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The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 102

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Two games published in *Informant 102* stand out by their beauty and theoretical importance. The game Topalov – Kramnik, published in last month's article, was voted as the most important theoretical novelty by a small margin over the game Ivanchuk – Karjakin. However, the jury for selecting the best game reversed the order and preferred Ivanchuk – Karjakin. The game that came in third on both lists, Gelfand – Anand is also very impressive.

In modern tournament practice, when the top chess players are extremely well-prepared in the openings, Topalov's knight sacrifice, 12.Nf7, and Ivanchuk's queen sacrifice, 14.Qe6, give us new hope that ideas and creativity can still surmount the brute calculation of the machines. It is quite unpleasant to be the black player when the opponent makes a "bolt from the blue" in a rapid game.

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1. IVANCHUK – SERGEY KARJAKIN	180	9	9	8	9	10	10	10	74
2. V. TOPALOV – KRAMNIK	333	10	5	5	9	10	9	9	57
3. B. GELFAND – V. ANAND	346	1	10	10	4	1	8	5	37
4. P. HARA – GIMESI	196	5	1	7	8	2	6	1	37
5. V. ANAND – V. TOPALOV	190	5	6	2	10	5	5	7	36
6. SHIROV – V. ANAND	195	1	8	1	7	6	7	8	28
7. B. GELFAND – VYGENY ALEKSEEV	328	8	8	1	7	1	5	1	24
8. SERGEY KARJAKIN – BU XIANGZHI	185	1	2	5	1	7	1	6	21
9. ALEXANDER MOISENKO – V. L. NAVOV	227	7	1	1	4	1	1	1	14
10. LÉKÓ – MAMEDYAROV	243	6	1	1	7	1	1	1	13
11. RYBLEVSKY – EPIMENKO	179	1	7	4	2	1	1	1	13
12. LÉKÓ – KRAMNIK	219	1	1	7	6	5	1	1	11
13. GRIVAS – A. BRAUN	275	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	10
14. SUTOVSKY – VAVRAK	250	1	6	1	1	1	1	2	9
15. ARONIAN – V. TOPALOV	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	9
16. CYBOROWSKI – A. VOLOKITIN	34	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	8
17. SVIDLER – SERGEY KARJAKIN	340	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	7
18. B. AVRUEN – S. GRIGORANTS	288	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6
19. LÉKÓ – M. CARLSEN	114	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	6
20. IVANCHUK – B. GELFAND	223	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
21. V. ANAND – SHIROV	116	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
22. B. GELFAND – JU. POLGAR	380	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	4
23. A. VOLOKITIN – S. ZHIGALKO	368	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4
24. G. GAJEWSKI – MACIEJA	392	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
25. MI. ADAMS – I. CHEPARINOV	159	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26. BU XIANGZHI – S. SULKIS	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
27. MI. ADAMS – SVIDLER	193	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
28. NISIPANU – A. NAVDITSCH	280	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
29. NISIPANU – A. BRAUN	283	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
30. V. GOLOD – T. NEDOV	420	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

1. Ivanchuk 2751 – Sergey Karjakin 2732

Nice (rapid) 2008 — 102/180 [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.e5 Bb7 11.ed6 Bd6 12.Qe3 Bc5 13.0-0-0 Nc6

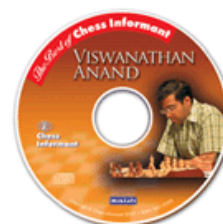
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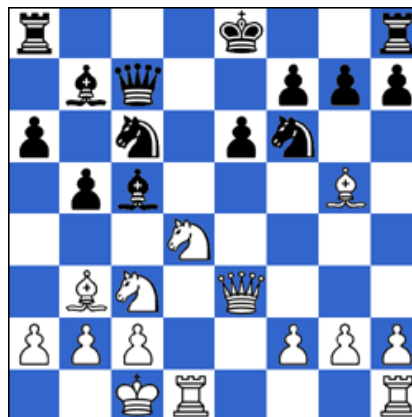
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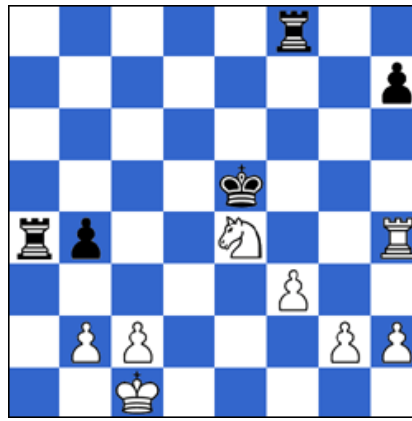
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14.Qe6!? [a novelty; 14.Bf6 see 98/(169)] **fe6 15.Ne6 Qe5** [15...Qb6 16. Ng7 Kf8 17.Ne6 Kf7 (17...Ke8 18.Nc5 Qc5 19.Rhe1 Ne7 20.Bf6 Rd8 21. Nd5 Bd5 22.Be7 Qe7 23.Bd5 and White is winning) 18.Nc5 Kg6 19.Rd6!! Qc5 (19...Kg5 20.Rf6!! Kf6 21.Nd5 Kg7 22.Nb6 and White is winning) 20. Rf6 Kg7 21.Bh6 Kf6 22.Ne4 Kg6 23.Nc5 and White is superior; 15...Bb6 16.Rhe1 a) 16...Qb8 17.Nc7 Kf8 18.Ne6 Ke7 19.Ng7 Kf8 20.Bh6 (20.Bf6 Qf4 21.Kb1 Qf6 22.Ne6 Kf7 23.Nf4 equal) Ng4 21.Ne6 Ke7 22.Bg5 Ke8 23.Nd5!! and White is superior; b) 16...Qh2 17.Ng7 (17.Nc7 Kf8 18.Ne6 equal) Kf8 18.Bf6 Qf4 (18...Na5 19.Ne6 Kf7 20.Bh8 Nb3 21.ab3 Rh8 22. Rd7 Kg6 23.Rb7 with initiative) 19.Kb1 Qf6 20.Ne6 Kf7 (20...Qe6 21. Re6 with compensation) 21.Nf4 Kf8 22.Ne6 equal; 15...Bd6 16.Rhe1 (16. Nc7 Bc7 17.Rhe1 Ne7 18.Bd5 Ra7 19.Bb7 Rb7 20.Bf6 gf6 21.Nd5 Be5 22. f4 Bb8 23.Nf6 Kf7 24.Nh5 Rg8 25.g3 unclear) a) 16...Qb8 17.Ng7 Kf8 18. Ne6 (18.Bf6 Na5 19.Re8 Qe8 20.Ne8 Bf4 21.Kb1 Nb3 22.ab3 Rg8 23.Ng7 Bg2 24.Rd7 unclear) Kf7 19.Bf6 Kf6 20.Ne4 Ke7 21.Nd6 and White is superior; b) 16...Kd7!! 17.Nc7 (17.Bf6 gf6 18.Nc7 Kc7 19.Nd5 Kb8 20. Nb6 Bf4 21.Kb1 Ra7 22.Nd7 Kc7 23.Nf6 unclear) Kc7 18.Rd6! Kd6 19. Bf4 Kd7 20.Rd1 Ke7 21.Re1 equal; 15...Qe7 16.Rhe1 Qe6! 17.Re6 (17. Be6 Ne7 18.f3 Rd8 and Black is superior) Ne7 a) 18.Bf6 gf6 19.Bd5 Bd5 20.Nd5 Rd8 21.Ne7 Kf7! (21...Be7 22.Rd8 Kd8 23.Ra6 Kd7 and Black is slightly better) 22.Rde1 Rde8 and Black is superior; b) 18.f3 Rd8 and Black is slightly better; c) 18.Rde1! Kd7 (18...Rd8 19.a4 b4 20.Bf6 gf6 21. Ne4 Be4 22.R1e4 f5 23.Re2 with compensation) 19.Rd1 Kc8 20.Re5! Bb4 21.a3 Ng6! (21...Bc3 22.Re7 and White is winning) 22.Be6 Kc7 23.ab4 Ne5 24.Bf4 Bg2 25.Be5 Kb6 26.Ne2 with compensation] **16.Ng7** [16. Rhe1!? Qe1 17.Re1 Be7 18.Ng7 Kd8 19.Re7 (19.Nf5 Rf8 20.Bh6 unclear; 19.f3!?) Ke7 (19...Ne7 20.Bf6 Kd7 21.g4 Rhf8 22.g5 Kd6 23.Ne6 unclear) 20.Nh5 Kd6 21.Bf4 (21.Nf6 Na5 and Black is slightly better; 21.Bf6 Rhe8 22.Ng7 Re1 23.Kd2 Rh1 and Black is slightly better) Ke7 (21...Kc5 22. Nf6 with initiative) 22.Bg5 equal] **Kf8 17.Ne6 Kf7** [17...Ke8 18.Rhe1 Qg5 (18...Qe1 19.Nc7 Kf8 20.Re1 and White is winning) 19.Ng5 Ne7 20. Re6 Bf2 21.Re2 Bc5 22.Rf1 Bd4 23.Nf7 Rf8 24.Nd6 and White is winning; 17...Ke7 18.Rhe1 Bf2 19.Re5 Ne5 20.Ng7 Nc4 21.Bc4 bc4 22. Rf1 Raf8 23.Rf2 Rhg8 24.Nf5 Kd7 25.Bh6 unclear] **18.Rhe1 Qe1?** [18... Bf2! 19.Re5 Ne5 20.Nd8 Kg6 21.Bf6 Kf6 22.Nb7 Rhf8 23.Ne4 Kg7 24. h3!?! with compensation; 24.Kb1 with compensation; 18...Qg5 19.Ng5 Kg6 20.Nce4 Be7 (20...Ne4 21.Ne4 Bb4 22.c3 Be7 23.Bc2 and White is superior) 21.Nf7! a) 21...Rhf8 22.Ned6 Bd6 23.Nd6 Bc8 (23...Na5 24. Be6 Bc6 25.f4 Nh5 26.b4 and White is superior) 24.Re3 with attack, with the idea Rg3; b) 21...Rhe8 22.Rd3 (22.Ned6 Bd6 23.Nd6 Re1 24.Re1 Bc8 25.c3 Bd7 26.Bc2 Kg7 27.a4 equal; 22.Nfd6 Ne4 23.Bf7 Kf6 24.Re4 Red8 25.Rf4 Kg7 26.Rg4 equal) Ne4 23.Re4 Bg5 24.Ng5 Kg5 25.Rd5 Kg6 26. Rg4 Kf6 27.Rf4 Ke7 (27...Kg6 28.Rd6 and White is winning) 28.Rh5 and White is superior] **19.Nc5 Kg6 20.Re1 Kg5 21.Nb7 Nd4 22.Nd6 Rhf8 23.f3** [23.Re7!] **b4** [23...Ra7!] **24.Nce4 Ne4 25.Re4 Nb3 26.ab3** [R 9/n] **a5 27.Rg4 Kf6 28.Ne4 Ke5 29.Rh4 a4 30.ba4 Ra4**

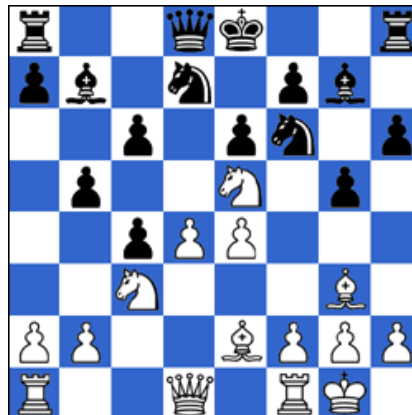


31.Nc5! (and White is winning) [31.Rh7?! Rd8 32.Re7 Kf5 33.Nd2 Ra1 34.Nb1 b3! 35.Re1 (35.c3?? Rb1 36.Kb1 Rd1 mate) bc2 36.Kc2 Rc8 37.Kd3 Rd8 equal] **Ra1 32.Kd2 Rg8 33.g3 Rf1 34.Ke2 Rb1 35.Rb4 Kd5 36.Ne4 Kc6 37.h4 Rh1 38.Rc4 Kb6 39.b4 Rd8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.c3 Ra2 42.Ke3 Re1 43.Kf4 Rf1 44.Rh5 Ra8 45.Rh6 Kb5 46.Nd6 Ka4 47.Rh7 Kb3 48.Rc7 Rd8 49.Nf5 1-0 [Ivanchuk]**

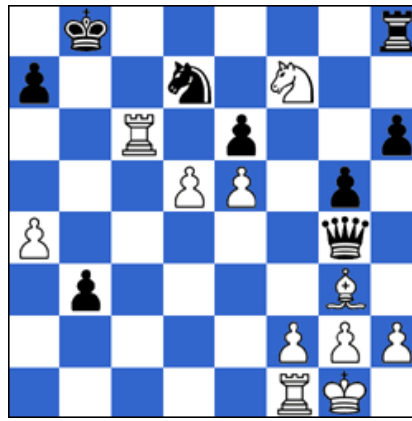
2. V.Topalov 2780 – Kramnik 2799

Wijk an Zee 2008 — 102/333 [D43]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 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



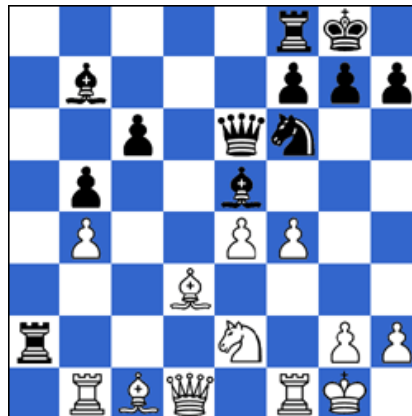
12.Nf7!? [a novelty; 12.Nd7 see 102/332] **Kf7 13.e5 Nd5** [13...Rf8!? 14.ef6 Nf6 15.Be5 Kg8 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Rae1 with compensation] **14.Ne4 Ke7 15.Nd6 Qb6 16.Bg4 Raf8** [16...Rhg8!? 17.Qc2 Nf8] **17.Qc2 Qd4? 18.Qg6 Qg4 19.Qg7 Kd8 20.Nb7 Kc8 21.a4!** (with initiative) **b4 22.Rac1 c3** [22...Rfg8!? 23.Qf7 Rf8 24.Nd6 Kc7 25.Qg6 Rhg8 26.Qb1 and White is slightly better] **23.bc3 b3?** [23...Rfg8 and White is slightly better; 23...bc3!? with the idea 24.Rb1 c2] **24.c4! Rfg8 25.Nd6 Kc7 26.Qf7 Rf8 27.cd5?** [27.h3! Rf7 28.hg4 Nf4 29.Nf7 Ne2 30.Kh2 Nc1 31.Rc1 b2 (31...Rb8 32.Rb1 Nc5 33.f4 gf4 34.Bf4 Rf8 35.Be3 and White is winning) 32.Rb1 Rb8 33.f4! gf4 34.Bf4 Rf8 (34...Nc5 35.Nh6 Na4 36.g5 and White is winning) 35.Rb2 Rf7 36.Kg3 and White is winning] **Rf7 28.Rc6 Kb8 29.Nf7**



29...Re8? [29...Qe2!! 30.Rc3! (30.Nh8? Qf1! 31.Kf1 b2; 30.Rb1? Qa2) b2 31.Rb3 Ka8 32.Nh8 Nc5! 33.Rb5! (33.Rb4?! a5!; 33.Rb2 Qb2 34.de6 Ne6) Na4 (33...a6 34.Rc5 Qf1 35.Kf1 b1Q 36.Ke2 Qe4 37.Kf1 equal) 34. Rb2 Qb2 35.de6 Qb6 36.e7 Qe6 unclear] **30.Nd6 Rh8 31.Rc4!** (and White is winning) **Qe2 32.de6 Nb6 33.Rb4 Ka8 34.e7** [34.Rb3 Qg4 35. e7 Qe6 36.Rc3 Qe7 37.Rfc1 and White is winning] **Nd5 35.Rb3 Ne7 36. Rfb1 Nd5 37.h3 h5** [37...Nf4 38.Bf4 gf4 39.Nb5! Qe5 40.Rc1 Rb8 (40... a6 41.Nc7 Ka7 42.Rc6; 40...Kb7 41.Nc7 Kc8 42.Na6 Kd7 43.Rb7 Kd6 44. Nb4) 41.Nc7 Qc7 42.Rc7 Rb3 43.Rc4 f3 44.g4! and White is winning] **38. Nf7 Rc8 39.e6 a6** [39...Nf4 40.Ng5] **40.Ng5 h4 41.Bd6 Rg8 42.R3b2 Qd3 43.e7 Nf6 44.Be5 Nd7 45.Ne6 1-0** [Krasenkow]

3. B.Gelfand 2737 – V.Anand 2799 Nice (blindfold) 2008 — 102/346 [D47]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8. Bd3 Bb7 9.a3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 a6 12.b4 a5 13.Rb1 ab4 14.ab4 Qe7 15.e4 e5 16.de5 Ne5 17.Ne5 Be5 18.Ne2 Qe6 [18...Rfd8 see 99/302] **19.f4 Ra2 20.Qd1**

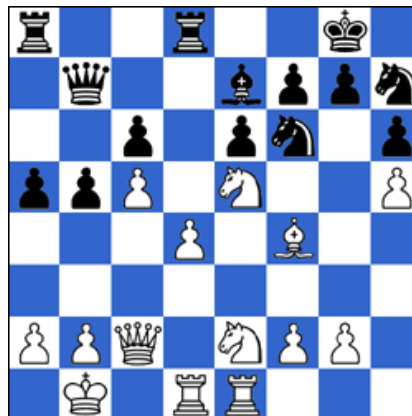


20...Ba1!! [a novelty; 20...Bc7 21.Nc3 and White is slightly better] **21. e5? c5! 22.ef6** [22.Ra1 Ra1 23.ef6 Qd5! 24.Rf3 c4 and Black is superior] **Bd4 23.Rf2** only move [23.Kh1 Qh3! 24.Rg1 Bg1 25.Qg1 Qd3 and Black is winning] **Bf2** [23...Qg4 24.Qf1 Bf2 25.Qf2 c4 26.h3 Qh5 27.Qg3 g6 and Black is superior] **24.Kf2 Qd5 25.Bb2** [25.Bh7 Kh7 26.Qd5 Bd5 27. bc5 Rc8! (27...Bc4 28.Rb2 Rfa8 29.Nc3 Rb2 30.Bb2 b4 and Black is winning) 28.Rb2 Rb2 29.Bb2 Rc5 and Black is winning] **Qg2 26.Ke1 c4 27.Bc2 Bf3** [27...Re8 28.Be5 gf6 29.Qd7 Bc6] **28.fg7 Re8 29.Be5 f6 30. Bh7 Kh7 31.g8Q Kg8 0-1** [V.Anand]

4. P.Haba 2544 – Gyimesi 2600 Deutschland 2008 — 102/96 [B19]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 de4 4.Ne4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8. h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bd3 10.Qd3 e6 11.Bf4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.c3 Be7 14.c4 Qc7 15.0-0-0 Ngf6 16.Rhe1 b5 17.c5 0-0 18.Kb1 [18.Nf5 see 97/(66)] **Rfd8** [18...Rad8 19.Qa3!? and White is slightly better] **19.Qc2** [19.Qe2!?]

Nf8 [a novelty; 19...Bf8; 19...a5] **20.Ne2! N8h7** [20...Nd5 21.g4 and White is superior; 20...a5 21.g4 with initiative; 20...Nh5 21.g4 Nf6 22. Rh1!? (22.g5 hg5 23.Ng5 Rd5 24.Rh1 Qd7 25.Rh3 g6 26.Rdh1 with compensation) Nd5 23.g5 (23.Rdg1!?) hg5 24.Bg5 Bg5 25.Ng5 Nf4 26. Rdg1 with compensation] **21.Bf4** [21.Ne5!? with the idea g4; 21.g4!?] **Qb7?!** [21...Qc8 22.Ne5 and White is superior, with the idea 22...Nh5? 23. Bh6! gh6 24.Nf7! and White is winning; 21...Qd7 22.Ne5 Qe8 23.g4 Nd5 24.Bd2 and White is slightly better] **22.Ne5** (and White is superior) **a5?!** [22...Nh5 23.Bh6! (23.Nf7 Rf8 24.Nh6! gh6 25.Qg6 Ng7 26.Qh6 Bf6 27. g4 Ne8 28.g5 and White is superior) f6 24.Bg7! Ng7 25.Ng4 Nf5 26.Nf4 Nf8 27.d5!! and White is winning; 22...Rf8 23.g4 Nd5 24.Bd2 and White is superior; 22...Nf8 23.g4 and White is superior]



23.Bh6! (and White is winning) **gh6** [23...Nh5 24.Rh1 N5f6 25.Bg7! Kg7 26.Rd3 Rh8 27.Rg3 Kf8 28.Nf4 with the idea Nf7] **24.Nf7! Nf8 25.Nh6! Kg7 26.Nf4** [26.Ng3 Rd5 27.Re6! Kh6 28.Re5! Re5 29.de5 Kg7 30.Nf5 Kh8 31.ef6 Bf6 32.Qe4 and White is winning] **Kh6** [26...Qd7? 27.Ne6!] **27.Ne6 N6h7** [27...Nh5 28.g4 Bh4 29.f4!] **28.Re5!** [28.d5!? Gyimesi,Z] **Bg5 29.f4! Bf4 30.Nf4** [30.Rf1!?] **Ng5** [30...Re8 31.Ne6!; 30...Qf7 31. Rf5 Qg8 32.Qc1 Kg7 33.d5!] **31.Qc1** [31.Qd2 Qg7 32.Rde1!; 31.Rg5!? Kg5 (31...Qh7 32.Rg6! Ng6 33.hg6) 32.Ne6! Kh6 33.Rf1] **Nfh7 32.Nh3** [32.Re6!? Kg7 33.Qe3 (33.h6 Kf7 34.Qc2) Ne6 34.Ne6] **Rg8 33.Re6 Kh5 34.Ng5** [34.g4! Kg4 35.Qf4 Kh5 36.Ng5] **Ng5** [34...Kg4 35.Rh1!] **35.Rh1 Kg4 36.Rh4! Kh4 37.Qf4 Kh5 38.g4 1-0** [P.Haba]

5. V.Anand 2799 – V.Topalov 2780

Wijk an Zee 2008 — 102/190 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 h5 9.Nd5 Bd5 10.ed5 Nbd7 11.Qd2 g6 12.0-0-0 [12.Na5 see 91/224] **Nb6** [a novelty; 12...Bg7; 12...Rc8] **13.Qa5** [13.c4 Rc8 14.Kb1 Nc4 15. Bc4 Rc4 16.Na5 Rc8! (16...Ra4 17.Nb7 Qc7 18.Qc2 Qc2 19.Kc2 Rb4 20. Na5 Kd7 21.Bg5 Bg7 22.Bf6 Bf6 23.Nc6 Rc8 24.Rhe1) 17.Nb7 Qd7 18. Na5] **Bh6 14.Bh6 Rh6 15.Kb1 Rc8** [better is 15...Nbd7 16.Qd2 (16.Qb4 Qb6; 16.c4 Qa5 17.Na5 0-0-0) Rh7] **16.Qb4!** [16.c4 Nc4 17.Bc4 Rc4 18. Qd2 Rh7] **Kf8** [16...Nfd5 17.Rd5 Nd5 18.Qd2 Nf4 19.g3 Qf6 20.gf4 Qf4 21.Qf4 ef4 22.h4 and White is superior, with the idea 22...f6 23.Nd4 Rd8 24.Bd3 and White is superior; 16...Qc7 17.c4 Nbd7 (17...h4 18.Qd2 Rh8 19.Bd3 Kf8 20.Rc1) 18.Rc1 h4 19.Bd3 Kf8 20.g4 with initiative] **17.c4 Kg7 18.g3! Rh8** [18...h4 19.g4 Nh7 20.Be2 (20.c5? dc5 21.Nc5 Nd5) Ng5 21.c5 dc5 22.Nc5 Nd5 23.Qc4!] **19.Rc1 Qc7 20.Bh3! Rce8 21.Rhd1 Re7** [21...e4! 22.c5 (22.f4 e3) Nbd5 23.Rd5 Nd5 24.Qd4 Nf6 25.cd6 Qb8 a) 26.Nc5 ef3 27.Rf1 Qd8 a1) 28.Nd7 Re4 29.Qc3 Rhe8 30.Rf3 Kh6!! (30...Re1 31.Kc2 R8e2 32.Kb3 Kh6 33.Qf6) 31.Nf6 (31.Qf6 Qa5 32.a3 Qd5 and Black is winning) Re1 32.Kc2 R8e2 33.Kb3 Rb1 and Black is superior; a2) 28.Rf3 Re1 29.Kc2 Re2 30.Kd1 Rhe8 31.Nd7 Re1; b) 26.d7 Re7 27.Rc8 Rd7! 28.Rh8 Rd4 29.Rb8 Rd1 30.Kc2 Rh1 with counterplay] **22.a3** [22.c5 Nbd5 23.Rd5 Nd5 24.Qd2 a) 24...dc5 25.Rc5 Qb6 26.Rd5 (26.Qd5 Rd8 27.Qe4 Rd1 28.Rc1 Rc1 29.Nc1 Qg1 30.Qd5 Qh2 31.Qd8 Qh3 32.Qe7 Qg3) h4 (26...Qg1 27.Nc1 h4 28.Rd8) 27.Qg5 f6 (27...hg3 28.Qe7 Qg1 29.Kc2 gh2 30.Qe5 Kh7 31.Qe7 Kg7 32.Nd4! Ra8) 28.Qg4 Qg1 29.Nc1; b) 24...Qc6 (V.Topalov) 25.Na5 Qc7 equal] **Rd8** [22...e4?

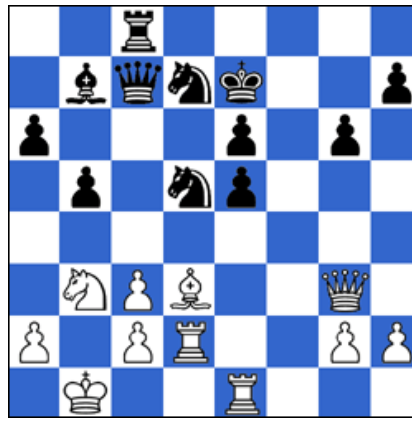
23.c5 Nbd5 24.Rd5 Nd5 25.Qd4 and White is winning; 22...h4 23.g4 Nh7 24.c5 and White is superior] **23.Nd2 Nbd7 24.Qc3 a5?** [24...Qb6 25.Ne4 Ne4 26.fe4 Nc5 27.Qf3 a5 28.Rf1 Rde8 29.g4 Nb3 30.Rc2 h4 31.Qf6 Kg8 32.Qh4 Qe3 equal; 25.Bd7 and White is slightly better; 24...Nh7 25.f4 (25.Bd7 Qd7 26.f4 Nf6 27.fe5 Qf5) Ndf6 (25...f5 26.fe5 Ne5 27.Nf3 Kg8 28.Nd4 with the idea 29.Ne6, 29.Bf5) 26.Nf3 Ne4 27.Qc2 ef4 28.gf4 and White is slightly better; 24...Nc5 25.b4 (25.f4 ef4 26.gf4 Rde8) Ncd7 26.g4 hg4 27.fg4 a5 28.g5 Nh5 29.Ne4 and White is slightly better] **25. Bd7 Nd7** [25...Qd7 26.Qa5] **26.f4 Nf6** [26...f5 a) 27.h3? Nf6 28.Nf3 Ne4 29.Qe1 Nc5 30.g4 hg4 31.hg4 fg4 32.Nh2 Qd7 and Black is slightly better; b) 27.Nf3 Nc5; c) 27.Nb3 Nc5 (27...b6 28.fe5 Ne5 29.Nd4 and White is superior) 28.Na5 Rde8 with compensation; d) 27.fe5! Ne5 28.Nf3 with the idea Nd4] **27.Rf1 b6** [27...e4 28.Rce1 Rde8 29.f5 g5 30.Qe3 and White is superior; 27...b5!] **28.h3 Qd7** [28...b5!? 29.fe5 (29.f5 b4 30.ab4 ab4 31.Qf3 Rf8 32.g4) Re5]



29.f5! Rf8 [29...gf5 30.Qe3 (30.Nf3 f4 31.gf4 Qf5 32.Ka1! Qf4 33.Qe1 with attack) Nh7 31.Nf3 f4 32.gf4 Qf5 33.Ka1 Qf4 34.Qb6 and White is winning] **30.Qe3 e4** [30...b5 31.g4 hg4 32.hg4 Ng4 33.Qg5 Nf6 34.Rf3! and White is winning] **31.g4 hg4** [31...Re5 32.g5 Nh7 33.f6 (33.fg6 fg6 34.Rf8 Nf8 35.Ka2 Qe7 36.Qb6 e3 37.Nf3) Kg8 34.h4 b5 35.Rf4 and White is winning, weak Nh7] **32.hg4 Re5 33.Rf4** [33.g5? Nh5 34.f6 Kg8] **Qd8** [33...g5 34.Rf2 Nh7 35.Rh1 and White is winning] **34.g5 Nh5 35.f6 Kg8 36.Re4 Rfe8 37.Ka2 a4 38.Rc3 Qc7 39.Qd4 Qc5 40.Qc5** [40...bc5 41.Rce3 Re4 42.Re4 Kf8 43.Re8 Ke8 44.Ne4 Kd7 45.b4 ab3 46.Kb3 Nf4 47.a4 Nd3 48.a5 Ne5 49.Nd2 Kc7 50.Ka4 and White is winning] **1-0** [V. Anand]

6. Shirov 2755 – V.Anand 2799 Morelia/Linares 2008 — 102/195 [B96]

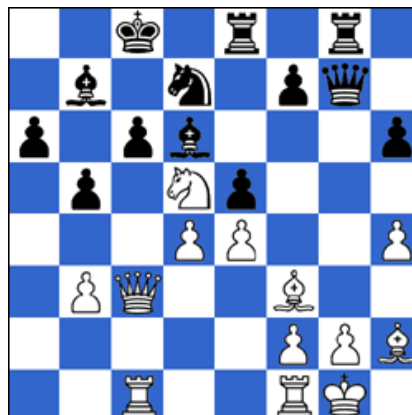
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22.**Qg5?** [22.Qh4 N7f6 (22...Ke8 23.Qh7 and White is winning) 23.Rf2 e4 24.Be4 Nc3 25.Kc1 Qe5 26.Rf6 Na2 27.Kd2 Rd8 28.Bd3 Qc3 29.Ke3 Qe5 equal] **Ke8 23.Qg4?** [23.Rf2 e4!; 23.Bg6 hg6 24.Qg6 Ke7 25.Qg7 Kd6; 23.Qh6! N7f6 (23...Nc3 24.Ka1 Nf6 25.Qh4 Ncd5 26.Qg5 Nd7 27.Be4 Qc3 28.Kb1 Qb4 29.Bd5 ed5 30.Rde2 e4) 24.Kc1 unclear] **Nc3 24.Ka1 Bd5 25.Re3** [25.Qb4 a5 with the idea 26.Qa5 Ra8!] **Nf6 26.Qh4 Qe7** [26...Qg7!?] **27.Bf1** [27.Qg3 Bb3 (27...e4 28.Be2 b4) 28.Bg6 hg6 29.cb3 Nfe4 30.Qg6 Qf7 31.Qf7 Kf7 32.Rc2 Rc5] **Bb3 28.cb3 Nce4 29.Rb2** [29.Re4 Qa3 30.Bd3 (30.Rb2 Rc1 31.Rb1 Rc2 and Black is winning) Qc1 31.Bb1 Qd2] **Rc1 30.Rb1 Qc5 0-1** [V.Anand]

7. B.Gelfand 2723 – Evgeny Alekseev 2711
Russia 2008 — 102/328 [D43]

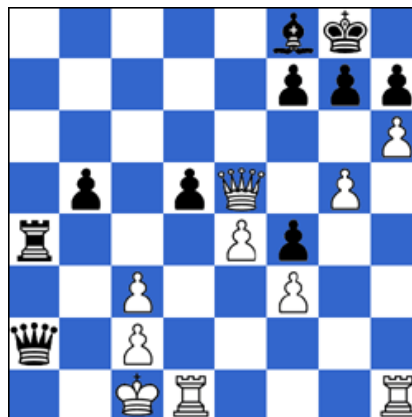
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b5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.h4 g4 11.Ng4!? Nbd7 12.Nf6 Nf6?! [a novelty; 12...
Qf6 see 102/(328)] **13.Qf3! Rg8** [13...b4!? 14.Na4 Qd4 (14...c5 15.Be5
Ne4 16.Bh8 Qa5 17.b3 and White is winning) 15.Be2 c5 (15...Be7? 16.e5
and White is winning) 16.Rd1 Be4 17.Rd4 Bf3 18.Bf3 cd4 19.Ba8] **14.**
Be2 a6? [14...Be7!?!; 14...b4! 15.Na4 c5 unclear] **15.Rd1** [15.0-0!? with
the idea 15...b4 16.Na4 c5 17.d5 ed5 18.ed5] **Nd7** [15...Be7!?!; better
is 15...h5 weak point g4] **16.0-0** [16.Qf4!? b4 (16...Qf6? 17.Qc7) 17.Na4
Qa5 18.b3 c3 19.0-0 with initiative] **Qf6 17.Qe3 0-0-0** [17...c5!? 18.d5 0-
0-0 19.b3 (19.e5 Qf5) b4 (19...cb3 20.ab3 e5 and White is superior) 20.
de6 (20.Na4 ed5 21.ed5 c3) fe6 21.Na4 c3 22.a3! and White is superior]
18.b3 cb3? [18...b4 19.Na4 c3 20.a3 (20.d5 c5) a5 21.ab4 ab4 22.d5 c5
23.d6 and White is winning; 18...c5! 19.e5 cd4 20.Rd4 Qf5 21.Ne4 Be4
22.Qe4 Qe4 23.Re4 Nc5!? 24.Re3 Rd2 25.bc4 b4 with compensation; 19.
d5 see 17...c5] **19.ab3 Be7** [19...Bb4 20.Rc1 and White is superior] **20.**
Rc1 [20.e5 Qg6 (20...Qf5 21.Bd3 Qg4 22.Ne4) 21.Bf3!?] **Qh8 21.Bh2?**
[21.Nb5!? ab5 22.Bb5 Rg3! 23.fg3 Ba3 24.Rc2 Nb8 25.e5 Qg7 unclear M.
Notkin; 21.Qf4 Rg3 22.Qg3 Qd4 23.Rfd1 Qe5?? 24.Rd7; 23...Qf6 with
counterplay; 21.Rfd1 and White is winning with the idea Qf4] **Qg7** [21...
Bh4?? 22.Qf4] **22.Bf3 e5 23.Nd5 Bd6!** [23...Bh4 24.de5 (24.Qc3!? with
the idea 25.Qa5, 25.Nb4, 25.de5 M.Golubev; 24.Nb4 Bg5 25.Rc6! Bc6 26.
Qc3 Qf6 27.Nc6 and White is winning) Ne5 25.Be5 Qe5 26.Qa7 and
White is winning] **24.Qc3!** [with the idea Qa5, with the idea Nb4, with
the idea Ne3-f5; 24.Qd2 Qf8] **Rde8?!** [24...ed4? 25.Bd6! dc3 26.Ne7
mate; 24...f6 25.Qa5 Qf8 26.Rc6! Bc6 a) 27.Rc1?! Nb8 28.Rc6 Nc6 29.
Qa6 Kd7 30.Nb6 (30.Qb7 Ke6 31.Nf4 ef4 32.d5 Ke5) Kc7 31.Nd5 equal
M. Notkin; b) 27.Qa6! Bb7 28.Qa7 Bd5 29.Rc1 Bc4 30.bc4 Re8 31.c5
and White is winning; 24...Qf8 25.de5; 24...Kb8! 25.Nb4 (25.Ne3 Bc7 26.
Nf5 Qf6 27.d5 and White is superior) a) 25...c5 26.dc5 Bc5 (26...Nc5 27.
Rfd1) 27.Rfd1 and White is winning; b) better is 25...Rc8! 26.Nd3 (26.Ra1
Ka7!?) f6 and White is superior]



25.Qa5! and White is winning [25.Qc6?! Bc6 26.Rc6 Kb7 27.Rd6 f6 28. Rc1 Rc8; 28.Ra1 with attack] **Re6** [25...Qf8 26.Rc6 Bc6 27.Rc1 Nb8 28. de5 Re5 29.Rc6 Nc6 30.Qa6 Kd7 31.Qb7 Ke6 32.Qc6 and White is winning; 25...Kb8 26.Rc6 Bc6 27.Qa6 Rc8 28.Ra1 Rc7 29.Nc7 Kc7 30. d5 Bb7 31.Rc1 Bc5 32.Qb5 and White is winning; 28.Rc1 and White is winning] **26.Rc6!! Bc6 27.Rc1!** [27.Qa6? Bb7 unclear] **Nb8** [27...Kb7 28. Rc6 Kc6 29.Qa6 Nb6 30.Qb6 Kd7 31.Qb7 and White is winning Golubev, M] **28.Rc6! Nc6 29.Qa6 Kd8** [29...Kb8 30.Qb5 Ka7 31.Qb6 Ka8 32.Qc6 Kb8 (32...Ka7 33.Qb6 Ka8 34.Be5! Be5 35.Nc7 Bc7 36.e5) 33.Qb5 Ka8 34.Nb6 Ka7 35.Nd7] **30.Qb6 Kd7** [30...Ke8 31.Qc6 Kf8 32.Be5 (32.de5 Qh8 33.Nf4 Rgg6 34.Ng6 fg6 35.Qd5 and White is winning) Qg6 (32... Be5 33.Qc8 Re8 34.Qc5 Re7 35.Qe7 mate) 33.Nf4 and White is winning] **31.Qb7 Kd8** [31...Ke8 32.Qc6 see 30...Ke8] **32.Nb6!** [32.Qc6?! f6 unclear] **f5** [32...Bc7 33.Qc8 Ke7 34.Nd5; 32...Ke8 33.Qc8 Nd8 34.Qd7] **33.Qc8 Ke7 34.Qd7** [34.Nd5 Kf7 35.Bh5 Rg6 36.Qc6 and White is winning] **Kf8 35.Qe6 Qe7** [35...Qg6 36.Nd7 Kg7 37.Qg6 Kg6 38.ef5 Kf5 39.Bc6] **36.Qh6 Rg7 37.Nc8 1-0** [B. Gelfand]

8. Sergey Karjakin 2732 – Bu Xiangzhi 2708 Russia 2008 — 102/185 [B90]

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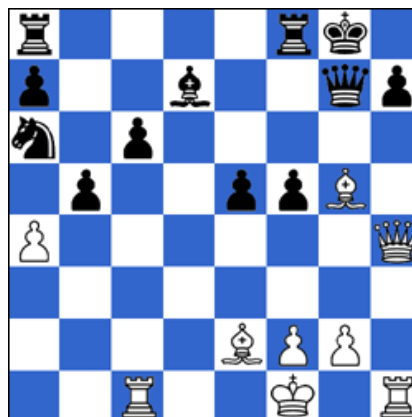


33...d4! (and Black is winning) **34.Kd2 Qb2 35.Ke2?** time [35.Qc7 Rc4 36.Qf4 Bd6 37.e5 dc3 38.Ke1 Rf4 39.ed6; 37...Be5; 35.Qf4 Ra2 36.Rc1 (36.Ke1 Qc2 37.Qd2 Qc3 38.Qc3 dc3) Qc3 37.Kd1 d3 38.Qd2 dc2 39.Ke2 Qc7] **Qc2 36.Rd2 d3 0-1** [Bu Xiangzhi, Wang Hao]

9. Alexander Moiseenko 2643 – V.L.Ivanov 2495

Moscow 2008 — 102/287 [D17]

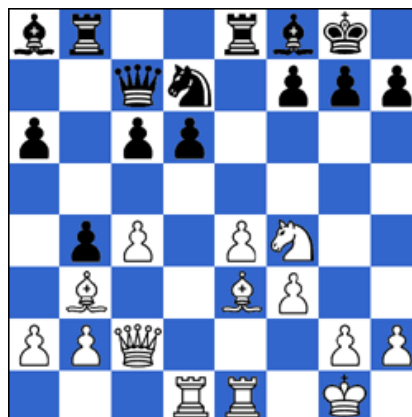
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23.Rd1!! [23.Bh6 Qf6 24.Bf8 Qh4 25.Rh4 Rf8 26.ab5 cb5 27.Rh6 and White is slightly better] **Be6** [23...Nc5 24.Be7 and White is winning] **24.Rd6! Bd5** [24...e4 25.ab5 Nc5 26.Bh6 Qa1 27.Rd1 Qf6 28.Bf8 Qh4 29.Rh4 Rf8 30.bc6 and White is winning] **25.ab5 Nc5** [25...Nc7 26.bc6 (26.Rh3 f4 27.bc6 Rab8 28.Rd3) Rab8 27.Kg1 Ne6 (27...Rb1 28.Kh2 Rh1 29.Kh1 and White is winning) 28.Rd5 Ng5 29.Rd7 Rf7 30.Qc4 and White is winning] **26.bc6** (and White is winning) **Ne6** [26...Bg2 27.Kg2 Ne4 28.Bc4 Kh8 29.Rd7 Qg5 30.Qg5 Ng5 31.Rh5] **27.Rd5 Ng5 28.Rd7 Qg6 29.Bc4 Kh8 30.Qg5! 1-0** [Alexander Moiseenko]

10. Leko 2753 – Mamedyarov 2760

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.d4 ed4 7.Nd4 b5 8. Nc6 Bc6 9.Bb3 Nf6 10.c4! [10.Nc3 see 96/238] **Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bf4!** (and White is slightly better) **Rb8** [a novelty; 13...Nd7 14. cb5 ab5 15.Qh5!] **14.Qc2! b4?!** [14...Nd7 15.cb5 ab5 16.Bd5!; 14...Bf8!? and White is slightly better] **15.Nd5 Nd7 16.Be3!** [16.Ba4?! Ba4 17.Qa4 Nc5 18.Qc6 Nd3!; 16.Bd2 a5 a) 17.Ba4 Ba4 18.Qa4 Nc5 (18...Ne5!?) 19. Qa5 c6! with counterplay, with the idea 20.Qd8 Bd8 21.Nb4 Ba5 22.a3 Nb3!; 19.Qc6 unclear; b) 17.a3 ba3! 18.Ra3 Nc5 with counterplay] **Bf8 17.f3** [17.a3!?] **Ba8 18.Rad1** [18.Qd2 a5] **c6 19.Nf4 Qc7**



20.Nd3!! [and White is superior, with the idea c5] **a5** [20...Ne5 21.c5; 20...c5 21.Ba4 with the idea Nf4] **21.c5! Bb7** [21...Rbd8 22.Bg5!; 21... Nc5 22.Nc5 dc5 23.Bc5 Bc5 24.Qc5] **22.Bf4 Ba6?** [22...Ne5 23.cd6 Bd6 24.Ne5 Be5 25.Be5 Re5 26.f4 Re7 27.Qc5] **23.cd6 Bd6 24.Bd6 Qd6 25. Ne5!** (and White is winning) **Qe5 26.Rd7 Red8 27.Red1 1-0** [Leko]