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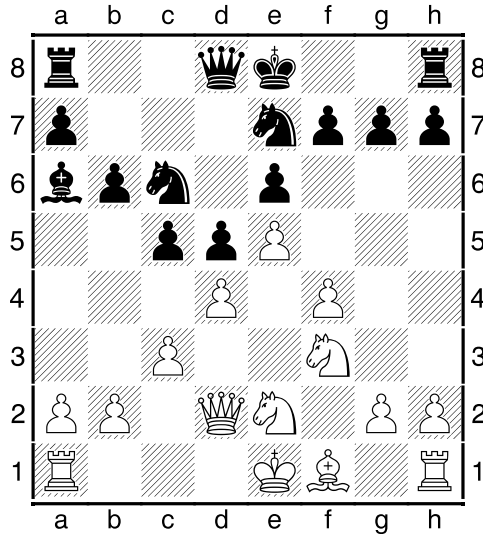
Games

(01) Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2701) - Roselli Mailhe, Bernardo (2449) [C16]

9th Panamerican Team Chess Championship (2), 25.01.2013

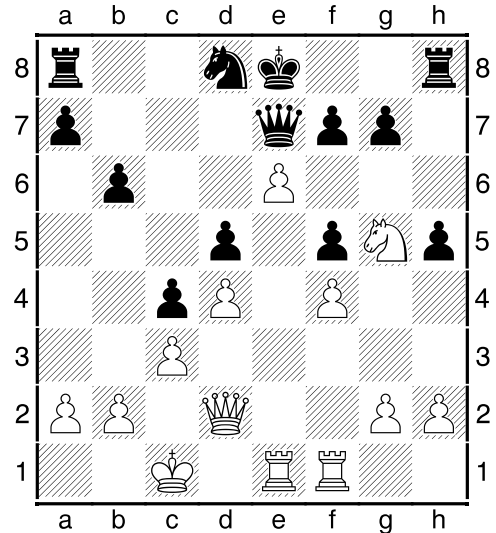
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7
5.Bd2 b6 6.Nce2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Ba6 8.f4
c5 9.Nf3 Nbc6 10.c3

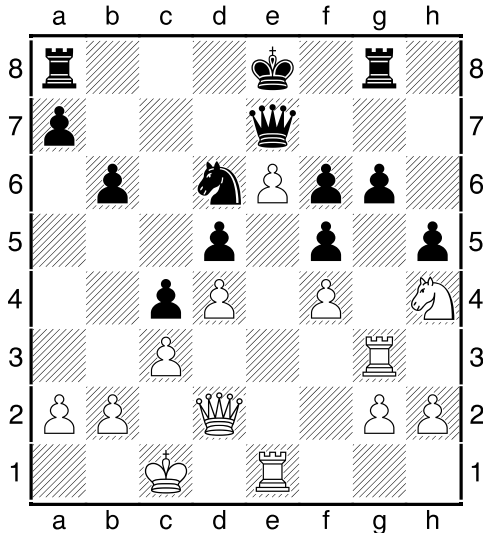


10...Nf5?! [Black easy equalized the game after 10...0-0 11.Ng3 Bxf1 12.Rxf1 f6 13.Kf2 fxe5 14.fxe5 Ng6 15.Kg1 Qe7 16.Rf2 Nh4 17.Raf1 Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 Rxf3 19.Rxf3 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.Ne2 Qf5 / Marjanovic, S (2540) – Psakhis, L (2540) / Bor 1985] **11.0-0 h5** [Usually in this variation the long castling is unprofitable for white, because black exchanges his bad "French" bishop and close the position, receiving excellent prospects for massive pawn attack on the white king: 11...Bxe2 12.Bxe2 c4 . However, here we see that black hastened with Nf5 move, and this fact gives white a few extra tempo – 13.g4 Nh4 14.Rdf1 Nxf3 15.Rxf3 b5 16.f5 b4 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Qf4 Qe7 19.Rhf1 Kd7 20.Qf7 Rhf8 21.Bd1 Rxf7 22.Rxf7 bxc3 23.bxc3=] **12.Ng3!** And now white captures the black knight, so the Royal fortress suffers damage. **12...Bxf1** [12...Nxc3 13.hxc3 Bxf1 14.Rdx1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qc7 16.Kb1 0-0-0 17.Ng5! Qd7 18.f5 exf5 19.Qc2 Kb8 20.Qxf5 Qxf5+ 21.Rxf5 Nxd4 22.Rf4! Ne2

23.Nxf7 Nxf4 24.gxf4 Kc7 25.Kc2 Rhf8
26.Nxd8 Kxd8 27.g3 g5 28.fxg5 Ke7
29.Rxh5 Rf2+ 30.Kc3 Ke6 31.Kd4 Kf5
32.g4+ Kxg4 33.Rh8 Kxg5 34.Rg8+ Kh6
35.e6 Re2 36.Kxd5 winning] **13.Nxf5 exf5**
14.Rhxf1 c4 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Rde1 Nd8
17.e6



17...f6 [17...Nxe6 18.Qc2 0-0 19.Qxf5 g6
20.Qxd5 Nxf4 21.Rxe7 Nxd5 22.Rexf7±]
18.Nf3 g6 19.Nh4 Rg8 20.Rf3 Nb7?!
[Harder could be protected by 20...Nc6
21.Rg3 Qh7 22.b3 cxb3 23.axb3 0-0-0 alt-
though here the white retain the advantage
due to the strong passed pawn and dy-
namic center] **21.Rg3 Nd6**



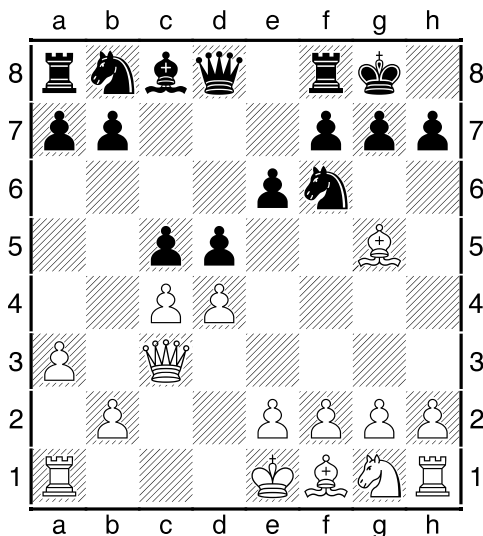
22.Rxg6?! [Much stronger 22.Qd1 0-0-0 23.Nxg6 Qe8 24.Qxh5 Ne4 25.Rxe4 fxe4 26.Qf5 and pawn avalanche is unstoppable] **22...Rxg6 23.Nxg6 Qh7 24.Nh4 0-0-0?!** [Strong redoubts making by 24...Ne4 25.Qc2 b5 26.b3 Rc8 27.Kb2 a6 28.b4 Ke7 29.a4 Kxe6 30.axb5 axb5 31.Ra1 Qb7 32.Qd1 Ra8 33.g3 Rxa1 34.Qxa1 Qe7] **25.Qd1 Re8? 26.Qa4 Qc7 27.Nxf5 1-0**

(02) Roselli Mailhe, Bernardo (2449) - Akobian, Varuzhan (2615) [E36]

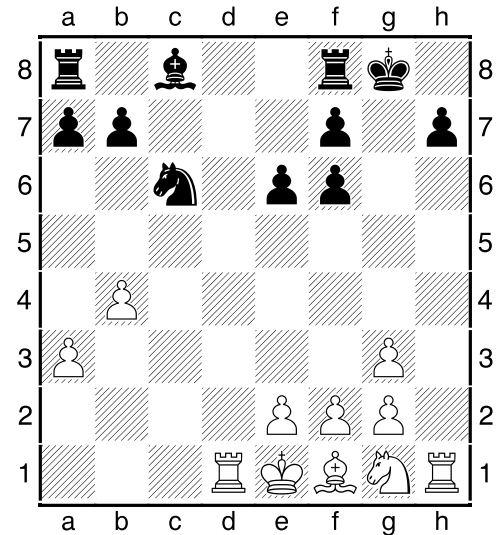
9th Panamerican Team Chess Championship (3), 26.01.2013

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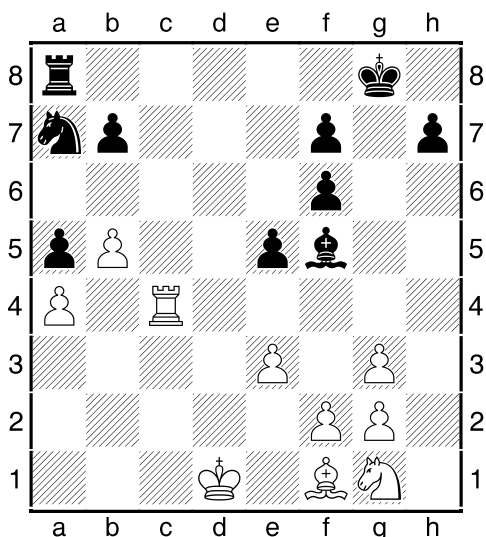
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.Bg5 c5



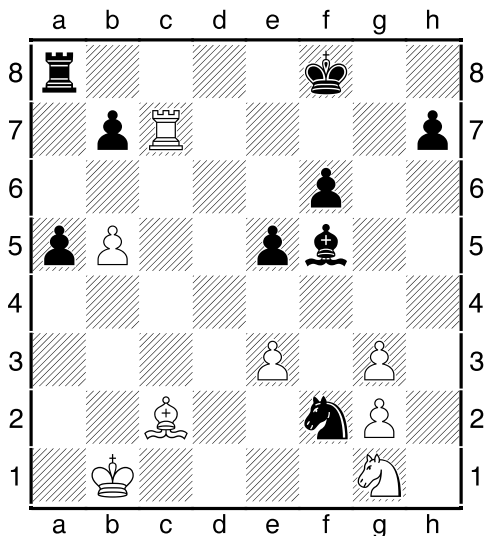
8.cxd5?! [White is much better in case of 8.dxc5 d4 9.Qg3! – this Queen move improved by GM Vadim Shishkin in 2009, and on the top level supported by Alexander Morozevich: 9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 e5 11.Nf3 Re8 12.e3 b6 13.exd4 exd4 14.Bd3 bxc5 15.Rhe1 Be6 16.Qh4 h6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 Rb8 19.Ng5 Qb6 20.Re2 Ne5 21.Bh7+ Nxh7 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Ke7 24.Qxe5+- / Morozevich, A (2750) – Grischuk, A (2736) / Wch blitz 2009] **8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qh4 Qa5+** [Black has good game after 10...exd5 11.Nf3 d4 far ahead of the opponent at pieces development] **11.b4 Qxd5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rd1 Qe5 14.Qg3+ Qxg3 15.hxg3**



On the Board arose the endgame, where, in spite of a more compact white pawn structure, black's chances are not worse in view of the development advantage. It is interesting to see how well Varuzhan Akobian uses his advantages... **15...e5 16.e3 Bf5 17.Rh4 a5 18.b5 Na7 19.a4 Rfd8 20.Rc4 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1**



21...Nc8! Fabulous. Not afraid of white rook invasion, black implement the idea. White a4 pawn will be captured, and black rook, not making any move, immediately turns out to be "at work", supporting the passed pawn. **22.Rc7 Nb6 23.Bc4 Nxa4 24.Bxf7+ Kf8 25.Bb3 Nb2+ 26.Kc1** [26.Ke2 a4 27.Ba2 a3 28.Rf7+ Ke8 29.Rxb7 Bd3+ 30.Ke1 Rc8 31.Nf3 Rc1+ 32.Kd2 Rc2+ 33.Ke1 Nc4-+] **26...Nd3+ 27.Kb1 Nxf2+ 28.Bc2**



28...Rc8! Black exchanges the rooks, while retaining his pawn asset on queenside. **29.b6 Rxc7 30.bxc7 Bc8 31.Bxh7 Ke7 32.Ne2** Formally there is material equality on the board, but a little wary of the fact that the white bishop entered the game

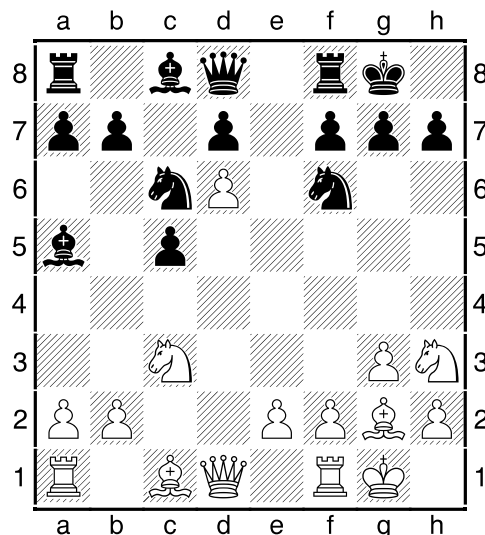
only on the 23th move, and the knight – even later – on the 32th move. Pawn c7 is doomed, and two connected passed pawn decide the fate of the game... **32...Kd6 33.Nc3 Kxc7 34.Nd5+ Kd6 35.Nxf6 b5 36.Kc2 a4 37.g4 Bxg4 38.Bg8 Bf5+ 39.Kc3 Kc5 40.Kd2 b4 0-1**

(03) Onischuk,Alexander (2660) - Rodriguez Vila,Andres (2508) [E00]

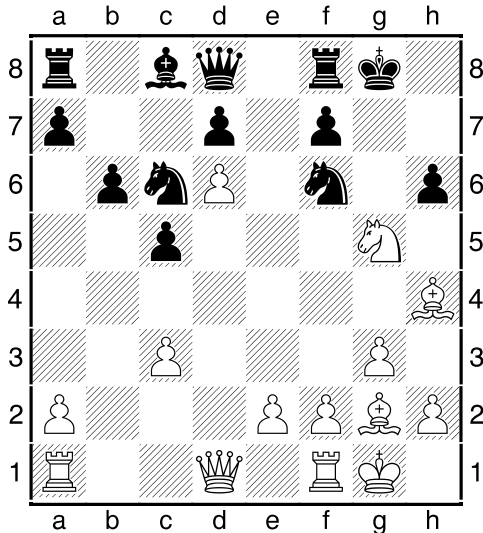
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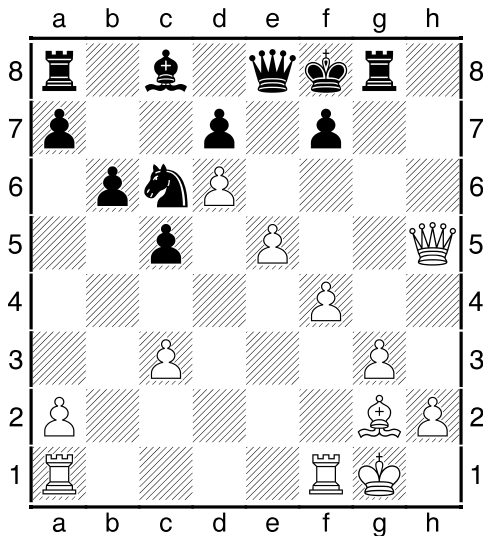
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nc3 Bc7 8.d6 Ba5 9.Nh3! Nc6 10.0-0



10...b6 Black plays a very risky option, giving the opponent a strong initiative on kingside. [10...Re8 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 h6 13.Nf4 Qf6 14.Be3 Nd4 15.a3 Bb6 16.Rc1 Rb8 17.Rc4 Nf5 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 Nxd6 20.Bf3 b6 21.Rc3 Ne4 22.Nd5 Qd8 23.Rc2 Bb7 24.Qd4 Ng5 25.Bg2 with a stable advantage for white / Avrukh,B (2644) – Khismatullin,D (2570) / Dresden 2007] **11.Bg5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 h6 13.Bh4 g5** How else to get rid of this bishop? White is ready to set the central pawns into movement. **14.Nxg5**



14...hxg5 15.Bxg5 Kg7 The game is forced, and it is hard to advise black. Probably, it is time to drop this debut option into the archive. **16.e4 Qe8 17.Bxf6+ Kxf6 18.f4 Rg8 19.Qh5 Kg7 20.e5 Kf8**



21.Rae1 [Finished the fight 21.Qh6+ Rg7 22.f5 Kg8 23.Rf4 Qxe5 24.Rh4+--] **21...Ba6?!** [Even after a relatively better 21...f5 22.Qxf5+ Qf7 23.Qh3 pawn armada sweeps away all obstacles] **22.f5 Qc8 23.e6 1-0**

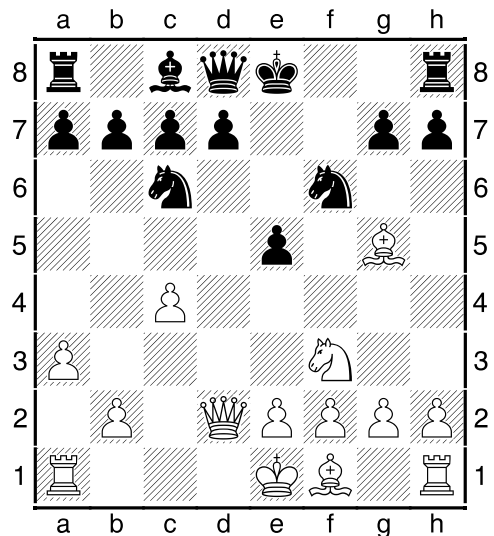
(04) Ladies - Men [A52]

Gibraltar Chess Festival: Ladies vs Men
Gibraltar Gibraltar (3), 26.01.2013

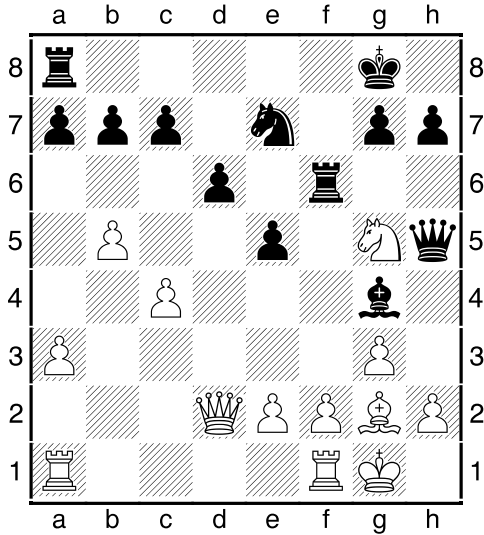
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A match-up, on a giant chess set, between

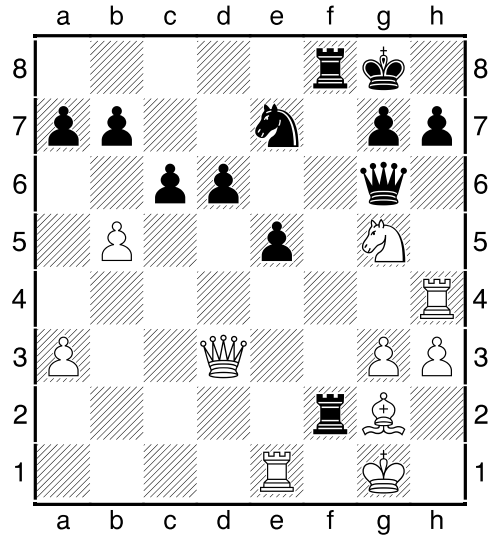
the ladies team consisting of Jovanka Houska (England), Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia), Zhao Xue (China), Valentina Gunina (Russia), Tania Sachdev (India) and Viktorija Cmilyte (Lithuania) versus the men: Gata Kamsky (USA), Gawain Jones (England), Emil Sutovsky (Israel), Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France), Le Quang Liem (Vietnam) and Kiril Georgiev (Bulgaria), was held on January 27th evening, as a fun part of the Gibraltar Chess Festival. It was won 2-1 by the men in a close contest. The first game was played at 15 minutes per team; games two and three at 7 minutes. The clock stayed on the arbiter's table, and had to be pressed by each player in turn. You can watch the video of event: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKy1AGiNPHgNow> we look the 3rd game. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bf4 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 f6 7.a3 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 fxe5 9.Bg5 Nf6**



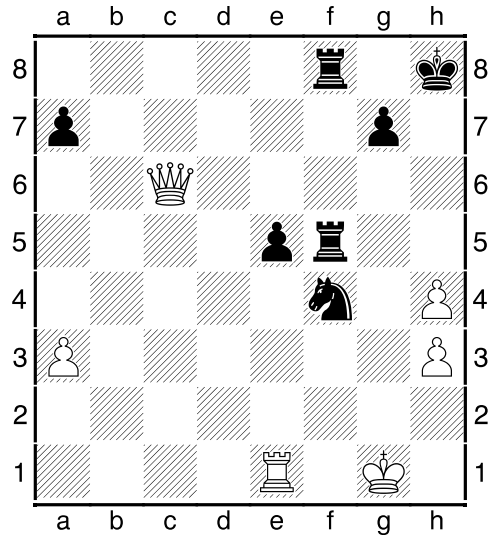
10.g3!N Brilliant! The pace of blitz, spending a few seconds on thinking, white with the last move improved the strong novelty. The inventor is the young Indian chess-player Tania Sachdev – there was her turn to move at this moment. [Before played 10.b4 d6 11.e3 however, we recognize that the bishop is successfully located on g2, taking on control the large diagonal and defending the castling position] **10...0-0 11.Bg2 d6 12.0-0 Qe8 13.Bxf6 Rxf6 14.b4 Bg4 15.b5 Ne7 16.Ng5 Qh5?!**



Better would be the first drive away the white knight or protect a pawn. **17.h3** [Also quite possible simple **17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Be4 Bxe2 19.Rfe1 Bxc4 20.Rac1 Rbf8 21.f3 h6 22.Rxc4 Qxg5 23.Qxg5 hxc5 24.Rxc7 d5 25.Bc2 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Nxc8 27.Rxe5 Rxf3 28.Kg2 g4 29.Rxd5 Kf7 30.a4±] **17...Bxe2 18.Rfe1 Bxc4 19.Rac1 Raf8** [19...d5 20.Rxe5 h6 21.Rce1! hxc5 22.Rxe7 Raf8 23.Bxd5+ Bxd5 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Rf1 c6 26.bxc6 bxc6 27.Qd7 R8f7 28.Qe8+ Kh7 29.Rxa7 Qxh3 30.Qxf7! Rxf7 31.Rxf7±] **20.Rxc4 Rxf2 21.Qe3 c6** Black has 3 pawns for piece, but the initiative is fully in the white hands. **22.Rh4 Qe8 23.Qd3?!** [After 23.Qb3+ d5 24.Rxe5 black had remained with the broken trough] **23...Qg6****

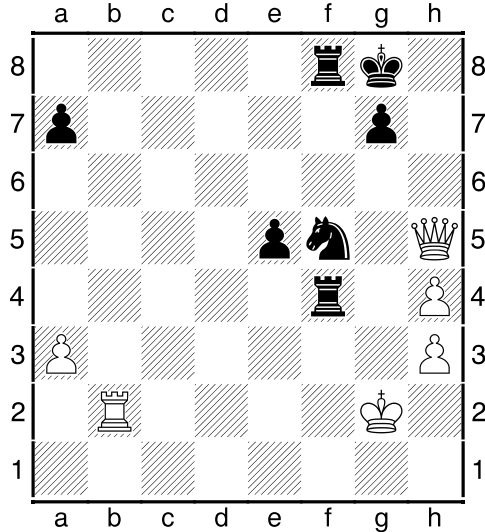


24.Be4?! The same timid strategy. [The vast advantage reached by white after **24.Qxg6 Nxc6 25.Ra4 R2f5 26.Ne6! R8f6 27.Nd8** and white knight makes the final confusion into the black army] **24...Qxg5 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Bf5+ Qxh4 27.gxh4 R2xf5 28.Qxd6 Nd5 29.bxc6 bxc6 30.Qxc6 Nf4**



There is non-standard endgame on the board. Objectively white is better, but often it turns out that the side, which has a Queen, lost vigilance, considering that the victory is achieved automatically. In addition, under time pressure, always everybody has much more pleasure to attack than defend. Here a quick black knight and mobile rooks can give the opponent a lot of

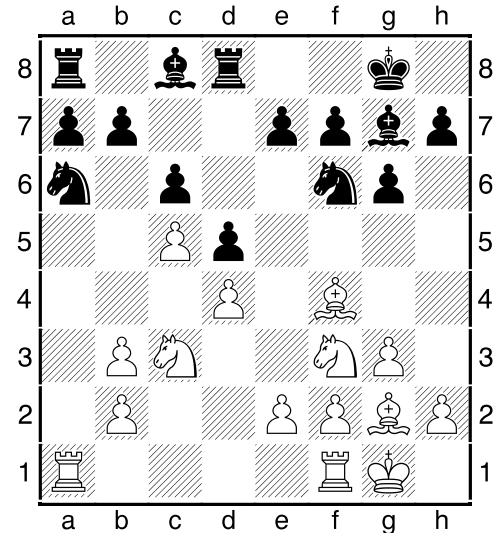
trouble. **31.Kh2 Kh7 32.Rg1 R8f6 33.Qd7 Ne6? 34.Qd3?** Exchange of pleasantries. Black forgotten to protect pawn by Rf7, and white, as if hypnotized, don't accept the proposed gift... **34...Kh8 35.Qe4 Rf7 36.Qe3 Kh7 37.Rg2 Nd4 38.Qe4 Kh8 39.Qg4 Rf4 40.Qh5+ Kg8 41.Rb2 Rf8** Already black dictate their terms. **42.Kg2 Nf5**



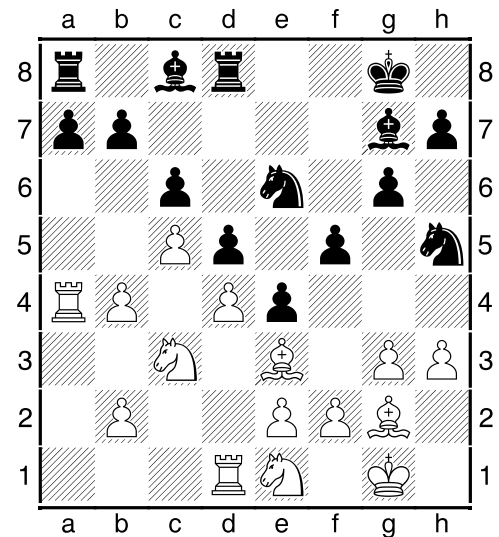
43.Qg5? Nxh4+ 44.Kh2?? [Also not very helpful **44.Kg3 Rf3+ 45.Kxh4 R8f4+ 46.Kh5 Rxh3+ 47.Kg6 Rh6+** and Queen is captured] **44...Nf3+ 0-1**

(05) Harika,Dronavalli (2514) - Mamedov,Rauf (2651) [D78]
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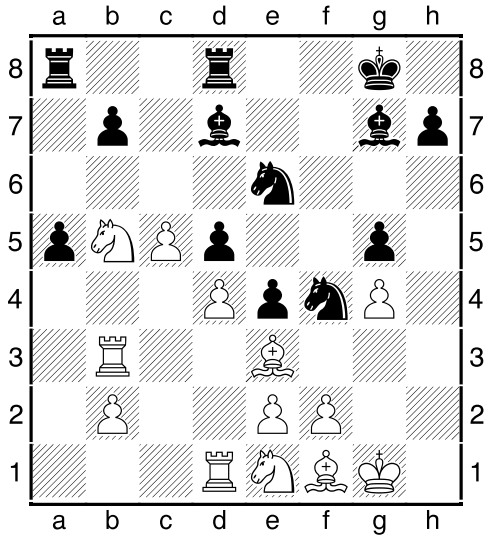
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.c4 c6 5.Bg2 d5 6.Qb3 0-0 7.0-0 Qb6 8.Nc3 Rd8 9.c5 [Sometimes white tests another option, but it doesn't bring the desired effect **9.Qa3 dxc4 10.Qxe7 Re8 11.Qd6 Na6** – black receive excellent pieces play due to features Nb4, Bf5, Rad8, Ne4] **9...Qxb3 10.axb3 Na6 11.Bf4**



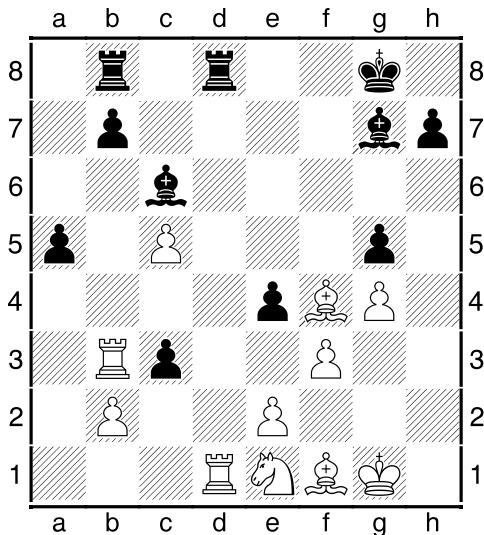
11...Nh5 A very logical move, which provides the centre possession. Yes, and the knight on the edge of the board, as we shall see further, is not fool **12.Be3 f6N** [Earlier in several games met **12...Bg4** however, the move in this game is stronger. While there is no need to determine the bishop location] **13.h3 e5 14.Ra4 Nc7 15.Rd1 Ne6 16.b4 e4 17.Ne1 f5**



Black pieces are very well located to maintain the pawn centre movement. See if white find organize some counterplay... **18.b5 cxb5 19.Nxb5 Bd7 20.Rb4 a5 21.Rb3 g5 22.g4 fxg4 23.hxg4 Nh4 24.Bf1**



24...Rab8?! Black achieved obvious progress, but there displays unnecessarily slow. [After energetic 24...b6 25.Rc1 bxc5 26.dxc5 Bc6 black's advantage no doubt] **25.Nc3 Bc6 26.f3?!** [It is time to bring into play the sleeping pieces: 26.Nc2 with mutual chances] **26...Nxc5! 27.dxc5 d4 28.Bxf4 dxc3**



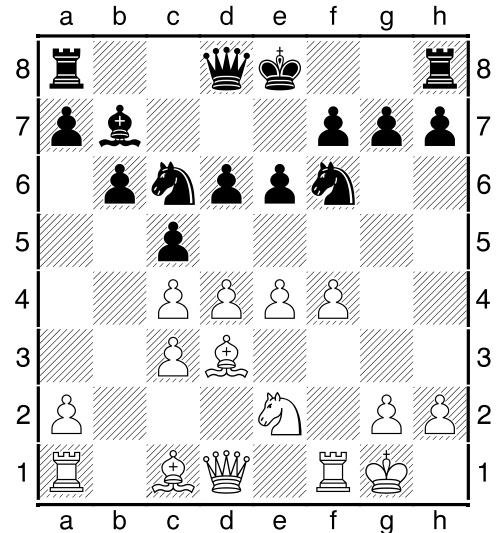
Black burst on queenside. The pieces on f1 and e1 not decorate white's position. **29.Bd6 Ba4 30.Rxc3 Bxd1 31.Rc1 Bb3 32.fxe4?** Excessive generosity. It was necessary to play Bb8, although there black bishops dominated... **32...Bxb2 33.Rb1 Bd4+ 34.e3 Bxe3+ 35.Kh1 a4 36.e5 Rbc8 37.Nd3 b6 38.cxb6 Bxb6 39.Bg2 Rc3 40.Be4 Bc7 0-1**

(06) Khusnutdinov, Rustam (2493) - Kovalenko, Igor (2586) [E41]

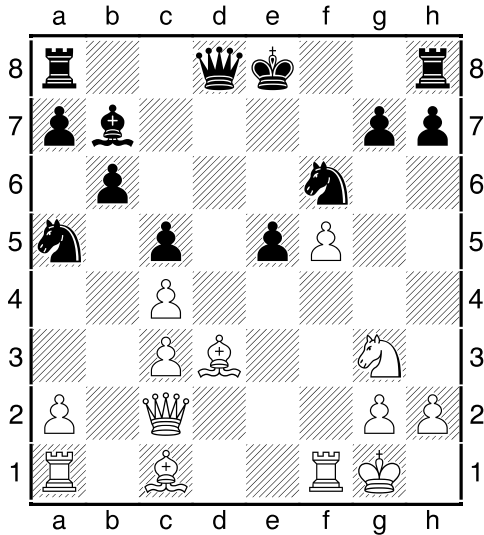
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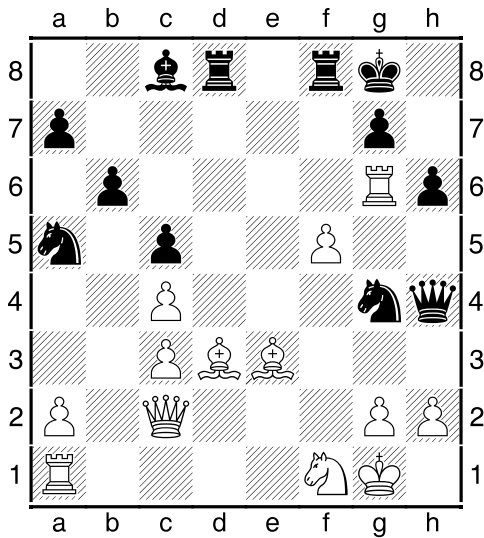
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10...Na5!?N [Previously met 10...Qe7 11.d5 Na5 12.Ng3 0-0-0 13.e5 Ne8 14.Qe2 exd5 15.Nf5 Qc7 16.cxd5 g6 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.Nxd6+ Qxd6 19.c4 and here black could tie a severe bout with mutual chances by 19...b5! / Hjartarson, J (2565) – Garcia, G (2495) / Yerevan ol (Men) 1996] **11.e5 Ng4 12.Qc2 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.f5 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Ng3**

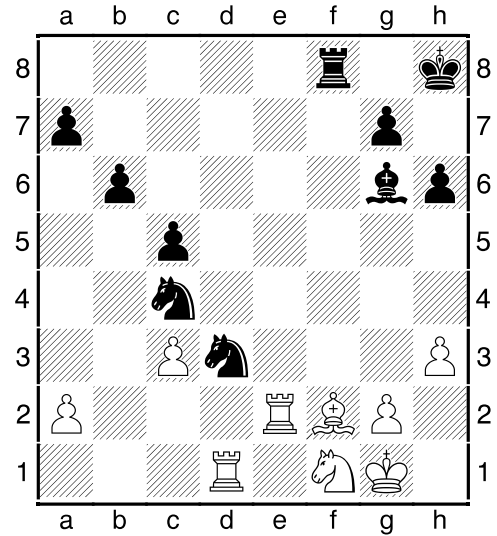


16...h6! Not allowing the action freedom to the white bishop. **17.Re1 0-0 18.Rxe5** A series of forced moves led to extra white pawn. However, now the black pieces develop the remarkable activity... **18...Ng4 19.Re6 Qh4 20.Nf1 Rad8 21.Be3 Bc8 22.Rg6**

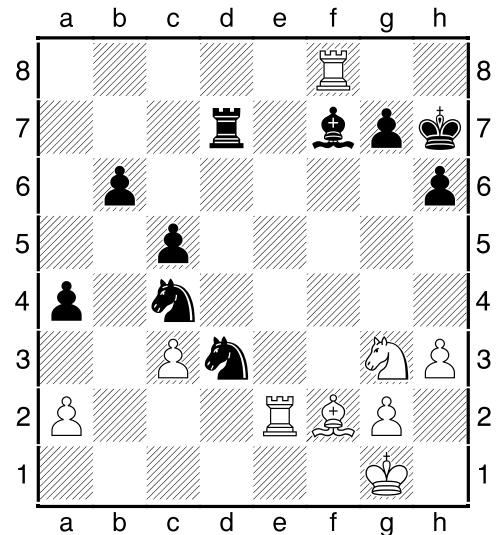


22...Kh8?! [Much stronger was a sacrifice: **22...Rxd3! 23.Qxd3 Bxf5 24.Qd5+ Kh8 25.g3 (25.Rd6 Be4 26.Qxe4 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Nxf2+)** **25...Qe7 26.Rxg4 Bxg4 27.Bf4 Qe2 28.Qd2 Nxc4 29.Qxe2 Bxe2** and by next move black exchanges his bishop for the knight, receiving the winning endgame] **23.h3 Ne5 24.Bf2 Qe7 25.Re1** White consolidated their forces, and in order to avoid the worst black has to pass into the non-

standard endgame... **25...Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Bxf5 27.Qd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Naxc4 29.Rdd1 Nd3 30.Re2 Bg6**

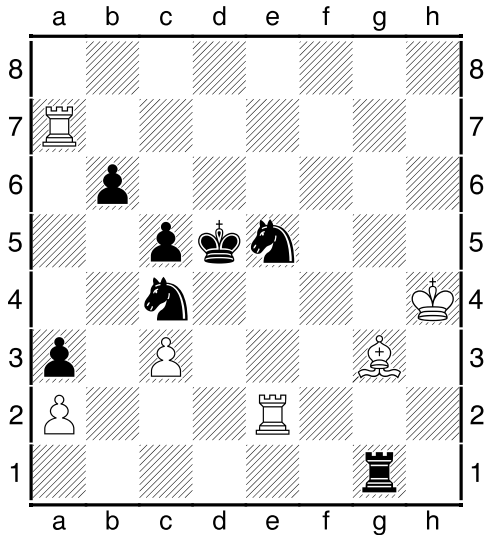


Black suffered minimal damage, instead of having several significant advantages: compact pawn structure and fast knights. The chances can be estimated as approximately equal. **31.Ng3 Kh7 32.Rf1 Rf7 33.Be3 Rd7 34.Rf8 a5 35.Bf4 Bf7 36.Be3** White can never find a use for that bishop... **36...a4 37.Bf2**



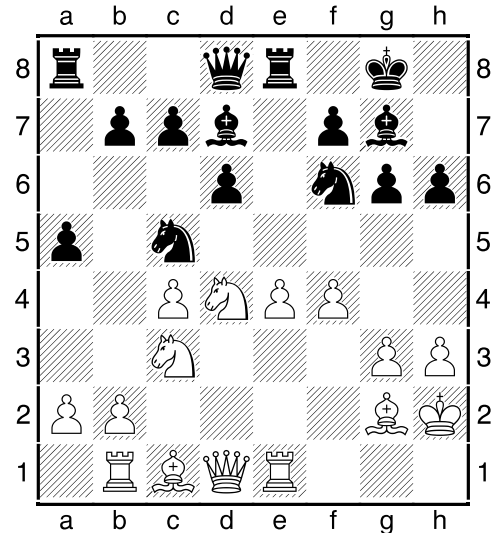
37...a3?! [Black could win another pawn and obtain the perspective position by several knight zigzags: **37...Ncb2 38.a3 Nd1 39.Be1 Nxe1 40.Rxe1 Nxc3 41.Ne4 Nxe4 42.Rxe4 b5 43.Rc8 b4 44.Rxc5 b3**

45.Re2 Rd1+ 46.Kf2 Ra1⌘] 38.Nf5 Nc1
 39.Rc2 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Bg6 41.g4 h5
 42.Ra8 hxg4 43.hxg4 Nd3 44.Ra7 Nde5
 45.Kg3 Bxf5 46.gxf5 Kh6 47.Kf4 g5+
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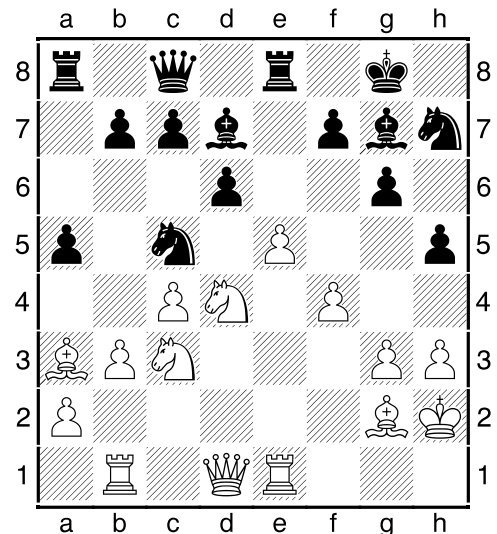


Black strongly keep the fortress, and the draw is the most likely end of the battle. But suddenly unbelievable happens...
53.Bxe5 Nxe5 54.Rxa3?? Ng6+ 0-1

(07) Jianu,Vlad-Cristian (2500) - Cheparinov,Ivan (2709) [E68]
 35th Bulgarian International Open Chess
 Plovdiv, Bulgaria (6), 07.02.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0
5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 exd4
9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 Nc5 11.Re1 Bd7
12.Kh2 h6 13.f4 a5 14.Rb1

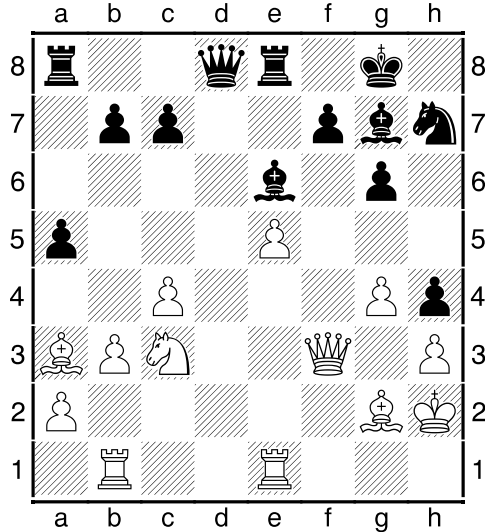


14...h5 [Seems to be good idea – 14...a4 with a view for opening line "a" when the neighbouring white pawn moves. This continuation seen in a number of games, for example: 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3 h5 17.Bb2 Re7 18.b4 Na4 19.Nxa4 Bxa4 20.Qd3 Qe8 with mutual chances / Schwartzman, G (2495) – Tkachiev, V (2575) / Hoogovens op 1995] **15.b3 Qc8**
16.e5 Nh7 [After 16...dxe5 17.fxe5 Nh7 18.Nd5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Rxe5 20.Bf4 Rxd5 21.cxd5 in spite of black extra pawn, white possess the obvious advantage because white strength perfectly coordinated, which cannot be said about the opponent army]
17.Ba3



17...h4?! [After correct 17...Na6 with the

further Nb4, precocious white's outing have not reached the goal, and there would be a long struggle] **18.g4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Qf3** A few simple moves black put themselves into a critical situation, and even the top-level grandmaster Ivan Cheparinov is unable to avoid the collapse... **20...dxe5 21.fxe5 Qd8**



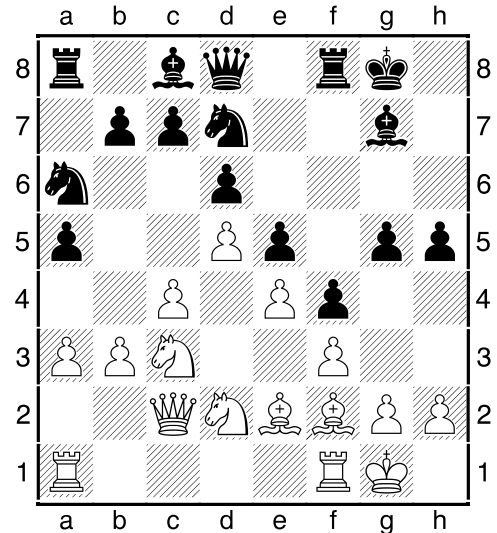
22.Kh1! Last preparation before the decisive storm... **22...Rb8 23.Rbd1 Qg5 24.Nb5 Red8 25.Nxc7 Bxe5 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Nxe6 fxe6 28.Qe4 1-0**

(08) Savchenko, Boris (2584) - Nyzhnyk, Ilya (2637) [E94]

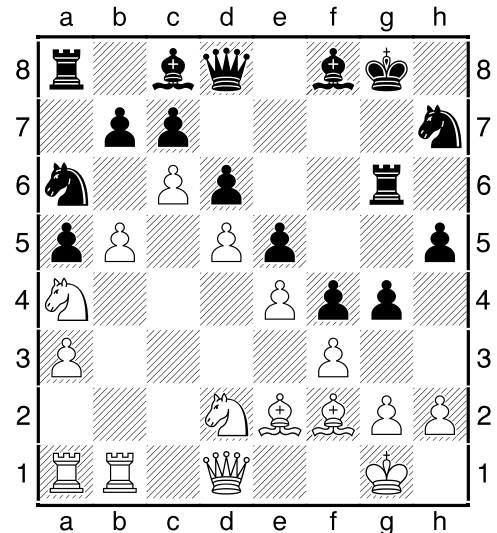
Moscow Open 2013 Moscow (7), 08.02.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]

Your attention is invited to the game of young Russian grandmaster Boris Savchenko – the winner of the largest international chess festival Moscow Open. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.0-0 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nfd7 12.Nd2 f5 13.f3** [More often continued 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4] **13...f4 14.Bf2 g5 15.b3 h5 16.a3 Na6**

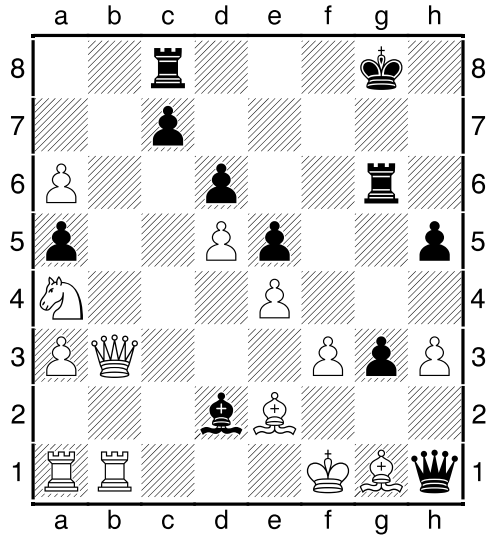


17.Rfb1N [Earlier in the same game played 17.Na4 Ndc5 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.Kh1 g4 20.Rad1 Qg5 21.g3 and white also got the advantage] **17...Rf6 18.Qd1 Rg6 19.b4 Bf8 20.Na4 Nf6 21.c5 g4** The forces of warring armies entered into contact at the same time in both areas of battlefield. Now it is important who can better dispose their capabilities, while simultaneously preventing opponent's chances. **22.c6!** [After 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Nb6 Rb8 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.bxa5 Nc5 black pieces come alive] **22...Nh7 23.b5**

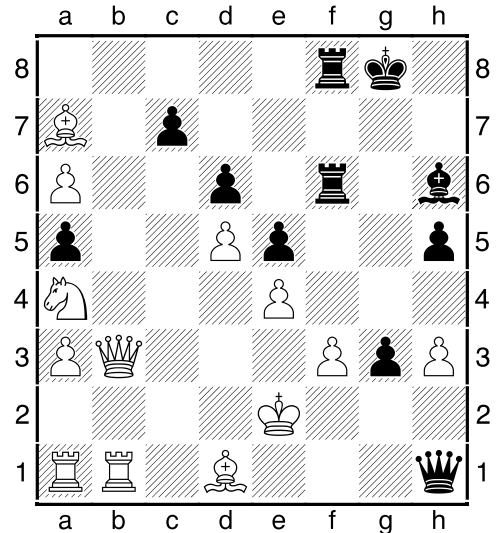


What to do now? Both of possible knight retreats doesn't promise anything good, and black rush-to-hand... **23...g3 24.hxg3 fxg3 25.Be3 Qh4!? 26.cxb7 Bh6**

27.bxc8Q+ Rxc8 28.Qb3 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Bg1 Ng5 31.bxa6 Nh3! 32.gxh3 Bxd2



33.Bd1? This move is wrong, however, note that to find the right path in passing options kaleidoscope – not always a virtue even for top-level grandmasters. [It should pave the king backbone for the flight, and then go on attack by 33.Bb5 Rf6 34.Ke2 Qg2+ 35.Kd1 Bh6 36.Qd3 Rxf3 37.Qe2 Qxg1+ 38.Kc2 Qe3 39.Qxe3 Bxe3 40.Be2 Rf2 41.Rb3! Bf4 42.Kd3 Ra8 43.Rab1 Rxa6 44.Rb8+ Kf7 45.R1b7 g2 46.Rxc7+ Kf6 47.h4!! Bh2 48.Rf8+ Kg6 49.Rg8+ Kf6 50.Rgg7 with the inevitable mate] **33...Rf8?** Black were very close to reap the benefits of his brave onslaught, but makes the reciprocal judgement. [After the natural 33...g2+ 34.Ke2 Qxg1 35.Bc2 Qa7 36.Rg1 Bf4 black are better] **34.Ke2 Bh6 35.Ba7 Rgf6**



It seems to be gathering clouds over the white king. However, there is a brilliant solution to the problem. **36.f4!!** Psychologically, such a move is very difficult to foresee – two pawns remain under attack, and one of them can be captured with check. The decisive factor is the timely inclusion of the white Queen into protection on the 3rd horizontal. **36...Qxe4+ 37.Qe3 Qg2+** [The fantastic finale comes after 37...Qc4+ 38.Qd3 Qxf4 39.Be3 Qh4 40.Bxh6!! g2 41.Kd2! g1Q 42.Be2 Qgd4 43.Rg1+ Kf7 44.Rg7+ Ke8 45.Be3! Qxd3+ 46.Bxd3 Rf2+ 47.Kc3 – black attack stumped, and two threats Bb5 and a7 irresistible] **38.Kd3 Qxd5+ 39.Kc2 Qg2+ 40.Qe2 Qc6+ 41.Nc3 Rxf4 42.Qb5 Qg2+ 43.Be2** Residence of the white monarch unapproachable, and the battle coming to the end soon... **43...c6 44.Qd3 Rf3 45.Rg1 Qh2 46.Qxd6 Bg7 47.Qd2 1-0**

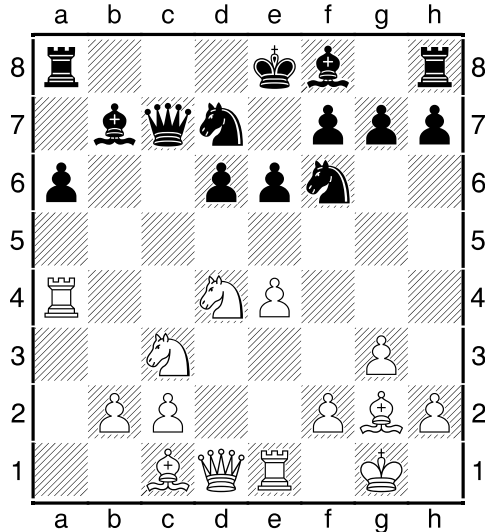
(09) Fier,Alexandr (2577) - Jianu,Vlad-Cristian (2500) [B43]

35th Bulgarian International Open Chess Plovdiv, Bulgaria (7), 08.02.2013

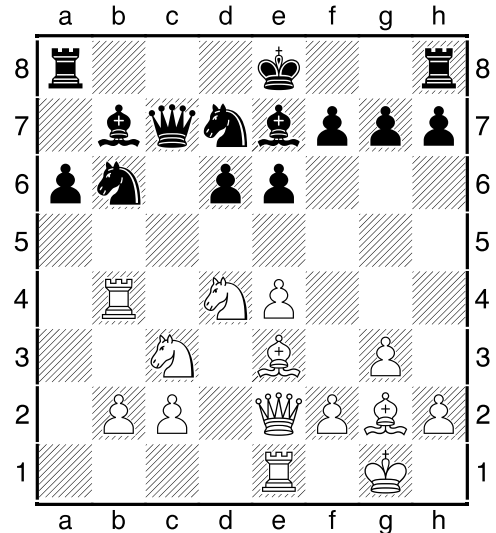
[IM Sitnikov, A]

Brazilian grandmaster Alexandr Fier became the winner of this tournament. Now we see his fight against the 4th prize-winner, the Romanian grandmaster Jianu **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 b5?! [More reliable 6...Nc6 or Nf6] 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Nd7 10.a4! bxa4 [After 10...b4 11.Na2 a5**

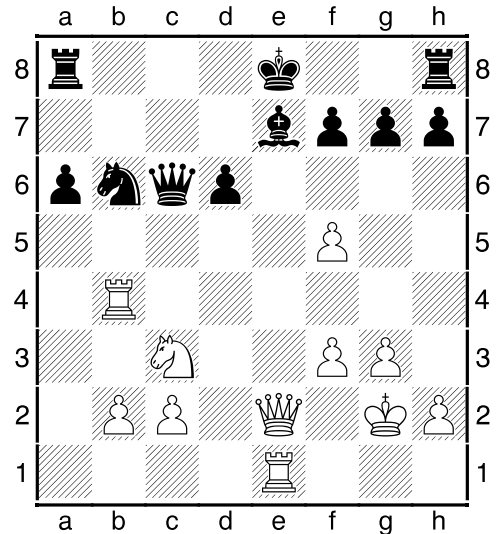
12.c3 bxc3 13.Nxc3 the position is opened to white's benefit. The knight invasion to b5 , capture the line "c" and pressure on the weak pawn d6 – make the black position defenseless] **11.Rxa4 Ngf6**



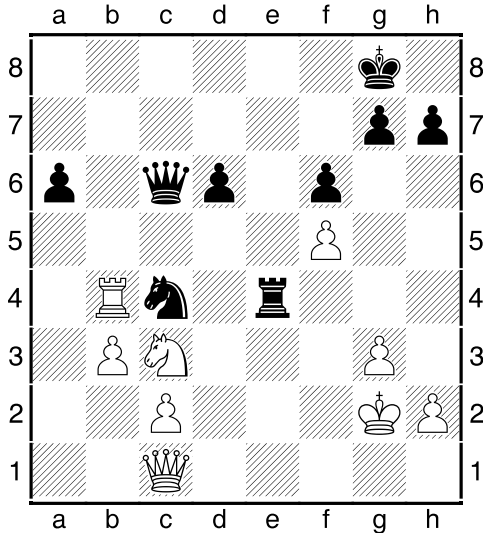
12.Qe2N Of course, white retains the initiative, however, in their disposal is more robust solution. In this game both opponents doesn't wish to follow the classical heritage... [12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5+ Ne5 14.f4 0-0-0 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rxe5! Bd6 17.Re3 Kb8 18.Rc3 Qd7 19.Nc6+ Bxc6 20.Rxa6! Bxd5 21.Rb6+ Bb7 22.Qxd6+ Qxd6 23.Rxb7+ Ka8 24.Rb4+ Ka7 25.Ra3+ Qa6 26.Rb7+ Ka8 27.Rxa6# / Dely, P – Donner, J / Maroczy Memorial 1961] **12...Nb6 13.Rb4 Be7 14.Be3 Nfd7**



15.Nf5!? Now white woke up and happy to use any opportunity not giving the opponent to finish the pieces development... **15...exf5 16.exf5 Bxg2 17.Bxb6 Nxb6 18.Kxg2 Qc6+ 19.f3**

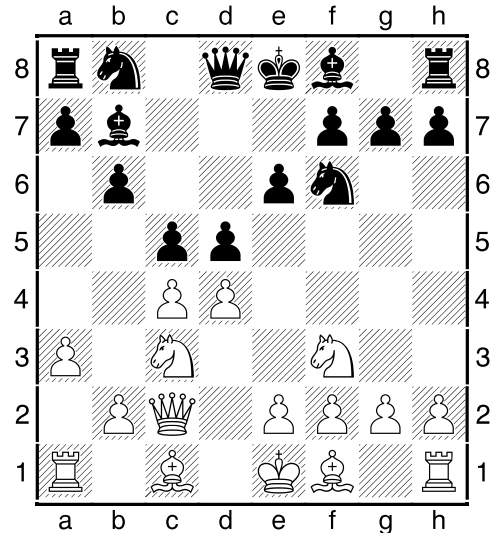


19...0-0 [If try to play on the material retention, white received a long-term initiative, for example: 19...Ra7 20.Rxb6 Qxb6 21.Nd5 Qxb2 22.Nxe7 Kd7 23.Nd5 Qd4 24.c3 Qc5 25.f6 gxf6 26.Nxf6+ Kc8 27.Rb1 Rb7 28.Qxa6 Qa7 29.Qc4+ Kd8 30.Rd1 with irresistible attack] **20.Qxe7 Rae8 21.Qg5 f6 22.Qc1 Nc4 23.Re4 Rxe4 24.fxe4 Re8 25.b3?!** [More precisely immediately 25.Kh3 – in the unusual position white monarch feels quite comfortable] **25...Rxe4?**

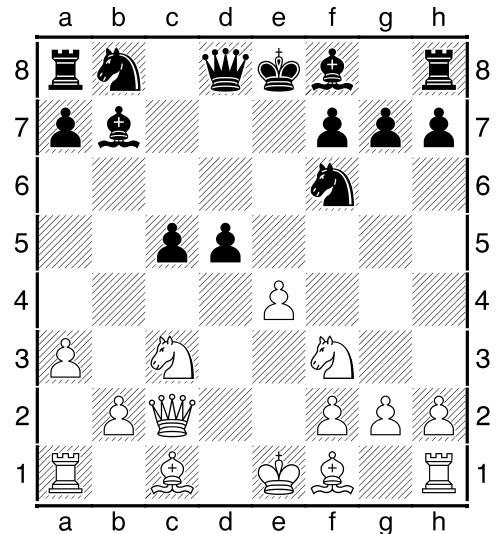


[White risked losing all the fruits of the previous efforts – after 25...Ne5 26.Qd2 Rc8 white c2 pawn is captured] **26.Kh3!** Cool king move puts everything in its place. The black pieces hung in the air, and there is no escape... **26...Re3 27.Rxc4 Qf3 28.Qd2 Qxf5+ 29.Kg2 Qf3+ 30.Kg1 Re5 31.Rf4 Qc6 32.Rd4 h5 33.Rxd6 Qc5+ 34.Qd4 Qa3 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Qd3+ g6 37.Rd7+ 1-0**

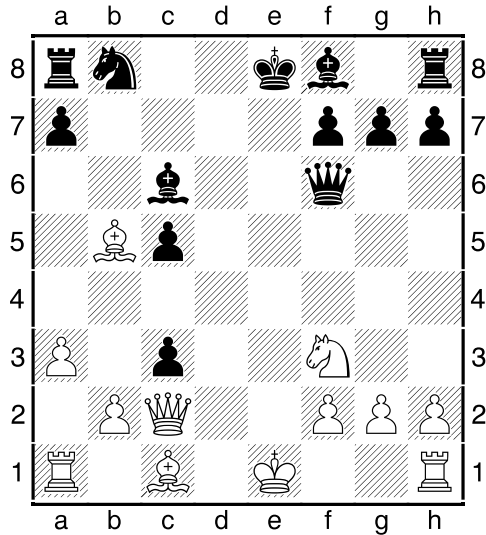
(10) Rombaldoni, Axel (2472) - Parligras, Mircea-Emilian (2633) [E12]
 35th Bulgarian International Open Chess
 Plovdiv, Bulgaria (9), 10.02.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5 6.Qc2 c5



7.dxc5 [The main line: 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.Qa4+ Nbd7 9.Nxd4 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.e4 Bb7 12.Be3 a6 13.f3 with the minimal advantage for white] **7...bxc5?!** More careful was capturing by bishop. **8.cxd5 exd5 9.e4!**

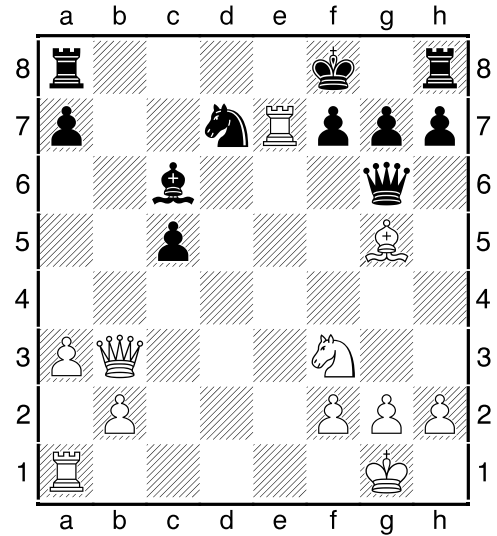


9...d4 [The sacrifice accepting is not suitable in view of 9...dxe4 10.Ne5 with strong threats Bb5, Bc4, Qb3] **10.e5 dxc3?** [Saving semi-closed nature of position by 10...Nfd7 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bf4 but here the possession of central outposts also gives white an advantage] **11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Bb5+ Bc6**



13.0-0! Uncastled king is quickly becoming the victim of a devastating onslaught...
13...Bxb5 14.Bg5 Qg6 [14...Qb6 15.Rfe1+ Kd7 16.a4 Bc6 17.Qf5+ Kc7 18.Bf4+ Kb7 19.bxc3+-] **15.Rfe1+ Be7 16.Rxe7+ Kf8**

17.Qxc3 Nd7 18.Qb3 Bc6



19.Nh4! Qh5 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Qd5 f6 22.Qxa8+ Be8 23.Re1 fxe5 24.Nf5 1-0

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