



Григорий Александрович Гельбак (1863 - 1930), участник Всероссийских турниров, победитель турнира первой категории (1901). Участник первого официального чемпионата Петербурга 1910 года (7 место). После революции переехал в Москву.

Гельбак, Григ. Александр. — один из старейших русск. шахматистов; род. в 1863 г. в Житомире. В 1886 г. переселился в Петербург, где принимал активное участие в шах. жизни. В 1895 г. основал Общество поощрения шах. игры, просуществовавшее 2 года. Лучшие успехи: раздел VI приза с Ненароковым в I Всеросс. турнире (Москва 1899) и I приз в петербургском турнире I кат. 1901 г.

Grigory Helbach (Hellbach, Gelbach, Gelbak) (13 January 1863 - 3 August 1930) was a Russian [chess](#) master.

He tied for 6-7th at Moscow 1899 (the 1st [All-Russian Masters' Tournament](#), [Mikhail Chigorin](#) won),^[1] took 6th at St. Petersburg 1900 (Chigorin and [Alexander Levin](#) won), shared 1st with [Sergey Lebedev](#) at St. Petersburg 1901, took 7th at St. Petersburg 1902, shared 1st at St. Petersburg 1903, took 15th at St. Petersburg 1905/06 (the 4th RUS-ch, [Gersz Salwe](#) won),^[2] and tied for 15-16th at St. Petersburg 1909 (All-Russian Amateur Tournament, [Alexander Alekhine](#) won).^{[3][4]} He won a game against [Alexei Alekhine](#) in a friendly team match St. Petersburg vs. Moscow (6 : 3) in 1911.^[5]

Helbach vs Alapin 1905 - The Sunday Times Perth

The Sunday Times, Perth

8 April 1906

The habitation of Australia most western city, Perth was given a thread of chess column, every week on The Sunday Times.

Game:

Grigory Helbach vs Semyon Alapin 0-1, St Petersburg 1905

French Defence

This game featured as "Our Gallery of Games" already known.

FIRST SECTION

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CHESS DRAUGHTS

OUR GALLERY OF GAMES.

Game No. 129.—"French Defence."
Played 10th January, 1906, at St. Petersburg, in the Russian National Tournament.

White, G. Hellbach Black, S. Alapin

1 P-K 4	P-K 3
2 P-Q 4	P-Q 4
3 Kt-Q B 3	Kt-K B 3
4 P-K 5 (a)	K Kt-Q 2
5 P-B 4	P-Q B 4
6 P x P (b)	K x P
7 Q-Kt 4	Castles (c)
8 Kt-B 3	P-B 4
9 Q-R 3	B-K 2? (d)
10 B-K 2 (e)	Kt-Q B 3
11 P-K Kt 4	P-K Kt 3 (f)
12 Castles (Q)	K-R
13 P x P	Kt P x P
14 R-Kt	R-K Kt (g)
15 B-K 2	P-Q R 3 (h)
16 R x B ch	Q x R
17 R-Kt	Q-B 2
18 B-B 2	Kt-B
19 Kt-K Kt 5	B x Kt
20 R x B	K(-Kt 3 (i)
21 B-R 5	K-Kt 2
22 Kt-K 2	B-Q 2
23 B-R 4	B-K
24 B x Kt	P x B
25 R-Kt 3 (j)	Q-Kt
26 B-B 6 ch	Kt-R 2
27 Q-Kt 2	B-Q 2
28 R-K R 3	R-K B
29 R-R 6 (k)	K-K (l)
30 R x P	Q-R 2
31 Q-Kt 5	Resigns (m)

(a) The ordinary move 4. B-Kt 5 does not please Dr. Tarrasch, on account of the reply 4..... B-Kt 5. White, however, obtains the better game by continuing with 5. P x P, Q x P: 6. Kt-B 3, Kt-K 5; 7. B-Q 2! The text move 4. P-K 5, we may note, is recommended by Steinitz.

(b) It is very remarkable that Dr. Tarrasch should recommend this line of play, as White gives up the centre.

(c) P-K Kt 3 might be considered, but Castling is the safer course.

(d) In order to prevent Kt-K Kt 5, Black should have played 9..... P-K R 3, followed by B-B 2. The Bishop was well posted where it stood at Q B 4.

(e) White has now the better game. Black's move, B-K 2, was a mistake.

(f) Less defensive, but better, would have been 11..... P x P; 12, Q x P, Kt-B 4.

(g) He has nothing better. White simply threatens to play B-K 2, and to double his Rooks in the open file.

(h) It is difficult to find a good move for Black in this position. He has no good defence against White's strong attack, which is conducted in a masterly fashion.

(i) 11..... B-Q 2; 11, B-R 5, Q K 2; 22, B-R 4; Q-Kt 5 or B 4; 23, Q-Kt 3 and wins.

(j) Threatening to win the Queen by B-B 6 ch, etc.

(k) Sufficient to win would have been 29, R-R 8, Q x B; 30, B x Q, R x B; 31, Q-Kt 5.

(l) Any other move would have been replied to by Q-R 3 or Kt 5, with a winning position.

(m) For if, Q x P, then 32, R-R 6, etc.

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8 April 1906 - [Advanced Search - NLA Newspapers](#)

Best World Rank: **#66** (on the [March 1901 rating list](#))

Highest Rating: **2474** on the [March 1901 rating list](#), #66 in world

Grigory Helbach

Number of games in database: 32

Years covered: 1891 to 1909

Overall record: +4 -17 =11 (29.7%)*

* Overall winning percentage = (wins+draws/2) / total games
Based on games in the database; may be incomplete.

MOST PLAYED OPENINGS

With the White pieces:

[Ruy Lopez](#) (5)

[C66](#) [C77](#) [C84](#) [C70](#) [C67](#)

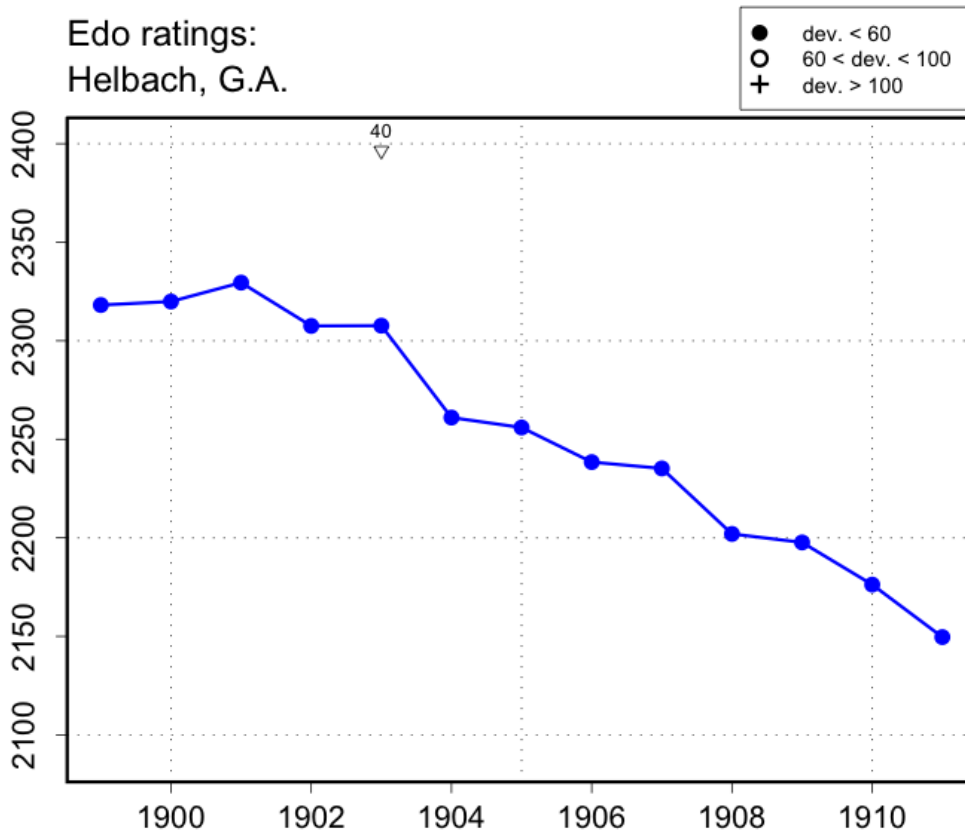
With the Black pieces:

NOTABLE GAMES: [[what is this?](#)]

[NN vs G Helbach, 1891](#) 0-1

NOTABLE TOURNAMENTS: [[what is this?](#)]

[All Russian Amateur](#) (1909)



Ratings

Year	Rank	Edo	Dev.	Games
1899	108	2318	(53)	12
1900	115	2320	(47)	18
1901	104	2330	(45)	12
1902	117	2308	(44)	13
1903	125	2308	(43)	13
1904	175	2261	(38)	35
1905	190	2256	(39)	22
1906	216	2238	(39)	25
1907	221	2235	(43)	11
1908	262	2202	(44)	12
1909	276	2198	(41)	27
1910	285	2176	(46)	9
1911	306	2150	(48)	23

[Rating table notes](#)

Biographical data

Name: **Helbach, Grigory A.**

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Died: 3 Aug. 1930

References

Books

Di Felice, Chess Results, 1747-1900, page 225

Di Felice, Chess Results, 1901-1920, page 305, 305

Gaige, Chess Personalalia, page 136, 168

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Web

Sarah. [Biographies of Prince Dadian] (*broken*)

Tournament data

Moscow 1899 (1)	1st All-Russian Championship - Major Section	7.5 / 13
Saint Petersburg 1900	Saint Petersburg Tournament	8.5 / 18
Saint Petersburg 1901 (1)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	9.5 / 13
Saint Petersburg 1902 (1)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	6.5 / 13
Saint Petersburg 1903 (2)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	9.5 / 13
Saint Petersburg 1904 (1)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	5.5 / 11
Saint Petersburg 1904 (2)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	0.5 / 4
Saint Petersburg 1904 (3)	Saint Petersburg Gambit Tournament	9.5 / 11
Saint Petersburg 1904 (4)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	3 / 9
Saint Petersburg 1905 (1)	Rice Gambit Tournament	5.5 / 14
Saint Petersburg 1905 (2)	Saint Petersburg Club - 2nd Class Tournament	4.5 / 6
Saint Petersburg 1905 (3)	Saint Petersburg Club - 1st Class Tournament	0 / 2
Saint Petersburg 1906 (1)	4th All Russian Tournament	3.5 / 14
Saint Petersburg 1906 (2)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	4.5 / 11
Saint Petersburg 1907 (2)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	4 / 6
Saint Petersburg 1907 (3)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	2 / 5
Saint Petersburg 1908	Saint Petersburg Tournament	2 / 12
Saint Petersburg 1909 (2)	All-Russian Hauptturnier	5 / 16
Saint Petersburg 1909 (3)	Saint Petersburg Tournament	6 / 11
Saint Petersburg 1910	Saint Petersburg Tournament	2.5 / 9
Saint Petersburg or Moscow (?) 1911	Saint Petersburg - Moscow Match Helbach, G.A. - Alekhine, A.A. (2)	1 - 0
Saint Petersburg 1911 (1)	Saint Petersburg City Championship	1.5 / 7
Saint Petersburg 1911 (3)	All-Russian Nebenturnier	5 / 15