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## The Most Important Novelty of Chess Informant 104

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When Garry Kasparov left the chess scene there were only three players that could succeed him on the chess throne: Anand, Kramnik, and Topalov. These three are still in their prime and have achieved a wealth of experience in matches; it seems that none of the teen rising stars can imperil their status in the coming years.

Anand, the oldest among these three, dedicated everything to his match against Kramnik in Bonn. He organized a team of ambitious and devoted grandmasters to craft a new repertoire and his efforts paid off enormously. Instead of 1.e4 and Kramnik's favourite Russian Defence, Anand looked for an advantage in the closed systems. His deep preparation paid off handsomely, while Kramnik's completely failed.

The idea Anand used in the sixth game of the match, in a very popular variation of Nimzo-Indian Defense, impressed the jury of Chess Informant to such an extent that they voted 9.h3 as the most important theoretical novelty of *Chess Informant 104*.

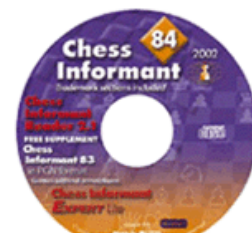
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1. ANAND, V. — KRAMNIK, V.	146	7	10	8	10	10	9	10	10	74
2. TOPALOV, V. — ANAND, V.	140	8	9	10	9	4	7	7	9	43
3. CARLSEN, M. — ARONIAN, L.	114	2	8	9	7	6	9	8	8	54
4. ARONIAN, L. — KRAMNIK, V.	107	9	3	7	8	9	4	6	7	53
5. GELFAND, S. — RUBLEVSKY, S.	97	10	3	4	8	10	3	3	3	38
6. GELFAND, S. — NAIDITSCH, A.	105	—	6	3	3	8	4	—	—	24
7. MOROZEVICH, A. — RIAZANTSEV, A.	60	—	—	—	6	5	2	5	—	18
8. PREDJOJEVIC, B. — SASIKIRAN, K.	56	—	—	1	3	—	5	6	—	17
9. KRAMNIK, V. — SHIROV, A.	115	—	5	—	—	—	8	—	—	13
10. MAMEDOV, RAUF — VUCKOVIC, BO.	183	5	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	12
11. VERA GONZALEZ, R. — PRASCA SOGA, R.	246	—	7	—	—	1	2	—	1	11
12. KRAMNIK, V. — IVANCHUK, V.	145	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	2	11
13. WERIE, J. — VACHIER-LAGRAVE, M.	(156)	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	10
14. JORCZIK, J. — HEIMANN, AN.	(89)	—	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	9
15. ERDOS, V. — PREDJOJEVIC, B.	253	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	8
16. STAJNER, S. — MIHALCHISHIN, A.	276	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	7
17. SALGADO LOPEZ, I. — ROIZ, M.	74	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
18. IVANCHUK, V. — CARLSEN, M.	129	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
19. PROHASZKA, P. — SOLOMON, K.	169	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
20. SAKAEV, K. — SVIDLER, P.	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
21. BIGGOSAVLJIC, B. — SZUHANEK, R.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
22. VITUKOV, N. — ALEKSEEV, SVOSHY	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
23. HERNANDEZ CARMENATES — DOMINGUEZ, L.	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
24. RUBLEVSKY, S. — VALLEJO PONS, F.	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
25. GUSTAFSSON, J. — HENRICHSSON, TH.	(110)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
26. PEREZ CANDELARIO, MAN. — GALKIN, A.	184	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
27. VITUKOV, N. — SAKAEV, K.	248	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
28. GOLOD, V. — AVEKUH, S.	277	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
29. LEON NOYOS, M. — MARIN, MI.	297	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
30. HERA, I. — ILINCIC, Z.	(294)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

1. V. Anand (2783) – V. Kramnik (2772)  
Bonn (m/6) 2008 — 104/146 [E34]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cd5 Qd5 6.Nf3 Qf5 7.Qb3 Nc6  
8.Bd2 [8.a3 see 81/(441)] 0-0

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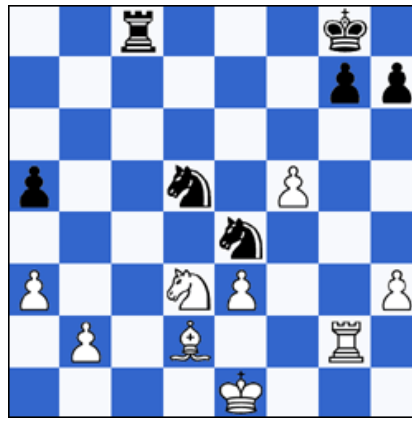
**9.h3!** [a novelty; 9.e3] **b6** [9...Rd8!? 10.g4 Qg6 11.Rc1] **10.g4 Qa5 11. Rc1 Bb7 12.a3 Bc3 13.Bc3 Qd5 14.Qd5 Nd5 15.Bd2 Nf6** [15...Rfd8 16. e3 (16.Bg2 Na5 17.Ba5 Nf4! with counterplay; 16.Rg1 Rac8 17.Bg2 Nb8 with the idea Nd7) Rac8] **16.Rg1 Rac8** [16...Rfd8 17.g5 Ne8 18.e3 and White is slightly better] **17.Bg2 Ne7** [17...Nb8 18.Bf4; 17...Ba8! 18.Bg5 (18.g5 Ne4 19.Bf4 Na5 with counterplay) Na5 (18...Ne4 19.Be3 Ne7 20. Ng5 Ng5 21.Bg5 f6 22.Ba8 Ra8 23.Bf4 Rfd8 24.g5 Ng6 25.gf6 Rd4 26. Be3 Rd7 27.fg7 Kg7 28.b4) 19.Bf6 gf6 20.Nd2 Bg2 21.Rg2 Rfd8 (21...c5 22.dc5 bc5 23.Ne4) 22.b4 (22.e3 c5 23.dc5 Rd2 24.Kd2 Nb3 equal) Nb7 23.Nb3 a5 24.e3 (24.ba5 Na5 25.Na5 ba5 26.e3 c5 27.dc5 Rd5 equal) ab4 25.ab4 Rd5 with the idea Rb5] **18.Bb4 c5** [18...Rfe8 19.Ne5 Bg2 20.Rg2 and White is slightly better] **19.dc5 Rfd8 20.Ne5 Bg2 21.Rg2 bc5** [21... Nc6 22.cb6 Ne5 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.b7 Rb8 25.Bd6 Nf3 26.ef3 Rb7 with compensation; 22.Nd3 and White is slightly better] **22.Rc5 Ne4 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.Nd3 Nd5 25.Bd2 Rc2 26.Bc1 f5** [26...Nc5 27.Kd1 Nd3 28.ed3 Rc8 29.g5! with the idea Rg4-c4 and White is superior] **27.Kd1 Rc8 28. f3 Nd6 29.Ke1** [29.e3 Nc4 30.Re2 Rd8 31.Kc2 Rc8 32.Kb3 Na5 33.Ka4! (33.Ka2 Rc3 34.Rd2) Nc6 34.Bd2 and White is slightly better] **a5 30.e3** [with the idea Re2, e4] **e5 31.gf5 e4 32.fe4 Ne4 33.Bd2** [33.Ke2! Nd6 34. Rg4 Nf5 35.Ra4]



**33...a4?** [33...Re8! 34.Nf4! (34.Ba5? Ne3 35.Rh2 Nc4) Re5 (34...Nf4 35. ef4 and White is superior) 35.Nd5 Rd5 36.Bc3 Nc3 37.bc3 Rd3; 35.Ne6] **34.Nf2 Nd6** [34...Nd2 35.Kd2 Rb8 36.Nd3 Re8 37.Rg4 Ne3 38.Ra4 Nf5 39.b4 and White is winning] **35.Rg4** [35.Ke2 Rc2 36.Nd1 Nf6 37.Kd3 Rc5 38.Nc3 and White is winning] **Nc4 36.e4** [36.Nd1!] **Nf6 37.Rg3 Nb2** [37...Ne4 38.Ne4 Re8 39.Bc3 Re4 40.Kf2 Ne5 41.f6 g6 42.Rg5 a) 42... Nd7 43.Kf3 Re6 (43...Rc4 44.Rd5 and White is winning) 44.Ra5 and White is winning; b) 42...Nd3 43.Kf3 and White is winning] **38.e5 Nd5** [better is 38...Re8 39.e6 Nc4 40.Bc3 (40.Bh6 g6) Nd6! 41.Ng4 only move Nh5 42.Nh6 Kf8 43.Rg5 g6 44.fg6 only move (44.Rh5 gh5 45.Bb4 Kg7 46.Bd6 Kh6 47.Bf4 Kg7 48.Bg5 h6 49.Bh4 Kf8!) Re6 45.Re5! Rg6 46. Rh5 and White is winning] **39.f6 Kf7** [39...g6 40.Ne4 Nc4 41.e6 and White is winning] **40.Ne4! Nc4** [40...Ke6 41.fg7 Ne7 42.Ng5 Kd5 43. Nh7 and White is winning] **41.fg7 Kg8** [41...Rg8 42.Nd6 Nd6 43.ed6 Ke6 44.Bh6 Kd6 45.Rf3 and White is winning] **42.Rd3 Ndb6** [42...Nd2 43.Kd2 Nb6 44.Rg3 Nd5 45.Nf6 Nf6 46.ef6 and White is winning] **43. Bh6 Ne5 44.Nf6 Kf7 45.Rc3! Rc3 46.g8Q Kf6 47.Bg7** [47...Kf5 48.Qh7 Ke6 49.Qh6 and White is winning; 47...Ke7 48.Qf8! (48.Be5 Re3) Kd7 49.Qf5 and White is winning] **1-0** [V.Anand]

**2. V. Topalov (2777) – V. Anand (2798)**  
Bilbao 2008 — 104/140 [E15]

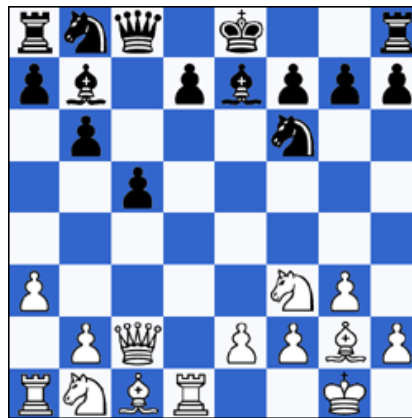
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 ed5 8.cd5 Nd5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Rd1 Qc8 11.a3 Nf6**



**12.Bg5!?** [a novelty; 12.Nc3 see 98/385] **d5?! 13.Bf6 Bf6 14.Nc3 Bc3 15. bc3 Na6?! 16.Nh4 g6 17.Bd5 Bd5 18.Rd5 0-0 19.Rad1** (and White is superior) **Nc7 20.Rd7 Ne6 21.Qe4 Qe8** [21...Qa6 22.Rf7 Rf7 23.Qa8 Nf8 24.Rd3 Qa3 25.Qd5 and White is superior; 25.Nf3!?] **22.Nf3 c4?** [22... Rd8 23.Qb7 and White is superior; 22...Nd4 23.Ne5! and White is superior] **23.Qh4!** and White is winning [23.Qc4 Nc5] **Nc5 24.Re7 Rd8** [24...Qa4 25.Rd6!] **25.Rf1 1-0 [RR]**

**3. M. Carlsen (2775) – L. Aronian (2737)**  
Bilbao 2008 — 104/114 [D47]

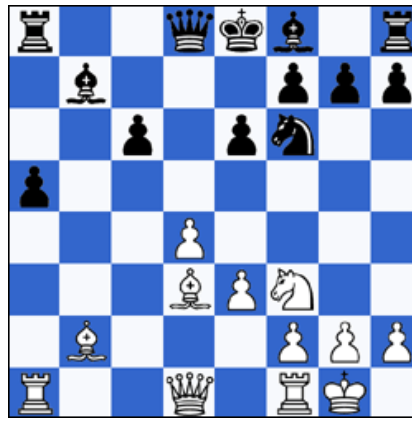
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**15.d5!?** [a novelty; 15.Qa4 see 101/(358)] **Nd5** [15...ed5 16.Qa4 with compensation, with initiative] **16.Ne5** (with compensation, development advantage) **Nf6** [16...Be7 17.Qh5! with the idea 17...g6 18.Bg6 fg6 19. Ng6 with attack] **17.Qa4 Bb4?! [17...Qd5 18.Be2 with the idea Bf3; 17... Qc7 18.Rfc1 with compensation] 18.Nc6 Bc6 19.Qc6 Ke7 20.Rfd1 Rc8 21.Qf3 Qb6 22.Bd4 Qb8 23.Ba6 Rcd8 24.Bb7 h5?! [24...e5 25.Bb6 with compensation, weak point Ke7] 25.h3 h4 26.Rab1!** (and White is winning) **e5 [26...Rh6 27.Rb4! ab4 28.Bc5 Ke8 29.Bc6] 27.Rb4! ab4 28. Bc5 Ke6 29.Ra1 Rd6 30.Bd6 Kd6 31.Qc6 Ke7 32.Ra8 Qd6 33.Qd6 Kd6 34.Rh8 b3 35.Ba6 Nd7 36.Rh4 Nc5 1-0 [RR]**

**4. L. Aronian (2757) – V. Kramnik (2772)**  
Dresden (ol) 2008 — 104/107 [D43]

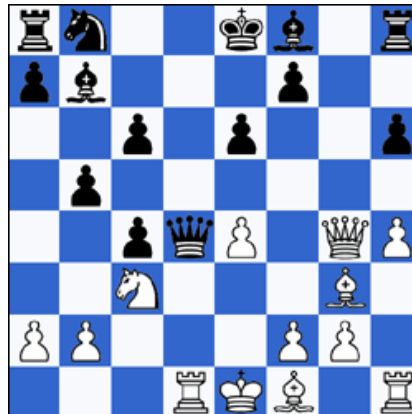
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.h4 g4 11.Ng4 Ng4 12.Qg4 Qd4 13.Rd1**



**13...Qf6!** [a novelty; 13...Qg7 see 104/106] **14.e5** [14.a4] **Qf5 15.Qd4 Be7 16.b3?** [better is 16.a4 unclear] **c5 17.Qe3?!** [17.Qd2 a6 18.bc4 b4 19.Ne2 Qe4 and Black is slightly better; 17.Qf4 Qf4 18.Bf4 a6 19.bc4 b4 and Black is slightly better] **Nc6!** (and Black is superior) **18.bc4** [18.Nb5 Nd4! and Black is superior] **Nb4 19.Qf4 Nc2 20.Ke2!** [20.Kd2 0-0-0 21. Kc1 Rd1 22.Nd1 Qg6! 23.Qd2 Nb4 and Black is winning] **Qf4** [20...Nd4 21.Rd4 cd4 22.Qf5 ef5 23.Nb5 and Black is slightly better] **21.Bf4 bc4** [21...Nd4!? 22.Rd4 cd4 23.Nb5 Rb8 24.Kd3 Bc5 and Black is superior] **22.f3 Nd4** [22...Nb4 23.Kf2 Nd5 24.Bd2 and Black is slightly better; 22... Ba6 23.Kf2 Nb4 24.Ne4 Nd3 25.Ke3 0-0-0 26.Bd3 cd3 27.Rb1 Rd5 and Black is superior] **23.Kf2 Bd5 24.h5 Rb8 25.Be2 Rb2** [25...Bd8 26.Rb1 Rb6; 25...Kf8! 26.Rd2 (26.Rh3 Kg7 27.Rg3 Kh7) Kg7 27.Rc1 Bd8 and Black is superior] **26.Rd2 Rd2 27.Bd2 f6?!** [27...Kd7 28.Bd1 Kc7 and Black is superior; 27...Bd8 28.Rb1 Bc7 29.Nd5 ed5 30.Rb7 Be5 31.Ra7 0-0 32.Rd7 Ra8 33.Rd5 Ra2 34.Bc4 Rd2 35.Ke3 Rc2 36.Bd3 Rg2 37.Re5 Rg5 and Black is superior] **28.ef6 Bf6 29.Rb1** (with counterplay) **Ne2** [29...Kd7 30.Bd1! Kd6 31.g4 with counterplay] **30.Ne2** [30.Ke2 Kd7! 31. Nd5 ed5 32.Rb7 Kc6 33.Ra7 Bb2 34.Ra6 Kb5 and Black is superior, with the idea 35.Rh6 Re8 36.Kd1 c3] **0-0?** [30...Kd7 31.Bc3 Rf8 (31...e5 32. Nf4) 32.Bf6 Rf6 and Black is slightly better] **31.Bh6 Bh4 32.Kg1 Rf5 33. Rb8 Kh7 34.Bd2 Rh5 35.Bc3 Bg5 36.Kf2** [36.g4 Rh4 37.Rh8 Kg6 38. Rg8 Kh6 equal] **Bh4** [36...Bh6 37.Rb5] **37.Kf1** [better is 37.Ke3 Bg5 38. Nf4 Bf4 39.Kf4 Rf5 40.Ke3 and White is slightly better] **Bg5 38.Ng3 Rh4 39.Rh8 Kg6 40.Rg8 Kh6 41.Rh8** [41.Ke2 Rd4! 42.Bd4 cd4] **Kg6** ½-½ [V.Kramnik]

**5. B. Gelfand (2720) – S. Rublevsky (2699)**  
Espana 2008 — 104/97 [D20]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Nc3 ed4 6.Nd4 Ne7 7.Bc4 Nbc6 8. Be3 0-0 9.a3 Bc3 10.bc3 Na5 11.Be2 Ng6 12.0-0 Qe7**



**13.Qa4!** [a novelty; 13.Qc2 see 54/377] **b6 14.Nf5 Bf5 15.ef5 Ne5 16. Rad1 Rad8 17.h3 Rd6?!** [17...Nb7 with the idea 18.Qa7?! Ne5 weak point Qa7] **18.Rd4 Nac6** [18...Qd7 19.Qd7 (19.Qc2!?) Rd7 20.Rd7 Nd7 21.Rd1 and White is superior] **19.Rd6** [19.Re4?! Qf6] **cd6** [19...Qd6 20. Qe4 Rd8 21.Rd1 and White is superior] **20.Rd1 Rc8** [20...Rd8 21.Qe4]

**21.Qe4 h6** [21...Qc7 22.f6!] **22.Ba6** [22.f4? Nc4! 23.Qe7 Ne7; 22.Qd5! Na5 23.Ba6 (23.Bd4 Nec6 24.Ba6 Rd8; 23.Qd6 Qd6 24.Rd6 Nac4 25.Rd5 Ne3 26.Re5 Nc2 and White is slightly better) Rc7 (23...Rc3 24.Bd2 Rc5 25.Qa8 Kh7 26.Bb4 and White is superior) 24.Qd6 Qd6 25.Rd6 Rc3 26.Rd8 Kh7 27.a4 and White is superior] **Rc7?!** [22...Rd8! a) 23.f4 d5! 24.Rd5 Nf3!; b) 23.Bb5 Na5 24.Bd4 (24.Bf4 Rc8; 24.Qd5 Qb7) f6 25.f4 (25.Re1 Qf7) d5 26.Qe2 Nec6 with counterplay; c) 23.Bf4 d5!? 24.Qa4 (24.Rd5 Rd5 25.Qd5 Qa3 26.Bb5 Qc3 27.Be3 with compensation) f6 and White is slightly better; d) 23.Qd5 Qf6 and White is slightly better] **23.Qd5** and White is superior [23.f4? Nc4 24.Qe7 Ne7] **Kh7** [23...Na5 24.Qd6 Qd6 25.Rd6 Rc3 26.Rd8 Kh7 27.a4 and White is superior; 23...Nb8 24.Bb5 Rc3 25.Qd6] **24.Bf4** [24.Qd6?? Rd7; 24.Be2 Na5 25.Qd6? Qd6 26.Rd6 Nac4 equal; 25.Bf4!?] **Qf6** [24...Nb8 25.Bb5 Rc3 26.a4 Rc5 27.Qd6 Qd6 28.Rd6 and White is superior] **25.Be2** [25.Qd6? Rd7; 25.Bf1!?] Rd7 26.Bb5 [26.Be5 Qe5 27.Qe5 Ne5 28.f4 Nc6 29.Bb5 Rc7 30.Rd6 Na5 and White is slightly better] **Rc7 27.Rd2 Ne7** [27...Rc8 28.Bg3 Ne7 29.Qd6 Qd6 30.Rd6 Nf5 31.Rd5 (31.Be5 Nd6 32.Bd6 Rc3 33.a4 and White is superior) f6 (31...Ng3 32.Re5) 32.Be5 fe5 33.Bd7 and White is superior] **28.Qd6 Qd6?** [28...Rc5 29.a4 Nf5 (29...Qf5 30.Be3) 30.Qf6 (30.Be5 Nd6 31.Bf6 Nb5 32.Be7 Re5 33.Bb4 a5 equal) gf6 31.Be5!? Re5 (31...fe5 32.Bd3) 32.Rd7 Kg7 (32...Re7? 33.Bd3!) 33.Ra7 Nd6 34.Bd3 Re1 (34...Rd5 35.Be2) 35.Kh2 Rd1 36.Be2 Rd2 37.Bh5 Rf2 38.Rd7 and White is superior] **29.Rd6 Rc5** [29...Rc3 30.Be5 Rc5 31.Bd3 Re5 32.f6 Ng6 33.Rd7 and White is winning] **30.a4 Nf5** [30...f6 31.Be5 Re5 32.Rd7] **31.Be5! Re5** [31...Nd6 32.Bd6 Rc3 33.Bb8 and White is winning] **32.Rd7 a5** [32...Kg8 33.Ra7 Nd6 34.Ra8 Kh7 35.Bd3; 32...Re7 33.Bd3! g6 (33...Rd7 34.Bf5) 34.Bf5 Re1 35.Kh2 gf5 36.Rf7 Kg6 37.Ra7] **33.Bd3 g6 34.Rf7 Kg8 35.Rf6 Ne7 36.Rb6 Kf7 37.Rb5 Re1 38.Kh2 Rc1 39.Rc5 Kf6 40.Be4 Nf5 41.Bf5 gf5 42.g4 1-0** [B.Gelfand]

## 6. B. Gelfand (2719) – A. Naiditsch (2678)

Dresden (ol) 2008 — 104/105 [D39]

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 dc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.Bc4 cd4 8.Nd4 Bc3 9.bc3 Qa5 10.Bb5 Nbd7 11.Bf6 Qc3 12.Kf1 gf6 13.h4 a6 14.Rh3 Qb4 15.Be2 Ne5**



**16.h5!?** [a novelty; 16.Rb1 see 97/(314)] **Bd7?** [16...b6?! 17.f4 Nc4 18.Nc6 Nd2 19.Kg1 Qc5 (19...Qe4 20.Qd2 Qc6 21.Rc3) 20.Kh1 Qc6 21.Qd2; 16...0-0 17.Rb1 Qd6 18.Qd2 with attack; 16...Qd6! unclear] **17.Rb3 Qd6 18.Rb7 Rd8 19.Nb3** [19.Nf3!? Bc6 (19...Qc6 20.Qb3) 20.Qd6 Rd6 and White is slightly better] **Qc6?** [19...Bc6 20.Qd6 Rd6 21.Rb8 (21.Rc7!?) Rd8 22.Rb4 and White is superior] **20.Rb4 Qc7** [20...Qa8 21.Qc2] **21.Rc1 Nc6** [21...Bc6 22.Qc2] **22.Kg1** [22.g3 with the idea 22...e5 23.Qc2! and White is superior] **Qf4** [22...Qe5 23.Rc5] **23.Rbc4 0-0** [23...Rg8? 24.Nc5 Ne5 25.Rd4 Ke7 26.Rc3] **24.R1c3** [24.Nc5 Ne5 25.Rd4? Ba4!; 25.Nb7; 24.e5! Qe5 25.Qd2! f5 (25...Ne7 26.Rd4 Nd5 27.Bf3) 26.Nc5 Be8 27.Nd3 and White is winning] **a5?** [24...Be8 25.Qc1 Qc1 26.Rc1 Ne5 27.Rb4 Bb5 (27...Nd3 28.Bd3 Rd3 29.h6) 28.Bb5 ab5 29.Rb5 and White is superior] **25.Qc1?!** [25.Rf3 Qh6 26.Rd3 Ne5 27.Rg3 Kh8 28.Rd4 a4 29.Nc5 Rc8 and White is superior; 25.e5! Qe5 26.Qd2! (26.Rd3 Nb4!) Ne7 27.Re3 Qb8 28.Rg3 and White is winning] **Qc1 26.Rc1 Ne5?**

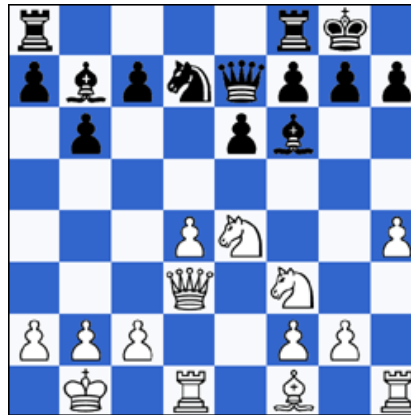


[26...Nb4! 27.Na5 Ra8 28.Rb4 Ra5 29.Rc2 (29.h6 Ra2 30.Bh5 Ra5!) Kg7 and White is superior] **27.Rd4** and White is winning [27.R4c3!? a4 28.Nc5 Be8 29.Rd1] **a4** [27...Bc6 28.Rd8 Rd8 29.f4 a4 30.fe5 ab3 31.Rc6; 27...Nc6 28.Rd7 Rd7 29.Rc6 a4 30.Nc5 (30.Nc1!?) Rd2 31.Bc4] **28.Nc5** [28.Na5!?] **Bc6** [28...Bc8 29.Rd8 (29.Rcd1 Rd4 30.Rd4 and White is winning) Rd8 30.Na4 and White is winning] **29.Rd8 Rd8 30.f4 Rd2** [30...Nd7 31.Ne6] **31.fe5 Re2 32.ef6 h6 33.Rd1 Kh7 34.Rd8 Be4** [34...Ra2 35.Ne6] **35.Kf1 1-0** [B.Gelfand]

**7. A. Morozevich (2787) – A. Riazantsev (2656)**

Russia (ch) 2008 — 104/60 [C13]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 de4 5.Ne4 Be7 6.Bf6 Bf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 b6 10.h4 Bb7 11.Kb1** [11.Neg5 see 80/(304)] **Qe7**

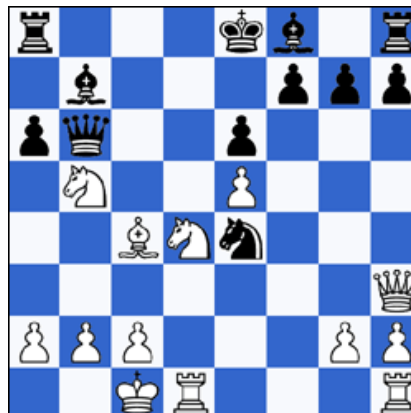


**12.Nfg5!** [a novelty; 12.Neg5] **Rfd8?!** [12...g6] **13.Nc5! Nf8 14.Nb7 Rd4 15.Qf3 Rd1 16.Qd1 h6 17.Ne4 Bb2!** (only move) **18.c3!** and White is slightly better [18.Kb2 Qb4 with the idea Qe4 with compensation] **Ba3 19.Qb3 Bd6 20.g3 f5 21.Nbd6 cd6 22.Nd2 d5 23.Qb4 Qc7 24.Bd3 Nd7 25.f4!** [25.Qe7 Qc6 with the idea Nc5] **Nc5 26.Bc2 b5 27.Rc1 a5 28.Qd4 Rc8 29.g4! Ne4** [29...fg4 30.f5!] **30.Ne4 fe4 31.f5!** (and White is superior) **Qd6** [better is 31...Qc3 32.Qc3 Rc3 33.fe6 Kf8] **32.fe6 Qe6 33.Bb3 Rd8 34.Rd1 Kh8 35.g5 e3 36.Bc2 1-0** [RR]

**8. B. Predojevic (2634) – K. Sasikiran (2684)**

Hrvatska 2008 — 104/56 [B96]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bf6 Nf6 11.e5 Bb7 12.Qh3 de5 13.Ncb5 Qb6 14.fe5 Ne4 15.Bc4**



**15...Bc5!** [a novelty; 15...Nf2 see 94/(189)] **16.Ne6** (only move) **fe6?** [16...ab5! 17.Bb5 Bc6 18.Ng7 Kf8 19.Ne6 fe6 20.Rhf1 Bf2 21.Qh6 Kf7 22.Bc6 Qc6 23.Rf2 Nf2 24.Qf6 Kg8 25.Qg5 Kf7 26.Qf6 equal] **17.Nd6 Nd6 18.Qe6 Kd8 19.ed6 Re8 20.Qg4!** and White is superior [with the idea Qg5, weak point Kd8; 20.Qf7?! Ra7 21.d7 (21.Qg7 Bd6) Rf8 22.Qg7 Qf6 only move (22...Qg6? 23.Qe5 and White is winning) 23.Qg3 Qf4 and

Black is slightly better] **Be3** [20...Bc6 21.Qg7 Ra7 22.Qf6 Kc8 23.Rhe1 Re1 24.Re1 Rd7 25.Be6 Bd6 26.Bd7 Bd7 27.Rd1 and White is superior] **21.Kb1 Qc5 22.Qg7?** [22.Bf7! Qg5 (only move) 23.Qb4 Bc6 (23...Qb5 24.Qb5 ab5 25.Be8 and White is winning) 24.Be8 and White is winning] **Qc4 23.b3?!** [23.Qb7 Ra7 24.Qf3 a) 24...Bf4 (K.Sasikiran) 25.b3! (25.Rd3 Be5 26.Re1 Rf7 27.Qa8 Qc8 28.Qd5 Qb7 29.Qa5 Kd7 unclear) Qe4 26.Qf2 Be3 (26...Rb7 27.Rd4 and White is winning; 26...Qe3 27.Qh4 Kc8 28.Rhe1 and White is winning) 27.Qf6 Kc8 28.Rhe1 and White is winning; b) 24...Rf7 25.Qa8 Qc8 26.Qd5 Rf2 27.Qb3 Kd7 28.Rhe1 and White is superior, with attack] **Qc5 24.Qb7 Ra7 25.Qf3 Bd4!** [weak point Qf3, diagonal a1-h8] **26.Rd3 Bg7 27.Rhd1 Qe5 28.c3 Qe4 29.Qe4 Re4 30.c4 Re5** unclear ½-½ [B.Predojevic]

#### 9. V. Kramnik (2772) – A. Shirov (2726)

Dresden (ol) 2008 — 104/115 [D47]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8. Bd3 Bb7 9.e4 b4 10.Na4 c5 11.e5 Nd5 12.0-0 cd4 13.Nd4 Be7 14.Re1 0-0 15.Qg4 Re8 16.Bb5** [16.Bh6 see 103/321] **Kh8**



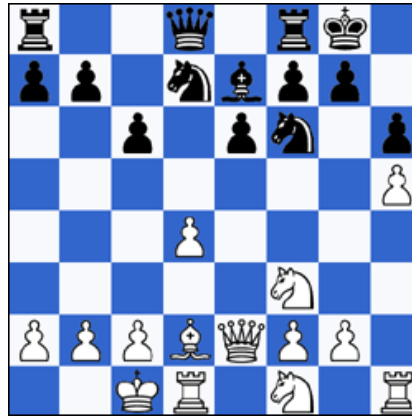
**17.Bd2!** [a novelty; 17.Nc6 Qc7 18.Ne7 Re7 19.Qc4 Qa5 equal] **a6** [17... Rc8] **18.Bc6 Bc6** [18...Qc7 19.Rac1!] **19.Nc6 Qc7 20.Rac1** [20.Ne7 Re7 21.Bb4 Ne5 22.Re5 Qe5 23.Be7 Ne7 24.Qf3 Rf8 equal, with the idea 25. Qb7 Qd6 26.Qb6 Qb6 27.Nb6 Rb8] **Qb7 21.Ne7** [21.b3 Bf8! 22.Na5 Qb5 equal] **Re7 22.b3** [with the idea Nb2-c4] **a5 23.Nb2!** [23.Qf3 Rc8 24.Rc4 Kg8 equal] **N7b6 24.Nc4** [24.Nd3 Rc7 25.Nc5 Qa7 26.Ne4 Rc1 27.Bc1 Qc7 28.Nd6 Nc3 29.a4 Nbd5 equal] **Nc4 25.bc4 f5** [25...Nb6 26.Re3! Nd7 27.Rh3 Nf8 28.Bg5 Rd7 29.Bf6! Ng6 30.Qh5 Qg2 31.Kg2 Nf4 32. Kf3 Nh5 33.Rh5 gf6 34.ef6 Rd3 35.Ke4 Ra3 36.Rc2 and White is superior; better is 25...Nc7 26.Bg5 Rd7 and White is slightly better, with the idea 27.Re3 Qc8! 28.Rh3 Qf8 29.c5 Nd5] **26.Qh4** [26.ef6 Nf6 27.Qg5 and White is slightly better] **Nb6 27.Re3! Rf7 28.Rh3** [28.Rd3 (with the idea Rd6) Nd7! 29.c5 Ne5 30.Rd6 Qc8 31.Bg5 Rd7] **g6** [28...h6 29.Bh6! (29.Qh5) gh6 30.Qh6 Rh7 31.Qf6 Qg7 32.Rh7 Kh7 33.Qe6 Qg5 34.Qf7 Kh6 35.Re1! Rg8 36.g3 Qg6 37.Qc7 Rg7 38.Qc5 Qe6 39.Qa5 and White is superior] **29.Rd3! Nd7** [29...Re8 30.Bh6 and White is superior] **30.Rd6** and White is superior [30.c5 Ne5 31.Rd6 Qe4 32.Qe4 fe4] **Qe4 31.Qe4** [31.Bf4 Rg8 32.f3] **fe4 32.Be3** [32.Re6! Nc5 (32...Rf5 33.c5 Ne5 34.c6) 33.Rd6 Kg8 34.Be3 Nd3 35.e6 Rf6 36.Rd1 and White is superior, with the idea 36...Re8 37.Ra6 Rfe6 38.Ra5] **Kg8 33.Re6** [33.Bd4 Rc8 34.c5 (34.Re6 Nc5) Nb8! 35.Re6 Nc6 36.Bb2 Re7 37.Re7 Ne7] **Rf5 34.c5** [34. Bd4 Kf7 35.Rc6 Ne5 36.Rc7 Kg8 37.Be5 Re5 38.Rd1 e3 39.fe3 Re3] **Ne5 35.c6** [better is 35.h3 Kf7 36.Rb6 and White is slightly better, with the idea 36...Rc8 37.Rc2] **Kf7 36.Rd6 Rf6! 37.Rf6** [37.Rd5 Rc6! 38.Re5 Rc1 39.Bc1 Rd8] **Kf6 38.c7 Re8 39.Re5** [39.f3 Nd3! (39...ef3 40.Bd4) 40. Rc6 Ke5 41.Rc4 ef3 42.gf3 Nb2 equal] **Nd3 40.Ra5 Rc7 41.h4 h5 42. Ra6 Kf7 43.Kh2 Rc3 44.Kg3** ½-½ [V.Kramnik]

#### 10. Rauf Mamedov (2631) – Bo. Vuckovic (2561)

Dresden (ol) 2008 — 104/183 [B19]

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 de4 4.Ne4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.**

h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bd3 10.Qd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.  
Nf1



**14...Nb6!?** [a novelty; Milos Pavlovic; 14...Qb6 see 103/72; 14...c5 see 103/(72)] **15.Kb1** [15.c4 c5 16.dc5 Nbd7 17.g4 (17.Ne5 Ne5 18.Qe5 Qc8 19.Be3 Ng4 and Black is slightly better) Nc5 18.Bc3 Qc7 and Black is slightly better; 15.g4 Qd5 a) 16.b3 Qe4 (16...Ng4 17.Rg1 Qh5 18.Ng3 unclear; 16...a5 17.g5 hg5 18.h6 Qe4 19.Ne3 Nfd5 and Black is slightly better) 17.Re1 Qe2 18.Re2 a5 and Black is slightly better; b) 16.Kb1 Nc4 (16...Ng4 17.Rg1 Nc4 18.Bc1; 16...Qb5 17.Qb5 cb5 18.Re1 unclear; 16...Qe4!?) 17.Ne3 Ne3 18.fe3 b5 unclear] **Na4!** [15...Qd5!?) **16.Ka1** [16.b3 a) 16...Qb6? 17.Qc4 and White is superior; b) 16...Nb6!? 17.g4 a5 18.g5 hg5 19.h6 (19.Ng5 a4) g6 20.Ng5 a4 unclear; c) 16...Ba3 17.c4 (17.c3 Nb6 18.Ne5 Be7 19.g4 Nfd7 20.f4 Ne5 21.de5 a5 22.Ng3 a4 23.b4 c5 24.g5 hg5 25.h6 g6 26.bc5 a3 unclear) b5! (17...c5 18.ba4 Qb6 19.Kc2 Qb2 20.Kd3 e5 21.Ng3 and White is superior) 18.ba4 bc4 19.Kc2 (19.Ka1 Rb8 20.Bc1 Bb4 21.Qc4 Ne4 unclear) Qd5 (19...Rb8 20.Qc4 Ne4 21.Rb1 Nf2 22.Rh4 Rb1 23.Kb1 Qc7 and White is slightly better) 20.Qe5 Qd7 21.Ne3 c5 with compensation; 16.Ne3 c5 17.dc5 Qc7 unclear; 16.Qc4 b5 (16...Nb6 17.Qe2 equal) 17.Qc6 Rc8 18.Qa6 (18.Qb5? Nb2! 19.Qb2 Rb8 and Black is superior) Ng4 19.Ba5 Qd7 20.Rd2 Nb2! 21.Ne5! Qd5! 22.Ng4 Nc4 23.Nge3 Na3 24.Kb2 Qa8! 25.d5 ed5 26.Nd5 Bc5 unclear] **c5 17.Bc1** [17.b3 Nb6 18.dc5 Bc5 19.Bh6 Nbd5 with compensation] **Qc7 18.g4** [18.dc5 Rfd8 19.N1d2 Qc5 20.c3 Rd5 and Black is slightly better] **Rad8 19.g5 hg5 20.Ng5** [20.h6 g6 21.Ng5 cd4 22.Nh2 Nh7 unclear] **cd4 21.Rg1 Rd5! 22.h6 g6 23.Ng3 Nc5** [23...Rc8!? 24.Ne6 fe6 25.Qe6 Kh8 and Black is slightly better] **24.h7 Kh8** [24...Nh7 25.Nh7 Kh7 26.Rh1 Kg8 27.f4 Bf6 28.Qh2 Rc8 29.f5 ef5 30.Bg5 Bg7 and Black is superior] **25.f4 Qd6 26.Qh2 d3** (and Black is superior) **27.c4 Rd4 28.Qh6 d2 29.Bd2 Rd2 30.Rd2** [30.Qf8 Bf8 31.Nf7 Kh7 32.Nd6 Rd6 and Black is superior] **Qd2 31.f5 Qd8** [better is 31...Qf2 32.Rh1 Qg3 33.fg6 (33.Qf8 Bf8 34.Nf7 Kg7 35.h8Q Kf7 and Black is winning) fg6 34.Qg6 Qf2 35.Nf7 Rf7 36.Qf7 Qg2 37.Rd1 Qg7 and Black is winning] **32.fg6 fg6 33.Qg6 Qe8 34.Qc2 Nfd7 35.N3e4 Ne4 36.Ne4 Qf7 37.a3 Bf6 38.Qg2 Qg7** [38...Bd4 39.Rd1 e5 and Black is winning] **39.Qf2 Qe7** [39...Be5! 40.Rg7 Rf2 41.Rd7 Rb2 and Black is winning] **40.Nf6 Nf6 41.Qa7 e5** (and Black is superior) **42.Qe3 Nh7 43.Rh1 Rf5 44.Qe4 Qf7 45.Qd3 Kg7 46.Qh3 Qg6 47.c5 Nf6! 48.Rc1 Qg4 49.Qh1 Qf3 50.Rg1 Kf7 51.Qh8 Qc6 52.Qg7 Ke6 53.Rd1 Qc5 54.Qb7 e4** (and Black is winning) **55.Qb3 Rd5 56.Re1 Qf2 57.Qh3 Ke7 58.Qc3 Qc5 59.Qb3 Qb5 60.Qc2 Qd3 61.Qc7 Rd7 62.Qf4 Qc2 63.Ka2 Rd1 64.Qe5 Kf7 65.Rd1 Qd1 66.Qc7 Ke6 67.b3 Qd2 0-1** [Bo.Vuckovic]

## E34

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cd5 Qd5 6.Nf3 Qf5									
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Qb3 <sup>1</sup>	Bd2 <sup>2</sup>	h3 <sup>3</sup>	g4	Rc1	a3	Bc3	Qd5	Bd2
	Nc6	0-0	b6 <sup>4</sup>	Qa5	Bb7	Bc3	Qd5	Nd5	Nf6 <sup>5</sup>
	...	a3	e3 <sup>7</sup>	Be2 <sup>8</sup>	ed4	0-0	Rd1	Bd3	Be2 <sup>11</sup>

and White is  
slightly better



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7.Qa4 Nc6 8.a3 Bc3 9.bc3 Nd7 equal; Romanishin

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8.a3?! Ba5 [8...Bc3 9.Qc3 Ne4 10.Qe3 0-0 11.g3 Qa5 12.Bd2 Nd2 13.Qd2 Qb6 14.Qc3 Rd8 15.e3 e5! 16.Ne5 Ne5 17.de5 Bg4 18.Bd3 Rd5 equal; Stohl - Cao Sang, Magyarország 2001 see 81/(441)] 9.e3 0-0 10.Qb5 e5 11.Bd3 Qg4 12.0-0 a6 13.Qb3 (A.Beliavsky - N.Short, Las Vegas (m/1) 1999 see 76/(486)) ed4 and Black is slightly better; A.Beliavsky

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9.e3



a) 9...Bd6 10.Nb5 Ne4 11.Bd3 Nd2 12.Nd2 Qg5 13.0-0 Qe7 14.a3 a6 15.Nd6 cd6 16.Qb6 and White is slightly better; Dao Thien Hai - Korchnoi, Moscow (ol) 1994;

b) 9...Rd8 (Ivanchuk - V.Anand, Monaco (blindfold) 1996) 10.Bb5! and White is slightly better; Ivan Sokolov;

c) 9...a6 10.Be2 Bd6 11.Nh4! Qg5 12.g3 Ne8 13.f4 Qd8 14.Nf3 and White is slightly better; Kobalia - Sadvakasov, Russia 2005

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**9...Bc3** 10.Bc3 Ne4 11.g4 Qd5 12.Bg2 [12.Qd5 ed5 13.Rc1 f5 14.gf5 Bf5 15.Nd2 Rae8 16.Ne4 Be4 17.Rh2 Nd8 18.Kd2 Ne6 19.h4 h5 20.f3 Bf5 21. Re1 c6 22.e3 Rf7 23.Be2 g6 24.Bd1 and White is slightly better; Arun Prasad - Turova, Dubai 2009] Nc3 13.bc3 Ne7 14.0-0 and White is slightly better; Bareev - Jan Timman, Leon (rapid) 2008 see 104/(146);

**9...a5** 10.g4 Qg6 11.a3 Bc3 12.bc3 a4 13.Qb2 Qe4 14.Bg2 Qd5 15.0-0 Na5 16.Ne5 Qb3 17.Qc1 and White is slightly better; E.Gasanov - P. Maletin, Russia 2009;

**9...Rd8!?** 10.g4 Qa5 [10...Qg6 11.Rc1 V.Anand] 11.e3 e5 12.Bc4 ed4 13. Bf7 Kf8 14.ed4 Rd7 15.Bc4 b5 16.Be2 Nd4 17.Nd4 Rd4 18.0-0-0 Bb7 19. Be3 Rdd8 20.Rhg1 and White is slightly better; Laznicka - S.Azarov, Ostrava 2009

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**15...Rfd8!?** 16.e3 Rac8 V.Anand;

**15...Nf6** 16.Rg1 and White is slightly better; **V.Anand - Kramnik, Bonn (m/6)** 2008 see 104/146

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8...Bc3 9.Qc3 Nbd7 10.g3 Ne4 [10...cd4 11.Nd4 Qd5 12.Nf3 b6 13.Bg2 Ba6 14.0-0 Rc8 unclear; Chernin - Spraggett, Bern 1995] 11.Qe3 b6! 12. dc5 Ndc5 13.b4 Na4 14.Bh3 Qd5 15.Bg2 Bb7 16.Nd2 f5 17.Ne4 fe4 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rb1 Rac8 20.Bb2 Nb2 21.Rb2 Rfd8 22.Rb3 Qd4 23.Bh3 (Bareev - A.Beliavsky, Linares 1994 see 60/508) Qe5 equal; Bareev

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**9.Qb5** Nc6 10.Qc5 Qc5 11.dc5 Ne4 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.b4 Nb3 14.Rd1 Nd2 15.Nd2 Bc7 equal; Romanishin;

**9.Qc4!?** Bc3 [9...Nc6 10.dc5 Qd5 11.Nd2 Qc4 12.Nc4 Bc3 13.bc3 Ne4 14.g3 Nc5 15.Be3 and White is slightly better; Alterman - Yudasin, Israel 1996 see 66/463; 9...Nbd7 10.b4 and White is slightly better; Ivan Sokolov] 10.Qc3 see 8...Bc3

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10.Bb5 0-0 11.Bc6 bc6 12.0-0 Ba6 equal; Yudasin

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**11...Qe4** 12.Bd2 Bc3 13.bc3 0-0 14.Be3 Na5 15.Qb5 b6 16.Nd2 Qg6 unclear; A.Onischuk - N.Short, Wijk aan Zee 1995; 12.Qd1! and White is slightly better; Yudasin;

**11...Qd5** 12.Bc4 Qe4 13.Be3 (Shabalov - Romanishin, Bad Godesberg 1994 see 59/590) Nd5 14.0-0 Bc3 15.bc3 Ne3 16.Rfe1 Qc2 17.fe3 Qb3 18.Bb3 Na5 19.Ba2 b6 equal; Romanishin

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Rechlis - Yudasin, Israel (ch) 1994 see 62/(556)

## 11

15.Be3 Rd8 16.Bg5 f6 unclear

## 12

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