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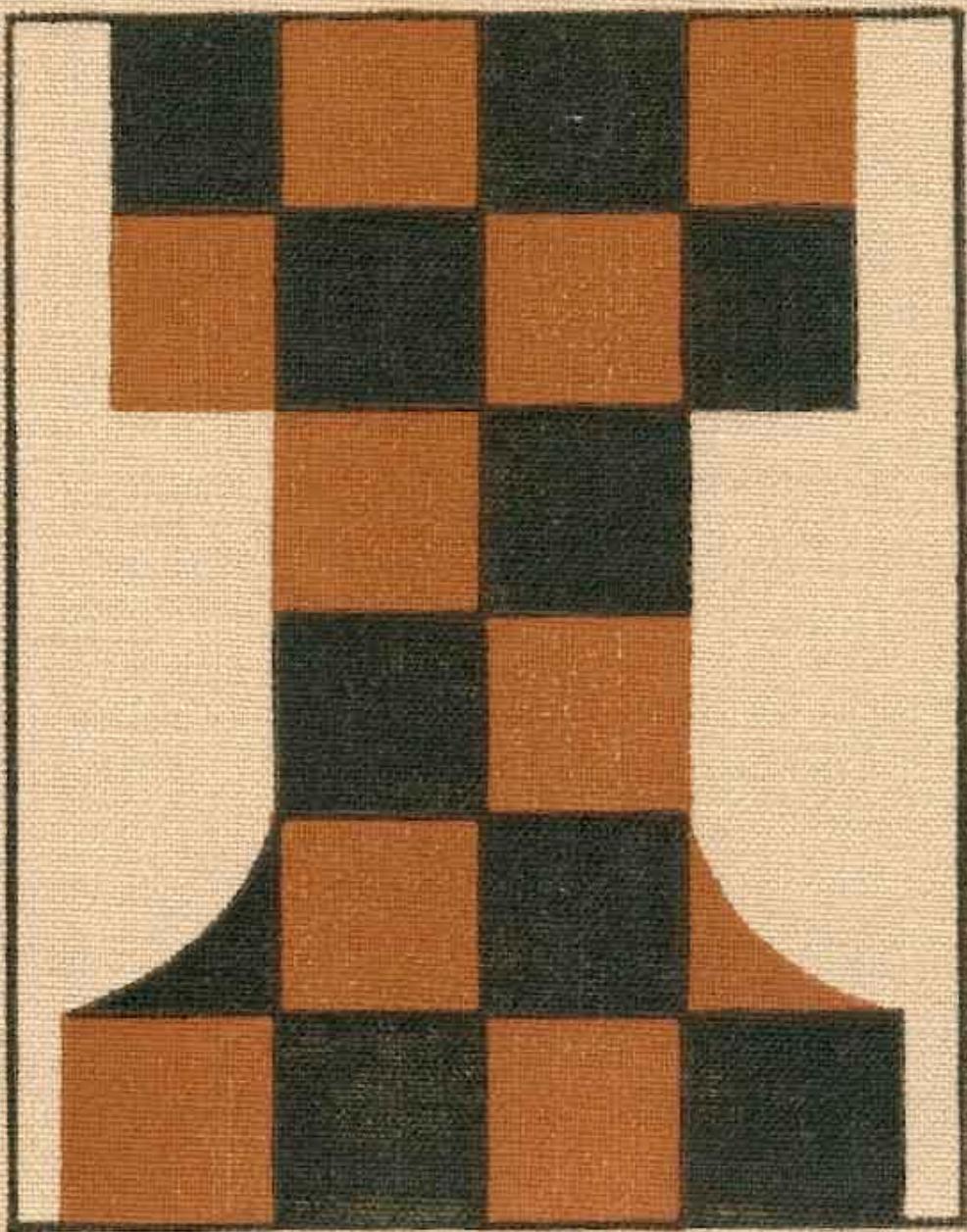


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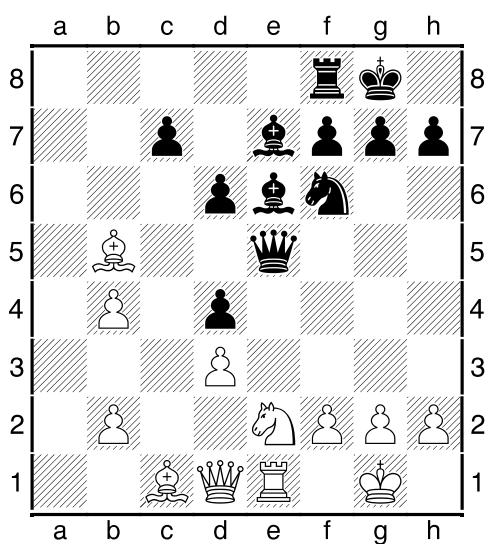
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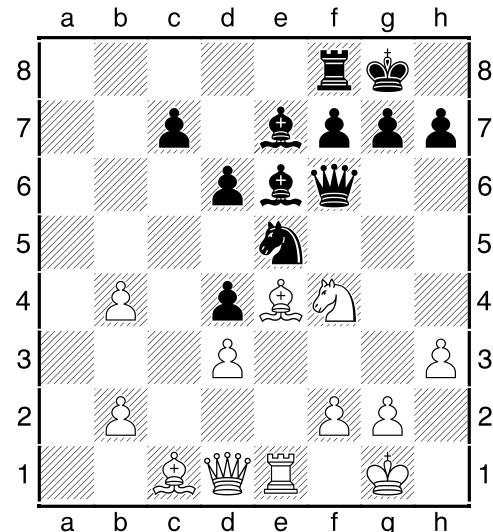
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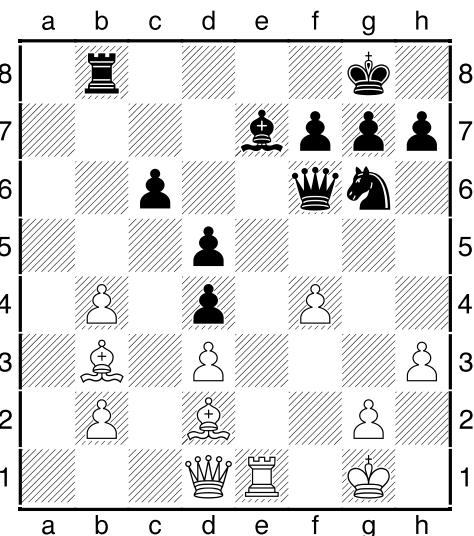
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 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0
 9.a4 b4 10.a5 Rb8 11.Bc4 Be6 12.B:a6
 Ra8 13.Bb5 N:a5 14.c:b4 Nb3 15.R:a8
 Q:a8 16.Nc3 Nd4 17.N:d4 e:d4 18.Ne2
 Q:e4 19.d3 Qe5?!



[Previously at a high level has been tried 19...Qh4 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Bg3 Qf6 22.Qa4 Rb8 23.Bc4 N:b4 24.Qa7 Nc6 25.Q:c7 Rc8 26.Qb7 Na5 27.Qe4 N:c4 28.d:c4 R:c4 29.b3 d5 30.Qe5 Q:e5 31.B:e5 Rb4 32.N:d4 and here black kept chances of winning by.. 32...Bd7 with a pair of strong bishops and further pressure on the weakness of white / Karjakin, S (2730) – Svidler, P (2727) / Dresden ol (Men) 38th 2008]
20.Bc6 Ng4 21.Nf4 Qf5 22.h3 Ne5? [The lesser of two evils was 22...N:f2 23.K:f2 g5 24.g4 Qf6 25.Qf3 g:f4 26.B:f4 h6 black and retain capable of defense position] **23.Be4 Qf6**

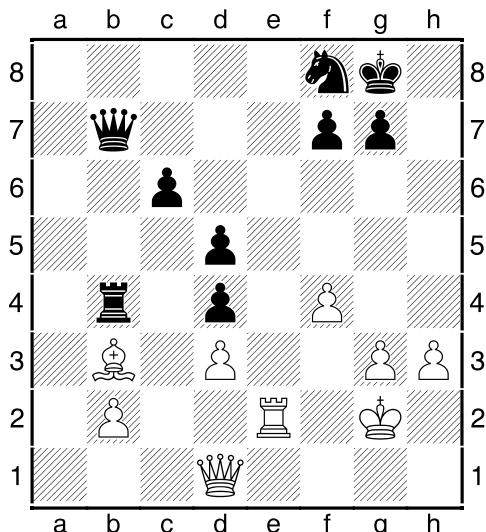


24.Nd5? [White misses the opportunity to achieve the benefits effectively: 24.Nh5 Qh4 25.B:h7+ K:h7 26.Re4 Ng4 27.h:g4 g6 28.Qd2 and here in order to avoid the worst black should flee unpleasant end-game.. 28...Bg5 29.Q:g5 Q:g5 30.B:g5 g:h5 31.g:h5 Rg8 32.f4 Kg7 33.R:d4 f6 34.f5 B:f5 35.Be3 with active play on both flanks, and the wonderful chance to win for white] **24...B:d5 25.B:d5 c6 26.Bb3 Rb8 27.f4 Ng6 28.Bd2 d5**

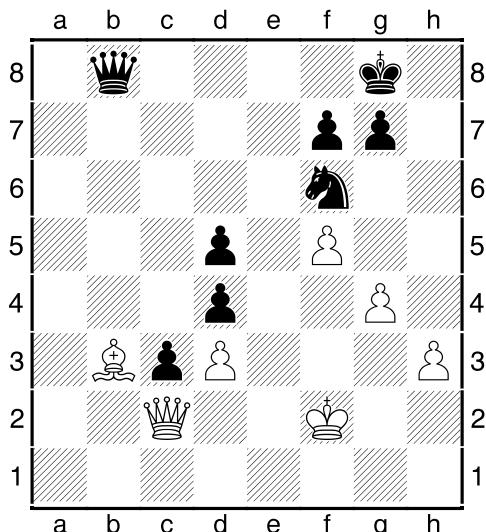


29.Qg4? White dreams about sky-high heights, and it was time to tackle the issues at hand. [Pawn "b" is doomed, and could give it with the benefit: 29.Ba4 h6

30.b5 c:b5 31.Bb3 depriving mobility black pawn mass and freeing the bishop from prison] 29...Bd6 30.g3 h5! 31.Q:h5 B:b4 32.B:b4 R:b4 33.Re8+ Nf8 34.Qd1 Qf5 35.Kg2 Qd7 36.Re2 Qb7



Steady queen moved into a striking position, and the next white soldier dies.
37.Ba4 R:b2 38.Rc2 c5 Finishing spurt.
39.Qe2 R:c2 40.Q:c2 c4 41.Kf2 Qa6 42.f5 Nh7 43.Qa2 c3 44.Qc2 Nf6 45.Bb3 Qc8 46.g4 Qb8



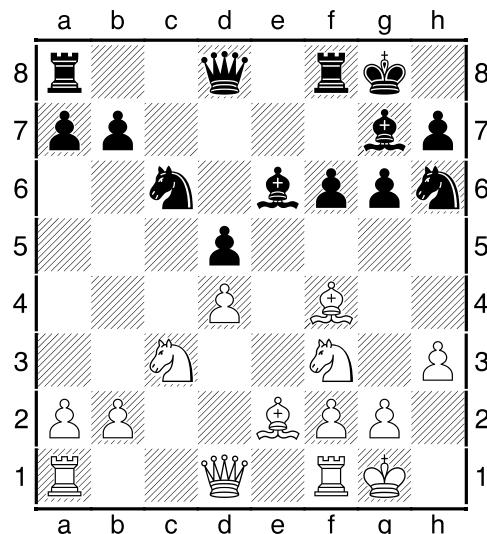
Interesting are black pawns on the line "d" – one of them supports the passed, and another still overlaps white bishop. In such a favorable situation black freely maneuver pieces, touching the weakness of the op-

ponent. **47.Kf3 Qb5 48.Ba4 Qa6 49.g5 Nh7 50.h4 g6 51.f:g6 Q:g6 52.Qb1 Qf5+ 53.Kg3 Qe5+ 54.Kf3 Nf8** The white king sings the last song. **55.Qb5 Qe3+ 56.Kg4 c2 57.B:c2 Qe2+ 58.Kf5 Qe6+ 59.Kf4 Ng6+ 60.Kg3 Qe3+ 0-1**

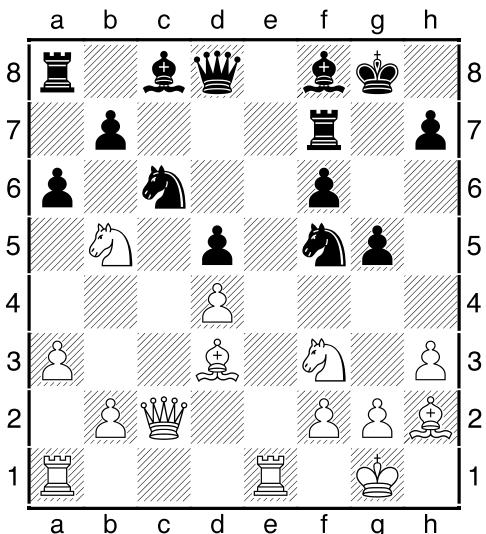
(02) Slipak,Sergio (2444) - Felgaer,Ruben (2581) [B27]

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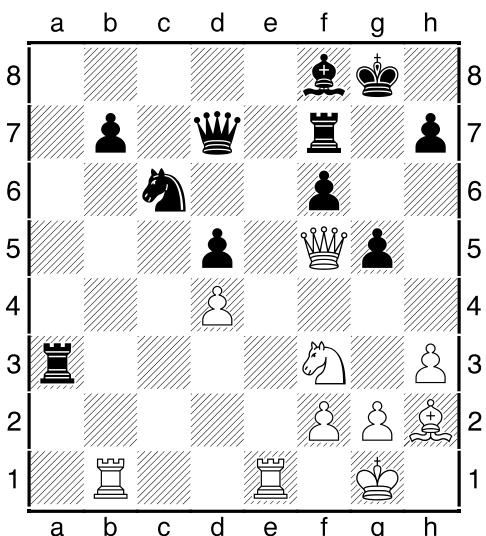
1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 c:d4 5.c:d4 d5 6.e5 Nh6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be2 f6 [It was used other way, for example: 9...Bf5 10.0-0 Be4 11.Be3 Nf5 12.g4 Ne3 13.f:e3 B:f3 14.R:f3 e6 and in this almost symmetrical position white Royal fortress is weakened, it makes difficult his chances for equation / Aveskulov, V (2526) – Guseinov, G (2603) / UKR-chT Clubs 2011] **10.e:f6 e:f6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Bf4**



12...g5N Discarding the enemy bishop, black shows his aggressive intentions. However, further moving pawns can create significant gaps in his own coat. **13.Bh2 Nf5 14.Nb5 Rf7 15.Bd3 Bf8 16.Re1 Bc8** Most of the black pieces stay on initial positions. A good psychological trick. **17.a3 a6 18.Qc2?!**



And here is the result – like, white decided that each move must somewhere attack. With this mood is better to play checkers... [After the cold-blooded 18.Nc3! h5 19.Rc1 g4 20.h:g4 h:g4 21.B:f5 B:f5 22.Nh4 Bc8 23.Qd3 all the streets are opened for white army] **18...Nh4 19.N:h4 a:b5 20.Nf3 b4 21.Bf5?!** During the last ten moves white cherished dream – to get on the outpost f5. Whether it is necessary to hurry with the fulfillment of desires... [It was time to have dig teeth into pawn: 21.Qb3 b:a3 22.b:a3 g4 23.h:g4 B:g4 24.Be2 with approximate equality] **21...b:a3 22.b:a3 B:f5 23.Q:f5 R:a3 24.Rab1 Qd7**



25.Q:d7 [White hard to evade exchange queens because of option 25.Qc2 R:f3

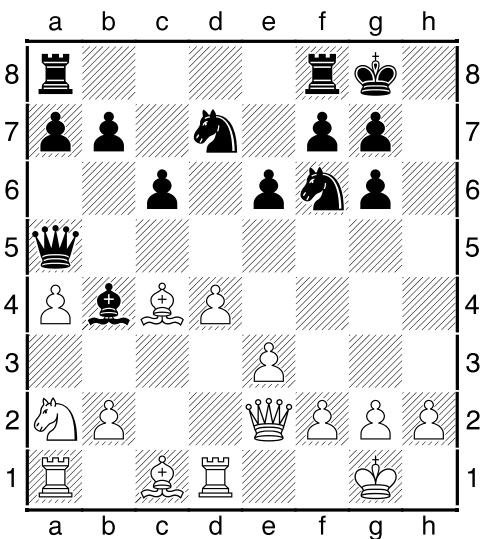
26.g:f3 Q:h3 27.Qd3 f5! 28.Rb3 f4 ис用车的
同时造成局面 [25...R:d7 26.Re3 Ra4
27.g4 Kf7 28.Rb5 Rb4 29.Rb3 R:b3
30.R:b3 Bb4 The final part of the game
Ruben Felgaer plays filigree. 31.Kf1 b5
32.Rb1 Ra7 33.Rc1 Ra6 34.Ke2 Ke6
35.Bg3 Kd7 36.h4 Ra2+ 37.Ke3 Ra3+
38.Ke2 Ra2+ 39.Ke3 h5! 40.Rd1 h:g4
41.Nh2 g:h4 42.B:h4 f5 43.Bg3 Bc3
44.Kf4 Ke6 45.Kg5 b4 46.Nf1 b3 47.Ne3
Bd2 48.Rh1 B:e3+ 49.f:e3 b2 50.Rh6+
Kd7 51.Rd6+ Ke7 0-1

**(03) Dvirnyy,Danyil (2549) -
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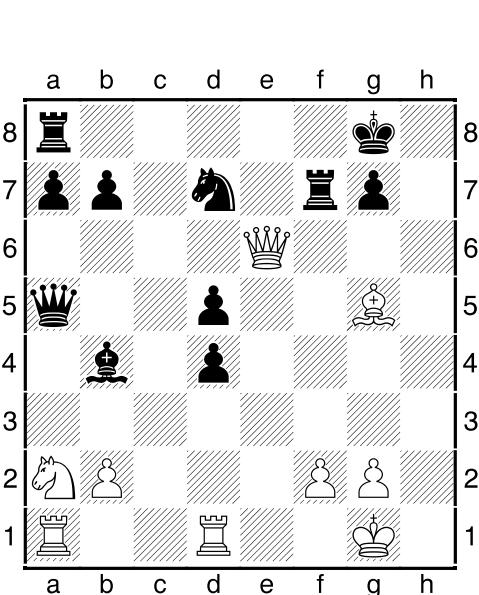
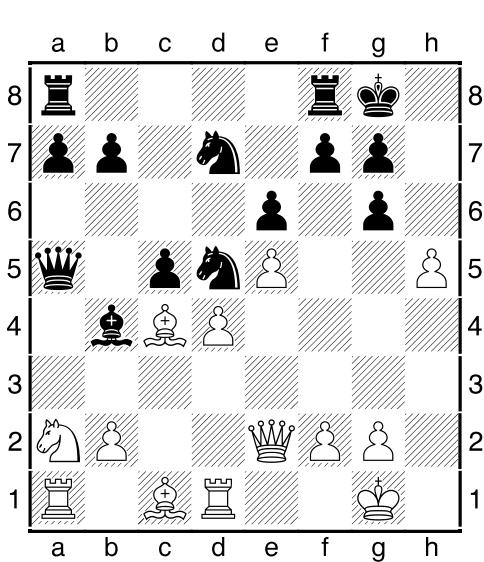
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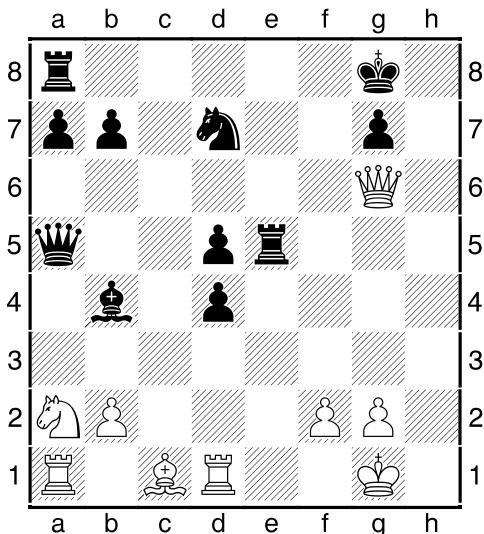
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Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.B:c4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2
Bg6 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.N:g6 h:g6 12.Rd1
Qa5 13.Na2



White pawn sacrifice, relying on the strong centre and an active play on the kingside. But the disunity of black pieces is a temporary factor. Therefore, must act quickly...
13...Q:a4 14.e4 Qa5 15.e5 Nd5 16.h4 c5 17.h5N

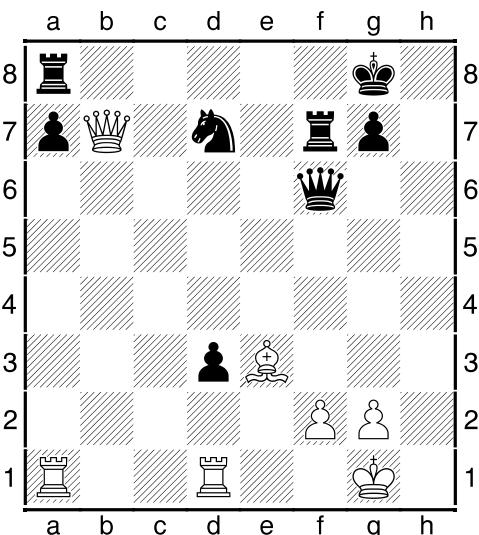


[The party comes to the peace harbor in case of 17.B:d5 e:d5 18.Be3 Qb6 19.N:b4 Q:b4 20.h5 g:h5 21.Q:h5 Rfe8 22.Ra3 Q:b2 23.Bc1 Qc2 24.Rh3 f6 25.f4 c:d4 26.Rf1 Rac8 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Qh5+ Kg8 / Najer, E (2608) – Skatchkov, P (2495) / RUS-Cup 300 years 2003] **17...c:d4 18.h:g6 f:g6 19.Qg4?!** [Approximate equality supported after 19.N:b4 Q:b4 20.R:d4 Qc5 21.Qe4 Rf5 22.b4 Qb6 23.f4 Nf8 24.Kf1 N:f4 25.B:f4 g5 26.g3 g:f4 27.Rd6 Qe3 28.Q:f5 Qf3+ 29.Ke1 Qc3+] **19...Rf5 20.B:d5 e:d5 21.Q:g6 R:e5**



White center broke into pieces, and for the attack is clearly not enough resources on the board. Thus, to fight for the equation. **22.Bf4 Re7 23.Bg5 Rf7 24.Qe6**

24...d3?! During the last 10 moves black bishop is under the gun. It is hard to believe that he likes it... [Black could determine the position by 24...Bf8 25.R:d4 Qb6 26.Q:b6 N:b6 with an extra pawn and a chance to win in the endgame] **25.N:b4 Q:b4 26.Q:d5 Q:b2 27.Be3 Qf6 28.Q:b7**

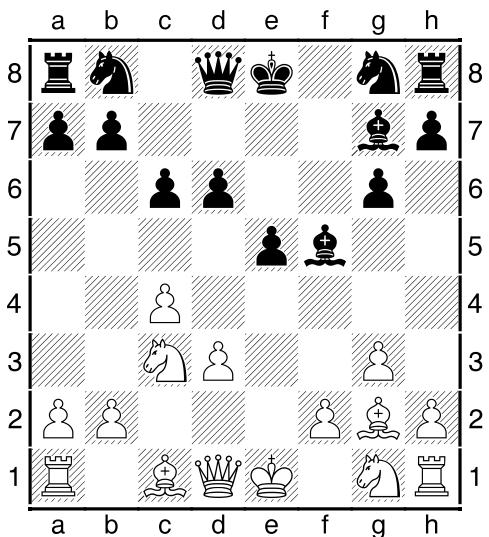


Now black fighters one by one leave the battlefield, and need to save the situation... **28...Re8 29.Qd5 R:e3 30.f:e3 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 1/2**

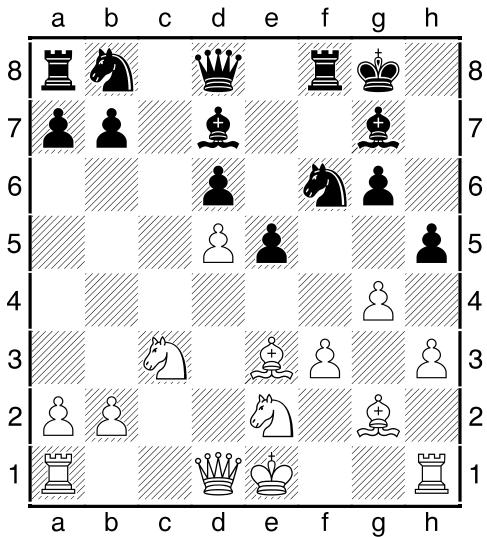
(04) Flores,Diego (2578) - Felgaer,Ruben (2581) [A21]
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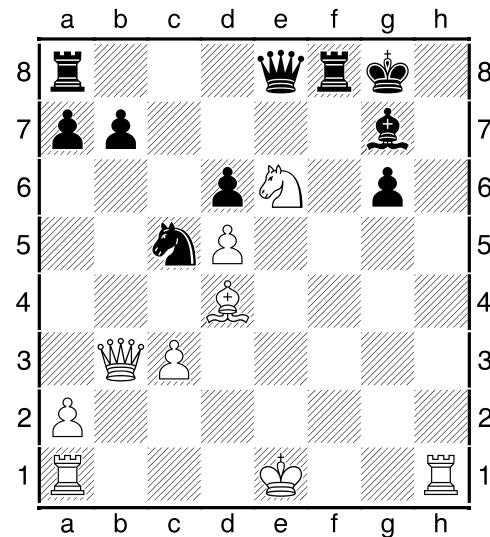
1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 c6 6.e4 Here is a capture of the centre by e2-e4 even more justified than at the first move. To the outpost d4 black knights come galloping hard... **6...f5 7.e:f5 B:f5**



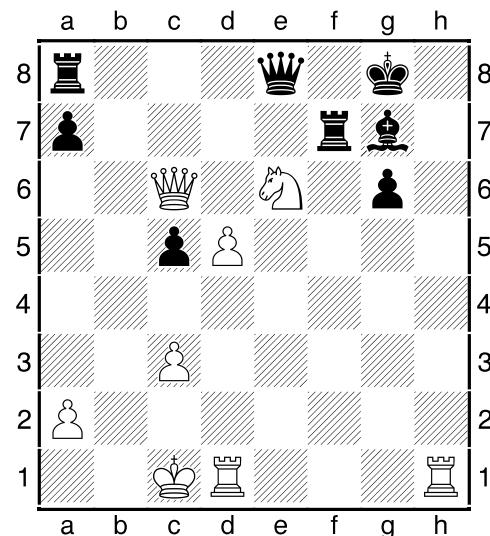
8.Nge2N [Used to play 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.d4 0-0 11.Be3 with some advantage for white] **8...Nf6 9.d4 0-0 10.h3 Qd7** Preventing short castling. However, white don't need it. Next actions aimed at restricting the black pieces. **11.d5 c:d5 12.c:d5 h5** Black persist in their quest to keep the bishop high, but this reduces the shield of the king and outpost g5. Now white's not even necessary to think, due to the inability of short castling they have no choice, and the right plan comes easy: the assault of the enemy residence. **13.f3 Qd8 14.g4 Bd7 15.Be3**



So, white temporarily put his bishop in a dark cell, but received the excellent prospects for the attack. After the planned moves Qd2, Ng3, Nce4 – the question is what to do with black pawns h5 and d6. Not wanting to die slowly, black reasonable to change the picture of the struggle, transforming the game into the mainstream puzzling complications... **15...e4! 16.f:e4 h:g4 17.Nf4 Qe8 18.Qb3 g:h3 19.B:h3 N:e4 20.Be6+ B:e6 21.N:e6 N:c3 22.b:c3 Nd7 23.Bd4 Nc5!**



[Not good 23...B:d4 24.c:d4 Rf5 25.Qe3 Qe7 26.Qh6 Nf8 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.0-0-0 Rc8+ 29.Kb1 Qf6 30.Rh7+ N:h7 31.Q:h7+ Ke8 32.Q:b7 Rd8 33.Qc6+ Ke7 34.N:d8 K:d8 35.Re1 Qf8 36.Qa8+ Kd7 37.Q:a7+ Kd8 38.Qb8+ Kd7 39.Qb7+ Kd8 40.a4 and white pawn unstoppable] **24.B:c5 d:c5 25.0-0-0 Rf3 26.Q:b7 Rf7 27.Qc6**



27...Rf3? During the last 12 moves we ob-

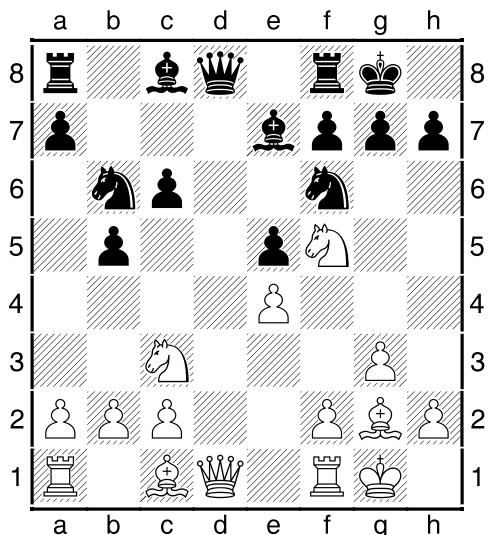
served the exact exchange of blows, but here black arrow gives a fatal misfire. [After 27...Q:c6 28.d:c6 B:c3 29.Kc2 Bd4 rivals could peacefully shake hands] **28.Qc7 Rf7** Option 28...Qf7 29. Qf7 Rf7 30. d6 black doesn't like. And now it turns out that the white queen stairs b7–c6–c7 down exactly where needs. **29.Qh2 B:c3 30.Rd3 Bf6 31.Rh3** The threat irresistible... **31...Bg5+ 32.N:g5 1-0**

(05) Rozentalis,Eduardas (2607) - Dvirnyy,Danyyl (2549) [C41]

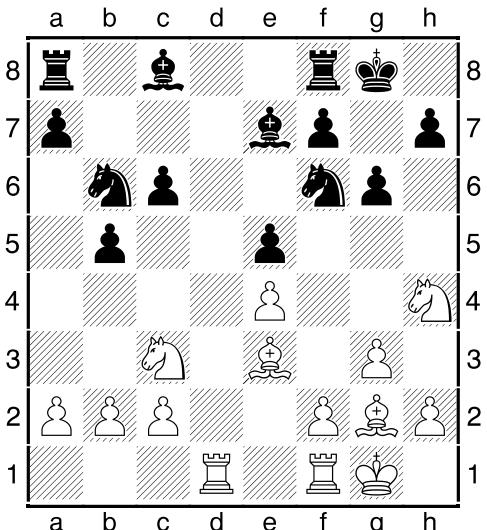
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1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.g3 c6 6.Bg2 b5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nh4 0-0 9.Nf5 Nb6 10.d:e5 d:e5

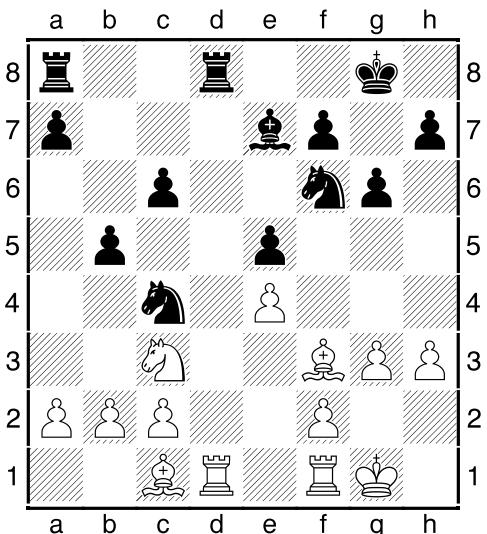


11.Q:d8N [White made a lot of moves by knight, so he reaches nothing in case of 11.N:e7+ Q:e7 12.a3 a5 13.b3 Rd8 14.Qf3 b4 15.a:b4 a:b4 16.R:a8 N:a8 17.Na4 Nc7 18.Qe3 Ba6 19.Re1 Ne6 20.Qb6 Bb5 21.Be3 Ng4 22.Bf1 N:e3 23.Q:e3 Nd4 and black has achieved a better position / Okhotnik, V (2400) – Sutorikhin, V (2335) / Gyongyos op 1994] **11...B:d8 12.Be3 g6 13.Nh4 Be7 14.Rad1?!**



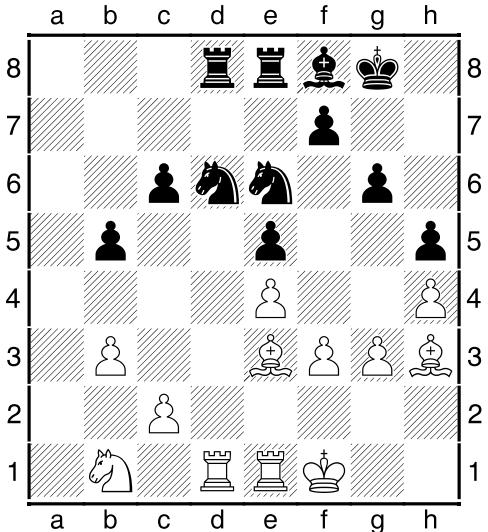
Knight on the edge of the board has lost its relevance, and it would be logical to bring him back, but for the simple rook move could get severe penalties...

14...Bg4?! [Sometimes the hand reaches to make a good move, and should listen to such appeal: 14...b4 15.Ne2 Na4 16.Bc1 Ba6 17.Rfe1 Bc5 18.Bf3 Rfd8 19.R:d8+ R:d8 20.Kg2 Bb6 21.b3 Nc5 22.Ng1 Kg7 – black have the perspective of the idea a7–a5–a4 and knight way to d4 , and the position of the white pieces hardly be called a harmonious] **15.Nf3 Nc4 16.Bc1 Rfd8 17.h3 B:f3 18.B:f3**

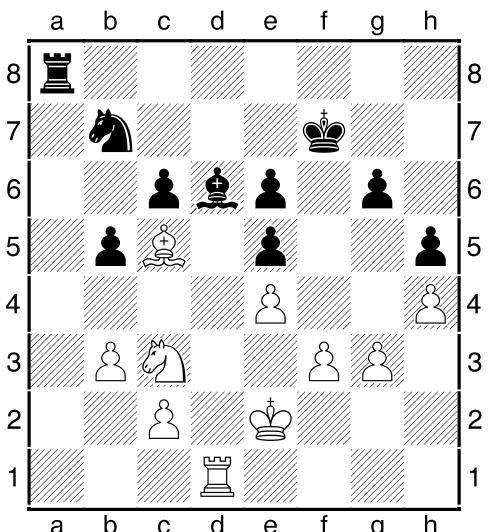


It turned out that the black bishop was bad placed on g4 , and it exchanged. Now, despite the temporary setback of the white

pieces, a pair of bishops is the determining factor, and the game enters the stage of slow maneuvering. It should not be forgotten that far forwarded black pawns in the endgame can easily become the object of attack... 18...Bb4 19.Nb1 Bf8 20.b3 Nd6 21.Bb2 Re8 22.Rfe1 Rad8 23.Kf1 h5 24.h4 Nd7 25.Bg2 Nc5 26.f3 a5 27.Bh3 a4 28.Bc1 Ne6 29.Be3 a:b3 30.a:b3

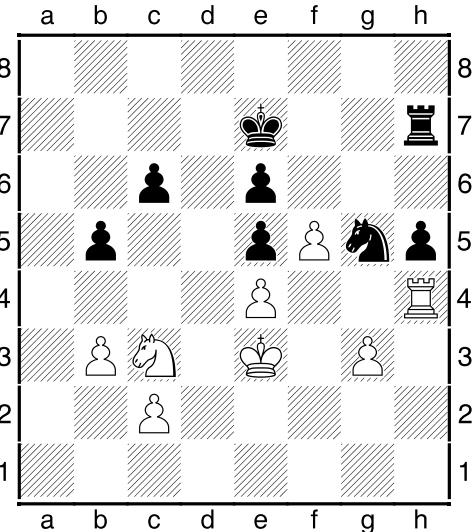


30...Nb7?! Before accepting passive defense, it would be good to look for counterplay. Black cavalry ready to pounce, and after 30...b4 with further Nb5 successful struggle for key points black equalized chances. **31.R:d8 R:d8 32.B:e6 f:e6** **33.Ke2 Ra8 34.Nc3** While black pawn structure is completely static, white can speculate ideas f3-f4 and g3-g4. Thus, the intrigue of the game remains... **34...Kf7** **35.Rd1 Bd6 36.Bc5?!**

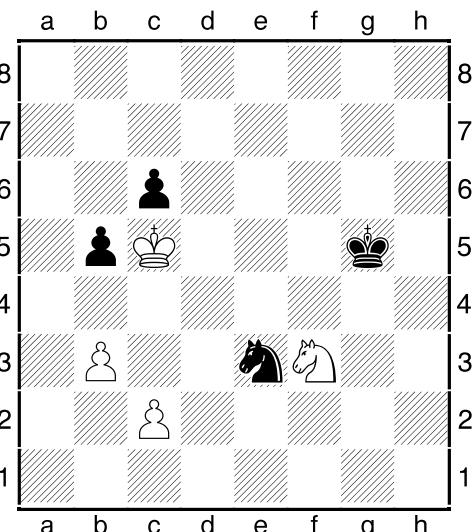


36...Ke7?! Black believe in the word to his

opponent. [But after correct 36...B:c5
 37.Rd7+ Kf6 38.R:b7 Bb4 39.Nd1 Ra2
 40.Ne3 Bc5 41.g4 B:e3 42.K:e3 h:g4
 43.f:g4 g5 position quickly equalized]
37.B:d6+ N:d6 38.Ke3 Ra3 39.f4 Nf7
40.Rf1 Ra8 41.f5 g5?! [The easiest way to
 draw was achieved by 41...e:f5 42.e:f5 Nd6
 43.f:g6 Rg8] **42.h:g5 N:g5 43.Rh1 Rh8**
44.Rh4 Rh7

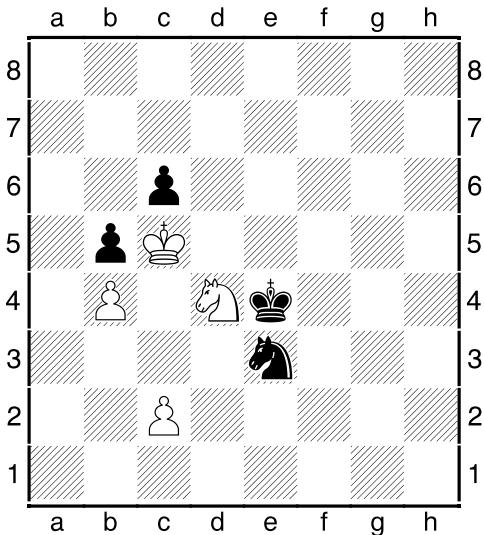


45.Nd1! Kf6 46.Nf2 e:f5 47.e:f5 K:f5
48.R:h5! White inventive in finding practical chances. At first gave a pawn, and now voluntarily change the rook. After this becomes a palpable difference in the activity of the kings. Apparently, this turn of events was unexpected for the leader of black pieces... **48...R:h5 49.g4+ Kg6 50.g:h5+ K:h5 51.Nd3 Nf7 52.Ke4 Kg5 53.N:e5 Nd6+ 54.Kd4 Nf5+ 55.Kc5 Ne3 56.Nf3+**

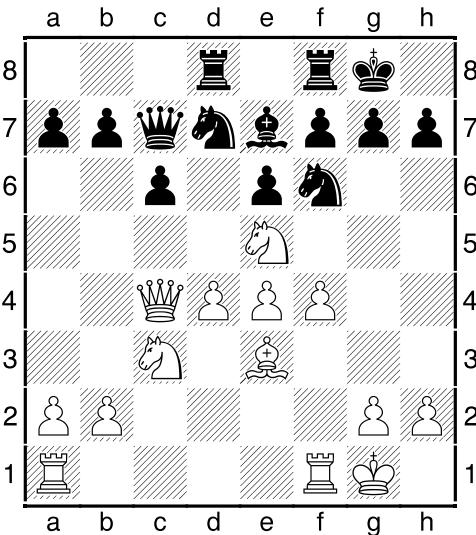


56...Kf4? Now black fails. Who would have

thought that should fall under the check?! [Salvation lay by brilliant 56...Kf5!! 57.Nd4+ Kf4! 58.b4 Ke4 and on the board the position of mutual zugzwang with white to move] **57.Nd4 Ke4 58.b4**



7.f4N Perspective novelty. White hold his knight, and in case of his capture open lines for action... **7...Ngf6 8.Nc3 d:c4 9.B:c4 B:c4 10.Q:c4 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.e4 0-0 13.Be3 Rad8!**

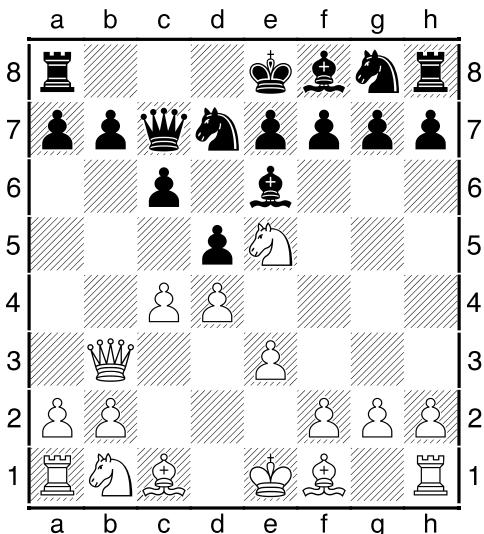


And here is the same position, but with black to move. One of the pieces forced to withdraw and white takes both pawns. **1-0**

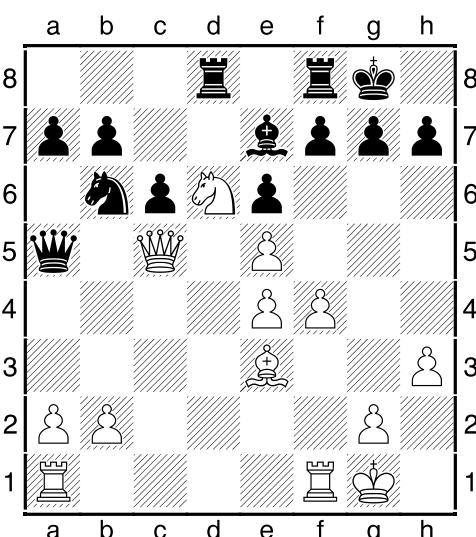
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Final 88 Campeonato Argentino Resistencia / Roque Saenz Pen (14.1), 07.09.2013
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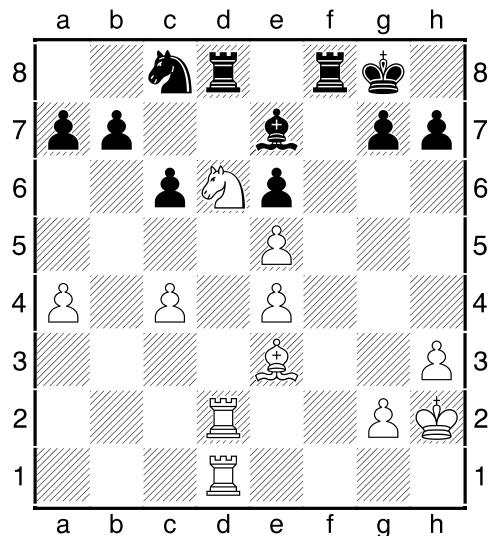
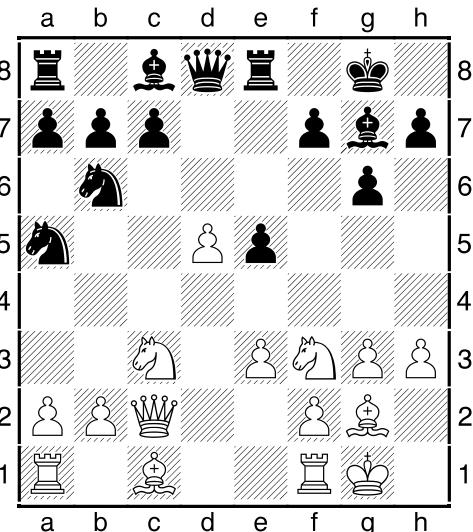


[In another game of the championship has been tested 13...N:e5 14.d:e5 Ng4 15.Bd4 Rfd8 16.Kh1 Qa5 17.h3 Qb4 18.Q:b4 B:b4 19.Rad1 Nh6 20.g4 Kf8 21.f5 with a noticeable advantage for white] **14.h3 N:e5** White spent time to cover the outpost g4, and now the exchange of the knights safe for black. **15.d:e5 Nd7 16.Nb5 Qa5 17.Nd6 Nb6 18.Qc5**



[In case of 18.Qc2 Rd7 19.Bc5 Nc8 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.b4 Qc7 22.Nc4 defensive

resources of black are big enough] **18...Qa6?!** [Easier 18...Q:c5 19.B:c5 Rd7 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Rd4 Nc8 22.Rfd1 b6 23.Ba3 Bf8 and black is all right] **19.Rfd1 Rd7 20.b3 Rfd8?!** Black operates without a plan. Exchange on d6 unprofitable, it is better to take the air on the kingside, and for this rook need on the line "f". [20...f5 21.e:f5 R:f5 22.Qc2 Rf8 23.f5 Nd5 24.Bf2 Bg5 25.f:e6 Re7 26.Re1 R:e6 27.Re4 with a small advantage for white] **21.Rd2 f6 22.Rad1 Rf8 23.a4 Rdd8 24.Kh2 Nc8 25.Qc4** [Stronger 25.Qc3 f:e5 26.N:c8 R:c8 27.Rd7 Bf6 28.f:e5 Bh4 29.Qd2 and wayward black queen receives telegram about the death of the monarch after the inevitable Bd2-h6] **25...Q:c4 26.b:c4 f:e5 27.f:e5**



27...Nb6? [Bold taking 27...N:d6 28.e:d6 Bf6 29.B:a7 Ra8 30.Be3 R:a4 31.d7 Bd8 32.Rc2 b6 black has the chances to survive] **28.a5 B:d6 29.R:d6 R:d6 30.e:d6 N:c4 31.Bg5 Ne5 32.d7 1-0**

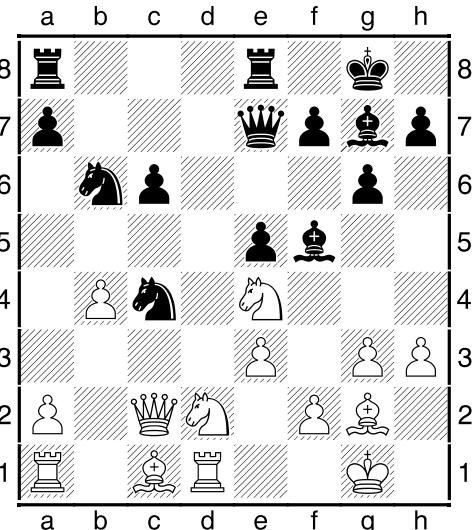
(07) Pashikian,Arman (2609) - Ragger,Markus (2680) [D76]

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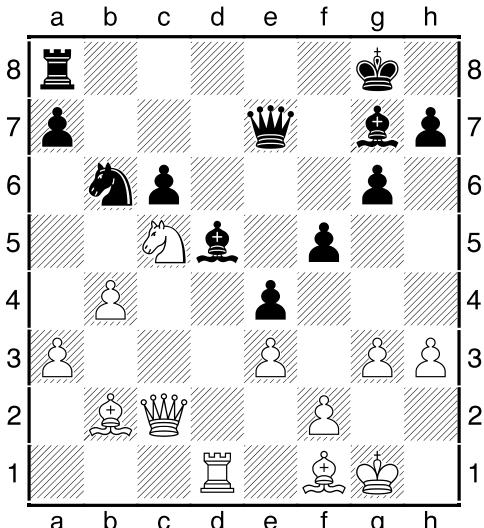
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White queen puts on the best field and gives room for the rook. For the first time this move was applied by Vladimir Kramnik against Alexander Grischuk in the spring of 2013... **12...c6 13.b4 Nac4 14.d:c6 b:c6 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Nce4**

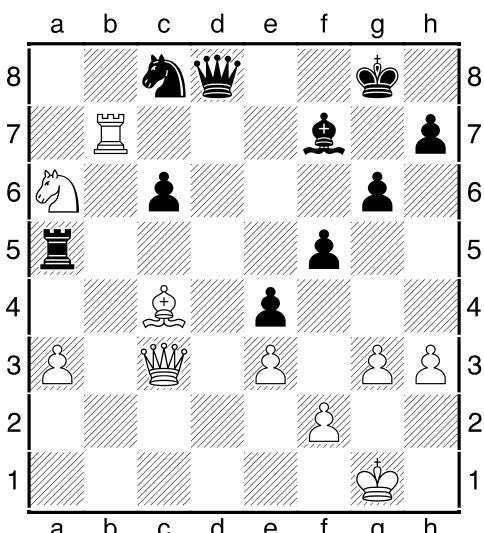


17...Re8N [The above-mentioned game developed so: 17...Rad8 18.a3 h5 19.N:c4 R:d1+ 20.Q:d1 N:c4 21.Ra2 Rd8 22.Qf1 Nd6 23.Nc5 Nb5 24.B:c6 Nc3 25.Rd2 R:d2 26.B:d2 Qd6 and rivals signed a truce] **18.N:c4 R:d1+ 19.Q:d1 N:c4 20.a3 Be6 21.Qc2 f5** On the side of white is small but stable advantage. To get rid of cross-pressure on the pawn c6, black resolved to block the enemy bishop at the cost of weakening the Royal fortress. **22.Bf1 Nb6**

23.Nc5 e4 24.Bb2 Bd5 25.Rd1



Now, white makes a round of the queenside. The last move is very strong: rook was aimed at a nodal point of black defence, with a clear intent to undermine this bastion after a4-a5 and b4-b5. Preventing this plan, black goes to the opening of the position, and the white army waiting for this... **25...a5 26.B:g7 Q:g7 27.b:a5 R:a5 28.Rb1 Qc7** [In case of 28...Qa7 29.Qc1 Nc8 30.Nb7 R:a3 31.Bc4 Ne7 32.Nd8 Kf8 33.B:d5 c:d5 34.Kg2 Qa5 35.Ne6+ Kf7 36.Ng5+ Kg7 37.Rb7 Kf6 38.N:h7+ Ke6 39.Qb2 Rc3 40.h4 black bound hand and foot] **29.Na6 Qd8 30.Qc3 Nc8** [After possible 30...Ra4 31.Qc5 Nd7 32.Qd6 Qc8 33.Nb4 Ra5 34.Rc1 not seen a good protection from the threats of taking] **31.Rb7 Bf7 32.Bc4**



Worthy finale of excellent game. Even the

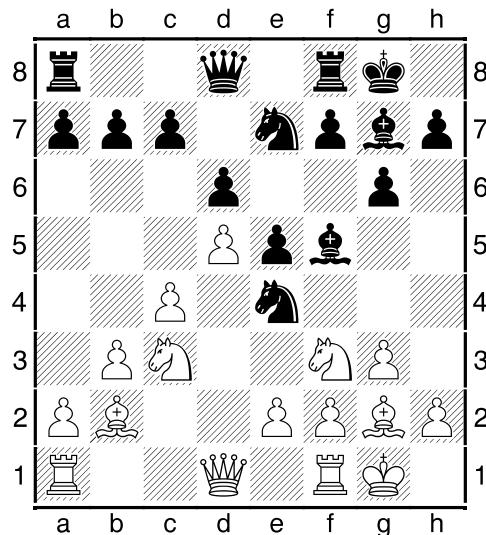
knight on the edge of the board played an important role in achieving the common goal... **32...Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Rd5 34.B:d5 Q:d5 35.Rb8 Be6 36.Nc7 Qa2 37.Rb2 1-0**

(08) Kuzubov,Yuriy (2628) - Swiercz,Dariusz (2654) [E62]

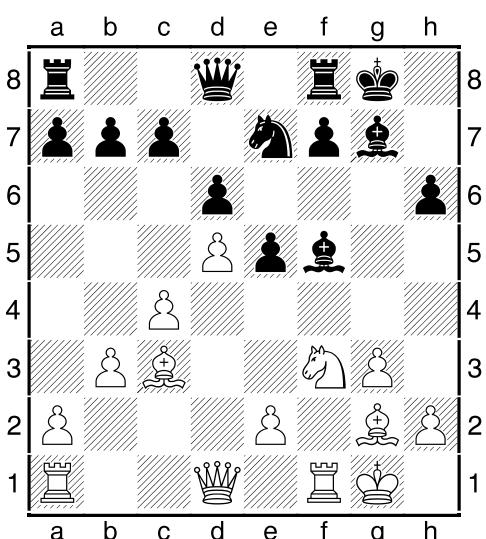
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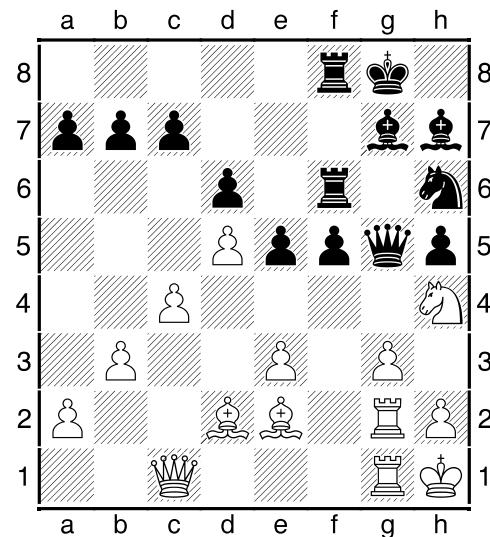
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.b3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Bb2 Ne4N



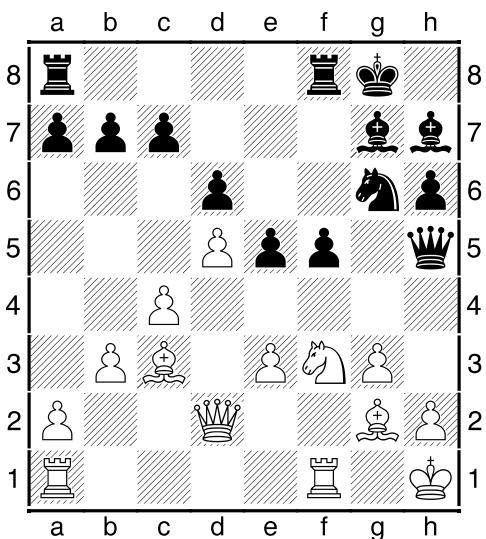
Fresh thought: as long as white doesn't have time to adjust and grab the centre, black exchanges a couple of pieces and makes way for "f" pawn. In other debuts this idea is not new, but is used there for the first time. **11.Na4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Ne4 13.Na4** White silently offers peacefully. Knight don't change to get rid of the black by pawns... **13...g5?! 14.Ne1 g4?!** Due to docile opponent play, black lose their sense of reality. **15.f3 g:f3 16.N:f3 h6 17.Nc3 N:c3 18.B:c3**



31.Rg4 Qf6 32.Rg3 Rf7 33.Be4 Ne5
34.B:h7+ K:h7 35.Qc2+ Kh8 36.Qe2 Qf1+
37.Q:f1 R:f1+ 38.Kg2 Rf7 39.Ne6 and the
power of black shackled that makes their
chances of salvation extremely remote]
26.Bf1 Nh8?! It was better to retreat to e7.
Hard to say how from the angle of the
board, he is going to defend a weak pawn.
27.Nh4 Nf7 28.Be2 Qg5 29.Qc1 h5
30.Bd2 Nh6 31.Rfg2

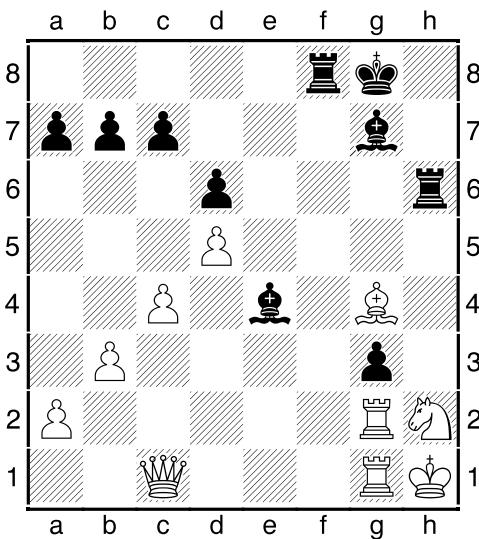


The position has changed, and white already willingly exchanged knights, and then starts a series of slow manoeuvres to pressure along the line "f" and preparation of a breakthrough at the right moment.
18...Bh7 19.Nh4 f5 20.Qd2 Qe8 21.Kh1
Qh5 22.e3 Ng6 23.Nf3



One pair of knights need to save on the board, since the white one significantly more active than its colleague. And in the case of careless movement of the central black pawns, will additionally appear route f3-d4-e6 , promising full domination...
23...Rf7 24.Rf2 Raf8 25.Rg1 Rf6 [In the case of melee is well visible, how important is white knight: 25...f4 26.e:f4 e:f4 27.g4!
Q:g4 28.Nd4 f3 29.R:f3 R:f3 30.B:f3 Qh4

31...Ng4? Queen should be saved, and for this the easiest way to retreat rook. Stance, of course, not marmalade – but for suicide kind of early. **32.h3 f4 33.e:f4 e:f4 34.Nf3**
Qh6 35.h:g4 h:g4+ 36.Nh2 Be4 37.B:g4
f:g3 38.B:h6 R:h6



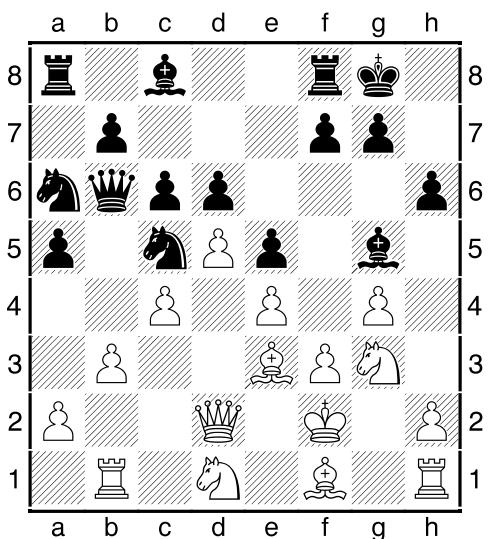
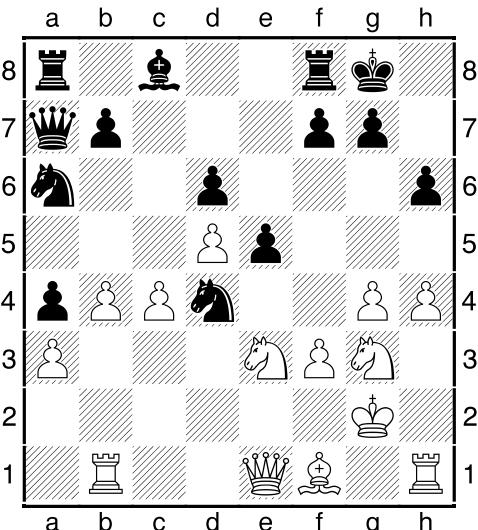
Suddenly black even threaten checkmate, but such childish pranks easily suppressed. 39.Q:h6 B:h6 40.Bf3 R:f3 41.N:f3 B:f3 42.Rf1 Be4 43.Re1 Bf3 44.Kg1 Bf4 45.R:g3+ B:g3 46.Re3 1-0

(09) Grigoryan,Avetik (2580) - Grigoryan,Karen (2563) [A53]

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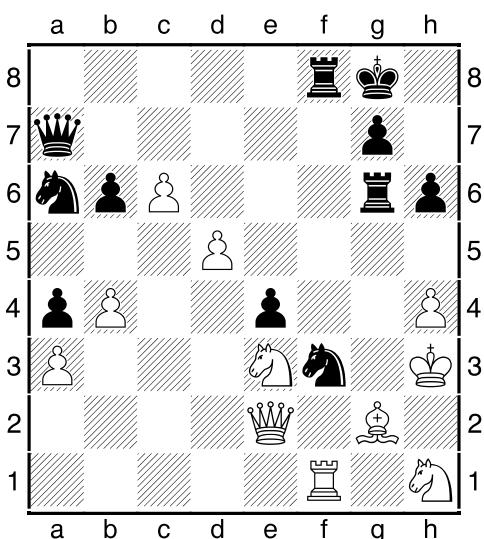
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1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.e4 e5 5.d5 Nc5 6.f3 a5 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Nge2 Nfd7 10.b3N c6 11.g4 Nb8 12.Ng3 Nba6 13.Rb1 h6 14.Kf2 Bg5 15.Nd1 Qb6

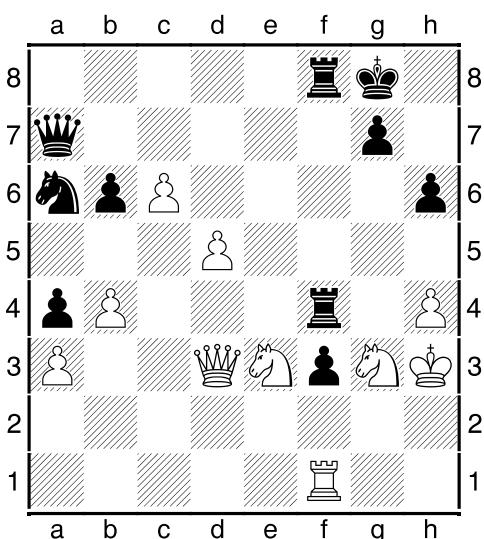


16.h4?! White possesses space advantage and needs to combine active actions with prophylactic, in order to keep the opponent at a distance. This goal was responsible by 16. Kg2 , leading king from the line of shooting... 16...B:e3+ 17.N:e3 Qb4 18.Qc1 a4 19.a3 Qb6 20.b4 Nb3 21.Qe1 c:d5 22.e:d5 Here is well visible difference: the unsuccessful position of the king narrows the choice of sequels, knight remains motionless. 22...Qa7 23.Kg2 Nd4

24.g5? Clearly premature action. [Could maintain a dynamic equilibrium by 24.Bd3 b5 25.Rc1 Bd7 26.Ne4 b:c4 27.N:c4 f5 28.Ne:d6 f:g4 29.f:g4 B:g4 30.N:e5 Nf3 31.Qe4 Ng5 32.Qe1 Nf3=] **24...f5 25.g:f6 R:f6 26.Ne4 R:f3** [Even faster white were in a joyless situation after 26...Rg6+ 27.Ng3 Bf5 28.Ne:f5 N:f5 29.Rh3 Qd4 30.Kh1 Rf8 31.Be2 N:g3+ 32.R:g3 Q:h4+ 33.Kg2 R:g3+ 34.Q:g3 Qd4 35.Re1 Qd2 36.Kf1 Qc3 and a new passed pawn "a" decides the fate of the game] **27.N:d6 Rf6 28.Ne4** [Doesn't help 28.N:c8 R:c8 29.c5 Rg6+ 30.Kh3 Rf8 31.Bg2 Nf3 32.Qe2 e4 33.d6 Qb8 34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.Q:e4 Qc8+ 36.Ng4 Re8 37.Q:g6+ K:g6 38.h5+ Kg5 39.B:f3 Re3 40.Kg2 R:f3 41.K:f3 Q:g4+ 42.Ke3 Qc4 and the black queen rages across the board, aiming primarily at the same weak white pawn] **28...Rg6+ 29.Ng3 Bf5 30.c5 Be4+ 31.Kh3 B:h1 32.N:h1 Rf8 33.Bg2 Nf3** [The passive piece can safely give for a few pawns, while alive queen: 33...N:c5 34.b:c5 Q:c5 35.Rc1 Q:a3 36.Qc3 Qe7 37.Qc7 Q:c7 38.R:c7 a3 – passed pawn with the support of the pieces unstoppable] **34.Qe2 e4 35.Rf1 b6 36.c6**



36...Rgf6? But this is an extremely inconsistent. Rook perfectly cut white king, creating a checkmate background, just pull closer to the place remaining reserves. [Powerful jerk 36...Qe7 37.B:f3 e:f3 38.R:f3 Nc7 39.R:f8+ K:f8 40.Qd3 Rd6 41.Kg2 Qf7 42.Nf2 Rg6+ 43.Kf1 Rf6 44.Qd2 Nb5 45.Neg4 Rd6 46.Ne3 Qf4 47.Qd3 Rf6 48.Ned1 Nc7 black could win] **37.Ng3 Rf4** **38.B:f3 e:f3 39.Qd3**



39...Nc7? During the second half of the game black though forgot about his powerful piece, and now miss the last opportunity to give a queen operational space. [39...Qf7 40.Nef5 R:f5 41.N:f5 Q:f5+ 42.Q:f5 R:f5 43.d6 Rf6 44.d7 Rf8 45.Kg3 Nb8 46.b5 N:d7 47.c:d7 Rd8 with a draw]

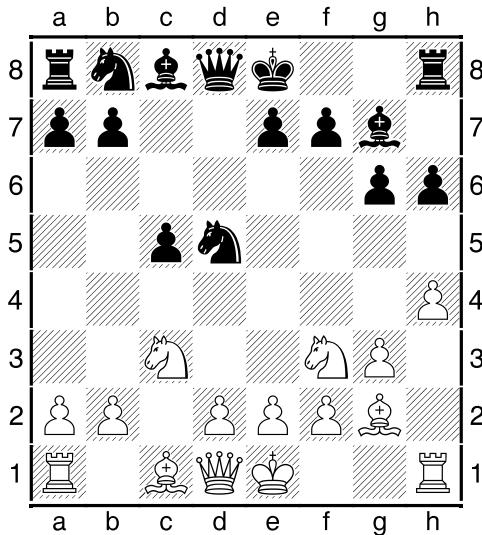
40.Nef5 Ne8 41.d6 White livened up and several movements sweep away the black army. **1-0**

(10) Kuzubov,Yuriy (2628) - Popov,Ivan (2656) [A34]

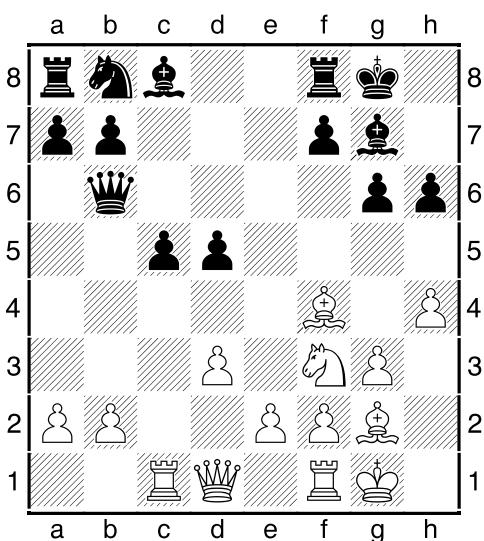
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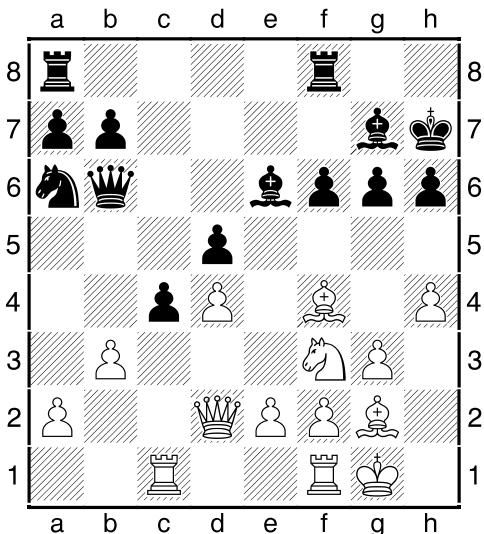
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.c:d5 N:d5 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 c5 7.h4 h6N



[7...Nc6 8.h5 N:c3 9.b:c3 Bf5 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Ng5 Q:b3 12.a:b3 0-0 13.h:g6 h:g6 14.Ne4 B:e4 15.B:e4 Rfc8 16.e3 Rc7 17.Ke2 a6 18.g4 sustainable advantage for white in the endgame / Nepomniachtchi, I (2711) – Kamsky, G (2741) / FIDE World Cup 2011] **8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 e6?!** The seventh black move took control point g5 , and now it would be appropriate to hold the center course by 9...B6 – here he feels quite comfortable. **10.N:d5 e:d5 11.Bf4** Threatens to double blow... **11...Qb6 12.Rc1**

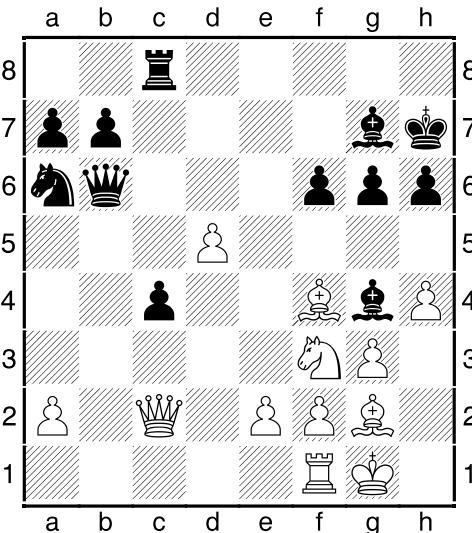


12...Be6?! [The specific calculation shows that it was good without prejudice to protect pawn by 12...Na6 and then white would have to spend an important time on the defence of pawn, as in the case of planned 13.Qd2 just follow.. 13...Q:b2 14.Rc2 Qb4 exchanging queens] **13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Be5 f6?!** Responsible step. Interestingly, of 14 made black moves half accounted for pawns. Too much there... [After 14...Nd7 15.B:g7 K:g7 16.d4 c4 17.b3 c:b3 18.Rb1 black worse, but indeed should play] **15.Bf4 Na6 16.d4 c4 17.b3**

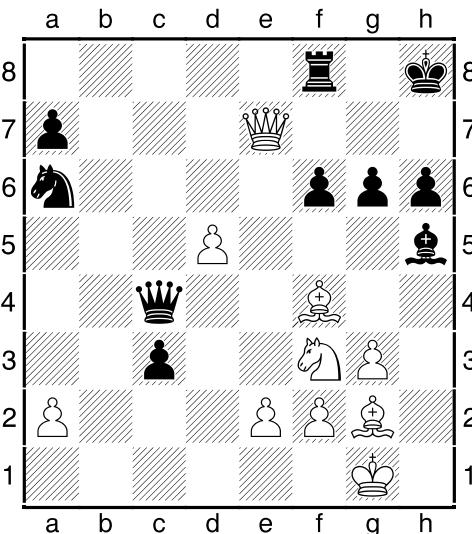


White makes the idea, as shown in the above note, and easy forms mobile pawn mass on the center, combining the move-

ment and attack on the king. **17...Rac8 18.b:c4 R:c4 19.R:c4 d:c4 20.d5 Bg4 21.Qc2!** Beginning of a precisely calculated option, which provides for white the invasion of the enemy's camp. **21...Rc8**



22.h5! [Not suitable immediately 22.Rb1 Nb4 23.Qa4 a5 24.a3 Bf5 and white nothing achieves] 22...B:h5 23.Rb1 Qc5 24.R:b7 c3 25.Qa4! Qc4 26.R:g7+ K:g7 27.Qd7+ Kh8 28.Qe6 Rf8 29.Qe7



Very eloquent picture. Black bishop in the g7 destroyed, and lined up in a row in the 6th horizontal pawns cannot help orphaned monarch... **29...Rg8 30.Q:f6+ Kh7 31.Be5 1-0**

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