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Yasser Annotates:

Anand - Sokolov, Brussels 1992

Viswanathan Anand-Ivan Sokolov

Sicilian Scheveningen [B84]

Brussels Rapid (3) 1992

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 d6 6.a4 Nf6 7.Be2 Nbd7
8.O-O Nc5 9.Bf3 Be7



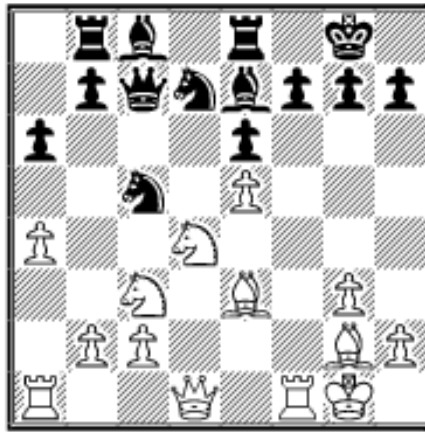
The tricky opening move order has worked in Black's favor. However, Black's last move doesn't address his need to start action as quickly as possible. To this end 9...Qc7 10.g3 Rb8 11.Bg2 b6 12.f4 Bb7 targeting the e4-pawn as soon as possible is better.

**10.g3 O-O 11.Bg2 Qc7 12.Be3 Rb8
13.f4 Re8?**

This meets with a stunning refutation.

Black had to play 13...Rd8 (13...b6? 14.e5 dxd5 15.fxe5 Nfd7 16.Nc6 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 wins) and hope for the best.

14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nfd7

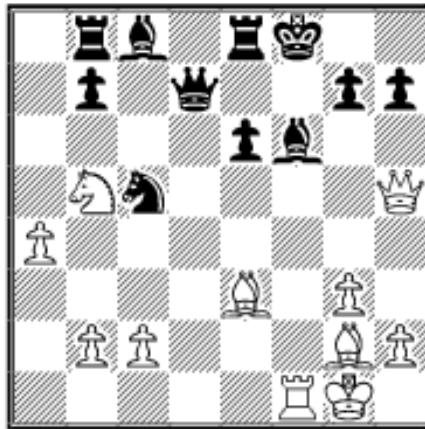


16.Rxf7!

Vishy hesitated for a whole ten seconds before uncorking this blow. Bearing in mind that a draw wins the match, his willingness to go for blood is to be admired.

16...Kxf7 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Rf1+ Nf6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Ndb5! axb5 21.Nxb5 Qd7

Otherwise 21...Qf7 22.Bxc5+ Kg8 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Nd6+ wins a boxful of wood.



22.Qxh7!

Merciless. The text introduces Rf1xf6+ and Be3-h6+. Black is torn asunder.

22...Qe7 23.Rxf6+!

Oh my! Isn't rapid chess fun?

23...Qxf6 24.Bxc5+ Re7 25.Qh8+

Kf7 26.Nd6+ 1-0

A sparkling tactical brilliancy by Vishy.

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