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The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 93

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Larry Christiansen voiced the difficulty faced by members of the Chess Informant jury for selecting the ten best games of Informant 93 when he wrote: "Lots of great games in 93." Still, the members of the jury were almost unanimous that the best game was Topalov – Anand from Sofia. It received 81 out of 90 points, with seven members of the jury giving it a full 10 points. Topalov's game against Ponomarev from Sofia is also in the top ten. Third place was awarded to Kasparov's victory against Kasimdzhanov at Linares, which was also voted as the most important theoretical novelty. Meanwhile, Ivanchuk's high quality performances were acknowledged by having three of his games among the top ten.

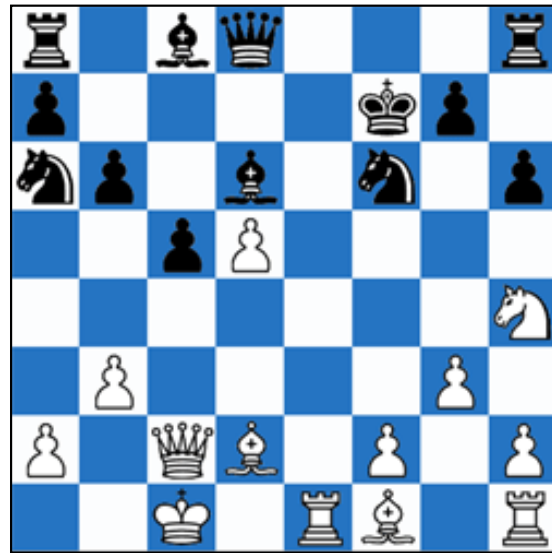
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1. TOPALOV, V. — ANAND, V.	439	10	10	4	10	7	10	10	10	10	81
2. SUTOVSKY, E. — SOKOLOV, IV.	277	4	8	3	9	8	7	—	9	9	57
3. KASIMDZHANOV, R. — KASPAROV, G.	385	9	3	9	2	6	8	1	6	8	52
4. SOKOLOV, IV. — SHIROV, A.	371	6	—	7	4	9	9	—	7	7	49
5. TOPALOV, V. — PONOMAREV, R.	440	7	9	8	7	—	—	—	8	—	39
6. DREEV, A. — DOMINGUEZ, L.	377	—	2	10	5	—	6	5	—	—	28
7. JOBAVA, BA. — IVANCHUK, V.	428	8	—	—	—	—	2	9	—	—	19
8. IVANCHUK, V. — VAN WELY, L.	181	—	5	5	3	2	—	—	—	4	19
9. KASIMDZHANOV, R. — ANAND, V.	140	—	—	6	—	—	5	—	1	5	17
10. SUTOVSKY, E. — IVANCHUK, V.	120	3	4	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	15
11. BOLOGAN, V. — LAUTIER, J.	92	—	—	—	1	5	—	4	4	1	15
12. DOMINGUEZ, L. — BOLOGAN, V.	291	—	6	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	13
13. GELFAND, B. — MALAKHOV, V.	308	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	6	12
14. SVIDLER, P. — IVANCHUK, V.	115	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	10
15. ADAMS, MI. — KRAMNIK, V.	252	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	9
16. SUTOVSKY, E. — KHMELNIKER, I.	278	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
17. KRAMNIK, V. — POLGAR, JU.	449	—	—	—	6	—	1	2	—	—	9
18. SUTOVSKY, E. — FILIPPOV, VA.	94	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	8
19. KASPAROV, G. — VALLEJO PONS, F.	303	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	7
20. VOLOKITIN, A. — DOMINGUEZ, L.	243	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	7
21. IVANCHUK, V. — JOBAVA, BA.	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 d5 9.Qc2 de4 10.Ne4 Bb7? 11.Neg5! [a novelty; 11.Bg2 see 32/602] **c5** [11...h6 12.Nf7 Kf7 13.Ne5 Kg8 (*13...Kf8 14.Bh3 Qd4 15.Ng6 Ke8 16.0-0 Qe4 17.Qe4 Ne4 18.Rfe1! c5 19.Bg2 Bf6 20.Re4!! Kd7 21.Re6 Bg2 22.Rf6 gf6 23.Nh8 and White is superior*) 14.Bh3 (*14.Bc3 c5 15.Bh3 Be4*) Qd4 15.Be6 Kf8 16.Ng6 Ke8 17.0-0-0! Qa1 18.Qb1 Ba3 19.Kc2 Qb1 20.Kb1 and White is superior] **12.d5** (only move) **ed5 13.cd5 h6** [13...Bd5 14.0-0-0 h6 15.Bc3 hg5 16.Bf6 gf6 17.Bc4 and White is superior] **14.Nf7 Kf7 15.0-0-0 Bd6 16.Nh4 Bc8** [16...Na6 17.Bc3!?, 17.Bh3 with attack] **17.Re1 Na6** [17...Re8 18.Bb5 Re7 19.Bc3!]

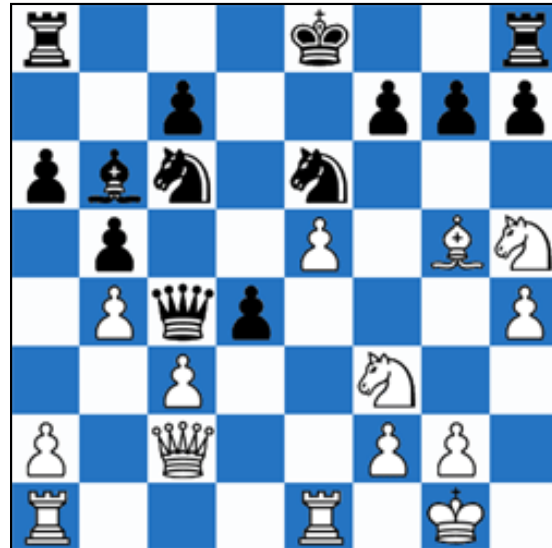


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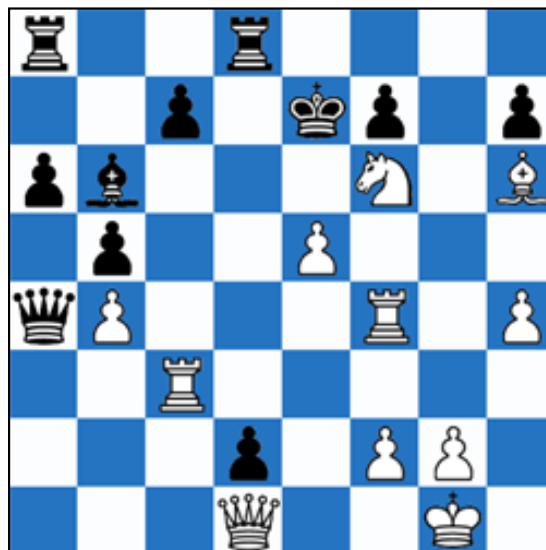
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Ne4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.de5 Be6 9.Nbd2 Nc5 10.c3 Bg4 11.Bc2 Ne6 12.Re1 Bc5 13.Nf1 Bh5 14.b4!? [a novelty; weak point b5, diagonal a3-f8] Bb6 15.Ng3 [15.a4!? Ne7 16.Be3 Be3 17.Ne3 and White is slightly better] Bg6 16.h4!? [16.Nf5 0-0 17.a4 and White is slightly better] d4! 17.Bg5! [17.h5 Bc2 18.Qc2 Qd5 unclear] Bc2 18.Qc2 Qd5 19.Nh5 Qc4? [19...h6! 20.Bf6!? (20.Nf4 Qd7 21.Ne6 Qe6 22.Bf4 0-0 equal) Kf8! 21.Qf5 (21.Ng7? Ng7 22.e6 Re8! 23.e7 Kg8 and Black is superior) gf6 22.Nf6 Ne7! (22...Qc4 23.Nd2! Qc3 24.Nde4 Qb4 25.Nd7 Ke7 26.Nb6 cb6 27.Rec1! Rac8 28.a3! Qb3 29.Qf6 Kd7 30.Qf7 Ne7 31.Nf6 Kd8 32.Rc8 Kc8 33.Qe7 and White is winning) 23.Qg4 Qd8 24.cd4 Nd5 25.Qe4 c6 26.Rac1 with compensation]



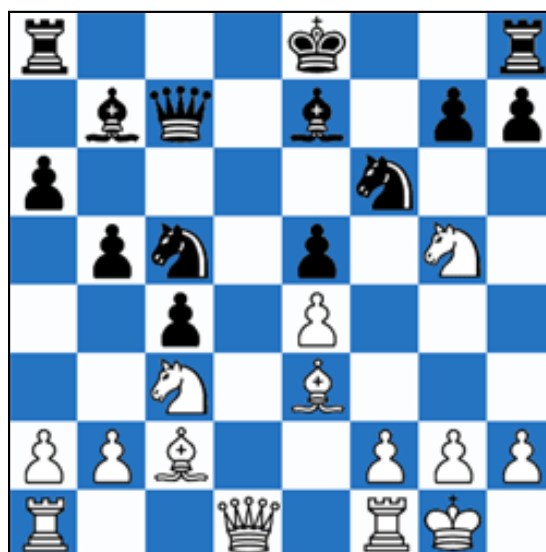
20.Nd2! d3 [20...Qc3 21.Ng7! (21.Qe4 Ng5 22.hg5 0-0-0! unclear) Ng7 22.Qe4 0-0 23.Rac1 Qb4 24.Rc6 and White is superior; 20...Qd5 21.Ne4 and White is superior] **21.Qd1!** [21.Nc4 dc2 22.Nb6 cb6 23.Rac1 Rc8 and White is slightly better] **Qd5** [21...Qc3!? 22.Rc1 Qd4 23.Ng7! (23.Be3 Qd5 24.Bb6 cb6 25.Ne4 0-0-0! with counterplay) Ng7 24.Rc6 Qf2 25.Kh2 Qd4 26.Ne4 and White is superior] **22.Ne4 Kf8 23.Nef6!! gf6 24.Nf6 Qc4** [24...Qd8 25.Bh6 Ke7 26.Qf3 d2 27.Qc6! de1Q 28.Re1 and White is winning] **25.Re4 Ncd4** [25...Bd4 26.Bh6 Ke7 27.cd4 and White is winning] **26.Bh6 Ke7 27.cd4 Nd4!?** [27...Qc2 28.Qf3 and White is winning] **28.Rc1 Qa2 29.Rd4 Rhd8!** [29...Rad8 30.Rf4 d2 31.Bg5! dc1Q 32.Qc1 Kf8 33.e6! Qe6 34.Re4 and White is winning] **30.Rf4 d2 31.Rc3!** [31.Bg5!? dc1Q 32.Qc1 Kf8 33.e6! and White is winning] **Qa4 32.Ng8** (time) **Ke8** [32...Rg8 33.Qd2 and White is winning] **33.Nf6 Ke7**



34.Nd5! Rd5 35.Rf7! Kd8 [35...Kf7 36.Qf3 Ke8 37.Qf8 Kd7 38.Qf5 Ke7 39.Bg5 Ke8 40.Qe6 Kf8 41.Bh6 mate] **36.Rf8 Ke7 37.Bg5!** [37...Kf8 38.Qf3 Ke8 (38...Kg8 39.Qd5 Kg7 40.Bh6! Kh6 41.Qe6) 39.Qh5 Kd7 40.Qg4 and White is winning] **1:0** [E. Sutovsky]

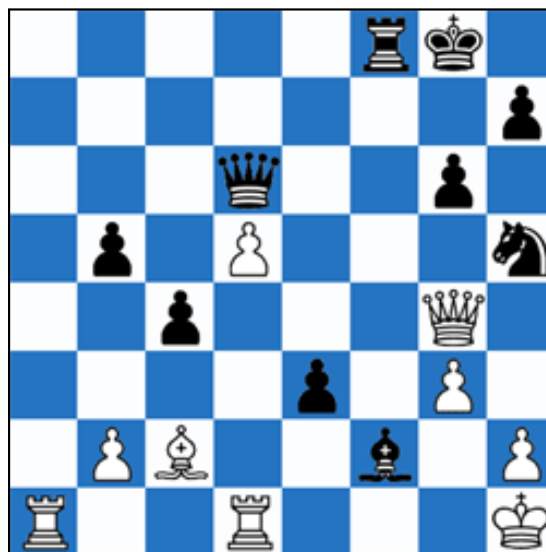
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17...0-0! [a novelty; 17...h6 see 81/(368)] **18.Bc5** [18.b4 cb3 (18...h6 19.Bc5 hg5 20.Be7 Qe7 21.a3 Rad8 22.Qe2 g4 23.Rad1 Rd4 unclear) 19.Bb3 Nb3 20.Qb3 Qc4 21.Qc4 bc4 22.Rab1 Bc6 unclear] **Bc5 19.Ne6 Qb6 20.Nf8 Rf8 21.Nd5** [21.Kh1 Bf2 22.Qe2 Bd4 23.Nd5 Bd5 24.ed5 Qd6 unclear; 21.a4 a) 21...b4 22.Nd5 Nd5 23.ed5 Bf2 24.Kh1 b3 25.Be4 Qe3 26.Bf3 e4 27.Bg4 Qc5

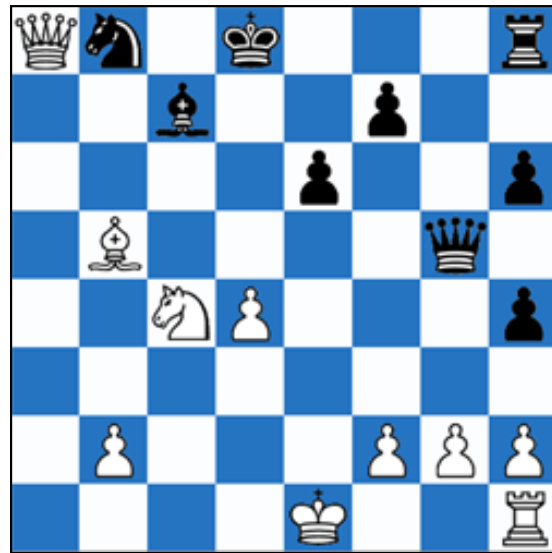
28.Be6 Kh8 29.d6 e3 30.d7 Qb6 31.Bc4 (31.Rc1 Qe6 32.d8Q Bg2 33.Kg2 Qe4 equal) Bg2 32.Kg2 Qg6 33.Kh3 Qh6 equal; b) 21...Bf2 22.Kh1 Bd4 23.ab5 ab5 with compensation; 21.Qe2 Qe6 22.Kh1 (22.h3 Bd4 with compensation) Ng4 (22...Bd4) 23.Nd1 Bd4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Rc1 g6 26.b3 Nh5 unclear] **Bd5 22.ed5 Bf2 23.Kh1 e4 24.Qe2?** [24.d6 e3 25.Bf5 (25.d7 g6!; 25.b3 c3 26.b4 Rd8 27.Bb3 Kh8) a) 25...Qc5 26.d7 Rd8 (26...Qf5 27.d8Q Rd8 28.Qd8 Kf7 29.Qb6 and White is superior) 27.Qf3 Qe5 28.Rf2 ef2 29.Qf2 Nd7 30.Bh7 Kh8 31.Bf5 Qf6 32.Qg3 and White is slightly better; b) 25...g6 26.Bh3 Kg7 (26...Qc5 27.d7 Qe7 28.Qf3 Kg7 29.Rfd1 Rd8 30.Rd4) 27.d7 Ne4 28.Qd5 Nd2 29.Rfd1 Qf6 30.Bg4 h5 31.Be2 Rd8 32.a4 Qb2 33.ab5 Qb5 34.Qd4 Kh7 35.Qf6 with initiative; 27...Nh5 unclear; 24.a4 a) 24...Rd8 25.ab5 ab5 26.Qe2 e3 27.b3 c3 28.Rfd1 (28.d6 Rd6 29.Ra8 Kf7 unclear) g6 29.d6 Kg7 30.Qd3 b4 31.Ra6 Qc5 32.Rda1 Qe5 unclear, with the idea 33.Ra7 Nd7 34.R1a5 Qe6; b) 24...Bd4 25.ab5 ab5 26.Qe2 Bb2 27.Rad1 Bd4 28.Be4 Re8 29.Rf6 Qf6 30.Bh7 Kf8 31.Be4 Qe5 32.Qf3 Kg8 33.Rf1 Qe4 34.Qf7 equal] **e3 25.Rfd1?** [25.Rad1 Qd6 26.Bf5 Kh8 27.Rf2 ef2 28.Qf2 Re8 and Black is superior; 25.b3 Nd5 26.bc4 Nf4 27.Qf3 bc4 28.Qe4 Qh6 29.Qc4 Kh8 30.Rab1 unclear; 25...c3 and Black is slightly better] **Qd6 26.a4** [26.b3 c3 27.Bf5 g6 28.Be6 Kg7 29.Rac1 Ne4 and Black is superior] **g6! 27.ab5 ab5 28.g3 Nh5!** [28...Qe5? 29.d6 Nh5 30.d7 Ng3 31.hg3 Qg3 32.Bf5 equal] **29.Qg4**



29...Bg3! [29...Re8 30.Kg2 e2 31.Kf2 ed1Q 32.Qd1 Rf8 33.Kg2 Nf6 and Black is superior] **30.hg3** [30.Qe6 Qe6 31.de6 e2 (31...Bh4!?) 32.hg3 Ng3 33.Kg2 ed1Q 34.Rd1 Nh5 and Black is winning; 30.Rg1 a) 30...Bh2 31.Bg6 Ng3 (31...hg6 32.Qg6 Qg6 33.Rg6 Kh7 34.Re6 Bf4 and Black is winning) 32.Rg3 Bg3 33.Bh7 Kh7 34.Ra7 Kh6 35.Qh3 Kg6 36.Qh7 Kf6 37.Ra6 Qa6 38.Qh6 Ke5 39.Qa6 Rf1 40.Kg2 e2 41.Qe6 Kd4 42.Qe2 Rf2 and Black is winning; b) 30...Bf2! 31.Qh5 Bg1 32.Rg1 Rf1! and Black is winning] **Ng3 31.Kg2** [31.Kg1 e2 32.Re1 Qc5 33.Kh2 Qf2 34.Kh3 Nh5 35.Qe6 Kg7 and Black is winning] **Rf2 32.Kh3 Nf5 33.Rh1 h5! 34.Qg6 Qg6 35.Rhg1 Qg1 36.Rg1 Kf7 0:1 [G. Kasparov]**

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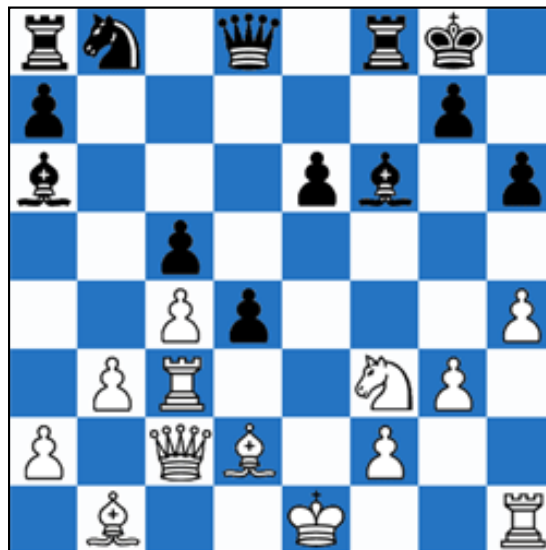
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20.Qb7! [20.Qf3 Qb5 21.Qf6 Kd7 22.Qf7 Kc8 23.Qe6 Kb7 24.0-0 Rd8 and Black is slightly better] **Qc1 21.Ke2 Qh1** [21...Qc2? 22.Nd2 and White is superior] **22.Ne5 Qc1** [22...Rf8? 23.Nc6 Nc6 24.Qc6 Kc8 (24...Ke7 25.Qc7 Kf6 26.Qe5 Kg6 27.Bd3 f5 28.Qe6 and White is winning) 25.Qa8 Bb8 26.Bc6 Kd8 27.Qb8 Ke7 28.Qb4 and White is winning; 22...Rh7! 23.Nc6 Nc6 24.Qc6 Ke7 (24...Kc8? 25.Qe8 Kb7 26.Bc6 Kb6 27.Qa8 and White is winning) 25.Qc7 Kf8 26.Bd3 Rh8 27.Be4 Qa1 28.Qb8 Kg7 29.Qe5 Kg8 30.d5 Qa6 31.Kf3 Qb5 32.Kf4 Qc5 33.de6 Qf2 34.Bf3 Qd2 35.Kg4 Qg5 36.Qg5 hg5 37.e7 f5 38.Kf5 Kf7 equal] **23.Nf7** (and White is slightly better) **Ke7 24.Nh8 Qb2** [24...Qc2? 25.Ke3 Qb3 26.Ke4 Qc2 27.Bd3] **25.Kf3 Qc3 26.Kg4 Qd4 27.Kh3** [27.Kh5?? Qe5 28.Kg6 Nd7! and Black is winning, with the idea 29.Bd7 Qf5 30.Kh6 Bf4 31.Kg7 Be5 32.Kh6 Kf6] **Qb6** [27...Qc3?! 28.f3 Kf6? 29.Qe4 and White is winning, with the idea 29...Kg7 30.Bd3; 27...Qd6! 28.g3 and White is slightly better] **28.Qc8** (and White is superior) **Qb5 29.Qc7 Nd7 30.Ng6 Kf6 31.Nh4 Qd3 32.f3 Ne5 33.Qc1! Nf7 34.Qb2 e5 35.Qb6 Kg7 36.Kg3 Qc4** [36...Ng5 37.h3! Ne4 38.Kh2 and White is winning, with the idea 38...Nd2 39.Qe6] **37.Qg6** (and White is winning) **Kf8 38.Qf6 Kg8 39.Ng6 e4 40.Nf4** [40.Qf4 and White is winning] **ef3 41.Ne6 1:0** [Iv. Sokolov]

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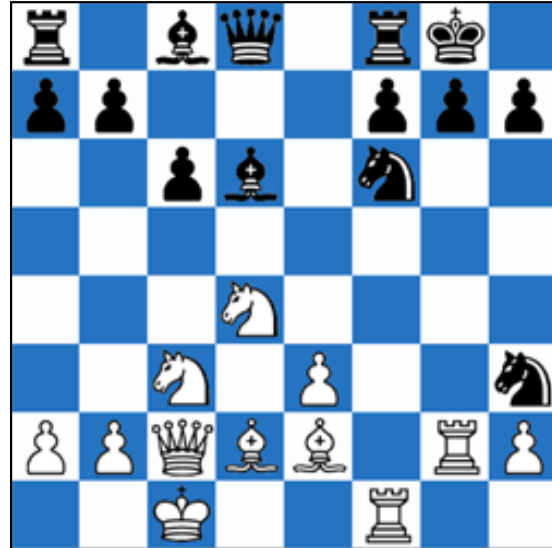
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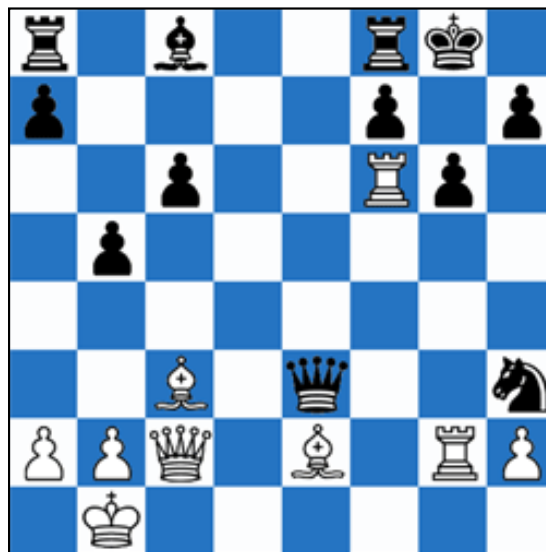
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 dc4 8.Bc4 e5 9.Bd2 0-0 [9...ed4 see 92/429] **10.0-0-0!** [a novelty; 10.g5] **ed4 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Be2 Neg4** [12...Nfg4 13.Ne4; 12...Bg4 13.f4! Be2 (13...Ng6 14.Bg4 Ng4 15.Nf5; 13...Ng6 14.Bg4 Ng4 15.Rhg1 Nf6 16.Nf5 with attack) 14.Nce2 Ng6 (14...Neg4 15.Nf5 with compensation) 15.e4 with compensation] **13.Rhg1 Nf2 14.Rdf1 Nh3 15.Rg2**



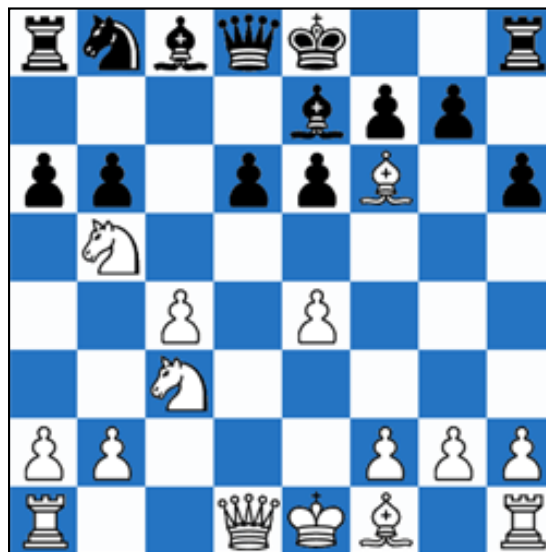
15...Be5 [15...g6!? 16.Bc4 Kh8 (only move; 16...Bc7? 17.Ne4 Ne4 18.Qe4 and White is winning) 17.Ne4!? (17.Rf6? Qf6 18.Ne4 Qe7) Ne4 18.Qe4 a) 18...Ng5 19.Qh4 f6 20.Bc3 Be5 21.Nc6 bc6 22.Be5 fe5 23.Rf8 Qf8 24.Qg5 Bh3 (24...Bf5 25.e4) 25.Rf2! Qd6 26.Rd2 Qf8 27.Qe5 Qg7 28.Qa5! Qe7 29.e4 and White is superior; b) 18...Qe7 19.Qe7 Be7 20.Bc3 Kg8 (20...f6 21.Ne6) 21.Nf5 Bf5 22.Rf5 b1) 22...Rae8 23.Kd2 Bh4 24.Bb4 Be7 (24...Re4 25.Bf8 Rc4 26.Bh6 f6 27.Kd3 Rb4 28.Rf3 Ng5 29.Rf6 Nf7 30.Rf4 and White is superior) 25.Be7 Re7 26.Rf3 Re4 27.Kc3 Rh4 28.Rgg3 and White is superior; b2) 22...b5 23.Bb3 Rae8 24.Kd2 (24.Rh5 Ng5 25.Rhg5 Bg5 26.Rg5 Re3 27.Rc5 Rc8) c5 b21) 25.Rh5? c4 26.Bc2 (26.Bd1 Rd8 27.Ke2 Nf2 28.Rf2 b4 29.Be5 Rd1) b4 27.Bd4 b3 28.ab3 Bb4 29.Kc1 Nf4 30.ef4 Re1 31.Bd1 Rd8; b22) 25.a3! c4 26.Bc2 (26.Ba2 Rb8) Rb8 (26...f6 27.Rb5 Ng5 28.Rg4 with compensation) 27.Rh5 Nf2 28.Re5 Bh4 29.Rh5 Be7 equal] **16.Nf3 Qe7** [16...Bc7 17.Bd3 (17.Ne4 Bf5) a) 17...Qe7 18.Bf5!? Bf5 (18...g6 19.Bc8 Rac8 20.Qf5 Qe6 21.Nd4 Qf5 22.Rf5 and White is winning) 19.Qf5 Qe6 20.Nd4 Qf5 21.Rf5 Kh8 22.Rf3 and White is winning; b) 17...Kh8!? 18.Bf5 h6 unclear] **17.Bd3!** [17.Ne5 Qe5 18.Bd3 a) 18...Re8 19.Bf5 (19.Nd1 Ne4) h6 20.e4 Ng5 (20...Kh8 21.Qd3) 21.h4! (21.Bg5 hg5 22.Rg5 Bf5 23.Rff5 Qd4) Nge4 22.Ne4 Ne4 23.Bh7! Kf8!? (23...Kh7 24.Bc3; 23...Kh8 24.Be4 Qe4 25.Qe4 Re4 26.Rf7 Bg4 27.Bc3 Rg8 28.Rb7 and White is slightly better) 24.Re1 f5 25.Bb4 c5 26.Re4 Qe4 27.Qc5 (27.Bc5 Kf7 28.Bg6 Kg8 29.Be8 Qe8 and Black is slightly better) Re7 28.Rd2 Kf7 29.Rd8 Qh1 (29...Qe3 30.Qe3 Re3 31.Rf8 Ke6 32.Re8) 30.Kc2 Qg2 31.Kc1 Qf1 32.Kc2 equal; b) 18...Rd8! 19.Bf5 h6 20.e4 Kf8 and Black is slightly better] **g6!** [17...Bc7 18.Bf5!] **18.Bc4!?** [18.Ne5 Qe5 19.Bg6 fg6 20.Rg6 Kh8 (20...hg6 21.Qg6 Kh8 22.Qh6 equal) 21.Rh6 Ng5 (21...Qe7 22.Nd1! and White is winning) 22.Qg6 Bg4 23.Rf6 Rf6 24.Qf6 equal] **Ng4?** [18...Bc7 19.Rg6 (19.Nd4!?!; 19.e4!?) hg6 20.Qg6 Kh8 21.Qh6 Nh7 22.Bd3 f6 23.Nh4 Qg7 (23...Rg8 24.Rf6 N3g5 25.Ng6 Rg6 26.Rg6 Nf3 27.Nd5! cd5 28.Bb4 Qf7 29.Rf6) 24.Ng6 Kg8 25.Bc4 Rf7 26.Ne7 Kf8 27.Ng6 Ke8 (27...Kg8 equal) 28.Qh5 N3g5 29.Nf4 unclear, with the idea h4] **19.Ne5 Ne5 20.Ne4 Kh8** [20...Nc4 21.Nf6 Kh8 22.Qc4 and White is winning] **21.Nf6!** [21.Bc3? Bf5] **b5** [21...Qc5 22.Be2 Qc2 23.Kc2 Nd7 24.Ne4 and White is winning] **22.Be2 Nd7** [22...b4 23.Qe4 a5 24.Qh4 and White is winning] **23.Bc3 Qe3 24.Kb1 Nf6 25.Rf6 Kg8**



26.Rgg6! fg6 27.Rg6 Kf7 28.Rg7 Ke6 [28...Ke8 29.Bh5 Kd8 30.Qd1 and White is winning] **29.Bg4 Kd5 30.Qd1 Ke4** [30...Kc5 31.b4 Kb6 (31...Kc4 32.Qb3 Kd3 33.Qc2 Kc4 34.Bd2) 32.Bd4 Qd4 33.Qd4 Ka6 34.Bc8 Rfc8 35.Qe3 and White is winning] **31.Re7 Kf4 32.Re3 Bg4** [32...Ke3 33.Qd4 mate] **33.Qd4 Kg5 34.Qg7 Kh5 35.Qh7 Kg5 36.Re5 Rf5 37.Bd2 1:0** [A. Dreev]

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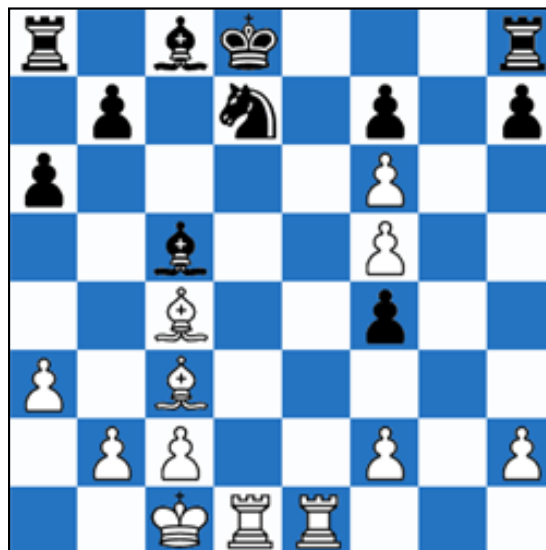
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 Be7 6.Nc3 c5 [6...d5 see 48/566] **7.e4** [7.d5 Nd5! 8.Nd5 Bh4 9.Nh4 Bb7 10.Nf5 ef5 11.e3 0-0 12.Be2 Nc6 13.0-0 Re8 and Black is slightly better] **cd4 8.Nd4 d6 9.Ndb5** [a novelty; 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Nc6 Bc6 equal; 9.Qc2] **a6** [9...0-0 10.e5 de5 11.Bf6 Qd1 (11...Bf6 12.Qf3) 12.Rd1 Bf6 13.Nc7 and White is superior] **10.Bf6** [10.e5!? a) 10...ab5 11.ef6 (11.Qf3 Ra5 12.ef6 Bf6 13.Bf6 Qf6 14.Qf6 gf6 15.Nb5 Ke7 equal) gf6 (11...Bf6 12.Bf6 Qf6 13.Qd6 Nd7 14.Qc6 Rb8 15.Qb5 0-0 16.Be2 and White is slightly better) 12.Nb5 a1) 12...Bb7 13.Bg3 e5 14.Nc3 Nc6 (14...f5 15.f3 Nd7 16.Bd3 f4 17.Bf2 Nc5 18.0-0 and White is slightly better) 15.f3 (15.Nd5 Nd4!; 15.Bd3 Nd4 16.Be4 Be4 17.Ne4 d5!) f5 16.Bd3 Nd4 17.Ne2 Ne2 18.Qe2 and White is slightly better; a2) 12...Nc6 13.Bg3 Ne5 14.f4 Nc6 15.f5 Ne5 16.fe6 Be6 unclear; b) 10...de5!? 11.Bf6 b1) 11...Bf6 12.Qf3 ab5 (12...e4 13.Qe4 ab5 14.Qa8 Bc3 15.bc3 Qc7 16.Qf3 bc4 17.Qg3! Qg3 18.hg3 and White is superior) 13.Qa8 Nd7 14.Nb5 0-0 15.Rd1 (15.Qf3 e4!) e4 and White is slightly better; b2) 11...Qd1 12.Rd1 ab5 13.Bg7 Rg8 14.Bh6 bc4 15.Bc4 and White is slightly better; b3) 11...ab5 12.Bg7 Rg8 13.Qf3 Nc6! 14.Bh6! (14.Qc6 Bd7! 15.Qe4 Rg7 16.cb5 Qb8 with compensation) Bb7 15.cb5 Na5 with compensation]



10...Bf6! [10...gf6 11.Nd4 Qc7 12.Qg4 Nc6 13.Nc6 Qc6 14.Qg7 Rf8 15.Qh6 Bb7 unclear] **11.Nd6 Ke7!** [11...Kf8 12.f4 Bc3 13.bc3 Nd7 14.e5 and White is superior] **12.Nc8 Qc8 13.Na4** [13.Be2 Bc3 14.bc3 Rd8 15.Qb3 Nd7 with counterplay; 13.Qc2 Qc5 14.Bd3 (14.Be2 Nc6 15.0-0 Nd4 with compensation) Nc6 15.a3 Rhd8 16.0-0 Nd4 17.Qd1 Kf8 with initiative] **Rd8 14.Qb3 Nd7! 15.Qa3** [15.Qb4 Nc5!] **Nc5 16.Be2** [16.Nb6 Qc6 17.Na4 Qa4 18.Qc5 Ke8 19.Be2 Bb2 with attack] **Qc6 17.Nc5 Qc5 18.b4?!** [18.Qc5 bc5 19.Rd1! (19.Rb1 Rab8 20.b3 Bc3 21.Kf1 Rd2 and Black is superior) Bb2 20.0-0 Bd4 and Black is slightly better] **Qg5 19.Rd1** [19.Rb1 Qg2 20.Bf3 Qg5 21.Kf1 Bd4 (21...Rd2 22.b5 Ke8 with initiative) 22.Rg1 Qd2 23.Be2 Qf4 24.Qf3 and Black is slightly better] **Qg2 20.b5 Ke8 21.Rd8 Rd8 22.Bf3 Qg5 23.ba6** [23.Kf1 ab5 24.Rg1 Qe5 25.cb5 Qb5 and Black is superior] **Qd2 24.Kf1 Bd4 25.Be2 Bc5! 26.Qg3** [26.Qb3 Qf4 27.Qf3 Qf3 28.Bf3 Rd2 29.Be2 Ra2 30.Rg1 g6 and Black is superior] **Qa2 27.Qg7?** [27.Rg1 g6 28.Qf4 Qa6 29.Kg2 (29.Qh6 Qa1 30.Kg2 Qb2 and Black is winning) Qa2 and Black is superior; 27.a7 Qa7 28.Qg7 Qa2 29.Qg3 Qb1 30.Kg2 Qe4 and Black is superior] **Rd1 28.Kg2 Rh1 29.Qh8 Kd7 30.a7 Qe2 0:1** [V. Ivanchuk]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.g4 e5 8.Nf5 g6 9.g5 gf5 10.ef5 d5 11.Qf3 d4 12.0-0-0 Nbd7 13.Bd2 Qa5 14.a3! [a novelty; 14.gf6 see 84/198] **dc3 15.Bc3 Qa4** [15...Qb6!?] **16.gf6 Qf4** [16...Bh6 17.Kb1 Qf4 18.Qd3 Bg5 19.Bg2 with attack] **17.Qf4 ef4 18.Bc4!** [18.Bg2!? a) 18...Bc5 19.Rhe1 Kd8 20.Re7 Kc7 (20...Ra7 21.Rf7 b6 22.Be5 h6 23.Rg7 Rf8 24.b4 Bf2 25.Bd6 and White is winning) 21.Be5 and White is superior; b) 18...Rb8 19.Rhe1 Kd8 20.Re7 Be7 (20...Rg8 21.Rf7 Rg2 22.Rf8 Kc7 23.Re8 and White is winning) 21.fe7 Ke7 22.Bh8 f6 23.Bg7 Ne5 24.Be4 and White is slightly better] **Bc5 19.Rhe1 Kd8**



20.Re7!! Rf8 21.Bb4 [21.Bf7 b6 (21...Kc7 22.Be5 Kb6 23.Red7 Bd7 24.Rd7 Rad8 25.Bc7 Kc6 26.Rd8 Kc7 27.Rf8 Bf8 28.c3 Kd6 29.Be6 and White is winning) 22.Be6 Be7 (22...Ra7 23.Rh7 Bf2 24.Be5 Be3 25.Kb1 f3 26.Bd6 and White is winning) 23.Bd7 Bd7 24.fe7 Ke7 25.Bb4 Kf6 26.Bf8 Bf5 27.Bh6 Re8 28.Bf4 Re2 29.Rd6 Kf7 30.Rb6 Rc2 31.Kd1 and White is superior] **Bb4 22.ab4 b5 23.Bf7 Ra7 24.Be6 h6** [24...h5! a) 25.Rg7 Rf6 26.Rg8 Kc7 27.Rd3 Nb6 28.Rc3 (28.Bc8 Ra8 and White is superior) Kd6 29.Bc8 Ra8 30.f3 Nc8 31.Rgc8 Rc8 32.Rc8 Rf5 and White is superior; b) 25.Rh7 Rf6 26.Rh8 Kc7 27.Rd3 Nb6 28.Rc3 Kd6 29.Bc8 Ra8 30.b3 Nc8 31.Rhc8 Rc8 32.Rc8 Ke5 and White is superior] **25.Rh7** [25.Rg7 Rf6 26.Rg8 Kc7 27.Rd3 Nb6 28.Rc3 Kd6 29.Bc8 Ra8 30.Be6 Rg8 31.Bg8 Nd5 32.Rd3 Rf5 33.Bd5 Rd5 34.Kd2 and White is winning] **Rf6 26.Rh8 Kc7 27.Rd3!** [27.Bd7 Bd7 28.Rd7 Kd7 29.Rh7 Kd6 30.Ra7 Ke5 31.f3 Kf5 and White is superior] **Nf8?** [27...Nb6! 28.Bc8 Ra8 29.Rc3 Kd6 30.h3 Nc8 31.Rcc8 Rc8 32.Rc8 Ke5 and White is superior] **28.Rc3 Kb6 29.Bc8 Rc7 30.Rc7 Kc7 31.Ba6 Kb6 32.Bc8 f3** [32...Kc7 33.Be6 Ne6 34.fe6 Re6 35.Rf8 Re1 36.Kd2 Rh1 37.Rf7 Kc6 (37...Kd8 38.Rf4 Rh2 39.Rf5 and White is winning) 38.Rf6 Kd5 39.Rh6 Ke4 40.Ke2 and White is winning] **33.b3 Kc7 34.Be6 Ne6 35.fe6 Re6 36.Rh7 Kc6 37.Rf7 Re1** [37...Re4 38.Rf3 Rb4 39.Rf6 Kc5 40.Rh6 Rf4 41.h4 Rf2 42.Rg6 and White is winning] **38.Kb2 Rh1 39.Rf6 Kd5 40.Rf3** (and White is winning) **Rh2 41.Rf5 Kc6 42.c4 h5 43.Rc5 Kd6 44.Rb5 h4 45.Rh5 h3 46.Kc3 Rh1 47.b5 h2 48.Kb4 1:0** [V. Ivanchuk]

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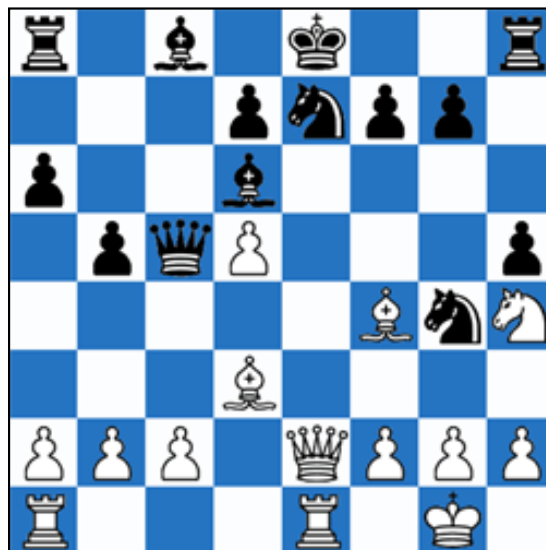
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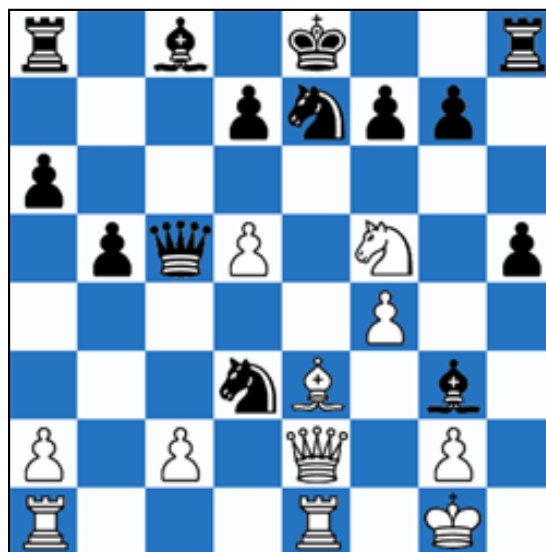
20...f4! 21.Ne4 Qe5 22.Bf3 b5! [22...Nf6? 23.Rd8 Bd8 24.Nf6 Rf6 25.Bd2 and White is slightly better; 22...Be4 23.Qe4 (23.Be4 Nc3 24.Bh7 Kh7 25.bc3) Qe4 24.Be4 Nc3 25.Rd8 Rd8 26.Bf3! equal; 22...Nb4 23.cb4 (23.Rd8? Rd8; 23.Re1 Nd3 24.Re2) Be4 24.Re1 Rd4 25.Bd2 Rd2 26.Re4 Qb2 27.Re6 (27.Rf1 Bh4) Bh4 28.Kh1 Bf2 29.Rf1 with compensation] **23.Qc2** [23.ab6 Nb6 24.Qc2 Be4 and Black is winning; 23.Qd4 Qb8 and Black is winning] **Nf6! 24.Nf6** [24.Re1 Ne4 25.Qe2 Qf5 and Black is winning] **Qf6!** [24...Bf6 25.Qb3] **25.Qb3 Rd1 26.Qd1 Rd8 27.Qe2** [27.Qb3 Qe5! and Black is winning] **Bd3 28.Qe1 e5** [and Black is superior, weak points Bc1, Ra1] **29.Be2 Be2 30.Qe2 e4! 31.g3 e3!** [31...f3? 32.Qe1 Qe6 33.Be3 a6 and Black is slightly better] **32.fe3** [32.gf4 Qg6 33.Kf1 ef2 34.Kf2 Bc5 35.Be3 Re8 36.Bc5 Re2 37.Ke2 Qh5 and Black is winning] **f3!** [32...fg3 33.hg3 (33.Bd2? Qf2) Qg6 and Black is superior] **33.Qb5** [33.Qf1 f2 34.Qf2 (34.Kg2 Qc6 35.Kh3 Qf3) Rd1 35.Kg2 Qc6 36.Kh3 Qe6 37.Kg2 Qe4 38.Kh3 g5 39.Qe2 h5! 40.Qh5 Qf5 41.g4 Qf3 mate] **f2 34.Kg2 Rf8! 35.Qd5 Kh8 36.Kf1 Qh6 37.Bd2** [37.h4 Qg6 38.Bd2 Qg3 39.Qg2 Qh4 and Black is winning] **Qh3 38.Qg2 Qf5** [39.Ke2 Qb5 and Black is winning] **0:1 [V. Anand]**

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0 b5 [a novelty; 9...Ng4; 9...b6] **10.Re1 Ng4 11.Nd5?!** [11.h3 Nge5 12.Ne5 Ne5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Be3 0-0 with counterplay; 11.g3 Bc5 12.Nd1 d6 equal] **ed5 12.ed5** (only move) **Ne7 13.Bf4** [13.Bg5 f6 14.Bf4 Ne5 15.Ne5 Be5 16.Be5 fe5 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qg5 d6 19.f4 0-0 20.fe5 Nd5 and Black is winning] **Qc5** [only move; 13...Bb7 14.Qe7!] **14.Nh4! h5!** [14...Nh6 15.Bh6 gh6 16.Nf5 Kf8 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Bf5 Kg7 19.Re4 with attack]



15.b4?! [15.Qf3 a) 15...0-0 16.h3 Ng6! (16...Bf4? 17.hg4 Bd6 18.Re7 Be7 19.Qf5!! and White is winning) 17.Bg6 (17.Bd6 Qd6 18.hg4 Nh4 19.Qh3 Ng6 20.gh5 Nf4 and Black is winning) a1) 17...fg6 18.Ng6 Bf4 19.Nf8 Nf2! 20.Ng6!! (20.Qf2 Bh2 21.Kf1 Qf8 and Black is superior) Ne4 21.Kh1 Ng3 equal; a2) 17...Bf4 a21) 18.Bf5 Bg5! (18...Nf2 19.Qf2) 19.hg4 Bh4 20.gh5 d6 and Black is winning; a22) 18.Bh5 Nf6 a221) 19.Qf4 Nh5 20.Qg5 (20.Qe5 Nf6 21.Nf5 d6 22.Ne7 Kh8 23.Qg3 Qc2 and Black is winning) g6 21.Nf5 (21.Ng6 fg6 22.Qg6 Ng7 and Black is winning) d6 and Black is superior; a222) 19.Nf5 Bd2 20.Re2 Qc2 21.Bg4 (21.Nd4 Qh7) d6 22.Nd4 Qb2 23.Nb3 Bg4 24.hg4 Rac8 25.Rd2 Qe5 and Black is superior; b) 15...Bf4! 16.Qf4 g5! 17.Qf3 gh4 18.d6 Qd6 19.Qa8 Qh2 20.Kf1 Kd8! (20...0-0?! 21.Re7 Qh1 22.Ke2 Qa1 23.Qe4!! unclear) 21.Qa7 Rh6! and Black is winning; 15.Bd6 Qd6 16.g3 Kd8 17.b3 (with the idea c4; 17.Qf3 Ne5 18.Qf4 f6 19.Rad1 Bb7 and Black is superior) b4 (17...Bb7 18.c4 Rc8 19.Rac1 unclear) 18.a3 ba3 19.c4 Bb7 20.b4 and Black is slightly better] **Qb4 16.Bd2 Bh2 17.Kh1 Qc5! 18.f4 [18.Nf5 Be5! 19.f4 Qf2 20.Qf2 Nf2 21.Kg1 Nd3 22.cd3 Ba1 23.Ne7 Bd4 24.Kf1 Kf8 25.Bb4 Bb7 26.Nf5 (26.Ng6 Kg8) Kg8 27.Nd4 Bd5 and Black is winning] **Bg3** [18...g6 19.Rab1!] **19.Nf5** [19.Qe7 Qe7 20.Re7 Ke7 21.Nf5 Ke8 22.Ng3 Nf2 23.Kh2 Nd3 24.cd3 and Black is winning] **Nf2!** [19...Be1 20.Re1 0-0 (20...Nf2 21.Kh2 Nd3 22.cd3 Bb7 23.Ne7 with attack) 21.Ne7 Kh8 unclear] **20.Kg1 Nh3 21.Kh1 Nf2 22.Kg1 Nd3 23.Be3****



23...Nf4! [23...Qd5?! 24.Bd4!! Bh4 (24...Qd4 25.Nd4 Ne1 26.Nf5 with attack) 25.Qe7 Be7 26.Re7 Kf8 27.Bg7 Kg8 28.Re8 Kh7 29.Rh8 Kg6 30.Bf8! (30.Bc3 Qf5 31.Rg8 Kh6 32.Rh8 Qh7 33.Rh7 Kh7 and Black is superior) Kf5 (30...Qf5? 31.Rh6 mate) 31.Rh5 Ke4 32.Rd5 Kd5 33.Rd1 equal] **24.Qf3** [24.Bc5 Ne2 25.Re2 d6 26.Re7 (26.Ne7 Bg4 27.Re3 Kd7 28.Bd4 Bf4 29.Re4 Bg5 30.Nc6 Bf5 31.Re2 Rhe8 32.Re8 Re8 and Black is winning) Kf8 27.Nd6 Ke7 28.Nc8 Kd8 and Black is winning] **Qd5 25.Qg3 Nf5! 26.Bf4 Kf8 27.Qa3 d6 28.Rad1 Qc6** (and Black is winning) **29.Re2** [29.Bd6 Kg8] **Be6 30.Bd6 Kg8 31.Be5 Rh6 32.Red2 Rg6 33.g3 Kh7 34.Rd8 Qb6 0:1** [V. Ivanchuk]



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