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The Most Important Novelty of Volume 84

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The Marshall Attack is a widely popular, frequently employed opening line that has never lost its pull: it leaves ample room for creativity on both sides, as the pendulum of theory constantly keeps swinging to and fro. Faithful to the trends set in modern tournament practice, top players strive for complications in search of radical methods that might decide theoretical discussions in their favor.

Following up the award for the novelty from his game versus Tkachiev (Moscow (m/1) 2001 – 83/326), Viswanathan Anand has produced yet another masterpiece of analytical work combining – almost ideally – diligent research with his practical experience and enthusiasm. This second consecutive award has unraveled a microcosm of fantastic tactical motifs based on a series of sacrifices that eventually helped him maintain the balance against the new FIDE World Champion Ruslan Ponomarev in the otherwise critical line for Black.

Hoping that the following survey will be a useful aid to your opening preparation, the Chess Informant Editorial Board certainly looks forward to receiving new contributions that would additionally prove (or perhaps disprove) the viability of the variations analyzed.



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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3
0-0 8. c3 d5 9. ed5 Nd5 10. Ne5 Ne5 11. Re5 c6 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Qh4
14. g3 Qh3 15. Re4 g5 16. Qe2



16... f5! N 17. Bd5 (the only move) [17. Re6?? Be6 18. Qe6 Kh8 19. Qd6 Rae8 20. Bd2 f4 21. Bd5 cd5 22. f3 g4 0 : 1 Smirin 2702 — Grischuk 2669, Panormo 2001] **cd5 18. Re6 f4! 19. Rd6 Bg4 20. Qf1** (the only move) [20. Qe5 Rae8 21. Qg5 Kh8 22. Bd2 f3 and Black is winning; 20. Qd3

Rae8 21. Bd2 (21. Nd2 Re1 22. Nf1 Bf3 and Black is winning) Be2 and Black is winning; 20. Rh6 Rae8 21. Rh3 Re2 22. Kf1 Rfe8 and Black is winning; 20. f3 Rae8 21. Qf1 Qf1 22. Kf1 fg3 and Black is winning] **Qf1! 21. Kf1 Rae8 22. Bd2** [22. Rh6 Rf6! and Black is winning] **Bh3** [22... Re2 23. gf4 gf4 24. Rd5 and White is winning; 22... fg3 23. hg3 Re2 24. Be1 Re3 25. Nd2 Rg3 26. Rd5 and White is winning] **23. Kg1 fg3** [23... f3 24. Rd5 Re2 25. Rg5 Kh8 26. Re5 and White is winning; 23... Re2 24. Rd5 fg3 25. Rg5 Kh8 26. Rg3 Bd7 27. Be3 Re1 28. Kg2 Bc6 29. Kh3 Bd7 30. Kh4 and White is winning] **24. hg3 Re2 25. Be3** [25. Rh6!? Ref2! 26. Na3 Rg2 27. Kh1 Rd2 28. Rh3 Rff2 29. b4 (29. Rb1 Kg7 30. g4 Rfe2 31. Rg3 Kg6 32. Kg1 h5 33. gh5 Kh5 with counterplay) Kg7! 30. Re1 Ra2 31. Nb1 Rfb2 32. g4 Ra1 33. Rhe3 Rbb1 34. Re7 Kf6 35. R7e6 equal] **Re3! 26. fe3 Rf1 27. Kh2 g4 28. Rd5 1/2 : 1/2 [Ponomarev]**

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