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This volume's accolades belong to Danish GM Peter Heine Nielsen, whose star is still very much on the rise. His solution to the problem of rook placement on the first rank in the fashionable line of the Slav Defence is both unexpected and aesthetically pleasing, immediately followed by an all-out raging attack. The accompanying theoretical survey highlights the impact of his brilliant idea: although 19... Ne6 and 19... Ng6 seem more logical than the game continuation, one can hardly recommend this line for Black without some serious improvement. Shirov's courage under fire produced some cool defensive play; eventually earning him a perpetual draw by the skin of his teeth. It's a pity that somehow this game did not find its place among the thirty best games of the previous volume.

Chess Informant has had an important role thus far on an international level, initiating new contributors and inspiring established ones, and representing the global scene with a rigorous selection of top class games. The period ahead of us will show whether or not chess is destined to become just another artifact of the past or if its vitality will prove that it is something much greater and outlive us by many generations.

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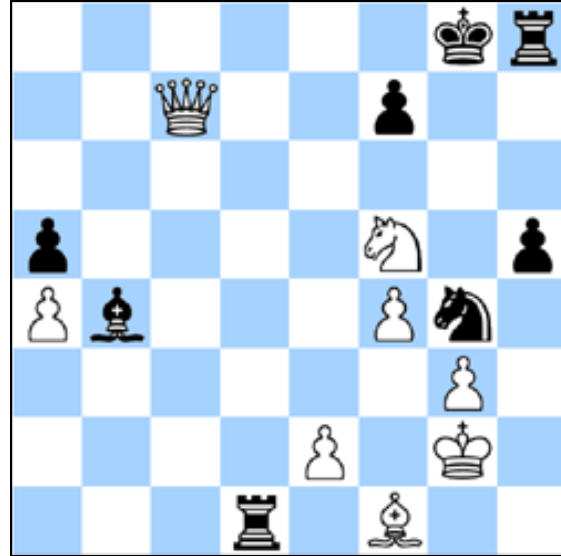
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1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Nc4 Qc7
8. g3 e5 9. de5 Ne5 10. Bf4 Nfd7 11. Bg2 g5 12. Ne3 gf4 13. Nf5 0-0-0 14.
Qc2 Nc5 15. 0-0 Ne6 16. Qe4 fg3 17. hg3 a5 [17...Nc5 with the idea 18. Qc2
Ne6 19. Rfd1 Bc5 20. Ne4 Bb4; 17...h5 18. a5 h4 19. a6 hg3 20. ab7 Kb8; 19.
Nh4!?] 18. Rfc1! [a novelty; 18. Rad1 see 89/357] Nc5 [18...Bc5? 19. b4!
Bb4 (19...ab4 20. Nb5 cb5 21. ab5 Kb8 22. b6!) 20. Nb5 with attack] 19. Qf4
h5 [19...Ne6!? 20. Qh4 Ng6] 20. b4! (and White is superior) Ne6 [20...Nb3?!
21. Nb5 Qb8 22. Na7 Qa7 23. Qe5 Nc1 24. Bh3 (24. Ne7!? Be7 25. Bh3) Ne2
25. Kg2 and White is winning; 20...ab4 21. Nb5! cb5 22. ab5 with attack] 21.
Qe4 Bb4 22. Nb5 Qb8 23. f4!? [23. Qe3 h4!? with the idea 24. Na7 Kd7 25.
Rd1 Ke8 26. Rd8 Kd8 27. Rd1 Ke8 28. Nc8 Kf8] Ng4 [23...Bc5? 24. Rc5
Nc5 25. Nbd6! Rd6 26. Qe5; 23...Nc5? 24. Nbd6! Rd6 25. Qe5] 24. Rc6! bc6
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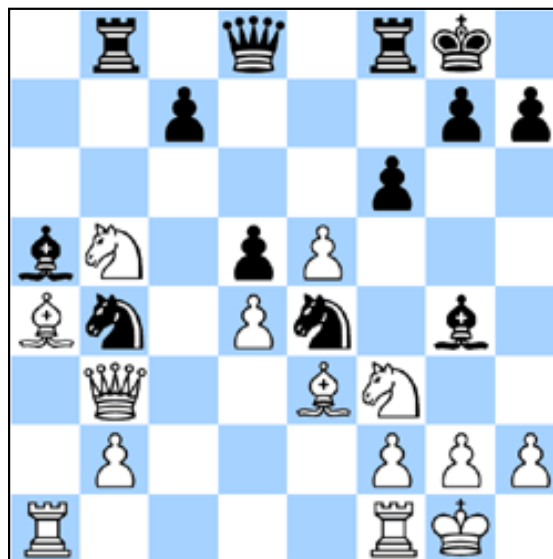
Ke8! 29. Nfd6 Ke7 30. Nf5 Ke8 equal] **Qc7** [26...Qa7 27. e3! (27. Kh1? Qc7 28. Qa6 Kd7 29. Rd1 Ke8 30. Qc6 Kf8 31. Qc7 Rd1 32. Bf1 Rf1 33. Kg2 Rf2 34. Kg1 Re2!) Qc7 28. Qa6 Kd7 29. Rd1 Ke8 30. Qc6 Kf8 31. Qc7 Rd1 32. Bf1 Kg8 33. Kg2 Rd2!; 33. e4! and White is superior] **27. Qa6 Kd7 28. Rd1 Ke8 29. Qc6! Kf8** only move [29...Qc6? 30. Bc6 Kf8 31. Rd8 mate; 29...Rd7? 30. Rd7 Qd7 31. Qa8 Qd8 32. Bc6 Kf8 33. Qd8 mate] **30. Qc7 Rd1 31. Bf1 Kg8** only move [31...Nf6? 32. Qe5!] **32. Kg2?!** [32. e4! and White is superior]



32...Rd5!! 33. Kf3 [33. e4 Rc5! 34. Qd8 Kh7 35. Qd3 Rc3 36. Qd1 Rhc8 37. Bd3 Rd8 38. Qh1! Rc2!! 39. Bc2 Rd2 40. Kf1 Nh2 and Black is superior] **Nh2 34. Kg2 Ng4 35. Kf3 Nh2 36. Kg2** 1/2 : 1/2 [M. Golubev]

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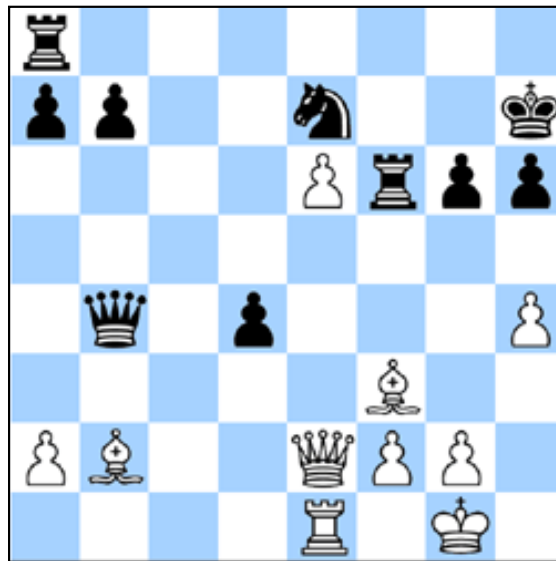
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19. Nd2! [a novelty, and White is superior; 19. Na7] **c6** **20. Na7! Bf5** [20...Nd2 21. Bd2 fe5 22. Bb4 Rb4 23. Qg3 Bd7 24. Bc6 and White is winning] **21. Ne4 Be4** **22. f3! Bg6** [22...Nc2 23. Qa2 Ne3 24. Nc6 Qb6 25. fe4 and White is superior; 22...Bc2 23. Nc6 (23. Qc3 and White is superior) Bb3 24. Nd8 Ba4 25. Ne6 and White is superior] **23. Qa3! fe5** [23...Qb6 24. Nc6 Nc6 25. Bc6 Qc6 26. Qa5 and White is superior] **24. Nc6 Nc6** **25. Bc6 Bb4** [25...Bc7 and White is superior] **26. Qa7** [26. Qb3!? Bf7 (26...Bd2 27. Qd5 Bf7 28. Qe5 Be3 29. Qe3 and White is winning) 27. Qd3 and White is superior] **e4** [26...Bd3 only move, and White is superior] **27. Qa2!** and White is winning [27. fe4 Be4 28. Rf8 Bf8 29. Rf1 Bd6 and White is slightly better] **Kh8** [better is 27...Rf5 28. g4! Rf3 29. Rf3 ef3 30. Qd5 Qd5 31. Bd5 Bf7 32. Ra8] **28. Qd5 Qc7** [28...Qc8 29. Ra7! with the idea 29...ef3 30. Bh6!] **29. fe4 Bf7** [29...Rfd8 30. Bf4! Qb6 31. Bb8 Rd5 32. ed5 Qd4 33. Kh1] **30. Qd7**
1 : 0 [Kramnik]

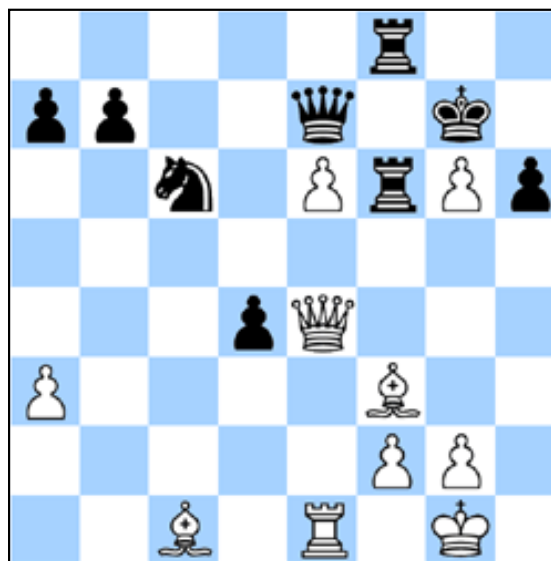
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1. d4 Nf6 **2. c4 g6** **3. Nc3 Bg7** **4. e4 d6** **5. Be2 0-0** **6. Nf3 e5** **7. 0-0 Nc6** **8. d5 Ne7** **9. b4 Nh5** **10. Re1 f5** **11. Ng5 Nf6** **12. Bf3 c6** **13. Bb2 h6** **14. Ne6 Be6** **15. de6 fe4** **16. Ne4 Ne4** **17. Re4 d5** **18. cd5 cd5** **19. Re5 Be5** **20. Be5 Qb6** **21. Bb2!** [a novelty; 21. Bd4 see 68/(546)] **Kh7!?** [21...Qe6?! 22. Qd4 Kf7 23. Qg7 Ke8 24. Qh6 and White is superior; 21...Qb4 22. Rb1 with compensation] **22. Qe2!?** [22. Qd2!?!; 22. Qe1!?!] **d4!?** [22...Qb4? 23. Qe5 Rg8 24. Rc1 Rac8 25. Rc8 Nc8 26. Bd5 Ne7 27. Bf3 Nf5 28. g4 Ng7 29. e7 Ne8 30. h4! and White is winning] **23. h4!** [23. Rd1 Rad8 24. Qc4 Nf5 unclear] **Rf6!** **24. Re1 Qb4**



25. a3! [25. h5?! Rf3! 26. gf3 Rg8!; 25. Rd1!? a) 25...Nf5 26. h5! Rg8 (26...Qe7 27. Bd5 and White is superior; 26...Re8 27. Bd5 and White is superior) 27. hg6 Rgg6 28. Bh5 Re6 29. Bg6 Rg6 30. Bd4! Nd4 31. Qe4 and White is slightly better; b) 25...Rd8 b1) 26. Qe5 Rf3! (26...Rf5 27. Qc7 with compensation) 27. gf3 Qb2 28. Qf6 Qa3 equal; b2) 26. h5! b21) 26...gh5 b211) 27. Qe4 Ng6 28. Bh5 Qe7! (28...Qb2 29. Bg6 Rg6 30. Rb1 Qb1 31. Qb1 and White is superior) 29. Rd4 (29. f4 Qe6 30. Qe6 Re6 31. f5 Nf4 32. fe6 Nh5 33. Rd4 Rd4 34. Bd4 Kg6 35. Ba7 Ng7 36. e7 Kf7 equal) Rd4 30. Bd4 Qe6 31. Bg6 Rg6 32. Qb7 Kg8 33. Qa8 Kf7 34. Qa7 Qe7 equal; b212) 27. Bh5 Ng6! 28. Rd3 (28. Qe4 Qe7!) Qc4! unclear; b213) 27. Qd3! Ng6 28. Ba3 Qb6 29. e7 Re8 30. Qd4 Qd4 31. Rd4 Re6 32. Bh5 R8e7 33. Be7 Re7 34. f4 and White is slightly better; b22) 26...Qb6!? 27. hg6 Kg8 (27...Kg7!? 28. Bg4 Qc5 unclear) 28. Bg4 Rg6 unclear; b23) 26...Qc5!? 27. Be4! (27. Qe4?! Nc6 28. hg6 Kg7 and Black is slightly better) Kg8 (27...Kg7 28. Bg6! Ng6 29. hg6 Rg6 30. e7 Qc6 31. g3 Re8 32. Rd4 Kh7 33. Ba3 and White is slightly better) 28. Bg6! Ng6 29. hg6 Qe7 30. Bd4 Re6 (30...Rg6 31. Qe5 Kh7 32. Re1 and White is slightly better) 31. Qc4! b5 32. Qb3 with compensation] **Qd6!** [25...Qb6?! 26. Qe5 (26. h5 Raf8) Rf5 27. Qd4 Qd4 28. Bd4 Nc6 29. Bc3! (29. Be3 Rf3! 30. gf3 Re8 31. Rd1 Re6 32. Kg2 equal) Rc5 30. Bb2! and White is slightly better, with the idea h5, with the idea g4, h5] **26. h5! Raf8!?** [26...Re8 27. Qb5! (27. Qd3 Nc6 28. hg6 Kg8 and Black is slightly better, with the idea 29. Bg4 Qf4 30. f3 h5! 31. Re4 Qg5 32. Bh3 Ne5 33. Re5 Qe5 34. Bd4 Qd5) Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 29. Qb7 Qe7 30. a4!! (30. Qe4? Rd6; 30. Qe7?! Ne7 31. Re4 Rf3 32. gf3 d3 33. Re1 Kg6 equal) Qb7 (30...Re8? 31. Bd4 Qb7 32. Bb7 Rfe6 33. Re6 Re6 34. a5 a6 35. Bb6 and White is superior; 30...Rd6 31. Qe7 Ne7 32. Bg4 Rg6 33. Bh3 and White is slightly better) 31. Bb7 Ne7 32. Ba3 and White is slightly better; 26...Rd8 27. Bb7 (27. hg6 Ng6) gh5 28. Qd3 Kg8 (28...Kg7? 29. Re4 Qb6 30. Bd4 Qb7 31. Bf6 Kf6 32. Rf4 Ke5 33. Qe3 Kd6 34. Rd4 Nd5 35. e7 and White is winning) 29. Re4! with compensation, with the idea 29...Nf5 30. Ba6!] **27. Qe4!?** [27. hg6?! Ng6 28. Qe4 Re8!; 27. Qd3 Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 unclear; 27. Qc4!? a) 27...Rf4 28. Be4 Nc6 (28...Rh4 29. Bg6 Ng6 30. hg6 Kg6 31. g3 Rg4 32. Qd3 Kg7 33. Re4! and White is superior) 29. hg6 Kg7 30. Bc6 bc6 31. e7 Re8 32. Re4! and White is superior; b) 27...Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 (28...Kg6 29. Re4 and White is superior; 28...Kg7 29. Rd1 Qe6 30. Rd4 Qc4 31. Rc4 and White is slightly better) 29. Bb7! Qb6 30. Bf3! and White is slightly

better; c) 27...Nf5 28. hg6 Rg6 29. Bb7 d3 (29...Re8 30. Qd3 Qf4 31. Bd5 and White is superior) 30. Bd5! and White is slightly better; d) 27...Rf3! 28. gf3 gh5! (28...Rf3? 29. Qd4 Qd4 30. Bd4 b6 31. Rc1 and White is winning; 28...Rf4? 29. Re4 Re4 30. fe4 Nc6 31. Qd5 and White is winning; 28...Rf5 29. Qd4 Rg5 30. Kf1 Qd4 31. hg6 Kg6 32. Bd4 and White is slightly better) 29. Bd4 b6 30. Bc3 Qd5 unclear] **Nc6!** [27...Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 29. Bh5! Qc6 30. Bd4 Qe4 31. Re4 Rf5 32. g4! and White is superior; 27...Re8 28. Qb7 (28. Qd4? Qd4 29. Bd4 Rf3 30. gf3 Nc6! and Black is slightly better) Re6 29. Re6 Qe6 30. hg6 Kg6 31. Bd4 and White is slightly better] **28. hg6 Kg7** [28...Kg8 29. Bc1! (29. Qd5 Qd5 30. Bd5 Re8; 29. Qg4 Re8 30. Qh5 Rfe6 31. Bd5 Kg7 32. Be6 Re6 33. Re3! Rg6 34. Re4 unclear) Re8 30. Bg4 d3 (30...Nd8 31. Rd1! Ne6 32. Rd4!) 31. Bh6! Qd4 32. Bf5! and White is superior] **29. Bc1! Qe7** [29...h5 30. Bh5 Qc5 31. Bf3 Rg6 32. Bb2 with initiative]

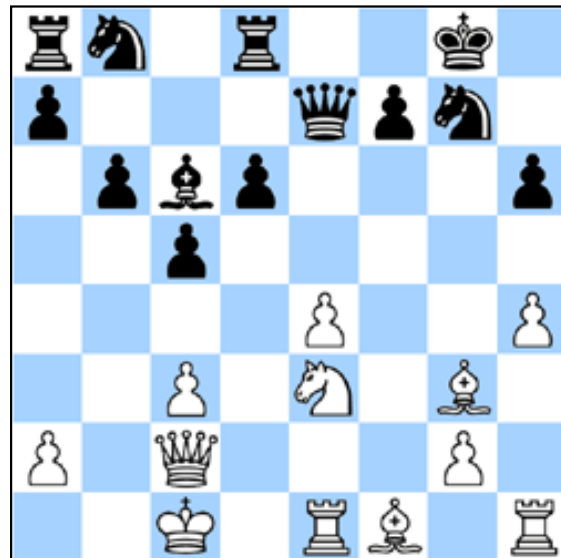


30. Bh6! Kh6 31. Qh4 Kg6 32. Bc6! [32. Be4 Rf5 33. Qe7 Ne7 34. g4 Kf6 35. gf5 b5 equal] **bc6** [32...Re6 33. Qg4 Kf6 34. Qd4 and White is winning] **33. Re5 Qe6??** [33...Re6! 34. Qh5 Kg7 35. Rg5 Qg5 36. Qg5 Rg6 37. Qe5 Kg8 38. Qd4 Rf7 39. g3 Rfg7! equal] **34. Re6 Re6** [Q 6/c] **35. Qg4! Kf7 36. Qd4** and White is winning [Q 6/b] **a6 37. g4 Rg8 38. f3 Rf6 39. Kf2 Re8 40. Qc4 Kg7 41. Qa6 Ref8 42. Qd3 c5 43. a4 Ra8 44. Qc3 Kg6 45. Qc5 Rfa6 46. Kg3 Ra4** [Q 6/a] **47. Qd6 Kf7 48. g5! R8a6 49. Qd7 Kg6 50. f4 Ra1 51. Qd3 Kg7 52. Qd4 Kg8 53. Kg4 R1a2 54. Qd8 Kg7 55. Qc7 Kg8 56. f5 Ra7 57. Qd8 Kg7 58. f6 Kh7 59. Qd3 Kh8 60. Kf5 Ra8 61. Qh3 Kg8 62. Kg6 R2a7 63. Qe6 Kf8 64. Qd6 Kg8 65. Qd5 Kh8 66. Qh1 1 : 0 [Shirov]**

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Nf3 b6 5. Bg5 Bb7 6. Nd2 c5 7. d5! (a novelty) **h6 8. Bh4 ed5 9. cd5 Qe7** [9...Bc3 10. bc3 Bd5 (10...g5 11. Bg3 Nd5 12. Nc4 and White is superior) 11. e4 g5 12. ed5 (12. Bg3!?) gh4 (12...Qe7 13. Be2 gh4 14. 0-0 0-0 15. Bd3 and White is superior) 13. Qf3 with initiative] **10. Qc2!** [10. e3 Bc3 11. bc3 Bd5 and Black is slightly better] **0-0** [10...Bc3 11. bc3 Bd5 12. 0-0-0 Nc6 (12...0-0 see 10...0-0) 13. e4 Be6 14. Ba6 (14. f4? g5 15. fg5 Ng4 and Black is superior) Rd8 15. Rde1 with

initiative, with the idea f4] **11. 0-0-0 Bc3** [11...d6 12. e4 Nbd7 13. f4 a) 13...g5 14. fg5 Ng4 15. Nf3 Ne3 16. gh6! (16. Qf2 Nd1 17. Qg3 h5 18. g6 f6 19. Nd1 Qe4 20. Qd6 unclear) f6 17. Qf2 Nd1 18. Nd1 and White is superior; b) 13...c4! 14. Re1 Rac8 b1) 15. e5 de5 16. fe5 Ne5 17. Nc4 (17. Nf3? Bd6) Rc4 18. Bc4 Rc8 19. Bb3 Qd6 20. Bf6 Qf6 21. Kb1 Bc3 22. bc3 Qd6 with compensation; b2) 15. Nc4 b5 16. e5 de5 17. fe5 g5 18. ef6 Qf6 19. Bf2 bc4 unclear; b3) 15. Nf3!? and White is slightly better] **12. bc3** [12. Qc3 g5 (12...Bd5 13. e4 g5 14. Bg5 hg5 15. ed5 with initiative) 13. Bg3 Nd5 unclear] **Bd5** [12...d6 13. e4 Nbd7 14. f4 (14. f3!? and White is slightly better, with the idea Nc4) c4 (14...g5 15. fg5 Ng4 16. Re1 hg5 17. Bg3 Nge5 18. Nf3 and White is superior) 15. Re1 Rac8 16. Nf3 (16. e5? de5 17. fe5 Ne5 18. Nf3 Qa3) Rfe8 17. Nd4 and White is slightly better] **13. e4 Bc6** [13...Bb7 14. f4] **14. f4 d6?!** [14...g5 15. fg5 a) 15...Ng4 16. Qd3 hg5 17. Qg3 f5 18. Bc4 (18. ef5 gh4 19. Qg4 Qg7) Kh8 19. h3! and White is winning; b) 15...Ne4 16. Ne4 (16. Bc4!? hg5 17. Bg3 d5 18. Rhe1 with attack) Be4 (16...Qe4 17. Qf2 with attack) 17. Qf2 hg5 18. Qg3 f6 19. Bc4 d5 (19...Kg7 20. Rhe1 Nc6 21. Bd5 Bd5 22. Re7 Ne7 23. Bg5 fg5 24. Qg5 Kf7 25. Qh5 and White is winning, with attack) 20. Rd5 Bd5 21. Bd5 Kh8 22. Ba8 gh4 23. Qh4 Qh7 24. Qh7 Kh7 25. Rd1 and White is superior; 14...Qe6 15. Bc4 (15. e5 Nd5 16. Bc4 b5; 15. Re1!? with initiative) d5 (15...Be4 16. Ne4 Qc4 17. Bf6 d5 18. Nd2 Qf4 19. Rhf1 and White is superior) 16. f5 Qd6 17. Bg3 (17. Bf6 dc4 and Black is superior) Qe7 (17...Qd7 18. ed5 Nd5 19. Rhe1 b5 20. Bd5 Bd5 21. f6 Re8 22. Ne4 Qc6 23. Nd6 and White is superior) 18. ed5 Nd5 19. Rhe1 Qg5 20. Qd3 Nf4 21. Bf4 Qf4 22. Re7 and White is slightly better, with initiative, with the idea 22...Qg5 23. f6! Qf6 24. Rf7 Rf7 25. Rf1] **15. Re1** [and White is superior, with the idea e5] **g5** [15...Nbd7 16. e5 de5 17. fe5 Ne5 18. Nc4 and White is winning; 15...Qe6 16. Bc4 Qg4 17. Bf6 gf6 18. Re3 Qf4 19. Rg3 Kh8 20. Rf1 Qh4 21. Rh3 Qg5 22. Rf5 Qg2 23. Qd3 and White is winning] **16. fg5 Nh7 17. Bg3 Ng5** [17...hg5 18. e5; better is 17...Nd7 18. gh6 Ne5 and White is superior] **18. h4 Ne6 19. Nc4 Rd8 20. Ne3 Ng7** [20...Qf8 21. Nf5 d5 22. ed5 Bd5 23. Qf2 and White is winning, with attack]

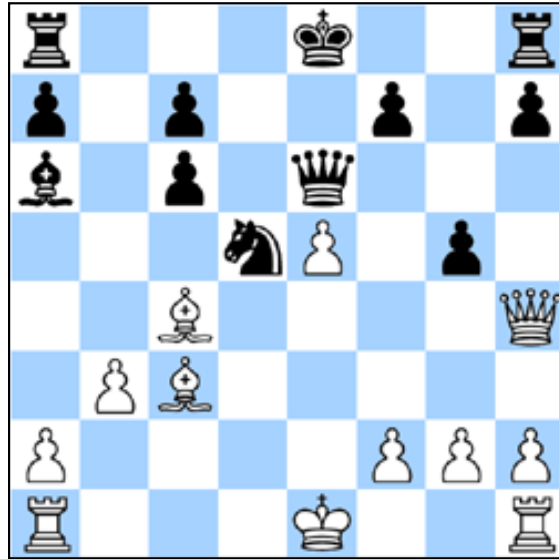


21. Bc4! and White is winning [21. Nd5 Bd5 22. ed5 Qf8 (22...Qf6 23. Bd3) 23. h5 and White is superior] **Nd7** [21...Qe4 22. Qf2! d5 (22...Qg6 23. h5 Nh5 24. Nf5) 23. Bb3 (with the idea Nd5) Qd3 24. Be5 Nd7 (24...Re8 25. Bc2 Qa6 26. Nf5) 25. Bg7 Kg7 26. Nf5 Kf8 27. Rh3; 21...b5 22. Bd5 (22. Nd5

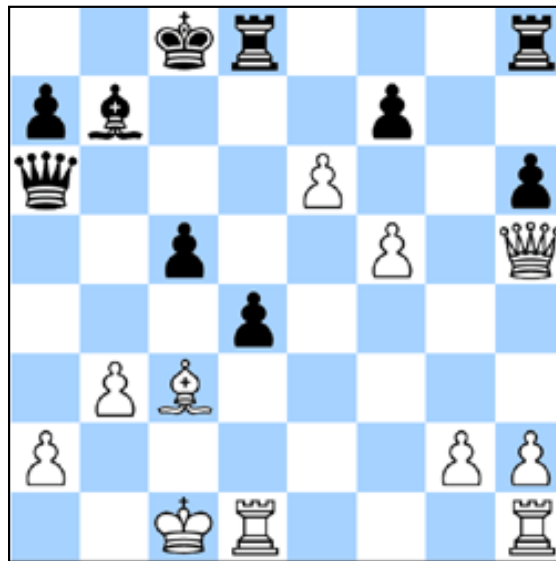
Qe6) Bd5 (22...*Qf8* 23. *Ng4*) 23. Nd5 Qe6 24. Nc7 Qg6 25. Qd3] **22. Ng4 Rf8** [22...Ne5 23. Be5 de5 24. Ref1] **23. Nh6 Kh8 24. Qd2 Ne5 25. Be5 de5** [25...Qe5 26. Nf7] **26. Ng4** [with the idea Qh6] **1 : 0** [V. Milov]

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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc6 bc6 6. e5 Qe7 7. Qe2 Nd5 8. c4 Nb6 9. Nc3 Qe6 10. Qe4 Ba6 11. b3 Bb4 12. Bd2 Bc3 13. Bc3 d5 14. Qh4 dc4 15. Be2 Nd5 16. Bc4 g5



17. Bd5! (a novelty) **cd5!** [17...Qd5 18. Qg5 Rd8 19. Qg4 h5 20. Qf3 Rg8 21. Qd5 cd5 22. g3 c5 23. Rc1 and White is superior; 17...gh4 18. Be6 fe6 19. Rd1 and White is superior] **18. Qg5 c5 19. 0-0-0 Bb7?! 20. f4! h6** [20...d4 21. f5 Qe7 (21...Qa6 22. e6! and White is winning) 22. Qe7 (22. Bd2 Qg5 23. Bg5 Rg8 24. h4 Bg2 equal) Ke7 23. Bb2! Bg2 24. Rhg1 Be4 25. Ba3 Bf5 26. Rg5! Bg6 (26...Ke6 27. Rf1 Bg6 28. Rf6 Kd7 29. Rd6 Kc7 30. Bc5 and White is superior) 27. Bc5 Ke6 28. Rd4 Rhd8 29. Rd6! Rd6 30. ed6 and White is superior] **21. Qh5 0-0-0** [21...d4!? 22. f5 Qa6 (22...Qe7 23. Ba5! (weak point Ke8) c4 24. e6 cb3 25. Kb2! and White is winning) 23. e6 0-0-0

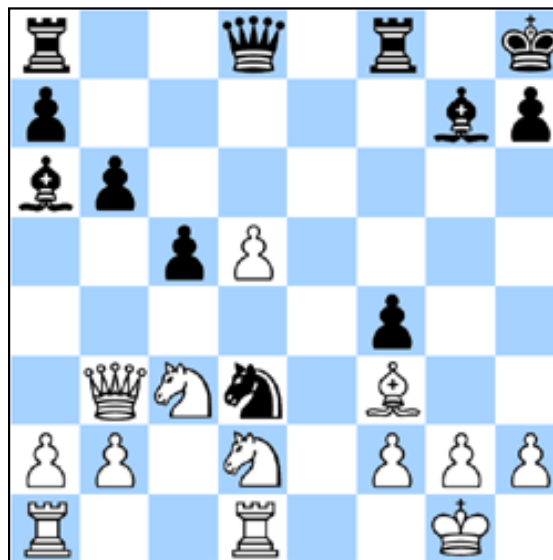


a) 24. Bb2 Qa2 25. e7 (25. Rhe1 Qb3 26. e7 Rdg8 27. f6 Qc4 28. Kb1 Bd5 with attack) Be4! 26. ed8Q Rd8 27. Qe2 Qb1 28. Kd2 Qb2 29. Ke1 Qe2 30. Ke2 Kb7 unclear; b) 24. e7! Rde8 25. f6! dc3 26. Qc5 Kb8 27. Qd6! Qd6 28. Rd6 Bg2 29. Rhd1 and White is superior, with the idea Rd8, Kc2-c3, passed pawn b] **22. f5 Qe7** [22...Qa6 23. Qf7 Rd7 24. Qf6 Qf6 25. ef6 d4 26. Bd2 Bg2 27. Rhg1 and White is superior] **23. e6! d4 24. Ba5** [24. f6 Qe6 25. Qc5 Kb8 26. Rd4 Rc8 27. Qb4 Qc6 28. Rc4 Qg2 with compensation] **c4?** [24...Rd6 (only move) 25. ef7 (25. Qf7 Qf7 26. ef7 Rf8) Rf8 26. Rhe1 Qf7 27. Qf7 Rf7 28. Re5 Rd5 29. Rd5 Bd5 30. g4 and White is superior] **25. Bd8 Qa3 26. Kb1 Be4** [26...cb3 27. Rc1 Kd8 (27...Kb8 28. Bc7 Ka8 29. Qe2 and White is winning) 28. Qh4 Ke8 29. ef7 Kf8 30. Qd8 Kg7 31. Qd4 Kh7 32. f8N! Kg8 33. Qb2 and White is winning] **27. Ka1 c3** [27...Rd8 28. Qe2 c3 29. e7 Qe7 30. Qc4 Kb8 31. Rd4 c2 32. Rd8 Qd8 33. Kb2 and White is winning] **28. Qe2 d3 29. Rd3** [29. Be7 de2 30. Ba3 ed1R 31. Rd1 fe6 32. fe6 and White is winning] **Bd3 30. Be7! Qe7** [30...Be2 31. Ba3 fe6 32. f6 Bh5 33. Rc1 and White is winning] **31. Qd3 Qf6 32. Kb1 and White is winning fe6 33. fe6 Rd8 34. Qe4 Qf2 35. Qc6 Kb8 36. Qc3 Qf5 37. Kb2 Qe6 38. Rc1 Qd6 39. g3 a6 40. Rc2 1-0** [Sutovsky]

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1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. c4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Bd3 c5 6. 0-0 g6 7. d5!! [a novelty; 7. Nc3 see 84/420] **ed5** [7...b5 8. cb5 (8. de6 fe6 9. cb5 d5) Nd5 9. e4 Nb4 10. Nc3 Bg7 11. Be3 Nd3 12. Qd3 Qc7 13. Rac1 and White is slightly better] **8. cd5 Bg7** [8...Nd5 9. Be4 (9. e4) Ne3 10. Bb7 Nd1 11. Ba8 and White is winning; 8...Bd5 9. e4 Bc6 10. Nc3 (10. e5 Nd5 11. Re1) Bg7 11. e5 Ng4 12. Re1 and White is superior] **9. e4 0-0** [9...d6 10. Qa4 (10. Nc3 0-0 see 9...0-0) Nbd7 11. Na3 0-0 12. Nc4 Qe7 13. Bf4 Ne8 14. Rfe1 and White is superior] **10. Nc3** [10. e5 a) 10...Nd5 11. Be4 Ne3 12. Bb7 (12. Qd3 d5 13. ed6 Be4 14. Qe4 Nf1 15. Qa8 Qd6 unclear) Nd1 13. Ba8 Nc6 14. Bc6 (14. Bb7 Nf2 15. Rf2 Ne5 unclear) dc6 15. Nbd2 Nf2 16. Rf2 and White is slightly better; b) 10...Ng4 11. Bg5 (11. Re1 Bd5 12. h3; 11...d6 unclear) b1) 11...f6 12. Bh4 (12. ef6 Bf6) g5 13. ef6 (13. Bg3 fe5) Qf6 14. Ng5 (14. Bh7 Kh7 15. Ng5 Kg6! 16. Qg4 Qf4 and Black is superior) Qf4 (14...Qb2 15. Bh7 Kh8 16. Qg4

*Qa1 17. Qh5 and White is winning) 15. g3 (15. Bh7 Kh8 16. g3 Nf2! unclear) Qd4 16. Bh7 (16. Nc3 Rf2 17. Bh7 Kh8 18. Qd4 Bd4 19. Rf2 Nf2 20. Kg2 and White is superior) Kh8 17. Nc3 and White is superior; b2) 11...Qc7 12. d6 (12. Be7 Be5 13. Bf8 Bh2 14. Kh1 Kf8 unclear) Qc8 unclear; b3) 11...Qc8] **d6 11. Bf4 Na6 12. Nd2?! [12. Nb5 Nb4 (12...Ne8 and White is slightly better) 13. Bd6 (13. Nd6 Bd5! 14. ed5 Nh5 and Black is slightly better) Re8 with counterplay; 12. Re1 and White is slightly better; 12. h3 and White is slightly better] Nh5 13. Be3 Nb4 14. Be2 f5!! 15. ef5 [15. Bh5 f4 16. Bc5 bc5 17. Be2 a5 and White is slightly better; 15...gh5 and Black is slightly better; 15. a3 f4 16. Bc5 dc5 17. Bh5 gh5 (17...Nd5 18. Nd5 gh5 unclear) 18. ab4 cb4 with counterplay; 17. ab4] gf5 [15...Bc3 16. bc3 Nd5 17. Bc4 (17. fg6 Ne3 18. gh7 Kh8 19. fe3 Qg5 with compensation) Kg7 18. Bd5 Bd5 19. fg6 hg6 20. c4 and White is slightly better] 16. Bh5 f4 17. Bc5! [17. Bf4 Rf4 18. Bf3 Ba6 with initiative; 17. Nc4 Ba6! (17...fe3 18. Ne3 Qg5 19. Qg4! and White is slightly better) 18. Be2 Bc4 19. Bc4 fe3 20. fe3 Rf1 (20...Qh4?! 21. Qe2 Be5 22. g3 and White is winning) 21. Bf1 (only move) Qg5 with initiative] **dc5 18. Bf3 Kh8 [18...Ba6? 19. a3 Bf1 (19...Bc3 20. bc3 Nd5 21. c4 and White is winning; 19...Nd3 20. d6 and White is superior) 20. Nf1 Na6 21. d6 and White is superior; 18...Nd5 19. Qb3 Bc3 (19...Rf5 20. Nde4 and White is superior) 20. bc3 Qd7 21. Rad1 Rad8 22. Nc4 and White is superior] 19. Qb3 [19. d6! Rb8 (19...Bf3!? 20. Nf3 c4) 20. Bb7 Rb7 21. Nce4 (21. Nde4 f3) Bb2 22. Rb1 Bd4 23. Nf3 and White is slightly better] Ba6 [19...Qd7] 20. Rfd1 Nd3 [20...Bd3 a) 21. Be4 Be4 22. Nde4 (22. Nce4 Qd5 equal) f3; b) 21. Rac1 a5 22. a3 and White is winning]*****



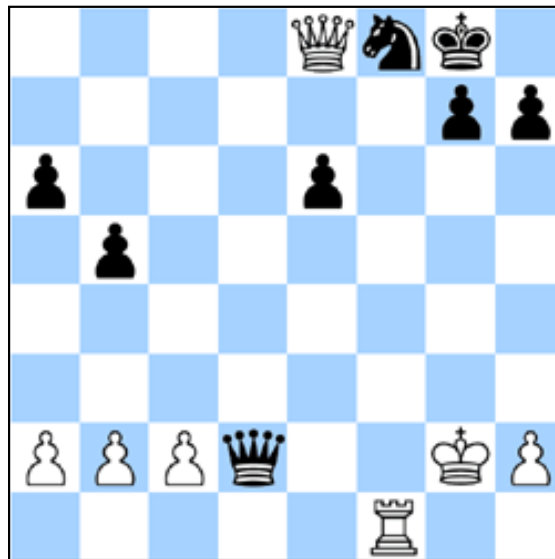
21. Nde4 [21. Be2 Nf2! (21...Qc8 22. Nde4 and White is superior) a) 22. Kf2 Bd4 23. Kf1 Qh4 24. Nce4 (24. Nde4 Qh2 25. Rd4 f3 and Black is winning) f3 (24...Qh2) 25. Ba6 (25. Nf3 Be2 26. Ke2 Qe4 and Black is superior; 25. gf3 Qh3 26. Ke1 Qh4 equal) Qh2 26. gf3 (26. Nf3 Qg1 27. Ke2 Qg2 and Black is winning) b5!! (26...h5 27. Ke1 h4 28. Rdc1 h3 29. Kd1; 26...Rae8 27. Ke1 Qf2 mate; 27. Rdc1; 26...Rg8 27. Ke1 Rg2 28. Rdc1 Re8 29. Nf1 Qh4 30. Kd1 Re4 31. fe4 Qg4 and Black is winning; 29. Rc2 and White is winning) a1) 27. Rdc1 Rg8 and Black is winning; a2) 27. Bb5 Rab8 28. Ke1 (28. Qd3 Rg8 29. Ke1 Qh4 and Black is winning) a6 with compensation; a3) 27. Ke1 c4 28. Nf1 (28. Nc4 Rg8 29. Qe3 Be3 30. Ne3 Rg1 and Black is winning) Qh4 29. Ke2 cb3 30. Rd4 Qh1 with attack; b) 22. Ba6 Bd4 (22...Nd1 23. Nd1 and

*White is winning; 22...f3 23. Nf3) b1) 23. Nf3 Nd1 24. Nd4 cd4 25. Nd1 (25. Rd1 dc3 26. Qc3 Qf6 equal) f3 with counterplay; b2) 23. Nb5 Be3 24. Re1 (24. Qc3 Kg8 25. Kf1 Nd1 26. Rd1 Qh4 27. Ne4 Qh2 28. Nf6 Rf6 29. Qf6 Qh1 30. Ke2 Qh5 equal) b21) 24...Ng4 25. Re3 fe3 b211) 26. Nf3? Rf3 27. gf3 Qg5 28. Qc3 (28. Nd6 Nh2 29. Kh1 Qh5 30. Qc3 Kg8 31. Kg2 Nf3 32. Qe3 Rf8 and Black is winning) Ne5 29. Kh1 (29. Kf1 Rg8 and Black is winning) Rg8 and Black is winning; b212) 26. Qc3! Kg8 27. Nf3 Rf3 28. gf3 Qg5 29. Qc2 and White is superior; b22) 24...Bd2 25. Re2 Be3 26. Rf2 Bf2 27. Kf2 Qh4 28. Kg1 f3 29. Qc3 Rf6 unclear; b3) 23. Kf1! b31) 23...Ng4 24. Nf3 Nh2 (24...Ne3 25. Ke2 Qe8 26. Kd2 Nd1 27. Rd1 Be3 28. Kc2 Qg6 29. Bd3 Qg2 30. Be2 Qg6 31. Rd3 and White is superior) 25. Nh2 Qh4 26. Ne4 Qh2 27. Qh3 Qg1 28. Ke2 f3 29. Qf3 Rf3 30. Rg1 Re3 and Black is slightly better; 27. Qf3 and White is superior; b32) 23...Nd1 24. Nd1! (24. Qd1 Qh4 25. Qf3 Qh2 unclear; 24. Rd1 Qh4 25. Nce4 Qh2 unclear) f3! 25. Nf3 Qh4 with attack] **Ne5 22. Nd2 Qg5** [22...Nd3; better is 22...Qh4!? with the idea Rf6, Rg8 with attack] **23. Nb5! c4 24. Qa4 Bb5 25. Qb5 Rac8** (unclear) **26. Rac1** [26. Qa4 c3 27. bc3 Rc3 28. Qe4 (28. Be4 f3 29. g3 Qg4 and Black is winning) Ra3 unclear] **Rc5 27. Qa6** [27. Qb4 Nd3 28. Ne4 Nb4 29. Ng5 Bb2 30. Ne6! and White is slightly better; 27...Qh4 and Black is superior, weak point f2] **Ra5 28. Qb7 Ra2 29. d6** [29. Be4 f3 30. g3 Qg4 31. d6 Rb2 and Black is superior] **b5! 30. Qe7 h6** [30...Qe7 31. de7 Re8 a) 32. Ne4 Nd3 33. Be2 (33. Nc5 Bb2 34. Nd3 Bc1 35. Nc1 Ra1 and Black is winning) Bb2 34. Bd3 cd3 (34...Bc1 35. Bc4 bc4 36. Rd8 Ba3 37. Re8 Kg7 38. Rg8 Kh6 39. g4 Be7 40. Kg2 equal; 38. Kf1) 35. Rc7 Ba3 and Black is superior; b) 32. Nc4 Nf3 33. gf3 Bf6 34. Nd6 Rg8! (34...Re7 35. Rc8 Kg7 36. Nf5 and White is superior) 35. Kf1 Be7 and Black is slightly better] **31. Be4 Rb2 32. Nf3 Nf3 33. Bf3 Qc5 34. Qc7! Qf2 35. Kh1 Qb6 36. Qe7 Qd8 37. Re1** [37. Qa7 c3 38. d7 b4 and Black is superior] **Bf6** time [37...Rd2! 38. Rcd1 Rd1 39. Bd1; 38...c3 and Black is superior] **38. Qe6 Rd2 39. Rcd1 c3 40. d7 Rd1?** [40...b4 41. Rd2 cd2 42. Rd1 Qe7 43. Qe7 Be7 44. Rd2 a5 and Black is slightly better] **41. Bd1!** [with attack, diagonal b1-h7] **Qb6?** [41...Kg7 42. Qg4 Bg5 43. Bc2 (43. h4 h5! 44. Qg5 Qg5 45. hg5 Rd8 46. Re7 Kg6 unclear) Rf7 44. Rd1 with initiative; 42. Bc2 with compensation] **42. Qf5** (and White is winning) **Be7 43. Qe4 Rf7 44. Qe7 Re7 45. Re7 c2 46. Bc2 1 : 0 [Iordachescu]***

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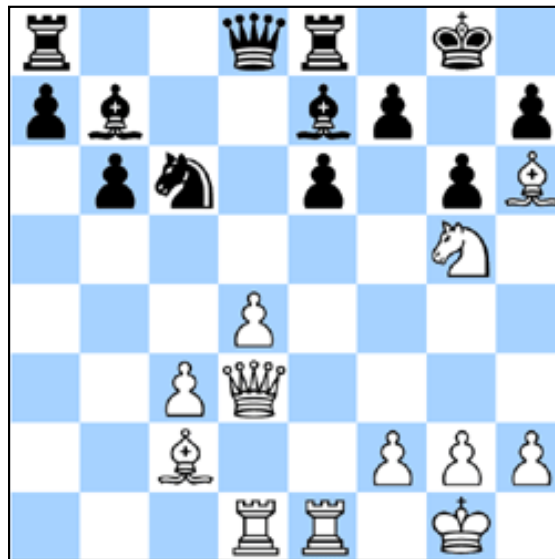
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24. Kf3! [a novelty; 24. Kg3 see 48/(346)] **g5!?** [24...h6 25. h4 g5 26. hg5 hg5 27. Qc6 and White is winning; 24...Qc2 25. Kg3 Qd3 26. Rf3 Qd6 27. Kh3 and White is winning] **25. Qa8!** [25. h3 Qc2 26. Kg3 Qd3 27. Rf3 Qd6 28. Kg4 Qd4 29. Kg5 Qd5 equal; 25. Qb8 g4! 26. Kg3 Qe3 27. Kg2 (27. Kg4?? Qe2 28. Rf3 h5 29. Kg3 h4 30. Kg4 Qg2 31. Kf4 Qh2 and Black is winning) Qe2 28. Rf2 Qe4 29. Kf1 Qh1 30. Ke2 Qe4 31. Kd1 Qd4 equal] **Kg7** [25...Qc2 26. Kg3 Qc5 27. Qf3 Qe7 28. Qf6 and White is superior; 25...Qh2 26. Ke3 Qd6 (26...Qe5 27. Kd2 Qd6 28. Kc1 and White is superior) 27. Qe8 Qe5 28. Kd2 Qg7 29. c3 and White is superior] **26. Kg3 Ng6 27. Qb7 Kh6 28. Qe4** (and White is superior) **e5 29. Rf6 Qc1 30. Kg2 Kg7** [30...Qd2 31. Kh3 and White is superior; 30...Qb2 31. Ra6 and White is superior] **31. Ra6 Nf4 32. Kf2 Qd2 33. Kg3 Nh5 34. Kg4!** (and White is winning) **Qd7** [34...Nf6 35. Rf6 h5 (35...Kf6 36. Qf5) 36. Kh5 Qh2 37. Kg5 Qg3 38. Qg4] **35. Kg5 h6 36. Kh4 Qd8 37. Kh3 Nf4 38. Kg3 Qg5 39. Kf2 Qh4 40. Kf1 Qh3 41. Ke1 Qh4 42. Kd1** [42...Qg4 43. Kd2 Qd7 44. Kc1] **1 : 0** [Rublevsky]

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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nf3 Be7 7. cd5 Nd5 8. Bd3 Nc6 9. 0-0 0-0 10. Re1 Nf6 11. a3 b6 12. Bg5 Bb7 13. Bc2 Nd5 14. Qd3 g6 15. Bh6 [15. h4 see 63/369] **Re8 16. Rad1 Nc3?! 17. bc3! Ba3 18. Ng5** (with initiative) **Be7**

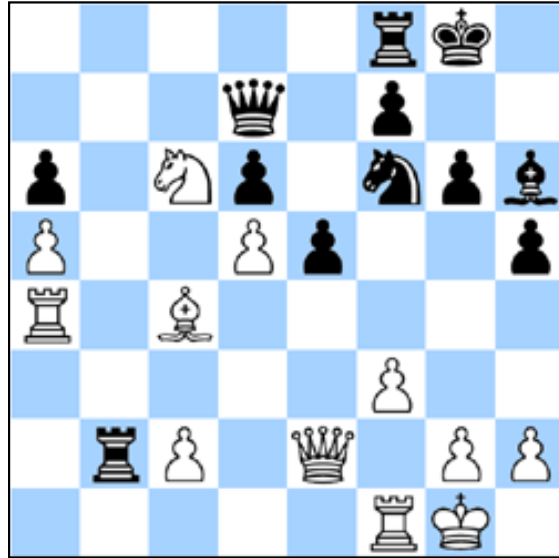


19. Nf7!! [a novelty; 19. Qg3] **Kf7** [19...Qd5 20. Qh3! Kf7 21. c4 Qd6 22. c5 Qd7 23. d5 and White is winning] **20. Re6! Bf6** [20...Ke6 21. Qh3 Kf6 22. Bb3 and White is winning; 20...Qd5 21. Rg6 Bf6 22. Rg5 and White is winning; 20...Nd4 21. cd4 (21. Rg6 Nf3 22. gf3 Qd3 23. Rg7 Kf6 24. Rd3 and White is slightly better) Ke6 22. Qh3 Kf6 23. Bb3 Bd5 24. Re1!! Qd6 25. Re3! Kf7 26. Qf3 Kg8 27. Bd5 and White is winning] **21. Re8 Ke8 22. Qc4?!** [22. Re1! Ne7 only move (22...Be7 23. d5) 23. Bb3!! a) 23...Bd5 24. Qb5 Qd7 25. Qd5 Qd5 26. Bd5 Rc8 27. Bd2 and White is winning; b) 23...Qd7 24. Re6 Bh4 25. g3 Bd5 26. Bd5 Qd5 27. Re5 Qc6 28. gh4 Kf7 29. d5 Qf6 (29...Qd6 30. Qd4 Nf5 31. Rf5 gf5 32. Qg7 Ke8 33. Qg8 Kd7 34. Qa8 Qh6 35. Qa7 and White is winning) 30. Qe4 Nf5 31. d6 and White is winning; c) 23...Rc8 24. Re6 Rc6 25. Ba4 Kf7 26. Rc6! Bc6 27. Bc6 Nc6 28. Qc4 Ke7 29. Qc6] **Qd6! 23. Ba4?** [23. Re1 Kd7 24. Ba4 Re8 25. Re8 Ke8 26. d5 (26. Qg8 Kd7 27. d5 Kc7 28. dc6 Bc6 29. Qh7 Qe7 30. Qe7 Be7 31. Bc2 and White is slightly better) Qc5! (26...Kd7 27. Bf4 Qc5 28. Qe4) 27. Qc5 (27. Qe4 Qe7 28. Qb1 Qc5) bc5 28. dc6 Bc8 29. Be3 Be7 30. c7 Kf7 31. Kf1 and White is superior] **Kd8! 24. Re1 Ne7** (only move) **25. Re6** [25. Qf7 Bd5 26. Qh7 Bg8] **Qd5!** [25...Qa3 26. Rf6 Qa1 27. Qf1 Qa4 28. Qe1! and White is winning] **26. Qd5 Nd5 27. Rd6?** [27. c4 Be7!! 28. cd5 Bd5 29. Re5 Bf7 30. Bc6 Rc8 31. d5 with counterplay] **Kc7 28. Rd7 Kc8 29. c4 Nc3** [29...b5!? 30. Bb5 a6 31. Ba4 Nc3 32. Rf7 Bd4 and Black is superior] **30. Rf7 Na4 31. Rf6 Be4** [31...Ba6!? 32. f3 (32. c5 Kd7 33. c6 Ke7 34. Bg5 h6 and Black is winning) Bc4!? (32...Nb2 33. c5) 33. Rc6 Kd7 34. Rc4 b5 and Black is superior] **32. Rf7 a5 33. Bf4! Nc3?** time [33...Nb2! 34. f3 (34. d5 a4 35. d6 Bf5 36. Rc7 Kd8 37. Bg5 Ke8 38. Rh7 Ra6 39. Re7 Kf8 40. Bh6 Kg8 41. d7 Bd7 42. Rg7 Kf8 43. Rd7 Ke8) Bd3 a) 35. c5 bc5 36. dc5 Ra6 37. Rc7 (37. Rh7 a4) Kd8 38. c6 Bf5 39. Rb7 Nd3 40. c7 Ke8 41. Rb8 Kf7; b) 35. d5 g5!! 36. Bg3 Nc4 37. d6 Ra6 and Black is winning] **34. Be5! b5** [34...a4 35. d5 Ne2 36. Kf1 Bd3 37. d6; 34...Bd3 35. d5 with counterplay] **35. f3 Bf5 36. Rf8** [36. d5 Na4] **Kb7 37. Rf7 1/2 : 1/2 [V. Potkin]**

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8.

f3 Nbd7 9. Qd2 b5 10. a4 b4 11. Nd5 Bd5 12. ed5 Nb6 13. Bb6 Qb6 14. a5 Qb7 15. Bc4 g6 16. Ra4 Rb8 17. Qd3 Ra8 18. Qd2 Rb8 19. Nc1 h5 20. Nd3 Bh6 21. Qe2 [21. Qb4] 0-0 22. Nb4 Qd7!? [22...e4 see 81/225] 23. Nc6 Rb2 24. 0-0

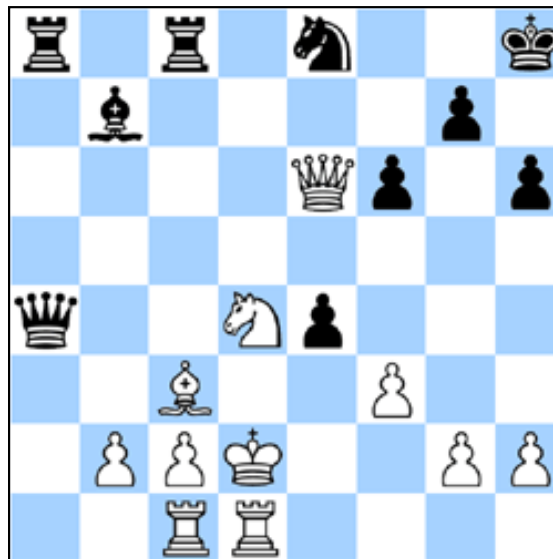


24...h4! [a novelty; 24...e4] **25. Bb3** [25. Qd3 h3] **h3 26. g3 e4! 27. fe4** [27. f4 Re8 with counterplay] **Qg4!?** [27...Ng4 28. e5 Be3 29. Kh1 Nf2 30. Rf2? Bf2 31. Ra1 de5! 32. Qf2 Rb3 33. Ne7 Qe7 34. cb3 Rd8 and Black is superior; 30. Kg1 equal] **28. Qd3!** [28. Qe1? Rb1! 29. Qb1 Be3 30. Rf2 Qf3 31. Qf1 Ng4 and Black is winning] **Qg5 29. e5! de5 30. Rh4** [30. d6? e4 31. Qd4 Ng4! (31...Bg7 32. Qb2 Qd2 33. Rf2 equal) 32. d7 Qe3 33. Qe3 Be3 34. Kh1 Nf2 35. Kg1 Nd1 36. Kh1 Rb1 37. Ne7 Kg7 38. Nd5 Bc5 39. Rc4 Nf2 40. Kg1 Nd3 41. Rc5 Rf1 42. Kf1 Nc5 and Black is winning; 30. Qc3 e4 31. d6 (31. Kh1 Qd2 unclear) Bg7 32. Rd4 Nd7 33. Qb2 Qe3 34. Rf2 equal] **e4 31. Qd4** [31. Re4 Ne4 32. Qe4 Qd2 (32...Kh7 33. Qd4 Qh5 34. Qe5 Qg4; 34. Qd1; 32...Qe3 33. Qe3 Be3 34. Kh1 Bc5 35. Ne5 Rd8 36. Nd3 Rb3 37. cb3 Rd5; 36. Rd1!?) 33. Qf3 Kg7 34. Rd1 Be3 35. Kh1 Re8! 36. d6 Bf4 37. Ne7 (37. Qf1 Qc3!) Qg2 38. Qg2 hg2 39. Kg2 Bd6 40. Rd6 Re7 41. Ra6 Rb1 equal] **Ng4** [31...Qe3!? 32. Qe3 Be3 33. Kh1 Bd2 34. d6! (34. Rh3 Kg7! 35. Nd4 Rd8 and Black is superior) Kg7 35. g4! e3! (35...Bf4?! 36. g5 Bg5 37. Rh3 Bd2 38. Rg3! e3 39. Nd4) 36. g5 Ne8 37. d7 Nd6 38. d8Q Rd8 39. Nd8 e2 40. Rg1 e1Q 41. Re1 Be1 42. Rh3 Ba5 43. Rd3 Bd8 44. Rd6 Bg5 45. Ra6 equal] **32. Rh6!** [32. Ne7? Kh7 33. Qe4 (33. Re1 Rb8 and Black is superior) Qh4! 34. Rf7 (34. gh4 Be3 and Black is winning) Kh8 35. Ng6 Kg8 36. d6 Rb1! 37. Rf1 Kg7 38. Rb1 Qg5 and Black is winning] **Nh6!** [32...Qh6? 33. d6 Qe3 34. Qe3 Ne3 35. Rc1 and White is winning] **33. Qb2!** [33. d6? Nf5 34. Ne7 (34. Qb2 Ng3 35. Rf2 Nf5 36. Kf1 e3 37. Ne7 Kh7 38. Nf5 gf5 and Black is winning) Qe7 35. Rf5 (35. de7 Nd4 36. ef8Q Kf8 37. Rf7 Ke8 and Black is superior) Rb1 36. Kf2 e3 37. Ke2 Qb7 38. Rd5 Rd8 and Black is superior] **Qe3 34. Rf2 Qe1 35. Rf1 Qe3 1/2 : 1/2 [G. Kasparov]**

N. Short 2712 – S. Movsesian 2647 Sarajevo 2004 — 90/156

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Qc7 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be3 a6 7. Qd2 Nf6 8.

0-0-0 Bb4 9. f3 Ne5 10. Nb3 b5 11. Bd4 0-0 12. Qg5 [12. Kb1 Be7] **Bd6 13. Kb1 Bb7!** [a novelty; 13...h6?! 14. Qd2 Ne8 15. Qf2 and White is slightly better; 13...Ng6] **14. Bb5** [14. f4? Ne4 15. Ne4 Be4; 14. Bd3!?] **h6 15. Qe3** [15. Qg3 Nc6 16. Qf2 Nd4 17. Rd4 Be5 18. Rc4 Qb8 19. Ba4 d5 with initiative] **ab5 16. Nb5 Qc6 17. Nd6 Qd6 18. Qf4** [18. Nc5 Nc4 19. Qc3 Qc6 20. Qc4 d6 and Black is superior] **Qa6 19. Be5** [19. Qe5 d6! 20. Qa5 Qa5 21. Na5 Ra5 22. Bf6 gf6 23. Rd6 unclear] **Qa2 20. Kc1 Rfc8 21. Kd2 Qa4** (with compensation) **22. Rc1** [22. Bf6 gf6 23. Qf6 Qb4 and Black is winning] **Ne8 23. Rhd1 f6 24. Bc3 d5 25. Qg4 de4 26. Qe6 Kh8 27. Nd4**



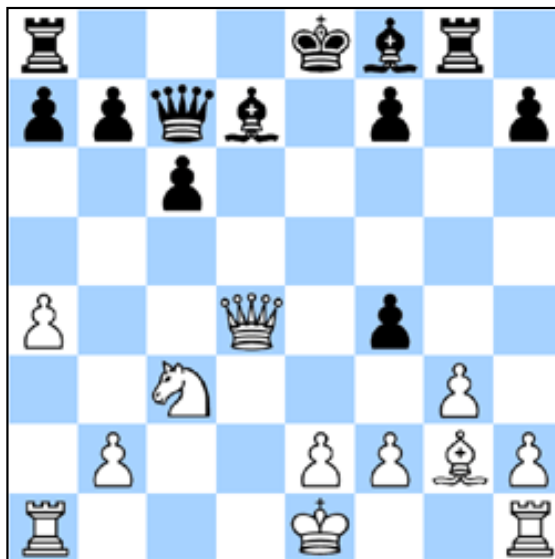
27...Ra6! 28. Qe7? [28. Qg4 Rd6 29. Ke1 Rcd8 30. Qg6 unclear] **Nd6 29. Ne6 Rg8!** [29...e3? 30. Ke1 Nf5 31. Qb7 Qh4 32. g3 Qh2 33. Qc8 Kh7 34. Nf8 Kh8 35. Nh7!! and White is winning] **30. Ke1 ef3 31. Rd4 Qe8!** (and Black is winning) **32. Qe8 Re8 33. gf3 Nf5 34. Rf4 Rae6 35. Kf2 Re2 36. Kg1 Ne3 0 : 1** [S. Movsesian]

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Nc4 Qc7 8. g3 e5 9. de5 Ne5 10. Bf4 Nfd7 11. Bg2 g5										
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	Ne5	Nd7	Qd4	Qf4 ²	Qc1 ³	0-0	a5 ⁵	Ra4		with compensation
	gf4	0-0-0 ¹	Qd7	Bd6	Kb8 ⁴	Qe7	a6	Bc7 ⁶		
2	Ne3	Nf5	0-0 ⁷	Qc2	Qe4 ⁹	hg3	Rfc1 ¹⁰	Qf4 ¹¹	Qh4	unclear

	gf4	0-0-0	Nc5 ⁸	Ne6	fg3	a5	Nc5	Ne6 ¹²	Ng6	
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13...Bd7 14. Qd4 Rg8



a) 15. 0-0 Rg6 16. Rfd1 Bg7 17. Qe4 Be6 unclear; Gostisa – Tukmakov, Slovenija 2001 see 83/374; *b)* 15. Qe4 Be7 [15...Be6 16. Qh7 Rg6 with compensation; Tukmakov] 16. Bh3 0-0-0 17. Bd7 Qd7 18. Qf4 Bg5 19. Qf3 Bd2 20. Kf1 Qh3 21. Qg2 Qe6 with compensation; B. Gelfand – Bareev, Wijk aan Zee 2002 see 83/(374)

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15. Qh8 Qd2 16. Kf1 Qb2 17. Re1 Bb4 18. Qf6 Qc2 unclear; G. Kasparov

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16. Qh6 Bc7 17. a5 a6 18. 0-0 Qe6 with compensation; Je. Piket – Van Wely, Nederland 2002 see 84/313

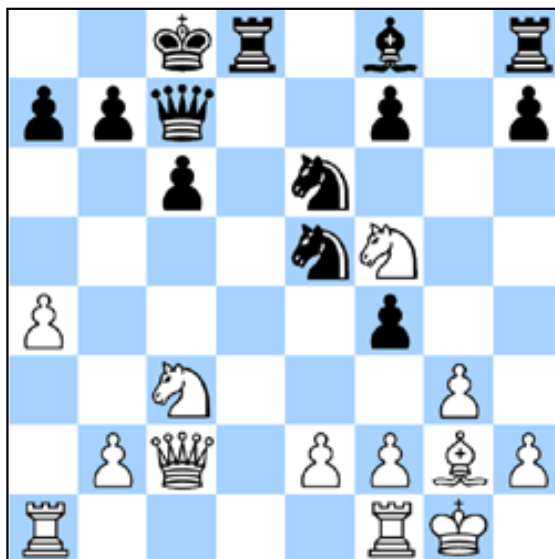
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16...a5 17. 0-0 Be5? 18. Nb5! Qe7 19. Na7 Kb8 20. Nc6 bc6 21. Qc6 Ka7 22. Qb5 and White is winning; Kramnik – Morozevich, Monaco (rapid) 2002 see 84/(313)

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18. b4!?

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Kramnik – V. Anand, Russia – Rest of the World (rapid) 2002 see 85/(338)

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14. Qc2

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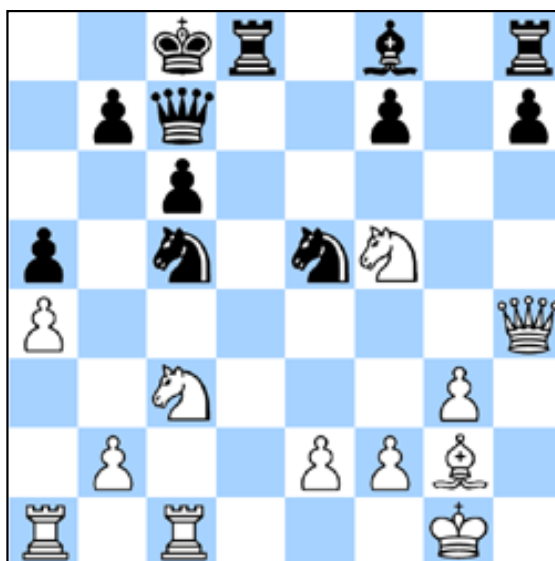
16. Rfd1 Bc5 17. Ne4 Bb4 18. a5?! Rd1 19. Qd1 fg3 20. hg3 Ba5 21. b4 Bb6 and Black is slightly better; S. Halkias – Gagunashvili, Moscow 2003 see 87/342; 18. Qb3 unclear; **16. Rad1** Bc5 17. Ne4 Bb4 18. e3 [18. Qc1 fg3 19. hg3 Rd1 20. Rd1 Rd8 equal; Kramnik – Morozevich, Astana 2001 see 81/(312)] fe3 19. fe3 Kb8 20. Nf6 a5 unclear; Bareev – Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2002 see 83/375; **16. Ne4** fg3 17. hg3 (Gyimesi – P. Acs, Balatonlelle 2002 see 85/ 375) Bb4 unclear

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18. Rad1 Bb4 19. Nh6 Nc5! 20. Rd8 Rd8 21. Qh7 Bc3 22. bc3 Na4 23. Qc2 [23. f4 Nc4 24. Nf7 Kb8 25. Qg6 Rf8] R. Ponomarev, D. Komarov] Nb6 unclear; R. Ponomarev – B. Gelfand, Plovdiv 2003 see 89/357

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19. Qh4

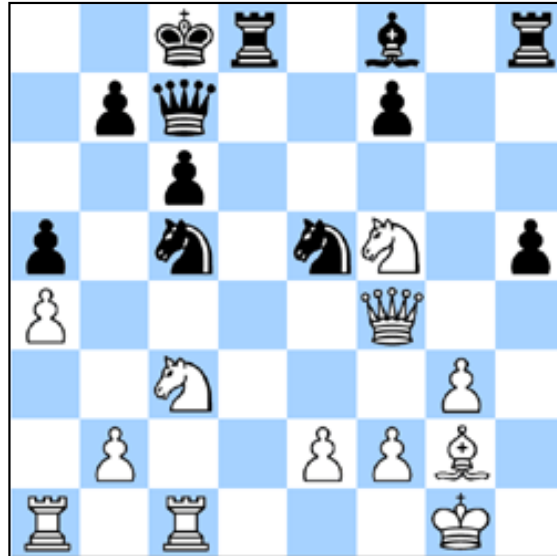


a) 19...Nb3?! 20. Nd5! Rd5 21. Bd5 Nc1 [21...Na1!?] 22. Rc1 Qd8 23. Qd4

f6 (Palo – Bromberger, Gausdal 2004) 24. f4 and White is superior; *b*) 19...Ng6 20. Qh5 Kb8 21. Rd1 Rd1 22. Rd1 Ne6 23. Ne4 Bb4 24. e3 Ka7 equal; M. Carlsen – L. Johannessen, Gausdal 2004

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19...Nb3? 20. Nb5 Nc1 21. Rc1 Qb8 22. Bh3 and White is superior; T. Paunovic; **19...h5?!**



20. b4! Ne6 [20...Nb3?! 21. Nb5 Qb8 22. Na7 Qa7 23. Qe5 Nc1 24. Bh3 Ne2 25. Kg2 and White is winning; 20...ab4 21. Nb5! cb5 22. ab5 with attack] 21. Qe4 Bb4 22. Nb5 Qb8 23. f4!? Ng4 24. Rc6! bc6 25. Qc6 Nc7 26. Nc7 Qc7 27. Qa6 Kd7 28. Rd1 Ke8 29. Qc6! Kf8 (only move) 30. Qc7 Rd1 31. Bf1 Kg8 only move (**Pet. Nielsen – Shirov, Deutschland 2004** see 90/339) 32. e4! and White is superior; M. Golubev; **19...Ng6!?**

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