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The Most Important Novelty of Chess Informant 107

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During thier game in Moscow 2009, Vishy Anand surprised Peter Leko with the sacrifice, **22.Nd4!**. This improvement over Kramnik - Aronian, Wijk aan Zee 2009 was chosen as the most important theoretical novelty of *Chess Informant #107*, even though the Chess Informant jury well understood that with correct play chances would be equal. The World Champion continues to surprise the chess world with his deep preparation.

The runner-up for most important theoretical novelty was the blitz game (!) between Morozevich and Ponomariov, also from Moscow 2009. After **11.f4!**, followed with **12.e5!**, the ball is again in Black's court in the highly theoretical English attack. At third place in the juries voting is Aronian's **10.Bb5!**, as played in a Chebanenko Slav against Grischuk, Bilbao 2009. This seems to secure White his usual small edge.

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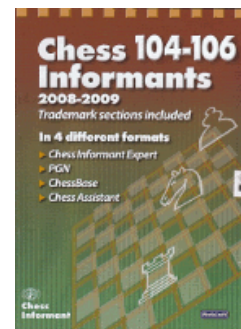
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17. FER — R. PONOMARIOV	75	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5
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20. I.ÉKO — R. GELFAND	85	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
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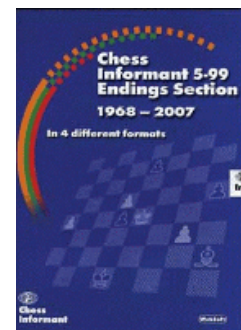
1. V. Anand (2788) – P. Leko (2752)
Moscow 2009 — 107/132 [D43]

1.d4 d5 2.e4 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

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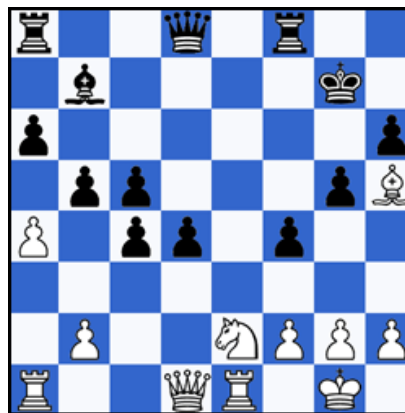
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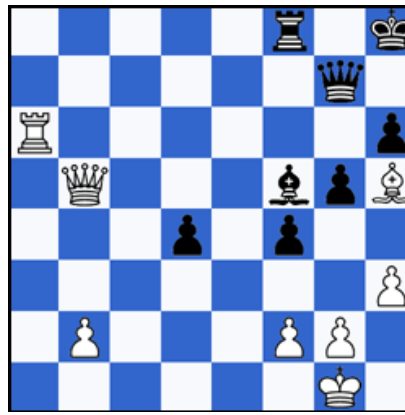


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22.Nd4! [a novelty; 22.b4 see 102/330] **cd4 23.Re6 Bc8?** [23...Rf6 24.Qe1 (24.Qe2 Bd5 25.Re7 Kf8 26.Re1 d3 27.Qe5 Qd6 28.Re8 Kg7! 29.Qe7 Bf7 30.Ra8 d2 equal; 25...Kg8) Bd5 25.Re7 Kg8 26.ab5 Qd6 27.ba6 Ra6 28.Re8 Rf8 29.Rf8 Kf8 30.Qe8 Kg7 31.Ra6 Qa6 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 and White is superior) 29.h3 and White is slightly better] **26.Rf6 Qf6 27.Qc2! Bf5 28.Qc4 Rc8 29.Qd5 ab5 30.h3!** (and 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, and White is winning] **31.Qb5 Rf8** [31...Be6 32.Qb6! (32.Ra6 f3) Qe5 (32...f3 33.Re1 and White is winning) 33.Ra5 Rb8 (33...Qe1 34.Kh2 Qe4 35.Ra6 and White is winning) 34.Qa7 Rb5 35.Bg6 and White is winning] **32.Ra6 Qg7**



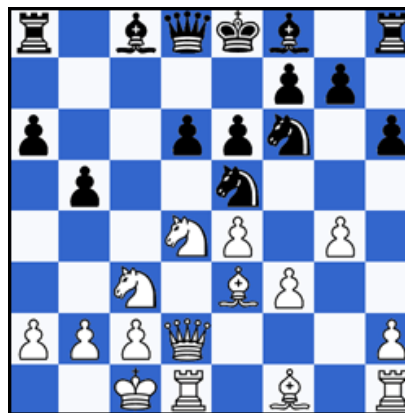
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33.Rd6! d3 34.Qb6 Qe5 [34...Kh7 35.Rc6 d2 36.Rc7 Rf7 37.Rf7 Qf7 38.Bf7 d1Q 39.Kh2 and White is winning] **35.Bg6! d2** [35...Bg6 36.Rg6 d2 37.Rh6 Kg8 38.Qd6! (38.Qg6 Qg7 39.Qg7 Kg7 40.Rd6 Rb8 41.Rd2 Kg6) Qd6 39.Rd6 Rb8 40.Rd2 Kf7 41.Kf1 Kg6 42.Ke2 Kh5 43.Kd1 Kh4 44.Kc2 Rc8 45.Kb1 Rb8 46.Rd3 Re8 47.Kc1 and White is winning] **36.Bf5 Qf5 37.Qd4 Kh7 38.Qd2 Rf7 39.f3 h5 40.Rd5 Qg6 41.Qa5!** (and White is winning) **Rg7 42.h4 Qb1 43.Kh2 Qb2 44.Rg5 Rg5 45.Qg5 1-0** [V. Anand]

2. A. Morozevich (2750) – R. Ponomarev (2739)

Moscow (blitz) 2009 — 107/73 [B80]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 h6 10.0-0-0 Ne5



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11.f4! [a novelty; 11.a3 see 107/72] **Neg4** [11...Ng6 12.e5 Ng4 (12...de5 13. Bg2! Ra7 14.Ne6! Qd2 15.Rd2 Rd7 16.Rd7 Bd7 17.Nc7 Kd8 18.fe5 Ng4 19. Bb6 Kc8 20.Na6 and White is superior) 13.Rg1 Ne3 14.Qe3 b4 15.Nd5! and White is superior] **12.e5! b4** [12...Bb7 13.ef6 Bh1 14.Be2 Nf6 (14...b4 15.Bg4 bc3 16.Qc3 Rc8 17.Qd3 Bd5 18.Ne6 Be6 19.f5! with attack) 15.Rh1 b4 16. Nd1 d5 17.Nf2 Qc7 18.Bf3 a5 19.Nd3 and White is superior; 12...de5! 13.fe5 a) 13...Ne5?! 14.Qg2 Bd7 15.Bf4 a1) 15...Ng6?! 16.Ne6! Nf4 (16...Be6 17. Rd8 Rd8 18.Bc7 Rc8 19.Nb5 and White is winning) 17.Nf4 and White is winning; a2) 15...Neg4 16.h3 and White is superior; b) 13...Nd7! 14.Bg2 Ne3 15.Qe3 Rb8 16.Nc6 Qg5 17.Qg5 hg5 18.Nb8 Nb8 19.Rd3 f5 20.ef6 (20. Rhd1!? Be7 21.h3) gf6 21.Rhd1 Be7 22.Ne4 and White is slightly better] **13. ef6 bc3** [13...Bb7 14.Na4 Bh1 15.Be2 Ne3! (15...Nf6 16.Rh1 and White is superior) 16.Qe3 Qf6 17.Rh1 d5 18.Rf1! (18.Nc6 Bd6 19.Rf1 Rc8 20.Ba6 Rc7 21.Nd4 0-0 and White is slightly better) Bd6 19.Nb6 (19.f5 Be7 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Nd7 Qg5 22.Rf4 e5) Bc5 20.Na8 Bd4 21.Qb3 0-0 22.Nc7 a5 23.Kb1 g6 24. Nb5 Bc5 25.Qa4 and White is superior] **14.Qc3 Nf6** [14...Ne3 15.Qe3 Qf6 16. Bg2 Rb8 17.Bc6 Bd7 18.Bd7 Kd7 19.Qa3! Rb6 20.Qa4 Kd8 21.f5 with attack; 14...Bb7?! 15.Ne6! Qf6 16.Nc7 Kd7 17.Qa5 and White is winning] **15. Bg2** (and White is superior) **Bd7!?** [15...d5 16.f5 Bd7 17.fe6 fe6 18.Bf4 Rc8 19.Qd3 Bc5 20.Qg6 Kf8 21.Rhg1 with attack] **16.Ba8 Qa8 17.Rhg1 Ne4** [17...Qc8 18.Qc8 Bc8 19.c4 Bb7 20.b4 and White is superior] **18.Qa5** [18. Qd3! d5 19.Nb3 and White is superior] **g6 19.Ne2** [19.Rd3 Qc8! (19...Bg7 20. Ra3 and White is superior) 20.Kb1 Be7 and White is slightly better] **Bg7?!?** [19...Be7!? 20.Nc3 0-0 21.f5 ef5 22.Bh6 Rc8 and White is slightly better] **20. Bd4** (and White is superior) **0-0?!?** [20...Bd4 21.Rd4 0-0 22.Ng3 and White is superior] **21.Bg7 Kg7 22.Qb4 Rc8 23.Qd4 Kh7 24.Ng3 Ng3?!?** [24...Bc6 25. Nh5 Rg8 26.Nf6 Nf6 27.Qf6 Qa7 and White is superior] **25.hg3 Qc6?!?** [25... Bc6!? 26.Qd6 Qb7] **26.c3 d5?!?** **27.Rh1 h5 28.g4** (and White is winning) **Qc4 29.Qf6 Qa2 30.Qf7 Kh8 31.Qd7 Rb8 32.b4 Qa1 33.Kd2 Qa2 34.Ke3 Qc2 35.Qc7 Rf8 36.Qe5 Kg8 37.Rd2 1-0** [A. Morozevich]

3. L. Aronian (2773) – A. Grischuk (2733)

Bilbao 2009 — 107/113 [D15]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.c5 Nbd7 7.a3 a5 8.Bd3 e5 9. de5 Ng4



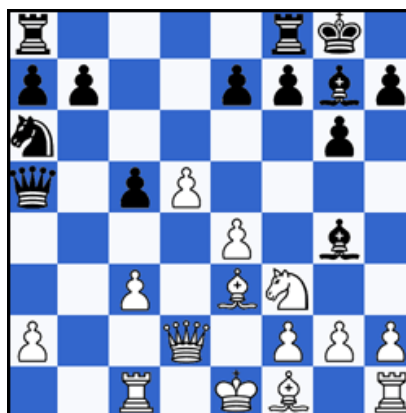
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10.Bb5! [a novelty; 10.e6 see 101/300; 10.Nd4 see 101/301] **cb5 11.Qd5 Rb8** [11...Ra6 12.h3 Nh6 13.c6 unclear] **12.h3 b4 13.ab4 ab4 14.Ne4 Nc5 15.Qd8 Kd8 16.Nc5 Nf2 17.Kf2 Bc5** and White is slightly better. [RR]

4. V. Kramnik (2772) – P. Svidler (2754)

Moscow 2009 — 107/148 [D85]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cd5 Nd5 5.e4 Nc3 6.bc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Rc1 Qa5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.d5 Na6 [11...Nd7 see 31/(512); 11...Bf3 see 82/408]



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12.h4! [a novelty, with the idea h5, with the idea Nh2, h5; 12.Ba6; 12.Be2; 12.Ng5] **f5** [12...e6? 13.Nh2; 12...Rad8 13.h5 and White is superior (13.Nh2 Bc8 14.h5) Bh5 14.Bh6 Qa4 15.Bd3; better is 12...h5 13.Ng5 and White is slightly better] **13.ef5 Bf5** [13...gf5 14.Bf4; 14.h5 with the idea 14...f4 15.Bf4 Bc3 16.Rc3! (16.Qc3 Qc3 17.Rc3 Rf4 and White is slightly better) Rf4 17.Rh4 (and White is superior) Re4 18.Re3 Qd2 19.Kd2 Bf3 20.Rhe4 Be4 21.Re4 Kf7 22.Ba6 ba6 23.Kc3] **14.h5** [14.Bh6 Rad8 15.Bg7 Kg7 16.h5 and White is superior] **Rad8 15.hg6** [15.Bh6! (and White is superior) Bh6 16.Qh6 Rd6 17.hg6 Bg6 18.Ne5 Qa2 19.Be2] **Bg6 16.Bh6** [16.Bd3; 16.Nh4] **Bh6 17.Rh6 Rf6 18.Ne5 Qa4** [18...Nc7! 19.Ng6 (19.Bc4 b5! 20.Nc6 Qa4! 21.Bb5 Qb5 22.Nd8 Qd7 23.Nb7 Qb5) hg6 20.Qg5 Rd5 21.Rg6 Kf7 22.Bc4 Rg6 23.Bd5 Nd5 24.Qd5 Kg7 25.Kf1 Qa6 26.c4 Qc6 equal] **19.Qe3!** [19.f3?! Re6!] **Qf4** only move [19...Nc7 20.Bc4] **20.Qf4 Rf4 21.Ng6 hg6 22.Rg6 Kf7 23.Rg5 Re4** [better is 23...Nc7 24.c4 e6 and White is superior] **24.Be2 Kf6 25.Rh5 Kg6 26.g4** (and White is winning) **Rf8** [26...c4 27.f3 Rf4 28.Kf2] **27.Rd1** [with the idea d6] **Rf6 28.Rh8 Kg7 29.Rd8 Rb6** [29...Rd6 30.Rc8 Rh6 31.Rd3 Ra4 32.Re3] **30.f3 Re3 31.Rd3** [31.Kd2 Re5 32.Bd3 Rb2 33.Bc2 and White is winning] **Re5 32.Kf2 Rh6 33.Bf1 Rh2** [33...Rd6 34.Rd6 ed6 35.Re3 Re3 36.Ke3] **34.Kg3 Ra2 35.d6 ed6 36.R3d6 Re7 37.R6d7 1-0** [V. Kramnik]

5. 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]



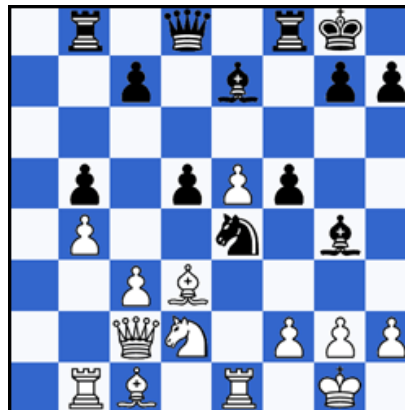
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11.Re6!! [a novelty; 11.Bf1 c6 12.c4 Nb6 (12...Nc7 see 26/158) 13.b3 and White is slightly better] **fe6 12.Ng5 Qd6 13.Qe1 b5** [13...c6 14.Ndf3 b5 15. Bb3 Nc7 16.Be6 Ne6 17.Ne6 Rfc8 18.Bf4 and White is superior] **14.Bb3 a5 15.a4 ba4** [15...c6 16.Ndf3 Rfc8 17.Ne6 and White is superior] **16.Nc4! Qc6 17.Ra4 Ra6 18.Ra5** and 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 and 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 and White is superior] **24.Ba4** [24.Bd5 ed5 25.Qe7 and White is winning] **Ra7 25.Bd7 Rd7 26.dc5** (and White is winning) **Nc7 27.c4 Qa8 28.c6 Rd3 29.Bc3 Qf8 30. Qe5 Rd1 31.Kh2 1-0** [A. Mikhalchishin]

6. D. Howell (2597) – V. Kramnik (2772)

London 2009 — 107/84 [C42]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6 4.Nf3 Ne4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 Bg4 9.c3 f5 10.Qb3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Na5 12.Qa4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Nc6 15.b4 a6 16.Rb1 b5 17.a4 Rb8 18.ab5 ab5 19.Ne5 [19.Nf1 see 94/227] **Ne5 20.de5**



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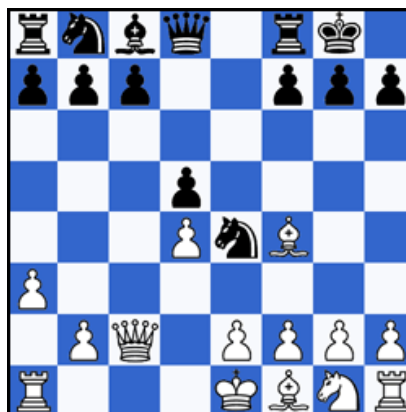
20...Nf2 [a novelty; 20...c5 21.f3 Qb6 unclear] **21.Kf2 Bh4 22.Kf1** only move [22.g3 f4 23.Kg2 fg3 24.hg3 Bg3! 25.Bh7 Kh8 26.Rh1 (26.Kg3 Qg5) Qg5!! and Black is superior] **Be1 23.Ke1 Qh4 24.g3 Qh2 25.Nf1 Qc2** [25...Qh5 26. Bf4 c6 unclear] **26.Bc2 Rbe8 27.Bd3!** [27.Bf4 h6 28.Kf2 g5 29.Be3 Re5 30. Bd3 Ra8 31.Rb2 c6] **Re5 28.Kf2 f4?!** [28...Ra8 29.Bb5 Ra2 30.Rb2 Rb2 31. Bb2 c6 32.Bd3; 28...c6 29.Ra1 Rfe8 30.Bf4 R5e6 31.Nd2 h6 equal] **29.gf4** (and White is slightly better) **Bf5** [29...Rh5 30.Bb5 Rh3 31.Bc6; 29...g5 30. Ra1 gf4 31.Bb5; 29...c6 30.Ra1] **30.Bf5 Ref5 31.Ng3 R5f6 32.Kf3 Rc6** [32... g5 33.Ne2] **33.Bd2 g5** [33...Rc4 34.Ne2 Ra8 35.Nd4 Ra2 36.Ke3; 33...Ra6 34. Be3 g6 35.Bc5 Re8 36.Ne2] **34.Ne2** [34.Rg1 h6 35.Ne2 Rc4 36.Nd4 c5 37. bc5 b4 equal, with the idea 38.Ne2 bc3] **gf4 35.Nd4 Rg6** [better is 35...Rh6 36.Rg1 Kh8 37.Bf4 Rhf6 38.Rg4 c6 39.Kg3 Re8 40.Nf3 Rf5 41.Nd4 Rf6] **36. Nb5 Rg3 37.Kf2 Rd3** [37...Rf7 38.Nd4 Rd3 39.Rg1 Kf8 40.Nf3 Re7 41.Ra1 and White is superior] **38.Rg1** time [38.Ke2! Rh3 39.Nc7 f3 40.Kf2 and

White is superior, with the idea 40...Rh2 41.Ke3] **Kh8 39.Ke2** [39.Bc1 c6 40.Nd4 Rf6 41.Ke2 (41.Re1 Kg8) Rg3 42.Rf1 Rc3] **Rg3** [39...Rh3 40.Nc7 f3 41.Kd1 d4 42.cd4 Rg3 43.Rf1] **40.Kf2** [40.Rf1!? with the idea 40...f3 41.Kf2 Rg2 42.Ke3 c6 43.Nd4 Re8 44.Kd3 f2 45.Nf3] **Rg1** [40...Rd3 41.Bc1] **41.Kg1 c5! 42.Nd6!** [42.bc5 Rc8 43.Nd4 Rc5 44.Kf2 Rc4 45.Kf3 Kg7 46.Kf4 Kf6 47.Be1 h5] **cb4 43.cb4 Kg7!** [43...d4 44.b5 Rf6 45.Nc4 Rf5 46.b6 Rb5 47.Bf4 Rb4 48.Bd2! Rb3 49.Ba5!] **44.Bc3 Kg6 45.b5 Rd8 46.Be5 Rb8** [46...d4? 47.b6 d3 48.Kf2] **47.Bd4 Rd8! 48.Be5** [48.Bc5 Kf6 49.b6 Ke6 equal] **Rb8 49.Kf2** [better is 49.Bf4 h5! 50.Kf2 (50.Be3 Kf6 51.Ba7 Rg8 52.Kh2 Ke6) h4 51.Ke3 Kh5 52.Be5 Kg4 53.Kd4 h3 54.Kd5 Kf3 55.Kc6 Kg2 56.Nc4 Rb5 equal, with the idea 57.Kb5 h2 58.Ne3 Kf3] **Rb6 50.Kf3 Kg5 51.Nf7 Kg6 52.Nd6 Kg5 53.Nf7 Kg6** ½-½ [V. Kramnik]

7. An. Karpov (2619) – V. Anand (2788)

Bastia/Ajaccio (m/4-rapid) 2009 — 107/(171) [E36]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bc3 6.Qc3 d5 7.cd5 Ne4 8.Qc2 ed5 9.Bf4



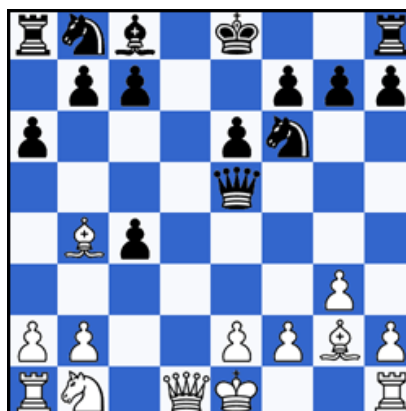
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9...Nc6! [a novelty; 9...Bf5 see 106/166] **10.e3 g5 11.Bg3 f5 12.0-0-0 f4 13.f3 Nd6 14.ef4 gf4 15.Bf2 Bf5 16.Qc5 Ne7** unclear

8. L. Aronian (2773) – Sh. Mamedyarov (2721)

Ohrid 2009 — 107/167 [E04]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 Bb4 7.Bd2 Qd4 8.Bb4 [8.Qa4 see 98/(366)] **Qe5**



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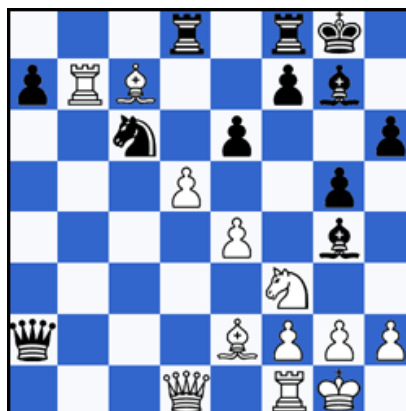
9.Na3! [a novelty; 9.Qc2] **Nc6** [9...Qb2 10.Rb1 Qa2 11.Qc1 a5 12.Bc5 Nbd7 13.Rb2 Qb2 14.Qb2 Nc5 15.Qe5 and White is slightly better] **10.Bc6** [10.Bc3 Qc5 11.Qa4 Nd5 12.Qc4 Qc4 13.Nc4 Nc3 14.Bc6 bc6 15.bc3 a5 16.Rb1 f6 17.f4 e5 18.fe5 Be6 and Black is superior] **bc6 11.Bc3 Qd5** [11...Qc5 12.Qd4 Qd4 13.Bd4 Bb7 14.f3 Rd8 15.Bf6 gf6 16.Nc4 and White is slightly better] **12.f3! e5 13.e4 Qc5 14.Qd2 Be6 15.0-0-0** (with compensation) **Rb8 16.Qg5** [16.Nc2 0-0 17.h4 Nd7 18.g4 Qb6 19.h5 Nc5 and Black is superior] **h6**

[16...0-0 17.Bd4! Qb4 18.Be5 h6 19.Qf4 with compensation] **17.Qe5 Qe3**
 [17...Qe7 18.g4 0-0 19.g5 Ne8 20.gh6 with attack] **18.Rd2 Qf3 19.Re1 0-0 20.**
Nc2 Rfe8 [20...c5 21.Qf4 Qf4 22.gf4 Rfd8 23.Rg2 Nh5 24.f5 Bd7 25.Ne3
 with compensation] **21.Nd4 Qg4 22.Nc6 Rbc8?** [22...Rb5 23.Qf4 Nd7 24.
 Nd4 Rh5 unclear] **23.Qf4! Qf4?!** [23...Nh7 24.h4 Nf8 25.Qg4 Bg4 26.Rd4
 Be6 27.Bb4 with initiative] **24.gf4 Nh5 25.Rf2 Bd7 26.Ne5 Bb5 27.f5 Rcd8**
 [27...Nf6 28.Rg2 Nh5 29.Rf2 Nf6 equal] **28.Ng4 Rd3** [28...f6 29.Rg1 Kh7 30.
 e5 fe5 31.Ne5 with initiative] **29.e5 Rh3?!** [29...Bc6 30.e6 f6 31.Ne3 and
 White is superior] **30.Rg1 Kh7 31.Kd1?** [31.e6! fe6 32.f6! g5? 33.Bb4! and
 White is superior] **Bc6 32.Ke2?** [32.Kc1] **Be4** (and Black is superior) **33.Ke1**
Bf3 34.Ne3 Nf4 35.Rd2 [35.Kf1 Nd3 36.e6 f6 37.Rd2 Be4 and Black is
 superior] **Nd3 36.Kf1 Ne5 37.Rd7 Bc6** (and Black is winning) **38.Rf7 Rf3 39.**
Ke2 Re3 0-1 [A. Mikhalchishin]

9. V. Kramnik (2772) – V. Anand (2788)

Moscow 2009 — 107/146 [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 cd4 10.cd4 Qa5 11.Bd2 Qa2 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.
Bg3 Nc6 16.d5 Rad8 17.Rb7 e6 18.Bc7



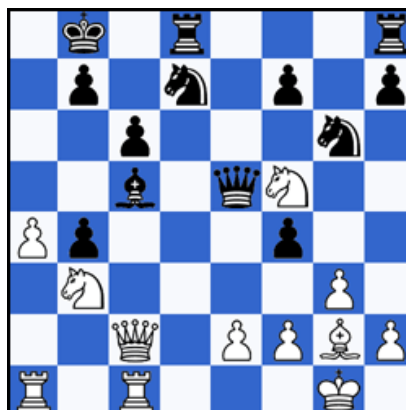
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18...Bf3! [a novelty; 18...ed5 see 56/547] **19.Bf3 Rd7 20.dc6** [20.Qb1 Qb1 21.
 Rfb1 Rc8] **Rd1 21.Rd1 Qc2 22.Bd6 g4 23.Bg4 Qc6 24.Rc7** [24.Ra7 Ra8
 equal] **Qb6 25.Rd7 Rd8 26.Bc7 Rd7 27.Bb6 Rd1 28.Bd1 ab6 29.Kf1 ½-½**
 [RR]

10. M. Carlsen (2772) – Wang Yue (2736)

Nanjing 2009 — 107/116 [D17]

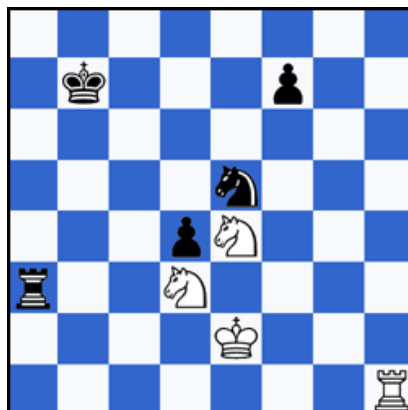
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e5 9.de5 Ne5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.Bg2 g5 12.Ne3 gf4 13.Nf5 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Ng6
15.0-0 Kb8 16.Rfc1 a5 17.b4! ab4! 18.Nb5 Qe5 19.Nbd4 Bc5 20.Nb3?! [20.
 Nf3! (M.Carlsen) Qf6 21.a5 with attack]



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20...h5! [a novelty; 20...fg3 21.hg3 h5 22.Rab1 Ba7 23.e3 and White is

slightly better] **21.Rab1** [21.Nc5?! Nc5 with the idea 22.Qc5? Rd1 and Black is winning; better is 21.a5 fg3 22.hg3 h4 23.Nc5 Nc5 24.f4! b3 25.fe5 bc2 equal] **Ba7 22.Bc6!?** [22.a5 fg3 23.hg3 h4 with attack] **fg3 23.hg3 Rc8?** [23... bc6? 24.Nbd4! Bd4 25.Rb4! Bb6 26.Qc6 and White is winning; 23...Ne7!! 24.Nbd4 (24.Ne7 Qg3! and Black is winning) Bd4 25.Rb4 Nc6 26.Qc6 Bb6! 27.Qf3 and Black is superior] **24.Qd3! bc6** [24...Nc5!? 25.Nc5 Bc5 26.Bg2 (26.Bb7 equal) h4 with counterplay] **25.Qd7 Rc7** only move [25...Rcd8 26.Qc6 Qf5 27.Rc5!! Qb1 28.Kh2 and White is winning; 25...Rhd8 26.Qf7 Rf8 27.Qg6 Rf5 28.Nd4!! Bd4 29.Rb4 Ka8 30.Rd4! and White is winning] **26.Qd3 h4 27.Nbd4 hg3** [better is 27...c5 28.Nf3 Qe8! unclear] **28.Rb4 Ka8 29.Ng3 Rd8** [29...Nf4 30.Qf3! Bd4 31.Rc6! and White is winning] **30.e3 Nh4** [30...c5 31.Rbb1! (with the idea Qc4) cd4?? 32.Rc7 Qc7 33.Qe4] **31.Kf1! Qa5?!** [31... Qd5 32.Qe4 and White is superior] **32.Rcb1?** time [32.Rc6! Rd4 33.Rd4! Rc6 (33...Bd4 34.Ra6 and White is winning) 34.Rh4 and White is winning] **Nf3! 33.Nb3! Qd5!** time [33...Rd3 34.Na5 with the idea 34...Nd2 35.Ke2 and White is superior] **34.Qd5 cd5 35.Rd1 Rc2 36.Rf4 Ne5 37.Nd4 Rc4 38.Nde2 Rf4 39.Nf4 d4 40.Nge2 Nc6 41.e4** (and White is slightly better) **Rb8! 42.Nd5 Rb2 43.Nef4 Kb7 44.Nd3 Rb3 45.Ke2 Ra3 46.f4** [46.Rb1 Kc8 47.Rc1 Kb7 48.Rc4 Ra2 49.Kd1 Ra3 50.N3f4 (50.Kc2 Rd3! 51.Rc6 Rf3 equal) d3 with counterplay] **Ra4 47.Rb1 Kc8 48.Rc1 Kb7 49.e5 Ra3 50.Rh1 Ra5 51.Nf6 Bb8! 52.Rb1 Kc8 53.Rc1 Kb7 54.Ne4 Ra3!** [54...Be5? 55.fe5 Ne5 56.Nec5! and White is winning] **55.Rh1 Be5!** [55...Ne5 56.fe5 Be5 and White is slightly better] **56.fe5 Ne5**



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57.Nd6! [57.Ne5 Re3 equal] **Ka6! 58.Nb4 Kb6?!** [58...Ka5! 59.Rb1 Rh3 equal] **59.Rc1! Re3?** [59...Ra5! equal] **60.Kd1 Rb3?!** [60...Ka5 61.Nd5 Re1! 62.Ke1 Nd3 63.Kd2 Nc1 64.Kc1 f5 65.Nf4 and White is superior] **61.Nd5 Ka7 62.Ra1 Kb8 63.Kc2!** (and White is winning) **Rh3 64.Rb1 Ka7 65.Rb7 Ka6 66.Rb6 Ka5** [66...Ka7 67.Nb5 Ka8 68.Ndc7 mate] **67.Rb5 Ka4 68.Nb6 Ka3 69.Re5 1-0** [Ian Rogers]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1	Bh5 ¹	Bf8	e5 ³	b3 ⁴	bc4	c5	Ne4	Nd6	cd6	compensation
	Bf8 ²	Rf8	Qb6	0-0-0	Ne5	Qa5 ⁵	Qb4 ⁶	Rd6	Nd7 ⁷	
2	a4	d5 ⁸	b4	Bb4	Bd6	Nb5	Bc4 ¹⁰	Qb3 ¹¹	Rfc1	compensation
	e5	c5	cb ⁴⁹	a5	b4	Rc8	Rc4	Nb6 ¹²	Rc1 ¹³	
3	...	Bg4	e5	Re1 ¹⁴	Be5	Bg7	Ne2	Bh5	Nd4 ¹⁵	equal
	...	ed4	c5	Ne5	0-0	Kg7	f5	f4	cd4 ¹⁶	



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14.e5 c5 15.Bh5 Bf8 [15...cd4 16.Qg4 Nf8 17.Qd4 and White is superior] 16.d5!? [16.Bf8!? Nf8! 17.Bf3 Bf3 18.Qf3 Ng6 19.Qc6 Kf8 20.dc5 Ne5 with counterplay] Bd6

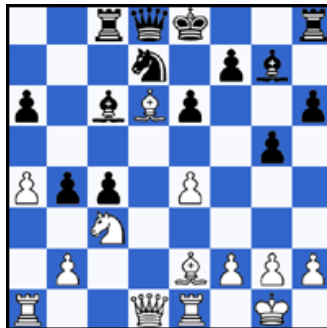
a) 17.Bf7? Kf7 18.de6 Kg7 19.Qd6 [19.ed6 Ne5 20.f4 Nd3 21.Qh5 Qf6 22.f5 Bc6 and Black is superior] Nf8 20.e7 Qd6 21.ed6 Nd7 and Black is superior; Z.Izoria – Erenburg, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2005;

b) 17.ed6 0-0 unclear; Ch.Lutz;

14.Re1

a) 14...Bf8 15.Bg3 Bg7 16.Bd6 Bf8 17.Bf8 [17.Bg3 Bg7 18.e5! c5!? 19.d5 0-0 unclear; T.Radjabov – Aronian, Sofia 2008] Rf8?! 18.b3 c5 [18...b4 19.Na4 c3 20.a3 a5 21.d5! with compensation, with attack; T.Radjabov – V.Anand, Wijk aan Zee 2008 see 102/331] 19.d5 [19.bc4?! Qa5] b4 20.Na4 c3 21.a3 with compensation; 17...Kf8! V.Anand;

b) 14...c5 15.dc5 Rc8 16.a4 b4 [16...Nc5 17.ab5 ab5 18.Nb5 Ne4 19.Bh5 and White is winning] 17.c6 Bc6



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b1) 18.Bb4 Qb6 19.Ba3 Bd4 20.Bc4 [20.Rf1 Ne5 with counterplay] Ne5 [20...Bf2 21.Kh1 Be1 22.Qd6 with compensation; 21...Bb7 unclear] 21.Ba6!? Bf2 22.Kh1 Rd8 [22...Qa6? 23.Qd6 with the idea 23...Ng6 24.Nd5! with attack; Krasenkow] 23.Qe2 Be1 24.Re1 with compensation; Mamedyarov – Jan Gustafsson, Dortmund 2008;

b2) 18.Nd5!

b21) 18...Ne5?! 19.Be7 Qd7? 20.Nf6 Ke7 [20...Bf6 21.Bf6 and White is winning] 21.Nd7 Bd7 and White is superior; Inarkiev – Aronian, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2007 see 101/340; 19...Qa5 only move, with the idea 20.Bb4 Qd8 Inarkiev;

b22) 18...Bb2 19.Be7 Qe7 20.Ne7 Ke7 with compensation; 19.Bb4!? Krasenkow

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14...e5 15.f4 gf4 [15...ed4 16.Qg4 Nf8 17.fg5 Qd6 18.Rf7! and White is

superior; Pashikian – Deepan Chakkravarthy, Yerevan 2006 see 98/(325)] 16. de5 Be5 17.Bf7 Kf7 18.Qh5 Ke6 19.Rad1 with compensation, with attack; E. Agrest – Kulaots, Torino (ol) 2006 see 98/(325)

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16.d5 cd5 [16...Qe7 17.b3 with compensation; G.Gajewski – Dreev, Dresden 2007 see 102/(332)] 17.ed5 Nf6! 18.Re1!? [18.de6?! Qd1 19.Bf7 Ke7 20. Rad1 Rfd8 21.Ne2 Be4 22.f4 b4! and Black is slightly better; T.Radjabov – Van Wely, Wijk aan Zee 2008 see 102/332] Bd5 [18...Ke7 19.Bf3 b4 20.d6 Qd6 21.Qd6 Kd6 22.Bb7 bc3 with counterplay] 19.Nd5 Qd5 20.Qd5 Nd5 21. Re6 Kd7 22.Rh6 equal; Van Wely

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17.Ne4 0-0-0 18.Nd6 Kb8 19.b3!? [19.Nf7 Rf7 20.Bf7 Ne5 21.Qh5 Rd4 22. Be6 c5 23.Qh6 Ka7 with compensation, with attack; T.Radjabov – V.Anand, Mainz (m/3-rapid) 2006 see 98/(325)] f6 [19...c3!?] 20.bc4 fe5

a) 21.a4?! ed4!? [21...Qd4 22.ab5 ab5 23.Nf7 Rc8 24.Nd6 equal] 22.ab5 cb5 23.Nb7 Kb7 24.cb5 ab5 25.Bf3 Kc7 with compensation; S.Ernst – Van Wely, Nederland 2006 see 98/325;

b) 21.c5! Qa7 [21...Qc7 22.de5 unclear] 22.Rc1 with compensation; Van Wely

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19...Qc7 20.a4 with compensation; D.Rogozenco

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20...Nc4 21.Be2 f5 22.Bc4 fe4 23.Be6 Kb8 24.Re1 Qc3 25.Re4 Qb2 26.f3 Rf4 equal; P.Eljanov – V.Anand, Kemer 2007 see 101/(339)

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23.a4 Qd6 24.Bf3 [24.Qc2 Qd4 25.ab5 ab5 26.Rfd1 unclear] Nb6 25.ab5 cb5 [25...ab5? 26.Qc2 and White is superior] 26.Bb7 Kb7 27.Qh5 [27.Qf3 Qd5 28. Qf6 with initiative; 27...Nd5!] Nd5!? 28.Qh6 Nf4 29.Kh1! [29.Qg5?? Ne2 30. Kh1 Qh2! and Black is winning] Qd5 30.f3 Rd8 with compensation; Kramnik – V.Anand, Mexico City 2007;

23.Qd3!? D.Rogozenco

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15.Re1



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a) 15...ed4 16.e5! and White is superior, with the idea 16...dc3 17.Bh5 Nf8 18.Qf3 Qd7 [18...Ng6 19.Qf5 Rf8 20.Bg6 and White is winning, with the idea 20...Bc8 21.e6] 19.e6 Ne6 20.Re6 Kd8 [20...Qe6 21.Bf7!] 21.Bf7 c2 22.Rae1;

b) 15...Qb6 16.Bg4! and White is superior, with the idea 16...Qd4 17.Bd7 Kd7 18.Qh5 Ke8 [18...Kd6 19.Qf7] 19.Red1 Qb6 20.a5 Qd8 21.Bc5 Qc7 22.Rd6 Bc8 23.Rad1;

c) 15...Qf6 16.Ba3 Bf8 [16...ed4?! 17.e5] 17.Bg4 Rd8 18.ab5 ab5 [18...cb5?! 19.Nd5 Bd5 20.ed5 and White is superior; Kramnik – Shirov, Moscow (m/1-b blitz) 2007 see 105/(142)] 19.Bf8 Kf8! [19...Nf8 20.Ra7! with the idea 20...Rd4 21.Qa1] 20.Bd7 Rd7! [20...ed4 21.e5 Qe7 22.e6 dc3 23.Qd4 f6 24.bc3 and White is superior] 21.de5 Qe6 [21...Rd1 22.ef6 Re1 23.Re1 Kg8 24.e5 and White is slightly better] 22.Qh5 Qe5 23.f4! Qf4 [23...Qc5 24.Kh1 Qf2 unclear; 23...Qe7 unclear, with the idea 24.e5 gf4 25.e6 fe6 26.Qe5 Rg8] 24.Rf1 Qe5 25.Rf5 Qe6 [25...Qd4 26.Kh1 Rh7 unclear] 26.Raf1 (Kramnik – Leko, Nice (blindfold) 2009 see 105/(142) Rh7! unclear; Kramnik

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16...cb3?! 17.ab5 b2 18.Ra2 Qb6 19.ba6 Qd6 20.ab7 Ra2 21.Na2 Qb6 22.Qc2 Qb7 23.Rb1 and White is superior [passed pawn d, weak point c5] S. Bromberger – Porper, Gausdal 2007 see 101/(339);

16...Qb6!? 17.bc5 Nc5 18.Bc5 Qc5 19.ab5 ab5 20.Ra8 Ba8 21.Qa1 0-0 22.Qa5 Rb8 23.Rb1 Bf8 24.Rb5 [24.Nb5 f5 25.Qa6 Kh8 26.Nc3 Rb1 27.Nb1 Qb4 28.Qa8 Qb1 29.Bf1 Qb4 30.ef5 c3 31.Qc6 e4 with compensation; Evgeny Alekseev – Bareev, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2007 see 101/(339)] Rb5 25.Qb5 Qb5 26.Nb5 Bb7 27.Bc4 Ba6 28.Kf1 Bb5 29.Bb5 Bc5 equal, bishops of opposite color; Jan Gustafsson – Aronian, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/(339)

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20.Bg4!? Ba6 21.Na7 Qb6 22.Nc6 with compensation, with attack; Ch.Lutz

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21.Rc1 Rc1 22.Qc1 Qb6 [22...f6!? with the idea 23.Bc7 Qa8 24.Nd6 Kf8 Ch. Lutz] 23.Nc7 Kd8 24.Nb5 Ke8 25.Nc7 ½-½ Z.Izoria – Erenburg, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2005

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21...Qc8? 22.Bc7! Qc7 [22...Rc7 23.Nd6 Ke7 24.Nc8 Rhc8 25.d6! Kd6 26.Qf7 and White is winning] 23.Nc7 Rc7 24.Rac1 Nc5 25.Qh3! and White is superior; Jan Gustafsson – Rodshtein, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/339;

21...Rc8 22.Rac1! Bf8 23.Rc8 Qc8 24.Qe3! and White is superior; Zhao Jun – P.Harikrishna, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/4-rapid) 2007 see 101/(339)

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22...Rc1 23.Rc1 Na8 24.Qe3 with compensation, with attack; Bjelajac

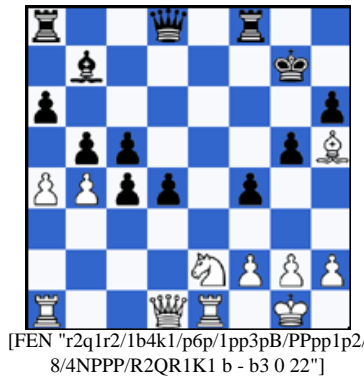
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17.f4!? dc3 18.bc3 Bf8 19.Qe2 with compensation; E.Bacrot – Aronian, Novi Sad 2009;

17.Bf3!? Ne5! [17...Ra7? 18.Bb7 Rb7 19.Ne4! with compensation, with attack; A.Iljin – Nepomniachtchi, Dresden 2007] 18.Bb7 [18.Be5? Bf3 and Black is winning] Qd6 19.Ba8 0-0! [19...Qd8 20.ab5 Qa8 21.Ra6 Qb7 22.Qa4 0-0 23.Ra7 with initiative] 20.Bf3 [20.Be4 b4 with initiative] Nf3 21.gf3 b4 with compensation; 21...Qf4! with initiative; Stohl

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22.b4



a) 22...cb3 23.Qb3 Qd5 24.Qh3 Bc8

a1) 25.Qd3 Bf5 26.Qd2 Qd7 27.Bf3! [27.Rac1 Rac8 28.h4 Kh8! equal; T. Radjabov – V.Anand, Mainz (m/7-rapid) 2006 see 97/318] Rac8 28.ab5 ab5 29.h3 unclear; V.Anand;

a2) 25.Nc3! dc3 [25...Qb7 26.Qd3 Bf5 27.Qe2 dc3 28.Qe5 Kh7 29.Bf3 Qf7 30.Ba8 Ra8 31.ab5 and White is winning; 25...Qc6 26.Bf3! Qg6 27.g4! Ra7 28.Nd5 Raf7 29.Qf1 and White is superior; 25...Qd6 26.Qf3 and White is superior; 25...Qf7 26.Qf3 Bb7 27.Qe2 Qc7 28.Qe7 Qe7 29.Re7 and White is superior; 25...Bh3 26.Nd5 Bf5 27.Re7 Kh8 28.Nc7 and White is superior] 26.Qc3 Qd4 27.Qf3 Ra7 [27...Rb8 28.Qc6 Kg8 (only move) 29.Rad1 Qg7 (only move) 30.Re8 Re8 31.Qe8 Qf8 32.Bf7 Kg7 33.Qe5 Kf7 34.Qb8 and White is superior] 28.ab5 [28.Qc6?! Bf5 with the idea 29.ab5 Rf6] Qf6 [28...Rf6 29.Rad1 Qc4 (only move) 30.Rd8 and White is superior] 29.Qa3! Rb7 [29...Qb6 30.Qc3 Kg8 31.Re5! and White is winning Kramnik – Aronian, Wijk aan Zee 2008 see 102/330] 30.ba6 Ra7 31.Be2 and White is superior, with the idea 31...Ba6 32.Bc4! Rfa8 33.Qc5 Kramnik;

b) 22...d3! 23.bc5! de2? 24.Qe2 and White is superior, with the idea Rad1-d6; 23...b4! unclear; V.Anand

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23.Re6

a) 23...Bc8 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.ab5 Ra7 [25...Rf6 26.Rf6 Qf6 27.Qc2 Bf5 28.Qc4 Rc8 29.Qd5 ab5 30.h3! and White is superior; V.Anand – Leko, Moscow 2009 see 107/132] 26.Rc6 d3 27.Qd2 Rf6 28.Rc4 Bf5 [28...Rd6 29.Qc3 and White is superior] 29.h3 and White is slightly better; V.Anand;

b) 23...Rf6 24.Qe1 [24.Qe2 Bd5 25.Re7 Kf8 26.Re1 d3 27.Qe5 Qd6 28.Re8 Kg7! 29.Qe7 Bf7 30.Ra8 d2 equal; V.Anand] 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;

V.Anand

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