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### My Favourite Game of 2010

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My personal favourite game this year was the top clash from the Chess Olympiad between arch rivals America and Russia. These teams have had many memorable matches throughout the 85 year history of the Olympiad, especially when Bobby Fischer was taking on the Russian World Champions Botvinnik, Tal and Spassky. Now the USA have a new top player. Nakamura has proved himself to be one of the very best fast players in the World, but would he stand up to ex-World Champ Kramnik in a long game?

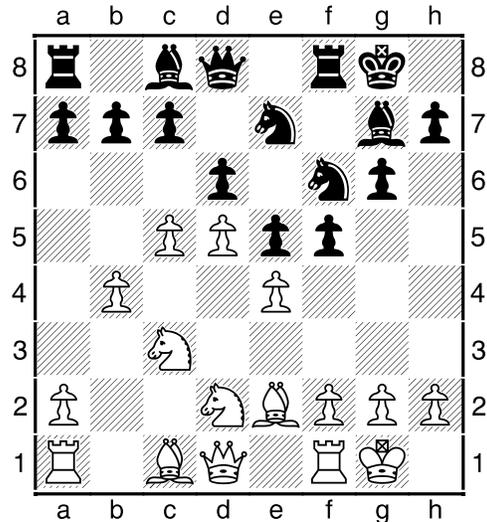
**Kramnik, Vladimir (2780)**

**Nakamura, Hikaru (2733)**

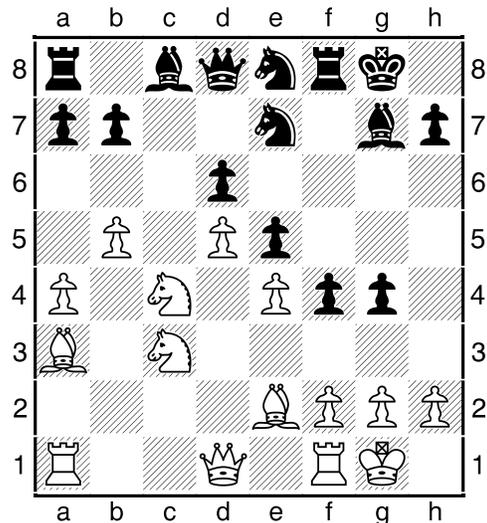
*39th Olympiad, Khanty-Mansiysk*

1.  $\text{d}3$   $\text{d}6$  2.  $\text{c}4$   $\text{g}6$  3.  $\text{d}c3$   $\text{g}7$  4.  $\text{e}4$   $\text{d}6$   
5.  $\text{d}4$  0-0 6.  $\text{e}2$   $\text{e}5$  7. 0-0  $\text{d}c6$  8.  $\text{d}5$   $\text{d}e7$   
9.  $\text{d}d2$   $\text{d}e8$  10.  $\text{b}4$   $\text{f}5$  11.  $\text{c}5$   $\text{d}f6$

You can already see this is going to be an exciting game. This opening (King's Indian) allows Black to attack towards the king-side with a Pawn Storm and White to do the same on the Queen side. The main objective of your pawn storm is to swap pawns to give your strong pieces scope to attack.



12.  $\text{a}4$   $\text{f}4$  13.  $\text{d}c4$   $\text{g}5$  14.  $\text{e}a3$   $\text{g}4$  15.  $\text{cxd}6$   
 $\text{cxd}6$  16.  $\text{b}5$   $\text{d}e8$



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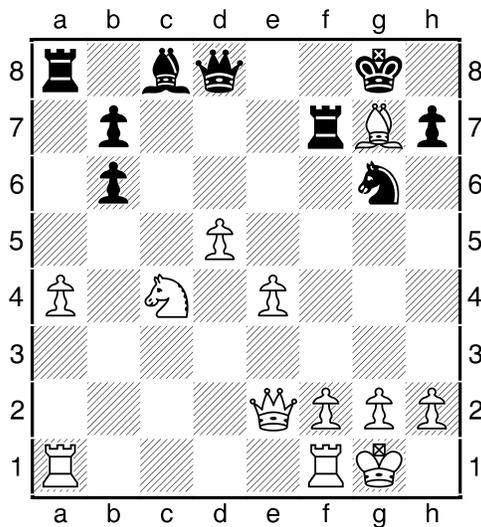
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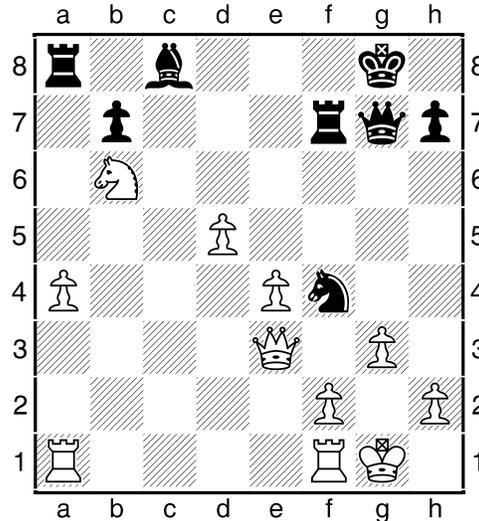


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17. ♖xg4 ♔c7 18. ♙e2 f3 19. b6 axb6  
20. ♗b5 fxe2 21. ♚xe2 ♔d8 22. ♗bx6  
♗xd6 23. ♙xd6 ♜f7 24. ♙xe5 ♗g6  
25. ♙xg7



25... ♗f4 26. ♚e3 ♔g5 27. g3 ♚xg7  
28. ♗xb6



28... ♙g4 29. ♗xa8 ♗e2+ 30. ♖g2 ♙f3+  
31. ♚xf3 ♜xf3 32. ♖xf3 ♗d4+ 33. ♖g2  
♚f8 34. ♜fe1 ♚xa8 35. ♜ed1 ♗c2  
36. ♜ac1 ♚xa4 37. d6 ♚xe4+ 38. ♖g1  
♗d4 39. d7 ♗f3+ 40. ♖f1 ♗xh2+  
41. ♖g1 ♗f3+ 1/2-1/2

I was watching this game live on the internet along with about 1500 other people including Grandmasters. Everyone thought that Kramnik had survived the complications and that Nakamura would move his rook across to b8. But Nakamura took a long time to make his move, about 40 minutes, and everyone started to wonder what he was thinking about. Did he have some amazing idea in mind?



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