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Ponomariov Recommended - Karjakin Applied

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This month we have selected a very interesting game from the next to last round of the NH Chess Tournament in Amsterdam. The Scheveningen team tournament was held August 19 – 29, 2006 between the “Rising Stars” and the “Experience” teams.

The “Rising Stars” consisted of Carlsen, Karjakin, Smeets, Stellwagen, and Wang Hao, and they beat the “Experience” team of Andersson, Beliavsky, Ljubojevic, Nunn, and Jussupow with a final score of 28-22.

Curiously, Jussupow played the same variation of the French Defense as black in his games against Stellwagen (1st round), Smeets (5th round) and Wang Hao (7th round), all very successfully.

The ex-FIDE World Champion Ruslan Ponomariov, who was Sergey Karjakin’s second at this tournament, took up the challenge and found the solution 13.Rb1!. It can be seen from Karjakin’s annotations that the preparations for this game were extremely thorough.

S. Karjakin 2679 – A. Jussupow 2617 Amsterdam 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 c5 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 Nce7 12.h4 Bd7 [12...Nf5]



13.Rb1! [a novelty; R.Ponomarev;

13.Qg5 f6 14.ef6 gf6 15.Qh6 (*15.Qg3 see 87/(277)*) cd4 (*a novelty; 15...Rf7*) 16.h5 Qc3 17.Ke2 Nf5 18.Bf5 de3 19.Bd3 Bb5 20.Bb5 Qc2 21.Ke3 Ne7 22.Bd3 d4 23.Ke4 Qf2 and Black is winning; J.Smeets 2532 – Ar.Jussupow 2617, Amsterdam 2006;

13.dc5 b6 14.Qg5 bc5 (*a novelty; 14...Nf5*) 15.h5 h6 16.Qg3 c4 17.Bg6 fg6 18.Nd4 g5 19.f4 gf4 20.Bf4 Nf5 21.Nf5 Rf5 and Black is superior; Stellwagen 2575 – Ar.Jussupow 2617, Amsterdam 2006;

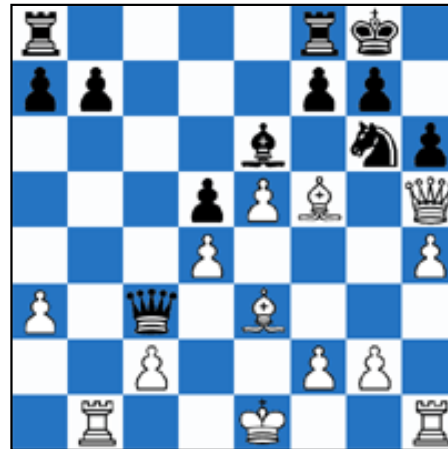
13.Qg4 f5 14.Qh3 cd4! 15.cd4 Bb5! *a)* 16.0-0 Bd3 17.cd3 h6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Rfb1 (*a novelty; 19.Kh1*) Rac8 20.Bd2 Nc6 21.a4 Kh7 22.a5 Qd7 23.g3 Rc7 24.Kg2 Rfc8 equal; Wang Hao 2610 – Ar.Jussupow 2617, Amsterdam 2006; *b)* 16.Bb5!? Qa5 17.Bd2 Qb5 18.h5 Nh8 19.Bb4 Rfe8 *b1)* 20.Qh4 Qd7 21.Rh3 Nf7 (*a novelty; 21...Rac8 see 89/(270)*) 22.Rg3 Kh8 23.0-0-0 Ng8 24.Ng1 a5 25.Be1 Qa4 and Black is superior; A.Delchev 2661 – E.Berg 2540, Kusadasi 2006; *b2)* 20.h6 g6 21.Qh4 Qd7 22.Qf6 Nc6 23.Bd6 Na5 24.Ng5! and White is slightly better; 23...Qf7!]

13...b6?!

[13...f5? 14.ef6 gf6 (*14...Rf6 15.Bg5 and White is superior*) 15.Qh6 Rf7 16.h5 Nf8 17.Rh3 and White is superior;

13...cd4 14.cd4 Nf5 15.Ng5 (*15.0-0!? h6 16.Bd2 Nge7 17.Qg4 a6 18.Qf4 Ng6 19.Qh2 h5 20.Bb4 Rfc8 21.Bd6 Qc6 22.Bc5 and White is superior*) h6 16.Ne6 fe6 17.Qg6 Qc3 18.Bd2 Qd4 19.0-0 b6 (*19...Qe5 20.Rfe1 and White is superior*) 20.Bh6! Qe5 (*20...Nh6 21.Qh7 Kf7 22.Bg6 Ke7 23.Qg7 Nf7 24.Qf6 Ke8 25.Rb4 Qc5 26.Rf4 Qe7 27.Qg7 and White is winning*) 21.Rfe1 Qf6 22.Qf6 Rf6 23.Bg5 Rff8 24.c4 and White is superior;

13...Nf5!? 14.Ng5! (*14.0-0!?*) h6 15.Ne6 Be6 (*15...fe6 16.Qg6 cd4 17.Bd4 and White is winning*) 16.Bf5 cd4! (*16...Bf5?! 17.Qf5 cd4 18.cd4 Qc3 19.Ke2! Qa3 20.Qd3 Qd3 21.Kd3 and White is superior*) 17.cd4 Qc3

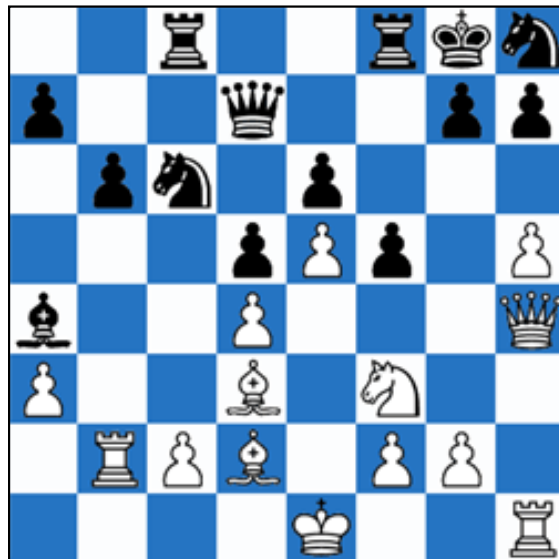


a) 18.Bd2? Qd4! 19.Be6 Qe4! 20.Kd1 Qg2 and Black is superior;

b) 18.Ke2 Qc8! 19.Be6 (*19.g4 Ne7*) Qc2 20.Kf3 fe6 21.Kg3 Nf4! 22.Qd1 Ne2 23.Kh2 Qd1 24.Rbd1 Rac8;

c) 18.Kf1! Bf5 (*18...Qa3?! 19.Bd3 and White is superior*) 19.Qf5 Qa3 20.Kg1! *c1)* 20...b6 21.Bh6! (*21.Rh3 with initiative*) gh6 22.h5 Ne5 (*22...Ne7 23.Qf6 Kh7 24.Rh3 Qa2 25.Rg3 and White is winning*) 23.de5 Qe7 24.Rh3 Qe6 25.Rg3 Kh8 26.Qe6 fe6 27.Rg6 and White is superior; *c2)* 20...Ne7 *c21)* 21.Qg4 Qa6 *c211)* 22.Rh3 Qe6 23.Qe6 (*23.Rg3 Nf5 24.Bh6 Qg6 25.Qg6 fg6 26.Rg6 Nh6 27.Rb7 Rf7 28.Rf7 Kf7 29.Ra6 Nf5 and Black is slightly better*) fe6 24.Rb7 Nf5 with counterplay; *c212)* 22.Qd7 Qe6 23.Rb7 Nf5 and White

is slightly better; c22) 21.Qd7! Rad8 (21...b6 22.Rh3 Rad8 23.Qg4 Qa2 24.Re1 and White is superior; 21...Rfd8 22.Qb7 Nf5 23.Rh3 and White is superior) 22.Qb7 Nf5 23.Rh3 Qa4 (23...Rb8 24.Qb8 Rb8 25.Rb8 Kh7 26.Kh2 Qc3 27.Rb7 Nd4 28.Bd4 Qd4 29.Rf7 Qe5 30.Rg3 a5 31.f4 Qb2 32.c3 Kh8 33.Rfg7 Qb8 34.f5 Qf8 35.R7g6 a4 36.f6 a3 37.f7 Kh7 38.Rf6 a2 39.Rg8 and White is winning) 24.c3 and White is superior;
13...c4!? (Seirawan) 14.Bg6! (14.Be2?! f6 15.ef6 Rf6 unclear) fg6 15.Qg4 a) 15...h6 16.h5 g5 17.Ng5! hg5 18.h6 g6 (18...Nf5 19.hg7 Ng7 20.Bg5 Ba4 21.Bf6 Bc2 22.Qh3 Kf7 23.Bg7 Kg7 24.Qh6 Kf7 25.Qh7 and White is winning) 19.h7 Kh8 20.Bg5 Nf5 21.Bf6 Rf6 22.ef6 and White is superior; b) 15...Rf5 16.h5 gh5 17.Rh5 Rh5 18.Qh5 Be8 (18...Nf5 19.Ng5 and White is superior; 18...Rf8 19.Kd2 Nf5 20.Rh1 h6 21.Qg6 and White is superior) 19.Qh3 Nf5 20.Ng5 Bg6 (20...h6 21.Ne6 and White is superior) 21.Ne6 and White is superior; c) 15...Nf5 16.h5 with initiative;
13...Qa5 14.Bd2 c4 15.Bg6 fg6 16.Qg4 Qa3 17.h5 with initiative]
14.Qg4!
 [14.Qg5 h6 15.Qg4 (15.Qg3 Nf5 16.Bf5 ef5 17.h5 f4 18.Bf4 Nf4 19.Qf4 cd4) f5 16.ef6 Rf6 17.h5 cd4 18.cd4 Nf4 with counterplay]
14...f5 15.Qh3 cd4?! 16.cd4 (and White is superior) **Ba4 17.h5 Nh8**
 [17...Bc2 18.hg6 and White is winning]
18.Bd2! Rac8
 [18...Bc2 19.Rc1 and White is winning]
19.Qh4 Qd7 20.Rb2 Nc6?!
 [20...h6 21.Rg1! Rc7 22.g4 fg4 23.Qg4 Nf5 24.Nh4 and White is winning]



21.g4! (and White is winning) **Qe7**
 [21...fg4 22.Qg4 Rf3 23.Qf3 Nd4 24.Qg4 Nc2 25.Kf1 Na3 26.Rg1 Bc2 27.Rc2 Nc2 28.Bh6 and White is winning]
22.Qe7!
 [22.gf5 Qa3 23.Rg1! a) 23...Rc7 24.f6 Qb2 25.fg7 Rg7 26.Rg7 Kg7 27.Bh6 and White is winning; b) 23...Qb2 24.Rg7 Kg7 25.Bh6 Kg8 26.Qg5 Ng6 (26...Kf7 27.Qf6 Ke8 28.Qf8 Kd7 29.Qg7 Ne7 30.fe6 Kd8 31.Bg5 and White is winning) 27.hg6 and White is winning; c) 23...Bc2 24.Rc2 Qd3 25.Rg7 and White is winning; d) 23...ef5 24.Rb1 Rc7 and White is superior]
22...Ne7 23.Ng5 Bd7
 [23...Rfe8 24.gf5! Nf5 25.Ne6 and White is winning]
24.Bb4 Rfe8 25.Be7 Re7 26.gf5 ef5 27.Nh3! [and White is winning, weak

point f5, d5, Bd7, Nh8] **Be6**

[27...Nf7 28.Kd2 and White is winning; 27...g6 28.Nf4 Be6 29.hg6 hg6

30.Rh8 Kh8 31.Ng6 and White is winning]

**28.Nf4 Kf7 29.Kd2 Rd7 30.a4! Ke7 31.a5 ba5 32.Ra2 Nf7 33.Rg1 Rg8
34.Ne6!**

[34.Ra5 Nd8 and White is winning]

34...Ke6 35.Ra5 Rb8

[35...Nh6 36.Ra6 and White is winning]

36.Ra6 Rb6 37.Rb6 ab6 38.Bb5!

[38.Rg7?? Ne5]

38...Re7 39.Rg7 Nh6 40.Re7 Ke7 41.f3 Nf7

[41...f4 42.Bd3 Nf7 43.Bh7 Ng5 44.Bg8 Nf3 45.Kc3 Nh4 46.Bd5 f3 47.Kd3

f2 48.Ke2 Nf5 49.Kf2 Nd4 50.h6 Kf8 51.Be4 and White is winning]

42.Ke3 Ng5 43.Bd3 Ke6 44.c3 h6 45.Bc2 1-0 [*Sergey Karjakin*]



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