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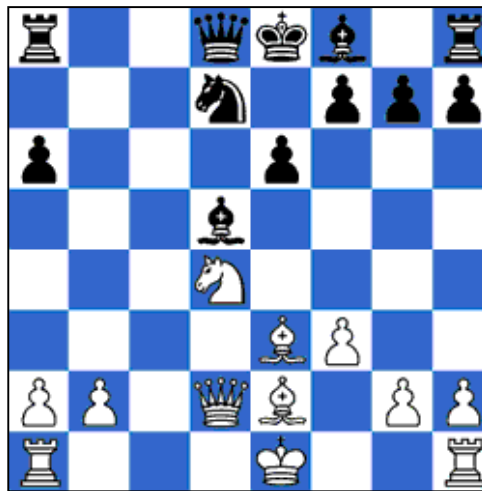
Although it may seem that the move 10.c4 does not bring an advantage for White in the Scheveningen variation of Sicilian Defense, Morozevich's winning novelty, 15.Rc1!, could change current opinion. By opening the position and moving the knight from the edge of the board, after 10...bc3 11.Nc3, White emphasizes the weakness of Black's queen's wing. Then upon introducing the rook into the game before castling, White has achieved an important tempo for his queenside actions. Therefore, the interesting reply 10...Qc7 could be an important move for Black to prove that he has the better chances in this closed position.

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1. MOROZEVICH — GRISCHUK	156	10	9	10	6	10	9	—	10	64
2. MOTYLEV — BELOZHEROV	154	9	1	7	7	9	8	—	7	48
3. NISIPAEANU — R. RUCK	171	8	4	2	—	8	10	9	2	43
4. LÉKO — B. GELFAND	294	—	6	6	8	—	6	8	9	43
5. SHIROV — D. JAKOVENKO	259	7	8	9	—	—	10	8	—	42
6. SHABALOV — DE FIRMIAN	(183)	—	10	—	10	—	5	—	—	25
7. P. TREGUBOV — GREET	(388)	—	5	4	—	6	—	7	—	22
8. BOLOGAN — J. TIMMAN	248	—	—	—	9	3	2	—	5	19
9. M. CARLSEN — SERGEY KARJAKIN	181	5	—	8	1	—	—	—	—	14
10. GRISCHUK — VA. FILIPPOV	320	6	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	14
11. SERGEY KARJAKIN — S. MOVSESIAN	127	—	—	1	5	7	—	—	—	13
12. SHIMANOV — S. SOLOVJOV	327	—	7	—	3	—	—	—	3	13
13. ORIEN RUIZ — QUEZADA PÉREZ	184	4	—	3	—	2	3	—	—	12
14. KI. GEORGIEV — NISIPAEANU	375	—	—	—	1	1	—	6	—	8
15. AMIGUES — PRIÉ	285	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	8
16. RAUSIS — CEBALO	152	—	2	5	—	—	1	—	—	8
17. NISIPAEANU — A. DELCHEV	240	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
18. ALEX. FERNÁNDEZ — QUEZADA PÉREZ	170	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
19. KHEIKIN — MICHEDUSHVILI	298	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	5
20. S. SOLOVJOV — VITIJOV	119	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
21. K. VAN DER WEIDE — S. ATALIK	226	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
22. POSTNY — M. KOBALIA	326	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
23. NOGUEIRAS SANTIAGO — IVANCHUK	366	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
24. M. PARIJGRAS — M. MARIN	227	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	4
25. HANSEN — WESTERINEN	(239)	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
26. POZQ VERA — QUEZADA PÉREZ	289	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
27. S. ATALIK — E. BERG	395	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
28. GONZÁLEZ VIDAL — Y. BORGES	147	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
29. M. MÉDINA — CAMACHO PEÑATE	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
30. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ — BRUZÓN BATISTA	261	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

**Morozevich 2747 – Grischuk 2710**  
**Moscow 2006 — 98/156 [B80]**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 b4 9.Na4 Nbd7 10.c4 bc3 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Be2 d5 13.ed5 Nd5 14.Nd5 Bd5



**15.Rc1!** [a novelty; 15.0-0 see 98/155] **Qb8 16.a3 Bd6 17.Nf5! 0-0** [17...Bh2 18.f4 (18.Ng7 Ke7 19.Nf5 ef5 20.Qd5 Qg3 21.Kd2 Rhd8 22.Qf5 and White is superior) ef5 19.Qd5 Bg3 20.Kf1 Bf4 21.Rh3! with attack; 17...Be5! 18.f4 g6 19.fe5 gf5 20.0-0 Ne5 21.Rc5 with initiative] **18.Nd6 Qd6 19.0-0** (and White is superior) **a5 20.a4 Rfd8 21.Bb5 h6 22.Rc3 Nf8** [22...Nf6 23.Rd1 and White is superior] **23.Rfc1 Ng6 24.Qf2 Rdb8 25.Rc7 Qb4 26.Qd2! Rb5?** [26...Qh4 27.Ra7 Ra7 28.Ba7 Ra8 29.Bb6 Qh5 and White is superior] **27.ab5 Qb5 28.Rc8 Rc8 29.Rc8 Kh7 30.Rc5 Qb7 31.Ra5** (and White is winning) **Ne5 32.Qc2 Kg8 33.Rc5 Nc6 34.h3 f5 35.Qc3 1-0** [Morozevich, Al.Kuzmin]

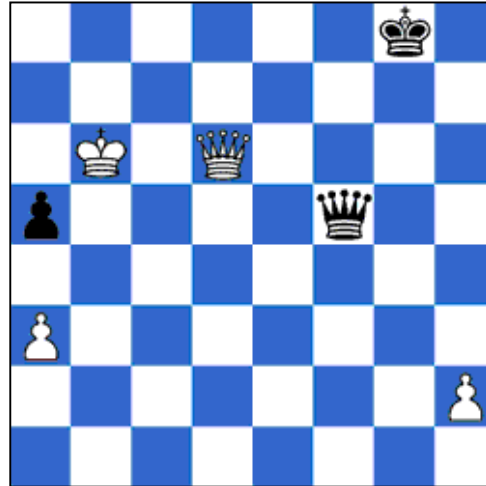
### Motylev 2662 – Belozero 2518 Russia 2006 — 98/154 [B80]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 d5 10.g5 Nd4 11.Qd4 Nh5 12.0-0-0** [12.f4 see 69/216] **Bg5**



**13.Kb1!** [a novelty; V.Potkin; 13.ed5] **Be3** [13...de4? 14.Qe5!; 13...e5 14.Qe5 Be3 15.Qh5 and White is slightly better] **14.Qe3 Qf6 15.ed5 Nf4 16.d6 Bd7 17.Bb5! Bb5** [17...Rfd8 18.Ne4 Qe5 19.Bd7 Rd7 20.Qc5 Nd5 21.Rhe1 (21.c4 f5 only move, unclear) Qf4 (21...Qh2 22.c4 Nb6 23.Qd4 and White is superior) 22.c4 and White is slightly better] **18.Nb5 Nd5** [18...a6 19.Nc7 Rad8 20.d7 and White is superior] **19.Qe4! Rfd8** [19...a6 20.Nc7 Nc7 21.de7 Qe7 22.Qb7 Rac8 (22...Rfc8 23.Rd8! Rd8 24.c8Q and White is winning) 23.Qa6 Qc7 24.Qe2 and White is superior] **20.Nc7 Rac8 21.Nd5 ed5 22.Rd5** [22.Qd5 Rd7 23.Rhe1 g6 24.Qd4 Qd4 25.Rd4 Rc6 26.Red1 f5 27.c4 Kf7 28.b4 b6 unclear] **Rd6 23.Rd6 Qd6 24.Qb7** [Q 9/e] **Qc5** [24...Re8!? 25.Qa7 (25.a3 and White is slightly better) Qh2 26.Rd1 Qd2 27.Qg1 and White is slightly better] **25.Qe4 Rd8 26.a3 h5 27.Re1 Rd2** [27...Qf2 28.Qe2 with the idea 28...Rd2 29.Qf2 Rf2 30.c4 and White is winning] **28.Re2 Re2 29.Qe2** [Q 4/f] **g5 30.c4** [30.b4!? Qg1 31.Kb2 g4 32.fg4 hg4 33.Qd2 and White is winning] **g4** [30...a5 31.Ka2 (31.Qe8!? Kg7 32.Qb5) Kf8 32.Kb3 and White is winning] **31.fg4 Qg1 32.Ka2** [32.Kc2 hg4 33.b4 Qd4 (33...f5 34.c5 and White is winning) 34.c5 Kf8 35.Qd3 (35.Kb3 f5 36.c6 Qd5 37.Qc4 and White is winning) Qf2 36.Kb3 Qh2 37.Qd8 Kg7 38.Qd4 and White is winning] **hg4 33.Qe5** [better is 33.b4 Qd4 (33...f5 34.c5) 34.c5 Kf8 35.Kb3 f5 36.c6 Qd5 37.Qc4 and White is winning] **Qc1! 34.Kb3** [34.Qd4 f5 35.c5 f4 with counterplay; 34.Qd5!? Qf4 (34...Qc2 35.Qg5 Kf8 36.Qg4 and White is winning) 35.c5 Kf8 36.c6 Qc7 37.Kb3 and White is winning] **Qd1 35.Kb4 Qd2 36.Kb5** [36.Ka4!? Qd7 37.Qb5 Qd2 38.Qb8 Kg7 39.b4 and White is winning] **f5** [36...Qd7 37.Kc5 f5 38.Qd5 Qd5 39.Kd5 and White is winning] **37.c5** [37.b4? f4 38.Qe6 Kf8 39.Qg4 Qe3 unclear; better is 37.Qf5 Qb2 38.Ka4 Qh2 39.Qg4 Kf8 40.Qc8 Ke7 41.Qb7 Ke6 42.

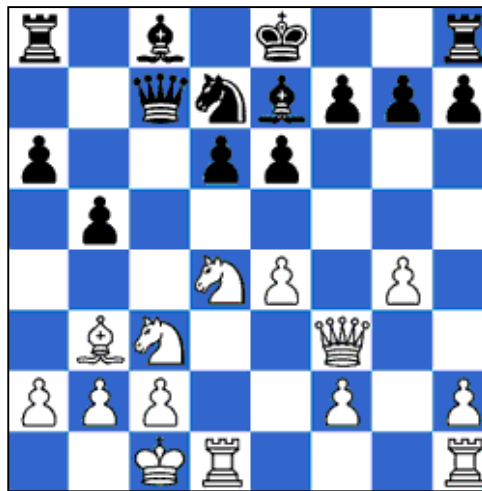
Qc6 Ke7 43.Ka5 and White is winning] **f4 38.c6 f3 39.e7** [39.Qe6 Kh7 40.Qf7 Kh6 41.Qf6 Kh5 42.c7 Qd7 43.Qc6 a6 44.Kb6 Qc6 45.Kc6 f2 46.c8Q f1Q] **Qd7 40.Kc5** [40.Ka6 f2 41.Qg5 Kh7 42.Qh4 Kg6 43.Qf2 Qc7 44.b4 Qb8! and White is superior] **f2 41.Qd5 Qd5 42.Kd5 f1Q 43.c8Q** [Q 4/c] **Kf7** [43...Kh7 44.Qg4 Qb5 45.Ke6] **44.Qe6 Kf8 45.Qe5 Kf7! 46.Qe6** [46.Kd6!? Kg6 47.Kc7 Qf2] **Kf8 47.Qg4 Qb5 48.Ke4??** [48.Ke6 Qc6 49.Kf5 Qb5 (49...Qd7 50.Kg5 Qe7 51.Kf4 Qd6 52.Ke3 Qh2 53.Qf4 Qf4 54.Kf4 Ke7 55.Ke5 Kd7 56.Kd5 Kc7 57.Kc5 Kb7 58.Kb5 and White is winning) 50.Kg6 Qe8 51.Kg5 Qe7 52.Kf4 Qd6 53.Ke4 Qe7 (53...Qh2 54.Qf4 Qf4 55.Kf4 see 49...Qd7) 54.Kf3 Qb7 55.Kg3 Qb2 56.Qb4 and White is winning] **Qb2** [ and White is slightly better; Q 4/b] **49.Qf5 Kg8 50.Qd5 Kh7 51.Qf5 Kg8 52.Qg4 Kf7 53.Qf4 Kg8 54.Qd6 a5 55.Kf5 Qf2 56.Kg6 Qc2** [56...Qg2! 57.Qg3 Qc6 and White is slightly better] **57.Kf6 Qf2 58.Ke7 Qh4** [58...Qf7!? 59.Kd8 a4] **59.Kd7 Qa4 60.Kc7 Qe4 61.Kb6 Qf5** [61...a4?? 62.Qb8 Kf7 63.Qb7 and White is winning]



**62.a4!** [62.Qc5? Qf6 63.Ka5 Qd8 equal] **Kf7** [62...Qf2 63.Ka5 and White is winning; 62...Kh7 63.Qc5 Qb1 64.Ka5 and White is winning] **63.Qc7** [63.Qc5!? Qe6 64.Ka5] **Ke8 64.Qc5 Qh3** [64...Qe6 65.Qc6 Kd8! 66.h4; 65.Ka5 and White is winning] **65.Qe5 Kd7 66.Qc7 Ke8 67.Qe5?** [67.Ka5! and White is winning] **Kd7!** [67...Kd8 68.Qa5! Qh2 69.Kb7 Ke8 70.Qb5 Kf7 71.a5 and White is winning] **68.Ka5** [Q 3/f; 68.Qc7! Ke8 69.Ka5! Qf3] **Kc6** [68...Kc8! 69.Kb6 only move Qh6! 70.Kb5 only move Qh3 71.a5! Qd3 72.Kc5 Qc2 73.Kd5 a) 73...Qd3 74.Qd4! Qf3 75.Kd6 Qf8 76.Kc6 Qe8 77.Kb6 Qe6 78.Kb5 Qh3 79.Qf4 Qd7 80.Kb4 Qb7 (80...Kb7 81.h4) 81.Kc3 Qh1 82.Qc4 only move Kb8 83.h4 only move; b) 73...Qg2 74.Kd6 Qd2 75.Kc6 only move Qd7 76.Kc5 (76.Kb6?? Qd6!) Qh3 77.Kb6 Qh6 78.Kb5 Qh7 79.Qf4! Qb7 80.Ka4 Qd7 81.Kb4 Qb7 82.Kc3 Qh1 83.Qc4 only move Kb8 84.h4 only move] **69.Qe4?** [69.Qb8 only move] **Kc5?** [69...Kc7! equal 70.Qe5 Kb7 only move] **70.Qe7?** [70.Qb4!; 70.Qe5; 70.Qc2] **Kc6 71.Qe4 Kc5? 72.Qc2! Kd5** [72...Kd6! 73.Kb5] **73.Kb4! Qg4! 74.Ka3! Kd6! 75.Qd3! Kc6! 76.Qc3! Kd7! 77.a5! Qe2** [77...Qf4!] **78.h4! Qd1** [78...Qe7!] **79.Qg7** [79.Kb4!; 79.Qc4] **Ke6! 80.Qg6! Ke7** [80...Kd7] **81.Qe4** [81.a6!] **Kd6** [81...Kf8!; 81...Kf7] **82.Qb4** [82.a6!] **Kc7** [82...Ke5!] **83.Qc4** [83.Qc5!] **Kd6! 84.Kb4** [84.a6!] **Qe1! 85.Ka4! Qh1** [85...Qa1!] **86.Qd4! Kc6! 87.a6! Qf1** [87...Qc1!] **88.Qc3** [88.a7!] **Kb6! 89.Qb4! Kc6! 90.Qb7! Kc5** [90...Kd6!] **91.Qc7! Kd5! 92.Qd7** [92.a7!] **Kc5** [92...Ke4!] **93.Qe7** [93.Qc7!] **Kc6!** [93...Kd5! 94.Ka5!] **94.Qe6** [94.Qe4!; 94.Qb7!] **Kc5! 95.Qc8** [95.Qe3!] **Kb6** [95...Kd6!] **96.Qb7 Kc5 97.Qc7! Kd5! 98.a7! Qa1** time [99.Kb5 Qf1 100.Kb6 Qb1 101.Ka6 Qf1 102.Kb7 Qb1 103.Kc8 and White is winning] **1-0** [Motylev]

## Nisipeanu 2693 – R.Ruck 2523 Hrvatska 2006 – 98/171 [B87]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.Bf6** [11.Rhe1 see 97/166; 11.e5 see 97/167] **Nf6** [11...Bf6 12.Be6 fe6 13.Ne6 Qc6 14.Nd5 Kf7 15.Ng5 Ke8 (15...Kf8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh6 Kg8 18.Nh7! Rh7 19.Qg6 Kh8 20.Nf6 Nf6 21.Qf6 Rg7 22.Rd6 and White is winning) 16.Qh5 (16.Nf6) g6 17.Qg4 and White is winning] **12.g4 Nd7** [12...0-0 13.g5 Nd7 14.g6 Ne5 15.gh7 Kh8 16.Rhg1 Bd7 17.Qe3 unclear; 12...b4! 13.Nce2 Bb7 14.Ng3 d5 15.ed5 Bd5 16.Bd5 Nd5 17.Ndf5 0-0 and Black is slightly better]



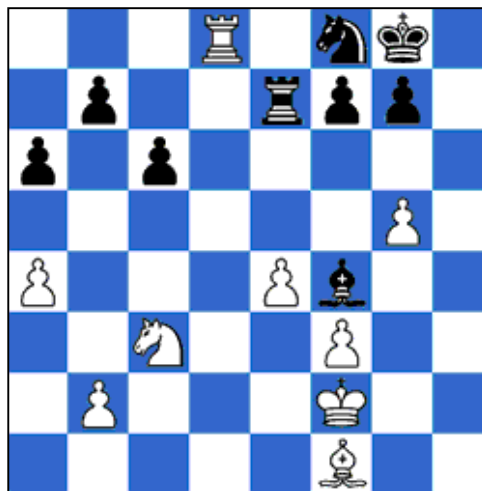
**13.Be6!** [a novelty; 13.Qg3] **Ne5 14.Nd5 Qc5 15.Bf7 Nf7 16.Qg3 Bf6 17.Nb3 Qa7 18.f4** (with initiative) **0-0 19.Nf6** [better is 19.g5 Bd8 20.g6 hg6 21.Qg6 Nh8 22.Qd6 and White is superior] **gf6 20.h4** (with attack) **Re8** [20...Bb7! 21.g5 (21.Rhe1 Rae8 22.g5 fg5 23.hg5 Be4 24.g6 unclear) fg5 22.hg5 Be4 23.g6 Rac8 24.gf7 (24.gh7!? Kh8 25.Rdg1 Ng5 only move 26.Qg5 Bh1 27.Rh1 Qf2 unclear) Kh8 25.Rh2 Qf7 26.Rf2 and White is slightly better] **21.g5 f5 22.g6** (and White is superior) **hg6** [22...Nh6 23.Qg5 Qg7 24.Rd6 and White is winning] **23.Qg6 Kf8 24.ef5** [24.Nd4! Re4 25.Rhg1 Rd4 26.Qg7 Ke7 27.Rd4 and White is superior] **Qe3 25.Kb1 Qf4 26.Nd4 Re4?** time [26...Qh6 27.h5 Re4! unclear, with the idea 28.f6 Rg4] **27.Rhg1** [27.Ne6! Be6 28.fe6 Ne5 29.e7 Ke7 30.Qd6 Ke8 31.Qe6 Kf8 32.Rhg1 Nf7 33.Qg6 and White is winning] **Rd4 28.Qg7 Ke7 29.Rd4 Qf5 30.Re1 Kd7 31.Rdd1!** (and White is winning) **Qh5 32.Rf1 Ke8 33.Rde1 1-0**  
*[Nisipeanu]*

### Leko 2741 – B.Gelfand 2733 Moscow 2006 — 98/294 [D19]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bf3 11.Qf3 0-0 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.e4 e5 14.Be3 Qa5**



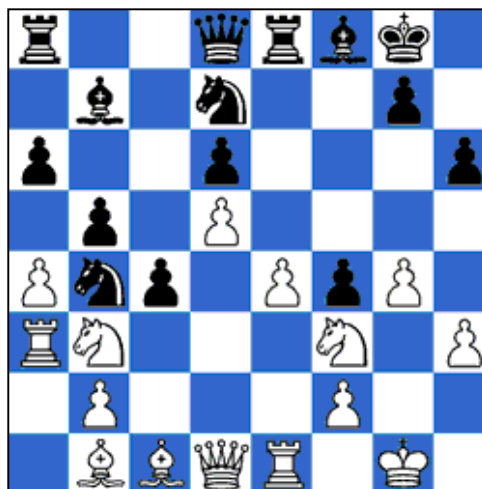
**15.Qf5!** [a novelty; 15.Ne2 see 92/391] **ed4** [15...Bc3?! 16.bc3 Qc3 17.Rac1 Qa5 (17...Qb2 18.Rb1) 18.Bg5! with initiative; 15...Rfe8] **16.Qa5 Ba5 17.Bd4 Rfe8 18.f3 a6** [18...Bb6 19.a5 Bd4 20.Rd4 and White is slightly better] **19.Kf2** [19.g4] **Ne5 20.Be2** [20.Bf1! and White is slightly better] **Rcd8 21.Be3 h5!** (with counterplay) **22.g4!?** [22.g3] **hg4 23.hg4 Ng6!** [weak point f4; 23...Bc3?! 24.bc3 Neg4? 25.fg4 Ne4 26.Kf3 Rd1 27.Bd1 and White is superior] **24.Rd8! Rd8 25.Kg3! Re8** [25...Be7! 26.f4 Ba5!! 27.Kf3 (27.e5 Bc3 28.bc3 Ne4 29.Kf3 Nc3; 27.Bf3 Bc3 28.bc3 Rd3 29.Kf2 Rc3) Nh4 equal] **26.Rd1! Be7 27.Kf2 Re7 28.Bf1!** [28.g5 Nh5 with counterplay] **Nf4** [28...Rd7! 29.Rd7 (29.g5 Rd1 30.Nd1 Nh5 31.Bh3 b5 equal) Nd7 30.Ne2!? weak point f4, with the idea g5, Bh3] **29.g5!** [29.Ne2 g5! unclear] **Nh7?** [29...N6h5 30.Bc5 Re5 31.Rd7 Rc5 32.Rc7 b5 a) 33.ab5 ab5 34.Nb5 Rc2 (34...Rb5 35.Bb5 cb5 36.Ke3 Ng2 37.Ke2! Ngf4 38.Kd2 Ne6 39.Rb7 Ng5 40.Rb5 f6 41.Ke3 and White is slightly better) 35.Ke3 Rb2 36.Nd6 Rb3 37.Kd2 Rf3 38.Bc4 with initiative; b) 33.Nd5!? Nd5 (33...ba4 34.Rc6! Rc6 35.Ne7) 34.ed5 Rd5 35.Rc6 Rd2 (35...Rg5? 36.a5!; 35...ba4 36.g6) 36.Ke3 Rb2 37.a5! Rb3 38.Bd3 Kf8 39.Ra6 Nf4 40.Kf4 Rd3 41.Rb6 and White is slightly better; 29...Nd7 30.Ne2! Ne2 31.Be2 and White is slightly better] **30.Bf4?** [30.e5!! and White is superior, with the idea 30...Be5? 31.Rd8 Nf8 32.Bc5 and White is winning] **Bf4 31.Rd8 Nf8**



**32.g6! b5** [32...Rd7! 33.Rd7 Nd7 34.Bc4 Ne5; 33.Re8 b5 34.Ne2 Bd6; 33.Ra8 with initiative] **33.Bh3!** [33.Ra8 Rd7!] **fg6 34.Ra8 ba4?** time [34...Kf7 a) 35.Ra6 ba4 36.Na4 (36.Rc6 Rb7 37.Na4 Be5; 36.Bf1 Rb7 37.Bc4 Ke7 38.Na4) Rc7 37.Nc5 Be5 38.Nd3 Bd4 39.Kg3 c5; b) 35.a5! Bc1 (35...Nd7 36.Ra6 Ne5; 36.Ne2) 36.b3 Bd2 37.Ne2 Ba5 38.Ra6 and White is slightly better] **35.Bf1! Kf7 36.Bc4 Ne6 37.Ne2?** time [37.Ra6! Ke8 (37...Kf8 38.Ra8 Kf7 39.Ne2) 38.Rc6 Nd4 39.Rc8 Kd7 40.Ra8 and White is superior] **Bd6!** [37...Be5 38.f4 Bb2 39.f5] **38.f4 Kf6?** [38...Rb7!! 39.f5 (39.Ra6 Ke7 equal) gf5 40.ef5 Kf6 41.fe6 (41.Be6 g6 equal) Rb4! equal] **39.e5 Be5 40.fe5 Ke5 41.Be6?!** [41.Ra6! Rb7 42.Be6! (42.Rc6 Nf4) Ke6 see 41.Be6] **Ke6** [41...Re6! 42.Ra6 c5 43.Ra4 Rb6 44.Ra2 and White is superior] **42.Ra6** [R 8/f6] **Rb7 43.Nf4! Ke5 44.Ke3 c5 45.Nd3 Kd5 46.Ra5! Kd6 47.Ra4 Kd5 48.Ra5** [48.Rg4! Rb3 49.Rg5 Kd6 50.Rg6 Kd5 51.Rg4 and White is winning, zugzwang] **Kd6 49.Ra4** [49.Ra6! Kd5 50.Rg6 Rb3 51.Rg4! and White is winning] **Kd5 50.Kd2** [50.Rg4! see 48.Rg4] **c4 51.Nb4** [51.Rb4! Rb4 52.Nb4 Kc5 (52...Ke4 53.Kc3 g5 54.Kc4 g4 55.Nc2 g3 56.Ne1 Ke3 57.Kd5!! Ke2 58.Ke4!! and White is winning) 53.Nc2 g5 54.Ne3 Kb4 (54...Kd4 55.Nf3 Ke4 56.Ng7 g4 57.Nh5 Kf5 58.Kc3 Kg5 59.Ng3 Kf4 60.Nf1 and White is winning) 55.Kc2 g6 56.Ng4 Kb5 57.Kc3 Kc5 58.Ne5 Kb5 59.Nc4 g4 60.Ne3 g3 61.Kd3 Kb4 62.Ke2 Kb3 63.Nd1 and White is winning] **Ke4 52.Kc3 g5 53.Nc6 g4 54.Rc4 Kf5 55.Nd4 Kf4 56.Nc6 Kf5 57.Nb4 g3?** [57...Re7! and White is superior 58.Rc5 (58.Nd5 Re2) Ke4 59.Kd2! Kf3 60.Rf5 Kg2 61.Nd3 (61.Nd5 Rb7 62.b4) Rb7 62.b4 g3 63.Ke3 g6 64.Rg5 Re7 65.Kd2 Kh2 66.Ne5 and White is winning] **58.Nd5** (and White is winning) **Ke5 59.Ne3 Rf7 60.Rg4 Rc7 61.Nc4 Kf5 62.Rg3 g5 63.Rf3 Ke4 64.Rf7 Rc8** [64...Rf7 65.Nd6 Kf4 66.Nf7 g4 67.Kd2 g3 68.Ke2 Ke4 69.Nd6 Kd5 70.Nf5 Kc4 71.Ne3 Kb3 72.Nd1] **65.Rg7 Kf4 66.Kd3 Rd8 67.Ke2 Re8 68.Kf2 Rb8 69.Rf7 Ke4 70.Rd7 g4 71.b3 Rb4 72.Nd2 Kf4 73.Rd3 Kf5 74.Kg3 Ke5 75.Nc4 Ke4 76.Re3 Kd4 77.Kg4 Rb8 78.Kf3 Rh8 79.Ke2 1-0 [Leko]**

## Shirov 2720 – D.Jakovenko 2671 Espana 2006 — 98/259 [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.Ng5 Rf8 12.Nf3 Re8 13.a4 h6 14.Nbd2 Bf8 15.Bc2 ed4 16.cd4 Nb4 17.Bb1 c5 18.d5 Nd7 19.Ra3 f5 20.g4 f4 21.Nb3 c4** [21...Ne5!? 22.Bf4 Nc4 (22...Nf3 23.Qf3 Nd5 24.Bd2 and White is slightly better) 23.ab5 ab5 24.Ra8 Ba8 25.Bc1 and White is slightly better]

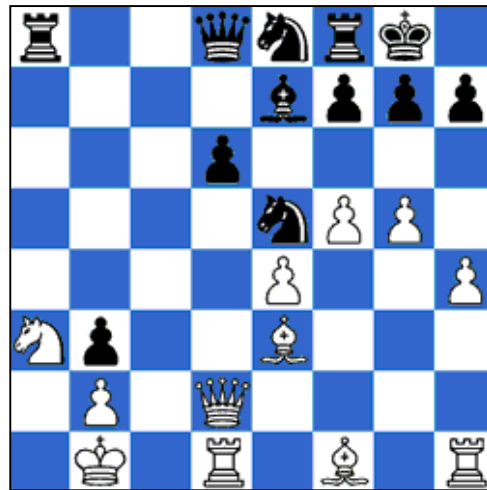


**22.Bd2!** [a novelty; 22.Nbd4 Nc5 23.ab5 (23.Bf4 see 61/353) ab5 24.Ra8 Ba8 25.Nb5 Nbd3 26.Bd3 Nd3 27.

Re2 h5! with compensation] **a5?! [22...cb3 23.Bb4 a5 24.Bd2! (24.Bc3!? b4 25.Rb3 and White is slightly better) b4 25.Rb3 Qf6 (25...Nc5 26.Bf4 and White is superior) 26.Bc3! Ne5 27.Be5 de5 28.Bd3 and White is slightly better] 23.Nbd4 (and White is superior) Ne5 24.ab5 Nbd3 25.Bd3 cd3! [25...Nd3 26.Rd3 cd3 27.Bf4 and White is winning] 26.Nc6! [26.Bf4 Qf6 27.Bc1!? and White is superior] Qb6 27.Nfd4 Ne4 28.Rd3 Qc5? [28...g5! 29.f3 a) 29...Nf6?! 30.Re8 Re8 31.Qc2!! Nd5 32.Ba5 Qc5 33.Rc3! (33.Qc5 dc5 34.Nf5 Ne3! and White is slightly better) Re1 34.Kf2 Nc3 35.Ke1 and White is winning; b) 29...Nd2 30.Rd2 Bg7 31.Re8 Re8 32.Kg2 and White is superior] 29.Bf4 a4 [better is 29...Qd5 30.Rde3 Nf6 31.Re8 Re8 32.Re8 Ne8 33.Qb3 Qb3 34.Nb3 and White is winning] 30.Rde3 (and White is winning) Nf6 31.Re8 Re8 32.Re8 Ne8 33.Qa4 [33.Qe1! Nf6 34.Ne6] Nf6 34.Ne6 [better is 34.Be3 Qd5 35.Qa7] Qd5 35.Ned8! Bc8 36.b6 Ng4 37.hg4 Bg4 38.Nd4! [38.Qd4?! Qh5!] Qe4 39.Qb3 d5 40.Qe3 Qg6 41.b7 Bd6 42.Bd6 Bf3 43.Kf1 Qb1 44.Qe1 Qd3 45.Kg1 1-0 [Shirov]**

### A.Shabalov 2605 – De Firmian 2560 Foxwoods 2006 – 98/(183) [B90]

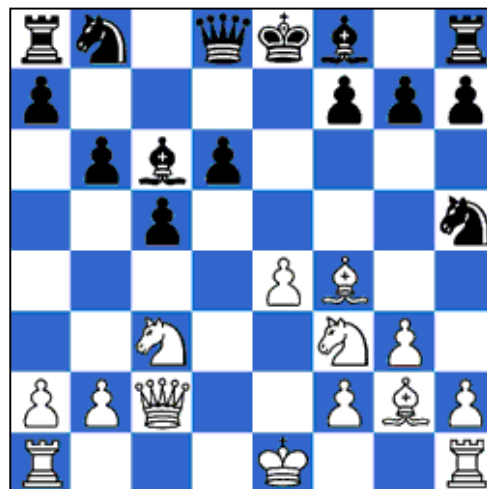
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22...Ra4! [a novelty; 22...Ra5 see 96/183] 23.h5 Qa8 24.h6 Qe4 25.Bd3 Nd3 26.Qd3 f6 27.g6 hg6 28.fg6 f5 29.Nb5 Qd3 30.Rd3 with compensation

### P.Tregubov 2596 – Greet 2439 Fuegen 2006 – 98/(388) [E15]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 ed5 7.cd5 Bb7 8.Bg2 Bd5 9.Nc3 Bc6 10.e4 d6 [10...Be7 see 97/375] 11.Bf4 Nh5

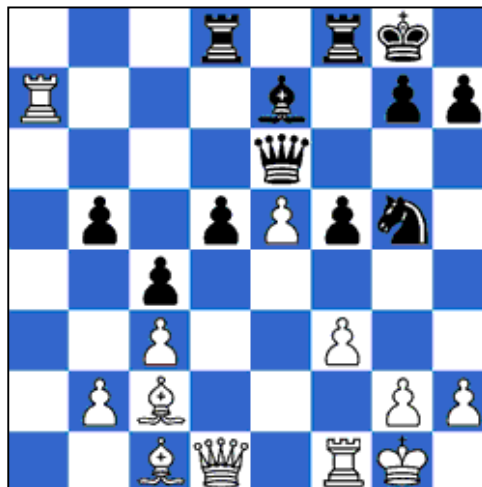


12.0-0-0! [a novelty; 12.Be3] Nf4 13.gf4 Be7 14.e5 0-0 15.h4 Qc7 16.Ng5 g6 17.Bd5 de5 18.Nh7! Kh7 19.h5 Kg7 20.hg6 fg6 21.Rdg1 Qd6 22.fe5 1-0



**Bologan 2659 – J.Timman 2565****Barcelona 2006 – 98/248 [C83]**

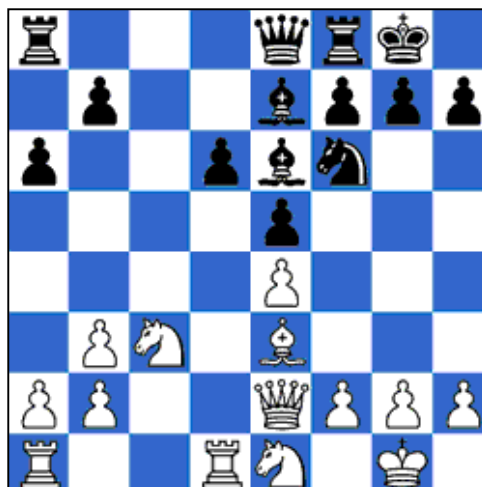
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**20.Be3!** [a novelty; 20.Rb7? Qc6 21.Re7 Qe5 and Black is winning; 20.Kh1 Bc5 21.Rc7 (21.Rg7 Kg7 22. Bg5 Rd7) Bb6 22.Rg7 Kg7 23.Bg5 Rd7 unclear] **b4** [20...Qe5!? 21.Re1 (21.Qd2!? f4 22.Bd4 Qd6 23.Rfa1 with initiative) Qd6 22.Rb7 Ne6 23.Rb5 and White is slightly better; 20...f4!? 21.Bf2 b4 22.Qd4 b3 23.Bb1 and White is slightly better] **21.Qd2!** [weak point d5; 21.cb4 d4! 22.Bd4 Bb4 23.Kh1 Rf7 24.Rf7 Nf7 25.f4 Bc5 26.Bc5 Rd1 27.Rd1 g5 unclear; 21.Qd4!?] **f4** [21...b3 22.Re7 Qe7 23.Bg5 Qa7 24.Kh1 bc2 25.Bd8 Rd8 26.Qc2 and White is winning; 21...bc3 22.bc3 f4 23.Bf2 Nf7 24.Qf4 Ne5 25.Qe3 and White is superior] **22. Bf2 b3 23.Bb1** (and White is superior) **Qf7 24.Qd4** [24.Rd1!? Ne6 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.Qf2 Rb6 27.Qb6 Bc5 28. Qc5 Nc5 29.Rf7 Kf7 30.Rd5 Na4 31.Rd2 and White is superior] **Ne6 25.Qb6 Rb8** [25...Ra8! 26.Rb7 (26. Ra8 Ra8 27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Qc6 Nf8 29.Bb6 Rd7 and White is superior) Rfc8 27.Bf5! Qf5 28.Re7 Re8 29.Qc6 and White is superior] **26.Qa5** [26.Qc6!? Rfd8 27.Rd1 Rbc8 28.Qb6 Rb8 29.Qa5] **Rfd8 27.Rd1 Qf8 28.Rd5** (and White is winning) **Nc5** [28...Bc5 29.Bc5 Nc5 30.Be4 Ne4 31.fe4 f3 32.e6] **29.Be4 Ne4 30.fe4 Rbc8 31. Qa6 Re8 32.Rdd7 Red8 33.Re7 Rd1 34.Be1 1-0 [Bologan]**

**M.Carlsen 2698 – S.Karjakin 2672**  
**Cap d'Agde (m/2-rapid) 2006 – 98/181 [B90]**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Be4 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bb3 Nc6 11. Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Nb3 13.cb3 Qe8! 14.Ne1

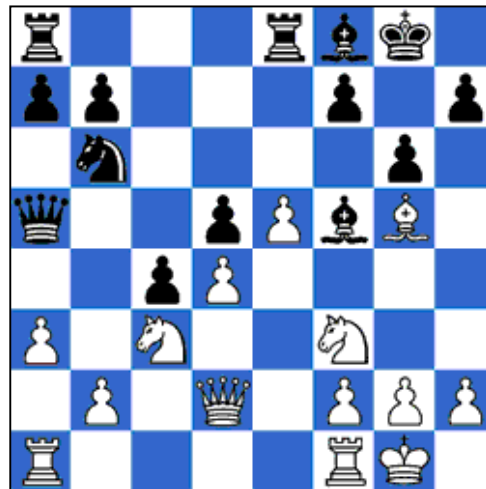


**14...Ng4!** [a novelty; 14...h6?! see 98/(181)] **15.Nc2** [15.Nd5 Bd5 16.ed5 f5 and Black is slightly better; 15. Rac1] **f5 16.f3 Ne3** [16...Nf6 17.Nb4 fe4 18.fe4 Qg6 19.Qd3 Rf7 unclear] **17.Ne3 fe4 18.Ne4?! [18.fe4 Qg6 19.Ned5 (19.Ncd5 Bg5 with counterplay) Bh4 with counterplay; 19.Rf1 unclear] Rd8 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.Qd3 Bd5! 21.Qd5 Qd5 22.Rd5 Kf7 23.Rad1 Ke6** (equal) **24.b4 Rc8 25.b5 Rc2 26.ba6** [26.Nd6 ab5 (26...Rd8

27.Re5! Ke5 28.Nf7 Kf6 29.Nd8 Rb2 30.Nb7 ab5) 27.Nb5 Rb2 28.Nc7 Kf6 29.R5d2] **ba6** (and Black is slightly better) **27.Ra5 Rb8! 28.b3** [28.Ra6 Rbb2 and Black is winning] **Rb6** [28...Rc6] **29.Kf1 Rbc6!?** **30.h3** [30.b4 Rb2 31.a3 Rcc2 32.Ra6 Rg2 33.Nd6 unclear; 30...h5 and Black is slightly better] **h5! 31.Rd3?!** [31.b4 g5 32.a3 Ra2 33.Rd2 and Black is slightly better] **g5 32.Rd2 Rd2 33.Nd2 d5 34.Ra4 a5!** (and Black is superior) **35.Ke2 Bd8 36.Kd3?** [36.Kd1 only move, and Black is superior] **Rc1! 37.b4 ab4 38.Rb4 Rg1 39.g4 Rg3 40.Rb8** [40.gh5 Rh3] **e4! 41.Ke2** [41.Kc2 Bc7 42.Rb7 Bf4 43.fe4 hg4 44.ed5 Ke5 45.hg4 (45.Re7 Kd6 46.Rf7 Bd2 47.Kd2 gh3 and Black is winning) Rg2 and Black is winning] **Rg2** [41...Bc7] **42.Kf1 Rd2 43.Rd8 hg4! 44.hg4** [44.fe4 gh3 and Black is winning] **ef3 45.Re8 Kd6 46.Rf8 Ra2 47.Rf5! Ke6!** [47...d4?? 48.Rf3] **48.Rg5** [48.Rf3 Ra4 and Black is winning] **d4 49.Rf5 d3 50.Ke1** [50.Rf3 Ra1 and Black is winning] **Re2! 0-1** [Sergey Karjakin]

## Grischuk 2710 – Va.Filippov 2562 Fuegen 2006 — 98/320 [D38]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.cd5 ed5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.Qc2 c4 10.Bf5 0-0 11.0-0 g6?! 12.Bd7 Nd7 13.e4 Nb6 14.e5 Bf5 15.Qd2 Rfe8 [15...Na4 16.a3 Bc3 17.bc3 Qc3 18.Qf4 and White is winning] **16.a3 Bf8**



**17.a4!** [a novelty, and White is superior, weak points Nb6, Qa5, d5, Kg8; 17.Ne4 Qd2 18.Nf6 Kh8 19.Bd2 Na4!? (19...Re7 see 90/(372)) 20.Ne8 (20.Nd5 Red8 with the idea Nb2) Re8 with compensation, weak point b2] **Nd7 18.h3 a6 19.g4 Be6 20.Bh6 Bb4** [20...f6 21.ef6 Nf6 22.Bf8 Rf8 23.Ne5 and White is superior] **21.Ng5 Qb6 22.a5!?** **Ba5 23.f4 f5 24.ef6 Bf7 25.f5 Bb4** time **26.fg6 hg6 27.Bg7** (and White is winning) **Ne5 28.Qf2 1-0** [Grischuk]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 b4 9.Na4 Nbd7 10.c4 bc3 <sup>1</sup> 11.Nc3 Bb7										
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	Bc4	Be2 <sup>3</sup>	Rc1 <sup>4</sup>	a3	Rc3	e5 <sup>5</sup>	0-0	Bf4	Rfc1 <sup>6</sup>	with compensation
	Qc7 <sup>2</sup>	d5	Bb4	Bc3	Qb8	Ne5	0-0	Nfd7		
2	Be2	ed5	Nd5	0-0	Nf5 <sup>7</sup>	Ng3	Qb4 <sup>8</sup>	Kh1	Qa4 <sup>9</sup>	equal
	d5	Nd5	Bd5	Qb8	Qe5	Bb4	Qe3	Rb8	Rb2 <sup>10</sup>	
3	...	...	...	Rc1	a3	Nf5	f4	fe5	0-0	and White is superior
	...	...	...	Qb8 <sup>11</sup>	Bd6	Be5 <sup>12</sup>	g6	gf5	Ne5 <sup>13</sup>	



4	...	0-0	Rac1 <sup>14</sup>	Nb3	Qd4	Rfd1	Na4 <sup>17</sup>	Rc1	Qd2	and White is slightly better
	Be7	0-0	Ne5	Rb8 <sup>15</sup>	Nfd7	Rc8 <sup>16</sup>	Rc1	Nc6	Qb8	

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10...Qc7!? 11.Rd1!? [11.Be2 Rb8 12.Rd1 Be7 1/2 : 1/2 A.Brkie - Palac, Hrvatska 2007] Be7 [11...Nc5 12.Nc5 dc5 13.Bf4 and White is slightly better; 11...Rb8 12.Qf2 and White is slightly better] 12.Qf2 and White is slightly better

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12...d5!? 13.ed5 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nfd5 15.Nd5 [15.Bg5!? Qd7 unclear] Bd5

a) 16.0-0 Bb3 [16...Bd6 equal; Morozevich, Al.Kuzmin] 17.ab3 Nd5 18.Rfc1!? Bd6 unclear;

b) 16.Rc1!? Bb3 17.ab3 [17.Nb3 Qd2 18.Nd2 Nd5 equal] Nd5 18.Nc6 Bb4!? 19.Nb4 Qh4 20.Ke2 Qb4 21.Qb4 Nb4 22.Rc4 Nd5 equal; Sasikiran

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13.Bb3



a) 13...Be7? 14.Be6! [14.0-0 0-0 15.Rac1 and White is slightly better; Leko - B.Gelfand, Dortmund 2006 see 97/154] fe6 15.Ne6 Qc4 16.Ng7 Kf7 17.b3!? [17.Nf5 Ne5 18.Rd1! Qe6 19.Bd4 Bf8 20.0-0 Rg8 21.Ne2! and White is superior, with the idea Nf4] Qc6 [17...Qb4 18.Nf5 Rac8 19.Bd4 and White is superior] 18.Nf5 d5 19.0-0 Rhe8 20.Rac1 Qe6 21.Bd4 and White is superior; Leko;

b) 13...Nc5 14.Rc1! Nb3 15.Nb3 Qd7 16.Na5 and White is slightly better;

c) 13...Rc8!? 14.0-0 Qb8 15.Ba4!? [15.Ne6!? fe6 16.Be6 with compensation] Be7 16.Bg5 [16.g4!?] Rc7! 17.Rac1 [17.Bf6?! Bf6 and Black is slightly better; M.Al-Modiahki - Sasikiran, Doha (rapid) 2006 see 98/157] 0-0 18.Nce2 Rfc8 equal; Sasikiran

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14.ed5 Nd5 15.Nd5 Bd5 16.Rc1 Qb7 17.0-0 Bb4 18.Qc2 0-0 19.Qc7 Rfc8 20.Qb7 Bb7 21.a3 Be7 equal; Sasikiran

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17.ed5 Nd5 18.Rc2 Ne3 19.Qe3 0-0 20.0-0 Nf6 equal; Sasikiran

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Sasikiran

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16.Rac1!? Bb4 17.Qc2 Qe5 18.Bf2 Bd6 19.g3 0-0 unclear; N.Guliyev - A.Bellaiche, Paris 2006 see 98/(155)

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18.Qd4!? Ftacnik

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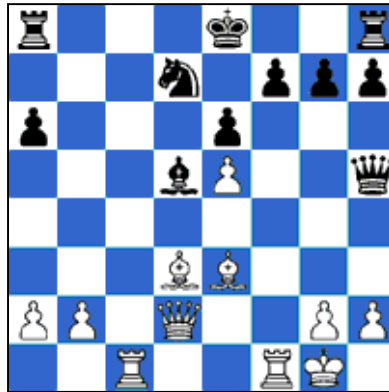
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21.Ba6 Qd2 22.Ne2 Ra2 23.Ra2 Qa2 24.Qa2 Ba2 25.Ra1 Bd5 26.Bb5 Ke7 27.Bd7 Kd7 28.Ra7 Ke8 29.Nc3 Rf8 equal; Zontakh - Panarin, Voronezh 2006 see 98/155

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15...Bd6 16.Nf5 Be5 17.f4 Qf6 18.0-0 Qf5 19.fe5 Qg6 20.Bd3 Qh5



a) 21.Qb4 and White is superior; P.Smirnov - Hillarp Persson, Dresden 2007;

b) 21.Rc7!? Qe5 [21...Ne5 22.Qb4 Nd7 23.Qd6 Rd8 24.Ba6 Qg4 25.Rf2 Qd1 26.Bf1 and White is winning] 22.Rfc1 Qd6 [22...Rd8 23.Ba6 0-0 24.Bf4 and White is winning] 23.Rc8 Ke7 24.R8c7 and White is superior, with the idea 24...Ke8 25.b4 [25.Qa5!?] Rd8 26.b5 Bg2 27.ba6 Qd5 28.a4! and White is winning, with the idea Bb5.

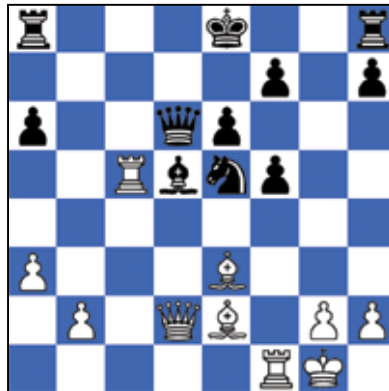
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**17...0-0** 18.Nd6 Qd6 19.0-0 and White is superior; Morozevich - Grischuk, Moscow 2006 see 98/156.

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21.Rc5 with initiative [Morozevich, Al.Kuzmin] Qd6 [21...Rg8 22.Rd5 ed5 23.Qd5 Rg6 24.Bh5 Ng4 25.Bg4 Rg4 26.Rf5 and White is winning; 21...Nd7 22.Rd5 ed5 23.Qd5 and White is winning]



22.Rf5! Rg8 [22...Nd7 23.Rcd5 ed5 24.Rd5 and White is winning; 22...ef5 23.Rd5 Qe6 24.Qd4 f6 25.Rd6

Qe7 26.Bh5 Ng6 27.Rf6 Rd8 28.Rg6 Rd4 29.Re6 Kd7 30.Re7 Ke7 31.Bd4 and White is winning] 23.Rf2 and White is superior, with the idea 23...Ng4 24.Bg4 Rg4 25.h3! Re4 [25...Rg6 26.Qd4] 26.Qc3

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14.Rfc1 Qb8 15.b4 Ne5 16.Rab1 and White is slightly better; Mekhitarian - O.Zambrana, Sao Paulo (zt) 2007.

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