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The Most Important Theoretical Novelty of Informant 97

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In the fourth round of the 37th Chess Olympiad in Turin last year, the young Ukrainian grandmaster Andrei Volokitin played an exceptionally attractive knight sacrifice against Alexei Barsov. This game was voted as the most important theoretical novelty of [Chess Informant 97](#).

Volokitin's detailed annotations of this game prove that this exceptional position offers important possibilities for both sides. Therefore, we eagerly anticipate seeing it utilized in the games of the world's leading chess players.

DESET NAJVAŽNIJIH TEORIJSKIH NOVOSTI PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ВАЖНЕЙШИХ ТЕОРЕТИЧЕСКИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО ТОМА • THE TEN MOST IMPORTANT THEORETICAL NOVELTIES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN WICHTIGSTEN THEORETISCHEN NEUERUNGEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX NOUVEAUTÉS THÉORIQUES LES PLUS IMPORTANTES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ NOVEDADES TEÓRICAS MÁS IMPORTANTES DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI IMPORTANTISSIME NOVITÀ TEORICHE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO MEST BETYDELSEFULLA TEORETISKA NYHETERNA I FÖREGÅENDE VOLYM • المبتكرات النظرية العشرة الاظم الواردة في العدد السابق • 上一卷最重要的十点新理论										
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		VISWANATHAN ANAND	JOEL BENJAMIN	ARTUR JUSUPOW	CHESTER LUTZ	ADRIAN MIKHALCHISHIN	VALERY SALOV	IVAN SOKOLOV	JAN TIMMAN	
1. A. VOLOKITIN – BARSOV	197	1	10	3	9	10	10	9		52
2. VAN WELY – R. ANTONIO	(404)	8	9	9	5	5	5	7		48
3. B. GELFAND – P. H. NIELSEN	308	5	7	10	1	9	10			42
4. SERGEY KARJAKIN – BOLOGAN	65	3	9	1	6	6	9	7	1	42
5. RIAZANTSEV – D. JAKOVENKO	313	4	6	10	–	6	8	6		40
6. RUBLEVSKY – MAMEDYAROV	215	7	–	4	–	10	8	6	–	35
7. WOYTASZEK – MACIEJA	381	–	8	7	7	–	–	8	–	30
8. SERGEY KARJAKIN – AR. JUSUPOW	199	10	–	5	8	–	2	–	–	25
9. A. VOLOKITIN – MOROZEVICH	253	–	7	2	4	3	3	4	2	25
10. IORDACHESCU – A. MAKSIMENKO	170	8	4	–	2	2	1	–	–	17
11. ZAKHARTSOV – G. GAJEWSKI	405	9	1	–	3	–	–	–	–	13
12. P. NABA – TOMASHEVSKY	228	6	2	–	–	4	–	–	–	13
13. NISIPAEANU – SERGEY KARJAKIN	167	2	2	–	5	–	4	–	–	13
14. FRESSINET – V. GOLOD	420	–	–	–	–	8	–	2	–	10
15. MOROZEVICH – B. AVRUKH	138	–	–	6	1	–	–	–	–	10
16. ALEXANDER MOISEENKO – IULDACHEV	296	–	–	–	–	–	7	–	–	7
17. VESCOVI – BARSOV	200	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5
18. HILLARP PERSSON – SUTOVSKY	333	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	5
19. NISIPAEANU – GRISCHUK	165	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	4
20. VL. AKOPIAN – TIVIAKOV	387	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3
21. VAN WELY – I. SOKOLOV	269	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
22. AN. TZERMADIANOS – KLOKAS	74	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
23. E. BERG – ALEXANDER MOISEENKO	86	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
24. A. NAIDITSCH – PREDOJEVIĆ	234	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
25. V. TOPALOV – R. PONOMARIOV	237	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
26. M. GUREVICH – IV. SOKOLOV	272	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
27. T. RADJABOV – V. ANAND	291	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
28. M. GUREVICH – GALDUNTS	298	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
29. LEITÃO – I. ROJAS	332	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
30. AL. VAJDA – IORDACHESCU	339	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

A.VOLOKITIN 2660 – BARSOV 2525
Torino (ol) 2006 – 97/197 [C19]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.
Be3 Nce7 12.h4 Nf5 13.Bd2 f6 [13...c4 see 94/218]



14.Ng5!! [a novelty; 14.Qg4] **fg5** only move **15.hg5 cd4** [15...Kf7 16.Qh7 cd4! see 15...cd4] **16.Qh7 Kf7 17.cd4 Ne5!** [17...Rh8? 18.Qg6 Kg6 19.Rh8 Qb6 20.c3 Kf7 21.g6 Kg6 22.g4 and White is winning] **18.Be2** [18.Bf5!? ef5 19.Qh2 Nd3! 20.cd3 Re8 21.Kf1 Qh2 22.Rh2 Bd7 equal; 19.Rh6 and White is slightly better] **Nc6! 19.Bh5 Ke7 20.g4 Ncd4 21.gf5 Qe5?** [21...Kd8! 22.f6 (22.0-0 Nf5 23.Bb4 Qf4! 24.Bf8 Qg5 equal) gf6 23.Qh6 Qd6! 24.g6!? Nf5 25.Qh7!! (25.Qf4 Qf4 26.Bf4 e5 unclear) Qe5 26.Kf1 Qa1 27.Kg2 Qa3 (27...Qd4 28.g7 Re8 29.Bc3 Qc3 30.Be8 Ne7 31.g8Q Ng8 32.Qg8 Kc7 33.Qg7 Kb8 34.Rh8 Qc2 35.Bd7 Qe4 equal) 28.g7 Qe7 (28...Ng7? 29.Qg7 Bd7 30.Rb1 and White is superior) 29.gf8Q Qf8 30.Bg6 Bd7 (30...Ne7 31.Bb4 with initiative) 31.Bf4 Rc8 32.Qh8 Qh8 33.Rh8 Ke7 34.Rh7 equal] **22.Kf1** (and White is winning) **Kd8 23.f6! Nf5 24.Re1 Qd4 25.Bb4 1-0** [A.Volokitin]

Van Wely 2655 – R.Antonio 2539 Torino (ol) 2006 – 97/(404) [E37]

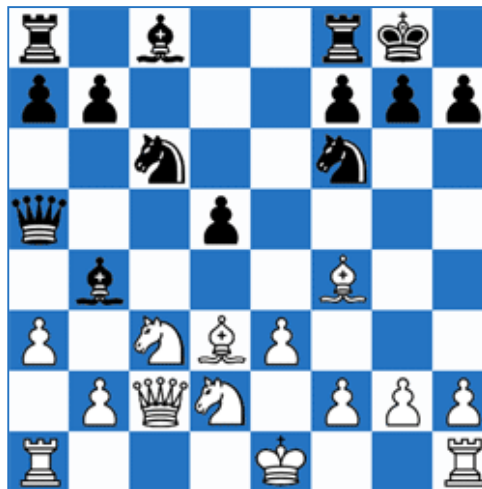
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bc3 6.Qc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 c5 8.dc5 Nc6 9.cd5 ed5 10.Nf3 Bf5 11.b4 d4 12.g4 Bg6 13.Qc4 d3 14.Bg2 Qf6 15.Ra2 Ne5



16.g5! [a novelty; 16.Qb5 see 76/(489)] **Nc4** [16...Qf5 17.Qd4 Nc6 unclear] **17.gf6 Nc3?!** [17...Nf6 18.Nd2 Nd2 19.Rd2 0-0-0 20.0-0 Nd5! 21.ed3 Nf4 with compensation] **18.fg7 Rg8 19.Ra1 0-0-0 20.Bh3! Kb8?** [20...f5 21.e3 Rg7 (21...Ne4 22.Nd2 and White is superior) 22.Nd2 and White is superior] **21.Bf4 Ka8 22.Rc1 de2** [22...Ne2 23.Rc4 and White is winning] **23.Rc3 1-0** [Van Wely]

B.Gelfand 2727 – P.H.Nielsen 2646 Torino (ol) 2006 – 97/308 [D37]

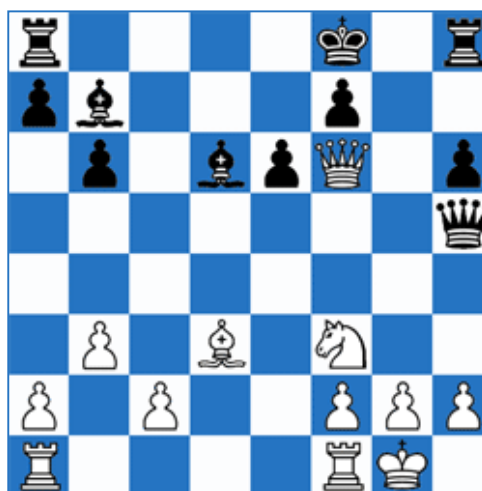
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dc5 Be5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Nd2 Bb4 11.cd5 ed5 12.Bd3



12...Nh5! [a novelty; V.Anand] **13.Bg3** [13.Nb3 Bc3 14.bc3 Qd8 15.Bh7 Kh8 16.Bd3 Nf4 17.ef4 Re8 with initiative; 13.Bh7 Kh8 14.Bd3 Nf4 15.ef4 Nd4! 16.Qd1 Re8 17.Kf1 Bc3] **h6 14.0-0 Bc3 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Qc3 Ng3 17.hg3 Rd8 18.Nc5 d4 19.ed4 Nd4 20.Rfe1 Be6 21.Ne6 Ne6** equal [P.H.Nielsen]

Sergey Karjakin 2679 – Bologan 2645 Tomsk (rapid) 2006 – 97/65 [B17]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6 7.N1f3 Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Ne4 10.Qe4 Qc7 11.0-0 b6 12.Qg4 Kf8 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 Nf6 15.Qh4 c5 16.dc5 Qc5 17.Bf6 gf6 18.Qf6 Qh5

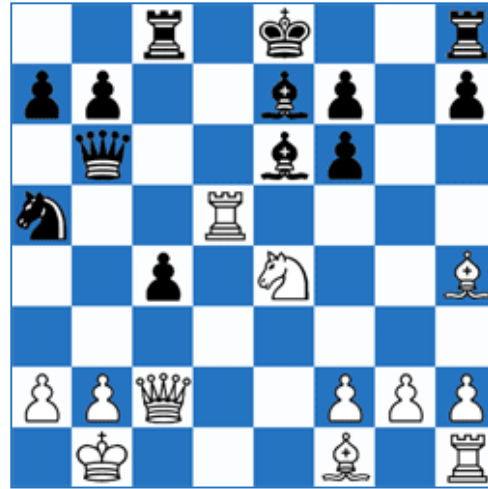


19.Be2! [a novelty; 19.Rfe1 see 89/65] **Bf3** [19...Rg8 20.g3 Rg6 21.Qh4! Qh4 22.Nh4 Rf6 23.Rad1 and White is slightly better] **20.h3!** [20.g3 Be2! 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qa8 Bf3 23.Qa7 Kf8! 24.Qb6 Qh3 25.Qd6 Kg8 26.Qd8 Kg7 27.Qd4 e5 28.Qe5 Kh7 29.Qe4 Be4 30.f3 Bc2 and Black is slightly better] **Qe5** [20...Be2? 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qa8 and White is winning] **21.Qe5 Be5 22.Bf3** (and White is slightly better) **Ba1** [22...Rc8 23.Rae1 and White is slightly better] **23.Ba8** [R 9/j] **Bc3 24.Be4 Ke7 25.f4 f5 26.Bd3 Kf6 27.Rf3 Rd8 28.Kf1 Bb4 29.Ke2 Rd7 30.g3 Rd8 31.Rf2! Rg8 32.Kf3 Rd8** [32...h5 33.Re2 and White is slightly better] **33.Re2 Rd4 34.Bc4 Rd6 35.g4 fg4 36.Kg4?** [36.hg4 and White is slightly better] **Bc3 37.Re3 Bd2 38.Re4 Bc3 39.Kh5** [39.a4!?] **b5!** [39...Bd2 40.Kh6 e5!] **40.Bd3** [40.Bb5? Rd5] **Rd5 41.Kg4** [41.Kh6?! Kf7 (41...Bd2!?) 42.Be2 Bg7 43.Kh7 Rd8 44.Bh5 Kf6 45.Re6 Ke6 46.Kg7 Kf5 47.h4 b4! 48.Bf7 Rd4! 49.h5 Rf4 equal] **a5 42.Kf3 b4 43.Re2 Rh5 44.Bc4 e5! 45.Kg4 Rf5 46.fe5 Be5 47.Bd3 Rg5** [47...Rf4 48.Kh5 Rf3 49.h4 and White is slightly better] **48.Kf3 Rg3 49.Ke4 Rh3?? 50.Rf2 Ke6 51.Bc4 1-0** [M.Golubev]

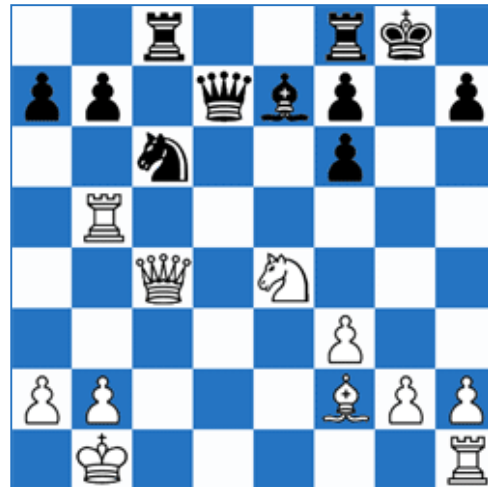
Riazantsev 2594 – D.Jakovenko 2662 Moscow 2006 – 97/313 [D39]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 dc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.e5 cd4 8.Qa4 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.Ne4 Be7 11.ef6 gf6 12.Bh4 Re8 13.Kb1 Na5 14.Qc2 e5 15.Nd4 ed4 16.Rd4 Qb6 17.Rd5 Be6 [17...c3 18.Nc3 Be6 19.Qa4 Nc6 20.Rb5 Qc7 21.Bd3 a6 22.Rh5 Rd8 23.Be4 and White is superior; 17...Bc6 18.Nd6 Bd6 19.Rd6 a) 19...0-0 20.Bf6 Rfe8 21.Bd3 cd3 (21...Be4 22.Be4 Qd6 23.Bh7 Kf8 24.Qc3 and White is superior) 22.Qd2

Re3 (22...Be4 23.Rb6 ab6 24.b3 and White is winning) 23.Rc1!!; b) 19...Qc5 20.Qd2 Be4 21.Ka1 c3 (21...0-0 22.Bf6) 22.Qc3 0-0 23.Qc5 Rc5 24.Bd3 f5 25.b4 Rc6 26.Rd7 Bd3 27.Rd3 Nc4 28.Rd7 and White is superior]



18.Rh5! [a novelty; 18.Qa4 see 59/(447)] **Bg4 19.Qa4!** [19.Rh6 Rc6 20.f3 Bf5 21.Bf2 a) 21...Qb5 22.Rh5!? (22.g4?! Bg6) Be4 23.Rb5 Bc2 24.Kc2 and White is slightly better; b) 21...Be4 22.fe4 Bc5 23.Be1 Bb4 24.Bc3 Bc3 25.Qc3 Qd8 26.Be2 and White is slightly better; c) 21...Qc7! 22.Bg3 (22.Be2 Bg6 weak point Rh6) Qb6 23.Bf2 (23.Be1 Bg6 24.Ba5 Qa5 25.Bc4 f5) Qc7 equal] **Nc6 20.Rb5 Qd4 21.f3 Be6** [21...0-0?? 22.Bf2 and White is winning] **22.Bf2** [22.Rb7 0-0 with counterplay] **Qd7 23.Bc4 Bc4?!** [23...Ne5 24.Be6 fe6 25.Rd1 Qc6 26.Nc3 and White is superior; 23...Rd8 24.Rh5 Bc4 25.Qc4 Qd3 26.Qd3 Rd3 27.Bc5! Bc5 28.Nc5 Rd2 29.Rc1! 0-0 30.g4 Ne5 31.Ne4 Rg2 32.Nf6 Kg7 33.Re5 Kf6 34.Rf5 Kg7 35.Rc7 and White is winning; 23...a6 24.Rc5 (24.Rb3 Na5!) a) 24...0-0 25.Rd1 Qc7 (25...Qe8 26.Qc2) 26.Be6 fe6 27.Rcc1 and White is superior; b) 24...b5 25.Be6 Qd3 (25...Qe6 26.Qa6 0-0 27.Rc3 Bb4 28.Rb3 f5 29.Nc5 Bc5 30.Bc5 and White is superior) 26.Qc2 Qc2 27.Rc2 fe6 28.Rhc1 Kd7 29.Rd1 Kc7 (29...Ke8 30.Nd6 Bd6 31.Rd6) 30.Bc5! Bc5 31.Nc5 Kb6 32.Nd7 Kb7 33.Nf6 Rhd8 34.Rcd2 Rd2 35.Rd2 and White is winning; c) 24...f5 25.Rd1 Qc7 26.Bg3 f4 (26...Qb6 27.Nd6 Bd6 28.Bd6 and White is winning) 27.Be6 fe6 28.Bf2 Bc5 29.Bc5 Rd8 30.Nd6 Rd6 31.Rd6 0-0 32.Re6 Nd8 33.Bd6 Qb6 34.Qc4 Ne6 35.Qe6 Rf7 36.Qe8 Kg7 37.Be5 and White is winning; d) 24...Bc4 25.Qc4 0-0 26.Rd5 Qe6 27.Nc5 Nb4 (27...Bc5 28.Rc5 Ne5 29.Qe4 and White is superior) 28.Ne6 Rc4 29.Rd4 Rd4 30.Nd4 Bc5 31.Rc1 Ba7 32.Bg1 and White is superior] **24.Qc4 0-0** [24...Nb4? 25.Nf6 Bf6 26.Re1 Be7 (26...Kf8 27.Qb4) 27.Re7 Ke7 28.Qb4 and White is winning]



25.Bh4! f5? [25...Nb4?? 26.Nf6 Bf6 27.Bf6 Rc4 28.Rg5#; 25...Nd4? 26.Rd5! Qc6 (26...Rc4 27.Rd7 Nf5 28.Bf2 and White is winning) 27.Qc6 Nc6 28.Bf6 Bf6 29.Nf6 Kg7 30.Ne4 and White is winning; 25...a6 a) 26.Rh5 Qe6! 27.Qc3 (27.Qc2 Qa2! 28.Ka2 Nb4 29.Kb1 Nc2 30.Nf6 Kg7 31.Nh7 Rfe8 32.Be7 Re7 33.Ng5 Re2 with initiative; 27.Rc1 Nb4! 28.Bf6 Bf6 29.Qb4 Rc1 30.Kc1 Bg7 with counterplay) Ne5 (27...Nb4 28.Nf6 Bf6 29.Qb4 Qe2 30.a3 Bg7 31.Re1 Qd3 32.Ka2 Rc2 33.Rg5) 28.Qc3 Nc4! (28...Rfd8 29.Qh6 Ng6 30.Qh7 Kf8 31.Qh6 Kg8 32.Re1 Qc4) 29.Qh6 Na3 equal; b) 26.Qd5! Rfd8 (26...Qd5 27.Rd5 f5 28.Nf6 Kg7 29.Rf5 Kg6 30.Rf4 Ne5 31.Nh7! and White is winning) 27.Qd7 Rd7 28.Rf5 Nd4 29.Bf6 Bf6 30.Rf6 Ne6 31.Rc1 and White is superior] **26.Be7** [26.Nf6 Bf6 27.Bf6 Ne7! (27...Qe6?? 28.Qg4 and White is winning) 28.Qf4 Rc6] **Qe7 27.Rf5 Qe6 28.Qe6 fe6 29.Rf8** [29.Rg5 and White is winning] **Kf8** [R 9/h] **30.Ng5!** [30.Nd6? Rd8 31.Nb7 Rd2] **Ke7 31.Re1 e5 32.f4 Rg8** [32...Kf6 33.Ne4 Kg6 34.Nd6 and White is winning; 32...Rf8 33.g3 h6 34.Nf3 Rf5 35.Kc2] **33.g3 Kf6 34.Ne4! Kg6 35.fe5 Ne5 36.Nd6 Nf3 37.Re6 Kh5 38.Re7 h6 39.Ne4 Kg6 40.h3!** [40.Rb7 Re8 41.Nc3 Nh2 42.Ra7 Nf1] **Ng1** [40...Rg7 41.Rg7 Kg7 42.Kc2 and White is winning] **41.**

Rb7 Nh3 42.Ra7 Kf5 43.Re7 Rg4 44.Nd6 Kf6 45.Re3 Ng5 46.b3 Rd4 47.Nc4 Ne6 48.Kc2 Rg4 49.Kc3
Nc7 50.Nb6 Nb5 51.Kb2 Nd6 52.a4 Nf5 53.Rf3 Ke6 54.a5 Nd4 55.Re3 Kd6 56.a6 Nc6 57.Rc3 Rg8 58.
Ka3 Na7 59.Ka4 Re8 60.b4 h5 61.b5 Rh8 62.Ka5 Rg8 63.Rd3 1-0 [Riazantsev]

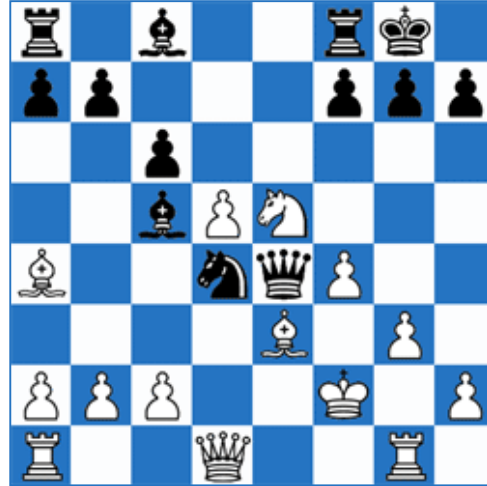
Rublevsky 2687 – Mamedyarov 2699 Fors 2006 — 97/215 [C48]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Nd4 5.Ba4 c6 6.Ne5 d5 7.d3 Bd6 8.f4 Bc5!? [8...de4 see 58/(347)] 9.
ed5



9...0-0! [a novelty; 9...b5] 10.Ne4 [10.dc6 bc6 a) 11.Kf1 Re8 12.Nc6 Qd6 13.Ne5 Re5! 14.fe5 Qe5 a1) 15.
h3 Nf5 16.Ne2 Nd5 17.d4 Nde3 18.Be3 Ne3 19.Ke1 Ng2 20.Kf2 Bb7! (20...Qe3 21.Kg2 Bb7 22.Kf1 Qf3 23.
Ke1 Qh1 24.Kd2 Qh3 25.Qg1) 21.dc5 (21.Qd2 Qf6 22.Kg1 Nh4 23.Rf1 Nf3 24.Rf3 Qf3 25.Rh2 Bd6) Qe3 22.
Kf1 Qf3 23.Kg1 Nf4 24.Nf4 Qh1 25.Kf2 Qh2 26.Ke1 Qg3 27.Kd2 Qf4 28.Kc3 Qa4 and Black is winning;
a2) 15.Qe1 Qf5 16.Qf2 Qf2 17.Kf2 Nc2 18.Kg3 (18.Ke2 Bg4 19.Kd2 Na1 20.b3 Bb4 21.Bb2 Rd8 22.Re1
Bf5) Na1 19.Bg5 Bd6 20.Kf2 (20.Kf3 Bb7 21.Ke2 Rb8 22.Ra1 Bg2 23.Bb3 Bh2) Ng4 21.Ke2 Rb8! 22.Ra1
Rb2 23.Bd2 Bf4 24.Ne4 Ne5 25.h3 Ba6 and Black is winning; b) 11.Nc6 Nc6 12.Bc6 Bg4 13.Qd2 (13.Bf3
Re8 14.Kf1 Qd4 15.Qd2 Rad8 with the idea 16.h3?! Nh5! 17.Ne4 Re4 18.Be4 Ng3 19.Ke1 Nh1 and Black is
winning) Rc8 b1) 14.Be4 Ne4 b11) 15.de4 Qh4 16.Kf1 (16.g3 Qh3 17.Rf1 Rcd8 18.Nd5 Rfe8 19.e5 Qh5! 20.
c4 Re5 21.fe5 Qe5 22.Qe3 Rd5! with the idea 23.Qe5? Rd1#) Be6! 17.Qe1 (17.Nd5 Bd5 18.ed5 Rfe8 19.d6
Rcd8; 17.b3 Rfd8 18.Qe1 Qe1 19.Ke1 Bb4) Bc4 18.Ne2 Qf6 19.e5 Qg6 20.b3 Be2 21.Qe2 Bd4 and Black is
winning; b12) 15.Ne4 Re8 16.Kf1 Qh4 17.Qe1 Qh5! (17...Qe1? 18.Ke1 f5 19.h3 Bh5 20.g4 fe4 21.gh5 ed3
22.Kd1 dc2 23.Kc2 Bg1 24.Kd1 Rcd8 25.Bd2 Be3 26.Rh2 Bf4 27.Rf2 Be3 28.Re2 Rf8 29.Re3 Rf2 30.Re2 Rf1
equal) 18.Qd2 (18.h3 f5; 18.Be3 Be3 19.Qe3 f5) Bf3! 19.Ng3 Qd5 and Black is winning; b2) 14.Bf3 Re8 15.
Kd1 (15.Ne4? Ne4 16.de4 Qh4 17.Kf1 Rcd8 18.Qe1 Qe1 19.Ke1 Re4! 20.Kf1 Bf3 21.gf3 Rd1 22.Kg2 Re2;
15.Kf1 Bf3 16.gf3 Nd5 17.Qg2 Bd4! with the idea 18.Ne4? Bb2!) Be3 (15...Bf3 16.gf3 Nd5 17.Nd5 Qd5 18.
Qg2 Rc6 19.Bd2 Rg6 20.Qf1 Rb6 with attack) 16.Qe3 Re3 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Nd5 Bf3 19.gf3 Qd5 20.Rf1 a6
and Black is slightly better; c) 11.Be3 Nc2 12.Bc2 Be3 13.Qf3 Bd4 14.0-0-0 (14.Nc6? Bc3 15.bc3 Qc7 16.
Ba4 Bg4 17.Qf2 Rae8 18.Kf1 Bd7 19.Qf3 Re6 and Black is winning) Qd6 15.Qc6 (15.Rhe1 Be6) Be5 16.Qa8
Bc3 17.bc3 Qc7 18.Qf3 Bg4 19.Qe3 Bd1 20.Rd1 Qc3 21.Qe5 Qc6 with compensation] Ne4 11.de4 Qh4!
[11...cd5? 12.c3 Ne6 13.ed5 Nc7 14.b4 Bb6 15.d6 Ne6 16.d7 and White is winning; 11...b5 12.Be3! Nc2 13.
Be2 Be3 14.Qd3 Bf4 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Rf1 Bh2 17.e5 g6 18.0-0-0 with attack] 12.g3 [12.Kf1 a) 12...cd5 13.
Be3 de4 14.Bd4 Qf4 15.Ke1 Rd8 16.c3 (16.Bc5 Rd1 17.Rd1 Be6 18.Bd4 Rd8 and Black is winning) Be6! 17.
g3 (17.Bb3 Bd4 18.cd4 Qe3 19.Qe2 Qd4 20.Be6 fe6 21.Nc4 Rac8 22.Ne3 Qb4 23.Kf1 Rd2 24.Qe1 Qb5 and
Black is winning) Qg5 18.Qc1 Qe7 19.Bc5 Qc5 20.Qf4 Qb6 21.Bb3 Bb3 22.ab3 f6 23.Ng4 Qb3 24.Qf2 Rd3
with attack; b) 12...Nb3 13.Nd3 Na1 14.Nc5 Bg4 15.Qe1 Qe1 16.Ke1 b5 17.h3 (17.Bb3 cd5 18.h3 Nb3 19.
ab3 Be6 20.f5 Bc8 21.g4 de4) ba4 18.hg4 cd5 19.ed5 Rac8 20.Na4 Rc2 and Black is superior] Qh3 13.Be3
[13.Qd2!? Bg4! 14.Rf1 Rfe8! 15.b4! Bb6 16.Bb2 Nf3 17.Rf3 Bf3 18.d6 Bh5 19.d7 Re7 20.b5 c5 21.Bb3
Rd8 22.Bd5 Be7 23.Nc6!! bc6 24.bc6 Rb8! (24...Bg4 25.Qc3 Qh6 26.h4 Qg6 27.Kf2 Bd7 28.cd7 Rdd7 29.h5
Qh6 30.Kg2 with compensation; 24...Qf5 25.Qc3 Re4 26.Kf1! Rf4 27.gf4 Qf4 28.Ke1 Qh4 29.Kf1 Qf4 equal)
25.Qc3 Re5! (25...Qg4 26.Kf1 Rb2 27.Qb2 Qe2 28.Kg1 Qe3 29.Kg2 equal) 26.Qe5 Be5 27.Be5 Qh2 28.Be4
Rd8!! (28...Qg3? 29.Kd2 Rd8 30.Bd3 Qg4 31.Rb1! Rf8 32.Kc3 Qe6 33.Rb8 Rb8 34.Bb8 Qf6 35.Be5 Qd8 36.
c7 Qd7 37.Ba6 f6 unclear; 28...Qc2? 29.c7! Rb1 30.Rb1 Qb1 31.Kf2 Qc2 32.Kg1 Qd1 33.Bf1 Qd7 34.Ba6
Qd1 35.Bf1 equal) 29.Bd3! (29.c7 Qg1 30.Kd2 Rd7 31.Bd3 Qf2 32.Kc3 Rc7) c4! 30.c7 Qg1! 31.Kd2 c3! 32.
Bc3 Qf2 33.Kc1 Qe3 34.Bd2 Qg1 35.Be1 (35.Kb2 Qb6) Qe1 36.Kb2 Qb4 37.Kc1 Qa3! 38.Kb1 Qf8 39.Ba6
Rb8 40.cb8Q Qb8 41.Kc1 Qd6 42.Bb5 Kf8 43.Rb1 Bg4 44.f5 Qh6 45.Kb2 Ke7 and Black is winning] Qg2
[13...Nc2? 14.Bc2 Be3 15.Qe2 and White is slightly better] 14.Rg1 [14.Rf1 f6! 15.Bd4 (15.Nf3 Re8! 16.Nd2
Bf5! 17.Rg1 Qh2 18.Nf1 Bb4 19.c3 Qb2 20.cb4 Re4 and Black is winning; 15.Qd2 Qe4 16.Qd3 Qe3! 17.Qe3
Nc2 18.Bc2 Be3 19.Nc4 Bc5 20.0-0-0 Bg4 21.Rd2 Bb4 22.Rd4 Be2 23.Rf2 Bc5 and Black is superior) Qe4
16.Qe2 Qd4 17.Bb3 fe5 18.c3 Qe3 19.d6 Kh8 20.Qe3 Be3 21.fe5 Bh3 22.Rf8 Rf8 a) 23.e6 Rf1 24.Ke2 Ra1

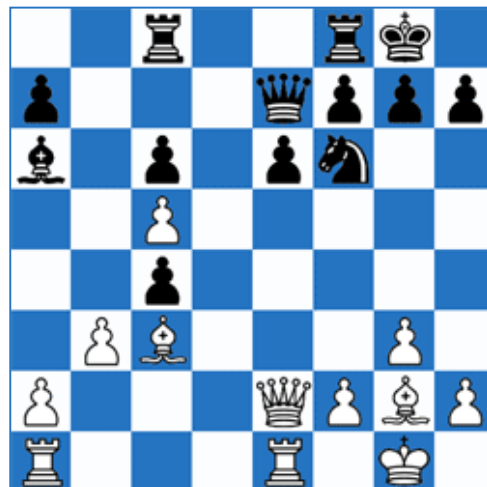
25.e7 Bg4! (25...Bd7? 26.Be6 and White is winning) 26.Ke3 Re1 (26...Bd7? 27.Ke2! and White is winning) 27.Kf4 Bd7 and Black is winning; b) 23.Ke2 Bc5 24.Re1 Rf2 25.Kd1 Rb2 26.Re4 h5 27.e6 Bd6 28.e7 Be7 29.Re7 Bg4 30.Kc1 Rh2 and Black is superior] **Qe4 15.Kf2** [15.Qd3 Nc2! 16.Bc2 Qd3 17.Bd3 Be3 18.Rg2 cd5 and Black is superior]



15...Re8! [15...f6 16.Nc4! b5 17.c3 (17.Nd2? Qe3! 18.Ke3 Re8 19.Ne4 Bf5 20.Kf2 Be4 and Black is winning) Nf5 (17...ba4 18.Bd4 Qd5 19.Ne3 Bd4 20.cd4 unclear) 18.Bc5 Qc4 19.Bf8 Kf8 20.Bb3 Qc5 21.Ke2 Qe7 22.Kd2 Qe3 23.Kc2 Nd4! (23...Ng3? 24.Kb1 Ne4 25.a4 and White is superior) 24.Qd4 Bf5 25.Kd1 Bg4 26.Kc2 Bf5 equal] **16.Qd3** [16.dc6 Re5! 17.fe5 Bg4 18.Qd3 Qf3 19.Ke1 Rd8! 20.cb7 Qb7 21.Rd1 Bd1 and Black is winning; 16.Re1 Bh3 17.Nf3 Nf3 18.Qf3 Qa4 and Black is winning; 16.c3 Re5! 17.fe5 Bg4 18.cd4 Bd1 19.Rgd1 cd5 20.Rac1 Bb6 and Black is winning] **Re5 17.fe5 Qf3 18.Ke1 Bf5 19.Rf1** [19.Qd2 Nc2! 20.Bc2 Bb4 21.Qb4 Qe3 22.Kf1 Bh3 23.Rg2 Qf3 24.Ke1 Qg2 25.Qe4 Qg1 26.Kd2 Qh2 27.Kc3 Bg2 and Black is winning] **Bb4!** [19...Bd3 20.Rf3 Nf3 21.Kf2 Be4 22.Bc5 Bd5 23.Bd6 Nh2 24.Ke3 f6 25.ef6 Re8 and Black is superior] **20.c3 Bd3 21.Rf3 Nf3 22.Kf2 Nh2 23.cb4 Ng4 24.Kf3 Ne5 25.Kf4 Ng6 26.Kf3 cd5 27.Rc1 Ne5 28.Kf4 Ng6 29.Kf3 b5 30.Bb3 Bc4 31.Bc2 Ne5 32.Kf4 f6 33.Rd1 Ba2! 34.b3 Rc8 35.Bc5 a5 36.Bf5 Bb3 37.Rb1 Bc2! 38.Be6** [38.Bc8 Bb1 39.ba5 Nd3 and Black is winning; 38.Bc2 ab4 and Black is winning, with the idea 39.Rc1 Rc5 40.Bh7 Kh7 41.Rc5 Nd3] **Kh8 39.Ra1 Re8 40.ba5 Nd3 41.Kf3 Nc5 42.Bd5 b4 43.a6 Na6 0-1** [Mamedyarov]

Wojtaszek 2605 – Macieja 2585 Polska (ch) 2006 — 97/381 [E15]

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 Rc8 13.e4 b5 14.Re1 de4 15.Ne4 bc4 16.Qe2 Nf6 17.Nc5 Bc5 18.dc5 Qe7



19.b4! [a novelty; 19.Qe5 see 97/(381)] **Rfd8** [19...Nd5?! 20.Bd5 cd5 21.Qe5 f6 22.Qe6 Qe6 23.Re6 and White is superior] **20.Qb2! Ne8 21.a4 h6 22.Re2?! [22.Rab1 and White is superior] Rd3 23.Be4 Rd7 24.Ree1 Bb7 25.Qa2 Ba6 26.Rab1 Nf6 27.Bg2 Nd5 28.Be5 Qf8 [28...Qg5 29.h4 and White is superior; 28...f6 29.Bd6 Rd6 30.cd6 Qd6 31.Qd2 and White is superior] 29.Rec1 Rb7 30.Qa3 Qd8 31.h4! [weak point g5] f6?! [31...Qd7 and White is slightly better] 32.Bd6 c3?! [better is 32...Qd7] 33.Rc3! Nc3 34.Qc3 Qd7 [34...Rd7 35.Rd1! Be2 36.Re1 Bg4 37.Qc4 h5 38.Qa6! and White is superior] 35.Rb2 Qf7? [35...Kh8 36.Rd2**

and White is superior] **36.b5 cb5 37.Qa5 ba4 38.Qa6 Rb2 39.Qc8 Kh7 40.Qa6?!** [40.c6 Qh5 41.c7 Qd1 42. Kh2 Rf2 (42...Qd6 43.Qd8 and White is winning) 43.Qb7 Qc2 44.g4! a3 45.c8Q Rg2 46.Kh3 and White is winning] **Rb1?** [40...Qg6 41.Qa4 Qb1 42.Bf1 Qe1 43.Qf4 and White is winning] **41.Kh2 Qg6 42.Qa4 Rb2 43.Qd4 Re2 44.c6 e5 45.Qa7 Rc2 46.c7 1-0** [Macieja]

Sergey Karjakin 2679 – A.Jussupow 2617 Amsterdam 2006 – 97/199 [C19]

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] **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!? (Y.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] **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! 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] **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; 27...g6 28.Nf4 Be6 29.hg6 hg6 30.Rh8 Kh8 31.Ng6] **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] **Ke6 35.Ra5 Rb8** [35...Nh6 36.Ra6 and White is winning] **36.Ra6 Rb6 37.Rb6 ab6 38.Bb5!** [38.Rg7?? Ne5] **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]

A.Volokitin 2662 – Morozevich 2731 Biel 2006 — 97/253 [C92]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.d4 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a4 Na5 13.Ba2



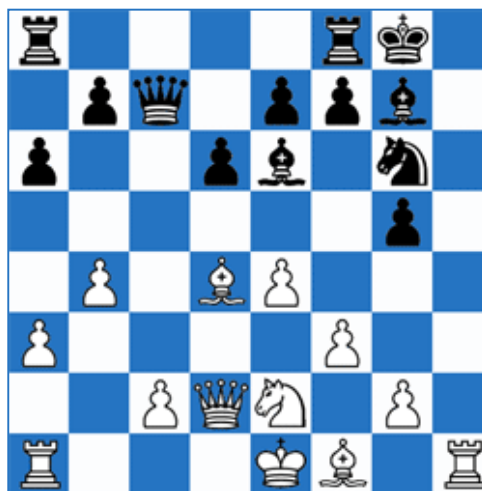
13...ed4! [a novelty; 13...c5 see 97/(253)] **14.cd4 c5 15.b4?** [15.dc5?! dc5 16.e5 Nd5 and Black is slightly better; 15.Ng5?! c4 16.Bb1 b4 17.e5 de5 18.de5 h6! and Black is slightly better; 15.d5 b4 (15...Nd7!?) 16.Bb1 (16.Qc2!?) c4 17.b3 c3 18.Nf1 Nd7 19.Bc2 unclear] **cb4 16.Ng5 Nc4** [16...b3!? 17.Nb3 Nc4 18.Nd2 h6 19.Ngf3 Ne4 (19...Be4!? 20.Nc4 bc4 21.Bc4 Bf3 22.gf3 Re1 23.Qe1 d5 and Black is slightly better) 20.Bc4 (20.Nc4?! Nc3! 21.Qb3 Na2 22.Re8 Qe8 23.Qa2 Bd5 24.Nd6 Qe6 and Black is superior) bc4 21.Nc4 Rc8 and Black is slightly better] **17.ab5 ab5 18.Nc4**



18...Ra2! 19.Ra2 bc4 20.Qa4!? [20.d5 h6 21.Ra4! hg5 (21...Qc8 22.Nf3 Re4 23.Re4 Ne4 24.Rb4 Nf2 25.Qd4 Nd3 26.Rc4 Nc1 27.Qe4 Qa8 28.Rc1 Bd5 29.Qf4 and Black is slightly better) 22.Bg5 Qc8 23.Bf6 gf6 24.Rb4 f5! 25.ef5 Re1 26.Qe1 Bd5 27.Qd2 and Black is slightly better] **b3** [20...d5 21.e5 h6 22.Rae2 hg5 23.ef6 Re2 24.Re2 Qf6 25.Re8 Bc6 26.Rf8 Kf8 27.Qb4 and Black is slightly better; 20...Qa8 21.Bd2! (21.Qb4 Qa2 22.Qb7 Re7 23.Qc8 h6 24.Nf3 Re4 and Black is superior) b3 22.Raa1 Qa4 23.Ra4 Rc8 (23...h6 24.Rc4 hg5 25.Rb4 with counterplay) 24.Rb4! Ba8 25.d5 and Black is slightly better] **21.Rae2 Qc7** [21...d5!? 22.e5 Qd7 23.Qd7 (23.Qa5 Ne4 24.Ne4 de4 and Black is slightly better) Nd7 24.Nf7!? Kf7 (24...Bb4!? 25.Nd6 Rb8) 25.e6 Re6 26.Re6 Bb4 and Black is slightly better] **22.d5 Rb8 23.Re3 Nd7** [23...Ra8!? 24.Qb5 Ra2! 25.Nf3 Ba6 with initiative] **24.Rc3 Nc5!** [24...Re8 25.Be3 and White is slightly better] **25.Rc4 h6 26.Nf3 Qb6 27.Qa1** [27.Rc5!? dc5 28.Bb2 Ra8 29.Qd7 Ra2 30.Ne5 Qf6! and Black is slightly better] **f5! 28.Be3?** [28.Rd4! fe4 29.Nd2 Ra8! (29...Nd3? 30.Ree4 b2 31.Bb2 Qb2 32.Qb2 Nb2 33.Rb4 and White is slightly better) 30.Qb1 Nd3 31.Ree4 Nc1 32.Qc1 b2 33.Qc2 Rc8 34.Qd3 Rc1 35.Kh2 b1Q 36.Nb1 Qb1 and Black is slightly better] **fe4 29.Re4 Bd5 30.Be5?** [30.Rd4 and Black is superior] **dc5** (and Black is winning) **31.R4e3 b2?** time [31...c4 and Black is winning] **32.Qb1 Qa7 33.Re8?** time [33.Qc2!] **Ba2 34.Qa2 Qa2 35.Rb8 c4 36.Nd4 c3 37.Ne6 Qe6?** [37...Qa1 and Black is winning; 37...c2 and Black is winning] **38.Re6 c2 39.Reb6 c1Q** [Q 8/b] **40.Kh2 Qf4 41.Kg1 Qc1 42.Kh2 Kh7 43.Rb2 Be5!** [43...Bd6 44.g3 Bb8 45.Rb8 and Black is superior] **44.R8b3?** [44.R8b5! Bd4 45.Re2! Qf1 46.Rbb2! and Black is superior] **Qe1!** (and Black is winning) **45.Kg3 Bd4 46.Rb1 Qf2 47.Kh2 Be5 48.Kh1 Qf4 49.Kg1 Qh2 50.Kf2 Bd4 51.Kf3 h5 52.Rb5 Kh6 53.Rd5 Ba7 54.Rbd1 h4 55.R5d2 Qe5! 56.Rd6 g6 57.R1d3 Qg3 58.Ke2 Qg2 59.Kd1 Bb8 0-1** [Morozevich, Al.Kuzmin]

Iordachescu 2603 – A.Maksimenko 2499 Srbija 2006 — 97/170 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bg7 10.h3 Ne5 11.f3 Nbc6 12.Bf2 Be6 13.Qd2 Nd4 14.Bd4 Qa5 15.h4 0-0 16.hg5 hg5 17.a3 Ng6 18.b4 Qc7 19.Ne2



19...Rfc8!! [a novelty; 19...f6? see 89/225] **20.c3** [20.Rc1 a) 20...Bc4!? 21.Bg7 Kg7 22.Qg5 (22.Ng3) Be2 (22...Rh8!? 23.Rh8 Rh8 with compensation) 23.Be2 Qc3 24.Kf2 Qa3 equal; b) 20...Bd4 21.Nd4 Qc3 22.Rh5 (22.Ne6 fe6 23.Rh5 Kf7 24.Rg5 Qa3 25.c4 a5 with counterplay) g4 (22...Bd7 23.Rg5 Qa3 24.Nf5 Kf8 25.Rg6 Bf5 26.Qh6 Ke8 27.Rg8 Kd7 28.Rc8 Rc8 29.ef5 and White is winning) 23.Rg5 (23.Ne6 fe6 24.Rg5 Kf7 25.Rg4 Qa3 26.c3 Rh8 unclear) Bd7 (23...Qd2 24.Kd2 Bd7 25.Nf5 Kf8 26.Rg4 and White is superior) 24.Nf5

Kf8 25.Rg4 Ke8 26.Rg5 (26.Rg3 Qa3 27.Ne3) Qa3 27.Ne3 Be6 28.c3 a5 29.Bb5 Kf8 30.Nf5; 29...Kd8 equal; 20.Bg7 Kg7 21.Qg5 (21.Nd4 Qc3) Qc2 22.Qh6 Kg8 23.Rd1 Bc4 (23...Bb3 24.Rd2 Qb1 25.Kf2 Rc2 26.Nd4 Rd2 27.Qd2 and White is slightly better) 24.Nd4 Qc3 25.Kf2 with attack; 23...Qb2 with counterplay] **Bc4** [20...Bd4!? 21.cd4 Qc2 22.d5 Bd7 23.Nd4 Qd2 24.Kd2 Kg7 equal] **21.Rc1** [21.Ng3 Bf1 22.Kf1 Bd4 (22...Qc4 23.Kg1 e5 24.Be3 Qc3 25.Qc3 Rc3 26.Bg5 f6 27.Bd2 Rd3 unclear) 23.cd4 Qc3 24.Qc3 Rc3 25.Nf5 a5 26.b5 a4 unclear; 21.Rh5 e5 22.Bf2 Nf4 23.Nf4 gf4 24.Rc1 a5 unclear] **Be2** [21...e5 22.Bf2 Bf6 (22...d5 23.Qg5 and White is superior) 23.Ng3 and White is slightly better; 21...d5 22.Qg5 Be2 23.Bg7 Kg7 24.Be2 Rh8 25.Rh8 Rh8 26.ed5 and White is slightly better; 21...f6 22.Ng3 and White is slightly better] **22.Be2 Bd4 23.Qd4 a5! 24.Kd2** [24.b5 Qc5 and Black is slightly better; 24.c4 ab4 25.ab4 Ra4; 24.Kf2 ab4 25.cb4 (25.ab4 Ra2) Qc1 26.Rc1 Rc1 27.Qd2 Rc7 28.Qg5 Ra3 29.f4 Rc2 30.f5 Raa2 31.fg6 Re2 32.Kf3 Rf2 33.Ke3 equal] **ab4** [24...d5 25.ed5 e5 (25...Rd8 26.c4) 26.Qd3; 24...Qd7 25.Qd5 ab4 26.ab4; 24...Qd8!? a) 25.Bd3 ab4 26.ab4 e5 27.Qe3 d5 (27...Ra2 28.Rc2) 28.ed5 Qd5 29.c4 Qd7 30.g3 Ra2 and Black is superior; b) 25.Rc2 ab4 26.ab4 e5 27.Qe3 d5; c) 25.g3! ab4 26.ab4 Ra3 (26...e5 27.Qd5) 27.Rh5 with counterplay] **25.cb4** [25.ab4 Ra2 26.Rc2 Rca8] **Qd8 26.Rc8 Rc8 27.Rc1 Rc1** [27...Ra8 28.Rc3 and White is slightly better] **28.Kc1 Nf4** (equal) **29.Bf1** [29.Bc4 Qc7 (29...Ng2 30.e5 Nf4 31.Qg1 unclear) 30.Kb2 e5 31.Qc3 Ng2 and Black is superior] **e5! 30.Qe3 d5 31.ed5** [31.g3 d4 (31...Ne6) 32.Qd2 Nh5 33.Qh2 Ng7 unclear] **Qd5 32.Kb2 b5 33.g3 Ne6 34.Bd3 Nd4 35.Be4** [35.Qg5 Kf8 and Black is superior] **Qd8 36.g4** [36.f4 gf4 37.gf4 f5 38.Bb1 e4 and Black is slightly better] **Kg7 37.Qd2** [37...Qf6 38.Qc3 Qh6 and Black is slightly better] ½-½ [Iordachescu]

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bc3 6.bc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 Nce7 12.h4										
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	...	a4 ¹	ef6	0-0	Bg6	Rfe1 ²	a5	Ne5	Qg4	and White is slightly better
	Bd7	f6	Rf6	c4	Ng6	Raf8 ³	Qc8 ⁴	Be8	Rf5 ⁵	
2	...	Bd2	Ng5 ⁶	hg5	Qh7	cd4 ⁸	Be2	Bh5	Bb4	and White is superior
	Nf5	f6	fg5	cd4 ⁷	Kf7	Ne5 ⁹	Nc4 ¹⁰	Ke7	Kd7 ¹¹	
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bh5	g4	equal
	Nc6	Ke7	Ncd4 ¹²	
4	Bf5	Rh6 ¹³	Rg6	and White is slightly better
	ef5	Ng4 ¹⁴	Re8 ¹⁵	

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13.Rb1 (R.Ponomarev) a) 13...b6?! 14.Qg4! f5 15.Qh3 a1) 15...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 h6 [20...Nc6?! 21.g4! and White is winning; Sergey Karjakin - Ar.Jussupow, Amsterdam 2006 see 97/199] 21.Rg1! Rc7 22.g4 fg4 23.Qg4 Nf5 24.Nh4 and White is winning; Sergey Karjakin; a2) 15...h6 (R.Ris - Delemarre, Nederland 2006) 16.h5 Nh8 17.g4 and White is slightly better; M.Bjelajac; b) 13...c4!? (Seirawan) 14.Bg6! [14.Be2?! f6 15.ef6 Rf6 unclear] fg6 15.Qg4 Nf5 16.h5 with initiative; c) 13...Qa5 14.Bd2 c4 15.Bg6 fg6 16.Qg4 Qa3 17.h5 with initiative; Sergey Karjakin

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17.Qg5 e5 18.de5 Rf3 19.gf3 Rf8 with compensation, with attack; V.Anand - Lputian, New Delhi (m/2) 2000 see 80/316

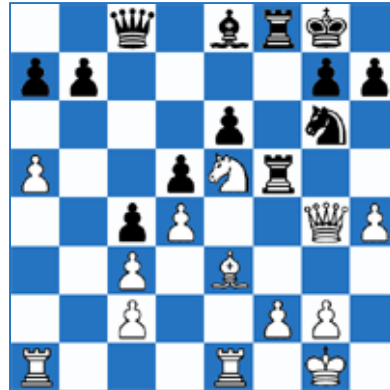
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17...Qd6 18.Bg5 Rf5 19.Qg4 Nh8 20.Ne5 Nf7 21.Bf4 and White is slightly better; Smirin - Dolmatov, Moscow 2003 see 89/(270)

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18...Rf3!? 19.gf3 e5 with compensation; L.Dominguez

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21.f3?! Ne5 22.de5 a6 [22...Re5? 23.Ba7 Bh5 24.Qg3 Re1 25.Re1 Bg6 26.Bd4 and White is superior; L. Dominguez - Matamoros Franco, Rio de Janeiro 2003 see 89/270] 23.Qg3 Bb5 24.Kf2 Qc7 25.Bd4 h5 equal; **21.Nf3** Nf4 22.Bf4 Bh5! 23.Qg3 Rf4 24.Ng5 Bg4 25.f3 h6 unclear; **21.Ng6!** Bg6 22.f3 R5f6 23.Re2 Bf5 24.Qg3 Qc6 25.Qe1 and White is slightly better, with the idea Bf2-g3-e5 L.Dominguez

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14.Qg4 fe5 15.h5 Nge7 [15...Nf4 16.Ne5 Nd3 17.cd3 cd4 18.cd4 Qb6 19.Rc1 and White is slightly better] 16.Ne5 Nc6 17.Nc6 bc6 18.h6 and White is slightly better; M.Gongora

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15...Kf7 16.Qh7 *a)* 16...Rh8? [16...Bd7? 17.Rh6 Nge7 18.Rf6 Ke8 19.Rf8 Kf8 20.g4 and White is winning] 17.Qg6 Kg6 18.Rh8 *a1)* 18...Qb6 19.g4 cd4 20.gf5 ef5 21.Be2 Kf7 22.g6 Ke6 [22...Ke7 23.Bg5 Kd7 24.0-0-0 d3 25.Rd3 Qf2 26.Rd5 Kc6 27.Rd6 Kc7 28.Bd8 and White is winning] 23.cd4 Qd4 24.Rd1 Qe4 25.c4 d4 26.f3 Qc2 27.Bf4 Qc3 28.Kf2 and White is winning; *a2)* 18...Kf7 19.g6! Kg6 20.g4 Kf7 21.gf5 ef5 22.0-0-0 cd4 23.cd4 Rb8 24.Rg1 Bd7 25.Rh7 Rg8 26.Be2 and White is superior; *b)* 16...cd4! see 15...cd4

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17.Rh6?? Qe5 18.Kf1 dc3 and Black is winning

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17...Bd7? 18.Rh6 and White is winning; **17...Rh8?** 18.Qg6 Kg6 19.Rh8 Qb6 [19...b6 20.Be2! Nd4 21.Bh5 Kf5 22.Rf8 Ke4 23.f3 Nf3 24.Rf3 and White is winning] 20.c3 Kf7 21.g6 Kg6 22.g4 Qb2 23.gf5 ef5 24.Rb1 Qa3 25.Ke2 and White is winning

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18...Ng6? 19.Bh5 Nfe7 20.Rh3! Qc2 21.Rc1 Qe4 22.Re3 Qg2 23.Bg6 Ng6 24.Rc7 Ke8 [24...Ne7 25.Bb4 and White is winning] 25.Qg6 Kd8 26.Rf7 Qg1 27.Ke2 Qg4 28.f3 Qg2 29.Kd1 Rf7 30.Qf7 Qf1 31.Be1 Bd7 32.Qf8 Be8 33.Re6 and White is winning; **18...Nd7**



19.0-0!! with attack a5 [19...Ke8 20.Rae1 Nb6 21.Bb4 Nd6 22.f4! a5 23.Bc5 Na4 24.Bb5! Nb5 25.Bf8 Kf8 26.f5 and White is winning] a) 20.Bh5 Ke7 21.g4 Ng3! [21...Nd6 22.Qg7 Kd8 23.Rae1 Qc2 24.Re6 Nc4 25.Re7 and White is superior] 22.Qg7 Kd8 23.Rfe1 [23.g6 Ne4 24.Bh6 Rf3! equal] Nh5 24.g5 Qc2 25.Re6 Qd2 26.Qe7 Kc7 27.Qd6 Kd8 equal; b) 20.Rfe1! Ke7 21.g4 Nd6 22.Bd3 Nc4 23.Qg7 Rf7 24.Re6 Ke6 25.Qh6 Ke7 26.Re1 Kd8 27.g6 and White is winning

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20...Ncd6? 21.g4 and White is superior; **20...Kd7** 21.Bf8 Nce3! 22.fe3 Qc3 23.Kd1 Qa1 24.Kd2 Qh1 25.Be8 Ke8 26.Qh1 Kf8 27.g6 Ke7 [27...Nh6 28.g4 Bd7 29.g5 Ng8 30.c4 and White is superior] 28.Qh8 Kf6 29.g4 Nh6 30.g5 Kg5 31.Qg7 Ng4 32.Qf7 Nh6 33.Qe8 Kf6 34.c4 and White is superior; A. Volokitin

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20...e5?! 21.gf5 Kd8 22.Bg6 Nd4 23.f6 gf6 24.Qh6 Rg8 25.Bh7 Rg7 26.gf6 Rf7 27.Bg6 Qc4 28.0-0-0 Qa2 29.Ba5 b6 30.Bc3 Ne2 31.Kd2 Nc3 32.Bf7 and White is winning; **20...Ncd4** 21.gf5



a) 21...Qe5? 22.Kf1 Nf5 [22...Kd8 23.f6! and White is winning; **A.Volokitin - Barsov, Torino (ol) 2006 see 97/197**] 23.Re1 Qd4 24.Bb4 Nd6 25.Re2 and White is winning; b) 21...Nf5? 22.Bb4 Kd8 23.0-0-0 Nd6 24.Qg6!! [24.Rd3 a5 25.Rc3 Qe7 26.Bd6 Qd6 27.Qg7 Bd7 28.Bg6 Ra6 29.Rh8 Qf4 30.Kb2 Rh8 31.Qh8 Ke7 with counterplay] a5 [24...Bd7 25.Rd5 ed5 26.Bd6 Qc3 27.Bf8 Qa1 28.Kd2 Qh1 29.Bg7 Qh2 30.Qf6 Kc7 31.Bf7 and White is winning] 25.Bd6 Qd6 26.Rd5! Qd5 27.Rd1 Ra6 28.Rd5 ed5 29.Qg7 Rf2 30.Qh8 Kc7 31.Qe5 Rd6 32.Qc3 Kd8 33.Qg3 Rf1 34.Kd2 and White is winning; c) 21...Kd8! 22.f6 [22.0-0 Nf5 23.Bb4 Qf4! 24.Bf8 Qg5 equal] gf6 23.Qh6 Qd6! [23...Qe5 24.gf6 Bd7 25.f7 and White is slightly better, with the idea 25...Nc2 26.Kf1 Na1 27.Bb4 and White is winning; 23...Qe7 24.Bd1 Nf5 25.gf6 Qd6 26.Qf4 and White is slightly better] 24.g6!? Nf5 [24...e5 25.Qh7! and White is superior] 25.Qh7!! [25.Qf4 Qf4 26.Bf4 e5 unclear] Qe5 26.Kf1 Qa1 27.Kg2 Qa3 [27...Qd4 28.g7 Re8 29.Bc3 Qc3 30.Be8 Ne7 31.g8Q Ng8 32.Qg8 Kc7 33.Qg7 Kb8 34.Rh8 Qc2 35.Bd7 Qe4 equal] 28.g7 Qe7 [28...Ng7? 29.Qg7 Bd7 30.Rb1 and White is superior, with the idea 30...Kc7? 31.Rb7 Kb7 32.Qd7 Kb8 33.Qe6 Qa4 34.Qd5 and White is winning] 29.gf8Q Qf8 30.Bg6 Bd7 [30...Ne7 31.Bb4 with initiative] 31.Bf4 Rc8 32.Qh8 Qh8 33.Rh8 Ke7 34.Rh7 equal; A. Volokitin

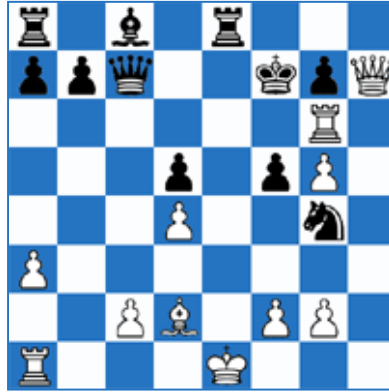
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19.Qh2 Nd3! 20.cd3 Re8 21.Kf1 Qh2 22.Rh2 Bd7 equal

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19...Ke8? 20.Bb4 Kd8 [20...a5 21.Bc5 Qf7 22.g6 Qe6 23.Kf1 and White is winning] 21.Rd6 Nd7 22.0-0-0 with attack

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21.**Kf1** Qc4! 22.Kg1 Qd4 23.Rf1 [23.Rg7? Qg7 24.g6 Kf6 25.Bg5 Kg5 26.Qg7 f4! and Black is slightly better] Be6 only move [23...Bd7?? 24.Rg7 Qg7 25.g6 Kf6 26.Bg5 Kg5 27.Qg7 and White is winning] 24.Bb4! a) 24...Rac8 25.Re6 Ke6 26.Qg6 Nf6 [26...Kd7 27.Qd6#] 27.Re1 Kd7 28.Qg7 Kc6 29.Re8 Re8 30.Qf6 Qf6 31.gf6 and White is winning; b) 24...Bd7 only move 25.Bc5 Qc3 26.Bb4 Qd4 equal; 21.**Kd1!** Rg8 only move 22.f3 [22.Qh5 Ke7 23.Qh7 Kf7 equal] a) 22...Qc4 23.Kc1! [23.fg4 Qf1 24.Be1 f4 25.Rf6 Ke7 26.Kd2 Bg4 27.Rb1 Qe2 28.Kc3 Rac8 29.Kb3 Qc4 30.Kb2 Qc2 31.Qc2 Rc2 32.Kc2 gf6 33.Rb7 Ke6 34.gf6 Kf6 35.Bd2 Bf5 equal] Ne3 [23...Qd4 24.Rb1 and White is superior] 24.Be3 Qc3 25.Rf6 Ke7 26.Qg8 Qe3 27.Kb2! [27.Kb1 gf6 28.gf6 Kf6 29.Qf8 Kg6 30.Ka2 Qc3 equal] Qd4 28.c3 Qf2 29.Kb3 gf6 30.gf6 Kf6 31.Rh1 Qb6 32.Ka2 Qf2 33.Ka1 and White is superior; b) 22...Qh2 23.Rf6 Ke7 24.Bb4 Kd7 25.Qh2 Nh2 26.Rd6 Kc7 27.Rg6 f4 28.Bd6 Kd8 29.Bf4 Ke7 30.Kd2 Bf5 31.Rd6 Rac8 32.Re1 Kf7 33.Re5 and White is slightly better; A. Volokitin

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