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The Ten Most Important Novelties of Informant 89

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The voting for the Most Important Novelty brought Veselin Topalov a convincing 20-point margin of victory. He is probably the only Top 20 player who is not a regular contributor to Informant, but he duly deserved it. The game annotations appear in Chess Informant 89 courtesy of his opponent Ivan Sokolov. Topalov is also the only player with two Top 10 novelties, the other being his win against Anand from Wijk aan Zee, which finished in eighth place. Among these first eight novelties there was only one that was not played at Wijk! The other game that received votes from all the members of the jury was Bologan - Svidler. Dautov was credited as the author of the novelty, which helped it place second, just four points ahead of Akopian - Kramnik.

Launching his stunning novelty, Topalov gambited his e-pawn to make way for his pieces. Acceptance of the pawn would result in a considerable spatial and development advantage for White, who could then set up a bind that would keep Black's pieces inactive and probably irreparably ruin Black's position. The Dutchman had no choice but to defend passively, at the cost of a serious positional concession; his rook became a serious liability, without much hope of being in play.

With *17.Qb6!* White pressed harder, forcing Black's queen into the corner. He then created a rook battery on the open e-file, in the spirit of the "two weaknesses principle," thus stretching Sokolov's forces almost to the breaking point. Topalov rushed forward with *24.Re8?* hoping to exploit Black's misplaced pieces stranded on the queenside, but underestimated Sokolov's plan of developing counterplay by redeploying the Black queen to the kingside. Instead, he should have nullified his opponent's counterplay with *24.Qc3!*, followed by a series of exchanges that would inevitably lead to a position where Black could no longer prevent a decisive breakthrough to the eighth rank. Sokolov quickly revealed the inadequacies of his opponent's plan, and Black's queen soon became a nuisance. Unable to adjust, Topalov threw away the win with *26.Be5?*, when *26.Nb6!* would have retained excellent winning chances.

The impact of Topalov's innovation was such that most players, including Kasparov, switched back to *5...Nbd7*, whereas Sokolov acknowledged the power of the winning novelty by diverging with *7...Bf5* in his later Bundesliga game against Pelletier. The accompanying theoretical survey focuses on the *5...Bg4* line

where Black is still in need of a plan that would bring him closer to equalizing.

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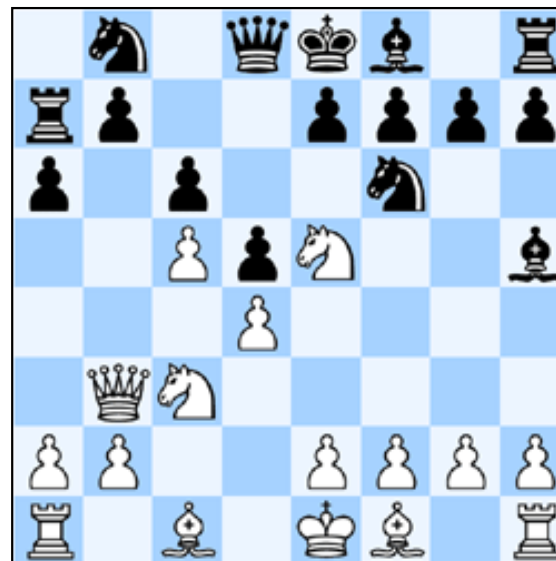
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1. V. TOPALOV – I. SOKOLOV	349	10	8	10	9	10	7	8	9	10	81
2. BOLOGAN – SVIDLER	397	5	6	3	10	8	9	4	10	6	61
3. VL. AKOPIAN – KRAMNIK	225	7	10	4	–	7	4	10	6	9	57
4. LÉKÓ – BOLOGAN	65	–	9	7	5	–	6	9	8	–	44
5. AND. VOLOKITIN – CH. LUTZ	215	2	4	1	4	–	8	6	7	3	35
6. I. SOKOLOV – KRAMNIK	432	3	5	6	8	3	–	3	–	1	29
7. D. STELLWAGEN – L. DOMÍNGUEZ	218	–	2	–	6	–	10	–	5	4	27
8. V. TOPALOV – V. ANAND	202	8	7	–	2	6	2	–	–	–	25
9. A. NAIDITSCH – CHUCHELOV	115	–	3	8	–	4	–	–	4	–	19
10. SAKAEV – McSHANE	406	9	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	16
11. DE FIRMIAN – I. SOKOLOV	305	–	–	9	–	–	–	5	–	–	14
12. TEAM NATAF – TEAM OJJEH	290	–	–	–	1	5	–	–	–	8	14
13. SASIKIRAN – P. THIPSAY	475	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	1	7	11
14. LOBBRON – D. STELLWAGEN	155	–	–	5	–	–	5	–	–	–	10
15. TEAM OJJEH – TEAM NATAF	319	–	–	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	9
16. N. SHORT – PET. NIELSEN	296	6	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	8
17. A. GALKIN – MACIEJA	288	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	7
18. T. RADJABOV – MACIEJA	429	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5
19. GERSHON – GREENFELD	411	–	–	2	–	2	1	–	–	–	5
20. MADAN – BALTAG	182	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
21. TH. LUTHER – DVOIRYS	(242)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3
22. M. PAVLOVIĆ – VL. GEORGIEV	274	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	3
23. BOLOGAN – RO. PÉREZ	276	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	3
24. GYIMESI – GAGUMASHVILI	354	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2
25. GREENFELD – AL. ONISCHUK	374	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	2
26. DAUTOV – PELLETIER	(445)	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
27. MACIEJA – R. PONOMARIOV	200	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
28. MI. ADAMS – B. AVRUKH	201	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
29. MAMEDYAROV – DAUTOV	348	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
30. HEN. HAPPEL – M. M. IVANOV	486	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

V. Topalov 2735 – I. Sokolov 2706
Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/349

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 a6 5. c5 Bg4 6. Ne5 Bh5 7. Qb3 Ra7



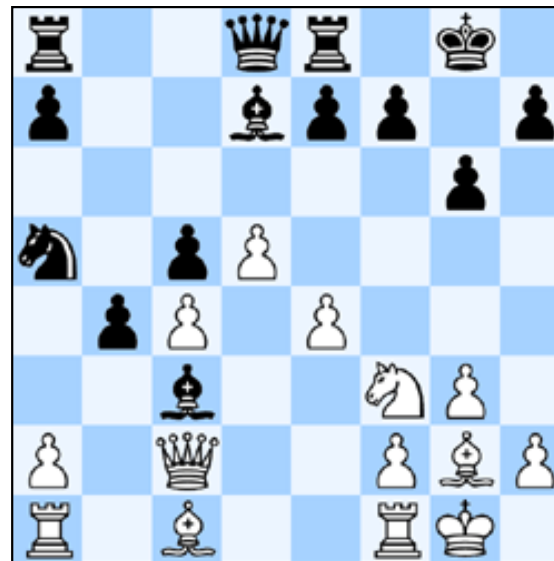
8. e4!! [a novelty, and White is superior; 8. Bf4 see 66/(320)] **e6** [8... Ne4?? 9. Ne4 de4 10. Qh3 Bg6 11. Bc4 and White is winning; 8... de4 9. Be2! (9. Bg5 e6 10. g4 Qd4 unclear; 9. Bc4 e6 10. Be3 with compensation) e6 (9... Bg6 10. h4! and White is superior, with the idea 10... Qd4 11. Ng6 hg6 12. Qb6 and White is winning) 10. g4 (10. Bh5 Nh5 11. Nc4 and White is superior, with the idea; 11... Nf6 12. Bg5) Bg6 (10... Qd4 11. Bf4 Bc5 12. 0-0 and White is superior) 11. Bf4 (11. h4 Qd4) Nd5 12. Nd5 ed5 13. h4 f6 14. Ng6 hg6 15. f3 and White is superior] **9. ed5 ed5 10. Bd3 Nbd7** [10... Nfd7 11. Bf4 and White is superior, with the idea 11... Qh4? 12. g4! Bg4 13. Ng4 Qg4 14. Bb8 Nb8 15. Qb6 Qf3 16. Kd2 and White is winning] **11. Bf4 Ne5 12. Be5 Be7** [12... Nd7 13. 0-0 Ne5 14. Rae1] **13. 0-0 0-0 14. Rfe1 Bg6 15. Bg6 hg6 16. Re2 Ng4**



17. Qb6! (and White is winning) **Qa8** (only move) [17... Qb6 18. cb6 Raa8 19. Bg7 Rfe8 20. Rae1] **18. Bc7 Bf6 19. Bd6 Rd8 20. Na4 Nh6** [20... Bd4?? 21. Qb4 Bf2 22. Rf2 Nf2 23. Nb6] **21. Qa5 Qc8** (only move) **22. h3 Qf5** [22... g5!?] **23. Rae1 Qd3 24. Re8?** [24. Qc3! Qd4 (24... Qb5 25. Nb6 Nf5 26. a4) 25. Qd4 Bd4 26. Re8 Re8 27. Re8 Kh7 28. Bb8 Ra8 29. Nb6 Rb8 30. Rb8 Bc5 31. Rb7] **Re8 25. Re8 Kh7** (with counterplay) **26. Be5?** [26. Nb6! and White is superior Bd4 27. Bb8 Nf5 28. Qe1! (28. Ba7? Qg3! 29. Qd2 Nh4 with attack) Bc5 29. Ba7 Qd4 30. Rb8! Nd6 (30... Bb6 31. Bb6 Qb6 32. Qe8 and White is winning) 31. Rf8! Bb6 (31... f6 32. Nc8 and White is winning) 32. Bb6 Qb6 33. Qe7 and White is winning] **Be5 27. de5 Qb1 28. Kh2 Qe4** (equal) **29. g3 Qc2 30. Kg2 Nf5 31. Qd8 Ne3 32. Kg1 Qd1 33. Kh2 Nf1 34. Kg2 Ne3 35. fe3 Qe2 1/2 : 1/2 [I. Sokolov]**

Bologan 2679 – Svidler 2747 Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/397

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. g3 d5 5. cd5 Nd5 6. Bg2 Nb6 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. e3 0–0 9. 0–0 Re8 10. d5 Na5 11. Nd4 Bd7 12. e4 c5 13. Nf3 Nbc4 14. Qc2 b5 15. b3 b4 16. bc4 Bc3

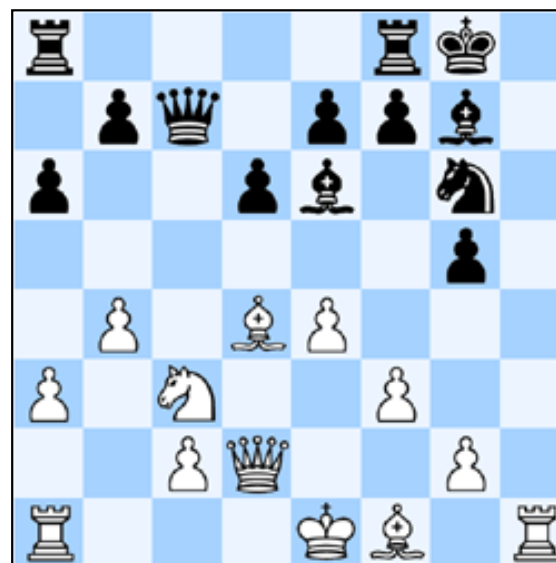


17. Bd2!! [a novelty, Dautov; 17. Bb2 see 75/416] **Bg7** [17... Ba1 18. Ra1 Nb7 (18... e5 19. a3; 18... Qb6 19. Ne5 Qd6 20. f4) 19. e5 (19. Qb2 Nd6 20. Bh6 f6 21. Nd2 e5) Bf5 20. Qb2 (with compensation, Dautov) Na5 21. Rc1 Bd3 22. Bh6 f6 23. d6 and White is superior] **18. Rac1** [18. Rab1 Nb7 19. e5 (19. Bf4 e5) Bf5] **Qb6** [18... e5 19. a3! and White is superior; 18... Nb7 19. e5 Bf5 20. Qb3 Na5 21. Qe3 and White is superior] **19. Rfe1?!** [19. Be3 e5 20. Ne1 Nb7 21. Nd3 Rac8 22. f4 ef4 23. gf4 with initiative] **Rad8** [19... Nb7 20. e5; 19... e5!? 20. a3 b3 a) 21. Qc3 Nb7 22. a4 (22. Rb1 Ba4) Nd6 (22... Ba4 23. Ra1 b2 24. Rab1) 23. a5 Qb7 24. Rb1 Rab8 25. Bc1 Qb4 (25... f5 26. Nd2 Ba4 27. Ba3 Bh6 28. f4! and White is superior) 26. Qb4 Rb4 27. Ba3 Rc4 28. Nd2 Rc2 29. Nb3 Nb5 30. Bc5 Nc3; b) 21. Qd3! Nb7 22. Rb1 Ba4 23. Bc3 Nd6 24. Nd2 and White is slightly better] **20. h3** [20. e5 Bf5 21. Qd1 e6] **e6!** **21. g4 ed5** [21... Nb7 22. e5 f6 23. ef6 Bf6 24. Ng5 e5 25. Ne4 and White is superior] **22. cd5** [22. ed5 f5] **c4 23. Be3** [23. e5 c3 24. Be3 Qb5] **Qc7** [23... Qa6 24. e5! (24. Bd4 Bd4 25. Nd4 Qb6 26. Red1 Rc8) Be5 25. Ne5 Re5 26. Bc5 Re1 27. Re1 Qb5 28. Bd4 c3 29. Qc1] **24. e5** [24. Bd4 Bd4 25. Nd4 Qc5 (25... c3 26. a3 and White is superior) 26. Red1 Rc8; 24. Nd4 c3 25. a3 Nc4 26. ab4 Ne3 27. fe3 Rc8] **Be5?** [24... Re5 25. Ne5 Be5 26. Ba7 Bc3 27. Be3 Be1 28. Re1 and White is superior; 24... c3! (with the idea Nc4) 25. a3 (25. Qb1 Nc4 26. Qb4 Ne5 27. Ne5 Be5) Nc4 26. d6 Qb8 27. ab4 Ne5 28. Ne5 Be5 29. Bc5 Bb5 (29... Bd6 30. Qc3 Be5 31. Qa3 and White is slightly better) 30. Re5 Re5 31. Qc3 Re6 32. Bd5 Red6 33. Bd6 Qd6 34. Rd1 Qb6 equal] **25. Ne5 Qe5?!** [25... Re5 26. Qb2 Qd6 27. Rb1 Rb8 28. Bd2 and White is superior, weak point b4] **26. Bc5!** [26. Ba7? Qe1 27. Re1 Re1 28. Kh2 Rde8 29. Bf3 Bb5 30. Bc5 b3 unclear] **Qe1 27. Re1 Re1 28. Kh2 Rde8** [28... b3 29. ab3 (29. Qc3? ba2 30. Qe1 Nb3 31. Qe7 Ra8 and Black is winning) Nb3 (29... cb3 30. Qc3) 30. Ba7 Rc8 31. Qc3 and White is superior] **29. Bb4 R1e2 30. Qc3 Rf2 31. Kg3 and White is winning Ra2** [31... Rfe2 32. Bf3 R2e3 33. Qf6 Nb7 34. Bd2] **32. Qf6?** (time) [32. Ba5 Rb8 33. Qe5 and White is winning] **Nb7?** [32... Nb3 33. Bc3 Re3 34. Bf3 Rc3 35. Qc3 Nd2 36. Bg2 and White is superior] **33. Bf3 Rc2** [33... Re3 34. Kf4 a5 (34... Rb3 35. Qe7 Rb4 36. Qb4) 35. Ke3 ab4 36. Qe7 and White is winning] **34. Qa6 Nd8 35. Qa7 Bb5 36. Qd4 f5 37. gf5 Nf7** [37... gf5 38. Kf4 Nf7 39. Qg1 Kh8 40. Qd1 and White is winning] **38. fg6 hg6 39. Qb6 1 : 0** [Bologan]

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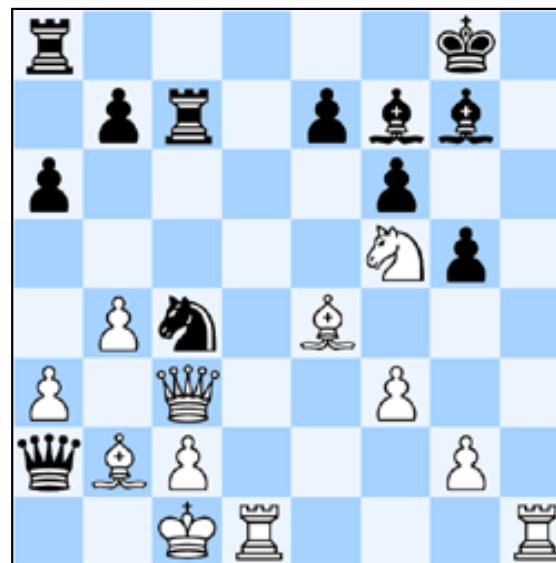
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19. Ne2! [a novelty; 19. Bg7 see 85/230] **f6** [19... Bd4 20. Nd4 and White is slightly better; 19... Be5!? with the idea 20. Be5 de5 21. Qg5 Rfd8] **20. Bb2 Bf7 21. Nd4 d5** [21... e6 22. g3!? with the idea Qh2] **22. ed5 Qe5** [22... Qg3 23. Kd1! Rfd8 (23... Qe5 24. c4) 24. Nf5; 22... Bd5 23. 0-0-0 (23. Nf5 Rfd8 24. Ng7 Qg3 25. Qf2 Qf2 26. Kf2 Kg7 27. Bd3 Nf4 28. Rh7 Kf8; 23. Bd3 Nf4 24. Bh7 Kf7 25. g3 e5!) Rfd8 24. Bd3 Ne5 25. Bf5 Nc4 26. Qe2 (26. Ne6 Be6 27. Be6 Kf8 28. Qc3 Qf4 29. Kb1 Nb2 30. Qb2 Rd1 31. Rd1 f5) Nb2 27. Kb2 Qc4 28. Qc4 Bc4 29. Be6 Be6 30. Ne6 Rd1 31. Rd1] **23. Be2** [23. Qe2 Qd5] **Qd5** [23... Qg3? 24. Kf1 Nh4 (24... Nf4 25. Bd3) 25. Rh4! Qh4 (25... gh4 26. Nf5) 26. Nf5; 23... Bd5 24. 0-0-0 Qf4 25. Nf5!? (25. Bd3 Qd2 26. Rd2 Nf4)] **24. 0-0-0 Rfc8** [24... a5!? 25. b5 Rfd8 26. Bd3 Qc5 27. Qe3 and White is slightly better; 24... Rfd8] **25. Bd3 Ne5 26. Be4 Qa2** [26... Qd7 27. Bf5 e6 28. Ne6 Be6 29. Qd7 Bd7 30. Bd7 Nd7 31. Rd7] **27. Nf5!** [27. Bb7 Nc4 28. Qc3 a) 28... Nb6 a1) 29. Bc8 Na4 30. Nf5! (30. Ne6 Nc3 31. Rd8 Be8 32. Re8 Kf7 unclear) Nc3 31. Rd8 Bf8 32. Ne7 Kg7 33. Nf5 Kg8 (33... Kg6 34. Bc3) 34. Bc3 Rc8 35. Rc8 Be6 36. Ne7 Kg7 37. Rc7 Qa3 38. Kd2 and White is superior; a2) 29. Nc6 Rc6 (29... Na4 30. Ne7 Kf8 31. Nc8 Nc3 32. Rd8 Be8 33. Bc3 Qa3 34. Bb2 Qe3 35. Kb1 Rb8 36. Bc6 and White is winning) 30. Bc6 Rc8 31. Qd4! with the idea 31... Rc6 32. Qd8 Bf8 33. Rh8 Kh8 34. Qf8 Kh7 35. Rh1 Kg6 36. Qh6 Kf5 37. Qh3 and White is winning; b) 28... f5! 29. Ba8 b1) 29... Be5 30. g3 Bg3 31. Ne6 (31. Rh8 Kh8 32. Nf5 Be5 33. Qe5 Ne5 34. Be5 Kg8 35. Ne7 Kf8 36. Nc8 Qa3 37. Bb2 Qb4) Qb2 (31... Be5 32. Qe5 Ne5 33. Bd5 and White is

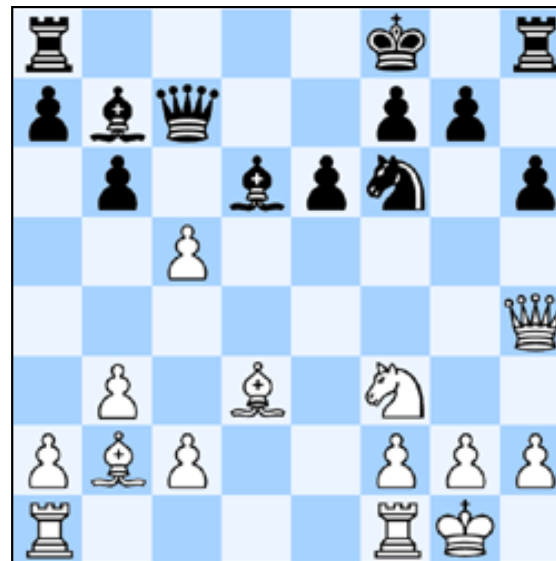
winning) 32. Qb2 Nb2 33. Rd8 Rd8 34. Nd8 and White is winning; b2) 29... Ra8! 30. Qb3 (30. Rd3 Rc8!) Qb3 31. cb3 Nb2 32. Kb2 Rd8 33. Kc3 Rc8 34. Kd3 Rd8 35. Ke3? f4 36. Ke4 Bg6 37. Nf5 Rf8; 35. Kc3 equal] **Nc4 28. Qc3 Rc7?** [28... Nb2 29. Ne7 Kf8 30. Nc8 Qa1 31. Kd2 Nc4 32. Qc4 Qd1 33. Rd1 Bc4 34. Bb7 Rb8 35. Kc3 and White is winning; 28... Qb2 29. Qb2 Nb2 a) 30. Kb2 Rc7 31. Ng7 Kg7 32. Rh7 Kf8 33. Rh8 Bg8 34. Bd5 Kg7 35. Rdh1 Rac8 36. Bg8 Rg8 (36... Rc2 37. Kb1) 37. R1h7 Kg6! (37... Kf8 38. c4 Rh8 39. Rh8 Kg7 40. Rb8) 38. Re7 Re7 39. Rg8 Kf5; b) 30. Rd7 Rd8 31. Rb7 Nc4 32. Re7 (32. Ng7 Kg7 33. Re7 Rh8!) Bf8 33. Ba8 Be7 34. Ne7 Kf8 35. Nc8! Rc8 36. Rh8 Bg8 37. Bd5 Kg7 38. Rg8 Rg8 39. Bc4 Ra8 40. Kb2 and White is superior; 33... Ra8; c) 30. Ne7 Kf8 31. Nc8 c1) 31... Nd1 32. Bb7 Rc8 (32... Rb8 33. Rd1 Rb7 34. Rd8 Be8 35. Re8 Ke8 36. Nd6; 32... Nf2 33. Rf1 Rb8 34. Nd6) 33. Bc8 Ne3 34. Ba6; c2) 31... Rc8 32. Rd7 (32. Bb7 Rc7) Na4 33. Bb7 and White is superior]



29. Rh7! Qb2 [29... Bf8 30. Rdh1 Be6 31. Ne7 Re7 32. Rh8 Kf7 33. Bg6 Kg6 34. Qf6 mate; 29... Kh7 30. Ne7 Kh6 31. Rh1 Bh5 32. g4; 29... Nb2 30. Rg7 Kf8 31. Qb2 Qb2 32. Kb2 e6 33. Rf7 (33. Rh7 ef5 34. Bf5) Rf7 34. Nd6 Rd8 35. Rd3] **30. Qb2 Nb2 31. Rg7 Kf8 32. Rh1 1 : 0** [Vl. Akopian]

Leko 2722 – Bologan 2679 Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/65

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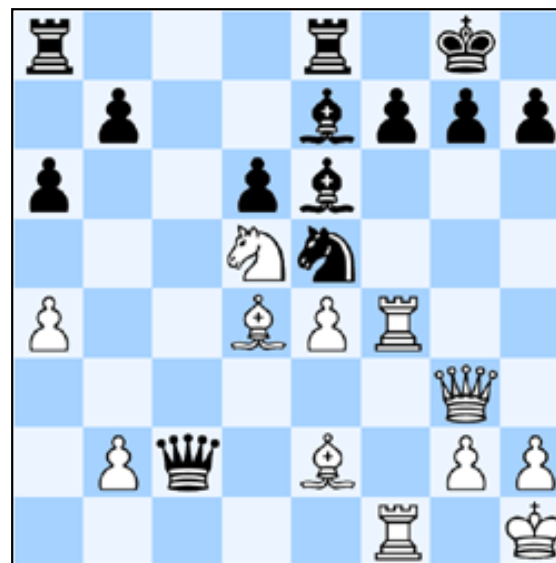


16... Qc5! [a novelty; 16... bc5 17. Bf6 Bf3 18. Bb2 and White is slightly better] **17. Bf6** [17. Bd4!?] **gf6!** [17... Bf3 18. Bd4] **18. Qf6!?** [18. Be4 Be4 19. Qe4 Rc8 20. c4 f5 equal] **Qh5!!** [18... Rg8 19. Rfe1 Bh2 (19... Qh5 20. Be4!) 20. Kh2? Qh5 21. Qh4 (21. Nh4 Rg2 and Black is winning) Rg2 22. Kg2 Qh4 and Black is winning; 20. Kf1! and White is superior] **19. Rfe1** [19. h3? Rg8 20. Kh1 Rg2 21. Kg2 Be5 22. Bg6!; 20... Rg4! and Black is winning with the idea Rf4; 19. Qh8! Ke7 20. Bg6! (20. Qg7? Bf3 21. h3 Be5 22. Bg6 Bg7 23. Bh5 Bh5 and Black is winning) Qg6 (20... Bh2? 21. Kh1 Qg6 22. Qd4!) 21. Qc3 Rg8 22. g3 Qe4 23. Kg2 Be5 24. Qe3 equal] **Rg8??** [19... Bf3 20. Qf3 (20. Qh8? Ke7 21. Re6 Ke6 22. Re1 Kd7 and Black is winning) Bh2 21. Kh1 Qf3 22. gf3 Bd6 23. Re4! and Black is slightly better] **20. Be4! Rg2?!** [20... Qg4 21. Ne5! Be5 22. Qe5 Be4 23. Qe4 Rd8 24. Qg4 Rg4 25. Rad1 Rgd4 26. Rd4 Rd4 27. Kf1 Rd2 28. Rc1 Ke7 29. Ke1 and White is winning; 20... Be7 21. Qe5] **21. Kg2 Qg4 22. Kh1!** [22. Kf1 Qh3 23. Ke2 Be4 and White is superior] **Be4 23. Re4 Qe4 24. Re1 Qh7?!** [24... Qg4 25. Rg1 Qe4 26. Rg7 Qb7 27. Kg2 and White is winning; 24... Qd5 25. c4 Qc6 26. Re6 and White is winning; 24... Qg6!? 25. Qg6 fg6 26. Re6 Bc5 27. Ne5! (27. Rg6 Re8! 28. Rh6 Re2 with counterplay) Rd8 28. Nd3] **25. Nd4! Ke8 26. Ne6 Kd7 27. Qf3 Rb8 28. Nd4 Rc8 29. Qh3 f5** [29... Kd8 30. Re8 Ke8 31. Qc8 Ke7 32. Nf5 Kf6 33. Nd6] **30. Nf5 1 : 0 [Leko]**

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 Nc6 7. Be2 e6 8. 0–0 Be7 9. Be3 0–0 10. f4 Qc7 11. Kh1 Re8 12. Bg1 Nd4 13. Qd4 e5 14. Qd3 ef4 15. Rf4 Be6 16. Raf1 Nd7 17. Nd5 Qc6 18. Bd4 [18. Qg3 Qc2! 19. Bg4 Ne5 20. Bd4 see 18. Bd4] **Ne5** [18... Bg5? 19. Qg3 f6 20. Rf6! Bf6 (20... Nf6 21. Qg5 Bd5 22. Bf6 g6 23. ed5 and White is winning) 21. Bf6 Nf6 (21... g6 22. Bd3! and White is superior, with the idea; 22... Bd5 23. ed5 Qd5 24. Bg6 and White is winning) 22. Nf6 Kh8 23. Ne8 Re8 24. Bd3 and White is

superior] **19. Qg3!** [19. Qb3 a) 19... Bg5? 20. Be5 de5 21. Rf7! Bf7 22. Rf7 Kh8 (22... Kf7 23. Nb4 Qe6 24. Bc4 and White is superior) 23. Nc7 Qe4 24. Bd3 and White is superior; b) 19... Rac8! 20. c3 Bg5 with counterplay] **Qc2** [19... Qa4? 20. Bc3 with attack]

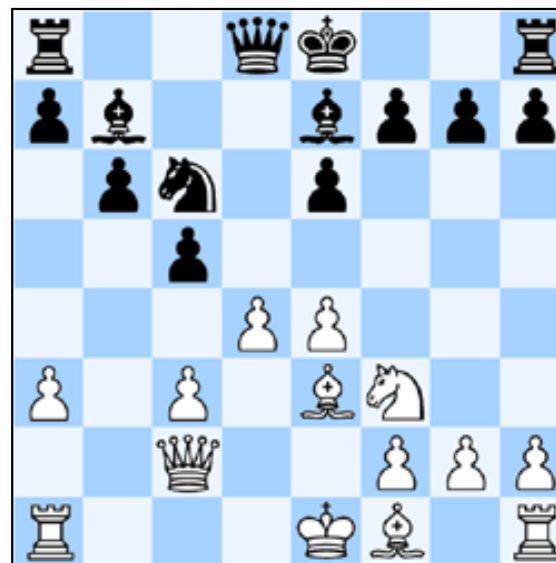


20. Bg4! [a novelty; 20. Bh5 see 88/215] **Ng6?!** [20... Bg5? 21. Be6 Bf4 22. Bf7 Kf7 23. Qf4 Kg8 24. Be5 de5 25. Qf7 Kh8 26. Nc7 and White is winning; 20... Bg4? 21. Be5! de5 (21... h5 22. Bg7! Kg7 23. Rf7 Kg8 24. Qf4 and White is winning) 22. Rg4 g6 23. Qf3 (23. Qe5!? Qd3 24. Rgf4 Bh4 25. Qc7 Rf8 26. Qd7! and White is superior) f6 24. h4! and White is superior; 20... g6? 21. Be6 fe6 22. Qh3! a) 22... ed5 23. Be5 de5 (23... Bf8 24. Rf8 Rf8 25. Qe6 and White is winning) 24. Rf7 h5 25. Qe6 and White is winning; b) 22... Bg5 23. Be5 de5 24. Rf7 h6 (24... h5 25. Qg3! and White is winning) 25. Ne7! Re7 26. Re7 Be7 27. Qe6 Kh8 28. Qe5 Kg8 29. Qe6 Kh8 30. Qe7 and White is superior; 20... Qd3?! 21. Be6 fe6 22. Nc7! and White is superior; 20... Bd5 21. ed5 Rf8 (21... Ng4 22. Rg4 g6 23. Qf3 with initiative) 22. Bf5 with initiative; 20... Ng4 21. Rg4 Bg4 22. Qg4 f6 only move (22... Bf8? 23. Nf6 Kh8 24. Qf5 and White is winning; 22... g6? 23. Qf4 f5 24. Qh6 and White is winning) 23. Qe6 Kh8 only move (23... Kf8? 24. Nf6 Bf6 25. Rf6 and White is winning) 24. Ne7 Re7! (24... Qd3? 25. Qf6 and White is winning) 25. Qe7 Qd3 26. Rc1 Qd4 27. Qb7 and White is slightly better] **21. Be6** [21. Bg7? Bh4! (21... Kg7?? 22. Be6 fe6 23. Rf7 Kh8 24. Qh3 Bh4 25. Nf6 and White is winning) 22. Qf3 Nf4 23. Qf4 Kg7 equal] **fe6 22. Rf7 e5** (only move) [22... Bf8? 23. Nf6!! gf6 (23... Kf7 24. Nh7 Ke7 25. Qg6 Kd7 26. Nf8 and White is winning) 24. Qh3 Kf7 (24... h6 25. Qg4 Kf7 26. Rf6 Ke7 27. Qe6 Kd8 28. Bb6 and White is winning) 25. Qh7 Bg7 26. Bf6 and White is winning] **23. Bg1** (and White is slightly better) **Qe4** [23... Kh8? 24. Qf3! and White is superior] **24. Qb3 Kh8 25. Nc7 Qc6 26. Na8 Ra8 27. Qe6! Re8** (only move) **28. Qf5 Kg8** [28... d5 29. h4! with attack; 28... Qa4 29. Be3 with initiative] **29. Qe6 Kh8 30. Qg4! Kg8** [30... d5 31. h4! Qc4 32. Qc4 dc4 33. g3! and White is superior] **31. R7f3! Qd5** [31... d5? 32. Rc3 Qd6 33. Bc5 Qd8 34. Qe6 Kh8 35. Be7 and White is winning; 31... Qc8 32. Qe4 Nf4 33. Rb3 and White is superior] **32. Rc3 Nf4 33. Rc8 Rc8 34. Qc8 Bf8 35. Qc2 Qc6** [35... Qd3 36. Rc1 Qc2 37. Rc2 Ne6 38. Rc8 d5 39. Rb8 d4 40. Rb7 a5 41. Rd7! Bb4 42. Rd5 and White is superior] **36.**

Qb3 and White is superior d5 [36... Kh8 37. Qf3 and White is superior] **37. Rd1! Qg6 38. Qf3 Bd6** [38... Qc2 39. Rf1 Bd6 40. Be3 e4 41. Qg3 Qe2 (41... Qd3 42. Rc1 and White is winning) 42. Re1 and White is winning] **39. g3** (and White is winning) **e4 40. Qb3 Nd3 41. Qd5 Kh8 42. Rd2** [42... Qg4 43. Qd6 Qf3 44. Rg2 h6 45. Qd8 Kh7 46. Qa5] **1 : 0** [And. Volokitin]

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Bb7 5. Nc3 d5 6. cd5 Nd5 7. Qc2 Nc3 8. bc3 c5 9. e4 Nc6 10. Be3!?
[10. Bb2 see 87/438] **Be7** [better is 10... Rc8]

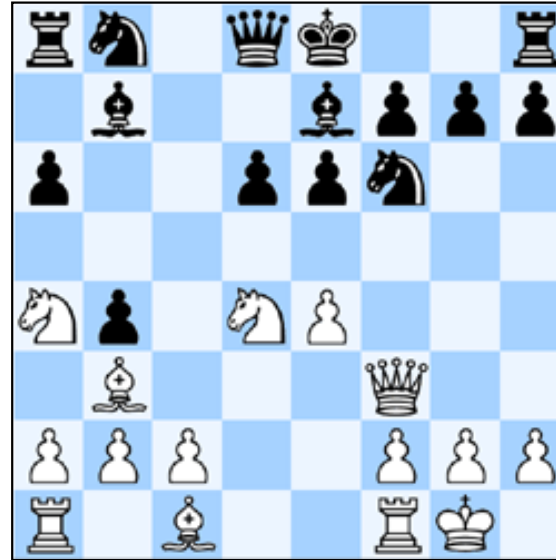


11. d5! [a novelty; 11. Bd3; 11. Qa2] **ed5 12. Rd1 d4** [12... 0-0? 13. ed5 Na5 14. c4 and White is superior] **13. cd4 0-0** (only move) [13... cd4?? 14. Bb5 Qc7 (14... Rc8 15. Bd4 0-0 16. Bg7) 15. Bf4 Qc8 16. Nd4 Bc5 17. Nf5 0-0 18. Qc3 f6 19. Qg3 g6 20. Bc4 Kh8 21. Bh6 and White is winning] **14. d5** [14. dc5 Qc7 15. Bc4 and White is slightly better] **Nd4 15. Qb2** [15. Nd4 cd4 16. Bd4 Ba3 unclear] **Re8?** [better is 15... Nf3 16. gf3 Qd6! unclear 17. f4 (17. e5 Qg6 unclear) Qg6 with the idea 18. Bd3? c4! 19. Bc2 f5! and Black is winning] **16. Bd4** [16. Nd4? cd4 and Black is slightly better 17. Qd4 (17. Bd4 Qd5! 18. ed5?? Bb4 mate) Bc5! 18. Qd3 Qh4 19. Bc5 bc5] **cd4 17. Bb5 Ba3** (only move) **18. Qd4!** (and White is superior) [18. Qa3? Re4 19. Kf1 Qd5 and Black is slightly better, with initiative] **Bc5 19. Qd3 Bb4 20. Kf1 Rf8** [20... Re7 21. Nd4 and White is superior] **21. Nd4!** [weak point c6] **Qc8** [21... Bc5 22. Bc6 Bd4 23. Bb7 Rb8 24. Bc6 Be5 25. g3 and White is superior] **22. h4 Bc5 23. h5** [better is 23. Nf5! (and White is superior, with attack) g6 24. Nh6 Kg7 25. h5] **Qg4 24. Nf3! Rad8 25. Rh4 Qc8 26. Bc4** (and White is superior, with initiative) **b5!?** **27. Bb5 Bb6 28. h6 g6 29. Qb3 Qc5 30. Qb2 f6 31. Rf4!** (and White is winning) **Bc7** [31... Qd6 32. g3] **32. Rc1! Qb6 33. Rc7 Qc7 34. Rf6 Rf6 35. Qf6 Rf8** [35... Qc1 36. Ne1 Qc7 37. d6! Rd6 38. Qe5; 35... Rc8 36.

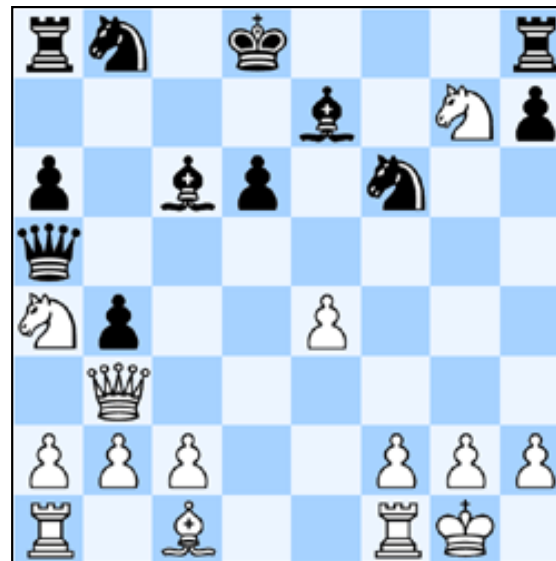
d6 Qc1 37. Ne1 Qh6 38. Bd7! Qh1 39. Ke2 Ba6 40. Kf3 Qh5 41. Kg3] 36. Qb2! Rc8 37. d6 Qc1 38. Qc1 Rc1 39. Ke2 Rc8 40. Ng5 a6 41. Ba4 1 : 0 [I. Sokolov]

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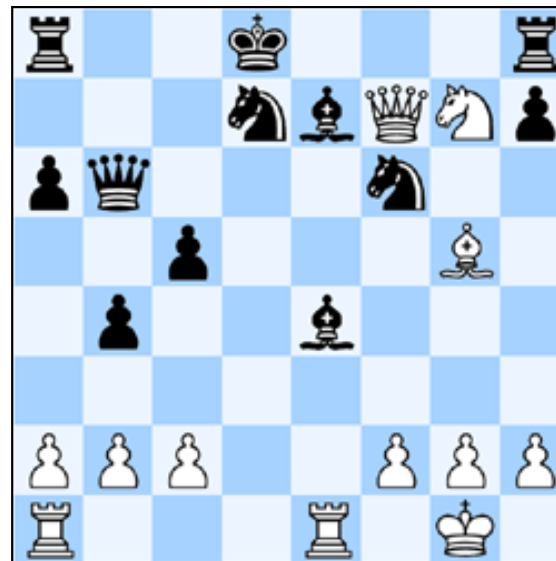
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11. Be6! [a novelty; 11. Re1] fe6 12. Ne6 Qa5 13. Qb3 Rg8 [13... Bc6!? 14. Ng7 Kd8



a) 15. Qf7?! Ba4 16. Nf5 (16. Bg5 Be8! 17. Ne8 Qg5 and Black is winning) a1) 16... Qc7!? 17. e5 (17. Be3 Nc6 18. Rad1 Rf8) a11) 17... Ne8 18. ed6 Nd6 a111) 19. Rd1 Rf8 (19... Bc2 20. Bg5 Bf5 21. Qf5 Nc6 22. Rac1 with attack) 20. Rd6 Qd6! (20... Bd6 21. Bg5 Kc8 22. Qe6 Qd7 23. Nd6 Kc7 and Black is superior) 21. Nd6 Rf7 22. Nf7 Ke8 and Black is winning; a112) 19. Qg7! a1121) 19... Rf8 20. Ne7 Rf7 21. Qh6 Ke7 (21... Re7 22. Bf4) 22. Bf4 Rf4 23. Qf4 with compensation; a1122) 19... Nf5! 20. Qh8 Be8 21. Re1! with compensation; a12) 17... Rf8! 18. Qe6! (18. Qg7 Ne8 19. ed6 Bd6 20. Bg5 Kc8 21. Nd6 Qd6 22. Qh7 Nc6 and Black is winning) Ne8 (18... Qd7 19. ef6! Qe6 20. fe7 Qe7 21. Ne7 Ke7 and Black is superior) 19. Be3 Rf5! 20. Qf5 Bc2 and Black is winning; a2) 16... Qe5 17. Bf4 (17. f4 Qe4 and Black is winning) Rf8 (17... Be8!?) 18. Qg7 Rg8! (18... Qe6 19. Bd6 Bd6 20. Rad1 Nbd7 21. Rd6 Qf7 22. Qg5 with compensation) 19. Qg8 (19. Qf7 Qe4 and Black is winning) Ng8 20. Be5 de5 and Black is winning; b) 15. Nc5!! (Van Reek) dc5 b1) 16. Qf7?! Nbd7 17. Ne6 Kc8 18. Qe7 Be4 19. Bg5 Re8 (19... Nd5 20. Qf7 with compensation) 20. Qd6 Qb6 21. Qb6 Nb6 22. Nc5 Nbd7 and Black is slightly better; b2) 16. Rd1! b21) 16... Nfd7 17. Qf7 Be4 18. Bf4! with attack; b22) 16... Bd7 17. Qf7 and White is superior; b23) 16... Kc8 17. Qe6 Nfd7 18. Qe7 Qd8 19. Nf5 (19. Qe6 Qg8!) Qe7 20. Ne7 Kb7 21. Nf5! and White is superior; b24) 16... Kc7 17. Qf7! Ng8 18. Bg5 Kb7 19. Ne6! and White is superior; b25) 16... Nbd7 only move b251) 17. Qf7?! Be4 18. Bg5! (18. Ne6? Kc8 19. Qe7 Re8 20. Qd6 Qb6 and Black is winning) Qb6! b2511) 19. Rd7 Kd7 20. Rd1 Bd5 21. Bf6 Qf6 22. Qd5 Kc7 23. Ne6 Kb6 and Black is winning; b2512) 19. Ne6 Kc8 20. Bf6 (20. Qe7 Re8 21. Rd7 Re7 22. Re7 Nd5 23. Re8 Kd7 24. Ra8 Qe6 and Black is winning) Nf6 (20... Bf6 21. Rd7 with attack) 21. Qe7 Re8 22. Qc5 (22. Qf6 Qe6 23. Rd8 Kc7 24. Qe6 Re6 25. Ra8 Ba8 and Black is winning) Qc5 23. Nc5 Kc7 and Black is superior; b2513) 19. Re1!



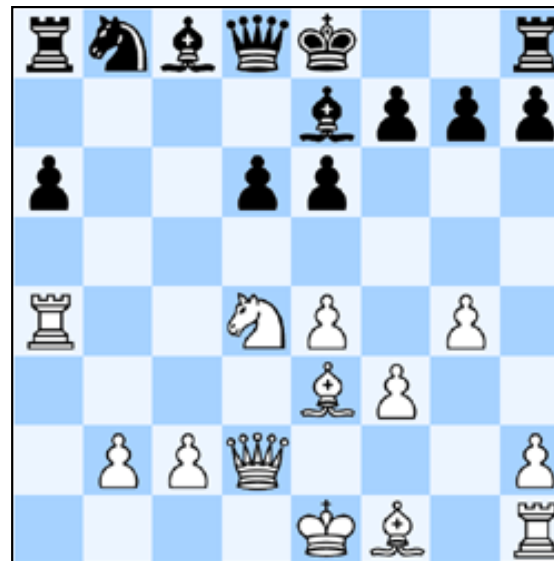
b25131) 19... Qc6 b251311) 20. f3 Bd5 21. Qe7 Kc7 (21... Kc8 22. Rad1) 22. Rad1 Rhe8 23. Ne8 Re8 24. Qg7 Rg8 25. Qh6 Rg6 26. Qh4 Bf3! and Black is superior; b251312) 20. Rad1! b2513121) 20... Bg2? 21. Qe7 Kc8 22. Rd6 Qb7 23. Bf6 Bh3 24. Qe4 and White is superior; b2513122) 20... Ra7 21. f3! Bg6 (21... Bd5 22. Qe7 Kc8 23. Bf6 and White is winning) 22. Qe7 Kc8 23. Bf6 Qf6 24. Rd7! and White is winning; b2513123) 20... Bd6! 21. Bf6 Kc8 (21... Nf6 22. Qf6 Kc7 23. Ne6! Kb7 24. Qg7 Kb6 25. Re4 Rag8 26. Rd6 Qd6 27. Qe5 Qe5 28. Re5 and White is superior) b25131231) 22. Ne8 Rf8! 23. Nd6 Qd6! 24. Rd6 (24. Qg7 Qf6 25. Qd7 Kb8 26. f3 Ra7 and Black is winning) Rf7 25. Re4 Nf6 26. Ree6 Nd7 and Black is superior; b25131232) 22. Bh4!! Ra7 (22... Rf8 23. Qe6 Be5 24. Re4! Qe4 25. Qd7 Kb8 26. Qe7! Rg8 27. Bg3 and White is winning) 23. f3! (23. Qe6 Be5 and Black is superior) Bc2 (23... Bg6 24. Qe6! and White is winning) 24. Rd2 Bg6 (24... b3 25. ab3 Bb3 26. Qb3 Bh2 27. Kh2 Qh6 28. Nf5! and White is winning) 25. Qe6 Bh2 26. Kh2 Qe6 27. Ne6 and White is superior; b25132) 19... Kc8! 20. Qe7 Bd5 (20... Qc6 21. Rad1) 21. Nf5 (21. Rad1 Rg8 and Black is superior) b251321) 21... Rg8 22. Nd6 Kc7 23. Bf6 Rg2 24. Kf1 Rg6 (24... Rh2 25. Be5! Rh1 26. Ke2 Re1 27. Re1 and White is superior) 25. Ne8 Kc8 (25... Re8 26. Be5 Kc6 27. Qe8 Bc4 28. Re2 and White is superior) 26. Nd6 equal; b251322) 21... Re8! 22. Nd6 Kc7 23. Ne8 Re8 24. Qg7 Rg8 25. Qh6 Rg6 26. Qh4 Qc6! and Black is superior; b252) 17. Qe6! b2521) 17... Qb6 18. Nf5 Kc7 (18... Re8 19. Ne7 Re7 20. Qf6 and White is winning) 19. Ne7 Bb5 (19... Rhe8 20. e5 and White is winning) 20. Bf4 Kb7 21. Rd6 and White is winning; b2522) 17... Be4 18. Bg5! (18. Rd7 (Van Reek) Nd7 19. Qe4 Ra7 20. Ne6 Kc8 21. Qc6 Rc7 22. Nc7 Qc7 23. Qa6 Qb7 24. Qe6 Bf6 25. Be3 and Black is slightly better) b25221) 18... Qb5 19. Bf6 Bf6 20. Qf6 (20. Qe4!?) Kc8 21. Qe6 Bc6 (21... Bg6 22. Rd6) 22. Ne8! and White is superior; b25222) 18... Ra7 only move 19. Bf6 (19. Re1? Qb6 20. Re4 Qe6 21. Ne6 Kc8 and Black is superior) Bf6 20. Qf6 Kc8 21. Qe6 with compensation] 14. a3 [14. Be3!? a) 14... Nc6 15. Nb6 Rb8 16. Nc4! Qh5 17. Rad1 a1) 17... Bc8 18. Nd6 Bd6 19. Rd6 and White is superior; a2) 17... Ne4 18. f3 Nf6 (18... Nc5 19. Bc5 dc5 20. Rfe1 and White is winning) 19. Nd6 Bd6 20. Rd6 Qf7 21. Re1 and White is winning; a3) 17... Na5 18. Qa4 Bc6 19. Qa5 Qa5 20. Na5 Be4 21. Nd4 and White is superior; b) 14... Nbd7! 15. a3 Be4! (15... Rc8!?) 16. ab4 Qf5 17. Nc7 Kd8 18. Na8 Bg2! 19. Kg2 Qg4 20. Kh1 Qf3 21. Kg1 Qg4 equal]

Nc6 15. Be3 Rb8 [15... Bc8 16. Nb6 Rb8 see 15... Rb8] **16. Nb6 Bc8?!** [16... ba3!? 17. Ra3 Qb4 18. Qa2 Qe4 19. f3 (19. Nc7 Kf8 20. Ne6 equal) Qg6 (19... Qe5 20. Bf4 Qh5 21. Re1 Ne5 22. Be5 de5 23. Ra5! and White is superior) 20. Rc3!? a) 20... Nd8? 21. Rc7 Ne6 22. Qe6 Qf7 23. Qh3 Nd5 (23... g5 24. Nd7 and White is winning) 24. Rb7 Rb7 25. Qc8 Bd8 26. Qc6 Kf8 27. Nd5 Qd7 28. Qa6 and White is superior; b) 20... Ne5 21. Rc7!? Bf3? (21... Nf3? 22. Rf3 Bf3 23. Qa4 Kf7 24. Ng5 Kf8 25. Nf3 and White is superior) 22. Nf4 Qf7 23. Qf7 Kf7 24. gf3 and White is superior; 21... h6! unclear; 21. Bd4! with compensation] **17. Nc7?! [17. Nc8! Rc8 18. Ng5! a) 18... Rf8 19. Qe6 Rb8 20. ab4 a1) 20... Qb4 21. Nh7 (21. Ra6 Nd8!) Nh7 22. Qg6 Kd8 23. Qh7 Qb2 24. Ra6 Qc2 25. Raa1 and White is superior; a2) 20... Qe5 21. c3 Qe6 22. Ne6 Rg8 23. Ra6 Kd7 24. Nd4 Nd4 25. Bd4 and White is superior; b) 18... d5 19. Rad1 (19. Rfd1!?) ba3 (19... h6 20. ed5 hg5 21. d6! and White is superior) 20. ed5 Rb8 21. Qc4 Ne5 22. Qf4 Ned7 23. ba3 and White is superior] Kf8 18. Ncd5** [18. Nc8? Qc7! and Black is superior] **ba3 19. Ra3 Qb5 20. Qa2** [20. Qb5? ab5 21. Rc3 Bb7 22. Nf6 Bf6 23. Nd7 Ke7 24. Nb8 Rb8 25. Rb3 b4 and Black is superior] **Nb4** [20... Nd5!? 21. ed5 Rb6 22. Bb6 Nb4 23. Qb3 Qb6 24. c3 Bf6 (24... Nd5?! 25. Qd5 Qb2? 26. Rb3 Qe2 27. Rb8 Qg4 28. Re1 and White is winning) 25. cb4 unclear] **21. Nb4 Qb4 22. Rc3 Bd7?** [22... Bb7 23. f3 Qb5 a) 24. Qe6? Qe5 and Black is superior 25. Qc4 d5!; b) 24. Rc7 d5?! 25. e5! Ne8 26. c4! dc4 (26... Qb4 27. Nd7 Kf7 28. Rc5 and White is superior) 27. Rc4 g5 28. f4 with attack; 24... Qe5!; c) 24. Rd1!? with compensation] **23. Nd7 Nd7 24. Rc7?** [24. Qe6! Qb7 (24... Nf6 25. Rb3! and White is winning; 24... Rd8 25. Rc7 Qb5 26. f4! and White is winning) 25. Bf4 Nc5 26. Qf5 Ke8 27. Qh5 g6 (27... Kd7 28. Rc5 dc5 29. Rd1 and White is winning) 28. Qh7 Rf8 29. Qg6 Kd7 30. Qg4 and White is superior] **Nf6 25. e5! de5 26. Bc5 Qc5 27. Rc5 Bc5 28. Qa6?! [28. Qe6! Re8 (28... e4 29. Ra1 Re8 30. Qc6 Be7 31. Ra6 and White is superior) 29. Qa6 and White is slightly better] Ke7 29. Re1 e4?! [29... Ng4 (Van Reek) 30. Kf1 Rgf8 31. f3 Rb2 32. Qc4 Ne3 33. Re3 Be3 34. Qc7 equal; 29... Nd7! 30. Kf1 Rgf8 31. f3 Rb2 32. Qd3 and Black is slightly better] 30. g4! h6 31. h4 g5 [31... Rb2 (Van Reek) 32. Qc6 Rc2 33. Re4 Kd8 34. Qa8 Kc7 35. Qa5 equal] 32. Qc6 Rgc8 33. Re4 Ne4 34. Qe4 (equal) Kd7 35. Qf5 Kc6 36. Qf3 Kc7 37. Qf7 Kc6 38. Qf3 Kc7 39. Qf7 Kc6 1/2 : 1/2 [D. Stellwagen]**

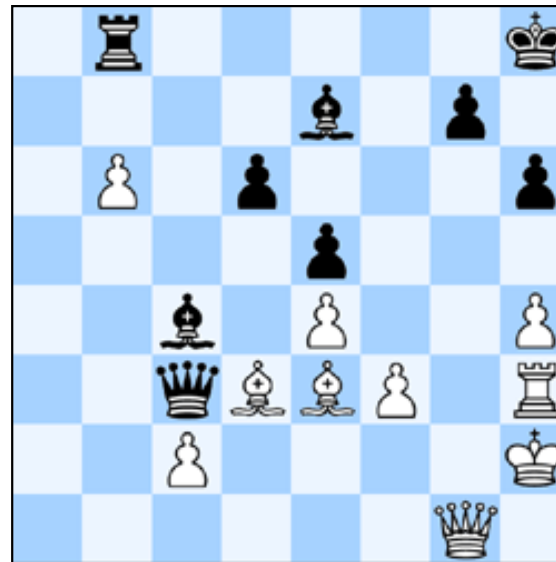
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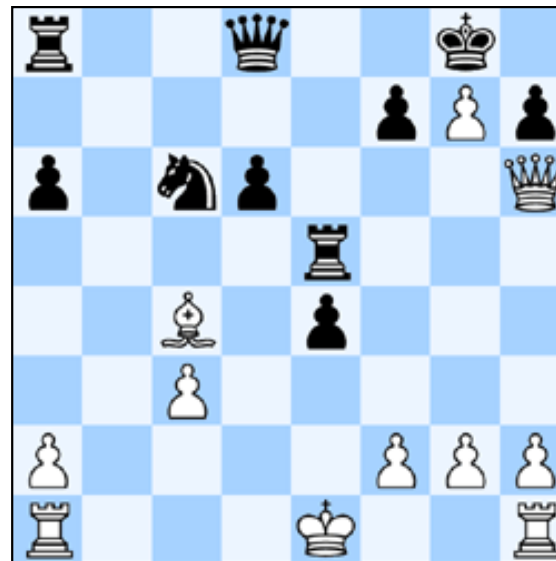
13. g5! [a novelty; 13. Be2] **0-0 14. h4** [weak point Be7, Kg8] **Bd7** [14... d5 15. ed5 Qd5 16. Bd3 and White is slightly better; 14... Bb7 15. Nb3!? (15. h5 Nd7 16. g6 Nc5) Bc6 16. Ra1 d5] **15. Ra1 Nc6 16. Ra6** (only move) **Qc7?** [16... Ra6 17. Ba6 Qa8 18. Nc6 only move (18. Be2 Qa1!) Bc6 19. Be2 d5 20. ed5 Bd5 21. Kf2 and White is slightly better with the idea c4-c5] **17. Kf2** [17. Nb5 Qb8 (17... Qd8 18. Ra8 Qa8 19. Nd6? Ne5 20. Kf2 Bc6 with compensation) 18. Rb6 Qd8 19. Nd6 and White is slightly better] **Nd4 18. Bd4 e5 19. Be3 Ra6 20. Ba6 f5** (and White is slightly better) **21. gf6** [21. Qd3 a) 21... fe4 22. Qc4 Qc4 23. Bc4 Kh8 24. Bd5 Rf3 (24... ef3 25. Ra1 and White is winning) 25. Ke2 Rf8 26. Ra1 and White is superior; b) 21... Kh8 22. Kg2 Bc6] **Bf6 22. Qd5 Kh8 23. Bc4?** [23. Be2 and White is superior Qc2 24. Qd6 Rd8 25. Qd2] **Be8! 24. Be2 Bf7 25. Qd2 Bh5 26. b3 Qe7 27. Kg2 Qf7** [27... Bh4?? 28. Rh4 Qh4 29. Bg5] **28. Rh3** [28. c4? Qg6 29. Kh2 Bh4] **Be7 29. b4 h6 30. b5 Qg6 31. Kh2 Qe6 32. Qd3 Be8 33. Qb3** [33. Qc4 Qc4 34. Bc4 Bd7 35. Rg3 Bh4 with counterplay; 33. Qd5 Bd7 34. Qe6 Be6 35. Rg3 Bh4 36. Rg1 and White is superior] **Qc8 34. b6?** [34. Kg2 Bd7 35. Rh2 and White is superior] **Bf7 35. Qb1** [35. b7? Bb3 36. bc8Q Rc8 37. cb3 Rc2 equal] **Qc3?** [35... Be6! a) 36. b7 Qc3! 37. Bd3 (37. b8Q Qe3 38. Rg3 Qe2 39. Rg2 Qf3 with attack) Rb8 38. Rg3 Qc6; b) 36. Rg3 Bh4 37. Rg2 unclear] **36. Bd3! Rb8 37. Qg1! Bc4?** [37... Bf6! with the idea Bc4]



38. Qg6! (and White is winning) **Bd3 39. Rg3 Bf6** [39... Bf8 40. cd3 Qe1 41. Bh6 Qf2 42. Kh3 Qf1 43. Kg4 gh6 44. Kh5] **40. cd3 Rb6** [40... Qd3 41. Bh6 Rb7 42. Bg5] **41. Bb6 Qb2 42. Rg2 Qb6 43. Rc2 Bd8 44. h5 1 : 0** [V. Anand]

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Bf6 gf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Bd3 Be6 12. c3 Bg7 13. Qh5 0-0 14. ef5 Bd5 15. f6 e4 16. fg7 Re8 17. Be2 Re5 18. Qh6 b4 19. Nc4 Bc4 20. Bc4 bc3 21. bc3



21... Qg5! [a novelty; 21... Rc5 see 22/416] **22. Qd6** [22. Qg5 Rg5 23. 0-0-0 (23. Rd1 Rc5 24. Bd5 Re8) Rc5 (23... Rg2 24. Bd5 Rc8 25. Rd2 Ne5 26. Be4 Rg4 27. Bf5 Rc3 28. Kb2 Rgc4 29. Rg1 Ng6 30. Bd3 Rc7 31. Ba6 and White is superior) 24. Bd5 Re8 (24... Rc3 25. Kb2 Rc5 26. Be4 Rb8 27. Ka1 Nb4 28. Rd2 and White is slightly better) 25. Bb3 (25. Rhe1 Nb4 26. Be4 Na2 27. Kd2 Kg7 28. Bd3 Rb8 equal) Na5 26. Kb2 Rb8 27. Rhe1 d5 equal] **Rd8!** [22... Qg2 23. 0-0-0 Qf3 24. Kc2 Rc8 25. Rhg1 Na5 26. Qd7 Ree8 27. Rg3 Qf2 28. Rd2 Qf6 29. Bd5 with initiative; 22... Rc5!?] **23. Qc6 Re6!?** [23... Qd2 24. Kf1 e3 (24... Rf5 25. Be2 e3 26. f3) 25. Qf3 and White is superior, weak point f7; 23... Rc5!? 24. Qa6 Qd2 25. Kf1 Rf5 26. Be2 Qe3 27. Bf3 Qc5 with initiative (27... Rf3 28. gf3 Qf3 29. Rg1 Rd1 30. Rd1 Qd1 31. Kg2 Qf3 32. Kf1 Qd1 equal)] **24. Be6** (only move) [24. Qc7 Qd2 25. Kf1 e3 26. Be2 ef2 27. Qc4 Rde8 and Black is winning; 24. Qb7 Qd2 25. Kf1 e3 26. Qf3 Qc3 and Black is winning] **Qd2 25. Kf1 Qd3** [26. Ke1 equal] **1/2 : 1/2**
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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Ne2 Nc6 9. Be3 cd4 10. cd4 Qa5 11. Bd2 Qd8 12. Be3 Qa5 13. Bd2 Qd8 14. Bc3 0-0 15. Qd2 Bd7 16. 0-0 Rc8 17. Rac1 a6

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 a6 5. c5 Bg4

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Qb3	Ne5 ²	e4 ³	Be2 ⁵	g4 ⁷	Bf4	Nd5	h4	Ng6	
	Ra7 ¹	Bh5	de4 ⁴	e6 ⁶	Bg6 ⁸	Nd5	ed5	f6	hg6 ⁹	and White is superior
2	f3 ¹⁰	e4 ¹¹	Qa4 ¹²	Be2 ¹³	Be3 ¹⁴	Qc2 ¹⁶	ed5 ¹⁷	
	...	Bf5	g6	Be6	Bg7	0–0	b5 ¹⁵	Ne8	Bd5 ¹⁸	and White is slightly better

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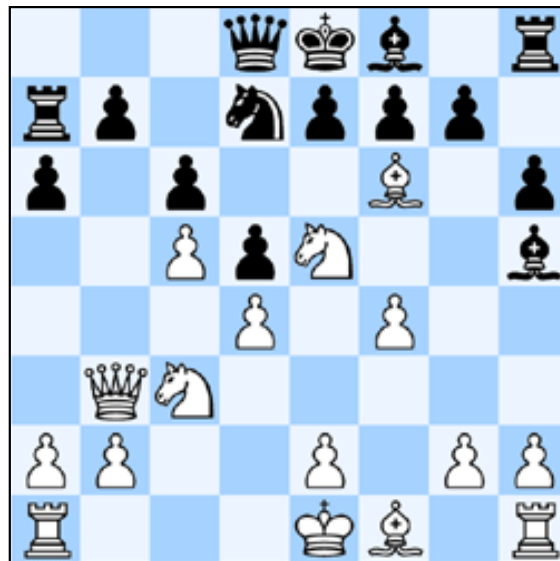
6... Qc8 7. Ne5 Be6 [7... Bf5 8. f3 g6 9. e4 Be6 10. Qc2 Bg7 11. Be3 0–0 12. Be2 and White is slightly better; Lerner – Dreev, Moscow 1985 see 39/(458)] 8. Na4 Nfd7 [8... Nbd7? 9. Bf4 and White is superior] 9. Bf4 g6 [9... f6? 10. Nd7 Nd7 11. e4 Bf7 12. ed5 Bd5 13. Bc4] 10. e3 Bg7 11. Be2 f6 [11... 0–0?! 12. h4 and White is superior; Huzman – I. Sokolov, Silivri 2003 see 88/332] 12. Nd3 [12. Nd7 Nd7 and White is slightly better] Bf5 and White is slightly better, I. Sokolov

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7. h3 Bf3 8. ef3 e5 9. de5 Nfd7 and Black is slightly better; Van Wely – Ju. Hodgson, Groningen 1994

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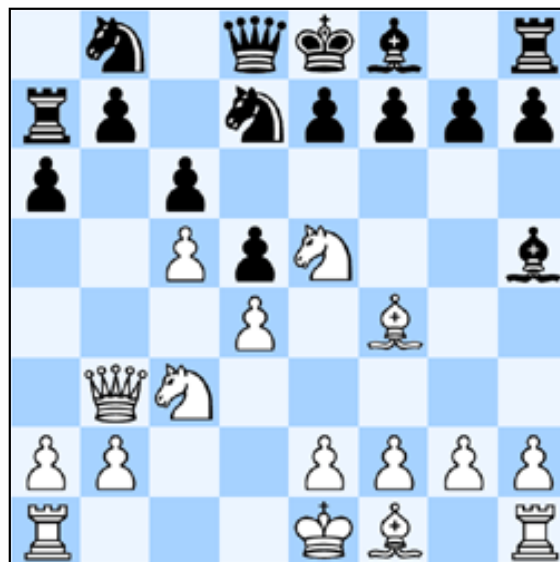
8. Bg5 Nbd7 [8... Nfd7 9. g4 f6 10. gh5 fg5 11. Nd7 Nd7 12. Bh3 and White is slightly better; Khalifman – Miles, Hastings 1995/96] 9. f4 h6 10. Bf6



a) 10... gf6 11. Nd7 Qd7 12. e3 and White is slightly better; T. Radjabov – G. Kasparov, Moscow (rapid) 2002;

b) 10... ef6 11. Nd7 Qd7 equal;

8. Bf4 Nbd7 [8... Nfd7?!



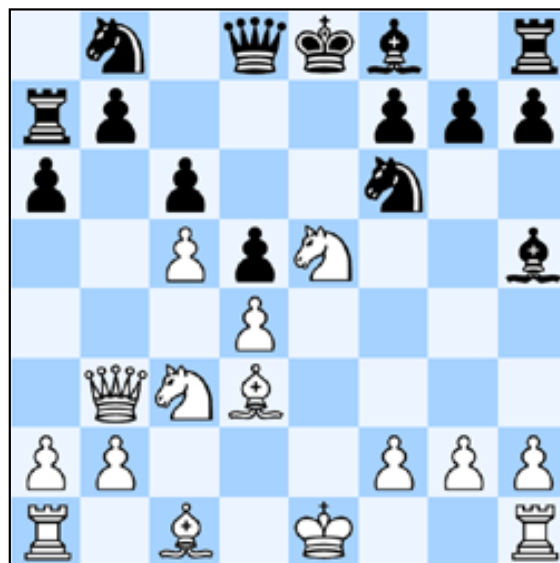
9. e4! e6 10. ed5 ed5 11. Bd3 Be7 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Rfe1 and White is slightly better; D. Gurevich – Ju.

Hodgson, Bern 1996 see 66/(320)] 9. e3 Ne5 10. Be5 Nd7 11. Bg3 e5 12. Be2 Be2 13. Ne2 Be7 14. 0-0 0-0 equal; R. Huebner – Ju. Hodgson, Deutschland 2001

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8... Ne4?? 9. Ne4 de4 10. Qh3 Bg6 11. Bc4 and White is winning;

8... e6 9. ed5 ed5 10. Bd3



a) 10... Nbd7 11. Bf4 Ne5 12. Be5 Be7 [12... Nd7 13. 0-0 Ne5 14. Rae1 and White is winning] 13. 0-0 0-0 14. Rfe1 Bg6 15. Bg6 hg6 16. Re2 Ng4 17. Qb6! and White is winning V. Topalov – I. Sokolov, Wijk aan Zee 2004 see 89/349;

b) 10... Nfd7 11. Bf4 and White is superior, with the idea 11... Qh4? 12. g4! Bg4 13. Ng4 Qg4 14. Bb8 Nb8 15. Qb6 Qf3 16. Kd2 and White is winning, I. Sokolov

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9. Bg5 e6 10. g4 Qd4 unclear;

9. Bc4 e6 10. Be3 with compensation, I. Sokolov

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9... Bg6 10. h4! and White is superior, with the idea 10... Qd4 11. Ng6 hg6 12. Qb6 and White is winning, I. Sokolov

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10. Bh5 Nh5 11. Nc4 and White is superior, I. Sokolov

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10... Qd4 11. Bf4 Bc5 12. 0–0 and White is superior, I. Sokolov

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15. f3 and White is superior, I. Sokolov

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8. Bf4 Nbd7 9. e3 Ne5 10. Be5 Nd7 11. Bg3 e5 12. Be2 Be7 13. Rd1 0–0 14. 0–0 ed4 15. ed4 Re8 equal; Vokac – Meins, Znojmo 2004

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9. g4 Be6 10. Bf4 Bg7 11. e3 h5 12. g5 Nfd7 13. Nd3 0–0 14. Be2 b6 15. cb6 Nb6 16. Nc5 N8d7 17. Ne6 fe6 unclear; Veingold – Epishin, Sevilla 2004

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10. Be3 Bg7 11. Qc2 0–0 12. Be2 Ne8 unclear; V. Mikhalevski – Ju. Hodgson, Amsterdam 1995;

10. Bf4 de4? 11. Bc4 Nd5 12. Nf7 Bf7 13. Be5 Rg8 14. fe4; 10... Bg7 unclear, I. Sokolov

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11. Nd3!? Nfd7 [11... de4 12. fe4 Nfd7 13. Nf4 Bg4 14. h3 b5 15. Qc2 e5 16. hg4 ef4 17. e5 Nf8 18. g3! fg3 19. Be3 and White is slightly better, with initiative] 12. Nf4 b5



a) 13. Ne6 fe6 14. Qd1 e5! 15. de5 Ne5 16. ed5 Rd7 unclear;

b) 13. Qd1 Nf8 14. e5 and White is slightly better, I. Sokolov

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12. Nd3 Nfd7 unclear, I. Sokolov

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12... Nbd7!? I. Sokolov

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13. cb6 Qb6 14. Nd3 and White is slightly better, I. Sokolov

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14. Rd1 de4 15. fe4 Be5 16. de5 Qc7 [16... Rd7 17. 0-0 and White is slightly better] 17. 0-0 Nd7 unclear, I. Sokolov

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14... cd5 15. 0-0-0!? b4 16. Na4 Nd6 17. g4; 15. f4 and White is slightly better;

14... Bd5 15. a4 Rb7 16. ab5 ab5 17. 0-0 Nc7 18. f4 Be6 19. b4 [19. Bf3 Nd5 20. Nd5 Bd5 21. f5 Bf3 22. Rf3 Qd5 23. fg6 hg6 24. Raf1 Be5 25. de5 Nd7] Nd5 20. Nd5 Bd5

