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The Most Important Novelty of Informant 105

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In last month's [column](#) we presented the ten best games of Chess Informant #105. The winner of which was Dominguez's game against Morozevich from Wijk aan Zee 2009. Well, it was this very same game that the Chess Informant jury voted as the most important theoretical novelty of Chess Informant #105, topping the chart by a twenty point margin over its nearest rival.

Since we annotated that game last month, I would like to bring to the attention of our readers three games by players who do not happen to be among the chess world's elite, yet still received votes from our jury.

The game Sjugirov – M. Brodsky, where White found 19.Rd6! in the poisoned pawn variation of the Najdorf, was voted as seventh. Incidentally, this same move was later played by Shirov, who achieved an effective victory as a result.

I was also very impressed by the novelty 12.dc5 followed by the sacrifice 13.Bh7!!, which the French grandmaster Eric Prié played in two games.

The novelty 34...Kd5! was played by GM Marin in the ending of bishop plus three pawns versus six pawns. Marin showed that this ending is not lost for Black, as was the case in the game I. Novikov – Tukmakov (34...e4 35.Bc6 Ke5 36.h4!+-) from the 1984 USSR Championship.

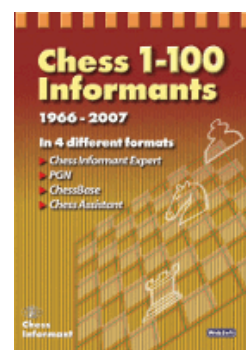
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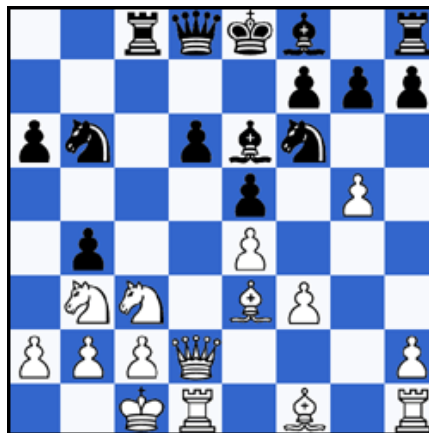
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2. B. GELFAND — SERGEY KARJAKIN	124	10	6	10	6	4	5	41
3. KASIMDZHANOV — B. GELFAND	140	5	—	9	5	5	9	33
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12. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ — ARONIAN	103	—	10	—	—	—	—	10
13. MAMEDYAROV — I. KURNOSOV	150	2	—	—	—	—	8	10
14. FROL'YANOV — SHARAFEV	249	—	—	—	—	4	6	10
15. J.-M. DEGRAIVE — I. SMIRNOV	(204)	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
16. ARONIAN — IVANCHUK	(166)	—	2	—	3	—	4	9
17. V. TOPALOV — KAMSKY	82	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
18. SHIROV — E. VOROBYOV	87	—	—	3	—	3	—	6
19. VITUGOV — E. ROMANOV	132	—	3	—	1	—	1	5
20. RUBLEVSKY — SERGEY YOLKOV	80	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
21. B. GELFAND — IVANCHUK	18	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
22. V. TOPALOV — KAMSKY	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
23. CARUANA — D. NAVARA	(112)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
24. KOŽUL — VITUGOV	129	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
25. N. RISTOVIĆ — KARMAĽI	199	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
26. SHLAKICH — SOLOVJOVA	211	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
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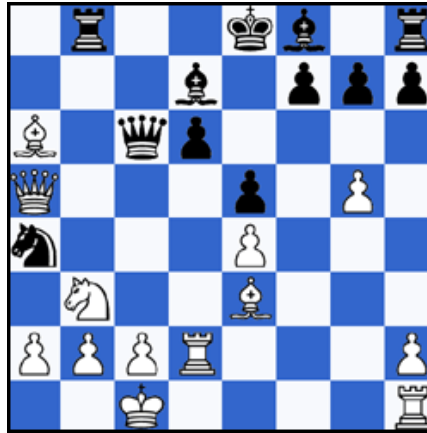
1. L. Dominguez Perez 2717 – A. Morozevich 2771
 Wijk aan Zee 2009 — 105/73 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3
 Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.f3 b5 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.g4 Nb6 12.g5 b4 [12...
 Nh5 see 101/(166)]



13.Na4!! [a novelty; 13.Nb1] Ne4 [13...Na4 14.gf6 Qf6 (14...gf6 15.
 Qb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 and White is slightly better; 16.Bd3 and White is
 superior) 15.Ba6 Rb8 16.Na5 and White is superior] 14.fe4 Na4 15.
 Qb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 Bd7 [16...Nc5 17.Nc5 dc5 18.Qa4 Qc6 19.Qa6 c4
 20.Qc6 Rc6 21.c3 and White is slightly better] 17.Qa5 Qc6 [17...
 Qa5 18.Na5 Be7 19.Rg1 Nc5 20.Bc5 Rc5 21.b4 Rc7 22.Ba6 and
 White is slightly better] 18.Ba6 Rb8 [18...Qe4?? 19.Bc8! Qh1 (19...
 Bc8 20.Qb5 Ke7 (only move) 21.Re1 and White is winning) 20.Rd1
 Qc6 21.Bd7 Qd7 (21...Kd7 22.Qa4 Qa4 23.Nc5 and White is
 winning) 22.Qa8 Ke7 (only move) 23.Na5! and White is winning;

18...Ra8 19.Bb5 Qe4 (19...Ra5? 20.Bc6 Ra6 21.Bb7 and White is winning) 20.Bd7 Kd7 21.Qb5 (21.Qa4? Ra4 22.Nc5 Ke7! 23.Ne4 Re4 24.Rd3 Ke6 and Black is slightly better) Qc6 22.Qc6 Kc6 23. Rf2 and White is slightly better]



19.Rd5! [and White is slightly better, with the idea Re5, weak point Ke8, Rb8, Na4] **Be7** (only move) **20.Ba7 Ra8** [20...Bg5 21.Kb1 Bd8 22.Qd2 Rb3 23.ab3 Qa6 24.Be3 and White is slightly better] **21.Bb5 Qb7 22.Qa4 Ra7 23.Na5 Qc7** [23...Bg5 24.Kb1 Qc7 25. Rhd1 0-0 26.Bd7 Qd7 27.Qd7 Rd7 28.Nc4 and White is superior] **24.Rhd1 Bb5?! 25.Qb5 Kf8** only move [25...Qd7?? 26.Qb8 Bd8 27.Rd6 and White is winning] **26.Kb1!** (and White is superior) **g6 27.Nc4 Rb7 28.Qa4 Qb8** [28...Kg7 29.Nd6 Bd6 30.Rd6 h6 31.Rd7 Qb6 32.Rb7 Qb7 33.Rd7 Qb6 34.gh6 Rh6 35.b4 Rh2 36.Qb3 Rf2 37.a4 and White is superior] **29.b3 Ra7 30.Qc6 Rc7 31.Rb5! Qa7** [31...Rc6 32.Rb8 Kg7 33.Rh8 Kh8 34.a4 and White is winning] **32. Qd5 Qf2 33.Qd2** (and White is winning) **Qf3** [33...Qd2 34.Rd2 Bg5 35.Rd6 Bf4 36.Rd8 Kg7 37.Rh8 Kh8 38.h3] **34.Nd6 Bg5 35. Nf5! Rc8 36.Rb8! 1-0** [Dominguez Perez, J.Ibarra]

2. B. Gelfand 2733 – Sergey Karjakin 2721 Nalchik 2009 — 105/124 [D15]]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.e3 b5 6.c5 Nbd7 7.a3 a5



8.Qc2! [a novelty; M.Rodshtein; 8.Bd2 see 102/283] **Qc7** [8...e5 9. de5 Ng4 10.Nd4 Nde5 11.Ncb5 and White is superior; 8...g6!? 9.e4 de4 10.Ne4 Bg7 unclear] **9.e4 Ne4 10.Ne4 de4 11.Qe4 Nf6 12.Qe5 Qe5 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.a4!** [weak point c4] **b4 15.Bf4** [15.Bc4 Nd5] **Nd7?** [15...Nd5 16.Bg3 g6] **16.Nc4** [16.d5?! Ne5 17.Be5 f6 18.Bg3 cd5 19.Bb5 Kf7 20.c6 Bc8 unclear] **Ba6** [16...g6 17.Bc7 and White is superior] **17.Nb6** [17.d5!? cd5 18.Nb6 Ra7 (18...Bf1 19.Na8 Bg2 20.c6 and White is winning; 18...Nb6 19.cb6 and White is superior) 19.Nd5 Bf1 20.Kf1 a) 20...e6?! 21.Nc7 Kd8 22.c6; b) 20...e5 21.

Be3 Nc5 22.Rc1 (22.Ke2!? with compensation) Rd7 (22...Nb3 23. Rc8 Kd7 24.Nb6 Ke6 25.Ke2) 23.Nb6 Nb3 24.Nd7 Nc1 25.Ne5 and White is slightly better; c) 20...Nc5 21.Ke2 (21.Be3 e6; 21.Nc7 Kd8 22.Nb5 Rd7 23.Ke2 e5) e6 22.Nc7 Ke7 23.Rhd1 (23.Nb5!?) Nb3 24. Rab1 with compensation] **Ra7 18.Ba6 Ra6 19.Nc4** [weak point a5] **Ra7 20.0-0 e6 21.Be5!?** [21.Rhe1 a) 21...Nf6?! 22.Bb8 Rb7 (22... Ra6 23.Bc7) 23.Be5 Ra7 24.f4; b) 21...Be7 22.Be5 0-0 23.f4 Rd8 24.Kc2 (24.f5 ef5) g6 25.g4 and White is slightly better] **Nf6** [21... Ne5 22.Ne5 Rc7 23.f4 g6 24.Nc4 Ra7 25.g4 Bh6 26.Rhf1 Ke7 27. Kc2 and White is slightly better] **22.Bb8** [22.Bf6?! gf6 23.Kc2 h5 and White is slightly better] **Rb7 23.Bg3 Ra7 24.Bb8 Rb7 25.Be5 Ra7 26.f4!?** **Nd5** [26...Ne4 27.Rhe1 f5 28.g4 Nf2 (28...Kf7 29.Re2 and White is winning) 29.gf5! Nd1 30.Kd1 and White is winning; better is 26...Be7 27.f5 (27.Bf6 Bf6 28.Nd6 Kf8 29.g4 and White is slightly better) ef5 28.Rhf1 Nd5 29.Rf5 (29.Bg7 Rg8 30.Bh6 Rg2 31. Rf5 Rh2) f6 30.Bb8 Ra8 31.Bg3 (with the idea Nb6) Bd8 and White is slightly better] **27.Rhe1 f6** [27...Kd7 28.Bb8 Rb7 (28...Ra8 29. Ne5) 29.Bd6 (29.Ne5 Kc8 30.Nc6 Rb8 31.Nb8 Kb8 32.f5 Nc7) f6 30. Bf8 Rf8 31.b3 Ra7 32.g3 and White is superior] **28.Bd6!** [28.Bb8 Ra8 29.Bd6 Bd6 30.Nd6 Kd7 31.g3 b3 32.Rd3 Rhb8 33.Rf1 Rb4 34. Rff3 Ra4 35.Rb3 Rd4 36.Rb7 Nc7 equal] **Kd7** [28...Bd6 29.Nd6 Kd7 30.g3] **29.g3** [29.Nb6!? Nb6 30.cb6 Bd6!? (30...Rb7 31.Bc5 Bd6 32.g3 h5 33.Re2 h4 34.Rde1 hg3 35.hg3 Rh5 and White is slightly better) 31.ba7 Bf4 32.Kc2 Ra8 33.Re4 Bd6 34.Rde1 e5!?) (34...Ra7 35.Re6 Be5 36.R6e5 fe5 37.Re5 and White is slightly better Kd6 38.Kd3 Rf7 39.Ra5 Rf2 40.Rg5 Rb2 41.Rg7; 38...h6) 35. Rh4 h6 36.Rg4 g5 37.Rd1 Ke6 and White is slightly better] **Bd6 30. Nd6** [weak point e6] **b3!** [weak point b4] **31.Re2** [31.Re4 f5] **Rb8 32.Rde1 Rb4** [32...Nb4 33.Kd2 Nc2 34.Rd1 Nd4 (34...Rb4 35.Kc3 with the idea 35...Ra4 36.Kb3 and White is winning; 34...g6 35.Kc3 and White is superior) 35.Re4 Nc2 36.Nc4! (with the idea Kc3) Nb4 (36...Ke7 37.Kc3 and White is superior) 37.Rde1 e5 38.fe5 f5 39.e6 Ke7 40.Rh4 Kf6 41.Ne5 and White is superior] **33.Re6** [33. f5?! Ra4 (33...ef5? 34.Re8 Ra4 35.Kb1 Rd4 36.Rg8 Rg4 37.Rf8 and White is winning) 34.fe6 Kd8 35.Kb1 g6 unclear] **Ra4 34.Kb1 Ra8!** [34...Rd4 35.Re8 (and White is winning) h5 36.Rg8 Ne7 37.Rg7 Kd8 38.Nf5]



35.Ne8?! [35.Nb5? cb5 36.Rd6 Kc7 37.Rd5 Rd8 and Black is slightly better; 35.Nf5! Kc7 (35...g6?! 36.Ne7 Rd4 37.Rd6 Kc7 38. Rc6 Kb7 39.Rd6 Re8 40.c6 Ka8 41.c7) a) 36.Ng7 Rd4 (36...Kb7 37. Nf5 Ra2 38.Ne3; 36...Rd8 37.R1e4 Rc4 38.Ne8 Kb8 39.Nd6 Rc2 40. Re2) 37.Rf6 Kb7 38.Rfe6 Rg8 and White is slightly better; b) 36. Ne7! Nb4 37.R1e3 Rd8 38.Nf5! and White is winning, with the idea 38...Rd5 39.Nd6] **Rd4 36.Rd6** [36.Ng7 Rc4 (36...Rd2!? 37.Rd6 Kc8 38.Re8 Kb7 39.Rd7 Ka6 40.Ra8 Kb5 41.Rb8 Kc4 42.Rd5 cd5 43.Kc1 Rc2 44.Kd1 a4! 45.c6 Kd3 46.Ne6 Rc6 47.f5 Rc2 48.Nf4 Ke4 49.Re8 Kf3 equal, with the idea 50.Re2 a3 51.ba3 Ra2 and Black is winning) 37.Rd6 Kc7 38.Ne6 Kb7 equal] **Kc8 37.Rc6 Kb7**

38.Rce6 Rd3? [38...Rd2! 39.c6 (39.Nd6 Kc7 40.Nb5 Kb7 equal; 39.Ng7 a4; 39.Rc1 Rh2 40.c6 Ka7 see 39.c6) Ka7 40.Rc1 Rh2 a) 41.c7 Rc2 42.Rc2 bc2 43.Kc2 (43.Kc1 Kb7 44.Ng7 Kc7) Nc7 44.Re7 Re8 45.Rc7 Kb6 equal; b) 41.Ng7 Rc8 42.Rd6 Nb4 equal] **39.c6 Ka7 40.c7** [40.Rc1 a4 41.c7 see 40.c7] **a4** [40...Rd2 41.Rc1 Rc2 42.Rc2 bc2 43.Kc2 Rc8 44.Kd2 Nc7 45.Re7 Kb6 46.Ng7 and White is winning; 40...Rc8 41.Rc1 and White is winning] **41.Rc1** (and White is winning) **a3** [41...Nb6 42.Rb6 Re8 43.Rb4 Rc8 44.Ra4 Kb7 45.Rb4 Ka7 46.f5 Rd7 47.Rb3 Rcc7 and White is superior; 42.Ng7] **42.ba3** [42.c8Q?? a2 (42...Rc8 with the idea 43.Rc8 Rd1 44.Rc1 a2 45.Ka1 Rc1 mate) 43.Ka1 Rc8 and Black is winning; 42.Nd6 a2 43.Ka1 Nb6] **Nc3 43.Rc3 Rc3 44.Kb2!** [44.Nd6 Rc7 45.Nb5 Kb7 46.Nc7 Kc7 with counterplay] **Re8** [44...Rc5 45.Nd6 Rc7 46.Nb5 Kb7 47.Nc7 Kc7 48.Re7 Kd6 49.Rg7] **45.Kc3 1-0** [B.Gelfand]

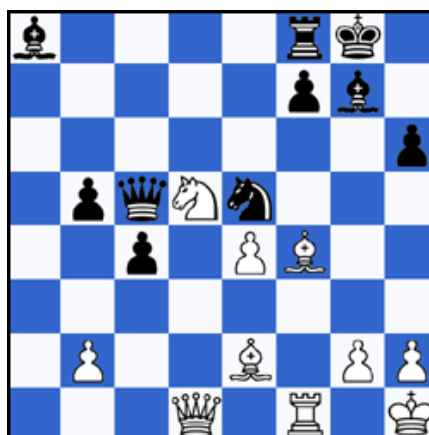
3. R. Kasimdzhanov 2695 – B. Gelfand 2733

Nalchik 2009 — 105/140 [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



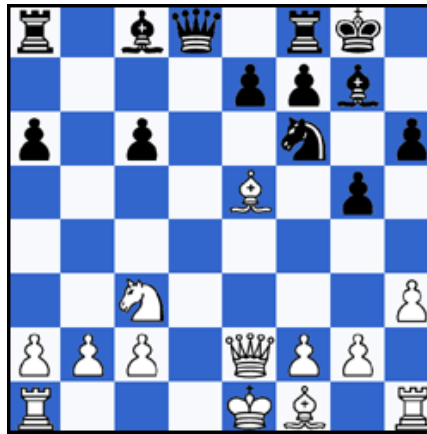
9...Nbd7!? (a novelty) **10.Nc6** [10.Nd7!?] **Qb6 11.d5** [11.Ne5 Bb7 12.f3 Rd8 with counterplay] **Bb7 12.a4 a6 13.Be2** [13.h4!?] **Bg7** [13...Ne4? 14.Ne4 ed5 15.Ne5 and White is superior; 13...Bc6 14.dc6 Qc6 15.e5 with compensation] **14.de6 Bc6 15.ed7 Nd7 16.ab5** [16.Nd5 Bd5 17.Qd5 Rd8 and Black is superior; 16.Qd6! (M. Golubev) Rd8 17.ab5! ab5 18.0-0 with the idea 18...Nc5?? 19.Ra8!! Ra8 20.Nd5 and White is winning] **ab5 17.Ra8 Ba8 18.0-0 Ne5** [18...Nc5 19.Nd5 Bd5 20.Qd5 0-0 21.Bd6 and White is superior] **19.Nd5** [19.h4 0-0 20.hg5 hg5 21.Qd2 Qg6 equal] **Qc5** [19...Bd5? 20.Qd5 0-0 21.Be5 Rd8 22.Bc7! Qc7 23.Qb5 and White is superior] **20.Kh1?** [20.Qd2 0-0 21.h4 equal; 20.b4! Qd6 with counterplay] **0-0 21.f4 gf4 22.Bf4** [22.Rf4 f5]



22...f5! (and Black is superior) **23.b4?** [23.Be3 Qd6 24.b3!? (24. Qa1 Bd5 25.ed5 Qd5 and Black is superior; 24.Nf4 Qd1 25.Rd1 Be4 26.Ne6 Ra8 27.Ng7 Kg7 and Black is superior) fe4 25.Rf8 Kf8 26.bc4 Nc4 27.Qf1 Kg8 28.Bc4 bc4 29.Nb6 Qd3 (29...c3 30.Qc4! Kh7 31.Na8 Qd3 32.Qc5 equal; M.Golubev) 30.Qf5 Bb7 31.Nc8 Bc8 32.Qc8 Kf7 33.Qf5 Bf6 34.Qh5 Ke7 35.Bc5 Kd7 and Black is superior] **Qd6 24.Bf3 fe4** [24...Rd8 and Black is winning] **25.Be4 Rd8 26.Rf2** [26.Bg5 hg5 27.Qh5 Qh6; 26.Qh5 Bd5 27.Rd1 Be4 (27...Qe6 28.Be5 Rf8 and Black is winning) 28.Rd6 Rd6 29.Be5 Bg6 and Black is winning] **c3 27.Rf3 Bd5 28.Rd3 Nd3 0-1** [B. Gelfand]

4. L. Dominguez Perez 2717 – Sergey Karjakin 2706
Wijk aan Zee 2009 — 105/71 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bc1 Nf6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Bg7 12.h3 Nf6 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Nc6 bc6 15.e5 de5 16.Be5 0-0



17.g4! [a novelty; 17.h4 see 89/(226)] **a5 18.h4** [18.Bg2!?] **Bg4** [18...Ng4 19.Bg7 Kg7 20.hg5 hg5 21.f3 Nh6 unclear] **19.f3 Bf5 20.hg5 hg5 21.Qe3 a4** [21...Bc2 22.Qg5 Bg6 23.Rd1 Qc8 24.Bh3 a) 24...Qb7? 25.Be6! fe6 26.Qg6 Qb2 27.Bd4 (RR 27.f4 and White is winning; Sergey Karjakin) e5 28.Rd2 Qc1 29.Nd1 Qd2 (only move) 30.Kd2 ed4 31.Nf2 and White is superior; b) 24...Nh7 25.Qg1 e6 26. Bg7 (RR 26.Rd6!? with the idea Be6) Kg7 27.Qd4 Kg8 28.Rg1 and White is slightly better] **22.Qg5 Bg6 23.Bd3 a3 24.b4** [RR 24.0-0-0! ab2 25.Kb1 Qa5 26.Bc4! e6 27.f4 Nh7 28.Rh7 Be5 (28...Kh7 29. Ne4 and White is winning) 29.f5 and White is winning; Sergey Karjakin] **Qb6**



25.Rh4? [25.Ke2!! Qb4 (25...Nh7?? 26.Rh7! Kh7 27.Rh1 Kg8 28. Bg7 Kg7 29.Qh6 Kf6 30.Ne4 Ke6 31.Nc5 and White is winning) 26. Rab1 Qc5 27.f4 (27.Bf6 Qg5 28.Bg5 Bc3 29.Rb7 Ra5 30.f4 Bd3 31.

Kd3 Bf6 equal) Rad8 28.Bf6 Qg5 29.Bg5 a) 29...Bc3 30.f5 Rd3 (30...Bh7 31.Rbg1 Kh8 32.Be7 Rfe8 33.f6 and White is winning) 31. Kd3 Bf6 32.fg6 Bg5 33.gf7 Kf7 34.Rhf1 Bf6 35.Rb6 Rd8 36.Kc4 Rd4 37.Kb3 and White is winning; b) 29...Rd3 30.cd3 Bc3 31.Rhg1 and White is superior] **Nh7! 26.Rh7 Kh7 27.0-0-0** [RR 27.Kd2! Qf2 (27...Be5 28.Rh1 Kg7 29.Bg6 Bc3 30.Kc3 fg6 31.Qe7 Rf7 32.Qe5 Rf6 33.Qe7 equal) 28.Ne2 Qf3 29.Bg7 Kg7 30.Nf4 Rad8 31. Re1 Rd3 32.cd3 Rd8 33.Qe5 Kg8 34.Re3 Qf2 35.Re2 equal; Sergey Karjakin] **Qb4** (and Black is slightly better) **28.Rh1 Kg8 29.Bg7?** [29.Bg6 a) 29...Qb2?? 30.Kd2 fg6 (30...Rad8 31.Ke2! fg6 32.Qg6 Rf6 (only move) 33.Qh7 Kf7 34.Rg1 Rg8 35.Bf6 ef6 36.Qh5 Kf8 37.Qc5 Kf7 38.Qa7 Ke6 39.Kd3! Rd8 40.Kc4 and White is winning) 31. Qg6 Rf6 (only move) 32.Qh7 Kf7 (32...Kf8 33.Rg1 Bh6 34.Ke2! Ke8 35.Rb1 and White is winning) 33.Rg1 Rg8 34.Bf6 ef6 35.Qh5 Ke7 36.Qc5 Kf7 37.Qc4 Kf8 38.Rb1 Bh6 39.Kd3 and White is winning; b) 29...fg6 30.Qg6 Rf6 31.Qd3 (only move) Kf7 32.Rg1 Ra5 33.Bf6 Qf4 34.Kd1 Qf6 b1) 35.Kd2? Rc5! 36.Ne4 Qh6 37.Ke2 Qh2 38.Kf1 Rc2 and Black is winning; RR 39.Ng5 Ke8 (39...Kg8 40.Qb3 Kh8 41.Nf7 Kh7 42.Qd3 Kg8 43.Nh6 Qh6 44.Qc2) 40.Qg6 Kd8 41.Qd3 Kc8 42.Qa6 Kc7 (42...Kb8 43.Qb6 equal) 43.Qa7 equal; b2) 35.Qc4 (only move) Kf8 (35...e6 and Black is superior) 36.Ne2 Qf3 37.Qf4 Qf4 38.Nf4 Kf7 and Black is superior] **Kg7 30. Qh6 Kf6** (only move, and Black is winning) **31.Ne4** [31.Bg6 fg6 (31...Qb2?? 32.Kd2 fg6 33.Qf4 Kg7 (only move) 34.Qe5 Rf6 (only move) 35.Qe7 Rf7 36.Qe5 Rf6 37.Qe7 equal) 32.Ne4 Ke6! (32... Ke5?? 33.Qg5 Rf5 (only move) 34.Qg3 Kd5 35.Qg6 Qb2 36.Kd2 Qd4 37.Ke2 Rf3 38.Rh5 e5 39.Kf3 Qd1 40.Ke3 Qe1 equal) 33.Qg6 Kd7 (only move) 34.Rd1 Kc7 35.Qg3 Kb6 36.Qg1 c5 37.Rd3 Rg8 38.Qe3 Qb2 39.Kd2 Rg2 40.Nf2 (40.Ke1 Qb1 41.Rd1 Qb4 42.c3 Qc4) Qb4 41.Ke2 (41.Kc1 Rg1 42.Nd1 Re1 43.Qh6 Kc7 44.Qh2 Kc6 45.Qh6 e6) Qc4 42.Kd1 Rh8] **Ke6 32.Rd1** [32.Qh3 f5 33.Qg3 Kd7 34.Qg6 fe4 35.Qe4 Qe4 36.Be4 Rh8] **Qb2 33.Kd2 Kd7 34. Qf4 Rfd8 35.Ke2 Ke8 36.Rh1 Ra5 37.Qc7 Rad5 38.Ke3** [38.Qc6 Kf8 39.Ke3 Kg7] **Kf8** [38...Rd3! 39.cd3 Be4 40.fe4 Qd4 41.Kf4 Qf2 42.Kg4 Qg2] **39.c3 Rd3 40.Kf4 f6 41.Rh8 Kf7 0-1** [L. Dominguez Perez, J.Ibarra]

5. M. Carlsen 2776 – V. Kramnik 2759

Nice (blindfold) 2009 — 105/177 [E32]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3?! Nc6 [RR 6...c5 7.a3 Ba5 8.Nge2 (8.d5; 8.dc5) Nc6 9.dc5 dc5 10.0-0 Ne5 11. Rd1 Qe7 12.Bf4 Bc7 13.Be5 Be5 14.f4 Bc3 15.Nc3 e5 with counterplay; A.Beliavsky] **7.Nge2**



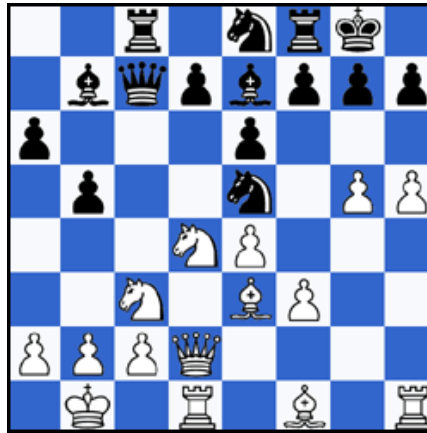
7...Ba5! [a novelty; 7...e5] **8.0-0** [8.a3 Bb6 9.d5 (9.Be3 Ng4 and Black is slightly better) Ne5 and Black is slightly better] **Bb6 9.d5** [9.Be3 Ng4 10.Na4 e5 11.Nb6 Qh4 12.h3 Ne3 13.fe3 ab6 14.a3 Qg5 and Black is slightly better] **Nb4 10.Qd2 ed5** [10...Ng4 11.Bb1

Qh4 12.Qf4] **11.cd5?** [11.Nd5 Nfd5 12.cd5 Nd3 13.Qd3 f5 14.Be3 fe4 15.Qe4 and Black is slightly better; 11.ed5 Nd3 12.Qd3 Ng4 and Black is slightly better] **Ng4 12.Bb1** [12.h3 Ne5 13.Bb1 Bh3 14.Na4 Qh4 15.Qf4 Qg4 16.Ng3 Qf4 17.Bf4 Bd7 and Black is superior] **Qh4 13.Qf4 f5 14.ef5?** [14.Qg3 Qg3 15.Ng3 fe4 16.Nge4 Bf5 and Black is superior] **Bf5** (and Black is winning) **15.h3** [15.Bf5 Rf5 16.Qg3 Nf2 17.Be3 Be3! with the idea 18.Qh4 Nd1!] **Bf2 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Qg5 Bc5! 18.Rf8 Rf8 19.Ng1 Rf1 20.Bh7 Kh8 0-1** [V.Kramnik]

6. Sergey Karjakin 2706 – A. Morozevich 2771

Wijk aan Zee 2009 — 105/53 [B48]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.f3 0-0 10.g4 b5 11.g5 Ne8 12.h4 Ne5 13.Kb1 Bb7 14.h5 Rc8

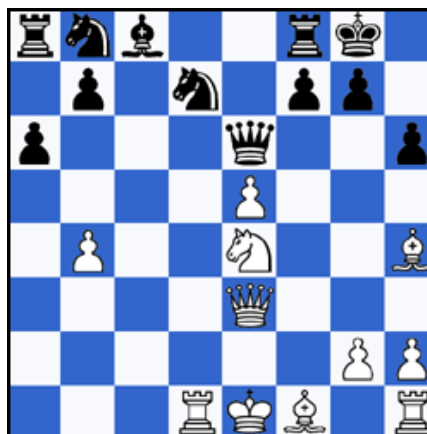


15.Qg2! [a novelty; 15.Bd3 see 103/(123)] **b4 16.Na4 f5 17.gf6 Nf6 18.Bd3 Rf7 19.b3 Rcf8 20.Rdg1 Ne8 21.Rh3 Bf6 22.Nb2 Nc6?** [22...Nd3 23.cd3 Nd6 and White is slightly better; Sergey Karjakin] **23.Nc6 Qc6** [23...Bc6!?] **24.Nc4 d5 25.ed5 ed5 26.h6** [26...dc4 27.Bh7 Kh8 28.Be4 and White is winning; 26...g6 27.Bg6 hg6 28.Qg6 Kh8 29.Qg7! and White is winning] **1-0 [RR]**

7. S. Sjugirov 2491 – M. Brodsky 2572

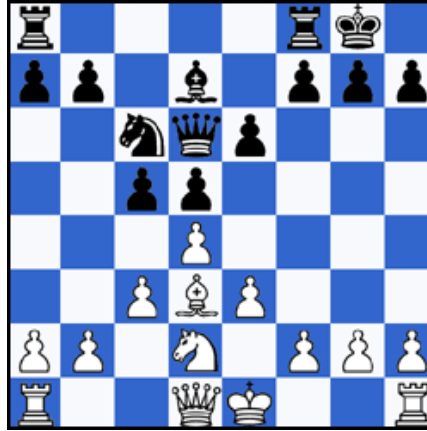
Saint Petersburg 2008 — 105/(77) [B97]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cd4 5.Nd4 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.e5 de5 11.fe5 Nfd7 12.Ne4 h6 13.Bh4 Qa2 14.Rd1 Qd5 15.Qe3 Bc5 16.Ne6 Bb4 17.c3 Qe6 18.cb4 0-0

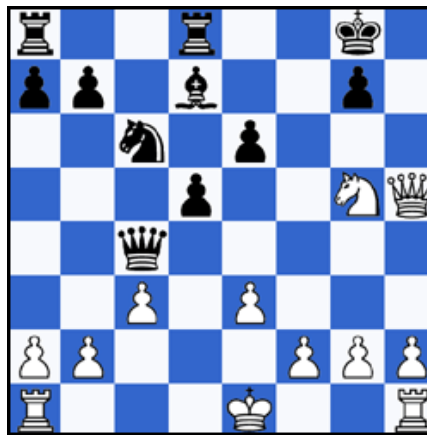


19.Rd6! [a novelty; 19.Be2 see 103/183] **Qe5 20.Bc4 Nc6? 21.0-0 Qh5 22.Bf6 Nf6 23.Nf6 gf6 24.Rff6 Ne5 25.Rh6 Nc4 26.Qe7 1-0**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Nd7! [10.Nc6 bc6 11.Qa4 e5! (11...Bb7 12.Bd6 Qd6 13.Qa3 with the idea Nb3) 12.Qc6 Rb8 with compensation; 10.h4 see 100/270] **Bd7?** [10...Qd7 (only move) 11.dc5 (11.Bd6? Qd6 12.dc5 Qc5 13.Bh7 Kh7 14.Qh5 Kg8 15.Ne4 g6! (equal) 16.Qg5 Qe7 17.Nf6 Kg7 18.Nh5 Kh7 19.Nf6) Bc5 12.0-0 and White is slightly better] **11.Bd6! Qd6**



12.dc5! [a novelty; 12.Qh5; 12.f4] **Qc5 13.Bh7!!** [G.Alan] **Kh7 14.Qh5 Kg8 15.Ne4! Qc4** [15...Qa5 16.Ng5 Rfd8 17.Qf7 Kh8 18.0-0 d4 (18...Ne5 19.Qh5 Kg8 20.f4) 19.Qh5 Kg8 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qg7 Kd6 23.Nf7 Kc7 24.Nd8 Rd8 25.ed4; 15...g6 16.Nc5 gh5 17.Nd7 Rfd8 18.Nf6; 15...Qb5 16.Ng5 Rfe8 (16...Rfd8 17.Qf7 Kh8 18.Qg6 Kg8 19.0-0-0 d4 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qg7 Kd6 23.Nf7 Kc7 24.Nd8 Rd8 25.ed4) 17.Qf7 Kh8 18.Qd7 Re7 19.Qd6 Qb2; 18.0-0-0! with the idea 18...Re7? 19.Qh5 Kg8 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 mate; 15...Qb6 16.Ng5 Rfe8 17.Qf7 Kh8 18.0-0-0 Qc7 (18...Qd8 19.Qh5 Kg8 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qg7 Kd6 23.Nf7) 19.f4 Ne7 (19...Nd8 20.Qg6 Kg8 21.f5) 20.Rhf1] **16.Ng5 Rfd8** [16...Rfe8 17.Qf7 Kh8 18.Qd7 Ne5 (18...Re7 19.Qd6) 19.Nf7; 16...Qd3 17.e4 Rfd8 18.Qf7 Kh8 19.Rd1 Qc4 20.Qg6 Kg8 21.Qh7 Kf8 22.Qh8 Ke7 23.Qg7 Kd6 24.b3 Qb5 25.Nf7 Kc7 26.Qg3 Kb6 27.a4 Qa6 28.Nd8 Rd8 29.Ra1; 18.Rd1] **17.Qf7 Kh8 18.Qh5 Kg8**



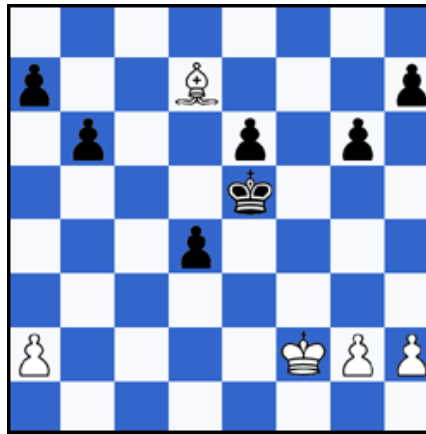
19.Qf7 [19.Rd1!! a) 19...Qa2 20.0-0 Qb2 21.f4 Qc2 (21...Qc3 22.Qf7 Kh8 23.Rf3 e5 24.f5) 22.f5! ef5 (22...e5 23.Qh7 Kf8 24.Rd5) 23.Rd5 (and White is winning) Qc3 (23...Ne7 24.Re5 Re8 25.Re7! Re7 26.Qh7 Kf8 27.Qh8 mate) 24.Qh7 Kf8 25.Rdf5 Bf5 (25...Ke7 26.Rf7 Kd6 27.Ne4) 26.Qf5 Qf6 27.Qe6 Rd1 28.Nh7 mate; b) 19...Be8 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qg7 Kd6 23.b3 Qh4 24.g3 and White is winning; c) 19...b5 c1) 20.Qh7 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7 22.Qg7 Kd6 23.b3

12.Bg5! [a novelty; 12.e4] **f6** only move [12...Bf3 13.Bf3 Bg5 14. Ba8 Na8 15.Qe4 and White is winning; 12...Bg5 13.Ng5 Bg2 14. Kg2 and White is superior] **13.Bf4 Ne6 14.Nd5! Nc6** [14...Nf4 15. gf4! Bd5 16.Rd5 Nc6 17.Rd2! and White is slightly better] **15.Rac1** [15.Ne7!? Ke7 16.Bd6 Kf7 17.Rac1 and White is slightly better] **Kf7?** [15...0-0! 16.Ne7 (*16.Nh4?! Rf7! equal*) Ne7 17.Bd6 Re8 18. b4 cb4 19.Qb3 Nc6 20.Bb4 Kh8 21.e3 and White is slightly better] **16.h4! g6 17.h5 g5 18.Be3 Qg8 19.b4!** [19.Qf5?! Rd8!] **cb4** [19... d6 (only move) 20.Qf5 Rd8 21.Ng5 Ng5 22.Nf6 Bf6 23.Bd5 Ke7 24.Bg5 Bg5 25.Bg8 Rdg8 26.bc5 bc5 27.Rc5! and White is

winning] **20.Nf6!! Kf6 21.Rd7 Bc8** [21...Qc8 22.Qb2 Kf7 23.Ne5 and White is winning; 21...Rb8 22.Qb2 Kf7 23.Rc6 Bc6 24.Ne5 Kf8 25.Nc6 Re8 26.Ne7 and White is winning] **22.Qc6 Bd7 23.Bd4 1-0** [M.Prusikin]

10. Y. Shulman 2639 – Mi. Marin 2556
Reykjavik 2009 — 105/284 [D85]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cd5 Nd5 5.e4 Nc3 6.bc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Ne5 Be5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bg7 14.c4 Re8 15.e5 f6 16.d6 fe5 17.Bb2 ef4 18.Bg7 Kg7 19.0-0 Rf8 20.Rf4 Rf4 21.Qf4 Qf6 22.Qe4 Rb8 23.Rf1 Qd4 24.Qd4 cd4 25.c5?! [25.Rb1 Bd7 26.Bf3 b6 27.c5 Rc8 see 25.c5] **Bd7 26.Bf3 Rc8?! [26...Bc6 27.Rb1 Rf8! 28.Bc6 (28.Rb7? Bb7 29.Bb7 d3 30.Bc6 d2 31.Ba4 e5! 32.c6 Kf7 33.c7 Ke6 34.d7 d1Q 35.Bd1 Kd7 and Black is winning) bc6 29.Re1 Rf5 and Black is slightly better] **27.Rb1 b6 28.c6 Bc6 29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rc8 Bc8 31.Bc6 Kf6 32.d7 Bd7 33.Bd7** [NB 1/h] **Ke5!** [33...e5 see 37/(523)] **34.Kf2****



34...Kd5! [a novelty; 34...Kd6] **35.Ke2 e5 36.Bc8** time **b5** time [36...e4! 37.Bb7 Ke5 38.a4 (38.h4 b5! equal, with the idea b4, weak point c3) g5! 39.g3 h5 40.Kd2 h4 41.Kc2 hg3 42.hg3 Kf5 43.Bc8 Ke5 44.Kb3 Kd5 45.Bb7 Ke5 46.Kc4 d3 47.Kc3 Kf5 48.Kd2 Kg4 49.Be4 Kg3 50.Bd3 g4 51.Bf5 Kf3 52.Ke1 g3 53.Kf1 Ke3 54.Kg2 Kd4 55.Kg3 Kc5 56.Kf3 Kb4 57.Bd7 a6 equal] **37.Bb7 Kc4 38.Kd2** [38.Ba6!? a) 38...e4? 39.a4 Kc3 40.Bb5 a5 41.g4 g5 42.h3 h6 43.Ba6 (zugzwang) Kc2 (43...Kb4 44.Bb7!) 44.Bb7! e3 (44...d3 45.Ke3 d2 46.Be4! Kc1 47.Bf3 and White is winning) 45.Ba6 Kc3 46.Bd3 zugzwang (46.Kf3? Kd2 47.Ke4 e2 48.Be2 Ke2 49.Kd4 Kf3 50.Kc4 Kg3 51.Kb5 Kh3 52.Ka5 Kg4 53.Kb6 Kf4! and Black is slightly better) Kb4 47.Kf3 Ka4 48.Ke4 Kb4 49.Kd4 a4 50.Ke3 a3 51.Bb1 Kb3 52.Bg6! and White is winning; b) 38...Kc5 39.Kd3 Kb6 40.Bc8 Kc5 41.Ke4 Kc4 42.Ba6 (42.Ke5?! d3 43.Ke4 Kc3) Kc5 43.a3 Kb6 44.Bc8 Kc5 45.Ke5?! d3 with counterplay] **a5** [38...g5!? 39.Ba6] **39.Be4 Kb4** [39...b4!? (Y.Shulman) 40.h4 (40.Bc2 Kd5 41.Bb3 Ke4 42.Bc4 Kf4 43.Kd3 a4 with counterplay) b3 41.ab3 Kb3 42.g4 a4 43.h5 gh5 44.g5 a3 45.Bh7 Kb2 46.Bg8 h4 47.g6 e4 48.Bd5 h3 49.g7 a2 50.Ba2 h2 51.g8Q h1Q 52.Qb8! Ka1 53.Bc4! equal] **40.h4 Ka3 41.g4! Ka2 42.h5!** [42.g5? b4 43.h5 b3 44.hg6 hg6 45.Bg6 a4!] **b4** [42...gh5? 43.g5 and White is winning] **43.hg6?** [43.Bg6 a4 (43...hg6? 44.hg6 b3 45.g7 b2 46.g8Q Ka1 47.Qa8 b1Q 48.Qa5 Kb2 49.Qb4 Ka2 50.Qb1 Kb1 51.Kd3! and White is winning; M.Golubev) 44.g5! (44.Bh7 Kb2 45.h6 a3 46.Bg8 b3 47.h7 a2 48.h8Q a1Q 49.Qe5 Qc1 50.Ke2 Qc3 equal) b3! 45.Bh7 a3 46.g6 Kb2 (only move) 47.g7 a2 48.g8Q a1Q 49.Qg2!? (M.Golubev) Qc1 50.Ke2 (50.Kd3? Qc2! and Black is winning) Qe3 51.Kd1 Kc3 (with the idea d3) 52.Qc6 Kb2 53.Qe4 Qc1 54.Ke2 Qc2 55.Kf3 Qc3 56.Kg4 Qc8 57.Bf5 (57.Qf5 Qc2) Qg8 58.Kh4 Qd8 59.Kh3 with initiative] **hg6 44.Bg6 b3 45.g5 a4!!** and Black is superior [45...b2? 46.Be4 and White is

winning] **46.Bf7?!** [46.Be4 Kb2! 47.g6 a3 48.g7 a2 49.g8Q a1Q and Black is superior] **Ka1!** (and Black is winning) **47.g6 b2 48.g7 b1Q 49.g8Q e4 50.Qe8 a3 51.Qa4 Qb2 52.Ke1 e3 53.Qd1 Qb1 54.Ke2 Qd1 55.Kd1 Kb2 0-1** [Mi.Marín]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6										
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	Qd2	f4	0-0-0 ³	h3	Bd3	Bf4	Kb1	g4	Nd4	equal
	Nbd7 ¹	b5 ²	Be7	Rc8	ef4	Ne5	0-0	Nfd7	Nb6 ⁴	
2	...	f3	a4 ⁵	Nd5	ed5	Bb6	a5	Bc4 ⁶	Ra4	equal
	...	b5	b4	Bd5	Nb6	Qb6	Qb7	g6 ⁷	Rb8 ⁸	
3	0-0-0	Qf2	Bc4	Na5 ¹⁰	Rd2 ¹²	Rhd1 ¹³		White is slightly better
	Nb6	Nc4 ⁹	bc4	Qd7 ¹¹	Be7			
4	g4	Kb1	Qf2	Nd5	ed5	Bc1 ¹⁵	equal
	Rc8	h6 ¹⁴	Nb6	Nfd7	Bd5	Nc4	g6 ¹⁶	

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8...Nc6 9.f3 d5! 10.ed5 Nd5 11.Nd5 Qd5 12.Qd5 Bd5 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Bb6 Rd6! 15.Bd3 g6 16.Rhe1 Bb3 17.ab3 Nb4 equal; Tiviakov - Va.Loginov, Russia (ch) 1996 see 68/(227)

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9...Rc8 10.f5 Bb3 11.ab3 d5 12.ed5 Bb4 equal; E.Gonzales - Hmadi, Thessaloniki (ol) 1984 see 38/(347);

9...Qc7 10.0-0-0



a) 10...Be7 11.h3 [11.Kb1 0-0 12.h3 b5 13.g4 (Vitiugov - Petkevich, Cappelle la Grande 2008 see 102/186) b4 14.Nd5 Bd5 15.ed5 a5 unclear; Vitiugov] b5 12.g4 h6 13.Nd5 Bd5 14.ed5 Rc8 15.Rh2! (M.Kobalia - P.Anisimov, Russia 2006 see 98/187) 0-0 16.Qg2 ef4 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.g5 hg5 19.Bg5 and White is slightly better; M.Kobalia;

b) 10...b5 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.h3 h5 13.Bd3 Be7 14.Rhe1 (Svidler -

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10.f5 Bc4 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Kb1 0-0

a) 13.g4?! Ng4 14.Rg1 Ne3 15.Qe3 Bb3! 16.ab3 [16.Qh6? Bc2 17. Kc2 Bf6 and Black is slightly better; Nisipeanu - Sergey Karjakin, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/171] Kh8 17.Nd5 with compensation; Sergey Karjakin;

b) 13.h3 a5 14.g4 Bf1 15.Rhf1 b4 16.Nd5 (Bruzon Batista - Vera Gonzalez-Quevedo, La Habana 2002 see 85/234) Ne4 17.Qg2 a4 18. Nc1 Ndc5 19.Nd3 Rc8 20.N3b4 unclear; Bruzon Batista

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17.Rhe1 Bf6 18.g5 Nec4 19.Bc4 Nc4 20.Qc1 Bd4 21.Rd4 Qb6 22. Rd3 Rfe8 equal; Svidler - R.Ponomarev, Wijk aan Zee 2007 see 99/ (176)

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10.g4 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Nd5 [12.Na5 Rc8 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Nd5 Nd5 16.ed5 Bd5 17.Qd5 Qa5 18.c4 0-0 19.cb5 ab5 20. Bb5 Nb6 21.Qb3 Rb8 22.Bd2 Qa7 unclear; Lukianov - Kuporosov, USSR 1988 see 46/(328); 12.f4 g6! 13.0-0-0 Nc4 14.Bc4 bc4 15. Nd4!? ed4 16.Bd4 f6! unclear; Leko - Shirov, Sarajevo 1999 see 75/240] Rc8 [12...Bd5 13.ed5 Rc8 14.Na5 (Shirov - B.Gelfand, Madrid 1996 see 66/225) Nd5 15.Nb7 Ne3 16.Nd8 Nc2 17.Kd1 Na1 18.Nb7 Nc2 unclear; B.Gelfand] 13.0-0-0 Bd5 14.ed5 Nc4 15. Qf2 Be7 16.h4 h6 17.gh6 gh6 (Ju.Polgar - B.Gelfand, Novgorod 1996 see 67/331) 18.f4 Bh4 19.Qe2 Qc7 20.Bg1 with compensation; Ju.Polgar

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15.0-0-0 h5 16.Kb1 g6 17.Qe2 Bg7 18.g4 (Sandipan - Sutovsky, Pune 2004 see 91/221) hg4! 19.fg4 Rh4! unclear; Sutovsky

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15...Be7 16.Ra4 Rb8 17.Nc1 Bd8



a) 18.Nd3 Ba5! [18...Nd5 19.Ne5 de5 20.Qd5 Qd5 21.Bd5 0-0 22. Ke2 and White is slightly better; Tiviakov - De Firmian, Polanica Zdroj 1995 see 67/(332)] 19.Ra5 Qc7 20.Ra6 Qc4 21.Rd6 0-0 22.0-0 Nd5 equal; Shirov - B.Gelfand, Wien 1996 see 67/ 332;

b) 18.b3 0-0 [18...Qa7?! 19.Nd3 Qd4 20.Nb4 Qd2 21.Kd2 Rb4 22. Rb4 Ba5 23.Kc3 Kd7 24.Ra1 Bb4 25.Kb4 and White is superior; Hrcek - Ch.Lutz, Bad Homburg 1997 see 70/(246)] 19.Na2 e4 20.

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a) 20...Qd7 21.Nc6 Rb2 22.0-0 h4! 23.Bb3 h3 24.g3 e4! 25.fe4 Qg4 26.Qd3! Qg5 27.e5! de5 28.Rh4 e4 29.Qd4 Ng4 30.Rh6! Nh6! 31. Qb2 Qe3 32.Rf2 Qe1 33.Rf1 Qe3 1/2 : 1/2 Shirov - G.Kasparov, Linares 2004 see 90/214;

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a) 13...Qc7 14.Ne6 [14.N5a4 Rb8 15.g4 Qc6 16.g5 Nd7 unclear;
Tiviakov - Van Wely, Nederland 1998 see 74/282] fe6 15.Qg3 Rb8
16.Qh3 Qc8 (Peter Acs - Ch.Lutz, Budapest 2003 see 87/247) 17.
g4! g6 18.f4 and White is slightly better, with attack;

b) 13...Be7 14.N5a4 [14.h4 Qc8 15.N5a4 Rb8 16.g4 Qc6 17.Nb6
Bd8 18.Ncd5 (V.Anand - Svidler, Dortmund 2004 see 91/220) Bb6

19.Nb6 0-0 and Black is slightly better] Rb8 15.Nb6 0-0 16.Kb1 Rb7 17.Ncd5 Nd5 18.Nd5 Rb5 equal; Yu.Quesada Perez - Sergey Karjakin, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 93/203

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13...Rc8 14.Bb6 Qd7 15.g3 g6 16.Rd2 Bh6 17.f4 and White is slightly better; V.Anand - Kasimdzhanov, San Luis 2005 see 94/(185);

13...Nd7 14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Nb4 and White is slightly better; Bologan - B.Gelfand, Espana 2005 see 94/185

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14.g4 Be7 15.g5 Nh5 16.Nd5 Qa4! unclear; I.Cheparinov - K. Lahno, Wijk aan Zee II 2006 see 96/(187)

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V.Anand - B.Gelfand, Wijk aan Zee 2006 see 96/187

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11...Nb6 12.g5



a) 12...Nh5 13.Na5 Qc7 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Nd5 Nd5 16.ed5 Bd7 17.c4 0-0 18.cb5 [18.Rc1 Nf4 19.h4 and White is slightly better; M. Kobalia - Dvoirys, Russia (ch) 1998 see 73/302] ab5 19.Bd3 Qb8 20.Be4!? [20.Rc1 Qa8 21.a3 Nf4 22.Bf4 ef4 23.h4 Rc5 24.Be4 f5 25.Bc2 Kh8 (Dominguez Perez - Farley, Santo Domingo (zt) 2007 see 101/(166)) 26.Nc6! Bc6 27.dc6 Qc6 28.Qf4 Rc4 29.Qe3 Bd8 30. Bb3 Rc5 31.Qf4 and White is superior, with the idea h5-h6 with attack; 21...f5 unclear;] Bd8 21.Nc6 Qb7 22.Qb4 and White is slightly better; Dominguez Perez;

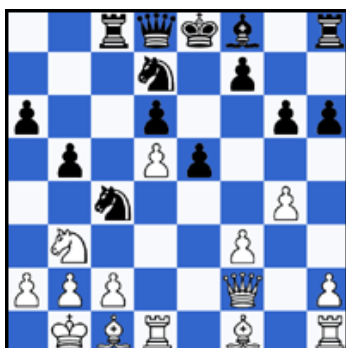
b) 12...b4

b1) 13.Nb1 Nfd7 14.Ba6 [14.Qb4!? d5 15.Bb6 Nb6] Nc4 15.Bc4 Rc4 16.Qd3 Qa8 and Black is slightly better; Leko - Morozevich, Yerevan (rapid) 2008;

b2) 13.Na4!! Ne4 14.fe4 Na4 15.Qb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 Bd7 17.Qa5 Qc6 18.Ba6 Rb8 19.Rd5! Be7 20.Ba7 (**Dominguez Perez - Morozevich, Wijk aan Zee 2009 - 105/73**) Bg5 21.Kb1 Bd8 22. Qd2 Rb3 23.ab3 Qa6 24.Be3 and White is slightly better; Dominguez Perez

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16.Bc4 bc4 17.Nc1 Be7 18.h4 (Zagrebelny - D.Kayumov, Alma-Ata 1995 see 65/245) Nc5! 19.Bc5 Rc5 20.Ne2 0-0 21.Nc3 f5



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