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The Most Important Novelty of Volume 83

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In the era of computer-aided analyses and powerful headquarters assembled around the leading chessplayers each theoretical novelty launched by high-caliber top guns invariably provokes a tapestry of discussion among the opening experts. Young players are particularly receptive to the changes and innovations in the game, because they often use their opening preparation as a shortcut to the dizzying heights of the chess hall of fame. The extraordinary quality of a player's home analysis generates an opportunity to leap to the forefront of the field; otherwise, one can hardly avoid being forced down the myriad of mind-boggling variations thoroughly prepared in an opponent's lab, as there is no doubt that the opening usually sets the predominant tone for the entire game.

Sparked by Anand's highly atypical idea that earned him the critical acclaim of his peers who voted the 14th move of his game versus Tkachiev (Moscow (m/1) 2001 – 14.Ra3!) the most important theoretical novelty of the Chess Informant 83, this month's article presents a survey of the Arkhangelsk variation of Ruy Lopez, providing an up-to-date guide for a practical opening repertoire tailored to fit the Informant's traditional ECO framework.

To get a feel of the range of possibilities for both sides, please take a look at 14.Ba4: Korneev's pet move represents White's attempt to immediately solve the misplacement of his white-squared bishop; tactical complications aside, White seems to emerge with the



upper hand in the end. Moreover, Anand's superb all-purpose move (14.Ra3!) seems to defy anything that Black may throw at White's setup. It defies the silicon logic as well – no computer program seems capable of recognizing its strength. However, the assessments of the lines should be used only as a starting point for one's own investigations – they should inspire researchers of all levels to do independent work. The author would also like to add an important note: this survey emphasizes the importance of the move order, as it seems that 10.ab5 ab5 11.Na3 Ba6 would offer better prospects for Black compared to the recommended line.

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2. GRISCHUK – B. GELFAND	285	10	9	8	4	10	–	–	5	8	54
3. J. LAUTIER – SHIPOV	468	–	6	–	9	7	9	5	9	5	50
4. VAN WELY – B. GELFAND	(500)	4	4	–	–	–	10	7	10	7	42
5. M. DE OLIVEIRA – MAFFEI	337	8	10	9	8	–	3	–	2	1	41
6. DREEV – PIGUSOV	411	3	–	10	–	–	8	9	–	–	30
7. IVANCHUK – YE JIANGCHUAN	574	–	3	6	–	9	4	1	–	4	27
8. SHIROV – ARIZMENDI MARTÍNEZ	124	5	–	–	7	–	6	8	1	–	27
9. DREEV – KHALIFMAN	473	–	–	5	–	–	7	–	8	6	26
10. GRISCHUK – KHALIFMAN	216	–	8	–	3	–	–	–	6	3	20
11. JE. PIKET – VAN WELY	420	2	–	–	–	–	–	4	4	9	19
12. LÉKÓ – GHAEM MAGHAMI	234	–	7	–	–	4	2	–	3	–	16
13. PAVASOVIĆ – NISIPÉANU	282	6	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	13
14. M. ADAMS – SVIDLER	221	7	2	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	12
15. V. BABULA – G. KASPAROV	471	1	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	9
16. B. GELFAND – A. DELCHEV	421	–	–	2	–	5	–	–	–	2	9
17. L. DOMÍNGUEZ – LÉKÓ	(124)	–	–	–	5	–	–	2	–	–	7
18. KHALIFMAN – BAREEV	253	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	6
19. SVIDLER – KASIMDZHANOV	350	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	6
20. H. HERRAIZ HIDALGO – BRUZÓN	447	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
21. S. MOVSESIAN – G. KASPAROV	229	–	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	–	4
22. MOTYLEV – SHIROV	301	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	3
23. LEITÃO – Z. ALMÁSI	319	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
24. PR. NIKOLIĆ – DAUTOV	370	–	–	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	3
25. J. LAUTIER – WEDBERG	24	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
26. MACIEJA – R. KEMPIŃSKI	104	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
27. G. KASPAROV – ORAL	27	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
28. AND. VOLOKITIN – CHEPARINOV	215	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
29. M. GUREVICH – RUSTEMOV	353	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
30. P. TREGUBOV – S. SAVCHENKO	365	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

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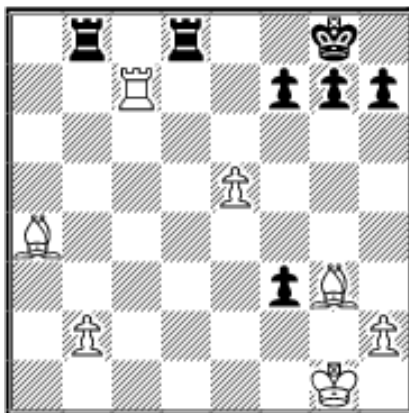
Moscow (m/1) 2001 – 83/326

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 b5 6. Bb3 Bc5 7. a4 Rb8
8. c3 d6 9. d4 Bb6 10. Na3 0-0 11. ab5 ab5 12. Nb5 ed4 13. cd4 Bg4



14. Ra3! N [14. Ra4 – 82/(307)] Re8
15. Re1 d5 16. e5 Ne4 17. Be3 Ba5 18.
Na7 (the only move) Bf3! 19. gf3
[19. Qf3 Nd4! 20. Bd4 Be1] Be1 20. fe4
[20. Nc6!? Bf2 21. Bf2 Qg5 22. Kf1
Nf2 23. Kf2 Qh4! (23... Rb6 24. Qc2) a)
24. Ke3? Qh6 and Black is winning; b)
24. Ke2? Qh2 25. Kd3 Qb2 and Black is
winning; c) 24. Kg2 Re6 25. Qc2 (25.
Nb8 Rg6 26. Kh1 Qf2 and Black is
winning) Rg6 26. Qg6 hg6 27. Nb8 Qd4
and Black is superior; d) 24. Kg1 d1)

24... Rb6 25. Qc2 Rc6 26. Qc6 Qe1 27. Kg2 Qe2 28. Kg3 Qe1 29. Kg4 (29.
Kf4 Qd2 30. Kg3 Qe1=) h5! (29... Qg1 30. Kf5 g6 31. Kf6! and White is
winning) 30. Kh5 g6= with the idea 31. Kg5?! Qd2 (31... Qg1 32. Kf6 Re6
33. Qe6 fe6 34. Bc2! with compensation) 32. f4 Qg2 33. Kf6 Re6 34. Qe6
fe6 and Black is slightly better; d2) 24... Re6! 25. Ra6 (25. Bd5 Rg6 26.
Kh1 Rg2!! and Black is winning) Rg6 26. Kh1 Qg5 27. Qf1 Rc6 28. Rc6
Rb3 29. Rc7 Qf5 with compensation; e) 24. Kf1! Rb6 25. Qc2 Qh3 e1) 26.
Ke1 Qf3 27. Ne7 Kh8 28. Bd5 Qg4 29. Nc6 Qg1 30. Kd2 Qh2 31. Kc1 (31.
Kc3 Qh3 32. Kc4 Qf1=) Qg1 32. Qd1 Qh2! (with the idea 33... Qb2, 33...
Qh6) 33. Qd2 Qg1= with the idea 34. Kc2? Qg6 and Black is winning; e2)
26. Kg1 Qf3 27. Ba4! (27. Ne7 Kf8) Qg4 28. Rg3 and White is slightly
better; 27... Qf4 and White is slightly better] Na7 21. Ra7 de4 [21... Bb4
22. Bd5 and White is superior] 22. Ba4 Bf2 [22... Bb4 23. Be8 Qe8 24. Qc2
and White is slightly better] 23. Bf2 Qg5 24. Bg3! [24. Kh1 Rb2!] Red8
25. Rc7 Qe3 [25... Rb2 26. Bc2] 26. Kh1 Rd4 27. Qb3! [27. Qf1 Qf3 28.
Qf3 ef3 29. Bc2 Rd2=] Qf3 28. Kg1! Rdd8 [28... Rbd8 29. Qf3 ef3 30.
Bb3 and White is winning] 29. Qf3 ef3



30. b3 [30. Rc2!? (with the idea e6)
Rbc8 (30... Rb4 31. Bd7! g5 32. e6 fe6
33. Be6) a) 31. Bc6 (with the idea b4-
b5) Rd4 32. Be1! (32. Rc3 Rd1 33. Kf2
Rd2 34. Kf3 Rb2; 32. Kf2 Rb4) Rg4 33.
Kf1 Rg6 34. Be4 Rc2 35. Bc2 Rg2 36.
Bf2 Rh2 a1) 37. Be4? Rh1 38. Bg1 Rh4
39. Bf3 Rb4; a2) 37. b4 Rh1 (37... g5
38. b5 Rh1 39. Bg1 g4 40. b6 g3 41.
Be4! and White is winning) 38. Bg1
Rh4 (38... f2 39. Kf2 Rh4 40. b5 Rb4
41. Bd3) 39. b5 Rc4! (39... Rb4 40. b6
g5 41. Bc5 Rb5 42. Bd3 Rb3 43. Be4 g4 44. b7 and White is winning) 40.

Bd3 (40. Bf5 g6 41. Bd7 Rc1 42. Kf2 h5) Rc1 41. Kf2 Rc3 42. Be4 Rb3 43. Bc6 Rb1 zugzwang; *a3*) 37. Be4! Rh1 38. Bg1 Rh4 39. Bd5 Rb4 40. e6 fe6 41. Be6 Kh8 42. b3 Rf4 43. Bc5 and White is slightly better; *b*) 31. Rc8 Rc8 32. Kf2 Rc4 33. b3 Rc3 34. Bf4! h6 35. Be3 Rc2 36. Kf3 Rh2 37. b4 and White is superior] **g5! 31. Bd7** [31. Rc4] **Rd7 32. Rd7 Rb3** (with compensation) **33. Rd5!** [33. Kf2 h5!] **h6** [33... h5? 34. e6!] **34. Kf2** [34. h3 Rb2 35. Bf2 Re2 with counterplay] **g4 35. Rd6** [35. Bf4 Kg7 36. Rd2 h5 37. Kg3 Kg6 with the idea 38. Kh4? f2! 39. Rd6 Kg7 40. Rd1 Rf3] **Kg7 36. Bf4 h5 37. Bh6** [37. Kg3? f2!] **Kh7 38. Bd2 Kg7 39. Kg3 Rb1 40. Bh6 Kg8 41. Rf6** [41. Rd2 Kh7 42. Bf4 Rb4] **Rb2 42. Bf4 Rb1! 43. Bg5** [43. Rh6 Rb2; 43. Rf5 h4! 44. Kf2 (the only move) Rb2 45. Ke3 f2] **Rg1= 44. Kf2 Rg2 45. Kf1 Rh2 46. Bf4 Rh1 47. Kf2 Kg7 48. Rf5 1/2 : 1/2 [Anand]**

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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0–0 b5 6. Bb3 Bc5 7. a4 Rb8 8. c3 d6 9. d4 Bb6 10. Na3 0–0 11. ab5 ab5 12. Nb5 ed4 13. cd4 Bg4

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

1 Ra4¹ Bg5³ Bd5⁴ Qf3 Nd4 Rd4⁶ Bc6 b4 b5
Re8² h6 Bf3⁵ Nd4 Bd4 hg5 Re5 Qe7 g6⁷
equal

2 Ba4 e5 Ra3⁹ Qc2¹⁰ Qb3 Qe3 h3 ef6¹¹ Nd2
d5⁸ Ne4 f6 Nb4 Ba5 b6 Bh5 Rf6¹² Re6¹³
White is slightly better

3 Ra3 Re1 e5 Be3 Na7 gf3¹⁷ fe4¹⁸ Ra7 Ba4
Re8¹⁴ d5 Ne4 Ba5¹⁵ Bf3¹⁶ Be1 Na7 de4 Bb4¹⁹
White is slightly better

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14. Be3

a) 14... Qe8 15. h3! [15. Ba4 Ne4 16. Nc3 Nc3 17. bc3 Qe4 unclear; Almasi – Onischuk, Wijk aan Zee 1995 – 62/(368)] Bd7 16. Nc3 Ne4 17. Re1 Nc3 18. bc3 and White is slightly better; Anand – Shirov, Groningen (m/1) 1997 – 71/350;

b) 14... Ne4! 15. h3 [15. Bd5 Qe8 16. h3 Bf5 17. Re1 Nb4 18. Bc4 c6! and Black is slightly better; Nijboer – Piket, Wijk aan Zee 1998 – 71/351] Bf5

16. Nc3 Nf6 17. Re1 h6 18. d5 Nb4 19. Bb6 Rb6 20. Nd4 Bd7= D. Saulin – Lastin, Russia 1998;

14. Re1 Nd4 [14... d5 15. ed5 Nd5 16. h3 Bh5 17. g4 Bg6 18. Nc3 Ndb4! 19. Bg5 Qd7 20. d5 Qd6! 21. Kf1! Na5 22. Be7 Qf4! with compensation; Anand – Oll, Belgrade 1999 – 74/364] 15. Nbd4 Bd4 16. Bf7 [16. Qd4 Rb3 17. Qc4 Qb8= Rogic – Anic, Croatia 1999] Rf7 17. Qd4 Bf3 18. gf3 with compensation; L. Hodova – M. Sebag, Patras 2001;

14. Bc2

a) 14... Re8 15. Ra4 [15. h3 Bf3 16. gf3 Nh5 17. f4 Qh4 18. Qg4 Qg4 19. hg4 Nf6 20. Ba4 Re7 21. Be3 Ne4 22. Nd6 Nd4 23. Ne4 Re4= Conquest – Flear, France 1998] Qd7 16. Qd3 Re4 17. Bg5 and White is slightly better; Kunte – Ganguly, Kolkata 2001;

b) 14... d5! 15. Bg5 [15. e5 Ne4 with compensation; Morozevich – Ki. Georgiev, Germany 1998/99 – 74/(364)] Bf3 16. Qf3 Bd4 17. ed5 Qd5 18. Qd5 1/2 : 1/2 Almasi – Piket, Groningen 1998 – 74/ (364);

14. Bg5!? h6 [14... Bf3 15. gf3 Nd4 16. Nd4 Bd4 17. Bf7 Rf7 18. Qd4 Qd7 19. Ra3 Nh5 20. Rfa1 h6 21. Bd2 Kh7 with compensation; Shirov – Topalov, Monaco (rapid) 2002] 15. Bh4

a) 15... Re8?! 16. Qd3!? [16. Re1 g5 17. Bg3 Ba5 18. Nc3 Bc3 19. bc3 Re4 20. Bc2 Re1 21. Qe1= Leko – Topalov, Monaco (blindfold) 2001] Bf3 [16... g5? 17. e5 and White is winning] 17. gf3 Nd4 18. Nd4 Bd4 19. Bf7 Kf7 20. Qd4 g5 21. Bg3 and White is slightly better;

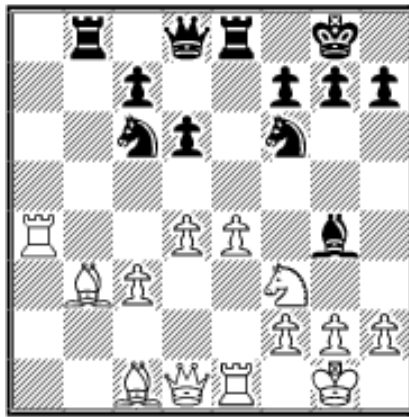
b) 15... Bf3 16. gf3 Nd4 17. Nd4 Bd4 18. Bf7 Rf7 19. Qd4 Qd7 with compensation

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14... Qe8 15. Bc2!? [15. Qd3 Na5 16. Bc2 Bd7 17. Nc3! Ba4 18. Ba4 Qe6 19. b4! Qc4 20. Qc4 Nc4 21. Bb5 Na5 22. e5! and White is slightly better; Acs – Blehm, Yerevan 2000 – 80/363] Ne4 16. Qd3! [16. Nc3 Nc3 17. bc3and White is slightly better; U. Atakisi – K. Laciner, Antalya 2002] Nf6! 17. Bg5 Bh5 18. Bf6 Bg6 19. Qd2 gf6 20. Nc3 and White is slightly better (Acs)

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15. Re1 Ba5 [15... h6?! 16. Bc2 d5 17. e5 Ne4 18. Nc3 and White is superior; Anand – Piket, Dortmund 2000 – 79/(317); 15... Qd7 16. Bc2 d5 17. e5 Ne4 unclear; Bologan – Tkachiev, Enghien-les-Bains 1999 – 75/308] 16. Nc3 [16. Na7 Bf3 17. gf3 Nd4! 18. Bf7 Kf7 19. Ra5 c5 with initiative (Bologan)] Bc3 17. bc3



a) 17... Ne4 18. Re3!? [18. Re4 Re4 19. Bd5 Re6 20. Be6 fe6= I. Markovic] d5 19. h3 Bh5 20. Ra6

a1) 20... Re6 21. Re4! Re4 [21... de4 22. Be6 fe6 23. Rc6 ef3 24. Rc5 Qh4 25. Qe1! fg2 26. Kg2 Rf8 27. Qe6 Bf7 28. Qe2 and White is superior] 22. Rc6 Rb3 [22... Bf3!? 23. gf3 Rh4] 23. Qb3 Bf3 24. gf3 Re1 25. Kh2 Rc1 26. Qb7 h6 27. Qc7 Qc7 28. Rc7 and White is slightly better;

a2) 20... Rb6 21. Rb6 cb6 and White is slightly better; M. Skrzypnik – M. Jakubowski, Poland 2001;

b) 17... Re4 18. Be3 Bf3 19. gf3 Re8 20. Ra6 unclear (Bologan)

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16. Bh4 Re4 17. Bf6 Qf6 18. Bd5 Bf3 [18... Rd4!? 19. Nbd4 Nd4 with compensation] 19. Qf3 Qf3 [19... Rf4 20. Bf7 Qf7 21. Qc6 and White is slightly better; Budylna – A. Matras, Yerevan 1999] 20. gf3 Rd4 21. Nd4 Nd4 with compensation

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16... Ne7 17. Bf6 gf6 18. Nc3 and White is slightly better (Bologan)

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19. Bc6 hg5 20. Be8 g4 21. Qe2 c5 22. Bc6 Qb6 23. Ra8 Ra8 24. Ba8 Qb2 with compensation Almasi – Picket, Monaco (blindfold) 2001 – 82/(307)

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23. Ra4 Kg7 24. Qc3 Rc5 25. Qa1 Qe5 26. Qe5 1/2 : 1/2 Ye Jiangchuan – Peng Xiaomin, Shanghai 2001 – 82/(307)

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14... Kh8? 15. Be3 Ne4 16. Qc2 Qe8 17. Nd6 Nd6 18. Bc6 and White is winning; N. Bojkovic – M. Makropoulou, Tbilisi 1999

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16. Be3 f6 17. Qc1 Nb4 18. Nd2 Be2 19. Ne4 de4 20. Re1 Bd3 21. Bd2 Bb5 22. Bb4 Qd4 23. Bb5 Qb4 24. Qc4 Qc4 25. Bc4 Kh8 26. e6 f5= Nijboer – De Vreught, Wijk aan Zee 2001 – 80/(362)

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17. h3 Bf3 [17... Bh5? 18. g4 Bg6 19. Nc3 and White is superior; Korneev – Campos Moreno, Linares 2000] 18. gf3 Ng5 19. f4 [19. Bg5 fg5 with compensation] Ne6 20. Be3 fe5 [20... f5 21. Nc7!? Qc7 22. Rc3 Ned8 23. Bc6 Nc6 24. Qc2 Rfc8 25. Rc1 Bd4 26. Bd4 Nd4 27. Rc7 Nc2 28. R7c2 Rc2 29. Rc2 Kf7 and White is slightly better; 20... Ne7!? and White is slightly better] 21. fe5 and White is slightly better

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21. Nc3 Bf3 22. gf3 Ng5 23. Ne2 [23. e6?! Qe7 unclear; Korneev – Stefanova, Malaga 2000]

a) 23... Nh3? 24. Kg2 Ng5 25. f4 Ne6 26. f5 Ng5 27. Rh1! Qe7 [27... c6 28. Bd2 Bc7 29. Rb3 Na6 30. Bc6 fe5 31. de5 Rf5 32. f4 and White is winning] 28. Bd2 and White is superior;

b) 23... Ne6!? with compensation

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21... Qf6 22. Ne5 and White is slightly better

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23. Ne4 Re4 24. Qg3 and White is slightly better, with the idea 24... Be2 25. Re1 Bb5 26. Re4 de4 27. Bb5 Qd4 28. Qb3 Kh8 29. Be3

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14... Ne4?? 15. Bd5 Qe8 16. Qe2 and White is winning;

14... d5!? 15. e5 Ne4 Anand

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17... Ne5 18. de5 Be3 19. Re3 Rb5 20. Ba4 Bf3 21. Rf3 Rb2 22. Be8 Qe8 23. Rfb3! and White is superior (Anand)

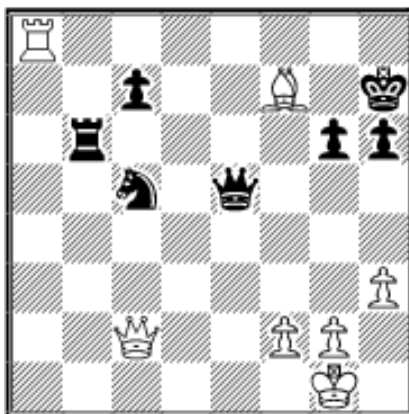
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18... Be1? 19. Nc6 Bf3 20. Qe1 and White is winning (Anand)

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19. Qf3 Nd4! 20. Bd4 Be1 21. Nc6 Qd7 [21... Rb3 22. Qb3 and White is slightly better] 22. Nb8 Rb8 23. Ra7

a) 23... Bb4 24. Ba4 (White is slightly better) Qe7 25. Qe3 h6 26. Bc6 Bc5 27. Bc5 Nc5 28. Bd5 Rb2 29. Ra8 Kh7 30. h3 Rb4 31. Qc3 Rb6 32. Qc2 g6 33. Bf7 Qe5



a1) 34. Bg8 Kg7 35. Ba2 and White is slightly better; Galkin – Prokopchuk, Moscow 2002;

a2) 34. Re8! Qf5 [34... Qg5 35. Bg8 Kg7 36. Qc4 and White is winning] 35. Bg6 Qg6 36. Re7 Kg8 37. Qc5 Rb1 38. Kh2 Qd6 39. Qd6 cd6 40. Re6 and White is winning;

b) 23... Qd8!?

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20. Nc6!? Bf2 21. Bf2 Qg5 22. Kf1 Nf2 23. Kf2 Qh4! 24. Kf1! Rb6 25. Qc2 Qh3 26. Kg1 Qf3 27. Ba4! Qg4 28. Rg3 and White is slightly better; 27... Qf4 and White is slightly better (Anand)

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22... Bf2 23. Bf2 Qg5 24. Bg3! Red8 25. Rc7 Qe3 26. Kh1 Rd4 27. Qb3! Qf3 28. Kg1! and White is superior; Anand – Tkachiev, Moscow (m/1) 2001 – 83/326;

22... Bb4 23. Be8 Qe8 24. Qc2 and White is slightly better (Anand)

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