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## Michael Adams Annotates:

### Adams-Bareev Halkidiki 2002

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The Greek prefecture of Chalkidiki hosted this year's European Club Cup between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The text below is generally meant only as a brief recount of the event and is mainly focused on the game between Michael Adams and Evgeny Bareev. The analyzed game was played on board one during the third round match between the eventual winners ("Bosna", Bosnia & Herzegovina) and the runner-ups from Russia ("Norilsky Nikel": Bareev, Dreev, Zvjaginsev, Malakhov, Tregubov, Rustemov, Glek and Dolmatov), which probably qualifies it as one of the tournament's most important moments. Each of the 43 teams that were competing for the most prestigious European team trophy included six players plus two reserves. The rating favorites from France ("NAO Chess Club": Grischuk, Svidler, Lautier, Bacrot, Fressinet, Nataf and Hauchard) led the way throughout most of the tournament despite the absence of Vladimir Kramnik, yet failed to triumph due to the last round loss to Norilsky that relegated them to fourth place overall, behind the bronze medalists from Poland ("Polonia Plus": Ivanchuk, Judit Polgar, Krasenkow, Macieja, Kempinski, Rozentalis, Socko and Markowski). The eventual winners were only too happy to seize the opportunity, and the trophy deservedly went on to the



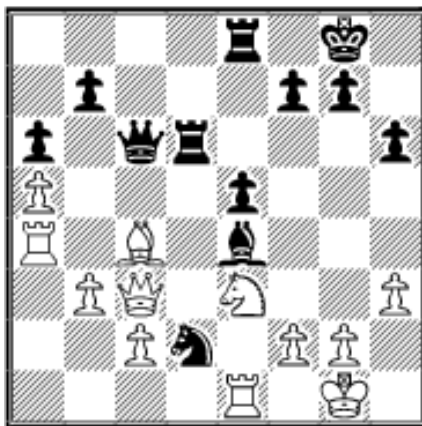
Bosnian capital, as all the playing members of the winning team (Adams, Shirov, I. Sokolov, Movsesian, Radjabov and Kozul; GMs Kurajica and Dizdarevic did not play) managed to score above 50%.

Michael Adams, our hero of the day, was one of the two most prominent absentees from the Russia vs. The Rest of the World clash (Veselin Topalov was the other missing superstar), so there was a certain air of expectancy regarding his performance in Greece. The annotated game is quite representative of his turbulent play in Kalithea, since he managed to emerge as a survivor only after some hard times suffered during the game. His reaction to Bareev's pet French was rather innocuous, and the meek 13. Re1? did nothing to prevent Black from advancing his e-pawn. The Englishman immediately found himself experiencing serious difficulties while his opponent gradually kept improving the position. However, there were several phases to the game that were interspersed with inaccurate choices from both sides, and Bareev was unfortunate enough to make the last mistake, which is a bit of a downer. After 31...Red8? Adams completely turned the tables – he was back in the saddle, and after a brief exchange of a few mandatory tactical shots, it all came down to his impeccable technique right through the to bitter end for his opponent. What else can I say – sit back and enjoy the game...

### *Adams — Bareev 2726 Halkidiki 2002*

**1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. ed5 Qd5 5. dc5 Bc5 6. Ngf3 Nf6 7. Bc4 Qc6 8. Qe2 [8. 0-0] 8...Nbd7 [8... 0-0 – 4/213] 9. Nb3 a6 10. a4 [10. Nc5 Nc5 11. a3 b5 12. Ba2 Bb7 13. 0-0 0-0 unclear; 11. Bg5!?] 10...Bd6 11. 0-0 Qc7 N [11... 0-0] 12. a5 [12. Rd1 Ne5 13. Ne5 Be5 14. g3 unclear; Better is 12. Nbd4] 12...0-0 13. Re1? [better is 13. Nbd4; 13. h3] 13...e5! [13... Ng4 14. h3 Nge5 15. Nbd2 unclear] 14. Nbd2 [14. Bd3 Re8 15. Ra4 b5 16. ab6 Nb6 17. Rh4 e4 18. Be4 Bb7 19. Nbd2 Ne4 20. Ne4 f5 and Black is superior] 14...h6 15. b3 [15. c3 Re8 16. Nf1 e4 17. Nd4 Ne5 and Black is superior] 15...Re8 16. Ne4 [16. Ba3 Ba3 17. Ra3 e4 18. Nh4 Qc5 and Black is superior] 16...Ne4 17. Qe4 Nc5? [better is 17... Nf6 18. Qh4 e4 19. Nd2 (19. Nd4 Re5 20. Be2 Ra5 and Black is superior) Be5 20. Ra2 Bf5 21. Nf1 and Black is superior] 18. Qh4 [18. Qg6 Be6 19. Be6 Re6 20. Qh5 e4 and Black is superior] 18...Be6 19.**

**Nd2?** [19. Bb2 Bc4 (19... Be7 20. Be5) 20. Qc4 e4 21. Qc3 (21. Qd4 f6 22. Qd5 Kh7 23. Nh4 Bh2 24. Kf1 Be5 and Black is winning) f6 22. Nd4 Bh2 and Black is superior; Better is 19. Be3 Be7 (19... Rac8 20. Rad1 Be7 21. Qg3 Bc4 22. Bh6 Ne6 23. bc4 e4 24. Qg4 ef3 25. Re6 Bf8 26. Re8 Re8 27. Be3 fg2 28. Rd5 unclear) 20. Qg3 Bc4 21. Bh6 Ne6 22. bc4 Bd6 23. Rad1 unclear] **19...Rad8** and Black is superior [19... Bf5!?] **20. h3** [20. Be6 Ne6 21. Nc4 Nd4 and Black is superior] **20...Bf5 21. Ra2 Bg6** [21... Ne6!?] **22. Nf1** [22. Qg4 Kh7] **22...Qc6 23. Ne3** [better is 23. Be3] **23...Be7 24. Qg3** [24. Qg4 Rd4 and Black is superior] **24...Ne4 25. Qf3 Bc5** [25... Bb4 26. Rf1 Rd6 and Black is superior] **26. Ra4 Bd4!** [26... Kh7? 27. Bf7 Bf7 28. Qe4 Qe4 29. Re4 and White is slightly better] **27. Nd1 Rd6** [27... Nc3 28. Qc6 bc6 29. Nc3 Bc3 30. Rf1 Bc2 31. Ba6 Bb3 32. Ra3 Rb8 33. Be2 and Black is superior] **28. Be3 Be3** [28... Rf6 29. Qe2 Bc3 30. Rf1] **29. Qe3** [29. Re3 Red8 30. Nc3 Rf6 and Black is winning; 29. Ne3 Rf6 and Black is winning] **29...Nd2! 30. Qc3** [30. Rb4 Bc2 31. Rb6 Qd7 and Black is winning] **30...Be4 31. Ne3** [31. f3 Bf3 and Black is winning]



**31... Red8?** [31... Rg6? 32. Qd2 Bg2 33. Bd3 and White is superior; Better is 31... Bg2 32. Ng2 Rg6 (32... Nf3 33. Kf1 Ne1 34. Ne1 Qh1 35. Ke2 e4 with initiative) 33. Bf7 Kf7 34. Qc6 Rc6 35. Re3 Rc2 and Black is superior] **32. Ng4! Bg2** [32... Re8 33. Re2 Bg2 34. Rd2 Bh3 35. Nf6 and White is superior] **33. Ne5 Nf3 34. Qf3** [34. Nf3 Bf3 35. Kh2 Rg6 and Black is winning] **34...Bf3** [34... Qf3 35. Bf7 Kh7 (35... Qf7 36. Nf7 Kf7 37. Kg2 and White is superior) 36. Nf3 Bf3 and White is slightly better] **35. Bf7 Kh7 36. Nc6 Rc6** [better is 36... Bc6 37. Rg4 g5 38. Bc4 Rd1 39. Kf1 and

White is slightly better] **37. Rf4 Bd1** [37... Rd1 38. Rd1 Bd1 39. Rb4 and White is superior] **38. Re7 b6** [38... Bc2 39. Rb7 and White is superior; 38... Rc5 39. b4 Rg5 40. Kh2 Bc2 41. Rb7 and White is superior] **39. ab6** [39. Be8 Rcd6 40. Rc4 ba5 41. Rcc7 Kh8 and White is slightly better] **39...Rb6 40. Rc7 Rd2 41. c3! a5** [41... Bb3 42. Bb3 Rb3 43. Rg4 and White is superior; 41... Rd3 42. Kg2] **42. h4** [42. b4!? a4 43. Kg2 and White is superior] **42...h5?! [42... Bb3 43. Bb3 Rb3 44. Rg4 and White is superior; Better is 42... Rd8 43. b4 ab4 (43... a4 44. h5 Bc2 45. Ra7 and White is superior) 44. Rb4 Rb4 45. cb4 Rb8 46. h5 and White is superior] 43. Rc5 Rd3?** [43... g6 44. Ra5 Bb3 45. Bb3 Rb3 46. Rf7 (46. Ra7 Kg8 47. Rf6 Rc3 48. Rg6 Kh8 49. Rh6 Kg8 50. Rh5 Rf3 51. Rg5 Kh8 and White is superior) 46...Kg8 47. Rc7 Rb8 48. Raa7 and White is superior] **44. Bd5!** (and White is winning) **44...Kh6** [44... g6 45. Rf7 Kh6 46. Rc8; 44... Rg6 45. Kf1 Rd5 46. Rd5 Bb3 47. Rh5 Kg8 48. Ra5] **45. Rf8 Rg6** [45... Rh3 46. Be4 g6 47. Rc7 Rh4 48. f4 Rf4 49. Rf4 Bb3 50. Rc6] **46. Kf1 Rg4 47. Rh8 Kg6 48. Rc6 Kf5 49. Rh5** [49... Kf4 50. Rc4; 49... g5 50. Be6; 49. Be6 Ke4 50. Bg4 hg4 51. Rc4 and White is winning] **1 : 0** [Adams]

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