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## The Most Important Novelty of Chess Informant 101

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Germany is the center of the chess world at the moment, with the match for the World Champion between Anand and Kramnik underway in Bonn. Anand had to win in Mexico City last year in order to qualify for this match, while Kramnik only had to play in the Candidates' tournament.

Last month's [column](#) showed the very high quality of the games played in Mexico City, and the best game of [Informant 101](#) was Aronian-Anand. This month we are pleased to present the game Kramnik-Aronian from Mexico City, which was selected as the most important theoretical novelty of Informant 101. It is interesting that both Anand and Kramnik achieved their victories against the same opponent.

Kramnik's new move 17.Rb1 in a popular variation of Queen's Indian Defense received only two more points than the high quality game Kasimdzhanov-Predojevic. Later Anatoly Karpov twice tried to improve Black's game in this variation, but he was defeated both times. I believe that many games will be played with 17.Rb1, where Black must prove that the position offers good chances for an equal game.

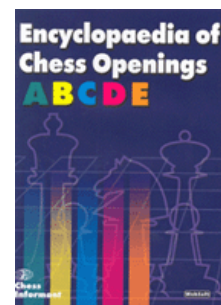
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1. KRAMNIK, V. — ARONIAN, I.	419	4	9	7	8	10	6	5	10	59	
2. KASIMDZHANOV, R. — PREDOJEVIC, B.	305	3	5	4	10	8	9	9	9	57	
3. SVIDLER, P. — GRISCHUK, A.	143	9	8	10	—	4	10	3	7	51	
4. IVANCHUK, V. — SACROT, E.	299	10	7	5	4	7	—	10	5	48	
5. LEKO, P. — SHIROV, A.	247	7	4	9	6	—	7	8	6	47	
6. MOKOZEVICH, A. — ANAND, V.	360	2	10	6	6	9	—	6	3	41	
7. IMARKIEV, E. — ARONIAN, I.	340	—	6	—	9	—	3	7	4	29	
8. DREEV, A. — SAKOVENKO, D.	430	—	3	8	2	—	—	1	2	16	
9. KARJAKIN, SERGEY — ALEKSEEV, EVGENY	165	6	—	3	—	—	4	—	—	13	
10. KRAMNIK, V. — LEKO, P.	398	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	8	12	
11. IMARKIEV, E. — GALKIN, A.	78	—	—	—	7	—	5	—	—	12	
12. AVRUKH, B. — KAMSKY, G.	48	5	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	9	
13. GALKIN, A. — LASTIN, A.	75	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
14. BELIAVSKY, A. — KRASENKOW, M.	378	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8	
15. SHIROV, A. — KARJAKIN, SERGEY	178	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6	
16. LEKO, P. — MOKOZEVICH, A.	150	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	6	
17. ATALIK, S. — OTAK, S.	370	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	5	
18. BELIAVSKY, A. — NEGI, P.	377	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	5	5	
19. SVIDLER, P. — VAN WELY, L.	168	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	4	
20. MACIEJA, R. — SZOEN, D.	203	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	
21. AMOHATOV, F. — VITUGOV, N.	120	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
22. USSEVSKI, F. — PRIE, E.	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
23. BOGACHKOV, I. — OVITCHKIN, E.	71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
24. PONOMAREV, E. — EL GINDY, E.	144	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
25. BECKHUIS, G. — TIMOSCENKO, G.	278	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
26. KRASENKOW, M. — GOLOD, V.	306	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
27. MOISENKO, A. — ILESAS CORDOBA, M.	316	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
28. PATEI, A. — KOSIC, D.	323	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
29. KRASENKOW, M. — NARICSO DUBIAN, M.	326	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	
30. BELIAVSKY, A. — SUTOVSKY, E.	375	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	

1. Kramnik 2769 — Aronian 2750  
Mexico City 2007 — 101/419 [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 de4 14.Ne4 b5 15.Re1 bc4 16.Bf1 Nb6

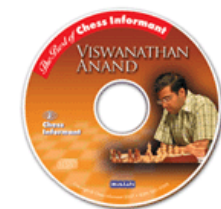
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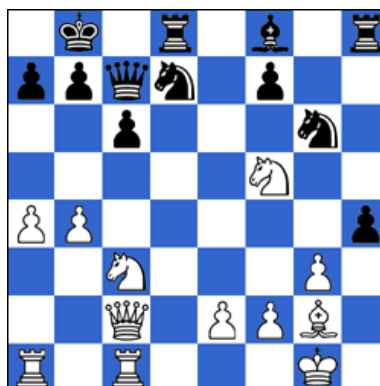
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**17.Rb1!** [a novelty; 17.Nc5 see 95/(370)] **Nd5** [17...c5 18.dc5 Bc5 19.Qh5 Qd5 20.Qh4 and White is superior; 17...Rb8 18.bc4 (18.Nc5 Bb5 19.a4 Nd5 20.Ba1 c3 21.ab5 cb5 22.b4 a5 23.Bg2 ab4 24.Bd5 and White is superior) Nc4 (18...Bc4 19.Rb6 and White is superior) 19.Rb8 Qb8 20.Nc5 Nb2 21.Bb2 Bf1 22.Ba3 Bh3 23.Qh5 (23.Nd7 Qb7) Bf5 24.Nd7 and White is superior] **18.Ba1 Bb4** [18...Qa5 19.bc4 Nb6 20.Qc2 and White is superior; 18...Rb8 19.bc4 (19.Nc5) Rb1 20.Qb1 and White is superior] **19.Nc5!** [19.bc4 Be1 20.Qe1 Nb6 21.Qc3 with initiative] **Be1** [19...Qa5 20.bc4! Be1 21.Qe1 Qe1 22.Re1 Nc7 23.Bc3 and White is superior, with the idea Ba5; 19...Nc3 20.Bc3 Bc3 21.Re4 and White is superior, with the idea 21...Qa5 22.b4 Qa2 23.Na6 Qa6 24.Qc2] **20.Qe1 cb3** [20...Nc7 21.bc4 and White is superior] **21.Na6** [21.Ba6 ba2 22.Rb2 Rb8 23.Ra2 Nb4 and White is slightly better] **ba2 22.Rb2 Nc7** [22...Re8 23.Ra2 Re7] **23.Ra2** (and White is superior) **Na6** [better is 23...Nb5!?] **24.Ra6 Qd7** [24...c5 25.Qe5! c4 (25...cd4 26.Bd4 f6 27.Qe6 Kh8 28.Be3 Re8 29.Qb3 and White is winning; 25...Qd5 26.dc5 and White is winning, with the idea 26...Qe5 27.Be5 Rc5 28.Bd6) 26.d5 Qf6 27.Qf6 gf6 28.Bf6 ed5 (28...c3 29.Ra4 Rfe8 30.Rg4 Kf8 31.Rg7 and White is winning) 29.Bh3 and White is superior] **25.Qc3 f6 26.Qc5 Rf7 27.Bc3 Qb7** [27...Kh8 28.Bc4; 27...Qd5 28.Bc4 Qc5 (28...Qe4 29.Ra1) 29.dc5 Re7 30.Ra7 Kf8 31.Ra6 and White is superior] **28.Qc4 Qd7 29.Bg2 Kh8 30.Bc6 Qb7 31.Kg2!** (and White is winning) **h6** [31...Re7 32.Bb4 Ree8 33.Bd6 Red8 34.Qa4 Qb1 35.Be7 Rg8 36.Bc5] **32.d5 Qb8** [32...ed5 33.Bb7 Rc4 34.Bd5] **33.de6 Re7 34.Bb4 Rec7 35.e7 1-0** [Kramnik]

## 2. Kasimdzhanov 2690 – Predojevic 2645 Deutschland 2007 — 101/305 [D17]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.de5 Ne5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.Bg2 g5 12.Ne3 gf4 13.Nf5 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Ng6?! 15.0-0 fg3 16.hg3 h5 17.Rfc1! Kb8 18.b4! h4**

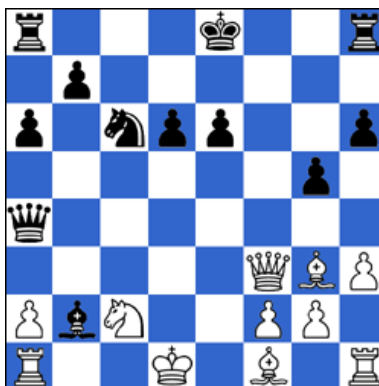


**19.Nb5!** [a novelty; 19.b5 see 101/304] **Qc8!?** [19...Qb6 20.a5!! Qb5 (20...Qa6 21.Nbd6 Bd6 22.Nd6 and White is winning) 21.Nd4 Qg5 22.Nc6 Kc7 23.Qe4! and White is winning; 19...Qe5 20.Nbd4! Rc8 21.b5 hg3 (21...c5 22.Nc6 bc6 23.bc6 Nb6 24.a5) 22.bc6 gf2 23.Kf1 Bc5 (23...Nc5 24.Rab1 b6 25.a5 Nf4 26.ab6 Ng2 27.c7 Kb7 28.ba7 Kc7 29.Qd2) 24.Nf3 and White is superior] **20.Qb3!!** [20.Nfd6? Bd6 21.Nd6 Qc7 22.Nf7 hg3 a) 23.Nd8 gf2 24.Kf2 Qf4 25.Bf3 Nde5; b) 23.Nh8 gf2 (23...Nh4!?) 24.Kf2 Nge5! with compensation; c) 23.Qg6 gf2 24.Kf1 Ne5 25.Ne5 Qe5] **h3** [20...hg3 21.Qg3 Nde5 22.Qe3 Bc5 (22...c5 23.bc5) 23.Qc5 (and White is superior) cb5 24.Qe3 (24.ab5 Qc5 25.bc5 Nf4) Qe6 (24...Qf5 25.ab5; 24...Nc4 25.Qg3 Nge5 26.Rc4 Qf5 27.Rc5 f6 28.Rb5) 25.ab5 Qb6 26.Qb6 ab6 27.Rd1 Nf4 28.e3 and White is superior] **21.Qe3! c5** [21...Nb6 22.Na7 Ka7 23.a5 Kb8 24.ab6 Bb4 25.Ne7! (and White is winning) Be7 26.Qb3; 21...Nc5 22.Be4 cb5 23.bc5 b4 24.c6 and White is winning; 21...Bc5 22.bc5 hg2 23.Nfd6 Rde8 24.Qd4 and White is winning] **22.Be4! Nf6 23.bc5 Ng4 24.c6!! Rd1** [24...Ne3 25.c7 Ka8 (25...Qc7 26.Rc7 Nd5 27.Rd1 and White is winning) 26.cd8R Qd8 a) 27.Rab1 Nd5 (27...Nf5 28.Nc7 Qc7 29.Rc7 Nd6 30.Rcb7 Nb7 31.Rb7 f5 32.Bd5 ab

33.Kh2 Rh6 34.f4 and White is winning) 28.Rd1 and White is superior (28.Nc7 Nc7 29. Bb7 Kb8 equal) Nge7 29.Ne7 Qe7 30.Bd5; b) 27.Nc7 Kb8 28.Rab1! (28.Na6?! ba6 29. Rab1 Qb6) Qc7 29.Rc7 Kc7 30.Rb7 Kc8 31.Ne3 Bc5 32.Rf7 Ne5 33.Rf5 Be3 34.fe3 h2 35.Kh1 Ng4 36.Rf3 Kc7 37.Bf5 Ne5 38.Rf4 and White is winning] **25.Rd1 Ne3 26. Ne3 bc6 27.Rab1 cb5** [27...h2 28.Kh1 Qh3 29.Nd6 Kc7 30.Rb7 Kd8 31.Bf5] **28.Rb5 Kc7 29.Nd5 1-0** [Kasimdzhanov]

### 3. Svidler 2735 – Grischuk 2726 Mexico City 2007 — 101/163 [B90]

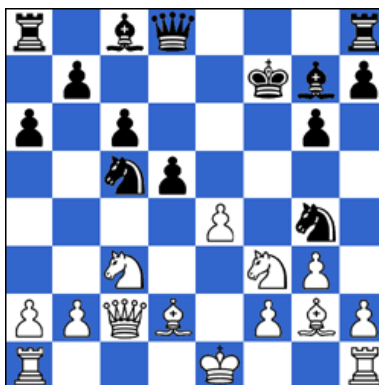
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**20.Rc1!** [a novelty; 20.Qb3 see 94/180] **Bc1** [20...0-0-0 21.Qg4! Qg4 (21...Nd4 22.Bd3 and White is superior) 22.hg4 Bc1 23.Kc1 and White is superior; 20...Rc8 21.Bd3 Bc1 22.Qf6 Kd7 23.Kc1 see 20...Bc1; 20...Ke7!? 21.Qb3 Qb3 22.ab3 Bc1 23.Kc1 Rac8 24. Kb2 and White is slightly better] **21.Qf6** [21.Kc1?? Qc2 22.Kc2 Nd4] **Kd7** [21...Bb2 22.Qb2 0-0-0 and White is slightly better] **22.Kc1 Qa2** [22...Rac8 23.Bd3 Nb4 (23... Qa2 see 22...Qa2) a) 24.Qf7?! Kd8! (24...Kc6 25.Nb4 Qb4 26.Qe6 Kb6 27.Kd1) 25.Qf6 Kd7; b) 24.Qg7 Kc6 25.Nb4 Qb4 26.Qb2 Kd7 27.Kb1 Qb2 28.Kb2 Rc6 29.h4 and White is slightly better] **23.Bd3 Rac8?!** [23...Rhc8! 24.Rd1 Ne7! 25.Rd2! (25.Bd6 Nd5! 26.Be5 Nf6 27.Bc4 Ke7 28.Ba2 Ne4 with counterplay) Rc6 26.Kd1! Rac8 27.Ne3 with initiative, with the idea Ke2] **24.Rd1 d5** [24...Ne7? 25.Bb5! and White is winning] **25.Bf5 Rhe8 26.Qf7!** [26.Re1? d4! unclear] **Kd8 27.Re1** (and White is superior) **Qa3** [27...Re7 a) 28.Qg8 Re8 29.Qg6 Ne7 a1) 30.Qe6? Qa1 31.Kd2 Qc3 (31...Rc2? 32.Bc2 Qd4 33.Ke2! Ng6 34.Bc7! Kc7 35.Qe8 and White is winning) 32.Kd1 Qc6 unclear; a2) 30.Qf6! Qa3 31.Kd1 Qc3 32.Nd4 and White is superior; b) 28.Qf6!? (Grischuk) ef5 29. Bd6! Kd7 30.Be7 Kc7 31.Qf5 and White is winning; 27...Qa1 28.Kd2! (28.Na1 Ne5 29. Kd2 Nf7 30.Be6 Rc6 unclear) Qc3 (28...Qa5 29.Kd1 and White is winning) 29.Kc3 (29. Kd1?! Re7 30.Qg8 Re8 31.Qg6 Ne7 32.Qe6 Qc6 unclear) Ne5 30.Kd2 Nf7 31.Re6 and White is superior] **28.Na3** [28.Kd1!? Qe7 (28...Qf8 29.Qf8 Rf8 30.Be6 and White is superior) 29.Qg6 e5 30.Nd4! and White is superior] **Ne5 29.Kd2 Nf7 30.Be6 Rc6?** time [30...b5! 31.Bc8 (31.Bf7 Re1 32.Ke1 b4 with counterplay) Re1 32.Ke1 Kc8 33. Nc2 and White is superior] **31.Bf7 Re1 32.Ke1** (and White is winning) **b5** [32...Rc3 33. Bd6 Kd7 34.Bf8] **33.Kd2 b4 34.Nc2 b3 35.Nd4 Rb6 36.Kc1 a5 37.Bd5 a4 38.Be5 b2 39.Kb1 a3 40.Ba2 Rb7 41.Bd6 Rd7 42.Nb5 1-0** [Svidler]

### 4. Ivanchuk 2787 – Bacrot 2695 Hersonissos 2007 — 101/299 [D15]

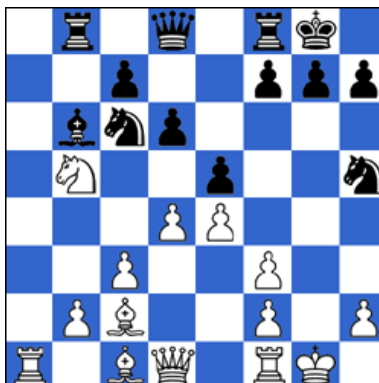
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**14...Bc3!** [a novelty; 14...Re8] **15.Bc3 de4 16.Bh8** [16.Nd2 a) 16...e3 17.0-0 a1) 17...ed2 18.Bh8 Qh8 19.Qc5 and White is superior; a2) 17...Bf5 18.Ne4 ef2 19.Rf2 Nf2 20.Qf2 Nd3 21.Qe3 Re8 22.Rd1 Re4 23.Be4 Qe7 24.Rd3 Qe4 (24...Be4 25.Rd1 and White is superior) 25.Rd7 Ke6 26.Qd2 Qb1 27.Kf2 Qc2 and White is slightly better; a3) 17...ef2 18.Rf2 Nf2 19.Bh8 Nh3 20.Kh1 Nf2 equal; b) 16...Nd3 17.Kf1 Ndf2 18.Qb3 Be6 19.Qb7 Qe7 20.Qe7 Ke7 21.Bh8 Rh8 22.Ne4 Nh1 23.Bh1 Rb8 24.b3 Nh2 25.Kg1 Ng4 and Black is slightly better; c) 16...Qd3! 17.Qd3 Nd3 18.Ke2 Re8 and Black is slightly better] **Nd3 17.Kf1** [17.Ke2 ef3 18.Bf3 Qh8 19.Qb3 Kf8 20.Kd3 Bf5 21.Ke2 Qd4 22.Bg4 Bg4 23.Kf1 Qe4 with attack] **ef3 18.Bf3 Ngf2 19.Qb3 Ke7 20.Bg7** [20.Qa3 c5 21.Re1 Ne1 22.Qc5 Qd6 (22...Ke8 23.Qe3 Qe7 24.Kf2 Qe3 25.Ke3 Nf3 26.Kf3 equal) 23.Bf6 Ke6 24.Qd6 Kd6 25.Kf2 Nf3 26.Kf3 equal] **Bh3!** [20...Nh1 21.Bh1 Bh3 22.Kg1 and White is slightly better] **21.Bg2?** [21.Kg1! a) 21...b5? 22.Qc3 Qd6 23.Bh6 Nh1 (23...Qf6 24.Re1 Kf7 25.Re3 Qc3 26.bc3 and White is superior) 24.Kh1 Kd7 25.Qg7 Ke8 26.Be3 with initiative; b) 21...Qd7 22.Bh6 Re8 23.Bg5 Kf8 24.Bh6 equal] **Qd7 22.Bh3** [22.Re1 Ne1 23.Bh3 Nh3 and Black is winning] **Qh3 23.Kg1 Qf5!** [23...Qg4? 24.Re1! Ne1 25.Kf2! and White is winning] **24.Qb7?!** [24.Re1!? a) 24...Ne1 25.Qb7 Kd6 26.Qb4 Kd5 (26...Kc7 27.Qe7; 26...c5 27.Qb6 Kd5 28.Qb7 Ke6 29.Qb3 Qd5 30.Qd5 Kd5 31.Kf2 equal) 27.Qd4 Ke6 28.Qc4 (28.Qf2 Qe4 29.Qf6 Kd5 30.Qg5 Kc4 31.Qf4 Qf4 32.gf4 Nd3 33.Kg2 Nf4 34.Kf3 Ne6 35.Bc3 and Black is superior) Kd7 (28...Ke7 29.Qb4) 29.Qd4 Kc7 30.Qf2 Qe4 31.Qf4 Qf4 32.gf4 Nd3 33.Kg2 Nf4 34.Kf3 Ne6 35.Bc3 and Black is superior; b) 24...Kd6! 25.Re3 Rd8 26.Bd4 b5 27.h3 (27.Kg2 Kc7 and Black is winning) Rf8 28.Kg2 h5 (zugzwang) 29.a4 (29.Qa3 b4 30.Qb3 Kc7 31.h4 c5 32.Bg7 Rf7 and Black is winning) Kc7 (29...c5 30.Bg7 Rf7 31.ab5 ab5 and Black is superior) 30.ab5 Ng4 31.Re7 Kd8 32.hg4 Qf3 33.Kh2 Ke7 and Black is superior; 24.h4 Qf3 25.Re1 (25.Rh2 Qg3 26.Kf1 Qf3 and Black is winning) Ne1 26.Qf3 Nf3 27.Kf2 Nd2 and Black is superior] **Kd6 25.Qb6 Qf3 26.Qd4 Kc7 27.Be5 Kc8 0-1** [Ivanchuk, Sulypa]

**5. Leko 2755 – Shirov 2739**  
Moscow 2007 — 101/247 [C78]

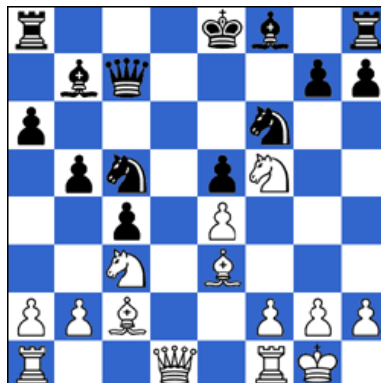
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**15.f4!** [a novelty; 15.Kh1 see 91/297] **Nf4 16.Bf4 ef4 17.Qg4 Qf6 18.b4** (and White is slightly better) **Ne7 19.Na3 Ng6 20.Nc4 Bd4!?** [20...Qe6? 21.Qe6 fe6 22.e5! d5 23.Bg6 hg6 24.Nd2 and White is superior; 20...Ra8 21.Ra8 Ra8 22.e5 de5 23.Bg6 Qg6 24.Qg6 hg6 25.Ne5 and White is slightly better] **21.cd4 Qd4** [21...Rb4? 22.e5] **22.Na5! Qd2 23.Bb3** [23.Qd1! a) 23...Qc3 24.Qd3 Qd3 (24...Qf6 25.Nc6 Rb6 26.b5 with the idea 26...Rc6 27.bc6 Ne5 28.Qh3! and White is winning) 25.Bd3 Ne5 26.Bc4 Rb4 27.Bd5; b) 23...Qd1 24.Rfd1 Rb4 25.Rdb1 and White is slightly better] **Ne5** [23...Rb4 24.Rfd1 Qc3 25.Rac1 Qf6 26.Bd5 Ne5 27.Qh3; 25.Bd5 with the idea Nc6] **24.Nc4 Ng4?** [24...Qf2! 25.Rf2 Ng4 26.Rf4 Rb4! and White is slightly better] **25.Nd2 Rb4 26.Rfc1!** (and White is winning) **Ne5** [26...Rd4 27.Rc7! Rd2 28.Rf7!; 26...c5 27.Bd5] **27.Rc7 g5** [27...Rd4 28.Nc4 Nf3 29.Kg2] **28.Bd5! g4** [28...Rfb8 29.Nc4 Rb1 30.Rb1 Rb1 31.Kg2 f3 32.Kh3; 28...Rb2 29.Nc4 Rc2 30.Raa7] **29.Nc4 h5 30.Ne5 de5 31.Re7 1-0** [Leko]

**6. Morozevich 2758 – V.Anand 2792**  
Mexico City 2007 — 101/360 [D48]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 c4 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.de6 fe6 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Be3 e5 16.Nf5**



**16...g6!** [a novelty; 16...Nce4 see 99/(309); 16...Rd8 see 99/309] **17.Nh6 Bg7 18.Qf3 Ne6 19.Qh3 Bc8** [19...Nd4!? 20.Rac1 (20.Bd4 ed4 21.Nd5 Bd5 22.ed5 Bh6 23.Qh6 d3 and Black is slightly better; 20.Bd1 Qd7 21.Qh4 0-0-0) Qd7 21.Qh4 0-0-0 unclear] **20.Qh4** [20.Qg3!? Nh5 a) 21.Qf3 Nh4 22.Nd5 Qb7 23.Bf4 (23.g3 Ng5) ef4 24.Nf5 0-0 25.Ng7 Nd4 26.Qd1 Qg7 27.f3 Bb7 and Black is slightly better; b) 21.Nd5 Ng3 22.Nc7 Nc7 23.fg3 Be6 and Black is slightly better; c) 21.Qh4 Bf6 22.Qg4 Nef4 23.Qf3 Bg5 24.Nd5 Qg7 with counterplay] **Qe7 21.Rfe1 Nd5! 22.Qe7 Ne7 23.Nd5 Bb7** (and Black is slightly better) **24.Ng4 Nd4** [24...Bd5 25.ed5 Nd5 26.a4; 24...Nd5!? 25.ed5 Bd5 26.Bb6 0-0 and Black is slightly better] **25.Bd1** [25.Nc7 Kd7 26.Bd4 ed4 27.Na8 Ra8 and Black is superior] **Nd5 26.ed5 0-0-0 27.Bg5 Rd5 28.b3 c3 29.Ne3 Rc5 30.Rc1** [30.Be7 Rc6 31.Bg4 Kb8 32.Bd7 Rc7 33.Bd6 Rd8 34.Bc7 Kc7 and Black is superior] **Rc7 31.b4 Kb8 32.h3 h6** [32...Rf8! and Black is winning] **33.Bh4 Nf5? 34.Nf5 gf5 35.Bc2** (and Black is superior) **Rc4** [35...Bc8 36.f3 with the idea Bf2] **36.Be7 e4 37.Bb3 Rd4 38.Bc5 Rd3 39.Be6 Bc8 40.Bb3** [40.Bf7 Be5] **Re8?! [40...Bf6 with the idea h5-h4] 41.Bf7 Re5?! [with the idea Rc5; 41...Red8] 42.Be3 Re7 43.Bg6 Be6 44.h4! Ba2 45.Bf5 Bd5 46.Bc5 [46.g4!? Kb7] Re8 47.f3 Kb7 [47...Bd4? 48.Bd4 Rd4 49.Rc3 Rb4 50.fe4] 48.fe4 Bc6 49.Kf2 [49.Re2 Rd2] Rd2 50.Ke3 [50.Kf3 Re5! 51.g4 a5 52.Red1 Rd1 53.Rd1 Rc5 54.bc5 b4 and Black is winning] Be5 [50...Re5 51.Rc3!] 51.Kf3 Red8 52.Re3! [with the idea Rc3] Rg8 53.g4 Rh2 54.h5 [54.Rd3 Rh4 (54...h5 55.g5 Rh4 56.g6 Re8! 57.Re3) 55.Bd4 Rh3 56.Ke2 Rd3 57.Be5 Rh3 58.Rc3 Rc3 59.Bc3 and Black is slightly better] Rd8! 55.g5 (only move) Rh5? [55...hg5 56.Rec3 (56.Kg4 Rg2 57.Kf3 Rdd2 and Black is winning) Be8! 57.Bg4; 55...Rdd2! 56.Rec3 (56.Ree1 hg5 57.Be3 Be8 and Black is winning) Rhg2! and Black is winning] 56.Be7 Re8? [56...Rd2! 57.Rec3 Rhh2! 58.Bf6 (58.Rc6 Rd3) Rdf2 59.Ke3 Bf4 60.Kd4 Rd2 61.Rd3 Rd3 62.Kd3 Bc1 63.g6 Rd2 64.Kc3 (64.Ke3 Be8 65.g7 Bf7) Rg2 and Black is winning] 57.Kg4 Rh2 [57...Rg5 58.Bg5 Rg8 59.Rec3 Rg5 60.Kh4 Bc3 61.Rc3 and Black is slightly better] 58.Bf6 Rg2 [58...Rg8 59.Be5 Rg5 60.Kf3 Rf5 61.Kg3 Rfh5 62.Rcc3 R2h3 63.Kf4 R3h4 64.Kg3 Re4 65.Re4 Be4 66.Bf4!] 59.Kh3 Rh2 60.Kg4 Rg2 61.Kh3 ½-½ [V.Anand]**

### 7. Inarkiev 2674 – Aronian 2741 Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2007 — 101/340 [D43]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nd7 Nd7 13.Bd6 a6**



**14.Re1!** (a novelty) **c5!? 15.dc5 Rc8 16.a4! b4** [16...Nc5 17.ab5 ab5 18.Nb5 Ne4 19.Bh5 and White is winning] **17.c6 Bc6 18.Nd5! Ne5 19.Be7 Qd7?** [19...Qa5 (only move) 20.Bb4 Qd8] **20.Nf6 Ke7** [20...Bf6 21.Bf6 and White is winning] **21.Nd7 Bd7** (and White is superior) **22.Qd2** [22.a5!? Bb5 23.Qd2 c3 24.bc3 Rhd8 25.Qa2 bc3] **a5 23.Rad1?! [weak point a4; 23.h4 g4 24.Red1; better is 23.Red1! Rhd8 24.Qd6 Ke8 25.Qb6 and White is superior, with the idea 25...Ra8 26.h3!? with the idea g3, f4] Rhd8** [23...Ba4 24.Qd6 Kf6 25.Ra1 Rhd8 26.Qb6 Bb3 and White is superior; 23...Rc6!? (with the idea 24...Rb8, 24...Rc8, 24...Ra8) 24.f4?! gf4 (24...c3?! 25.bc3 bc3 26.Qc1 gf4 27.

Qa3 Kd8 28.Bb5 Rc7 29.Qd6 and White is winning) 25.Qf4 Rbc8 26.Rf1 Rc5 unclear] **24.Qd6 Ke8 25.Qb6 Ra8** [25...c3!? 26.bc3 bc3 27.Qa5 Nc6 28.Qb6 c2 29.Rc1 Bc3 30.Rf1 Nd4 31.Bh5 Rb8 32.Qc5 Rbc8 33.Qa3 Bd2 unclear] **26.Rd6** [26.Ra1?! Nc6; 26.h3?! (with the idea g3, f4) Rdb8 27.Qe3 Ba4 unclear; 26.h4!? g4] **Rdb8** time [26...Bf8?! 27.Rd5!! (27.Rd2 Rdc8) ed5 28.Qf6 Be6 29.Qe5 and White is winning] **27.Qc5** time **Rc8 28.Qb6 Rcb8** [28...Ba4 29.Ra1] **29.Qe3 Rc8!?** [29...Ba4? 30.Ra1 Bb5 31.Rb6 Nd7 32.Rb8 Rb8 33.Qa7 Bb2 34.Rd1! Be5 35.Bc4! Ba4 36.Bb3! and White is winning] **30.h4** [30.Ra1!? c3 (30...Ng6 31.Rc1 Bb2 32.Rc4 Ba4 33.Qb6 and White is winning) 31.bc3 Rc3 32.Qb6 Rcc8 33.Rdd1 and White is superior] **Ke7 31.Rb6** [31.Rdd1 Ba4 32.Ra1 Bb3 33.hg5 hg5 34.Qg5 Bf6 35.Qe3 Nd7 unclear] **g4 32.f4!?** [32.Ra1! Kf8 (32...Nc6? 33.Rd1!) 33.Rb7 and White is superior] **gf3 33.gf3 Ba4** [33...Nc6? 34.Rd1 and White is winning] **34.f4?** [34.Ra1! c3 (34...Bd7 35.f4 Nc6 36.e5 and White is winning; 34...Nd7 35.Ra4 c3 36.Rb7 see 34...c3; 34...Bc6 35.Qc5 Ke8 36.Ra5 Ra5 37.Qa5 c3 38.bc3 bc3 39.Rb1 and White is winning) 35.Rb7 Nd7 36.Ra4 cb2 37.Bd3 Rc3 38.Qd2 Bd4 39.Kh1 Be3 40.Qb2 Rd3 41.Qe2 and White is winning] **Nd7! 35.e5** [35.Rb7? Bb2!] **Nb6!?** [35...c3!] **36.Qb6 Kf8** [36...c3!?!] **37.Bh5?** [37.Bf3! Rab8 38.Qa5 and White is superior, with the idea 38...Be8 39.Qa7!] **c3 38.f5!?** [38.bc3 bc3 (38...Rc3? 39.Qb7! and White is winning) 39.Qd4 unclear; 39.Rc1 unclear; 39.f5!?!] **cb2 39.Qd6** [39.Qb7 Be8 40.f6 Rc1 41.Bf7 Re1 42.Kh2 Rh1 43.Qh1 Bf6 44.ef6 Kf7 45.Qg2 Kf6 46.Qb2 and Black is superior] **Kg8 40.Bf7 Kh8!** and Black is winning [40...Kf7? 41.Qe6 Kf8 42.f6 Re8 unclear] **41.f6 Rc1 42.fg7** [42.Bg6 Bf8 43.Qd2 Rac8 and Black is winning] **Kg7 43.Qe7 Re1 44.Kh2 Rh1! 45.Kg3 Rg1 46.Kh2 b1Q 47.Be8 Kh8 48.Qf6 Rg7 0-1** [Inarkiev]

#### 8. Dreev 2607 – D.Jakovenko 2710

Russia (ch) 2007 — 101/430 [E32]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bc3 6.Qc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Rc8 11.Ne2 c5 12.Nc3 cd4 13.Rd4 Rc5 14.Bh4 Qa8 15.Be2 d5

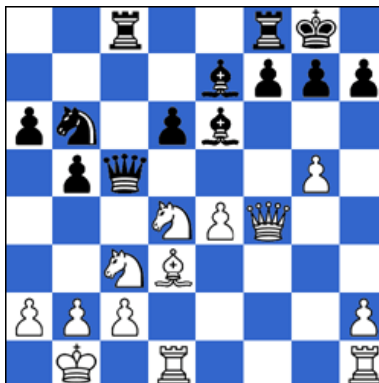


**16.Qd1!** [a novelty; 16.b4 see 101/(430)] **e5** [16...dc4?? 17.Rd7] **17.Rd2 d4 18.ed4 ed4 19.Rd4 Bg2 20.Rg1 Bh3** [better is 20...Re8 21.Rd7 Nd7 22.Qd7 Bf3 (22...Rc4 23.Bf6!) 23.Bf6 (23.Kf1!? Be2 24.Ne2 Rc4 25.Bg5!? Qe4 26.Nc3 and White is slightly better) g6 24.Kf1 Be2 25.Ne2 Rc4 26.Nc3 and White is slightly better] **21.Rd6** [21.b4! Re5 (21...Rcc8 22.Qd3 Be6 23.Bf3! Qb8 24.Bg3 Ne5 25.Qe3 and White is winning) 22.Bf6 Nf6 23.Qd3! Bg4 24.Qg3 Re6 25.h3 Nh5 26.Qg4 Rg6 27.Qh5 Rg1 28.Kd2 and White is winning] **Rc6 22.Qd4 Rd6 23.Qd6 Be6** [23...Qb8 24.Nb5 Qd6 25.Nd6 and White is superior] **24.Qd4** [24.Qg3!? g6 25.Qf4 Kg7 (25...Ne8 26.Be7) 26.f3] **Kh8 25.f3!** [with the idea 26.Kf2, 26.Ne4] **Rg8** [25...Bf5 26.Nd5] **26.Kf2 Bf5** [better is 26...a6 and White is superior] **27.Nb5 Bg6 28.Nd6** [with the idea Rg6] **Qf8 29.Re1 Ne8** [29...Qe7 30.Bf1 Ng4!; 30.Kg2!] **30.Nc8 Nef6 31.Nd6** [31.Na7 Qb8!] **Ne8 32.Ne8** time [32.Nb5 and White is superior] **Qe8 33.Bd3 Qc8 34.Bg6 fg6** [34...hg6? 35.Re7] **35.Re7 Nc5 36.b4! Ne6 37.Qe4 Re8** [37...g5 38.Qe6 gh4 39.Qc8 Rc8 40.Ra7 Kg8 41.c5 bc5 42.b5 and White is winning] **38.Qb7!** (and White is winning) **Nd4** [38...Qd8 39.Re8 Qe8 40.Qa7 Nd4 41.Qe7] **39.Bf6! Nf5 40.Rg7 Qb7** [40...Re2!? 41.Ke2 Qc4 42.Kd2 Qa2 43.Kd3 Qb1 44.Kc4 Qa2 45.Kb5 Qe2 46.Kc6 Qe6 47.Kc7 Qd6 48.Kc8 Qf8 equal; 41.Kf1!] **41.Rb7 Kg8 42.Ra7 Rc8 43.c5 bc5 44.b5 Nd6 45.a4 1-0** [Dreev]

#### 9. Sergey Karjakin 2694 – Evgeny Alekseev 2716

Khanty-Mansiysk (m/4-rapid) 2007 — 101/165 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 Be6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.g4 0-0 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Kb1 b5 13.g5 Nh5 14.f4 ef4 15.Bf4 Nf4 16.Qf4 Rac8 17.Nd4 Nb6 18.Bd3 Qc5



**19.Nf5!** [a novelty; 19.Nd5 see 97/(172)] **Rce8?** [19...Rfe8 20.Ne7 Re7 21.e5! and White is superior; 19...Bd8!] **20.Ne7 Re7 21.e5!** (and White is superior) **d5** [21...de5 22.Qh4 f5 23.gf6 gf6 24.Ne4 Qc6 25.Nf6 Rf6 26.Rhg1 and White is winning; 21...Qe5 22.Qh4 g6 23.Rhe1 and White is superior] **22.h4! Nc4** [22...Nd7 23.Rde1 b4 24.Ne2 a5 25.Nd4 and White is superior; 22...b4 23.Ne2 Nc4 24.Nd4 and White is superior] **23.h5 d4?** [23...Qe3 (only move) 24.Qh4 Rb7 (24...Rfe8 25.h6 g6 26.Rhe1 and White is superior; 24...Rc7 25.h6 g6 26.Rhe1 Qf3 27.Qd4 and White is superior) 25.Rhe1 Qc5 26.Ka1 Rc8 27.h6 g6 28.Bc4 bc4 29.Qf4 Qb4 30.Rb1 Qe7 31.Red1 and White is superior] **24.h6!** (and White is winning) **g6** [24...Qe5 25.Bh7 Kh7 26.hg7 Kg7 27.Qh4 Bf5 (27...Rc8 28.Qh6 Kg8 29.Qf6 Qf6 30.gf6) 28.Qh6 Kg8 29.Nd5 Bc2 30.Ka1 f5 31.gf6 Rh7 32.Rdg1 Kf7 33.Rg7 Ke8 34.Rh7 Bh7 35.Qh7 d3 36.Qe7 Qe7 37.fe7] **25.Nd5** [25.Bc4 Bc4 26.Ne4 Qe5 (26...Qc6 27.Rd4) 27.Qe5 Re5 28.Nf6 Kh8 29.Nd7] **Qd5** [25...Nd2 26.Kc1; 25...Na3 26.Kc1] **26.Bc4 Qc4 27.Qf6 1-0** [Sergey Karjakin]

# **10. Kramnik 2769 – Leko 2751** Mexico City 2007 — 101/398 [E05]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 dc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 Qc8 12.Bg5 Nbd7**



**13.Qf4!?** [a novelty; 13.Nbd2 see 101/(398)] **Bb7** [13...c5] **14.Rc1 Bd6** [14...c5?! 15.dc5; 14...Nd5 15.Qh4 (15.Qd2 f6 16.Bf4) f6 16.Bd2 and White is slightly better] **15.Qh4 h6 16.Bf6 Nf6 17.Nbd2 Re8 18.e4** [18.Nb3 e5 19.de5 (19.Nc5 Bc5 20.Rc5 ed4 21.Rac1 Qd8 equal) Be5 20.Ne5 Bg2 21.Nf7 Kf7 22.Kg2 Re4 23.Qh3 Re2 equal; 18.Qh3!; 18.Rc2?!] **Nd7** [18...e5 19.de5 Be5 20.Ne5 Re5 21.Qf4 and White is slightly better] **19.Nb3 a5!** equal [19...e5?! 20.Na5 Rb8 21.Bh3 and White is superior] **20.Nc5** [20.a4! ba4 21.Ra4 Bb4 22.Qf4 c5! 23.Nc5 Nc5 24.dc5 Re7! 25.Ne5 Rc7 equal; 20.Bf1 a4 (20...b4 21.Bb5 c6) 21.Nbd2 Ra5 unclear] **Be7 21.Qf4 e5?!** [21...Bc5?! 22.dc5 e5 23.Qe3 Bc6 24.Nh4 and White is slightly better; 21...Nc5! 22.dc5 e5! 23.Qe3 (23.Ne5 Bf6 24.c6 Be5 25.cb7 Qb7 26.Qd2 a4) Qe6 and Black is slightly better] **22.Ne5 Ne5 23.de5 Bg5 24.Qf3 Bc1 25.Rc1 Re5 26.Qc3! f6** [better is 26...Re7 27.Nb7 Qb7 28.e5 Qa7 29.Ba8 Qa8 30.Qd4! and White is slightly better (30.Qc5 Qe8 31.Re1 Qd7) Qe8 31.Rc5 Rd7 32.Qe4 a4 33.Kg2] **27.Qb3 Kh8?** [27...Kh7 (only move) 28.Qb5 (28.Qf7!? Bc6 29.Nd3 Be8 30.Qf8) Ra7 29.Qd3 and White is slightly better] **28.Qf7! Bc6** (only move) **29.Nd3** (and White is winning) **Re6** (only move) **30.Nf4!** [30.Bh3 Bd7 31.Nc5 Re7! 32.Qe7 Bh3 33.Nd3 Qd8] **Rd6** (only move) **31.Ng6** [31.e5? fe5 32.Bc6 ef4 33.Ba8 Qa8 34.Qc7 Rd2 equal] **Kh7 32.e5 fe5** [32...Rd7 33.Ne7 Re7 34.Qe7 Bg2 35.ef6 Qf8 36.Kg2 and White is winning; 32...Bg2 33.ed6 Be4 34.Rc7 Qg8 35.Qg8 Rg8 36.d7 and White is winning; 32...Be8 33.Nf8 Kh8 34.Qe7 fe5 35.Ba8 Qa8 36.Ne6! and White is winning] **33.Bc6 Rf6** [33...Rg6 34.Be4 Raa6 35.Rc7 Qg8 36.Qd7 and White is winning] **34.Qd5 Qf5 35.Ba8 Qf2 36.Kh1 Qb2 37.Qc5! Kg6 38.Be4 Kh5 39.Rb1** [39.Qe3 and White is winning] **1-0** [Kramnik]

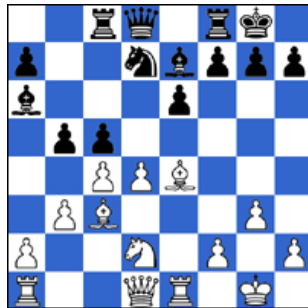
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<b>1</b>	Be4 <sup>1</sup>	bc4 <sup>3</sup>	d5	Bd5	Ne4	Nc3	Qd3	Rad1		and White is slightly better
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<b>2</b>	Ne4	Qe2	Nc5 <sup>7</sup>	bc4	Bd5	Nd7	Nf8	Qd2	Rab1 <sup>9</sup>	and White is slightly better
	bc4	Nf6 <sup>6</sup>	Qb6 <sup>8</sup>	Nd5	cd5	Qd6	Bc4	Rf8		
<b>3</b>	...	Bf1	Rb1 <sup>10</sup>	Ba1	Nc5	Qe1	Na6 <sup>15</sup>	Rb2 <sup>16</sup>		and White is slightly better
	...	Nb6	Nd5 <sup>11</sup>	Bb4 <sup>12</sup>	Be1 <sup>13</sup>	cb3 <sup>14</sup>	ba2			

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15.c5? f5 16.f3 b4! 17.Bb4 Ne5! and Black is superior; An.Karpov - J.Timman, Zwolle (m/2) 1993 see 59/564

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15...c5

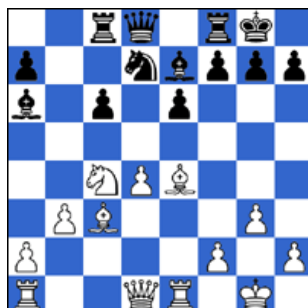


a) 16.d5 ed5 17.Bd5 Bf6 18.Rc1 [18.Bf6 Nf6 19.cb5 Bb5 20.Bg2 Qa5 equal; Chernin - J.Timman, Amsterdam 1987 see 44/664] bc4 19.Nc4 Nb6 20.Nb6 ab6 21.Qf3 Rc7 22.Rcd1! Bc3 23.Qc3 (Chuchelov - Ch.Lutz, Deutschland 1994 see 60/(490)) Rd7 24.Qe5! Qf6 25.Qf6 gf6 26.Bc6 Rd1 27.Rd1 Bc8 28.Rd6 Be6 29.Kg2 and White is slightly better; Chuchelov;

b)b) 16.cb5 Bb5 17.d5 ed5 18.Bd5 Nb6 19.Bg2 (Shipov - Gagarin, Moscow 1994 see 60/490) c4 20.Qg4 Bf6 21.Bf6 Qf6 22.bc4 Nc4 23.Ne4 Qg6 24.Qf4 and White is slightly better; Gagarin, S.Kiselev

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16.Nc4



a) 16...Nf6 17.Ba5! [17.Bg2 c5 unclear; .Pieniazek - Alek.Shneider, Cappelle la Grande 1995] Qd7 18.Ne5 Qb7 19.Bg2 Qb5 20.Qd2 and White is slightly better;

b)b) 16...Nb6 17.Nb6 [17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Bd2 c5 unclear; 17.Ba5!?] ab6 18.Qc2 [18.Qh5 h6 19.Rad1 Bf6 unclear; Mi.Adams] h6 19.a4 Qc7 unclear; V.Anand - Mi.Adams, Linares 2005 see 93/443

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16...Nb6 17.c5 Nd5 18.Qc2 g6 19.Nf3 and White is slightly better; An.Karpov - An. Adorjan, Luzern 1989 see 48/689

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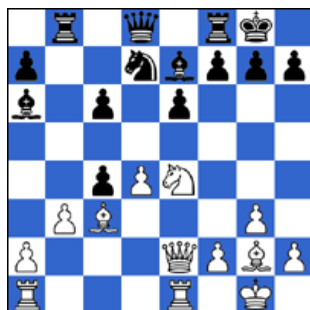
**22...Rfd8?** 23.Re4! and White is superior; V.Neverov - Vl.Gurevich, Azov 1995 see 63/(451);

**22...Rfe8** and White is slightly better; Vl.Gurevich

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**16...c5** 17.dc5 Nc5 18.Nc5 Rc5 19.b4 Rb5 20.Rad1 Qc7 21.a4 Rb4 22.Qg4 g6 23.Qd4 e5 24.Qe5 Qe5 25.Re5 Rb3 26.Re7 Rc3 27.Ra7 Bc8 28.Ra1! and White is slightly better; Bologan - Sergey Karjakin, Foros 2006 see 97/(381);

**16...Rb8**



a) 17.Nc5!? Nc5 [17...Qc8? 18.bc4 and White is slightly better; T.Radjabov - Sergey Karjakin, Wijk aan Zee 2007 see 99/366] 18.dc5 with compensation; Sergey Karjakin;

b)b) 17.Bf1 Bb4 [17...Nb6?! 18.Nc5! Bb5? 19.a4 Nd5 (Macieja - M.Carlsen, Torino (ol) 2006 see 97/382) 20.Ba5! Qa5 21.ab5 and White is winning; 18...Qc8 only move; Macieja] 18.Qd2 and White is slightly better; Shirov - Sergey Karjakin, Foros 2006 see 97/(382)

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17.Red1 Ne4 18.Be4 Qd6 19.bc4 Bf6 20.Qh5 h6! unclear; Khalifman - Ch.Lutz, Groningen 1993 see 59/565

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17...Bc5 18.dc5 Qe7 19.b4! [19.Qe5 cb3 20.ab3 Bb5 unclear; M.Dziuba - Macieja, Polska (ch) 2006 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?! Rd3 23.Be4 Rd7 24.Ree1 and White is slightly better; Wojtaszek - Macieja, Polska (ch) 2006 see 97/381; 22.Rab1 and White is superior; Macieja

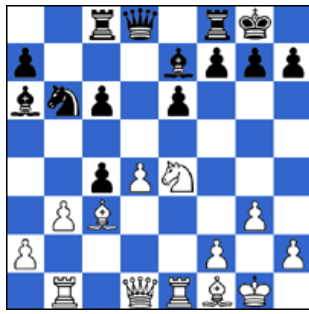
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D.Komarov

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17.Nc5 Nd5 18.Qf3 Nc3! 19.Qc3 Qb6! [19...Bc5 20.dc5 Qc7 21.Rad1 Rcd8 22.bc4 and White is slightly better; D.Komarov] 20.b4 1/2 : 1/2 D.Komarov - P.Smirnov, Saint-Vincent 2005 see 95/(370)

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### 17...Rb8

a) 18.Nc5 Nd5 [18...Bb5 19.a4 Nd5 20.Ba1 c3 21.ab5 cb5 22.b4 a5 23.Bg2 ab4 24.Bd5 and White is superior] 19.Ba1 Bc5 20.dc5 Qa5 21.bc4 Rb1 22.Qb1 Nf6 23.Bd4 Rd8 24.Rd1 and White is slightly better; Kasimdzhanov - An.Karpov, Bastia (rapid) 2007;

b) 18.bc4 Nc4 [18...Bc4 19.Rb6 and White is superior] 19.Rb8 Qb8 20.Nc5 Nb2 21.Bb2 Bf1 22.Ba3 Bh3 23.Qh5 Bf5 24.Nd7 and White is superior; Kramnik;

**17...Qd5** 18.a4! and White is slightly better, with initiative; Bacrot - An.Karpov, Ajaccio (blitz) 2007

### 12

18...Rb8 19.bc4 Rb1 20.Qb1 and White is superior; Kramnik

### 13

**19...Nc3** 20.Bc3 Bc3 21.Re4 and White is superior;

**19...Qa5** 20.bc4! Be1 21.Qe1 Qe1 22.Re1 Nc7 23.Bc3 and White is superior, with the idea Ba5 Kramnik

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20...Nc7 21.bc4 and White is superior; Kramnik

### 15

21.Ba6 ba2 22.Rb2 Rb8 23.Ra2 and White is slightly better; Kramnik

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