



COLUMNISTS

Informant at ChessCafe

[Find us on Facebook.]

Translate this page



CHESSTHEATRE
Play through and download
the games from
ChessCafe.com in the
DGT Game Viewer.



The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 107

Milan Bjelajac

The best female chessplayer ever, Judit Polgar, was eliminated from the World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk by none other than the winner of this strong event - Boris Gelfand. In their mini-match, Gelfand surpassed Polgar after the tie-break in the third knockout round with an overall score of 3½-1½. Judit's only victory came in the second game, but this game was really something! In fact, it was voted as the best game of *Chess Informant 107*. The esteemed expert jury was comprised of Beliavsky, Christiansen, M. Gurevich, Matanovic, Mikhalchisin, Ribli, and Speelman.

In her comments, Polgar demonstrates that dynamic tactical elements dominated the game. There were a few mistakes; Black was already in time-trouble at the twentieth move! However, this takes nothing away from Polgar's creative masterpiece. Judit crowned her attack with the beautiful 27.Qf4!!, a move that will surely find its place in chess anthologies.

DESET NAJBOLJIH PARTIJA PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ЛУЧШИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО ТОМА • THE BEST TEN GAMES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN BESTEN SCHACHPARTIEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX MEILLEURES PARTIES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ MEJORES PARTIDAS DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI MIGLIORI PARTITE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO BÄSTA PARTIERNÄ I FÖREGÅENDE VOLYM • 上一卷最优秀的十盘棋 • الأشرطة العشرة الأهم الواردة في العدد السابق

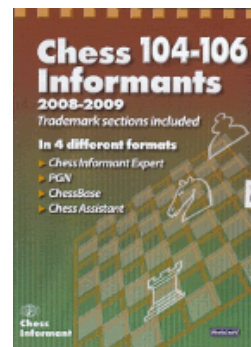
PREDLOG REDAKCIJE
ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЕ РЕДАКЦИИ
EDITORIAL SELECTION
VORSCHLAG DER REDAKTION
PROPOSITION DE LA REDACTION
PROPOSICION DE LA REDACCION
PROPOSTA DELLA REDAZIONE
REDAKTIONENS FÖRSLAG
編輯部的建議
قائمة المقترحات

1.	JU. POLGAR - B. GELFAND	83	-	9	10	10	-	5	9	43
2.	KRAMNIK - R. PONOMAREV	126	5	8	-	-	10	8	10	41
3.	V. ANAND - LEKO	132	-	4	9	8	2	9	7	39
4.	S. FEDORCHUK - IVAN SOKOLOV	206	7	10	7	7	3	1	3	38
5.	MOROZEVICH - KRAMNIK	172	8	-	8	-	5	3	5	29
6.	KRAMNIK - M. CARLSEN	121	2	5	6	5	8	-	8	21
7.	SERGEY KARJAKIN - D. NAVARA	82	-	-	2	5	-	2	2	17
8.	KRAMNIK - NI HUA	114	-	-	4	1	-	10	-	17
9.	GRISCHUK - RIAZANTSEV	35	1	-	-	4	4	6	-	15
10.	A. FIER - J. RYAN	239	9	-	-	-	-	-	4	15
11.	M. CARLSEN - T. RADJABOV	43	-	-	3	-	-	7	-	14
12.	SVIDLER - GRISCHUK	105	-	-	5	9	-	-	-	14
13.	LEKO - V. TOPALOV	136	3	2	-	-	9	-	-	14
14.	MOROZEVICH - R. PONOMAREV	73	4	-	-	2	6	-	-	12
15.	H. NAKAMURA - MCSHANE	176	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	12
16.	NI HUA - M. CARLSEN	55	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	11
17.	GRISCHUK - ARONIAN	133	6	-	-	-	4	-	-	10
18.	KRAMNIK - N. SHORT	122	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7
19.	HENNINGSEN - R. BERZINS	180	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
20.	D. JAKOVENKO - EVGENY ALEKSEEV	18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
21.	FE. PERALTA - ALMEIDA QUINTANA	197	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
22.	VITIUGOV - ARTYOM TIMOFEEV	15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
23.	M. CARLSEN - V. ANAND	127	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
24.	Y. GONZÁLEZ VIDAL - BORGES PERA	226	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
25.	G. SARGISSIAN - F. CARUANA	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
26.	DOMINGUEZ PEREZ - SMERDON	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27.	V. GASHIMOV - B. GELFAND	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
28.	M. CARLSEN - KRAMNIK	171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
29.	M. CARLSEN - MI. ADAMS	173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
30.	MIO. PERUNOVIĆ - J. IVANIŠEVIĆ	291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

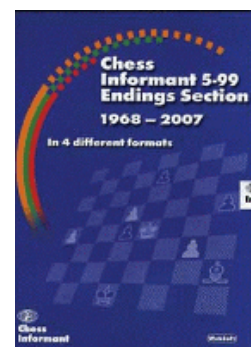
1. Ju. Polgar (2680) - B. Gelfand (2758)
Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2009 - 107/83 [C24]

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Qe2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bb3 d6 [6...d5!?] 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c3 a5!? [8...Nc5!?] 9.a4 b5 A novelty. [9...Nc5!? 10. Bc2 b6 11.Nbd2 Ba6; 9...Qc7] 10.Bc2 Ba6 [10...Nc5?! 11.ab5 cb5

Purchases from our
chess shop help keep
ChessCafe.com freely
accessible:



Informants 104-106

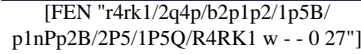


Chess Informant
5-99 Endings Section



B33 Lasker Sveshnikov

12.d4] **11.ab5** [11.Nbd2 b4!?] **cb5** [11...Bb5?! 12.c4 Ba6 13.Bd2!] **12.Nbd2 Qc7** [12...Qb6!?] **13.d4 a4?!** [13...b4! 14.c4 Nb6! 15.Ra5 a) 15.de5 de5 16.Ra5 Nbd7 (16...Nc4 17.Ra6 Nd2 18.Ra8 Nf3 19.Qf3 Ra8 20.Bb3 Ra1) 17.Ra4 (17.Ra1? Bc4) Rfb8! (17...Nc5 18.Rb4 Qa5 19.Rb5 Bb5 20.cb5 with compensation.) 18.Qd1 Nc5 19.Ra1 b3 20.Bb1 Nfd7 Black is superior; b) 15.Bd3 a4!; c) 15.b3 a4; 15...Nc4 16.Ra6 Nd2 17.Ra8 Nf3 18.Qf3 Ra8 19.Bb3] **14.Bd3 Rfb8** **15.Nh4 g6 16.f4** [16.Ndf3!?] **ef4** [16...ed4!? 17.cd4 Qb6 unclear.] **17.Ndf3** [17.Qf3? b4; 17.Rf4 Nh5 18.Rg4 Ndf6; 17.Nb1 Nh5 18.Nf5 Bf8] **Nh5 18.Bd2** [18.g4? fg3 19.Ng5 Ndf6] **Nb6** [18...Qb6!? 19.g4 fg3 20.Ng5 b4 21.Nf5 (21.Rf7 Bd3 22.Qd3 Ne5 Black is winning; 21.Ba6 Qa6 22.Qf3 Qc4 23.Nf7 Bh4 24.Nh6 Kh8) Bg5 22.Bg5 gf5 23.Ba6 (23.Qh5 bc3 24.bc3 Bd3 25.Rf5 Ne5) Ra6 24.Qh5 bc3 25.bc3 Qb2!] **19.g4! fg3 20.Ng5 Nc4?** Time [20...gh2 21.Qh2; 20...d5 21.e5 a) 21.Rf7? gh2; b) 21.Nf5 Bg5 22.Bg5 gh2 23.Kg2 f6 24.Nh6 Kg7 25.Bf6 Nf6 26.e5 (26.Rf6 Kf6 27.Rf1 Kg7 28.Rf7 Qf7 29.Nf7 Kf7); 21...Bg5 22.Bg5 Bc8! (22...gh2 23.Qh2) 23.Rf6 a) 23.Qf3 Be6 (23...Bh3 24.hg3 Bf1 25.Rf1 Ng7) 24.hg3 a3 25.g4 Ng7 26.Bh6 (26.Nf5 Bf5 27.gf5 ab2) Qe7; b) 23.Bb5 Nc4 24.Bc4 Qc4; c) 23.Nf5 Bf5 24.Rf5 a3; 23...Nf6 24.Bf6 Nd7 (24...a3 25.Qd2 White is winning.); 20...Bg5 21.Bg5 Bc8!? a) 21...Nc4 22.Nf5 see 20...Nc4; b) 21...f6 22.Bf6 Rf8 23.Bg5 (23.e5 Rae8 24.Bg6 hg6 25.Ng6 Nf6 26.Nf8 Qg7 Black is winning.) Nc4 24.Bh6 gh2 25.Qh2 unclear; c) 21...d5!?!; 22.Nf5 Bf5 23.Rf5 a3 24.Rb5 ab2 25.Ra8 Ra8 26.Rb2 Ra3 Black is superior.] **21.Nf5** [21.Rf7! gh2 a) 21...Nd2 22.Nf5! White is winning; b) 21...Rf8 22.Rh7 Nd2 (22...Rf2 23.Ng6 Re2 24.Be2; 22...gh2 23.Kh2 Nd2 24.Rh5 gh5 25.Rg1) 23.Ng6 Bg5 (23...Nf3 24.Kh1) 24.Rc7 Rf2 25.Qh5 Nf3 26.Qf3 Rf3 27.Bb1!! White is winning; c) 21...Qd8 22.Rh7 Bg5 c1) 22...gh2 23.Kh2 Bg5 (23...Nf6 24.Bc4 bc4 25.Rh6 White is winning.) 24.Ng6 White is winning; c2) 22...Nd2 23.Ng6 Bg5 24.Rh8 Kg7 25.Rd8 Bd8 26.Qh5 White is winning; 23.Ng6 Qf6 (23...Kh7 24.Qh5 Kg7 25.Bg5) 24.Ne7! Kf8 (24...Kh7 25.e5) 25.Bg5 Qg5 26.Rf1 Ke8 27.Nd5 gh2 28.Kh2 Qg3 29.Kh1 Qh3 30.Kg1 White is winning; 22.Kh2] **Bg5?!** [21...Nd2! 22.Nh6 (22.Qd2 gf5; 22.Nf7 gh2 23.Qh2 Kf7) Kh8! (22...Kg7 23.Rf7 Kh6 24.h4 Nf3 25.Nf3) 23.Nhf7 (23.Rf7 Bg5 24.Rc7 Bh6 25.hg3 (25.Qg4 Bc8) Ng3 (25...Rf8 26.Kg2 Rf3 27.Qf3 Nf3 28.Kf3 Rb8! with idea 29.b3 Rf8 30.Kg2 Bc8 31.ba4 ba4 32.Ra4 Be3 33.Ra2 Bg4) 26.Qg4 Nh5 27.Qd7 Nf6 28.Qc6 unclear.) 23...Kg8 24.Qd2 Bg5 25.Qg5 (25.Ng5 Qd7 unclear.) gh2 26.Kh2 Rf8 27.Nh6 Kh8 (27...Kg7 28.Nf5 Kh8 29.Ne7 Nf4! 30.Rf4 Rf4 31.Ng6 hg6 32.Qf4 Kg7 33.Rf1 Qe7) 28.Be2 Qb7 29.Bh5 b4!! 30.Rf8 Rf8 31.Qe3 gh5 32.d5 Qg7 33.Ra4 Qe5 34.Kg1] **22.Bg5 f6** [22...gf5 23.Qh5 Nb2 24.Qh6 f6 25.Bf6 Bc8 26.Rf3 White is winning; 22...gh2 23.Kh2 (23.Qh2!?!); 22...Kh8 23.Nh6 f6 24.Rf6] **23.Bh4** [23.Nh6 Kg7] **gh2** [23...Rf8 24.hg3; 23...a3!?!] **24.Qh2 Rf8** [24...gf5! 25.Rf5 (25.Kh1 fe4 26.Be2 Ng7) Ng7 (25...Qf7 26.Kh1) 26.Rf6 Rf8 27.Rh6 Qd7 28.Qg2 Ne3 29.e5! Ng2 30.Bh7 Kf7 31.Bg6 Ke6 32.Be4 Kf7 33.Bg6 equal.] **25.Be2** [25.Bc4 bc4 26.Qd6] **gf5?** [25...Nd2! 26.Bh5 Nf1 27.Qg2 (27.Rf1 b4! 28.Nh6 Kg7 29.Rf2 bc3 30.bc3 Qc3 unclear.) Kh8 28.Bg6 Ne3 29.Ne3 hg6 30.Qg6 Qg7 31.Qg7 Kg7 32.Nf5 Kh7 33.Nd6 with compensation.] **26.Bh5 fe4?** [26...Qg7 27.Kh1 Bb7 28.d5 Qe7! 29.Rae1 fe4 30.Qg2 Kh8 31.Re4 Ne5 32.Ref4 with attack.]



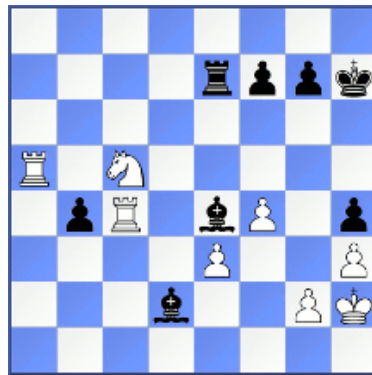
1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cd5 e5 7.e3
c5 8.dc5 Qa5 9.Rc1 Ne4 [9...Bc3!? 10.bc3 0-0] 10.Qd5 Nc3 11.
bc3 Bc3 12.Kd1 0-0 13.Bc4 Nf6 [13...Nc5!? 14.Be7 Bb4! 15.Bf8
Be6 16.Qd4 Rf8] 14.Bf6 Bf6 15.Ke2 b5!? A novelty. [15...Bg4] 16.
c6! [16.Qa8?! bc4 17.Qe4 c3 with compensation; 16.Bb3 Ba6! (16...
Be6 17.Qe4 Rae8 18.Qc2 b4 19.Be6 Re6 20.Qc4 Bc3 21.Rhd1
White is slightly better.) 17.Ne5 (17.Rhd1?! b4 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Qe4
Qa2 20.Rc2 Qa5; 17.Rc2?! b4 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Qe4 Rfe8 20.Qf4
Qc5; 17.Nd4?! Rad8 18.Qf5 b4 19.Kf3 Bd4 20.ed4 Rd4; Weak
point Kf3; 17.Ng5 Rad8 18.Qf5 b4 19.Kf3 Bb7 20.Kg3 Qc7 21.f4
Bg5 22.Qg5 Rd2 23.Rc2 Rfd8 with initiative; 17.Kf1 Rad8 18.Qf5
b4 19.Kg1 Bd3 20.e4 unclear; Weak point Rh1) 17...b4 18.Kf3
Only move. Rad8 19.Nd7 Bc3 (With idea Bb5) 20.Rhd1 (20.c6 Bb5
21.e4 Qa6! 22.Qf5 g6 23.Qf4 Bc6 24.Nf8 Rd3 25.Kg4 Qc8 26.Ne6
Bd7! With attack.) Bb5 21.Qb7 Bd7 22.Rd7 Qc5 equal; 16.cb6 Qd5
16...ab6 17.Rhd1; 16...Qb6?! 17.Rb1) 17.Bd5 Ba6 18.Bc4 ab6 19.
a4! (19.Ba6 Ra6 20.Rc2 Rfa8) Bb2 20.Rc2 Rfc8 21.Nd2 White is
slightly better.] **Ba6 17.Qf5** [17.Bb3? b4 18.Ke1 Qa3! Black is
winning. (18...Bc3); 17.Bd3? Rad8 18.Qb3 Rd3! 19.Kd3 b4 20.Kc2
Qf5 Black is winning; 17.Rhd1 Bc3! 18.Qd3! (18.Bd3 Rad8 19.Qc5
(19.Qe4 Rd3 20.Rd3 b4) Rd3 20.Rd3 Qa2 21.Rd2 b4 22.Ke1 Qb3!?
23.c7 Bd2 24.Nd2 Qd3 25.Rc4 (25.Nc4? b3) Rc8 (25...Bc4? 26.Qf8
Kf8 27.c8Q Ke7 28.Qc4) 26.Qb4 h5 (26...Bc4 27.Nc4 a5 28.Qb7
Qc3 29.Kd1 Qd3 30.Ke1 equal.) 27.Qb8 Kh7 28.Kd1 Rb8 29.cb8Q
Bc4 Black is slightly better.) Bb2 (18...bc4 19.Qc3 White is
superior.) 19.Ng5 g6 20.Bf7 Rf7 21.Nf7 b4 a) 21...Bc1? 22.Nh6
Kf8 23.Qd6 Kg7 24.Qe7! Kh6 25.Qd4 Kg7 26.Rd7; b) 21...Qa2? 22.
Nh6 Kg7 (22...Kh8 23.Qd2) 23.Qd7 Kh6 24.Qh3 Kg7 25.Rd7 Kf8
26.Kf1!! Bc1 27.Qh6! (27.Qh7 Bb2! 28.Qh6 Ke8 29.Qg6 Kf8 30.g4
Re8=) Ke8 28.Qh7 Qc4 29.Kg1 White is winning; c) 21...Kf7? 22.
Qb3; 22.Rc4 Kf7 23.c7 Bf6 unclear (23...Rc8? 24.Qd7 Kf8 25.Qc8!
Bc8 26.Rd8 Ke7 27.Rc8 White is winning.); 17.Qc5 Be7]



[FEN "r4rk1/p4ppp/b1P2b2/q3Q2/2B5/4PN2/P3KPPP/2R4R b - - 0 17"]

17...Qa3 [17...Rfd8 18.Rhd1 Rd1 19.Rd1 Qc3 20.Bf7! Kf7 21.Ng5 Kf8 22.Rd6! White is winning. Qe5 23.Nh7 Kf7 24.Ng5 Kf8 25. Rf6! gf6 26.Ne6 Ke7 27.Qh7! Ke6 28.Qd7 Mate; 17...Rad8 18.c7! Rd6 (18...Qc7? 19.Bd3) 19.Rhd1 White is superior. (19.Bf7 Kf7! (19...Rf7 20.c8Q Bc8 21.Rc8 Rf8 22.Rf8 Kf8 23.Rc1!) 20.Ng5 Ke7 21.Qe4 Kd7 22.Qf5 Ke7); 17...Bb2!? 18.Rc2 (18.Ng5?! g6 19.Bf7 Kh8 20.Qf4 b4 21.Kf3 Be5 (21...Rae8) 22.Qe4 (22.Qh4? Qd5) Rae8) g6 19.Qc5 (19.Qg5 Qa3 20.Bb5? Rab8 21.Bc4 Qa4 Black is winning.) Ba3 20.Qg5 Be7 unclear; 17...g6!? 18.Qf6 bc4 19.Nd4 a) 19.Qc3 Qd5 20.c7 (20.Nd4 Qg2 with counter-play.) Rac8 21.Rhd1 Qe6 22.Kf1 Rc7 with counter-play; b) 19.Ne5 c3 20.Kf3 Rae8 21. Nd7 Re6 22.Qd4 Rc6! 23.Nf6 (23.Nf8? Rc4 Black is winning.) Kh8 24.Nd5 f6 25.Rc3 Rc3 26.Nc3 Qh5 27.Kg3 Qg5 equal; 19...Rae8 (19...c3 20.Kf3 Rae8 21.Kg3) 20.h4 (20.Kf3? Re6! 21.Qf4 Kg7! with idea Rf6) c3 21.Kf3 Re6 22.Qf4 Bd3 unclear (22...Kg7 23.Kg3 Rf6 24.Qg5)] **18.Bd3** [18.Bb5?? Qb2] **Rfd8 19.c7** [Better is 19.Qh7 Kf8 20.c7 Qa2 21.Kf1! (21.Rc2 Qc2! 22.Bc2 b4 23.Bd3 Bd3 24.Qd3 Rd3 25.Kd3 Rc8 26.Rc1 Bc3; 21.Nd2 Rd3 22.Qd3 b4 23.c8Q Bc8 with compensation.) Rd3 22.Qh8 Ke7 23.Qa8 White is winning. Rc3 24.Qd8 Ke6 25.Rc3 Qa1 (25...b4 26.Rd3 Qb1 27.Ne1) 26.Ke2 Qc3 27.Rb1] **Qa2 20.Nd2** [20.Kf1? Rd3 21.Qd3 b4 22.Kg1 Only move. (22.c8Q Rc8 23.Rc8 Bc8 Black is winning.) Rc8 Black is superior.] **Rd3** [20...b4? 21.cd8Q Rd8 22.Ba6 Qa6 (22...Rd2 23. Ke1) 23.Nc4 Bc3 24.Qf4 Rc8 25.Rhd1 g6 26.Rd7 White is winning.] **21.Qd3** [21.Kd3 b4 22.Ke4 (22.Nc4? Bc4 23.Rc4 Qb3) Qd2 23.c8Q Rc8 24.Rc8 Bd8! (24...Bc8 25.Qc8 Bd8 26.Ra1! b3 27. Rb1! f5 28.Ke5) 25.Kf3 Bc8 26.Qc8 Qd5 equal.] **b4 22.Kf3!** [22. Rc4 Bc4 23.Qc4 Qc4 24.Nc4 Rc8] **Bb7** [Better is 22...Qa5 23.Qd6 (23.Qe4 Rc8 unclear 24.Rhd1 Qh5 25.Kg3 Qg5 equal 26.Qg4? Qg4 27.Kg4 Be2) Bb7 (23...Bc3 24.e4! Qh5 25.g4 Qh3 26.Qg3 Qh6 (26... Qg3 27.hg3 Bd2 28.Ra1! with idea Rhd1 White is winning.) 27. Nb3 White is superior.) 24.e4 (24.Ke2 Ba6 25.Ke1 Rf8÷) Qa3 25. Ke2 (25.Kf4 Re8 unclear.) Ba6 26.Rc4! Qa5! (With idea Be5) (26... Bc4 27.Nc4 Qa2 28.Nd2 Qe6 (28...Qc2 29.Ra1!) 29.Qb4 White is superior.) 27.Ke3 Qa3 28.Kf4 Bc4 29.Nc4 Qa2 30.Qc5 Rc8 unclear.] **23.Kg3** [23.e4!? Qa5 (With idea Bc3) (23...Qa3 24.Qa3 ba3 25.Rb1 Bb2 26.Nc4 f5 27.Rhd1 White is winning; 23...Qe6 24. Qb5) 24.Qd7 Bc3 (24...Qa3 25.Ke2 Ba6 26.Kd1) 25.Rc3!? (25.c8Q Rc8 26.Qb7 Qh5 27.Ke3 Qg5 28.f4 Bd2 29.Kd2 Qf4 30.Kd3 Rd8 31. Kc4 White is superior.) bc3 26.Rb1! Qh5 27.g4 Qh3 28.Ke2 Ba6 29. Kd1 Rf8 30.Rb8 g6 31.Rf8 Kf8 32.Qd6 Kg7 33.Qa6 Qg4 34.f3 Qd7 35.Qe2 White is superior. cd2? 36.Qc4 White is winning; 23.Ne4!? Qe6 (23...Re8? 24.Kg3) 24.Qc4! Bc3! (24...Qf5? 25.Ke2) 25.Qe6 fe6 26.Rhd1 Rf8 27.Kg4! Be4 28.Rd8 Bb7 29.Rcd1 Bf6 (29...b3? 30.Rb8 Bc8 31.Rd8) 30.f4 (30.Rf8? Kf8 31.Rd8 Ke7 32.c8Q Bc8 33. Rc8 b3; 30.Rb8 Bc8 31.Rb4 h5! Black is superior.) b3 (30...Kf7 31. R1d7 Be7 32.Rf8 Kf8 33.Rd8 Kf7 34.Rb8 Ba6 35.c8Q Bc8 36.Rc8 Bd6 37.Kf3 White is superior.) 31.e4 e5 32.f5 with idea Bb8 White is slightly better.] **h5** [23...Qa5 24.f4 Rc8 25.Rhd1! h5 (25...Rc7 26. Nb3 White is winning.) 26.Ne4 Be4 27.Qe4 Rc7 (27...Bc3 28.Rd7)

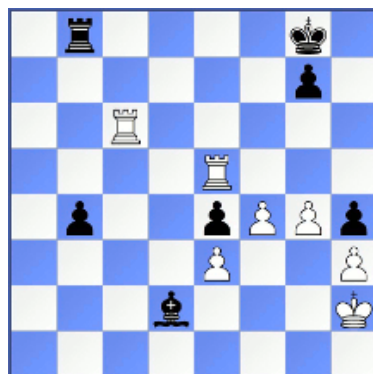
28.Rc7 Qc7 29.Qb4 White is winning; 23...Qe6 24.f3 Rc8 25.Kf2 Bc6 White is superior. (25...Qe7 26.Qb5; 25...Qb6 26.Nc4! Qc7 27.Nd6 Qd7 28.Nb7!) **24.h3** [24.f4! Qe6 25.Kf2! (25.h3 Rc8) Bh4 (25...Rc8 White is superior.) 26.g3! Bh1 27.gh4 Bb7 28.Qd8 Qe8 29.Qe8 Re8 30.Nc4 Re6 31.Na5 Bc8 32.Nc6 White is superior.] **Qa5 25.f4 Rc8 26.Nc4 Qa6** [26...Qb5; Weak point d7; 26...Qc7! 27.Nd6 Qd8 White is slightly better.] **27.Ne5** [27.Qd7! b3 (27...Qa2 28.Rhg1) 28.Rhd1 (28.Nd6? Qe2! Black is winning.) b2 29.Rc2 Bc6 30.Qd6 Qb7 31.Nb2 Rc7 32.Nd3 White is winning.] **Qd3 28.Nd3 Bc3 29.Rhd1** [29.Nb4? Bb4 30.Rhd1 Ba5 (30...Kf8)] **a5 30.Nc5** [30.Nb4!? ab4 (30...Bb4? 31.Rd8 Kh7 32.Rc8 Bc8 33.Rd1) 31.Rd8 Kh7 32.Rc8 Bc8 33.Rd1 b3 (33...h4!?) 34.Rd8 b2 35.Rc8 Be1! (35...b1Q 36.Rh8 Kh8 37.c8Q Kh7 38.Qc3?) 36.Kh2 b1Q 37.Rb8 Bg3! 38.Kg3 Qe1 39.Kf3 Qd1 40.Kg3 Qe1 41.Kh2 h4 42.Rh8 Kg6 43.f5 Kf6 44.c8Q Qg3 45.Kg1 Qe1 equal.] **Rc7 31.Na4 Be4 32.Rd6?** [32.Kf2] **Kh7?** [32...Bc2! 33.Nc3 (33.Rc2 Be1 34.Rf2 Rc2 Black is winning.) Rc3 34.Rb6 Rc4 (34...Re3 35.Kf2 Rc3 36.Rb5 b3 37.Ra1) 35.Rb8 Kh7 36.Rb5 a4 (36...b3 37.Rh5 Kg6 38.Ra5 b2 39.Rc2 Rc2 (39...b1Q? 40.Rg5 Kh6 41.Rc4) 40.Rb5 equal.) 37.Rc2 Rc2 38.Rb4 a3 39.Ra4 a2 Black is slightly better.] **33.Ra6 h4 34.Kh2** [34.Kh4? Bf6; 34.Kf2 Rd7 35.Nc3 bc3 36.Rc3 Rd2 equal.] **Rd7 35.Nc5 Re7 36.Ra5 Bd2** [36...Bg6] **37.Rc4**



[FEN "8/4rppk/8/R1N5/1pR1bP1p/4P2P/3b2PK/8 b - - 0 37"]

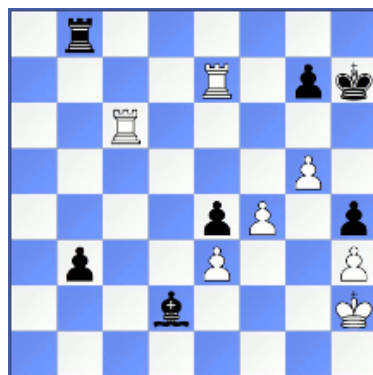
37...f5? [37...Bc6? 38.Nb3; 37...Bg6? 38.f5 Bf5 39.Nb3; 37...Bd5? 38.Rd4; 37...Bb1!?; 37...b3! 38.Rb5 (38.Nb3 Ba5 39.Na5 White is slightly better.) Bc6 (38...Bd5 39.Rd4 Bc6) 39.Rb6 (39.Rb3 Bd5) Re3! (39...Ba5!? 40.Rb3 (40.Rc6 b2) Bd5 41.Ra4 Bb3 42.Ra5 White is slightly better.) 40.Rc6 (40.Rb3? Re2; 40.Nb3 Be1) b2 41.Rb6 Be1! 42.g4 (42.Ne4?? Bg3 43.Ng3 hg3 44.Kg1 Re1Mate; 42.Kg1 Bg3 43.Re4 Rc3 44.Kf1 Rc1 45.Ke2 b1Q 46.Rb1 Rb1 equal.) hg3 43.Kh1 Re2 44.Ne4 Rh2 45.Kg1 Bf2 46.Nf2 gf2 47.Kf1 Rh1 48.Kf2 b1Q 49.Rb1 Rb1 equal.] **38.Ne4 fe4 [R 9/o] 39.Rh5** [39.g3!? b3 (39...Rb7? 40.Rh5 Kg8 (40...Kg6 41.Rc6! Kf7 (41...Kh5 42.g4 Mate.) 42.Rf5) 41.Rc8 Kf7 42.Rf5 Kg6 (42...Ke7 43.Rc4 b3 44.Re4 Kd6 45.Rd4 Ke6 46.Re5 Kf6 47.Rd2 b2 48.Rd1+-) 43.g4 Be3 44.Rcf8 Rb6 45.Rh5! (With idea f5 Mate) Bf4 46.Rf4 b3 47.Rf1 Rc6 48.Kg2 White is winning.) 40.Rh5 Kg8 41.Rc8 Kf7 42.Rf5 Kg6 43.Rc6! Kh7 (43...Kf5 44.g4 Mate.) 44.Rb6 Be3 45.Rb3 Bf2 with counter-play.] **Kg6 40.Rg5** [40.Rh4 b3 41.Rc8!? (41.Rc6 Kf7 42.Rb6 Be3 43.Rb3 Bd2 equal) Be3 (41...b2 42.Rf8 Rf7 43.Rg4 Kf6 44.Rb8) 42.Rf8 Rf7 (42...b2? 43.f5 Kg5 44.Rg4 Kh5 45.f6! gf6 46.Rh8 Bh6 47.Rgg8! with idea g4 White is winning.) 43.Rg4 Kf6 44.Rb8 Bd4 45.Rb3 e3 equal.] **Kf6** [40...Kf7!? 41.g3 (41.g4)] **41.Rc6 Kf7 42.Rf5 Kg8** [42...Ke8?! 43.Rc8 Kd7 44.Rc4] **43.g4** [43.Rc8!? Kh7 44.Rh5 Kg6 45.Rh4 b3 (45...Be3 46.Rf8! Rf7 47.Rg4 Kf6 48.Rf7 Kf7 49.f5 b3 50.Re4 Bd2 51.Re6 Ba5 52.Re3 b2 53.Rb3 Bc7 54.g3 Be5 55.Kg2 White is winning.) 46.Rf8! (46.Rb8 Be3 47.Rb3 Bd2 48.Rb6 Kf5 with counter-play. (48...Kf7? 49.f5 e3 50.Re6 Re6 51.fe6 Ke6 52.Kg1 White is winning.)) Rf7 47.Rb8 Be3 48.Kg3 Bd4 49.Rb3] **Re8!** [43...Be3 44.Rc8 Kh7 45.Rh5 Kg6 46.Rf8; 43...hg3

44.Kg3 Be3 45.Rc8 Kh7 46.Rh5 Kg6 47.Kg4] **44.Re5 Rb8** [44... Re5 45.fe5 Be3 46.Rc4 (46.e6 Kf8) Bd2! (46...b3 47.e6 Kf8 (47... Bf4 48.Kg2 b2 49.e7 Kf7 50.Re4 Ke8 51.Rb4 Be5 52.Rb7) 48.Re4 Bc5 49.Rf4 Ke8 50.Rf7 Be7 51.Rf3 b2 52.Rb3 Bf6 53.Rb7 White is winning.) 47.Re4 (47.e6 Kf8 48.Re4 Ke7 49.Kg2 (49.Re5?? Bf4) b3 50.Re5 b2 51.Rb5 Bc3 52.Rb6 Bd4 equal.) Kf7 (47...b3 48.e6 Kf8 49.e7 Ke8 50.Re6 White is winning.) 48.Rc4 Ke6 49.Rc5 Bf4 50. Kg2 Be5 51.Rb5 Bc3 equal.]



[FEN "1r4k1/6p1/2R5/4R3/1p2pPPp/4P2P/3b3K/8 w - - 0 45"]

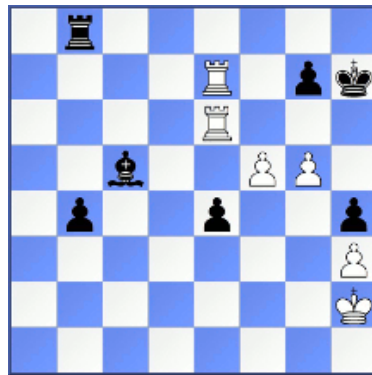
45.g5 [45.Rce6! Kf8 **a)** 45...b3 46.Re8 Re8 47.Re8 Kf7 48.Rb8 Be3 49.Rb7 Kf6 50.f5 White is winning; **b)** 45...Kh7 46.Re8 Re8 (46... Be3 47.Rb8 Bf4 48.Kg2 Be5 49.Rb4; 46...Rb7 47.Rh5 Kg6 48.Rf8) 47.Re8 b3 48.Kg2! Be3 (48...b2 49.Rb8 Be3 50.Rb2 Bf4 51.Rb4) 49. Re4 Bc5 50.Re8 Bd6 51.Re3 b2 52.Rb3 White is winning; 46.g5 b3 (46...Be3 47.Rf5 Kg8 48.Re4 b3 49.g6! b2 50.Rb5 Bf4 51.Kg2 White is winning; 46...g6 47.Rf6 Kg7 48.Re7 Kh8 49.Rg6 b3 50.Rh6 Kg8 51.f5 b2 52.f6 b1Q 53.Rg7 Kf8 54.Rh8 Mate.) 47.Rf5 Kg8 48.g6 Bb4 49.Rfe5 Kf8 (49...Bf8 50.Re8) 50.Rh5 Kg8 51.Ree5! b2 52. Rb5 Rc8 (52...Rb5 53.Rb5 b1Q 54.Rb8 Bf8 55.Rb1) 53.Rb4 Rc2 54. Kg1 Rc1 55.Kf2 b1Q 56.Rb1 Rb1 57.Rh4 White is winning.] **Kh7** [45...b3 46.g6] **46.Re7 Be3** [46...b3]



[FEN "1r6/4R1pk/2R5/6P1/1p2pP1p/4b2P/7K/8 w - - 0 47"]

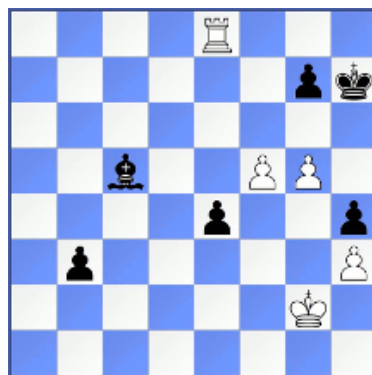
47.Rcc7 (47.Rh6 Kg8 48.Rg6 Bc3 equal.) Be3 **a)** 47...b2? 48.Rg7 Kh8 49.Rh7 Kg8 50.Rcg7 Kf8 51.f5! b1Q 52.f6 White is winning.; **b)** 47...Bc3 48.Rb7 (48.Rc3 b2 49.Rcc7 b1Q 50.Rg7 Kh8 equal) Rd8 49.Re4 (49.Rb3 Rd2 50.Kg1 Rd1 51.Kf2 Rd2 52.Ke1 Rd7 53. Rc3 Re7 White is slightly better; 49.Red7 Rd7 50.Rd7 b2 51.Rb7 Bd2 52.Rb2 Be3 53.f5 Bg5 54.Rb4 Bf4 55.Kg2 Kh6 56.Re4 Kg5 57. Kf3 Bg3 equal.) Rd2 50.Kh1 b2 51.Rc4! (Weak point Bc3) Rc2 (51...Rd3 52.f5) 52.Rc6 (52.Rb2? Rc1 53.Kg2 Bb2) Rc1 53.Kg2 Ba5 54.Ra6 Bc3 55.Rab6 White is winning; 48.Rg7 Kh8 49.Rh7 (49.Rb7 Bf4 50.Kg2 Rc8! (50...Rb7 51.Rb7 b2 52.Rb2 Kg7 see 49. Rh7) 51.Rgd7 Rc2 52.Kf1 Rc1 53.Ke2 Rc2 54.Ke1 Rc1 55.Rd1 Rd1 56.Kd1 Bg5 57.Rb3 Kg7 58.Rb4 Bf4!? (58...e3) 59.Re4 Bg3 60.Ke2 Kf6 61.Kf3 Kf5 equal.) Kg8 50.Rcg7 Kf8 51.Rb7 (51.f5 Bf4

52.Kg2 Rc8 53.Rh8?? Kg7 54.Rc8 b2) Bf4 52.Kg2 Rb7 (52...Kg8!?
 53.Rhg7 (53.Rb8? Kh7 54.Rb3 Kg6 55.Rb4 Kg5 56.Re4 Bg3 57.Kf3
 Kf5 equal.) Kh8 54.Rge7) 53.Rb7 b2 (53...Bg5 54.Rb3 Ke7 55.Rb4)
 54.Rb2 Kg7 55.Rb6! (55.Rb4 Kg6 56.Re4 Kg5 57.Kf3 Bg3) Bg5 56.
 Re6 e3 (56...Bf4 57.Re4 Bg3 58.Kf3 Kf6 59.Kg4 White is winning.)
 57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Re4 (58.Ra6? e2 59.Ke2 Bf4) Kf6 59.Kg4 Bh6 60.
 Re8 (60.Kh4? Kf5) Kf7 61.Re5 Kf6 62.Re4 White is winning.
 Zugzwang.] **47.Rh6** [47.Re4 b3] **Kg8 48.Rg6 Bd4** [48...b3 49.Rgg7
 Kh8 see 46...b3; 48...Bf4 49.Kg2 Rc8 50.Re4 (50.Rgg7 Kh8) Kf7!]
49.Rge6 [49.f5 Kf8 (49...b3? 50.f6) 50.Re4 (50.f6 gf6 51.Rgg7 (51.
 gf6 Bf6) fg5 52.Ref7 Ke8 53.Re7 Kf8 equal.) b3 51.Rh4 (51.Rd4 b2
 52.Rd1 b1Q 53.Rb1 Rb1 equal.) Rb4 52.Rh8 (52.Rd4 Rd4 53.Rb6
 Rf4 equal.) Ke7 (52...Kf7? 53.Re6 White is winning.) 53.Rh7 Kf7
 (53...b2 54.f6 Kf7 55.fg7 Bg7 56.Rhg7 Kf8 57.Rg8 Kf7 58.R6g7 Ke6
 59.Re8 Kd5 60.Re1 White is winning.) 54.Re6 Rb8 55.g6 Kg8 56.
 Rh4 b2 57.Rhe4 Kf8 58.Rh4 Kg8 equal.] **Kh7** [49...b3 50.g6 Rf8 51.
 Re4 b2 52.Rb7; 49...Bc5! 50.Re8 Re8 51.Re8 Kf7 52.Re4 b3 53.
 Re1 b2 54.f5 (54.Rb1 Bd4 55.Kg2 Ke6 56.Kf3 Kf5 equal.) g6! 55.f6
 (55.Rb1 gf5 56.Rb2 Kg6) 55...Be3 56.Rb1 Bg5 57.Rb2 Kf6 equal.]
50.f5 Bc5 [50...Ra8 51.Re4 (51.f6 Ra2 52.Kh1 Ra1 53.Kg2 Rg1
 (53...Ra2? 54.Kf1 Ra1 55.Ke2 Ra2 56.Kd1 Ra1 57.Kc2 Ra2 58.
 Kb3) 54.Kh2 Rg5 55.f7 Rf5 56.Re4 Rf2 57.Kh1 Rf1 equal.)]



[FEN "1r6/4R1pk/4R3/2b2PP1/
 1p2p2p/7P/7K/8 w - - 0 51"]

51.Re8 [51.Rd7! Kg8 52.f6 gf6 53.gf6 Ra8 a) 53...b3 54.f7 Kf8 55.
 Rg6; b) 53...e3 54.f7 Kf8 55.Kg2 (55.Rg6? Be7 56.Rg8 Kf7 57.Rb8
 e2 58.Re7 Ke7 59.Rb7 equal.); 54.Re5! (54.Re4 Ra2 55.Kh1 Ra1 56.
 Kg2 Ra2 57.Kf3 Rf2 58.Kg4 Rf6; 54.f7 Kg7 55.Re8 Ra2) Bb6 55.
 Re4 Ra2 56.Kh1 Ra1 57.Kg2 Ra2 58.Kf3 Rf2 59.Kg4 Rf6 60.Rb4
 White is winning.] **Re8 52.Re8 [R 2/j] b3** [52...e3 53.Kg2 b3 54.
 Kf3 g6 (54...b2 55.g6 Kh6 56.Kg4! with idea Rh8 Mate.) 55.f6 b2
 56.Rb8 Bd4 57.Ke2 White is winning; 52...g6! 53.f6 b3 54.Kg2
 Bd6 55.Re4 b2 56.Re1 Bf4 57.Re7 Kg8 58.Rb7 Bg5 59.Rb2 Kf7
 equal.] **53.Kg2**



[FEN "4R3/6pk/8/2b2PP1/
 4p2p/1p5P/6K1/8 b - - 0 53"]

53...Be3 [53...b2 54.Rb8 Bd4 55.Kf1 Be5 56.Rb7 Kg8 57.Ke2 Bd4

(57...g6 58.fg6 Bf4 59.Rb2 Kg7 60.Rb6 Bg5 61.Re6 White is winning.) 58.Kd2 Kf8 59.Kc2 (With idea Rb4) e3 60.Rb4 e2 61.Rb8 (61.Kd2?? Bc3) Ke7 62.Kd2 Be3 63.Ke2 Bg5 64.Rb2 Kf6 65.Rb5 White is winning; 53...g6 54.Rc8! (54.f6 Bd6) b2 (54...Bd6 55.Rd8) 55.Rc7 Kg8 56.Rb7 gf5 57.Rb2 White is winning. Weak point Kg8; 53...Bd6! 54.Re4 b2 55.Re1 Bf4 56.Rb1 Bc1 57.Kf3 g6 58.Ke4 gf5 59.Kf5 Kg7 60.g6 Kf8 61.Kf6 Kg8 62.g7 Bd2! equal.] **54.Re4 Bg5 55.Rb4 g6 56.Rb7 Kh6 57.fg6** [57.Rb6!? Bd8 58.Rg6 Kh5 (58... Kh7 59.Kf3 b2 60.Rg1 Bg5 61.Rd1 Bc1 62.Rd7 Kh6 63.Rb7) 59.Kf3 b2 60.Rg1 Bg5 61.Rb1 Bc1 62.Ke4 Kh6 63.Ke5 Kg7 64.f6 Kf7 65. Kf5 Kf8 66.Ke6 Ke8 67.f7 Kf8 68.Kf6 Be3 (68...Bd2 69.Rg1) 69. Rd1 Bb6 70.Ke6 Kg7 71.Rb1 Bd4 72.Ke7 White is winning.] **Kg6 58.Kf3 Bd2 59.Kg4 Be1 60.Rb3** (White is winning.) **Bg3** [60...Kf6 61.Rf3] **61.Rf3 Be1 62.Re3 Bf2 63.Re6 Kf7 64.Kf5 Bg3 65.Re4 Bf2 66.Kg5 Bg3 67.Re2** (Zugzwang.) **Kg7 68.Re7 Kf8 69.Kf6 Bf2 70.Re6 Bg3 71.Kg6 Bh2 72.Re4 Bg3 73.Kf6 Bf2 74.Kg6 Bg3 75. Re2 Bd6 76.Kg5 Bg3** [76...Be7 77.Kg4 Kf7 78.Re4 Ke8 79.Kf5 Kd7 (79...Kf7 80.Ra4 Bf6 81.Ra7 Be7 82.Rb7 Kf8 83.Ke6 Bg5 84. Rd7 Be3 85.Rf7 Ke8 86.Rh7) 80.Kg6 Bd8 81.Kf7 Kd6 82.Rd4 Kc7 83.Ke6 Kc8 84.Rc4 Kb7 85.Kd7 Bg5 86.Rb4 Ka7 (86...Ka6 87. Rg4) 87.Ke6 with idea Kf5-g4, Rb5-h5-h4] **77.Kf6 Bf4 78.Re4 Bd6 79.Rd4** [79.Rh4?? Be7] **Bc7 80.Kg6 Bg3 81.Re4** (Zugzwang.) **1-0** [M.Notkin]

3. V. Anand (2788) - P. Leko (2752)

Moscow 2009 - 107/132 [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.Nd7 Nd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.a4 e5 15.Bg4 ed4 16.e5 c5 17.Re1 Ne5 18.Be5 0-0 19.Bg7 Kg7 20.Ne2 f5 21.Bh5 f4



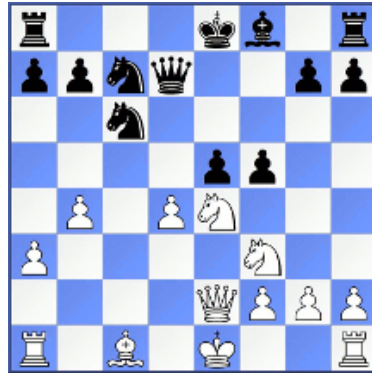
[FEN "r2q1r2/1b4k1/p6p/1pp3pB/P1pp1p2/8/1P2NPPP/R2QR1K1 w - - 0 22"]

22.Nd4! A novelty. [22.b4 see 102/330] **cd4 23.Re6 Bc8?** [23...Rf6 24.Qe1 (24.Qe2 Bd5 25.Re7 Kg8 (25...Kf8 26.Re1 d3 27.Qe5 Qd6 28.Re8 Kg7! 29.Qe7 Bf7 30.Ra8 d2 equal.)) Bd5 25.Re7 Kg8 26. ab5 Qd6 27.ba6 Ra6 28.Re8 Rf8 29.Rf8 Kf8 30.Qe8 Kg7 31.Ra6 Qa6 32.Qe5 Kh7 equal.] **24.Rg6 Kh7 25.ab5 Rf6** [25...Ra7 26.Rc6 d3 27.Qd2 Rf6 28.Rc4 Bf5 (28...Rd6 29.Qc3 White is superior.) 29. h3 White is slightly better.] **26.Rf6 Qf6 27.Qc2! Bf5 28.Qc4 Rc8 29.Qd5 ab5 30.h3!** White is superior. **Kh8** [30...Rc7 31.Ra8 Be6 32.Qd6 Rd7 33.Qc6 Re7 34.Ra6 d3 35.Qd6 Kg7 36.Bg4 d2 37.Qd2 Qe5 38.Qd8 Bg4 39.hg4 Rc7 40.Kh2 Only move. White is winning.] **31.Qb5 Rf8** [31...Be6 32.Qb6! (32.Ra6 f3) Qe5 (32...f3 33.Re1 White is winning.) 33.Ra5 Rb8 (33...Qe1 34.Kh2 Qe4 35. Ra6 White is winning.) 34.Qa7 Rb5 35.Bg6 White is winning.] **32. Ra6 Qg7 33.Rd6! d3 34.Qb6 Qe5** [34...Kh7 35.Rc6 d2 36.Rc7 Rf7 37.Rf7 Qf7 38.Bf7 d1Q 39.Kh2 White is winning.] **35.Bg6! d2** [35... Bg6 36.Rg6 d2 37.Rh6 Kg8 38.Qd6! (38.Qg6 Qg7 39.Qg7 Kg7 40. Rd6 Rb8 41.Rd2 Kg6) Qd6 39.Rd6 Rb8 40.Rd2 Kf7 41.Kf1 Kg6 42. Ke2 Kh5 43.Kd1 Kh4 44.Kc2 Rc8 45.Kb1 Rb8 46.Rd3 Re8 47.Kc1

White is winning.] **36.Bf5 Qf5 37.Qd4 Kh7 38.Qd2 Rf7 39.f3 h5 40.Rd5 Qg6 41.Qa5!** (White is winning.) **Rg7 42.h4 Qb1 43.Kh2 Qb2 44.Rg5 Rg5 45.Qg5 1-0** [V.Anand]

4. S. Fedorchuk (2619) - Ivan Sokolov (2652)
Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2009 - 107/206 [B29]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.ed5 Nd5 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Qe2 [6.Ne5 see 66/126] **Nb4 7.Bd7 Qd7 8.d3 f6** A novelty. [8...N8c6 equal.] **9.a3 N4c6 10.Ne4 e5 11.c3 Na6 12.b4 Nc7 13.d4!** [13.bc5? 0-0-0 Black is slightly better; 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Rd1 c4 15.Ne1! White is slightly better. (15.d4 Qd5 unclear (15...f5? 16.Bg5! fe4 17.Ne5)) Qf7 (15...f5 16.Bg5 fe4 17.dc4 Qf5 18.Bd8 Nd8 19.Nc2 Nde6 20.Re1) 16.Be3 Qg6 17.f3 f5 with counter-play.] **cd4 14.cd4 f5** [14...Nd4 15.Nd4 Qd4 16.Bb2 Qb6 (16...Qd7 17.Rd1 with initiative.) 17.Qh5 g6 18.Nf6 Kf7! (18...Qf6 19.Qe5 Qe5 20.Be5) 19.Qe5 Bg7 20.0-0-0 Rhd8 21.Qf4 (21.Qg3 Bf6 22.Bf6 Kf6 23.Rd8 Rd8 24.Qh4 g5 25.Qh6 Ke7 26.Qg7 Ke8 (26...Kd6? 27.Qf6 Ne6 28.Re1 Re8? 29.Rd1 White is winning. Kc6 30.Qf3 Kc7 31.Qf7) 27.Re1 Ne6 28.Qg8 Ke7 29.Qg7 (29.Qg5 Kd7) Ke8 equal.) Qc6 (21...Ne6? 22.Qf3) 22.Kb1 Ne6 23.Qe5 Rac8 24.Rd8 Qc2 25.Ka2 Rd8 26.Rc1 Qf2 27.Rc7 Nc7 28.Qc7 Ke6 29.Qc4 (29.Qd8 Qb2 30.Kb2 Bf6) Ke7 30.Qc7 equal.]

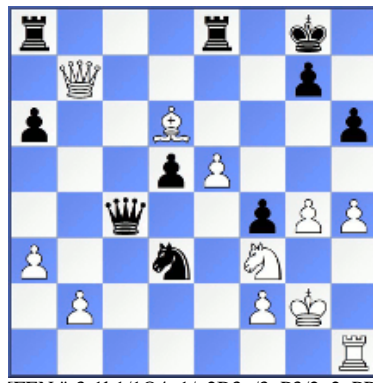


[FEN "r3kb1r/ppnq2pp/2n5/4pp2/1P1PN3/P4N2/4QPPP/R1B1K2R w KQkq - 0 15"]

15.Ne5!! [15.Ng3 e4 Black is slightly better.] **Ne5 16.Ng3! Qd4 17.0-0! Qa1 18.Bf4! Qa3 19.Qe5 Be7 20.Nf5** (White is superior.) **Qb4 21.Re1 Nd5 22.Ng7! Kf7 23.Qd5 Kg7 24.Bd2** (White is winning.) **Qc5 25.Bc3 Kf8 26.Qf3 Kg8 27.Qg4 Qg5 28.Qe6 Kf8 29.h4 Qh4 30.Qf5 Ke8 31.Bh8 Qb4 32.Re4 1-0** [Ivan Sokolov]

5. A. Morozevich (2750) - V. Kramnik (2772)
Moscow 2009 - 107/172 [E36]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bc3 6.Qc3 d5 7.Nf3 dc4 8.Qc4 b6 9.Bf4 [9.Bg5 see 106/(166)] **Ba6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.e4 Bf1 12.Kf1** [12.Rf1] **c5** A novelty. [12...Qc8] **13.Bd6 Re8 14.e5 Nd5 15.h4 cd4 16.Ng5** [16.Nd4 Qc8 with idea Qa6, Rac8] **f5! 17.Qc4?! [17.ef6 N5f6! 18.Qc4 Qc8 19.Qd4 Qc6 with idea h6, Rad8, e5; 17.Qd1 h6 18.Nf3 Qc8! unclear; M.Notkin] Qc8! 18.Qd4 Nc5 19.Rd1 Nb3 20.Qd3 Nc1! 21.Qb5** [21.Qf3 Qc4 22.Kg1 Ne2 23.Kh2 (23.Kf1 Ndf4 Black is winning.) Qh4 24.Nh3 Nef4 Black is superior.] **Qc2! 22.Rd5 a6!** [22...ed5? 23.Qd5 Kh8 24.Nf7 Kg8 25.Nh6 Kh8 26.Qg8! Rg8 27.Nf7 Mate.] **23.Qb6 Qc4 24.Kg1 ed5** [Better is 24...Qd5! with idea 25.Qc7 Ne2 26.Kh2 h6 27.Qf7 Kh8 28.Qg6 Qg2! 29.Kg2 Nf4] **25.g3 h6 26.Nf3?** [26.Qb7! hg5 27.e6!! Ne2 28.Kh2 Re6! M.Notkin (28...Kh7 29.Qf7 Qg4 30.Be5 Rg8 31.Kg2 Nf4 32.Kg1 Qd1 33.Kh2 Qh5 34.gf4 Qf7 35.ef7 Rgf8 36.hg5 Rf7 37.Kg3 Kg6 38.Rc1 with compensation.)] **f4 27.g4 Qe4 28.Kg2 Nd3 29.Qb3 Qc4 30.Qb7** [Better is 30.Qd1]

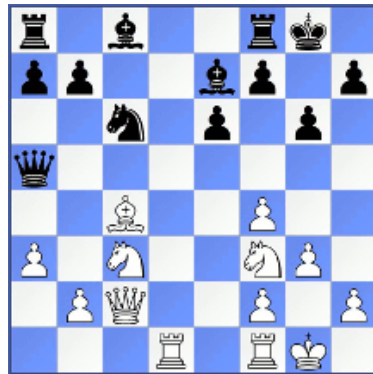


[FEN "r3r1k1/1Q4p1/p2B3p/3pP3/2q2pPP/
P2n1N2/1P3PK1/7R b - - 0 30"]

30...Nf2! (Black is winning.) **31.Kf2 Qc2 32.Kg1** [32.Kf1 Qd3!] **Qd1 33.Kf2 Qh1 34.e6 Rac8 35.Qf7 Kh8 36.Bc5 Qc1** [36...Rc5? 37.Qe8 Kh7 38.Ng5! equal.] **37.b4 Qc2 38.Kg1 Qe2 39.Nd4 Qg4 40.Kf2 Qh4 41.Ke2 f3 42.Kf3 Rf8 43.Bf8 Rc3 44.Kg2 Qg3 45. Kf1 Rc1 0-1 [RR]**

6. V. Kramnik (2759) - M. Carlsen (2772) Dortmund 2009 - 107/121 [D37]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dc5 Bc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Be2 dc4 12.Bc4 Nh5 13.0-0 Nf4 14.ef4 g6 15.g3



[FEN "r1b2rk1/pp2bp1p/2n1p1p1/q7/2B2P2/
PIN2NP1/1PQ2P1P/3R1RK1 b - - 0 15"]

15...Rd8! A novelty. [15...Bf6 see 95/306] **16.Rd8 Qd8 17.Rd1 Bd7 18.f5 gf5** [18...ef5 19.Qb3 Rb8 (19...Qe8 20.Bf7 Qf7 21.Qb7 White is winning.) 20.Bf7 White is slightly better.] **19.Qd2 Qb6?!** [19...Be8 20.Qh6 Qa5 21.Nd5 (21.Ng5 Qe5 equal.) ed5 equal V. Kramnik] **20.Qh6** [20.Qd7?? Rd8; 20.Na4 Ne5!] **Be8 21.Ng5 Bg5 22.Qg5 Kf8 23.Qh6 Kg8 24.Qg5 Kf8 25.Rd6 Qc7?** [25...Rd8 equal; 25...Qc5 equal V.Kramnik] **26.Qh6 Ke7 27.Qh4 Kf8 28. Qh6 Ke7 29.Nb5 Qa5 30.b4 Nb4 31.Re6! fe6 32.Qe6 Kd8 33.Qf6 Kc8 34.Qf5 Kd8 35.Qf6 Kc8 36.ab4 1-0 [RR]**

7. Sergey Karjakin (2723) - D. Navara (2707) Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2009 - 107/82 [C10]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nf6 Nf6 7.Be3 Nd5 8.Bd2 c5 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bd7 Qd7 11.c4 Nb6 12.Rc1 Be7 13. dc5 Bc5 14.b4 Be7 15.c5 Nd5 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qa4 Kf8



[FEN "r4k1r/ppq1bppp/4p3/2PnN3/QP6/8/P2B1PPP/2R1K2R w K - 0 18"]

18.Nd3! A novelty. [18.Nc4 see 107/(82)] **a6 19.0-0 Rd8 20.Qb3 h5 21.a4 h4 22.h3** (White is slightly better.) **Rh5 23.b5 Bg5** [Better is 23...Nf6 with small advantage.] **24.b6! Qb8** [24...Qc6 25.Ne5 Qe8 26.Bg5 Rg5 27.Nf3 Rh5 28.c6 bc6 29.Rc5 White is superior.] **25.Bg5 Rg5 26.c6 bc6 27.Rc5 e5 28.a5** (White is superior.) [Passed pawn b] **Qd6 29.Rfc1 Ne7 30.Ne1 Rf5 31.Qc4 Rf4 32.Qa6 Rf2 33.Qd3!** [33.Kf2 Qd4 34.Kf1 Nf5 with counter-play.] **Qd3 34.Nd3 Ra2 35.Ne5 Rdd2 36.R5c2! Rdc2 37.Rc2 Rc2 38.b7 Rb2 39.Nd7 Ke8 40.Nb6 1-0 [RR]**

8. V. Kramnik (2772) - Ni Hua (2665)

London 2009 - 107/114 [D15]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.b3 Bg4 7.h3 Bf3 8.Qf3 e5 9.de5 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bc3 11.Bc3 Ne4 12.Bb4 bc4 13.Qg4! [13.Bc4 see 96/281] **c5** Only move. **14.f3! cb4** [14...Nc6?! 15.fe4 Nb4 16.Qg7 Rf8 17.ed5] **15.fe4 0-0** A novelty. [15...c3] **16.ed5 cb3** [16...Qd5 17.Bc4 Qe5 18.0-0 Nc6 White is slightly better.] **17.Qd4!** [17.Bc4 b2 18.Rb1 Nd7] **Nd7** [17...ba2 18.Bc4 Qg5 19.0-0 Nd7 20.e6 White is superior.] **18.ab3** [18.e6?! b2 19.Rb1 Rc8] **Qg5 19.Qf4 Qe5** [Better is 19...Qg6] **20.Qe5 Ne5 21.Ba6 Rfc8** [21...Ra7 22.Ra4 Rd8 23.Ke2 (23.e4 Nd7 24.Bd3 Ra4 25.ba4 Nc5 26.Kd2 Na4 White is slightly better. 27.Rb1 Rb8) Rd5 24.Bb5 Ra4 25.ba4 Rc5 26.Rb1 Rc2 27.Kf1 Nc4 28.Bc4 Rc4 29.Ke2 White is superior; Better is 21...Rfd8 22.Ke2 Rd5 23.Bb7 Ra1 24.Ra1 Rd8 25.Ra5 (25.Ra4 Nd3 26.Bd5 Kf8 27.Bc4 Ne5 28.Rb4 Ra8 29.Bd5 Ra2 30.Kd1 Ke7 31.Ra4 Rb2 White is slightly better.) f6 26.Rb5 and white is superior.] **22.Kd2 Rc3 23.Rhb1** [23.Bc4 Rc8 24.Rhc1 Rc1 25.Rc1 Kf8 26.e4 Ke7 27.Bb5 Rc1 28.Kc1 Kd6 29.Kd2 Kc5 30.Be8 f6 31.Ke3 g6 32.h4 h6] **f5** [Better is 23...Rd8 24.Ra5 Kf8 (24...Nc6 25.Rb5 Ne7 26.Bb7) 25.Be2 Nd7 26.Rb5 Nf6 and white is superior. 27.Bf3 Re8 28.Rb4 Ree3] **24.Ra4 Rc5 25.e4! fe4 26.Ke3 Rc2** [26...Rd8 27.Rb4 Rcd5 28.Re4 Rc5 29.b4 White is winning. Rc3 30.Kf2 Rc2 31.Kg1]



[FEN "r5k1/6pp/B7/3Pn3/Rp2p3/1P2K2P/2r3P1/1R6 w - - 0 27"]

27.Bd3! Ra4 28.Bc2 Ra2 29.Be4 (White is winning.) **Kf7 30.Rc1**
 [30.Kd4 Nd7 31.Re1 Nf6 32.Bf3 Rc2 33.d6 Rc3 34.Re7 Kf8 35.
 Rc7] **30...Kf6 31.Rc2 Ra1 32.Kd4** [Better is 32.Bh7 Re1 33.Kd4
 Rd1 34.Kc5 g6 35.Bg8 Nd3 36.Kc6] **Rd1 33.Kc5 h5 34.Rf2 Ke7**
35.Re2 Nd7 [35...Rc1 36.Bc2] **36.Kc6** [36.Kb4 Kd6 37.Bf3 Ne5 38.
 Bh5 Rd5 39.Be8; 36.Kb5! Kd6 37.Bf3] **Rc1 37.Bc2 Kd8 38.Kd6**
Nf6 39.Ke6 h4 40.d6 Rf1 41.Re5 Rf2 [41...Ne8 42.Rb5 Rf6 43.
 Ke5 Nd6 44.Rb4 Kc7 45.Rf4 Rh6 46.b4 Kb6 47.Bd3] **42.Bf5** [42.
 Bd3] **g6** [42...Ne8 43.d7 Nf6 44.Rc5 Nd7 45.Rd5 Kc8 46.Kd6] **43.**
Bg6 Nd7 44.Rg5 Rf6 45.Kd5 Nb6 46.Kc6 Nc8 47.Kc5 Nd6 48.
Bd3 1-0 [V.Kramnik]

9. A. Grischuk (2736) - A. Riazantsev (2661)
 Russia (ch) 2009 - 107/35 [B04]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 de5 5.Ne5 g6 6.Bc4 Be6 7.0-0
Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 [Better is 8...c6 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Nef3 Nc7] **9.Nd2**
Nd7 10.Nef3 N7f6 [10...Nf4!? 11.Bf1 c6 12.Nb3 Nd5 13.Re6 fe6
 14.Ng5 with compensation.]



[FEN "r2q1rk1/ppp1ppbp/4bnp1/3n4/2BP4/
 5N2/PPPN1PPP/R1BQR1K1 w - - 0 11"]

11.Re6!! A novelty. [11.Bf1 c6 12.c4 Nb6 (12...Nc7 see 26/158) 13.
 b3 and White is slightly better.] **fe6 12.Ng5 Qd6 13.Qe1 b5** [13...c6
 14.Ndf3 b5 15.Bb3 Nc7 16.Be6 Ne6 17.Ne6 Rfc8 18.Bf4 White is
 superior.] **14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 ba4** [15...c6 16.Ndf3 Rfc8 17.Ne6
 White is superior.] **16.Nc4! Qc6 17.Ra4 Ra6 18.Ra5** White is
 superior. [18.Ne5 Qb6 19.Bc4 Ra7 20.Nd3 Qc6 21.b3 and White is
 superior.] **Rfa8** [18...Ra5 19.Na5 Qb6 20.Ne6 Ra8 21.Bd2] **19.Bd2**
Bh6 20.h4 Bg5 21.hg5 Nd7 [21...Nh5 22.Rc5 Qd7 23.Ne5 Qd6 24.
 Qe4 White is superior.] **22.Ra6** [22.Ba4 Qc4 23.Bd7 Kf7 24.Bb5
 Ra5 25.Bc4 Ra1 26.Bc1] **Qa6 23.Na5 c5** [23...Rb8 24.Ba4 Nf8 25.
 b3 White is superior.] **24.Ba4** [24.Bd5 ed5 25.Qe7 White is
 winning.] **Ra7 25.Bd7 Rd7 26.dc5** (White is winning.) **Nc7 27.c4**
Qa8 28.c6 Rd3 29.Bc3 Qf8 30.Qe5 Rd1 31.Kh2 1-0/A.
Mikhalchishin

10. A. Fier (2644) - J. Ryan (2292)
 Sabadell 2009 - 107/239 [C06]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3
cd4 8.cd4 a5 [8...f6 see 76/267] **9.0-0 Nb6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 Be7**
12.Ng3 h5 13.Be3 h4 A novelty. [13...Nb4; 13...a4] **14.Ne2 Nb4 15.**
Bb1 Nc4 16.Bc1 a4 17.Nf4 a3 18.b3 Nb2? [18...Nb6 unclear.] **19.**
Qe2!? [19.Qd2 g5 (19...Nc6 20.Ng6! Bb4 21.Qf4 with initiative.) 20.
 Ng5 Bg5 21.Qb4 White is superior.] **g5!**



[FEN "r2qk2r/1p1bbp2/4p3/pP1p1/1n1P1N1p/pP3N2/Pn2QPPP/RBB1R1K1 w kq g6 0 20"]

20.Ng6! [20.Nd3 Bb5 Black is winning.] **fg6 21.Bg6 Kf8 22.Ng5! Bg5 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Qf7 Kh6 25.f4 Be7 26.g4! hg3** [26...Qf8 27. g5] **27.h4!! Bh4** [27...Rc8 28.Bc2! Rc2 29.f5 White is winning.] **28. Kg2! Rc8! 29.Bd2 Be8!** [29...Nc2 30.Be4! de4 31.f5] **30.f5 Qg5** [30...Bg5 31.Rh1 Mate.] **31.Bg5 Kg5 32.Qg7** [32.Qe6 Rc2 33.Kg1 N2d3 unclear.] **Rc2 33.Kg1 Kg4 34.fe6** [34.Bh5 Kh5 35.Qh8 Kg4 unclear.] **Rf2?** [34...Bg6! 35.Qg6 Bg5 unclear.] **35.Bd3 Kh3 36.Bf1 Rf1 37.Rf1 Bb5 38.Qh8 N4d3 39.e7 g2 40.Rf3 Kg4 41.Qf8 1-0 [R. Disconzi da Silva]**

Download a complete index of the [ECO Classification System](#).

Comment on this month's column via our [Contact Page](#)! Pertinent responses will be posted below daily.

 [TOP OF PAGE](#)

 [HOME](#)

 [COLUMNS](#)

 [LINKS](#)

 [ARCHIVES](#)

 [ABOUT THE CHESS CAFE](#)

[\[ChessCafe Home Page\]](#) [\[Book Review\]](#) [\[Columnists\]](#)
[\[Endgame Study\]](#) [\[The Skittles Room\]](#) [\[ChessCafe Archives\]](#)
[\[ChessCafe Links\]](#) [\[Online Bookstore\]](#) [\[About ChessCafe.com\]](#)
[\[Contact ChessCafe.com\]](#)

© 2010 BrainGamz, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
 "ChessCafe.com®" is a registered trademark of BrainGamz, Inc.