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## The Most Important Novelty of Chess Informant 106

Sasa Velickovic

The game Morozevich – Vachier-Lagrave, Biel 2009 was chosen as the most important theoretical novelty of [Chess Informant 106](#), but my secret hope was that it would win best game as well. This game shows that the best defense to a premature attack against White's queenside castling is a development advantage, combined with constant threats and sacrifices in center. In such sharp and double-edged variations everything depends on just one move.

Grandmaster Morozevich played brilliantly for much of the game and just missed the opportunity to create a so-called "evergreen game." Frustrated by his mistakes, with chaos overwhelming the beauty of his ideas, a draw was not an acceptable outcome for Morozevich. The battle raged to the bitter end, and it is my impression that Grandmaster Morozevich sacrificed his own feelings as a gift to this magnificent clash.

The harmony of the unusual ending served to complete this masterpiece. If one side had played irreproachably from the beginning to end, this game would have been voted the best. Many of us were strongly affected by this game. Grandmaster Jan Timman even composed a study in its honor: it is our pleasure to present it to you here.

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1. MOROZEVICH, A. — VACHER-LAGRAVE, M.	69	9	10	9	2	4	7	10	51
2. KASIMDZHANOV, R. — ARONIAN, L.	132	8	4	10	7	10	10	—	49
3. KASIMDZHANOV, R. — CHEPARINOV, I.	135	7	6	3	9	8	8	4	45
4. GELFAND, B. — ARONIAN, L.	126	10	8	2	8	—	—	8	36
5. ELJANOV, P. — SOKOLOV, IVAN	113	3	1	4	6	6	6	9	35
6. MOTYLEV, A. — RUBLEVSKY, S.	56	—	—	7	10	7	9	—	33
7. PREDOJEVIC, B. — HARIKRISHNA, P.	38	—	7	8	1	—	—	1	17
8. CARLSEN, M. — DOMINGUEZ PÉREZ, L.	151	2	—	—	3	—	5	6	16
9. SASIKIRAN, K. — MACIJA, B.	127	1	9	—	5	—	—	—	15
10. CARLSEN, M. — TOPALOV, V.	17	—	5	5	—	5	—	—	15
11. JOBAYA, RA. — RASULOV, VI.	29	4	—	—	—	3	3	5	15
12. PEREVERTKINA, I. — MARIN, I. L.	270	—	—	—	4	9	—	—	13
13. POZO VERA, S. — RUIZ SANCHEZ, O.	261	—	3	—	—	—	4	3	10
14. NI HUA — LI CHAO	62	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	8
15. GASHIMOV, V. — BOLOGAN, V.	78	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	7
16. AKOPIAN, VI. — IVANCHUK, V.	94	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
17. NAIDITSCH, A. — ANAND, V.	105	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
18. SULAVA, NI. — FROLYANOV, D.	277	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4
19. FLEITES MARTI, Y. — CARVAJAL, M.	220	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3
20. MARIN, MI. — CIOARA, A-N.	173	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
21. INARKIEV, I. — RUBLEVSKY, S.	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
22. TIVIAKOV, S. — DAMJANOVIC, B.	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
23. TELLER, S. — TKACHIEV, V.	[105]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
24. HARIKRISHNA, P. — PREDOJEVIC, B.	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
25. MARIN, MI. — LAZNICKA, V.	[173]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
26. GRIVAS, E. — YILMAZ, M.	242	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
27. GUPTA, AB. — SAVCHENKO, S.	[263]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0



[ECE: Rook Endings](#)  
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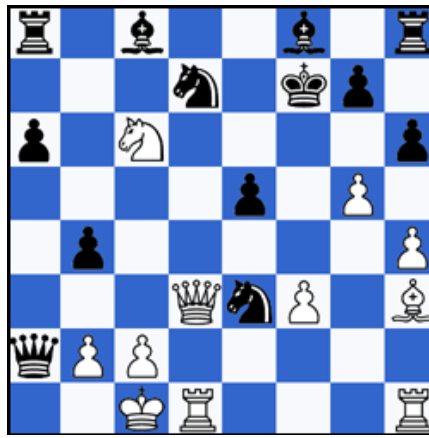


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**13.Nf4!** [a novelty; 13.Bh3 see 94/161] e5! [13...de4 14.Nfe6! fe6 15.Ne6 Qc6 16.Nf8 Nf8 17.Qb4 with compensation, with attack] **14.Nfe6! fe6 15.Ne6 Qa5 16.ed5 Qa2 17.Qd3 Kf7?** [RR 17...Ke7? 18.d6! Kf7 19.Qc4! Qc4 20.Bc4 Kg6 (20...Rb8 21.Ng5 Ke8 22.Bf7 Kd8 23.Ne6#) 21.h5 Kh7 22.g5 and White is winning; 17...e4 18.Qd4! Bd6 19.Bc4 b3! 20.f4 Qa1 21.Kd2 Qa5 22.c3 Qa2 23.Ke2!; 17...Bb7! a) 18.g5!? e4! 19.Nc7!? (19.Qc4 Qc4 20.Bc4 hg5 21.hg5 Rh1 22.Rh1 Nd5 23.Bd5 Bd5 24.Nc7 Kf7 25.Nd5 ef3 26.Rf1 equal) Kd8 20.Ne6 Ke8 21.Qd4!? hg5 22.Nf8 Nf8 23.Bc4 Qa5 24.Bg5 N8d7 25.fe4 Qa1! 26.Kd2 Qa5; b) 18.Qg6 Ke7 19.d6! Ke6 20.Bh3! Qa1! (20...Bd5? 21.g5 Kd6 22.gf6 Nf6 23.Rd5!) 21.Kd2 Qa5! 22.Kc1 Qa1 M.Vachier-Lagrave] **18.g5!** [18.Nd8 Ke7 19.Nc6 Kd6 20.Nd8 equal] **Nd5 19.Bh3! Ne3** [19...N7f6 20.Nd8 Kg8 21.gf6 Nf6 22.Bf1! Be6 23.Ne6 Qe6 24.Qc4 (24.Bh3!? with compensation, with attack) Qc4 25.Bc4 Kh7 26.Bd3! and White is superior] **20.Nd8 Ke7!** [RR 20...Ke8 21.Bd7 Kd8 22.Bc8! (22.Be6?! Nd5 23.Bd5 Qa1 24.Kd2 Qb2 25.Ba8 and White is superior) a) 22...Nd5 23.Be6 Rb8 24.Qe4! Qa1 (24...Rb5 25.Qe5! and White is winning) 25.Kd2 Qb2 26.Ke2!; b) 22...Kc8 23.Qd8 Kb7 24.Rd7 Kc6 25.Rc7 Kb6 26.Rc8 Kb5 27.Ra8 (27.Qd7 Ka5 28.Qc7 Kb5 29.Qb7 Ka5 30.Ra8) Qa1 28.Kd2 Nc4 29.Qe2 Kh1 30.Qd7! Kb6 31.Rb8! Kc5 (31...Ka5 32.Rb5!! ab5 33.Qa7#) 32.Rc8 Kb6 33.Rc6 Ka5 34.Qc7 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **21.Nc6 Kf7**



[FEN "r1b2b1r/3n1kp1/p1N4p/4p1P1/1p5P/3QnP1B/qPP5/2KR3R w -- 0 22"]

**22.g6!** [RR 22.Be6!! a) 22...Qe6 23.Nd8 Ke7 24.Ne6 Ke6 (24...Nd1 25.Rd1 and White is winning) 25.Qe3; b) 22...Ke6 23.Qg6 Nf6 24.gf6 gf6 25.Qe8 Kf5 26.Nd4! Kf4 27.Ne2 Kf5 (27...Kf3 28.Qc6 and White is winning) 28.Rd4!! with the idea 29.Rf4, 29.Ng3 M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Kg8** only move [22...Kf6 23.Qd6! and White is winning] **23.Qe3 Bc5 24.Qe4!** [RR 24.Be6 Qe6 25.Qc5 Bb7 (25...Qg6 26.Rd7 Kh7 27.Ne5 and White is winning) 26.Ne7 Kf8 27.Rd7 Qd7 28.Nc6 Kg8 29.Qc4 Kf8 30.Rd1! Qc7 31.Qc5 Ke8 32.Rd6 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Nf8 25.Rd8 Bb7** [RR 25...Bh3 26.Ra8 Be6 27.Qe5! Qd5 28.Re1! Qc6 29.Qe6 Qe6 30.Re6 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **26.Ra8?** [RR 26.Rf8! Bf8 (26...Kf8 27.Qf5 Kg8 28.Qe5 and White is winning; 26...Rf8 27.Qe5 Bc8 28.Bc8 Rc8 29.Qc5 and White is winning) 27.Qe5 Bc8 28.Qe8 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Ba8 27.h5!** [RR 27.Rd1?? Bc6 28.Qc6 Be3 29.Rd2 Qa1#; 27.Bf1!? Bc6 28.Bc4 Ne6! 29.Qf5! Be3 30.Kd1 Bf3 31.Qf3 Qb1 32.Ke2 Qc2 33.Ke3 Qg6 34.Rf1 M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Rh7! 28.Re1 Bc6 29.Qc6 Bd4 30.Kd2?!** [RR 30.Kd1! Bb2 31.Bf5 Bc3 32.Ke2! Be1 33.Qc8! Kh8 34.Qf8 Qg8 35.Qg8 Kg8 36.gh7 Kh8 37.Ke1 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Qb2 31.Qc4 Kh8 32.Kd3! a5?!** [32...Qa3 33.Ke4 Qa5 34.gh7 (34.Rd1!?) Kh7 35.Bf5 Kh8 36.Qc8 Bc5 37.Rd1] **33.Qc8?** [RR 33.f4! Bf2 (33...Qc3 34.Qc3 Bc3 35.Re4! Kg8 36.Rc4 and White is winning) 34.Ke2! Qa3 35.Kf2 Qh3 36.Re5 Qh4 37.Ke2 Qd8 38.Qf7 Qc8 39.Re8 and White is winning; M.Vachier-Lagrave] **Qa3 34.Ke4 b3 35.cb3 a4! 36.Rb1** [36.ba4 Qb4 37.Rd1 (37.Rc1 Bc5 equal) Ba7 equal] **Qb4 37.Qc4 Qb7 38.Qd5 Qb4 39.Qc4 Qd2 40.Bg4??** [40.Qc8 Qe2 41.Kd5 Qf3 (41...Qb5 42.Ke4 equal) 42.Kc4 (42.Kd6 Qf6 equal) a3 43.Rf1 Qc3 44.Kd5 Qb3 45.Ke4 Qe3 equal] **a3! 41.Qf7 Qc2 42.Kd5 Qc5 43.Ke4 a2 44.Rc1 a1Q 45.Rc5 Bc5 46.Qd5! Qe1 47.Kd3 Qd1 48.Kc4 Qd5 49.Kd5** [R 9/t] **Ba3?** [49...Ng6 50.hg6 h5 and Black is winning] **50.Bf5 Kg8 51.Ke5 Rh8 52.Kd5 Nh7!!** [52...Ng6?? 53.Bg6 Kf8 54.Ke6 equal] **53.gh7** [R 8/e] **Kf7 54.Bg6 Kf6 55.f4 Bc1 56.f5** [56.b4 Bf4 57.b5 Rd8 (57...Rb8 58.Kc6 Ke7 59.b6 Bg3 and Black is winning) 58.Kc6 Ke6 59.b6 (59.Bd3 g5 60.hg6 Be5 61.Bc4 Ke7 and Black is winning) Rc8 60.Kb7 Rb8 61.Kc6 Ke7 62.b7 Rd8 and Black is winning] **Bd2 57.Kd6 Be1 58.Kd7 Bb4 59.Kc7 Ke5 60.Kd7 Ba3 61.Kc6 Kd4 62.Kc7 Kc3 63.Kd7 Kb4** [63...Kb3 64.Bf7 Kc3 65.Bg8 Kd4 66.Ke6 Ke4 67.f6 gf6 68.Kf6 Bb2 69.Kg6 Kf4 70.Kh6 (70.Ba2 Rf8 and Black is winning) Kf5 71.Bb3 Kf6 and Black is winning] **64.Kd6 Kb3 65.Kd5 Bb2 66.Kd6** [66.Ke4 Kc4 67.Bf7 Kc5 68.Bg8 Bf6 69.Ke3 Kd6 70.Ke4 Bb2 71.Kf4 Ke7 72.Ke4 Kf6 73.Kf4 Bc1 74.Kg4 Bd2 75.Kf3 Kf5 76.Bf7 g5 and Black is winning] **Bf6 67.Kc5 Kc3 68.Kd6 Kd4 69.Kc6** [69.Ke6 Kc5 70.Kf7 Kc6 71.Ke6 Rd8 72.Kf7 Kd6 and Black is winning] **Rd8** [69...Ke5 and Black is winning] **70.Kb6** [70.Kb5 Kd5 71.Bf7 Kd6 72.Bg6 Rc8 73.Kb4 (73.Kb6 Rb8 74.Ka7 Kc7 and Black is winning) Kd5 74.Bf7 Kd4 75.Bg6 (75.Bg8 g5 76.fg6 Rb8 and Black is winning) Rb8 76.Ka5 Kc4 77.Ka6 (77.Bf7 Kc5 78.Ka4

*g5 and Black is winning) Kc5 78.Ka7 Rd8 79.Ka6 (79.Kb7 Be5 80. Ka6 Bd6 81.Kb7 Rb8 82.Ka7 Bc7 and Black is winning) Be5 80. Kb7 Rb8 81.Ka7 Bc7 82.Bf7 Kc6 83.Bg8 Rd8 84.h8Q Bb6 85.Ka6 Ra8#] **Kd5! 71.Kc7 Kc5 72.Bf7** [72.Kb7 Be5 73.Ka7 (73.Ka6 Bd6 74.Bf7 Kc6 and Black is winning) Rd7 74.Ka6 Bb8 and Black is winning] **g5! 73.fg6 Rd6 74.Be8 Be5 75.Kb7 Rb6 76.Kc8 Kd6 0-1** [Sasa Velickovic]*

## 2. R. Kasimdzhanov (2672) – L. Aronian (2768)

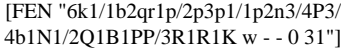
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[FEN "r4rk1/1b1nqp1p/2p3p1/1p2P3/1b2P1n1/3B1NN1/2Q2PPP/1RB2RK1 w - - 0 19"]

**19.e6!** [a novelty; 19.Bg5 see 102/342] **fe6** [19...Nde5 20.ef7 Rf7 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Bb5! and White is slightly better] **20.Bg5 Qc5?! 21. Qb3 Nde5 22.Qe6 Rf7 23.Ne5 Ne5 24.Be2 Qd6** [24...Bc8!? 25. Qb3 Ba5 26.Be3 (26.Ra1 Nc4 unclear) Qe7 27.Qb2! Bc7 28.Ra1 Ra1 29.Ra1 Be6! unclear] **25.Qb3!** [25.Qd6 Bd6 26.f4 Bc5 27.Kh1 Be3! 28.Rb3 Bd2 29.Rb2 Be3 equal] **Bc5 26.Rbd1 Ra3** [26...Qf8 27.Kh1 Nc4 28.e5!! Ne5 29.f4 Nc4 30.f5 and White is superior] **27. Qc2 Bd4 28.Be3! Re3?!** [28...c5! 29.Bb5 h5 (with counterplay) 30. Bd4 cd4 31.f4 d3 32.Qb1 Ng4 (32...Nc4 33.Bc4 Qd4 34.Kh1 Qc4 35.f5 and White is superior) 33.Bd3 h4 34.Be2 Qc5 35.Kh1 Ne3 36. Rd8 Kh7 37.Rc1 (37.f5 gf5 38.Rf5 Nf5 39.ef5 Rc7!! 40.f6 Qc2 41. Rd7 Kh8 42.Rd8 equal) Qe7 38.Qb2 Qd8 39.Qa3 Qb6 40.Nf1 Ng2 41.Kg2 Be4 42.Bf3 Bf3 43.Kf3 Qb7 44.Ke3 h3! 45.Rc5 Qg2 unclear] **29.fe3 Be3 30.Kh1 Qe7?** [30...Qe6?! 31.Rd8 Kg7 32.Qc3 and White is superior; 30...Qa3! 31.Rd8 Kg7 32.Rf7 Kf7 33.Qd1! Bb6 34.Rb8 Qe7 a) 35.Qb3 Kf6 36.Qg8 Kg5 37.Rf8 Bc8! 38.Re8 (38.Rc8 Qc5 39.h4 Kh4 40.Qh7 Kg3 41.Qh2 Kf2 unclear) Qc5 39. Re5 Qe5 40.Qc8 Qa1 41.Nf1 Qe1 42.Qg4 Kf6 43.h4 Qf2 unclear; b) 35.Bg4 Ba7 36.Qb3 Kg7 37.Rg8 Kf6 38.Nh5 gh5 39.Bh5 Qc5 40. Qd1 Qg1 41.Qg1 Bg1 42.Kg1 c5 and White is slightly better]



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[FEN "r4rk1/1bqn1p2/p2bp1p1/1pp3Np/3P3Q/3BP3/PP3PPP/R1BR2K1 w - h6 0 17"]

**17.g4!** [a novelty; 17.Ne4 see 106/134] **Nf6!** [17...cd4 18.g5 Ne5 19.Be4 and White is superior] **18.g5 Nh5 19.Be2 Kg7!** [19...Nf6 20.dc5 Qc5 21.Bd2 b4 22.Rac1 and White is superior] **20.dc5 Be5!** [20...Qc5 21.Bd2 with initiative] **21.f4 Bf6 22.Bd2 Qc5?** [22...Bb2! 23.Rac1! Rad8 (23...Bc1? 24.Bc1! Qc5 25.Bh5 gh5 26.Qh5 Qc2 27. Ne6 and White is superior) 24.Rc2 Bf6 25.c6 Bc6 26.Bf3 Rd6 27. Qe1! Rfd8 28.Rdc1 Qe7 29.Bc6 Bg5 30.Bb4 Bh4 with compensation] **23.Rac1 Qd5 24.Qh3! Rh8** (only move) **25.Bc3! Qa2**





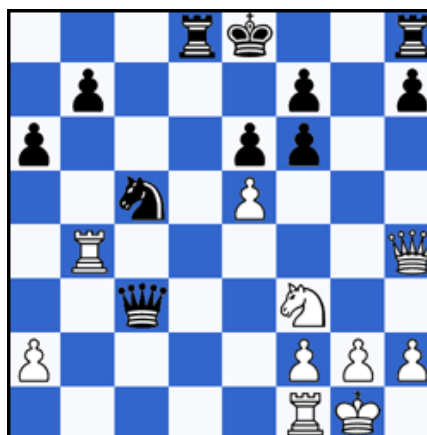
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**26.Rd7?** [26.Ra1 Qb3 27.Ne6 Qe6 28.Qe6 fe6 29.Rd7 Kh6 30.Bf6 Nf6 31.Rb7 Nd5 equal; 26.Nf7!! a) 26...Bc3 27.Nh8 Qb2 28.Rd7 Kh8 29.Bh5 Bg2! 30.Qe6! a1) 30...Bc6 31.Rh7! Kh7 32.Bg6! Kh6 (32...Kh8 33.Qh3 Kg7 34.Qh7 and White is winning) 33.Be4 and White is winning; a2) 30...Qc1 31.Kg2 Qc2 32.Kh1! Qb1 33.Bd1 and White is winning; b) 26...Nf4 27.Bf6 Kf7 (27...Kf6 28.Qf1! and White is winning) 28.Rc7 Kf6 29.Qf1! Rh4 30.Rb7 Qb2 31.ef4 and White is winning; c) 26...Kf7 27.Rd7 Kg8 28.Qg4 Rh6 29.Rb7 Bc3 30.Rc3 Nf6 31.Qg5 and White is winning] **Bc3 27.Qe6! Qe6 28. Ne6 Kh6! 29.Rc3** [29.Ng5 Bc8 30.Nf7 Kg7 31.Rc7 Ba5! 32.Re7 Bb4! equal, with the idea 33.Nd6 Kf6 34.Rcc7 Bd6 35.Rf7 Ke6 36. Bg4 Kd5 37.Bf3 Ke6] **Bc8!** [29...fe6 30.Rb7 and White is slightly better] **30.Rc8 Rhc8** [30...Rac8 31.Ng5 Nf6 32.Ra7 Ra8 33.Rb7 Rab8 equal] **31.Rf7!?** [31.Ng5 Nf6 equal] **Re8?!** [31...Rc2! 32.Ng5 Ng7 33.Bd3 Rb2 (33...Rd2 34.Rd7 Rb2 35.Rd6 Rc8 36.Rg6 Kh5 37. Rg7 Rc1 38.Bf1 Rbb1 39.Nf3 Rf1 40.Kg2 Kh6 41.Rg3 unclear) 34. Rf6 Nf5 35.Bf5 Rd8! 36.Bg4 Rdd2 37.Bh3 Rd1 38.Bf1 Rbb1 39. Ra6 Rf1 40.Kg2 b4 41.Ra7 Rg1 42.Kf3 Rg5 equal] **32.Ng5 Ng7 33. Kf2 Rf8?** [33...Rad8 34.h4 Rd6 35.Kf3 with initiative] **34.Rd7!** [and White is superior, weak point d3, d8] **Rf6 35.Bd3! b4 36.h4! a5 37.h5 a4** [37...gh5 38.Nf7 Rf7 39.Rd6?? Ne6; 39.Rf7 and White is winning] **38.hg6 a3 39.Nf7 Kh5** [39...Rf7 40.gf7 a2 41.Rd6 and White is winning] **40.Ne5! Rg6** [40...Rg8 41.Be2 Kh6 42.Rd1 and White is winning] **41.Bg6 Kh6 42.ba3 1-0** [R.Kasimdzhanov]

#### 4. B. Gelfand (2733) – L. Aronian (2754)

Nalchik 2009 – 106/126 [D39]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.Bc4 cd4 8.Nd4 Bc3 9.bc3 Qa5 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bf6 gf6 12.Bd7 Nd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Qh5 Nc5 16.Rb4 Qe5 17.Qh4 Rd8 18.Nf3 Qc3 19.e5**

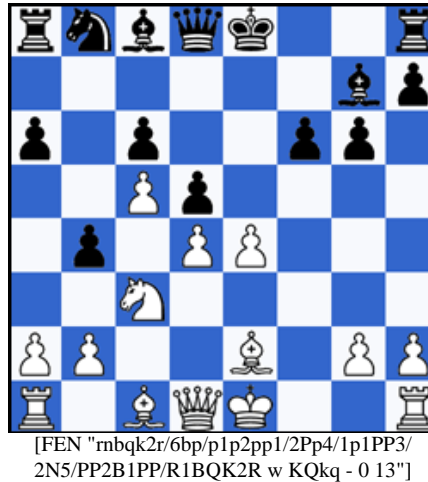


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19...Rg8! [a novelty; 19...f5 see 101/(335)] 20.Qh7 Ke7 21.Rf4 f5  
22.Qh4 Ke8 23.g3 Ne4 24.Re4 fe4 25.Qe4 Rd5 26.Qf4 Qc2 27.  
Ng5 Qf5 [27...Qg6? 28.Ne4 and White is superior; 27...Rf8!? 28.  
Qh4 with the idea Nh7 equal] 28.Qf5 ef5 29.Nh7 Rg6 [29...Re5??  
30.Nf6 Kf8 31.Nd7] 30.Nf6 Rf6 31.ef6 Rd6 32.Re1 Kf8 33.Re5  
Rf6 1/2-1/2 [RR]

**5. P. Eljanov (2693) – Ivan Sokolov (2669)**  
Sarajevo 2009 – 106/113 [D15]

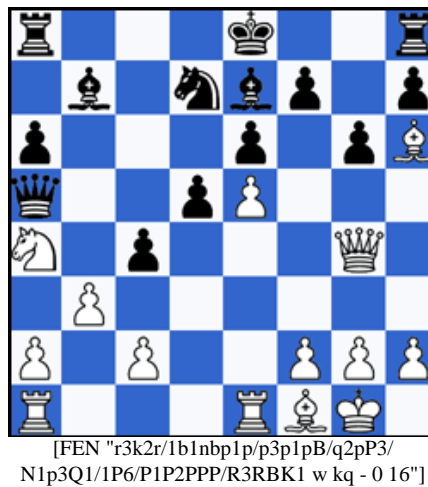
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Be2 Nfd7 9.f4 Ne5 10.fe5 f6 [10...0-0 see 103/(263)] 11.ef6 ef6 12.  
e4 b4



**13.Na4!** [a novelty; 13.Nd5] **de4 14.Nb6 Ra7 15.Qb3 Re7 16.Nc8 Qc8 17.Bf4! f5 18.0-0-0** and White is superior, with attack

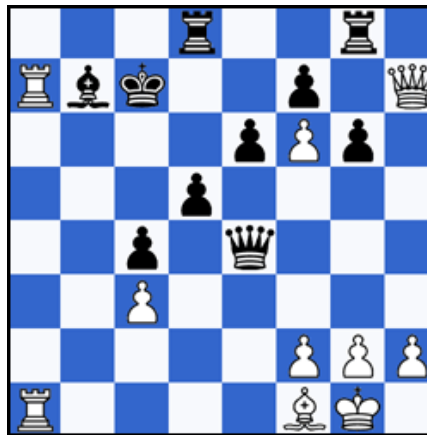
**6. A. Motylev (2677) – S. Rublevsky (2702)**  
Poikovsky 2009 – 106/56 [B46]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nc6 bc6 7.Bd3  
d5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Be7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qg4 g6 12.b3 c5 13.Bh6  
Qa5 14.Na4! c4 15.Bf1 Bb7



**16.Qh3!** [a novelty, and White is slightly better; 16.Qg3 see 103/ (119)] **Bc6 17.Nc3!** [17.Bg7?! Rg8 18.Qh7 0-0-0 with compensation] **Bb4** [17...d4 18.Ne2 Qe5 19.bc4 and White is superior] **18.a3! Bc3 19.b4 Bb4 20.ab4 Qb4 21.Reb1** [21.Bg7 Rg8 22.Qh7 Rg7 23.Qg7 Qb2! unclear] **Qc5** [21...Qe7 22.Bg7 Rg8 23.

Qh7 Rg7 24.Qg7 and White is slightly better] **22.Bg7 Rg8 23.Qh7 0-0-0** [23...Ke7 24.Bh6 g5 25.Ra6! and White is superior; 23...Rg7 24.Qg7 a5 25.c3 and White is slightly better] **24.Ra6 Kc7 25.Rba1!** [25.Bh6 Rh8! (25...g5!?) 26.Qg7 Rb8 (26...Rdg8 27.Qf7 Rf8 28.Bf8 Rf8 29.Rc6 Qc6 30.Qg6) 27.Rba1 (27.Rb8 Rb8 28.Qf7 Rb1 29.Qe6 c3 30.Qd6 Kb7 and Black is slightly better) Qd4!; 27...Qf8 and White is slightly better] **Qd4!** [25...g5 26.R1a5 (26.c3 Bb7 27.Ra7 and White is superior) Qb4 27.Bf6 (27.c3 Qc3 28.Bf6) Rdf8 (27...Nf6 28.Qf7 Nd7 29.c3! Qc3 30.Qe6 and White is winning) 28.c3 Qc3 29.Be7 Bb7 30.Bd6 Kc8 31.Qb1 Ba6 32.Ra6 Qb3 33.Qa1 and White is winning] **26.Ra7 Bb7** [26...Kb8? 27.Bf6 Nf6 28.Qf7 Nd7 29.Qe6 Ne5 30.Qe7 Rd7 31.Qb4 Kc8 32.Ra8 Ba8 33.Ra8 Kc7 34.Rg8 and White is winning] **27.c3! Qe4!** [27...Qc3 28.Rb1 Nc5 29.Bh6 and White is winning] **28.Bf6** [28.R1a4!? Kb8 (28...Nc5 29.Bf6) 29.Bf6 Rdf8 30.Qh6 and White is superior] **Nf6** [28...Rdf8!? 29.Be7 Qe5 (29...Rh8 30.Qg7 Qe5 31.Qe5 Ne5 32.Bf8 Rf8 33.Rb1 Rb8 34.h4 and White is superior) 30.Bf8 (30.Rb1!? Rh8 31.Rbb7 Kc6 32.Rc7 Kb5 33.Rab7 Ka6 34.Qh8 Rh8 35.g3 Rb8 36.Ra7 Kb5 37.Bb4 Rd8 38.Rd7 Rd7 39.Rd7 and White is superior) Rf8 31.Rb1 Nc5 32.Qh4 g5 33.Qg4 and White is superior] **29.ef6**



[FEN "3r2r1/Rbk2p1Q/4pPp1/3p4/2p1q3/2P5/5PPP/R4BK1 b - - 0 29"]

**29...Rgf8** [29...Rdf8! 30.Qh6 (30.Qh3 Rh8 31.Qg3 e5 with the idea Qf4 unclear) g5 (30...Rh8 31.Qc1) 31.Qh5! a) 31...Rh8 32.Qg5 Rfg8 33.Qd2!? (33.Qe3 Qe3 34.fe3 and White is slightly better) Qh4 34.h3 Qh3 35.Qf4 e5 (35...Kc8 36.f3! and White is winning) 36.Qe5 Kc6 37.R1a6 Ba6 38.Ra6 Kb7 39.Qd5! Ka6 40.Bc4 Ka7 41.Qc5 (41.Qd4 Kb7 42.Bd5 Ka6 43.Qa4 Kb6 44.Qc6 Ka5 45.Qc7 Ka4 46.Qc4 Ka5 47.Qb4 Ka6 48.Bc4 Ka7 49.Qe7 see 41.Qc5) Kb7 42.Bd5 Ka6 43.Qc6 Ka5 44.Qc7 Ka4 45.Qc4 Ka5 46.Qb4 Ka6 47.Bc4 Ka7 48.Qe7! Kb6 49.Qd6 Kb7 50.Bd5 Kc8 51.Qc6 Kd8 52.Qb6 Kd7 53.Bc6 Ke6 54.Bb5 Ke5 (54...Kf5 55.Bd7; 54...Kd5 55.Qd4) 55.Qd4 Ke6 56.Bd7#; b) 31...g4 32.Qh6! and White is superior; c) 31...Qe5 32.g3 Rh8 33.Qd1 Ra8 34.Qa4 Ra7 35.Qa7 with initiative; 32.h4!? and White is superior] **30.Qh6 g5 31.Qg5 Rg8 32.f3?** [32.Qc1 d4 33.Kh1 and White is superior; 32.Qd2! d4 33.f3 (33.Kh1 Ra8 and White is superior) Qf3 34.Rb1 Rb8 35.cd4 c3 36.Rc1 and White is winning] **Rg5** [32...Qd4 33.cd4 Rg5 34.Rb1 Rb8 35.g4 Rg6 36.Kf2 and White is superior] **33.fe4 Kb8 34.ed5** (time) **ed5** (time) **35.R7a2?!** [35.R7a5 Rg6 36.Rb5 Rd7 37.Rab1 Rf6 38.Be2 and White is superior] **Rg6 36.Re1 Rf6** (and White is slightly better) **37.Re7 Bc8?!** [37...Rc6 38.Rf7 d4 39.cd4 Rd4 and White is slightly better; 37...Rc8!?] **38.Rb2 Ka8 39.Rd2** [39.Be2 and White is superior] **Rdd6 40.Re5?** [40.h4 Rde6 41.Re6 Be6 42.Be2 and White is superior] **Bb7 41.Re7?!** [41.h4] **Rb6 42.Re8 Ka7 43.Ra2 Ra6!? 44.Ree2 Ra2 45.Ra2 Ra6 46.Rf2** [46.Ra6 Ba6 47.Kf2 d4! equal] **Ra1?** [46...d4! 47.cd4 Ra1 48.Rf7 Kb8 49.Kf2 c3 50.Bd3 c2 51.Bc2 Ra2 equal] **47.Rf4!** [47.Rf7? d4!] **Rc1 48.h4! Rc3 49.h5 Re3 50.h6 Re8** (time) **51.Rf7** (time) **Rh8 52.Rf6 Bc8?**

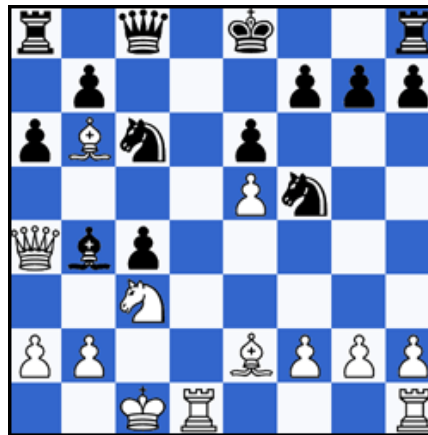


[better is 52...Rg8 53.Rd6 and White is superior (53.h7? Rh8 54.Rf7 Kb6 55.g4 d4 56.Bc4 Be4) Kb8? 54.h7 Rh8 55.Rd7 and White is winning] **53.Be2?** [53.Kf2 Kb7 54.Ke3 Kc7 55.Kd4 and White is winning] **Kb7?** [53...Kb8! 54.Kf2! (54.g4? c3) Kc7 55.Bf3!? Rd8 (55...d4 56.g4 c3 57.g5 and White is winning; 55...c3 56.Ke3 d4 57.Kd3 Bd7 58.Be4 and White is winning) 56.Ke2 d4 57.h7 Bd7 58.Be4 c3 59.Rg6 Bb5 60.Kf3 and White is winning] **54.Bf3!** (and White is winning) **Rd8 55.h7 c3 56.Bd5 Kc7 57.Rc6 Kd7 58.Bg8 Kc6 59.h8Q c2 60.Qc3 Kb7 61.Qc2 1-0** [A.Motylev]

### 7. B. Predojevic (2652) – P. Harikrishna (2686)

Sarajevo 2009 – 106/38 [B12]

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 cd4 7.Nd4 Ne7 8.c4 Nbc6 9.Qa4 a6 10.Nc3 dc4 11.0-0-0 Qc8 12.Nf5 Nf5 13.Bb6 Bb4**



[FEN "r1q1k2r/1p3ppp/pBn1p3/4Pn2/Qbp5/2N5/PP2BPPP/2KR3R w kq - 0 14"]

**14.f4!** [a novelty; 14.Rd8 see 106/(38)] **0-0 15.Bf3 Bc3?!** [15...Nfe7 unclear, with the idea Rb8, Ba5] **16.bc3 Nfe7 17.g3!?** [17.Qc4 and White is superior] **Na7!** [17...Nd5 18.Bd5 ed5 19.Rd5 Qg4 20.Rhd1 and White is superior, with initiative; 17...Re8!? 18.Kb2 (18.Qc4?! Ne5) Na7 (18...Nd5 19.Bd5 ed5 20.Rd5 and White is superior) 19.Rd2 Nd5 20.Bd5 ed5 21.Rhd1 Qe6 22.Qa5! (22.Ba7 b5 23.Qa5 Ra7 24.Rd5 and White is slightly better) Nc8 23.Bd8 Nd6! (23...b5 24.Rd5; 23...Na7 24.Qd5 and White is superior) a) 24.Qd5 Rad8 25.Qe6 Re6 26.ed6 (with the idea Ka3-b4) Kf8 27.Ka3 Ke8 28.d7 Ke7 29.Kb4 Rc6 30.a4 Rc7 equal; b) 24.ed6! Rad8 25.Rd5 Qd7 26.Qc7 and White is superior, with initiative] **18.Qd7** [18.Qa3 Nd5 19.Ba7 Ra7 20.Bd5 ed5 21.Rd5 b5 22.Rhd1] **Nd5** (only move) **19.Qc8 Nc8 20.Bd5 Nb6?** [20...ed5! a) 21.Bc7 Ne7 22.Bd6 Rfe8 (22...Rae8? 23.Rhe1 and White is superior) 23.Be7 Re7 24.Rd5 f6 equal; b) 21.Bc5 Rd8 22.Rd2 (22.Kc2!? b6 23.Bf2 Ra7 24.Rd2 Rad7 25.Rb1 b5 26.a4 ba4 27.Ra1 f6 28.ef6 gf6 29.Ra4 with initiative) b6 23.Bb4! (23.Ba3 Na7 24.Rhd1 Nb5 25.Bb2 Nc7 26.Ba3 Nb5 equal) a5 (23...Na7 24.Kc2!) 24.Ba3 Na7 25.Kc2 d4! (25...Nb5 26.Be7 Rd7 27.Rb1! d4 28.cd4 c3 29.Rb5 cd2 30.Bd6 Rb7 31.Kd2 and White is superior, with the idea d5 with initiative) 26.Rd4 Nb5 (26...Rd4 27.cd4 Nb5 28.Bd6 Nd4 29.Kc3 Ne2 30.Kc4 Rc8 31.Kb5 Rc2 32.a3 Rb2 33.Ka6 and White is superior) 27.Rd8 Rd8 28.Bb2 and White is slightly better] **21.Bb7** (and White is superior) **Ra7 22.Bf3 g5 23.Kc2** [23.fg5 Rc8 24.Rhe1 Nd7 25.h4 Rc5 and White is slightly better] **Rc8 24.Rd4 Rc5 25.Rb1 Rb5** [25...Nd5 26.Bd5 ed5 27.Rb8 Kg7 28.f5 Rb5 29.Rb5 ab5 30.Kb2 Rd7 31.Rd2! and White is winning, with the idea Ka3-b4] **26.Rb4!?** [26.Rd6 Rb1 27.Kb1 Na4 28.Kc2 gf4 29.gf4] **gf4 27.gf4 Kg7 28.Bc6!** and White is winning [28.Rd6 Nc8 29.Rc6 Ne7 30.Rcc4 Nd5 31.Bd5 Rd5 and White is superior] **Rb4 29.cb4** [R 9/i] **a5?!** [29...Rc7 30.Bf3 with the idea 30...c3 31.Rd6 Nc4 32.Rc6] **30.b5 f6 31.Rd6 fe5 32.Be4! Nc8 33.Re6** [33.Rc6 Ne7 34.

Re6 Kf7 35.b6 Rd7 36.Re5] **Rf7 34.fe5 Rf2 35.Kc3 Ra2 36.b6 Ra3 37.Kd4 1-0** [B.Predojevic]

**8. M. Carlsen (2770) – L. Dominguez Perez (2721)**  
Sofia 2009 – 106/151 [D97]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qb3 dc4 5.Qc4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.e4 Nc6 8.Be2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Nd4 ed4 11.Qd4 c6**

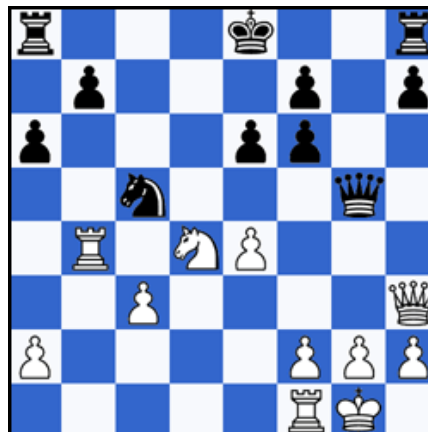


[FEN "r1bq1rk1/pp3pbp/2p2np1/3P4/3QP3/2N5/PP2BPPP/R1B1K2R w KQ - 0 12"]

**12.d6!** [a novelty; 12.Qd1 see 41/(553)] **Nd5?!** [12...Nd7 13.Qe3 (13.Qd2 Nc5 14.0-0 Re8 15.f3 b5 unclear) Be5 14.0-0 Bd6 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Kh1 and White is slightly better; 12...Re8 13.Bg5 (13.e5 Nd5 14.f4 f6 unclear; 13.Qd3 b5 14.a3 Be6 unclear) Ne4 14.Qg7 (14.Qe4 f6 15.Qb4 fg5 16.0-0-0 Be5) Kg7 15.Bd8 Nc3 16.bc3 Rd8 17.0-0-0 Be6 18.Rd2 b5 19.Bf3 Rab8 20.Rhd1 Rb6 equal] **13.Qd3 Nc3** [13...Nb4 14.Qd1 Be5 15.a3 Na6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Be3 Bd6 18.Qc2 and White is slightly better] **14.bc3 Qf6** [14...Be5] **15.Bb2 Rd8 16.Rd1 Qe6 17.f4 Qa2 18.Rd2** and White is superior [L. Dominguez Perez]

**9. K. Sasikiran (2684) – B. Maciejka (2606)**  
Warszawa 2008 – 106/127 [D39]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.Bc4 cd4 8.Nd4 Bc3 9.bc3 Qa5 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bf6 gf6 12.Bd7 Nd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Qh5 Nc5 16.Rb4 Qe5 17.Qh4 Qg5 18.Qh3**



[FEN "r3k2r/1p3p1p/p3pp2/2n3q1/1R1NP3/2P4Q/P4PPP/5RK1 b kq - 0 18"]

**18...h5!** [a novelty; 18...Rg8 see 106/(127)] **19.f4 Qg4 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Rb2 Rc8 22.Rd2 h4 23.Nf3 h3 24.g3 Kf8 25.Rd4 Kg7 26.Rfd1 1/2-1/2**

# 10. M. Carlsen (2776) – V. Topalov (2796)

Nice (blindfold) 2009 – 106/17 [A33]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.Nc3 cd4 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.e4 0-0  
8.Nc2 b6



[FEN "r1bq1rk1/p2pbppp/1pn1pn2/8/2P1P3/  
P1N5/1PN2PPP/R1BQKB1R w KQ - 0 9"]

**9.f4** [a novelty; 9.Be2 see 106/(17)] **Bb7 10.Bd3** [10.e5 Ne8 11.Bd3 d6 unclear; 11...f6 unclear] **Rc8 11.Qe2 d6 12.0-0 Na5** [12...a6!?!; 12...Re8!?!] **13.Be3 a6** [13...Ba6 14.Nb5 d5 (14...Bb5 15.cb5 and White is slightly better, weak point c6) 15.cd5 ed5 (15...Bb5 16.Bb5 Ne4 17.de6 and White is superior) 16.e5 (16.Na7 Bd3 17.Qd3 Ra8 equal) Bb5 17.Bb5 Ne4 18.Rad1 and White is slightly better] **14.Nd4** [14.e5 de5 15.fe5 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qc7 equal] **Qc7 15.Rac1 Qb8** [15...Nc4?! 16.Nb1] **16.b4 Nc6 17.f5 Nd4 18.Bd4 Ba8** [18...ef5 19.Rf5 with attack; 18...e5 19.Bf2 (19.Be3 b5 and White is slightly better) b5 and White is slightly better] **19.fe6 fe6 20.e5 de5 21.Be5 Qb7 22.Bf6 Bf6 23.Qe6** and White is superior [RR]

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	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Bh3	b3	g5	fe4 <sup>3</sup>	Qe3	hg5 <sup>4</sup>	Bg2	Rh1	Rh7	and Black is slightly better
<b>1</b>	Nb6 <sup>1</sup>	de4 <sup>2</sup>	Nfd5	Ne3	hg5	g6	Rh1	Bb7	Qe5 <sup>5</sup>	
<b>2</b>	Bf4	Bh2	g5	gf6 <sup>7</sup>	Qe2 <sup>8</sup>	Qh5	Ne6 <sup>9</sup>	Bh3 <sup>11</sup>	Ng7	equal
	e5	de4 <sup>6</sup>	ef3	fe2	gf6	Bb7	Qc8 <sup>10</sup>	Bh1	Bg7 <sup>12</sup>	
<b>3</b>	Nf4	Nfe6	Ne6	ed5	Qd3	g5 <sup>15</sup>	Nc7 <sup>16</sup>	Ne6	Qd4	compensation
	e5 <sup>13</sup>	fe6	Qa5	Qa2	Bb7 <sup>14</sup>	e4	Kd8	Ke8	hg5 <sup>17</sup>	

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**13...e5?** 14.Nf5 [14.g5!?!] d4 [14...de4 15.g5 and White is superior] 15.Bf2 Nc5 16.Kb1 Be6 17.Nc1 and White is superior; A.Sermier - Q.Didier, France 2004;

**13...Ne5** 14.Bf4! [14.g5? Nc4 15.Qd3 Nd7 16.Nf4?? Nde5 and Black is winning; J.Ashwin - H.Banikas, Rethymon 2009; 14.ed5?! Nc4 15.Qd3 Ne3 16.Qe3 Nd5 and Black is slightly better] de4 [14...Bd6? 15.Be5 Be5 16.g5 and White is winning] 15.g5 [15.Nc6 Nd3 16.Qd3 Qf4 17.Nf4 ed3 18.Nd3 Bb7 19.Nde5 and White is slightly better] Nd5 16.fe4 and White is slightly better;

**13...de4** 14.g5 ef3 [14...hg5 15.hg5 ef3 (Sergey Karjakin - Ivanchuk, Kallithea 2008) 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Ng3 and White is superior, with attack] 15.Bf4! e5 [15...Qb6 16.Ng3 Nd5 17.g6 with compensation, with attack] 16.gf6 fe2 17.Qe2 gf6 18.Rhe1 with compensation; Alexei Fedorov

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14...e5 15.Nf5 Bf5 16.ef5 d4 [16...Bc5 17.Bc5 Qc5 18.g5 Nfd7 19.f4 e4 20.Nd4 a5 21.Kb1 Rc8 22.Qg2! and White is superior, with initiative; Alexei Fedorov - Annaberdiev, Abu Dhabi 2005 see 94/161] 17.Nd4 [17.Bf2 Bc5 unclear] ed4 18.Qd4 Nbd7 19.Bf4 Qc6 20.Rhe1 Kd8 21.Bf1!? with compensation; Alexei Fedorov

## 3

16.g6? e5 17.gf7 Kf7 and Black is superior; J.Bittencourt - Rob. Molina, Brasil (ch) 2009

## 4

18.Qg5!?

## 5

Alexei Fedorov - J.Ashwin, Dubai 2009

## 6

14...Qa5

a) 15.Nb3 Qa2 16.g5 [16.ed5 Bb7] hg5 17.hg5 Nb6;

b) 15.Kb1!? ed4 16.ed5 Bb7 17.Nd4 Qd5?! 18.Qe2! Kd8 19.Bh3 Qc5 20.g5 hg5 21.Bd7 Nd7 22.Rhe1 Bd6 23.Qd3! Bd5 24.Nb3 Qc6 25.Bd6 Qd6 26.Qd5 Qd5 27.Rd5 Kc7 28.hg5 Rhe8 29.Red1 and White is winning; Hiarc - Jonny, Pamplona 2009 see 107/(228); 17...Bd5!? unclear

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16.Nf3 Ng4 [16...Ne4? 17.Qe3 Bb7 18.Bh3 with compensation, with attack]



[FEN "r1b1kb1r/2qn1pp1/p6p/4p1P1/

a) 17.g6

a1) 17...f6 18.Ned4

a11) 18...Qb6? 19.Bc4! Nh2 [19...ed4 20.Rhe1 Kd8 21.Nd4 Nge5 22.Ne6 Ke8 23.Qd5 and White is winning; Krisz.Szabo - E.Kislik, Budapest 2009 see 107/228] 20.Bf7 Kd8 [20...Ke7? 21.Qb4!! Qb4 22.Nc6#] 21.Ne6 Ke7 22.Rh2 and White is superior, with attack, with the idea 22...f5 23.Ne5 Ne5 24.Re2 and White is winning;

a12) 18...Nh2 19.Qh2! [19.Rh2? ed4? 20.Re2; 19...Nb6] Bb7 [19...Nb6 20.Bh3! with compensation] 20.Ne6!? [20.Qh3 with compensation, with the idea 20...ed4 21.Nd4; 20.Bh3 with compensation, with the idea 20...Bf3 21.Bd7 Qd7 22.Nf3 Qe6 23.Rhe1 Bd6 24.Nd4 Qa2 25.Nb3 Ke7 26.Rd6 Kd6 27.Qg1] Qb6 [20...Qc6 21.Bh3!? with compensation] 21.Bh3 Bf3 [21...Nc5 22.Ne5!] 22.Nc7 Qc7 23.Bd7 Kd8 [23...Ke7? 24.Qh3 and White is superior] 24.Bc6 Kc8 25.Qh3 Kb8 26.Qf3 Ra7 27.Rd7 Qb6 28.Rhd1 Be7 [28...Rd7 29.Rd7 Qg1 30.Qd1 Qd1 31.Kd1 and White is superior] 29.Ra7 Qa7 30.Rd7 Qg1 31.Rd1 Qc5 32.Rd7 equal;

a2) 17...fg6!? 18.Qd3 [18.Bh3 Nh2 19.Bd7 Qd7 20.Qd7 Bd7 21.Rh2 e4 22.Ne5 Bf5 23.Nf4 g5! 24.hg5 Be7] Qc6 19.Ned4! with compensation; 18...Qb6! and Black is superior;

b) 17.Bh3!? Nh2 [17...b3 18.ab3 Nc5 19.Nc3! Nh2 20.Qh2 unclear, with the idea 20...hg5 21.Nd5] 18.Rh2 (with compensation) Ra7 [18...Rb8 19.Bd7] 19.Ng3

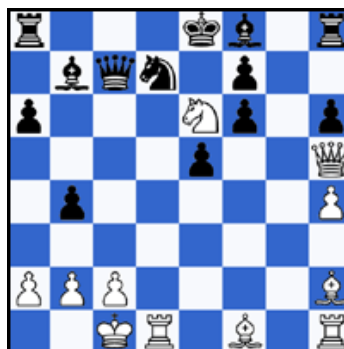
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17.Be2 gf6 18.Bh5 Rb8 19.Ne6 Qc4 20.Qd5! [20.Nf8?? and Black is winning; Aroshidze - H.Banikas, Kavala 2009 see 107/(228)] Qd5 21.Nc7 Kd8 22.Nd5 with compensation

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19.Bh3 Bh1 20.Ne6 Qc8 equal see 19.Ne6

## 10



[FEN "r3kb1r/1bqn1p2/p3Np1p/4p2Q/1p5P/8/PPP4B/2KR1B1R b kq - 0 19"]

**19...Qb6? 20.Rd7!**

a) 20...Qe3 21.Kb1 Kd7 22.Qf7 Be7 23.Bb5 ab5 24.Rd1 Bd5 [24...Kc8 25.Qe7 and White is winning] 25.Nf8!! and White is winning;

b) 20...Kd7 21.Qf7 Be7 22.Bg1! Qd6 [22...Qc6 23.Rh2! and White is winning] 23.Bc5 Bh1 [23...Raf8 24.Nf8 Rf8 25.Bh3 Kd8 26.



Bb6!! Qb6 27.Rd1 Qd4 28.Rd4 ed4 29.Qe6 and White is winning]  
 24.Bd6 Kd6 25.Ng7 Bd8 26.Ne8 [26.Nf5 Kc6 27.Qe6 Kb7 28.Nd6  
 Kc7 29.Nf7 Rg8 30.Qd6 Kb7 31.Nd8 Rgd8 32.Qe7 Kc6 33.Qf6  
 Rd6 34.Qe5 and White is superior] Re8 [26...Kc6 27.Nf6 and White  
 is winning] 27.Qe8 Be7 28.Qg6 Bd5 29.Qh6 and White is winning;

**19...Qc6?** 20.Bh3

a) 20...Nc5 21.Nc5 Qc5 22.Qf5 Qe7 [22...Qb5 23.Qf6 and White is  
 winning; 22...Bc8 23.Qf6 and White is winning] 23.Rhe1 Bc8 24.  
 Qf3 Bb7 25.Bd7! Qd7 26.Qf6 and White is winning;

b) 20...Bd6

b1) 21.Rd6 Qh1 22.Rd1 Qh2 23.Ng7 Kf8 [23...Kd8 24.Qf7 Qh3 25.  
 Ne6 Kc8 26.Qd7 Kb8 27.Qc7 Ka7 28.Qc5 equal] 24.Qf7! Kf7 25.  
 Rd7 equal;

b2) 21.Rhf1!? Rc8 22.Rd2 with compensation;

b3) 21.Rhg1! Rc8 [21...Ke7 22.Rg7 Raf8 23.Nf8 Rf8 24.Bg2 and  
 White is winning] 22.Bf5 Rf8 [22...e4 23.Qf7! Kf7 24.Rg7 Ke8 25.  
 Bg6#; 22...Nf8 23.Rg7 Rc7 24.Nc7 Qc7 25.Rd6 Bf3 26.Qf3 Qd6 27.  
 Qb7 and White is winning] 23.Nf8 Nf8 [23...Kf8 24.Qh6 Ke7 25.  
 Rg7 Rf8 26.Bg6 and White is winning] 24.Bc8 Bc8 25.Qh6 Bf5 26.  
 Rd2 and White is winning

## 11

20.Rg1

a) 20...Nb6 21.Bh3 Qc4 [21...Be4 22.Rd8 Qd8 23.Nd8 Rd8 24.Re1  
 and White is winning] 22.Be5 fe5 23.Qe5 and White is winning;

b) 20...Be4 21.Rd2



[FEN "r1q1kb1r/3n1p2/p3Np1p/4p2Q/1p2b2P/8/PPPR3B/2K2BR1 b kq - 0 21"]

b1) 21...Bc5? 22.Rg7 and White is winning;

b2) 21...Nc5? 22.Rd8 Qd8 23.Nd8 Rd8 24.Be5 Rd5 25.Bc4 and  
 White is winning;

b3) 21...Ke7? 22.Nf8 Rf8 23.Bh3 Ra7 24.Rgd1 f5 25.Bf5 Nf6 26.  
 Bc8 Nh5 27.Bg4 Nf4 28.Bf4 ef4 29.Re1 f5 30.Bf5 Rf5 31.Re4 Kf8  
 32.Rb4 f3 33.Rf2 and White is winning;

b4) 21...Nb6? 22.Rd8 Qd8 23.Nd8 Rd8 24.Qe2! h5 [24...Rd4 25.  
 Rg4 f5 26.Be5 Rc4 27.Qe1 Rc2 28.Kd1 and White is winning] 25.  
 Qe4 Bh6 26.Rg5 Nd7 27.Bh3 Rg8 [27...fg5 28.Bd7 Kd7 29.Qd5  
 and White is winning] 28.Bd7 Kd7 [28...Rd7 29.Be5 Bg5 30.Bf4  
 and White is winning] 29.Qh7 Bg5 30.hg5 Ke6 31.gf6 and White is

winning;

b5) 21...Ra7! 22.Bh3

b51) 22...b3!? 23.ab3 Bb4 24.Re2 Qc6 25.Bf5! Bf5 [25...Bf3?? 26.Qf7!! Kf7 27.Rg7 Ke8 28.Bg6#] 26.Ng7 Kf8 27.Nf5 with compensation;

b52) 22...Qc4!

b521) 23.Kb1

b5211) 23...Qc6 24.Nf8 unclear,;

b5212) 23...Bd5 24.Rd5! Qd5 25.Rd1 Qc4 [25...Qe4 26.Bf5 Qc4 27.Bg1 Rb7 28.Qf3 with compensation] 26.Bg1 Rb7 27.Bg2 e4 28.Nd4 Rg8 29.Qf5 Rc7 30.Qe4 Ne5 31.Bh3 with compensation;

b5213) 23...b3!! 24.ab3 Qb3 25.Rg3! Qb4 and Black is winning;

b522) 23.Nf8 Rf8 [23...Nf8? 24.Be5! Qa2 25.Rd8! Ke7 26.Bf6! Kf6 27.Rf1 Ke7 28.Qe5 Kd8 29.Qb8 and White is winning; 23...Kf8 24.Qg4 Ke8 25.Qg7 Rf8 26.Rgd1 f5 27.Be5 Qa2 28.b3 with compensation, with attack] 24.Qh6 f5! [24...Rc7 25.Bd7 Rd7 26.Qf6 Rd2 27.Qe5 Kd7 28.Kd2 Qc2 29.Ke1 Re8 30.Qd6 Kc8 31.Qb8 equal] 25.Kb1 Rc7 26.Rc1 Rg8! [26...b3? 27.ab3 Qb3 28.Qd6 Qb7 29.Be5 Rc6 30.Qd4 Rc5 31.Bf4 and White is superior] 27.Qh7 Nf6 28.Qh6 Qe6! and Black is superior

## 12

22.Bd7 Qd7 23.Rd7 Kd7 24.Qf7 Kd6 25.Qg7 Raf8 26.Qg1 equal

## 13

13...de4 14.Nfe6! fe6 15.Ne6 Qc6 16.Nf8 Nf8 17.Qb4 with compensation, with attack

## 14

17...Kf7? 18.g5! Nd5 19.Bh3! and White is superior; **Morozevich - Vachier-Lagrave, Biel 2009** see 106/69

## 15

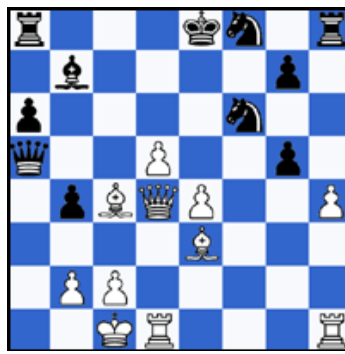
18.Qg6 Ke7 19.d6 Ke6 20.Bh3 Qa1 [20...Bd5? 21.g5 Kd6 22.gf6 Nf6 23.Rd5!] 21.Kd2 Qa5 equal 22.Kc1 Qa1 Vachier-Lagrave

## 16

19.Qc4 Qc4 20.Bc4 hg5 21.hg5 Rh1 22.Rh1 Nd5 23.Bd5 Bd5 24.Nc7 Kf7 25.Nd5 ef3 26.Rf1 equal; Vachier-Lagrave

## 17

22.Nf8 Nf8 23.Bc4 Qa5 24.fe4!? [24.Bg5 N8d7 25.fe4 Qa1! 26.Kd2 Qa5 Vachier-Lagrave]



[FEN "r3kn1r/1b4p1/p4n2/q2P2p1/1pBQP2P/4B3/1PP5/2KR3R b - - 0 24"]

a) 24...gh4 25.Rhg1 with compensation, with the idea 25...Rh7 26. Kb1! N8d7 [26...Rc8 27.Bb3 N8d7 28.e5 Nd5 29.Qg4! g5 30.Qe6 Re7 31.Qg6 Kd8 32.Bg5 Qc5 33.Qd6 and White is winning] 27.e5 Nd5 28.Qg4 Nf8 [28...Ne5 29.Qe6 Ne7 30.Bg5 Qc5 31.Rge1 and White is winning] 29.Rgf1 Rd8 [29...Ne3 30.Bf7 Ke7 31.Qg5#; 29...g6 30.Rf8! Kf8 31.Qg6 and White is winning] 30.Bd3 Ne7 [30...b3 31.cb3 Nc3 32.bc3 Rd3 33.Rf8 Kf8 34.Qf5 Kg8 35.Qe6 and White is winning] 31.Qf4 Kd7 32.Bh7 Bd5 33.Qg4 and White is winning;

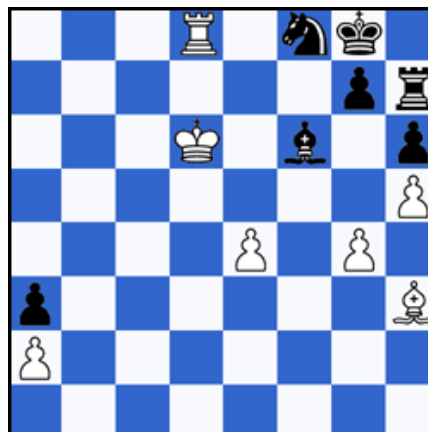
b) 24...Rh4 25.Rh4 gh4 26.Kb1! with compensation

b1) 26...N8d7 27.Bb3! Qc7 [27...Rc8 see 26...Rc8] 28.d6! Qa5 29. Qc4 Be4 [29...Kd8 30.Bd4!! and White is winning] 30.Qf7 Kd8 31. Bd4!! Qf5 32.Be6 and White is winning;

b2) 26...Rc8 27.Bb3 N8d7 [27...Qc7 28.d6! Qa5 29.e5 and White is winning; 27...Qb5 28.Qe5 Kd8 29.Qg5! Rc7 30.e5 Qe2 31.ef6! Qd1 32.Ka2 g6 33.f7 Kc8 34.Qe5! and White is winning] 28.e5 Nd5 29. Qg4! Ne5 [29...Kd8 30.Qe6 and White is winning] 30.Qg7 Qc7 31. Qh8 [31.Ba4 Bc6 32.Bc6 Qc6 33.Qe5 Ne7 34.Qh8 Kf7 35.Qh7 Ke8 36.Bg5 and White is winning] Kd7 [31...Kf7 32.Rf1 Ke6 33.Qh6 Kd7 34.Qg7 Ne7 35.Rd1 and White is winning] 32.Qh7 Ke6 33. Qh6 Kd7 34.Ba4 Ke7 35.Bg5 Kf7 36.Bb3 and White is winning  
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**White to Play**



[FEN "3R1nk1/6pr/3K1b1p/7P/4P1P1/p6B/P7/8 w - - 0 1"]

**1.g5!! Bd8 2.g6 Rh8** [2...Ng6 3.hg6 Rh8 4.Kd7] **3.Bf5! Nh7!** [3... Ng6 4.Bg6] **4.gh7 Kf7** [4...Rh7 5.Bg6!] **5.Bg6 Kf6 6.e5 Kg5 7.Kd7 Rf8 8.Bf7!** [8.Kd6 Ba5 9.Ke7 Bb4 10.Kd7 Bc5! 11.Kc6 Be7 12.Bf7 Rh8 13.Bg6 Bb4 14.Kd7 Rf8 15.Ke6 Kf4 16.Kd5 Bc3 17.e6 Bb4 18.

Kc6 Ke5 and Black is winning, with the idea Kf6] **Rf7 9.Ke8!** [9. Kd8 Rf8 10.Ke7 Rh8 11.Kf7 Rh7 12.Kg8 g6! 13.Kh7 gh5 14.Kg7 Kf5 and Black is winning] **Re7 10.Kf8!** [10.Kd8 Ra7 and Black is winning] **Re5 11.h8Q Bf6 12.Qh7 Kh5 13.Qd3** equal.

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