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The Most Important Novelty of Informant 92

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From the moment Ruslan Ponomarev played the important theoretical novelty 16 Qe4! against Boris Gelfand at the European Team Championship in Plovdiv, developments in this variation of the Slav Defense [D17] came along very quickly. Soon P. H. Nielsen played 18 Rfc1! against Shirov during the Bundesliga and improved White's game so much that the move was selected as the most important theoretical novelty of Chess Informant 90.

Now we have Informant 92 in our hands with the game L. Johannesen – Shirov, which was also played during the Bundesliga, where White proved the advantage of his position even further with 18 Nb5!!±. It is interesting that this continuation was recommended by P. H. Nielsen himself and we have a feeling that the winning novelty of Chess Informant 92 is the final word in this continuation of the Slav Defense [D17].

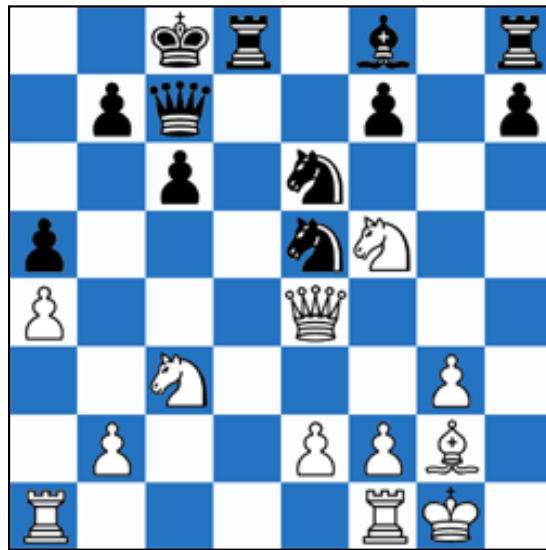
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المبتكرات النظرية العشرة الأهم الواردة في العدد السابق • 上一卷最重要的十点新理论

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1. JOHANNESSEN, L. — SHIROV, A.	(387)	10	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	76
2. KASPAROV, G. — DREEV, A.	421	9	10	10	9	8	6	9	10	71
3. KRAMNIK, V. — GRISCHUK, A.	63	1	2	6	8	7	—	5	8	37
4. HUZMAN, A. — SHIROV, A.	371	—	—	—	—	10	9	6	1	26
5. LEKO, P. — SVIDLER, P.	239	—	8	2	—	2	4	7	—	23
6. ALMASI, Z. — YE JIANGCHUAN	168	—	6	8	—	—	—	1	6	21
7. MAMEDYAROV, S. — NIELSEN, P. H.	419	5	—	—	4	—	—	8	3	20
8. PADURARIU, C. — MADAN, A.	225	6	—	—	—	6	2	3	—	17
9. ANTAL, G. — VEGH, E.	171	7	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	16
10. SVIDLER, P. — SUTOVSKY, E.	236	—	5	7	—	—	—	—	2	14
11. VALLEJO PONS, F. — MARIN, M.	29	8	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	13
12. HERNANDEZ, GI. — KOTRONIAS, V.	109	4	1	—	—	—	8	—	—	13
13. JAKOVENKO, D. — VALLEJO PONS, F.	248	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	7	13
14. SVIDLER, P. — MOTYLEV, A.	332	3	—	—	5	—	5	—	—	13
15. KRAMNIK, V. — SOKOLOV, I.	355	—	—	5	1	—	—	2	5	13
16. LEKO, P. — BRUZON, L.	357	—	—	4	7	—	—	—	—	11
17. VOLOKITIN, AND. — DELCHEV, A.	159	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	4	9
18. BOLOGAN, V. — BELIAVSKY, A.	336	2	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	8
19. BATSIASHVILI, N. — FROLYANOV, D.	402	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	7
20. SVIDLER, P. — BRUZON, L.	345	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
21. BUBIR, S. — DA COSTA JUNIOR, L.	451	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
22. PEREZ CANDELARIO — MOISEENKO, A.	116	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
23. KRASENKOW, M. — VOLOKITIN, AND.	37	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
24. GELFAND, B. — DE LA RIVA AGUADO, O.	374	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
25. KAIDANOV, G. — GELFAND, B.	439	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
26. KARJAKIN, SERGEY — VAGANIAN, R.	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
27. VALERGA, D. — MALBRAN, G.	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
28. ANAND, V. — MOROZEVICH, A.	138	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
29. AKOPIAN, VL. — BELIAVSKY, A.	338	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
30. PRUSIKIN, M. — MILOV, V.	(465)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

**L. Johannessen 2519 – A. Shirov 2726
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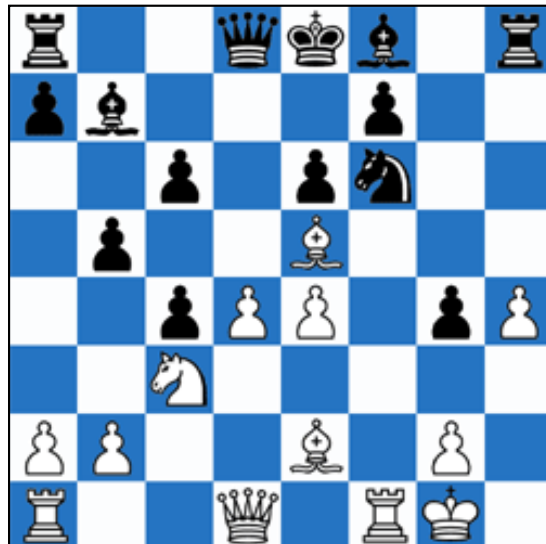
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18. Nb5!! [a novelty; P. H. Nielsen; 18. Rfc1 see 90/339] **cb5 19. ab5 Nc5** [19...Nd7 20. Ra5 Kb8 21. Rfa1 Nb6 22. Ra7 Rd7 (22...Rd1 23. Kh2! and White is winning) 23. Nd4 Nd8 24. Nc6! and White is winning; 19...b6 20. Rfc1 Nc5 21. Qe3 Ng4 22. Qc3 (22. Qg5 h5 23. b4 f6 24. Qg6 and White is superior) Rg8 23. b4 Rg5 24. Qc2 and White is superior] **20. Qe3 Ng4** [20...Nc4 21. Qc3 and White is winning; 20...Ncd7 21. Rfc1 Bc5 22. Rc5 Nc5 23. b6! Qb6 24. Qe5 Qc7 25. Ne7 Kb8 26. Nc6! bc6 27. Qc5 and White is superior] **21. Qc3 Qe5 22. Qf3 Qe4** [22...Nh6 23. Rfc1 Rd7 24. Ra5 Qf5 25. Ra8 Kc7 26. Qb7 Kd6 and White is superior; 22...Nf6 23. Ra5 and White is superior] **23. Qe4 Ne4 24. Be4 Bb4 25. Rfd1?** [25. b6 Kb8 26. Rac1 Rc8 27. Rfd1 and White is winning] **Kc7 26. Kg2 Kb6** and White is superior [P. H. Nielsen]

G. Kasparov 2813 – A. Dreev 2698 Russia (ch) 2004 — 92/421

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 dc4 7. e4 g5 8. Bg3 b5 9. Be2 Bb7 10. h4 g4 11. Ne5 h5 12. f3!? Nbd7 13. fg4 hg4 [13...Ne5 see 91/388] 14. 0-0 Ne5 15. Be5



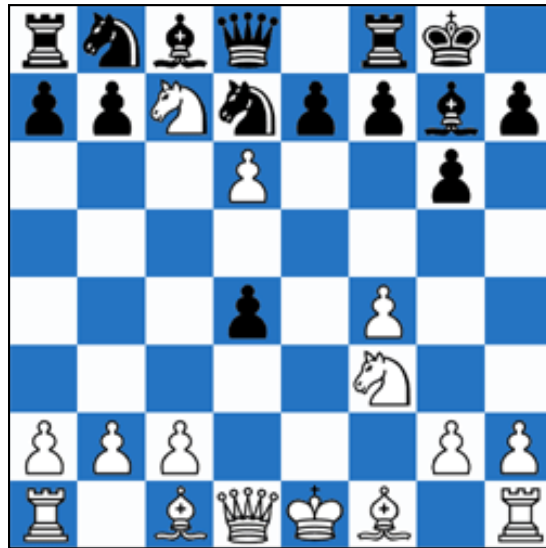
15...Nd7!! [a novelty; 15...Rh6 16. Bf4 b4 17. Bg5! bc3 18. bc3 Rg6 19. Rf6

Rf6 20. e5 Be7 21. ef6 Bf6 22. Rb1 and White is superior] **16. Bh8 Qh4 17. Bg4 Qh8 18. e5 Ne5?** [18...0-0-0! 19. Qe2 c5 20. Nb5 a6! 21. Rf7 (21. Na3? cd4 22. Nc4 d3 23. Qd3 Bc5 and Black is winning; 21. Nd6 Bd6 22. ed6 Qd4 23. Rf2 Ne5) ab5 22. Be6 cd4 23. Bd7 Rd7 (23...Kb8!? unclear) 24. Qg4 Bc6 25. Rd7 Bd7 26. e6 d3 27. ed7 Kd8 unclear] **19. de5 Bc5 20. Rf2 Qe5 21. Qe2** [21. Qe1?! Qf4! 22. Ne4 Bf2 23. Nf2 0-0-0 24. Bf3 Qd2] **Qe2 22. Be2 Rd8 23. Kf1** [23. Rd1!? Rd1 24. Bd1 f5 25. Bf3 a6 26. a4 Ke7 (26...e5 27. ab5 ab5 28. Nb5 cb5 29. Bb7 b4 30. Bc8 f4 31. Bf5 Ke7 32. Kf1 Bf2 33. Kf2 Kd6) 27. ab5 ab5 28. Nb5 cb5 29. Bb7 b4 30. Kf1 Bf2 31. Kf2 c3 (31...Kd6 32. Ke3 e5 33. Bc8 f4 34. Ke4 c3 35. bc3 bc3 36. Kd3 e4 37. Kc3 Ke5 38. Kc4 Kf6 39. Kd4 f3 40. g3 f2 41. Bh3 Kg5 42. Ke3 and White is winning) 32. bc3 bc3 33. Ke3 e5 34. Kd3 Kf6 35. Kc3 Kg5 36. Kd2 Kf4 37. Ke2 Kg3 38. Kf1 e4 39. Bc6 Kf4 40. Kf2 Kg4 41. Bd5 Kf4 42. Bc4 Kg5 43. Be2 (43. Bd5 Kf4 44. Bb7 Kg4) f4 44. Ba6 Kf5 45. Bb7 Ke5 equal; 26. g4!] **Bf2 24. Kf2 Ke7 25. Ke3** [25. g4 a6 26. Ne4 f5 27. Nc5 Bc8] **a6 26. Rd1** [26. g4 c5 27. Rd1 Rh8 with counterplay; 26. Bf3! Rd3 27. Ke2 f5 28. Rh1 Kd6 29. Rh7 Bc8 30. g4! (30. Nd1 Kc5) Bd7 (30...fg4 31. Bg4 Rd4 32. Bf3 Kc5 33. Ne4 Kb6 34. Rh8 Bd7 35. Nf6 Kc7 36. Rh7 and White is winning) 31. g5 Be8 32. Nd1 and White is superior] **Rd1 27. Bd1 f5** [NB 8/g] **28. g4! fg4 29. Bg4 Kd6 30. Ne4 Kd5 31. Bf3!** [31. Be6?! Ke6 32. Nc5 Kd5 33. Nb7 c5 equal] **Bc8 32. Bh5 a5 33. Bf3 e5 34. Ng5 Kc5 35. Ne4** (time) **Kd5 36. a3?!** [36. Ng5 Kc5 37. Ke4 c3 38. bc3 Kc4; 36. Bg2! a) 36...b4 37. Ng5 Kc5 38. Be4 (38. Ke4 c3 39. bc3 bc3 40. Kd3 Kb4 equal) a4 39. Nf7 Be6 40. Ne5 a1) 40...Bd5 41. Bb1 Kd6 42. Ng4 Kc5 (42...c5 43. Nf6 Bh1 44. Ne4 Kd5 45. Nf2 Bg2 46. Bc2 b3 47. ab3 cb3 48. Bd3 c4 49. Be4 Be4 50. Ne4 and White is winning) 43. Nf6 Be6 44. Ne4 Kd5 45. Bc2 Bf5 46. Nf6 Ke6 47. Bf5 Kf5 48. Ne4 Ke5 49. Nc5 and White is winning; a2) 40...a3 41. ba3 ba3 42. Bb1 c3 43. Nd3 Kb5 (43...Kc4? 44. Nf4 Bf7 45. Bf5 Kc5 46. Be6 Be6 47. Ne6 Kc4 48. Nd4 c2 49. Ne2! and White is winning) 44. Ne1 c5 45. Nc2 Bf5 46. Ke2 Ka4 47. Kd1 Bg4 48. Kc1 Be6 49. Ne1 Kb4 50. Nd3 Kb5 51. Nf4 Bf7 52. Bd3 Kb4 53. Kb1 Bg8 54. Be4 Kc4 55. Bf5 Kd4 56. Ne2 Ke5 57. Bg6 and White is winning; b) 36...a4 37. a3 and White is superior; c) 36...Ba6 37. Ng5 Kd6 (37...Kc5 38. Nf7) 38. Nf7 Ke6 39. Nd8 Kd6 40. Bf3 c5 41. Nf7 Ke6 42. Ng5 Kd6 43. Ba8 Kc7 44. Nf7 and White is superior] **Ba6 37. Bh5** [37. Ng5 Kc5 38. Nf7 c3 39. bc3 b4 40. a4 bc3 41. Ne5 (41. Bd1 Bc8 42. Bc2 Kb4 43. Ne5 Be6 44. Nc6 Ka3) Kb4 42. Bc6 Bf1!] **Bc8 38. Bf3 Ba6 39. Ng5 Kc5 40. Be2 Bc8 41. Nf7** [41. Ke4!? b4 42. Ke5 (42. a4 c3) Kb5! (42...ba3? 43. ba3 Kb5 44. Bd1 and White is winning; 42...c3? 43. Ne4 Kb6 44. bc3 ba3 45. Bc4 Ba6 46. Ba2 Bd3 47. Nd6 Kc5 48. Nb7 Kb6 49. Kd4 and White is winning) 43. a4 Ka4 44. Bc4 b3 45. Nf7 (45. Ne4 Kb4 46. Kd4 a4 47. Nc5 a3) Kb4 46. Nd6 a4 47. Bd3 c5 equal] **b4 42. Ne5 Be6** [42...c3? 43. bc3 ba3 44. Bc4 and White is winning] **43. a4! c3?** [43...Bd5 a) 44. Bd1 b3 45. Be2 (45. Kd2 Kb4) c3 46. bc3 b2 47. Nd3 Kc4 48. Nb2 Kc3 49. Nd3 Bc4; b) 44. Nd7 Kd6 45. Nf6 Kc5 46. Ne4 (46. Bd1 b3 47. Ne4 Be4 48. Ke4 c3; 46. Nd5 cd5 47. Bh5 b3; 46. Bg4 b3; 46. Kd2 Kd4) Be4! 47. Ke4 b3 48. Ke3 Kb4 49. Kd2 c3 50. bc3 Ka4 51. Kc1 (51. Bf3 Ka3 52. Bc6 b2 53. Be4 a4 54. c4 Kb4) Ka3 52. Kb1 c5 53. Bc4 a4 (53...b2 54. Ba2 c4! 55. Bc4 a4) 54. Be6 b2 55. Ba2 c4 equal] **44. Nd3! Kb6** [44...Kc4 45. Nc1! (45. Nf4 Kb3) Kc5 46. bc3 bc3 47. Nd3 and White is winning] **45. bc3 Bb3 46. c4!** (and White is winning) **Ba4** [46...Bc4 47. Kd4 Bf7 48. Nc5 Bg8 49. Bd1] **47. Kd4 Bc2 48. c5 Kc7 49. Bf3 Bb3 50. Be4 Ba4 51. Kc4 Bc2 52. Bf3 Ba4 53. Ne5! Kb7 54. Be4 Kc7 55. Nf3 Bd1 56. Nd4 Ba4 57. Bc2! Bc2 58. Nc2 Kd8 59. Nd4 1 : 0** [G. Kasparov]

V. Kramnik 2754 – A. Grischuk 2710

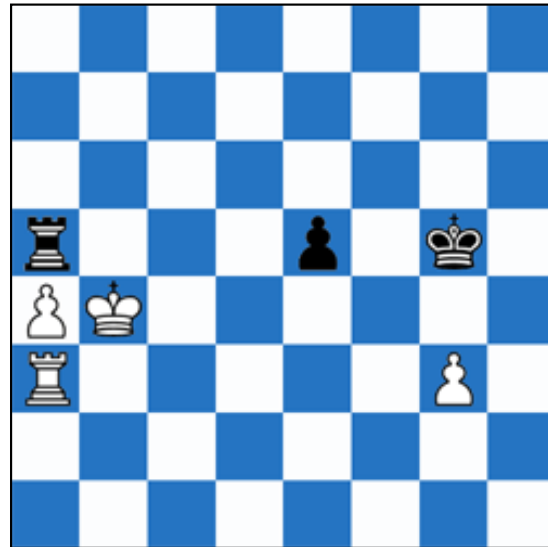
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1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 c5 6. e5 Nfd7 7. ed6 cd4 8. Nb5 0-0 9. Nc7



9...Nc5! [a novelty; 9...ed6 10. Na8 and White is superior] **10. Na8** [10. Nd4 a) 10...Qd6!? (A. Grischuk) 11. Ndb5 Qd1 12. Kd1 a6 13. Na8 ab5; b) 10...ed6 11. Na8 Re8 12. Be2 Bd4 13. Qd4 Bg4 14. Be3 Nc6 unclear] **Qd6 11. Bd3** [11. Bc4] **Nc6** (unclear) **12. 0-0 Be6** [12...Bd7 13. Ng5 Ra8 14. Ne4 Ne4 15. Be4; 12...Nd3 13. cd3 Bf5 unclear] **13. Ng5** [13. f5 Bd5] **Bd5 14. f5 Ra8 15. fg6!** [15. Qg4?! Ne5; 15. Qe1?! Nd3 (15...h6 16. Ne4 Be4 17. Be4 g5 unclear) 16. cd3 gf5 17. Rf5 Nb4; 15. Bf4 Qd7 and Black is slightly better] **hg6 16. Qg4 Nd3** [16...f6 17. Bg6 and White is winning] **17. cd3 f6 18. Nf3** [18. Ne4 f5! 19. Nd6 fg4 20. Nb7 Nb4 21. Nc5 Rc8 22. Bd2 Nc2 23. b4 Na1 24. Ra1 Be5 and Black is slightly better] **Bf7** [18...g5 19. Nd4!] **19. Nh4** [better is 19. Bd2 unclear] **Ne5** [19...f5 20. Qh3 e5 21. Nf3 with attack; 19...e5 20. Bd2 Ne7 21. a3 a5 unclear; 19...Nb4! 20. Bd2 (20. Rf3!?) Nd3 21. Ng6 f5 22. Qe2 Qg6 23. Qd3 Bd5 and Black is slightly better] **20. Qg3 Qd7** [20...Qa6 21. Bf4!; 20...Qe6!? 21. Bd2 Qg4 22. Qg4 Ng4 23. Nf3 e5] **21. Bf4 g5** [21...Ng4 22. h3 g5 23. hg4 and White is superior] **22. Bg5** [22. Be5 gh4 23. Qf2 Rd8 unclear] **fg5 23. Nf5 Bg6** [23...Bf6?! 24. h4! Be6 25. hg5 with attack; 23...Ng6!? 24. Qg5 (24. Ng7 Kg7 25. Qg5 Rh8 unclear) Bf6 25. Qg3 (25. Qh5 Ne5) Kf8 26. Rae1 unclear] **24. Ng7 Nf7 25. Rf7 Kf7 26. Qe5 Bd3** [26...Qd6!? 27. Rf1 Kg8 28. Qd6 ed6 29. Nf5 Re8 30. Nd4 Bd3 31. Rf3 Be4 32. Rg3 Re5 and White is slightly better] **27. Rd1** [27. Re1!? Qd6 28. Qg5 Qf6 (28...Rg8 29. Qd2 Rg7 30. Qd3) 29. Ne6 Qg5 30. Ng5 Kf6 31. Ne6 Bc4 32. Nd4 Ba2] **Rg8** [27...Qb5 28. Qd4 and White is slightly better] **28. Rd3 Rg7 29. Rd4** [29. Rf3 Kg8 30. Qb8 Kh7 31. Rh3 Kg6 32. Qh8 unclear] **Qe6 30. Qe6 Ke6 31. Rb4** [31. Ra4 a6 32. Rb4 b5 33. a4 ba4 34. Ra4 Kf5 35. Ra6 e5 36. Rd6 (36. b4 Rb7) Rb7 37. Rd2 g4 38. Kf2 Rb3 equal] **b6 32. Ra4 a5 33. b4 ab4** [time; 33...Kf5! 34. ba5 ba5 35. Ra5 e5 36. a4 Rc7 equal] **34. Rb4 Kf5** [better is 34...Kd5 35. Rg4 (35. Rb6 e5 36. a4) e5 36. h4 Ra7 37. Rg5 Ra2 38. h5] **35. Rb6** [R 6/c] **e5 36. a4 Ke4** [better is 36...Ra7 37. Rb4] **37. Rb3** [better is 37. a5 (and White is winning) Kd3 (37...Rc7 38. Rb1; 37...Ra7 38. a6 Ke3 39. Kf1 e4 40. Ke1 Kd3 41. Rb3 Kc4 42. Ra3 Kd4 43. Ke2) 38. a6 Rc7 39. Rb1 Ra7 40. Ra1 Ke2 41. Ra2 Ke1 42. g4 e4 43. Kg2] **Ra7** (only move) **38. Ra3 Ra5 39. h3 Kf4** [39...Kd4 40. Kf2 e4 41. g3] **40. Kf2 Ke4 41. g3 g4!?** [41...Kd4 42. Kf3 e4 43. Ke2 Kd5 44. Ke3 Ke5 45. Ra1 Rc5

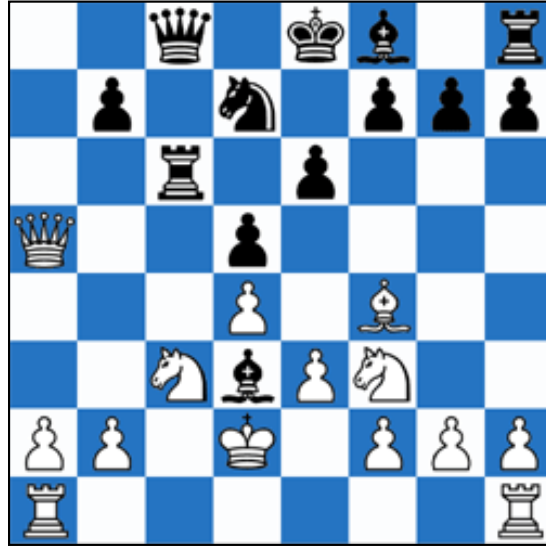
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48...Ra6!! [48...Ra8 49. a5 e4 50. Kc4! (and White is winning) Rd8 (50...e3 51. Kd3 Kg4 52. Ke3) 51. a6 Kg4 52. a7] **49. a5?** [49. Kc5! (and White is winning) Kg4 (49...Ra5 50. Kb6 Ra8 51. a5; 49...e4 50. Kd4 Kf5 51. a5 Rd6 52. Ke3) 50. a5 e4 51. Kd4 e3 52. Ke3 Kg3 53. Ra4 Kh3 54. Kd3 Kg3 55. Kc4] **e4 50. Kc4** [50. Kb5 Re6 51. a6 (51. Re3 Re5 52. Kb4 Re6) e3 52. a7 e2 53. Ra1 Re8 54. Re1 Re5 55. Kb4 Re4 56. Kb3 Re3 57. Kb2 Re8 equal; 50. Re3 Re6; 50. Kc3 Rd6 51. Ra4 Rd5 52. Kc4 Rd8] **Rd6!** (equal) **51. a6** [51. Kc5 Rd3 52. Ra1 Kg4!! 53. a6 Kg3 54. a7 Rd8 55. a8Q Ra8 56. Ra8 e3 57. Re8 Kf2; 51. Re3 Kf5 52. Re1 Rd3 53. Ra1 Rg3 54. a6 Rg8 55. a7 Ra8 equal] **e3 52. a7** [52. Kb5 Re6] **e2 53. a8Q** [53. Ra1 Rd8 54. Kb5 Kg4 55. Re1 Kf3 equal] **e1Q [Q 9/d] 54. Ra5** [54. Qg8 Rg6 55. Qd8 Rf6 56. Ra5 Kg4 57. Qd4 Kh3 58. Rh5 (58. Qh4 Kg2 59. Ra2 Rf2 60. Rf2 Qf2) Kg2 59. Qf6 Qe2 60. Kb3 Qh5 equal] **Kg4 55. Qg8 Kf3** [only move; 55...Kh3?? 56. Rh5 Kg2 57. Qa8 Kf2 58. Rh2 Kg3 59. Rg2 Kf4 60. Qf8] **56. Qf7** [56. Qf8 Kg2 57. Ra2 Rd2 equal] **Kg2 57. Ra2 Kg1** [only move; 57...Rd2?? 58. Qd5] **58. Qa7 Kf1 59. Qf7 Kg1 60. Qa7 Kf1 61. Ra1 Rd1 62. Qf7 Kg1 63. Qa7** [63. Rd1 Qd1 64. Qf4 Kg2 equal] **Kf1 64. Rd1 Qd1 65. Qd4 Qa4 66. Kd3 Qb3 67. Qc3 Qd5 1/2 : 1/2 [V. Kramnik]**

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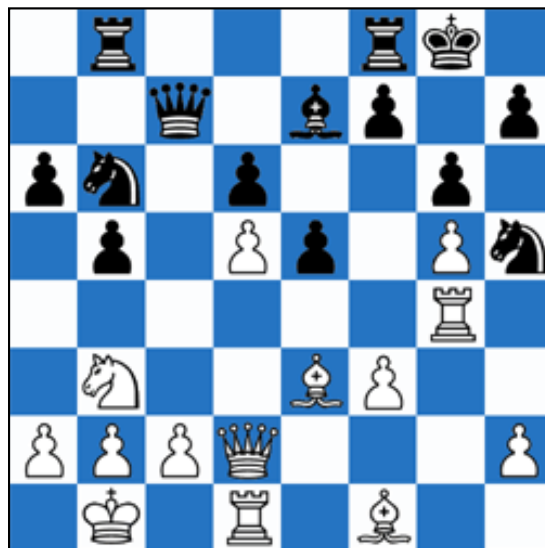


13...b6!! [a novelty; 13...Ra6; 13...Bc4; 13...Ba6; 13...Bg6] **14. Qa7?** [14. Qa4 a) 14...Rc4!? 15. Qa7! (15. Qd1 Qa6! with compensation) Bb4 16. Rhc1 a1) 16...Be4?! 17. a3 Bc3 18. Rc3 Rc3 19. bc3 0-0 (19...Qc4? 20. Qd7 Kd7 21. Ne5 and White is superior) 20. Bd6! Re8 (20...Qc4 21. Rd1!) 21. Qc7! Qa6 22. Qd7 Qd3 23. Ke1 Qc3 24. Nd2 Qa1 25. Ke2 Ra8 26. Qc6 Rd8 27. Qb6 Rc8 28. Qb7 Qc1 29. Ne4 de4 30. Qe4 and White is slightly better; a2) 16...Bg6!! 17. a3 (17. Ke2 0-0 18. Kf1 Bc3 19. Rc3 Rc3 20. bc3 Qc3 21. Re1 Qc6! and Black is slightly better; RR17. Ne5!?) Bc3 18. Rc3 Rc3 19. bc3 0-0 with initiative, with the idea 20. Bd6 Re8 and Black is superior, with the idea 20. Nh4 Qc6 21. Ng6 fg6 22. Qc7 Qc7 23. Bc7 Rf2 and Black is superior; b) 14...b5!? 15. Qa5 Bc4! (15...b4? 16. Kd3 bc3 17. bc3 and White is slightly better) 16. Nb5 Bb5 17. Qb5 Rb6 18. Qd3 Rb2 19. Ke1 Nf6! and Black is slightly better] **Bb4 15. Rhc1 Bb5!! 16. Kd1** [16. a3 Bc3 17. bc3 (17. Rc3 Rc3 18. bc3 Qc4! and Black is winning) 0-0 and Black is winning] **Bc3 17. bc3** [17. Rc3 Rc3 18. bc3 Qc3 and Black is winning] **Ba6!!** (and Black is winning) **18. a4** [18. c4 dc4 (18...Bc4 19. Qa3 f6 and Black is superior) 19. d5 Rc5!] **0-0 19. a5** [19. Ne1 e5! 20. Be5 f6 21. Bg3 Rf7] **b5 20. Ne1** [20. Ne5 Rc7] **g5! 21. Bg3 f5 22. Nd3 f4 23. ef4 Rc7 24. Qc7 Qc7 25. fg5 Qc4 26. Nb4 e5 27. Na6 ed4 28. Nc7 dc3 29. a6 Nc5 30. a7 Qf1 0 : 1 [A. Shirov]**

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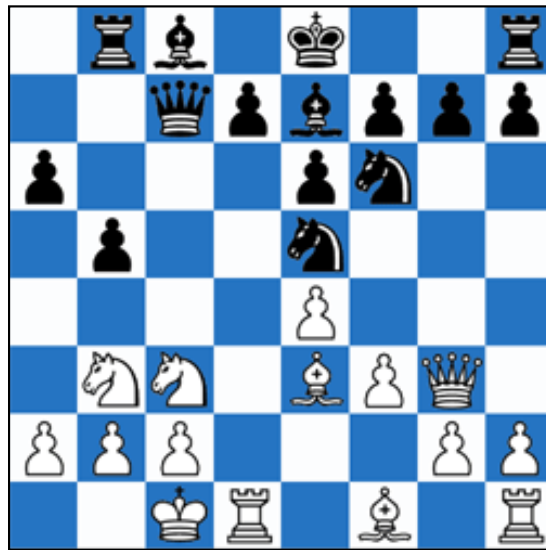
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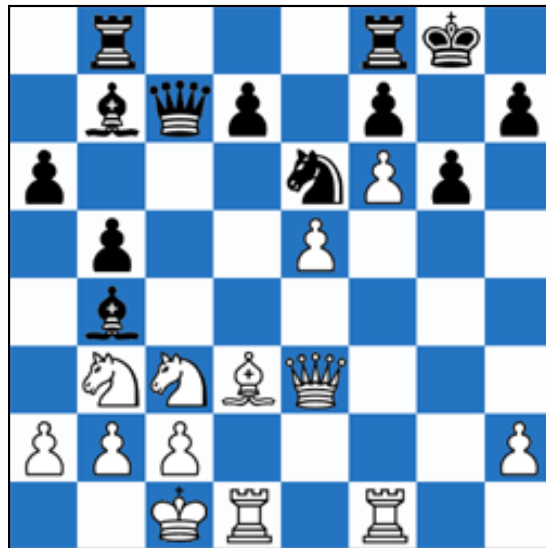
18. h4! [a novelty, and White is slightly better; 18. Bb6; 18. Na5 Nd5 19. Qd5 Qa5 unclear] **Ng7?! [18...f5!? 19. gf6 Nf6 20. Bb6 Qb6; 19. Rb4! and White is slightly better, with the idea 19...Rfc8 20. Na5!, with the idea 19...Nc4 20. Bc4 (20. Qc3? a5? 21. Na5! Qa5 22. Rc4!; 20...Na3!) bc4 21. Na5! and White is superior, with the idea 21...Qa5? 22. Rb8 Qd2 23. Rf8 and White is winning; 18...Rfc8 19. Na5! Nd5 20. Qd5 Qa5 21. Bc4! Rf8 22. f4 Qc7 23. Bb3 a5 24. Qe4 a4 25. Bd5 with initiative] 19. Bb6! Qb6 20. Na5 Rfc8 21. Nc6 [21. Bd3!? with the idea Nc6] **Rc6 22. dc6 Nf5 [22...Qc6!?] 23. Re4 Qc6 24. Bg2!** (and White is superior) **Rd8 [24...Qc5 25. f4 Nh4 26. fe5 Ng2 27. ed6 and White is winning] 25. f4 Qc5 [25...Qc7 26. h5] 26. Qe1! Rc8 27. c3 [27. Rd2!? ef4 28. Bh3] b4 28. Rb4 [28. fe5? bc3 29. Qc3 Qc3 30. bc3 Rc3 31. ed6 Bd6 32. Re8 Kg7 and White is slightly better] Ne3 29. Rd2 a5 30. Re4 [30. Rb7!? Bg5!? (30...Ng2 31. Rg2 Qc6 32. Re7 Qg2 33. fe5 Rb8 34. b3 a4 35. ed6 ab3 36. Re8 and White is winning) 31. fg5 Ng2 32. Qf2 Qf2 33. Rf2 Nf4 and White is superior] Nc4 31. Rc4!? [31. Rde2 a4? 32. fe5 de5 33. Re5 and White is winning; 31...Bf8 with the idea a4] **Qc4 32. fe5 Qe6!? [32...de5 33. Qe5 Bf8 34. Bd5 Qf1 (34...Qh4 35. Rh2 and White is winning) 35. Kc2] 33. Re2 [33. Qf1? de5 34. Bh3 Qc4!] d5 34. Qf1 Qa6 [34...Rd8 35. Bh3 Qc6 36. e6] 35. Rd2 [time; 35. Rf2!? Qf1 36. Rf1] **Qc4 36. Rd4 [36. Qe1!?] Qf1 37. Bf1 Rd8 38. b4 [38. Bg2 Bc5 39. Rd5 Rd5 40. Bd5 Bf2] ab4 39. cb4 Bf8 40. Bg2 [40. a4 Bg7] Re8 41. Bd5 Re5 42. a4 Kg7 [42...Bb4 43. Bf7 Kf7 44. Rb4 Ke6 45. Rd4! (45. Rb6 Kd7 46. Rb7 Ke6 with the idea 47. Rh7? Ra5) h6 46. gh6 Rh5 47. Kc2 Rh6 48. a5 Rh5 49. Ra4 g5 50. a6 and White is winning] 43. Bb3 h6 [43...f6 44. a5! and White is winning, with the idea 44...Bb4 45. Rb4 Ra5 46. Rb7] 44. gh6 Kh6 45. Bf7 g5 46. h5 Re7 [46...Rf5 47. Bg6 Rf4 48. Rf4 gf4 49. b5 f3 50. Kc2 f2 51. Bd3 Kh5 52. b6 and White is winning] 47. Bg6 Ra7 48. b5 Bc5 49. Rc4 Bf2 50. Kc2 Re7 51. Kb3 Re5 52. Re4 Rc5 [52...Re4 53. Be4 Kh5 54. Kc4 Kg4 55. Kd5 Kf4 56. Bh1 and White is winning] 53. Kb4 Rc1 54. Ka5 Rg1 55. b6 g4 56. b7 Rb1 57. Re2 1 : 0 [P. Leko]********

Z. Almasi 2631 – Ye Jiangchuan 2681 Tripoli (m/1) 2004 — 92/168

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. Qe1 Rb8 12. Qg3 Be7



13. f4! [a novelty; 13. Kbl see 90/(156)] **Nc4** **14. e5!** **Nh5** **15. Qf2** [15. Qf3? Bb7] **Ne3** **16. Qe3 g6?!** [16...Bb7 17. Be2 (17. Ne4 f5 18. Nd6 Bd6 19. Rd6 Rc8 unclear) g6 18. Bh5 (18. Bf3 Bf3 19. Qf3 Rc8 20. Kbl unclear) gh5 19. Ne4 and White is slightly better] **17. g4 Ng7** [17...Bb7 18. Rg1 (18. Ne4 f5 19. gf5 gf5 20. Nd6 Bd6 21. ed6 Qc6 22. Qe5) Ng7 19. Bg2] **18. Bd3!** [18. Ne4 Bb7 19. Nd6 Bd6 20. ed6 Qc6 and White is slightly better] **Bb7** **19. Rhf1 0-0** [19...f5 20. ef6 Bf6 21. f5 with attack] **20. f5** (with attack) **ef5** **21. gf5 Bb4** (only move) **22. f6** [22. Ne4 Qe5 23. fg6 Be7 24. gf7 and White is superior] **Ne6**

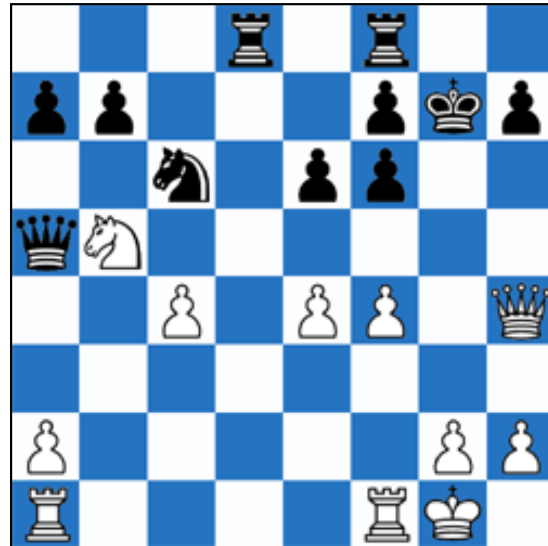


23. Rf5!! Rfe8 [only move; 23...Bc3 24. bc3 Qc3 25. Qh6 Qb4 26. Kb2 and White is winning; 23...gf5 24. Bf5 and White is winning] **24. Rh5! Bf8** (only move) **25. Rg1** [25. Rh4 d6 (25...Nc5) 26. ed6 Bd6 27. Bb5] **Ng7?** [25...b4? 26. Ne2 Rbc8 (26...Nc5 27. Nc5 Qc5 28. Qg3 and White is winning) 27. Qh3 and White is winning; 25...d6 a) 26. Qg3 de5 (26...Nc5? 27. Qh4 Nb3 28. cb3) 27. Rh7 e4 28. Qh3 Qf4 29. Nd2 Qf6 30. Nce4 Be4 31. Ne4 Qe5 (unclear) 32. Rf7?? Kf7 33. Qh7 Qg7 and Black is winning; 26...Qb6!; b) 26. Qf2 de5 27. Qh4 e4; 27...Qb6; c) 26. Rg4 de5 27. Qh3 Qd8 28. Bg6 (28. Qh4 Bg7! 29. fg7 Qh4 30. Rhh4 f5; 28. Rh7 Qf6 29. Nd2 Bg7 30. Nde4 Qd8 31. Rgh4 f5) fg6 29. Rf5 Nf4; d) 26. Be4 Be4 27. Qe4 de5 28. Nd5 Qa7; e) 26. Ne2 de5 27. Qh3 Qd8 (27...e4 28. Rh7 Bg7 29. Bb5 with attack; 27...h6 28. Bg6 fg6 29. Rg6 Kf7 30. Rgh6 with attack; 29. Qf5 with attack) e1) 28. Bg6 fg6 29. Rf5 (29. Rh7 Qf6)

Ng5 30. Rgg5 Bd5; e2) 28. Rf1 gh5 29. Bh7 Kh7 30. Qf5 Kg8 31. Rg1 Ng7; e3) 28. Qh4 Bg7 29. fg7 Ng7] **26. fg7** [26. Rh7 a) 26...Kh7 27. Qh3 a1) 27...Kg8 28. Rg6 fg6 (28...Qe5 29. Rg7 Bg7 30. Qh7 Kf8 31. Qg7 mate) 29. Bg6 and White is winning; a2) 27...Nh5 28. Qh5 Bh6 29. Kb1 Rg8 30. Rg3 Qc8 31. Rh3 Qf8 32. Nc5 and White is winning; b) 26...Qe5 27. Qh3 Qe3 28. Qe3 Re3 29. fg7 Kh7 30. gf8Q Rf8 and White is slightly better] **Bg7 27. Qf2! b4** [27...Re5 28. Rh7!; 27...gh5 28. Qf6] **28. Ne2** [28. Rh7 Kh7 29. Qf7 Qe5; 28...Qe5] **Bd5 29. Nf4! Bb3 30. ab3 Re5 31. Bc4! Rf8 32. Kb1** [32. Re5?! Qe5 33. Nd3 Qa5 34. Kb1 d5; 32. Nd5 Qd6 33. Re5 Qe5 34. c3 and White is winning] **Rh5 33. Nh5 Bb2 34. Kb2 Qe5 35. Kb1 Qh5 36. Qd2 a5 37. Rf1 Qh3 38. Qd6 1 : 0** [Z. Almasi]

S. Mamedyarov 2657 – P. H. Nielsen 2648 **Wijk aan Zee II 2005 — 92/419**

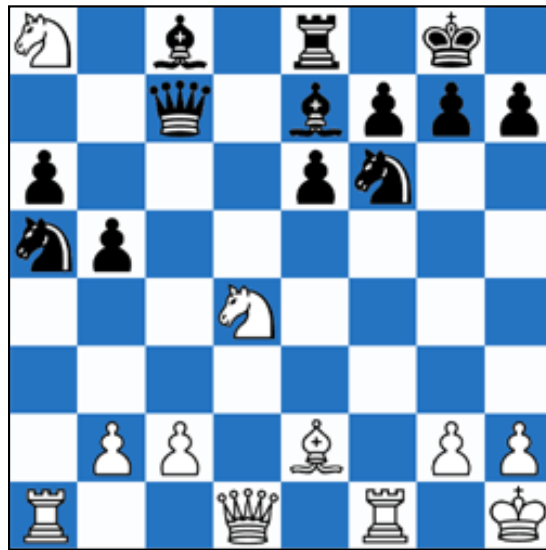
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18...Qd2 [a novelty; 18...Rd3 see 92/(419)] **19. e5** [19. Rf3 Rg8 with counterplay; 19. c5 Qb4 20. Rf3 Ne7 21. Rh3 h5!] **fe5 20. Qg5 Kh8 21. Qf6 Kg8 22. Qg5** [22. Rf3 Rd3! equal] **Kh8 23. Qf6 Kg8 24. Rae1 a6 25. Qg5 Kh8 26. Qf6 Kg8 27. Re4 Qc2** [27...ab5 28. f5 (28. Qg5 equal) ef5 29. Rf5 Qd1 30. Rf1 Qh5 31. Re3 bc4 32. Rg3 Qg6 33. Rg6 hg6 34. h4 with counterplay] **28. Qg5 Kh8 29. Qf6 Kg8 30. Nc3 Rd2 31. Qg5 Kh8 32. Qf6 Kg8 33. Qg5 Kh8 34. Qf6 1/2 : 1/2** [P. H. Nielsen]

C. Padurariu 2169 – A. Madan 2197 **Romania 2004 — 92/225**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be2 a6 7. Be3 Be7 8. f4 Qc7 9. a4 0-0 10. 0-0 Nc6 11. Kh1 Re8 12. a5 Na5 13. e5 de5 14. fe5 Qe5 15. Bf4 Qc5 16. Na4 Qa7 17. Bc7 b5 18. Nb6 Qc7 19. Na8



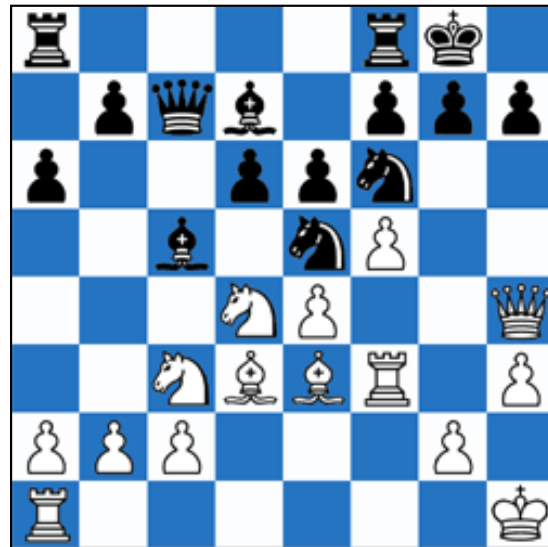
19...Qc5!! [a novelty; 19...Qd8 see 81/(211)] **20. Ra5** [20. c3 Nc4 21. b4 (21. Bc4 bc4 22. b4 cb3 23. Qb3 e5 and Black is winning) Qd6 22. Bc4 bc4 23. Qf3 e5! 24. Qc6 ed4 25. Rf6 Qc6 26. Rc6 Bb7 27. Rc4 Ba8 28. Rd4 (28. Re1 f5 29. Rd4 Be4 and Black is winning) Bf6 29. Rc4 Kf8 30. Kg1 Bb7 and Black is winning; 20. Nb5 a) 20...Nc6 21. Nbc7 Rd8 22. Bd3 Bd6 23. Rf6 Qe5 (23...gf6?! 24. Qg4 Qg5 25. Qg5 fg5 26. Na6 Ba6 27. Ra6 Nb4 28. Ra5 Nd3 29. cd3 Be7 and Black is superior) 24. Qg1 (24. Rh6 gh6 25. Qg4 Kh8 26. Qh4 Bc7 27. Nc7 Qc7 28. Qf6 Kg8 29. Re1 Qe7 30. Qh6 f5 and Black is winning) Qf6 25. Na6 Ba6 26. Ra6 Nb4 27. Ra5 Nd3 28. cd3 Qb2 and Black is winning; b) 20...Rd8 21. Qe1 Nc4 22. Nbc7 (22. Bc4 Qc4 23. Nbc7 Bb7 and Black is winning) Ne3 23. Na6 Qe5 24. Ra5 Qb2 25. Rf3 Nfg4 26. Rf4 Qc2 27. Rg4 Ng4 28. Bg4 Bb7 and Black is winning; 20. Bf3 Nc4 21. Nc6 Bb7 (21...Ne3 22. Qd3 Nf1 23. Nc7 Nd5! 24. Nd5 ed5 25. Ne7 Re7 26. Rf1 Be6 and Black is winning) 22. Ne7 Qe7 23. Bb7 Qb7 24. b3 Ne3 25. Qf3 Nfd5 26. Nb6 Nf1 27. Rf1 f6 28. c4 Qb6 29. cd5 ed5 30. Qd5 Qe6 and Black is winning; 20. b4 Qb4 21. Nb6 (21. c3 Qc3 22. Rf3 Qc5 23. Ra5 Rd8 24. Rd3 Ne4 and Black is winning) Bb7 22. Bf3 Bc5 23. c3 Qc3 24. Ne2 Bf3 25. Rf3 Qe5 26. Rf6 (26. Ra5 Bb6 27. Ra6 Ng4 28. Nf4 Nf2 29. Rf2 Bf2 30. Nd3 Qf5 and Black is winning; 26. Nd7 Nd7 27. Ra5 Bd6 28. Ng3 Nc5 and Black is winning) Nb3! 27. Rb1 (27. Ra6 Qf6 28. Nd7 Qb2 and Black is winning) gf6 28. Nd7 Rd8 29. Ne5 Rd1 30. Rd1 fe5 and Black is winning] **Rd8** [20...Bb7 21. Bf3 (21. Bb5? Rd8! 22. Ba6 Bg2 23. Kg2 Qa5 24. Qd3 Ra8 and Black is superior) Bf3 22. Rf3 (22. Nf3 Ra8 23. c3 Ng4 24. Qe2 Bd8 25. Raa1 Qe3 26. Rael Bb6 27. h3 Qe2 28. Re2 Ne3 29. Rfe1 Nd5 and Black is slightly better) Ra8 23. c3 Bd8 24. Ra1 Bc7 unclear] **21. c3** [21. Bf3 a) 21...e5 22. c3 see 21. c3; b) 21...Rd4 22. Qe2 Bd6 23. Ra3! Nd5 24. Bd5 Qd5 25. Qf2 (25. Nb6? Rd2 26. Nd5 Re2 27. Re3 Rd2 28. Nc3 Rc2 29. Rd1 Be7 30. Re2 Re2 31. Ne2 e5 and Black is superior) f5 (25...Rf4!?) 26. Nb6 Qe5 27. Rg3 Bb7 28. Nd7 Qf4 29. Qf4 Rf4 30. Rf4 Bf4 and Black is slightly better; c) 21...Qd4 22. Qd4 Rd4 23. Raa1 c1) 23...e5 24. Nb6 (24. Rfe1 e4 25. c3 Rd2 26. Be4 Ne4 27. Re4 Bf8 28. Re8 Bb7 29. Rb8 Be4! and Black is superior) Bf5 25. Ra6 (25. Rfe1 e4 26. Be2 Rd2 27. Ra6 Rc2 28. Ra8 Bf8 29. b4 Rb2 30. g4 and Black is slightly better) Bc2 26. Rc1 Rd2 27. b3!! Bf5 (27...e4 28. Ra2 ef3 29. Rac2 fg2 30. Kg1 Rd3 31. Rc3 Rc3 32. Rc3 g6 33. Kg2 equal; 27...Bb3? 28. Ra8 Bf8 29. Rcc8 h6 30. Rf8 Kh7 31. Rfd8 Rb2 32. Ra1 e4 33. Bd1 Be6 34. Kg1 g5 35. Rc1 and White is superior) 28. Ra8 Bf8 29. Rc5 Be6 30. Re5 Rb2 31. h3 Rb3 32. Nd5! Rb1 33. Kh2 Bd5 34. Bd5 equal; c2) 23...Rd6! 24. Rfd1 Nd5! 25. Bd5 ed5 26. Nc7 d4 27. Re1 Kf8 28. Re2 Rd7 29. Na8 Bb7 30. Nb6 Rc7 and

Black is superior; 21. Nb3 Rd1 (21...Qe5!?) 22. Nc5 Rf1 23. Bf1 Bc5 24. Nc7 Bb6 25. Ra6 Ba6 26. Na6 Ne4 27. Bb5 Nf2 28. Kg1 Nd1 29. Kf1 Ne3 30. Ke2 Nc2 and Black is superior] **e5 22. Nb3** [only move; 22. Bf3 ed4 23. cd4 Rd4 (23...Qa7 24. Qe2 Bb4 25. Raal Bd7 26. Qe5 Ra8 27. Ba8 Qa8 28. Rf6! gf6 29. Qf6 Bf8! 30. Ra6 Qe4 and Black is superior) a) 24. Qc1 a1) 24...Ne4 25. Ra1 (25. Qc5 Nc5 26. Rc1 Bf5 and Black is superior) Bb7 26. Qc5 Bc5 27. Rac1 Bd6 28. Nb6 Rd2 29. Nc8 Be5 and Black is superior; a2) 24...Rc4 25. Qe1 Ng4! 26. Bg4 Rg4 and Black is winning; b) 24. Qb3 g5! 25. Qe3 (25. g3 g4 26. Bg2 Rd2 and Black is winning) 26. Bc6 Rc4 and Black is winning; c) 24. Qe2 Qb4 (24...Bd6 25. Qe3 Qb4 26. Rc1 Bf5 27. Rca1 Rh4 and Black is winning) 25. Rfa1 Rd2 26. Qe1 Ng4! 27. Bg4 Bg4 28. Ra6 Bh3!! 29. gh3 Qf4 30. Qd2 Qd2 and Black is winning; d) 24. Qe1 Ng4 d1) 25. Ra3 Qd6 26. Bg4 Bg4 27. Qe3 Be6 and Black is superior; d2) 25. Nb6 Nh2! 26. Nc8 (26. Kh2 Rh4 27. Qh4 Bh4 28. Nc8 Qc7 29. Kh1 Qa5 and Black is winning) Qc8 27. Kh2 (27. Qe7 Nf1 28. Ra6 Ng3 29. Kh2 Nf5 and Black is winning) Rh4 28. Kg1 Bc5 29. Rf2 Bb4 30. Qa1 (30. Qe3 Ba5 31. Bd5 Kh8 and Black is winning) Rc4 31. Ra6 Rc1 32. Kh2 (32. Rf1 Qc5 33. Kh1 Ra1 34. Rfa1 g6 and Black is winning) Qc7 33. g3 Ra1 34. Ra1 g6 35. Bd5 Qe5 and Black is winning; d3) 25. Ra1 d31) 25...Be6 26. Rc1 (26. h3 Ne5 27. Ra6 Bc4 28. Rg1 Nd3 29. Qe3 Rd8 30. Qc5 Bc5 31. Rb1 b4 32. Ra5 b3 and Black is superior) Bc4 27. Bg4 Rg4 28. Rf3 Rg6 29. Re3 Qc6 and Black is superior; d32) 25...Ne5 d321) 26. Rc1 Rc4 27. Rc4 bc4 28. Bd5 (28. Be4 Be6 29. Qg3 Qd6 and Black is winning) Qd5 29. Nb6 Qe6 30. Nc8 Bf6 and Black is winning; d322) 26. Qf2 Bd6 27. Rae1 Be6 28. Be4 Ng4 29. Qh4 f5 and Black is winning; d323) 26. Nb6 Nf3 27. Rf3 (27. gf3 Bb7 28. Rc1 Qh5 29. Qe2 Bb4! 30. Rcd1 Rd1 31. Qd1 h6 and Black is winning) Bb7 28. Rc1 (28. Rc3 Rg4 and Black is winning) Qg5 29. Rg3 (29. Rf2 h6 30. Rc7 Qe5! and Black is winning) Qd2 30. Qd2 (30. Qf1 Bd8 31. Nc8 Bh4 32. Rgc3 Rg4 and Black is winning) Rd2 31. Nc8 Bh4 32. Rg4 (32. Re3 h6 33. b4 Bg2 34. Kg1 Bf2 35. Kg2 Be3 36. Kf3 Bg5 and Black is winning) Bf6 33. b4 h5 and Black is winning; 22. Qc1 ed4 23. cd4 (23. Bf3 Bd6 24. cd4 Qd4 25. Rd1 Qe5 26. g3 Bg4! and Black is winning) Qd4 24. Qc3 (24. Bf3 Ne4 and Black is winning) Qc3 25. bc3 Ne4 and Black is winning; 22. Qb3 ed4 23. cd4 (23. Bf3 d3 24. Qd1 Qa7 and Black is winning) Qd4 24. Bf3 Bd6 25. Qc2 (25. Rd1 Re8! 26. Raal Qh4 and Black is winning) Qh4 26. g3 Bg3 27. Nb6 Bf5 and Black is winning] **Rd1** [22...Qc6!? 23. Qe1 (23. Qc1 Qa8 24. Bb5 Qd5 25. Ba4 Qc4 26. Qe1 Bb7 and Black is slightly better; 23. Qc2 Bb7 24. Bf3 e4 25. Be2 Ra8 26. Raal Qc7 and Black is slightly better) Be6 (23...Bb7?! 24. Bf3 e4 25. Be2 Ra8 26. Nd4 Qc7 27. Ra1 Nd5 28. Nf5 with counterplay) a) 24. Nd2 e4 25. Nf3!? (25. Nc7? Qc7 26. Ra6 b4! 27. c4 Qe5 28. Ra2 Bd6 and Black is superior; 25. Bd1 Ra8 26. Ra1 Rd8 27. Nb3 Bc4 28. Na5 Qe6 29. Nc4 bc4 30. Be2 Nd7 31. Ra4 Ne5 and Black is slightly better) ef3 26. Bf3 Nd5 27. c4! Qc4 (27...bc4 28. Bd5 Bd5 29. Qe7 Ra8 30. Qg5 equal) 28. Ra6 Nb4 29. Re6 Qe6 30. Qe6 fe6 31. Nc7 Rd2 32. b3 e5 and Black is slightly better; b) 24. Qa1 Bb3 25. Ra6 Qe4 (25...Qc5 26. Qe1 Ne4 27. Rf3 f5! with initiative) 26. Bf3 Qd3 27. Re1 e4 28. Be2 Qd2 and Black is slightly better; c) 24. Bf3 e4 25. Bd1 Ra8 (25...Qa8 26. Nd4 Bc8 27. Bb3 Qb7 28. Nf5 Bf5 29. Rf5 Qb6 unclear; 25...Bb3 26. Bb3 Ra8 27. Qe2 Bd6 28. Raal Bc7 29. Rad1 Re8 30. Rf5 with counterplay) 26. Nd4 Qd6 27. Ne6 Qe6 28. Bc2 Rd8 with initiative] **23. Nc5 Rd2!** [23...Rf1 24. Bf1 Bc5 25. Nc7 Bb6 26. Ra6 Ba6 27. Na6 Ne4 28. Bb5 Kf8 29. g3 Ke7 30. Kg2 equal] **24. Bb5?** [time; 24. Na6? Re2 25. N8c7 (25. b4 Bb7 26. Rb5 Bg2 27. Kg1 Ng4! and Black is winning) Rb2 26. Rfa1 Bb7 27. Rb5 Bg2 28. Kg1 Rb5 29. Nb5 Bb7 and Black is superior; 24. Nb6 Bc5 (24...Bd8? 25. Nc8 Ba5 26. b4 Bb4 27. cb4 Re2 28. Kg1 and White is superior) 25. Nc8 Re2 26. b4 Bf8 27. Ra6 Ne4 with compensation; 24. b4 a) 24...Bc5 25. bc5 (25. Bb5 ab5 26. bc5 Bb7 27. Rb5 Bg2 28. Kg1 Nd7

29. Rd1! Rd1 30. Kg2 equal) Re2 26. c6 (26. Rd1!?) Nd5 27. Rd1 f6 28. Raa1 Be6 29. c7 Nc3 30. Rd6 Bf5 31. Nb6 Ne4 32. Rd8 Kf7 33. c8Q Bc8 34. Nc8 Nc5 unclear; b) 24...Re2 25. Nb6 Bf5 26. Ra6 Bc5 27. bc5 Be4 28. Rfa1 Bg2 29. Kg1 Kf8 30. R1a2 Ra2 31. Ra2 Bf3 equal] **ab5** [24...Bc5 25. Bc4 Bd6 26. Ba6 Be6 27. Nb6 Bc7 28. Rb5 e4 with compensation] **25. Rb5 Bc5 26. Rc5 Bb7 27. Nb6 h5! 28. Nc4 Re2 29. Rd1** [29. Ne5 Bg2 30. Kg1 Bf1 31. Kf1 Rb2 and Black is superior; 29. Re5 Bg2 30. Kg1 Bf1 31. Kf1 Rh2 and Black is superior] **Rg2** [29...Ng4 30. Kg1 Rg2 31. Kf1 Nh2 32. Ke1 f6 33. Rd7 Ba6 and Black is superior] **30. Rd8 Kh7 31. Nd6 Bf3 32. h3 e4!** (and Black is winning) **33. b4** [33. Rf5 Rb2 34. Kg1 Kg6 35. c4 Rg2 36. Kf1 Rh2 37. c5 Rh3 and Black is winning] **Kg6 34. Rf5** [34. c4 Rd2 35. Kg1 e3 and Black is winning] **Rg5 35. Rf3 ef3 36. Nc4 Ne4 37. Ne3 f5 38. Rd4 f4 39. Re4 fe3 40. Re3 f2 0 : 1 [A. Madan]**

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. Be3 Nf6 8. 0-0 Ne5 9. h3 Bc5 10. Kh1 d6 11. f4 Ng6 12. Qe1 0-0 13. f5 Ne5 14. Qh4 Bd7 15. Rf3

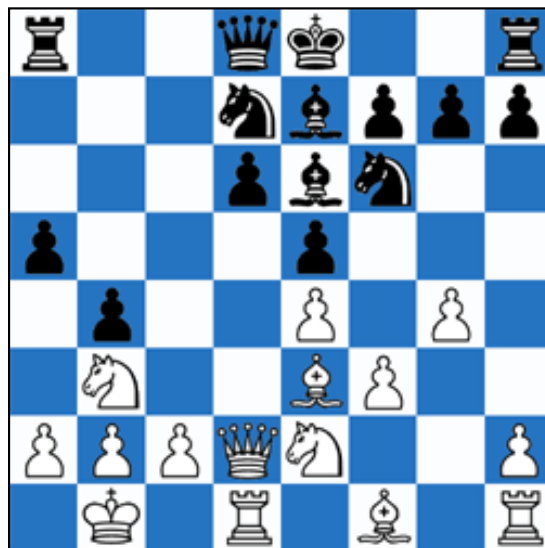


15...Nd3! [a novelty; 15...Nf3 see 90/158] **16. cd3** [16. Rg3 Nf4!! (16...Ne8!? 17. f6 g6 18. cd3 Qb6 19. Nce2 Qb2) a) 17. Qf6 Nh5 a1) 18. Rg7 Ng7 19. Bh6 Bd4 (19...Ne8 20. Qg5 Kh8 and Black is winning) 20. Qd4 f6 and Black is winning; a2) 18. Qg5 Ng3 19. Qg3 Qb6 20. f6 g6 21. Qg5 Kh8 22. Qh6 Rg8 23. Rd1 g5 and Black is winning; b) 17. Qf4 Nh5 18. Qg5 Ng3 19. Qg3 see 17. Qf6; c) 17. Bf4 Bd4 18. e5 c1) 18...de5? 19. Rg7 and White is winning; c2) 18...Be5 19. Be5 de5 20. Rg7 (20. Qf6 g6 21. fg6 fg6 22. Rg6 equal) Kg7 21. Qg5 equal; c3) 18...Ne8 19. Ne4 (19. f6 g6 20. Ne4 Qc2 21. Ng5 h5 and Black is winning) c31) 19...ef5? 20. Rg7! Kg7 (20...Ng7 21. Nf6) 21. Qh6 Kg8 22. Ng5 and White is winning; c32) 19...de5? 20. Rg7! Kg7 21. Qh6 Kg8 22. Nf6 Nf6 23. Qg5 Kh8 24. Qf6 Kg8 25. Bh6 e4 26. Qg5 Kh8 27. f6 and White is winning; c33) 19...f6! 20. ef6 Bf6 21. Nf6 Rf6 and Black is winning] **Qb6 17. e5?!** [17. Rg3 Bd4 a) 18. e5 a1) 18...Be3 19. ef6 (19. Qf6 g6 20. fg6 fg6 21. Rg6 hg6 22. Qg6 Kh8 23. Qh5 Kg7 24. Qg4 Kh7 and Black is winning) g6 20. Re3! Qe3 21. Re1 g5 22. Qh6 Qe1 23. Kh2 Qe5 24. g3 Qf6 25. Qf6 d5 26. Qg5 and White is superior; a2)

18...Nh5! a21) 19. Rg7 Ng7 20. Ne4 f6 21. Bd4 (21. Nf6 Rf6 22. Bd4 Nf5 23. Qg4 Rg6 24. Bb6 Rg4 25. hg4 Nh6 and Black is winning) Qd8 22. ef6 e5 23. Qg5 Rf7 24. Nd6 Qf6 25. Qf6 Rf6 26. Be5 Rd6 27. Bd6 Nf5 and Black is winning; a22) 19. Qh5 Be3 20. Ne4 (20. f6 g6 and Black is winning) Kh8! 21. Qg4 Bh6! 22. f6 Rg8 23. Nd6 Raf8 and Black is winning; b) 18. Qf6 Bf6 19. Bb6 ef5 and Black is superior; 17. Qf2 Rae8 (17...e5!?) 18. fe6 (18. Rf1 e5 19. Nb3 Be3 20. Qe3 Qe3 21. Re3 b5 with initiative) fe6 19. Rf1 e5 20. Nd5 (20. Nf5 Bf5 21. Bc5 Qc5 equal) Qd8 21. Nf6 Rf6 22. Rf6 Qf6 equal; 17. Nce2 a) 17...e5 a1) 18. Bg5 Ne4 (18...Qb2 19. Bf6! and White is winning) 19. de4 f6 unclear; a2) 18. Bh6! Ne8 19. f6! gh6 20. Qh6 d5 21. Rg3 Kh8 22. Rg7 Nf6 23. Rf1 Rg8 24. Rf6 Rg7 25. Rb6 Bb6 26. Qb6 and White is winning; b) 17...Qb2 18. Raf1 ef5 (18...e5 19. Bh6!) 19. Rg3 (19. Bc1 Qa2 unclear) Ne8 20. Qe7 (20. ef5 f6 unclear) fe4! unclear] **de5 18. Rg3 ef5 19. Bg5** [19. Bh6 Ng4! (19...g6!?) 20. hg4 fg4! 21. Nd5 Qd8! 22. Bg5 f6 23. Bf6 gf6 and Black is winning; 19. Nf5 Bf5 20. Na4 a) 20...Qb4 21. Rg7 Kh8 (21...Kg7 22. Bh6 and White is winning) 22. Qf6 Be7 23. Qe5 Qd6 24. Qd6 Bd6 25. Bd4 f6 26. Rb7 Bd3 27. Nb6 and White is superior; b) 20...Qc6! 21. Nc5 (21. Bc5 Rfe8 and Black is superior) b6 (21...Bg6 and Black is superior) 22. Bg5 (22. Nb3 Nd5 and Black is superior) Nd5 and Black is superior] **Kh8** [19...Be7 20. Nb3 f4 and Black is winning; 19...f4! 20. Bf6 fg3 21. Nd5 (21. Ne4 Rfe8 22. Qg3 Bf8 and Black is winning) Qb2 22. Rf1 Bh3!! (22...Qd2 23. Qg3 Qh6 24. Be5 Qg6 and Black is winning) 23. Qh3 (23. Ne3 Qd2! 24. Qg5 Bg2 25. Kg1 Qe3 26. Qe3 Bd4 and Black is winning) Qd4 24. Qg3 g6 and Black is winning] **20. Nf5 Bf5** [20...Ng8!?) **21. Na4 Qb4 22. Nc5 Qh4 23. Bh4 b6** [23...Nd5! 24. Nb7 Bg6 and Black is superior] **24. Bf6 gf6 25. Ne4 Be4 26. de4 Rad8 27. Rf1 Rd6** [27...Rd2 28. b4 (28. Rb3 Rg8) Ra2 29. Rf6 Re2 30. Rb6 Re4 and Black is slightly better] **28. Rgf3 Kg7 29. Rg3 Kh8 30. Rgf3 Kg7 31. Rg3 1/2 : 1/2 [E. Vegh]**

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. Be3 Nbd7 9. Qd2 b5 10. 0-0-0 Be7 11. g4 b4!? [11...h6 see 83/(226)] **12. Ne2** [12. Nd5 Bd5 13. ed5 Nb6 unclear; 12. Na4!?! d5 (12...Qb8!?) 13. g5 Nh5 14. Na5 Qc7 15. Qb4 d5 16. Qb7 Qb7 17. Nb7 d4 18. Bd2 0-0 19. b3 and White is slightly better) 13. g5 Ne4 (13...d4 14. Bd4 Ne4 15. fe4 ed4 16. h4 unclear) 14. fe4 d4 15. Nd4 ed4 16. Qd4 Bg5 unclear] **a5 13. Kb1** [13. g5?! a4 14. gf6? ab3 15. fe7 Qc7! and Black is winning (15...ba2 16. ed8Q Rd8 17. Qb4 a1Q 18. Kd2 and White is winning) 16. Kb1 bc2 17. Qc2 Ba2 18. Kc1 Bb3!! 19. Qc7 Ra1 20. Kd2 Rd1 mate]



13...h6! [a novelty, with the idea d5; 13...Nb6] **14. Ng3 a4 15. Nc1 d5** [15...a3 16. b3 d5 17. Nf5 unclear; 17. Nh5!? unclear] **16. Nf5 Bf5** [16...0-0? 17. Bh6 gh6 18. Qh6 Bf5 19. gf5 Qb6 20. Bb5 and White is winning] **17. gf5 d4** [17...de4 18. fe4 a3 (18...Ne4 19. Qg2 with attack) 19. Bb5 ab2 20. Nb3 Qc7 21. Rhg1 with initiative] **18. Bf2 0-0 19. Rg1 Kh8 20. Bb5!** [with the idea 21. Bd7 Nd7 (21...Qd7 22. Nd3) 22. f4; 20. Nd3 b3 21. cb3 ab3 22. a3 Qb6 with attack; 20. Bd3 Nh5 21. Ne2 b3 with attack] **Nc5** [20...Nb6 (with the idea Ra5) 21. Qe2! Nh5 22. Nd3 with the idea f4; 20...Qc7!? 21. Bd7 Nd7 22. f4 Rfc8! (22...Bf6 23. fe5 Ne5 24. Bd4 with the idea 24...Nf3? 25. Qh6) 23. fe5 Bg5 24. Qe2 Bc1 25. Rc1 a3 unclear] **21. Nd3 a3?** [21...Nd3 22. cd3 Nh5 23. h4! and White is slightly better, with the idea Bc4, Rg4, Rdg1; 21...Qc7 a) 22. Ne5?! Qe5 23. Bg3 (RR 23. Bd4! Qb8 24. e5) Nce4 24. Be5 Nd2 25. Rd2 Ra5!; b) 22. Bg3 Nd3 23. cd3 Nh5 (unclear, with the idea Bg5) 24. h4?! b3 25. a3 Qa5! 26. Qa5 Ra5 27. Bc4 Ng3 28. Rg3 Bh4] **22. Ne5** (and White is superior) **ab2** [22...Qb8 23. Bc4!? (23. Nc6 Qb5 24. Ne7 ab2 25. Bd4 Qa6 26. Bb2 Qa2 27. Kc1 Nb3 28. cb3 Rac8 29. Nc8 Rc8 30. Qc2 Rc2 31. Kc2 and White is superior) Qe5 24. Bd4 (24. Bg3 Nce4 25. Be5 Nd2 26. Rd2 and White is slightly better) Qc7 25. Qg2!? (25. e5 Ncd7 26. ef6 Bf6 and White is slightly better) Rg8 26. Bf7 ab2 27. Bg8 Rg8 28. e5 Nd5 29. f6 Bf8 30. Qg6! (with the idea f7) Nf4 (only move) 31. Qf5 g5 32. h4 with attack] **23. Bd4** [and White is winning, with the idea Bc4] **Ra2** (only move) **24. Ka2 Qa5 25. Kb2 Qb5 26. Rg7! Kg7 27. Ng4 Rh8 28. Nf6 Bf6 29. Rg1?! [29. Qg2 Kh7 30. Bf6 Rg8 31. Qg8 Kg8 32. Rd8] Kh7 30. Bf6 Na4 31. Kc1 [31...Rg8 32. Rg8 Qf1 33. Qd1] 1 : 0 [P. Svidler]**

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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	
Ne5	Nd7	Qd4	Qf4 ²	Qc1 ³	0-0	a5 ⁵	Ra4		with

1	gf4	0-0-0 ¹	Qd7	Bd6	Kb8 ⁴	Qe7	a6	Bc7 ⁶		compensation
2	Ne3	Nf5	0-0 ⁷	Qc2	Qe4 ⁹	hg3	Nb5 ¹⁰	ab5	Qe3	and White is superior
	gf4	0-0-0	Nc5 ⁸	Ne6	fg3	a5	cb5	Nc5 ¹¹	Ng4 ¹²	
3	hg3	Rfd1	Rd8	Rd1	e4	with compensation
	fg3	a5	h5 ¹³	Qd8	Qf6 ¹⁴	h4 ¹⁵	

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13...Bd7 14. Qd4 Rg8 15. Qe4 [15. 0-0 Rg6 16. Rfd1 Bg7 17. Qe4 Be6 unclear; Gostisa – Tukmakov, Slovenija 2001 see 83/374] 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 19. Ne4 [19. g4 Be6 20. Be4 Qc3 21. Qc3 Bc3 22. Rc1 Bd2 23. Rc2 Bg4 and Black is slightly better; P. Dias – J. Gomez Esteban, Portugal – Espana 2003] Be6 1/2 : 1/2 V. Makarov – O. V. Ivanov, Kharkiv 2003

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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 – Morozovich, Monaco (rapid) 2002 see 84/(313)

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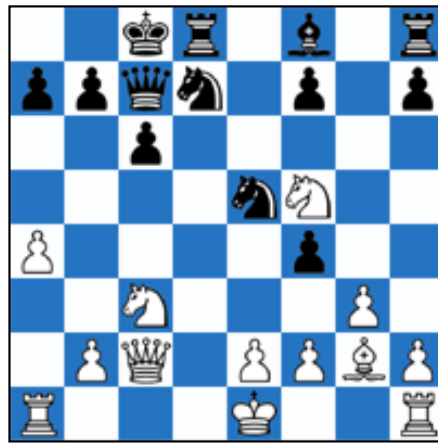
18. e4 Be6 19. Qe3 f6 20. Rfe1 Bc5 21. Qf4 Bd6 equal; L. Wu – Woodward, Great Britain 2004; **18. b4!?**

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14. Qc2

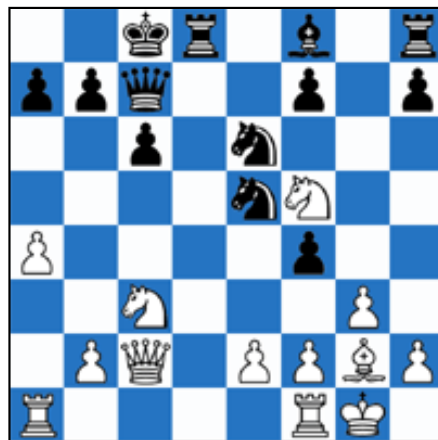


a) 14...Ng4?! 15. a5! fg3 16. hg3 a6 17. Ra4 Ndf6 18. Ne4 (Kasparov – Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2000 see 78/370) Nd5! 19. Nc5 h5 20. 0–0 and White is slightly better; Kasparov; *b)* 14...fg3 15. hg3 h5 16. Rd1 Kb8 17. Qe4 Re8 18. 0–0 Be7 19. Rd7 Nd7 20. Ne7 (O. Biriukov – P. Skatchkov, Saint Petersburg 2003 see 89/(357)) Nc5 21. Nc6 bc6 22. Qc4 Ne6 unclear; Frolyanov, P. Skatchkov; *c)* 14...Bb4 15. 0–0 fg3 16. hg3 h5 17. Rfc1! *c1)* 17...Nf6 18. a5! [18. Na2? Rd2! 19. Qb3 Ba5 20. Qa3 Nfg4! and Black is superior, with attack; E. Vegh – V. Erdos, Magyarorszag 2004 see 91/351] a6 19. Ne4 Nd5 20. Qb3 and White is slightly better; R. Ruck – Rogic, Oesterreich 2003 see 91/(351); *c2)* 17...Nc5!? 18. a5 unclear; P. Lukacs, V. Erdos; *d)* 14...Ng6 15. 0-0-0 Kb8 16. Ne4 Bb4 17. Rd4 a5 18. Rhd1 Nde5 unclear; B. Gelfand – Morozevich, Russia 2004; *e)* 14...Nc5 15. 0–0 see 14. 0–0

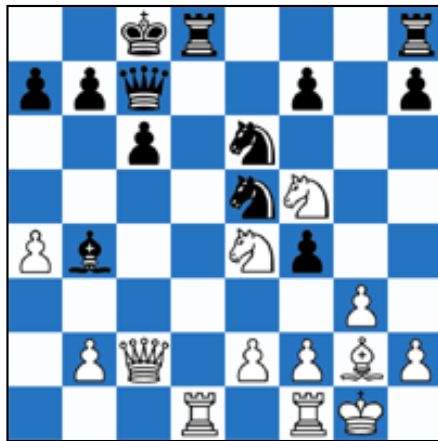
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14...fg3 15. hg3 h5 16. Ne4 Kb8 17. Qb3 a5 18. Rfd1 Bb4 19. Rac1 Nb6 20. Nf6 Rd1 21. Rd1 Qc8 22. Ng7 Ka7! unclear; Hoang Thanh Trang – V. Erdos, Budapest 2004 see 91/(351)

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16. Ne4 fg3 17. hg3 (Gyimesi – Acs, Balatonlelle 2002 see 85/375) Bb4 unclear; **16. Rfd1** Bc5 17. Ne4 Bb4 18. Qb3 [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] a5 unclear; Jo. Simon – Jadrijevic, Zagreb 2002; **16. a5** a6 17. Ra4 fg3 18. hg3 Kb8 19. e3 Nc5 20. Rh4 Ng6 21. Rh5 Ne6 22. Ra1 Qd7! 23. Ne4 Qd3 24. Qd3 Rd3 25. Bf1 Rb3 26. Ra2 (Sasikiran – Enam. Hossain, New Delhi 2005 see 92/388) Rb4! 27. Nc3 Ng7 28. Ng7 Bg7 equal; Enam.

Hossain; **16. Rad1** Bc5 17. Ne4 Bb4

a) 18. e3 fe3 19. fe3 Kb8 20. Nf6 a5 21. g4 [21. Nd4 Bc5 22. Kh1 Bd4 23. ed4 Nd4 24. Qc3 Ne6 25. Rfe1 Ng6 26. b4 with compensation; Korotylev – P. Smirnov, Russia 2004] Be7 [21...Nd7 unclear] 22. Ne7 Qe7 23. Qc3 Nc5! [23...Qc5 24. Rc1 Qc3 25. Rc3 (Bareev – Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2002 see 83/375) Rd2! 26. Rf5 Ng6 unclear] 24. Rd4 Ned3 unclear; Bareev; b) 18. Qc1 b1) 18...fg3 19. hg3 Rd1 [19...Kb8 20. Qh6 Ng6 unclear; J. Lautier] 20. Rd1 Rd8 equal; Kramnik – Morozevich, Astana 2001 see 81/(312); b2) 18...Ng6 19. Qc4 a5 20. e3 [20. Bh3 Kb8 21. Nf6 unclear; J. Lautier] fe3 (equal) 21. Ne3 [with the idea Bh3; 21. fe3 Rd1 22. Rd1 Rd8 equal; J. Lautier] Kb8 equal; Beliavsky – J. Lautier, Cesme 2004 see 92/387

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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; **18. Rfc1** Nc5 a) 19. Qh4 a1) 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; a2) 19...Ng6 20. Qh5 Kb8 21. Rd1 Rd1 22. Rd1 Ne6 23. Ne4 Bb4 24. e3 Ka7 equal; M. Carlsen – L. Johannessen, Gausdal 2004; b) 19. Qf4 b1) 19...Nb3? 20. Nb5 Nc1 21. Rc1 Qb8 22. Bh3 and White is superior; T. Paunovic; b2) 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; P. H. Nielsen – Shirov, Deutschland 2004 see 90/339) 32. e4! and White is superior; M. Golubev; b3) 19...Ne6 20. Qh4 Ng6 unclear; b4) 19...Ng6!?

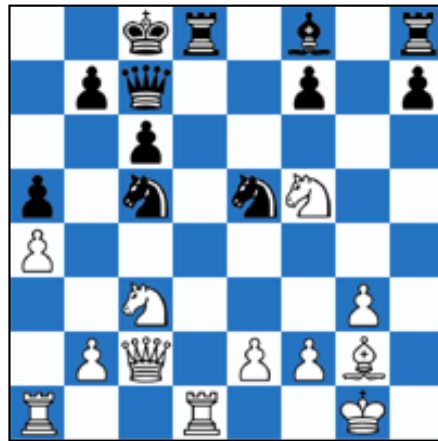
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19...Nd7 20. Ra5 Kb8 21. Rfa1 Nb6 22. Ra7 Rd7 [22...Rd1 23. Kh2! and White is winning] 23. Nd4 Nd8 24. Nc6! and White is winning; **19...b6** 20. Rfc1 Nc5 21. Qe3 Ng4 22. Qc3 [22. Qg5 h5 23. b4 f6 24. Qg6 and White is superior] Rg8 23. b4 Rg5 24. Qc2 and White is superior; P. H. Nielsen

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20...Nc4 21. Qc3 and White is winning; **20...Ncd7** 21. Rfc1 Bc5 22. Rc5 Nc5 23. b6! Qb6 24. Qe5 Qc7 25. Ne7 Kb8 26. Nc6! bc6 27. Qc5 and White is superior; **20...Ng4** 21. Qc3 Qe5 22. Qf3 a) 22...Qe4 23. Qe4 Ne4 24. Be4 Bb4 25. b6 [25. Rfd1? Kc7 26. Kg2 Kb6 and White is superior; L. Johannessen – Shirov, Deutschland 2004 see 92/(387)] Kb8 26. Rac1 Rc8 27. Rfd1 and White is winning; b) 22...Nh6 23. Rfc1 Rd7 24. Ra5 Qf5 25. Ra8 Kc7 26. Qb7 Kd6 and White is superior; c) 22...Nf6 23. Ra5 and White is superior; P. H. Nielsen

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17...Rd1 18. Rd1 h5 19. Qd2 [19. Ne4 Ne4 20. Qe4 Bb4 21. Qh4 Kb8 22. Qf6 Rg8 23. Qh6 Ng4 24. Qh5 Qe5 with compensation; Sasikiran – Sturua, Dubai 2002] Ne6 20. Ne4 Bb4 21. Qe3 Kb8 [21...Rd8 22. Rd8 Qd8 23. Qh6 Qd1 24. Bf1 Qd5 unclear] 22. Bh3 [22. Nf6 Ng4 23. Ng4 hg4 unclear, with the idea 24. Qe4 Nc5 25. Qg4 Na4 Gagunashvili] Rd8 23. Rd8 Qd8 24. Qh6 Qd1 25. Bf1 Qd5 equal; Xu Jun – Gagunashvili, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 92/(387)

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19...Qc7 see 17...Rd1

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21. f4 Ng6 22. e5 Qe6 unclear; Ivanchuk – B. Gelfand, Russia 2005 see 93/317; **21. Nh4** Rh4! 22. gh4 Qh4 23. Ne2 Ne6 [23...Ng4 24. Nd4! and White is superior; Dreev] 24. Qc3! Bc5 25. Qg3 Qg3 26. Ng3 Nf4 with compensation; B. Gelfand



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