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The Fighter: Topalov

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Last [month](#) we presented the games of Topalov and Anand as candidates for the most important theoretical novelty of [Informant 96](#). Well, their rivalry was broadened to include the selection of the best game, and it is curious that once again the games in question were played at Wijk aan Zee.

In the end, the game Topalov – Aronian was voted as the best of Volume 96, beating Karjakin – Anand by a margin of five points. Closer scrutiny of the best ten games shows that Topalov's win against Nisipeanu and his losses to Vallejo, Adams and Svidler have all been selected. This is a testament to just what a fighter Topalov is. But not only did he win for best game, his game against Aronian was also selected as the most important theoretical novelty of the previous volume.

The next Wijk aan Zee tournament will soon begin with Topalov and Anand as the two highest rated players. Will they be able to repeat their previous achievement or will Kramnik act as a spoiler?

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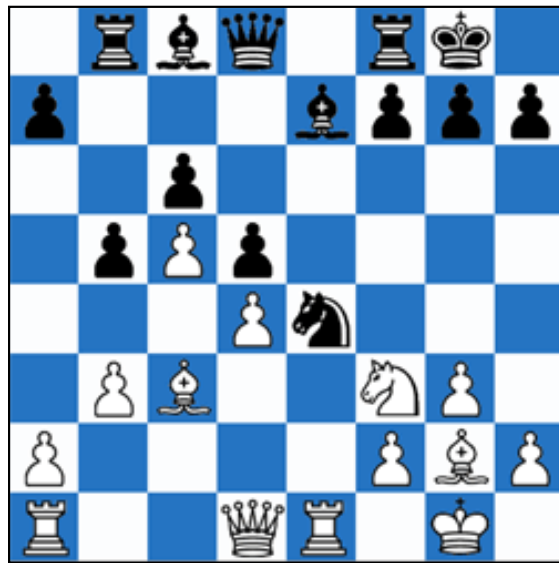
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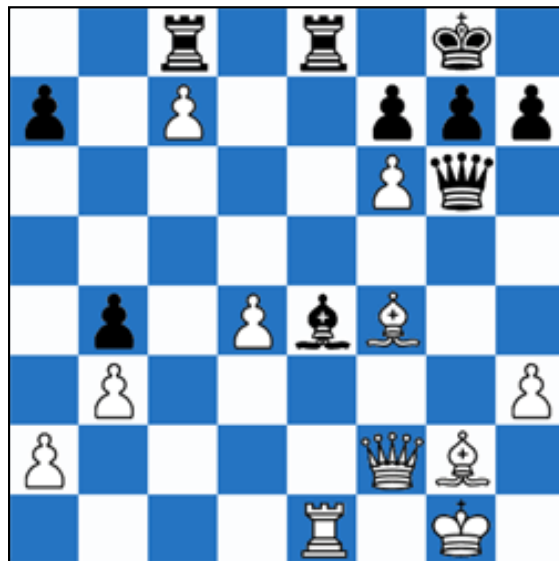
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1. TOPALOV, V. — ARONIAN, L.	384	9	6	10	10	9	9	2	8	63
2. TOPALOV, V. — ANAND, V.	242	10	10	9	5	10	-	1	9	54
3. ARONIAN, L. — SOKOLOV, IV.	287	8	2	5	9	8	5	3	10	50
4. TOPALOV, V. — NISIPLEANU, L-D.	310	7	-	2	6	7	4	10	7	43
5. HAJER, E. — POPOV, VAL.	(184)	-	9	-	8	-	7	-	3	27
6. BARTEL, MAT. — JOBAVA, BA.	180	6	-	8	3	3	-	6	-	26
7. KARJAKIN, SERGEY — BACROT, E.	267	1	8	7	-	-	-	4	5	25
8. BRUZON, L. — DOMINGUEZ, L.	297	-	1	6	-	5	10	-	2	24
9. MOTYLEV, A. — ISKUSNYH, S.	149	-	-	4	1	-	8	9	-	22
10. IZORIA, Z. — BARTEL, MAT.	324	-	-	-	-	6	2	8	6	22
11. BOLOGAN, V. — DOETTLING, F.	61	5	4	1	2	2	-	7	-	21
12. IZORIA, Z. — GAGUNASHVILI, M.	128	2	3	-	7	-	6	-	-	18
13. VUCKOVIC, BO. — MILADINOVIC, I.	129	3	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	10
14. RUBLEVSKY, S. — SOKOLOV, IV.	229	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	9
15. MOTYLEV, A. — CARLSEN, M.	155	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
16. FINEGOLD, B. — MITKOV, N.	(314)	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
17. ANAND, V. — LEKO, P.	181	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5
18. BARTEL, MAT. — WARAKOMSKI, T.	264	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
19. SCHWETKE, D. — HEIERMANN, L.	(347)	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
20. FERNANDEZ DE PABLO — ARNOLD PERIER	108	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
21. GELFAND, B. — ADAMS, MI.	356	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
22. MASLAK, K. — ZONTAKH, A.	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
23. BARRIENTES, S. — FLUVIA POYATOS, J.	(102)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
24. SMIRNOV, P. — PREDOJEVIC, B.	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
25. IVANCHUK, V. — WAN WELY, L.	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
26. RUBLEVSKY, S. — VOLOKITIN, A.	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27. SMIKOVSKI, I. — POPOV, IV.	173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
28. ZECIC, R. — SARIC, A.	(224)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
29. GOLOSHCHAPOV, A. — AZAROV, S.	261	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
30. KRASENKOW, M. — BACROT, E.	279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

V. Topalov 2801 – L. Aronian 2752 Wijk aan Zee 2006 – 96/384

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5
 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nd7 Nd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 13.e4 b5 14.ed5 ed5
 15.Re1 Rb8 16.c5 Bc8 17.Nf3 Ne4



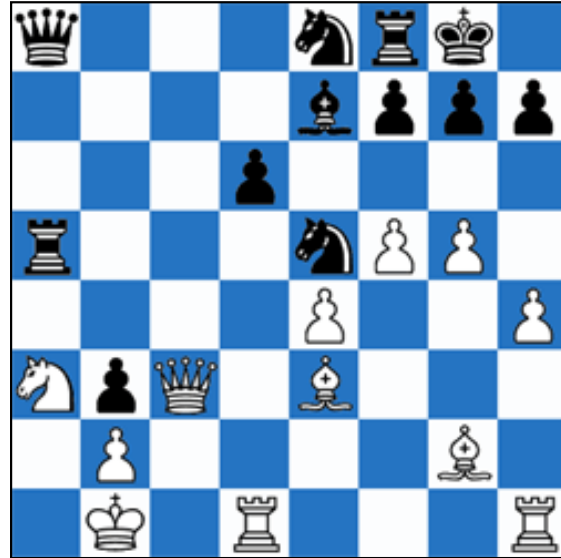
18.Re4!! [a novelty; 18.Ne5 see 91/(446)] **de4 19.Ne5 Qd5 20.Qe1!** [20.Qe2 Bf5 21.g4 Bg6 with the idea 22.f3? Bc5] **Bf5 21.g4! Bg6 22.f3 b4** [22...Bc5!? 23.dc5 Qc5 24.Kh1 ef3 25.Bf3 Rfe8] **23.fe4 Qe6 24.Bb2** [24.Bb4? Bf6! 25.Bc3 Be5 26.de5 Qg4 and Black is superior] **Bf6 25.Nc6!** [25.d5 Qe7! 26.d6 Qe6 27.Ng6 Bb2 28.Nf8 Kf8 unclear] **Qc6 26.e5 Qa6 27.ef6 Rfe8 28.Qf1 Qe2 29.Qf2!** [29.Qe2 Re2 30.Bc1 gf6] **Qg4 30.h3! Qg5** [30...Qh5 31.Re1] **31.Bc1 Qh5 32.Bf4 Rbd8?** [32...Rbc8] **33.c6 Be4 34.c7 Rc8 35.Re1** (and White is winning) **Qg6** [35...Bg2 36.Re8 Re8 37.Qg2 Qd1 (37...g6 38.Qg4 Qg4 39.hg4 Rc8 40.Bd6) 38.Kh2 g6 39.Qe4!; 35...Qf5 36.Bg3 Qg6 (36...Qf2 37.Kf2 Bg2 38.Re8 Re8 39.Kg2 gf6 40.d5 Rc8 41.Bd6) 37.Re4 Re4 38.d5]



36.Re4 Re4 37.d5 Rce8 38.d6 Re1 39.Kh2 Qf5 40.Qg3 g6 41.Qg5 [41.Qg4 Qc5 42.d7 Qg1 43.Kg3 R1e3 44.Kh4 and White is winning] **Qg5 42.Bg5 Rd1 43.Bc6 Re2 44.Kg3 1-0** [Z.Krnic]

Sergey Karjakin 2660 – V. Anand 2792
Wijk aan Zee 2006 – 96/183

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7
 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 b4 13.Ne2 Ne8 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4
 16.Nbd4 ed4 17.Nd4 b3 18.Kb1 bc2 19.Nc2 Bb3 20.ab3 ab3 21.Na3 Ne5
 22.h4 Ra5 23.Qc3? [a novelty; 23.Qe2 see 93/200] **Qa8** 24.Bg2 [24.Rd4 d5
 with initiative]

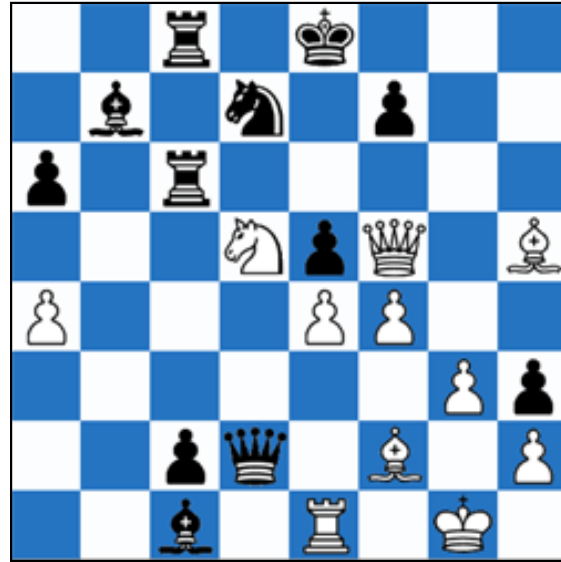


24...Nc7!! 25.Qc7 [only move; 25.Bb6 Ra3 26.ba3 Nb5 and Black is winning] **Rc8! 26.Qe7** [26.Qb6 Nc4! and Black is winning] **Nc4!** [and Black is winning; 26...Ra3?? 27.ba3 Qa3 28.Qa7! and White is winning] **27.g6** [27.Bc5 Ra3 28.ba3 Rc5 29.a4 Na3 30.Kb2 Rc2 31.Ka3 Qb8!; 27.Bd4 Ra3 28.ba3 Na3 29.Kb2 Nc4 30.Kc3 (30.Kb3 Qa3 31.Kc2 Ne3 32.Kd2 Rc2 33.Ke1 Qb4) Qa2! 31.Bc5 Qc2 32.Kd4 dc5 33.Kd5 Ne3 34.Kd6 Nd1] **hg6 28.fg6 Na3 29.ba3 Ra3 30.gf7 Kh7 31.f8N Rf8 32.Qf8** [32.Qd6 Ra1 33.Kb2 Ra2 34.Kb1 Rc2!] **Ra1 33.Kb2 Ra2 34.Kc3** [34.Kb1 Qf8 35.Bh3 Qa8 36.Bf5 Kh8 37.Rc1 Ra1 38.Kb2 Qa3 39.Kc3 b2] **Qa5 35.Kd3** [35.Kb3 Qa4 36.Kc3 Rc2 37.Kd3 Qc4#] **Qb5 36.Kd4 Ra4 37.Kc3 Qc4 0-1** [V.Anand]

V. Topalov 2801 – F. Vallejo Pons 2650 Morelia/Linares 2006 – 96/321

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5
 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 h5 12.Nd7 Qd7 13.Be5 Rh6 14.f3 (a novelty) **Qe7** [14...h4 15.f4!? unclear] **15.a4** [15.f4!? g4 16.f5 0-0-0 17.fe6 fe6 unclear] **a6** [15...Nd7!?] **16.Qc2** [16.Qd2 Nd7; 16.ab5 cb5 17.Nb5 ab5 18.Bc4 Qd7 unclear] **Rd8** [16...Nd7!?] **17.Rad1 Nd7 18.Bc7** [18.f4 Ne5 19.fe5 Bg7 unclear; 18.Bg3 e5 19.d5 (19.de5 h4!) h4 20.Bf2 Qb4 with the idea Bc5] **Rc8 19.Bg3 e5 20.d5** [20.Bf2 Bg7; 20.de5 Ne5 (20...h4!? 21.Bf2 Qe5) 21.ab5 cb5 22.Nd5 Bd5 23.Rd5 Nc6 unclear; 21...ab5 with the idea 22.Qd2 Rd6!] **b4** [20...Qb4 21.Bf2; 20...Qf6!? 21.dc6 Bc5 22.Bf2 Bc6] **21.dc6 Rhc6** [21...Bc6 22.Nd5 Bd5 23.Rd5 with compensation] **22.Nd5 Qe6 23.Qd2?!** [23.h4!? gh4 24.Bh4 a5?! 25.f4 and White is slightly better; 24...Bd6 unclear] **h4! 24.Bf2 c3! 25.bc3** [25.Qg5 cb2 unclear] **bc3 26.Qg5?** [26.Qc2 Bc5 with initiative] **c2 27.Rc1 h3 28.g3 Qh6!** [and Black is superior; 28...Bh6?! 29.Qg8 Nf8 30.Be3 unclear] **29.Qf5** [29.Qh6 Bh6 30.Be3 Bf8

31.f4 Ba3 32.Bg4 Bc1 33.Rc1 Rc4 34.Bh3 Bd5 35.ed5 e4 and Black is winning] **Qd2 30.Rfe1 Ba3 31.f4!** [31.Be3 Bc1 32.Bd2 Bd2 33.Rf1 c1Q 34.Rc1 Rc1 35.Kf2 Be1 36.Ke3 Bd5 37.ed5 Bg3 and Black is winning] **Bc1 32.Bh5**

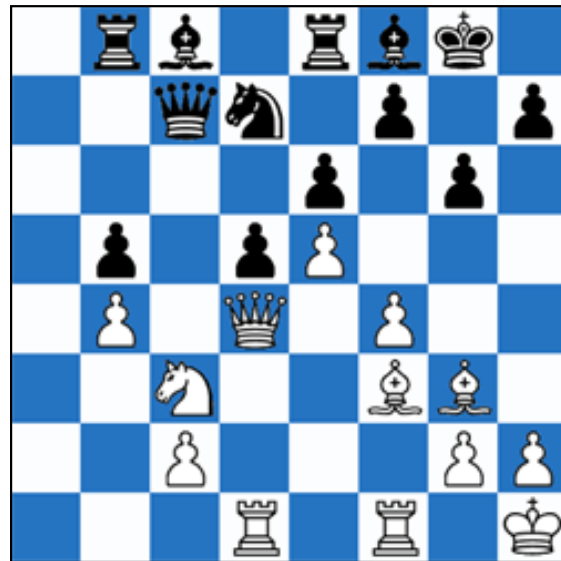


32...Rg6! 33.Bg6 Bd5 34.ed5 Qe1! [34...fg6?? 35.Qg6 Kd8 36.Bb6 Rc7 37.Qg8 Ke7 38.Qh7 equal] **35.Be1 Be3 36.Kf1 c1Q 37.Qf7 Kd8** (and Black is winning) **38.Ke2** [38.d6 Qc4] **Bb6 39.Bd2 Qc4** [39...Qh1! 40.fe5 Qh2 41.Kd1 Qg1 42.Ke2 Qg2 43.Kd1 h2 and Black is winning] **40.Kf3 e4! 41.Kg4** [41.Be4? Ne5] **Kc7** [41...e3! 42.Bc3 Qc3 43.d6 (43.Bf5 Nf6) Nf6 44.Kh3 Rc5! and Black is winning] **42.a5** [42.Bf5 Qe2 (42...Qd5 43.Qd5 Nf6 44.Kh3 Rh8 45.Kg2 Nd5 46.Be4 Ne3 47.Be3 Be3 and Black is superior) 43.Kg5 Rd8 44.Bd7 (44.a5 Bd4) Qd2 45.Bc6 Kd6 46.Qe6 Kc5 47.Qe7 Rd6 48.Qe4 Bd8 49.Kh5 Rd5! 50.Qd5 Qd5 51.Bd5 Kd5 52.Kg4 Ke4 53.Kh3 Kf3 and Black is winning] **Bd4 43.Bf5 Rg8 44.Kh4 Rh8 45.Kg5 Qb5 46.Be6 e3** [46...Rd8 and Black is winning] **47.Be1 e2 48.g4 Rf8 49.Qh7 Be3 50.Kh4 Bf4 51.g5 Qa4 52.Kh5 Bh2 53.Bh3 Be5 54.Qd3 Rh8 55.Kg6 Nf8 56.Kf7 Kd8! 0-1** [F.Vallejo Pons]

Mi. Adams 2707 – V. Topalov 2801 Wijk aan Zee 2006 – 96/174

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.f4 Qc7 11.Kh1 Re8 12.Bf3 Bf8 13.Qd2 Na5 14.b3 Rb8 [14...d5?! 15.e5 Bb4 16.Ncb5 Bd2 17.Nc7 Be3 18.ef6 Bd4 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Na8 and White is superior] **15.Rad1** [15.Rae1!? Nc6] **Nc6** [a novelty; 15...b6 16.e5! de5 17.fe5 Nd7 18.Bh5 (18.Qf2!? Ne5 19.Bf4 f6 20.Ne4 Bb7 21.Qg3 Be4 22.Be4 with compensation) a) 18...g6 19.Qf2 Re7 (19...Ne5 20.Ne4 Kh8 21.Nf6 and White is winning) 20.Bg5 Ne5 21.Be7 Be7 22.Qg3 and White is superior; b) 18...Ne5! 19.Bf4 g6 20.Ne4 Bg7 21.Nf3 f6 22.Bg4 with compensation] **16.Bf2?!** [16.e5 de5 17.Nc6 bc6 18.fe5 Nd5 unclear; 16.Qf2! a) 16...Bd7 17.e5 de5 18.Nc6 Bc6 (18...bc6 19.fe5 Qe5 20.Bd4 Qc7 21.Bf6 gf6 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Nf6 Bf6 24.Be4 and White is winning) 19.Bb6 Qe7 20.fe5 Nd5 21.Nd5 ed5 22.Bd5 Bd5 23.Rd5 Qe6 24.c4 and White is superior;

b) 16...Nd7 b1) 17.Nce2 Nd4 18.Nd4 b6 19.e5 Bb7 (19...de5 20.fe5 with initiative) 20.Bb7 Qb7 21.ed6 Bd6 22.f5 e5 unclear; b2) 17.f5 Nce5; b3) 17.Nde2 b6; b4) 17.e5! de5 (17...Nd4 18.Bd4 de5 19.fe5 and White is superior Ne5? 20.Bh5 and White is winning) 18.Nc6 bc6 19.fe5 Ne5 20.Qg3 f6 21.Ne4 Kh8 22.Bf4 and White is superior; c) 16...Nd4 c1) 17.Rd4 Qc3 18.Rc4 Ne4 (18...Qa5 19.Bb6 Ne4 unclear) 19.Be4 Qf6 unclear; c2) 17.Bd4! e5 18.Ba7 Ra8 (18...Qc3 19.Bb8 ef4 20.Bd6 and White is winning) 19.fe5 de5 (19...Re5 20.Bd4) 20.Nd5 Nd5 21.ed5 Ra7 (21...e4 22.Bh5 g6 23.Bb6 and White is superior; 21...Bf5 22.Bb6 Qc2 23.d6 Qf2 24.Rf2 e4 25.Be2 Bd7 26.Bc4 and White is superior; 21...f5 22.Bb6 Qd6 23.c4 e4 24.c5 Qf6 25.Be2 and White is superior) 22.Qa7 Bc5 23.d6 and White is superior] **Nd7** [16...Bd7!? 17.Bh4 Be7 18.Nde2 Ne4 (18...Red8 19.Bf6 Bf6 20.Qd6 and White is slightly better) 19.Ne4 Bh4 20.Qd6 Qd6 21.Nd6 Red8 22.Rd2 Be7 23.Rfd1 and White is slightly better] **17.Bg3 Nd4 18.Qd4 b5!** [18...b6 19.e5 de5 20.fe5 and White is superior] **19.ab5 ab5 20.b4** [20.e5?! b4! 21.Ne4 d5 22.Nd6 (22.Ng5 Ba6 and Black is slightly better) Bd6 23.ed6 Qc2 unclear] **g6?** [20...Qc4! a) 21.Be2 Qd4 22.Rd4 Ba6 23.f5 Rb6! (23...Ne5? 24.fe6 fe6 25.Rf8 and White is winning) 24.fe6 fe6 unclear; b) 21.Qc4 bc4 22.b5 Bb7 and White is slightly better] **21.e5 d5** [21...de5 22.fe5 Bg7 23.Ne4 (23.Be2 Be5 24.Nb5 and White is superior) Be5 a) 24.Be5 Qe5 25.Qe5 (25.Qa7 with initiative) Ne5 26.Nf6 Kf8 27.Ne8 Ke8 and White is superior; b) 24.Nf6! Bf6 25.Bc7 Bd4 26.Rd4 e5 27.Re1 and White is winning; 21...Rb6 (Topalov,V) 22.ed6 Qb8 (22...Rd6? 23.Nb5) 23.f5 gf5 24.Qe3 Bd6 (24...Bb7 25.Qb6! Nb6 26.d7 f4 27.Bf4 e5 28.de8Q Qe8 29.Bb7 ef4 30.Rf4 Qe5 31.Rg4 Kh8 32.Rg3 and White is winning) 25.Nd5 Bg3 26.Qg5 Kh8 27.Nb6 and White is superior]



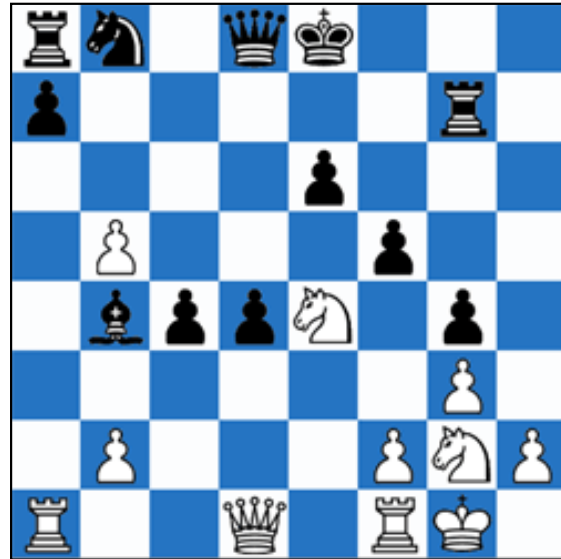
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a2) 27...Be6 28.Re5 Rec8 29.Bf4 Rb6 30.g3 h6 31.Be2 and White is winning; b) 26...Rb6 27.Re1 Ra6 (27...Bb7 28.Bc7 Bf3 29.Bb6 Be4 30.Bc5 and White is winning) 28.Be5 (and White is winning) Ra7? 29.Bc6] h6 [24...Bb7? 25.Ne3 and White is winning; 24...ed5? 25.Qg5 (25.Bd5?) Kh8 26.Bd5 Qg4 27.Qg4 fg4 28.Bf7 and White is winning] 25.h3! [25.Qf2 ed5 26.Bd5 Qg4 27.Bc6 and White is superior] ed5 [25...Kh8 26.Nf6 Nf6 27.ef6 e5 28.Bd5 Qc7 29.Qe2 f4 (29...Rb6 30.Rfe1 and White is winning; 29...Kg8 30.Qh5 Be6 31.Be6 Re6 32.Rf5 and White is winning) 30.Bf4 and White is winning] 26.Bd5 Qb4 27.c3 Qc5 [better is 27...Qe7 28.Rf5 a) 28...Nb6 29.Bf7 Qf7 (29...Kh7 30.Rf6 Bg7 31.Qc2 Kh8 32.Rdd6 and White is winning; 29...Kh8 30.Rf6 and White is winning) 30.Rf7 Kf7 31.e6 Be6 32.Bb8 Rb8 33.Qf4 and White is winning; b) 28...Ne5 29.Re5 Be6 30.Be6! (30.Re6 fe6 31.Bb8 Rb8 32.Qf4 Rd8 33.Be6 Kh8 34.Rd8 Qd8 35.Bd7 Bg7 36.Bb5 Qd1 37.Bf1 Bc3 38.Qh6 Kg8 and White is superior) fe6 31.Qe2 Bg7 32.Rb5 Rb5 33.Qb5 Bc3 (33...Rd8 34.Rd8 Qd8 35.c4 and White is winning) 34.Bh4 Qf7 35.Rf1 Qg6 36.Rf3 Bg7 37.Rg3 Qf7 38.Bf6 Qf6 39.Qe8 Kh7 40.Kh2 Qf5 41.Qd7 Qf6 42.Qd3 and White is winning] 28.Rf5 Re6 [28...Re7 29.e6 fe6 30.Be6 Re6 31.Rc5 and White is winning; 28...Kh8 29.Rf7 Rb6 30.Bf2 Qa3 31.Qd3 Bg7 32.Bb6 and White is winning; 28...Nb6 29.Bf7 Kh8 30.Rf6 and White is winning; 28...Ne5 29.Re5 Re5 30.Be5 Rb6 31.Qf4 Qe7 32.Rf1 Be6 33.Bd4 and White is winning] 29.Rf7 [29.Qf4 Bb7 30.Rf7 Bd5 31.Qf5 Bg7 32.Rd7 Rf8 33.R7d5 and White is winning] Nb6 [29...Kf7 30.Qf4 Ke8 (30...Ke7 31.Bh4 and White is winning) 31.Be6 and White is winning] 30.Rdf1 [30.Qf4! Bg7 (30...Nd5 31.Rd5 and White is winning) 31.Rf1 (31.Bb3 and White is winning) Nd5 32.Qg4 and White is winning] Nd5 [30...Bg7 31.Qf4 (31.Bb3 and White is winning) Nd5 32.Qg4 and White is winning] 31.Rf8 Qf8 32.Rf8 Kf8 33.Qd5 Ke8 34.Bh4 Bd7 35.Bf6 b4 [35...Rbb6 36.Qa8 Kf7 37.Qd8 Bc6 38.Qh8 and White is winning] 36.Qe4 [36.Qd3 Rf6 37.ef6 bc3 38.Qe4 Kd8 39.f7 and White is winning] Bc8 37.cb4 Rb7 38.Qg6 Kd7 39.Qh6 Kc7 40.Qf4 Kb8 41.h4 Rc7 42.h5 1-0 [Mi.Adams]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dc4 6.e4 b5 7.a4 c6 8.e5 h6 9.ef6 hg5 10.fg7 Rg8 11.g3 Bb7 12.Bg2 c5 13.0-0 g4 [13...Rg7 14.dc5 with initiative] 14.Nh4 [14.Ne5? Bg2 15.Kg2 cd4 with initiative] Bg2 15.Ng2 Rg7 [a novelty; 15...cd4 see 62/467] 16.ab5 [16.dc5!? Qd1 17.Rfd1 Bc3 18.bc3 ba4 19.Ra4 Nd7 20.Ne3 f5 21.Rc4 unclear] cd4 [16...Nd7 17.Ne4 a) 17...Qe7 18.Ne3 cd4 (18...f5 19.Nc5 Bc5 20.Nf5 ef5 21.Re1 Bb6 22.Qc2 Nf6 23.Qf5 Bd4 24.Re7 Re7 25.Ra6 Bb2 26.b6 and White is winning) 19.Qd4 f5 20.Ra4 fe4 21.Rb4 with attack; b) 17...Qc7 18.d5 b1) 18...Ne5 19.de6 Nf3 20.Kh1 fe6 21.Nf6 Kf8 22.Ng4 and White is superior; b2) 18...f5 19.Nc3 (19.de6 fe4 20.ed7 Qd7 21.Ne3 Qd1 22.Rfd1 c3 and White is slightly better) Ne5 20.f4 Nf3 21.Rf3 gf3 22.Qf3 and White is superior; b3) 18...0-0-0!? 19.d6 Qb7 20.Qe2 Kb8 unclear] 17.Ne4 f5? [17...Qb6!? a) 18.Nf4 a1) 18...f5 19.Qc2!! Nd7 (19...Re7 20.Qc4 fe4 21.Qb4 with attack) 20.Qc4 Ne5 21.Qb4 fe4 22.Ra6 with attack; a2) 18...Nd7 19.Ra6 Qb5 20.Qd4 e5 21.Qd5 Qd5 22.Nd5 Rb8 23.Ra7 f5 24.Nb4 fe4 25.Nc6 equal; b) 18.Rc1 b1) 18...f5 19.Rc4 Be7 20.Nf4 fe4 21.Qc2 (21.Rc8 Kd7 22.Qc2 d3 23.Qc4 with attack)

d3 (21...Nd7 22.Qe4!) 22.Qc3 Rh7 23.Qe5 Qb7 24.Qe6 Nd7 25.Nd5 and White is winning; b2) 18...Be7 19.Rc4 Nd7 20.f4 (20.Rd4 Ne5 21.Kh1 Qb5 22.Nh4 unclear) b21) 20...d3 21.Kh1 Qb5 22.Qd3 Rd8 23.Rd1 Kf8 (23...Ne5 24.Qd8 Bd8 25.Nd6) 24.Rd4 Qd3 25.R4d3 Ke8 and White is slightly better; b22) 20...Rd8 21.Nf2 Nf6 unclear; b23) 20...gf3 21.Qf3 Rd8 22.Qh5 d3 23.Kh1 Nf8 unclear; c) 18.Qa4 a5 19.Rfc1 Nd7 20.Rc4 Rb8 21.Nf4 (21.Rb4 ab4 22.Qb4 Kd8 23.Rc1! Qb5 24.Qd4 Qb2 and Black is superior) Kf8 22.Rac1 unclear; 17...Be7! 18.Re1 (18.Qa4 Nd7 19.Qc4 Ne5!; 18.Nd2 c3 19.bc3 dc3 20.Ne4 Qd1 21.Rfd1 Nd7 22.Nc3 Bf6 23.Rac1 equal) Qb6 19.Rc1 Nd7 20.Nd2 c3 21.bc3 dc3 22.Rc3 Qb5 23.Qc2 with compensation]



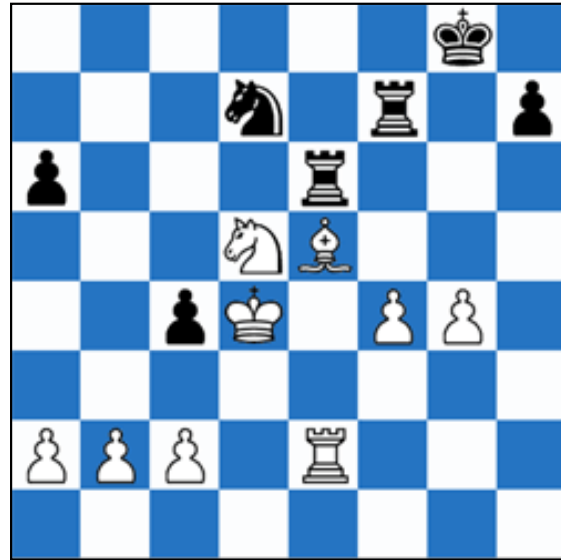
18.Nf4!! Kf7 [18...Re7 19.Ng5 e5 20.Qc2!! ef4 (20...Qc8 21.Nd5 Rg7 22.h4 gh3 23.Qe2!! and White is winning) 21.Qc4 Bd6 22.Qg8 Kd7 23.Qd5 and White is winning; 18...fe4 19.Ne6 Qf6 20.Ng7 Qg7 21.Qa4 (21.Qe2 Qe7 22.Qc4 Nd7 23.Ra6 Nb6 24.Qg8 Kd7 25.Qg6 Qe6 26.Qg7 Be7 27.Qd4 Ke8 28.Re1 with attack) Qe7 22.b6! Nd7 (22...Kf8 23.Qa7!! Ra7 24.ba7 and White is winning) 23.Qc6; 18...Qb6 a) 19.Nd2 a1) 19...Qb5 20.Ne6 Re7 21.Nd4 Qd5 22.Nf5 Qf5 (22...Qd2 23.Qg4 and White is winning) 23.Qa4 and White is winning, with the idea 23...Nd7 24.Qb4 Ne5 25.Nc4 Nf3 26.Kh1 Kf8 27.Nd6 Qh5 (27...Qd5 28.Ra5!) 28.h4!; a2) 19...Bd2 20.Qd2 Nd7 21.Ra6 Ne5 22.Qb4 (22.f3 Qb5 23.Re6 Kf7 24.fg4 with attack) Qb7 23.Re6 Re7 24.Re5 Re5 25.Qc4 Rd8 26.Qg8 Kd7 27.Qg7 Re7 28.Qd4 Kc8 29.Qc5 Kb8 30.Qf5 and White is superior; b) 19.Qc2! b1) 19...Nd7 20.Qc4 fe4 21.Ne6 Re7 22.Nc7 Kf8 23.Na8 Qc5 24.Rfc1 and White is winning; b2) 19...fe4 20.Qe4 Qb7 21.Qd4 Re7 22.Qh8 Kf7 23.Rfe1 Nd7 24.Qh7 Ke8 25.Qg8 Nf8 26.Ne6 and White is winning; b3) 19...Rf7 20.Qc4 (20.Rfd1 fe4 21.Qe4 Qb7 22.Qe6 Be7 23.Rd4 with attack) fe4 21.Qb4 a5 22.Qe1 with attack; b4) 19...Kf7 20.Qc4 fe4 21.Qb4 Rg5 22.Rfc1 a5 23.Qd2 Nd7 24.Ne6!; b5) 19...a5!? 20.Qc4 (20.Nf6 Kf7 21.N6d5 Qc5 22.Nb4 Qb4 23.Ra4 Qb5 24.Rc4 with attack) fe4 21.Ne6 Rd7 22.Rfe1 with attack] **19.Rc1!** [19.Qc2 Qc7 20.Ra4 a5!] **fe4** [19...a5 20.Rc4 fe4 (20...e5 21.Rc7 Qc7 22.Qb3) 21.Rd4 Qc8 22.Re4 Nd7 23.Re6 Nf8 24.Rc6 with attack; 19...Qb6 20.Rc4 fe4 (20...Nd7 21.Qb3 fe4 22.Rc6 Qb8 23.Ne6 and White is winning) 21.Rd4 Be7 22.Re4] **20.Rc4 Bc5** [20...a5 21.Rd4 Qc8 22.Re4 Nd7 23.Re6 Nf8 24.Re5 Kg8 25.Qd5 Kh8 26.Rh5 Nh7 27.Ne6 Qg8 28.b6 and White is winning; 20...Ba5 21.Rd4 Qc8 22.Re4 Nd7 23.Re6 Qb7 24.Rc6 and White is

winning] **21.Rc5 Nd7** [21...Qd6 22.Rc8 a5 23.Re1 Qe5 24.Rd8 and White is winning] **22.Rh5! Nf6** [22...d3 23.Qb3 Qe7 24.Re1 Nf6 25.Re5 Kg8 26.Ne6 Qf7 27.Qc3 Rg6 28.Ng5 and White is winning; 22...Qb6 a) 23.Rh6 Ne5 (23...Rb8 24.Re6!) 24.Qe2 Rb8 (24...Nf3 25.Kh1 Re8 26.Qe4 and White is superior) 25.Rc1 d3 26.Qe4 d2 27.Rd1 Nf3 28.Kh1 Ng5 29.Qe2 Qb7 30.Ng2 Qf3 31.Rd2 Qe2 32.Re2 Rb5 33.Ne3 and White is superior; b) 23.Qb3 Re8 (23...Nc5 24.Rc5 Qc5 25.Qe6 Kf8 26.Qf6 Kg8 27.Qg7 Kg7 28.Ne6 and White is winning; 23...Rc8 24.Re1 Rc5 25.Rc5 Nc5 26.Qc4 Qd6 27.Rd1 d3 28.b4 and White is winning) 24.Rc1! Nf8 25.Rf5 Kg8 26.Nh5 and White is winning] **23.Re5 Qd6** [23...Kg8 24.Qb3 Qe8 25.Ne6 Kh8 26.Rc1 Rd7 27.Rc6 d3 28.Nf4 and White is winning] **24.Re6** [24...Qd7 25.Qb3] **1-0** [V.Ivanchuk]

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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 Nb6 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bc4 bc4 13.Na5 Qd7 14.Rd2 (a novelty) **Be7 15.Rhd1 Rb8?!** [15...0-0] **16.Bc5! Qc7** [16...0-0 17.Bd6 Bd6 18.Rd6 Qc7 19.Nc6 and White is winning] **17.Rd6! Qa5** [only move; 17...0-0 18.Rc6!] **18.Re6 fe6 19.Be7** (and White is superior) **Rb7** [19...Ke7? 20.Qa7! and White is winning; 19...Kf7 20.Bf6 Rb7 (20...gf6 21.Rd7 Ke8 only move 22.Qa7 Qb4 23.a3! Qb2 24.Kd2 Qa3 25.Qb8 Kd7 26.Qh8 and White is winning) 21.Bh4 Qb4 22.Kd2 Qb2 23.Qe3 Rd7 24.Ke1 Rd1 25.Kd1 and White is winning] **20.Bd6 Nd7** [20...Kf7 21.f4 ef4 22.e5 and White is winning] **21.Qh4** [21.Qg3 Kf7 22.Qg5 Qd8 23.Qd8 Rd8 24.Be5 Rc8] **Qd8** [21...Nf6 22.Qg5!] **22.Qh5** [22.Qd8 Kd8 23.Be5 Ke7 24.Bd6 Kf7 25.Rd4 Rc8 26.e5 Rc6 27.f4 and White is superior] **g6 23.Qh6 Qf6 24.Ne2 Kf7** [24...g5 25.Qf6 Nf6 26.Be5 Ke7 27.Rd6 Ra8 (27...Rb5 28.Bf6 Kf6 29.Nd4 Re5 30.Ra6 and White is winning) 28.Nd4!] **25.h4! g5** [25...Qg7 26.Qe3 Qf6 27.Rh1 Rc8 28.g4 Rc6 29.Ba3 and White is superior] **26.hg5 Qh6 27.gh6 Rg8 28.g4 Rg6 29.Rh1 Rb6 30.Ba3** [30.Bc7 Rb5 (30...Rc6? 31.Ba5 with the idea Bc3 and White is superior) 31.Nc3 Rc5 (31...Rb7 32.Ba5 Nb8! 33.Nd1 Nc6 34.Bc3 Nd4)] **Rf6 31.Rh3 Kg6** [31...Nb8 32.Bc5!] **32.Kd2** [32.Nc3 Rf7 33.Nd1 Nf6 34.Bc5 (34.Ne3 Rc7 35.Bf8 Kf7 36.Bg7 Rb5) Rb5 35.Be3 and White is superior] **Rf7 33.Ke3** [33.Nc3 Nf6 34.Ke2 Rc6 35.Nd1 with the idea Ne3] **Nf6 34.Nc3 Rd7 35.Rh1 Rc6 36.Na4?!** [36.Ke2 Ng8 37.Rh5 Nh6 38.Re5 and White is superior] **Rb7 37.Nc3 Rb8 38.Nd1 Ng8 39.Rh5 Nh6 40.Re5 Nf7** [40...Rb5 41.Rb5 ab5 42.Nc3 Rb6 43.Kd4! b4 44.Kc5 and White is winning] **41.Rh5 Rb5 42.Rh1** [42.Rb5 ab5 43.Nc3 Rb6 44.Kd4 Rb7 45.Kc5 Ne5] **e5 43.Nc3 Rb7 44.Nd5 Re6 45.Bb4 Kg7** [45...Rb4! (Huzman,A) 46.Nb4 Rb6 47.c3 a5 48.Nd5 Rb2 49.a4 Ra2 50.Rb1 Ra4 51.Rb6 Kg7 52.Ne7 with initiative] **46.Rh2** [46.Bc3 Rh6 47.Rf1 (47.Rh6 Kh6 48.f4 ef4 49.Kf4 Kg6 and White is slightly better) Rh2 48.f4 Rc2 49.fe5 Rc3 50.bc3 Ne5 51.Kd4 and White is superior] **Ng5 47.Bc3 Kg8 48.Rf2 Rf7 49.Rf1** [49.Ke2! Nh3 50.Rf1 Nf4 51.Nf4 Rf4 52.Rh1!] **Re8 50.Ke2** [with the idea Ne3-f5] **Ref8 51.Be5 Ne4** [51...Nf3 52.Nf6! (52.Bf6? Nd4) Rf6 53.Bf6 and White is winning] **52.Ke3 Nc5** [52...Nd2 53.Rf2 (53.Kd2 Rd8 54.Kc3 Rd5 55.Bd4! and White is winning) Nf3 54.Nf6 Rf6 55.Bf6 and White is winning] **53.f4 Re8 54.Kd4 Nd7 55.Re1** [55.Bc7 Re2 56.Kc3 Nf6 57.Nf6 Rf6] **Re6** [55...Ne5 56.fe5 Rf2 57.e6!] **56.Re2?!** [56.Kc4! Ne5 57.fe5 Rf2

58.Kd3 Rf3 59.Ke4 Rf2 60.Rh1! (60.Ne3 Rb6 61.b3 Rb4 62.Kd3) Rc2 (60...Re2 61.Ne3) 61.Kf5! Rg6 62.Nf6 Rf6 63.Kf6 Rb2 64.Rd1 (64.e6 Kf8 65.Rh7 Rf2) Rf2 65.Ke7 Kg7 66.e6 Ra2 67.Kd8 and White is winning]



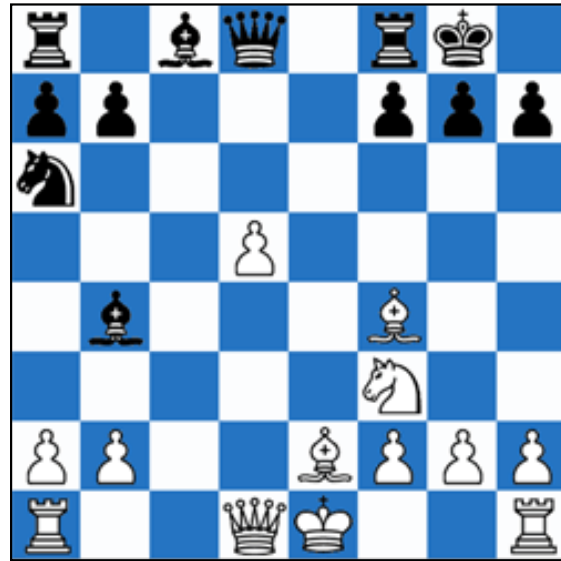
56...Ne5 [56...Rg7! 57.Rg2 (57.g5 Ne5 58.Re5 Re5 59.Ke5 and White is slightly better) Ne5 58.fe5 a) 58...Rg5 59.Nf6 Kf7 60.Re2 (60.Rf2!? Kg6 61.Re2) Rf6 (60...Kg6 61.Re4!) 61.ef6 Rg4 62.Kc5! Kf6 a1) 63.Kb6 c3 64.b3 h5 a11) 65.Ka6 h4 a111) 66.Kb5 h3 67.Rh2 Rh4 68.a4 Kf5 69.a5 Kg4 70.b4 (70.a6 Rh5 71.Kb4 Rh6 72.Kc3 Ra6 73.b4 Rh6 74.b5 Kg3 equal) Kg3 71.Rh3 Rh3 72.a6 Kf4 73.a7 Rh8 74.Ka6 Ke3 75.b5 Kd2 76.b6 Kc2 77.b7 Kd2 78.b8Q Rb8 79.ab8Q c2 equal; a112) 66.a4 Kg5 67.Rh2 (67.Kb5 h3 68.Rh2 Kh4 equal) Rd4 (67...Rb4 68.Ka5 Rb8 69.b4 Kg4 70.b5 Kg3 71.Rh1 h3 72.b6 Kg2 73.Rh3 Kh3 74.Kb5 and White is winning) a1121) 68.Rh1 Rd2 69.b4 Rc2 70.b5 Rb2 71.b6 c2 72.b7 h3 (72...Rb1 73.Rc1 Rc1 74.b8Q) 73.Ka7! (73.a5 Rb1) h2 74.b8Q Rb8 75.Kb8 Kf4 76.a5 Kf3 77.Rc1 Ke3 equal; a1122) 68.Rh3 Kg4 69.Rc3 h3 70.Rc8 (70.Rh3 Kh3 71.c4 Kg4 72.Kb5 Rd7 73.c5 Rb7 74.Kc4 Kf5 75.b4 Ra7 76.b5 Ke6 77.Kb4 Kd5 equal) Rd6 71.Kb7 Rh6 72.Rg8 Kf3 73.Rg1 h2 74.Rh1 Kg2 75.Rh2 Rh2 76.a5 (76.c4 Kf3! 77.a5 Rb2 equal) Rh7 77.Kb6 Rh6 78.Kb5 Rh5 79.Ka4 Kf3 80.a6 Ke3 81.a7 (81.b4 Kd4 82.a7 Rh8 83.Kb5 Kc3 equal; 81.c4 Rh7 82.Kb5 Kd4 83.c5 Kd5 84.b4 Rg7 85.Kb6 Rg6 equal) Rh1 (81...Rh8 82.Ka5 Rh5! equal) 82.Kb5 Ra1? 83.Kb6 Kd2 84.c4 and White is winning; 82...Rh5 equal; a12) 65.Re3! h4 66.Rc3 Rg3 a121) 67.Rc4 Rg6 68.Ka6 (68.Ka5 Rh6 69.Rf4 Ke5 70.Rf1 h3) h3 69.Kb5 Rg5 70.Kb6 Kg7 71.Rh4 Rg6; a122) 67.Rc8 Kg7 68.Rd8 h3 69.Rd1 Rg6 70.Kb7 h2 71.Rh1 Rg2 72.c4! (72.a4 Rc2 73.a5 Rb2 74.Ka6 Kf6) Ra2 73.c5 a5 (73...Kf6 74.c6 Rb2 75.Kc8 a5 76.c7 Ke7 77.Re1 and White is winning) 74.c6 Rb2 75.Rh2!! Rh2 76.c7 Rc2 77.c8Q Rc8 78.Kc8 and White is winning; a2) 63.Rh2! a21) 63...Kg6 64.Kb6 Rg1 (64...c3 65.b3 Rd4 66.Rh3 Rd6 67.Kc7 Rf6 68.Rc3 h5 69.Kb7 h4 70.Rh3 Kg5 71.c4 Kg4 72.Rh4 Kh4 73.c5 Rf7 74.Kb6! Rf2 75.c6 Ra2 76.c7 Rc2 77.Kb7 and White is winning) 65.a4! Ra1 66.a5 h5 67.Ka6 Kg5 68.Kb5 (68.Kb6 Rb1 69.c3 Re1 70.a6 Re6 71.Kb5 Re5 72.Kc4 Ra5 73.b4 Ra6 74.b5 and White is winning) h4 69.b4! (69.Kc4 Ra5 70.b4 Ra1 71.Kb5 Kg4 72.c4 Kg3 73.Rb2 h3 74.c5 h2 75.Rh2 Kh2 76.c6 Rc1 77.Kb6 Kg3 78.b5 Kf4 equal) Kg4 70.Kc4 Kg3 71.Rd2 h3 72.Kb5 h2 73.Rh2 Kh2 74.c4 Kg3 75.c5 Kf4 76.c6 Ke5 77.Kb6 Kd6 78.b5 Rh1 79.a6 and White is winning; a22) 63...Kg7! a221) 64.a4

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 c5 6.dc5 Na6 7.cd5 Nd5 8.Nd5 ed5 9.e4! [a novelty; 9.e3 see 95/(301)] **0-0** [9...Nc5?! 10.ed5 0-0 11.Be2 and White is superior; 9...Qa5?! 10.Bd2 Qc5 11.Rc1 and White is superior;

9...de4 10.Qd8 Bd8 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bd7 Kd7 13.Rd1 Ke6 (13...Ke8 14.c6 bc6 15.0-0 Nc5 16.Rfe1 with compensation) 14.Nd4 Kf6 unclear] **10.ed5** [10.Ba6 Qa5 with compensation] **Bc5** [10...Qa5 11.Qd2 Nb4 a) 12.Rc1 Bc5 with compensation a1) 13.a3?! Re8 14.Be3 Re3! (14...Be3 15.fe3 Re3 16.Kf2) 15.fe3 Be3 16.Rc8 Rc8 17.Qb4 Qd5 and Black is superior; a2) 13.Be2 Rd8 14.a3 Rd5 15.Rc5 Qc5 16.ab4 Rd2 17.bc5 Rb2 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.0-0 Bb5 unclear; b) 12.Bc4! Nc2 13.Ke2 Qd2 14.Kd2 Na1 15.d6 and White is superior] **11.Be2 Bb4** [11...Nb4 12.d6 Be6 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Nd4 Bg3 16.hg3 Qb6 and White is slightly better]

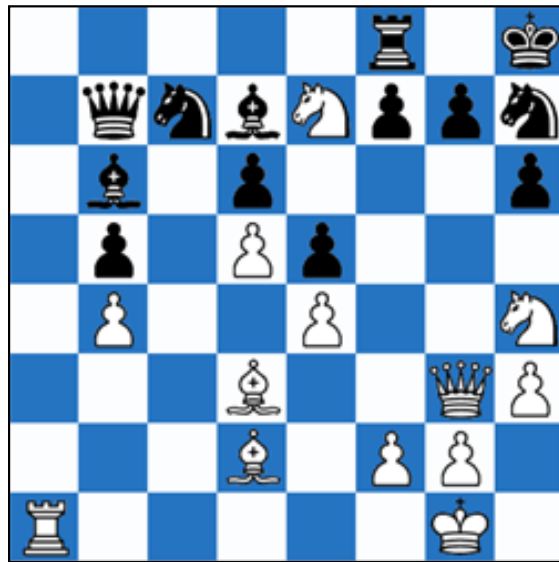


12.Kf1! [12.Nd2 Qd5 13.0-0 Qd4 unclear] **Bd6** [12...Bf5 13.d6 Re8 (13...Nc5 14.Bg5 and White is superior) 14.a3 with the idea b4 and White is slightly better; 12...Re8!?) **13.Bg5!** [13.Bg3 Nb4 (13...Nc7 14.Qd3!) 14.a3 Bg3 15.hg3 (15.ab4 Bd6 with compensation) Nd5 equal] **Qa5** [13...Qd7 14.Nd4! Nc7 15.Qb3 (15.Bf3 Be5 with initiative) Bc5 (15...Be5 16.Nf3 and White is slightly better) 16.Rd1 and White is slightly better] **14.a3 Nc7 15.Bc4 b5!** [15...Re8 16.b4 Qb6 17.Be3 Re3 18.fe3 Qe3 19.Qd4 and White is superior] **16.b4 Qb6 17.Bb3 a5!** [17...Re8 18.Rc1! (18.Be3 Re3 19.fe3 Qe3 with compensation; 18.Qd2 Bg4 with compensation) Bd7 (18...Bb7 19.Qd3 Qa6 20.Ba2 h6 21.Bd2 Rad8 22.Bb1 g6 23.Ba2! and White is superior) 19.Qd3 a5 20.Be3 Qb8 21.Ng5 and White is superior] **18.Be3** [18.Rc1 a) 18...Qb7 19.Nd2 (19.Rc6 Ra6 unclear) Re8 20.Qf3 a1) 20...ab4 21.Ne4 Re4 (21...Be5 22.Nc5 and White is superior) 22.Qe4 ba3 23.Bf4! a2 (23...Bf4 24.Rc7 and White is winning) 24.Ba2 Ra4 25.Rc7 Re4 26.Rb7 Bf4 27.Ra7 and White is superior; a2) 20...h6 21.Be3 ab4 22.Ne4 (22.ab4 Bb4 23.Ne4 Ra3 unclear, with the idea 24.Nf6 gf6 25.Qg3 Kh7 26.Rc7 Rb3!) Re4 23.Qe4 ba3 24.Rc6 Ra6 25.Qh4 and White is slightly better; b) 18...Bb7 19.Be3 Qa6 b1) 20.Bc5?! Rad8! (20...ab4 21.ab4 Rad8? 22.Ra1 and White is winning) 21.Ng5 Bc5 22.Rc5 Ne6 and Black is superior; b2) 20.Ng5 Rad8 21.Qc2 f5 22.Qe2 with initiative, with the idea 22...Rd7 23.Rc6! Qa8 24.Bb6 Re8 25.Qd3 Rde7 26.Be3 and White is superior] **Qb7** [18...Qb8 19.Nd4 (19.Bc5 Na6!) ab4 20.Nc6 Qb7 21.ab4 Ra1 22.Qa1 Bd7 unclear] **19.Bc5!** [19.Ng5 ab4 20.Qd3 f5! (20...g6 21.Ne4 Bf5? 22.Nf6 Kh8 23.Qd4 and White is winning) 21.Ne6 Re8 unclear] **Bc5!** [19...Rd8 20.Ng5 (with attack) Bc5? 21.Qh5! and White is winning; 19...Ra6 20.Ng5 with the idea Ne4 with initiative] **20.bc5 a4 21.Ba2 b4** [weak point Rh1] **22.ab4** [22.Bc4 Ra5 23.c6

Qb6 with compensation] **Qb4** [22...Qb5 23.Kg1 Qb4 a) 24.Rc1 Bg4 (24...Ra5) 25.Qd2 (25.Qd4 Qa3 with counterplay) Na6 26.Rc4 Qd2 27.Nd2 Be2 unclear, with the idea 28.Ra4? Nc5 29.Ra8 Ra8 30.Bb1 Rb8 and Black is superior; b) 24.d6 Nb5 25.Rc1 Nc3 26.Qd2 Na2 27.Qa2 Ra5 (27...Be6 28.Qd2) 28.Qc2 (28.Qd2? Rc5! 29.Qb4 Rc1 30.Ne1 Re8 and Black is superior) a3 with counterplay; c) 24.Qd4 Na6 25.c6 Qd4 26.Nd4 Nb4 equal, weak point Kg1] **23.Qd4!** [23.Rc1 Ra5! 24.Qd2 Rc5 25.Qb4 Rc1 26.Ne1 Ba6 27.Kg1 Re8 28.g3 (28.g4?! Rce1 29.Kg2 R1e4! and Black is slightly better) Nd5 (28...Rce1? 29.Kg2 Rh1 30.Kh1 Bb5 31.Qc5 and White is winning) 29.Bd5 Ree1 30.Kg2 Rh1 31.Qa4 Bf1 only move 32.Kf3 Rc8 33.Bf7! Kh8 34.Qd7 and White is slightly better; 24...Na6 equal] **Na6 24.c6!** [24.Qb4 Nb4 25.Ke2 Re8! (25...Ba6 26.Ke3 Nc2 27.Kf4 Na1 28.Ra1 and White is slightly better) 26.Kd2 Nd5 equal] **Qd4 25.Nd4 Nb4 26.Ke2!** [26.d6 Rd8 27.d7 Bd7 28.cd7 Rd7 29.Nf3 Na2 30.Ra2 Rd1 31.Ne1 Re8 32.Re2 Ra8! (32...Kf8 33.Re8 Ke8 34.Ke2 Rb1 35.Rf1 a3 36.Nc2 a2 37.Re1) 33.f4 Ra1! (33...a3?! 34.Ra2 and White is superior) 34.Kf2 a3 35.Rf1 a2 equal] **Na2 27.Ra2 Ba6 28.Kd2 Bc4 29.Ra3 Bd5 30.c7 Be6** [with the idea Bd7, Rfc8 weak point c7; 30...Bg2 31.Rc1 Bb7 and White is slightly better] **31.Nb5 Bd7 32.Nd6 g6?** [32...Ra6 33.Rd3 a3 34.Nc4 Bf5 35.Ra3 (35.Rd6 Ra7 equal) Rc6 36.Ne3 Be6 37.Rc1 Rc1 38.Kc1 Rc8 39.Rc3 Kf8 40.f4 (40.Nc2 Ke7 41.Nb4 Bd7 with the idea Kd6 equal) Ke7 41.f5 Bd7 42.f6 (42.Kd2 Kd6 43.Nc4 Kc7 44.Ne5 Kd6 45.Nf7 Ke7 equal) gf6 43.Nd5 Kd6 44.Nf6 Bc6 equal] **33.Rc1 Kg7 34.Rc4 Ra6 35.Rd4** [35.c8N?! Rd8] **Ra7 36.Ne8! Re8 37.Rd7 Raa8 38.Kc3** (and White is winning) **Kf6 39.Kb4 Ke6 40.Rd4 Ke5 41.Rc4 Rec8 42.Kb5 Kd5 43.Rc2 1-0** [L.-D.Nisipeanu, V.Stoica]

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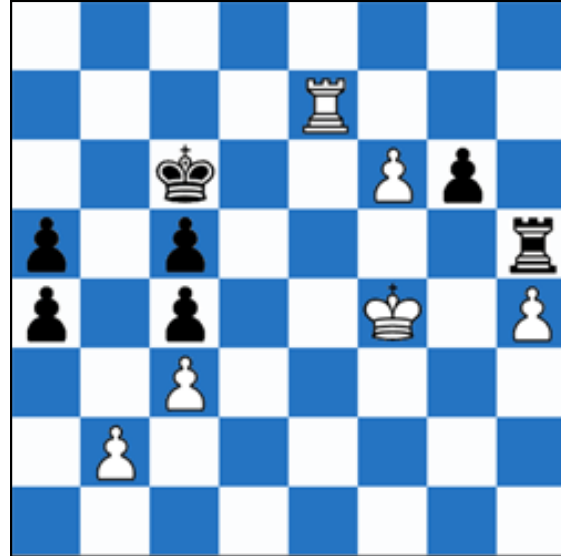
31.Qf3!! [with the idea Qf7] **Nf6** [31...Ne8 32.Qf7!! and White is winning; 31...Be8 32.Nhf5 and White is winning] **32.Bh6 Ra8! 33.Rf1** [33.Bg7!! Kg7 a) 34.Nef5 Kf8! 35.Nd6 Bf2!! (35...Ra1 36.Kh2 Qa7 37.Qf6 and White is winning) 36.Kh2 Bh4 37.Nb7 Ra1; b) 34.Nhf5! b1) 34...Kf8 35.Nd6 Ra1 36.Kh2 Ke7! (36...Qa7 37.Qf6 Be8 38.Ng6 Kg8 39.Qh8#) 37.Nb7 Nce8 38.Nc5 and White is winning; b2) 34...Bf5 35.Nf5 Kh7 (35...Kf8 36.Nd6!! Ra1 37.Kh2 Qa7 38.Qf6 Ne8 39.Qh8 Ke7 40.Nc8 and White is winning) 36.Nd6 (36.Ra8!? Qa8 37.Nd6 and White is winning) Ra1 37.Kh2 Qa8 38.Qf6 Qf8 39.Nf7 and White is winning, with the idea d6, with the idea Be2-g4-f5] **Nce8 34.Bc1 Ra1! 35.Nhf5** [35.Nef5!? Qc7 36.Bd2] **Qc7 36.Bd2** [36.Bg5! Rf1 37.Bf1 Nh7 38.Bh4! Nef6 39.Nh6! Be8 40.Nc6! and White is winning] **Rf1 37.Kf1 g6!** (and White is superior) **38.Ne3** [38.Nh6!? Kg7 39.g4] **Kg7 39.g4?** (time) **Nh7?** [39...Kf8 40.Ng6 fg6 41.g5 and White is superior; 39...Be3!! a) 40.Be3 Qc3 41.Kg2 Qb4 42.Nc6 Qa4! (42...Bc6 43.dc6 and White is slightly better) 43.g5 Nh5 44.Nd8 f6 45.Ne6 Be6 46.de6 Qb3 equal; b) 40.Qe3 Kf8 41.Nc6 Bc6 42.dc6 Qc6 and White is slightly better] **40.Kg2** [40.Qe2? Qd8! 41.Nc6 Qh4; 40.Nd1!? and White is superior, with the idea Bh6!; 40.Nc4!! and White is winning, with the idea 40...bc4? 41.Bh6! Kh6 42.Qf7] **Qb7?** [with the idea Bd8; 40...Nef6; 40...Nhf6] **41.Nc4!!** (and White is winning) **g5** [41...bc4 42.Bh6! Kh6 43.Qf7; 41...Bg4 42.Bh6 (42.hg4 bc4 43.Bh6! Kh6 44.Qf7 Qe7 45.Qe7 cd3 46.Qe8 d2 47.Qa4) Kh6 43.Qf7 Bh3 44.Kg3; 41...Bd8 42.Na5 Ba5 (42...Qa6 43.Nac6) 43.Bh6!; better is 41...Nhf6 42.Nb6 Qb6 43.Qe3] **42.Na5 Qa8 43.Nf5 Kf8 44.h4 Bd8 45.Nh6 f6 46.hg5 f5 1-0** [P.Leko]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Ne4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bc6 dc6 7.de5 Nf5 8.Qd8 Kd8 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.h3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Ke8 12.Rad1 Bd7 13.Nd4 h6 14.Be3 h5!? [a novelty; 14...Bb4 15.Ne4 (15.f4 see 84/271) c5 16.Ne2 (16.Nf3 Bb5 17.c3 Bf1 18.Kf1 Ba5 19.Nc5 Bb6 and Black is slightly better; 16.Nb3 Bb5 17.c3 Bf1 18.Kf1 c4 19.Nd4 Ba5 20.Nf5 Bb6 21.Ng7 Kf8 22.Nf5 Be3 23.Ne3 Ne5 and Black is slightly better) Bb5 17.N4g3 Ne5 18.c3 Ba5 19.Bc5 f6 equal] **15.f4 h4** [15...Bc5 16.Ne4 Bd4 17.Rd4 Bf5 (17...Nh4 18.f5!

Nf5 19.Rd7 and White is superior; 17...b6 18.f5 Ne5 19.f6) 18.Ng3 Bc2 19.Rd2 h4 20.Rc2 hg3 21.Rf3 Nh4 22.Rg3 Nf5 23.Rf3 and White is slightly better; 18...Ne7!? unclear] 16.f5!? Ne5 17.f6 [17.Bf4 f6 18.Rfe1 Kf7 19.Be5 fe5 20.Re5 Bd6 and Black is slightly better] Rh5?! [17...gf6 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Nf6 Bf6 20.Rf6 Rh5 21.Nf3 (21.Rh6 Rh6 22.Bh6 c5 23.Re1 cd4 24.Re5 Be6 and Black is slightly better) Nf3 22.Rf3 Be6 23.Rf4 Rd8 24.Rd8 Kd8 25.a3 equal] 18.Ne4 g6 [18...c5!? 19.fg7 (19.Ne2 Bc6 20.N2c3 g6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Rde1 Kd7 unclear; 19.Nb3 Bc6 20.Nbc5 Bc5 21.Nc5 gf6 22.Rf6 Ke7 equal) Bg7 20.Nc5 Nc4 21.Nd7 Ne3 22.Rfe1 Kd7 23.Re3 Rd5 24.Red3 Bf6 25.c3 and White is slightly better] 19.Bf4 c5 [19...Bd6 20.g4! (20.Rfe1 Kf8 21.Nd6 cd6 22.Nb3 Be6 23.Rd6 Nc4 24.Rd4 c5 unclear) hg3 21.Ng3 Rh3 22.Rde1 Kf8 23.Re5 Be5 24.Be5 and White is superior] 20.Nf3?! [20.Ne2 a) 20...Bc6 21.g4 hg3 22.N2g3 Be4 23.Rde1! (23.Nh5 Nf3 24.Rf3 Bf3 25.Ng7 Bg7 26.fg7 Ke7 equal) Bc2 24.Nh5 gh5 25.Re5 Kd7 26.Rh5 and White is superior; b) 20...Nc4 21.Rfe1 (21.Bc7!?) Kd8 22.Ng5 Kc8 23.b3 and White is superior; c) 20...Rf5! 21.Rde1! (21.g4 hg3 22.N2g3 Rf4! 23.Rf4 Bh6 with counterplay) Kd8 22.g4 hg3 23.N2g3 Rf4 24.Rf4 Bh6 25.Rf2 and White is superior] Nf3 21.Rf3 Be6 [with the idea Rd8] 22.Rfd3! c4 23.R3d2 [23.Rd4 c6! (23...Bc5 24.Nc5 Rc5 25.Bc7! Rc7 26.Rh4 and White is winning) 24.Bd6 (24.Ng5?? Bc5 and Black is winning) Bh6] c6 24.Ng5 [weak point Rh5] Bc5 25.Kh2 Bd5 [25...c3 26.bc3 Ba2 27.Rd7 b5 28.Rc7 with initiative] 26.Re2 Kf8? [26...Kd7 27.Rde1!? (27.Nf7 Rf8 28.Ne5 Kc8 29.Ng4 Rf5 unclear) Rf8 28.Re7 Be7 29.Re7 Kc8 30.Rc7 Kd8 31.Rb7 Re8 32.Rb8 (32.Nf7 Bf7 33.Rf7 Rf5 34.Bh6 Re1 and Black is superior) Kd7 33.Rb7 equal] 27.Rde1 (and White is superior) b5 [27...c3!? 28.b3 b5] 28.c3 a5 29.a3 Rc8 30.g4?! [30.Re5 (zugzwang, with the idea g4) a4 (30...Bd6?? 31.Re8 and White is winning) 31.g4 hg3 32.Kg3 with the idea h4] hg3 31.Kg3 Be6! [with the idea Kg8, Bf8-h6] 32.h4 Kg8 33.Re5 [33.Re6 fe6 34.Re6 Rg5! 35.hg5 Kf7 36.Re1 Re8 37.Rh1 Kg8! and White is slightly better, with the idea 38.Rh6?! Bf8 39.Rg6? Kf7] Bf8! [33...Bd6 34.Re6! Bf4 35.Kf4 fe6 36.Kg4! Kf8 37.Rd1! (37.Re6 Rc7 38.Rd6 Ke8 39.Ne6 Rch7! 40.Ng7 Kf7 41.Nh5 Rh5 42.Rc6 a4 equal) Ke8 38.Rd6 e5 39.Re6! (39.f7 Ke7 40.Rg6 Rg5 41.Rg5 Kf7 42.Re5 Rd8 equal) Kd7 40.Re7 Kd6 41.Rg7 Rch8 42.Nf7 Ke6 43.Nh8 Rh8 44.Kg5 Rh5 45.Kg6 Rh4 (R 6/g) 46.Re7 Kd6 47.Re8 Rg4 48.Kh6 Rf4 49.Kg7 Rg4 50.Kf8 e4 51.f7 Kd7 52.Re5 Kd8 (52...Kd6 53.Re7 with the idea Ke8 and White is winning; 52...Rg2 53.Re4 Rb2 54.Rg4! b4 55.Kg7 Rf2 56.ab4 ab4 57.cb4 and White is winning) 53.Re7 a4 54.Re6 Kd7 55.Re8 (zugzwang) Rg2 (55...Kd6 56.Re7 and White is winning) 56.Re4 Rb2 57.Rg4 and White is winning] 34.Ne6 time [34.Re6 fe6 35.Rd1 Bh6! 36.f7 (36.Rd7 Bg5 37.Rg7 Kh8 38.hg5 e5 39.Be3 Rg8 40.Rc7 with compensation) Kg7 37.Be5 Kf8 38.Bd6 (38.Rd7? Bg5 39.Bd6 Be7! 40.Re7 Rd5) Kg7 39.Rf1 Bg5 40.f8Q Rf8 41.Bf8 Kg8 42.hg5 Rg5 43.Kh3 Rh5 44.Kg3 Rg5 45.Kh4 Rh5 equal, with the idea 46.Kg4? Rf5 and Black is winning] fe6 [34...Re5 35.Be5 fe6 36.Rd1 and White is winning] 35.Rd1 Rh7! 36.Re6 Rb7 (and White is slightly better) 37.Re4 Kf7 38.Bg5 Re8 39.Re8 Ke8 [R 9/k] 40.Kg4 [with the idea 41.h5 gh5 42.Kf5] Rh7? time [40...Rd7? 41.f7 and White is winning; 40...Kf7! 41.Rd8 b4 42.ab4 ab4 43.Rd4 bc3 44.bc3 Rb5! 45.Rc4 Rc5 equal] 41.Re1! Kd7 [41...Kf7 42.a4! Bd6 43.Ra1 Bc7 44.Rd1 Ke6 45.Re1 Kd7 46.Bc1! with the idea Kg5 and White is winning] 42.a4! ba4 [42...Bd6 43.Ra1 Bc7 44.Rd1 Ke6 45.Re1 Kd7 46.Bc1! and White is winning] 43.Re5 c5 44.Bf4! (and White is winning) Rh8 (only move) 45.Bg3 [45.h5!? gh5 46.Rh5 Rg8 47.Rg5 Rh8 48.Kf5] Bh6 46.Re7 Kc6 47.Bf4!

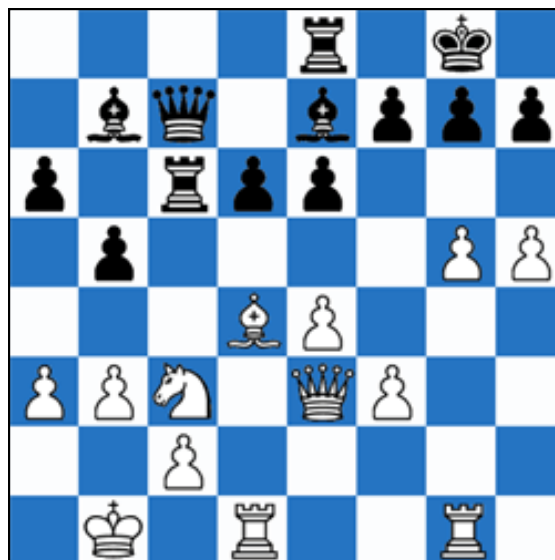
[47.f7? Rf8 48.Be5 Kd5 (48...Bc1 49.Rc7 Kd5 50.Bg7 Rf7 51.Rf7 Bb2 52.Ra7 a3 53.Ra5 Ke4 54.Kg5 Kd3 55.Kg6 and White is winning) 49.h5 gh5 50.Kh5 Bc1 51.Bg7 Rf7 52.Rf7 Bb2 53.Ra7 a3 54.Ra5 Ke4 unclear] **Bf4 48.Kf4 Rh5!** [48...Rh4 49.Ke5 (49.Kg5!? Rh5 50.Kg6 Rh2 51.Re5! Rg2 52.Rg5 Rb2 53.f7 Rb8 54.Re5 Rf8 55.Re2!) Rh5 (49...Rh2 50.f7 Re2 51.Kf6 Rf2 52.Kg7 a3 53.ba3 Kb5 54.Re4) 50.Ke6 Rh2 51.f7 Re2! (51...Rb2 52.Rc7! Kc7 53.f8Q) 52.Kf6 Rb2 53.Kg7 Rb8 (53...Rf2 54.Re6) 54.Kg6 Rf8 55.Re2!]



49.Re5!! Rh4 50.Kg5 Rh5 51.Kg6 Re5 52.f7 Re6 [52...a3 53.ba3 Re6 54.Kg5 Re5 55.Kg4 Re4 56.Kf3 Re1 57.Kf2] **53.Kg5 Re5 54.Kg4 Re4 55.Kg3** [55.Kf3!? Re1 56.Kf2 Rb1 57.f8Q Rb2 58.Ke3] **Re3** [55...a3 56.f8Q a2 57.Qc8! (57.Qa8? Kb5 58.Qb7 Ka4 59.Qe4 Kb3! equal) Kb6 58.Qd8 Kb5 59.Qd7 Kb6 60.Qa4] **56.Kf2 a3 57.f8Q** [Q 2/n] **ab2** [57...a2 58.Qc8! (58.Qa8? Kb5 59.Qh1 Rh3 60.Qa1 a4! 61.Qa2 Rh1! equal) Kb6 59.Qd8 Kb5 60.Qd7 Kb6 61.Qa4] **58.Qc8 Kb5 59.Qb7 Ka4 60.Ke3 Ka3 61.Qb5!** [61.Kd2? a4 62.Kc2 b1Q equal] **a4 62.Qc5 Kb3 63.Qb4 Kc2 64.Qa4 Kc3 65.Qa5** [65.Qb5?? b1Q 66.Qb1 equal] **Kc2 66.Qf5 Kc1 67.Qf1 1-0**
[P.Svidler]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g4 Nd4 11.Bd4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 Bb7 14.a3 [14.Bh3 see 69/(216)] **Rc8 15.Rg1 Ne5** [15...d5!? with the idea 16.ed5 e5! unclear] **16.Qe3 Nc4** [16...Qc7 17.h5 Nc4 18.Bc4 Qc4 19.Bf6 with attack] **17.Bc4 Rc4 18.h5!** [a novelty; 18.Kb1; 18.Rg2] **Re8** [18...b4 19.ab4 Rb4 20.Bf6 Re8 21.Be7 Qe7 22.h6! Qc7 (22...g6 23.Nd5! ed5 24.Qc3 and White is winning) 23.hg7 Rc8 24.Rh1 with attack; 18...Qc7 19.Bf6 Rc8 20.Be7 Qe7 21.h6 (21.Rg2?! d5! with the idea 22.ed5 Rc3) g6 22.Rd4 and White is slightly better] **19.Kb1 Qc7?** [19...b4? 20.ab4 Rb4 21.g6 fg6 22.hg6 h6 23.Bc5 Rc4 24.Bd6 Bd6 25.e5 Rf8 26.Rd6 Qa5 27.Re6 and White is winning; 19...Bf8 20.g6 (20.Rg2 Qc7 21.g6 fg6 22.hg6 h6 unclear; 20.h6 g6 21.Bf6 Qa5 with counterplay) fg6 21.hg6 h6 and White is slightly better] **20.b3 Rc6**



21.Nd5!! ed5 [21...Qd8 22.Nf6] **22.ed5 Rc2** [22...Rc5 23.g6 and White is winning] **23.g6 hg6** [23...fg6 24.Qe6 Kf8 25.hg6 Bf6 26.gh7] **24.hg6 Rf8**
25.gf7 Rf7 26.Bg7 Rg7 27.Qe6 Kh8 28.Rg7 Kg7 29.Rg1 1-0 [V.Ivanchuk]

E 15

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nd7 Nd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 13.e4 b5										
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1	Re1	Qc2 ¹	Rad1 ²	Be4 ⁴	Qc3	Qc2 ⁵	Nf3	bc4	c5 ⁷	White is slightly better
	de4	Rc8	Nd5 ³	Nc3	Bf6	g6 ⁶	bc4	Qa5	Rfd8 ⁸	
2	Rad1	Bf1	bc4	Ne4	Re4	Red4	Bg2	equal
	...	Rb8	Qc8 ⁹	bc4 ¹⁰	c5	Ne4 ¹¹	cd4	Bb7	Bg2 ¹²	
3	ed5	Re1	c5 ¹⁴	Nf3	Re4 ¹⁶	Ne5	Qe1	g4	f3	with compensation
	ed5 ¹³	Rb8	Bc8 ¹⁵	Ne4	de4	Qd5	Bf5	Bg6	b4 ¹⁷	

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15.Rc1 Rc8 16.c5



a) 16...Nd5 17.Re4 Nc3 18.Rc3 f5 19.Re6 Qd4 20.Rc1 Bc5 21.Qe2 (An.Karpov – L.Portisch, Rotterdam 1989 see 47/638) Ba3 with the idea 22.Nf3 Qb2 equal L.Portisch;

b) 16...b4 17.Bb2 Bd3 18.Ne4 Be4 19.Be4 Qd7 20.Rc4 a5 21.Bc1 Nd5 22.Bd5 ed5 23.Rc2 Bf6 equal; Ar.Jussupow – An.Karpov, London (m/1) 1989 see 48/688

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16.Ne4!? bc4 17.Nc5 [17.Bb2!?]



a) 17...Qb6 a1) 18.b4?! Rcd8 19.a3 Nd5 20.Bb2 Bf6 21.Rad1 g6 22.h4 Bc8 [22...Bb5!?] 23.Qc4 a5 equal; De.Antic – N.Ostojic, Jugoslavija 1999 see 77/(506); a2) 18.Rab1 Bc5 19.bc4 Bc4 [19...Qd8 20.dc5 and White is superior] 20.Rb6 Bb6 21.Bb4 c5 22.Ba3 and White is superior;

b) 17...Bc5 18.dc5 Qd3 [18...Nd5 19.Be5 with compensation] 19.Qb2 with compensation;

c) 17...Bb5 18.b4 with compensation;

d) 17...cb3! 18.ab3 Bb5 19.Ra7 Ra8 20.Ra8 Qa8 21.Ra1 (De.Antic – N.Nikcevic, Jugoslavija 1999 see 77/506) Qb8 22.Bb2 Rd8 23.Nd3 Bd3 [23...Nd5 24.Ne5 equal] 24.Qd3 Nd5 25.Be4 h6 26.Qc4 Qb7 27.Bc2 Bf6 equal; De.Antic

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16...h6 17.Bf1 Qd7 18.Ne4 Ne4 19.Qe4 bc4 20.bc4 Bf6 21.Bb4 Rfd8 22.Bc5! and White is superior; A.Beliavsky – M.Chandler, Moscow 1990 see 49/605

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17.Bb2!? f5 [17...Nb4 18.Qe4 bc4! 19.bc4 Na2 20.Ra1 Nb4 21.Bc3 and White is superior; Dydyshko – Huzman, Batumi 1999 see 77/(506)] 18.cd5 cd5 19.Qb1 b4 20.Nf1 Qb6 21.f3 [21.Ne3!? f4 22.Ng4 Bd6 with compensation] Bf6 22.Ne3



22...Rc3! 23.Bc3 bc3

a) 24.Nc2? (An.Karpov – Ju.Polgar, Buenos Aires 2000 see 79/482) Bd4! 25.Nd4 e5 26.fe4 ed4 27.Kh1 [27.ed5 d3 28.Kh1 c2 29.Qc1 cd1Q 30.Rd1 Re8 and Black is slightly better] fe4 with compensation;

b) 24.fe4 fe4 25.Nc2! Bd3! 26.Bf1 Bd4 27.Kh1 Rf3! 28.Be2 Be2 29.Re2 e5 with compensation Ju.Polgar

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19.c5 Bd4 20.Qc2 f5

a) 21.Nf3 fe4 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.b4 [23.Qe4 e5 24.Qe5 Qf2 25.Kh1 b4 equal] Rcd8! 24.Qe4 [24.Nc6 Rd1 25.Rd1 Bb7 and Black is slightly better] e5 25.Qe5 Qf2 26.Kh1 Bc8 27.Ne6 Be6 28.Qe6 Kh8 29.Rd8 Qf3 equal;

b) 21.Bg2 Qf6 22.b4 Rcd8 23.Nf3 Bc3 24.Re3 Rd1 25.Qd1 Bc8 26.Qb3 Ba1 27.Rd3!? [27.Ne1?! Kh8 unclear; An.Karpov – Ehlvest, Sanur 2000 see 78/479] Rd8 28.Rd8 Qd8 29.Nh4 Kh8 30.Bc6 a6 31.Nf3 Bf6 32.Qe3 Qc7 33.Bd5 Qe7 34.Bb3 e5 35.Qd2 and White is slightly better An.Karpov

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19...bc4 20.Bh7 [20.bc4 (I.Novikov – Fusthy, Cattolica 1993 see 58/567) Qd4 21.Bh7 Kh8 22.Be4 and White is slightly better, with the idea Qa4 I.Novikov, M.Gurevich] Kh8 (H.Olafsson – L.Portisch, Manila (ol) 1992 see 55/522) 21.Be4! and White is slightly better, with the idea 21...Bd4 22.Nf3!? cb3 23.Qb3 c5

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22.Re3 1/2 : 1/2 V.Anand – Mi.Adams, Wijk aan Zee 1998 see 71/(544);

22.Ne5 Be5 only move 23.de5 Rfd8! 24.c5? Bb5! and Black is superior; R.Kempinski – Dydyshko, Swidnica 1998 see 73/(590); 24.Bf3 equal, with the idea 24...Rd1 25.Rd1 Qe5

26.Qa4! Dydyshko

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23.Qc1

a) 23...Bb5?! 24.h4 Rd7 25.Ne5 Rd4 [25...Be5 26.de5 Rd1 27.Rd1 Qa2 28.Rd7 Rf8 29.Qf4 a5 30.h5 Qe2 31.h6 Qh5 32.Kg2 and White is winning; Ovsejevitch – D.Komarov, Donetsk (zt) 1998 see 74/531] 26.Rd4 Be5 27.Rd7 and White is superior;

b) 23...Qa2 24.Qf4 Bg7 [24...Kg7 25.h4 with the idea h5-h6] 25.h4 Qb2 26.Rb1 Qc3 27.Rec1 Qa5 28.Ra1 Qb5 29.h5 and White is superior D.Komarov;

c) 23...Rd7!? 24.h4 Qd8 25.Rd2! Bb5 26.Qc3 and White is slightly better; An.Karpov – Mi.Adams, Dos Hermanas 1999 see 75/463

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16...h6?! 17.Bf1 bc4 18.bc4 Qc7 [18...Bb4?! 19.Bb4 Rb4 20.a3! Rb6 21.Ne4 and White is slightly better; Z.Almasi – Palac, Pula 1999 see 77/507] 19.Qa4 Bb7 20.Ne4 and White is slightly better Z.Almasi;

16...Qc7?! 17.Ne4 [17.Bf1 bc4 18.bc4 c5 19.dc5 Bb7! equal; J.Timman – V.Anand, Wijk aan Zee 2001 see 80/533; 19.d5! with initiative V.Anand] bc4



a) 18.Nf6 Bf6 19.bc4 c5 equal; An.Karpov – Leko, Linares 2001 see 81/(432);

b) 18.bc4! *b1)* 18...Bc4 19.Nf6 gf6 [19...Bf6 20.Bd2 Bd5 21.Bd5 ed5 22.Bf4 and White is superior] 20.Bd2 Bd5 21.Bd5 ed5 22.Bf4 Bd6 23.Bh6 Rfd8 24.Qf5 and White is superior; *b2)* 18...Ne4 19.Be4 f5 [19...Bc4? 20.Bh7 Kh8 21.Re5! Rb5 22.d5!! and White is superior; Sakalauskas – R.Kaminski, corr.2003 see 87/443; 19...h6 20.Qa4] 20.Bd3 Bc8 21.c5 and White is superior Sakalauskas

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17...Rd8?! 18.Ne4 Ne4 19.Re4 and White is superior; Adianto – Sendur, Istanbul (ol) 2000 see 80/(533)

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19...cd4

a) 20.Bd4 Ne4 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qe5 Bf6 23.Qc5 Bd4 24.Qc8 Rfc8 25.Rd4 Bc6 1/2 : 1/2 An.Karpov – V.Anand, Monaco (rapid) 2001 see 81/(432);

b) 20.Nf6 Bf6 21.Bd4 Bd4 22.Rd4 Qc5 23.Red1 g6 [23...Bb7 24.Bg2 Bg2 25.Kg2 equal De.Antic] 24.Qc3 Rbc8 25.h4 h5 equal; Kallai – Mi.Adams, France 2001 see 81/432

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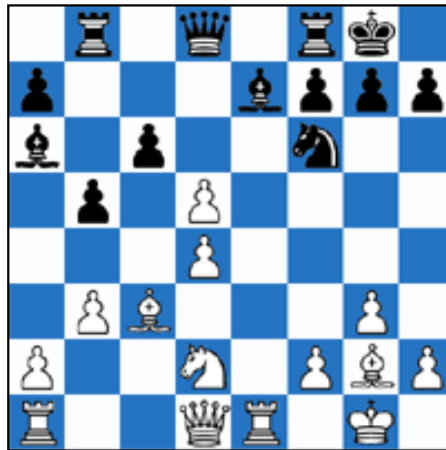
23.Kg2 Rb7 24.Qd3 Qc6 25.Qf3 Qf3 26.Kf3 Rc8 [26...Rc7?! 27.Ba5 Rc5 28.Bd2 and White is slightly better; De.Antic – A.Beliavsky, Jugoslavija 2001 see 82/462] 27.Ke2 [27.Rd7 Rd7 28.Rd7 Rc4 29.Re7 Rc3 30.Ke2 g5 equal] h5 28.Rd7 Rcc7 29.Rc7 Rc7 30.Kd3 Rd7 31.Kc2 Rd1 32.Kd1 Bc5 33.f3 Kf8 equal; 23...Qc6! De.Antic

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14...cd5 15.c5 [15.Re1 bc4 16.bc4 Bc4 17.Nc4 Qc8 18.Qa4 Rb8 19.Qa7 Qc4 20.Rec1 Bb4!? 21.Bf1 Qc3 22.Rc3 Bc3 with compensation; N.Ibraev – N.V.Pedersen, Bled (ol) 2002; better is 17...Qc7! with the idea 18.Qa4 Rfc8! D.Tyomkin] b4 16.Bb4 Bf1 17.Bf1 with compensation; V.Anand – Mi.Adams, Wijk aan Zee 2005 see 92/487

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16.cd5



a) 16...b4 17.d6! Bd6 18.Bb2 and White is slightly better; Lputian – Gershon, Athens 2005 see 93/(442);

b) 16...Nd5 17.Bb2 Re8 18.Ne4 Bc8 19.Nc5 1/2 : 1/2 Z.Izoria – A.Naiditsch, Saint-Vincent 2005;

c) 16...cd5 17.b4! Bc8 [17...Rc8?! 18.a3 Bb7 19.Nb3 and White is slightly better; Lputian – T.Gelashvili, Athens 2005 see 93/442] 18.Nb3 Ne4 unclear T.Gelashvili

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16...b4 17.Bb2 Bb5 18.a3 [18.Nf3 Re8 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Nd3 a5 21.a3 ba3 22.Ra3 a4! equal; Khurtsidze – Alexey Alexeev, Alushta 2006] ba3 19.Ra3 a6 20.Nb1 Nd7 21.Nc3 Bf6 22.Bc1 and White is slightly better; S.Ionov – Melia, Cappelle la Grande 2005

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18.Ne5 Nc3 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Qc3 Re8 equal; Kramnik – Leko, Dortmund 2004 see 91/(446)

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23.fe4 Qe6 24.Bb2 [24.Bb4? Bf6! 25.Bc3 Be5 26.de5 Qg4 and Black is superior Z.Krnic]

a) 24...Rfd8 25.Rc1 Bf6 26.Nc6! Qc6 27.e5 Qa6 28.ef6 Re8 [28...Qf6 29.Qd2 with the idea 29...Qh4 30.d5 and White is superior, passed pawns c, d] 29.Qf2 and White is superior; Leitao – Fier, Santos 2006;

b) 24...Bf6



b1) 25.d5 Qe7! 26.d6 Qe6 27.Ng6 Bb2 28.Nf8 Kf8 unclear Z.Krnic;

b2) 25.Nc6! Qc6 26.e5 Qa6 27.ef6 Rfe8 28.Qf1 Qe2 29.Qf2! [29.Qe2 Re2 30.Bc1 Be4 31.Bf1 Rc2 32.Bf4 Rd8 33.Be5 gf6 34.Bf6 Re8 35.g5 Bd5 36.Be5 Re5! 37.de5 Rc5 with compensation; H.Banikas – And.Sokolov, Greece 2006] Qg4 30.h3! Qg5 31.Bc1 Qh5 32.Bf4 Rbd8? 33.c6 Be4 34.c7 Rc8 35.Re1 and White is winning; V.Topalov – Aronian, Wijk aan Zee 2006 see 96/384; 32...Rbc8 with compensation Z.Krnic.

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