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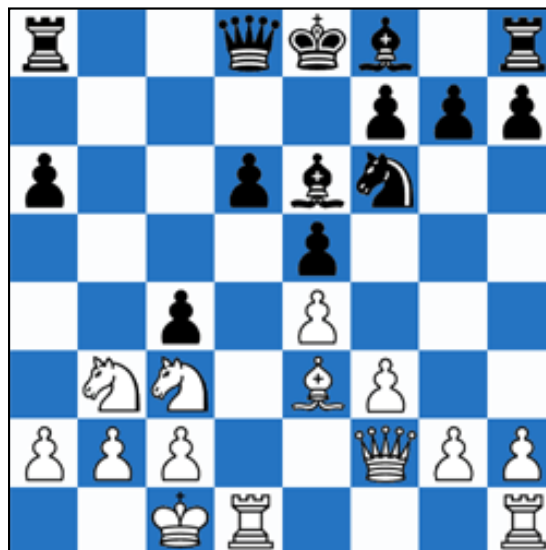
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The idea for this article occurred to me as I followed the recently completed World Championship tournament in San Luis. The chess world not only got a new undisputed World Champion in Veselin Topalov, but we have been set on the path towards a healthy future with regards to fighting for the world championship throne. It was very encouraging that 24 out of the 56 games were decisive and it proved that the elite players can engage in uncompromising battles.

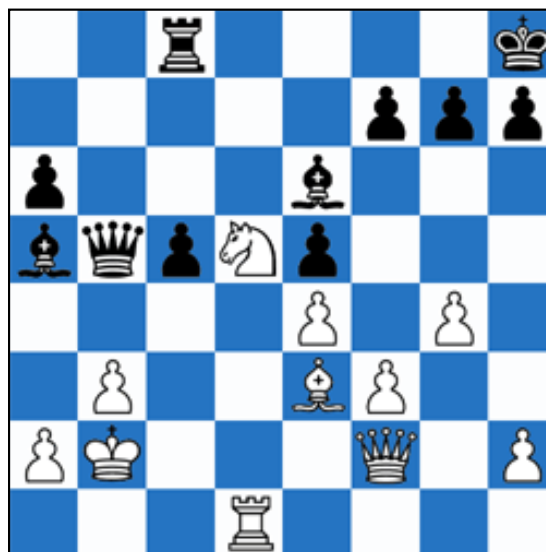
The theoretical preparations and chess creativity were on a high level, as confirmed in the 11th round game Anand – Kasimdzhanov. In a Najdorf Sicilian, the following continuation was played: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 b5 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bc4 bc4 13.Na5!! . This is an important novelty, instead of 13.Nc5, that Bologan had prepared against Gelfand at the Spanish Team Championship in Merida this year. Bologan shows in his annotations to this game, which will be published in Informant 94, that White has a slightly better position, even though he only managed to draw. Kasimdzhanov played the dubious novelty 13...Rc8?! (compared to Gelfand's 13...Nd7) and, after the further weak move 17...Ng4?, Anand won quickly. Future chess events will provide an answer as to whether Black can fight to equalize in this continuation.

Bologan 2700 – B.Gelfand 2724
Espana 2005

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 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bc4 bc4

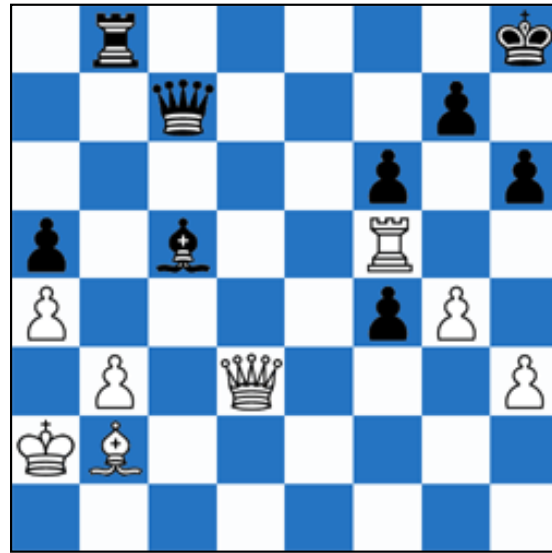


13.Na5!! [a novelty; 13.Nc5 see 93/203] **Nd7** [13...Qa5 14.Bb6 Qb4 15.a3 and White is winning; 13...Be7 14.Nc6; RR 13...Rc8?! 14.Bb6 Qd7 15.g3! g6 16.Rd2 Bh6 17.f4 Ng4? (17...0-0 18.Rhd1 Ne8) 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.h3 Nf6? (19...Nh2) 20.Bc5 ef4 21.gf4 Rc8 22.Bd6 Qd8 23.Bb4 Qb6 24.a3 and White is winning; Anand 2788 – Kasimdzhanov 2670, San Luis 2005] **14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Nb4 Qb7 16.Nbd5 Rb8 17.b3** (and White is slightly better) **cb3 18.cb3 Be7 19.Kb2** [19.Qg3 g6 20.Ne7 Ke7 21.Rd3 Rhc8 22.Qh4 Ke8 23.Kd2 and White is slightly better; 19.Ne7 Ke7 20.Nd5 (20.Rd3 Qb4 21.Kd2 d5) Bd5 21.Rd5 Rhc8 22.Kb2 h6 23.Rhd1 Rc6 24.Qd2 Qc7 25.Rc1 Nb6 26.Rc6 Qc6 27.Bb6 Rb6 28.Qc2 and White is slightly better] **Bd8 20.Rd3** [20.Qg3 g6 21.f4 Ba5 22.fe5 Bc3 23.Kc3 de5 24.Qh4 Bd5 25.Rd5 0-0 26.Qe7 Qc6 27.Kb2 Nf6; 20.Rc1 0-0 21.Rhd1 and White is slightly better] **0-0 21.g4 Kh8** [21...Ba5 22.Ne7 Kh8 23.Ncd5 and White is slightly better] **22.Rc1 Ba5 23.Rc2 Rfc8 24.Na4 Qb5 25.Rc8 Rc8 26.Rd1 Nc5?!** [26...Rb8 27.Nac3 Qc6 and White is slightly better] **27.Nc5 dc5**



28.a4! Qc6 [28...Qb7 29.Bc5] **29.Qc2 Bd8 30.Rc1! Bd5 31.ed5 Qd5 32.Qe4 Qd7** [32...Qe4 33.fe4 Be7 34.b4 Rb8 35.Bc5 Bc5 36.Rc5 Rb4 37.Kc3 Rb8 38.Rc6 and White is superior; 32...Qd6 33.b4 Rb8 34.Bc5 Qd7 35.Kb3 and White is superior] **33.Bc5 h6 34.Rc2 Rb8 35.Ka2 Bf6 36.Ba3 Bg5 37.Bb2 f6 38.h3** (and White is superior; time) **Qf7 39.Qd3 Qb7 40.Rc5 Bh4 41.Rd5**

[41.Ra5 Ra8 42.Rd5 Bf2 43.f4! Bd4 44.Qe4 Qc8 45.fe5 Be5 46.Be5 fe5 47.Re5 and White is winning] **Bf2 42.Rd7 Qc8 43.Rd6 a5 44.f4** [44.Rd5 Be1 45.h4 Bh4 46.Ra5 and White is superior] **Bc5 45.Rd5** [45.Ra6 ef4 46.Ra5 Qf8] **ef4 46.Rf5** [46.Rh5 Qf8 47.Bf6 Qf6 48.Rc5 equal] **Qc7**



47.Qd5? [47.g5 hg5 48.h4 Qd6 49.Rd5 and White is winning] **Bb4 48.Qe6 Bc3!** (and Black is winning) **49.Qe4 Bb2?** [49...Rd8] **50.Kb2 Rc8 51.Qc4 Qc4 52.bc4 Rc4 53.Ra5 f5 54.Rf5 Ra4 55.Rf8 Kh7 56.Rb8 1/2 : 1/2 [Bologan]**

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