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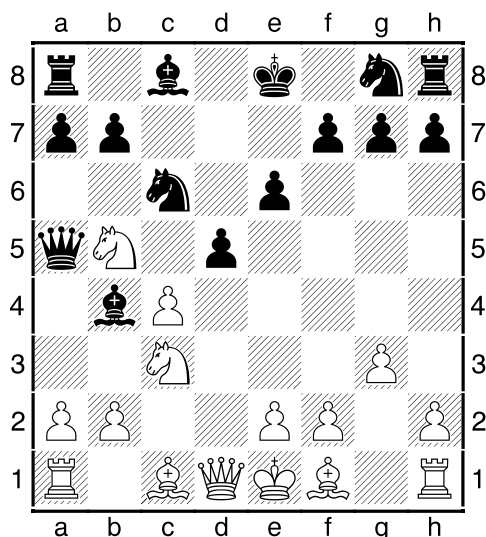
Games

(01) Laznicka, V (2701) - Yemelin, V (2568) [A30]

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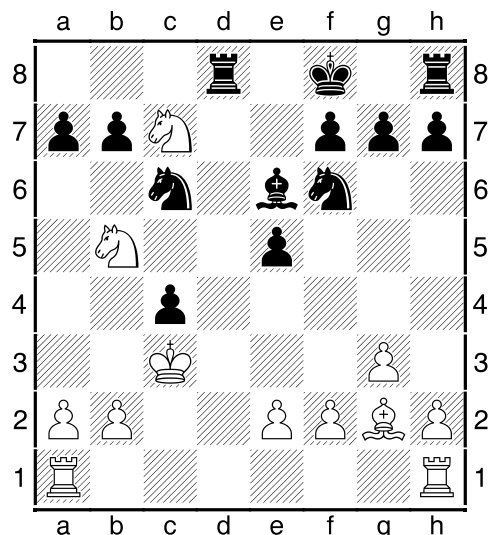
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.g3 Bb4+ [Maybe, 5...Qa5+ is more exact, as after 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Bc3 Nf6 8.Bg2 d5 bishop c3 is somewhat misplaced.] 6.Nc3 [Now 6.Bd2 perfectly makes sense - 6...Qb6 7.Nb3 Ne5 8.Qc2, and if 8...Qc6, then 9.Bxb4! Qxh1 10.Nc3 with serious compensation.] 6...Qa5 7.Ndb5 [7.Nxc6 Bxc3+! 8.bxc3 bxc6i] 7...d5!

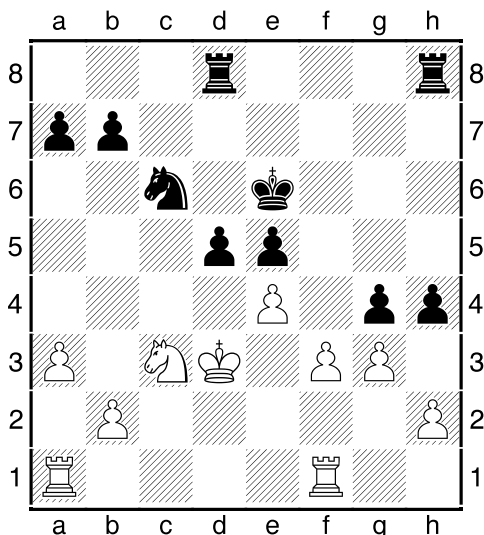


8.Bf4! [The strongest reply - any different won't do: 8.Bd2?! a6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Na3 Bxa3 11.bxa3 d4 12.Ne4 Qxa3; or 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 (9.Nxc3 d4 10.b4 Nxb4 11.axb4 (11.Bd2 Nd3+!) 11...Qxa1 12.Nb5 Kf8) 9...Nf6 10.Bg2 0-0, Topalov-Ivanchuk, Linares 1999] 8...e5 [8...d4 9.a3] 9.Bd2 dxc4 10.Nd5 [For unknown reason 10.a3! remains untested: 10...Bxc3 11.Nd6+ Kf8 12.Bxc3 Qc5 13.Bg2 Nge7! (not 13...Nf6 14.Rc1! Δ Bb4)] 10...Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Kf8 13.Bg2 N [13.Kc3 turns badly for White in the following game: 13...Be6 14.Ndc7 Rd8 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.Bg2 Nge7! 17.Bxc6 (17.Kxc4 Rd2; 17.Rad1 Nd5+ 18.Kxc4 Na5+) 17...Nxc6 18.Rad1 Ke7 19.Kxc4 a6 20.Nc3 b5+ 21.Kb3 (21.Kc5 Rb8!-) 21...Nd4+ 22.Ka3

Rb8, Engqvist-Wedberg, Hasselbacken 2001; journey for Δc4 seems to be dangerous, so maybe it's worth to take it by bishop: 13.e4 Be6 14.Bxc4 Nf6 15.Ke3 Rd8 16.Rad1 Ng4+ 17.Kf3 Nf6 with rough equality.] 13...Be6 14.Ndc7 Rd8+ 15.Kc3 Nf6



[15...Nge7?! isn't an option: 16.Rad1!±; 15...Ke7!? was a good move, considering 16.Bxc6? bxc6 17.Nxe6 (17.Nxa7 Bd7) 17...Kxe6 18.Nxa7 Ne7] 16.Rhd1? [This delay will cost one dear - 16.Nxe6+ fxe6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxa7 was more logical in view of 13.Bg2, and after 18...Rd6! 19.Nc8 (19.Kxc4? Ke7 20.Rhd1 Ra8) 19...Ne4+!? (19...Rd8 20.Na7=) 20.Kb4 (20.Kxc4 Rd4+ 21.Kb3 Kf7+) 20...Rd4 (20...Rd2? 21.Rhd1 Rxb2+ 22.Ka3 Rd2 23.Rxd2 Nxd2 24.Rd1 c3 25.Kb4±) 21.e3! White is fine.] 16...Ke7! 17.Nxe6 [17.Bxc6 Rxd1! 18.Rxd1 bxc6 19.Nxe6 Ne4+! 20.Kb4 Nxf2 - as we can see, 16.Rhd1 only did harm.] 17...fxe6 18.Kxc4 Nd5! King c4 is in trouble now. 19.Bxd5 [19.Nc3 Nb6+ 20.Kc5 Nd4 21.Bxb7 Rd7 22.Ba6 Na4+! 23.Nxa4 Rc7+ 24.Kb4 Rb8+ with mate.] 19...exd5+ 20.Kd3 [20.Rxd5 Na5+ 21.Kc5 b6+] 20...h5 21.f3 Setting a block against e5-e4. 21...g5 22.Nc3 g4 Trying to open lines - black rooks will fulfil their potential then. 23.Rf1 Ke6 24.a3 h4! 25.e4?



[Now White is losing in a forced way. Worth to prefer 25.fxg4 hxg3 26.hxg3 Rh3 27.Rh1! , and after 27...Rxc3+ 28.Kd2 Rxc4 29.Rh6+ Kf7 30.Rh7+ Rg7 31.Rah1 White has activated with some chances for salvation.] **25...dxe4+ 26.Kxe4 hxg3 27.hxg3 Rd4+ 28.Ke3 Na5!** Knight is transferring to c4 with deadly threats, so the game is close to be over. **29.fxg4** [29.Rad1 Nc4+ 30.Ke2 Nxb2-+] **29...Nc4+ 30.Kf2 Rh2+ 31.Kg1 Rdd2 32.Rf3 Rdg2+ 0-1**

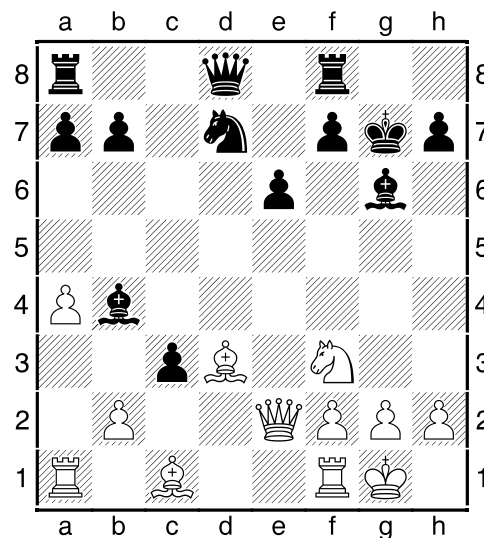
(02) Danielsen, Hen (2543) - Hector, J (2575) [D19]

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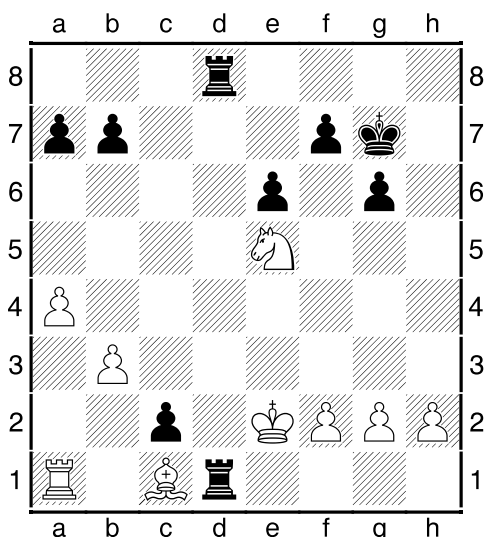
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 [8...0-0 9.Nh4 - Van Wely-Dziuba, CZM 03/2009] **9.Qe2 0-0** [Another treatment - 9...Bg6 10.e4 Bxc3 (10...0-0 - the same, as in this game) 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.Ba3 Qc7 (12...Nxc3? 13.Qb2 Nxa4 14.Qb3 Nab6 15.Bxe6+-) 13.Rfe1 Nxc3 14.Qe3 Ne4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qb6 17.Qf4♘] **10.e4 Bg6 11.Bd3 c5!?** Not the main, but quite logical continuation - Black is undermining the center immediately. **12.e5** [12.Na2 Ba5 13.Bg5 was neutralized in of the recent games: 13...Qb8!? 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bb5 Rd8 16.Bxd7 Rxd7 17.dxc5 Qf4! 18.Qb5 Bxe4 19.Qxd7 Rd8! (19...Bxf3 20.Qd6) 20.Qb5 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qxf3= , Li-Akopian,

Ningbo 2011] **12...cxd4 13.exf6** [And here 13.Na2 doesn't give much: 13...Nd5 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Nxb4 Nxb4 16.Nxd4 Rc8=] **13...dxc3 14.fxg7 Kxg7**



15.Rd1?! [White wants to use ♘d7, but this is not the most perspective path: 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.bxc3 Bxc3 17.Ra3 is! - 17...Bf6 18.Qd2! Qe7 19.Rd3 Rfd8 (another defence - 19...Nc5 - is worse: 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Ng5 Bxg5 (21...Rfd8 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Rf3→) 22.Bxg5 f6 23.Rh3 Qg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Bh6+) 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Ng5 Nf8 (21...Bxg5 22.Bxg5 f6 23.Qxg6+ Qg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Rfd1 fxg5 26.Rxd7+ Rxd7 27.Rxd7+ Kf6 28.Rxb7 , and this endgame is lost) 22.Ba3 Rxd3 23.Bxe7 Bxe7 24.Nf3! - either White wins or draw.] **15...Qc7** [15...Qe7? 16.bxc3 Bxc3 17.Ba3+-] **16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qb5?** [Mikhalchishin considered 17.Rd4 as best, and he is right; now Black has a choice: 17...Be7! **a)** 17...Bc5 18.Rc4 Nb6 19.Rxc3 Nd5 20.Rc4 Rac8 21.b3±; **b)** 17...Bd6 18.Rc4! (18.Qd1 c2 19.Qd2 Kg8! ♘Δ20.Rxd6 Nc5) 18...Qa5 19.Rxc3!; 18.Bf4 cxb2 19.Qxb2 e5 20.Rc1 Qb6 21.Rxd7 Qxb2 22.Bxe5+ Qxe5 23.Nxe5 Bf6 , Sandipan-Vallejo, World Open 2010, 24.f4 b6 25.Rc6 (25.Rcc7 Bxe5 26.fxe5 Rae8) 25...Bxe5 26.fxe5 Kh6 27.Rf6 Rfe8 , and Black will hold this.] **17...Bd6 18.Qd3** It seems, that White is gonna win some material, but all is not so simple. [18.bxc3 Ne5] **18...c2!** ♙c2 will be a real headache.

[18...Ne5 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Nc4 is not enough – 21.Bf4! cxb2 22.Rb1 Nxd6 23.Bxd6 Rac8 24.Be5+ f6 25.Bxb2 e5 26.g4±] **19.Rd2 Ne5!** [≤19...Nc5 20.Qxc2] **20.Qxd6** [20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Rxc2 Bxh2+ 22.Kf1 Qd6≠] **20...Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Rfd8** Rook is aiming at d1. **22.Nxe5** [22.Rd2 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Rxd2 24.Bxd2 Rd8 25.Bc1 Rd1+ 26.Kg2 g5 , and White is stalemated.] **22...Rxd6 23.Kf1 Rd1+ 24.Ke2 Rad8!** **N** This is the case, when a good novelty changes the whole situation. [In game–forerunner was 24...g5?! 25.b3 Rc8 26.Nd3! Kg6 27.Ne1 f5 28.Nxc2 , Comas Fabrego–Alvarez Pedraza, ESP–chT 2011, and Black could move 28...Rxc2+! (instead of silly 28...Rcd8?) 29.Kxd1 Rxf2 with excellent drawish chances. Now, after 24...Rad8, the maneuver Nd3–e1 isn't possible anymore.] **25.b3**



[25.Nf3 R8d5! Δ26.Ne1 Re5+] **25...Kg8!!** Superb prophylaxis; Black walking his king off to avoid an eventual check Bb2, so ♖d1 is free to go through the first rank. **26.g3 R8d4!** Forcing ♗e5 to occupy the less prestigious spot. [26...Rh1 27.Nd3] **27.Nc4 Rh1 28.Nd2 g5** Basically, the case is solved – White pieces are stricken by paralysis, and black pawns are just going forward. **29.a5 a6 30.Ke3 e5** Now Black is intending to move Re1+ and Rxd2 after that; or Rd1 should be enough too. **31.f4** [31.Ke2 g4 – zugzwang on the board!] **31...Rd1** [31...Re1+ 32.Kf2] **32.Nf3 R4d3+**

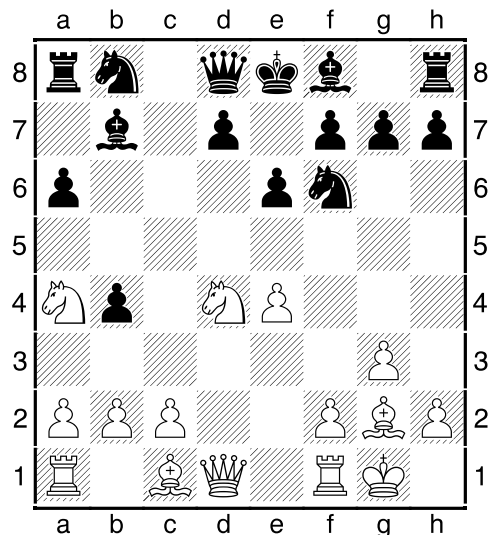
33.Ke2 Rxb3 34.Nxe5 Rb1 35.Ra2 Rdx1 36.Kd2 Ra1 0-1

(03) Zapata,Alo (2483) - Bruzon Batista,L (2689) [B43]

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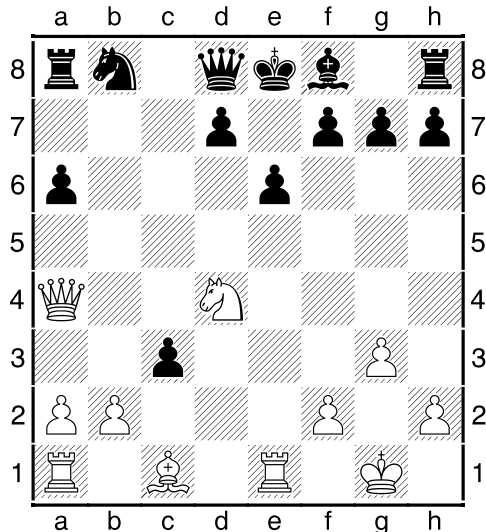
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 This system is connected with early fianchetto. White is answering by the same. **6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0!**? [Of course, White doesn't have to sacrifice ♗e4 – he could choose solid 8.Qe2 instead. But why not?] **8...b4 9.Na4**



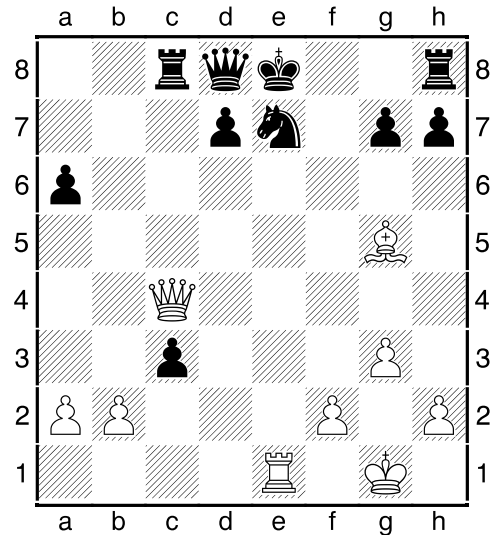
[9.Nd5?! is doomed to collapse: 9...exd5 10.exd5 Bc5 11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Nf5 d6 13.Bf4 Bc8!≠] **9...Bxe4** [It's well known, that 9...Nxe4 is weaker – 10.Re1 d5 11.Nxe6! fxe6 12.Qh5+ g6 (12...Kd7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Rd1+ Bd5 15.c4! bxc3 16.Nxc3→) 13.Qe5 Qd7 (13...Qf6 14.Rxe4 Qxe5 15.Rxe5 Kf7 16.Bh3!) 14.Qxh8 Qxa4 15.f3 Nc5 16.Bh3 (16.Qxh7 Qd7 17.Qxg6+ Qf7) 16...Nbd7 17.Qxh7 (17.Bg5?! , Kupreichik–Gdanski, Leningrad 1989 17...h6!) 17...0-0-0 18.Bg5±] **10.Bxe4 Nxe4 11.Re1 Nc5** [11...d5 is the most common choice: 12.c4! (old trick 12.Nxe6 isn't dangerous as before – 12...fxe6 13.Qh5+ g6 (13...Kd7? 14.Rxe4 dxe4 15.Bf4 Kc8 16.Rd1 Nd7 17.Qe2!+–) 14.Qe5 Qf6 15.Rxe4 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Kf7 (there is no Bh3) 17.Re2 Nd7i , Brynell–

Hansen, Reykjavik 2000) 12...bxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxc3 14.Qh5! Ne4 15.Nxe6 g6! (stronger, than 15...Qb6 16.Nc7+ Qxc7 17.Qxd5 Nc6 (17...Qc6? loses at once – 18.Rxe4+ Be7 19.Rxe7+! Kxe7 20.Bg5+ f6 21.Re1+ Kf8 22.Qd8+ Kf7 23.Re7+ Kg6 24.Qxh8+–) 18.Bf4 Qd7 19.Qxe4+ Be7 20.Rad1 Qb7 21.Bd6±) 16.Nc7+ Qxc7 17.Qxd5 f5! 18.Qxa8 Bd6 (18...Bc5 19.Bf4) 19.Bh6f, 11...Nf6!? seems to be a trustworthy reaction: 12.Qf3 d5 13.Bg5 Nbd7! (13...Be7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nc5!!f) 14.c4 bxc3 15.Nxc3 Bc5 16.Rxe6+ fxe6 17.Nxe6 Qb6 18.Nxd5 Qxb2, Thiel–Nijboer, Bundesliga 1999, and 19.Bxf6! Qxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Nxf6 22.Nxf6+ Ke7 23.Nd5+ would have led to equality.] 12.c3! The latest fashion. 12...Nxa4 [12...bxc3 13.Nxc3 Be7 14.b4 Nb7 15.Qf3] 13.Qxa4 bxc3?!N



[One of the recent examples: 13...Be7 14.cxb4 Qb6 15.b5 0-0 16.Be3 Bc5 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.Qc4 d5 19.Qd3 Nd7 20.b4! Bxb4 21.Reb1 Ra3 22.Qe2 Qd6 23.Nb5 Rxe3 24.Qxe3 Qe7 25.a4±, Thesing–Fedorov, Brasov 2011; I witnessed 13...Qb6! 14.Be3 Bc5, Shchukin–Kalegin, Voronezh 2011, and probably this is the most exact response, as 15.Nf5 doesn't work – 15...0-0 16.Ne7+ Kh8 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qxb4 d6!] 14.Nxe6! Of course, what else! [14.bxc3 Be7 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Bxb8 Rxb8 17.Qxa6 Qc7±] 14...fxe6 15.Rxe6+ Kf7 [Endgame, which emerges

after 15...Be7 16.Bg5 cxb2 17.Rae1 Nc6 (17...b1Q 18.Rxb1 Nc6 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Rbe1 0-0 21.Rxe7±) 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Rxe7+ Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ Kxe7 21.Qb4+ d6 22.Qxb2 g6 is defendable, but quite unpleasant for Black – endless checks, no winning chances... Perhaps, White's plan will lie in ♔f2 advancement.] 16.Re5! Very important move – it creates Bg5 threat and impedes d5. 16...Be7 [16...g6 17.Qc4+ Kg7 18.Qd4!+–] 17.Qc4+ [17.Qb3+! was more accurate: 17...Ke8 (17...Kf8 18.Rf5+ Bf6 19.Bf4) 18.Bg5 Nc6 19.Rxe7+ Nxe7 20.Re1± with better redaction of the line 15...Be7.] 17...Ke8 18.Bg5 Nc6 19.Rxe7+ [19.Bxe7?? Nxe5] 19...Nxe7 20.Re1 Rc8?



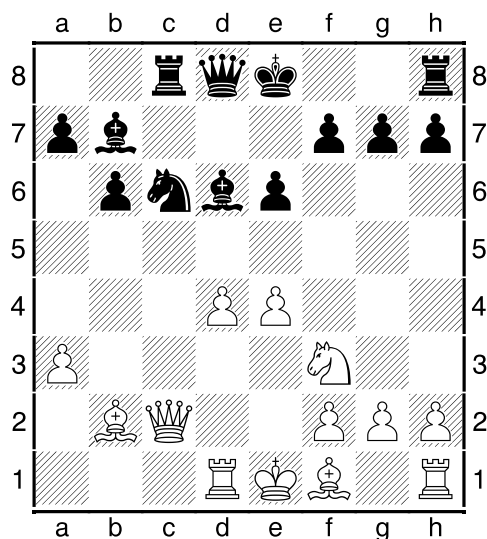
[20...cxb2 was the only choice – 21.Qb4! d6 22.Rxe7+ Qxe7 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 24.Qxb2 g6 with already familiar position.] 21.Qe2? [21.Qd4! should be played: 21...cxb2 (21...Kf7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Rxe7+ Kxe7 24.Qxg7+ Ke6 25.bxc3+–) 22.Qxg7 b1Q 23.Qxh8+ Kf7 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Rxb1 Nc6 26.Qf5+–] 21...Kf7?! [21...Rc6! allows to resist, having in mind the ending 22.Bxe7 Re6 23.Bxd8 Rxe2 24.Rxe2+ Kxd8 25.bxc3 Rf8±] 22.Qf3+ Kg6? It seems, like Black is in knockdown situation. [22...Ke8] 23.Bxe7 Qa5 24.Qg4+ Kh6 25.h4 1-0

(04) Sharavdorj,D (2440) - Shomoev,A (2578) [E12]
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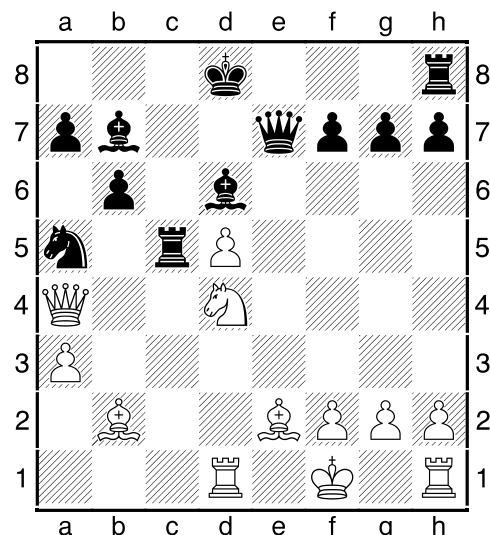
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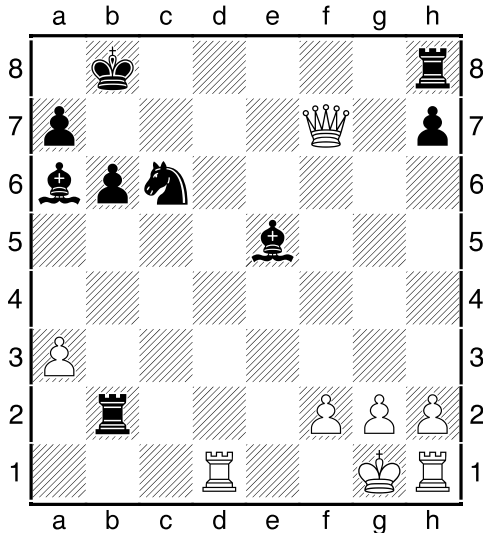
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qc2 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 [8...Be7 9.e4 0-0 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 – Korobov–Gasarov, CZM 12/2010] **9.e4 Nc6 10.Bb2 Rc8** Threatening to the queen c2. **11.Rd1** [11.d5!? is interesting, but insufficient: 11...exd5 12.exd5 (12.Rd1 d4) 12...Qxd5 13.Bd3 Qe6+! 14.Kf1 Be7+] **11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bd6**



13.d5 [13.Qb1 Qe7 14.Qa2 is too passive – 14...Na5 15.Bd3 f5!⇒, Radjabov–Grischuk, Corsica 2003] **13...exd5 14.exd5** [14.Rxd5 Qe7! 15.Qd3 Nb4! 16.axb4 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Bxb4+ 18.Ke2 0-0♣, Krasenkow–Miton, Ustron 2007] **14...Qe7+** [Some chessplayers suggested 14...0-0!? 15.dxc6 Bxc6♞; this hasn't been played till now, and probably not unfounded: 16.Qd2 Re8+ 17.Be2 Bb5 18.Nd4±] **15.Be2** [15.Qe2?! seems to be toothless – 15...Na5 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.Bxg7 Rhg8 18.Nh4 Nc4! 19.Nf5+ Kd7 20.Be2, Wojtaszek–Lautier, EU–chT 2005, 20...Bxa3 21.Bg4 Rce8+ 22.Kf1 Kc7♣] **15...Na5 16.Qa4+ Kd8** [16...Kf8? 17.Qg4 f6 18.Nd4±] **17.Kf1!** It's better for White to leave "e"-file as fast as possible. [17.Nd4?! Rc4 18.Qb5 Re8 19.Kf1 Rc5 20.Qd3 Rxd5 21.Bf3 Rc5 22.Bxb7 Nxb7♣; 17.Bxg7 should considered 17...Re8! (17...Rg8 18.Qd4) 18.0-0 Rg8!⇒] **17...Rc5 18.Nd4**



18...Qd7!N [In the game right in front of me was 18...Rxd5 19.Bf3 Re8!? (19...Rc5 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Nb5 Qa6) 20.Bc3! (20.Bxd5 Ba6+) 20...Rc5 21.Bxa5 bxa5 22.g3! Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Kc7 24.Kg2±, Papin–Yakovich, Samara 2011 – king's safety makes the difference.] **19.Bb5** **Ba6** [19...Qc7 20.Nf5] **20.Nc6+ Qxc6!** [That's a Black's idea – of course, it's more ambitious than 20...Nxc6 21.Qxa6 Nb8 22.Bxd7 Nxa6 23.Bf5 f6 24.h4±] **21.Qh4+ Kc7 22.dxc6** [22.Bxa6 Rxd5 23.Rc1 Rc5] **22...Rxb5** Bishop b2 is lost too. **23.Kg1 Rxb2 24.Qg4** [24.Qd4 Nc4 25.Qxg7 Re8 – Black is OK.] **24...Nxc6** [Probably, 24...Rd8! was a little bit stronger: 25.Qxg7 Re2 26.Qxf7+ Re7 27.Qf6 Bxa3 – black pieces are better coordinated.] **25.Qxg7 Be5 26.Qxf7+ Kb8**



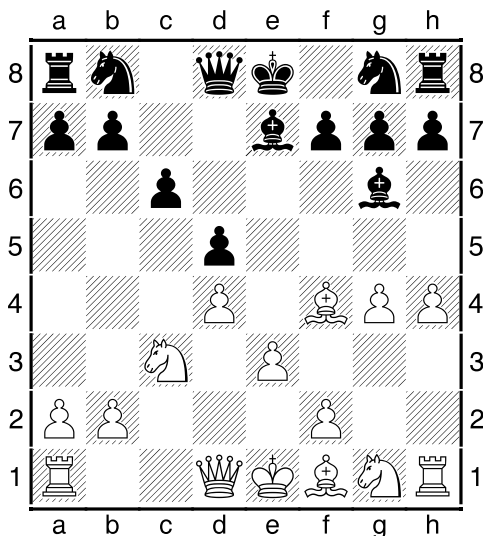
27.f4?? [Quite strange blunder; 27.h4! Nd4 28.Rh3 , and all the game is ahead.]
 27...Bd4+ 28.Rxd4 Nxd4 29.h4 Too late.
 29...Nf3+! [29...Nf3+ 30.gxf3 Rc8] 0-1

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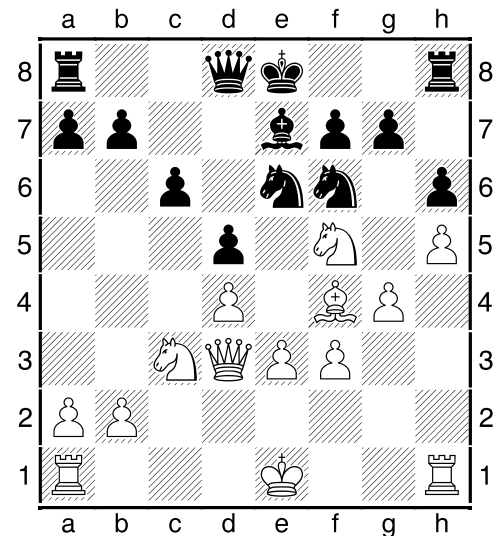
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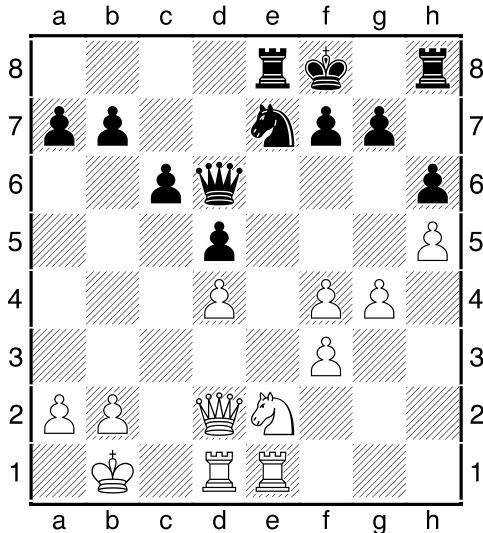
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5
 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 [6...Nf6 7.Bd3 , and White is placing own pieces with comfort:
 7...Nbd7 8.h3 (8.Nf3 Nh5) 8...0-0 9.Nf3
 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.g4f] 7.g4 Bg6 [7...Be6!
 applies much more often, and now we'll see why.] 8.h4!



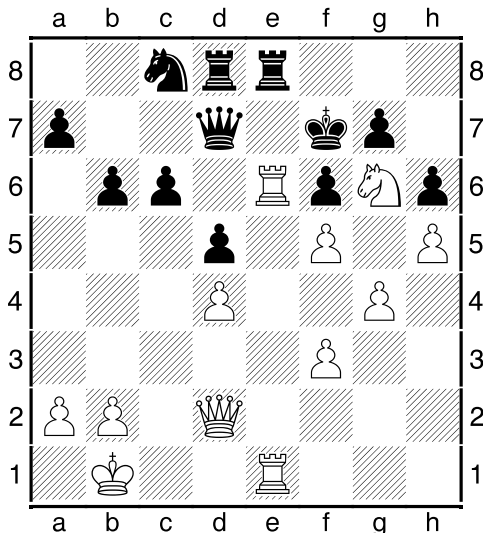
Chasing for the bishop g6. 8...h6 [8...Bxh4? loses because of 9.Qb3 b6 10.Rxh4! Qxh4 11.Nxd5 Na6 12.Qa4+-; 8...h5 is already better, though White still keeps an edge in case of 9.g5 Bd6 10.Nge2 Ne7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nf4 Δ Be2] 9.h5 Bh7 10.Bd3 Exactly like in Caro-Kann Defence. 10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nf6 12.f3 Nbd7 Black wants to put ♘ to e6, but his opponent also has excellent route for the own knight. 13.Nge2 ♗h5 provides an excellent spot at f5. 13...Nf8 14.Ng3 Ne6 15.Nf5



15...Nxf4N [15...Qd7 16.Be5 , Ronka-Korhonen, Naantali 2011, and Black can't choose 16...0-0-0 due to 17.Nb5!!+-; 15...0-0 is also fraught with danger: 16.Nxh6+!? gxh6 17.Bxh6 Re8 (17...Ng7 18.g5 Nh7 19.Rg1! Δ g6) 18.g5 Nd7 19.g6 f6 20.0-0-0 with tremendous compensation; that's why Black has eliminated the bishop f4.] 16.exf4 But "e"-file is opened now... 16...Kf8?! [With such king Black has no prospects at all. It's worth to have the courage for 16...0-0 17.g5 hxg5 18.fxg5 Ne8 19.f4 Nd6 , and there is nothing decisive for White.] 17.0-0 Bd6 18.Ne2 Qc7 19.Kb1 Re8 [♗f4 is untouchable: 19...Bxf4? 20.Qa3+! Kg8 21.Ne7+ Kh7 22.Qd3+] 20.Qd2 Ng8 Aiming to neutralize ♗f5. 21.Rhe1 Ne7 22.Nxd6 Qxd6



23.Nc1! Excellent transition to e5 or, maybe, another square – depending of situation. **23...f6** [23...Nc8 24.Nd3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Δ Ne5, Qd3–f5 – ♖h8 is "dead", that's why Black wants by means of 23...f6 make it alive. But now a new weaknesses are revealing.] **24.Nd3 b6 25.f5!** Taking two perfect squares – e6 for ♖, and g6 for ♞. **25...Kf7 26.Re6 Qd7 27.Rde1 Nc8 28.Nf4 Rd8 29.Ng6 Rhe8**



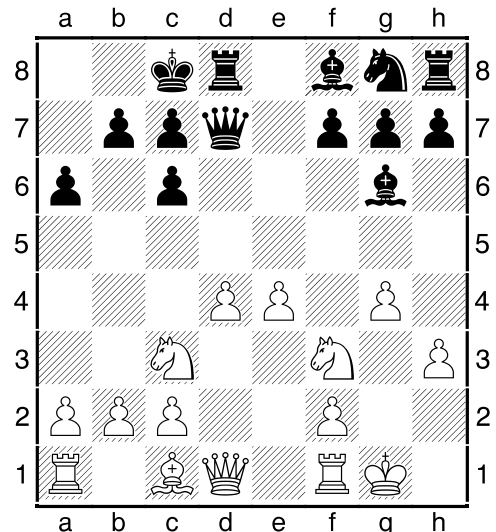
♖h8 is in a game again, and Black's position looks solid at the moment. Is there any way to break this redoubt? **30.g5!** It is! **30...hxg5 31.h6** Intrusion through "h"-line is a key to success. **31...gxh6 32.Qh2 Kg7 33.Rh1** [33.Nf4!? is also good.] **33...Rh8 34.f4** [34.Ne5! Qc7 35.Qh5 ends all right

away, but there is a plenty of winning methods.] **34...Rh7** [Desperate 34...Qxe6 35.fxe6 Kxg6 isn't helping – 36.Qh5+ Kf5 37.Qh3+ g4 38.Qh5+ Ke4 39.Qxg4] **35.fxg5 fxg5 36.Ne5 1-0**

(06) Radulski, J (2565) - Todo-rovic, GM (2482) [C69]

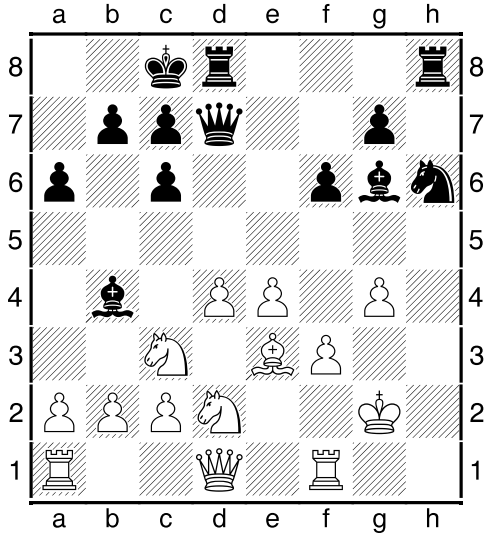
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[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5!? [Interesting continuation, connected with pawn's sacrifice. Another way – 6...h5 7.d3 Qf6 8.Nbd2 Ne7 – could be seen in Naiditsch–Caruana, CZM 12/2009] **7.g4 Bg6 8.Nxe5 Qd4** [Withdrawing the knight from e5; 8...Bd6 9.Nxg6 (9.d4 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bxe4=) 9...hxg6 10.Qf3 Qh4 11.Kg2 Bf4 Δ g5, Ne7–g6 is also possible.] **9.Nf3** [File's "h" opening after 9.Nxg6 hxg6 is somewhat fearful: 10.Qf3 0-0-0 11.d3 Bd6 12.Kg2 f5!? 13.Qe3 Qf6 14.Qg5 fxe4 15.Qxf6 (15.dxe4 Rxh3!) 15...Nxf6 16.dxe4 Nxe4 with no problem for Black, Braun–Ernst, NED–chT 2011] **9...Qd7 10.d4** [Now both pawns d4 and e4 will claim attention, so maybe 10.d3 was safer.] **10...0-0-0 11.Nc3**

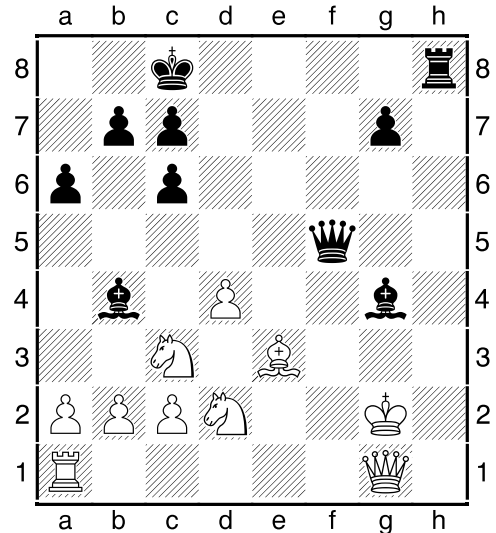


11...f6!N Black's plan consists in h7–h5, but at first it necessary to neutralize Ne5 threat. [Earlier met 11...Bb4 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Bxe4 14.Ne5 Qe6 15.Re1 Nf6 16.f3 Bd5 17.Qd3f, Bultman–Struzka, corr

2006] **12.Be3** Protecting Δ d4 and preparing Nd2. **12...Bb4** [Black wants to distract Δ f3 from the kingside, but immediate 12...h5 was good too: 13.Nh4?! Bf7 14.Nf5 hxc4 15.hxc4 g6 16.Ng3 Bc4! 17.Re1 Qh7+] **13.Nd2 h5 14.Kg2** [Attempt to exchange queens after 14.f4 hxc4 15.Qxc4 meets 15...Qxc4+ 16.hxc4 Nh6!⚡] **14...Nh6 15.f3** [15.gxh5 Bf7 Δ f5 or Rdg8, g6; 15.g5 fxg5 16.Bxc5 Rde8⚡] **15...hxc4 16.hxc4?!**



[16.fxc4 was more providently, though 16...Nf7 with c5 idea guarantees a full compensation.] **16...f5!!** Smashing White's defence. **17.exf5?!** [After correct 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Rh1 Bh3+! 19.Kf2 (not 19.Rxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Kxh3 Nf5+) 19...Rdf8 20.Ke2 White is still hanging on, now he is in a tight corner.] **17...Bxf5 18.Rh1?!** [18.gxf5 Nxf5 19.Bf2 Qd6!-+ 20.Rg1 Rh2+ 21.Kf1 Rxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qxd4+; 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.gxf5 Qxd4 20.Nde4 Qg7+; only 18.Nc4! , counting on 18...Nxc4 19.fxc4 Bxc4 20.Ne5 , leaves some chances.] **18...Nxc4!** King g2 will be totally stripped. **19.fxc4 Bxc4 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Qg1 Qf5!**



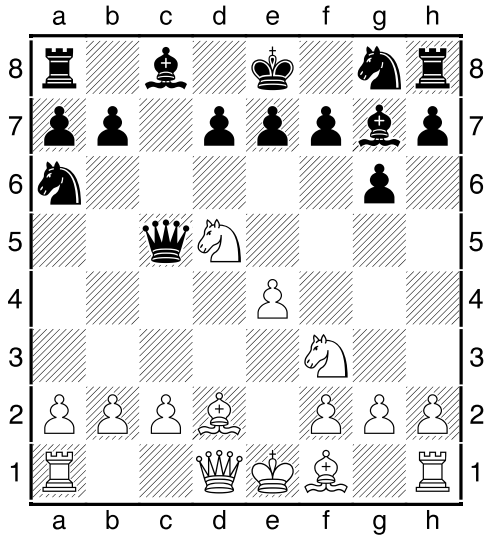
That's it. Queen closes the door to the king through "f"-line, so the rest is just a finishing off. **22.Nce4 Bh3+ 23.Kg3 Qg4+ 24.Kf2 Rf8+ 25.Ke1 Qxc1+ 26.Bxc1 Rf1+ 0-1**

(07) Ivanisevic, I (2636) - Stanojoski, Z (2470) [B06]

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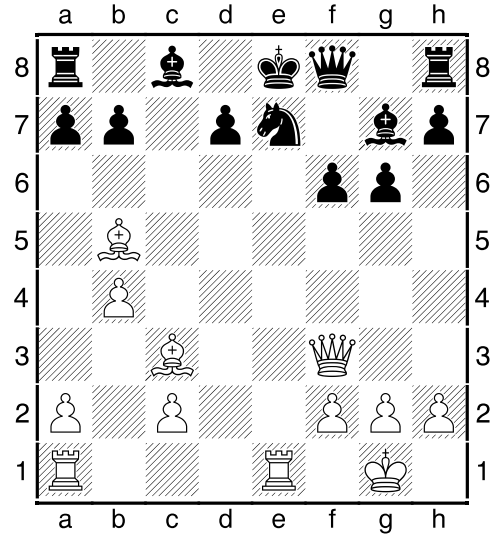
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1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 Quite risky system, called "The Sniper". **4.dxc5 Qa5** [4...Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Qa5 6.Qd4 Nf6 7.Qb4] **5.Bd2 Qxc5 6.Nd5!** The strongest – White is ready to attack black queen by means of Bb4 and so on. **6...Na6** Preventing White's threat. [6...e6? loses at once: 7.Bb4 Qc6 8.Bb5; 6...Bxb2? is hardly better – 7.Rb1 Be5 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Rb5 Qc6 10.Nd4 Qa6 11.Ra5+–; 6...b6 is playable, but 7.Be3 Qc6 8.Bb5 Qb7 9.Bd4± provides a huge edge anyway.] **7.Nf3**

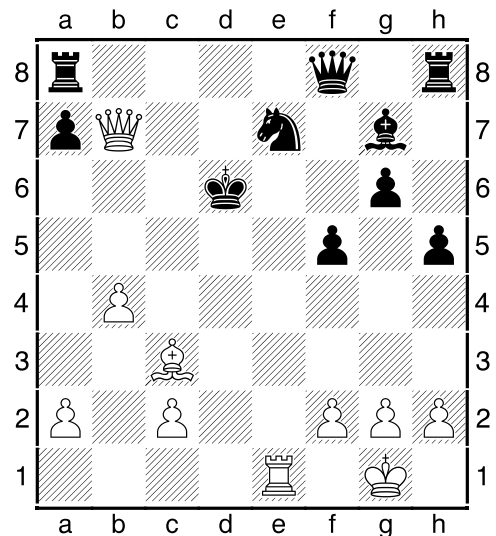


7...e6 Trying to get rid of N_d5 . [7...Nf6?! purposes the same aim, but fails: 8.b4! Qd6 9.Bf4 Qe6 10.Ng5 Qc6 11.Be5!+-; 7...Bxb2 8.Rb1 Bg7 9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.0-0, Sveshnikov–Ghaem Maghami, Stepanakert 2004, and 10...e6 should be responded by 11.Qe2!] **8.Bc3** Looks logical, because 7...e6 has weakened black squares. **8...f6** [8...Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Ne7 10.Qd2 Nc7 11.e5±; probably, Black should be content with worse ending after 8...Kf8!? 9.Bxg7+ Kxg7 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Qd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4] **9.b4** [This is more energetic, than 9.Ne3 Ne7] **9...Qf8** **10.Bxa6** [10.Ne3 Nxb4 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Bb2 Bh6! , and after 14.Qd1 d5 15.Ba3 Nb4 16.exd5 exd5 17.c3 a5 Black is OK, So–Pazos, Turin 2006] **10...exd5 11.Bb5!N** [The totally new idea in comparison with 11.Bd3 dxe4 12.Bxe4 f5 13.Bxg7 Qxg7 14.Bd3 (14.Bd5!?, to spoil Black's castle, is more ambitious: 14...Qc3+ 15.Ke2! Nf6 16.Re1f) 14...Qc3+ 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.0-0 0-0= , Rehfeld–Hillenbrand, Germany 1999] **11...dxe4 12.0-0!?** [I guess, there is no need for such measures – 12.Nd4 will do, but Ivanisevic thinks differently.] **12...exf3** Black has accepted a challenge. [Against 12...Ne7 probably 13.Nd2 f5 14.Nc4! was prepared: 14...Bxc3 15.Nd6+ Kd8 16.Nxb7+ (that's the whole idea of 11.Bb5) 16...Ke8 (16...Kc7 17.Qd6+ Kxb7 18.Ba6#) 17.Nd6+ Kd8 18.Nxc8 d5 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.Qxd5 Bxa1 21.Rxa1→ , and Black ought to be very careful; 12...f5 is also perspec-

tive for White – 13.Nd4 Qe7 14.Bc4!] **13.Re1+ Ne7 14.Qxf3**



14...f5? [Wasting of such an important tempo appears to be crucial; 14...Qf7 15.Qe3 Kd8! (15...Kf8 16.Qc5 with doubling at line "e") , and Black is able to untwist – 16.Bd4 Nd5 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rad1 Re8! (18...Bb7 19.c4 Nc7 20.Bxd7) 19.Rxe8+ Kxe8 20.Bc4 Bb7 21.Be3 Rc8! – harsh times are left behind.] **15.Rad1!** Now Black is simply defenceless versus idea of sacrifice on d7. **15...h5** Intending to protect oneself after Rh7, but... [15...Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Kd8 17.Qd2! Nc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.b5!+-] **16.Bxd7+** As it was planned. **16...Bxd7 17.Rxd7 Kxd7 18.Qxb7+ Kd6?!**



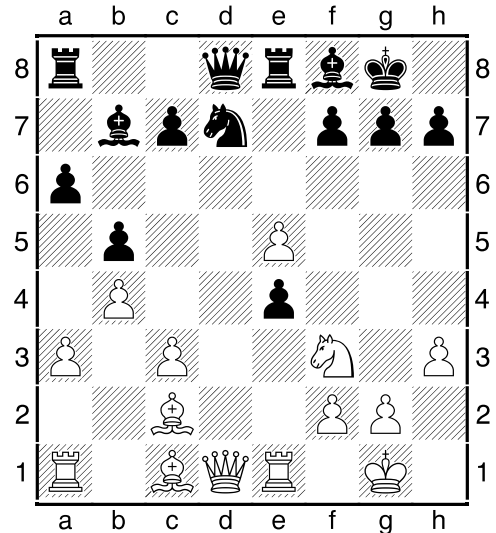
[18...Ke8 is much more persistent – White has to find a few decent moves: 19.Qc6+! (19.Qxa8+ Kf7 20.Qxf8+ Rxf8 21.Bxg7 Rc8 is not very much) 19...Kf7 20.Qe6+ Ke8 21.Qxg6+ Kd7 22.Rd1+ Kc7 23.Qd6+ Kb7 24.Qd7+ Kb8 25.Qb5+ Kc8 26.Qc4+ Kb8 27.Rd7 Qd8! 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Qf4+! Kc8 30.Qf3!+- , and White is nevertheless winning.] **19.Bxg7 Qxg7 20.c4!** This move has to be foreseen before 16.Bxd7; black king is gonna be mated now. **20...Rac8 21.c5+ Rxc5 22.bxc5+ Kxc5 23.Qc7+ Kd5 24.Qd7+ Kc5 25.Rc1+ Kb6 26.Qc7+ Ka6 27.Rc6+ [27.Rb1 , but ancient wisdom tells – "If you see queen and mate, go for a queen – it's safer".] 27...Nxc6 28.Qxg7 Re8 29.h3 Re6 30.Qc3 1-0**

(08) Solodovnichenko, Y (2629) - Maiorov, N1 (2558) [C95]

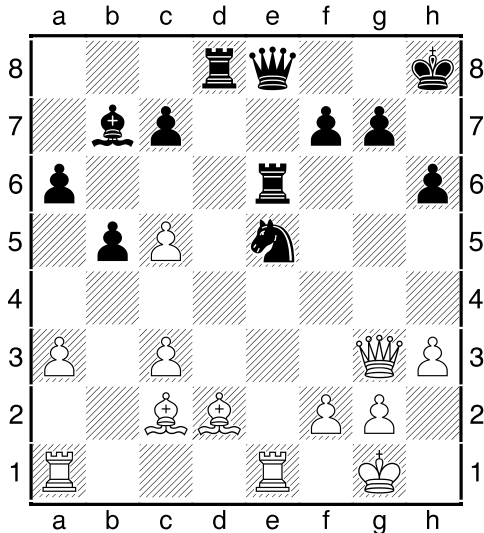
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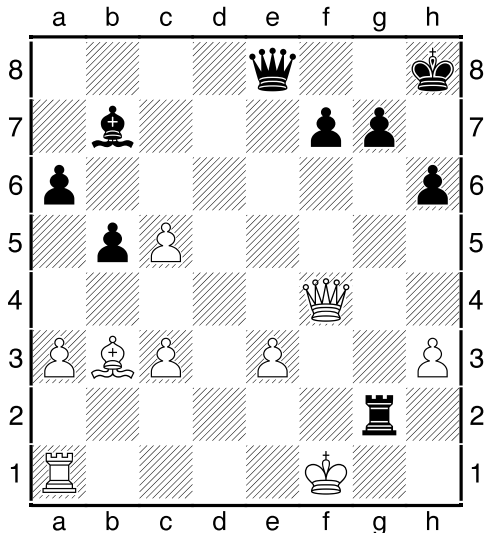
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.a3 Rare move. White wants to prepare b2–b4 with further Bb2. [Immediate 13.b4 will be replied by 13...a5 14.Nb3 axb4 15.cxb4 d5!y 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 – Shirov–Inarkiev, CZM 02/2008; 13.a4 Bf8 14.Bd3 – Anand–Carlsen, CZM 01/2011] **13...Bf8** [13...a5 14.Bd3 c6 15.a4 b4 16.Nc4!] **14.b4 d5!** [This is the most appropriate moment for such action, because maybe it won't be anymore – 14...g6 15.Bb2 Bg7 , and now 16.c4! : 16...exd4 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Nxd4 Nh5 19.Bc3 c6 20.N2b3 , Parma–Jelen, Ljubljana 1977] **15.dxe5 Nxe4** [15...Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Rxe4!? (17...Re8 18.e5±) 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Be3 – compensation isn't enough.] **16.Nxe4 dxe4**



17.e6! Perhaps, the only way to fight for an initiative. [17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Nxe5 , and only Black could be better here; 17.Bg5 f6□ hardly changes anything: 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Nxe5 (19...fxg5? 20.Rd4) 20.Rd4 Qe7 (≤20...Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Qc8 22.Be3 Qe6 23.Rad1! , Bieluczyk–Wolny, corr 1996) 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Bf4 Qe6 23.Qd2 c5=] **17...Rxe6 18.Ng5 Re7** [To protect ♖e7. 18...Rg6!? 19.Bb3 e3! is a nice try (19...Ne5? 20.Qh5 h6 21.Nxf7+-) , but after 20.Bxf7+ (20.Bxe3? Rxf5) 20...Kh8 21.f4 Rxf5 22.fxf5 Qxf5 23.Ra2! (23.Qg4 Qf6) 23...Ne5 24.Bd5 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Rd8 26.Rf1! White is still better.] **19.Nxe4 Qe8 20.Bg5 Re6N** [There is no need in remissive 20...f6 – 21.Bf4 Ne5 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.Qb1 g6 24.Bb3+ Nc4 25.Bxc7 f5?! (25...Bxg2!) 26.Bf4± , Filep–Zinser, Reggio Emilia 1968] **21.Qd3 Kh8!** Excellent precautionary move – now Black will be able to move f5 or Ne5 (there is no Nf6+ now). [21...f5? 22.Bb3 fxe4 23.Rxe4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4+-] **22.Bd2 Ne5 23.Qg3 h6!** [23...Nc4?! 24.Ng5 Nxd2 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Qd3±] **24.Nc5** [Rg6 was already a threat – 24.Bb3 Rg6 25.Ng5 f6 26.f4 Qd7!] **24...Bxc5 25.bxc5 Rd8**

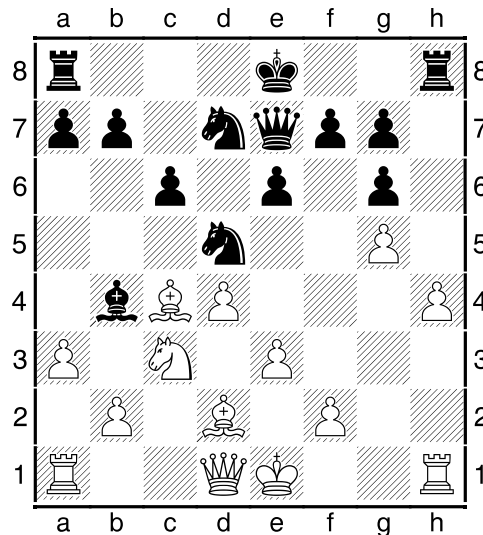


26.Be3? [This move was good only after 26.Red1! Rd5 – 27.Be3 , and 27...Nc4?! 28.Rxd5 Nxe3 (28...Bxd5 29.Bd4) 29.Rd2 Nxc2 meets 30.Qxc7! (30.Rxc2? Rg6)] **26...Nc4** White's position quickly has become horrible – Nxe3 with Rd2 is menacing, and there is no cure against it. **27.Qxc7 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.fxe3 Rd7!** [29...Bxg2 30.Rd1 , and White can escape.] **30.Qf4 Rd2** Here comes a disaster. **31.Bb3 Rxc2+ 32.Kf1**



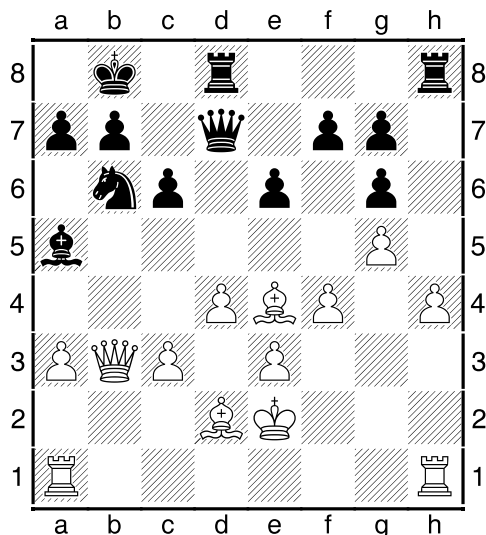
32...Rb2 [32...Qd7 wins on the spot, so now all is delayed a bit.] **33.Bxf7 Qd7 34.Bg6 Qxh3+ 35.Ke1 Qh1+ 36.Qf1 Qh4+ 37.Kd1 Rf2!** [Covering the queen; 37...Qg4+?? 38.Kc1] **38.Qe1 Qg4+ 39.Kc1 Rg2 40.Bd3 Rg1 41.Bf1 Bg2 0-1**

(09) Giri, Anish (2714) - Morozevich, Alexander (2762) [D11]
 54th Reggio Emilia Reggio Emilia ITA (2), 28.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 [5...Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 – Malakhov–Beliaevsky, CZM 10/2010]
6.Nc3 e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 White is ready to assault bishop g6 with h4–h5. **8...Nbd7** [8...Bb4 9.h4 Ne4 10.Qb3 Qa5 11.h5 (11.a3!?) 11...f6 (11...Nxc3 12.hxg6 Ne4+ 13.Ke2±) 12.hxg6 fxe5 13.Rxh7±] **9.h4 dxc4 10.Nxg6** [10.h5?! Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Nxd1 Be4±] **10...hxg6 11.g5** [11.Bxc4 is not so correct because of 11...Bb4 12.Bd2 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne4 – now knight can't reach the point e4.] **11...Nd5** [But it may choose another route: 11...Nh7!? 12.Bg2 (12.Bxc4 Nxg5) 12...Bb4 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.a3 Ba5 15.Bd2 Nf8= , Kramnik–Nepomniachtchi, Dortmund 2008] **12.Bxc4 Bb4 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.a3**

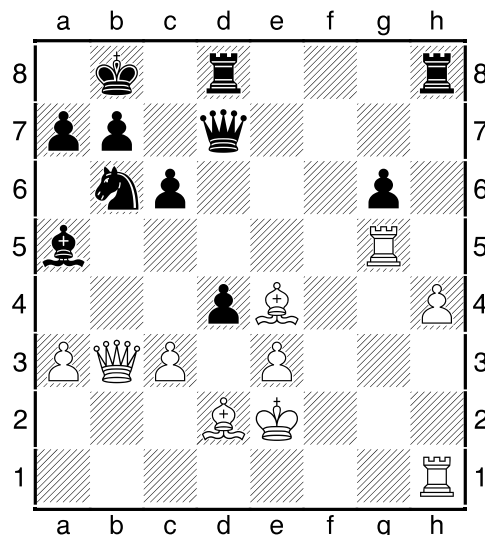


14...Nxc3! Very logical improvement – Black wants to distort White's queenside in order to keep his king uncastled. [14...Ba5 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 17.Qxc3 Nb6 18.Bb3 (18.Be2?!)] 18...Qxg5! 19.hxg5 Rxh1+ 20.Ke2 Rxa1 21.d5! cxd5 22.Qxg7 Rh1 23.Ba4+! Ke7 24.Bc2 Ke8 25.Qg8+ 1/2, Tregubov–Inarkiev, RUS–chT 2009] **15.bxc3 Ba5 16.f4** It's necessary to pre-

vent any breaks like e6–e5. **16...0-0-0**
17.Qb3 [17.Qa4 Nb6! 18.Qxa5 Nxc4
 19.Qxa7 Qd6, and bishop d2 is horrible.]
17...Nb6 18.Bd3 Kb8! [18...c5? 19.Qb5]
19.Ke2 [Now White has to connect rooks in
 such unrepresentable way, as 19.0-0-0 c5
 20.Qb5 meets 20...c4! 21.Bxc4 Rc8!⚡]
19...Qd7 20.Be4

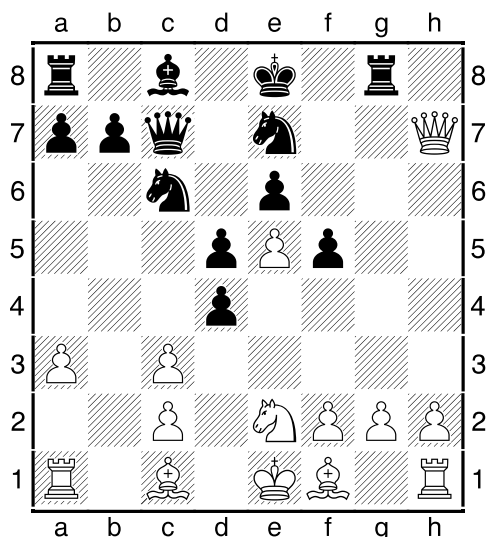


20...f6! Black understands, that path to the
 victory passes through e6–e5, even if it's
 connected with sacrifices. **21.gxf6 gxf6**
22.Rag1 [22.Bxg6 e5 (that's why 19...Qd7
 was made – to threat Qg4+) 23.f5 c5 with
 strong attack] **22...e5! 23.fxe5 fxe5**
24.Rg5! [It's better not to touch the pawn:
 24.Rxg6 exd4 (24...Rhe8?! 25.Rf1! exd4
 26.Rf7 Re7 27.Rgg7⇒) 25.exd4 (25.cxd4
 Bxd2 26.Kxd2 Rhe8 27.Bd3 Qe7 with fur-
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 Rxe5! 28.dxe5 Qd2+ 29.Kf3 Nd7-+]
24...exd4



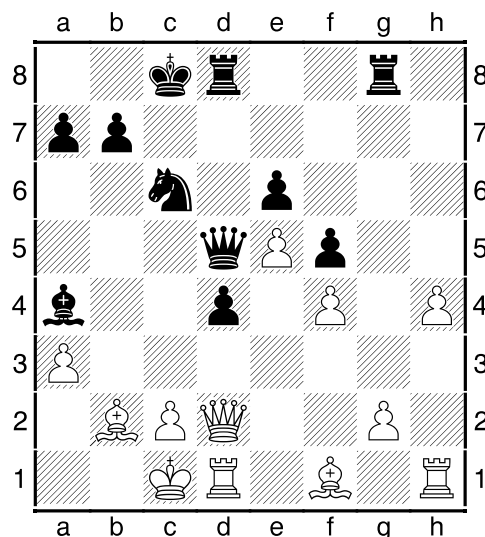
25.Rxa5? [But that's a mistake. ~~25~~ 25.exd4
 Rhe8 26.Bf4+ (or even 26.Kd3) 26...Ka8
 27.Be5 – ♖g5 occupies an excellent de-
 fending position.] **25...Rhe8** [The most
 simple, though here were another winning
 ways, for example: 25...Qg4+ 26.Bf3 d3+
 27.Kf2 Rdf8 28.Qd1 Rxh4 29.e4 (29.Rxh4
 Qxh4+ 30.Kg2 Rh8) 29...Rxf3+ 30.Qxf3
 Qxf3+ 31.Kxf3 Rxh1-+] **26.Bg2** [26.cxd4
 Rxe4 27.Kd1 Rxd4 28.exd4 Qxd4-+]
26...dxe3 27.Bc1 Qd3+ 28.Ke1 e2 Qg3# is
 threatening. **29.Bf4+ Ka8 30.Kf2 Rf8**
31.Qb4 Nc4 That's all. **32.Rxa7+ Kxa7**
33.Qa4+ Kb6 34.Qb4+ Ka6 35.Qa4+ Na5
36.Bf3 b5 0-1

(10) Kovchan,Alexander (2573) -
Rapport,Richard (2534) [C18]
 48th Groningen Open A Groningen NED
 (8.2), 29.12.2011
 [IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Qg4 f5 [7...Ne7
 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 –
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 wants to carry through something similar,
 but with ♕f5.] **8.Qg3 Ne7** [8...cxd4 9.cxd4
 Ne7 is regarded as more solid continua-
 tion: 10.Qxg7? Rg8 11.Qxh7 Qc3+]
9.Qxg7 Rg8 10.Qxh7 cxd4 11.Ne2 Nbc6

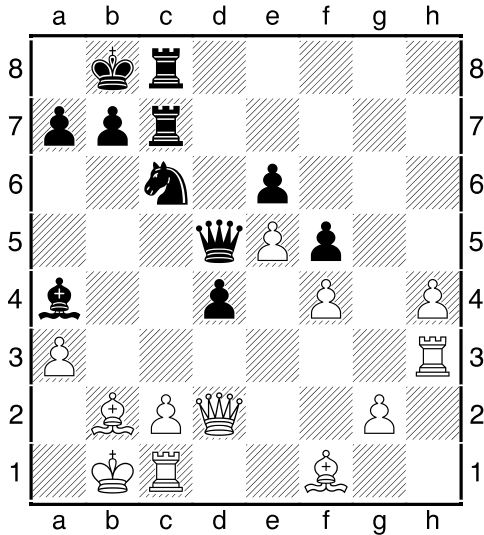


So, presence of ♠f5 is beneficial or not? Looks like second way, because ♞e7 doesn't have excellent point anymore; besides. White has a new option and uses it. **12.Qh5+ Ng6 13.f4** [Anand once let his bishop pass at first: 13.Bg5!? Qxe5 a) 13...dxc3 14.f4±; b) 13...d3! 14.cxd3 Ncxe5 15.Qh3 f4 16.Bf6 (16.d4? Rh8 17.Bh6 Nf7) 16...f3 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.h4 dxc3 15.f4 Qg7 (15...Qe4 16.Rh3 , Berg-Berelowitsch, Fuegen 2006, 16...Qxc2 17.Rxc3 Qb2 18.Rac1f) , Anand-Hansen, Middelfart 2003, 16.Qh6 and ♠h4 will be a serious force soon.] **13...dxc3 14.Be3** [14.Nxc3 Nd4 15.Nb5 Qxc2] **14...Bd7 15.Nd4** Otherwise Black will conduct d5-d4 in appropriate time. **15...Nxd4 16.Bxd4 0-0-0 17.Qf3!N** [17.g3 seems weaker because of 17...Ne7! (≤17...Kb8 18.Qf3 Rc8 19.Qe3 Qa5 20.Bd3 Ne7 21.Kf2 Ka8 22.Rhb1 Nc6 23.a4 Nxd4 24.Qxd4 Rh8 25.h4± , Zawadzka-Maciol, Polanica 2005) 18.Qf3 Nc6 19.Qxc3 (19.Bxc3? d4 20.Bd2 Nxe5) 19...Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Qxc2 21.Bd3 Qa4±] **17...Ba4 18.Qf2 Ne7 19.h4 Nc6 20.Bxc3?** [Such feeling, that d5-d4 is not so dangerous as before, but it's better to prefer 20.Rh3! to take ♠c3 by rook: 20...Kb8 (20...Bxc2 21.Rxc3 Be4 22.Bxa7) 21.Rxc3 Qa5 22.0-0-0 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Bd3±] **20...d4 21.Bb2 Qa5+** [21...Nxe5 is dubious: 22.fxe5 Qxe5+ 23.Kd2 Δ Rd1 (or e1) and Kc1.] **22.Qd2 Qd5!** [Black correctly rejected quite promising 22...Qxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Rg4! : 24.g3 (it's

important to keep ♠f4 alive for a while; 24.h5 Rxf4 25.Re1 Rf2+ 26.Re2 Rf4 27.Re1 (27.h6 Bb5) 27...Rf2+=) 24...Rxc3 25.h5?! Rg4 26.h6 Rxf4 27.h7 Rh8 28.Be2 Nxe5 29.Rag1 Ng4 , and Black has nothing to worry about.] **23.0-0-0**



23...Kb8? [Missing an unique opportunity 23...Qa2! with killing plan – to put own rook on line "c" with further Na5. It's difficult to find any defence: 24.Rh3 (24.Qd3 Na5!) 24...Kb8! (24...Rd5 25.Qf2 Rc5 26.Rd2) 25.Qf2 (25.h5 Rc8 26.Bd3 b6!) 25...Rc8 26.Rd2 Rgd8! (26...Na5 27.Qxd4) 27.h5 Na5 28.h6 d3!-+] **24.Kb1!** Fixing own error immediately. Now Black has no threats and no pawn as well. **24...Rd7 25.Rh3 Rc7 26.Rc1 Rgc8**



Black wants Na5-c4, but... **27.c4!** Excellent decision – White unload weakness on c2. **27...dxc3?!** [27...Qc5 ; without queens passer "h" will quickly do its job.] **28.Qxd5 cxb2** [28...c2+ 29.Ka2 exd5 30.h5+–] **29.Rxc6 Rxc6 30.Qxc6!** [It's better to return the queen in this way, than 30.Qd2?! Rc1+ 31.Kxb2 R8c2+ 32.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 33.Kb1 Rf2] **30...Rxc6 31.Bd3 Rc1+ 32.Kxb2 Rg1 33.Rh2 Rd1 34.Kc3 Rc1+ 35.Kd2 Rc8 36.h5 Kc7 37.h6 Rh8 38.g4!** Bishop will support ♖h7 – the end is near. **38...fxg4 39.h7 Be8 40.Rh4 Kd8 41.Rxg4 Bf7 42.Rg7 Ke8 43.Bg6 1-0**

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