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## The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 89

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*If you don't believe in victory you have no business sitting down at a chess board. - Anatoly Karpov*

Nigel Short is an outstanding player who has made his mark in chess history as one of the greats of the modern era and he shows no signs of slowing down. His convincing victory, ahead of a highly respectable field, in Tai Yuan was more than just a sporting success. One shining moment came as the Commonwealth champion's red-blooded mixture of creativity, vision, and merciless execution rendered the top-rated Chinese player Ye Jiangchuan totally helpless in the penultimate round. The Chess Informant Editorial Board congratulates its perennial contributor on yet another masterful creative achievement and hopes that this game will find a deserving place among the best games of the forthcoming volume. The chess world would be a poorer place without his great games.

The best game of Chess Informant 89 is Short's win against Pogorelov. It is a superb showcase of his perfect fusion of enterprising opening play, enriched with a novelty, and culminating in an irresistible attack. The enormity of his concept is such that virtually none of my friends (candidate masters or even better) managed to beat our reliable silicon friend with the white pieces starting from the 22<sup>nd</sup> move, even when they were allowed to use Short's original analysis!

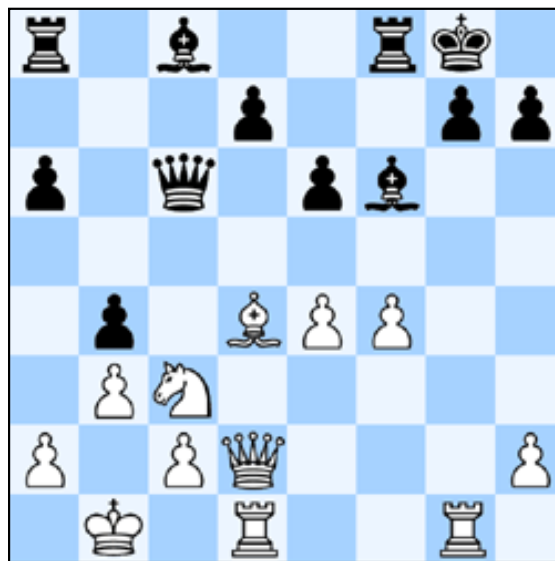
As usual, the competition was fierce. Akopian's remarkable win against Kramnik was only two points behind the winner. While Ivan Sokolov's wins against Kramnik and Judit Polgar was more proof that Chess Informant's panel of experts tend to appreciate heavyweight showdowns above anything else. Anyway, the complete voting is given below, along with the fully annotated ten best games.

**DESET NAJBOLJIN PARTIJA PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ЛУЧШИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО 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 PARTIERN 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. <b>N. SHORT</b> — R. POGORELOV	145	6	10	7	10	7	6	10	9	-	<b>69</b>
2. <b>VL. AKOPIAN</b> — KRAMNIK	225	10	1	9	4	8	9	7	10	9	<b>67</b>
3. <b>I. SOKOLOV</b> — JU. POLGÁR	430	4	3	8	2	6	10	9	6	10	<b>58</b>
4. <b>I. SOKOLOV</b> — KRAMNIK	432	-	7	10	8	-	3	-	8	7	<b>43</b>
5. <b>B. GELFAND</b> — SHABALOV	382	7	5	5	-	1	4	-	7	6	<b>35</b>
6. <b>SHIROV</b> — I. SOKOLOV	306	6	9	1	-	-	5	4	5	4	<b>34</b>
7. <b>SUTOVSKY</b> — H. NAKAMURA	93	3	-	-	-	9	7	-	-	-	<b>19</b>
8. <b>GAGUNASHVILI</b> — SOULIADIS	337	5	-	6	6	2	-	-	-	-	<b>19</b>
9. <b>MI. ADAMS</b> — ZHANG ZHONG	231	-	8	-	-	5	-	-	2	3	<b>18</b>
10. <b>BOLOGAN</b> — PALO	63	-	2	3	-	10	-	-	-	2	<b>17</b>
11. <b>BAREEV</b> — J. TIMMAN	454	-	6	-	-	3	1	6	-	-	<b>16</b>
12. <b>V. ANAND</b> — T. MARKOWSKI	136	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	<b>12</b>
13. <b>GAGUNASHVILI</b> — SAMMALVUO	373	-	-	-	7	-	-	5	-	-	<b>12</b>
14. <b>AND. VOLOKITIN</b> — CH. LUTZ	215	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>11</b>
15. <b>M. GÓNGORA</b> — PICCOLI	327	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	<b>9</b>
16. <b>VL. GEORGIEV</b> — DAUTOV	346	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	<b>8</b>
17. <b>B. GELFAND</b> — A. GRAF	371	1	-	-	5	-	-	2	-	-	<b>8</b>
18. <b>JU. POLGÁR</b> — I. SOKOLOV	325	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	<b>7</b>
19. <b>V. MILOV</b> — TH. LUTHER	342	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	<b>7</b>
20. <b>N. SHORT</b> — PET. NIELSEN	296	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	<b>6</b>
21. <b>KÜLAOTS</b> — HRÁČEK	211	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>6</b>
22. <b>BRUZÓN</b> — NILBOER	30	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	<b>6</b>
23. <b>ZHANG ZHONG</b> — V. ANAND	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	<b>5</b>
24. <b>KRAMNIK</b> — GRISCHUK	457	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	<b>2</b>
25. <b>GERSHON</b> — GREENFELD	411	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
26. <b>B. DAMLIJANOVIĆ</b> — MACIELJA	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
27. <b>O. KORNEEV</b> — M. GÓNGORA	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
28. <b>KA. MÜLLER</b> — P. ÁCS	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
29. <b>G. FLEAR</b> — ILIESCAS CÓRDOBA	462	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
30. <b>M. GUREVICH</b> — J.-P. LE ROUX	463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>

## **N. Short 2702 – R. Pogorelov 2451 Gibraltar 2004 — 89/145**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Qc7 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be3 a6 7. Qd2 b5 8. 0-0-0 Nd4 9. Bd4 Ne7?! 10. Kb1 Nc6 11. Be3 Ne5 12. f4 Nc4 13. Bc4 Qc4 14. Bd4! (and White is slightly better) f6 [14... d6 15. Bg7!? (15. Be5 Bb7 16. Bd6 Rd8 17. e5 and White is slightly better) Bg7 16. Qd6 a) 16... Bf6? 17. Nd5 Bd8 (17... ed5 18. Qf6 Rg8 19. ed5 and White is winning) 18. b3! Qe4 19. Qc6 Kf8 20. Rhe1 and White is winning; b) 16... f5! 17. ef5 Kf7 18. Rhe1 Bc3 19. bc3 Re8 20. Qe5 with initiative] 15. g4! (a novelty) Be7 16. g5 0-0 [16... fg5 17. Bg7 Rg8 18. Be5 b4 19. Na4 and White is superior, weak point Ke8] 17. b3 Qc6 18. gf6 Bf6 19. Rhg1 (and White is superior) b4



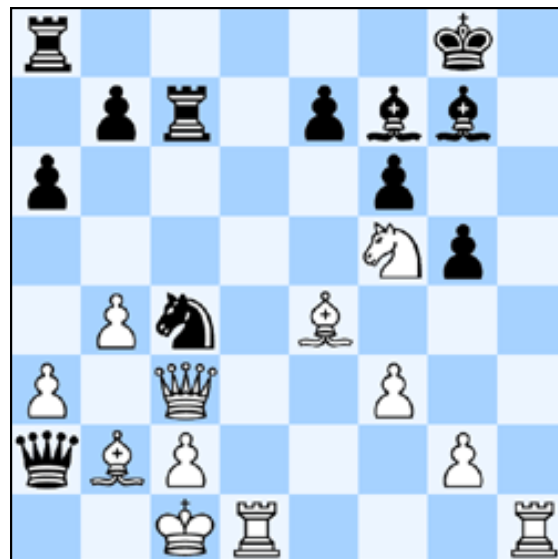
**20. Nd5!!** [20. Na4 Qe4 21. Bf6 Rf6 22. Nb6 Rb8 23. Nc8 Rc8 24. Rg7 Kg7 25. Qd7 Kh6 26. Qc8 and White is superior; better is 20... Rb8!?] **ed5 21. e5 Be7** [21... Bd8 22. e6 Rf6 23. f5 de6 24. Qg5 and White is winning] **22. e6 Rf6** [22... Bf6 23. Rg7!! (23. e7 Re8 24. Bf6 Qf6 25. Qd5 and White is winning) Kg7 24. Rg1 Kh8 25. f5 Bb7 26. Bf6 Rf6 27. Qg5 Rg6 28. fg6 Qe6 29. gh7 Qf7 30. Qe5 Kh7 31. Qg5 and White is winning; 22... g6 23. f5 Rf5 (23... de6 24. fg6 and White is winning) 24. Qh6 Rf6! 25. Rgf1! a) 25... Bf8 26. e7! Be7 27. Rf6 Bf6 28. Rf1 Qe6 29. Rf6 Qe7 30. Qg5 and White is winning; b) 25... Qe6 26. Bf6 Bf6 27. Rde1 Qf7 (27... Bg7 28. Qh4 and White is winning) 28. Rf6 Qf6 29. Re8 Kf7 30. Qf8 mate; c) 25... de6 (only move) 26. Bf6 Bf8 27. Qf4 and White is superior] **23. f5 de6** [23... h6 a) 24. Rg7 Kg7 25. Qg2 Kf8 26. Rg1 Ke8 27. Bf6 Bf6 28. Qg6 Ke7 29. Qf7 Kd8 (29... Kd6 30. e7 Qc3 31. e8N and White is winning) 30. Qf6 Kc7 31. e7 Qf6 32. e8N and White is superior; b) 24. h4! de6 25. Qg2 and White is winning] **24. Rg7! Kg7 25. Qg5 Kf7 26. Rg1 Bf8** [26... Bd7 27. Qh5 Kf8 28. Bf6 Bf6 29. Qh7 and White is winning; 26... Ke8 27. Bf6 Bf6 (27... Bf8 28. Qh5 Kd7 29. Qf7) 28. Qf6 Kd7 (28... Qc3 29. Rg8 Kd7 30. fe6 Kd6 31. Rd8 Kc7 32. Qc3 bc3 33. e7) 29. Qg7 Kd6 30. f6 Bd7 31. f7 Qc8 32. Qd4 (32. Qh7!? and White is superior) a5 33. Rg8 Qg8 34. fg8Q Rg8 35. Qb6 Bc6 36. Qa5 and White is superior] **27. Qf6 Ke8 28. Rg8 Qd6 29. fe6 Qe7** [29... Be6 30. Rf8 Qf8 31. Qe6 Qe7 (31... Kd8 32. Bb6 mate) 32. Qc6 and White is winning] **30. Qh6 Rb8 31. Bf6** [31. Qh5 Kd8 32. Qd5 Kc7 33. Qe5! Kb7 34. Qe4! Kc7 35. Qf4 and White is winning] **Qe6 32. Rf8 Kd7 33. Qg7 Kc6 34. Be5 Rb7 35. Qh8! 1 : 0 [N. Short]**

## **Vl. Akopian 2693 - Kramnik 2777**

### **Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/225**

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 Ng4 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Bg3 Bg7 10. h3 Ne5 11. f3 Nbc6 12. Bf2 Be6 13. Qd2 Nd4 14. Bd4 Qa5 15. a3 0-0 16. h4 Ng6 17. hg5 hg5 [17... Bd4 18. Qd4 Qg5 19. Qd2 and White is slightly better] 18. b4 Qc7 19. Ne2!** [a novelty; 19. Bg7 see 85/230] **f6** [19... Bd4 20. Nd4 and White is slightly better; 19... Be5!? with

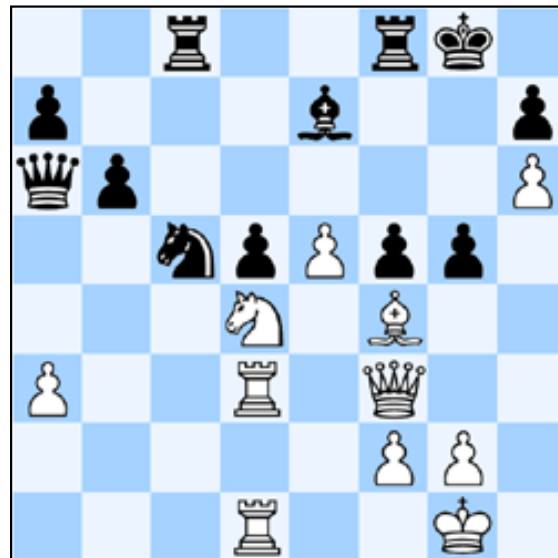
the idea 20. Be5 de5 21. Qg5 Rfd8] **20. Bb2 Bf7 21. Nd4 d5** [21... e6 22. g3!? with the idea Qh2] **22. ed5 Qe5** [22... Qg3 23. Kd1! Rfd8 (23... Qe5 24. c4) 24. Nf5; 22... Bd5 23. 0-0-0 (23. Nf5 Rfd8 24. Ng7 Qg3 25. Qf2 Qf2 26. Kf2 Kg7 27. Bd3 Nf4 28. Rh7 Kf8; 23. Bd3 Nf4 24. Bh7 Kf7 25. g3 e5!) Rfd8 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** [VI. Akopian]

## I. Sokolov 2695 – Ju. Polgar 2722 Hoogeveen 2003 – 89/430

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb7 5. a3 d5 6. cd5 Nd5 7. Qc2 Nc3 8. bc3 Be7 9. e4 0-0 10. Bd3 c5 11. 0-0 Qc8 12. Qe2 Ba6 13. Rd1 Rd8?! [13... Bd3 see 88/420] 14. h4!** [a novelty; with initiative; 14. Bf4; 14. Bb2] **cd4 15. cd4 Bd3 16. Rd3 Nd7 17. Bg5 f6?! [17... Bg5 a) 18. Ng5 h6 19. Qh5 hg5 20. hg5 g6! (20... Ne5? 21. Rh3 Ng6 22. Qh7 Kf8 23. Rf3 Ke7 24. Qg7 Rf8 25. d5 with attack) 21. Qh6 Qc4! 22. Rad1 Qc2! 23. R1d2 (23. Rh3?? Qd1 24. Kh2 Qd4) Qc1 24. Rd1 (24. Kh2?? Ne5! 25. de5 Rd3 26. Rd3 Qf4) Qc2 equal; b) 18. hg5 Qa6 19. Rad1 Rac8 and White is slightly better] 18. Bf4 Qb7** [better is 18... Qa6] **19. h5 Rac8 20. Rad1 Qa6** [better is 20... b5 with the idea Nb6 with counterplay] **21. e5 f5 22. d5!** (and White is superior) **ed5** [22... Nc5 23. d6 and White is superior] **23. Nd4** [23. Qa2 (and White is superior) Qc4 (23... Nf8 24. Rd5 Rd5 25. Qd5 Kh8 26. Qf7 Qa4 27. h6! Qd1 28. Kh2 and White is winning) 24. Qc4 Rc4 25. Rd5 Rf4 26. Rd7 Rd7 27. Rd7 Ba3? 28. Ng5 and White is winning] **Rf8** [23... Nc5 24. Nf5 Bf8 25. Qg4! Nd3 26. Nh6 Kh8 27. Nf7 Kg8 28. Qe6 and White is winning] **24. Qf3** [24. h6 and White is superior] **Nc5 25. h6 g5** [25... g6 26. Qd5 Kh8 27. Ne6 Nd3 28. Rd3]

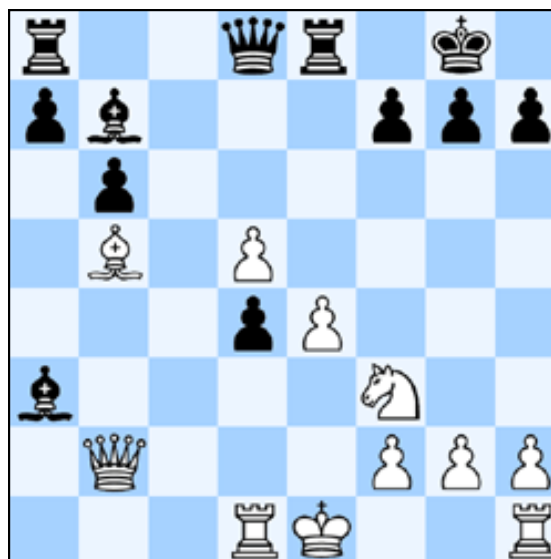


**26. Bg5!! Bg5 27. Qh5 Bf4** [27... Bd8 28. Nf5 Kh8 29. Nd6! Nd3 (29... Rc7 30. Rf3) 30. Nf7 Kg8 31. Nd8 Rfd8 (31... Rcd8 32. Qg5) 32. e6! and White is winning] **28. Rf3!** [28. Nf5 Rf5 29. Qf5 Nd3 30. Qe6 Kf8 31. Qf6 Ke8 equal] **Be5 29. Nf5 Qb7** [29... Rce8 30. Nd6 and White is winning; 29... Kh8 30. Ne7 Bb2 31. Rb1! Qc4 (31... Rf3 32. Rb2 Rcf8 33. gf3 b5 34. Qe5 Qf6 35. Qf6 Rf6 36. Rb5 and White is winning) 32. Nc8 Rc8 33. Qf7! with the idea Qf8 and White is winning] **30. Rd5 Rce8 31. Qg5 Kh8 32. Re5** [32. Ne7! Bb2 33. Re5! and White is winning] **Re5 33. Ne7!! Re1 34. Kh2 Qb8 35.**

**Rg3 Re7** only move [35... Ne6 36. Qg7; 35... Qg3 36. fg3 Ne6 37. Qd2 Re4 38. Qd3! Rg4 39. Qe2 and White is winning] **36. Qe7 Ne6** (only move) **37. Qe6 Qf4 38. a4 a6?** [time; 38... Rf7] **39. Qb6** (and White is winning) **Rb8** [39... Rf6 40. Qb2 Qh6 41. Kg1] **40. Qe3 Qh4 41. Rh3 Qf6 42. Qc3 1 : 0** [I. Sokolov]

## I. Sokolov 2706 – Kramnik 2777 Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/432

**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)

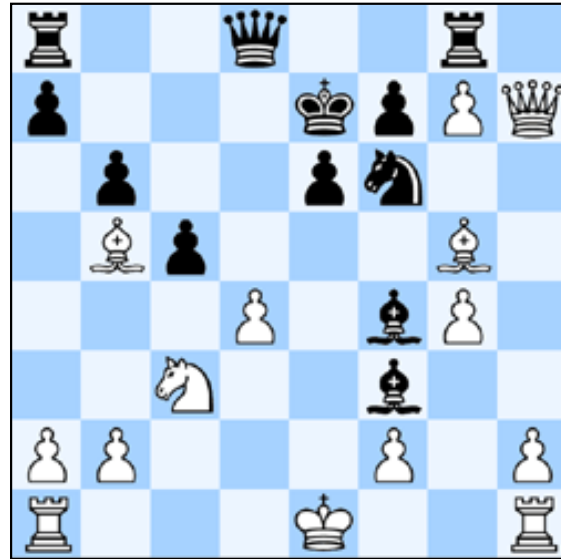


**18. Qd4!** and White is superior [18. Qa3? Re4 19. Kf1 Qd5 and Black is slightly better, with initiative] **Bc5 19. Qd3 Bb4 20. Kf1 Rf8** [20... Re7 21. Nd4 and White is superior] **21. Nd4!** [weak point c6] **Qc8** [21... Bc5 22. Bc6 Bd4 23. Bb7 Rb8 24. Bc6 Be5 25. g3 and White is superior] **22. 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 :**



## B. Gelfand 2709 – Shabalov 2623 Bermuda 2004 — 89/382

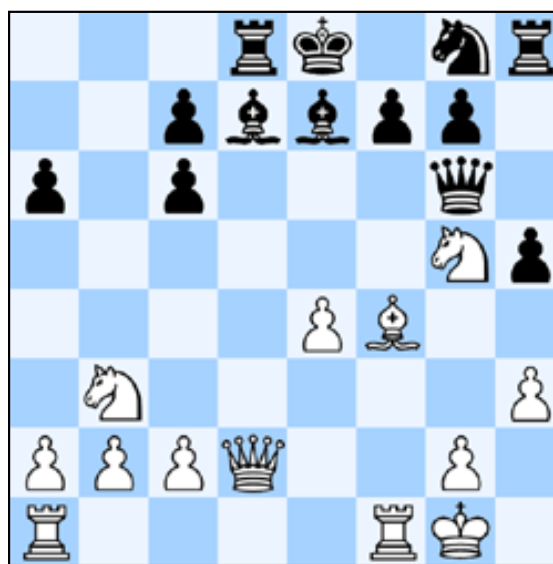
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16. Qh3! (a novelty) Bh1 [16... Bg5 17. Qf3 and White is winning] 17. Bf4 Qd4 [17... Rg7 18. dc5 bc5 19. Rd1 Nd5 20. f3 and White is winning] 18. Qg3 Ne4 19. Qh4 [19. Bg5? Ng5 20. Rd1 Qe5! 21. Qe5 Nf3; 19. Ne4!? Qe4 20. Kf1 with compensation] Qf6 [19... Nf6 20. Rd1 Qf4 21. Rd7; 19... f6 20. Rd1] 20. g5 Qf5? [20... Qg6 21. 0-0-0 Rad8 22. Rh1 Rd4 23. Be5 and White is winning; 20... Qg7! a) 21. Ne4 Be4 22. g6 f6 23. Bd6 Kd6 24. Qe4 Rad8! 25. Rd1 (25. Qc6 Ke5) Kc7 26. Qe6 and Black is slightly better; b) 21. 0-0-0 b1) 21... Rh8? 22. Ne4!! Rh4 (22... Rad8 23. Rd8 Rh4 24. Re8 mate) 23. Bd6 Kd8 24. Be5 Ke7 25. Bg7 Be4 26. Rd7 Ke8 27. g6! (with the idea gf7 mate) fg6 28. Ra7 Kd8 29. Bf6 and White is winning; b2) 21... Rad8! b21) 22. g6 f6 23. Rh1 Rh8 (23... Nc3 24. bc3 Qg6 25. Be3 and White is superior) 24. Qg4 Nf2 25. Qf3 Nh1 26. Qh1 (26. Qb7?! Kf8 27. Bd6 Kg8!; 26. Bd6!? Kd6 27. Qc6 Ke5 28. Qe4 Kd6 equal) Qg6 27. Qb7 Kf8 28. Qa7 unclear; b22) 22. Rh1 Rh8 23. Be5! (23. Qg4 Nc3) Qe5! (23... Rh4 24. Bg7 Ng5 25. Be5! and White is slightly better) 24. Qe4 Qg5 25. f4 Qf6 26. Kb1 Kf8 unclear] 21. 0-0-0 Rad8 [21... Nc3 22. Rd7 Ke8 23. bc3] 22. Rd8 [22. Rh1 Nc3 (22... Rd4 23. Ne2! Rb4 24. Qh8) 23. bc3 Qd5 24. Qh6! Qh1 25. Kb2 and White is winning] Kd8 [22... Rd8 23. Ne4 (23. Bd3) Qe4 24. g6 f6 25. g8N!! Rg8 26. Qh7] 23. Bd3 Rg7 24. Ne4 [24. Qh8 Ke7 25. Bd6! Kd6 26. Qb8! Ke7 27. Qc7] Rh7 25. Bc7! [25... Kc7 26. Qg3 e5 (26... Kc6 27. Qd6 Kb7 28. Qd7) 27. Nf6 and White is winning] 1 : 0 [B. Gelfand]

## Shirov 2736 – I. Sokolov 2706 Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/306

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. 0-0 Bg4 6. h3 h5 7. Bc6 bc6 8. d4 Qf6 9. Nbd2 Be6 10. Nb3 Qg6 11. Ng5! [11. Qd3 (see 26/(278)) f6!? unclear] **Bd7!?** [a novelty; 11... Bc8 see 27/289; 11... Bc4 12. Re1 Be7 13. Na5 Bg5 14. Nc4 Bc1 15. Rc1 ed4 (15... Qe6?! 16. b3 and White is superior) 16. Qd4 Ne7 17. e5!? and White is slightly better] **12. de5!** [12. f4 ef4 13. Bf4 f6 (13... Be7!? unclear) 14. Nf3 Bh3 unclear] **de5 13. f4! ef4 14. Bf4 Be7** [14... f6 15. Nf3 Bh3 16. Nh4 Qg4 17. Qg4 Bg4 18. Ng6 Rh7 19. Bc7 and White is slightly better] **15. Qd2 Rd8!** [15... f6? 16. Nf3 Bh3 17. Nh4 Qg4 18. Qc3! and White is winning]



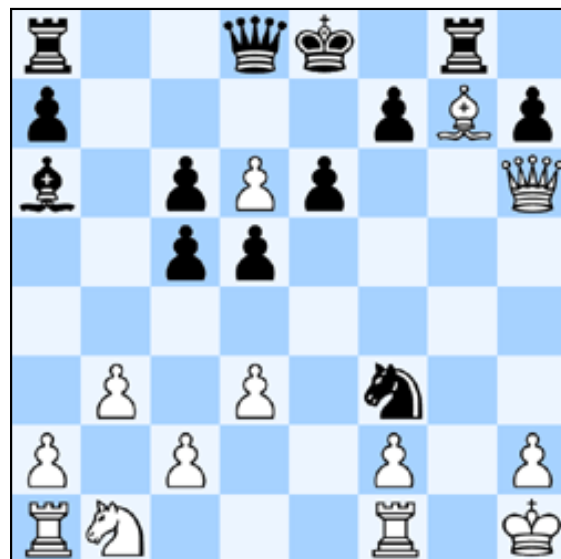
**16. Nf7!** [16. Qe3!? and White is slightly better] **Qf7?! [better is 16... Kf7! 17. Bc7 Nf6 18. e5 Bh3 19. Bd8 Rd8 20. Qe2! (20. Qf2 Kg8 21. ef6 Bf6 with compensation) Kg8 21. ef6 Bf6 22. Rf2! (22. c3 Rd5! with compensation) Bb2 23. Raf1 and White is slightly better] 17. Bc7 Qe6 (only move) 18. Bd8 Bd8 19. Kh1!?** [19. Nc5 Bb6 20. Qb4 Ba7! 21. Kh1 Qe7! 22. Na6 Qb4 23. Nb4 Nf6 24. Rae1 h4! and White is slightly better] **Nf6?** [19... Bb6 20. Qb4 c5 21. Nc5 and White is superior; 19... Qe7! and White is slightly better] **20. Nc5 Qe7 21. Rad1!!** (and White is winning) **Bc8** [21... Bg4 22. e5! Bd1 (22... Nd5 23. Ne4 Qh4 24. Nd6 Kd7 25. c4 Bg5 26. Qd3 Bd1 27. Rd1) 23. ef6 Qc5 (23... gf6 24. Re1; 23... 0-0 24. fe7 Rf1 25. Kh2 Be7 26. Ne4) 24. Re1 Kf7 25. Qd7 Kf6 26. Qe6 Kg5 27. Re5] **22. e5 Nd5 23. Ne4 Qe5** [23... Bc7 24. Nd6 Bd6 25. ed6] **24. Rde1 Be7 25. c4 Bb4 26. Nc3 1 : 0 [Shirov]**

## Sutovsky 2646 – H. Nakamura 2565 Pamplona 2003 — 89/93

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 e6 4. Bc6 bc6 5. b3 d5!? 6. Qe2 Ne7 [6... a5 see



37/171] **7. Ba3!?** [a novelty; 7. 0-0; 7. d3] **Ng6 8. 0-0 Qa5** [8... Be7 9. ed5! Bf6 (9... cd5 10. Bc5!) 10. Nc3! Qa5 11. de6! (11. Bb2? Ba6) Qa3 12. ef7 Kf7 13. Ne4 Ba1 a) 14. Neg5 Kf6 15. Qc4 Ke7 (15... Ne5 16. Qf4 Bf5 17. Ne4 Ke6 18. Nfg5 and White is winning) 16. Ra1 Bd7 17. Re1 Kd8 18. Nf7 Kc7 19. Nh8 Rh8; b) 14. Nd6 Kf6 15. Ne8 Kf7! (15... Re8 16. Qe8 Bb7 17. Qd7 Be5 18. g4! h6 19. h4 Nh4 20. Ne5 and White is winning) 16. Re1!? (16. Nd6 Kf6 equal) Qb4 (only move) 17. Nd6 Kf6 18. Nc8 Qg4! 19. Nd6 Qg2! 20. Kg2 Nf4 21. Kf1 Ne2 22. Ke2 Rad8 unclear; c) 14. Nfg5!? Kf8 (14... Ke7 15. Ra1 Nf4 16. Qe3 Nd5 17. Qg3) 15. Ra1 c4 16. Qf3 Ke7 17. Re1 with attack] **9. Bb2 Bd6!?** **10. Bg7!** [10. e5 Be7 11. d3] **Nf4 11. Qe3 Rg8!** [11... d4 12. Qe1! (12. Qf4 Bf4 13. Bh8 Ba6) Rg8 (12... Ng2 13. Kg2 Rg8 14. e5 Rg7 15. Kh1 Bf8 16. d3) 13. e5 Rg7 a) 14. ed6? Rg2 15. Kh1 Ba6 16. Qe4 (16. d3 Qe1 17. Ne1 Rg7 and Black is slightly better) Bf1 17. Qc6 Kf8 18. Qa8 Kg7 19. Nc3! Rf2!; b) 14. Qe4! Rg2 15. Kh1 and White is superior] **12. e5 Ng2! 13. Qh6!** [13. Kg2 Rg7 14. Kh1 Bf8] **Ne1!** [13... Bf8 14. Bf8 Ne3 15. Kh1! (15. Ng5 Qd8! 16. f4 Nf5) a) 15... Nf1 16. Bd6 Ba6 17. c4! dc4 18. bc4 0-0-0 (18... Bc4 19. Qh4!) 19. Nc3 Bc4 20. Rb1 and White is winning; b) 15... Nf5 16. Qh7 Rf8 17. d3 and White is superior; 13... Ne3!? 14. Qh7 Rg7 15. Qg7 Bf8 16. Qg8 Nc2! (16... Nf1 17. Ng5 Qc7 18. Nh7 and White is superior) 17. Ng5 Qc7 18. Nh7 Qe7 19. Nc3 Na1 20. Ra1 Ba6 21. Qf8 (21. Nf8? 0-0-0!) Qf8 22. Nf8 Kf8 (22... Bd3!? 23. Na4 c4 24. Ne6 fe6 25. Nc5 and White is superior) 23. Na4 Ke7 24. f3 Rg8 25. Kf2 and White is superior; 13... Nh4 14. Nh4 Be5 (14... Bf8 15. Nf5!) 15. Nf5! Ba1 16. Qh7 Rg7 17. Ng7 Ke7 18. c3 weak point Ke7] **14. ed6** [14. Re1 Bf8 15. Qh5 Rg7 16. Kh1 Qb4] **Nf3 15. Kh1 Ba6?** [15... Qd8! 16. Qh7 (16. d3? Qd6 17. Nd2 Nd2 18. Rg1 Nf3! 19. Qh7 Rg7 20. Rg7 Qf4) Kd7 a) 17. Qh5? Ba6 18. Qf7 Kd6 19. d3 Qh4 20. Qf3 Rg7; b) 17. Nc3 Ba6 18. Na4 Kd6; c) 17. d3 Qh4! (17... Ba6 18. Bc3 Kd6 19. Qh5 Nd4 20. Bd4 cd4 21. f4 f6 22. Nd2) 18. Qh4 Nh4 19. Rg1 Nf5 20. Be5 (20. Bf6 Rg1 21. Kg1 Kd6) Rg1 21. Kg1 Nd4! 22. Bd4 cd4 23. Nd2 Kd6 24. f4 Bd7 25. Kf2 Rh8 26. Rh1 f6; d) 17. c4!? d1) 17... Qh4 18. Qh4 Nh4 19. Rg1 Ba6 (19... Nf5 20. Be5 Rg1 21. Kg1 Nd6 22. Nc3) 20. Nc3 Kd6 21. f4! Ng6 22. Rg6 fg6 23. Be5 Ke7 24. Na4 with compensation; d2) 17... Ba6! 18. Bb2 Kd6 19. Qh5! Nd4 20. f4 f6 21. Bd4 (21. b4? Bc4 22. bc5 Kd7) cd4 22. d3 Qe7 23. Nd2 unclear] **16. d3 Qd8**

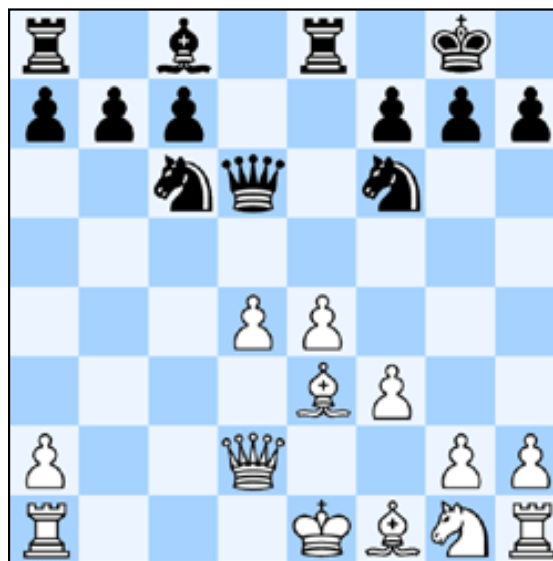


**17. Nd2!! Nd2 18. Rg1 Qd6** [18... Nf3 19. Bf6 Rg1 20. Rg1] **19. Qd2 0-0-0**

[19... d4 20. Qh6 (20. Rg5 h6!) Qd5 21. Rg2 Qf5 22. Re1 and White is superior] **20. Qh6 Bb7?!** [20... e5! (V. Bologan) 21. Qd6 Rd6 22. Be5 Rdg6 23. c4 and White is slightly better] **21. Bf6 Rg1** [21... d4 22. Qh7 Rg1 (22... Qd5 23. Qe4 Rde8 24. Qd5 cd5 25. h4) 23. Rg1 Qf4! 24. Bd8 Qf3 equal; 23. Kg1! and White is winning] **22. Rg1 Re8 23. Qh7 Qf4 24. Rg8 Qf6 25. Re8 Kd7 26. Rg8! Qf2 27. Qh3!** (and White is winning) **c4** [27... Qc2 28. Qh4! Qb1 29. Kg2 Qc2 30. Qf2 and White is winning] **28. Qg2 Qf4 29. Rg3?!** [time; 29. dc4 dc4 30. h3!] **Qc1 30. Qg1 Qc2 31. Qa7 Qd1 32. Kg2** [32. Qg1] **Qe2 33. Qf2 cd3 34. Qe2 de2 35. Kf2 d4 36. h4 c5 37. h5 Be4 38. Ke2 e5 39. h6 Ke6 40. a4 1 : 0** [Sutovsky]

## Gagunashvili 2577 – Souleidis 2382 Rethymnon 2003 — 89/337

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. cd5 Qd5 4. e3 e5 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bd2 Bc3 7. bc3 Nf6 8. f3 0-0 9. e4 Qd6 10. Be3** [10. d5 see 80/(389)] **ed4 11. cd4 Re8** [a novelty; 11... Rd8] **12. Qd2**

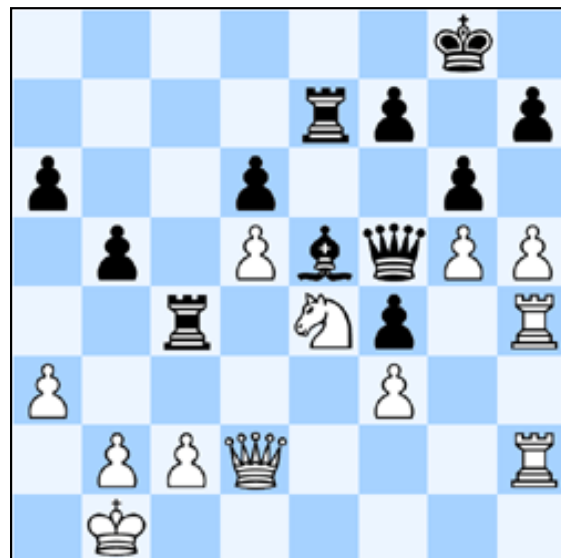


**12... Bf5!! 13. Be2** [13. ef5 Nd5 and Black is winning; 13. e5 Ne5 and Black is winning; 13. Ne2 Be4 with initiative] **Be4 14. fe4 Ne4** [14... Re4 15. Rd1 Rae8 with compensation] **15. Qb2** [15. Qd3 Nb4] **Ng3 16. hg3 Re3** [weak point Ke1] **17. 0-0-0** [17. Rd1 Qg3 18. Kf1 Qf4 19. Bf3 Rae8 with initiative] **Nb4!** [with the idea Rc3] **18. Bc4** [18. a3 Rc3! and Black is winning] **b5! 19. Bf7 Kf7 20. Qf2 Qf6** [20... Kg8! 21. Qe3 Qc6 22. Kd2 (22. Kb2 Qc2 23. Ka3 Qa4 24. Kb2 Qa2 25. Kc3 Qc2 26. Kb4 a5 27. Kb5 Rb8 28. Ka6 Qc6 29. Ka7 Qa8 mate) Qc2 23. Ke1 Qg2 and Black is winning] **21. Qf6** [21. Qe3 Qc6 22. Kd2 (22. Kb2 Qc2) Qc2 23. Ke1 Re8 and Black is winning] **Kf6** (and Black is winning) **22. Rf1 Kg6 23. Nf3 h6 24. Nh4 Kh7 25. Rf7 Rg3 26. Rc7 Rf8 27. Ra7 Rf2 28. Kb1 Nd5 29. Ka1 b4 30. Ra5 Ra3** [31. Ra3 ba3 32. Rc1 Nc3] **0 : 1** [Gagunashvili]

## Mi. Adams 2720 – Zhang Zhong 2644

### Wijk aan Zee 2004 — 89/231

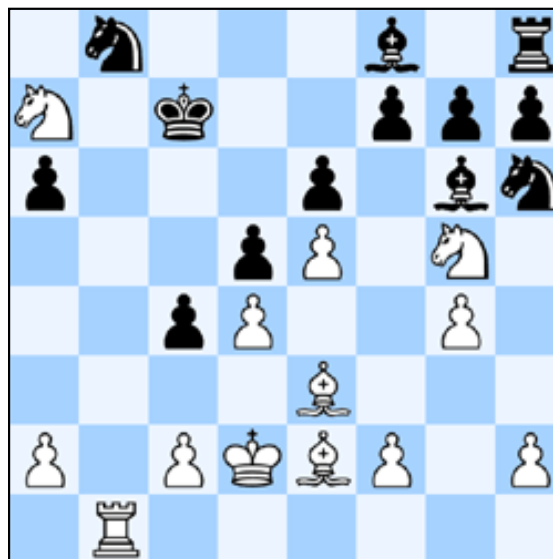
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**29. Qa5! Qc8** [29... Re4?? 30. Qd8 Kg7 31. h6 mate; 29... Qd7 30. hg6 fg6 31. Qa6 Ra4 32. Qb6 b4 33. Nf6 Bf6 34. gf6 Re1 35. Ka2 h5 36. Rg2 Kf7 37. Rh5 and White is winning; 29... Rec7 30. Qa6 and White is winning] **30. Nf6!** [30. c3 and White is superior] **Bf6 31. gf6 Rec7** [31... Rd7 32. hg6 fg6 33. Qe1 Rcc7 (33... Rf7 34. Rh7) 34. Re2! (34. Qe6? Kf8 35. Rf4 Rd8 36. Rfh4 Qe6 37. de6 Re8 and White is slightly better) Kf8 35. Rf4 and White is winning] **32. hg6 fg6 33. Qe1!** and White is winning [33. Qb6 Rd7 and White is superior] **Qf8** [33... Rc2 34. f7 Kf8 35. Rc2 Rc2 36. Qe8; 33... h5 34. Rh5 gh5 35. Qg1 Kf8 36. Rh5; 33... Rf7 34. Rh7 Rh7 35. Rh7 Kh7 36. Qe7 Kh6 37. f7; 33... Rd4 34. Qe6 Qe6 35. de6 h5 36. Rg2] **34. Qe6 Kh8** [34... Qf7 35. Rh7 Qe6 36. de6 Rh7 37. Rh7 Kh7 38. e7] **35. Rh6 b4** [35... g5 36. Qf5 Qg8 37. Rg6; 35... a5 36. Rg6 Rc2 37. Rc2 Rc2 38. Rg7; 35... Rd4 36. Rg6] **36. ab4 Rb4 37. Rg6 Rb8** [37... Qb8 38. c3; 37... Rcb7 38. b3 (38. c3 Rb2 39. Rb2 Rb2 40. Kb2 hg6 and White is superior) a5 39. Rg1] **38. f7** [38. Rgh6] **Rf7** [38... Qf7 39. Qd6] **39. Qd6 Re7** [39... Qd6 40. Rd6 a5 41. Ra6 Rb5 42. c4 Rc5 43. b3] **40. Rf6** [40. Qf6 Qf6 41. Rf6] **Re1 41. Ka2 Qe8 42. Rf4** [42... Ra1 43. Ka1 Qe1 44. Ka2 Qa5 45. Qa3; 42... Rb2 43. Kb2 Qb5 44. Rb4] **1 : 0** [Mi. Adams]

## Bologan 2673 – Palo 2510 Skanderborg 2003 — 89/63

**1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 c5 6. Be3 Qb6 7. Nc3 Qb2 8. Qb1!!** and White is slightly better [8. Nb5 see 75/(108)] **Qb1** [8... Qc3 9. Bd2 Qc2 10. Qb7 and White is winning; 8... Qb4 9. a3! Qa5 10. 0-0 with compensation] **9. Rb1 c4!?** [9... b6 10. dc5 bc5 (10... Bc5 11. Bc5 bc5 12. Nb5 Kd8 13. Nd6 Nh6 14. Rb7 Rf8 15. Ng5 Bg6 16. c4 and White is superior) 11. Rb7 a) 11... a6 12. Na4 Nc6 13. Nc5 Bc5 14. Bc5 and White is superior; b) 11... Nd7 12. Bb5 Rd8 13. Bg5 Be7 (13... f6 14. efg6 15. Ne5) 14. Na4 a6 15. Bc6 and White is superior; c) 11... d4!? 12. Ng5 Nh6 (12... Bg6 13. Nb5) 13. Nb5 with initiative] **10. Rb7 Nc6** [a novelty; 10... Bc2] **11. Nb5 Rb8** [11... Na5 12. Ra7 Ra7 13. Na7 Bc2 14. Bd2! Nb7 15. Bc3 and White is superior; 11... Nd8!? 12. Ra7 (12. Rc7 Rb8) Ra7 13. Na7 Bc2 14. Kd2 Bg6 15. Kc3 Ne7 16. Nh4 Nec6 17. Ng6 Bb4 18. Kc2 hg6 19. Nb5 Ba5 20. a3 Nb7 21. h3 and White is superior] **12. Rb8 Nb8 13. Kd2 a6 14. Na7!** and White is superior [14. Nc3 Bb4 15. Rb1 Nc6 16. Nh4 Nge7 17. a3 Ba5 unclear; 14. Nd6 Bd6 15. ed6 Nf6 16. Rb1 (16. Bf4 Ne4 17. Ke3 Nc3) Ne4 17. Ke1 Nd7 18. Bf4 f6 19. Rb7 g5 20. Ra7 Rg8 unclear] **Kd7** [14... Bb4 15. c3 Be7 16. Nc8 (16. Bd1 Kd7 17. Bc2 Bc2 18. Kc2 Kc7 19. Rb1 Nd7) Kd7 17. Ne7 Ne7 18. Nh4 Nbc6 19. Nf5 Nf5 20. Rb1 Kc7 21. Bf4 and White is superior] **15. Rb1 Kc7 16. Ng5 Nh6** [16... Bg6 17. Bg4! Nc6 (17... h6 18. Be6 hg5 19. Bd5 Nd7 20. Rb7 Kd8 21. Bc6 Bf5 22. Bd7 Bd7 23. Rb8 and White is winning) 18. Be6 Na7 19. Bd5 Nb5 20. Nf7 and White is winning] **17. g4! Bg6** [17... Ng4 18. Bg4 Bg4 19. Nf7 Rg8 20. Nd6 and White is winning]



**18. Kd1!** and White is winning [18. h4 Be7 19. h5 Bh5! 20. gh5 Nd7 21. f4 Ra8 22. Nh7 Ra7 23. Ng5 and White is slightly better] **Be7** [18... Nc6 19. Nc6 Kc6 20. h4] **19. Bd2 Nc6** [19... Bg5 20. Ba5 Kd7 21. Rb7] **20. Nc6 Kc6** **21. h4 f5!?** [21... Bg5 22. Bg5 Ng8 23. h5 h6 24. Bd2 Be4 25. f3 Bh7 26. Rb8] **22. Ne6** [22. h5 Bf7 23. Nf7 Nf7 and White is superior] **Ng4 23. f3! Nf2** **24. Ke1 Bh4 25. Kf1 Bf7** [25... Nh1!? 26. Ba5 Ng3 27. Ke1 Kd7 28. Nc5 Kc8 29. Na6] **26. Nc5** [26. Ng7 Rg8 27. Nf5 Nh3 28. Be3 Bg5! with counterplay] **Nh1 27. Kg2 Ng3 28. Bd1 c3 29. Bc3 Nh5 30. Ba5 Nf4 31. Kf1 Bd8 32. c3! Ba5 33. Rb7! 1 : 0 [Bologan]**

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