



5	...	...	0-0	Qc2	Qe4 <sup>27</sup>	hg3	Nb5 <sup>29</sup>	ab5	Qe3	and White is superior
	...	...	Nc5	Ne6	fg3	a5 <sup>28</sup>	cb5	Nc5	Ng4 <sup>30</sup>	
6	...	...	...	...	hg3	Rfd1 <sup>31</sup>	Rd8 <sup>33</sup>	Rd1	Qd2 <sup>34</sup>	and White is slightly better
	...	...	...	fg3	a5	h5 <sup>32</sup>	Qd8	Qf6	Be7 <sup>35</sup>	
7	...	...	...	hg3	Ne4 <sup>37</sup>	Qb3	Rfd1	Rac1	Nf6	equal
	...	...	fg3	h5 <sup>36</sup>	Kb8 <sup>38</sup>	a5 <sup>39</sup>	Bb4	Nb6	Rd1 <sup>40</sup>	

## 1

13...Bd7 14.Qd4 Rg8 15.Qe4 [15.0-0 Rg6 16.Rfd1 Bg7 17.Qe4 Be6 unclear; Gostisa - Tukmakov, Slovenija 2001 see 83/374] Be7 [15...Be6 16.Qh7 Rg6 with compensation; Tukmakov] 16.Bh3 0-0-0 17.Bd7 Qd7 18.Qf4 Bg5 19.Qf3 Bd2 20.Kf1 Qh3 21.Qg2 Qe6 with compensation; B.Gelfand - Bareev, Wijk aan Zee 2002 see 83/(374)

## 2

**15.Qh8** Qd2 16.Kf1 Qb2 17.Re1 Bb4 18.Qf6 Qc2 19.Ne4 Be6 ½-½, V.Makarov - O. Ivanov, Kharkiv 2003;

**15.Qd7** Rd7 16.gf4 Bb4 with compensation; A.Dragomirescu - G.Swathi, Malinska 2005

## 3

16.Qh6 Kb8 [16...Bc7 17.a5 a6 18.0-0 Qe6 with compensation; Je.Piket - Van Wely, Nederland 2002 see 84/313] 17.0-0 Qe6 18.Qe6 Be6 with compensation; R.Ruck - Skoberne, Budapest 2008

## 4

16...a5 17.0-0 Be5? 18.Nb5! Qe7 19.Na7 Kb8 20.Nc6 bc6 21.Qc6 Ka7 22.Qb5 and White is winning; Kramnik - Morozevich, Monaco (rapid) 2002 see 84/(313); 17... Kb8 Z.Krnic

## 5

18.b4!?

## 6

Kramnik - V.Anand, Russia - Rest of the World (rapid) 2002 see 85/(338)

## 7

14.Ne3



a) 14...Be6 15.a5 [15.0-0-0 see 14.0-0-0; 15.Qe4 (Kacheishvili - Andriasian, Dresden 2007) 0-0-0 16.f4 gf4 17.gf4 Qb6 18.fe5 f5! 19.Nf5 Qb2 with counterplay] a6 16.0-0 [16.Ne4!? Rd8 17.Qc3 Vitiugov] Rd8 17.Qa4 Nd7! 18.Qc2 Bc5 19.Nf5 0-0 Vitiugov - Sakaev, Russia (ch) 2007 see 101/(303);

b) 14...Bg6 15.0-0-0 Qb6 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Nd6 [17.f4 Qd4 18.Rd4 gf4 19.gf4 Nd7 20. Nd6 Bd6 21.Rd6 0-0-0 equal; Evgeny Alekseev - Bu Xiangzhi, Russia - China 2007] Bd6 18.Qd6 Kf7 19.h4 Rhd8 20.Qa3 gh4 21.gh4 h5 22.Qc3 a5 equal; Sakaev - Bu Xiangzhi, Rusia 2008

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**14...Be6** 15.f4! [15.Ne3 (B.Gelfand - M.Kobalia, Internet (m/3-blitz) 2004 see 94/(297)) Bb3 16.Rd2 Rd8 17.Qd8 Qd8 18.Rd8 Kd8 19.Nf5 Bb4 20.Nd4 Bc4 and Black is slightly better, pair of bishops; Dominguez Perez, Ibarra] gf4 16.gf4 Nc4 17.Qf6 Bf7 18.Qh8 Qf4 19.Kb1 Bg6 20.Ka1! [20.Ka2?! Ne3 21.Bh3 Nd1 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Rf1 Qc4 24.Ka1 Qc5 unclear; B.Gelfand - Morozovich, Monaco (blindfold) 2005 see 94/(297)] Ne3 (Ba.Jobava - M.Carlsen, Warszawa 2005 see 94/297) 21.Rhf1 Nf1 22.Rf1 Qd6 23.Ne4 Be4 only move 24.Be4 0-0-0 25.Qh7 and White is slightly better; Dominguez Perez, Ibarra;

**14...Ne4** 15.Qc4 Bd6 16.Be4 Bh3 17.Qd3 Be5 18.Bf5 Bf5 19.Qf5 Qc8 20.Qe4 0-0 21. h4 g4 22.Rd2 Qe6 unclear; Ba.Jobava - Kulaots, Istanbul 2004 see 94/(296);

**14...Rd8** 15.Qe3 Be7 16.Rd8 Kd8 17.Rd1 [17.Ne5 Qe5 18.Qa7 Ba3 19.Rd1 Kc8 20. Qd4 Qd4 21.Rd4 Bc5 22.Rd2 Be6 with compensation; Ivan Sokolov - Harikrishna, Hoogeveen 2005 see 95/(282)] Kc8 18.Be4 [18.Ne5 Qe5 19.Qa7 Ba3 20.Qd4 Qd4 21. Rd4 Bc5 22.Rd2 Be6 23.e3 Kc7 24.Be4 h5 with compensation; Ftacnik - Bu Xiangzhi, Torino (ol) 2006] Be4 19.Qe4 h5 20.Ne3 Kb8 21.Qf5 Rd8 22.f4 Rd1 23. Kd1 Qb6 24.Qe6 Qe3 25.Qe7 Qd4 26.Kc2 gf4 27.Qf6 f3 28.ef3 Qd3 29.Kb3 Nf3 equal; Aronian - Bu Xiangzhi, Nanjing 2008

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**15.Ne4** Rd8 16.Qc3 (V.Mikhalevski - M.Rodshtein, Israel (ch) 2004 see 94/(296)) Nc4! 17.Qc4 Qe5 18.Rd8 Kd8 19.Rd1 Kc8 and Black is slightly better, pair of bishops; Dominguez Perez, Ibarra;

**15.Ne5** Qe5 16.Qe5 fe5 17.Be4 Be6 18.f3 Rd8 19.g4 0-0 20.Rd8 Rd8 21.Rd1 Rd4 22. e3 Rd1 23.Kd1 a5 equal; Rowson - L.Johannessen, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 94/(296)

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15...Bg6



a) 16.Bh3 Qb6 17.Qb6 ab6 18.f4 Bc5 19.Nc2 Bc2 20.Kc2 Nc4 21.Kb3 Ne3 22.Rd3 (Z. Izoria - Vl.Akopian, Saint-Vincent 2005 see 94/(296)) gf4 23.gf4 Rd8 24.Ne4 Rd3 25. ed3 Kf7 26.Re1 Re8 equal; Dominguez Perez, Ibarra;

b) 16.Ne4 Qa5

b1) 17.Nc4 Nc4 18.Qc4 Bf7 19.Qc2 Qb4 [19...Bd5!?] 20.Rd3 0-0 21.Rhd1 Rad8 22. Rd8 Rd8 23.Rd8 Bd8 24.Nc3 Bc7 25.Be4 h6 26.Bg6 Be5 equal; C.Ward - N.Pert,

Great Britain 2006;

b2) 17.Nd6 Bd6 18.Qd6 Qa4 19.Qe6 Kf8 20.Qf6 Nf7 unclear; Z.Krnic;

c) 16.Be4 Qb6 17.Bg6 hg6 18.Qe4 Qb4 19.Rd4 Qb3 20.f4 gf4 21.gf4 Rh4 22.Rhd1 Kf7 23.Ng2 Rg4 24.h3 Rg2 25.fe5 Rg3 26.ef6 Rc3 27.bc3 Qc3 equal; Adianto - Zhou Jianchao, Asia (ch) 2007

## 11

17...Nd7 18.Nf5 Nc5 19.Qe3 Qe5 20.Be4 Ne4! 21.Ne4 [21.Qe4 Qe4 22.Ne4 Bd5 23.f3 Rd8 24.Rhd1 b6 25.Rd3 Èf7 26.Nc3 Be6 27.Nd4 Bd7 28.Ndb5 Bf5 equal] Bd5 22.Ned6 Bd6 23.Nd6 Ke7 24.Nf5 [24.Qe5? fe5 25.e4 Kd6 (and Black is superior) 26.Rhd1 Rac8 27.Kb1 Rhf8 28.ed5 c5 and Black is superior; H.Tikkanen - P.Haba, Ceska Trebova 2007 see 100/281] Ke6 25.Qd3! Rad8 26.Nd4 Kf7 27.Rhd1 Be4 28.Qb3 Kg6 unclear; P.Haba

## 12

18...gh4? 19.Qh4 Rf7 20.Nf5 Kh8 21.Be4! and White is superior; Ba.Jobava - Grischuk, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 94/296

## 13

19.Ng4?! (F.Elsness - O.Hole, Norge (ch) 2005 see 94/(296)) Ng4 20.Qg4 Bf2 and Black is slightly better; Dominguez Perez, Ibarra

## 14

20.Rh5 Ng6 21.Rg5 Rae8 22.Rc5 Re4 23.Ne4 unclear; Vescovi - Paragua, Torino (ol) 2006

## 15

**20...Kh8** 21.Bf5 Be3 22.fe3 Bg8 23.Qc2 Rad8 24.Rd8 Rd8 25.Ne4 Qg7 26.Rh5 h6 27.Ng5 Nc4 28.Bd3 Ne3 29.Qd2 Rd5 30.Qe3 Rg5 31.Rh4 and White is slightly better; Aronian - Bu Xiangzhi, Stepanakert 2005 see 95/(282);

**20...Rf7** 21.Nf5 Kh8 22.f4 gf4 23.gf4 Nc4 24.Rd4! Nb6 [24...Raf8 25.Rc4 Bc4 26.Qc4 Rf5 27.Bf5 unclear; Vitiugov] 25.Qd3 Raf8 26.e3 unclear; Vitiugov - Sakaev, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/303

## 16

**14...Ng4** 15.a5! fg3 16.hg3 a6 17.Ra4 Ndf6 18.Ne4 (G.Kasparov - Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2000 see 78/370) Nd5 19.Nc5 h5 20.0-0 and White is slightly better; G. Kasparov;

**14...Bb4** 15.0-0 fg3 16.hg3 h5 17.Rfc1 Nc5 [17...Nf6 18.a5! a6 19.Ne4 Nd5 20.Qb3 and White is slightly better; R.Ruck - Rogic, Oesterreich 2003 see 91/(351)] 18.a5 unclear; P.Lukacs, V.Erdos;

**14...Nc5** 15.0-0 see 14.0-0

## 17

15.a5 a6 16.0-0 h5 17.Rfc1 Kb8 18.b4 h4 19.Nd5 [19.Rab1 hg3 20.hg3 fg3 21.fg3 Qe5 and Black is superior; Cebalo - Ni Hua, Reggio Emilia 2008] Qe5 20.gf4 Nf4 21.Nf4 Qf4 22.e3 Qg5 23.h3 Rg8 24.f4 Qf6 unclear; Z.Krnic

## 18

16...a5 17.Rfc1 Kb8 18.Rab1 Bc5 19.b4 ab4 20.Na2 Qa5 21.Nb4 Bb4 22.Nd6 Nge5 23.Nb7 Kb7 24.Qe4 Ka7 25.Rb4 Rb8 26.Qe3 Rb6 27.Rd4 Nb8 28.Re4 Nbd7 29.Bh3 h5 30.Bd7 Nd7 31.Re7 Rd8 32.Rd1 Qa4 33.Rdd7 Rd7 34.Rd7 Ka6 35.Rf7 h4 36.Rf8 Qd1 37.Kg2 Rb3 38.Ra8 Kb5 39.Rb8 Kc4 40.Qe6 1-0 Cebalo - An.Stojanovic, Bled 2008; 29...Rd8!? Z.Krnic

## 19

18.Nb5 Qb6 19.Nbd6 Bd6 20.Nd6 Nde5 21.Nf7 [21.Nb7? Qb7 22.Ra3 Rd4 and Black is superior; Dao Tien Hai - Bu Xiangzhi, Doha 2006 see 101/(304)] Nf7 22.Qg6 h4

## 20

19.b5 hg3 [19...cb5 20.Nb5 Qc2 21.Rc2 hg3 22.Ng3 Nf4! 23.Rd1 a6 24.Nd4 Ng2 25.Kg2 Be7 26.e3 Ne5 27.f4 Ng4! 28.Kf3 Nh2 equal; P.H.Nielsen - Predojevic, Kemer 2007 see 101/304] 20.bc6? gf2 21.Kf1 Qh2! 22.c7 Qc7 and Black is winning; Predojevic; 20.Ng3

## 21

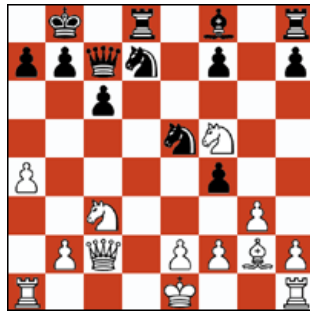
19...Qb6 20.a5!! Qb5 21.Nd4 Qg5 22.Nc6 Kc7 23.Qe4! and White is winning

## 22

**20...h3** 21.Qe3! c5 22.Be4! Nf6 23.bc5 Ng4 24.c6!! Rd1 [24...Ne3 25.c7 Èa8 26.cd8R Qd8 27.Nc7 Èb8 28.Rab1! Qc7 29.Rc7 Èc7 30.Rb7 Èc8 31.Ne3 Bc5 32.Rf7 Ne5 33.Rf5 Be3 34.fe3 h2 35.Èh1 Ng4 36.Rf3 Èc7 37.Bf5 Ne5 38.Rf4 and White is winning] 25.Rd1 Ne3 26.Ne3 bc6 27.Rab1 cb5 28.Rb5 Kc7 29.Nd5 1-0 Kasimdzhanov - Predojevic, Deutschland 2007 see 101/305;

**20...hg3** 21.Qg3 Nde5 22.Qe3 Bc5 23.Qc5 cb5 24.Qe3 Qe6 25.ab5 Qb6 26.Qb6 ab6 27.Rd1 Nf4 28.e3 and White is superior; Kasimdzhanov

## 23



**15.Rd1** Ng6 16.Qb3 Bc5 17.0-0 Nf6 18.Qc4 Qe5 19.Nh6 fg3 20.hg3 Qh5 21.Bf3 Qg5 22.Kg2 Qh6 23.Qc5 Nf4 24.Kg1 Nh3 equal; A.Korobov - M.Ragger, Beijing (rapid) 2008;

**15.gf4** Nc4 16.0-0-0 [16.e3 Nc5 (A.Schenk - J.Gustafsson, Lippstadt 2003) 17.Rd1 Rd1 18.Nd1 Qa5 19.Qc3 Qc3 20.bc3 Na4 and Black is slightly better; P.Eljanov] Qf4 17.e3 Qc7 18.Ne4 Qe5 19.Nd4 Ncb6 20.f4 Qc7 21.Ng5 Nc5 22.Kb1 Nd5 23.Bd5 Rd5 24.e4 Rd7 25.e5 h6 26.Ne4 Ne4 27.Qe4 Bc5 equal; Mamedyarov - J.Smeets, Dresden (ol) 2008;

**15.0-0-0** fg3 [15...Ng6 16.Ne4 Bb4 17.Rd4 a5 18.Rhd1 and White is slightly better; A.Korobov - M.Paragua, Beijing (rapid) 2008] 16.hg3 Bb4 17.f4 Ng4 18.Ne4 Qb6 19.Kb1 Nc5!? 20.Rd8 Rd8 21.Nc5 Bc5 22.Rh7 Nf2! 23.Ka2! Qb4! 24.Qb3! Rd2 25.Qb4 Bb4 26.Kb3 a5 27.Rf7 Nd1 28.Bf3 Rb2 29.Kc4 Rc2 30.Kd4 Nb2 31.g4!? Rc4 32.Ke5 Bc3 33.Ke6 Rf4 34.g5 Na4 35.g6 Nc5 36.Kd6 (P.Eljanov - Morozevich, Beer-Sheva 2005 see 95/282) Ne4! 37.Be4 Re4 38.e3 a4 39.g7 Be5! 40.Kc5 Bg7 41.Nd6 Rg4 42.Kb6 Rb4 43.Kc5 Rg4 equal; P.Eljanov

## 24

16...Nf6 17.Rad1 Bc5 18.e3 Rd1 19.Rd1 Rd8 equal; Adly - Frhat, Tanta City 2003

## 25

**17.Rfc1** Nf6 18.a5 (Babula - M.Ragger, Deutschland 2008) a6 equal;

**17.Rfd1** Ng6 18.Rac1 h4 19.Nb5 Qb6 20.Nbd4 Bb4 [20...hg3 21.a5 gf2 22.Kf1 Qc7 23.Qb3 Qh2 24.Nf3 Qf4 25.a6 Bb4 26.N5d4 c5 27.Qd5 Qc7 28.Qf7 Nge5 29.Ne5 Qe5 30.Qf3 Qc7 31.Ne6 Ne5 32.Rd8 Rd8 33.Qe4 1-0, S.Ernst - J.Smeets, Wijk aan Zee III 2004] 21.Qb3 ½-½, E.Romanov - A.Gubajdullin, Saint Petersburg 2007

## 26

21.Ne7 Ne7 22.Qe7 hg3 23.Qd6 Qc7 24.Qc7 Kc7 25.fg3 Ne5 equal; F.Berkes - D.

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**16.Ne4** fg3 17.hg3 (Gyimesi - P.Acs, Balatonlelle 2002 see 85/338) Bb4 unclear;

**16.Rfd1** Bc5 17.Ne4 Bb4 18.Qb3 [18.a5?! Rd1 19.Qd1 fg3 20.hg3 Ba5 21.b4 Bb6 and Black is slightly better; S.Halkias - Gagunashvili, Moscow 2003 see 87/342] a5 19. Rac1 Rd1 20.Rd1 Rd8 equal; Simon - Jadrijevic, Hrvatska (ch) 2002;

**16.Rad1** Bc5 17.Ne4 Bb4 18.Qc1 [18.e3 fe3 19.fe3 Kb8 20.Nf6 a5 unclear; Bareev - Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2002 see 83/375] Ng6 [18...fg3 19.hg3 Rd1 20.Rd1 Rd8 equal; Kramnik - Morozevich, Astana 2001 see 81/(312)] 19.Qc4 a5 20.e3 fe3 21.Ne3 Kb8 equal; A.Beliavsky - J.Lautier, Izmir 2004

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17...h5 18.b4! h4 19.Nb5! cb5 20.Rfc1 Nc6 21.ab5 hg3 22.bc6! gf2 23.Kf2! b6 24. Ra6!! Bb4! 25.Qb4 Rd4! [25...Nd4 26.Ne7 Kb8 27.e3! and White is superior; A. Volokitin - Inarkiev, Poikovsky 2008 see 103/266] 26.Rc4 [26.Qc3 Qf4 27.Ke1 Qf5 28.Ra7! Qg5 29.Ra8 Kc7 30.Rh8 Qg2 31.Qe3 and White is superior] Qf4 27.Ke1 Rc4 28.Nd6 Kd8 29.Nf7! Qf7 30.Qc4 and White is superior; A.Volokitin

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**18.Rad1** Bb4 19.Nh6 Nc5! 20.Rd8 Rd8 21.Qh7 Bc3 22.bc3 Na4 unclear; R. Ponomarev - B.Gelfand, Plovdiv 2003 see 89/357;

**18.Rfc1** Nc5 19.Qf4 Ne6!? [19...h5 20.b4! and White is superior; P.H.Nielsen - Shirov, Deutschland 2004 see 90/339] 20.Qh4 Ng6 M.Golubev

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21.Qc3 Qe5 [21...Ne4 22.Be4 Qc3 23.bc3 b6 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Bf3 and White is superior; Shirov - Harikrishna, Foros 2006] 22.Qf3 and White is superior; L. Johannessen - Shirov, Deutschland 2004 see 92/(387)

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**17.Rfc1** Kb8 18.Rab1 Ne6 19.Qe4 Nc5 20.Qc2 Ne6 21.Qe4 Nc5 22.Qc2 ½-½, Grischuk - Inarkiev, Elista 2008;

**17.Rad1** h5 18.Rd8 Qd8 19.Rd1 see 17.Rfd1

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17...Rd1 18.Rd1 h5 19.Qd2 Ne6 20.Ne4 Bb4 21.Qe3 Kb8 22.Bh3 Rd8 23.Rd8 Qd8 24. Qh6 Qd1 25.Bf1 Qd5 26.Bg2 Qd1 equal; Xu Jun - Gagunashvili, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 92/(387)

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18.Ne4 Ne4 19.Be4 Bb4 20.Rd8 Qd8 21.Kg2 Qf6 22.e3 Ng6 23.Rh1 Kb8 24.b3 h4 25. Nh4 Nh4 26.Rh4 Rh4 27.gh4 Qh4 equal; Riazantsev - Lastin, Russia (ch) 2008

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**20.e4** h4 21.f4 Ng6 22.e5 Qe6 unclear; Ivanchuk - B.Gelfand, Russia 2005 see 93/317;

**20.e3** Kb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Bb4 23.Ne6 fe6! 24.Nd4 Rd8 25.Rf1 Rc8 26.Qh7

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21.Bh3 Kb8 22.Qe3 Ng6 [22...Re8 23.Èg2 Èa8 24.Rd4 b6 25.Ne4 Ne4 26.Qe4 Bc5 27.f4 Bd4 28.Nd4 Èb7 29.Bf5 Èc7 30.fe5 Re5 31.Qf4 and White is winning] 23.Ne7 Qe7 24.Qe7 Ne7

a) 25.Rd6?! h4 [25...Èc7 26.Rf6 Rh7 equal] 26.g4 Ne6 unclear; B.Gelfand - Vl. Akopian, Yerevan (m/1-rapid) 2008 see 103/265;

bb) 25.Rd4 Ng6 26.Bf5 and White is slightly better; B.Gelfand

### 36

15...Kb8 16.Rc1 [16.Qc2 see 14.Qc2] Nc5 17.Qc2 a5 18.Rfd1 Rd1 19.Rd1 Ne6 20.Ne4 Bb4 21.Nf6 Rd8 equal; Shirov - Morozevich, Monaco (rapid) 2005

### 37

16.Rc1 Kb8 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Rd1 19.Qd1 Bc5 equal; Zivanic - Muratovic, Zenica 2003

### 38

**16...Nc5** 17.Qc2 Ne4 18.Qe4 a5 19.Rad1 Bc5 20.Qc2 Qb6 21.e3 Kb8 equal; N. Kelecevic - Tukmakov, Winterthur 2003;

**16...h4!?** 17.Nh4 Rh4 18.gh4 Ng4 19.Ng3 Bc5 20.e3 Ne3 21.fe3 Qg3 22.Qe1 Qg4 with compensation; P.Lukacs, V.Erdos

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17...Nc5 18.Nc5 Bc5 19.Qc3 Be7! unclear, with the idea h4 P.Lukacs, V.Erdos

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**20...h4** 21.gh4!? [21.Nh4 Be7! unclear] Ng6 22.Qg3 unclear; P.Lukacs, V.Erdos;

**20...Rd1** 21.Rd1 Qc8 22.Ng7 Ka7 23.Ngh5 Qf5 24.Be4 Qh3 (Hoang Thanh Trang - V. Erdos, Budapest 2004 see 91/(351)) 25.Bg2 [25.Bf3!?!] Qf5 26.Be4 Qh3 equal; P. Lukacs, V.Erdos.