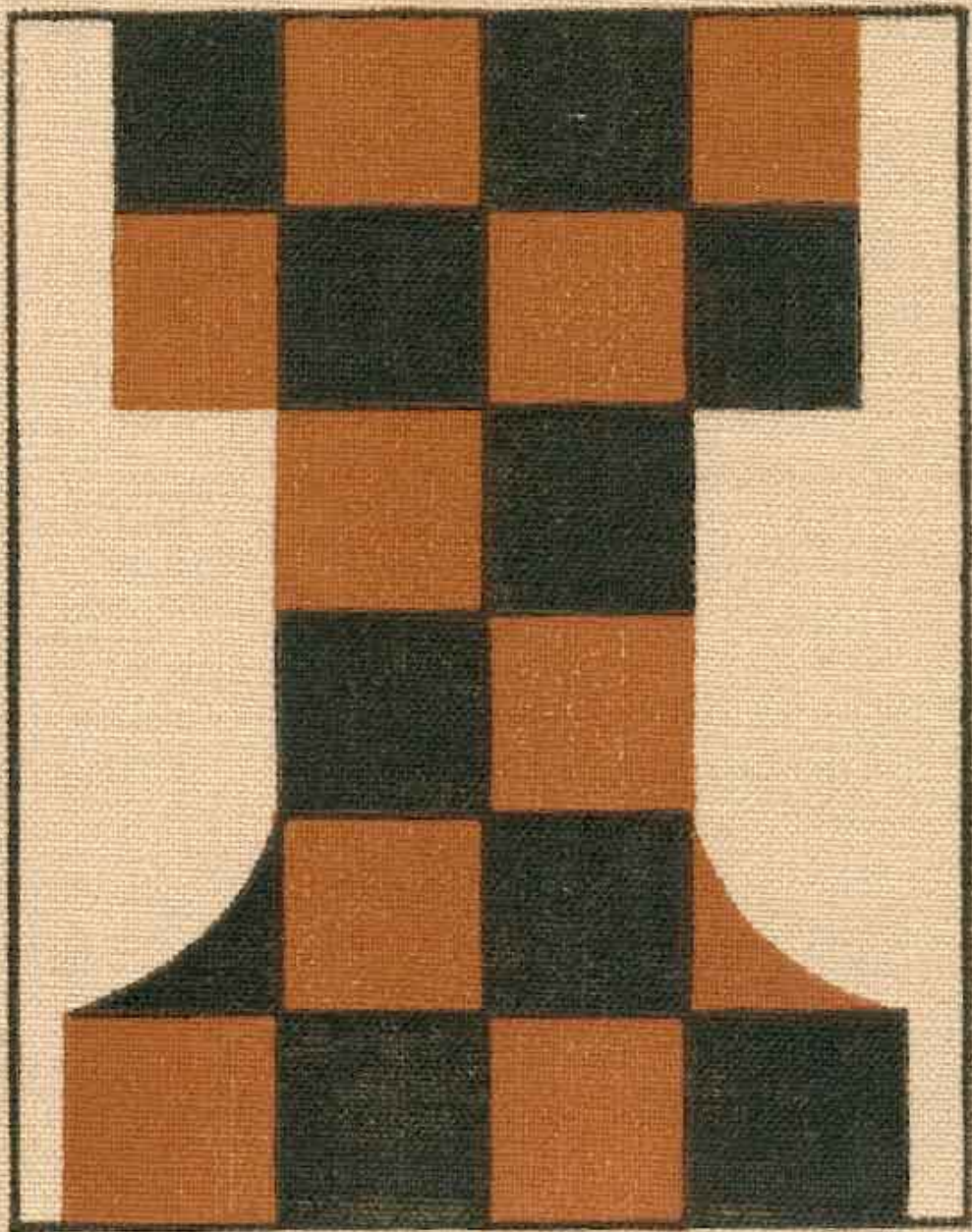


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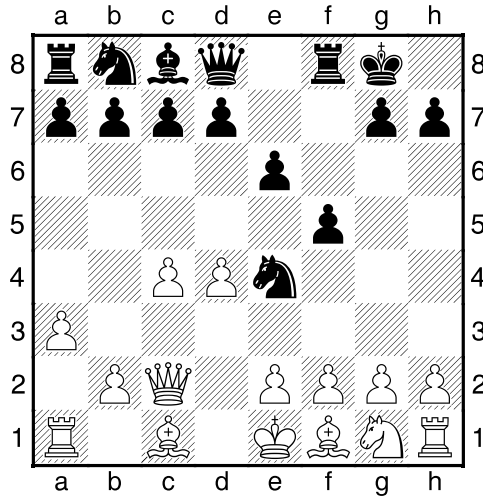
## Games

### (01) Jakovenko, Dmitry (2718) - Smirnov, Artem (2425) [E32]

12th ch-EUR Aix-les-Bains FRA (1),  
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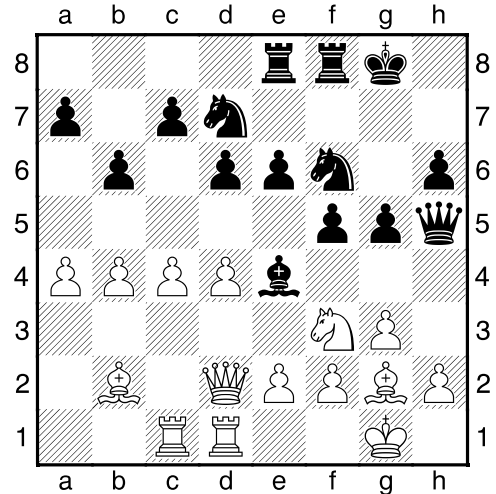
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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 Ne4!?** [Somewhat forgotten variation – Black wants to establish an outpost on e4. 6...d5 7.Bg5 c5!?, on the contrary, is quite popular lately.] **7.Qc2 f5**



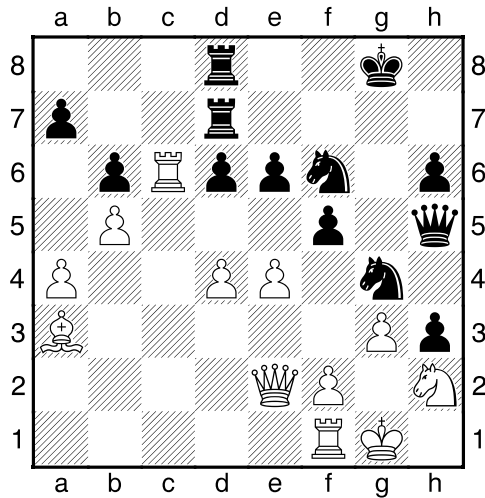
**8.Nf3** [Evidence, that Jakovenko wasn't ready for this system. White should dispel ♘e4 by means of f3: 8.e3 b6 9.Ne2 Bb7 10.f3 Nf6 (10...Qh4+ 11.g3 Qh5 gives nothing: 12.Bg2 Ng5 13.Nf4! Nxf3+? 14.Kf2+-) 11.Nc3 c5 8.Nh3!?, with the same idea is also interesting.] **8...b6 9.g3** [9.g4? Nxf2!] **9...Bb7 10.Bg2 Nf6** ♘ gives way for the bishop b7 – from e4 it will reign through a8–h1 diagonal. **11.0-0** [White could prevent this plan after 11.d5!? exd5 12.Nd4, as in the following game: 12...Nc6 13.Nxf5 dxc4 14.0-0?! (14.Qxc4+ d5 15.Qc2 Ne4 16.g4) 14...d5 15.Bg5 Ne7 16.Rad1, Vijayalakshmi–Sorokin, Hyderabad 2000, and now Black would have obtained advantage, if he chooses 16...Nxf5 17.Qxf5 Qe8 18.Bxf6 c6!⚡] **11...Be4 12.Qc3 Qe8** Queen is going to the most active place – h5. **13.b3** [13.b4 seems more principled, but maybe White beware of moves like b6–b5 or d7–d5 with further blockade.] **13...d6 14.Bb2 Nbd7 15.Rfd1**

**Qh5 16.Qd2** Aimed against g7–g5, but this move is still in Black's mind. **16...Rae8 17.Rac1 h6 18.b4N** [Earlier met 18.Ne1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Ne4 20.Qd3 Nxf2!? 21.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 22.Ke3 e5 23.Kd2 e4 24.Qe3 Nf6→, Salas–Ibragimov, Internet 2003] **18...g5 19.a4**



White's plan is becoming clear – c4–c5, exchange on d6, and after that b4–b5, Ba3. **19...Ng4!?** [Very good idea – Black provokes h3 as future catch. But 19...f4! was even more all-out, for example: 20.gxf4 gxf4 21.Qxf4 Re7! 22.Kh1 Ng4 23.Qg3 Rg7 with huge problems for White.] **20.h3 Ngf6 21.c5** As it was planned, though ♘f6 will have an excellent square d5 now. **21...Nd5 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.Bf1!?** [Not the best time to retreat. Exchange of white-squared bishops (which White is gonna avoid) after 23.b5 N7f6 24.Ba3 g4 25.hxg4 fxg4 is hopeless, but 26.Bxd6 Rf7 27.Re1! allows to complicate the game: 27...gxf3 28.exf3 Bxf3 29.Re5] **23...N7f6** [Of course, Black continues own attack, not being fascinated by 23...Bxf3 24.exf3 Qxf3 25.Be2 Qb3 (25...Qe4 26.Re1) 26.Bb5!, and only 26...f4! saves from defeat.] **24.Nh2 g4 25.e3** [25.h4 f4 with irresistible threat Ne3!] **25...gxh3 26.b5** Returning to the old plan, but is it good now? **26...Ng4** Intending to exchange on h2, and point g4 will be occupied by another ♘. **27.Qe2 Bg2!?** [27...Qg5! should bring the victory,

because there is no satisfactory defence from sacrifice on e3. Now White stabilizes a situation.] **28.Ba3 Rd8 29.Rc6 Rf7 30.Rdc1 Bxf1 31.Rxf1 Rfd7 32.e4 Ndf6**



**33.d5?** Such feeling, that this move is conditioned by ELO-difference in almost 300 points. But in single concrete game 2400 can play like 2700... and vice versa. [13...exf5 Qxf5 34.f3! Nxf2 35.Kxf2, and any result is possible.] **33...exd5 34.exf5** [34.exd5 Re8 35.Qf3 Qg6-+] **34...Qxf5 35.Bb2** Maybe, 33.d5 was designed exactly for the bishop's sake. But it's in vain. **35...Re8** [35...Nxf2 36.Kxf2 Re8! ends the fight immediately.] **36.Qc2** [36.Nxg4 Rxe2 37.Nxf6+ Kh7 38.Nxf5 Rxb2 39.Nxd6 Ng4-+] **36...Qe4!** Now Black has two pawns up. The game's outcome is predetermined. **37.Qxe4 dxe4 38.f3 exf3 39.Bxf6 f2+ 40.Kh1 Nxf6 41.Rxf2 Ne4 42.Rfc2** [42.Rf3 Nd2-+] **42...Nxg3+ 43.Kg1 Ne2+ 0-1**

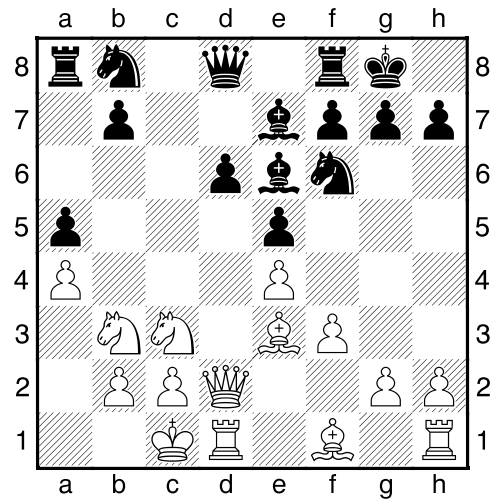
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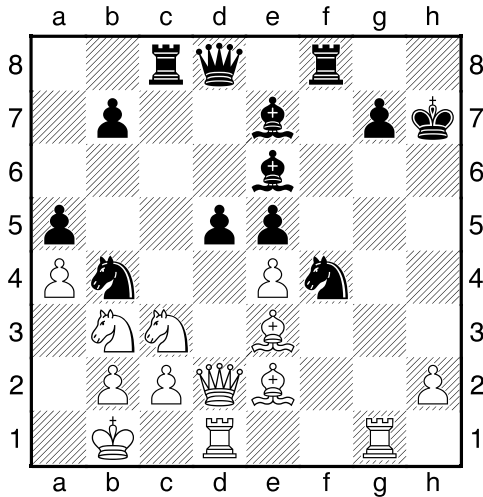
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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3** [More positional 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 has met in Karjakin-Nepomniachtchi, CZM 01/2011.] **7...Be7 8.f3 Be6 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 a5!?** Unusual continuation, which is popular enough at present time. Despite a5-a4 threat, its main idea - to conduct d6-d5.

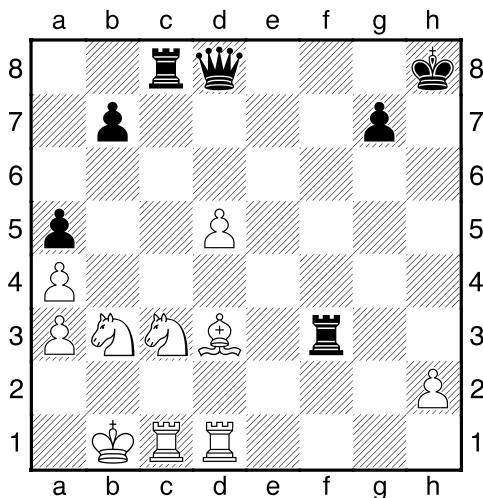
**11.a4**



[11.Kb1 a4 12.Nc1 a3 13.b3 Ra5; 11.Qe1 Qc8 (not hurry with 11...a4? 12.Nc5); 11.Bb5, Karjakin-Bu, CZM 05/2008, is considered as the main direction.] **11...Nc6** Now ♘ is going to b4 with the same idea d5. **12.g4 Nb4 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.g5** [Perhaps, this is more exact than 14.h4 d5 15.g5 Ne8! 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Rc1 b6] **14...Nh5** [Now on 14...Ne8 15.f4! will come.] **15.Rg1 f5** [Black prefers this advancement to 15...d5!?, which occurs in one of the recent game: 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Na1 Bc5 18.Rg2 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Nf4 20.Rgd2 Qxg5, Bukavshin-Bernadskij, Kirishi 2010, with good counterchances, though ♗d5 is dangerous.] **16.g6!N** [Very good novelty. Earlier met 16.gxf6 Rxf6 (16...Nxf6 17.Nc5! dxc5 18.Qg2+-) 17.Bg5, but 17...Rxf3! (17...d5? 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Qh6 Bf8 20.Qg5+-, Quesada-Ortiz, Capablanca mem 2010) 18.Qe2 Rfxc3 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qxh5 resulted in a draw after 21...Bxb3 22.cxb3 Rxb3+ 23.Ka1 Nc2+ 24.Ka2 Ra3+ 25.Kb2 d5! 26.Rxg7+! Kxg7 27.Qg4+]=] **16...fxe4** [16...h6 17.Bh3± - now there is no g7-g6 move.(17.Bxh6? f4)] **17.gxh7+ Kxh7 18.fxe4 Nf4 19.Be2! d5!?**



[Realizing, that after Bg4 game will be strategically lost, and 19...Qd7 is impossible due 20.Nc5, Nedilko decided to throw oneself into whirl of complications.] **20.exd5!**? [Planned 20.Bg4 was at least not weaker – 20...Bxg4 21.Rxg4 dxe4 (21...d4 22.Bxf4 Rxf4 23.Rxf4 Bg5 24.Nxd4+-) 22.Bxf4 Rxf4 23.Qg2!, but maybe Zhigalko was fascinated by the following idea.] **20...Bf5 21.Bxf4!** [That's it – White sacrifices the queen for the 3 pieces. 21.Na1?, like in Bukavshin–Bernadskij, meets 21...Rxc3 22.bxc3 Nbx d5] **21...Bxc2+ 22.Qxc2+ Nxc2 23.Bd3+ Kh8 24.Bxe5 Na3+ To ruin "a haircut" at parting. 25.bxa3 Bf6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Rc1!** Otherwise  $\Delta$ d5 may lost – now it's destined to be a driving force. **27...Rf3 28.Rgd1**



**28...g6?** [Strange move. 28...Qe7!?, counting on 29.Nd4 Qxa3! 30.Nxf3 Qb3+

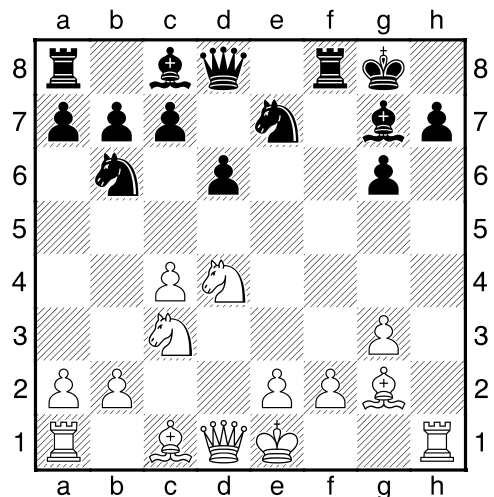
31.Ka1 Rxc3 32.Rxc3 Qxc3+ 33.Ka2 Qc5 – although 29.Kb2 Qe5 keeps an edge for White.] **29.Nd4! Rh3 30.Ndb5**  $\Delta$  occupies a perfect place here, protecting the king and supporting  $\Delta$ d5. **30...Rxh2 31.Bxg6 Qf6 32.Bd3 Qf3 33.d6** Pawn just goes forward – Black's position is lost. **33...Qg4 34.Be4 Qe6 35.Bd5 Qf5+ 36.Be4 Qe6 37.Rd5 Rf8 38.d7 Rd8 39.Rcd1 Qf6 40.Bf5 Qh4 41.R5d2** [41.Nd6! Qf2 42.R1d2 Qe1+ 43.Kc2 wins right now, but Zhigalko chooses to exchange rooks for safety.] **41...Rxd2 42.Rxd2 Qg5 43.Rd5 Kg7 44.Nd4 Qg1+ 45.Kb2 Kf6 46.Rd6+ Ke7 47.Re6+ Kf7** [Victory is achieved mathematically: 47...Kf8 48.Rf6+ Kg7 (48...Ke7 49.Nd5#) 49.Rg6+ Qxg6 50.Bxg6 Kxg6 51.Ne6!+-] **48.Bg6+ 1-0**

**(03) Mastrovasilis, Athanasios (2547) - Nisipeanu, Liviu-Dieter (2673) [A40]**

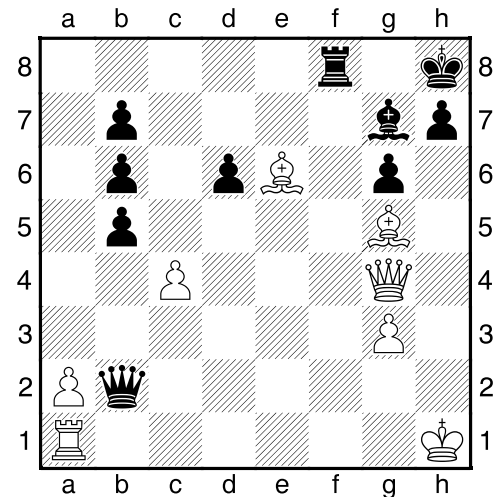
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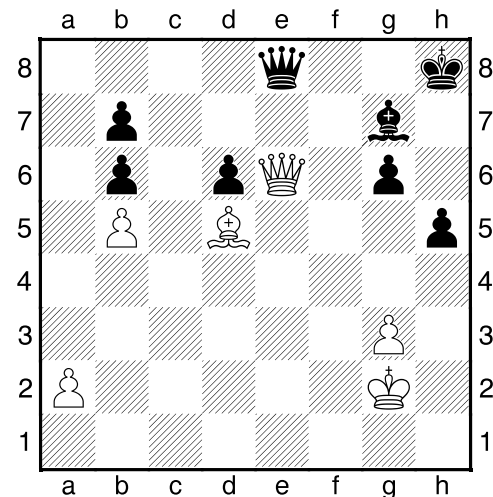
**1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.g3 Nd7 5.Bg2 e5 6.Nc3 Ne7** [In contrast to common 6...Ngf6, Black puts own  $\Delta$  at e7, in order to ease f7–f5 advancement and not to shut down bishop g7.] **7.h4!?** Using absence of  $\Delta$ f6, White is threatening by h4–h5. [7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 is regarded as main line.] **7...exd4** [Nisipeanu doesn't afraid of  $\Delta$ h raid. Another initiator of this system, Azmaiparashvili, applied 7...h6, meaning 8.h5 g5] **8.Nxd4 0-0 9.h5 Nb6 10.hxg6 fxg6**



**11.Bg5N** [Looks logical, but 11.Bh6!, which occurred in game of little-known chessplayers, seems stronger: 11...Bxh6 12.Rxh6 Nxc4 (12...Rxf2 13.Bf3!) 13.Qb3, having in mind fantastic 13...Kg7 14.Qxc4 Kxh6 15.Bxb7!! Bxb7 16.Ne6+–] **11...Qe8 12.Ndb5 Qf7!** Without this move Black would face serious problems – now he manages to defend ♖c7. **13.0-0 Nf5** [13...h6 14.Be3! Nf5? 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Bd5+–] **14.Nd5?!** [After best 14.e4! Black may choose between 14...a6 15.Nxc7 Qxc7 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Rae1 and 14...Nh6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 – in both cases White has an advantage.] **14...c6!** And again almost the only move. Now Black is trying to intercept an initiative. **15.e4** [15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Nxd6 Nxd6 17.Qxd6 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Ba3!±] **15...cxb5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Re1** [Nothing spoils yet, but 18.Qxd6 Be6 19.cxb5 Bxb2 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Qxe6+ Qf7 with total exchanges would be more reasonable.] **18...Rae8 19.Bd5?!** [19.Qxd6 Be6 20.Qxb6 Bxc4 21.Rxe8 still holds equality. Now things are getting worse.] **19...Be6 20.Rxe6 Rxe6 21.Qg4** This pin, apparently, was the main hope of Mastrovasilis. **21...Qxf2+!?** [Nisipeanu takes a chance. 21...Rfe8 guarantees an extra pawn for Black, which, however, is difficult to convert into winning.] **22.Kh1 Kh8 23.Bxe6** [Of course, ♗g3 is undesirable to be given away, but 23.Qxe6 Qxg3 24.Rg1 Qf2 25.cxb5 Be5 26.Qh3! allows to refute an attack and to remain with piece up.] **23...Qxb2**



**24.Rd1?** [Chances to err were 50/50... thus, 24.Re1? also loses – 24...Rf2 25.Qh3 Qc3+; 24.Rg1 (24.Rc1 almost the same) 24...Rf2 25.Qh4! (25.Qh3 Qe5) 25...Qe2 26.Bd5 bxc4 27.Bf4 Qe8 28.Rg2 with dynamic equilibrium.] **24...Rf2** Because of mate threat White has to return a bishop. **25.Bd2** [25.Qh4 Qe2 26.Kg1 Rh2!–+] **25...Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Qxd2 27.Bd5 Qe1+!** Queen comes back to defend. **28.Kg2 Qe8 29.cxb5 h5 30.Qe6**



Taking into consideration drawish tendencies of opposite-colored bishops end-games, White offers a queen's exchange. Still, there wasn't another worthy choice. **30...Qxe6 31.Bxe6 Bc3 32.Kf3 Kg7 33.Bd5 Kf6 34.Bxb7 Ke5 35.Be4 g5** Preparing to create another passed ♖. **36.Bc6 d5 37.Be8 h4 38.gxh4 gxh4** Without



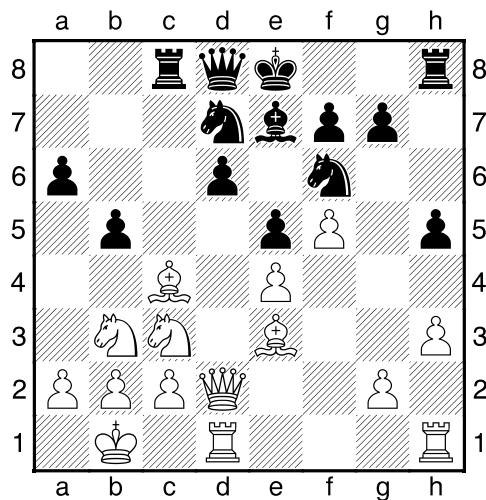
pawns "a" and "b" it would be a dead draw – bishop on c6, king on e2 and White simply "holds a zone". But now Black can easily to exchange two passers for white bishop, and then ♖b6 decides a game. **39.Bd7 d4 40.Ke2 Ke4 41.Bc6+ Kf4 42.Bd5 Kg3 43.Be4 h3 44.a4 h2 45.Bd5 Ba5** Last preparatory move before implementation of mentioned plan. **46.Bh1 d3+ 47.Kxd3 Kf2 0-1**

**(04) Gharamian, Tigran (2650) - Esen, Baris (2528) [B90]**

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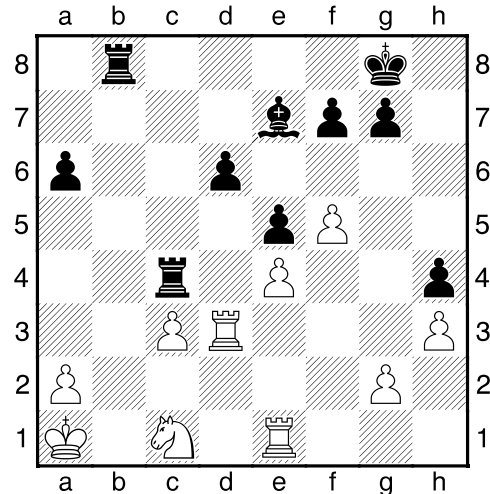
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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0** [White desists from 9.f3 to advance ♗f2 a little bit further.] **9...Be7 10.f4 b5** [10...Ng4 11.g3 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 b5 – Nisipeanu-Van Wely, CZM 07/2008] **11.Kb1 Rc8** [11...b4 12.Nd5 Nxe4 13.Qxb4 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Nef6 15.Ra5±] **12.h3 h5 13.f5 Bc4 14.Bxc4N**

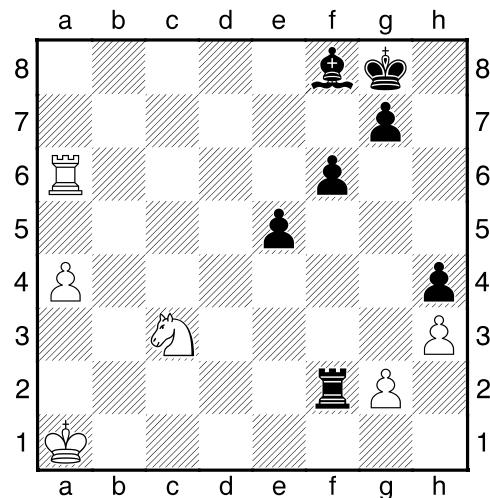


[Perhaps, White was not pleased with game's flow after 14.Bd3 h4 15.Rhe1 Nb6 16.Qf2 Na4 17.Nxa4 bxa4 18.Bb6 Qd7 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Na5, Forsaa-Aveskulov, Cappelle 2008, and now was worth to choose 20...Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Nxe4 22.Qf3 d5 23.c4 Ng5±] **14...bxc4 15.Nc1 h4 16.Rhe1?! Rb8** Truth to tell, now Black has a dangerous plan of pressure on ♗b2: Qc7-b7, and so on. **17.Bg5 Qb6 18.b3 Qc6** In view of raid a5-a4, White decided

to simplify the game by exchanges. **19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Qxd5 Qc7!** Of course, even if swap the queens, then on Black's own conditions. **22.Ka1 0-0** [It was possible to continue an attack by means of 22...cxb3 23.cxb3 0-0, but Esen rightly thought that endgame is favourable for him.] **23.Qxc4 Qxc4 24.bxc4 Rfc8 25.Rd3 Rxc4 26.c3**



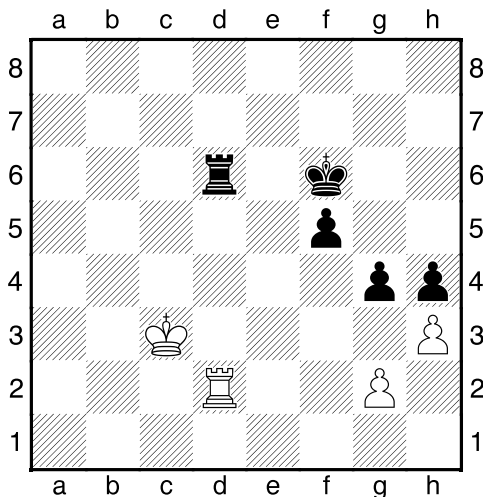
**26...d5!** Now bishop e7 is revived. **27.Rxd5** [27.exd5 e4 28.Rde3 Bf6! 29.Ne2 Bg5-+] **27...Rxc3 28.Nd3 f6 29.Rc1?!** [Rc2 was threatening, and 29.Re2 is not a solution – 29...Ba3!; but 29.Rb1 Rxb1+ 30.Kxb1 was a little more correct.] **29...Rxc1+ 30.Nxc1 Rb4+ 31.Rd7 Bf8 32.Ne2 Rxe4 33.Nc3 Rf4 34.Ra7 Rxf5 35.Rxa6 Rf2 36.a4**



Passed pawn "a" – the only thing, which retains White from immediate capitula-

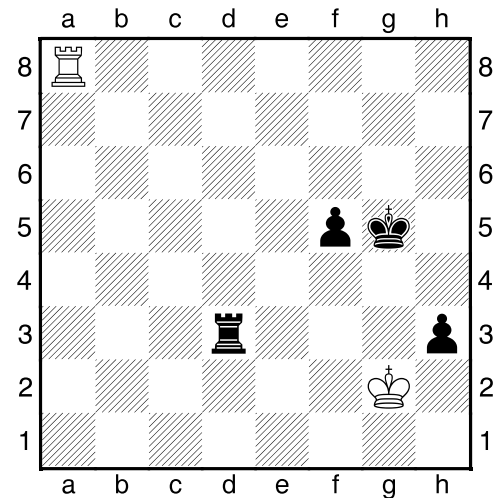


tion. **36...Bc5** [There was no reason to refuse from elimination of kingside: 36...Rxc3 37.Ra8 Rg3 38.Kb2 Rxc3 39.a5 Rd3 40.a6 Rd6+, and ♖a6 is neutralized.] **37.Rc6 Bd4 38.Kb1 f5?** [And this is a mistake – 38...Rxc3 was the best again, and bishop can be "exchanged" for the ♖a6, because 4 pawns will prevail the knight.] **39.Nb5! Rb2+** [Now some problems emerge: 39...Rxc3 40.Nxd4 exd4 41.a5 Rg3 42.Kb2!; 39...Be3 40.Rc2!] **40.Kc1 Rb4** [The lion's share of advantage is dissipated; 40...Rxc3, for the third time, should be preferred.] **41.Nxd4 Rxd4 42.Rc5?!** [Black's task would be much harder in case of 42.a5] **42...Rxa4 43.Rxe5 g6** [43...Ra2 44.Rxf5 Rxc3 45.Rf1 Rg3 (only not 45...g5 46.Kd1 g4 47.Ke1 gxc3 48.Rf2!!, and this is draw!) 46.Rh1 Kf7, and king just goes forward.] **44.Re2 Kf7** Anyway, endgame is incredibly difficult – white king stuck on the queenside. **45.Rb2** [45.Kd2 Ra2+] **45...Rd4 46.Re2 Kf6 47.Kc2 Kg5 48.Kc3 Rd1 49.Rf2** Being an obstacle to the black king, but now Esen switches to a plan g6–g5–g4. **49...Kf6 50.Re2 Rd6 51.Kc2 g5 52.Kc3 g4 53.Rd2**



**53...Ra6?** [Unbelievable! 53...Rxd2 54.Kxd2 gxc3 (54...g3 wins also) 55.gxc3 leads to theoretical ending – 55...Ke5 56.Ke3 f4+ 57.Ke2 Ke4 58.Kf2 f3 59.Kf1, and Black wins with help of "triangle": 59...Kf5! 60.Ke1 Ke5 61.Kf1 Ke4+] **54.Kd3 Ra3+? 55.Ke2 gxc3 56.gxc3 Rxc3** Another cult endgame appears –

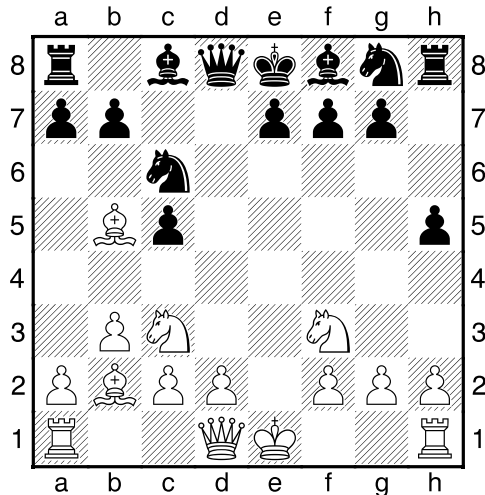
♖+♗f,h vs ♖. And current position evaluates as a drawn one, though defence is not the simplest. **57.Rd8 Kg5 58.Kf2** [58.Rd4!]=] **58...Kg4! 59.Kg2 Ra3** [59...Rg3+! 60.Kf2 (60.Kh2 Ra3 61.Rg8+ Kf3 62.Rh8 f4+) 60...Rf3+ 61.Kg2 h3+ 62.Kg1 Rf4!-+, but how to perform such peculiarities in time-trouble conditions?!] **60.Rg8+! Kf4 61.Rb8 Re3** [61...Ra2+ 62.Kh3=] **62.Rb4+ Kg5 63.Rb8 Rd3 64.Ra8** White's ready to disturb black king with horizontal checks. **64...h3+**



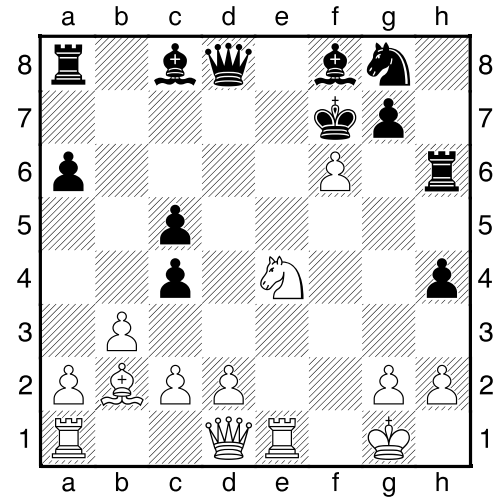
**65.Kf2** [65.Kh2, keeping king close to the most advanced ♗, is more correct (according to Dvoretsky endgame's book).] **65...f4 66.Rf8?** [66.Rg8+ seems plainer: 66...Kf5 67.Rf8+ Ke5 68.Re8+...] **66...Re3?** [66...Rd6! 67.Ra8 (in order to have 67.Rg8+ Rg6) 67...Rh6! 68.Kg1 f3! 69.Rf8 Kg4 70.Rg8+ Kf5 71.Rf8+ Rf6 72.Rh8 Rg6+ and Kg4+] **67.Rg8+ Kh4 68.Rh8+ Kg4 69.Rg8+ Kf5 70.Rg7 Ke4 71.Ra7 Rd3 72.Ra8?** [72.Re7+!]=] **72...Rb3?** [72...Rd2+ 73.Kg1 Rd1+ 74.Kh2 f3!-+] **73.Ra7? f3? 74.Re7+ Kf4** In this dead-draw position, our game suddenly stops; maybe, time-forfeit? Anyway, this duel is an excellent appeal to abstain from zeitnot... and to study endings! **0-1**

**(05) Paichadze, Luka (2487) - Savchenko, Boris (2616) [B20]**  
12th ch-EUR Aix-les-Bains FRA (2.54),  
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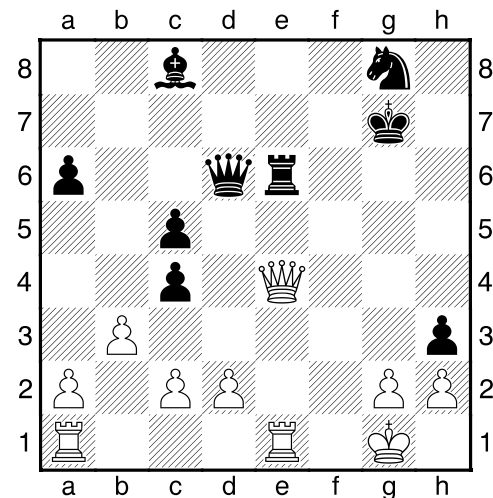
**1.e4 c5 2.b3 h5?!N** Such thing is the ordinary event, let's say, in the yard chess, but in European championship... Even Morozovich didn't permit oneself something like this! **3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nf3 d5** But besides eccentricity of Savchenko's style, there may be a psychological approach. 2...h5 – is the challenge for White, he take an obligation to disprove it at any cost. **5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qd8 7.Bb5**



**7...Rh6!?** As it turned out, 2...h5 has some sense – ♖h6 prevents to pawn structure's impairment. **8.0-0 a6 9.Bxc6+ Rxc6 10.Ne5 Rh6 11.Ne4** [Good move, but perhaps it was stronger after 11.Qf3 Nf6 – now 12.Ne4, in addition to ♗c5, attacks the f7 one (Ng5).] **11...f6 12.Nc4 h4!** Yet another profit from multi-purpose move 2...h5. **13.Re1** [13.Nxc5 h3 14.g3? Qd5+] **13...e5** [13...e6 14.d4 cxd4 15.Bxd4] **14.f4!** The most natural and strong move – king e8 feels uncomfortable. **14...b5 15.fxe5!?** [This is spectacular, but humble 15.Ne3 f5 (15...exf4 16.Ng4+-) 16.Nf2 e4 17.d3 Nf6 18.Bxf6, grabbing ♗e4, at least not weaker and leaves much less chances for Black.] **15...bxc4 16.exf6 Kf7**



**16...gxf6 17.Nd6+ Kd7 18.Nf7+-] 17.fxf7?** [17.Qf3 is not so clear – 17...gxf6 18.Ng5+ Kg6 19.Qxa8 Kxg5!4 (19...fxg5 20.Re6+); 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.Re8!! seems lethal, but 18...Qd5! (18...Qxe8 19.f7) 19.Rxf8 Nxf6 20.Nf3 Bb7 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.bxc4 Qe4 keeps some questions, though White is much better. But immediate victory is not visible.] **17...Bxg7 18.Qf3+ Kg6! [Apparently, White relies on 18...Nf6? 19.Nxf6 Bxf6 20.Bxf6] 19.Nd6** [Seeing 19.Rf1 Ra7!, Paichadze decides to destroy ♗a8.] **19...Qxd6 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qxa8 h3!!** Now Savchenko launches a counter-offensive. **22.Qe4** [22.Qxc8 Qd4+ 23.Kh1 hxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qxd2+ with mate.] **22...Re6!**



**23.Qxc4?** [Final mistake. Only 23.Qf3 Rg6 24.g3 enables to resist.] **23...Qxd2 24.Qf1**

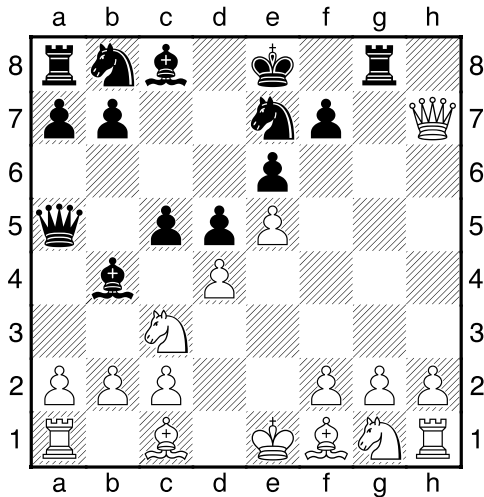
**Rg6 25.Qf3** [25.g3 Rxc3+! 26.hxc3 h2+ 27.Kh1 Bb7+] **25...Rxc3+ 26.Kf1** [26.Kh1 Qd6] **26...Rg4 27.Re4 Qg2+ 28.Qxc3 hxc3+ 29.Kf2 Rxe4** Two extra pieces – quite enough for the surrender, isn't it? But how it's can be thinkable after 2...h5?! **30.Rg1 Nf6 31.Rxc3+ Rg4 32.Rxc3+ Bxc3 33.Ke3 Bf5 34.c3 Nd5+ 35.Kd2 Kf6 36.a3 Ke5 37.c4 Nf4 38.b4 Kd4 39.b5 axb5 40.cxb5 c4** In fact, Savchenko won this game against strong opponent only by own ♖h8 and pawns... Such things are not often to be seen! **0-1**

**(06) Carlsen, M (2815) - Ivanchuk, V (2779) [C17]**

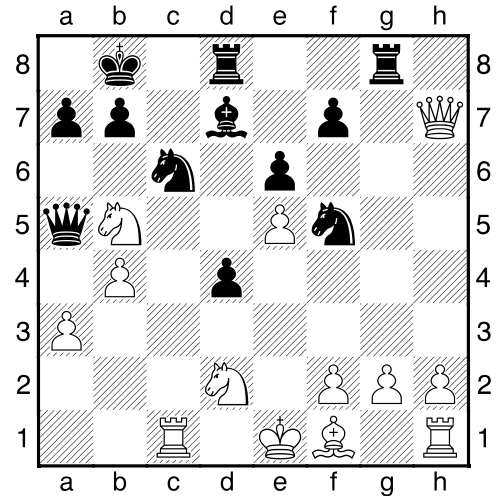
20th Amber Rapid Monaco MNC (5), 17.03.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]

Amber tournament started poorly for Ivanchuk. And what the best way to overcome the situation? Of course, to beat the "inconvenient" opponent! Somebody, like Carlsen, although he is "inconvenient" to almost anyone. **1.e4 e6** French Defence. "When Ivanchuk applies it, he usually loses" (c) Ponomarev; truth to say, he beats Kasparov once with it. **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4** Not very popular system, which, however, was mentioned in recent John Watson's book "The French: Dangerous Weapons". **5...Ne7 6.Qxc7** [Watson recommends 6.dxc5 Nbc6 7.Qxc7 Rg8 8.Qxh7 d4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Rb1 dxc3 11.Be3!] **6...Rg8 7.Qxh7 Qa5!?N**



[New word in this variation. Earlier met 7...cxd4 8.a3 Qa5 9.axb4 (9.Rb1? dxc3 10.axb4 Qa2) 9...Qxa1 10.Nce2 Nbc6 11.Nf3, and now 11...d3! 12.Qxd3 Nxb4 – Black prevails.] **8.Bd2 cxd4 9.Nb1 Nbc6 10.Nf3 Bd7** Black is ready for the fast development – 0-0-0, and so on. Meanwhile white king stuck in the center – threat to the ♕g2 tells upon. **11.a3?** [Blank move. Worth to prefer 11.g3 0-0-0 12.Bd3, with approximate line 12...Ng6 13.Bxc6 Rh8 (13...fxg6 14.0-0) 14.Qxf7 Rdf8 15.Qg7 Rhg8 16.Qh7 Rh8=] **11...0-0-0 12.c3** It was more appropriate one move ago. [12.Qxf7 Ng6 13.h4 Bxd2+ 14.Nbxd2 Qc7!≠] **12...dxc3 13.Nxc3 d4!** Not granting any respite for the White. **14.Nb5 Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Nf5!** [Ivanchuk cuts off queen h7 in order to avoid variation 15...Nxe5 16.Qc2+ Kb8 17.Qc5, even if 17...Nd5! 18.b4 (18.Qxd4 Nf3+! 19.gxf3 Bxb5) 18...Qa6 still keeps an edge for him.] **16.Rc1 Kb8 17.b4**



**17...Qa6** [17...Qa4 was good too – 18.Ne4, and now Black has three equally strong answers: 18...Qb3 a) 18...Nxb4!? 19.Nc5 Nc2+ 20.Rxc2 Qxc2 21.Nxd7+ Ka8 22.Bd3! Qc6! (22...Qxd3?? 23.Nc7#) 23.Qxf7 Rc8!-+; b) 18...b6 19.Nf6 Nxe5 20.Nxd7+ Nxd7 21.Qxf7 Rc8-+; 19.Nc5 Qd5 – the simplest.] **18.Qh3 Nxe5 19.Nxd4 Qd6 20.N4b3 Bc6 21.Rg1 Bd5** [Effective 21...Bf3!! wins at once – 22.Nxf3 Rh8] **22.Qc3 Bxb3?!** [There is no need in this exchange – 22...Nh4 better.] **23.Nxb3**

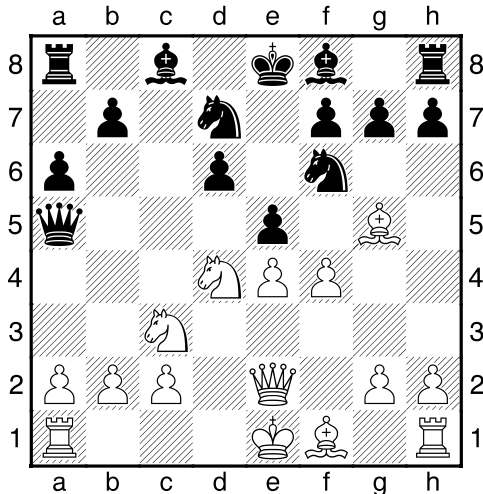
**Nh4 24.Be2 Nxg2+ 25.Kf1 Nf4 26.Qe3?** [26.Rxg8 Rxg8 27.Qc5 (this move is impossible under bishop d5) 27...Qxc5 28.Rxc5 f6, and victory will require a lot of efforts.] **26...Rxg1+ 27.Kxg1 Qd5 28.Bg4 Qg2#** This is the only Carlsen's defeat in "rapid" part of Amber... **0-1**

**(07) Miroshnichenko,E (2670) - Nyzhnyk,I (2563) [B94]**

MP Reykjavik Open Reykjavik ISL (8.6), 15.03.2011

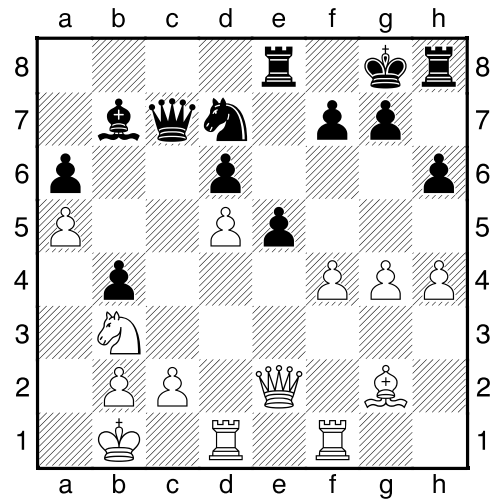
[IM Polivanov, A]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7** Quite fashionable system nowadays. For those who wish to find out more, it's worth to examine articles "Najdorf Masterkey" written by grandmaster Alexei Kuzmin in russian magazine "64" N03, 04/2010. **7.Qe2 Qa5 8.f4 e5!?N**



Kuzmin explains, that Qe2 – is a claim for quick attack like e4–e5 or g2–g4, so 8...e5 cools White's ardor. **9.Nb3 Qc7 10.g4** As e4–e5 is impossible, White made this move. **10...b5 11.Bg2** [Square d5 can't be occupied by white ♘: 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 b4! 13.Nb5 axb5 14.gxf6 gxf6 15.Qxb5+ Bd7, and Black hasn't even a shadow of problems.] **11...Bb7** [11...Be7? 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.g5 b4 14.gxf6 bxc3 15.fxe7+-] **12.a4** Trying to justify queen e2, Miroshnichenko opens "e"-file. **12...b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5** [13...Bxd5 14.exd5 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bh4!] **14.exd5** Now Black faces the trouble – how does he castle? **14...h6**

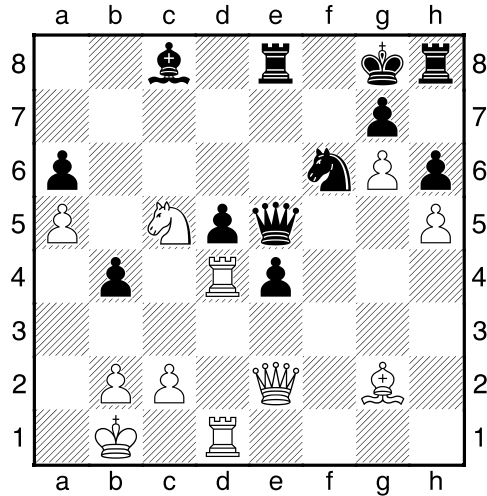
[14...f6?! 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Be3 Bd6 17.Be4!] **15.Bh4 Be7?!** [Direct solution – Nyzhnyk wants to hide own king even by the cost of losing castle. But it takes a lot of time. Standard advancement in Najdorf 15...g5!? 16.fxg5 (16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Bg3 Bg7 – ♘e5 is too strong) 16...Be7 17.0-0-0 Bxg5+ 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Qd2, probably, in White's favour, but still playable.] **16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.0-0-0 Rac8** Black decides to leave ♜ on h8 in the event of pawn assault (h4, f5, g5). **18.Kb1** [18.Nd4!? Rhe8 19.Rhf1! with idea 19...Kf8? 20.fxe5 Rxe5 21.Qxe5+-] **18...Kf8 19.Rhf1 Kg8 20.h4 Re8 21.a5!?**



[Seems to be a slow move – and maybe that's right, because it was good to choose immediate 21.Rd4! a5 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Qb5 Ra8 24.Re1±, counting on 24...Kh7? 25.Rxe5! dxe5 26.d6 Qb8 27.Bxb7 exd4 28.Qf5+ Kg8 29.Bxa8 Qxa8 30.d7+-; preventive 21.g5 also interesting.] **21...Nf6 22.f5!?** [Another way – 22.g5 exf4 23.Qd2 hxg5 24.hxg5 Nh5 25.Rfe1!, and it's hard for Black to get pieces' coordination straight.] **22...e4** Rounding ♗d5 up. **23.g5** White's intention is becoming clear – to construct "a prison" for king g8 and ♜h8. **23...Nxd5** [23...hxg5 24.hxg5 Nxd5 25.Rh1→] **24.g6 Nf6** [24...h5!?] **25.h5 d5 26.Rd4 Qe7 27.Rfd1 fxg6?** [27...Bc8 was better – now diagonal a2–g8 can be used in White's interests.] **28.fxg6** [Sure, no need to give an opportunity for Black to free oneself: 28.hxg6 h5] **28...Qe5?** Letting



♘b3 to enter the game is fraught with insoluble difficulties. **29.Nc5 Bc8**



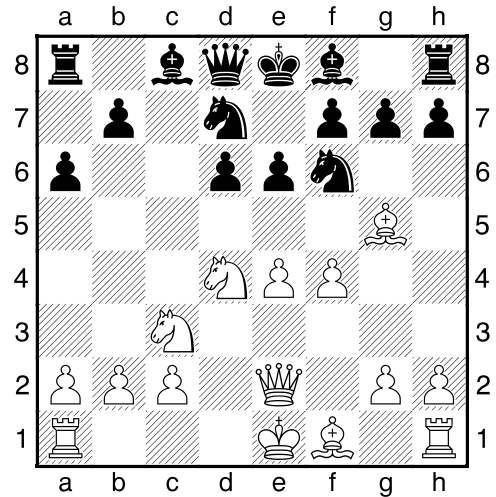
**30.Rxd5?** [Unfortunately, Miroshnichenko missed **30.Bxe4!!** dxe4 (**30...Bg4 31.Qxg4!**) **31.Rxe4!** Nxe4 **32.Qc4+** Be6 **33.Nxe6** Nd6 **34.Rxd6+-** – that would be a masterpiece.] **30...Nxd5 31.Qc4 Qxh5!** [31...Rd8 **32.Nd7!!**] **32.Rxd5 Qxg6** In fact, discovered check gives White nothing. **33.Bxe4?** [Being dissatisfied with course of events, White made a final error – after **33.Re5+** Kf8 (**33...Kh7 34.Bxe4 Rxe5 35.Bxg6+ Kxg6 36.Qxb4**) **34.Rxe4!** Rxe4! (**34...Qxg2 35.Rf4+ Ke7 36.Nxa6**, and black king in danger) **35.Bxe4 Qd6** all struggle lie ahead (though Black's chances are higher).] **33...Rxe4 34.Nxe4 Be6 35.Nc5** White is resigned, not awaiting till Black's obvious reply **35...Bxd5 36.Qxd5 Kh7-+ 0-1**

**(08) Robson,R (2522) - Chirila,I (2513) [B96]**

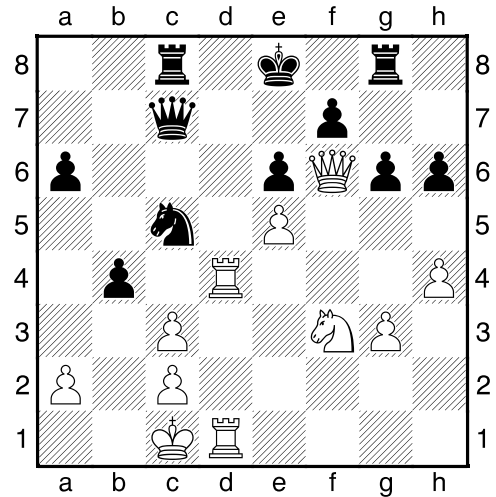
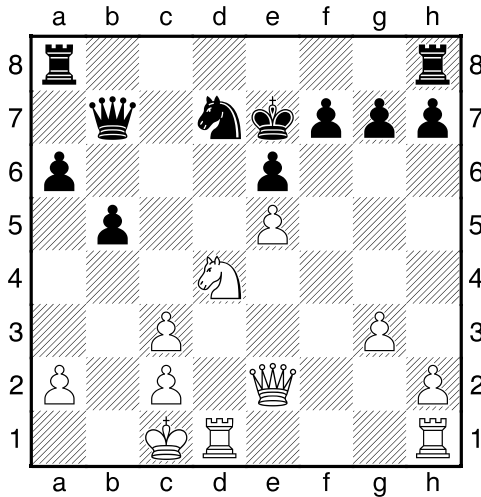
UT Dallas GM Invitational Richardson USA (8), 17.03.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2!?**



This move makes sense especially after **7...Nbd7**, because **7...Qc7 8.Qe2** is considered not the best in view **8...Nc6!** Now that's another story. **8...Qc7 9.0-0 Be7** [9...b5! **10.a3 (10.g3?! b4 11.Nd5 exd5 12.exd5+ Be7 13.Nf5 Nc5! 14.Nxg7+ Kd8**) **10...Bb7 11.g4 Be7 12.Bg2 Qc4!** Alekseev–Karjakin, World Cup 2007] **10.g3 b5** Otherwise this standard move will be difficult to be made after **Bg2 11.Bg2 Bb7?!** [Too slow. Only brave can catch the luck: **11...b4!?** **12.Nd5?!** (**12.e5 bxc3 13.Bxa8 Qb8**) **12...exd5 13.Nf5 h6!**, Kotsur–Peregudov, Tomsk 2008] **12.e5!** Of course, Robson didn't miss the chance to detain the black king. **12...dxe5 13.fxe5** [Stronger, than **13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.fxe5 b4!**] **13...Nd5 14.Bxe7 Nxc3** [**14...Nxe7 15.Ndxb5!** axb5 **16.Nxb5 Qb6 (16...Qxe5? 17.Qxe5 Nxe5 18.Nc7+ Kf8 19.Nxa8+-)** **17.Bxb7 Rxa2 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qb5±**] **15.bxc3 Kxe7** [Black struggled in the following game: **15...Bxg2 16.Qxg2 Kxe7 17.Nc6+ Kf8 18.Rhf1 Nb6 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nd8! Re7 21.Rd6 Ke8 22.Rxb6 Qxd8 23.Rxa6 1-0**, Smeets–Van Wely, Wijk aan Zee 2010] **16.Bxb7 Qxb7**



**17.Rhf1N** [Recommended by GM Mihail Marin in annotations to the game from previous line. Frankly speaking, used 17.Qg4 Rag8 18.Rhf1 not worse: 18...Qb6□ (18...Nxe5 19.Rxf7+ Nxf7 20.Qxe6+ Kf8 21.Re1 g6 22.Qf6+-) 19.Qf3! (19.Qf4?!, Alsina-Dominguez, ESP-TCh 2010) 19...Nxe5 20.Qe3 Nd7 21.Nf5+ Ke8 22.Nd6+--] **17...g6** Qh5 was threatened. **18.Qg4** Now we can see, why 10.g3 was played instead of 10.g4. By the way, another threat is on the agenda – sacrifice on f7. **18...Nc5 19.Nf3! h6 20.Rd4?!** [Already by this time White was able to obtain a decisive advantage: 20.Qh4+ g5 21.Qh5 Ne4 22.Nxg5 Nxg5 23.h4+-] **20...Rac8?!** [Chirila wrongly neglects the excellent opportunity to escape by king: 20...Kf8!, for example 21.Rf4 Kg7 22.Nh4 Rhf8 23.Rf6 Qe4!] **21.Qf4** And here check on h4 was powerful. **21...Ke8 22.Rfd1 Qc7 23.Qf6 Rg8?!** [23...Rh7 is more correct, as ♖h6 will be protected now in some lines.] **24.h4** Grabbing some space and as if asking Black, "What are you going to do?". **24...b4?**

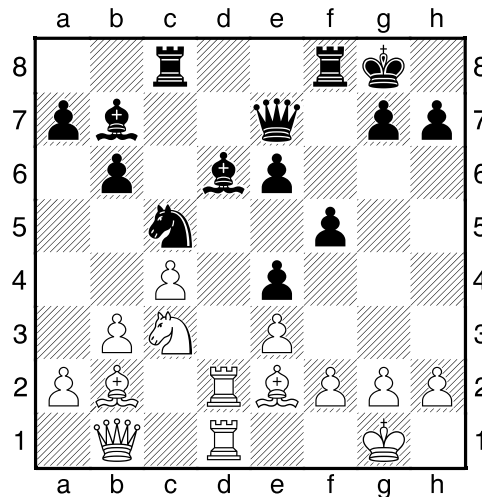
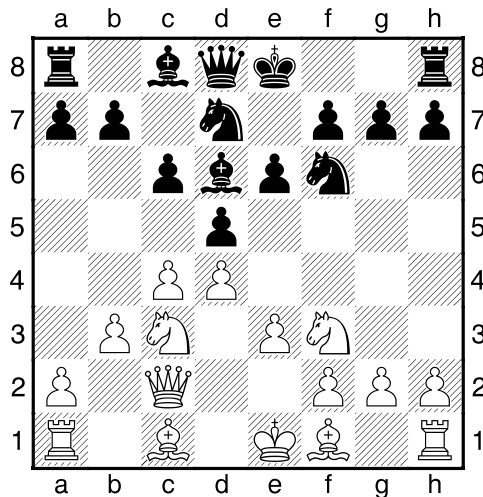
[This activity simply doesn't have starting conditions. It was necessary to continue 24...Qe7 25.c4! (25.Qf4?! Na4) 25...b4 26.Qf4 g5, although Black's position is not the pleasant one.] **25.Nd2!** Robson finds the weak spot – ♘'s route d2–c4–d6 decides the game. **25...Nd7** [25...bxc3 26.Nc4 Nb7 27.Rd7] **26.Rxd7!** [This is the case, when the most beautiful continuation also the strongest. Quiet 26.Qf2 Nxe5 27.Ne4 bxc3 28.Qf4! is weaker: 28...g5 (28...Qa5 29.Ra4!) 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Nf6+ Ke7 (30...Kf8 31.Qxe5) 31.Nxg8+ Rxg8 32.Rd7+ Qxd7 33.Rxd7+ Nxd7 with some drawn chances.] **26...Kxd7** [26...Qxd7 27.Ne4 Qc7 28.Nd6+ Kf8 29.Nxc8] **27.Nc4+ Kc6 28.Qf3+ Kb5** [28...Kc5 29.Rd6!+-] **29.Nd6+ Ka4 30.Qd3!** The final point – ♗c2 is defended now, so there is no obstacles on the way 31.cxb4. **30...Qc6** [30...bxc3 31.Qxa6+ Qa5 32.Rd4+] **31.cxb4 Kxb4 32.Qb3+ 1-0**

**(09) Chuchelov, V (2565) - Shirov, A (2749) [D45]**

Schachbundesliga 2010-11 Mulheim GER (13), 20.03.2011

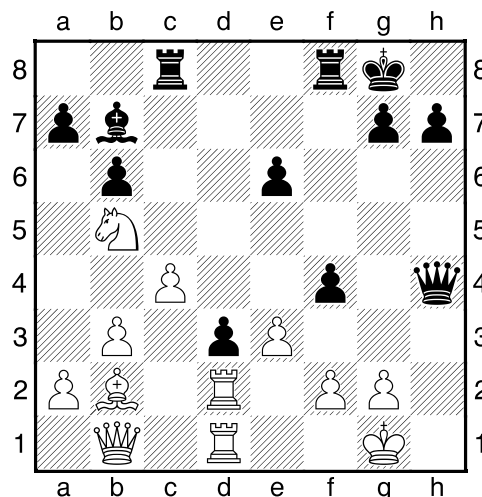
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**1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.b3**



[Anti-Meran System - in order to avoid variation 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.0-0 b5, White intends to take on c4 by ♘. In addition, bishop c1 is going to come out at diagonal a1-h8, fighting against e6-e5.] **7...0-0 8.Be2 b6** [Quite interesting 8...e5!? 9.cxd5 cxd5 (≤9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bb2! Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bb4+ 14.Kf1 Be6 15.Qd3!) 10.Nb5 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 a6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nd4 Bg4!, and if Black is worse, then only a scintilla.] **9.0-0 Bb7 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Rad1** [Preparing queen's departure at b1. Straightforward 11.e4 gives no result: 11...dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qc2 c5 15.dxc5 Rxc5!↗, otherwise Ng5 would be unpleasant.] **11...c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qb1 Qe7** [13...dxc4?! 14.Nb5±] **14.Ng5** 14...dxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxf3 differently. **14...Nfe4!** [Of course, not 14...h6? 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bxf6+–] **15.Ngxe4 dxe4** It's obvious, that opening phase has developed in Black's favour – black bishops b7 and d6 can be very menacing, instead of white ones. **16.Rd2** [Maybe, it's worth to prefer simplifying 16.f4!? exf3 17.Bxf3, for example 17...Bxf3 18.Rxf3 f5 19.e4, very close to equality.] **16...f5!N** [Reinforcement in comparison with 16...Bb8 17.Rfd1 Qg5 18.g3 Qf5 19.Bf1 Nd3?!, Kramnik-Caruana, Wch-blitz 2010, 20.Bxd3 exd3 21.Qxd3 Qf3 22.e4+–] **17.Rfd1**

**17...Bxh2+!** Classical sacrifice in non-classical appearance. **18.Kxh2 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 f4** [That was an idea of 16...f5. Besides, rook's connection doesn't work – 19...Rf6 20.Rd8+ (20.g3 Rg6 21.Bf1 f4→) 20...Rxd8 21.Rxd8+ Kf7 22.g3 Rg6 23.Rd4! e5 24.Rd6!+–] **20.Nb5** [20.exf4? Qxf4 21.Bf1 e3 22.fxe3 Qxe3+ 23.Kh2 Rf6+–] **20...Nd3!** [Maybe, Chuchelov considered sacrifice as "drawish", with further repetition after 20...fxe3 21.fxe3 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Qh4+ (22...Qxe3 23.Rd7!) 23.Kg1 – but not all is so simple.] **21.Bxd3** [21.Rf1? f3 22.Bxd3 Qg4 23.g3 Qh3+–; 21.Bf1? Rc5!] **21...exd3**



[It's hard to estimate from afar consequences of 21...Rc5!? 22.Be2 Rg5, but it seems that in the end of line Black has good chances for the victory – 23.Rd8 Rxd8 24.Kxg2 f3+ 25.Bxf3 exf3+ 26.Kg1

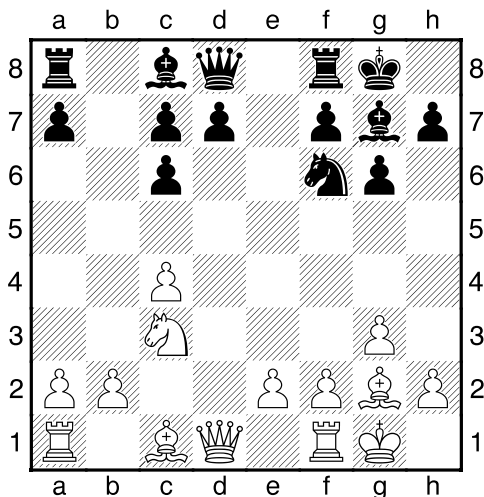
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**(10) Seirawan, Y (2638) - Werle, J (2574) [A29]**

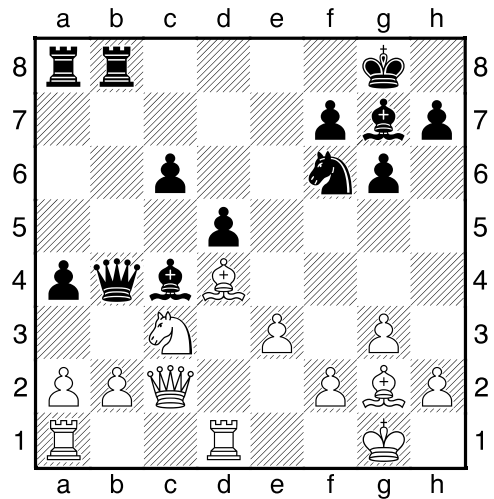
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[IM Polivanov, A]

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 g6** Less popular, than 4...Bb4, 4...d5, 4...Nd4 and 4...Bc5, but also possible. **5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7** [6...Ne5 7.Bf4! Nxc4? 8.e4±] **7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0**

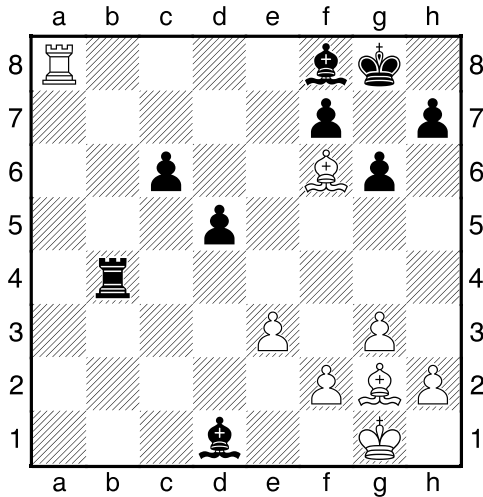


**9...Qe7** [In this system White often attacks ♠c7, as in the next example: 9...Rb8 10.Qa4 a6 11.Qa5 Bb7 12.Bf4 d6 13.c5!!, Psakhis-Bartel, Moscow 2002. Now ♠c7 is threatened immediately.] **10.Bf4 Qb4** For one's turn, Werle wants to grab at c4 or b2. **11.Qb3! N a5!** [Clever retort. Instead of passive 11...Qa5 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Qa3±, Black still wants to catch ♠c4.] **12.Bxc7** [12.Nb5 is parried by 12...Ne8] **12...Ba6 13.Rfd1 Bxc4 14.Qc2 d5 15.Be5** Surely, Seirawan occupying the diagonal a1-h8. **15...Rfe8 16.Bd4 a4** Aimed against b2-b3, and also can be used to fix ♠b2 in case of Reb8. **17.e3 Reb8**

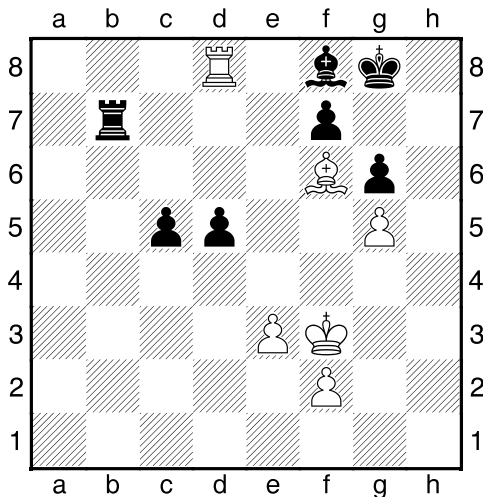


[It would be good for Black to exchange bishop d4, but 17...Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.e4, and ♠d5 will be lost; maybe, this line is able to be improved – 17...Ng4! 18.h3 Ne5 19.f4, and only now 19...Nd7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.e4 Nf6 – Black is OK owing to check from c5.] **18.Nxa4!!** [Of course, White could choose solid 18.Rd2, but instead of this Seirawan finds a fantastic idea.] **18...Rxa4** [18...Qxa4 19.b3 Bxb3 20.axb3 Qb5 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Bh3+-] **19.b3 Rxa2** [There was a last moment "to jump off": 19...Bxb3 20.axb3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Ng4! 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qxc6 d4 24.h3 Nf6, and chances for the draw are excellent.] **20.Qxa2 Bxb3 21.Qd2! Bxd1 22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.Ra8+ Bf8 24.Bxf6**





Now we can see, what Seirawan was having in mind – despite an extra pawn, Black's kingside is sealed. **24...Rb1 25.h3 Bf3+?! Quite dubious intention – Black swapping almost the only active piece of oneself. Maybe, Werle thought, that it would be easier to defend this way. 26.Kh2 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Rb7 28.Rd8 c5 29.g4** Strengthening the bishop f6. **29...Rc7 30.h4 h6 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rb7 33.Kf3**



**33...c4?** This move is equal to surrender. [First path – to wait like 33...Rc7 – sooner or later White will should take on d5. Bishop f8 will be free then, and all comes to rook endgame 3 vs 2 – perhaps, draw. The truth, king can try to reach a square b6 (through a4)...; so, Black should take recourse to the second path – 33...d4!? : 34.e4! (34.exd4 cxd4 35.Bxd4 f6! 36.gxf6 Kf7 looks like draw) 34...Rc7 35.Ke2, and now king goes to c4, and ♖f2 to f5 with zugzwang somewhere. But it's necessary to stress again, that breakup d4 much stronger under king at a4, because e4 doesn't work anymore. So, combined way of defence probably allows Black to be saved.] **34.Ke2 Rc7 35.Kd2 Rb7 36.Kc2 [It was possible to perform 36.Rc8! with king raid to d4 right now – but White's position is so good, that Seirawan decides to be admired by it for a while.] 36...Ra7 37.Kc1 Rb7 38.Rc8 Ra7 39.Kb2 Rb7+ 40.Kc3 Ra7 41.Kd4 Rd7 42.f4!** Excellent picture from American maestro. 1-0

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