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The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 109

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The Younger One Stood Out

Former World Champion Ruslan Ponomariov was in great form throughout the super tournament in Dortmund and admirably triumphed. He won a two game mini-match against GM Vladimir Kramnik, many times victor of this tournament, with 1½-½. It was his spectacular victory in the second round that practically decided the tournament. In fact the Chess Informant jury found this to be so beautiful an opening that it convincingly won the vote for best game by one of the widest margins ever seen in the history of our voting. It is also interesting that R. Ponomariov has another victory, against GM A. Naiditsch from Dortmund, among the best ten games.

DESET NAJBOLJIH PARTIJA PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЕТ ЛУЧШИХ ПАРТИЈ ПРЕДЈУЋЕТО ТОМА • THE BEST TEN GAMES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN BESTEN SCHACHPARTIEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX MEILLEURES PARTIES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ MEJORES PARTIDAS DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI MIGLIORI PARTITE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO BÄSTA PARTIERNA I FÖREGÅENDE VOLYM • 上一卷最优秀的十盘棋 • الأشواط العشرة الأهم الواردة في العدد السابق

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1. R. PONOMARIOV – KRAMNIK	309	8	8	10	6	10	7	10	59
2. SUTOVSKY – A. ONISCHUK	201	10	3	9	10	9	4	5	49
3. T. RADJABOV – B. GELFAND	174	8	9	7	5	8	6	6	44
4. M. CARLSEN – WANG YUE	169	7	1	5	1	6	2	8	28
5. V. POTKIN – WANG HAO	355	1	1	6	2	1	8	9	25
6. VL. AKOPIAN – IVANCHUK	259	1	1	8	9	2	9	1	23
7. A. NAIDITSCH – KRAMNIK	46	3	1	4	7	3	6	2	23
8. R. PONOMARIOV – A. NAIDITSCH	356	1	6	1	8	1	1	7	21
9. CASPI – SANDIPAN	135	5	7	4	1	1	1	1	21
10. M. CARLSEN – T. RADJABOV	81	4	3	2	7	3	1	1	19
11. B. GELFAND – INARKIEV	273	1	1	1	3	1	10	1	13
12. VL. GEORGIJEV – P. ELIANOV	351	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	11
13. S. HALKIAS – KOJROUSIS	340	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	11
14. HILLARP PERSSON – PIA CRAMLING	6	2	1	8	1	1	1	1	10
15. VITUGOV – RUBLEVSKY	225	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	7
16. A. NAIDITSCH – BOLOGAN	58	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	7
17. R. LEITAO – MEKHITARIAN	262	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	5
18. LÉKÓ – A. NAIDITSCH	265	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4
19. KAMSKY – I. CHRISTENSEN	185	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	4
20. SJUGIROV – ADIF DIFORMF	205	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21. M. PAP – S. ANSEL	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
22. TOMASHEVSKY – ARTYOM TIMOFEEV	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
23. PREDOJEVIC – F. BINDRICH	146	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
24. LASTIN – I. MIROSHNICHENKO	150	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
25. MILOŠ PERUNOVIĆ – MIH. STOJANOVIC	162	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
26. SERGEY KARJAKIN – A. NAIDITSCH	195	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
27. I. CHEPARINOV – V. MALAKHOV	217	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
28. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ – EVGENY ALEKSEEV	335	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
29. R. PONOMARIOV – NISIPEANU	339	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
30. KHENKIN – PRUSIKIN	346	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

1. R. Ponomariov (2734) – V. Kramnik (2790)  
Dortmund 2010 – 109/309 [E01]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Be7 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.Ne5 Qc8 11.Nc3 Nbd7 12.Rac1 [a novelty; 12.Bf4 see 88/ (414)] Ne5 [12...Bc4 13.Nc4 (13.b3 Ba6 14.Nc6 Bd6 equal) dc4 14.b3!? cb3 15.ab3 with compensation] 13.de5 Nd7 [13...Ng4!? 14.cd5 ed5 (14...cd5 15. Qa4 Qc4 16.b4 and White is superior) 15.Qa4 Bc5 16.Be1 Bc4 (only move) 17.b3 b5 18.Qa5 Qf5 19.bc4 Bf2 unclear] 14.cd5 cd5 15.Bf4 g5 [15...Qe8 16. e4 d4 17.Rd4 g5 18.Qd2 and White is superior]

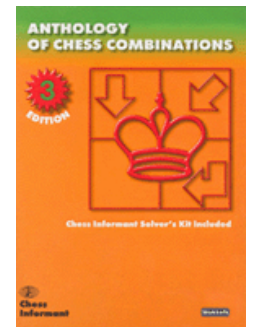
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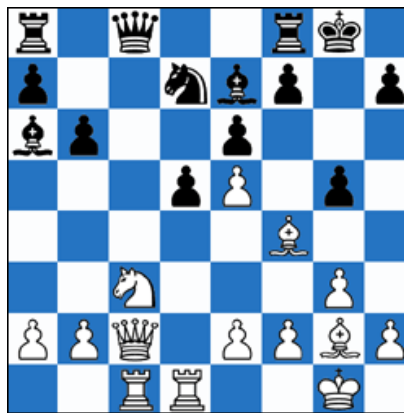
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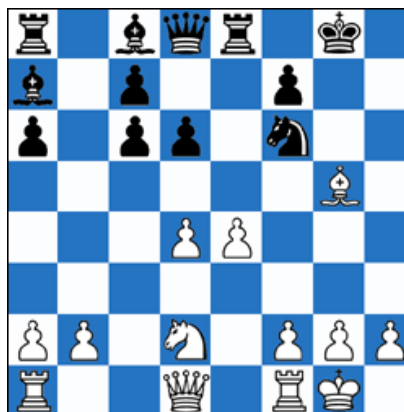
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**16.Bd5! ed5 17.Nd5 Qd8?!** [17...Bd8 18.Qd2 Qb8 19.e6 gf4 20.e7 (20.ed7 fg3 21.hg3 Qe5 22.Nb4 Bb7 23.Nc6 unclear) Qe5 (20...fg3?? 21.Nf6) 21.ef8 Q Nf8 22.Qf4 and White is slightly better] **18.Nc7!** (and White is superior) **Rc8** [18...gf4 19.Qf5 Bc8 20.Na8 fg3 21.hg3 Nc5 22.Rd8 Bf5 23.Rf8 and White is superior] **19.e6! fe6 20.Qc6** (and White is winning) **Qe8 21.Qe6 Qf7 22.Qf7 Kf7 23.Na6 gf4 24.Rc8 Rc8 25.Rd7 Rc2 26.Nb4 Rb2 27.Nc6 Re2 28.Ra7 f3 29.h4 h5 30.Re7 Re7 31.Ne7 Ke7 32.g4 hg4 33.Kh2 Ke6 34.Kg3 Kf5 35.a4 Ke4 36.Kg4 1-0** [B.Damljanovic]

## 2. E. Sutovsky (2661) – A. Onischuk (2699)

Poikovsky 2010 – 109/201 [C78]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 0-0?! 7.d4 Ba7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 ed4 10.cd4! d6 11.Bc6** [a novelty; 11.Qd3] **bc6 12.Nbd2 g5** [12... Re8 13.Qa4! g5 14.Ng5 hg5 15.Bg5 see 12...g5] **13.Ng5 hg5 14.Bg5 Re8**



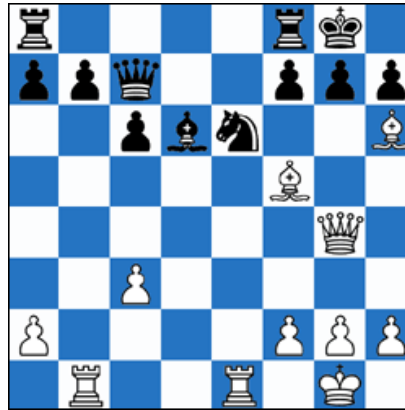
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**15.Qa4!!** [15.e5 de5 16.Qf3! (16.Ne4 Ne4 17.Bd8 Rd8 unclear) Bg4! 17.Qg3! ed4 18.Rae1! (18.Qh4 Qd5 19.Bf6 Qh5 20.Qg3 Qg6 equal) Qd6 19.Qh4 Nd5 20.Qg4 Qg6 and White is slightly better] **Rb8** [15...Re6! a) 16.e5 de5 17.de5 Re5 18.Qh4 Re6 19.Nf3 (19.Rae1 Qd4 20.Re6 Be6 21.Bf6 Qh4 22.Bh4 Ba2 with counterplay) Rd6! 20.Rae1 Bf5 21.Re5 Bg6 22.Rfe1 Kg7 23.Re6 (23. Bh6 Kg8 24.Bg5 Kg7 equal) Re6 24.Re6 fe6 25.Qh6 Kg8 26.Qg6 Kf8 27.Qh6 Kg8 28.Qg6 Kf8 equal; b) 16.f4! Rb8 (16...Kg7 17.Kh1 and White is winning) 17.f5 Re8 18.Kh1 Rb2 (18...Rb5 19.e5 de5 20.de5 Qd4 21.Qd4 Bd4 22.Bf6 Be5 23.Rae1 and White is superior) 19.e5 de5 20.Ne4 Ne4 21.Bd8 Rd8 22.de5 Bd4 (22...Nf2 23.Rf2 Rf2 24.Qg4 Kf8 25.Qh4 Rfd2 26.Qh8 Ke7 27.Qf6 Ke8 28.Rf1 and White is winning) 23.Qd1! Nf2 24.Rf2 Rf2 25.Qg4 Kf8 26.Qg5! Rd5 27.Qh6 Ke8 28.Qc6 Bd7 29.Qa8 Bc8 30.Qd5 Ba1 31.g4 and White is superior] **16.Rae1! Re6** [16...Rb2 17.e5 Rd2 18.Bf6 Rd4 19. Qa5! Rd5 (19...Qd7 20.e6 and White is winning) 20.Qb4! Rd4 21.Qc3! Qd7 22.e6 fe6 23.Bd4 and White is winning] **17.e5 de5 18.de5 Rb2** [18...Qd4 19. Qd4 Bd4 20.Bf6 and White is winning] **19.Bf6 Qd4 20.Qa3 Rf6 21.ef6 Rd2 22.Re8 Kh7 23.Rh8! Kg6 24.Qg3 Kf6** [24...Bg4 25.h3 and White is winning] **25.Rc8 Rd3 26.Qg8! 1-0** [E.Sutovsky]

### 3. T. Radjabov (2740) – B. Gelfand (2741)

Medias 2010 – 109/174 [C42]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6 4.Nf3 Ne4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 Bg4 9.c4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bf3 11.Qf3 Nd4 12.Qd1 Ne6 13.Bf5 c6** [13...d4 see 101/213] **14.cd5 Nd5 15.Qg4 Nc3** [a novelty; 15...0-0 16.Nd5 cd5 17.Qh3 (17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Qh3 Re8! and Black is slightly better) g6 18.Be6 fe6 19.Qe6 Rf7 20.Be3 and White is slightly better] **16.bc3 0-0 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Bh6 Bd6?** [18...Bf6 19.Qh3 (19.Re3 with attack) Rfe8 a) 20.Re6!? fe6 (20...Re6 21.Be3 h6 22.Be6 fe6 23.Qe6 Kh7 24.Qf5 Kg8 25.Bh6 Qf7) 21.Bh7 Kf7 22.Be3 with compensation; b) 20.Bh7 Kf8 21.Bd2 Nf4 22.Qf3 Re1 23.Re1 Ne6 equal]



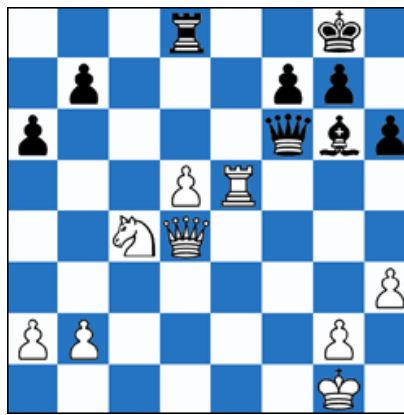
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**19.Qh3!** (and White is superior) **Rfe8** [19...gh6 20.Qh6 and White is superior; 19...Rae8 20.g4! g6 (20...gh6 21.Qh6 f6 22.Be6 and White is superior) 21.Be6 fe6 22.Bf8 Rf8 and White is superior] **20.Bg7 Bh2** [20...Kg7 21.Qh7 Kf6 22.Qh6 Kf5 23.h3 and White is winning] **21.Kf1 Kg7 22.Qh7 Kf6** [22...Kf8 23.Qh6 Kg8 (23...Ke7 24.Be6 fe6 25.Rb7 and White is winning) 24.Rb4 Bf4 25.Qh7 Kf8 26.Rbe4 and White is winning] **23.Be6 Bf4** [23...fe6 24.Qh6 Kf7 (24...Kf5 25.g4 Kg4 26.Qg6 Kh4 27.Rb4 Bf4 28.Kg2 and White is winning) 25.Rb7 and White is winning; 23...Re6 24.Qh6 Ke7 25.Re6 fe6 26.Rb7 and White is winning] **24.Qf5 Kg7 25.Rb4 Re6 26.Re6 fe6 27.Qg4 Kh8 28.Rf4** [28.Qh4! Qh7 29.Qf6 Kg8 (29...Qg7 30.Qf4 and White is winning) 30.Rf4 Qb1 31.Ke2 Qc2 32.Ke3 Qc1 33.Kf3 Qd1 34.Kg3 and White is winning] **Qh7 29.Qe6 Qh1 30.Ke2 Qh5 31.g4 Qb5 32.Kf3 Qd3 33.Kg2 Qd5 34.Qd5 cd5 35.Rf7 b5 36.Rd7 a6 37.f4 Rc8 38.f5 1-0** [Milos Perunovic]

### 4. M. Carlsen (2813) – Wang Yue (2752)

Medias 2010 – 109/169 [C36]

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.ed5 ef4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bd5 Qd5 8.Nc3 Qd8 9.d4 0-0 10.Bf4 Bf5 11.Qe2** [11.Qd2 see 78/322] **Bd6** [a novelty; 11...Nc6] **12.Bd6 Qd6 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.c4 a6** [14...c6!? with the idea 15.Nc3 Nd7] **15.Nc3 Nd7 16.Rad1 Bg6 17.Qf2 Re8 18.h3** (and White is slightly better) **Rc8 19.Rfe1 Re1 20.Re1 c6 21.d5 Nf6 22.Qd4 cd5 23.Nd5 Nd5 24.cd5 Qd6 25.Ne5 Re8** [25...Qc5? 26.Qc5 Rc5 27.d6 Rd5 28.d7 and White is winning; 25...f6 26.Ng6 (26.Nc4? Qb4 27.Rc1 b5 and Black is winning; 26.Nf3?! Bf7 27.Rd1 Rd8 weak point d5) hg6 27.Re6 Qc5 (27...Rc1 28.Kf2 Rc2 29.Kf3 Qd7) 28.Qc5 Rc5 29.d6 Rd5 equal; 25...Bf5!? D.Rogozenco] **26.Re3 Rd8** [26...b5 27.Nc4! with the idea 27...Qd8 28.Re8 Qe8 29.Ne5 D.Rogozenco] **27.Nc4 Qf6 28.Re5! h6?** [better is 28...b5 with the idea 29.Na5 h6]



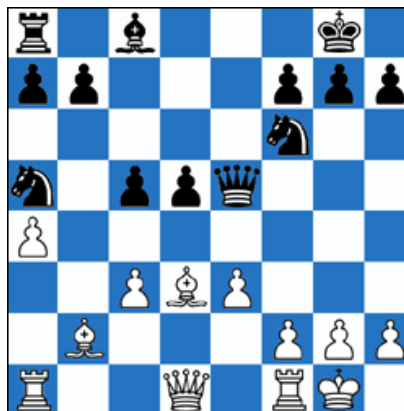
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**29.d6! Bf5** [29...b5 30.d7!] **30.Nb6! Be6** [30...Qd6? 31.Rd5 and White is winning; 30...Rd6 31.Nd5 and White is superior] **31.d7 Kh8 32.a4** (and White is superior, zugzwang) **g6 33.Qc3 Kg7 34.a5 h5 35.h4 Rd7** [35...Qh4? 36.Re6 and White is winning; 35...Bd7? 36.Rd5 and White is winning; 35...Kg8 36.Rc5 Qc3 (36...Qh4 37.Rc8) 37.Rc3 Kf8 38.Rc7 and White is winning] **36.Nd7 Bd7 37.Qd4 Bc6 38.b4 Bb5 39.Kh2 Ba4 40.Rd5 Bc6 41.Qf6 Kf6 42.Rc5 Ke6 43.Kg3 f6 44.Kf2 Bd5 45.g3 g5?** [45...Kd6; 45...Bc6] **46.g4!** (and White is winning) **hg4 47.h5 Be4 48.Rc7 f5 49.h6 f4 50.h7 g3 51.Ke1 f3 52.h8Q f2 53.Ke2 Bd3 54.Ke3 1-0 [RR]**

### 5. V. Potkin (2626) – Wang Hao (2724)

Russia – China 2010 – 109/355 [E58]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bc3 9.bc3 Qc7 10.Bb2 Na5 11.cd5 ed5 12.Ne5 Re8** [12...c4 see 90/473] **13.a4 Re5!?** [a novelty; 13...Nc4 a) 14.Bc4 dc4 15.Qc2 Be6 (15...b6) 16.e4 Rac8 unclear; b) 14.Nc4 dc4 15.Bc2 (15.Bc4?! cd4 16.Qd4? Re4 and Black is winning; 15.Be2 Be6 16.Qd2 Rad8 unclear) b1) 15...Be6 16.e4 cd4 17.cd4 c3 18.Ba3 Rad8 19.Re1 with initiative; b2) 15...Bd7 b21) 16.Ba3 b211) 16...Bc6 17.Bc5 b6 18.d5 (18.Ba3 Qb7 19.f3 Re3 20.Bc1 Re6 unclear) Rad8 19.Bd4 Rd5 20.Qe2 Rg5 21.f3 Nd5 22.Qd2 and White is slightly better; b212) 16...Ng4 17.g3 cd4 18.cd4 Nf6 19.Qe2 Ne4 unclear; b22) 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.Qe2 Ng4 18.g3 Qb6 19.Rcd1 Qh6; b23) 16.Re1! Ng4 (16...cd4 17.cd4 c3 18.Ba3 Ng4 19.g3 Qc6 20.e4 Qh6 21.h4 Rac8 22.Bc1 Qg6 23.Bf4 and White is slightly better) 17.g3 Qb6 18.Bc1 Qh6 19.h4 Qf6 20.f3 Qd6 21.Kg2 Nf6 22.e4 with initiative; b3) 15...Ng4 16.g3 Qb6! 17.Bc1 (17.Ba3 Bd7! 18.Bc5 Qh6 19.h4 Ne3! 20.fe3 Re3 with attack) Qh6 (17...cd4 18.ed4 Nf6 19.Rb1 Qa6 20.f3 Nd5 21.Bd2 Bd7 unclear) 18.h4 Qe6 19.e4 (19.Qf3 cd4 20.cd4 Nf6 21.Rb1 Bd7 and Black is slightly better) Nh2! 20.Kh2 Qh3 21.Kg1 Bg4 22.f3 Qg3 23.Kh1 Qh4 24.Kg1 Bh3 25.Qe1 Qh5 unclear] **14.de5 Qe5**



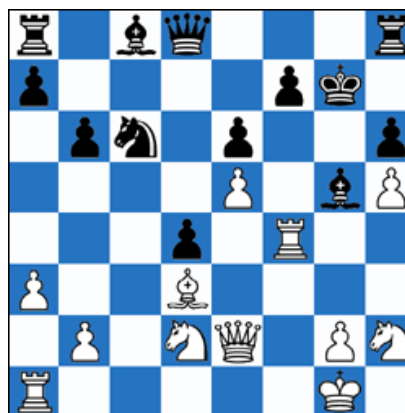
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**15.h3?!** [15.e4!! a) 15...de4 16.Be4! Qe4 (16...Bg4 17.Bf3 Bf3 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Rad1 and White is slightly better) 17.Qd8 Ne8 18.Qa5 (18.Rfe1 Bh3! 19.Re4 Rd8 20.gh3 Kf8 unclear) b6 19.Rfe1! (19.Qb5?! Ba6!! 20.Qa6 Nc7 21.Rae1 Qe1 22.Qb7 Qe7 and Black is slightly better) Qc6 (19...Qe1?? 20.Re1 ba5 21.

Re8 mate) 20.Qb5 Qb5 21.ab5 Be6 22.c4 h5 23.Red1 Bc4 24.Rd7 Bb5 25. Raa7 Ra7 26.Ra7 and White is slightly better; b) 15...c4 16.Bc2 Be6 17.ed5 Qd5 18.Qd5 Bd5 19.Rfe1 and White is slightly better; c) 15...Bg4 16.f3 de4 17.Be4 c1) 17...Nc4 18.Bb7! Rb8 (18...Nb2 19.Qe1 Qe1 20.Rfe1 Rb8 21.fg4 Rb7 22.g5 Nd3 23.Re3 c4 24.gf6 and White is winning) 19.Re1 Qc7 20.Bc1 and White is superior; c2) 17...Qe4 18.fe4 Bd1 19.Rad1 b6 20.Rfe1 and White is slightly better; c3) 17...Ne4 18.fg4 Re8 19.Qd3 and White is slightly better] **c4 16.Bc2 Bf5 17.Re1 Bc2 18.Qc2 Nb3 19.Rad1 Re8** (and Black is slightly better) **20.f3** [20.Ba3 h6 21.f3 Qe6! 22.Qf2 a5 23.Re2 Qc6 and Black is slightly better] **Nc5** [better is 20...Qe6 21.Ba3 h6 and Black is slightly better] **21.Rd4** [21.Ba3! Nd3 22.Rd3 cd3 23.Qd3 Qc7 24.Bb4 a5 25.Ba3 b6 26.Rb1 Re6 27.Qd4 equal] **Nd3 22.Re2?** [22.Rd3 (only move) cd3 23.Qd3 Rc8 and Black is slightly better] **Nh5! 23.e4 Nhf4 24.Rd2 f5!** (and Black is winning) **25.Ba3 fe4 26.fe4 Qg5 27.Kh2 Re4 28.Qd1 Qe5** [28...Ne2] **29.Re4** [29.g3 Re1 30.Qf3 Re3 with the idea 31.Qf1 Ne6 and Black is winning] **de4 30.Qg4 h5 0-1** [Bo.Vuckovic]

**6. VI. Akopian (2694) – V. Ivanchuk (2741)**  
Astrakhan 2010 – 109/259 [D39]

**1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 dc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bf6 Qf6 8.Bc4 c5 9.0-0 cd4 10.e5 Qd8 11.Ne4 Nc6** [a novelty; 11...0-0 see 109/(259)] **12.a3 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Bd3 g6 15.h4** (with initiative) **Kg7** [15...Bh4?! 16.Nh4 Qh4 17.Nf6 Kh8 18.f4 with initiative] **16.h5 g5** [better is 16...Qd5 17.Ng3 (17. Ned2 gh5) g5] **17.Ned2 Rh8 18.Nh2 b6 19.f4 gf4 20.Rf4 Bg5**

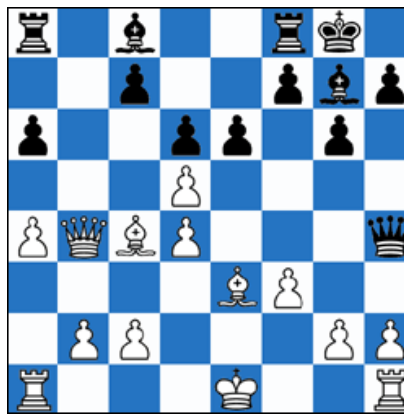


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**21.Raf1! Bf4 22.Rf4 a5 23.Ng4** [23...Qc7 24.Nc4! (with the idea Nd6) b5! (24...Ba6 25.Nd6 and White is winning) 25.Nd6 f5 (only move) 26.ef6 Kf8 27. Nc8! Rc8 (27...Qc8 28.Ne5; 27...Qf4 28.Qe6 Qc1 29.Kh2 Qf4 30.Kh3 and White is winning) 28.Qe6 Re8 29.Qf5 and White is winning, with attack; 23... Ra7 24.Nf6 Rc7 25.Qe4 (with the idea Nh7, Rg4) Kf8 26.Nc4 Ke7 27.Nd6 Ne5 (only move) 28.Qe5 Qd6 29.Nd5 (29.Ng8 Rg8 30.Rf7 Kf7 31.Qd6 and White is superior) Qd5 30.Qf6 Kd6 31.Rd4 and White is superior] **1-0** [M. Krasenkow]

**7. A. Naiditsch (2684) – V. Kramnik (2790)**  
Dortmund 2010 – 109/46 [B07]

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.f3 Nbd7 7.Nge2** [7.0-0-0 see 100/54; 7.a4 b4 8.Nd1 Rb8 9.Bd3 c5 10.Ne2 (10.c3) Qc7 11.b3 cd4 12.Bd4 Bg7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nb2 and White is slightly better] **Nb6 8.Nf4!?** [a novelty; 8.Ng3; 8.b3 Bg7 (8...Bb7) 9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rad1 and White is slightly better] **Bg7 9.a4!** (and White is slightly better) **b4** [9...Nc4 10.Bc4 bc4 11.Qe2 Rb8 12.Qc4 Rb2 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nd3 Rb7 15.Rab1 and White is superior] **10.Ncd5** [10.Nd1!?! a5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.b3 e5 14. de5 de5 15.Nd3 and White is slightly better] **Nbd5 11.Nd5 Nd5** [11...a5 12. Nf6 Bf6 13.Bh6 and White is superior] **12.ed5 0-0!?** [12...Bb7 13.Bc4 a5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfe1 and White is slightly better] **13.Qb4 e6 14.Bc4** [14.de6 Be6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Bd3 c5 with compensation] **Qh4**

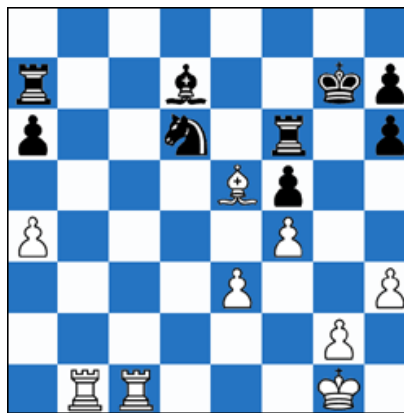


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**15.Kd1!?** [15.Bf2 Qg5 16.de6 Qg2 17.ef7 Kh8 18.Rf1 Qf3 with initiative; 15.g3 Qh5 16.0-0 ed5 17.Bd3 Re8 18.Qd2 Rb8 unclear] **Bd4!?** [15...Re8! 16.Qd2 ed5 17.Bd5 Rb8 18.c3 Bd7 with compensation] **16.Ba6! e5?** [16...Qe7!? 17.Qd4 e5 18.Qc3 Ba6 19.Kc1 and White is slightly better; 16...Ba6 17.Qd4 Qd4 18.Bd4 e5 19.Be3 Bc4 20.a5 Ra6 unclear] **17.Bc8!?** [17.Bb5! (and White is superior) Ba6 18.Ba6 Ra6 19.Qc4] **Rfc8 18.c3** [18.a5 Rcb8 19.Qc4 Rb2 20.c3 Rab8 21.cd4 R8b4 22.Qc7 Rd4 23.Kc1 Rc4 24.Qc4 Qc4 25.Kb2 Qe2 26.Kb1 Qe3 equal] **Rab8** [18...c5 19.Qc4 Qf6 20.Bc1! and White is superior] **19.Qc4 c5?** [19...Rb2 20.cd4 (20.a5!?) Rcb8 21.a5 R8b4 22.Qd3 R4b3 23.Qe4 Qe4 24.fe4 Re3 25.a6 Rd3 26.Kc1 Rdd2 equal; 21.Rc1!? and White is slightly better] **20.Bc1! e4 21.cd4 ef3 22.gf3 Re8** [22...Rb4 23.Qe2 Qd4 24.Kc2 and White is superior] **23.Ra3!?** [23.Kc2 Qf2 24.Kb1 Qf3 25.Rf1 Qe4 26.Qc2 Qd4 27.Rd1 and White is superior] **Rb4 24.Qf1! Qd4 25.Kc2 c4** [25...Reb8 26.Ra2 Ra4 27.Ra4 Qa4 28.Kb1 Ra8 29.Qd3 and White is superior] **26.Qd1!** (and White is winning) **Qf2 27.Bd2 Re2 28.Ra2! Qf3 29.Re1 Qb3 30.Kb1 Re1 31.Qe1 c3** [31...Qd3 32.Ka1 Rb8 33.a5] **32.Bc3 Re4 33.Qf1 Qd5 34.Ra3 1-0** [A.Mikhalchishin]

**8. R. Ponomariov (2734) – A. Naiditsch (2684)**  
Dortmund 2010 – 109/356 [E59]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bc3 9.bc3 dc4 10.Bc4 Qc7 11.Bb2 e5 12.h3 e4 13.Nd2 b6** [13...Re8 see 90/474] **14.Bb5! Na5** [a novelty; 14...Bb7 15.c4 cd4 16.Bc6; 16.ed4 and White is slightly better; RR 14...a6 15.Bc6 Qc6 16.c4 cd4 17.ed4 Bf5 18.d5 Qd6 19.a4 and White is slightly better, with the idea 20.Ba3, 20.Qb3; 14...Bf5 15.c4 cd4 16.ed4 and White is slightly better; M.Krasenkow] **15.c4! cd4 16.Bd4** [16.ed4?! a6! 17.Ba4 Nc4] **Qe7 17.c5!?** [17.Rc1 Nb7 18.Bc6 Rb8 19.Bf6 Qf6 20.Bd5 and White is slightly better; RR 17.Qc2! (with the idea Bf6) Bf5 18.c5 M.Krasenkow] **a6** [17...bc5 18.Bc3 (18.Bf6 Qf6 19.Qa4 Qb6 20.Rab1 Rd8 21.Ne4 Bf5 22.Rfc1 and White is slightly better) Nb7 19.Bc6 (19.Rc1 Rd8 20.Qa4 with compensation) Qe6 20.Qa4 Bd7 21.Bd7 Nd7 22.Ne4 Nb6 23.Qc2 and White is slightly better] **18.Ba4** [18.Be2! bc5 19.Bf6 Qf6 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Rc1! Rd8 22.Qa4 Nb7 23.Qc6 and White is superior] **bc5 19.Bc3 Nb7 20.Bc6 Ra7** [20...Qe6 21.Qa4 Bd7 22.Bd7 Nd7 23.Ne4 and White is slightly better] **21.Qb1!?** [21.Bf6 Qf6 22.Be4 and White is slightly better; RR 21.Qa4! Nd6 22.Rac1 and White is superior; M.Krasenkow] **Qc7 22.Be4 Ne4 23.Ne4 Qc6 24.Ng5! Qh6** [24...Qg6 25.Qg6 hg6 26.Rfd1 and White is slightly better] **25.f4 Nd6** [RR 25...Qg6 and White is slightly better; M.Krasenkow] **26.Qb6! Rb7 27.Qc5 Rb5 28.Qc7 Rb7 29.Qc6** (and White is superior) **Nb5 30.Qh6** [30.Qc5? Rc7] *gh6 31.Ne4 f5 32.Nf6 Kg7 33.Be5!* [33.Nd5 Nc3 34.Nc3 Re8 35.Rfc1 Re3 36.Nd5 Rd3 37.Nb4 Rd8 and White is slightly better] **Rf6 34.Rfc1 Bd7** [34...Be6 35.Rab1 Re7 36.a4 and White is winning] **35.Rab1 Ra7 36.a4 Nd6**



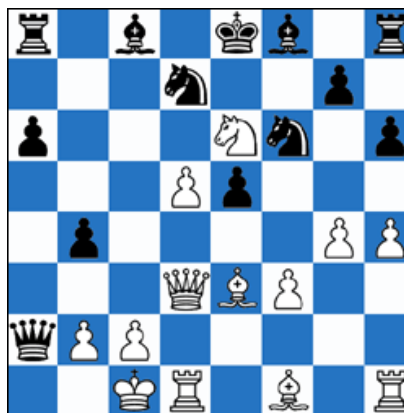
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**37.Bd4!** (and White is winning) **Ra8 38.Rd1 Ne4 39.Rb7 Rd8 40.Be5! Kg6 41.Rdd7 Rd7 42.Rd7 Rc6 43.g4! Rc1 44.Kg2 Rc2 45.Kf1 Nd2 46.Ke1 1-0** [Bo.Vuckovic]

### 9. I. Caspi (2461) – C. Sandipan (2637)

Tromso 2010 – 109/135 [B80]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 b4 10.Nce2 h6 11.0-0 Qc7 12.h4 d5 13.Nf4 e5 14.Nfe6 fe6 15.Ne6 Qa5 16.ed5 Qa2 17.Qd3**



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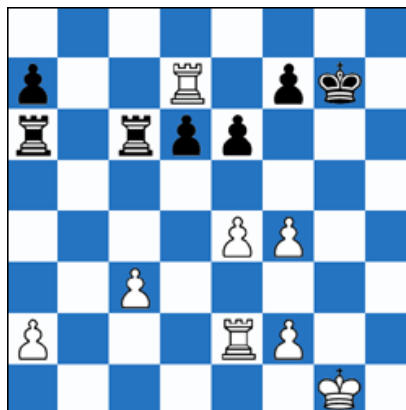
**17...e4!!** [a novelty; 17...Kf7? see 106/69] **18.Qd4** [18.Nc7! Kd8 (18...Kf7 19.Qc4 Qc4 20.Bc4 Ne5 21.Bb3 Rb8 22.g5 with compensation) 19.Ne6 Ke7 (19...Ke8 equal) 20.d6 Kf7 (20...Ke8 21.Nc7 Kd8 22.Qd4 with compensation) 21.Qd4 (with compensation) b3 (21...Qa5 22.Bc4 Ne5 23.Nc5! Nc4 24.Qc4 and White is winning) 22.Bc4 Qa1 23.Kd2 Qa5 24.c3! (24.Kc1 equal; 24.Ke2!?) Ne5 25.Nc5! (25.Nc7 Kg6 26.Be2 ef3 27.Bd3 Nd3 28.Qd3 Kf7 29.Qc4 Kg6 equal) Kg6 (25...Nc4 26.Qc4 Kg6 27.g5 hg5 28.h5!! and White is winning) 26.Qe5 Bd6! 27.Qd6 Rd8 28.Qd8! (28.Ne4 Be6!! 29.Bd3! Ne4 30.Be4 Kf7) Qd8 29.Kc1 Qa5 30.Nb3 (with compensation) Qc7 (30...Qe5 31.Rhe1) 31.Rd4 with the idea 31...ef3 32.Bd3 Kf7 33.g5 Be6 34.gf6 Bb3 35.fg7] **Bd6! 19.Bc4 b3! 20.f4** [20.Bb3 Qa1 21.Kd2 Qa5 22.Kc1 Ne5 and Black is winning] **Qa1 21.Kd2 Qa5 22.c3** [22.Kc1 bc2 23.Kc2 Ng4] **Qa2 23.Rb1** [23.Ke2 (M. Vachier-Lagrave) Qb2! (23...Bb7 24.g5 with compensation) 24.Rd2 Qa3 25.Rb1 a) 25...Bc5 26.Nc5 Nc5 (26...Qc5?? 27.Qc5 Nc5 28.Bc5 Bg4 29.Ke3 Rc8 30.Kd4) 27.Qe5 (27.Qc5?? Bg4! 28.Ke1 Qc5 29.Bc5 Rc8 and Black is winning) Kd8 28.Qd6 Nfd7 29.Rb3 Qa5 30.Rb4 with compensation; b) 25...Rb8! 26.Rdb2!? (26.Ng7 Kf7 27.Ne6 b2 and Black is winning) b1) 26...Nc5 27.g5 Be6 28.de6 Nh5 29.Qd5! (29.Qd6?? Ng3! and Black is winning) Nf4 30.Bf4 Bf4 31.e7! Ke7 32.Qf7 Kd8 (32...Kd6 33.Qf4 Kc6 34.gh6! Rhf8 35.Qe5 gh6 36.Bd5 and White is winning) 33.Rd1 (33.Qg7 Re8 34.Qf6 Kd7 35.Qf4 Nd3 36.Qf5 Kc7 37.Rb3 and White is superior; 33.Qf4 Rb6 34.Rd2 Kc8 35.Qf5 Kb7 36.Qf7 Kb8 37.Qg7 Rc8 38.gh6 Qa4) Nd3 (33...Kc8 34.Be6 Ne6 35.Qd7 mate) 34.Bd3 Bd6 (34...ed3 35.Rd3 Bd6 36.Rbd2 Re8 37.Kf1 Qc1 38.Kg2 and White is winning) 35.Bc2! hg5 36.Qg7 Rh4 37.Qg5 Kc7 38.Qh4 Qb2

39.Qh7 Kc6 40.Qe4 Kc7 equal; b2) 26...g5!! 27.Ng7 (27.fg5 hg5 28.Bg5 Be5 and Black is winning) Kf8 (27...Kf7 and Black is winning) 28.Ne6 Kg8 29.fg5 hg5 30.Bg5 Be5 and Black is winning] **Bb7! 24.Ke2 Rc8 25.Ng7** [25.g5 hg5 26.fg5 Be5 and Black is winning] **Kd8! 26.Nf5 Rc4! 27.Qc4 Bd5 28.Bb6** [28.Qd4 Bc5 29.Qd1 Bc4 30.Kf2 Bd3 and Black is winning] **Nb6 29.Qd4 Kc7!** [29...Bc4 30.Kd2 Nbd7 31.Qc4! (31.Qd6 Re8 and Black is winning; 31.Nd6 Bd3 and Black is winning) Bf4 32.Ke2 with counterplay] **30.Nd6 Rd8! 31.Qc5 Bc6 32.Nf7 Rd5 33.Qe7 Nfd7 34.Ne5 Bb5 35.Ke3** [35.c4 Nc4 36.Rhc1 Rd2 37.Ke1 Rc2 38.Nd7 Qa5 39.Kf1 Ne5 40.Kg1 Nf3 41.Kh1 Qe1 42.Re1 Rh2 mate] **Re5 0-1** [Sasa Velickovic]

### 10. M. Carlsen (2813) – T. Radjabov (2740)

Medias 2010 – 109/81 [B35]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Re1 Rfc8 12.Qe2** [12.f4 see 1/259] **Qh5 13.Nf3 h6 14.Rad1 g5 15.Nd5 Nd5 16.Bd5!** [a novelty; 16.ed5] **Bb2** [16...e6 17.Bc6 (17.Bb3 Bb2 18.Rd6 Be8) Bc6 18.Bd4 Bf8 (18...e5 19.Bc3) 19.c4 and White is slightly better; M.Carlsen] **17.Rb1** [17.Qb5 Be5 (17...Bf6 18.Qb7 Be8) 18.Qb7 Bh3 19.gh3 Qf3 20.Bc6 Qh3 21.Qd7 g4 22.f4! equal; M.Carlsen] **Bc3! 18.Rb7 Bh3** [18...Be1 19.Rd7 Bc3 20.Qb5 a6 (20...Ne5 21.Re7 Rab8 22.Qf1!) 21.Qb6 Ne5 22.Re7 Rab8 23.Rb7 Rb7 24.Qb7 Rf8 25.Qc7 g4! (25...Nf3 26.gf3 Be5 27.Kg2 and White is superior) 26.hg4 Qg4 27.Kf1 (27.Nh2 Qd1 28.Nf1 Qg4 equal) Bb4! 28.c3 Nf3 29.gf3 Qf3 equal; M.Carlsen] **19.Ng5** [19.gh3 Be1 20.e5 a) 20...e6 21.Be6 Ne5 (only move; 21...fe6 22.Qd3 and White is winning) 22.Ne5 Qe2 23.Bf7 Kh8 (only move) 24.Ng6 Kh7 (only move) 25.Be8 Kg8 (only move) 26.Bf7 equal; b) 20...Ne5 21.Re7 Bc3! M.Carlsen] **Qe2 20.Re2 Bg4! 21.Nf3** [21.Nf7 Be2 22.Ne5 (22.Nd6 Kh8 23.Nc8 Rc8) Kh8! 23.Nc6 e6 24.Ne7 ed5 25.Ng6 equal; M.Carlsen] e6 **22.Bc6 Rc6 23.Bh6 Bf3 24.gf3 Ra6 25.Rc7 Bg7 26.Bg7 Kg7** [R 9/q] **27.c3!?** **Rb8 28.f4 Rbb6 29.Rd7 Rc6**



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**30.Re3!?** **Ra2 31.e5 de5** [31...d5 32.f5! M.Carlsen] **32.fe5 Rc5?!** [32...Kg6! with the idea 33.Rf3 Rc5 34.Rff7 Re5 35.Ra7 Ra7 36.Ra7 Rc5 37.Ra3 Kf5 M. Carlsen] **33.Rg3! Kf8 34.Rf3 Re5 35.Rff7 Ke8 36.Rfe7 Kf8 37.Rh7 Kg8 38.Rdg7 Kf8 39.Rb7 Kg8?!** [39...Rg5 40.Kf1 Kg8 41.Ra7 (41.Rhe7 Rf5!) Ra7 42.Ra7 Rc5 43.Ra3 Kf7 44.Ke2 Kf6 45.Kd3 Rd5 M.Carlsen] **40.Rhg7 Kh8 41.Rge7 Rg5 42.Kf1 Rc2 43.Rbc7 a5?** [better is 43...Rg6] **44.Re6 a4 45.Ra6** (and White is winning) **Rg4** [45...Rg7 46.Rh6! Kg8 47.Rc8 Kf7 48.Ra6 Ra2 49.c4 a3 50.c5 Ra1 51.Ke2 a2 52.Kf3] **46.c4 Rg7 47.Rg7 Kg7 48.Ra4 Kf6 49.Kg2 Ke5** [R 4/e] **50.Ra5! Ke6** [50...Kf4 51.Rc5; 50...Kd4 51.Rd5! Kc4 52.Rd8 Ra2 53.Kg3 Ra7 54.f4 Rg7 55.Kf3 Rf7 56.Kg4 Rg7 57.Kf5 and White is winning] **51.Rc5 Kd6 52.Rd5 Ke6 53.Rd4 Ke5 54.Rh4 Rc3 55.c5 Kf5 56.Rh8! Kf4 57.Rc8 Ke5 58.c6 Kd6 59.f3** [with the idea Kg3-g4, f4] **Rc5 60.Kg3 Rg5 61.Kh4 Rg1 62.f4 Ke7 63.c7 Rc1** [63...Kd7 64.Rd8 Kc7 65.Rd2] **64.Kg5 1-0** [RR]

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