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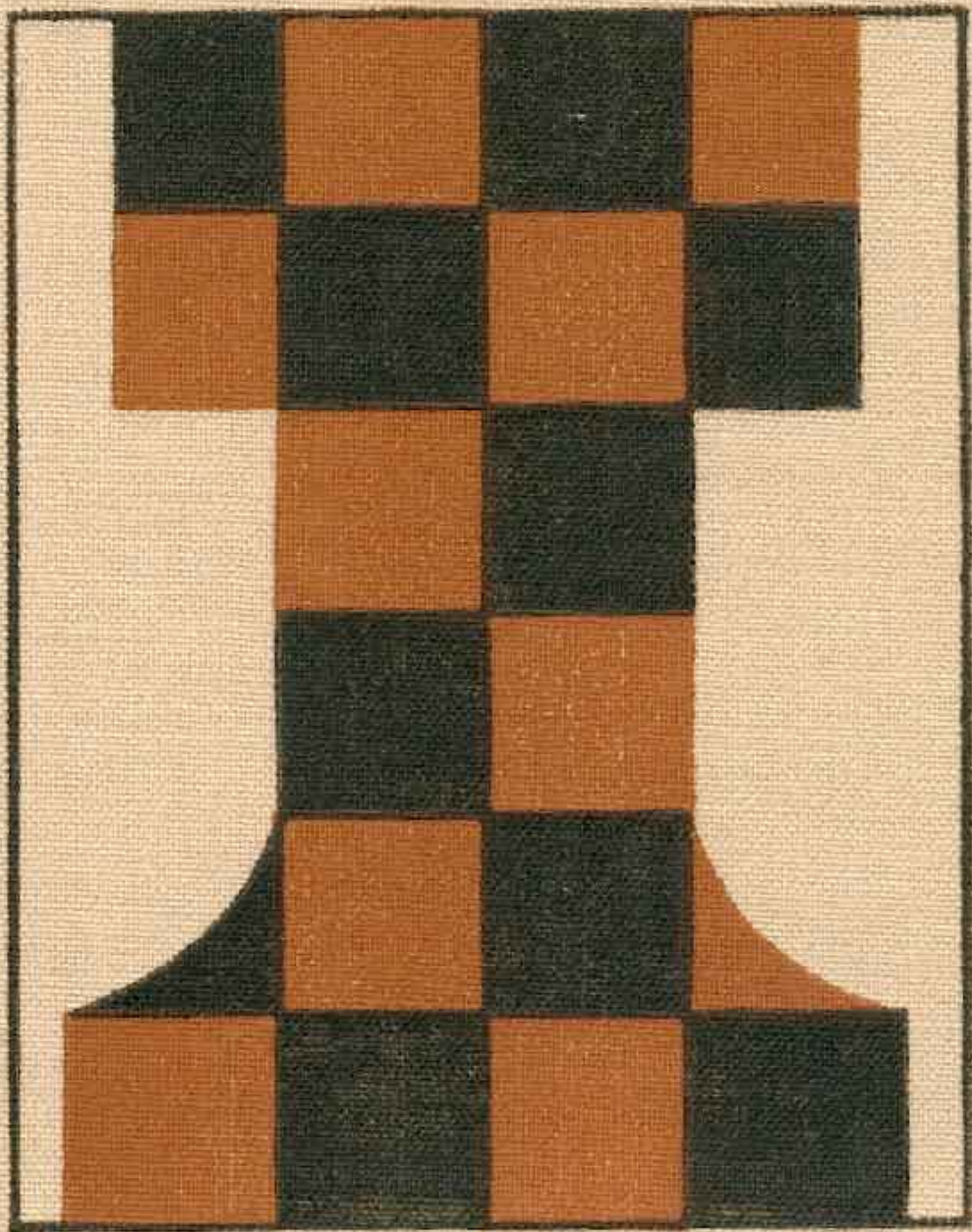


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Games

(01) Berkes,F (2693) - Saric,A (2489)

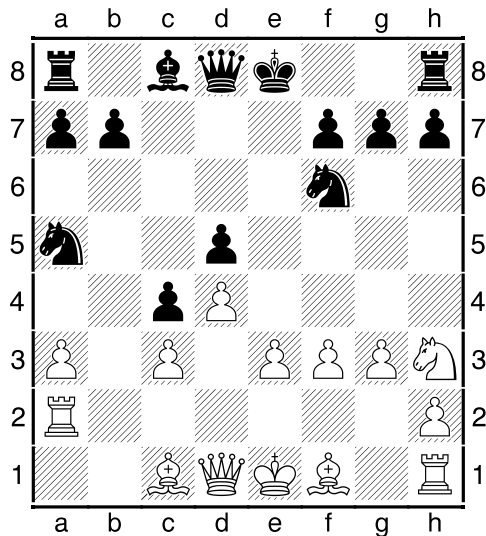
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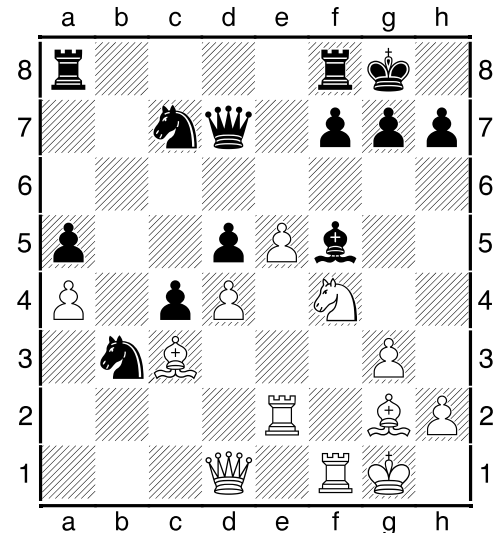
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 [7...Nxd5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 applied in Timofeev-Sjugirov, CZM 03/2011.] **8.e3 c4** Black prevents a standard set-up Bd3, Ne2 Δ e3-e4. But 8...c4 doesn't mean, that e3-e4 disappears from White's agenda. **9.g3 N** [Former World Champion preferred 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.g4 , and after 10...h6 11.Bg2 Na5 12.0-0 Nb3 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.Qe1 Re8 16.e4!f White caught an initiative, Kasparov-Polgar, Tilburg 1997. Berkes is trying to invent something new.] **9...Nc6 10.Nh3 Na5 11.Ra2!?**



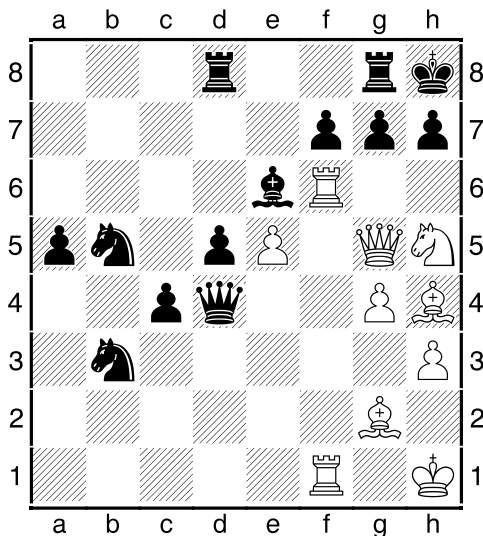
Now we can see the whole sense of White's approach – ♖ goes to e2, bishop to g2, ♘ to f2 (if there is such necessity), and all this for the sake of e3-e4. **11...Nb3 12.Re2 0-0 13.Bg2 b5** Saric has to undertake some actions on the queenside, otherwise he will be crushed by pawns "f" and "e". **14.0-0 a5 15.e4!?** [Very brave, but it was necessary to move 15.Nf2! at first.] **15...b4!?** [Of course, Black considered 15...dxe4 16.fxe4 Bg4 , but after 17.Bg5 such complicated position arisen, that it's not so easy to pick the best continuation:

17...Ra6! – this prophylaxis seems to be the strongest; **a)** 17...Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qxd4+ leads to unclear position, though it's obvious that ♖b5, c4 guarantee an excellent play for Black; **b)** 17...b4 is less good in view 18.Nf2! (18.e5 bxc3-+) 18...Bxe2 19.Qxe2 bxc3 20.e5 (20.Qxc4 Qb6) 20...Nxd4 21.Qe3f; 18.e5 h6 19.Bh4 (19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rf4 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 fxe5 – ♜a6 is connecting to defence) 19...g5 20.Nxg5 hxg5 21.Bxg5 , and blow 21...Nxd4! gives Black an advantage.] **16.e5 Ne8 17.Bb2** [White should hold this pressure: 17.axb4 axb4 18.cxb4? Ra1 19.Rc2 Qb6-+] **17...bxc3 18.Bxc3 Nc7!** Because of threat Nb5 White has to put a pawn on a4, but it's gonna be a target there. **19.a4 Bd7 20.f4 Qc8!** Now it feels, that ♘ on g3 (as in Kasparov-Polgar game) is more useful than on h3 – it supports f4-f5. [White's attack in case of 20...Bg4?! 21.f5 Qd7 22.Nf4 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Ra6 24.Qg4 is too large price for an exchange.] **21.f5!** This sacrifice is the only way to fight for initiative. **21...Bxf5 22.Nf4 Qd7**



[22...Be6!?] **23.Re2** [After this move White has no road to turn back. 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rxf5 could lead to equality – 25...Rfd8 (25...Nc5 26.Re1 Nd3 27.Re1 Δ Qf3) 26.Re2 Nxd4 27.Rxf7 Qxe5 28.R7f4 Ne2+ 29.Qxe2 Qxc3= , but

Berkes wants more.] **23...Bg4 24.Qc2 Rad8** Black is ready to grab another ♖ – a4. **25.h3 Bf5 26.Qe2 Qxa4 27.g4** [In the same adventurous manner; 27...Nxd5 Nxd5 (27...Bd3 28.Ne7+ Kh8 29.Qh5→ Bxf1? 30.Be4 g6 31.e6!!+–) 28.Bxd5 Qd7! , and Black is OK(28...Bd3? 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Qh5 Bxf1 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.e6+–)] **27...Be6 28.Qe3 Qd7 29.Nh5** Qg5 and Nf6 threatens, so Black has to defend. **29...Qe7** [29...Ne8 serves the same goal, but ♖a5 is unmovaed then (otherwise Bb4).] **30.Rf6!** White wants to restore possibilities like Nxc7 and Qg5, but the most important – bishop can reach square h4 now. **30...Kh8 31.Be1?!** [31.Nxc7 seems to give something: 31...Kxc7 32.Be1 (only not 32.Rh6 Rg8 33.Rff6 Kf8 , and king escapes) 32...Kh8 33.Bh4 Rg8 34.Rh6 Qf8 35.Bf6+ Rg7 , and now another bishop activates – 36.Bf3!≡ , going to c2.] **31...Nb5?!** [Black has rejected correct 31...gxf6 32.Bh4 Ne8 – maybe, because of 33.Ng7! (33.Nxf6 Rg8! 34.Qh6 Rg7+) , but here two paths lead to the winning position: simple 33...Qa7 34.Nxe8 Qxd4 and sharp 33...Nxc7 34.exf6 Nf5!] **32.Bh4 Qa7 33.Kh1!** [Tempting 33.Nxc7? Qxd4 34.Qxd4 N5xd4 35.Nxe6 Nxe6 36.Rxf7 in fact loses after 36...Rxf7 37.Rxf7 c3 38.Bxd8 c2 39.Rf1 Nxd8 40.Bxd5 c1Q 41.Rxc1 Nxc1 42.e6 Nxe6 43.Bxe6 a4 , so Berkes made the right choice.] **33...Qxd4 34.Qg5 Rg8**



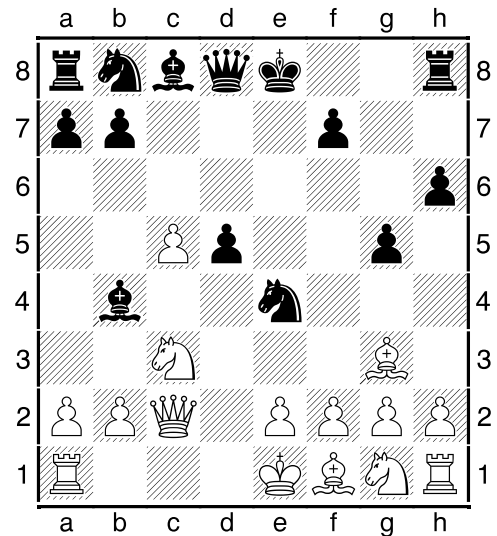
35.Rh6!! Rde8? [White is threatening by Nxc7, so ♖d8 should go away. 35...Rb8? fails due 36.Rxf7! Bxf7 37.Qf5+– , that's why Saric moved 35...Rde8 – in order to have 37...Qa1+, but...; 35...Qd2! 36.Nf4 Qc2 was the best, and White hardly can think out something better than draw after 37.Rf2 Qb1+ 38.Rf1 Qc2] **36.Rxh7+!** Now black king will be mated. **36...Kxh7 37.Nf6+ gxf6 38.Qh5+ Kg7 39.Bxf6+ 1-0**

(02) So,W (2667) - Grandelius,N (2547) [E35]

19th Sigeman & Co Malmo SWE (4), 12.06.2011

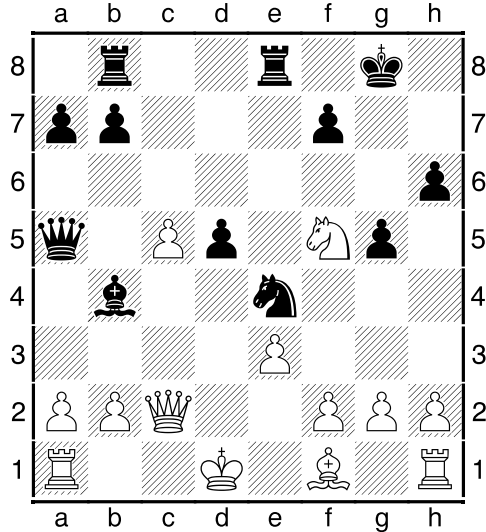
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c5 [One often prefers exactly this order of moves, because in case 6...h6 it's necessary to reckon with 7.Bxf6 (7.Bh4 c5 8.dxc5 – the same as game) 7...Qxf6 8.a3] **7.dxc5 h6 8.Bh4** [8.Bxf6 now gives nothing: 8...Qxf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Nf3 Be6= Δ Nd7] **8...g5 9.Bg3 Ne4**

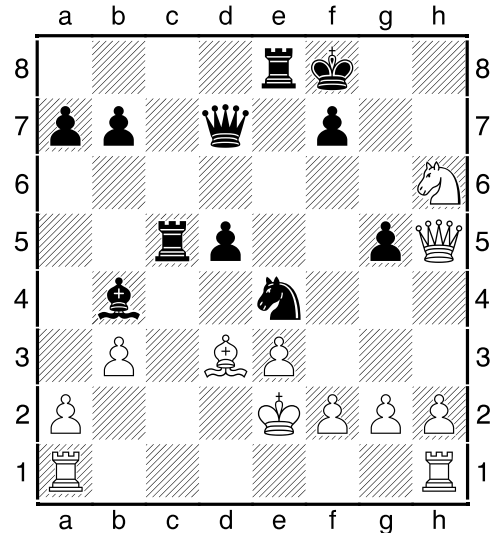


10.e3 [The main direction in this system. 10.Bxb8 can be regarded as dubious: 10...Qf6 11.Bg3 Nxc3 12.a3 Bf5 13.Qd2 Ba5 14.e3 0-0-0f; 10.0-0-0!? is much more interesting: 10...Bxc3 11.f3! Bd2+ 12.Rxd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2≡] **10...Qa5 11.Nge2** [11.Be5 0-0 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bxe4 Nxe5 14.Bxd5 Bg4!= , Kasparov–Short, London 1993.] **11...Bf5 12.Be5** [Hard-edged continuation. After tranquil 12.Bxb8 Rxb8

13.Nd4 the most accurate is 13...Bd7! , with coming exchanges on c3 and roughly equal ending.] **12...0-0** Now bishop e5 will be a target. **13.Nd4 Re8 14.Bxb8** White king is going to be uncastled. [14.Nxf5 Rxe5 15.Nxh6+ Kg7 16.Ng4 Re6 17.0-0-0?! Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc5±] **14...Nxc3 15.Nxf5 Ne4+ 16.Kd1 Raxb8**



17.Nxh6+N Even strange, how this natural move can be a novelty. [17.f3 Nf6 18.h4 g4; in duel between two Belarussian grandmasters occurred 17.Bd3 Rbc8 18.Ke2 Bxc5 19.Rhd1 , Maiorov–Zhigalko, Minsk 2009, and after 19...Nxf2! 20.Kxf2 Bxe3+ 21.Nxe3 Rxc2+ 22.Nxc2 Qb6+ 23.Kf1 g4! Black attacks.] **17...Kf8 18.Bd3?!** [Wesley So breaks the unwritten law – ♘ from such active places like e4 should be driven away as soon as possible. 18.f3 answers this goal, and after 18...Nf6 19.Nf5 Rbc8 20.Bd3 Rxc5 21.Qf2 everything is possible.] **18...Rbc8 19.Qe2** [19.Bxe4 dxe4 is useless, as king d1 is bare against black rooks.] **19...Rxc5 20.Qh5** White has created some threats, but Black finds a very good path to protect. **20...Qa4+! 21.b3?** [It was worth to determine to 21.Ke2 Rc2+ 22.Kf1 Rxf2+ 23.Kg1 , though Black is more perspective owing to fantastic resource 23...Bc5 24.Ng4 Rf5 25.Qh7 Qd4!!] **21...Qd7** d5–d4 is menacing, king d1 ought to leave. **22.Ke2**



22...Qe6! [Fantastic move! 22...d4? was a false track: 23.Ng4 dxe3 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Qf6+= ; but now Grandelius wants to catch ♘h6 after Kg7 or to intrude into enemy's camp after Qf6. White can't split.] **23.Rac1 Qf6** [23...Kg7? isn't working due to 24.Rxc5 Bxc5 25.Bxe4 , but 23...Qf6 will do.] **24.Ng4 Qb2+ 25.Kf3 Re6!** [Another strong reply. 25...Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Qxc1 probably wins too: 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qe5+ Kd8 29.Qxd5+ Nd6 30.Qxg5+ Re7 , but some work is still required.] **26.Rxc5** Allows an elegant final. **26...Rf6+! 27.Nxf6 Qxf6+ 28.Kg4 Qe6+ 29.Kf3 Qf5+ 30.Ke2 Qxf2+ 31.Kd1 Qd2# 0-1**

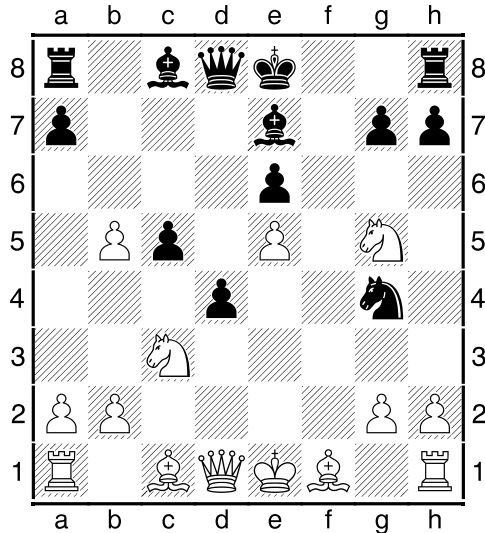
(03) Kazhgaleyev,M (2618) - Kvon,A (2459) [E10]

Zonal 3.4 Men Tashkent UZB (7.2), 14.06.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]

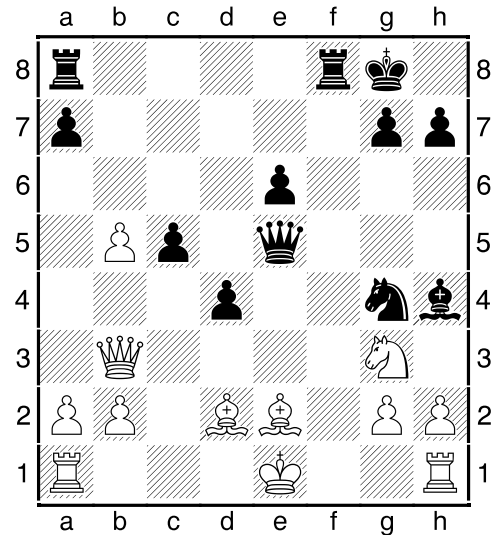
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 b5 Blumenfeld Gambit. Risky, but interesting system. **5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.Nc3** White makes it clear that he is going to conduct e2–e4, so Black has to do something. **7...Nbd7** [Frequently square d7 is reserved for the ♘f6: 7...Bb7 8.e4 d4 9.e5 Nfd7 , figuring on 10.Nb1 Be7 11.Bc4 0-0!±] **8.e4 d4 9.e5 Ng4 10.Ng5** [10.Ne4 earlier considered as dangerous, but exact 10...Bb7! (not 10...Ngxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qh5+ Nf7 13.Nxc5±) 11.Nfg5 Ndx5 12.f4 Bxe4 13.fxe5 Bf5 14.Bd3 , Mamedja-

rov–Nisipeanu, Sofia 2007, 14...Qd5 (or even 14...c4!?) 15.0-0 g6 guarantees a solid position.] **10...Ndx5 11.f4** [Such strong GM as Malakhatko recently lost two games by White with 11.Nce4 – that's a serious reason to avoid it.] **11...Be7 12.fxe5**



[Game Pavlovic–Parligras, Kavala 2008 developed interestingly: 12.Nce4!? Qd5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qh3 Nf7 16.Nxf7 Qxe4+ 17.Be2 0-0 18.Qf3 Bb7 19.0-0 d3 20.Qxe4 Bxe4 21.Bf3 Bxf3 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.gxf3 , and in the end Black succeeded in draw achievement.] **12...Nxe5!** [Heretofore Black was content with slightly worse ending after 12...dxc3 13.Qxd8+ Bxd8 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Nf3 Ba5 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.Be2 Rad8 18.Rf1 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Rxf3 20.Bxf3 Nxe5 , Nyback–Muzychuk A., Corus–B 2010 – but this approach is completely different matter.] **13.Nge4?** [Dealing with such novelty, Kazhgaleyev chooses not the best continuation. Of course, 13.Nce4 0-0 is the most critical (besides, this position arises in case of 12.Nce4 0-0! 13.fxe5 Nxe5) 14.Nf3 , and now Black has three options: (14.Qb3 Qd5!) 14...Nxf3+ – probably, the strongest; **a)** 14...Bb7 15.Nxe5 Bxe4 16.Qg4 Bh4+ 17.Kd1 Bf5 18.Qf3 Bc2+ 19.Kxc2 Rxf3 20.Nxf3+; **b)** 14...Qd5 15.Nxe5 (15.Qe2 Bb7 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 – the same) 15...Qxe5 16.Qe2 Bb7 17.Ng3 Qf6 , and White still encounters a difficulty with development;

15.gxf3 Bh4+ 16.Ng3 Bb7 17.Bg2 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qxb5 with excellent play.] **13...0-0!** Even not drawing attention at ♖c3. **14.Ne2 Bb7 15.N2g3 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Bh4+ 17.Ng3** [17.g3 Nf3+ 18.Ke2 Qd5 19.Qc2 c4+] **17...Qf6** [17...Qd5! secures a winning position right now: 18.Qh5 Qe4+ (18...Nd3+ 19.Kd2!) 19.Kd1 (19.Qe2 Bxg3+ 20.hxg3 Nd3+ 21.Kd1 Nf2+) 19...Bxg3 20.hxg3 Rf2 21.Bf4 Rf8!! 22.Qxe5 Rxf1+!+] **18.Qb3 Ng4!** Kvon has realized, that check on "e"–line the best there is. **19.Be2?!** [Nº19.Bc4 Qe5+ 20.Kd1 , and if 20...Nf2+ 21.Kc2 Bxg3 22.Qxg3 Qxg3 23.hxg3 Nxh1 , then 24.Bf4 Nf2 25.Re1 with some practical chances. Now attack is irresistible.] **19...Qe5 20.Bd2**



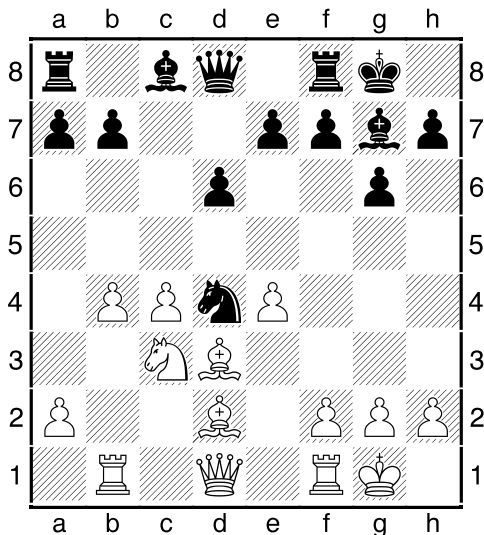
20...c4! [20...Nhx2?! 21.0-0-0 ; now white king has no place to hide.] **21.Qa3** [21.Qxc4 Bxg3+ 22.hxg3 Qxg3+ 23.Kd1 Nf2+] **21...c3 22.Bxc3** [22.bxc3 d3 23.0-0-0 dxe2 24.Rde1 Bxg3 25.hxg3 Nf2+] **22...Bxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Kd2 dxc3+ 25.Kc2** [25.Qxc3 Qf4+ 26.Kc2 Rac8] **25...Rf2** [25...Ne3+ 26.Kb3 cxb2 27.Kxb2 Nc4+! wins even faster.] **26.Rae1 Qe3 27.Qxc3 Rxe2+ 28.Kb3 Rc8 29.Qxe3 Rxe3+ 30.Rxe3 Nxe3 31.Re1** White hasn't resigned, because he hopes for own ♖b5. But pawn h7 runs very quickly. **31...Nxg2 32.Rxe6 h5 33.Re7 h4 34.Rxa7 h3 35.b6 Rb8 36.b7 Kf7!** [36...h2? 37.Ra8 h1Q 38.Rxb8+ Kh7 39.Ra8=] **0-1**

(04) Morozevich,A (2694) - Vorobiov,E (2570) [B36]

64th ch-RUS HL Taganrog RUS (1), 15.06.2011

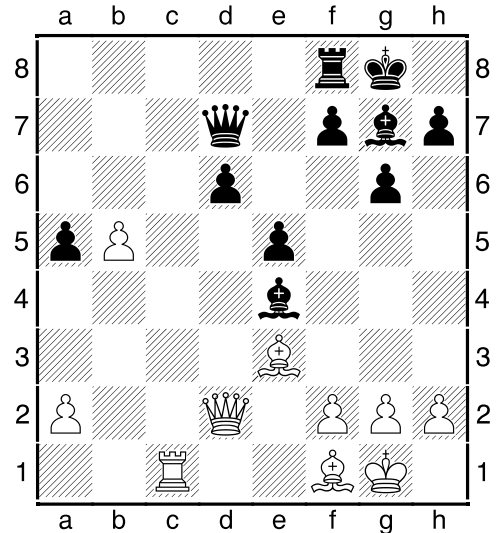
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 [This move allows Maroczy System. Black can try avoid it after 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 g6, but then it's necessary to reckon with 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Ng8 8.Bc4 Bg7 9.Bf4 Qa5 10.Qf3 with unpleasant initiative.] **5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nc2!** Very logical. As Black is constrained in space, White should desist from exchanges. **7...Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bd2** [Preventing any harm to the pawn structure, like in variation 10.Be3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.f3 Na4] **10...Nc5 11.b4 Ne6** [Taking 11...Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nxe4 is totally risky, as next game has shown: 13.Bb2 Be6 14.b5 Ne5 15.Qd4 Nf6 16.f4 Ned7 17.g4!+-, Svidler-Tiviakov, Kallithea 2002] **12.Rb1 Ned4** [Break-up 12...a5 falls into Black's pattern, but 13.b5 Ncd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.b6! can be dangerous then. So Vorobiov excludes this possibility.] **13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bd3**



14...b6 All is ready for a7-a5... [14...a5 doesn't have prestige after a game Fontaine-Degraeve, FRA-ch 2003: 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.a4 e6 17.Nb5±] **15.Be3!N** [Very good improvement in view 15.f4 a5 16.b5 Ne6 17.f5 Nc5 18.Bc2 Nd7 19.Rf3 Ne5 20.Rh3 e6 (20...Nxc4 21.Bg5) 21.Qf1, Karjakin-Tiviakov, Dos-Hermanas 2003,

and in case of 21...Bb7 Black is better.] **15...Bb7** [Now 15...a5 will be meet by 16.bxa5 Rxa5 17.Ne2! e5 18.Qd2 Be6 19.Qb2±; so Black has to delay with this idea.] **16.Qd2 Qd7 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Bf1 e5** [Of course, not passive 18...Ne6 19.Nd5, and Black is deprived of any counterplay.] **19.Rbc1 a5?** [The same fatal idea... 19...f5 20.exf5 Rxf5! appears much more jolly, and after 21.Ne2 Rcf8 Black pressures on f2, for example: 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4 Rxf2 25.Qxf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Qa4 - Black at least isn't worse.] **20.bxa5 bxa5 21.Nb5!** Black pawn's weakness lets know about oneself. **21...Nxb5** [21...Bxe4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Bxd4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4±] **22.cxb5 Rxc1?! [Nc2...Bxe4] 23.Rxc1 Bxe4**



24.b6 [Good move with intention of Rc7, though 24.Qxa5 Ra8 25.Qc7! also was very strong: (25.Qd2?! d5) 25...Qxc7 26.Rxc7 Rxa2 27.f3! Bd5 (27...Bf5 28.b6+-) 28.Bc4! Bxc4 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.Bh6+- with mate.] **24...Bc6 25.Qxa5 d5** Black is tardy with this counterplay. **26.Qc5 Bb7 27.Qc7!** In the ending ♠b6 makes own presence felt. **27...Qxc7 28.Rxc7 Rb8 29.a4 d4 30.Bd2 Bd5 31.a5 Bf8 32.h4!** [Last piece of subtlety before bishop exchange; white king should breathe easily for avoiding 32.Bc4?! Bd6 33.Bxd5 Bxc7 34.bxc7?? Rb1+] **32...Kg7 33.Bc4 Bxc4 34.Rxc4 Be7 35.Bb4 d3 36.Kf1** Pure victory by Morozevich, which became a forerunner to the

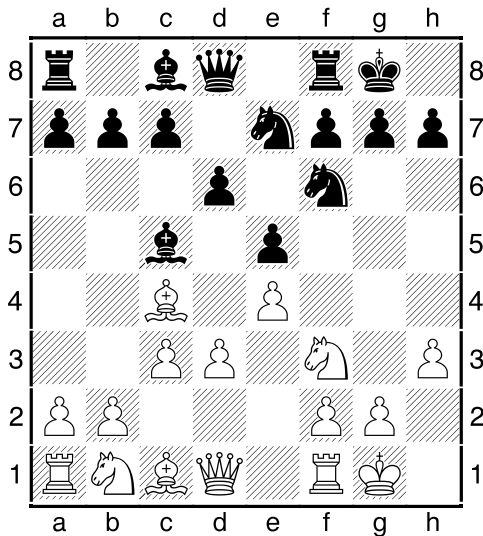
victory in the whole tournament. 1-0

(05) Ivanchuk, V (2776) - Karjakin, Sergey (2776) [C53]

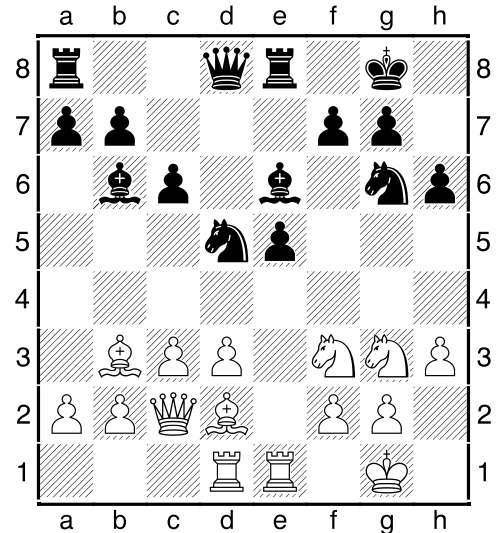
5th Kings Tournament Medias ROU (5),
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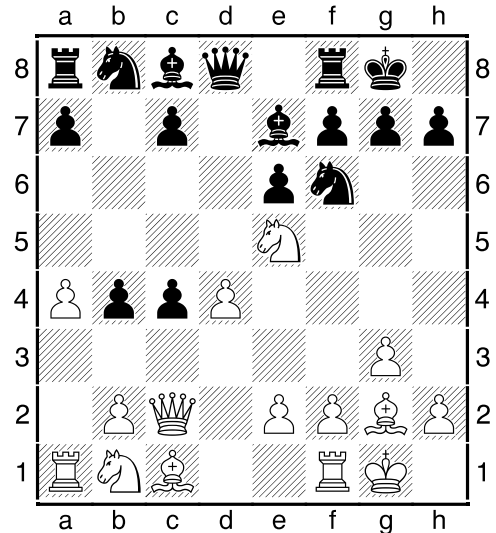
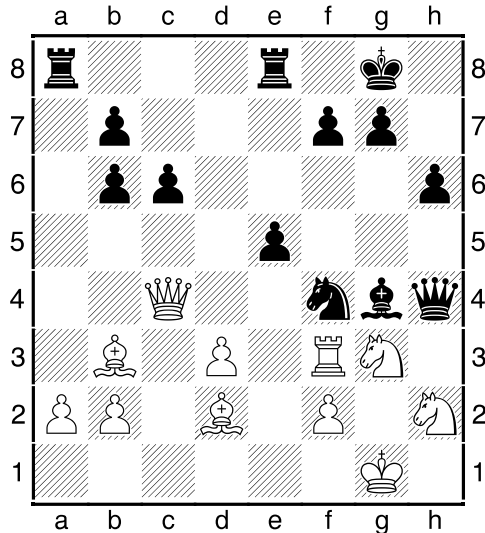
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d3** [This system is called "quiet play" in
comparison with sharp lines 5.d4 exd4
6.cxd4 Bb4+] **5...0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Ne7**



[Usually meets 7...a6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Re1 Ba7
10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 with further Nf4,
but Karjakin's plan is more direct – to con-
duct d6–d5.] **8.Re1 Ng6 9.Nbd2 Nc6
10.Nf1 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5!** [Very concrete
approach – now ♘d5 has prospects at f4,
and queen d8 at f6. Stereotyped 11...cxd5
could bring some troubles with central
pawns: 12.Bb3 Bd6 (12...e4?! even worse:
13.dxe4 Qb6 (13...dxe4 14.Qxd8 Rxd8
15.Ng5±) 14.Be3 dxe4 15.Ng5f) 13.Bg5
Be6 14.Ne3, and so on.] **12.Ng3** [12.Nxe5
Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Bxf2+! 14.Kh1 (14.Kxf2
Qf6+) 14...Be6 can't satisfy White.] **12...h6
13.Bb3 Re8 14.Bd2** [Such feeling, that
Ivanchuk exhausted a limit of useful
moves. Maybe, full equality after 14.d4
exd4 15.Ne4! Bb6 (complications
15...Rxe4 16.Rxe4 dxc3 rather in White's
favour) 16.Nxd4= was the best choice.]
14...Bb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Rad1?



16...Bxh3!! Such two-step sacrifice (Bc8–
e6–h3) it's very easy to miss. **17.c4**
[17.gxh3 Qf6 18.Kg2 (♖d1 spoils very
much; 18.Qd1 would have parried all
threats without it) 18...Nh4+ 19.Nxh4
Qxf2+ 20.Kh1 Qxg3-+; another attempt
was to block the bishop b6: 17.d4 Bg4
18.c4 Bxf3! (after 18...Ndf4?! 19.c5 bishop
b3 too strong – 19...Bc7 20.Bxf4 Bxf3?
21.Qxg6!) 19.gxf3 Nh4 20.cxd5 Nxf3+
21.Kg2 Nxd4 22.Qe4 Nxb3 23.axb3 cxd5±
, and Black has a huge edge.] **17...Ndf4
18.c5** [18.gxh3 Qd7!-+; 18.Bxf4 is also no
fun: 18...exf4! (18...Nxf4?! 19.c5 Nxc2
20.Nxe5!y) 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8±] **18...Nxc2!**
[Rejecting inaccurate 18...Bxg2? 19.Nxe5
Nxe5 20.Bxf4 (20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.cxb6 Bf3
22.Bxf4 Qh4 23.Bxe5 Qh3-+) 20...Nf3+
21.Kxg2 Nxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Rxe1 23.cxb6,
and position is far from being clear.]
19.cxb6 Qf6! [Yet another exact move.
Before taking on e1, Karjakin is worsening
white ♘'s posture. 19...Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Qf6
is not the same because of 21.Re3]
20.Nh2 Nxe1 21.Rxe1 axb6-+ Three
pawns, rook and weak king g1 is too much
compensation for two minor pieces. Evalu-
ation "-+" is obvious. **22.Bc3 Be6** Liberating
a path for queen and knight (Nf4, Qh4–h3).
**23.Re3 Nf4 24.Rf3 Qh4 25.Bd2 Bg4
26.Qc4!?**



[26.Nxg4 Qxg4 27.Qd1 h5!-+ , protecting from threat Bxf7 and Rxf4.] **26...Be6** [In case of 26...Bxf3 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Nxf3 Qg4 29.Nh2 Qh3 30.Bxf4 exf4 31.Qxf4 Re1+ 32.Nhf1 Black is somewhat losing the rhythm of attack, so he decided to choose another way.] **27.Qc2 Bxb3 28.Qxb3 Re6!** Aiming to f6, so ♖f3 is gonna feel vulnerable. **29.a3 Rae8 30.Qb4** [There is no time for 30.Qxb6 – 30...Qh3 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Re1+ 33.Nhf1 Rxf1+ 34.Nxf1 Re1-+] **30...Rf6 31.Qe4 Ree6 32.Ne2 Nxe2+** [32...Qg5+ 33.Ng3 h5! winning even faster, but Black's path is more reliable – transition to the endgame.] **33.Qxe2 Rxf3 34.Qxf3 Rg6+ 35.Kh1 Rf6! 36.Qg3 Qxg3 37.fxg3 Rd6** [37...Rd6 38.Bc3 f6 , and ♗d3 is doomed.] **0-1**

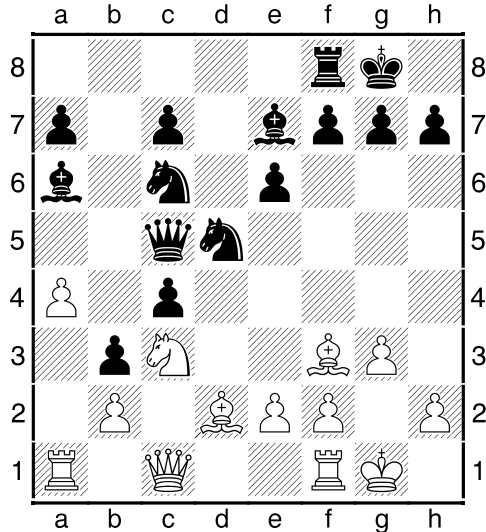
(06) Ulibin,M (2532) - Shanava,K (2539) [E06]

4th Karen Asrian Memorial Jermuk ARM (5), 20.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5!? For a quite short time this variation conciliates a lot of followers with a good result, so maybe White will prefer 7.Qa4 soon. **8.a4 b4** [8...c6? 9.axb5 cxb5 10.Ng5+-] **9.Ne5**

[9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Nxc4 Be4 11.Qb3 c5 – Maletin–Zontakh, CZM 05/2011] **9...Qxd4!** [In aforesaid game 9...Nd5 10.e4?! b3 11.Qd1 Nb4 12.Na3 Ba6± was mentioned, but of course White can just move 10.Nxc4. That's why sacrifice of exchange is the most principle continuation here.] **10.Bxa8 Qxe5 11.Bf3** Otherwise c6. **11...Ba6** [Computer suggest paradoxical 11...g5!?, bearing in mind 12.Qxc4 g4 13.Bg2 Ba6 14.Qc2 Qxe2 15.Qxe2 Bxe2 16.Re1 Bd3± – but who wants to swap queens in position like this?] **12.Bf4 Qc5!** [This is very interesting moment. 12...Qa5 can be played right away: 13.Nd2 b3 14.Qc1 Qb4 15.Nb1 (15.Bxc7?! Nd5±) 15...Nd5 etc., but bishop will stand at f4 instead of e3. Which position is better – we will try to find out soon.] **13.Be3 Qa5 14.Nd2 b3 15.Qc1 Qb4 16.Nb1** [That's correct – ♘ will be more useful at c3. Earlier met 16.Bd4?! Nd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.e4 , but after 18...Qb7! 19.Re1 c5 20.Be5 d4 21.Nxc4 Rd8! (21...Nc6 22.Bxg7!! Kxg7 23.Nd6±) 22.Bxb8 Qxb8 23.f4 (23.e5 f6!) 23...Qb4 24.Ne5 Rc8 25.Qd1 c4+ black pawns had come in motion, Matjushin–Georgiev, Cappelle 2011.] **16...Nd5 17.Bd2** [I think, 17.Rd1!? is crucial: 17...Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bf6 19.Nc3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3!? Qxc3 21.bxc3 , and it seems, that black pieces can't develop (21...Bc8 22.Rd4), but 21...f5! can isolate bishop f3 after e5–e4, so Black is more perspective here. Now it's worth to recall 12...Qa5. If to

draw an analogy, then ♠g3 will be at f4 (after 16.Rd1 Nxf4 17.gxf4), and this circumstance hampers e5–e4 play. That's why exactly 12...Qc5!] 17...Qc5 18.Nc3 Nc6



19.e3?N [Simply bad. The right path was demonstrated before: 19.Rd1 Rd8 (19...Nd4? 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Be3) 20.Ne4 Qb6 21.a5 Qb8! (21...Qb5 22.Nc3 Qc5 23.Ne4=) 22.Be3 Bb5 23.Bc5 Bxc5 24.Nxc5, Shankland–Shabalov, Saint Louis 2011, and now Black fixed own slight edge by 24...a6! (whereas 24...c3!? 25.Bxd5 c2 26.Rd2 exd5 27.Nxb3 Bc4 28.Nd4 Nxd4 29.Rxd4 Bb3 would have lead to draw, after White's rook sacrifice on c2)] 19...Ne5 20.Be2 Nb4 That's it – ♘ goes to d3, and that's gonna be bad news for ♗b2. 21.e4 Ned3 22.Bxd3 Nxd3 23.Be3 Qa5 24.Qd2 Bb4 There is no appropriate defence from Nxb2. 25.Rac1 f5! Wise decision – bishop a6 will be looking good at diagonal a8–h1. 26.exf5 Qxf5 27.f4 Bb7 28.Rf2 Bxc3 29.Rxc3 Qe4 30.Kf1 [30.Rg2 Ne1] 30...Rd8! Final chord – before capture on f2, Shanava activates ♖. 31.Ke2 Rd6 0-1

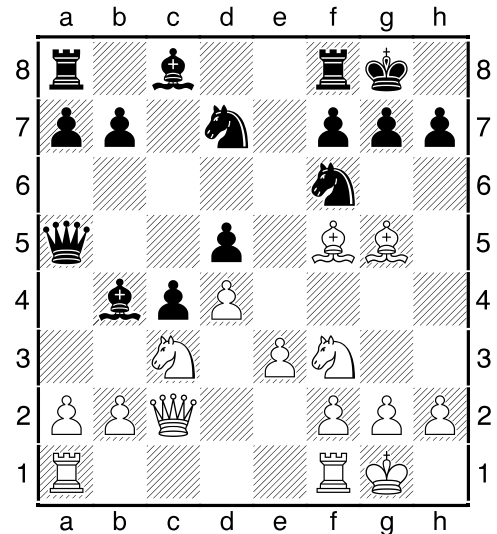
(07) Moiseenko,A1 (2679) - Ponomarev,R (2754) [D38]

80th ch–UKR 2011 Kiev UKR (11), 21.06.2011

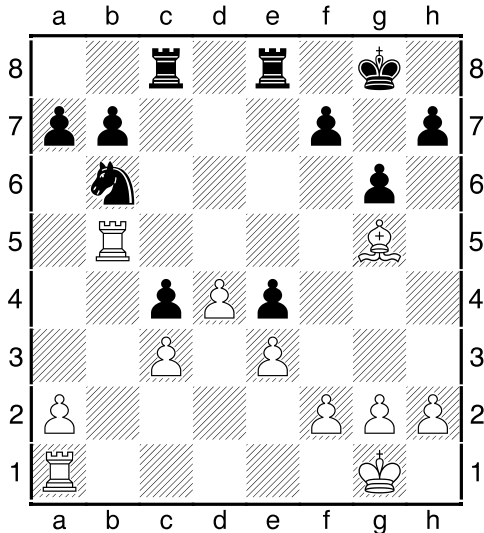
[IM Polivanov, A]

This game was decisive – its winner would

have become a champion of Ukraine. Though, draw was enough for Black too. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 [After 6...h6 7.Bxf6 (or 7.Bh4 c5 8.e3 c4!?) 7...Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 a classical position of Ragozin Defence appears, but now it's all Westphalian System of QGD.] 7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 [The line 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.Qxd5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kd1 0-0 is considered as unclear, so White prevents a Ne4–swoop.] 8...Qa5 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 c4 11.Bf5

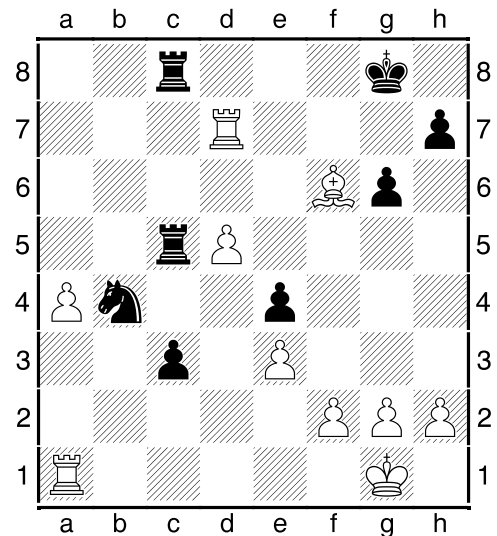


11...Re8 Black wants to exchange on c3 and put ♘ on e4, but White knows about it. 12.Nd2 g6 13.Bh3 [13.Bxd7 Nxd7 is regarded as main direction, and now White may choose among such moves, like 14.Rae1, 14.f3, 14.h4 – all with one goal to conduct e4. Immediate 14.e4 is not so good because of 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3?! dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.Qxe4 Qxg5⚡] 13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 [Queen's swap is almost forced, as after 14.bxc3 Ne4! 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Bf4 Bc6 Black has nothing to worry about.] 14...Qxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 An essential part of Black's plan – he wants to secure a square d5 for ♘. 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rfb1 [Perhaps, 17.Bg4 Nb6 18.Be2, keeping bishops alive, is more perspective.] 17...Nb6 18.Bxc8 Raxc8 19.Rb5

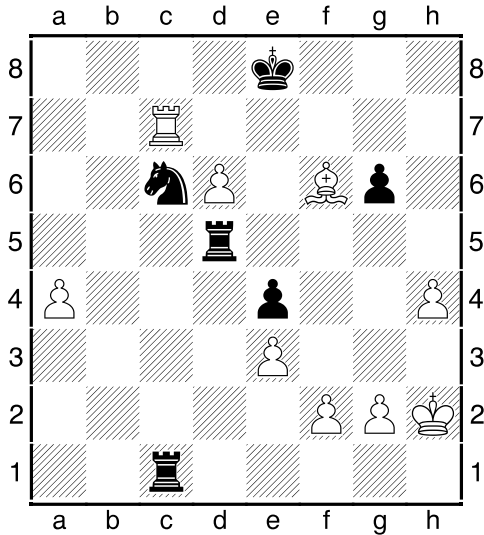


[19.a4?! Nd5 20.Rxb7 Nxc3 21.Rxa7 Nd5] **19...Rc6!?N** [Black tried to fulfill own plan (♘ on d5) by different ways: 19...Rc7 20.Rab1 Rd7 21.Kf1 Kg7 22.Ke1 h6 23.Bh4 Re6 24.Ra5 a6 25.Rc5 Na4 26.Rxc4 b5 27.Rxa4! bxa4 28.c4f and White eventually won, Rychagov–Zabotin, Kazan 2008; 19...Re6 20.Rab1 Rd6?! 21.Be7 Rd7 22.Bc5 Na4 23.Rxb7 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Rxb7 25.Rxb7 a6 26.Rb6 Rxc5 27.Rxa6 Rd5! with worse ending, although Black managed to survive, Nyback–Adams, EU–chT 2007. Ponomariov's intention consists in providing an outpost for the ♘ after f6 and Rd8.] **20.Ra5** [20.Rab1 is useless now due 20...Na4 21.Rc1 Rb6] **20...f6** [Such feeling, that preliminary 20...a6 could be useful: 21.Rb1 f6 22.Bh6!? (22.Bf4 Rd8 23.Bc7 Rd5!= equalizes at once) 22...Rd8 23.f3 Nd5 24.Rxb7 Nxc3 25.Kf2 (trying to stop ♘c4; 25.Rg7+?! Kh8 26.Ra7 Nb5! 27.R7xa6 Rxa6 28.Rxa6 Rc8 29.a4 Na3) 25...Nb5, and after sharp 26.d5 Rxd5 27.a4 Rd2+ 28.Ke1 c3 29.axb5 c2 30.Ra1 Rcd6 all resulted in draw – 31.Rg7+ Kh8 32.Rc7 Kg8!]=] **21.Bf4 Rd8** [21...a6? 22.d5] **22.Rxa7 Nd5 23.Rxb7** [23.Rc1 Rb6] **23...Nxc3 24.Bh6!** Using drawbacks of 20...f6 – threats at 7th rank are quite dangerous. **24...Rdc8 25.Rg7+?!** [Worth to prefer a waiting move 25.a4, keeping this check in reserve: 25...Nd5 26.f3! f5 (26...exf3 27.e4! – bishop is playing already), and only now 27.Rg7+ Kh8 28.Rd7 Nb6 29.Rb7 – bishop

h6 can enter the game through g7 or f4–e5.] **25...Kh8 26.a4 Nd5 27.Rd7** [There is no 27.f3?! because of 27...Nxe3] **27...Nb4!** [Aiming to d3 in order to support ♘c4. 27...Nb6? would be a mistake: 28.Rb7 c3 29.a5 Nc4 30.Rc1! Nxa5 31.Rb5 Ra8 32.h4, and after Rc5 Black will suffer hard times.] **28.d5 Rc5 29.Bg7+ Kg8 30.Bxf6** Moiseenko has grabbed another pawn, but Black's passer will cost him some material for sure. **30...c3**



31.d6?! [White gives away the rook, whereas it was possible to sacrifice by bishop: 31.Bd4 Rxd5 (31...c2 32.Bxc5 Rxc5 is less exact redaction) 32.Rg7+ Kf8 33.Rxh7 Rc4 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.h4i, and this position should be held.] **31...c2 32.h4 Rd5!** [After 32...c1Q+ 33.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kh2 ♖c8 will get under d6–d7; now it won't.] **33.Kh2 c1Q** [33...Rd1 34.Rg7+ Kf8 35.Rxh7 (35.d7 Rd8!) 35...Rc5 36.Bd4! (36.d7 Nc6) 36...Rxa1 37.Bxc5 Nc6 (37...Kg8? 38.Rc7 c1Q 39.d7, and Black is even lost) 38.Rc7! c1Q 39.d7+ Qxc5 40.d8Q+ Nxd8 41.Rxc5 Rxa4 42.h5=] **34.Rxc1 Rxc1 35.Rg7+ Kf8 36.Rxh7?** [Wasting precious time for the useless pawn. 36.Rb7! Nc6 37.d7 Rc4 38.Rc7 Rxa4 39.Rxc6 Rxd7, and it's very difficult to win such ending.] **36...Nc6! 37.Rc7 Ke8**



[Of course, not 37...Rxd6 38.Be7+] **38.Rc8+** [Losing ♖d6, but 38.Be7 Rc2 39.Kg3 Rdd2 also hopeless; only 38.a5! Rxd6 39.a6 Rxf6 40.a7 Ra1 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.a8Q Rxa8 43.Rxa8 Rxf2 44.Ra4 leaves some practical chances.] **38...Kd7 39.Rc7+ Kxd6 40.Rg7 Ke6 41.Bb2 Rc2 42.Rxg6+ Kf7 43.Rf6+ Ke7 44.Kg3 Rdd2** [44...Rdc5!? even stronger.] **45.h5 Rxb2 46.Rxc6 Rxf2** It was appropriate to resign right here, but White has decided to make a several moves yet. **47.h6 Rxg2+ 48.Kf4 Kf7 49.a5 Rbf2+ 50.Kxe4 Rg4+ 51.Kd3 Ra2 52.a6 Rga4 53.h7 Kg7 54.h8B+ Kxh8** Thus Ponomariov becomes the winner of Ukrainian championship, and Moiseenko even drops out from prize group of three... **0-1**

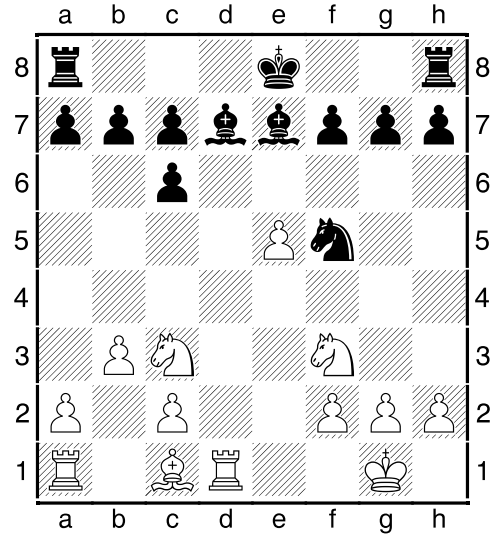
(08) Savchenko,B (2630) - Romanov,E (2624) [C67]

64th ch-RUS HL Taganrog RUS (7), 22.06.2011

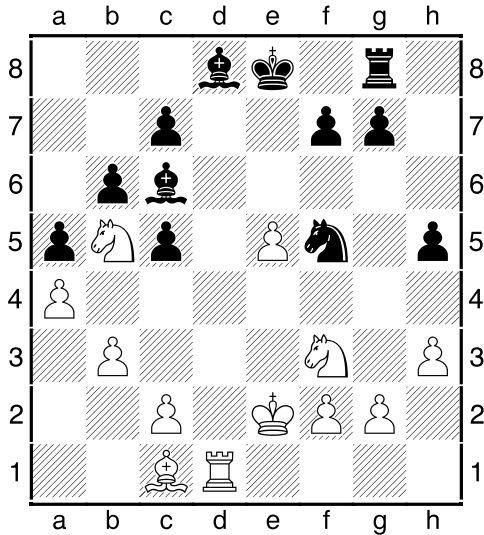
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 Not the main weapon in opening repertoire of Romanov – maybe, Black wanted to reduce the possibilities for Savchenko's well-known creativity. **6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Rd1+** [This check was popular before Kramnik-Kasparov match – now it's preferred less forced 9.Nc3, for example 9...Ke8 10.Ne4 Be6 11.h3 – Naiditsch-Gajewski, CZM 03/2009.] **9...Ke8** [9...Bd7? 10.g4 Nh6

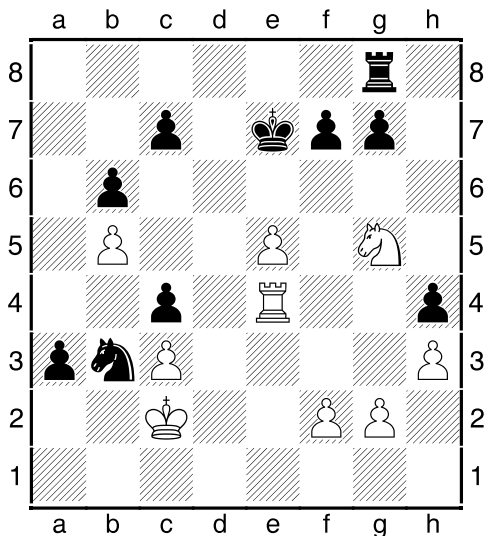
11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.e6 fxe6 13.Ne5] 10.Nc3 Be7 11.b3 Bd7N



[11...Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Ne2 Bf5 14.Nd4 Rd8 15.Be3 Bg6 16.f4 Be4 17.Bf2! Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 c5 19.Nb5 Bxc2 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Rc1, Janev-Marcelin, Bois 2003, and White managed to win an emerging ♖ endgame; 11...a5 12.Bb2 h5 13.a4 Be6 14.Ne2 Bd5 15.Ne1 Rd8 16.c4 Be6=, Habba-Dautov, Bundesliga 1994] **12.Bb2 Rd8 13.h3** [13.g4?! Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.h3 h5 16.f3 f5!f] **13...h5 14.Kf1 b6 15.a4 a5 16.Ne2 c5** Using, that Nd5 is impossible at this moment, Black making own bishop more active. **17.Nc3** [Attempt to conduct a thematic advancement e5–e6 by means of 17.Nf4 Bc6 18.Rxd8+ Bxd8 19.e6 is parried by 19...Bxf3 20.gxf3 Nd4] **17...Bc6 18.Nb5 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bd8! 20.Bc1 Rg8** [This is prophylaxis from lines kind of 20...– 21.Bg5 f6? 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Rxd8+ and not only.] **21.Ke2?!**

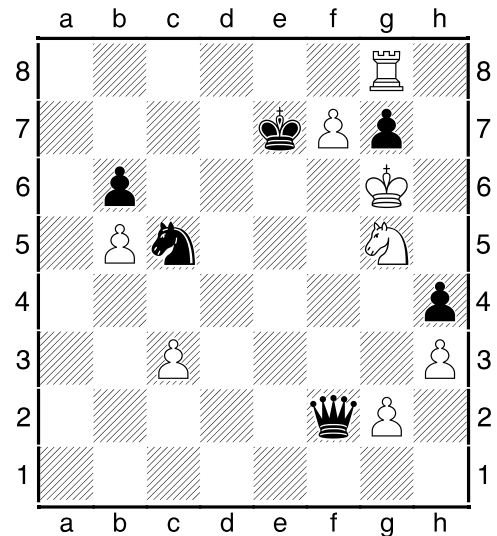


21...h4! Excellent move. As it turned out, threat g5–g4 is quite serious one. [21...g5 22.g4! hxg4 23.hxg4 Nh4? 24.Rxd8+] **22.Bg5!?** [The only way to fight against g5–g4 was acknowledgement of own error by 22.Kf1 g5 23.Nh2 , but after 23...Bxb5+ 24.axb5 Nd4 25.Rd2 Nxb5 Black is clearly better.] **22...Bxb5+ 23.axb5 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Nd4+ 25.Kd3 Ke7** [There was nothing wrong with 25...Nxb5 26.Kc4 Na3+ , and attack 27.Kd5 Nxc2 28.Kc6 gives not so much: 28...Nd4+ 29.Kxc7 Ke7 30.Kxb6 Nxb3] **26.c3 Nxb3** Of course, Romanov takes this ♖, in order to make pawn a5 the passed one. **27.Kc2 a4 28.Re1 c4 29.Re4 a3?!**



[After 29...Rd8 30.Kb2 Rd2+ 31.Ka3 Rxf2 32.Rxc4 Rxg2 the miracle is needed to

save this game. But why not to promote ♔a?] **30.Rxc4 a2 31.Rxc7+ Ke8** [31...Kd8? 32.Ra7 a1Q 33.Nxf7+ Kc8 34.Nd6+ Kd8 (34...Kb8 35.Rxa1 Nxa1+ 36.Kb2±) 35.Nf7+=] **32.Rc8+** [32.Ra7 a1Q 33.Rxa1 Nxa1+ 34.Kb2 Ke7 35.Kxa1 Rd8+] **32...Kd7 33.Rxg8 a1Q 34.e6+!** [Very important intermediate, as in case of 34.Kxb3 Qb1+ 35.Kc4 Qa2+ 36.Kd3 Qd5+ 37.Kc2 Qxe5 White is lost.] **34...Ke7?** [Taking the very dangerous road. Much safer was 34...fxe6 35.Rxg7+ Ke8 36.Rg8+ Ke7 37.Kxb3 Qb1+ 38.Ka3 Qc2! (not 38...Qxb5 39.Ne4! , and White is building the fortress) 39.Kb4 e5! with good chances to the victory.] **35.exf7** Now Black should stop ♖f7 somehow. **35...Qa2+ 36.Kd3 Qd2+** [36...Nc5+ 37.Ke3 Nd7 38.Re8+ Kf6 (38...Kd6? 39.Rd8) 39.f4 with imminent f8Q.] **37.Ke4 Nc5+ 38.Kf5 Qxf2+ 39.Kg6**

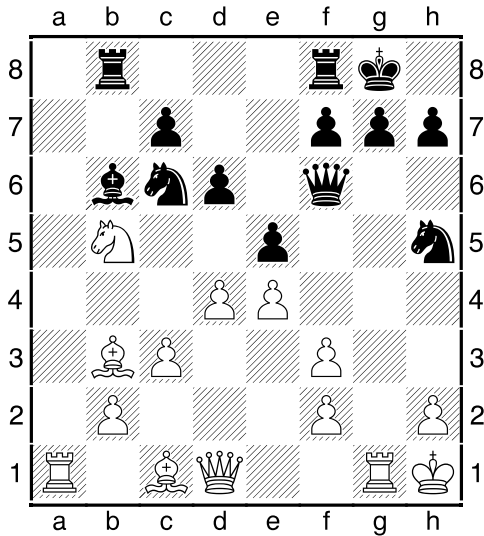


39...Qf6+? [Now it's over. Apparently, Black hasn't found saving path 39...Qc2+ 40.Kxg7 Ne6+! with draw: 41.Nxe6 Qxc3+ 42.Kh7 Kxf7 (42...Qc2+ 43.Rg6) 43.Ng5+ Ke7 44.Rg7+] **40.Kh5 Qh6+** [40...Nd7 41.Re8+ Kd6 42.Ne4+] **41.Kg4 Nd7 42.Re8+ Kd6 43.f8Q+** [Queen h6 falls under the fork. Truth, 43.Rd8 g6 44.f8Q+ also enough for the winning.] **43...Nxf8 44.Nf7+ Kd7 45.Rd8+ Ke7 46.Nxh6 Kxd8 47.Nf5** ♖ ending with two pawns up – nothing to talk about. **47...Ne6 48.Kxh4 g6 49.Nd4 Nf4 50.g3 Nd5 51.Kg5 Nxc3 52.Kxg6 Ne4 53.Nf5 Ke8 54.h4 Kf8 55.h5 1-0**

(09) Hou Yifan (2612) - Caruana,F (2714) [C78]

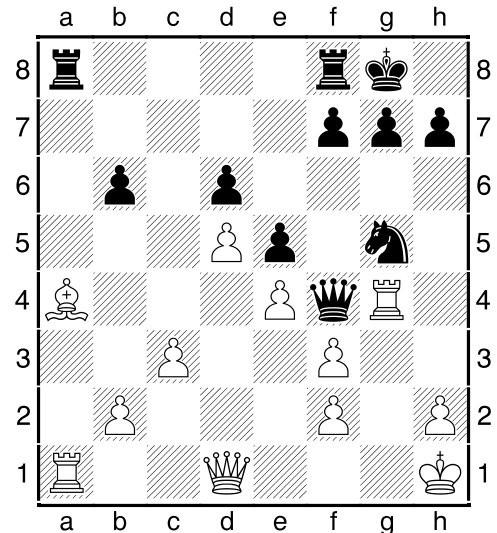
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[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Re1 [For the information about 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.f4! worth to address oneself to the game Inarkiev-Shirov, CZM 07/2009.] **13...Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5** [Having ruined White's pawn structure, Black wants to put up ♘ at f4; 14...exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Qxd4 Nd7 19.Ra3±] **15.Kh1 Qf6 16.Rg1**



16...Nf4 [Shirov asserts continuation 16...exd4 with stubbornness: 17.Bg5 Qe5 18.Bd5 dxc3 19.Bxc6 cxb2 20.Rb1 Bxf2 21.Rg2 Rb6, and now there is a choice: 22.Bd7 – the most recent try; **a)** 22.Rxf2 Rxc6! (22...Qxg5 23.Rc2±) 23.Nd4 Rb6≡; **b)** 22.Qd5 Bc5 23.Rxb2 Rxc6! 24.Qxc6 Ng3+ 25.hxg3 Qxg5 with draw, Ivanchuk-Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2010; 22...Bc5 23.Qc2 (23.Na7 Ra8? (23...f6!?) 24.Nc6 Rxc6 25.Bxc6 1-0 Smeets-Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2011;) 23...h6 24.Bxh6 Qf6 25.Bxg7 Nxg7 26.Nxc7 Qxf3 27.Nd5 Rb3 28.Ba4 Rb7 29.Bc6 Rb3 30.Qd2 Be3 31.Nxe3 Qxe3 32.Qxd6 Rc3 33.Rbg1 Qxg1+ 34.Rxg1 Rc1 35.Qg3 Rxg1+ 36.Qxg1 Rc8 37.Qb6 Rxc6 38.Qxb2 Rg6, building the fortress, Nepomniachtchi-

Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2011; but Caruana wants something more than that.] **17.Bxf4N** [Earlier considered, that 17.Be3 Ne6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rg3 provides a stable edge for White; but Hou Yifan has different opinion about this matter.] **17...Qxf4 18.Ba4** Disturbing ♘c6 with threats Nxc7 or Nxd6. Black is reacting. **18...Ra8 19.Na3** [19.Nxc7 Bxc7 20.Bxc6 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxf3+ 22.Rg2 is met by 22...exd4 23.cxd4 Bb6 (or even 23...f5!/? at once) 24.b4 f5!⇒] **19...Nd8!** [There was some provoking for Black with sacrifice 19...Rxa4 20.Qxa4 Qxf3+ 21.Rg2 Qxe4, and 22.Nc4 exd4 23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.cxd4 is still better for White. That's why Caruana didn't force the events, bringing ♘ to g5 (or f4, if he is lucky).] **20.Nc4 Ne6 21.d5 Ng5 22.Rg4 Qf6!** Black again demonstrates a fighting spirit. [22...Qxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Nxf3 24.Kg2 Ne1+ (24...f5 25.exf5 Rxf5 26.Nxb6 cxb6 27.Rd1=) 25.Rxe1 Rxa4 26.Nxb6 cxb6 27.f4 with equality; 22...Nh3 23.Rxf4 Nxf2+ 24.Kg2 Nxd1 25.Rg4 Ne3+ 26.Nxe3 Bxe3 is also fraught with drawish tendencies.] **23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.Rg3 Qf4** Protecting ♘g5 from h2–h4 and preparing f7–f5. **25.Rg4?!**



[N♯25.c4 in order to fortify ♔f3 after 25...f5 26.exf5 Qxf5 27.Ra3] **25...Nh3!?** [Looks inventive, but endgame after 25...Qxf3+ 26.Qxf3 Nxf3 was too good to reject it: 27.Ra3 h5 28.Rg3 Nd2 29.Bc2 Rxa3 30.bxa3 b5≡] **26.Kg2 Qh6** Knight has finally reached a square f4. **27.Bd7 Nf4+**

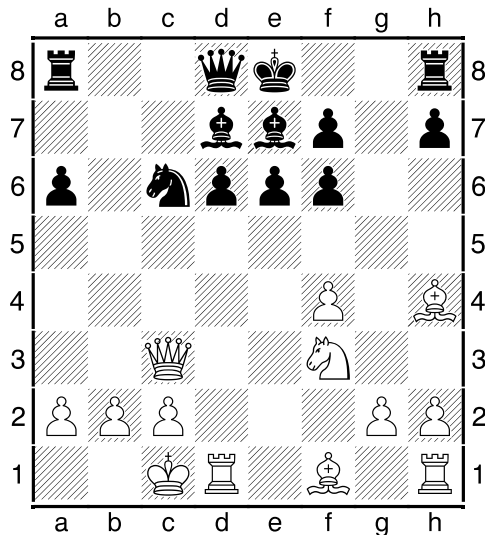
28.Kh1? [A decisive mistake. After correct 28.Kg1 Qf6 29.Ra4 h5 30.Rg3 Black is more perspective, but White's position is quite solid anyway.] **28...Nd3!** Now white pawns b2, c3 etc. are doomed "owing to" ♘d3. **29.Kg2?!** [N_e29.Rg2] **29...Rxa1 30.Qxa1 Qd2 31.Qf1 h5 32.Rg3 Ra8!** Rook's invasion solves all questions. **33.Bb5 Nf4+ 34.Kh1 Qxb2 35.Rg1 Qxc3 36.Be2 Ra2 37.Bd1 Qd4 0-1**

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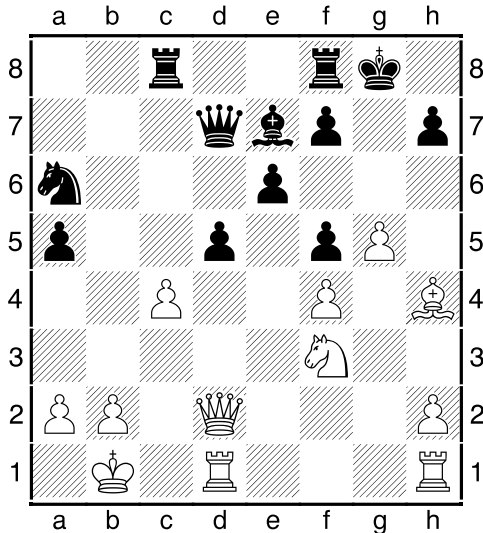
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Be7 [8...Bd7 9.f4 b5 – Hou Yifan–Li Chao, CZM 06/2011.] **9.f4 Bd7 10.Nf3 b5 11.e5!?** [One usually applies 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1 Qb6 , and now hunting for ♗e6 starts: 13.f5 0-0-0 14.g3 Kb8 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Bh3 ; but now White has decided to undertake assault in center immediately.] **11...b4 12.exf6 bxc3 13.Qxc3 gxf6 14.Bh4**



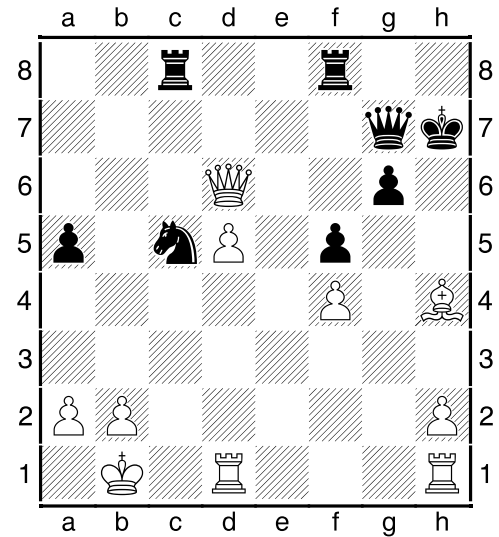
[14.f5 was played in game Beliavsky–Spassky, Moscow 1973, and after 14...d5 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Nd4? Black could win by means 16...Nb4! (instead of 16...Qa5)] **14...d5 15.Kb1** Precautions against Nb4 and Rc8. **15...Rc8!?** [As 15...Nb4 is non-effective due to 16.Nd4 , Black wants to strengthen it.] **16.Qd2N** [Practice has

shown, that after 16.Bxa6 Rc7 Black develops a serious initiative: 17.Qb3 Qa8 18.Bb5 0-0 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nd4 Rb8 21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Qd3 Ra7! (very brave; 22...Kg8=) 23.Qxh7 Ke8 24.Qg8+ Bf8 25.Bxf6 Rxa2 26.Nb3 d4 (N_e26...Rxb3! 27.cxb3 d4→) 27.Rxd4? (27.Bg7!) 27...Rxb3 28.cxb3 Be4+ , Poetsch–Greenfeld, Groningen 2009, and Black has won soon; another key line – 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Qg3 Ng6 18.f5 Nxf4 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qxh4 Qb6] **16...Qc7** [Maybe, worth prefer 16...0-0 in order to define later on, where queen will be more useful – at c7 or, say, at b6.] **17.g4!** White's plan is becoming clear – g4–g5 on purpose to make a point e5 available for the ♘. [Above-mentioned break-up is still premature: 17.f5 e5 18.Bxa6 (18.g4 h5!) 18...Ra8 19.Bb5 d4 (19...0-0 20.Qxd5 Nb4 21.Qc4) 20.g4 Rxa2! 21.Kxa2 Nb4+ 22.Kb1 Bxb5 , and White in troubles.] **17...a5** [Attempt 17...e5 is interesting, but insufficient: 18.Qxd5 Bxg4 (18...Nb4 19.Qxd7+ Qxd7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7 21.fxe5±) 19.Bc4 Be6 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qe2 e4 22.Bxe6! exf3 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxf3→ with bare king f7; 17...0-0 18.f5!f] **18.g5 f5 19.Bb5** As it was planned. **19...Nb4 20.Bxd7+ Qxd7 21.c3** [21.Ne5? Qa4+] **21...Na6** [Apparently, 17...a5 was made just for this move with Na6–c5–e4 maneuver with mind. But 21...Nc6 was safer.] **22.c4!?** [22.Bf2! was the best option – bishop goes to d4, knight – to e5, and this is very solid construction. Now some chance for counterplay appears...] **22...0-0?**



[But Black missed it. $\text{N}\text{e}22\text{...Qb7!}$, and if $23.\text{cxd5}$, then 23...Nb4! guarantees an excellent play. Castle is untimely decision.] **23.Ne5!** [Apparently, Acs was counting on $23.\text{cxd5}$ Nb4 $24.\text{d6}$ ($24.\text{dxe6}$ Qxe6) 24...Bxd6! $25.\text{Qxd6}$ Qa4 $26.\text{a3}$ Qb3 $27.\text{axb4}$ Qc2+ $28.\text{Ka1}$ axb4+ – but not all is so simple.] **23...Qb7** **24.Qg2!** Splendid move with two ideas – cxd5 , and the most dangerous one – g5-g6! (after preparing Rhg1). **24...Bd6?!** [Black is taken aback, otherwise he would have preferred 24...Bc5! , preventing an opponent's plans.] **25.g6!** Salgado performs his intention. **25...fxg6** [25...Bxe5 $26.\text{gxh7+}$ Kxh7 $27.\text{fxe5+-}$] **26.Nxg6** **Qg7** **27.Qe2!** Proba-

bly, this move escaped Acs' notice. Bishop d6 is under strike. **27...hxg6** **28.Qxe6+ Kh7** **29.Qxd6** **Nc5** [29...dxc4 $30.\text{Qxa6}$ Rb8 $31.\text{Rd2+-}$] **30.cxd5+-**



Two extra pawns – the rest is quite easy. **30...Rfe8** **31.Qf6** **Re2** **32.Rhe1** **Qxf6** **33.Bxf6** **Rxe1** **34.Rxe1** **Ne4** **35.Rxe4!** **fxe4** **36.d6** **e3** **37.d7** **e2** [White is in time: 37...Rf8 $38.\text{d8Q}$ Rxd8 $39.\text{Bxd8}$ e2 $40.\text{Bxa5}$] **38.dxc8Q** **e1Q+** **39.Qc1** **Qe4+** **40.Ka1** Time control is passed, so Black resigned. **1-0**

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