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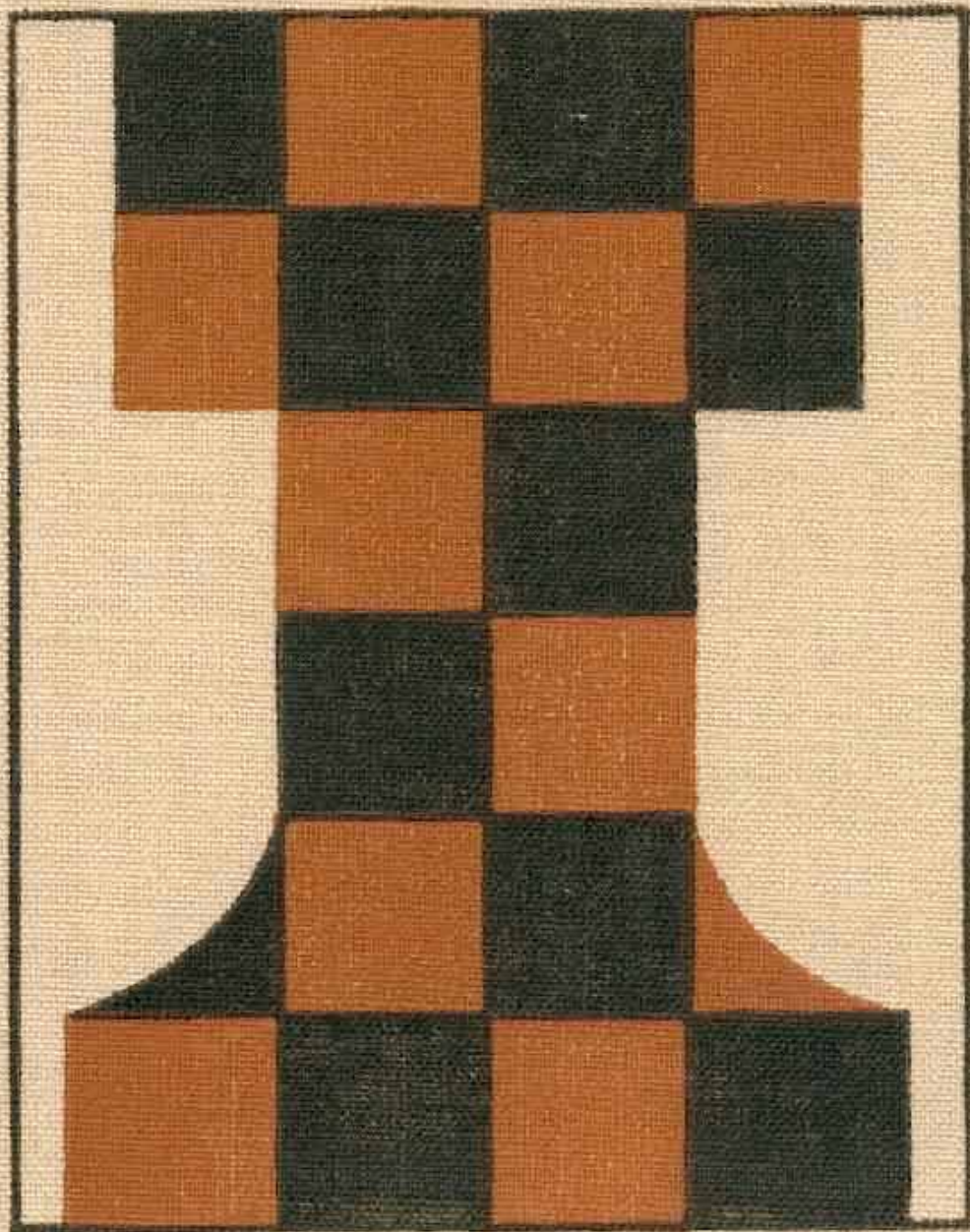


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Future grandmaster leads the game to life with the disease



Chess Federation of the Donetsk region requested to help the boy 11 years old Arkadiy Datsko, who was involved in Chess Club A. Momot in Kramatorsk and was one of the strongest players in Ukraine in its age-old category. Last year, Arkadiy returned home in Izum (Kharkiv region). In October, he found a sarcoma of bone. The father and mother - the disabled persons. There is hope that we can save the life of the boy. The operation requires not less than 40 thousand euros.

In the children's department admitted for treatment of 11-year-old boy Arkadiy. Family Datsko is not usual. The boy's parents disabled by II group (CP). Receive a minimum pension of 70\$. Mom does not work. Dad works at a local factory as a laborer, receives a minimum wage. Total income per month does not exceed 250\$ per month per family. Exemptions from the state did not receive. Mom says that is always treated ourselves. Enough to exist. And now when they learned about the disease, were faced with the fact that there is no money for treatment, given the cost of drugs and surveys.

Arkadiy went to school of Olympic reserve as a gifted child. He receives a scholarship. Engaged in a game of chess. Has 1 grade. He prepared for the category of CM. Took part in the Ukrainian championship chess. And now he is playing with a very complicated subject. At stake is set life.

During the conversation with Arkadiy, we raised the subject of his illness. He is set up to fight in every possible way. The disease began suddenly. Arkady very lively child, and often received bruises and hematomas. About a month ago, a boy badly hit the right foot. Almost unable to walk. At the point of impact a hematoma, and swelling. After X-rays had already been a preliminary diagnosis of osteosarcoma. He was sent to Kiev to confirm the diagnosis and treatment. Arcadia found that a sarcoma, and what kind yet, we still do not know. Boys spent supporting chemotherapy, for the suspension of tumor growth.

We appeal to all not indifferent to support the family, to help financially, morally support, communicate with parents or a boy. He is very willing to contact and happy opportunity to meet new people.

Scanned diagnosis (in Russian):

<http://donchess.org.ua/img/isthvor.jpg>

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News

Russian Team Championships 2010

Sh-Sm64 from Moscow won the Russian Team Championships concluded at Dagomys near Sochi on the Black Sea.



The rather oddly named victorious team scored 16 points from a possible 18, remaining undefeated over nine rounds with St Petersburg second on 14. St Petersburg effectively conceded defeat when the top teams met in the penultimate round as they made little effort over the six boards and the match was drawn 3-3.

The winners were led by the Israeli number one Boris Gelfand but it was Sergei Karjakin and Alexander Riazantsev (at photo) who were the star performers with tournament rating performances of 2889 and 2885 respectively.

	Title	Name	Fed.	FIDE	Team	N	%	Rp	Chg
1	GM	Riazantsev, Alexander	RUS	2660	ShSM-64	7	85	2885	1.70
2	GM	Shariyazdanov, Andrey	RUS	2576	Ural	3	83	2677	0.34
2	GM	Yemelin, Vasily	RUS	2576	SPb Chess Fed	3	83	2677	0.34
4	GM	Karjakin, Sergey	RUS	2725	ShSM-64	7	78	2889	1.40
4	GM	Najer, Evgeniy	RUS	2665	ShSM-64	7	78	2789	1.01
6	GM	Moiseenko, Alexander	UKR	2668	Economist-SGSEU - 1	6	75	2759	0.69
6	GM	Efimenko, Zahar	UKR	2640	SPb Chess Fed	8	75	2797	1.61
8	GM	Motylev, Alexander	RUS	2705	Tomsk-400	8	68	2793	0.95
9	GM	Movsesian, Sergei	SVK	2709	SPb Chess Fed	8	68	2772	0.65
10	GM	Kobalia, Mikhail	RUS	2637	Ural	9	66	2759	1.48
10	GM	Rublevsky, Sergei	RUS	2697	Yugra	9	66	2755	0.69
12	GM	Khenkin, Igor	GER	2597	Etude-Contact	6	66	2819	1.78
12	GM	Roiz, Michael	ISR	2652	Economist-SGSEU - 1	6	66	2656	0.05
12	GM	Savchenko, Boris	RUS	2652	ShSM-64	6	66	2608	-0.26
15	GM	Kabanov, Nikolai	RUS	2516	Yugra	3	66	2530	0.06
16	GM	Wang, Hao	CHN	2715	ShSM-64	7	64	2756	0.42
16	GM	Timofeev, Artyom	RUS	2655	Tomsk-400	7	64	2659	0.14
18	GM	Eljanov, Pavel	UKR	2736	Economist-SGSEU - 1	8	62	2797	0.61
19	GM	Malakhov, Vladimir	RUS	2721	Yugra	8	62	2740	0.18
20	IM	Ponkratov, Pavel	RUS	2593	Ural	9	61	2672	0.98
20	GM	Gabrielian, Artur	RUS	2524	Etude-	9	61	2661	1.68

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22	GM	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	RUS	2656	Ural	9	61	2747	1.16
23	GM	Andreikin, Dmitry	RUS	2645	Economist-SGSEU - 1	5	60	2597	-0.23
24	GM	Gelfand, Boris	ISR	2750	ShSM-64	6	58	2768	0.18
24	GM	Wang, Yue	CHN	2749	Economist-SGSEU - 1	6	58	2758	0.11
26	GM	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	RUS	2701	Economist-SGSEU - 1	7	57	2710	0.13
26	GM	Ni, Hua	CHN	2667	Economist-SGSEU - 1	7	57	2659	-0.04
26	GM	Zvjaginsev, Vadim	RUS	2643	SPb Chess Fed	7	57	2655	0.14
29	GM	Jakovenko, Dmitry	RUS	2725	Yugra	8	56	2703	-0.19
30	GM	Vitiugov, Nikita	RUS	2710	SPb Chess Fed	8	56	2683	-0.23
30	GM	Caruana, Fabiano	ITA	2680	ShSM-64	8	56	2684	0.08
32	GM	Svidler, Peter	RUS	2750	SPb Chess Fed	8	56	2701	-0.48
33	GM	Sjugirov, Sanan	RUS	2602	Yugra	9	55	2635	0.36
34	IM	Matlakov, Maxim	RUS	2600	M.Chigorin Chess Club	9	55	2634	0.38
35	GM	Alekseev, Evgeny	RUS	2700	Economist-SGSEU - 1	9	55	2674	-0.34
36	GM	Ponomariov, Ruslan	UKR	2737	Tomsk-400	7	50	2693	-0.40
37	GM	Bologan, Viktor	MDA	2684	Tomsk-400	8	50	2653	-0.35
38	GM	Ivanchuk, Vassily	UKR	2748	SPb Chess Fed	8	50	2665	-0.86
39	GM	Grischuk, Alexander	RUS	2756	Yugra	8	50	2667	-0.93
40	GM	Potkin, Vladimir	RUS	2606	BelGU	9	50	2649	0.52
40	GM	Inarkiev, Ernesto	RUS	2667	Tomsk-400	7	50	2612	-0.52
40	IM	Levin, Evgeny A.	RUS	2486	M.Chigorin Chess Club	5	50	2520	0.23
40	FM	Sharafiev, Azat	RUS	2439	Economist-SGSEU - 2	5	50	2556	0.75
44	GM	Kurnosov, Igor	RUS	2674	Tomsk-400	6	50	2617	-0.45
44	GM	Khismatullin, Denis	RUS	2657	Tomsk-400	7	50	2589	-0.65
44	GM	Sakaev, Konstantin	RUS	2635	SPb Chess Fed	4	50	2536	-0.54
44	IM	Anisimov, Pavel	RUS	2519	M.Chigorin Chess Club	5	50	2609	0.61

48	GM	Grachev, Boris	RUS	2667	ShSM-64	6	50	2597	-0.55
48	IM	Pridorozhni, Aleksei	RUS	2555	Yugra	2	50	2530	-0.07
50	GM	Novikov, Stanislav	RUS	2552	Economist-SGSEU - 2	9	44	2599	0.59
51	GM	Lysyj, Igor	RUS	2615	Ural	9	44	2578	-0.42
52	GM	Belov, Vladimir	RUS	2619	Ural	8	43	2629	0.06
52	GM	Chadaev, Nikolai	RUS	2562	Etude-Contact	8	43	2596	0.33
54	GM	Shimanov, Aleksandr	RUS	2553	M.Chigorin Chess Club	7	42	2545	-0.09
55	GM	Popov, Valerij	RUS	2585	M.Chigorin Chess Club	7	42	2577	-0.10
55	GM	Iljushin, Alexei	RUS	2532	Economist-SGSEU - 2	7	42	2541	0.06
57	GM	Dyachkov, Sergej	RUS	2573	Economist-SGSEU - 2	7	42	2560	-0.15
58	IM	Chernobay, Artem	RUS	2427	Etude-Contact	6	41	2492	0.43
59	IM	Krylov, Mikhail	RUS	2530	Etude-Contact	9	38	2531	-0.02
60	GM	Rakhmanov, Aleksandr	RUS	2584	Etude-Contact	8	37	2557	-0.35
61	GM	Khairullin, Ildar	RUS	2617	M.Chigorin Chess Club	8	37	2608	-0.16
61	IM	Papin, Vasily	RUS	2532	Etude-Contact	8	37	2540	0.01
61	GM	Amonatov, Farrukh	TJK	2637	Tomsk-400	4	37	2445	-1.06
64	GM	Romanov, Evgeny	RUS	2600	M.Chigorin Chess Club	7	35	2552	-0.49
65	GM	Ionov, Sergey	RUS	2548	M.Chigorin Chess Club	6	33	2473	-0.59
65	GM	Bryzgalin, Kirill	RUS	2506	BelGU	9	33	2468	-0.43
67	GM	Landa, Konstantin	RUS	2635	Yugra	7	28	2452	-1.73
67	GM	Deviatkin, Andrei	RUS	2587	Ural	7	28	2447	-1.33
69	GM	Kovchan, Alexander	UKR	2595	Economist-SGSEU - 2	9	27	2507	-1.08
69	GM	Panarin, Mikhail	RUS	2532	BelGU	9	27	2454	-0.94
71	GM	Gasanov, Eldar	UKR	2514	BelGU	9	22	2405	-1.18
72	GM	Evdokimov, Alexander A.	RUS	2564	Economist-	9	16	2394	-

					SGSEU - 2				1.76
73	IM	Lushenkov, Mikhail	RUS	2469	Economist-SGSEU - 2	4	12	2244	-0.98
73	FM	Shukh, Nikolai	RUS	2466	Economist-SGSEU - 2	4	12	2295	-0.70
75	GM	Ivanov, Alexander Al.	RUS	2481	BelGU	9	11	2327	-1.27
75	FM	Uzhva, Andrey	RUS	2320	BelGU	9	11	2201	-0.97

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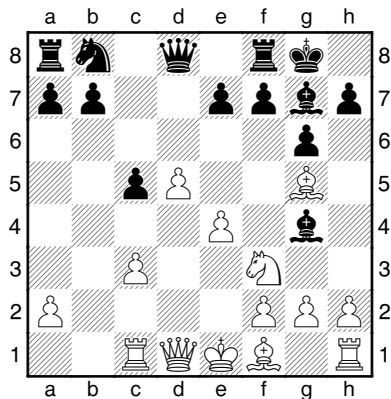
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(01) Gyimesi,Zoltan (2584) - Mikhalevski,Victor (2607) [D85]

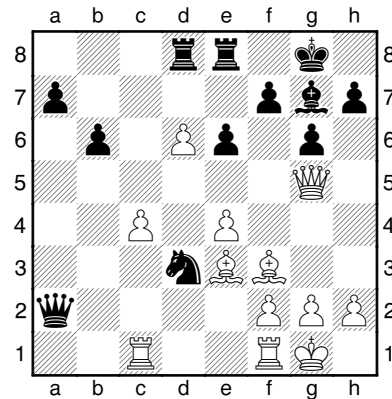
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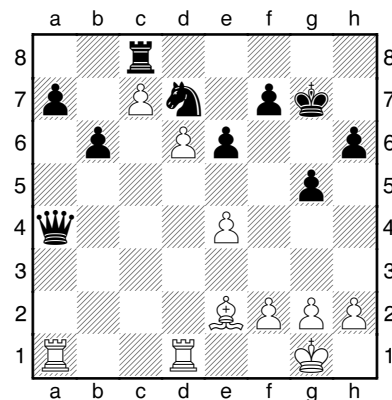
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bg5!? This popular nowadays variation was put into use in 2004 by Ukrainian grandmaster Yury Kruppa. Bishop at g5 doesn't control the center, but stands more active than at e3, and attacks pawn e7. 7...c5 8.Rc1 0-0 [8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bxd4? 10.Rxc8] 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5



10...Qa5 [10...f5!? is an interesting effort, but 11.Qb3 Kh8 12.Nd2! calls all this building into question.] **11.Qd2 e6 12.c4 Qa3** [12...Qxd2+? would be a mistake, as after 13.Nxd2 there are some problems with bishop g4.] **13.Be2 Na6!N** Quite ideological novelty – Black is simply going for pawn a2. **14.0-0 Nb4 15.Be7** [Seems like a double strike, but there is some surprise for White. Maybe, 15.Rb1!? is worth to be recommended.] **15...Qxa2! 16.Qg5?!** Gyimesi is somewhat perplexed. [As it turned out, after 16.Bxf8 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 Bxe2 18.Rfe1 Nd3 Black is in perfect order; 16.Qf4! was a little bit more exact, because queen can take in case of Bxf3.] **16...Rfe8 17.Bxc5** [17.d6 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nc6 19.Qxc5 Bd4!⚡] **17...Bxf3! 18.Bxf3** [18.gxf3 Na6! – one bishop less.] **18...Nd3 19.d6** White want to compensate a loss of exchange by strong pawn d6, although Mikhalevski doesn't agree even with that. **19...b6 20.Be3 Rad8**



Looks like white pawn is doomed... But White finds a truly fantastic idea. **21.c5! h6 22.Qxd8!!** [22.Qh4 Nxc1 23.Rxc1 bxc5 24.Bxc5 Qd2-+] **22...Rxd8 23.c6** All is changed radically – how is Black going to stop such aggressive passers?! **23...Ne5!** [Black is reacting correctly meanwhile: 23...Nxc1 24.c7! Bf6 25.Rxc1 Rc8 causes a hard-to-evaluate position after 26.e5! Bd8! 27.Bb7 Rxc7 28.dxc7 Bxc7 29.Rxc7 Qa1+ 30.Rc1 Qxe5] **24.c7 Rc8 25.Rfd1** Resuming d6–d7 threat. **25...Qa4** [25...Nd7 26.e5!] **26.Be2 g5 27.Bd4** [Black should have moved 26...Nd7 out of hand, because now White had such opportunity as 27.Rd4!? Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Bxd4 29.Rc4, and repetition after 29...Qa1+ 30.Rc1 Qa4 seems the lesser from evils.] **27...Nd7 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Ra1**



29...Qc2? [Black has excellent chances for the victory in case of 29...Qc6! 30.Rac1 Nc5 31.d7 Qxc7 32.dxc8Q Qxc8; queen at c2 doesn't control points b5 and d7...] **30.Bb5 Ne5?** [Another wrong square. 30...Nc5 31.Rac1 Qb3 (31...Qxe4 32.Rxc5!) 32.Ba6! Nxa6 33.d7 Rxc7 34.d8Q Rxc1 35.Qd4+ (35.Rxc1 Qb2!) 35...Kg6 36.Rxc1 Nc5 results in some unclear

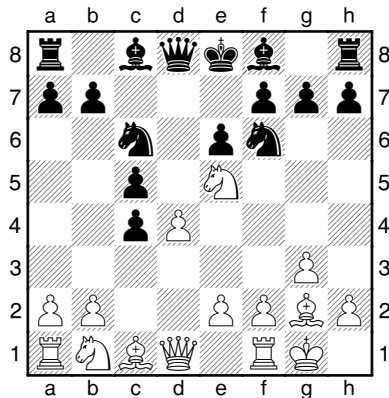
position with drawish perspectives.] **31.Rac1 Qa2?** [It was worth to keep an eye on rook d1: 31...Qb3 32.Ba6 (32.d7? Nxd7 33.Bxd7 Rxc7+) 32...Rf8 33.c8Q Rxc8 34.Bxc8 Nc6!, moving to d8 with blocking purposes.] **32.d7 Rxc7?** [Four consecutive mistakes, and Black can resign with clear conscience. There is still some faint hope with 32...Nxd7 33.Bxd7 Ra8 34.c8Q Rxc8 35.Bxc8 b5] **33.Rxc7 Nxd7 34.Rxd7 Kf6** [34...a5 35.Rxf7+ Kg6, and now the time for weaving a mate net: 36.Bf1! a4 37.g4 Qb2 38.e5!+-] **35.Rxf7+** The following moves remind some kind of a harvest. **35...Ke5 36.Rxa7 Qb2 37.Bf1 Kxe4 38.Ra6 b5 39.Rxe6+ Kd5 40.Rxh6 b4 41.Rf5+** Mikhalevski achieved a much better play owing to his opening preparation, but Gyimesi by own enterprising tactics was able to overcome game's course in one's favour. **1-0**

(02) Beliavsky, Alexander G (2648) - Meier, Georg (2653) [E04]

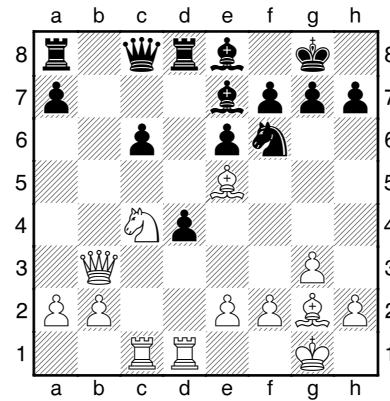
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[GM Aveskulov, V]

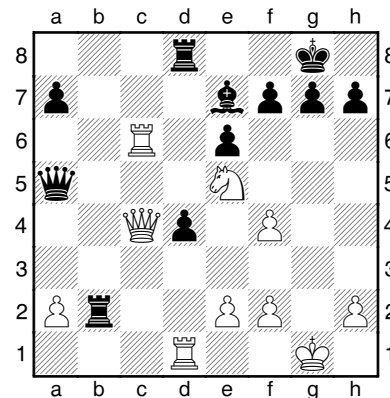
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Ne5



7...Bd7 [Black has not a pleasant position after 7...Nxe5 8.dxe5 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Nd7 10.f4 : his opponent gets a great bishop on g2 + very massive pawn structure at the king side] **8.Na3 cxd4 9.Naxc4 Be7 10.Qb3** Beliavsky has an evident pressure at the queen-side but there is one NO: he has no pawn. Right now Meier has a choice between Qc7 and Qc8. **10...Qc7** [Other possibility is more popular: 10...Qc8 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Rac1 (another rook move was also played 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Rac1 Be8 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Be5

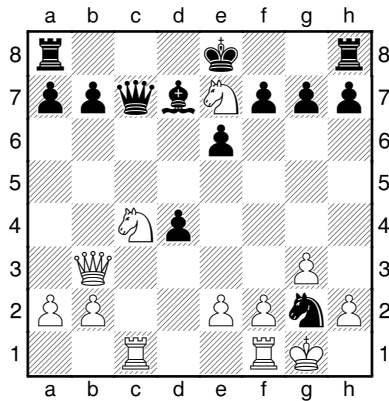


15...c5! 16.Bxa8 Qxa8 17.e3 Bc6 18.exd4 Bh1 19.Ne3 Ng4 and Black has a real compensation for exchange, Zontakh - Gasanov, Dagomys, 2009) **12...Nd5** (Zontakh easily equalized himself in the following game: **12...Rd8 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Bd6 Nc5 15.Bxc5 Bxc5 16.Qb5 Bf8 17.Na5 Rb8 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qxc6 Qd7=** Maletin - Zontakh, Dagomys, 2009) **13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Be5 c5 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Nxd6 Qa6 17.Ne4 Rab8 18.Qc2 Qxa2 19.Qxc5 Qxb2 20.Qxa7 Rfd8** finally Beliavsky has saved this game but unlikely he was happy about his opening success, Beliavsky - Gyimesi, Murska Sobota, 2008] **11.Bf4 Nd5** [There is another interesting game in this variation: **11...Nh5 12.Rac1 Nxf4 13.gxf4 0-0 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Ne5 Rab8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Rxc6 Qa5 19.Qc4 Bd6??** (A blunder. White is only better after **19...Rxb2**

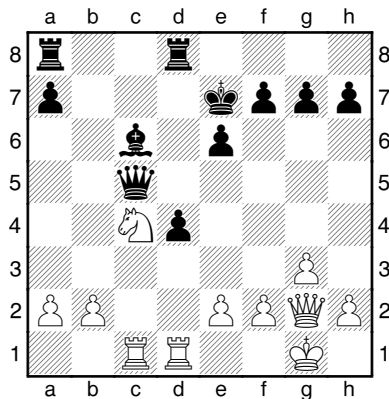


20.Rxd4! (effective **20.Rxe6** gives nothing because of **20...Qc5!** (**20...fxe6?? 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Nh6+ Kh8 24.Qg8+ Rxc8 25.Nf7#**) **21.Rc1 Qxc4 22.Nxc4 fxe6 23.Nxb2 Ba3 24.Rc2 Bxb2 25.Rxb2 Rd7=**) **20...Rb4** (**20...Qe1+?** is too aggressive **21.Kg2 Rxe2 22.Nd3 Qa5 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8 24.Rd6!** and White wins a piece **24...Qc7 25.Qxc7 Bxc7 26.Rc6 Rxa2 27.Rxc7+-**) **21.Rxd8+ Qxd8**

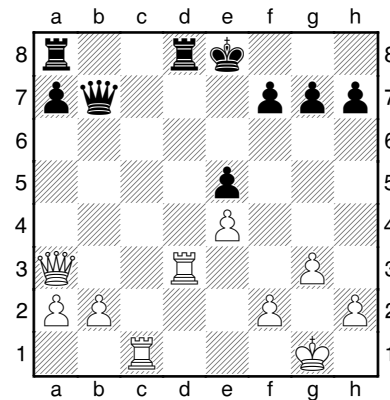
22.Qc2 Bf8 23.Rc8 Qd6 24.e3) 20.Ra6!+- Qb5
 21.Qxb5 Rxb5 22.Rxd4 f6 23.Nc6 Rd7
 24.Rxa7 1-0, Nielsen - Stern, Baden-Baden,
 2007] **12.Nxc6N** [Two not very famous players
 had a principal 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxf7!? dxc4
 14.Qxc4 Qc8 15.Nxh8 Be6 16.Qd3 Bf5 17.Qb3
 (17.e4!?) but after 17...Be6 they have agreed a
 draw, Wendt - Teschke, OLNO, 2008]
12...Nxf4 [12...Qxc6?! is not good 13.Rfd1 Bc5
 (13...0-0 14.Ne5 Qc8 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nxd7
 Qxd7 17.Rxd4±) 14.Rac1±] **13.Nxe7 Nxc2**
14.Rac1



14...Qc5?! [Black king is under attack after
 14...Kxe7 15.Qb4+ Kf6 16.Ne3! that's why
 Meier decided to cover that diagonal first; but
 he missed another interesting strong idea
 14...Nf4! 15.gxf4 Qxf4 16.Qb4 (16.Qxb7 Kxe7
 17.Qb4+ now this check is not dangerous
 17...Kf6 18.Rfd1 Rhc8 and Black is ok)
 16...Qg5+ (the key check of the line) 17.Kh1
 Qxe7 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Qxd4 Bc6+ 20.f3 Kg8!=
 (with idea g7-g6, e6-e5 and Kg7) White is
 seemingly unable to use an awkward situation
 of Rh8] **15.Qxb7 Kxe7 16.Rfd1!** Knight is in
 trap anyway. **16...Rhd8 17.Qxg2** Useful moves
 are over and White needs to take the knight.
17...Bc6

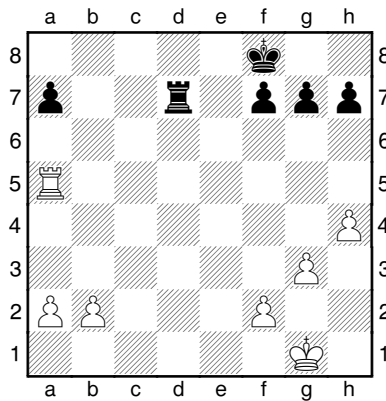


18.Na5! Qxa5 [White gets an initiative after
 18...Bxg2 19.Rxc5 Bd5 20.Rc7+ Ke8 21.Rxd4
 Bxa2 22.Ra4! (22.Rxd8+? Rxd8 23.Rxa7 Rd1+
 24.Kg2 Bd5+ 25.Kh3 Rd2 now Black plays for
 a win) 22...Bb1 (22...Bd5?? 23.e4!+- bishop is
 trapped) 23.Rb4] **19.Qxc6 Qd5?** [This move
 allows White to withhold an initiative. Right
 move was 19...Rab8! 20.b3 (20.Qc7+ Qxc7
 21.Rxc7+ Kf6 22.b3 a5=) 20...Kf8 with an
 equal position] **20.Qa4 e5 21.e3** [It was not
 only possible way to develop the initiative:
 21.Qa3+!? Qd6 22.Rc5 f6 23.Rdc1 and then
 Qd3 with multiple threats.] **21...d3?** [He
 needed an evacuation of the king: 21...Kf8!
 22.exd4 exd4 23.Rd2 Rab8 24.Qxa7 Ra8
 25.Qb6 Rxa2 26.Qb4+ Qd6 (26...Kg8
 27.Rxd4!±) 27.Rxd4 Qxb4 28.Rxb4± with sav-
 ing chances.] **22.e4?!** [Beliavsky wins a pawn
 (this is enough for him to get a whole point).
 But somebody younger could calculate a
 shorter way to win: 22.Qh4+! Ke6 (22...Kf8
 23.Qxh7+-) 23.Rc3 e4 (23...d2 24.e4! Qd4
 (24...Qb7 25.Qg4+ Ke7 26.Qxg7+-) 25.Qg4+
 Ke7 26.Qxg7 Qxe4 27.Re3+-) 24.f3! the most
 difficult move 24...exf3 25.Rcx3 f2+ 26.Kf1!
 (26.Kxf2? Qf5+ 27.Ke2 (27.Qf4 Rxd3 28.Qxf5+
 Kxf5 29.Rxd3 Rc8±) 27...Rxd3 28.Rxd3 Rc8±)
 26...Qb5 (26...Qh1+?? 27.Kxf2 Qxd1 28.Rxd1
 Rxd1 29.Qg4+-) 27.Qe4+ Kf6 28.a4! Qa6
 29.Kxf2+- with absolutely winning position:
 White has an extra pawn and attack at the
 king] **22...Qb7 23.Qa3+ Ke8 24.Rxd3±**

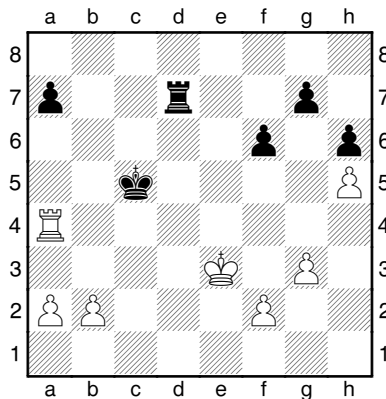


Now we can follow a nice technique from So-
 viet school representative. **24...Rxd3 25.Qxd3**
Rd8 [Pawn was poisonous: 25...Qxb2??
 26.Rc7 Rd8 27.Qc4! Rd7 28.Rc8+ Ke7
 (28...Rd8 29.Qc6+-) 29.Qc5+ Kf6 30.Rc6+
 Kg5 31.Qe3+ Kg4 32.f3+ Kh3 33.Qh6+! with a
 checkmate] **26.Qc3 Qxe4** [Rook endgame is
 also tough for Black: 26...Rd4 27.Qc8+ Qxc8
 28.Rxc8+ Kd7 29.Ra8 Ra4 30.a3±] **27.Re1**
Qd4 28.Rxe5+ Kf8 29.Qxd4 Rxd4 30.Ra5

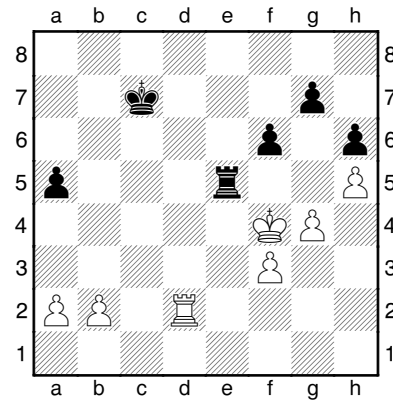
Rd7 31.h4!



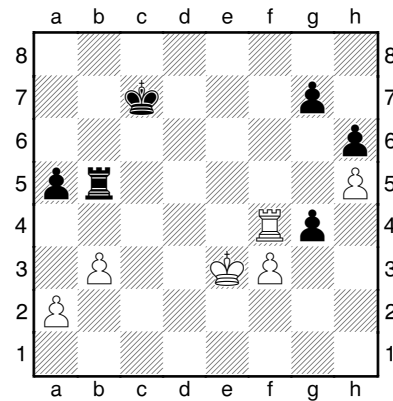
Fixing the king side pawns. **31...Ke7 32.Ra6!** Cut-off the Black king. **32...Kd8** [Seemingly **32...g6!**? (being prepared to h4-h5) was more persistent. Now if White still wants to play h4-h5 Black can take this pawn and after Rh6 he will have some time for a counterplay at the queen side.] **33.h5! h6** [White wanted to play h5-h6: 33...Kc8 34.h6 g6 and White rook gets an excellent square f6 35.Kg2+- After 33...h6 White gets a target on g7.] **34.Kf1 Kc8 35.Ke2 Kb7 36.Ra4 Kc6 37.Ke3 Kc5 38.Rg4!** Provoking a weakening of the light squares. **38...f6 39.Ra4**



From now White is going to improve own pawn structure. **39...Kb5 40.Rd4 Re7+ 41.Kf3 a5 42.Rd2** King is free from the covering of e2-square. **42...Kc6 43.Kf4 Re5 44.g4 Kc7 45.f3**



King side pawns are ready. **45...Rc5 46.Rd3 Rg5** [46...Rc2?? 47.Rc3+-] **47.b3 Rc5 48.Rd4 Rb5 49.Ke3 f5** This exchange does not help Black too much. **50.Rf4 fxc4**



51.fxc4?! The only inaccuracy of Beliavsky in this endgame. [51.Rf7+! (preventing a maneuver of the rook to e7) could finish the game immediately 51...Kd6 52.fxc4 Re5+ 53.Kf3 Rg5 54.Kf4 Ke6 55.Rf5+-] **51...Re5+ 52.Kf3** [White pushes Black rook to the 7-th rank as after 52.Kd4 Rg5 Rf4 is stuck to the 4-th rank.] **52...Re7** [52...Rg5? 53.Rf5!+-] **53.Ra4 Kb6** The next White's step is an organisation of the transfer of the White king to the queen side. **54.Re4 Rf7+ 55.Ke3 Kc5 56.Rc4+ Kb6 57.Rf4 Rc7 58.Ke4 Kc5** [Black is behind in the pawn races after 58...Rc2 59.Rf7 Rxa2 60.Rxg7 Rb2 61.Rg6+ Kc5 62.Rxh6 Rxb3 63.Rh8+- White is ready to give up the rook for a-pawn (if it will be necessary). But who will stop pawns "g" and "h"?] **59.a3 Re7+ 60.Kd3 Rd7+ 61.Kc3 Kb6 62.Rf5 Ka6** [White has winning ways in a case of 62...Rc7+ 63.Kd4 Rd7+ 64.Rd5 Rf7 65.Ke5 (65.Kc4?! Rf4+ 66.Rd4 Rf6) 65...Ka6 (65...Rf3 66.Rd7 Rxb3 67.Rxg7 Rxa3 68.Rg6+ Kb5 69.Rxh6 a4 70.Rh8+- we already saw such kind of end-games) 66.a4 Kb6 67.Rb5+ Ka6 68.Rb8! Ka7

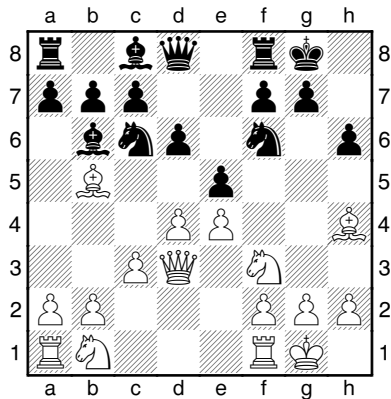
69.Rg8 and then Ke6 +--] **63.Kc4 Kb6** [63...Re7 64.Rd5 Re4+ 65.Rd4 Re6 66.Kc5 threatening Rd6 66...Re5+ 67.Rd5 Re7 68.Rd6+ Kb7 69.Rg6+- and king goes to a5 pawn] **64.Rb5+ Ka6 65.Rd5 Rc7+** [65...Re7 66.Rd6+ Ka7 67.Rg6 again winning a5 pawn] **66.Rc5** [Black resigned, 66.Rc5 Re7 67.Rc6+ Ka7 68.Rg6+-] **1-0**

(03) Tiviakov, Sergei (2653) - Golod, Vitali (2590) [C65]

4th G. Agzamov Mem Tashkent UZB (9), 31.03.2010

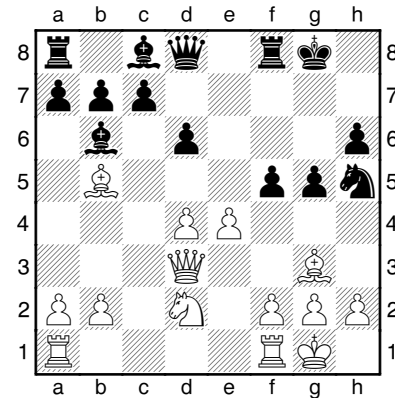
[GM Aveskulov, V]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 In our days this line is not being played very often. But there is nothing bad with it. **4.c3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 d6 8.Qd3 h6 9.Bh4**

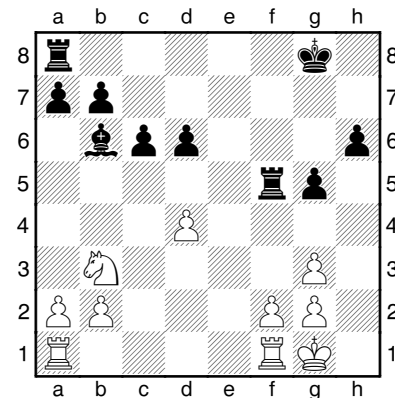


With some inversion of moves order opponents came to quite popular position. But Israel GM immediately turns to another rare line. **9...g5 10.Bg3** [According to my database just once knight's sacrifice was played here: 10.Nxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Kg7 12.f4 Qd7?? (12...exd4!?) 13.fxe5 Nh7 14.Bf6+- Nxf6 15.exf6+ Kh6 16.Rf5 Qxf5 17.exf5 Kg5 18.Nd2 Kxf6 19.Ne4+ Ke7 20.f6+ Kd8 21.Ng5 Ne5 22.Qh7 c6 23.Kh1 Nd7 24.Nxf7+ Kc7 25.Bc4 1-0 S. Polgar – Bayon Fernandez, Oviedo (rapid), 1993.] **10...Nh5 11.Nbd2?!N** Not the best novelty. [In the recently played game young Russian talent has got an advantage in such way: 11.Na3!? exd4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Nxd4 Bd7 14.Nc4 Qe7 15.Rae1 Rae8 16.f4 c5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Qf6 19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Qf3 Sjugirov – Ionov, Dagomys, 2010.] **11...exd4 12.Nxd4** [I think an analogic f7-f5 would happen after taking by a pawn: 12.cxd4 f5 and pawn c6 is indirectly defended: 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Qc4+ Kg7 15.Qxc6? Bd7+ and f5-f4; But what will happen in a case of Sjugirov's idea? 12.Bxc6 here Black can use a position of

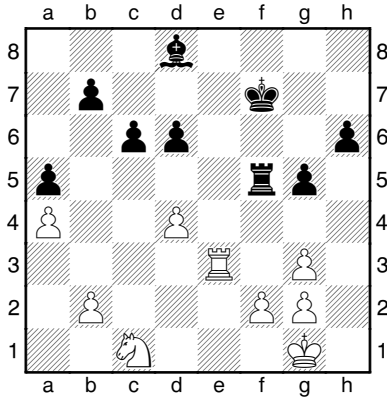
Nd2 and take on c3 first: 12...dxc3! 13.Bxb7 Bxb7 14.bxc3 Re8 with good position] **12...Nxd4 13.cxd4 f5!**



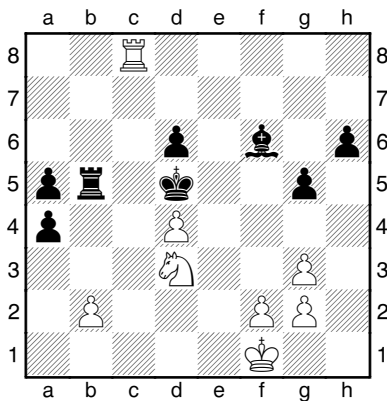
14.Qe2? For me it appears as an almost decisive mistake. [Taking into account all following doings we can only advice the move 14.f3!?= with no more promises] **14...Nxg3 15.hxg3 fxe4** [Another order is also possible: 15...c6! 16.Bc4+ (16.Bd3 fxe4 17.Qxe4 Bf5 18.Qe3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qf6) 16...Kg7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nf3 Qf6 everywhere Black is better due to an isolated pawn d4] **16.Qxe4 Qf6 17.Nb3** [The same would happen in a case of 17.Nf3 c6 (White can get some attack after 17...g4? 18.Bc4+ Kg7 19.Nh4 and Bd3) 18.Bd3 Bf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 with similar end-game] **17...c6 18.Bd3 Bf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5**



Black got what he had wanted: pawn d4 is an isolated and weak; bishop is definitely better than knight. His advantage is so serious that there hardly anything can be advised to White. **21.a4 Re8 Re2** is a threat. **22.Rae1 Kf7 23.Re3** [The same plan is possible for Black after 23.Rxe8 Kxe8 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Kf1 Rd5 26.Re4 Bd8+ and then Bf6, b7-b5.] **23...a5 24.Rfe1 Rxe3 25.Rxe3 Bd8 26.Nc1**



[26.g4 Rd5+] **26...b5** [As well he could surround pawn d4 first: 26...Rd5 27.Ne2 Bf6 28.Rd3 and just now to play b7-b5 28...b5+] **27.Rc3 bxa4 28.Rxc6 Rb5** Black organizes a passed pawn "a". White has nothing to stop it. **29.Nd3** [29.Rxd6 Ke7 30.Rxh6 Rxb2-+] **29...Ke6 30.Kf1 Kd5 31.Rc8 Bf6+**



The rest is even more easier. **32.Ke2 Bxd4 33.Rc2 Rb3 34.f4 a3** A passed is done. **35.bxa3 Rxa3 36.Rc8 g4** Fixing of g2 and g3 pawns. **37.f5 Ra2+ 38.Kd1 Ke4** White resigned. What's the game! Vitali organized a weakness on d4 and used it perfectly. His opponent had no any real chances! **0-1**

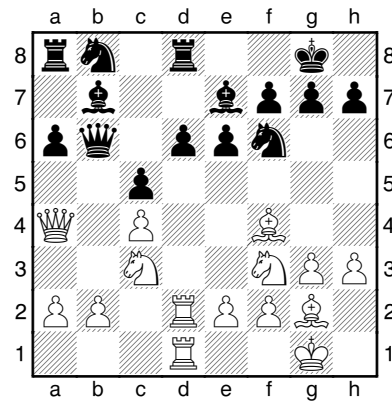
(04) Khenkin,Igor (2597) - Wang Hao (2715) [E15]

17th TCh-RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (2), 02.04.2010

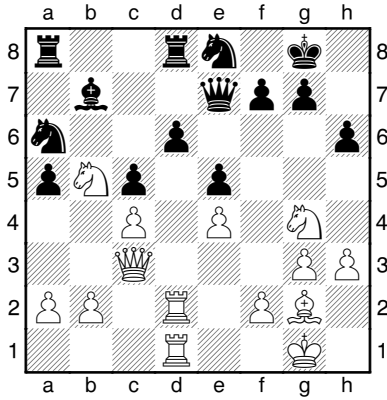
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qa4 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5 [7...Bxc5 can be found in CZM 01/2010 - 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Rd1... Gelfand-Polgar, World Cup 2009.] **8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Bf4** White is preparing a rook's doubling on "d"-file (to occupy the point d6). **11...Rd8** [11...Qxb2? 12.Rab1 Qxc3 13.Rxb7+- (13.Be5? Bc6)]

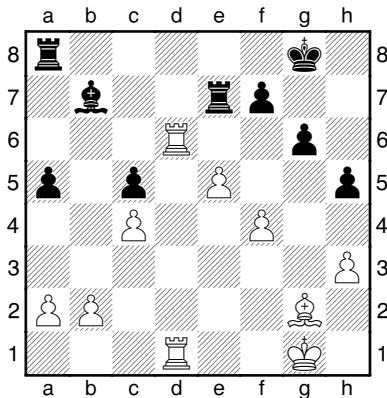
12.Rd2 a6 13.Rad1 d6 14.h3N



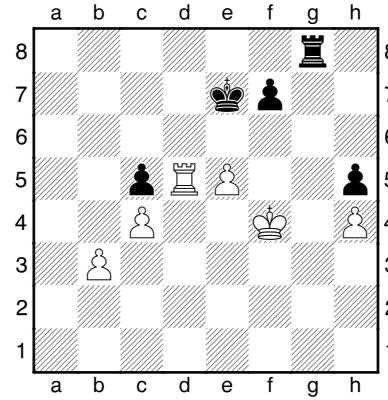
Non-committal move, which gives for Black the right to express oneself. [14.g4!? looks optimistic, but after forced 14...Nxg4 15.Bxd6 Rxd6 16.Qe8+ Bf8 17.Ng5 Ne5 18.Bxb7 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 Qxb7 20.Rd8 Ng6 Black is OK, Gelfand-Bacrot, Nalchik 2009; 14.Ng5 is considered as the main line - 14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2, and knight g5 goes to e4.] **14...Ne8** Wang protects pawn d6 redundantly in order to unleash own pieces, but knight f6 was engaged in one thing... **15.e4!** Khenkin threatens by very unpleasant e4-e5 with pawn's fragmentation. Black has to resist it. **15...Bc6 16.Qc2 Qb7 17.Bg5 Bxg5** [17...f6 is not good because of 18.Be3 with further Ne1 and f4-f5, exposing square d5.] **18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 a5?** [Looks like careless mistake - 19...Nd7 guarantees an equal play.] **20.Ne5!** Now white knight causes a disorder in Black's ranks. **20...Qe7 21.Nb5** [21.Nxc6 Nxc6 22.e5 is also interesting: 22...Nd4 23.Rxd4 cxd4 24.Bxa8 dxc3 25.Bc6!?, but Khenkin apparently wasn't sure, whether such exchanges will bring a winning position for him. That's why he maintains a tension.] **21...Bb7 22.Qc3 Na6** [22...Nc6 comes across 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.e5! (standard idea at this point) 24...d5 25.cxd5 Bxb5 26.d6 Qd7 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Qxc5, and diagonal a8-h1 hardly compensates the "prisoner" e8.] **23.Ng4 e5?**



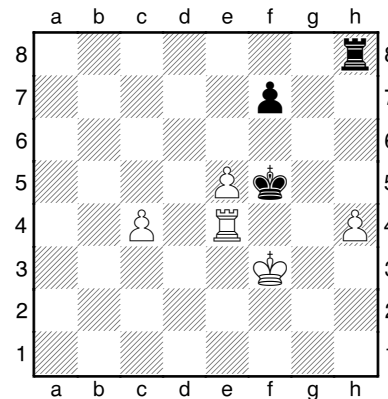
[After 23...Nac7 24.a4! White keeps an edge, but that was the best(24.e5 is prematurely: 24...Nxb5 25.cxb5 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 d5)] **24.Ne3 g6 25.f4!** Excellent idea, which uncovers all the fragilities of Black's camp. First, pawn e5 is under strike... **25...exf4** [25...f6 26.h4! with coming h4-h5 and point's f5 occupation.] **26.gxf4 Nac7** [Pawn e4 is poisoned: 26...Bxe4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.Bxd5 Rab8 29.Rg2! Kh7 30.Re1 Qd7 31.f5!, breaking Black's position to pieces.] **27.Nxc7 Qxc7 28.Ng4 h5** [28...Kh7 29.Nxh6!] **29.Nf6+ Nxf6 30.Qxf6 Re8** [Wang has decided to seek a salvation in ending, because pawn d6 can't be defended in a normal way: 30...Ra6 31.e5! d5 32.Qg5+-] **31.Rxd6 Qe7 32.Qxe7 Rxe7 33.e5**



White has a pure extra pawn in addition to the weak ones a5 and c5. Chances for a draw are minimal. **33...g5** Black is trying to enfeeble pawn e5, but the following White's move nullifies these hopes. **34.Rd7!** Swapping more pieces. **34...Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Bxg2 36.Kxg2 Rb8 37.b3 a4 38.Rd3 axb3 39.axb3 gxf4 40.Kf3 Kf8 41.Kxf4 Ke7 42.h4!** [Prophylaxis. White is looking forward to go after pawn h5, but it's not the right time to do it just now: 42.Kg5? Ke6 43.Rd5 Rxb3, and pawn h3 is vulnerable.] **42...Rg8 43.Rd5**

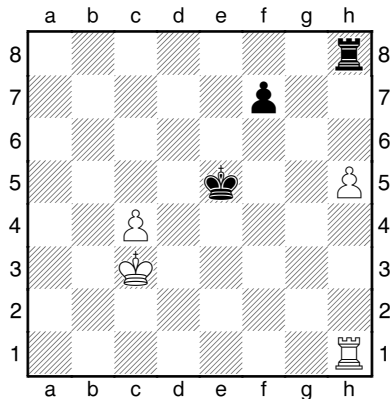


43...Rb8! [Wang chooses to part with one pawn more, but not to let a pair's "b+" " creation. Indeed, after 43...Rg4+ 44.Kf5 Rxh4 45.Rxc5 Rh3 46.b4 Rb3 47.b5 h4 White is winning any way one likes, for example 48.Rc8! h3 49.Rh8 Rb4 50.Rxh3 Rxc4 51.Rb3 Kd7 52.b6 Kc8 53.Ra3!, getting pawn f7.] **44.Rxc5 Rxb3 45.Kg5 Ke6 46.Kxh5 Rb8** Now Black is going to check the white king, combining with attack against pawn h4. **47.Kg5 Rg8+ 48.Kf4 Rh8 49.Rc6+!** Using the king f4, rook is improving own position. **49...Kd7** [49...Ke7? 50.Kg5 Rg8+ 51.Kf5 Rh8 52.Rc7+-] **50.Rd6+ Ke7 51.Kg4 Rg8+ 52.Kf5 Rh8 53.Kg4 Rg8+ 54.Kf3 Rh8 55.Rd4 Ke6 56.Re4 Kf5**



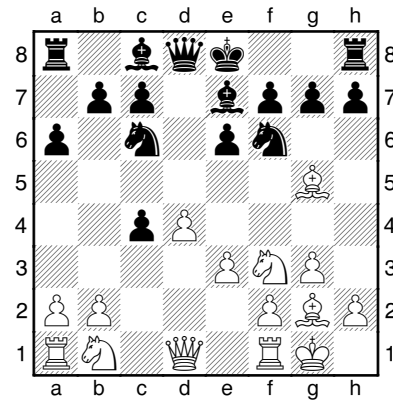
Wang has activated his pieces as much as possible. Now what? **57.Ke3** [Such feeling, that 57.c5! had lead to the victory: 57...Rc8 (57...Ke6 58.Rc4 Kd5 59.Rc1 Rxh4 60.c6+-) 58.Rc4 Rc6 59.h5 Kxe5 60.Kg4 Kd5 (after 60...Kf6 White just goes to the rook c6: 61.Kf4 Kg7 62.Ke4 Kh6 63.Kd5 Rc8 64.c6, and so on) 61.Rc1 Ke6 62.h6 (in order to exchange pawns "f" and "h") 62...f5+ (62...Kf6 63.Rh1!) 63.Kf4 Kf7 64.h7!+- (64.Kxf5? Rxh6=)] **57...Ke6!** Black realized an omission and now he is controlling c4-c5 by Ke6-d5. **58.Kd4 Rd8+ 59.Ke3 Rh8 60.Kd4 Rd8+ 61.Kc5** White has

to fulfill the same ideas as in 57.c5 variation, but in a different way. First step of the plan – Khenkin activates his king for the support of pawn c4. **61...Rc8+ 62.Kb5 Rb8+ 63.Kc6 Rc8+ 64.Kb7 Rh8 65.Kc7 Rh7!** Driving king c7 off by the dint of hidden check's threats. **66.Kb6 Rh6 67.Kb5 Rh8 68.Re1!** Now comes the second step – White is pointing rook to h1, using pawn's h4 inviolability. [68.c5 Kd5!] **68...Rb8+ [68...Rxb4 69.c5 Rh2 (69...Kd7 70.c6+ Kc7 71.Rf1!) 70.c6+–] 69.Kc5 Rc8+ 70.Kd4 Rd8+ 71.Kc3 Rh8 72.Rh1 Kxe5 73.h5**

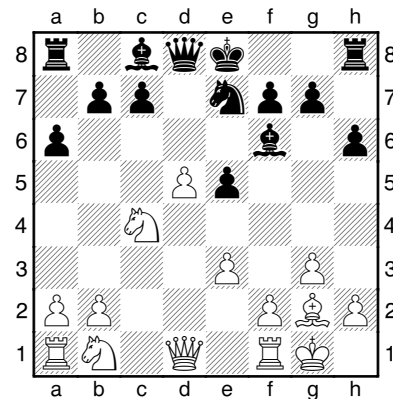


And this is the third stage – White is moving passers "c" and "h" simultaneously, which forces Black to be nonplussed. **73...Rh6 74.c5 Kd5** [74...f5 75.Kc4 f4 76.Kb5 f3 77.c6 Kf4 78.c7 Rh8 79.Kc6, and White is quicker.] **75.Kb4 Rh8** [The most persistent was 75...Kc6 76.Kc4 Kc7, and now White demonstrates a problem winning: 77.Kb5! Kc8! **a)** 77...Kb7 78.Rf1! Rxh5 79.Rxf7+–; **b)** 77...f5 78.Kc4 (having compelled pawn's f7 movement, king goes for it) 78...f4 79.Kd4 f3 80.Ke3+–; **c)** 77...Kd7 78.Rd1+ Kc7 79.Rd5 Rf6 80.c6! Rf1 (80...Rxc6 81.Rc5) 81.Rd7+ Kc8 82.Rd3+–; 78.Rh2! with zugzwang.] **76.Rd1+ Kc6 77.Rd6+ Kc7 78.h6** The rest is not so complicated. **78...f5 79.Rf6 f4 80.Kb5 f3 81.c6 f2 82.Rf7+ Kd6 83.Rf6+ Kc7 84.Rxf2 Rxh6 85.Rf7+ Kd8 86.Kb6 Ke8 87.Rf4 Rh1 88.Re4+** An edifying ending. 1-0

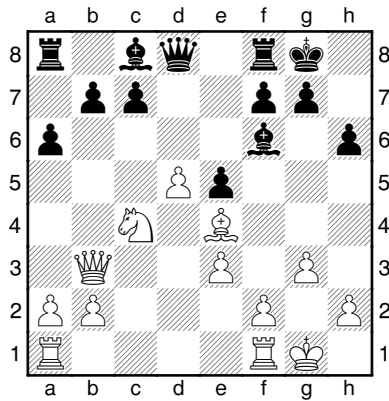
(05) Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2725) - Belov, Vladimir (2619) [E04]
 17th TCh-RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (2),
 02.04.2010
 [GM Aveskulov, V]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3



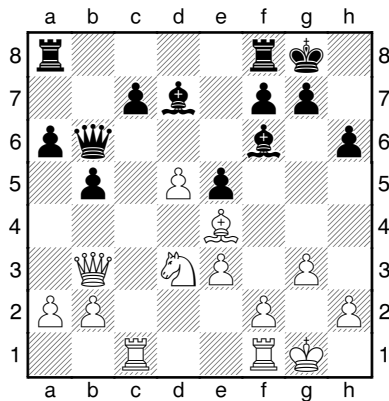
A fantastic variation! According to my database White scored 7 points out of 8 against 2600 average rating! Unbelievably! There are definitely serious problems with this variation. **8...h6?!N** A novelty but not one of the best is. White wanted to exchange bishop to the knight himself. **9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nfd2!** This knight goes to c4 while another one can be developed to both c3 and d2 squares. **10...e5** An unassured attempt to get a counterplay. [After natural 10...0-0 11.Nxc4 Bd7 12.Nc3 (with following Ne4, Rc1) White has a free play when Black is to play at the 7-th and 8-th ranks without any hopes for the better times.] **11.d5 Ne7 12.Nxc4**



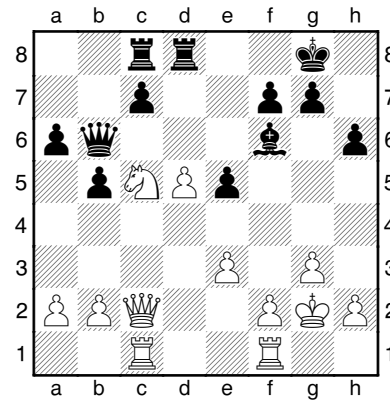
Another knight goes to e4, pawn c7 is fixed. Advantage of White is beyond of dispute. **12...Nf5 13.Nbd2 Nd6** One knight can be exchanged but what to do with next one? **14.Qb3 0-0 15.Ne4** Forcing an useful trade off. **15...Nxe4 16.Bxe4**



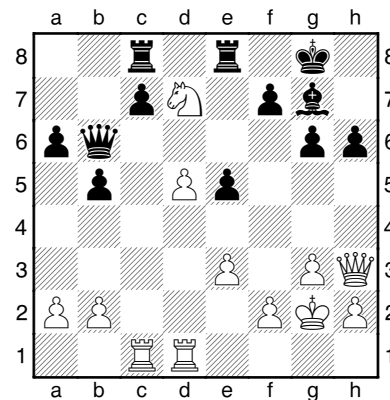
Rfd1 and d5–d6 is a plan. **16...b5** Distracting his attention from d5–d6 breakthrough. But from now file "c" is chronically weak. **17.Na5 Qd6 18.Rac1** Rc6 is a threat. **18...Bd7 19.Nb7** [19.Rc3!? with idea of Rfc1 also deserved attention.] **19...Qb6 20.Nc5 Bg4 21.Nd3** Again Bf6 is nailed to defend e5 pawn. And Rc6 is again a threat. **21...Bd7**



22.Qc2?! The queen looks at f5 square. [But for me 22.Rc3!? (and then Rfc1, Qc2) looks more logical] **22...Rac8 23.Nc5 Bh3** [After 23...Rcd8 a transfer to opposite squared bishops endgame is possible: 24.Nxd7 (24.Bh7+ Kh8 25.Bf5 does not look so persuasively: 25...Be8! (25...Bxf5? 26.Qxf5±) 26.Rfd1 Be7) 24...Rxd7 25.Qc6 Qxc6 26.Rxc6 Ra8 27.Rfc1 Bd8 28.h4±] **24.Bg2 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rfd8**

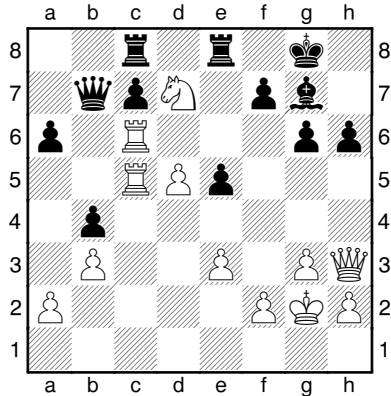


26.Qf5?! [One more awkward move for the queen. It would be better placed on e4 26.Qe4! Be7 27.Nb3! (27.Nd3?! Qd6 28.Nxe5 Bf6 29.Nc6 Re8 30.Qd3 Bxb2) 27...Qd6 28.Rfd1± with promising intrusions] **26...g6 27.Qh3** [Now 27.Qe4 is not so comfortable since after 27...Bg7 f7–f5 becomes a serious resource] **27...Bg7?** [Belov misses his chance to get an unclear position: 27...Be7! e.g. 28.b4 (after 28.Ne4?! Kg7 29.Rc6?! Qb7 30.Rd1 Rxd5!± Black even wins) 28...c6! 29.Ne6 Rxd5 (29...fxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kf8 31.f4! e4 32.f5+–) 30.Qxh6 fxe6 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qxe6 Qc7= White has nothing more than perpetual check] **28.Rfd1** Now status quo is renewed. White is again better. **28...Re8 29.Nd7!**



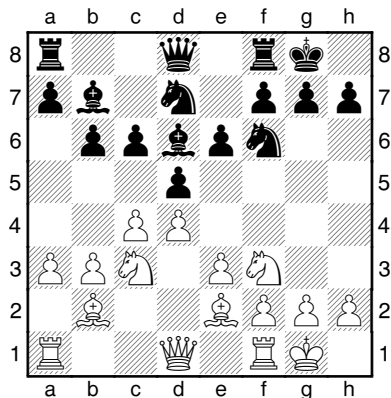
Knight makes a good career! **29...Qb7?** Very resignedly. [It was time to look for some counterplay: 29...Qd6! 30.Rc6 Qb4 and Jakovenko would need another accurate moves to riposte 31.Nc5 d5–d6 a threat 31...Rcd8 (31...Qxb2? loses 32.d6 Rcd8 33.d7 Rf8 34.Nb7 Qe2 35.Rcc1+–) 32.Rxc7 Bf8! (again pawn b2 is indirectly defended: 32...Qxb2 33.Nb7 Ra8 (33...Rb8 34.Nd6 Rf8 35.Nxf7! Rxf7 36.Rxf7 Kxf7 37.Qe6+ Kf8 38.Qd6+––) 34.d6+–) 33.a3! e4 square is required for the knight 33...Qxb2 34.Ne4 Bg7 35.d6 Qxa3 36.Nc5± and White

should win] **30.Rc6** Now Black has no hopes to survive **30...Rcd8 31.Rdc1 b4 32.R1c5** Rxc7 threat is renewed. **32...Rc8 33.b3+-**



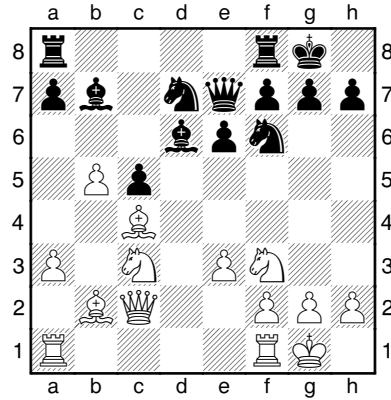
Fixing everything. **33...a5 34.Kg1** Avoiding possible checks along the big diagonal and freeing the way for the queen to f1. **34...Kh8 35.Rxa5** Pawn is won. **35...Ra8 36.Nc5 Qb8 37.Rxa8 Qxa8 38.Qd7** Now it's over. **38...Rf8 39.Na6 Qb7 40.d6** Black resigned. Another typical catalan win happened: exchange of Nf6, fixing of c7 pawn; capturing of c-file, relaxation :) **1-0**

(06) Eljanov,Pavel (2736) - Motylev,Alexander (2705) [D10]
 17th TCh-RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (2),
 02.04.2010
[GM Aveskulov, V]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Very rare continuation. **5...Bb4 6.Bb2 0-0 7.a3 Bd6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7**

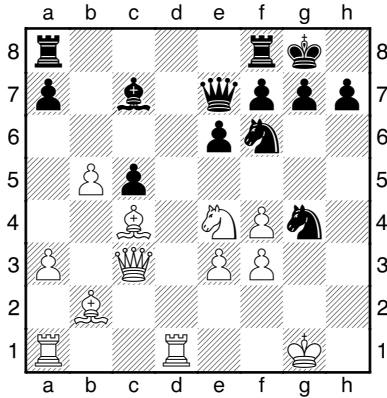


Both opponents developed their pieces comfortably. Now tension in the center gradually grows up. **11.b4 Qe7 12.Qc2** [Considering following things we can offer 12.h3!? covering square g4.] **12...dxc4!** Black opens a Bb7. **13.Bxc4 c5** [There also was another way to

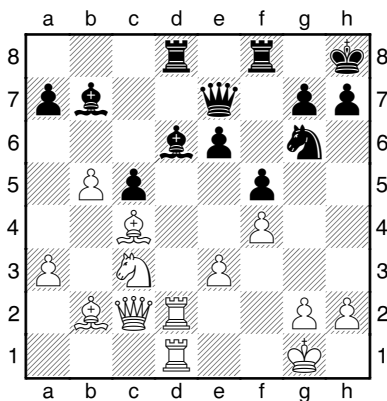
break the opponent's pawn structure: **13...a5 14.bxa5** (Black has a perfect position in a case of **14.b5?! c5**) **14...Rxa5 15.a4 c5 16.Nb5 Bb8 17.Rfd1** but the question is "what rook does on a5?"] **14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b5**



[There are slightly better chances for Black after **15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nb5 Bb8 17.Rac1 a6 18.Nbd4 Bd6** since he has a control under central square e4 (while White has not an analogic control under e5 square)] **15...Ng4 16.Rfd1** Bravely! [After **16.e4** dark squares in the center become weak: **16...Rfd8** and then one of knights goes to e5] **16...Nde5** [Pawn h2 could be taken: **16...Bxf3!? 17.gxf3 Nxf2!?** (according to analysis **17...Bxh2+?! is worse: 18.Kg2 Nde5 (18...Nge5?! 19.Be2±) 19.fxg4** (here **19.Be2?** does not work well **19...Nxf2! 20.Rh1 (20.Kxh2 Qh4+ 21.Kg2 Qh3+ 22.Kxf2 Qh2+ 23.Ke1 (23.Kf1 Nxf3 24.Bxf3 Qxc2+) 23...Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Qxc2 25.Rd2 Qg6 26.Bxa8 Rxa8+) 20...Nxf1 21.Rxf1 Qg5+ 22.Kxh2 Qxe3 23.Kg3 Ng6** and Black has too many pawns in addition to the rook for 2 minor pieces) **19...Nxc4 20.Rh1!** a precise move **20...f5 21.Rxh2 Rad8 22.Rd1 Qb7+ 23.e4 (23.Kg1 Ne5; 23.Kf1 Rxd1+ 24.Nxd1 Qxb5** with complications) **23...fxg4 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Qb3 Nxb2 26.Qxb2 Qf7** Black has a compensation for the knight) **18.f4 Ng4 19.Ne4 Bc7 20.Qc3 Ndf6 21.Bd3** (there is a nice reply for **21.f3**

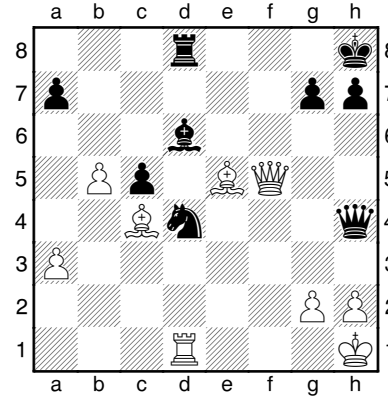


21...Be5! 22.fxe5 Nxe4 23.Qc2! (23.fxe4? Qg5) 23...Qg5 24.fxg4 Qxe3+ and White should be careful to defend his king) 21...e5! and nothing is clear so far] **17.Nxe5 Nxe5** [After 17...Bxe5?! White has better chances 18.h3 Nf6 19.Rac1 with following pressure at c5 pawn] **18.Be2 f5 19.f4** [Eljanov mechanically prevents f5-f4. An alternative was 19.Rac1 Rad8 (defending Bd6 and preparing f5-f4) a) 19...f4? 20.Ne4! Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Ng6 22.g3! fxe3 23.Qxe3±; b) 19...Qg5?! 20.g3 Qe7 21.f4! Ng6 (21...Nf3+? 22.Kf2! Nxe2 23.Rh1 Bxe1 24.Rxe1 Ng4+ 25.Bxe4 fxe4 26.Qxe4+ Kf7 27.Ne4+-) 22.Bc4 Kh8 23.h4±; 20.f4 Ng6 with similar lines.] **19...Ng6 20.Bc4** [Engines recommend unhuman move 20.g3! weakening a big diagonal but preventing Nh4 and defending pawn f4. The plan is a doubling of rooks. If Black plays too aggressively White can get a huge advantage: 20...Rad8 21.Bc4 Kh8 22.Rd3 e5? 23.Nd5±] **20...Rad8** [Activation of the knight was another perspective way to play: 20...Nh4!? 21.Rd2 Rad8 22.Rad1 Bc7 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxd8+ Bxd8 25.Qd3 Nxe2 26.Qxf5 (26.Bxe6+ Kh8 27.Qxf5 Nxe3 the same position) 26...Nxe3 27.Bxe6+ Kh8 28.Qe5 c4! and Black is out of risk] **21.Rd2 Kh8 22.Rad1**

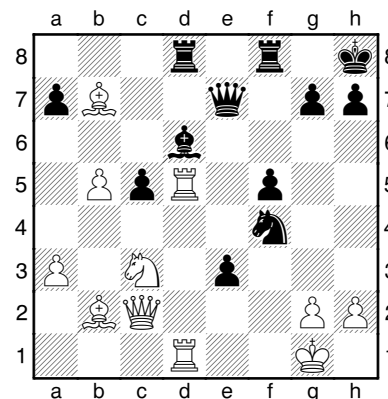


22...e5! He had nothing more to improve.

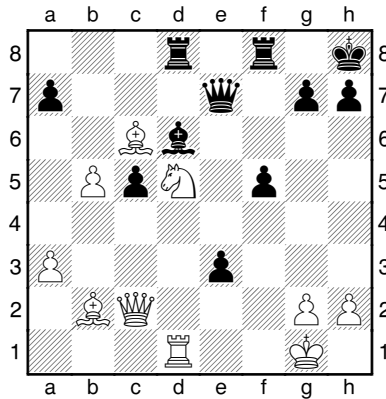
23.Bd5? [This mistake turns an initiative to the opponent. Jump of the knight to the same square kept a balance: 23.Nd5!? e.g. 23...Bxd5 24.Rxd5 (there is nothing good for White after 24.Bxd5 exf4) 24...exf4 25.exf4 Bxf4 (there is a nice defence after 25...Nxf4?! 26.Rxf5 Rxf5 27.Qxf5 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Qh4 29.Be5 Nd4



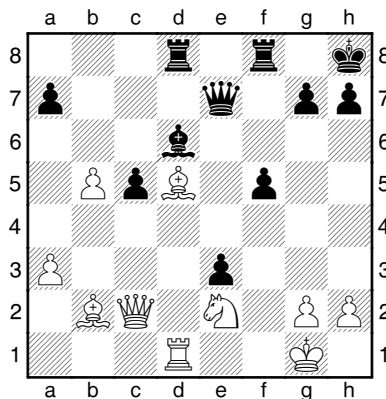
it seems like Black wins but... 30.g3! and evaluation turns over 30...Qxh2+ (30...Nxf5 31.gxh4 Be7 32.Rxd8+ Bxd8 33.h5 two bishops promise better chances) 31.Kxh2 Nxf5 32.a4 again White is better) 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qxf5 Qd1+ 29.Bf1 Be3+ 30.Kh1 h6 31.Qf7 Bd4 32.Bxd4 cxd4 33.Kg1 d3! (the most precise. In a case of 33...Kh7 34.Qf5 White can continue to play for a win) 34.Qxg6 d2 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.Qe4+=] **23...exf4!** Evidently Pavel underestimated this sacrifice. **24.Bxb7 fxe3 25.Rd5?!** [Another possibility for the knight's jump. But now it just offers more resistance. 25.Nd5! Bxe2+! 26.Kxe2 Qh4+ 27.Kg1 exd2 28.Qxd2 f4 29.Qf2 (exchange of the queens is necessary since attack is coming) 29...f3 30.Qxh4 (30.gxf3? Qh5 31.Ne3 Rxd1+ 32.Nxd1 Rd8 33.Ne3 Nf4+- with crushing attack) 30...Nxe4 31.gxf3 Nxf3+ 32.Kg2 Rd6 and due to a location of White king Black still has good perspectives for his attack] **25...Nf4!**



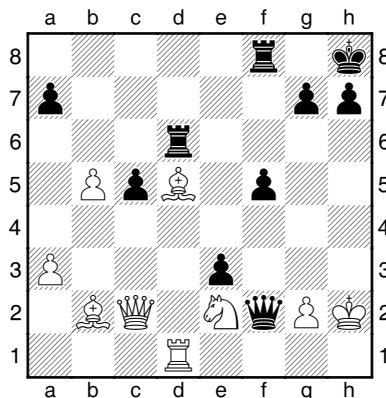
26.Ne2 [26.Bc6 would change almost nothing 26...Nxd5 27.Rxd5 a) 27.Nxd5?



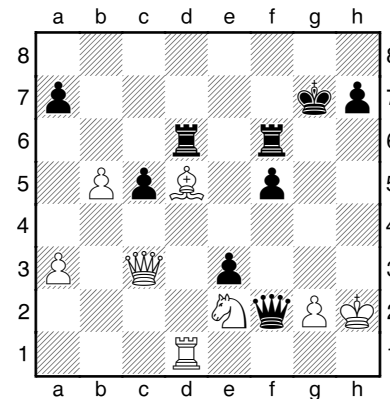
27...e2! 28.Nxe7 exd1Q+ 29.Qxd1 Bxh2+-; b) 27.Bxd5 Qe5! (27...Be5 28.Bf3 Rxd1+ 29.Nxd1 Rd8⌘) 28.g3 f4 29.Ne4 Qh5 30.Nxd6 Rxd6-+; 27...Be5 28.Qe2 f4⌘] **26...Nxd5 27.Bxd5**



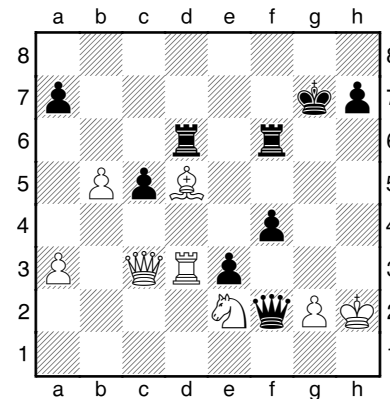
It is time for decisive combination **27...Bxh2+!** **28.Kxh2** [28.Kf1 is resignedly 28...Qh4 29.Ng1 Rfe8 30.Qe2 Bg3-+ Black has attack and many pawns.] **28...Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Qf2+ 30.Kh2 Qh4+** Motylev wins some time before move 40. **31.Kg1 Qf2+ 32.Kh2 Rd6!-+**



33.Bxg7+⌘ Kxg7 34.Qc3+ Rff6!



Rook frees square f8 for the king. **35.Rd3 Qh4+** Another 2-fold repetition. **36.Kg1 Qf2+ 37.Kh2 f4!**



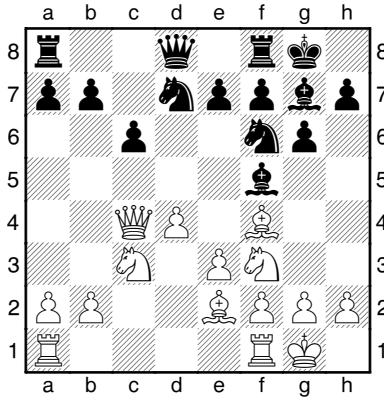
Defending e3 pawn and preparing last assault. **38.Qe5 Kf8 39.Be6 Rh6+ 40.Bh3 Rxh3+!** The most precise. **41.Kxh3 Rh6+ 42.Kg4 Qxe2+** [White resigned because of inevitable loses: 42...Qxe2+ 43.Kxf4 Qf2+ 44.Ke4 Qxg2+ 45.Kxe3 Rh3+ 46.Kf4 Qh2+-+] **0-1**

(07) Romanov, Evgeny (2600) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2667) [D02]

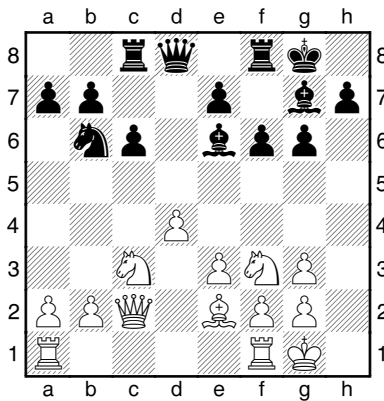
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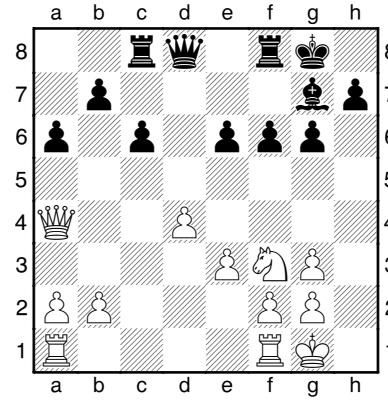
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 g6 5.Bf4 Team tournament strategy often requires from us a choice of solid opening variations do not get your teammates nervous. Like this one. **5...dxc4 6.Qxc4 Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nc3**



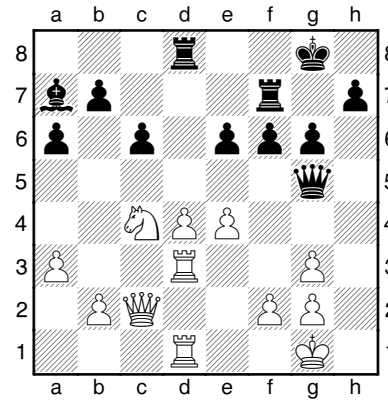
10...Nh5N 11.Be5 Nb6 [After 11...Nxe5?! 12.dxe5 Black gets serious problems with Nh5 (h2-h3, g2-g4)] **12.Qb3 Be6 13.Qc2 f6 14.Bg3 Nxc3 15.hxc3 Rc8**



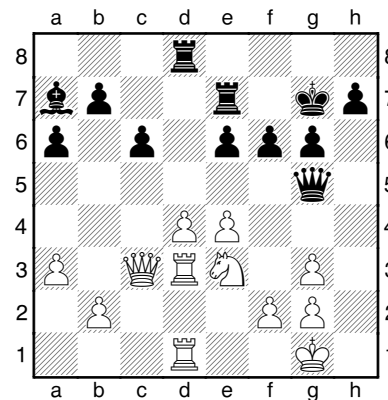
[An interesting alternative is bringing of the knight to d6 15...Nc8!? 16.Ne4 Nd6 17.Nc5 Bf7= from there it defends b7 pawn and does not disturb to advance b7-b6, c6-c5.] **16.Na4** Romanov exchanges all minor pieces except of Bg7 and Nf3. [As for me a maneuver of the knight to c5 was more promising: 16.Ne4!? Qc7 17.Nc5 Bf7 18.g4 preventing f6-f5 and meaning g4-g5 somewhen later.] **16...Nxa4 17.Bc4!?** [There is an equal position on the board after 17.Qxa4 a5 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4+ Qd5=] **17...Bxc4 18.Qxc4+ e6 19.Qxa4 a6=**



[A familiar to us 19...a5 was also possible 20.Rac1 Qb6=] **20.Qb3 Qd7 21.Rfd1 Rf7** Preparing an unusual maneuver. **22.Nd2 Bf8 23.Nc4 Qd5 24.Qc2 Rd8 Nb6** was a threat **25.a3 Bd6 26.e4 Qg5 27.Rd3 Bb8 28.Rad1 Ba7**

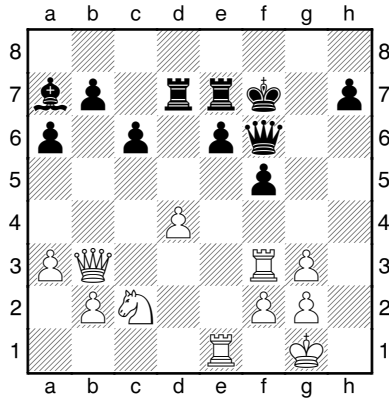


Bishop has come from g7 to a7! **29.Ne3 Re7 30.Qc3 Kg7=**

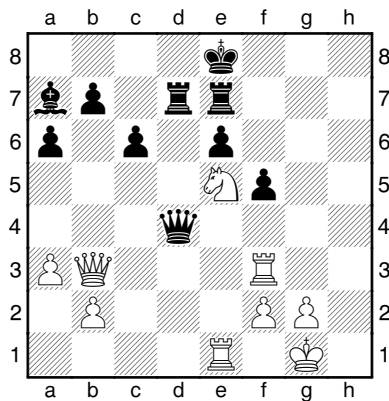


Opponents alternatively improve own pieces. **31.Qb4?!** Unnecessary provokation. **31...f5** [He could widen a scope of his bishop by means of 31...c5!? 32.dxc5 Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Bxc5 34.Qc4 Ba7 with nice position] **32.exf5**

gxf5 [Taking with e6 pawn was not worse at all: 32...exf5 33.Qa5 Rde8 34.g4 Bb8! a temporary pawn sacrifice 35.gxf5 Bf4 36.Qc3 Bxe3 37.fxe3 Qxf5 38.d5+ Qf6 39.dxc6 bxc6= with equal endgame] **33.Qa5 Rf8** [Black could increase a pressure at d4 pawn as well: 33...Red7 34.g4 Kg6!]=] **34.Re1 Qf6 35.Qb4 Rd7 36.Nc2 Re8** [Again Inarkiev had a possibility for c6-c5 36...c5!? 37.Qa4 Rd6 38.Rb3 Rf7 39.dxc5 Bxc5=] **37.Qb3 Re7 38.Rde3 Kf7 39.Rf3!**

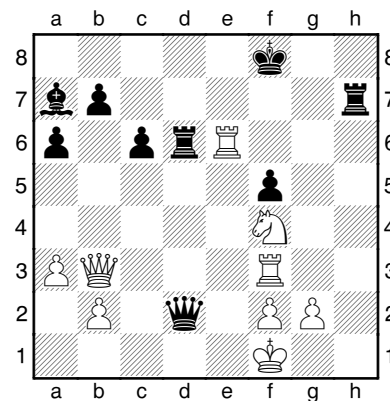


Unexpectedly White created some threats. Not dangerous yet. **39...h5** [39...Bxd4? is bad because of 40.g4 f4 41.g3 and Black gets difficulties] **40.Ne3?!** [Objectively this idea is not so great. But today it has come out. A stronger move was 40.Re5 e.g. 40...Kg7 41.Rfe3 Rd5 42.Rxd5 exd5 43.Rxe7+ Qxe7 44.Qf3 Qe4 45.Qxh5! Qxc2 46.Qg5+ with perpetual 46...Kf7 47.Qh5+ Ke7 48.Qg5+ Kd7 49.Qg7+ Kd6 50.Qf6+ Kc7 51.Qe7+ Kb6 52.Qb4+=] **40...Ke8** Rxf5 was a threat **41.g4** If you have said A you must also say B. **41...hxg4 42.Nxg4 Qxd4 43.Ne5**

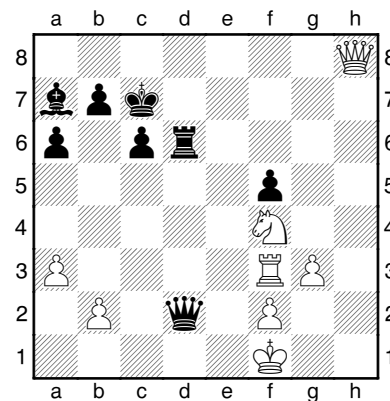


43...Rd5? [It was the best moment for Ernesto in the game: 43...Qd2! 44.Rf1 Rd5 45.Nc4 Qe2± with an evident advantage. From now

everything starts again.] **44.Nd3** Knight goes to f4 and pushes at e6 pawn. **44...Rd6** [White has enough resources to keep a balance after 44...Kd8 45.Nf4 Qd2 46.Rf1 Rd6 47.Ng6 Rg7 48.Nf4 and Black should give e6 pawn back if he wants to play for a win] **45.Nf4 Qd2** [45...e5? is not good due to 46.Qg8+ Kd7 47.Ng6 with attack] **46.Kf1 Rh7** [A nice trick was possible in event of 46...Bd4!? and now White would be forced to find the move 47.Ng6! (since 47.Nxe6? is not good: 47...Qh6! 48.Nc7+ Kd7 49.Rxe7+ Kxe7± and his king is in serious troubles) 47...Red7 48.Rxe6+ Rxe6 49.Qxe6+ Kd8 50.g3 Qxb2 51.Qxf5=] **47.Rxe6+ Kf8**

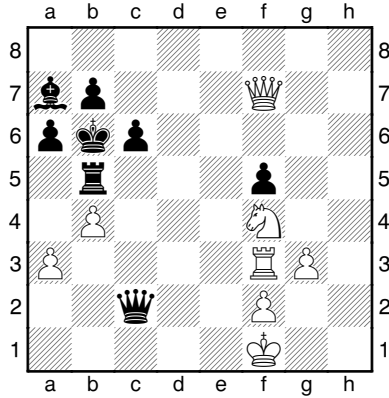


48.Re8+! Kxe8 49.Qg8+ Kd7 50.Qxh7+ Kd8 51.Qh8+ Kc7 52.g3

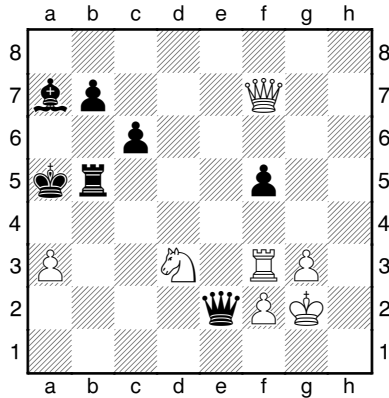


From now White is out of risk but Black has to make a series of accurate moves. **52...Qc2** [It was not good to activate the bishop right now 52...Bd4 53.Qh7+ Kb8 54.b4! c5! 55.Qxf5 (55.bxc5? Qc1+ 56.Kg2 Qxc5= and pawn f5 is defended) 55...cxb4 56.Qf8+ Kc7 57.Qe7+ Kc6 58.axb4 Qxb4 59.Qe4+ Kd7 60.Kg2± due to bad location of Black king White has good chances to win] **53.Qe5 Kd7 54.Nd3 Rd5 55.Qg7+ Kc8 56.Qf8+ Kc7 57.Qe7+ Kc8**

58.Qf8+ Kc7 59.Qf7+ Kb6 [After 59...Kc8 White could continue 60.Kg2 with such exemplary variations: 60...Bc5 Nb4 was a threat 61.Qg8+ Kc7 62.Nf4 Rd2 63.Ne6+ Kb6 64.Nxc5 Qxc5 65.Qb3+ Ka7 66.Rxf5! Qd4 67.Qc3 Qe4+ 68.Rf3± with extra pawn and good chances to win] **60.Nf4 Rb5 61.b4**

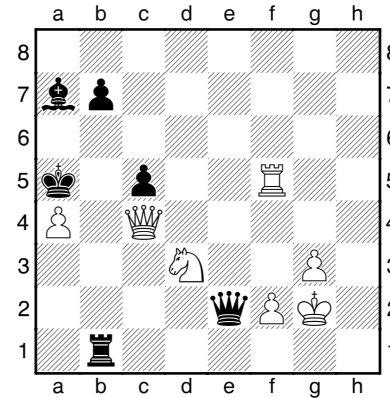


61...a5?! An inaccuracy. [Black had to regroup their pieces with 61...Bb8! 62.Nd3 Bd6= king goes to a7, rook goes back to d5 and bishop restricts Nd3.] **62.Nd3 Ka6?** A mistake that puts Black in troublous times. [It was again necessary to improve his bishop: 62...axb4 63.axb4 Bb8! 64.Nc5 Qb1+ 65.Kg2 Qxb4 66.Nd7+ Ka7 67.Rxf5 Qe4+ 68.Rf3 Ra5=] **63.bxa5 Kxa5 64.Kg2 Qe2?**

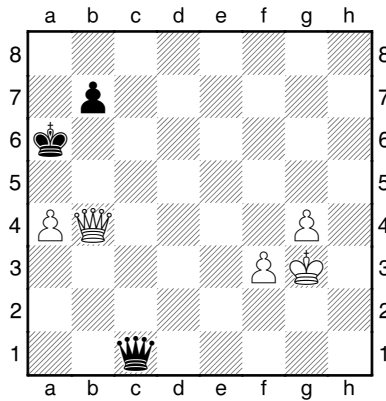


[And again we talk about Ba7: 64...Bd4! 65.Qd7 c5 was more stubborn] **65.a4?** [Evgeny misses a forced win: 65.Qc7+ Bb6 (65...Ka6 66.Nb4+ Rxb4 67.axb4+-; 65...Ka4 66.Rf4+ Kxa3 67.Qd6+ c5 68.Qd7! Ra5 69.Rf3!+-) 66.Qb8! Ka4 67.Qa8+ Ba5 68.Qh8! Rd5 (68...Bb6 69.Rf4+ Kxa3 (69...Ka5 70.Qa8+; 69...Kb3 70.Nc1+) 70.Qa1+ Qa2 (70...Kb3 71.Nc1+) 71.Ra4+) 69.Nb2+ Kb5 70.Rb3+ Kc5 71.Qf8+ Kd4 72.Rd3+-] **65...Rb1 66.Rxf5+ c5** White won a pawn but

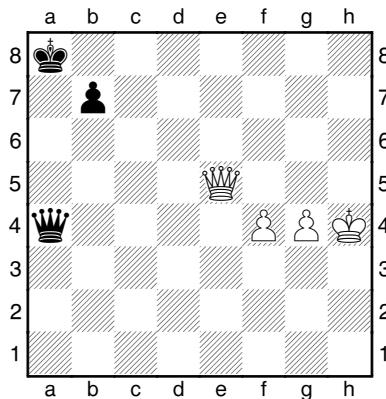
Black got an attack at the king. **67.Qc4**



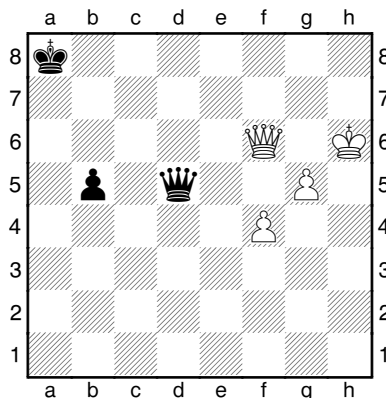
[Apparently, Black could save the game after 67.Qd5 as well 67...Qf1+ 68.Kh2 Qg1+ 69.Kh3 Qh1+! 70.Qxh1 Rxh1+ 71.Kg2 Rh7 72.Rf4 b5 73.axb5 Kxb5 White should be forced to give up the knight for c-pawn somewhen later.] **67...Qd1??** A final blunder. [Ernesto missed his last chance to save an half of point: 67...Qf1+! 68.Kf3 Qd1+ 69.Kf4 (there are even easier variations after 69.Ke4 Qg4+ 70.Rf4 (70.Nf4?? Re1+-) 70...Qe2+ 71.Kf5 Qh5+ 72.Kf6 Rb6+ 73.Ke7 Qg5+=) 69...Qxa4 70.Qxa4+ Kxa4 71.Nxc5+ Bxc5 72.Rxc5 b5 and Black is right in time to stop White pawns: 73.g4 b4 74.Rc8 b3 75.Ra8+ Kb4 76.Rb8+ Ka3 77.Kf5 (77.g5 b2 78.g6 Rg1 79.Kf5 Ka2 80.f4 b1Q+ 81.Rxb1 Kxb1 82.Kf6 Kc2 83.g7 Kd3 84.f5 Ke4 85.Kf7 Kxf5 86.g8Q Rxc8 87.Kxc8) 77...Rf1 78.f4 b2 79.g5 Rf3 80.Rxb2 Kxb2 81.g6 Kc3 82.g7 Rg3 83.Kf6 Kd4 84.f5 Ke4 85.Kf7 Kxf5 86.g8Q Rxc8 87.Kxc8] **68.Qc3+ Ka6 69.Rf6+ Bb6** [69...b6?? 70.Nxc5#] **70.Rxb6+!** A simple tactic gives White 2 extra pawns. **70...Kxb6** [70...Rxb6 71.Nxc5+ Ka7 72.Qa5+ Ra6 (72...Kb8 73.Qxb6 Qd5+ 74.f3 Qd2+ 75.Kh3+-) 73.Nxa6 bxa6 74.Qc7+ Ka8 75.Qc6+ Ka7 76.Qe4+-] **71.Qxc5+ Ka6 72.Nb4+ Rxb4 73.Qxb4+-** Pawns promote automatically. **73...Qd5+ 74.f3 Qa2+ 75.Kh3 Qe6+ 76.g4 Qh6+ 77.Kg3 Qc1**



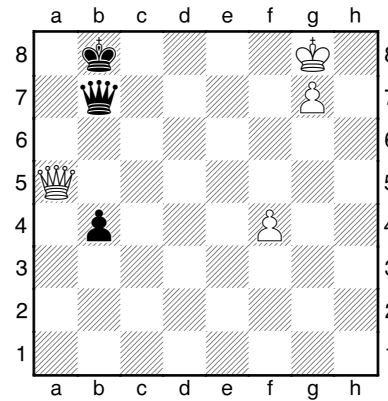
78.Qb5+ Using checks Romanov brings his queen to the central position. **78...Ka7**
79.Qa5+ Kb8 **80.Qe5+ Ka8** **81.f4 Qa3+**
82.Kh4 Qxa4



This pawn does not play any role. **83.g5 Qc6**
84.Kh5 Qh1+ **85.Kg6 Qc6+** **86.Qf6 Qd5**
87.Kh6 b5



88.Qa6+ Kb8 **89.g6 Qh1+** **90.Kg7 Qd5** **91.Qf6**
Qb7+ **92.Kh8 Qh1+** **93.Kg8 Qb7** [93...Qd5+
 94.Qf7+--] **94.g7 b4** **95.Qd8+ Ka7** **96.Qa5+**
Kb8



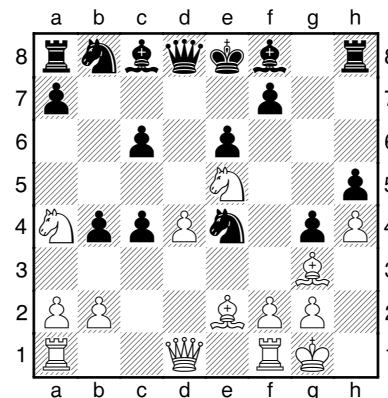
Last nuance is required. **97.Qe5+! Ka8**
98.Qa1+! Square h1 is covered. **98...Kb8**
99.Kh8 Black resigned; g7-g8Q is inevitable.
1-0

(08) Caruana, Fabiano (2680) - Kobalia, Mihail (2637) [D43]

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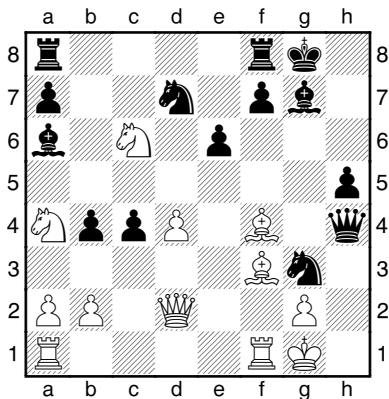
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5 h5 [This
 move now has authority in Anti-Moscow gam-
 bit even more, than 9...Bb7] **10.h4 g4 11.Be2**
b4!? "Deserves attention" (c) Stohl. Indeed,
 what could be more principled, than taking a
 central pawn? [Standard play is 11...Bb7 12.0-0
 with underminings f3, b3...] **12.Na4 Nxe4**
13.0-0

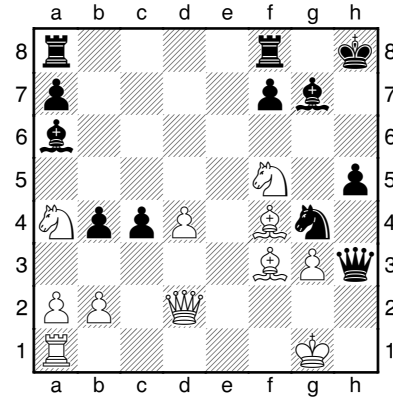


[13.Bf4?! appears poor in view 13...Qf6! 14.g3
 Bh6 15.Qc2 Bxf4 16.Qxe4 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Qf5
 18.Qxf5 exf5 19.Bxc4 Nd7 20.0-0-0 Ke7
 21.Rhe1 Nb6!, L'Ami-Motylev, Corus B 2009;
 also occurred 13.Bxc4 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Nd7
 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.0-0, Maletin-Kobalia, RUS-
 ch 2008, and now 16...Bg7 17.Rf4 0-0 guaran-
 tees a good position for Black.] **13...Bg7N**
[13...Ba6 14.Bf4 Bh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6 16.Qc1

Qxd4 17.Qxh6 Qxe5, Pohlig–Benti, corr 2002; by move in the game Black is threatening with Nxg3, because 13...Nxg3 right now is dubious: 14.fxg3 Bg7 15.Nxf7 Qxd4+ 16.Kh2 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 0-0 18.Ng5 with good compensation.] **14.Bf4** Of course, White protects dark-squared bishop. **14...Qxh4 15.Qc2?** [Such feeling, that Caruana simply overlooked opponent's reply, otherwise he would have chosen 15.Bxc4] **15...g3 16.fxg3 Nxg3** Now Black catches an initiative entirely – dark squares are very weak. **17.Bf3** [Having realized, that 17.Bxg3 Qxg3 18.Rf3 Qh4 19.Rd1 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Nd7 lacks of prospects, White has decided to sacrifice an exchange. But will Black take it?] **17...0-0** [The answer is "no" – at least, for the time present. 17...Nxf1 18.Rxf1 0-0 (18...Qxf4? 19.Bxc6+) 19.Qd2 really allows White to create some ghosts of attack.] **18.Qd2 Nd7!** Kobalia disregards a material factor, preferring development and exchange of active white pieces. **19.Nxc6** [19.Bxg3 Qxg3 20.Nxc6 Nf6!, and if 21.Ne7+ Kh7! 22.Bxa8, then 22...Ng4 23.Qf4 Bxd4+! (that's why king is needed at h7, not h8); 19.Bg5 Ne4!] **19...Ba6**



[Keen on Ba6–b5, but better was 19...Nf6!, as in previous variation.] **20.Rfe1?** [White is wrongly rejected a nearly forced line 20.Bxg3 Qxg3 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.Rxf7 Bb5 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5 c3 26.bxc3 bxc3, and 27.Qe1 leaves quite good chances for the coming off clear.] **20...Nf5 21.Re4** Looks sternly, but next move breaks all illusions. **21...Nf6** Now the only way is to part with an exchange. **22.Re5 Ng4 23.Rxf5 exf5 24.g3 Qh3!** [Much better, than passive 24...Qf6 25.Bg5] **25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Nxf5**



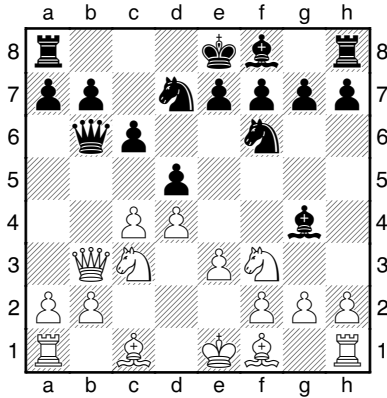
26...Nh2!? [26...Rae8 should win too, but Kobalia doesn't want to stand the knight f5.] **27.Bxa8 Qxf5 28.Bg2 Ng4 29.Nc5 Rd8!** The whole invention with 26...Nh2 would be a mistake, unless this exact move. Now, at the cost of a piece, Black is expanding an attack. **30.Nxa6 Bxd4+ 31.Kh1 c3** [Black miss the chance to finish the game at once: 31...Nf2+ 32.Kh2 h4! 33.gxh4 c3+] **32.bxc3 bxc3 33.Qe2** Here queen stands more comfortable, than on d2. **33...c2 34.Rc1** [34.Rf1 Nf2+ 35.Kh2 h4 36.Qe7 is the last possibility to muddle, but cold-blooded 36...hxg3+ 37.Bxg3 Qh5+ 38.Qh4 Qxh4+ 39.Bxh4 Nd1! 40.Bg5 Be3 clears things up.] **34...Nf2+ 35.Kh2 Ng4+ 36.Kh1 Nf2+ 37.Kg1** [37.Kh2 h4!] **37...Nd3+ 38.Kh1 Nxc1 39.Bxc1 Be5** Rook goes to d1, and it's over. **40.Kh2 Rd1 41.Bh3** [41.Qe3 Rxc1! 42.Qxc1 h4] **41...Bxg3+ An elegant tactics crowns it all. 42.Kg2 Qd5+ 43.Kxg3 Rxc1 44.Qe3 Rg1+ [44...Rg1+ 45.Qxg1 Qg5+] 0-1**

(09) Ponomariov,Ruslan (2737) - Ivanchuk,Vassily (2748) [D11]

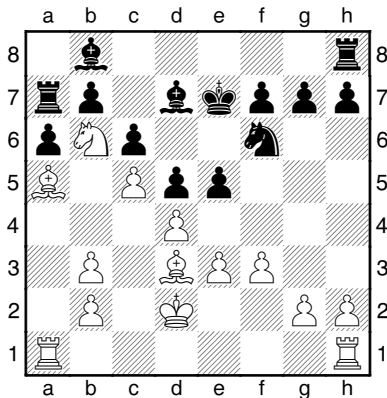
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[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Qb3 Ponomariov chooses a continuation, which theorize as less as possible. It makes some sense – no reason to battle with Ivanchuk in well-known lines. **5...Qb6 6.Nc3 Nbd7**

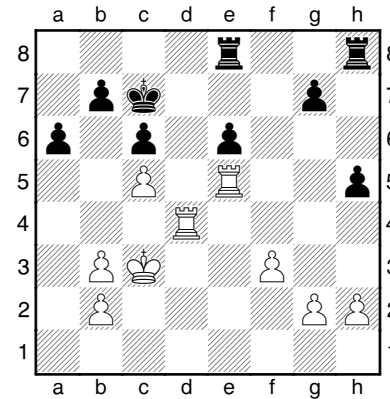


[6...e6 7.Ne5 Bf5 8.c5 Qc7 9.Be2 h6 10.Qa4 Nbd7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.0-0 Be7 13.b4! , Mik-halevski-Deutsch, Tel Aviv 2002.] **7.Ne5N** This type of position – quick switch to the ending – suits to Ruslan well, considering his excellent technique. **7...Be6** [7...Nxe5?! 8.dxe5 Qxb3 9.axb3 Nd7 10.cxd5 Nxe5 11.f4!±] **8.Nxd7 Bxd7 9.Na4 Qxb3** [It's no good to deviate from exchange – 9...Qc7 10.Nc5!] **10.axb3 a6** [Threat Na4–b6 makes some troubles, but maybe it was possible to cope without a7–a6, I mean 10...0-0-0!? 11.Nc5 Kb8] **11.Bd3 e6 12.Bd2 Bd6 13.Ba5!** Very strong move. Now after c4–c5 either black bishop will step back to b8, or bishop a5 penetrates to c7. **13...Ke7 14.c5 Bb8 15.Kd2 e5 16.Nb6 Ra7 17.f3**

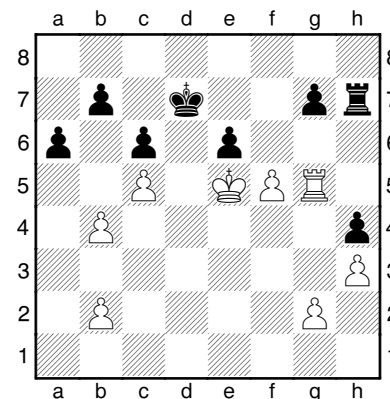


White is clearly better, but that's not enough without open lines for the rooks. That's why Ponomariov prepares e3–e4 break. **17...h5?** [Impulsive move, which can proclaim oneself later. 17...e4!, putting obstacles in the way of position's unveiling, is more useful.] **18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bc3 Bxc3+ 20.Kxc3 Be6** Knight is hurrying at d7 to rescue rook a7 from an imprisonment. But White hasn't been sitting around twiddling his thumbs. **21.Rhe1 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Kxd7 23.e4! dxe4 24.Rxe4 Raa8 25.Rd1 Kc7 26.Bc4!** Keeping clear a way for

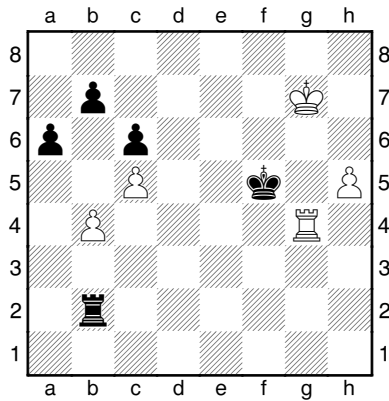
the rooks. **26...Rae8 27.Rde1 Kd7 28.Rd4+ Kc7 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Re5±**



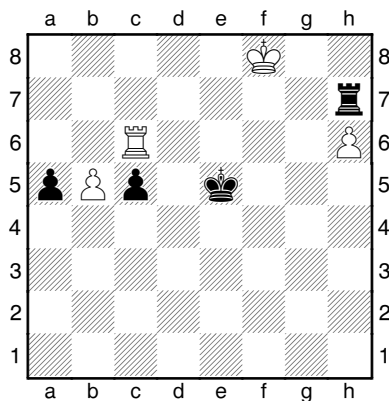
Pawn h5 represents itself nothing more than a weakness. **30...Re7 31.Rde4 Rh6** White binds enemy's force with protection, so now it's turn to activate king c3. **32.Rg5 Rf7 33.Kd4 Rd7+ 34.Ke3 Kd8 35.Rd4 Rh7 36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Ke4 Ke7 38.Ke5** Done. Now a couple of useful moves, and then "base expansion" with the aid of f4–f5. **38...h4 39.b4 Kd7 40.h3 Ke7 41.f4 Kd7 42.f5!**



It's important to make this move when black king stays at d7. **42...exf5 43.Kxf5 Ke7 44.Kg6+-** Grasping pawn g7... but black rook is going out now, which give some chances for Ivanchuk. **44...Rh6+ 45.Kxg7 Re6 46.Rg4 Re2 47.Rxh4** [47.b3! seems more exact, but Ruslan, probably, was sure that 47.Rxh4 is enough too.] **47...Rxc2+ 48.Rg4 Rxb2 49.h4 Ke6** [49...Rh2 50.Kg6] **50.h5 Kf5**

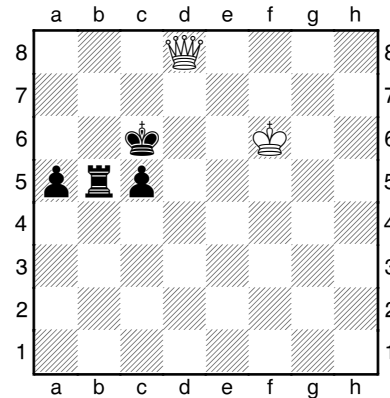


51.Rh4! [Practical decision. White doesn't want trouble oneself with calculations, whether ending after 51.Rg6 Rxb4 52.h6 Rh4 53.h7 Rxh7+ 54.Kxh7 Ke5 55.Rd6 is winning (though it is!).] **51...Kg5 52.Rh1** [52.h6 Kxh4 53.h7 Rxb4 54.h8Q+ turns out to be not quite enough for White.] **52...Rd2** Such feeling, that White had mistaken somewhere, and now rook is going to occupy an ideal place at h7. But Ponomariov foresees everything. **53.h6 Rd7+ 54.Kf8 Kf6** [54...Rh7 55.Kg8!] **55.Ke8 Rh7 56.Rd1!** In actual fact, pawn h6 can't be taken. Rook will go to d6, after which White may choose among two paths – Kd8–c8 and Rd7 or Kf8–g8... **56...Ke5 57.Rd6 b6!?** Black is trying the last chance. **58.Rxc6?** [58.Kf8 wins easily: 58...bxc5 59.bxc5 a5 60.Kg8 Rxh6 61.Rxh6 Kd5 62.Rh5+ Kc4 63.Kf7; now all is not so simple.] **58...a5!** What to do? **59.b5** [This is the best chance to play for the victory; 59.bxa5 bxa5 60.Kf8 Kd5 61.Ra6 Rxh6!]=] **59...bxc5 60.Kf8**



60...Kd5? [Seems unbelievable, but after 60...Rb7! Ivanchuk could hold a draw! 61.Rxc5+ (61.Kg8 Rxb5 62.Rc8 Rb7 63.h7 Rxh7 64.Kxh7 Kd4=) 61...Kf6 62.Rc6+ Kg5! (touching pawn h6) 63.b6 a4 64.Rc7 Rb8+! 65.Kg7 a3! 66.Rc5+ Kg4=] **61.Kg8 Rb7 62.h7**

Rb8+ 63.Kg7 Rxb5 [63...Kc4 64.b6+–] **64.h8Q Kxc6** Now Ponomariov will act like a table-base. **65.Qe8+ Kb6 66.Qd8+ Kc6 67.Kf6!**



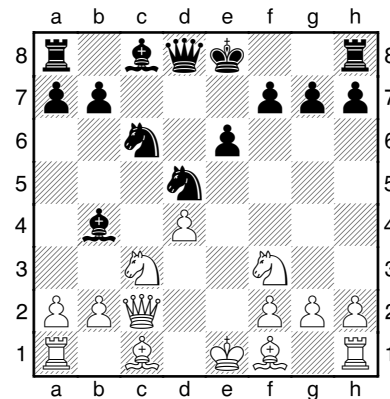
Zugzwang. **67...Rb4 68.Qxa5 Rd4 69.Qa6+ Kc7 70.Ke6** Now Black has to take away one pawn more. **70...Rg4 71.Qd6+ Kb7 72.Qxc5 Rg6+ 73.Kf7 Rc6 74.Qb5+ Rb6 75.Qd7+ Ka6 76.Qa4+ Kb7 77.Ke7 Kb8 78.Kd7 Rb7+ 79.Kd8 Rb6 80.Qd7!** The shortest path. **80...Ka8 81.Qd5+ Kb8** [81...Ka7 82.Kc7] **82.Qc5** [82.Kd7! wins faster, but that's okay.] **82...Rh6** [82...Kb7] **83.Qe5+ Ka8 84.Qe4+ Ka7 85.Qe3+ Rb6 86.Kc7 1-0**

(10) Diamant, Andre (2486) - Granda Zuniga, Julio E (2643) [B14]

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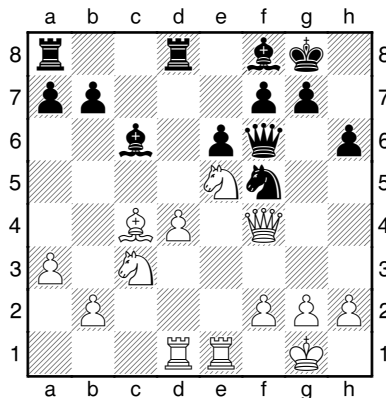
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 [Another continuation – 7...exd5, which opens bishop c8 and line "e" at the same time. 7...Nxd5 also has some merits – central outpost for the knight and pawn's d4 attack perspective.] **8.Qc2 Nc6**



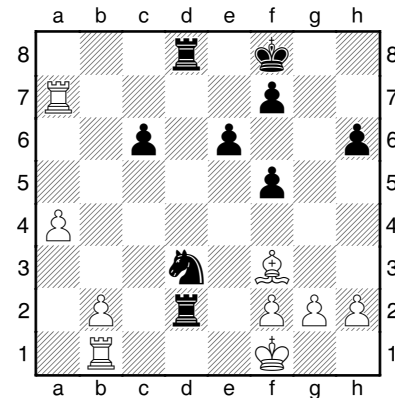
9.Be2 [Such "modest" behaviour is explained by variation 9.Bd3 Ba5! with two threats –

Ndb4 and the winning of pawn d4.] **9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3** [Bishop b4 is heading to g7 (through f8 and g7-g6) anyway, so is there a reason to urge it on? I like more 11.Rd1 Bf8 12.Bg5!?, Sokolov-Lalic, Cappelle 2004.] **11...Bf8 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.Re1N** [With Nxd5 intention; earlier met 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Qh4 Ne7 15.Ne4 Ng6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Qh5 Bc6 18.Be3 Qd5, and Black at least isn't worse, Satyapragyan-Ramesh, Goodricke 2002.] **13...Nf6 14.Qh4 Ne7** Like in the game from previous annotation - queen h4 feels itself uncomfortably. **15.Bg5?!** [15.Bd3! was more lively - 15...Ng6 (15...Nf5 16.Qh3 with g2-g4 ideas) 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Ne5, and rook can be transferred to h3.] **15...Nf5 16.Qf4 Bc6** Now Black has absolutely no problems. **17.Rad1 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ne5 Red8 20.Bc4**



20...Nd6! Prevention from Ne5xf7 and d4-d5 motives at once. Now Zuniga switches to the favoured endgame. **21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Bd3** [Immediate 23.Be2? won't do because of 23...Nf5; that's why Diamant is waiting for f6-f5 first.] **23...f5 24.Be2 Bg7 25.Rd2 a5!** [Preparing rook's outlet: 25...Rab8?! 26.b4; it's obvious, that Black is overplaying his opponent step-by-step.] **26.Bf3** Not the best, but any good advice will be cost dearly for White here. **26...Rac8?!** [For some reason Black has declined attractive line 26...Nc4 27.Rc2 Bxd4 28.Ne2 (28.Bxc6 Rac8) 28...Nxb2 29.Nxd4 Nd3!] **27.Ne2 Nb5?!** [Yet another fault - 27...Ne4! 28.Bxe4 fxe4 with further c6-c5 or e6-e5 promises good life for Black and bishop g7 in particular.] **28.Red1 Rd6 29.Kf1** Now White has regrouped and can calmly look in the future. **29...Kf8** [29...Rcd8

30.a4 Nxd4 31.Nxd4 Bxd4 32.Bxc6 e5 provides slightly better endgame for Black due to strong bishop d4, but apparently, this wasn't enough for Julio Granda.] **30.a4! Nc7** Now we realize, why Black didn't move a4 by oneself - for the sake of c7-a6-b4 route. But White has a counter-route - d2-c2-c5. **31.Rc1 Na6 32.Rdc2 Nb4 33.Rc5 Bxd4** [33...Nd3 34.Rxc6 Rdx6 35.Rxc6 Rxc6 36.Bxc6 Nb4!? 37.Bb5 Nc2 secures a draw, but Peruvian grandmaster still aims for the victory.] **34.Nxd4 Rxd4 35.Rxa5 Rcd8 36.Ra7** [A signal for the pawn a4; 36.Bxc6? Rc8] **36...Rd2 37.Rb1 Nd3**



38.Bxc6!? [Now Diamant plays for the winning already! In case of 38.a5 Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.a6 Ne5 41.Rb7 Rdd2 42.a7 Nxf3+ 43.gxf3 Black would be obliged to reconcile oneself with draw.] **38...e5** [Spoils nothing yet, although 38...e5 deprives of some opportunities, for example 38...Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.Bf3 Ne5!] **39.a5 e4?** [But that is irretrievable mistake. After correct 39...Rxf2+ 40.Kg1 Rc2 41.Rd7 (41.Ra8 Ke7!) 41...Rc8 42.Rxd3 R8xc6 43.Rf3 (43.b4?! Ra2) 43...e4 44.Rxf5 e3 45.Rf3 Re2 Black's activity will do to maintain equilibrium.] **40.Ra8!** Exactly! Diamant evaluates a situation accurately - pawn a5 is unleashed. **40...Rxa8 41.Bxa8 Rxf2+ 42.Kg1 Rd2** [42...Rxb2 43.Rxb2 Nxb2 44.a6 Nc4 45.a7 Nb6 46.Bd5+-] **43.a6 Nc5 44.a7 Rd7 45.Bb7!** Classical case of position's overrate. **1-0**

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