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The Ten Best Games of Volume 99

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Prior to the World Championship tournament in Mexico, Vishy Anand stated that he was looking forward to clashing with the leaders of the chess world in the hope of once again becoming world champion. However, it is his stability over many years that sticks in my mind: his play, his results and rating! So many brilliant victories, beautiful games and important theoretical novelties! He is truly the "complete package."

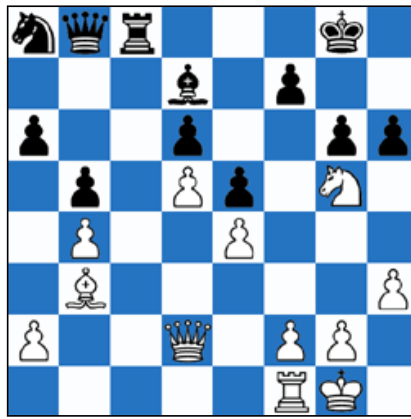
Indicative of his good form leading up to Mexico is his beautiful game from the Morelia/Linares tournament at the beginning of this year. As white against Magnus Carlsen, his refined opening play virtually destroyed Black's defenses. Here's to a long-lived championship title!

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PREDLOG REDAKCIJE ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЕ РЕДАКЦИИ EDITORIAL SELECTION VORSCHLAG DER REDAKTION PROPOSITION DE LA REDAKTION PROPOSIZIONE DE LA REDAZIONE PROPOSTA DELLA REDAZIONE REDAKTIONENS FÖRSLAG 编辑部的建议 تقديم	ALEXANDER BELAVSKY	LARRY CHRISTENSEN	MICHAEL GUREVICH	ALEXANDAR MATANOVIC	JAROSLAV PESET	ZO'FAN RIBLI	JONATHAN SPEERMAN	XIE LIN
1. V. ANAND – M. CARLSEN	247	7	3	9	9	3	9	10
2. KRAMNIK – V. ANAND	344	10	8	–	8	8	–	8
3. KRAMNIK – M. CARLSEN	295	8	–	4	10	–	10	7
4. NEFOMNIACHTCHI – VALLEJO PONS	199	4	9	6	–	2	10	–
5. IVANCHUK – V. TOPALOV	169	2	–	5	–	10	–	7
6. ANIN – T. RUCK	212	6	6	7	–	1	1	8
7. IVANCHUK – ARONIAN	289	–	7	6	–	6	–	5
8. ARONIAN – V. ANAND	270	–	10	–	2	5	2	4
9. V. TOPALOV – SHIROV	329	–	1	–	7	–	1	8
10. SVIDLER – SERGEY KARJAKIN	170	–	2	10	–	–	–	3
11. MOTYLEV – SVIDLER	313	–	–	–	3	–	8	2
12. A. VOLOKITIN – AR. JUSSUPOV	197	9	–	–	–	–	4	–
13. MOTYLEV – CH. LUTZ	113	6	–	–	1	–	9	–
14. LEKO – KRAMNIK	234	–	–	–	7	–	–	6
15. SUTOVSKY – SAKAEV	211	–	5	1	–	–	5	1
16. SERGEY KARJAKIN – SHIROV	90	–	–	–	4	7	–	–
17. ALEXANDER MOISEENKO – DVOIRIS	319	–	–	–	6	3	–	–
18. SUTOVSKY – K. GEORGIEV	157	–	4	–	4	–	–	–
19. WERLE – A. MAIDITSCHE	361	–	–	–	–	6	–	–
20. LEKO – SVIDLER	174	–	–	–	5	–	–	–
21. M. CARLSEN – SVIDLER	235	5	–	–	–	–	–	–
22. RUBLEVSKY – ZHANG PENGXIANG	82	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
23. A. BELIAVSKY – LAZNICKA	264	–	–	–	3	–	–	–
24. Z. ILINCIC – KR. SZABO	358	–	–	–	2	–	–	–
25. KRAMNIK – NAVARA	27	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
26. ALEXEY IVANOV – SANDULEAC	70	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
27. SVIDLER – V. TOPALOV	177	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
28. M. CARLSEN – V. ANAND	304	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
29. M. GUREVICH – N. PERT	312	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
30. BU XIANGZHI – SOLOGAN	393	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

V. Anand 2779 – M. Carlsen 2690 Morelia/Linares 2007 – 99/247 [C96]

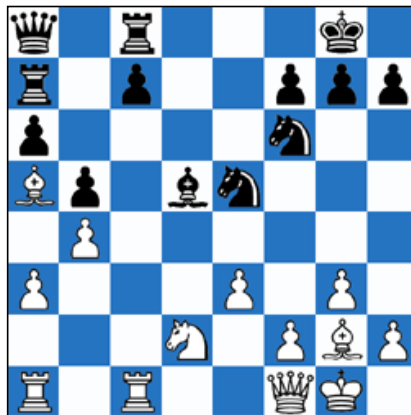
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27.Ne6! [27.Nf3 Kg7 equal] **Kh7!** [27...g5 28.Ng5 hg5 29.Qg5 Kf8 30.f4! ef4 31.Qf4 Be8 32.Qf6! Nb6 33.e5 and White is winning; 27...fe6!? 28.de6 Be8 a) 29.e7!? Kg7 (29...Kh8 30.Qh6 mate) 30.Qd5 Rc4 (30...Bd7 31.Qf7 Kh8 32.Qg6 and White is winning) 31.Bc4 bc4 32.Qc4 Nc7 33.Rc1 Nb5 34.Qc8 Qc8 35.Rc8 Kf7 36.Ra8 Nc3 37.Ra6 Ke7 (37...Ne4 38.a4 and White is superior) 38.f3 g5 and White is slightly better; b) 29.Qh6 Nb6 b1) 30.f4 Qa7 31.f5 Nc4 32.Kh1 (32.Kh2 Qe3 33.Qh4 g5 34.Qh6 Nd2) Qe3 33.Qh4? b2) 30.e7 Nc4 31.Qf8 Kh7 b21) 32.f4 Qa8 33.Rf3!! (33.f5 gf5 34.Rf5 Qe4 35.Rf6 Qe3 36.Kh2 e4 37.Rf4 and White is winning) Qe4 (33...Qa7 34.Kh2) 34.f5 gf5 35.Rg3! and White is winning; b22) 32.Bd1! Be6 33.Qf7 Kh6 34.f4 Rg8 35.fe5 Ne5 36.Qf8 Kh7 37.Rf4! Rf8 38.ef8Q Qf8 39.Rf8 and White is winning] **28.f4 Qa7** [28...fe6 29.de6 Be8 30.f5 and White is superior] **29.Kh2 Be8 30.f5!** [30.fe5? fe6! 31.ed6 e5 with counterplay] **gf5 31.ef5** [31.Ng5 Kg8 32.ef5 and White is winning] **f6** [31...fe6 32.de6 Qd4 a) 33.Qd4 ed4 34.f6 (and White is superior) Nb6 35.f7 Bf7 36.ef7 (36.Rf7 Kg6 37.Rf4 d5 38.e7 Re8 39.Bc2 Kg7 40.Rg4 Kh8 41.Rg6 Nc4) Rf8 (with the idea d5, Nc4) 37.Be6 Nc4 38.Rd1 Ne5 39.Rd4 Nf7 40.Rf4! (40.Bf7? Rf7 41.Rd6 Rf4! 42.a3 a5 43.ba5 Ra4) Kg7 41.Bf7 Rf7 42.Rf7 Kf7 43.Kg3 Ke6 44.Kf3 Ke5 45.g4 d5 46.h4 d4 47.g5 hg5 48.hg5 Kf5 49.g6 Kg6 50.Ke4 and White is winning; b) 33.Qe1 e4 b1) 34.f6 Qe5 35.Kh1 (35.Qg3 Qg3 36.Kg3 Nb6) Bg6 36.f7 Rf8 37.Qh4 d5!; b2) 34.Qh4! Qe5 35.Kg1 e3 36.Qe7 Qg7 37.Qg7 Kg7 38.f6 Kg8 39.Rf3 and White is winning] **32.Re1!** [32.Rf3 Bf7 33.Rg3 Rg8 34.Rg8 Bg8 35.Qc3 Qb7 36.Qg3 Qf7 37.Bd1 and White is winning; 35...Nb6] **Ne7** [32...Nb6!? 33.Re4 h5! (33...Bf7 34.Rg4 Rg8 35.Rh4 h5 36.Bd1 and White is winning; 33...Nc4 34.Nf8!) 34.Rh4 (34.Qe1 Nc4 35.Bd1 and White is winning) Qb7 35.Qf2 and White is winning] **33.Rc1! Bd7 34.Rc3 e4** [34...Ne6 35.fe6 (35.de6 Rc3 36.ed7 Rh3 37.gh3 Qd7 38.Qd5 Qg7 39.Qd6 Qg5 and White is winning) Rc3 36.Qc3!? (36.ed7 Rh3 37.gh3 Qd7 38.Qc2 f5 39.Qc6 Qe7 and White is superior) Be8 37.Qe8 Qe7 38.Bc2 Kg7 39.Bd3 and White is winning; 34...Ne8 35.Rg3 Be6 36.Rg6! and White is winning] **35.Rg3** [35.Qc1 Ne6 36.fe6 Rc3 37.Qc3 Be8 38.Qf6 and White is winning] **Ne6** [35...Rg8 36.Rg8 Kg8 37.Qh6] **36.de6 Be8 37.e7! Bh5** [37...Qe7 38.Bg8 Kh8 39.Qh6] **38.Qd6** [38... Re8 39.Qf6 Qe7 40.Bg8 and White is winning] **1-0 [V.Anand]**

V.Kramnik 2766 – V.Anand 2779 Wijk aan Zee 2007 – 99/344 [E05]

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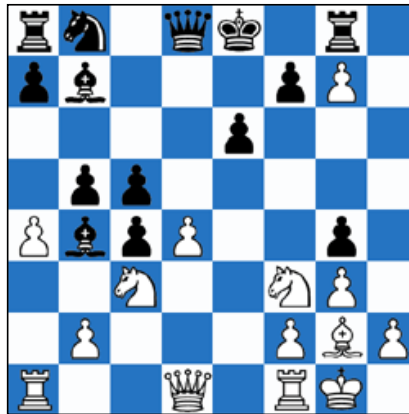


22.f3! Nc4?! [22...Nc6 23.e4 Be6 a) 24.f4 Rd8! 25.e5 Rd2 26.Bc6 (26.Rc6 Rg2 27.Qg2 Bd5) Qd8 27.ef6 Qd4 28.Kh1 Bd5 29.Bd5 Qd5 equal; b) 24.Qf2 Na5 25.ba5 and White is slightly better; 22...Re8 23.e4 Bc4 24.Nc4 Nc4 25.Rc4 bc4 26.Qc4 and White is slightly better; 22...Bc4 23.Nc4 (23.f4 c6; 23.Qd1 Nd3 24.Nc4 bc4 25.Rc4 Nb2 26.Qc2 Nc4 27.Qc4) Nc4 24.Rc4 (24.f4 Nd5) bc4 25.Qc4 (and White is slightly better) c6 26.Bh3 Re8 27.e4] **23.Nc4 Be4 24.Qf2!** [and White is superior; 24.Rc4 bc4 25.Qc4 see 22...Bc4] **Re8 25.e4 c6 26.Rd1 Rd7 27.Rd7** [27.Bh3 Be6 28.Be6 fe6 29.Rd7 Nd7 30.Qd4 Nf8 31.Rd1 Qb7 32.Qd6 Ng6 and White is slightly better] **Nd7 28.Rd1 Qb7** [28...Ne5 29.f4 Bb3 30.Rb1 Nd3 31.Qd4 Bc2 32.Rf1 and White is superior] **29.Rd6** [29.Qd4 and White is superior] **f6 30.f4** [better is 30.Qd4 Ne5 (30...Nf8 31.Qc5 f5 32.Qc6 and White is winning) 31.f4 Nf7 (31...c5 32.bc5) 32.Rd7 and White is superior] **Re6 31.Rd2** [31.e5 Rd6 32.ed6 Qc8 33.Be7! (33.Qe3 Nf8 34.Qc5 Qe6) Bd5 34.Bd5 cd5 35.Qf3 Qa8 36.Qe3 Qf8 37.Qe6 Qf7 38.f5 d4

and White is slightly better; 31.Re6 Be6 32.Qd4 Nf8] **Re7 32.Qd4 Nf8 33.Qd8 Rd7** [33...Bf7 34.Rd6 Re6 (34...Rd7 35.Rd7 Qd7 36.Qd7 Nd7 37.Bh3 Be8 38.Bc7 Kf7 39.Kf2 and White is superior) 35.Re6 Be6 36.Bc7 Qc8 37.Qc8 Bc8 38.Kf2 Ne6 39.Bb6 and White is superior; 33...Kf7!? with the idea 34.e5 Ne6] **34.Rd7 Qd7 35.Qd7 Nd7** [NB 9/d] **36.e5!** [36.Bh3 Nf8 37.Bc8 Bd3 38.e5 fe5 39.fe5 Kf7 40.Kf2 Ne6 41.Ke3 Bc4 42.Ba6 Ke7 43.Bc8 Bd5 and White is slightly better] **fe5** [36...Bd5 37.Bh3 (37.e6 Be6 38.Bc6 Nb8 39.Bb7 Bd7! 40.Bd5 Kf8 41.Bc7 Nc6 42.Bb6 and White is superior) Nf8 38.ef6 gf6 39.Bc8 and White is superior] **37.Bc6 Nf6** [37...Nb8 38.Bb7 ef4 39.Bc7 Nd7 40.Bf4 and White is winning] **38.Bb7** [38.fe5? Bd5 equal] **ef4** [38...e4 39.Bb6! Nd5 40.Bd4 e3 41.Ba6 Kf7 42.Kg2 (42.Bc8) h5 43.Kf3 e2 44.Kf2 g6 45.Ke1 and White is winning] **39.gf4 Nd5 40.Kf2!** [40.Ba6 Nf4 41.Kf2 (41.a4 Ne2 42.Kf2 Nc3 43.ab5 Nb5 equal) Nd5 and White is slightly better] **Nf4?** [40...Bb3! 41.Ba6 Ba4 42.Kf3 (42.Bb7 Nf4 43.Ke3 g5) Nc3 43.Ke3 Nb1 44.Kd4 Na3 45.Kc5 Kf7 and White is superior] **41.Ke3** (and White is winning) **g5** [41...Ne2 42.Kd2! (42.Ba6 Nc3 43.Kd4 Na4 and White is superior) Kf7 (42...Nf4 43.Ba6 Nd5 44.a4) 43.Ba6 Nd4 44.Bb6! Nf3 45.Kc3 Nh2 46.a4 Ng4 (46...Ke6 47.a5; 46...h5 47.Bb7 and White is winning) 47.a5 Nf6 48.Kd4 and White is winning] **42.Ba6 Kf7** [42...Ne2 43.Kd2 g4 44.a4 g3 45.hg3 Ng3 46.Bc7 Ne4 47.Kc2 Kf7 48.a5 Nf6 49.Bc8 and White is winning] **43.a4 Ke7** [43...Ke6 44.Bb5 Bb5 45.ab5 Kd5 46.Bc7 Ne6 47.b6 Kc6 48.Ke4 and White is winning] **44.Bb5 Bb5 45.ab5 Kd7** [NB 4/b] **46.Ke4 Ne2** [46...Nh3 47.Kf5 h5 48.Kg6 h4 49.Kf5 Ng1 50.Bb6 Nf3 51.h3 and White is winning] **47.Bb6 g4** [47...Nc3 48.Kf5] **48.Bf2 Nc3 49.Kf5 Nb5 50.Kg4 Ke6** [50...Nd6 51.Bg3 Ne4 52.Kf5 Nc3 53.Kg5 (and White is winning) Nd5 54.Be1] **51.Kg5 Kf7 52.Kf5 Ke7** [52...Nc3 53.Bc5 Nb5 54.Ke5 Na3 55.Kd6 h5 56.Kc6 and White is winning] **53.Bc5** [53...Kd7 54.Kf6; 53... Kf7 54.Ke5] **1 : 0** [V.Kramnik]

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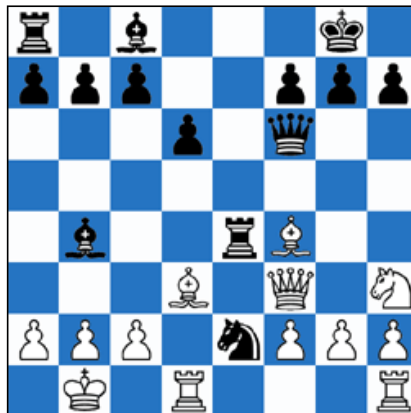
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14.ab5!! [a novelty; 14.Nh4 see 96/325] **gf3** [14...Bc3 15.bc3 gf3 16.Bf3 Bf3 17.Qf3 Qd5 18.Qd5 ed5 19.de5 Rg7 20.Rfe1 Kd7 21.Re5 and White is superior; 14...Rg7 15.Ne5 Bg2 16.Kg2 cd4 17.Qa4 dc3 (17...Bc3 18.b6 Kf8 19.bc3 Qb6 20.Qc4 and White is superior) 18.b6 Nd7 19.Rfd1 f6 (19...f5?! 20.Rd7 Rd7 21.Rd1 ab6 22.Qc6) 20.Nd7 Rd7 21.bc3 Bc3 22.Rd7 Qd7 23.Qd7 Kd7 24.Ra7 Kc6 25.Ra8 Kb6 26.Re8 and White is superior] **15.Bf3 Bf3** [15...Qc7 16.b6 (16.dc5 Bc5 17.b6) Qb6 17.dc5 Bc5 18.Na4 Bf3 19.Qf3 Qc6 20.Qc6 Nc6 21.Ne5 and White is superior, with the idea 21...Rg7 22.Rfe1 Ne5 23.f4 Nf3 24.Kg2 Nd2 25.Rd1 Nb3 26.Nb3 cb3 27.Rd3] **16.Qf3 Nd7** [16...Bc3 17.bc3 (17.Qa8 Bd4 18.Ra7 Rg7 19.Rd1 and White is superior) Qd5 18.Qd5 ed5 19.dc5 Rg7 20.Rfe1 Kd8 21.Re5 and White is superior] **17.dc5 Bc3** [17...Rg7 18.Rfd1 Bc5 19.Rd7 and White is winning; better is 17...Nc5 18.Qc6 Nd7 a) 19.Rfd1 Rc8 20.Ra7 Rc6 21.bc6 Nb6 (21...Rg7 22.Rdd7 Qc8 23.Ne4 and White is winning) 22.Rd8 Kd8 23.Rf7 Be7 24.Nb5 and White is superior; b) 19.Nd5 Rc8 (19...ed5 20.Rfe1 Be7 21.Re7 and White is winning) 20.Nf6 Ke7 21.Ng8 Qg8 22.Qb7 Bd6 23.Ra7 Rc7 24.Qa8 and White is superior] **18.bc3** (and White is winning) **Nc5 19.Rfd1!** [19.b6 Ke7] **Qc8** (only move) **20.Rd6! Qb7** [20...Ke7 21.Rc6 Qb7 22.Qf4 Nd7 23.Qh4; 20...Nb3 21.b6!; 20...Qb8 21.Rb6! Qd8 22.Rc6 Qd3 23.Qh5] **21.Qh5 Rc8 22.Rc6! Nd3** [22...Rc6 23.bc6 Qb2 (23...Qc6 24.Qh8) 24.Qh8 Qa1 25.Kg2 Kd8 (25...Rh8 26.gh8Q Ke7 27.c7; 25...Ke7 26.Qg8 Qd1 27.Qf8 Kf6 28.g8Q) 26.Qg8 Kc7 27.Qf7] **23.Rc8** [23.Re6 Kd8 24.Qh4 and White is winning] **Qc8 24.Ra7 1-0** [V.Kramnik]

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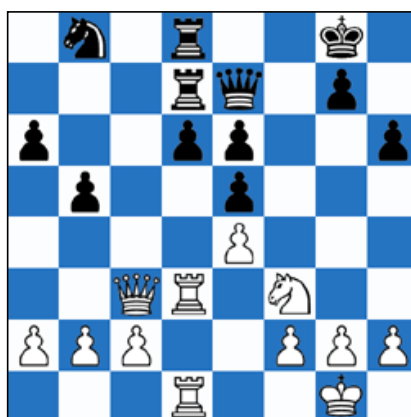
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14...Ba3!! [a novelty; 14...Rf4?! 15.Nf4 Nf4 16.Qe4 and White is slightly better] **15.ba3?!** [better is 15.Bc1 Qf3 16.gf3 and Black is superior] **Nc3** (and Black is winning) **16.Kc1 Na2 17.Kb1 Nc3 18.Kc1 Bh3! 19.Be4 Bg2!! 20.Qg2** [20.Bh7 Kh7 21.Qg2 Qf4 22.Kb2 Nd1 23.Rd1 Qe5 24.Kb3 Qb5 25.Kc3 Re8 and Black is winning] **Qf4 21.Kb2 Ne4** [21...Qe4?! 22.Qe4 Ne4 23.Rde1 and Black is superior] **22.Rd4 Qf6** [and Black is winning; better is 22...d5!? 23.Rg1 Qf6 24.c3 and Black is winning] **23.Qe4 c5 24.Re1 h5! 25.Qf4 Qd4** [25...cd4 26.Qf6 gf6 27.Re4 and Black is superior] **26.Qd4 cd4 27.Re7 b6 28.a4 g5 29.Kb3 Kg7 30.Rc7** [30.Re4 Kf6] **Re8 31.Ra7 Re2 32.Rb7 Rf2 33.Rb6 Rh2 34.a5 Re2 35.a6** [35.Rd6 Re8] **Re8 36.a7 Ra8 0-1** [F.Vallejo Pons]

V.Ivanchuk 2750 – V.Topalov 2783 Morelia/Linares 2007 – 99/169 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Be6 [10.Bb3 see 98/181] **fe6 11.Na4!?** **Ng4** [11...Ne4 12.Nb6 Ra7 13.Qd3 Nc5 (13...Nf6 14.Ng5) 14.Bc5 dc5 15.Qb3 and White is superior] **12.Qd3 Ne3** [12...b5 13.Nb6 with the idea 13...Rf3 14.Na8 Ne3 15.fe3 Rf1 16.Qf1 Nd7 17.a4 Bg5 18.ab5 Qa8 19.Qc4 (19.ba6 Be3 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Qc4 Ne4 22.Qe6 Kh8 23.h3 Qf8 24.a7 Qf1 25.Rf1 Ng3 26.Kh2 Nf1 equal) Kf7 (19...Nc5 20.Kh1 Be3 21.Qe2! and White is superior) 20.Qc6 Qa7 21.Kh1 a5 22.Qd6 Be7 23.Qc6 and White is superior] **13.Qe3 b5 14.Nb6 Ra7** [a novelty; 14...Rf3 15.gf3 Bg5 16.f4! (16.Qb3) Bf4 17.Qb3 Qb6 18.Qe6 Kf8 19.Rfd1 Bh2 20.Kg2 and White is winning] **15.Nd5 Rb7** [15...Nc6 16.Qd3 Qd7 17.Ne7 Qe7 18.Rfd1 Rd8 19.c4 and White is slightly better] **16.Qd2 Nc6 17.Rad1** [17.Qc3 Qc8 18.Ne7 Re7 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.Rd3 (20.Rd2 Re7!) Nd4 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Qb3 ed4 23.Rd4 Rc2 24.Rfd1 Rc1 and White is slightly better] **Rd7** [17...Bh4 18.Nb4 Nb4 19.Nh4 (19.Qb4 Be7) Qh4 20.Qb4 d5 21.Qd6 and White is superior] **18.Qc3 Nb8** [18...ed5 19.Qc6 d4 20.Qa6 Rc7 21.Qa3 Qe8 22.Rd3 Qf7 23.c3 d5 24.Qa5 Bf6 25.Nd2 and White is superior] **19.Ne7 Qe7 20.Rd3?!** [20.Rd2! Rfd8 (20...Rc7 21.Qa3 Rc5 22.Rfd1 Nc6 23.c3 and White is superior) 21.Qa3 Rc8 22.Rfd1 Rc4 (22...Rc5 23.h4 h6 24.h5 Qd8 25.c3 a5 26.Qb3 Kf7 27.a4 and White is superior) 23.Rd6 Rc2 24.h4 Rd6 25.Qd6 Qd6 26.Rd6 Nc6 27.b3 Kf8 28.Re6 Nb4 29.Re5 Ra2 30.Ng5 and White is superior] **h6** [20...Rc7 a) 21.Qa3 Rc2 22.Ne5 Nc6 23.Nf3 d5 24.ed5 ed5 (24...Qa3 25.Ra3 ed5 26.Ra6 Rc8 27.h3 Rb2 28.Rc1 and White is superior) 25.Qb3 Nb4 26.Rc3! (26.Rd4 Rc4? Qe4 27.Rc2 Nc2 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.h3 and White is slightly better; b) 21.Qd2 Nc6 22.c3 (22.Rd6 Nd4!) Rd7 23.Rd1 Rfd8 24.Qg5 and White is slightly better] **21.Rfd1 Rfd8** [21...Rc7 22.Qd2 Nc6 23.h3 (23.c3 Na5 24.h4 Nb7 25.Qe3 Rf4 26.g3 Rf8 27.Kg2 and White is slightly better) Rd7 24.Qc3 Rc7 25.Qa3 and White is superior]

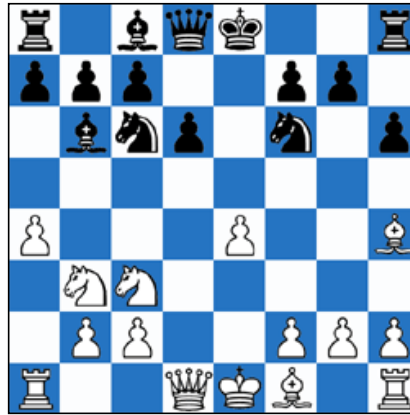


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Ra7! and White is winning) 46.Nd2 Nd2 47.Qd2 Qc6 48.Rd1 (48.Rc1 d5 and White is superior) Qe4 (48... Rd8 49.Qd3 Qe8 50.Qc4 and White is winning) 49.Qd6 and White is winning] 41.Qc4 1-0 [V.Ivanchuk]

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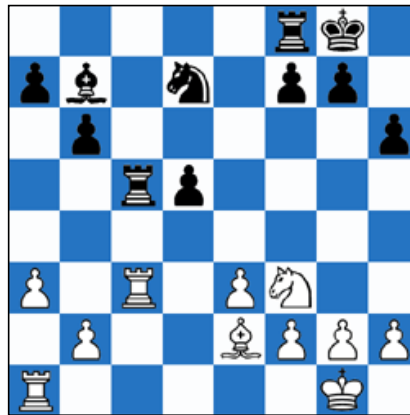
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9...Ne4!! [a novelty; 9...a6] **10.Bd8** [10.Qe2 Qh4 11.Ne4 Bg4 and Black is winning; 10.Ne4 Qh4 and Black is superior] **Bf2 11.Ke2 Bg4 12.Kd3 Ne5!** [12...Bd1?! 13.Ne4 Nb4 14.Kd2 Bc2 15.Nf2 Kd8 16.Nd4 and White is slightly better] **13.Ke4 f5 14.Kd5** [14.Kf4 Ng6 mate] **Rd8! 15.Qg4** only move [15.Be2 Kf7 with the idea c6] **c6 16.Ke6 0-0!! 17.Nd5** [17.Qe2? Rf6 18.Ke7 Rd7 19.Ke8 Rf8 mate; 17.Qc4 Rf7! 18.Nd5 Ng6! 19.Ne7 Ne7 20.Qb4 (20.Rd1 Ng6 21.Qc6 Nf4 mate) Ng6 21.Qd6 Rf6 mate; 17.Qf5 Rfe8 mate] **fg4! 18.Bd3 g6** [weak point f5; 18...Rde8! a) 19.Ne7 Kh8 20.Kd6 Rf6 21.Kc7 (21.Ke5 Re7 mate) Re7 22.Kd8 (22.Kb8 Rf8 mate) Rd7 23.Ke8 Re6 24.Kf8 Rd8 mate; b) 19.Kd6 Rd8 20.Ke5 (20.Ke6 Rd5 21.Bh7 Kh7 22.Rad1 Rf6 23.Ke7 Ng6 24.Ke8 Rf8 mate) Rd5 21.Ke4 g5!] **19.Rhf1 Kg7 20.Nd4** [20.Rf2 Rf2 21.Rf1 Nd3 and Black is winning] **Rfe8 21.Ne7 Bh4! 22.Bg6** [22.Ndf5 gf5 23.Kf5 Re7 24.Kf4 Nd3 25.cd3 h5 with the idea Rf8 mate] **Re7 23.Kf5 Rf8 24.Ke4 Ng6** [24...d5! 25.Ke3 Nc4 26.Kd3 Re3 mate] **25.Kd3 Ne5 26.Kc3 Bf2 0-1** [R.Ruck, T.Ruck]

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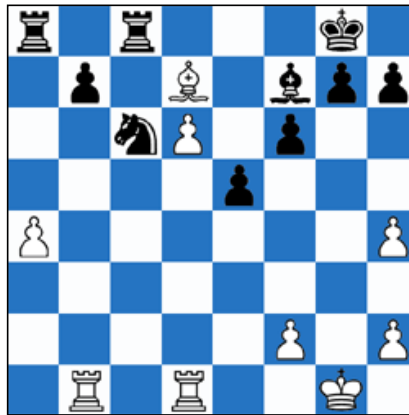
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17.Rec1! [17.Rac1 Rfe8 18.Re5 Rc5 19.Rc5 bc5 equal] **Rfe8 18.Rd1** (and White is slightly better) **Re2** [18... Kf8 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Kf1 and White is slightly better; 18...Nf8 19.Nd4 Ne6 20.Bg4 and White is slightly better] **19.Bb5 Nf8** [19...Nc5 20.Rab1 Ne4 21.Bd3 R2c5 22.Nd4 and White is slightly better] **20.Rab1 R2c7 21.Ba4!** [with the idea Bb3 with attack, weak point d5] **Ne6 22.Bb3 Kf8 23.h3** [23.Bd5 Bd5 24.Rd5 Rc1 25.Rd1 Rd1 26.Rd1 Rc2 27.Rb1 Ke7 with compensation] **Rc5 24.Kh2 Ke7 25.Rd2 Rb5** [25...f5!? 26.Kg3 g5 27.Nd4 Kf6 28.h4 and White is slightly better] **26.Ba2 Rbc5 27.Ne1! a5 28.Rbd1 Rd8** [28...Rb5 29.Nd3 Ne5 30.Nf4 Ne4 31.Nd5 Bd5 32.Rd5 Rb2 33.Rd7 Kf6 34.Rf7 Kg6 and White is slightly better; 29.e4!] **29.Kg3 Rb5?** [29...g5] **30.f3! Rc8** [30...Kf6 31.e4! d4 (31...g5 32.ed5 Nf4 33.d6 and White is superior) 32.Bc4 Rg5 33.Kf2 and White is superior] **31.Nd3** [31.e4 Nc5 32.ed5 Kd6 33.Bc4 Ne4 34.fe4 Rc4 35.e5 Kd7 and White is superior] **d4** [31...Nc5 32.Nf4 and White is superior; 31...a4 32.Nb4 Nc7 33.Rc1 Rc5 34.Rc5 bc5 35.Nd5 Bd5 36.Bd5 Nd5 37.Rd5 and White is superior; 33.e4 and White is superior] **32.Be6 Ke6** [better is 32...fe6 33.ed4 Rg5 34.Kf2 Rd5 35.Ne5 Rdd8 and White is superior] **33.Nf4 Ke7 34.Rd4 Rc7 35.R1d2 Rbc5 36.e4 Rc4** [36...Rc2!?] **37.Rd6 R4c6 38.e5! Rc2** [38...Rc5 39.e6! fe6 40.Re6 Kf7 41.Rb6 and White is winning] **39.Rc2 Rc2 40.Rb6** (and White is winning) **Bc6 41.b4 g5 42.Nh5 ab4 43.ab4 Bd5 44.Ng7 Re2 45.**

L.Aronian 2744 – V.Anand 2779
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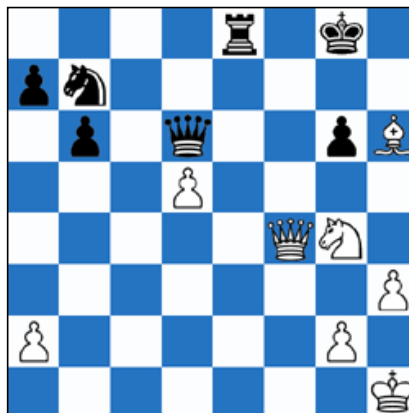
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33.Rb7! [33.Bc8 Rc8 34.Rb7 Rd8] Nd4 [33...Bh5!? 34.Rdb1! (34.Rc1 Rd8 35.Bc6 Rd6) Bf3 35.Be6 Kh8 36.Bc8 Rc8 37.a5 Na5 38.Rb8 Rg8 39.d7 Ne6 40.Re8 Bh5 41.Rc8 Bg4 42.Rbb8! Be6 43.Rg8 Bg8 44.Rc8 and White is winning] 34.Bc8 Rc8 35.Rdb1! Rf8 [35...Nf3 36.Kh1 Bd5 37.Rb8 and White is winning] 36.Rb8 Be8 [36...Be6 37.a5 Bf5 a) 38.R1b7 Rb8 (38...Be4 39.d7!) 39.Rb8 Kf7 40.a6 Ke6; b) 38.Rf8! Kf8 39.Rb7 Ke8 40.a6 Nf3 41.Kg2 Be4 42.Rg7 Nh4 43.Kh3 Nf5 44.d7 Kd8 45.Rh7 Ne7 46.a7 Kd7 47.Kg4! and White is winning] 37.a5 (and White is winning) Nf3 38.Kf1! Nd2 39.Ke1 Nb1 40.a6 Bc6 41.a7 Kf7 42.d7 Ke7 43.Rf8 Kd7 44.a8Q [44.Rf7 Kd6 45.Rg7 h5 46.Rg3! with the idea Rb3] Ba8 45.Ra8 h5 [45...Ke7 46.Ra7 Kf8 47.f3! (47.Ra5 Kf7 48.Ke2 e4 49.Rc5 Ke6 50.Ke3 f5 51.h5) e4 48.Ra1 Nc3 49.Kd2 Nb5] 46.Ra7 Ke6 47.Rg7 Kf5 [47...Na3 48.Rh7] 48.Rg3 [with the idea Rb3] 1-0 [V.Anand]

V.Topalov 2783 – A.Shirov 2715
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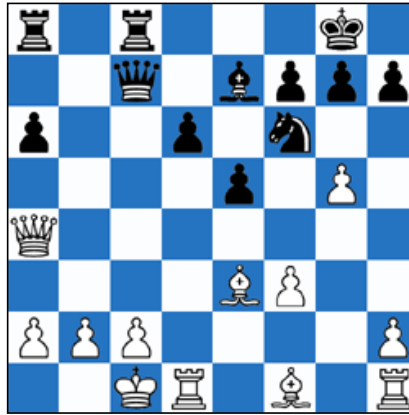


37.Qf2! [and White is winning; 37.Qd6? Re1! 38.Kh2 Nd6 39.Bf4 Ne4 and Black is winning] Qc5 38.Qg3

Qd4 [38...Qd6 39.Qc3; 38...Qe7 39.Qf3 (39.Qf4 Qd6 40.Qf2 Qc5 41.Qf1 Qe7 42.Nf6 Kf7 43.Ne8 Ke8 44.Qf4) Rc8 40.Qf4 Qd6 41.Qd4 Qe7 42.Nf6 Kf7 43.Ne4 Kg8 44.d6] **39.Kh2 Nd8 40.Qd6 Ne6 41.Be3 1-0** [Z. Krnic]

P.Svidler 2728 – S.Karjakin 2678 Wijk aan Zee 2007 — 99/170 [B90]

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19...Rab8!! 20.Bd3?! [20.Qc4? Qb7 and Black is winning; 20.gf6? Rb4 and Black is winning; 20.Bc4 (only move) Qc4 (20...Nd7 21.Bb3 Nc5 22.Bc5 Bg5 23.Kb1 Qc5 24.Qa6 unclear; 20...Ng4 21.fg4 Qc4 22.Qc4 Rc4 23.h3 and Black is slightly better) 21.Qc4 Rc4 22.gf6 Bf6 23.Rd6 e4 24.c3 Ra4 25.a3 ef3 26.Rf1 Be5 27.Rd7 Bh2 28.Rf3 f6 and Black is slightly better] **Nd7** (and Black is winning) **21.Qe4 g6 22.Ba6** [22.h4 Rb2 23.Kb2 Qc3 24.Kc1 d5; 22.Rde1 Nc5] **Rb4! 23.Qd3** [23.c4 Qc6 24.Bc8 Rc4 25.Kb1 Re4 26.Bd7 Qd7 27.fe4 Qa4] **Rcb8 24.b3 Nc5! 25.Be5 Qc5 26.Qd5 Qa7! 27.Be4 Bg5** [27...Rc8! 28.a3 Qa3 29.Kd2 Bg5 30.Ke1 Rbc4 31.bc4 Qe3 32.Kf1 Rc4 33.Qd3 Rc2 34.Qe3 Be3 35.Rd6 Bd4] **28.Kb2 Ra4 29.a3** [29.Ra1 Ra5! (29...e4 30.Rhf1 e3) 30.Qe4 (30.Qd6 Be7 31.Qd3 Ba3 32.Kb1 Ra4) Ra3 31.Qd5 Ra8 32.b4 Bf6] **Ra5 30.Qe4** [30.Qd6 Be7] **Be3** [30...Ra3? 31.Ra1 Ra8 32.Qa8 Qa8 33.Ra3 Qf3 34.Rf1 and Black is superior; 30...Kg7] **31.c3?!** [31.Rd6 Bc5 (31...Bd4 32.Rd4 ed4 33.Qf4 and Black is superior) 32.Rd5 Ba3 33.Kb1 Bc5 34.Qe5 Ra8 35.Kb2 Ra1 36.Re5 Rh1 37.Kc3 Rf8] **Ra3! 32.Ra1 Ra8** [33.Qb1 Ra1 34.Qa1 Bc1! 35.Rc1 Qf2 36.Rc2 Qc2 37.Kc2 Ra1; 33.Qa8 Qa8 34.Ra3 Qf3 35.Rf1 Qg2 36.Kb1 d5] **0-1** [Sergey Karjakin]

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