



COLUMNISTS



CHESS THEATRE

Play through and download the games from [ChessCafe.com](#) in the [DGT Game Viewer](#).

[The Complete DGT Product Line](#)

The Most Important Novelty of Chess Informant 100

Zdenko Krnic

The Slav Defense has always been a favorite opening among the world's top chess players, including several world champions. It seems that after 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3, the continuation 4...dc4 has been played so much that players such as Shirov, Morozevich, Gelfand, Grischuk, Kamsky, etc. have begun looking for new ideas in the very popular 4...a6 variation.

The great Ukrainian hope, Sergey Karjakin, recently proved that extraordinary opening preparation is necessary to break into the world's elite. The game he won against Eljanov at Foros in 2007 was voted as the most important theoretical novelty of *Informant 100*. The move 12...Nf2!! was "a bolt from the blue" and the result of good home preparation as compared to the game Lputian – Jakovenko, Fuegen 2006. White undoubtedly missed several opportunities for defense and made it much easier for Black to achieve an important victory, but it is understandable after such a shock in the opening.

DESET NAJVAŽNIJIH TEORIJSKIH NOVOSTI PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТ НАЙВАЖЛИВІШИХ ТЕОРЕТИЧЕСЬКИХ ПАРТІЙ ПРЕДМІЙЦЬОГО 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 MIST BETYDELSEFULLA TEORETISKA NYHETERNA I FÖRÖGÅENDE VOLYMA •

الاستراتيجيات النظرية العشرة الأهم الواردة في العدد السابق • 上—卷最重要的十项新理论

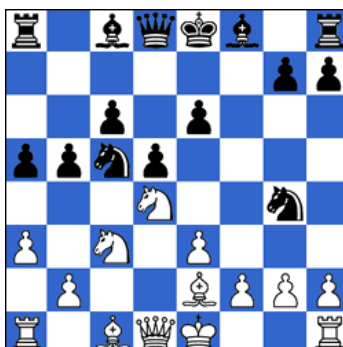
PRELOG REDAKCIJE
ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЕ РЕДАКЦИИ
EDITORIAL SUGGESTION
VORSCHLAG DER REDAKTION
PROPOSITION DE LA REDACTION
PROPOSICION DE LA REDACION
PROPOSTA DELLA REDAZIONE
RELATIONGUS FÖRSLAG
編輯部的建議

| | | VSISNATHAN ANAND | JOE BENJAMIN | ARTUR ASSISPOV | CHRISTOPHER LUTZ | ADRIAN NIKOLICHICHIN | VALERY SALOV | IVAN SOLODOV | JAN TUMAN | |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----|
| 1. P. ELJANOV – SERGEY KARJAKIN | 279 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 71 |
| 2. GRISCHUK – RUBLEVSKY | 155 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 41 |
| 3. LAZNIKA – S. ATALIK | 338 | – | 7 | – | 7 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 34 |
| 4. EVGENY ALEKSEEV – MOROZEVICH | 319 | 6 | 5 | – | – | 7 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 34 |
| 5. J. TUMAN – MI. ADAMS | 417 | – | – | 8 | 6 | – | 7 | 4 | 5 | 30 |
| 6. SHIROV – IVANCHUK | 263 | – | 8 | 10 | – | 6 | 5 | – | – | 29 |
| 7. AN. KARPOV – KL. GEORGIEV | 429 | – | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | – | – | – | 26 |
| 8. AKTYOM TIMOFEEV – IV. SOLODOV | 232 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 9 | – | – | 2 | – | 25 |
| 9. PRIDOLJEV – MOROZEVICH | 154 | – | – | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8 | – | 4 | 24 |
| 10. I. IVANISJEVIC – MATULOWIC | (281) | 8 | – | – | – | – | 9 | – | – | 17 |
| 11. TRIAKOV – PRUSIKIN | 180 | – | – | 3 | – | – | – | 8 | 4 | 17 |
| 12. S. SOLOVJOV – V. YEMELIN | 217 | – | – | – | – | 9 | 4 | – | 2 | 15 |
| 13. MAMEDYAROV – NISIPERANU | 393 | 2 | – | – | 4 | 8 | – | – | – | 14 |
| 14. SAKAEV – EVGENY ALEKSEEV | (354) | – | – | 4 | – | – | 6 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| 15. DELLA MORTA – RUSCO | 170 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 3 | 11 |
| 16. Y. PELLETIER – KASIMDZHANOV | 327 | 5 | 6 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 11 |
| 17. ORLEN RUZ – QUEZADA PEREZ | 167 | 7 | 3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 10 |
| 18. MOROZEVICH – LPUTIAN | 198 | 4 | – | – | – | – | – | 5 | – | 9 |
| 19. KAMSKY – NISIPERANU | 112 | – | 1 | 2 | – | – | – | – | – | 3 |
| 20. KASIMDZHANOV – P. ELJANOV | 425 | 1 | – | – | 2 | – | – | – | – | 3 |
| 21. FROLYANOV – E. VOROBIOV | 142 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | 1 |
| 22. EVGENY ALEKSEEV – KRAMNIK | 209 | – | – | – | – | 1 | – | – | – | 1 |
| 23. GRISCHUK – RUBLEVSKY | 161 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 24. SERGEY KARJAKIN – VAN WELY | 168 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 25. E. ESPINOSA – QUEZADA PEREZ | 169 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 26. A. GALGIN – M. KANEV | 172 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 27. PRIDOLJEV – PASHKIN | 220 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 28. RECERRA RIVERO – SUAS LUGO | 241 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 29. A. GRISCHUK – D. JAKOVENKO | 322 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |
| 30. K. FAHRNER – M. SCHACHINGER | (355) | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | 0 |

1. P.Eljanov 2686 – Sergey Karjakin 2686

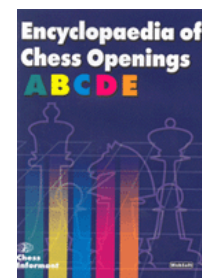
Foros 2007 – 100/279 [D15]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.c5 Nbd7 7.a3!? a5! 8.Bd3 e5 9.de5 Ng4 10.e6 fe6 11.Nd4 Nc5 12.Be2

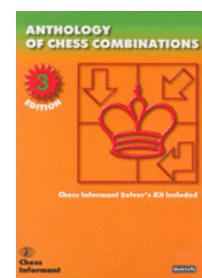


12...Nf2!! [a novelty; 12...Ne5 see 99/(264)] 13.Kf2 Bd6 14.g3?! [14.Nc6 0-0 15.Bf3 (15.Kg1 Qh4 16.g3 Qf6 and Black is slightly better) Qh4 (15...Qc7 16.Nd4) 16.g3 (16.Kg1) Qh3 with compensation] 0-0 15. Kg2 Bd7 16.Bd2?! [16.Rf1 Rf1 17.Bf1 Qf6 and Black is slightly better; 16.Nb3! Nb3 17.Qb3 e5 with counterplay, with the idea Qc8, Bh3] e5 17.Nb3 [17.Nf3 a4 18.Qc2 Qe8 19.Raf1 Bf5 20.Qd1 Qd7 and Black is superior] Ne6! [with the idea Ng5 weak point Kg2] 18.Bg4 a4 19.Nc1 Qg5 [19...Nc5! and Black

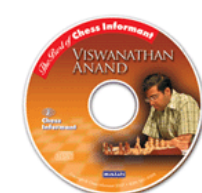
Check out these bestselling titles from [USCFSales.com](#):



[ECO A-E \(CD\)](#)



[Anthology of Chess Combinations \(CD\)](#)



[The Best of Chess Informant Viswanathan Anand \(CD\)](#)

is superior] **20.h4** [20.e4 Nf4! 21.Bf4 Qg4 22.Qg4 Bg4 and Black is winning] **Qg6 21.h5?** [21.Bh5! a) 21... Qf5 22.Qf3 (22.Rf1 Nf4 23.ef4 Qh3 24.Kf2 ef4 and Black is winning) Qc2 23.Qd1 equal; b) 21...Qf6! 22. Rf1 Qe7 and Black is slightly better] **Qg5 22.Rh4** [22.e4 Nf4 23.Bf4 Qg4 24.Qg4 Bg4 25.Rh4 d4 26.N3a2 Be6 27.Bd2 Bc4 and Black is winning] **e4 23.Qe1 Nc5** [and Black is winning, weak point Ra1, Nc1, Bd2, d3, f3] **24.Bd7** [24.Bd1 Rf1! 25.Kf1 Bg3 26.Rg4 Qf5 27.Kg2 Be1 28.Be1 Rf8 29.Be2 Nd3 30.Bg3 Ne5 31. Rh4 Nf3; 24.Be2 Rae8 25.h6 g6] **Nd7 25.N1e2 Ne5 26.Qh1 Nf3 27.Qh3 Qf6 28.Nf4 Nd2 0-1** [Sergey Karjakin]

2. Grischuk 2717 – Rublevsky 2680

Elista (m/1) 2007 – 100/155 [B85]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Bd7 9.a4 Be7 10.f4 Nd4 11. Qd4 Bc6 12.b4 0-0 13.b5 Be8 14.e5 Qc7 15.b6 Qc6

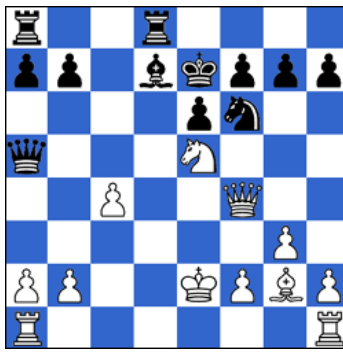


16.Bf3! [a novelty; 16.ed6 see 95/(179)] **d5 17.Rae1!?** **Nd7** [17...Rc8? 18.ef6 Bf6 19.Nd5! ed5 (19...Bd4? 20.Ne7 Kh8 21.Bc6 and White is winning) 20.Qd5 Qa4 (20...Qd5 21.Bd5 Bc6 22.c4 and White is superior) 21.Qb7 Bb5 22.Be2 (22.Rf2? Rce8!) Rc2 23.Bb5 ab5 24.Qd7 Rd8 25.Bc5! Qa8 26.b7 Qb8 27.Bd6 Rd7 28. Bb8 h6 29.Bc7 Bd4 30.Kh1 Ba7 31.b8Q Bb8 32.Bb8 Rdd2 33.Rg1 and White is superior; 17...Rd8? 18.f5 (18.ef6 Bf6 19.Nd5 ed5 20.Qc5 Qc5 21.Bc5 Ba4 22.Bf8 Kf8 23.Rd1 Rd6 with compensation) Qc8 (18...ef5 19.ef6 Bf6 20.Nd5 Bd4 21.Ne7 Kh8 22.Nc6 Be3 23.Re3 Bc6 24.Bc6 bc6 25.Rf5 and White is superior) 19. a5 Nd7 (19...ef5? 20.ef6 Bf6 21.Nd5 Bd4 22.Ne7 Kh8 23.Nc8 and White is winning) 20.fe6 fe6 21.Nd5 ed5 22.Qd5 Kh8 23.Qb7 Qc3 24.e6 Bh4 25.Qc7 Be1 26.Qc3 Bc3 27.e7 and White is superior] **18.Nd5!** [18.f5? Bc5 19.Qf4 Qb6 20.f6 gf6 21.ef6 Kh8 22.Bd5 ed5 23.Nd5 Qc6 24.Ne7 Be7 25.fe7 Rg8 26.Bd4 f6] **ed5 19. Bd5 Qc5!?** [19...Qc2 20.Rc1! Qe2 (20...Qf5 21.Bb7 Rb8 22.Bc8! R8 23.Rc8 Nb6 24.Re8 Re8 25.Qb6 and White is superior) 21.Bb7 (21.e6 Nf6!) Rd8 22.Bf3 Qa2 23.Qc4 Qa3 24.Rc3 Qb2 25.b7 and White is superior; 19...Qc8 20.f5 (20.e6? Nf6 and Black is superior; 20.Rf3? Bc5 21.Qe4 Be3 22.Qe3 Qc5 and Black is superior; 20.Qe4? Nc5 and Black is superior) Bc5 a) 21.Qf4? Kh8 (21...Nb6? 22.f6 and White is winning) 22.Rf3 f6 23.Rh3 g5! 24.fg6 Bg6 25.e6 Ne5 unclear; b) 21.Qe4! Be3 b1) 22.Qe3? Qc5 23.Qc5 (23.e6 Qd5 24.e7 Rc8 and Black is superior) Nc5 24.e6 b11) 24...Bc6 25.ef7 (25.Bc6 bc6 26.a5 fe6 27.Re5 Nb7 and Black is slightly better) Rf7 26.Bf7 Kf7 27.a5 Kf6 and Black is slightly better; b12) 24...fe6 25.fe6 Rf1 26.Rf1 Bc6 27.Bc4 g6 28.e7 Kg7 29.g4 Nd7 30.Rf7 Kh6 31.h4 g5 32.hg5 Kg5 and Black is slightly better; b2) 22.Re3 Qc5 23.a5! (and White is superior, with attack) Qa5 (23...Rd8? 24.c4 Qa5 25.f6 Qb6 26. Kh1 Nc5 27.Qh4 Ne6 28.Rg3 and White is winning) 24.f6 Qb6 25.Kh1 Nc5 26.Qg4 Ne6 27.Be6 g6 28.Rb3 Qe6 29.Qg5 Kh8 30.Qh6 Rg8 31.Rh3 Qh3 and White is superior; 19...Bc5 20.Bc6 Bd4 21.Bd4 bc6 22.b7 Rb8 23.Rb1 c5 24.Be3 and White is superior; 19...Qh6 20.a5 with compensation, with initiative] **20.e6!** [20. Bb7? Qd4 21.Bd4 Rb8 22.Ba6 Nc5!] **Qd4** [20...fe6? 21.Be6 Rf7 (21...Kh8? 22.Bd7 Qd4 23.Bd4 and White is winning) 22.Qe4 Qd6 23.Bf2! Rb8 (23...Bf8 24.Qb7 Rb8 25.Qa7 and White is winning) 24.Bf7 Kf7 25. Re3! (25.a5 and White is superior) Nb6 26.Rfe1 Nd5 27.Qf5 Kg8 28.Re6 Qd7 29.Qe5 Rd8 30.c4 Bf7 31. cd5 Be6 32.Qe6 Qe6 33.de6 and White is superior] **21.Bd4 Nf6** [21...Bf6 22.Bf6 Nf6 23.Bb7 Rb8 24.e7 Rb7 25.ef8Q Kf8 26.a5 and White is superior] **22.Bb3** [22.ef7? Bf7? 23.Bb7 and White is superior; 22... Rf7!] **Rd8** [22...fe6? 23.Re6 and White is winning] **23.Bf6** [23.ef7? Bf7 24.Re7 Rd4 25.Rb7 Bb3 26.cb3 a5 27.Rc1 Rb4 (27...Rf4? 28.Ra7 and White is slightly better) 28.Rcc7 Ne8 29.Rc6 Rf4 and Black is slightly better] **Bc5** [23...Bf6? 24.e7 Be7 25.Re7 Bc6 26.Rfe1 and White is superior] **24.Kh1 gf6 25.e7 Be7 26.Re7 Bc6 27.Rc7!** [27.Rfe1 Rd2 28.R7e2 Rd4! with compensation] **Rd2 28.Re1 Rf2?** time [28...Rg2?? 29.Rc6; 28...Rfd8? 29.Bf7 (29.Rf7 Kh8 30.Rf6 Bg2 31.Kg1 Bf3 32.h3 and White is superior) Kh8 30.Bh5! Bg2 31. Kg1 Rg8 32.Bf7 Rgd8 33.c4! Bf3 34.Bd5 Bd5 35.cd5 and White is winning; 28...Bg2?! 29.Kg1 Bf3 30. Re3 Bc6 31.Ree7 Kh8 32.Bf7 and White is superior; 28...Kg7! (R.Sherbakov) 29.h3 (29.f5? Re8 30.Rf7 Kh6 31.Rf6 Kg7 32.Rf7 Kh6 33.Rc1 Bg2 34.Kg1 Bf3!) Bg2 30.Kg1 Kh6 31.Re3 (31.Bf7 Rfd8 with compensation) Bc6 32.Rd3 Rg8 33.Kf1 Rh2 34.Rf7 and White is slightly better] **29.h3 Rf4 30.Ree7 Rf1 31.Kh2 Rf2 32.Rc6! bc6 33.Rf7** (and White is winning) **Rf4** [33...Rf7 34.b7] **34.c3 Re4 35.Re7 1-0** [Rublevsky]

3. Laznicka 2594 – S.Atalik 2564

Polanica Zdroj 2007 – 100/338 [D45]

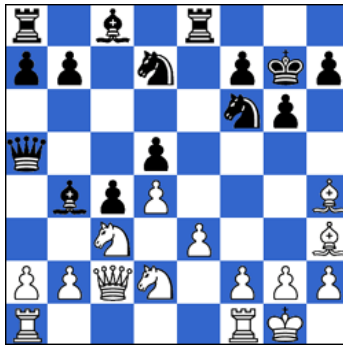
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.e4 Ne4 8.Ne4 de4 9.Qe4 c5 10.Bg5 Be7 11. Be7 Qa5 12.Ke2 Ke7 13.g3 cd4 14.Bg2 Nf6 15.Qd4 Rd8 16.Qf4 Bd7 17.Ne5



17...Ba4! [a novelty; 17...Be8 see 100/337] **18.b3** [18.b4 Qb6; 18.Qe3 Kf8 (18...Nd7?? 19.Qg5 Ke8 20.Nf7 and White is winning; 18...Qb4 19.b3 Be8 20.Rhd1 and White is superior) 19.Rhe1 Nd7 20.Qa3 Kg8 21. Nd7 Rd7 22.Kf1 Rd2 23.Rad1 Rad8 24.Rd2 Rd2 25.b4 Qb6 26.c5 Qb5 27.Kg1 Rd4 with initiative; 18. Rhe1 Qb6 19.b3 Bc6 20.Nc6 bc6 21.Rad1 Rac8 22.Kf1 c5 equal] **Rd2 19.Qd2** [19.Kf1!? a) 19...Be8 20. Bb7 (20.Qe3 Rad8) Rad8 21.Bc6 Qc5 22.Be8 Ke8 23.Re1 Ra2 24.Kg2 Rdd2 25.Rhf1 and White is slightly better; b) 19...Qc3!? b1) 20.Bb7? Rb8 21.Kg2 Rb7 22.ba4 (22.Rac1 g5 23.Rc3 gf4 24.ba4 Rbb2 and Black is superior; 22.Rhc1 g5 23.Qf6 Kf6 24.Ng4 Kf5 25.Rc3 Bc6 26.Kh3 h5 27.Ne3 Kg6 28.Rc2 Rbd7 and Black is superior) g5 23.Qf3 (23.Qg5 Rf2) Rf2! 24.Kf2 Rb2 25.Kf1 Qe5 and Black is superior; b2) 20.Re1 Be8 21.Bb7 Rad8 b21) 22.Nf3 Ra2 23.Qc7 Rd7 24.Qc5 Kd8 25.Qc8 Ke7 b211) 26.Ne5 b2111) 26...Rf2!? 27. Kf2 Rd2 28.Kf1 (28.Re2 Re2 29.Ke2 Qe5 with compensation) Qd4 equal; b2112) 26...Rd6 27.Kg2 Qb3 28. Bf3 Kf8 and Black is superior; b212) 26.Qc5 equal; b22) 22.Kg2! Ra2 23.Re3 Qb4 24.Bf3 Rdd2 25.Rf1 Kf8 and White is slightly better] **Qe5 20.Qe3 Qb2 21.Qd2** ½-½ [S.Atalik]

4. Evgeny Alekseev 2679 – Morozevich 2762 Russia 2007 – 100/319 [D38]

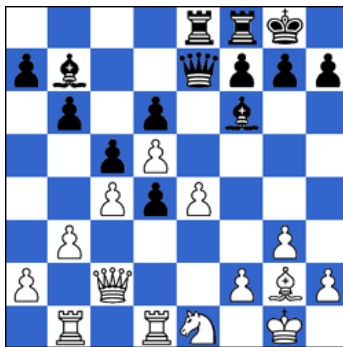
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.e3 c5 7.cd5 ed5 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.Qc2 c4 10.Bf5 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nd2 g6 13.Bh3 Kg7 14.Bh4 [14.Rae1 Nb6 15.Bc8 Rac8 16.f3 (16.Bf6 see 44/496) Rc6 17. e4 de4 18.Bf6 Rf6 19.fe4 Rf1 20.Rf1 Qg5 unclear]



14...Nb6!? [a novelty; 14...Bc3] **15.Nb3!?** [15.Bf6 Kf6 16.Bc8 Rac8 17.a3 (17.e4?! de4 18.Nde4 Kg7 and Black is slightly better) Bc3 18.bc3 equal] **cb3 16.ab3 Bc3 17.Ra5 Ba5 18.Bf6 Kf6 19.Qc5 Bh3!** [19...Bd2 20.Rd1 Be6?! 21.Qd6! Rac8 22.Qe5 Ke7 23.Be6 f6! (23...fe6?! 24.Qg7 Kd6 25.Qh7 and White is superior) 24.Qg3 Ke6 25.Qh3 f5 26.Qh7 Kf6 27.g4 (27.h4 Re7 28.Qh6 Bb4 29.h5 Rg8 30.Rc1 Rd7 with counterplay) Bb4 (27...Bc1? 28.g5! Kg5 29.Qg7! with attack) 28.f3! (28.g5?! Kg5 29.Qg7 Re7; 28.gf5 gf5 29.Qh6 Kf7 30.Qf4 Nd7! 31.Qf5 Nf6 32.Kh1 Bd6 with counterplay) Rh8 29.g5! Kg5 30.Qg7 with initiative] **20.gh3 Bd2 21.Rd1 Be3 22.fe3 Re3 23.Qc7 Kg7 24.Rf1 Rf8 25.Qb7** [25.h4!?!] **Rb3 26.Qa7 Rb2 27.Rf2** [27.Qb7 Rb3 28.Rf2 Rb1 29.Kg2 Rb3 30.h4 h5 equal] **Rb1 28.Kg2 Ne4!** (with initiative) **29.Qe7 Rb3 30.Rf3 Rb2 31.Rf2 Rb6 32.Re2 Rf6 33.Rf2 Rd6** [33...Re6? 34.Rf7! Rf7 35.Qe6 and White is slightly better] **34.Kg3 Kg8 35.Rf6** [35.Rf3 Re6 with initiative] **Rf6 36.Qf6 Ne3 37.Qe5 Nf5 38.Kf2 Rd8 39.Kg1 h5 40.Kf2 Ng7 41.Qc7 Ne6 42.Qa5 Rc8 43.Qd5 Rd8** and Black is superior **0-1** [Morozevich, Al.Kuzmin]

5. J.Timman 2560 – Mi.Adams 2724 London 2007 – 100/417 [E19]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nc3 9.Qc3 c5 10.Rd1 d6 [10... cd4 11.Nd4 and White is slightly better] **11.b3 Bf6 12.Bb2 Qe7 13.Qc2 Nc6 14.e4 e5 15.d5 Nd4 16.Bd4 ed4 17.Rab1** [17.Qd3 see 29/528] **Rae8 18.Ne1**



18...g5! [a novelty; 18...g6 19.Nd3 Bg7 20.Re1 Bc8 21.f4 (21.b4) Qc7 unclear] **19.Nd3 Bc8 20.Rf1?!** [20.f4 gf4 21.gf4 a) 21...Bg7 22.Re1 (22.Qf2 Kh8 23.Re1 Bf6 with initiative) Qh4 23.Qf2 Qh6 24.Kh1 Kh8 25.e5 Bf5 26.Be4 Bh3 unclear; b) 21...Kh8 22.Kh1 Rg8 23.Rg1 Bh4 and Black is slightly better; better is 20.b4 Bg7 21.Re1 unclear] **Bg7 21.Rbe1?** [21.b4 f5 with initiative; 21.f4 gf4 22.gf4 f5 23.Rbe1 (23.e5 de5 24.fe5 Be5 25.Rbe1 Qd6 and Black is superior) fe4 24.Be4 Qh4 and Black is slightly better; better is 21.Rfe1 g4 22.b4 with counterplay] **g4! 22.Qd2** [22.f4 gf3 23.Rf3 Bh6 and Black is superior; better is 22.Nf4! Be5 (22...Qg5 23.h4 gh3 24.Bh3 Bh3 25.Nh3 Qg4 26.Kg2 unclear; 22...Bh6!? 23.Nd3 Qg5 24.Re2 Bg7 and Black is slightly better) 23.Nd3 Qg5 24.Ne5 de5 (24...Re5 25.f4 gf3 26.Rf3 f5 27.Re1 Rfe8 28.ef5 Qf6 29.g4 Re2 unclear) 25.f4 gf3 26.Rf3 Bg4 27.Rf2 Kg7 and Black is slightly better] **Qf6 23.Re2** [23.Qf4 Qg6 24.Re2?? Bh6] **Re7 24.b4 Rfe8 25.Rfe1** [better is 25.bc5 bc5 26.Rb1] **Qg6!** [25...h5 26.bc5 bc5 27.e5 unclear] **26.Nf4** [26.bc5 bc5 27.e5 Be5 and Black is superior] **Qg5 27.bc5 bc5 28.Qc2** [28.Nd3? Qd2 29.Rd2 Ba6 30.Rc2 f5 and Black is winning] **Be5** [better is 28...h5 29.h4 gh3 30.Nh3 Qh6 and Black is superior] **29.h4** [better is 29.Nd3 Bg7 (29...h5 30.Ne5 Re5 31.Qa4 Qe7 and Black is slightly better) 30.Nf4 h5 and Black is superior] **gh3 30.Nh3 Qh5 31.Nf4** [31.Kh2 Bg4 32.Rd2 f5 and Black is winning] **Bf4 32.gf4 f6!** (and Black is winning) **33.Rd2** [33.f5 Bf5; 33.Qd3 Rg7 34.f5 Kh8 35.f3 Reg8 36.Rf2 Rg3] **Rg7 34.Rd3 Qg4 35.Rg3 Qf4 36.Qa4 Rf8** [36...Ree7 37.Qa5 Rg3 38.Qd8 Kf7 39.fg3 Qg3 40.Rf1 Bh3 41.Rf2 d3 42.e5 (42.Qh8 Qg6) Qe5 43.Bh3 Qg3 44.Bg2 d2 45.Rf1 Qe1 and Black is winning] **37.Rg7 Kg7 38.Qa7 Kh8 39.Qa3** [39.Rb1 Rg8 40.Rb3 Qe4 41.Rg3 Qe1 42.Kh2 Bg4 43.f3 (43.Qc7 Qf2 44.Qd6 h5 45.a4 Kh7 and Black is winning) Bf5 44.Rg8 Kg8 45.Qb8 Kf7 46.Qd6 (46.Qc7 Kg6 47.Qd8 d3 and Black is winning) d3 and Black is winning] **Rg8 40.Kf1 Bg4** [better is 40...Qh2! 41.Bf3 (41.Qf3 Rg2 42.Qf6 Kg8 43.Qd8 Kf7 and Black is winning) Rg3 42.Ke2 (42.Qa8 Qh3 43.Ke2 Rf3; 42.Rb1 Rg1 and Black is winning) d3! 43.Qd3 Bg4 44.Bg4 Rd3 45.Kd3 Qf2 46.Re3 Qa2 and Black is winning] **41.Qb3** [41.Qg3 Be2 and Black is winning; 41.Qd3 Qh2 42.Rb1 (42.a4 Bh5 43.Qh3 Qh3 44.Bh3 d3 and Black is winning) f5 43.ef5 Qg2 44.Kg2 Bf5 and Black is winning; 41.Bh3 Bf3 42.Qd3 f5 43.ef5 Qh2 44.Qf3 Rg1 45.Ke2 Qe5 and Black is winning] **Qd2** [41...Qh2 42.a4 Bh5 43.Qh3 Qh3 44.Bh3 d3 and Black is winning] **42.Qg3** [42.a4 d3 and Black is winning; 42.f3 Bd7 43.Re2 Qc1 44.Re1 (44.Kf2 Bh3 and Black is winning) Qg5 45.Qc2 (45.Re2 Bh3 and Black is winning) d3 46.Qf2 Qh6 47.Rd1 Bh3 and Black is winning; 42.Bh3 Bh5 43.Be6 d3! 44.Bg8 Be2 45.Kg2 (45.Re2 de2 46.Kg2 e1Q and Black is winning) Qg5 46.Kh3 Qg4 47.Kh2 Bf3 and Black is winning] **Be2** [43.Re2 Qc1] **0-1** [Mi.Adams]

6. Shirov 2699 – Ivanchuk 2729

Foros 2007 – 100/263 [C91]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.Re1 Bg4 10.Be3 ed4 11.cd4 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nc3 14.bc3 Qd7 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nd2



17...a5! [a novelty; 17...Na5 see 25/345] **18.f4** [18.a4 b4 19.Rc1! (19.c4 dc4 20.Bc4 Nd4 and Black is superior) bc3 20.Rc3 Bb4 21.Rc1 f6 22.f4 fe5 23.de5 Kh8 24.Rf1 (24.f5?! Ne5 25.fg6 Qd6 26.Kg2 Ng6 with attack) d4 25.Nf3 unclear] **a4 19.Bc2 Bc2 20.Qc2 f5!** [20...f6 21.Rab1 fe5 22.fe5 h5 23.Qg6 hg4 24.Qg4 (24.hg4 Ra6 25.e6 Qd6 with initiative) Qg4 25.hg4 Rab8 26.Kg2 Kf7 equal] **21.ef6** [21.Rf1 Nd8 (21...fg4 22.f5 gh3 23.Kh2! b4 24.Rf3 bc3 25.Qc3 Bb4 26.Qd3 Ne7 27.Raf1 with initiative) 22.Kh2 g6 and Black is slightly better] **Bf6 22.Nf3** [22.Kg2 Rae8 (22...h5 23.g5 Be7 24.Qg6! Bd6 25.Nf3 Bf4 26.Bf4 Rf4 27.Qh5 with attack, with the idea g6) 23.Bf2 Na5 24.Nf3 Nc4 25.f5 Qe6 26.Qd3 a3 27.Rab1 Nb2 (27...Re4 28.Nd2 Nd2 29.Qd2 Rfe8 30.Qd3 equal) 28.Qc2 (28.Qd2 Re4) Qc4 29.Nd2! Qc6 (29...Qa2? 30.Ra1!) 30.Nf3 equal] **Rae8 23.Bf2?!** [23.Ne5 Be5 24.de5 g5!? 25.Qd2! h5!? (25...gf4 26.Bf4 Rf7 27.Rab1 h5 28.Rb5 hg4 29.Rd5 Qe6 30.h4 unclear) 26.g5 Qh3 27.Qd5 Re6 28.Qg2 Qg2 29.Kg2 gf4 30.Bd4 Rf5 31.Rab1 b4 and Black is slightly better; 23.Kg2 Na5 24.Rad1 (24.f5 Qc6 25.g5 Nc4 26.Bf4 Re4! and Black is superior; 24.g5 Nc4 25.Qd3 Nb2 26.Qc2 Nc4 27.Bf2 Be7 and Black is slightly better, with the idea Bd6) Nc4 25.Bc1 Qc6 equal; 23.f5 Re4 24.Nd2 Re7 25.g5 Re3 26.Re3 Bg5 27.Rf3 Qe7 with compensation] **h5! 24.Qg6** [24.g5?! Qh3 25.Nh4 Qg4 26.Kh1 Be7 27.Qg6 Qf4 and Black is superior; 24.f5 hg4 25.hg4 g6 26.Bh4 gf5 27.Re8 Qe8 28.Bf6 Rf6 29.g5 Qe3 30.Kg2 Rg6 31.Qf5 Ne7 equal] **Re4! 25.Re4?!** [25.g5 Rf4!; 25.Nd2! Re1 (25...Rf4 26.Bg3 b4 27.Bf4 bc3 28.Nf3 and White is winning) 26.Re1 hg4 (26...b4 27.cb4 hg4 28.hg4 Qd6

29.Kg2 Qf4 30.Be3 Qd6 31.Nf3 equal) 27.hg4 Ne7 28.Qh5 g6 29.Qh3 Nc6 30.Nf3 b4 31.cb4 Nb4 32.Ne5 Be5 33.fe5 Qf7 34.Re2 Qf4 and Black is slightly better] **de4 26.Nh2?** [26.Ne5 Be5 27.fe5 hg4 28.hg4 Qd5! and Black is superior; 26.Ng5 Bg5 27.Qg5 a) 27...hg4 28.hg4 Rf6 (28...b4 29.d5 bc3 30.dc6 Qd2 31.Be1 Qe3 32.Bf2 equal) 29.f5 Ne7 (29...b4 30.Qe3 g6 31.Qe4 gf5 32.gf5 Rf5 33.Qg4 Qg7 34.Qg7 Kg7 35.cb4 Nb4 equal) 30.Bg3 Nd5 31.Be5 Rh6 32.Re1 e3 unclear; b) 27...Qd6! 28.f5 hg4 29.hg4 b4! with initiative] **Nd4!! 27.cd4** [27.Re1 Nf3 28.Nf3 ef3 and Black is winning] **Bd4 28.Rb1 e3** [28...Bf2?! 29.Kf2 Rf4 30.Kg3 Qd2 31.Rf1! h4 32.Kh4 Qh2 33.Qe8 Kh7 34.Qh5 equal] **29.Bg3** [29.Be1 Rf4 30.Rb4 c5 31.Rd4 cd4 and Black is winning] **h4! 30.Bh4** [30.Nf3 hg3 and Black is winning] **Rf4 31.Qd3 Qd5 32.Nf1** [32.Re1 Rf2!] **Rf2! 33.Ne3 Rg2! 34.Kh1 Qf3 0-1** [Ivanchuk]

7. An.Karpov 2668 – Ki.Georgiev 2660

Valjevo 2007 – 100/429 [E37]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bc3 6.Qc3 Ne4 7.Qc2 c5 8.de5 Nc6 9.cd5 ed5 10.Nf3 Qf6 11.e3 Bg4 12.Be2 0-0



13.Bd2! [a novelty; 13.0-0 see 98/407] **Rfe8** [13...Ne5 14.Bc3 Nc3 15.Qc3 (RR 15.Ne5!?) Bf3 16.gf3 Nf3 17.Bf3 Qf3 18.Rg1 g6 19.Rd1 and White is slightly better] **14.Bc3** [14.0-0 see 13.0-0] **Nc3 15.Qc3 Qc3 16.bc3 Rac8 17.Rb1!** (and White is slightly better) **Nd8 18.Kd2 Re7** [18...Rc5 19.Bb5 Re7 20.Nd4 and White is slightly better] **19.Rb4! Be6** [19...Bf3 20.Bf3 Rc5 21.Rhb1 b6 22.Rb5 and White is slightly better] **20.Nd4 Rc5 21.a4 Bd7 22.Ra1 g6 23.a5 a6 24.Bf3** [24.g4!? with the idea h4, g5] **Re5 25.Rb6** (and White is superior) **Kf8** (only move) **26.g4 Ke8 27.h4 Rc7 28.Be2!** [28.g5 Ne6] **Re7 29.Rd6! Ne6 30.Rd5 Nc5 31.f3 Be6 32.Re5** [32.Rd6 Bg4!] **f6** [32...Nd7 33.Ne6 fe6 34.Re4 Nc5 35.Rb4] **33.Ne6 Nb3 34.Ke1 fe5 35.Nc7 Rc7 36.Ra3 Nc5 37.g5** [37.Bc4 Ne4; 37.Kd2 h6 38.Kc2 g5 39.Ra1 and White is superior] **h6 38.g6 Rh7 39.Kf2 Rh6 40.Kg3 Rh7! 41.Ra1 Nb3 42.Ra3** [42.Rb1 Na5 43.Rb6 Rc7 44.Rg6 see 42.Rd1; 42.Rd1! Na5 (42...Rd7 43.Rd7 Kd7 44.Kg4 and White is winning) 43.Rd6 (43.Rd5 Nc6 44.Rd6) Rc7 44.Rg6 Rc3 45.h5 and White is superior] **Nc5 43.Ra2 Rc7 44.Kg4 Ke7 45.c4 Kf6** [45...Rd7!?) **46.Rd2 Rd7 47.Rd7** [47.Rd1 Rd1 48.Bd1 Nd3 49.Bc2 Nb2 50.c5 Nc4 51.Be4 Na5 52.Bd5 Nc6 equal] **Nd7 48.Bd3 b6** [48...e4 49.Be4 Ne5 50.Kf4 Nc4 51.Bb7 and White is winning; 48...Nc5 49.Be4 and White is winning] **49.ab6 Nb6 50.c5 Nd5 51.e4 Nc7 52.Bc4 a5 53.f4 a4 54.f5 gf5** [54...a3 55.fg6 Kg6 56.h5 Kf6 57.h6 Kg6 58.h7 Kh7 59.Kf5] **55.ef5 e4 56.h5 e3 57.h6 Na6 58.c6 a3 59.Kf3 Nc7 60.Ke3 1-0** [An.Karpov]

8. Artyom Timofeev 2658 – Iv.Sokolov 2655

Sarajevo 2007 – 100/252 [C88]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d5 10.ed5 Nd5 [10...Nd4!? 11.Ne5 (11.Nc3; 11.c4) Nb3 12.ab3 Qd5 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Nc3 Qh5 with compensation] **11.Ne5 Nd4** [11...Ne5?! 12.Re5 Bf6 13.Re1 c5 14.Nd2! Nf4 15.Ne4 Ng2 16.Kg2 c4 a) 17.dc4 Be4 18.f3 Bc6 19.Qd8 Rfd8 20.cb5 ab5 21.c3 Rd3 22.Re3 (22.Be3 Re8) Re3 23.Be3 Re8 24.Re1 Bh4 25.Re2 Bg5 26.Kf2 Bh4 27.Kg2 Bg5 equal; b) 17.Qf3! Be4 18.Re4 cb3 19.ab3 and White is superior] **12.Nc3 Nb3 13.ab3**



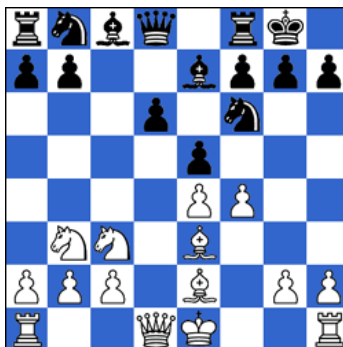
13...Nb4 [a novelty; 13...Bh4; 13...Bf6] **14.Bd2 f6! 15.Ng4** [15.Nf3?! Bf3 16.gf3 Qd7 with initiative] **f5 16.Ne5 Bd6** (with compensation) **17.Na2? Be5! 18.Re5 Nc6 19.Re1 f4** (and Black is superior) **20.Bc3!** [20.f3? Nd4 21.Nc3 Bf3! 22.gf3 Qg5 23.Kf1 Qg3 24.Ne4 Qh3 25.Kf2 Qh2 26.Kf1 Rae8! and Black is winning 27.Ra6 (27.Bc3 Nc2) Re4 28.de4 Qh3 29.Kf2 Qg3 30.Kf1 Nf3] **f3 21.Re4 a5! 22.b4 ab4 23.Nb4 Ra1 24.Qa1 Nb4?** [24...Ne7! 25.Rg4 Ng6 26.Qa2 (26.Qa7 Qa8! and Black is superior 27.Qa8 Ra8 28.d4 Ra1 29.Kh2 fg2 30.d5 Nf4 31.Rg7 Kf8 32.Rg2 Ng2) Rf7 27.Qa7 Qc8 28.d4 Nf4! and Black is superior 29.d5 h5! 30.Rf4 (30.Rg5? fg2) Rf4] **25.Rb4** [25.Bb4 c5? 26.Bc5 Qg5? 27.Rg4 Qc5 28.Rg7 Kg7 29.b4 and White is winning; 25...Rf7 equal] **fg2 26.Rg4 Rf7 27.Qa7** (equal) **Bf3** [27...Qa8 equal] **28.Rg3 Bd5?** [28...Qa8 equal] **29.Qd4?** [29.Bg7! Rf3! (29...Rg7 30.Rg7 Kg7 31.Qd4 Kf7 32.c4 and White is winning) 30.Bc3 (30.Bf6?? Rg3 31.Bd8 Rh3 32.f3 Bf3 33.Kf2 Rh1 and Black is winning) Rg3 31.fg3 and White is slightly better] **Qd7 30.f3 h6 31.Kg2 Kh7 32.b4 c6!** (with compensation) **33.Kf2** time **Qc7 34.Qg4 g5! 35.Qd4 Bf3! 36.**

Qh8! Kg6 37.Be5? [37.Rf3! Qh2 38.Ke3 Re7 39.Be5! Qe5 40.Qe5 Re5 and Black is slightly better] **Qa7** (and Black is winning) **38.Bd4 Bd5 39.Kg1?** [39.Ke2 Qa2 40.Kd2 Bb3 41.Bb2 Qb1! 42.Qc3 (42.cb3 Rf2 43.Ke3 Qe1 44.Kd4 Qb4 45.Ke5 Re2) Bc2! 43.Qc6 Kh5 44.Qe8 Bb3! 45.Qe2 Kg6 46.Qe4 Rf5 47.Qc6 (47.Qe8 Bf7) Kh7! 48.Qb7 Bf7 and Black is winning] **Qa2! 40.Rg2 Bg2 0-1** [Iv.Sokolov]

9. Predojevic 2609 – Morozevich 2762

Sarajevo 2007 – 100/154 [B83]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 8.f4 e5 9.Nb3

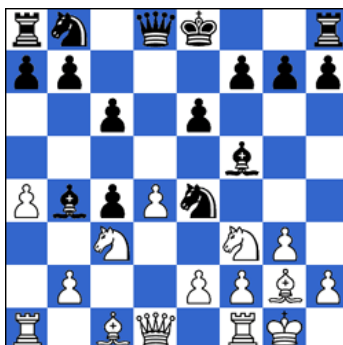


9...b6! [a novelty; 9...ef4 see 24/449] **10.Bf3** [10.f5?! Bb7 a) 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.g4 Rc8 13.g5 (13.Qd3 Rc3! 14.bc3 d5 15.ed5 e4 16.Be4 Ne4 17.Qe4 Re8 and Black is superior, with attack) Rc3! 14.bc3 Ne4 and Black is superior; b) 11.Qd3 d5 and Black is slightly better] **Nbd7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe1!? Rc8 13.Rd1 Re8 14.Qg3 Bf8** [with the idea Rc3] **15.fe5** [15.Nd2!?] **de5** [15...Ne5 16.Nd4 and White is slightly better; 15... Rc3 16.bc3 de5 (16...Ne5 17.Bd4 and White is slightly better) 17.Rf2 see 15...de5] **16.Rf2** [16.Rd2 Rc3 17. bc3 Qc8 18.Qh3 Qc3 19.Rd3 Qc7 20.Rfd1 Nc5 21.Rc3 Nfe4 22.Be4 Be4 unclear] **Rc3! 17.bc3 Qc8** (with compensation) **18.Rfd2** [18.Bg4?! Ng4 19.Qg4 Nf6 20.Qc8 Rc8 and Black is superior] **Be4 19.c4!** time [19. Qh3 Bf3 20.gf3 Re6 with compensation] **Bf5 20.c5!?** **bc5** [20...Nc5 21.Nc5 Bc5 22.Bc5 Qc5 23.Qf2 unclear] **21.c4 Nb6** [21...e4 22.Be2 Ne5 23.h3 unclear] **22.Bg5 Nfd7 23.Bg4** (with counterplay) **Be6 24. Qh3** [24.Na5?! f5 25.Be2 Qa6 with initiative] **h6 25.Be3 Qc6 26.Be6 Re6 27.Na5 Qa4 28.Nb7 Be7** [28... e4!? with initiative] **29.Nd6 Bd6 30.Rd6 Nf8?** [30...Rd6 31.Rd6 Qa3 32.Qf3 Qc3 equal, with counterplay] **31.Rd8!** (and White is superior) **Qa5** [with the idea Nbd7; 31...Qc4 32.Qf3 and White is superior] **32.Qf3 Nbd7 33.Qa8** [33.R1d7? Qe1 34.Qf1 Qe3 35.Kh1 Rf6 36.Qd1 g5 with counterplay] **Rd6 34.Rf1 Qa3?!** [34...Rd3 35.Bf2 Qb6 36.Rc8 and White is superior] **35.Bf2 f5?** [35...f6 36.Rc8 Kf7 37.Rc7 and White is superior] **36.Qc8** (and White is winning) **Qa5** [36...Rd3 37.Qc6] **37.Re1??** [37.Bc5 and White is winning] **e4 38.h3 Rd3 39.Kh2?!** [39.Rf8 Nf8 40.Qf5 and White is superior] **Qd2?!** [39...Qc3! with initiative] **40. Bc5!** (equal) **Qe1 41.Rf8** [41.Rd7 Qg3 42.Kh1 Qe1 43.Kh2 Qg3 equal] **Kh7** [41...Nf8 42.Qf8 Kh7 43.Qf5 Kh8 44.Qf8 Kh7 45.Qf5 equal] **42.Rh8 Kg6 43.Qe8 Kg5 44.Qe7** only move [44.Be7? Kf4 45.Qg6 Rd1 46. Bd6 Ke3 and Black is winning] **Kf4** [44...Kg6 equal] **45.Bd6** [45.Qg7!? Nc5 46.Qh6 Ke5 47.Qg7 Kf4 48. Qc7 Ke3 49.Qc5 Ke2 unclear] **Rd6 46.Qd6 Ne5 47.Re8 Qg3 48.Kh1 Qe1** [48...Qc3?? 49.Qe5 Qe5 50.g3 and White is winning] ½-½ [Predojevic]

10. I.Ivanisevic 2595 – Matulovic 2389

Srbija 2007 – 100/(281) [D17]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 dc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.g3 e6 [6...Na6 see 45/(433)] **7.Bg2 Bb4 8.0-0 Ne4** [better is 8...0-0 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nc4 Nb6 11.Ne5 a5 see 96/284]



9.Nh4! [a novelty; 9.Na2; 9.Bd2] **Nc3** [9...Bc3 10.Nf5 ef5 11.bc3 and White is superior] **10.bc3 Bc3 11. Nf5 ef5 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Qc2 Bd4 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qf6 16.Qc4 Bb6 17.a5! Ba5 18.Rb7 Qe6** [18...Bb6 19.Bb2 Qg6 20.Rd6 Re6 21.Bd5 Rd6 22.Bf7 and White is winning] **19.Qe6 Re6** [19...fe6 20.Bb2 e5 21.f4? Bb6 22.Kf1 Bd4! 23.Bd4 ed4 24.Rd4 a5 equal; 21.e3! with the idea Bf1-c4] **20.e3 Na6 21.Rdd7** and White is winning [Matulovic]

D15

| 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | e3 | c5 | a3 ¹ | Bd3 | de5 | e6 ⁴ | Nd4 | Be2 | Kf2 | with compensation |
| | b5 | Nbd7 | a5 ² | e5 ³ | Ng4 | fe6 | Nc5 | Nf2 ⁵ | Bd6 ⁶ | |

1



7.b4 a5 8.ba5

a) 8...e5?! 9.Bd2 e4

a1) 10.Ng5 Ra5 11.a4 ba4 12.Ra4 Ra4 13.Qa4 Qc7 [13...Nb8? 14.Qa7 (S.Atalik - T.Reiss, Augsburg 2004/05 see 92/(377)) Nfd7 (only move) 15.Nh3 Be7 16.Na2 0-0 17.Ba5 Qe8 18.Bc7 Nf6 19.Qb8 Bh3 20.Qe8 Ne8 21.Bg3 Bd7 22.Ba6 and White is superior] 14.f3 h6 15.Nh3 ef3 16.gf3 and White is slightly better; S.Atalik;

a2) 10.Ng1 Ra5 11.a4 ba4 12.Ra4 Ra4 13.Qa4 Qc7 14.Na2 Be7 15.Nb4 Nb8 16.Ne2 and White is slightly better; Dreev - Korotylev, Russia (ch) 2004 see 92/377;

b) 8...Qa5 9.Bd2 b4 10.Nb1 Ne4 11.a3 [11.Be2 e5 12.0-0 Be7 unclear; Iv.Sokolov] Rb8 [11...Nd2 12.Nfd2 Rb8 13.Be2 e5 14.0-0 Be7 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.a4! 0-0 17.a5 Nf6 18.Ra4 Bf5 19.N1d2 Rfe8 20.a6 ed4 21.ed4 (Ki.Georgiev - Erenburg, Gibraltar 2005 see 92/378) Bf8! 22.Re1 h5! with counterplay, with the idea g6, Bh6 Ki.Georgiev] 12.Ra2 Nd2 13.Qd2 Ra8! 14.Be2 e5 15.0-0 Be7 16.Rb2 ba3 17.Qa5 Ra5 18.Ra2 Ba6 19.Ba6 Ra6 20.Ra3 equal; 1/2 : 1/2 Aronian - Iv.Sokolov, Goeteborg 2005 see 94/(291);

7.h3 Qc7 8.g4 g6 [8...e5 9.g5 Ng8 10.e4 b4 11.Na4 (Sakaev - Iv.Sokolov, Cesme 2004 see 92/376) Ne7 12.Bd3!? with initiative; Sakaev] 9.a3 Bg7 10.b4 e5 11.a4 e4 12.Nd2 Rb8 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Be2 Ne8 15.ab5 ab5 16.Qb3 Qd8 17.0-0-0 Qh4 18.Rdf1 Ne7 unclear; M.Kobalia - D.Jakovenko, Moscow 2005 see 94/291;

7.Bd3 e5 8.Ne5 Ne5 9.de5 Ng4 10.f4 Bc5 11.Qf3 Qb6 12.Nd1 [12.Ke2 Nh6 13.h3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 unclear; B.Gelfand - Iv.Sokolov, Espana 2005 see 94/292] Nh6 13.f5 Qc7 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rc1 Bb6 16.f6 Re8 unclear; Bacrot - Sergey Karjakin, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2007 see 101/(300);

7.Be2 a5 8.0-0 g6 9.Ne5! Ne5 10.de5 Nd7 11.e4 b4 [11...d4 12.Qd4 e6 13.Be3 Bc5 14.Qd2 Be3 15.Qe3 Qc7 16.Rac1 Qe5 17.f4 Qc5 18.Qc5 Nc5 19.Nb5 cb5 20.Rc5 and White is superior; V.Milov - D. Jakovenko, Espana 2007 see 101/(300); 11...e6 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Rc1 with initiative] 12.Na4 de4 13.e6 fe6 14.Qc2 with compensation; V.Milov

2

7...e5 8.de5 Ne4 9.e6 fe6 10.Ne4 de4 11.Nd4 Nf6 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bb2 e5 14.Nb3 Be7 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 Be6 unclear; B.Damljanovic - D.Solak, Srbija (ch) 2007 see 99/(264)

3

8...g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.e4 and White is slightly better; V.Milov

4

10.Nd4 Nge5 [10...Nde5!?!] 11.Be2



a) 11...Qc7 12.e4 de4 13.Ne4 Nc5 [13...Bc5 14.f4 Ng6 15.Nc5 Nc5 16.0-0 0-0 17.f5 Ne5 18.Qc2 with initiative] 14.Qc2 Ne4 15.Qe4 with compensation;

b) 11...Bb7 12.f4 Nc4 [12...Ng6?! 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Bd3 Bc5 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rb1 (V.Milov - D.Jakovenko, Kemer 2007 see 101/301) Re8 17.b4 ab4 18.ab4 Bd4 19.ed4 Qf6 20.Ne2 and White is slightly better] 13.Nd5 Nc5 14.Nc3 unclear; V.Milov

12...Ne5 13.f4 Nc4 14.b3 Nd6 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.0-0 and White is slightly better; Lputian - D. Jakovenko, Fuegen 2006 see 99/(264)



14.g3?! 0-0 15.Kg2 Bd7

a) 16.Bd2?! e5 17.Nb3 [17.Nf3 a4 18.Qc2 Qe8 19.Raf1 Bf5 20.Qd1 Qd7 and Black is superior] Ne6! 18.Bg4 a4 19.Nc1 (P.Eljanov - Sergey Karjakin, Foros 2007 see 100/279) Nc5! and Black is superior;

b) 16.Rf1 Rf1 17.Bf1 Qf6 and Black is slightly better;

c) 16.Nb3! Nb3 17.Qb3 e5 with counterplay, with the idea Qc8, Bh3;

14.Nc6 0-0

a) 15.Kg1 Qh4

a1) 16.g3?!

a11) 16...Bg3? 17.Ne7! Kf7 [17...Kh8?? 18.Ng6 hg6 19.hg3 and White is winning] 18.Nf5! ef5 19.Qd5 Be6 20.Qc5 Be1! 21.Qc7 Kg8 22.Qf4 and White is slightly better;

a12) 16...Qf6! 17.Qe1 [17.Qf1 Qg6 and Black is superior, with the idea Nb3] Nb3 18.Rb1 (Krasenkow - Y. Gozzoli, Polska 2007 see 101/300) b4! 19.Nb5 Bc5 and Black is superior, with attack;

a2) 16.Bf3!? Ne4!? 17.Qe2 Ba6 18.Be4 de4 19.g3 Bg3 20.hg3 Qg3 21.Qg2 Qe1 22.Kh2 Qh4 equal; Krasenkow;

b) 15.Bf3 Qh4 16.g3 Qh3 with compensation; Sergey Karjakin

T.Paunovic