664), Aleksandrov (2650), Tkachiev (2643), Chuchelov (2592), Atalik (2568), Glek (2551), Arlandi (2456), Grischuk (2701), Bologan (2663), Tregubov (2632), Gagunashvili (2580), Kharlov (2581), Azmaiparashvili (2678), Damljanovic (2587), Kacheishvili (2592), Kiril Georgiev (2647), Gashimov (2579) and Agrest (2591) – 2½ points, etc.

As you can see, only two players still have a perfect score, but there are not fewer than 20 GMs and one IM chasing them! You can find some games from round 3 in our database.

ICCF Champions League

Qualification round

by Ralph P. Marconi

June 15th will mark the end of the first

year of play for the ICCF's team email chess event, [Champions League](#) qualifying round. *Chess Today* has 3 teams entered into this event. Below are the current standings of our teams. Each team plays a total of 40 games; each board 10 games. There are 11 teams per group.



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Chess Today Kings

[Group 9](#)

Bd 1 Al Fichaud (CAN) – 2½/5 (5),
Bd 2 Kerry Redinger (USA) – 2½/9
(1), Bd 3 Andy Ansel (USA) – 5/10
(0), Bd 4 Chris Bradley (USA) –
2½/7 (3)

Total: 12½/31 (9)

Chess Today Bishops

[Group 17](#)

Bd 1 Brian Smith (USA) – 3/5 (5),
Bd 2 Carl Hibbard (ENG) – 1/8 (2),
Bd 3 Carl Heinemann (USA) – ½/8
(2), Bd 4 John J. Mackie (AUS) – 4/7
(3)

Total: 8½/28 (12)

Chess Today Knights

[Group 7](#)

Bd 1 Jonathan O'Connor (IRL) – 5/7
(3), Bd 2 Jack Killane (USA) – 0/6
(4), Bd 3 Doug Schwetke (USA) –
1½/10 (0), Bd 4 Stephane Fombone
(FRA) – 1½/10 (0)

Total: 8/33 (7)

For those interested in viewing the ultimate structure of the ICCF's Champions League go the following webpage:

http://www.tables.iccf.com/email/ChL_eague/structur1.htm

Chess Today received a pretty curious letter, which might be interesting for our UK readers:

"Dear Chess Today,

I am writing from RDF Media, London, England. We are an independent television production company responsible for programmes such as Faking it, Perfect Match, Wife Swap, Shipwrecked, Eden and many more exciting programmes. I am currently working on Faking It, which is a hugely successful format, having won various awards, including a BAFTA, and is one of Channel 4's flagship

shows regularly attracting audiences in the millions. The concept behind the series, as you might know, is based around the idea that we take somebody from one particular background and way of life and place them in a completely alien world. They then have one month to immerse themselves into this new lifestyle and learn the necessary skills involved to then see if they can fake it in front of a panel of judges at the end of this month. You may have witnessed the success encountered in turning an Oxford Undergrad into a hard-knock bouncer, a burger-flipper from Newcastle into a top London Head Chef and more recently, an insurance salesman into a movie stuntman.

I am contacting people involved in the chess world in order to put the word around. We are currently looking for our Faker, we would like to find a UK based male chess player, 25–35 years of age who might be interested in taking part in this hugely popular life changing experience.

Many thanks, Jessica Versluys"

We are happy to assist RDF Media, but would not accept any responsibility – we do not know what you might need to fake! ☺

FAKING IT

CHANNEL 4's BAFTA AWARD
WINNING SERIES IS LOOKING FOR
MALE CHESS PLAYER (ALL LEVELS)

Are you a UK-based 25–35 year old male chess player? Would you like to be taken into a new and exciting world for just one month? If interested or would like more information, please call Jessica on: 020 7751 7383 OR e-mail Jessica.versluys@rdfmedia.com (sorry, only UK applicants to apply)



Cotswold Congress

by Graham Brown

The 36th Cotswold Congress was played on 24th to 26th May 2003 and I helped with the organising, mostly to avoid damaging my grading in an open tournament that was a little too strong for me! Last year I played John Pigott in the first round and did as well as his opponents this year!☺

1 J. Pigott (220) 5½/6

2= C. Crouch (218) 4½/6

2= S. Berry (208) 4½/6

2= N. Moyse (194) 4½/6

Although we had no expert to do it, we decided to try to create a commentary room anyway! We were not as strong as many of the players we were commentating on but everything was taken in a good-natured way and players came in and helped out when they had finished their games. Even when we used Fritz to find mistakes, the victims took it in good spirits!

There was an interesting finish to the tournament involving IM Sherwin who once played a certain Bobby Fischer and I quote from the tournament [report](#):

"The final burst of excitement in the Open section was provided by Sherwin and Beaumont. Beaumont's time trouble prevented him from fully exploiting a better position and eventually resulted in him swapping off into an endgame with Pawn against Bishop. When Beaumont finally ran out of time, Sherwin looked for a win in jest on the grounds that he could set up a mating net, if the pawn was promoted to a Bishop – which the players did not find but the commentary team did over the board without Fritz!! In the end a draw was rightfully agreed with good humour all round."

Also check out Moyes-Curnow at the tournament [website](#) for a bishop and knight mate that we saw done live in our commentary room! We had Fritz to help us!

Web Watch

Today we continue observing various chess websites.

One of my favourite site is [Chess Café](#), which always has interesting chess stuff. Today I found there that 1st of June was a birthday for not few than four Grandmasters – Leonid Shamkovich (1923), Mihai Suba (1947), Nigel Short (1965) and Georgy Timoshenko (1966). This gave me an idea to show tactical positions from their games in our today quiz.

GM Timoshenko (Ukraine) should not be confused with former second of Kasparov GM Timoschenko, who now resides in Slovakia. By the way, I think it was Nigel Short who gave me that 'Who is the first Irish GM?' puzzle.

Anyway, a new feature on the Chess Café website is a column by [Mig](#) (Michael Greengard), who talks on how best use Chess Base and Fritz.

One of most entertaining chess writers on the Internet is undoubtedly Tim Krabbe. He keeps [Open Chess Diary](#) on his [Chess Curiosities website](#). The latest entry (of May 30) is called 'Chess and Go' – well-worth a visit! On the Chess Base website you can [read more about Tim](#) himself, who recently turned 60.

[Chess FM website](#) is certainly the most interesting of the chess sites which appeared recently. One of its regular features is Chess & Books talk show with Fred Wilson, who also has his own [website](#). Fred's next guest on Tuesday June 3rd. will be Dr. Frank Brady, who was the first editor of Chess Life magazine, and the creator, editor and publisher of the highly-regarded and much sought-after brief-lived ChessWorld magazine. He is also, famously, the author of "Profile of a Prodigy", a biography of Bobby Fischer. Tune-in to the [live broadcast](#) Tuesday at 9:00pm ET and replays on Tue. at 11:00pm ET and Wed. at 12:00pm ET.

Another site, which started recently (January 2003), is [Correspondence Chess Server](#) (CFC). It is a commercial project – the server offers prize

tournaments and other services to its members, as well as discount in certain online chess shops.

[CFC championship](#) with start on the 1st of July – with 30,000 euro for first prize! Several FIDE-GMs, for example Lutz, Volkov, Fridman, Zarnicki, Tyomkin, etc, play at CFC. The server also started a shop with annotated CC games, opening surveys, ebooks where the material is offered online, paid online, downloaded at the server and the author gets instant payment on his CFC account (money could be transferred then to normal bank accounts) – check it out!



**What's New at
ChessPublishing.com in 2003?**
by GM Tony Kosten

[ChessPublishing.com](#) never stops improving:

- two great new GM writers, both amongst the most popular chess writers in the World: King's Indian specialist Joe Gallagher, and Daring d-pawn king Glenn Flear.
- a new look to make it easier to find the information you want
- new improved JavaScript 'pop-up' games with lots of new features, including AutoPlay
- great new Forum where you can discuss openings both with other chess fans and also with the ChessPublishing GMs!

And of course, on top of all this, thousands of the most recent annotated games, and over 60 eBooks!

As you can see, today we did not feature any annotated game. The reason is simple – we do not want to be too predictable! But next week IMs Vladimir Barsky and Nikolai Vlassov will keep you busy with the latest chess analysis.

To my great surprise, my four-day duty as *CT* maker, has not quite depleted my editorial pipeline – so I will be back with editorial comments and some additions – stay tuned!

Solutions to Quiz Today:

1. The first Irish GM is **Timoshenko** – Tim O'Shenko!

2. Shamkovich–Kremenietsky:
22. ♖xh7+! 1-0

3. Miles–Suba:
20... ♗xf2!! 21. ♖xf2 ♗e5 22. ♖b1?
[Better was 22. ♖g1 although Black has a very strong attack after 22... ♗d3]
22... ♗xf3 23. ♗xf3 ♗xf3 24. ♖xf3 ♖xh2 25. ♗d4 ♖xg3+ 26. ♖e2 ♖g2+ 27. ♗d3 ♖e4+ 0-1

4. Short – Wang Zili: **22. ♖a1! 1-0**

5. Ernst–Timoshenko:
29... ♖xf2+! 30. ♖xf2 ♗d1+ 0-1

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