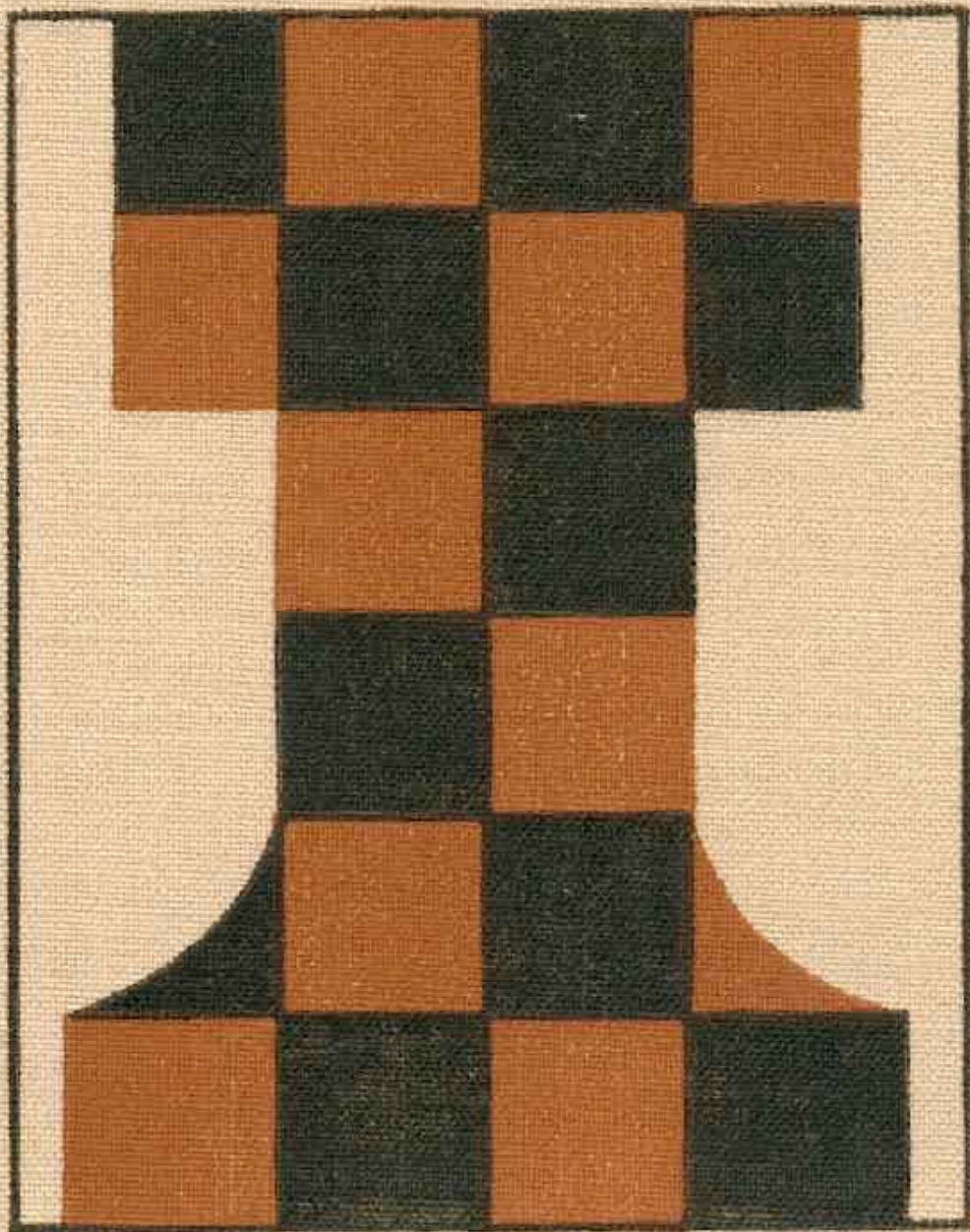


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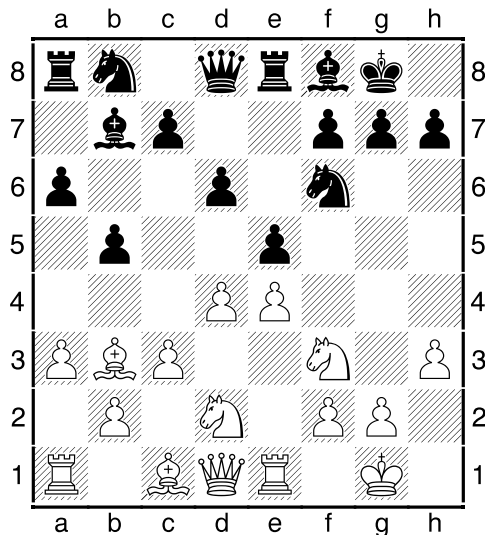
## Games

### (01) Solodovnichenko, Y (2622) - Pacher, M (2403) [C92]

2nd Livigno Open A Livigno ITA (1), 12.09.2011

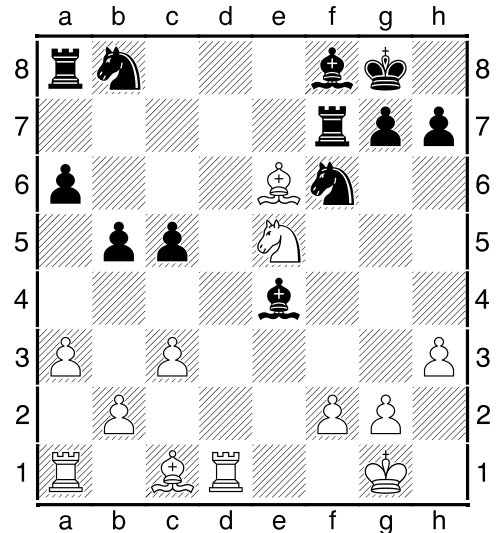
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 [7...0-0 saves an opportunity of Marshall Attack, but 8.d4 is possible then.] 8.c3 [8.d4 is out of theme now – 8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qxd4? c5; besides, 8.a4 is parried by 8...Bg4] 8...0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Ng5 Rf8 12.Nf3 Re8 13.Nbd2 Bf8 14.a3 Nb8?!



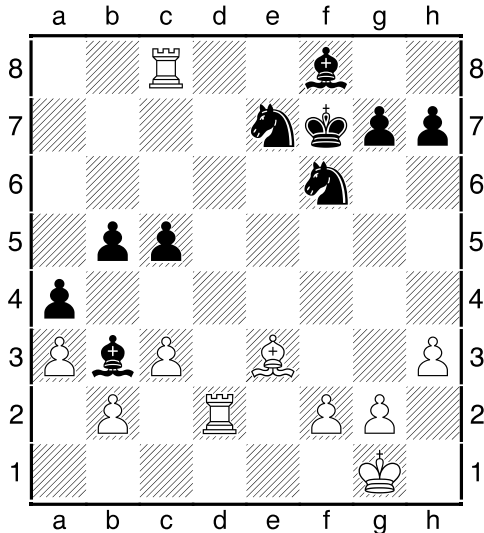
[14...h6! is a right path here, like in game Karjakin–Grischuk, CZM 10/2009] 15.dxe5 [Another way to obtain an advantage is 15.Ng5 Re7 (15...d5 16.dxe5 Rxe5 17.Ndf3) 16.Ndf3 (16.dxe5 dxe5 – the same, as in the current game) 16...Nbd7 (16...exd4 loses forcedly – 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Ng5 d5 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.e5 Ne8 21.Qf3+ Kg8 22.Bg5!+-, Bauer–Renet, FRA–ch 2007) 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Ng5 d5 19.exd5! (19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Bg5 c5) leaves some questions) 19...Bd6 (19...Nb6 20.d6+-) 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Rxe5! Bxe5 22.d6 Qxd6 23.Qxd6 Bxd6 24.Bxf7+ Kf8 25.Ba2±, Luther–Slobodjan, Dresden 2003] 15...dxe5 16.Ng5 [16.Bxf7+?! Kxf7 17.Qb3+ seems to be a dubious sacrifice, because after 17...Ke7 (not 17...Nd5

18.exd5 Bxd5 19.c4! bxc4 20.Nxc4±) 18.Nxe5 Qd6 19.Ndf3 Qe6 Black has all chances to defend successfully.] 16...Re7 17.Nxf7! [Right in time; 17.Ndf3? Qxd1 18.Rxd1 c5 19.Nxf7 c4±] 17...Rxf7 18.Nf3 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 c5 20.Be6! Escaping from c5–c4 threat. 20...Bxe4 [20...Nc6 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.Rxd8] 21.Nxe5

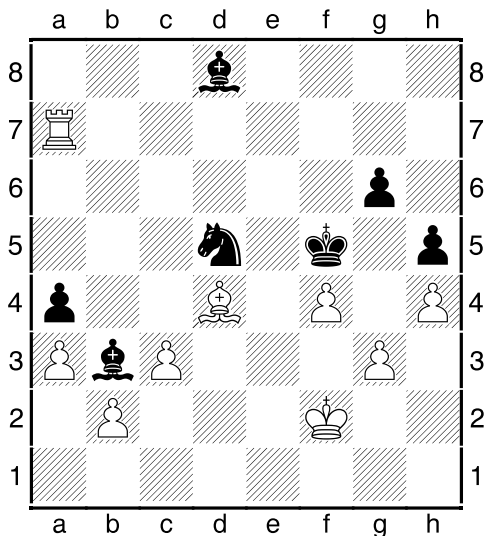


21...Raa7 (21...Bg6 22.Rd8, and Black is stalemated in fact.) 22.Rd8!N [All this had occurred before: 22.f3 Bg6 23.Rd8, but after 23...Rab7 Black holds (23...Nfd7, Kuperosov–Zhukhovitsky, USSR 1986, 24.Be3!+-) ] 22...Nc6 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Ra8 a5 25.Be3?! [25.Ra6! was more exact – now, in view of 26.f3 ♘c6 has to depart, so ♘a5 will be lost.] 25...Bd5 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 Two rooks and pawn prevail three minor pieces; in addition, Black has too many weaknesses. 27.Rd1 a4?! [27...Bb3 28.Rd2 b4, changing a material, would complicate White's task.] 28.Rc8! Taking to aim at ♘c6, ♘c5. 28...Bb3 29.Rd2 [29.Rc7+! Kg6 30.Rd2 Ne7 (30...Ne5 31.Rd8+-) 31.Bxc5] 29...Ne7





**30.Rxc5?!** [Probably, White wasn't pleased with 30.Rc7 Nfd5 (30...c4 31.Rd8 Δ Bc5 with zugzwang) 31.Rxc5 Bc4, but here comes 32.Rd4 intending to take at c4. That would be a better exchange operation, than 30.Rxc5.] **30...Ne4 31.Rxb5 Nxd2 32.Bxd2 Nd5** Now Pacher is trying to build some kind of a fortress. **33.f4 Bd6 34.Kf2 Ke6** [34...Nxf4 35.Bxf4 Bxf4 36.Rf5+] **35.g3 Kf5 36.Rb7** [36.Kf3 Bd1+] **36...Bc7 37.Be3** Improving bishop's position. **37...h5 38.Bd4** [38.h4!] **38...g6** [Black missed a good opportunity 38...h4!, and if 39.g4+?! (39.gxh4 g6! 40.Be5 Bxe5 41.fxe5 Kxe5)], then 39...Kxf4 40.Bxg7 Ke4 with ideas Bg3+Nf4 or Bf4-c1.] **39.h4 Bd8 40.Ra7**



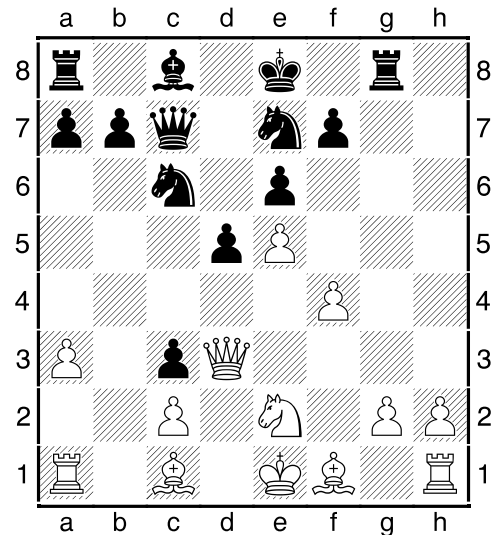
Planning c2-c4 move. **40...Nf6?** [40...Nb6! could provide some chances for salvation: 41.Ra5+ Kg4 42.Ra6 Bc4 43.Rxb6 Bxb6 44.Bxb6 – here White has a clear plan: to push ♖c3 as far as possible, distracting black forces, and after that to create another passer by means of g4+f5, or even b4. But will it succeed?..] **41.Ke3 Nd5+ 42.Kd3 Nb6** Too late. **43.Ra5+ Kg4 44.Bxb6** Under king at f2 this exchange would be impossible. **44...Bxb6 45.Rg5+ Kf3 46.Rxg6 Bf2 47.c4 Bxg3 48.Rxg3+!** Final chord – bishop can't cope with two ♖ at the same time. **48...Kxg3 49.f5 Ba2 50.f6 Bb1+ 51.Ke3 1-0**

**(02) Pijpers, A (2313) - Shirov, A (2713) [C18]**

27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (1.5), 25.09.2011

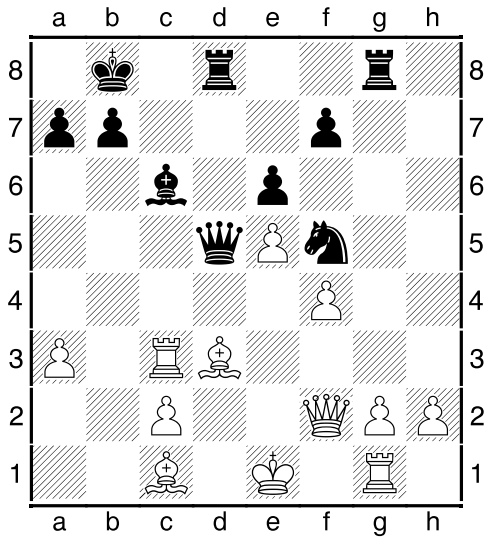
[IM Polivanov, A]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7** [Very sharp system, especially in comparison with usual 7...0-0; apparently, Shirov considered this way as the most appropriate in view of 400 ELO points' difference.] **8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4** [11.cxd4? Nxd4] **11...dxc3 12.Qd3**



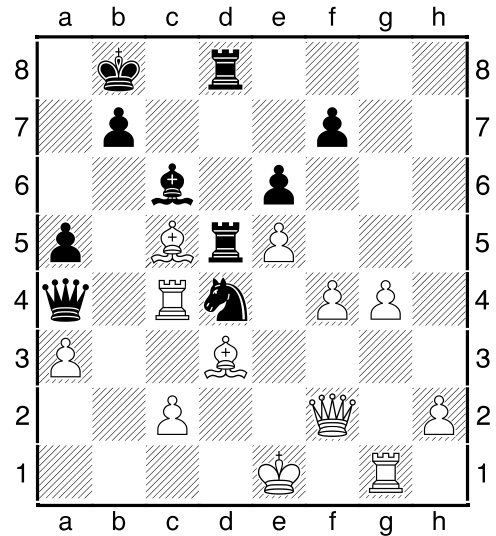
**12...d4!?** [The most popular continuation nowadays (instead of 12...Bd7 Δ 0-0-0) – Black wants to open the main lines, the diagonal a8-h1 and the file "d".] **13.Nxd4** [Of course, White doesn't have to take ♗d4 –

he could choose 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Ng3 0-0-0 15.Ne4 (15.Be2 Nf5 Δ f6) , but then 15...Nxe5! comes: 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Qe2 Bc6 18.Ng3 , and now even 18...Qxe2+! (18...Qd5f) 19.Bxe2 (19.Nxe2 e5f) 19...Bxg2 20.Rg1 Be4! promises a lot.] **13...Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bd7 15.Rg1** Taking rook away beforehand. **15...Nf5 16.Qf2 Qc6!** [This is more accurate than 16...Bc6 , because now emerges an opportunity 17.g4 Ne7 18.Rg3±] **17.Bd3** [17.g4 can be parried now by 17...Qe4+ 18.Qe2 Qd5!≡ (18...Qa4 was not so good in one of recent games: 19.Rb1 Bc6 (19...Nd4 20.Qd3 Nxc2+ 21.Kf2±) 20.Kf2 Qd4+ 21.Be3 , Volokitin-Cornette, ch-EUR 2011 21...Qd8!? 22.g5!±) ] **17...Qd5 18.Rb1** White has switched to ♖c3. [18.g4 Nd4 19.Rg3 Qh1+ 20.Qf1 Qxh2 21.Rh3 Nxc2+ 22.Kd1 Qxh3 23.Qxh3 Nxa1 , and Black has nothing to afraid of.] **18...Bc6 19.Rb3 0-0-0 20.Rxc3 Kb8**

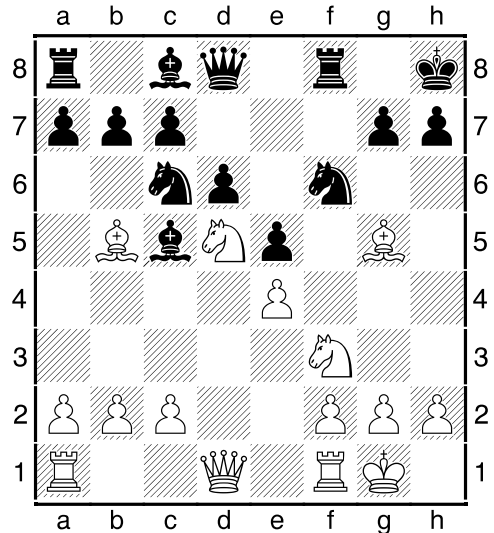
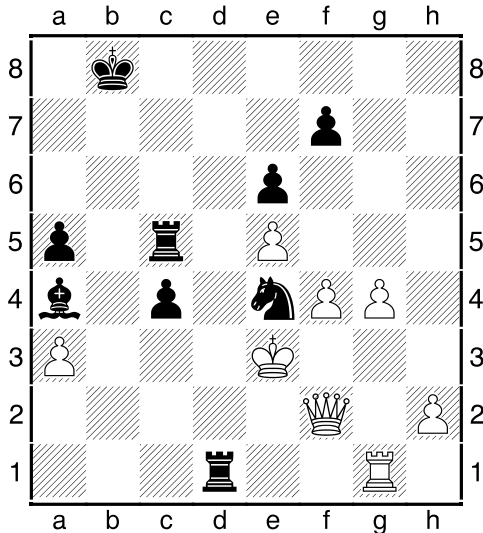


**21.Rb3N** This is a new word in quite well-known position. [21.g4! seems to be the most challenging: 21...Nd4 22.Rg3 Qh1+ 23.Bf1 Rh8 (23...Qe4+ 24.Be3±) 24.h3 b6 , and now Khalifman in his books advices 25.a4! to put a bishop to d6; 21.Qc5 probably will lead to the draw after forced 21...Rxc5 22.Qxd5 Rxc5+ 23.Kf2 Rg8 24.Qd8+! Rxd8 25.Kxg1 Rg8+ 26.Kf1 Rh8=; yet another fresh attempt is 21.Rc5 Qa2 22.Rxc6!? bxc6 23.Qc5 , but with counter sacrifice 23...Rxd3! Black is out of

danger: 24.cxd3 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 Qxc5 26.Be3 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Qh1+= , Ganguly-Shulman, 8th World Teams 2011] **21...Qa5+?!** [21...Nd4 22.Rb4 Δ Bb2; 21...Rh8 looks like a good idea: 22.h3 (22.g3? Nd4) , and now 22...Rhg8! again, aiming to g3.] **22.Bd2 Qa4 23.Bb4!** So that's Pijpers' idea – to try to assault queen a4 by Rc3–c4. **23...a5 24.Bc5 Rd5** Rook's doubling at "d"-file seems to be the only reasonable idea. **25.Rc3 Rgd8 26.g4** [26.Rc4? Qxc4 ; that's why 26.g4 first.] **26...Nd4 27.Rc4**



Black's situation appears desperate, but...**27...Rxc5!** [27...Nf3+ 28.Qxf3 Rxc5 29.Rxa4 Bxf3 allows to exchange the queens, but nevertheless two pawns less – 30.h4+–] **28.Rxa4** [28.Rxc5 Qxa3+–] **28...Bxa4 29.c4 b5!** Without that the whole operation would be pointless. Now Black is forming a dangerous passed pawn. **30.Be4 bxc4 31.Qb2+?!** [Simply wasting time. It was necessary to develop ♖g1 as soon as possible: 31.Qe3! Δ Kf2, Rc1.] **31...Nb5 32.Qf2** White wants to correct own error, but train has gone. **32...Rd1+ [32...Rd4!?] 33.Ke2 Nc3+ 34.Ke3 Nxe4?!**



[34...Rb5! was very insidious, and White has to pick 35.f5!4 (35.Kf3?! Rb3 36.Qc5 Rd2!-+ , and Black should win) ] **35.Kxe4??** [A horrible mistake. 35.Qb2+□ is the only option, and after 35...Rb5 36.Qxb5+ Bxb5 37.Rxd1 Nc3 a very complicated ending has arisen. Probably, White is better if 38.Re1! (38.Rd8+?! Kc7 39.Rf8 Nd5+ 40.Kd2 c3+ 41.Kc1 Bd3 , and any check will be mortal) 38...Nd5+ 39.Kd4 Nxf4 40.h4 – ♠h will cost at least a piece.] **35...Bc6+ 36.Ke3 Rd3+ 37.Ke2 Rb5!** That's all – king e2 has nowhere to hide. **38.Qh4 Bf3+ 39.Ke1 Rb1+ 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Kg3 Bd5# 0-1**

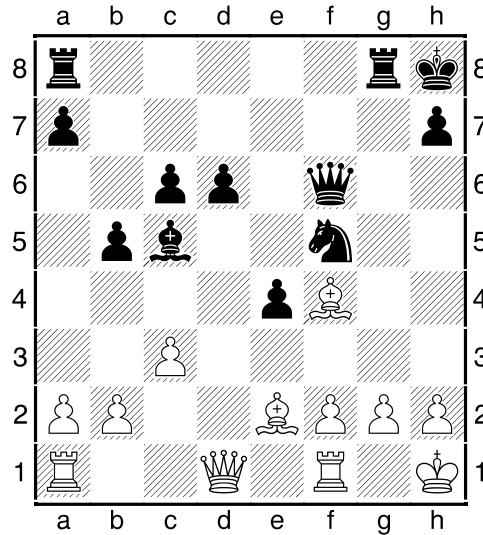
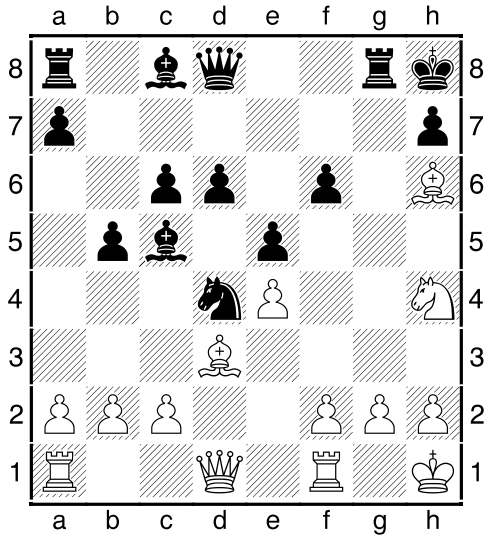
**(03) Chirila,I (2531) - Khachiyan,M (2481) [C63]**

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[IM Polivanov, A]

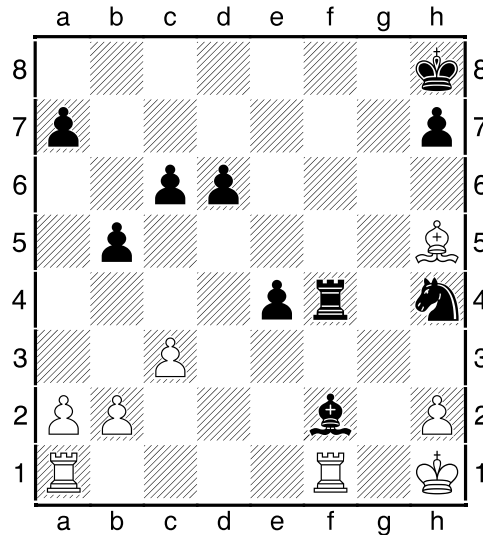
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.Bg5** [6.0-0 Bc5 7.Nc3 0-0 – Vallejo–Reinaldo, CZM 10/2010] **6...Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nd5 Kh8**

[Making a room for ♖f8, or something bad is gonna happen: 9...Bg4? 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.Bh6 Re8 (11...Nd4 12.Bxf8 Qxf8 13.Be2+–) 12.Bc4+ Kh8 (12...Be6 13.Nd4!) 13.Ng5! Qd7□ 14.Qxg4 Qxg4 15.Nf7+ Kg8 16.Nxd6+ Re6 17.h3+–] **10.Nh4** [Two days later in the game Anand–Ivanchuk, Final Master 2011 was 10.c3 Ne7 11.Nxf6 gxf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ng6 14.Nd2 c6 15.Bd3 Be6 (15...Qb6 16.Nc4) 16.Rf2 Qb6 17.Nf1 Rf7 18.Qh5 Rg8 19.Re1 d5 – Black equalized and even won afterwards.] **10...Nd4 11.Bc4** [11.Bd3 c6 leads to approximately the same, but White evokes b7–b5 in order to use it some time by a2–a4.] **11...b5 12.Bd3 c6 13.Nxf6 gxf6 14.Bh6?!** [As it turned out, bishop h6 can become an object of attack, that's why 14.Be3 is safer – 14...Rg8 15.Kh1 Rg4 16.g3 Rg8 17.f3 (17.c3? Bg4 18.f3 Nxf3) 17...Bh3 18.Rg1 , Apicella–Sharif, France 1991, 18...Nb3 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 with roughly equal play.] **14...Rg8 15.Kh1N**



[King has to leave the diagonal a7-g1; 15.c3? Bg4 16.Qd2 Nf3+ 17.Nxf3 Bxf3 18.g3 Qd7+] **15...f5! 16.Nxf5** [16.Qh5 f4 17.Nf5 Qf6i Δ Qg6] **16...Bxf5 17.exf5 e4** The thing is that under 11.Bd3 c6 (without b7-b5) White would have now an opportunity Bc4, and if d5 – then Be3! with further c3. Now that's impossible. **18.Be2** [This is a concession, but what else – 18.Bxe4 Qh4 19.f4 Qxh6 (19...Rae8 20.Bg5 Rxc5 21.fxc5 Rxe4) 20.c3 d5 21.Bd3 (21.cxd4 Bd6) 21...Rg3! (21...Bd6 22.Qd2!) 22.cxd4 Rag8 , and White is in trouble.] **18...Nxf5 19.Bf4** [Maybe, 19.Bd2 , trying to use the main diagonal, is better: 19...d5 20.Bg4 Rf8 21.a4 b4 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Bxb4 Bxb4 24.Qd4+ Qf6 25.Qxb4 , with hope to hold out after 25...Rf8 26.f3 exf3 27.Rf2] **19...Qf6 20.c3**

**20...Rxc2!** After this sacrifice White is deprived of own key defender – bishop f4. **21.Kxc2 Nh4+ 22.Kh1 Qxf4** Now d5+Bd6 is threatening. **23.Bh5 Rf8?** [Black is wrong to allow the queen's swap; ~~23...d5~~ 24.Qg4 Qf6 25.Qh3 Rf8 (not 25...Bxf2?! 26.Rxf2 Qxf2 27.Rf1) ] **24.Qg4 Bxf2 25.Qxf4 Rxf4**



**26.Be8?** [White has forgotten, why 11.Bc4 was being made: 26.a4! b4 (26...a6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra6±) 27.cxb4 e3 28.b5 cxb5 (28...c5? 29.a5) 29.axb5 Nf3 30.Kg2 , and after 30...e2 31.Rxf2 e1Q 32.Rxe1 Nxe1+ 33.Kg3 Rxf2 34.Kxf2 Nd3+ 35.Ke3 Nxb2 36.Kd4 Na4 all will result in a draw.] **26...e3 27.Rae1?!** [White goes to pieces



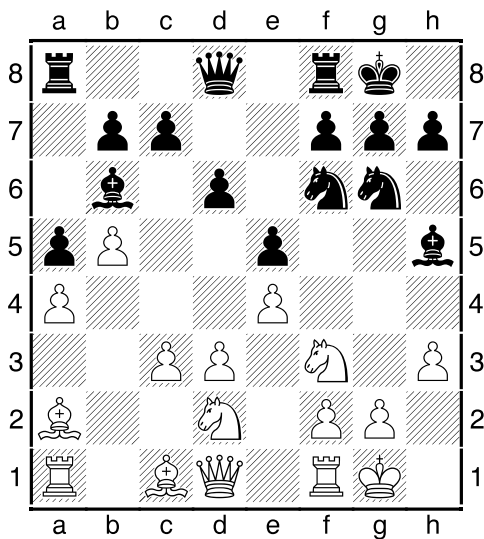
completely. It was necessary to take ♖c6 first: 27.Bxc6 a6! (27...e2 28.Rxf2 Rxf2 29.Kg1 is nothing to be scared of) , and only now 28.Rae1 , though after 28...Rc4 29.Bb7 Bxe1 30.Rxe1 Rf4 Black chances are higher.] 27...Nf3! 28.Re2 Ne5+ Bishop e8 is trapped suddenly. 29.Rd1 d5 30.Kg2 Rg4+ 31.Kh1 Kg7 32.Rf1 Kh6 Taking away a last available square h5. 33.Rxf2 exf2 34.Rxf2 Rg8 0-1

**(04) Predojevic,B (2643) - Mamedyarov,S (2746) [C54]**

27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.1), 27.09.2011

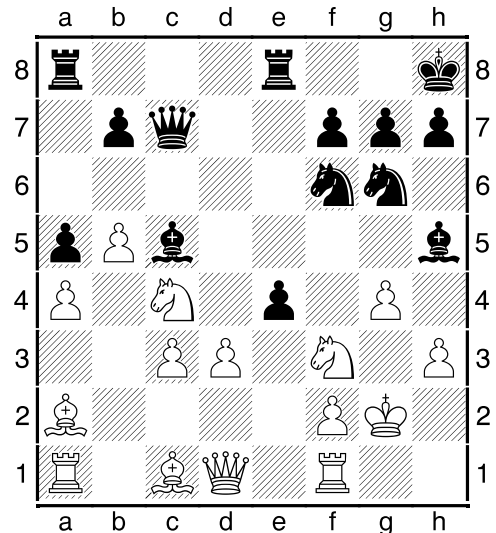
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4 Bb6 6.d3 d6 7.a4 a5 [In place of 7...a6 , Black wants to fix a queenside immediately.] 8.b5 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbd2 White's plan consists in bishop's departure and Nd2-c4, attacking bishop b6. 10...Ng6 11.Ba2 [11.Ba3 is regarded as dubious in view of 11...Nh5 12.d4 Nh4 13.dxe5 Bg4!→ (not 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.g3 Nh3+ 16.Kg2 Qxe5 17.Bd5!±) ] 11...Bg4 Intending to prevent Nc4 by the dint of pinning threat Nh4. [There was another, more solid path – 11...c6 12.Nc4 Bc7 , planning d6-d5; 11...d5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.c4f] 12.h3 Bh5



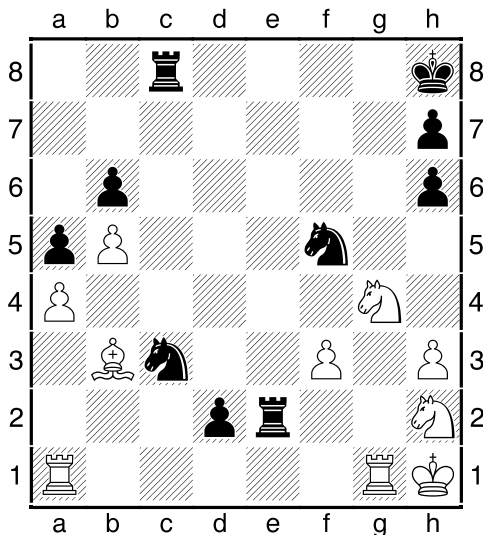
13.g3! Idea of this move is obvious – to forget about Nf4, Nh4. [Needless to say, that 13.g4? fails – 13...Nxc4 14.hxc4 Bxc4

with Qf6, Nh4+; 13.Qc2 Nf4 14.Kh2 occurred in the following spectacular game: 14...g5 15.Ng1 g4 16.g3 gxh3!? (16...Nxc3 17.Nxc3 gxh3 18.f3 Be3= is safer) 17.f3 Kh8 18.gxf4 Rg8 19.Nxc3 Qf8 20.Nc4 Qg7 21.Ng5 Qh6 , Mestel-Pinter, Las Palmas 1982, and now 22.Qg2 Bg4+ 23.Qh3!+ would have secured a victory.] 13...Kh8N [13...d5 14.Ba3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nxe4! (16...Re8?? 17.Bxf7+) 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.Qd3! Nxc3 19.Ng5 Nxf1 20.Nxf7 e4 21.Qxe4 Ng3 22.Qf3 Qe7 1/2, Jobava-Zhou Jianchao, Sevan 2011] 14.Nc4 Qd7 15.Kg2 d5!? [Such creative player as Mamedyarov simply couldn't pass by this move; 15...Bc5 16.Be3=] 16.exd5 [16.Ncxe5?! Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe6 18.Ng4 Nxc4 19.hxc4 Bxc4 20.Bxd5 Qd7 and Bh3+] 16...Rfe8 ♖e5 should be protected. [16...Nxd5 17.Nxb6 cxb6 (17...Nxb6 18.Nxe5) 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.g4 Nh4+ 20.Kg3 Nxf3 21.gxh5+–] 17.d6 [17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.c4 e4 19.dxe4 Nxe4±] 17...Bc5 18.dxc7 Qxc7 19.g4 Otherwise this move will be impossible after Nd5. 19...e4



[19...Nxc4 20.hxc4 Bxc4 was a false track because of 21.Bg5! (21.Qc2?! e4 22.dxe4 Bxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Qh2!→) 21...f6 22.Rh1! , and White is an attacking side now: 22...fxg5 23.Rxh7+ Kxh7 24.Nxc5+ Kh6 25.Qxc4 Nf4+ 26.Kf3+–] 20.Nh2? [Predojevic denied 20.dxe4 Nxe4 21.gxh5 probably in view of 21...Bxf2 , but 22.Nd6!! Nxd6 23.Ng5! makes things hard for Black, for

example - 23...Nh4+ 24.Kh1 Qxc3 25.Qxd6 Qxa1 26.Nxf7+ Kg8 27.Qd5+-] **20...exd3?!** [20...Nh4+ 21.Kh1 Bg6 , and only if 22.Bg5 (22.d4 Be7i) , then 22...exd3! 23.Bxh4 Re2 , threatening 24.-- Be4+ 25.Kg1 g5!-+] **21.gxh5 Nh4+ 22.Kh1 Qd7 23.Be3!** [23.Ng4 Re2-+] **23...Rac8** [Black could arrange a cascade of sacrifices after 23...Bxe3 24.Nxe3 Qxh3 25.Rg1 - 25...Rxe3!? 26.fxe3 Ne4 27.Qf1 Qxe3 28.Ng4 Ng3+ 29.Rxg3 Qxg3 , but after 30.Nh6! gxh6 31.Qf6+ Qg7 32.Qxh4 White keeps an extra piece.] **24.h6** Opening the king just in case. **24...gxh6 25.Rg1 Bxe3 26.Nxe3** So, Black's threats are all refuted, but position remains intense. **26...b6** Wanting Rxe3 and Qb7+, but White is not at standby mode. **27.Neg4 Ne4 28.f3 Nxc3 29.Qd2 Re2 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qxf5?** Predojevic swaps the queens in order to clarify the situation, but now ♘h4 is coming back to the game. [31.Qg3 is awaited by 31...Ne4!! 32.Qxh4 Qf4 , though White has draw in a pocket nevertheless - 33.Rg2 Rxg2 34.Kxg2 Rc2+ 35.Kg1 Qd2 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qd4+ Kf8□=] **31...Nxf5 32.Bxf7 d2 33.Bb3**



**33...Ne4??** [A terrible miscalculation. After 33...h5! Black is close to win.] **34.fxe4 Ng3+ 35.Rxg3 Re1+ 36.Kg2** [36.Rg1 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Rc1+ 38.Nf1 Rxa1 39.Nge3 was enough too.] **36...Rxa1 37.Nxh6?!** [37.Nf2+-] **37...Rf8 38.Nf7+ Rxf7 39.Bxf7 Rg1+** Even so, Black's position is lost.

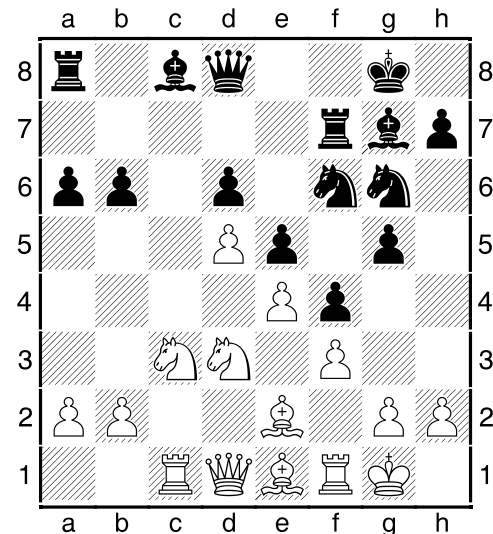
**40.Kxg1 d1Q+ 41.Nf1 Qd4+ 42.Ne3 h5 43.Bd5 Qxa4 44.Nf5 Qa1+ 45.Kf2 Qb2+ 46.Kf3** Either king will mate own colleague or simple Rg6-h6 will be conducted, that's why Mamedyarov has resigned. **1-0**

**(05) Postny,E (2622) - Bacrot,E (2705) [E99]**

27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.5), 27.09.2011

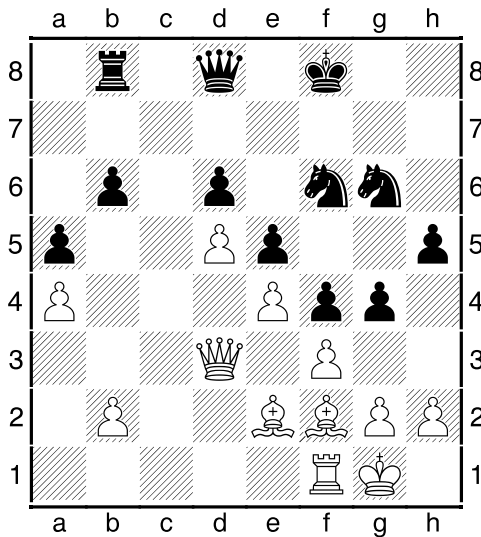
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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3** [10.f3 f5 11.g4 - Le Quang-Cheparinov, CZM 03/2011] **10...f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4** Thus a typical game starts - Black on kingside, White on queenside. **13.c5 g5** It's important for Black to build Ng6+Rf7 setup until some threats at file "c" emerge. **14.Rc1 Ng6** [14...a6?! is untimely - 15.Qb3 g4 (15...Ng6 16.Na4) 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nxe5! dxe5 18.d6+ Kh8 19.dxe7 Qxe7 20.fxg4±] **15.Nb5** [15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Nb5 Rf7 17.Qc2 Ne8 18.a4 is also possible, but Postny doesn't want to hurry with cxd6 in order to have Bd2-a5 opportunity.] **15...Rf7** [15...a6 is bad again, as White is gonna sacrifice a piece: 16.cxd6! axb5 17.dxc7 Qd7 18.Qb3 Δ Bb4, d6, Nc5 18...Ne8 19.Nc5! Qxc7 20.d6+ Qf7 21.d7] **16.Ba5 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6** [17...bxa5 18.dxc7 Qf8 19.Qa4+-] **18.Be1** [18.Bb4 takes up a place for ♘d3.] **18...a6 19.Nc3**

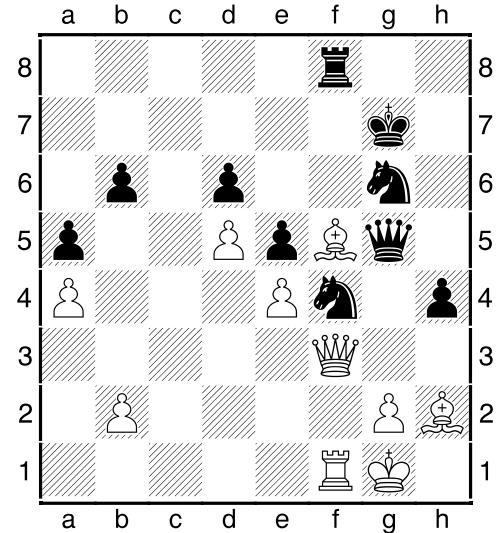


**19...a5** [Apparently, this move is indis-

pensable, elsewise 19...h5 20.Nb4 g4 21.Na4 Rb7 22.Bxa6 Rxa6 23.Nxa6 b5 24.Ba5! Qxa5 25.Rxc8+ Kh7 26.N4c5± , Meier-Bromberger, Zuerich 2009] **20.Nb5 Bf8** Defending ♖d6 beforehand. **21.Rc4** [21.Rc6?! Bd7 22.Nxd6 Bxd6 23.Rxd6 Qc7] **21...h5 22.Qc2 Ba6** Nc7 was threatening. **23.a4 g4 24.Bf2 Rb8 25.Rc7N** [Only this move has become a novelty. Earlier happened 25.Rc1 g3 26.Be1 (26.hxg3 fxg3 27.Bxg3 Bh6) 26...Nd7 27.b4 gxh2+ 28.Kh1 Rg7 29.Bf1 Be7 30.Rc6 Bxb5 31.axb5 axb4 32.Rc8 Rxc8 33.Qxc8 Nc5 34.Qxd8+ Bxd8 , Gyimesi-Polzin, Germany 2010, and Black stands solid.] **25...Bxb5** Bacrot destroys ♘b5, because there was a menace of Na7 after rook's exchange. **26.Rxf7 Bxd3 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8!** [27...Nxf8 Δ N8d7-c5 as if appears more logical, but Black has different plans for ♘.] **28.Qxd3**



**28...g3** Standard technique in Kings-Indian Defence – annotation to 25th move can serve as example. **29.hxg3 fxg3 30.Bxg3 h4** One of the knights is ready to occupy a perfect square f4. **31.Bh2 Nh5 32.f4!?** A good decision, called to bring back to life bishop e2 and ♖f1. **32...Nhx f4 33.Bg4** [33.Bh5 Kg7 34.Qf3 Nxf4 35.Qxf4 b5!⇒] **33...Qg5** [Now 33...b5 is inappropriate – 34.Qc3! , taking account to 34...bxa4 35.Bxf4 exf4 (35...Nxf4 36.Rxf4+) 36.Be6! with severe threat Rxf4.] **34.Qf3 Kg7 35.Bf5 Rf8**



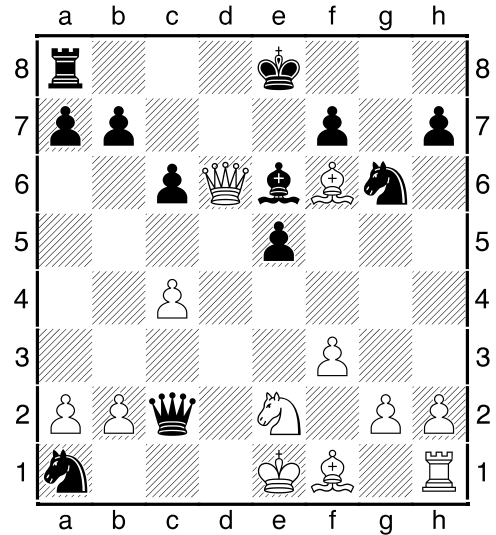
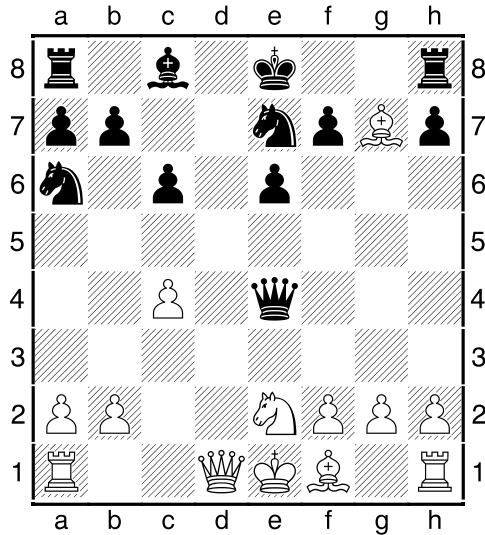
**36.Rf2?** [Gross blunder. After correct 36.Bxg6 Qxg6 (36...Nxc6 37.Qc3 h3 38.Bg3=) 37.Bxf4 Rxf4 38.Qc3 all goes towards draw – 38...Rg4 (38...Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Qxe4 40.Qc7+=) 39.Qc7+ Kh6 40.Qc1+ with repetition.] **36...Nxd5!** Simple and elegant – bishop f5 suddenly becomes a target. **37.exd5 Ne7 38.Qg4?!** [White has lost his interest to the game – after 38.Bf4! Qxf4 39.Qxf4 exf4 40.Be4 Kh6 41.b4 some drawish chances still present.] **38...Rxf5 39.Qxg5+ Rxg5 40.Rf3 Rg4** White pawns are falling. **41.Rc3 Rxa4 42.Rc7 Kf6 0-1**

**(06) Nepomniachtchi,I (2718) - Pava-  
sovic,D (2561) [D31]**

27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.3),  
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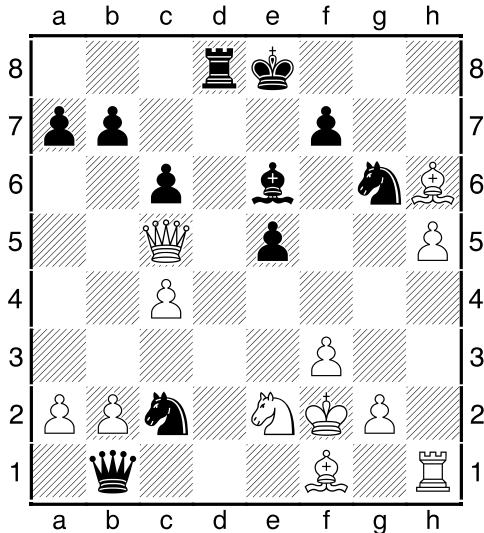
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2** [8.Be2 could be seen in Holzke-Brkic game, CZM 08/2011.] **8...Na6** [After 8...Nd7 White is deploying by 9.Qd6 , 0-0-0 and so on. But 8...Na6 also has some drawbacks.] **9.Bf8!** Of course, bishop is untouchable. **9...Ne7 10.Bxg7**



**10...Nb4!?** [This is more principle, than 10...Rg8 11.Bf6! (a very subtle nuance; 11.Qd4 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 c5 13.Bc3 Nb4 14.Bxb4 cxb4 15.Nd4 Nc6= – "only Black could be better here" (c) GM Atalik) 11...Rg6 12.Qd4 Qxd4 13.Bxd4 c5 14.Bc3 Nb4 15.Nf4! (here is the deal) 15...Rg5 16.h4 Rf5 17.Nd3! Nc2+ 18.Kd2 Nxa1 19.g4 , and rook is trapped – 19...Rf3 20.Be2 Rxd3+ 21.Bxd3 e5 22.f3± , Timofeev–Frolyanov, ch–RUS 2011] **11.Qd6!** [11.Bxh8 e5! (11...Nd3+ is weaker: 12.Kd2 Nxf2 13.Qb1 Qxb1 14.Rxb1 Nxb1 15.Ke1±) 12.Qd6 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 , and now 13...Bf5! (instead of 13...Nxa1 , as in the current game) – White has nothing else but 14.Ng3 Qf4+ 15.Kc3 Nd5+ 16.cxd5 Qd4+ 17.Kb3 Nxa1+ 18.Ka3 Nc2+=] **11...Nc2+ 12.Kd2 Nxa1 13.Bxh8 e5** Trying to develop own queenside. [13...Qc2+ 14.Ke1 Qb1+ 15.Qd1±] **14.f3** [14.Bf6 Qc2+ 15.Ke1 Qb1+ 16.Qd1 Qxb2 – that's why White makes a room at f2 for the king; 14.Qxe5 is quite dangerous – 14...Qc2+ 15.Ke3 Be6 , for example: 16.Nd4 Qd1 17.Bf6 0-0-0! with equality after 18.Bxe7 Rxd4 19.Qh8+ Kc7 20.Qe5+ Kc8] **14...Qc2+ 15.Ke1 Be6N** [Previously played 15...Qxb2 meets 16.Bf6! (16.Bxe5 Qb1+ 17.Kf2 Nf5 18.Qd2 Nc2 19.Bc7 Be6 20.Nc3 Qb2 21.Bd3? Nb4+- , Kharlov–Arzumanian, Tula 2002) 16...Qb4+□ 17.Qxb4 Nc2+ 18.Kd2 Nxb4 19.a3 Na6 20.Bxe5! with a very perspective endgame.] **16.Bf6 Ng6**

**17.h4!** Key move – White is disturbing ♘g6 with h4–h5 threat. **17...Qf5** [17...h5 seems to be lost in all lines after 18.g4! : 18...Qb1+ a) 18...hxg4 19.fxg4 (19.h5? Qf5) 19...Qe4 20.h5 Nc2+ 21.Kd2 Ne3 22.b3!+-; b) 18...e4 19.Nd4 (19.gxh5? e3) 19...Qc1+ 20.Kf2 e3+ 21.Kg2+-; 19.Kf2 Nc2 20.Bg2 (20.gxh5?? Qe1+ 21.Kg1 Ne3) 20...Qxb2 21.f4! Bd5 22.Rd1!+-] **18.Bg5 h6** [Black has to banish bishop g5 in order to develop. Another way to make it – 18...f6 – is not so good: 19.Ng3 Qb1+ 20.Kf2 Qxb2+ (20...Kf7 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bxf6+-) 21.Be2 Qd4+ 22.Qxd4 exd4 23.h5! Nf8 24.Bxf6 Nc2 25.Ne4+-] **19.Bxh6 Rd8 20.Qc5 Qb1+ 21.Kf2 Nc2** So, the only chance of Black is the counterplay, connected with Qe1 etc. **22.h5**





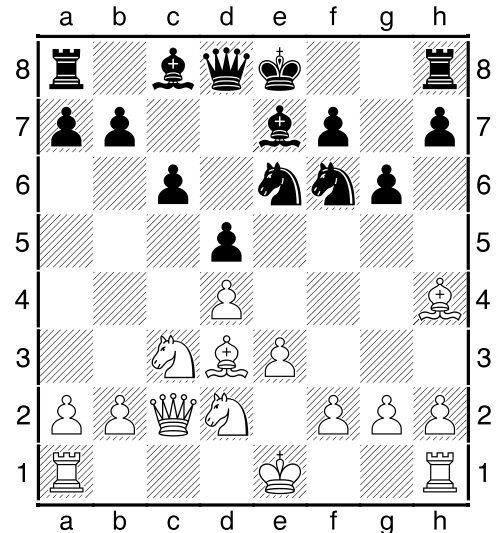
Nepomniachtchi thinks, that Black's threats are not dangerous at all. [22.Bc1 is met by 22...Ne1! 23.Kxe1 Nf4→; 22.Bg5 f6! 23.Bxf6 Rd2♞; perhaps, preventive 22.Qa5! was the best choice.] **22...Ne1?** [Unfortunately, Pavasovic has missed 22...Nf4!! 23.Nxf4 (23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qa5□ Ne3, and Black is fine: 25.h6 Nd1+ 26.Kg1 Ne3 27.Kf2=) 23...Qe1+ 24.Kg1 Nd4!, and now White should play very carefully: 25.Qf8+ Kd7 26.Qa3 Bxc4 (26...exf4 27.Qd3) 27.Qc3 Qxf1+ 28.Kh2 Qf2 with draw as the most likely outcome – 29.Nh3 Qe2 30.Nf4 ...] **23.Kg1+-** Now white king simply escapes. **23...Nd3 24.Qe3 Ne7 25.Ng3** [25.Bg5 was even stronger.] **25...f5 26.Qg5 Nf4** [26...Qxb2 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 28.Qf6 Bxc4 29.Bg5+-] **27.Kh2 Qxb2 28.Bg7 Rd2 29.Rg1 Bxc4 30.h6 Bd5** [Equal to capitulation, but 30...Bxf1 31.Nxf1 Rf2 32.h7 Neg6 33.Kh1!+-] **31.h7 Neg6 32.Nxf5 1-0**

**(07) Aronian,Levon (2807) - Ivanchuk,Vassily (2765) [D38]**

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BRA/ESP (4), 30.09.2011  
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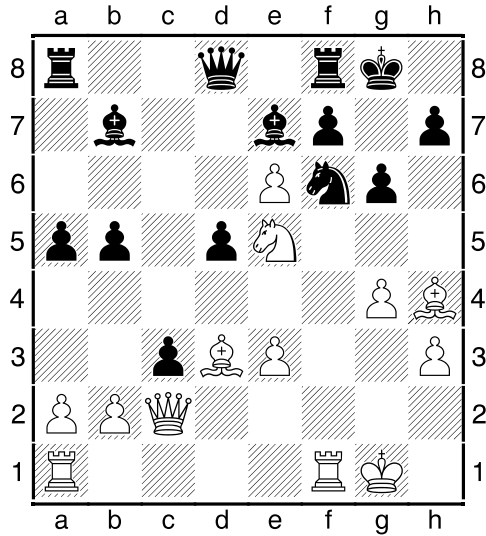
**1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 Bb4 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nd2!?** Threat Nxd5 doesn't give Black the time for program advancement c7–c5. [7.e3 c5 – Moiseenko–Ponomarev, CZM 07/2011; 7.Qc2 c5 – Huzman–Aronian, CZM 11/2010] **7...c6** [7...h6? 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Qa4+] **8.e3**

**Nf8 9.Bd3 Be7** [Usually applied 9...Ng6 Δ h6: 10.0-0 (N0.Qa4 Be7 11.Qc2) 10...0-0 11.h4?! h6 12.h5 hxg5 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qb3 (14.Bxg6 Qd6!♣) 14...Ba5 15.e4, Ftacnik–Winants, Tilburg 1992, 15...Be6! 16.Qxb7 (16.e5 Nh5) 16...Rb8 17.Qxc6 Rb6 18.Qa4 Rxb2♣; immediate 9...Ne6 is not so good because of 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qa4 a5 12.a3 (12.Nxd5?! Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qxf2+ 14.Be2 Qxg2 15.Nb6 Ng5!→) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3! ; that's why Ivanchuk moved 9...Be7 first.] **10.Qc2N** [10.h3 Ne6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.0-0 g6 13.a3 a5 14.Na4 Ra7 (14...Ng7 15.Qb3! Nf5 16.Bxf5 Bxf5 17.Qxb7) 15.Qc2 Ng7 16.Nc5 Nf5=, Alterman–Dizdar, EU–chT 1992.] **10...Ne6** Black wants to conduct the same plan – g6, Ng7–f5. **11.Bh4 g6**

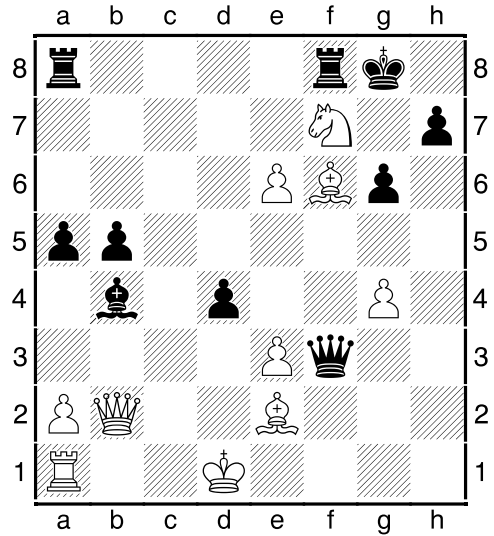


**12.h3!** But White finds an objection. **12...0-0** [12...Ng7 is met by 13.g4 ; that's why Black awaits for castle, after which g4 will be inappropriate.] **13.Nf3 a5 14.g4!?** Aronian decided to proceed to attack right now – Ne5 and f4–f5 are on the agenda. [14.Ne5 c5! 15.dxc5 Nxc5♣] **14...b5 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.f4 c5!** [Just like this, without preliminary 16...b4 17.Na4] **17.f5** [17.Nxb5? isn't worth an attention: 17...cxd4 18.Nxd4 Rc8 19.Qe2 Nxd4 20.exd4 Ne4! 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.0-0 Qd6!♣] **17...cxd4** [17...Nc7? 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.0-0+-; 17...Nxc4!? 18.Bxe7 Nxe3 is an interesting tactics, though after forced 19.Bxd8

Nxc2+ 20.Bxc2 Nxd4 21.0-0-0 Raxd8  
22.Rxd4! cxd4 23.Nxb5 White has an  
edge.] **18.fxe6 dxc3 19.0-0!**



**Bf3+ 26.Rxf3** [Maybe, Aronian overlooked  
26.Kc2 Rfc8+ 27.Kb1 Qxf1+! 28.Bxf1  
Be4+] **26...Qxf3+ 27.Be2**



[Insertion 19.exf7+ Kg7 is not the best decision due to 20.0-0 Ne4! – 21.Bxe4 (21.Bxe7 Qxe7+ – ♖e5 is under strike now; 21.Be1 b4) 21...Bxh4 22.Qxc3 b4! 23.Qd4 dxe4 24.Nd7+ Kh6-+] **19...d4!** Very brave. Black is thinking only about a victory. [19...fxe6 isn't working: 20.Bxg6! cxb2? 21.Bxh7+ Nxh7 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Rab1 Bxh4 24.Rf7+-; 19...Ne4 20.Nxf7 Qb6! , as it seems, leads to the draw: 21.Bxe4 (much worse 21.Bxe7 Qxe3+ 22.Rf2 (22.Kh2 Qg3+ 23.Kh1 Nd2-+)) 22...Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Qxe6 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Qd4+ Kxh6 26.g5+ Kh5 27.Kg2 Bc8!!-+) 21...Qxe3+ (21...Bxh4 22.Qxc3 d4 23.Qd3) 22.Bf2 Qxe4 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Nf7!!=] **20.Nxf7?** [20.exf7+ Kg7 21.Rae1! was the best option: (21.Bxg6? Qd5) 21...Qd5 22.Nf3 Rxf7 23.exd4 , and owing to ♖e1 there is no 23...Nxg4 – 24.Be4+-] **20...Qd5 21.Bxf6** [21.e4 Qxe6 22.Ng5 Qd6! 23.bxc3 dxc3 24.Qxc3 Nd5!! 25.exd5 Bxg5-+] **21...Qh1+!** [Greed 21...Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Qh1+ 23.Kf2 Qxa1 is punishable: 24.Bxg6 Qxb2 (24...Kg7 25.Bxh7! could be even worse: 25...Kxf6? 26.Qf5+ Ke7 27.Qg5+ Kxe6 28.Bf5+ with mate) 25.Bxh7+ Kg7 26.Rg6+ Kxh7 27.Rh6+ with repetition.] **22.Kf2 Qxh3 23.Ke1** □ The only move to not resign at once, but e1 – is not the best square for the king. **23...cxb2 24.Qxb2 Bb4+ 25.Kd1**

**27...Qxf6** [Apparently, Ivanchuk chose this safe path, because he hasn't enough time to calculate 27...Qh1+ 28.Kc2 Qc6+ 29.Kd1 Rfc8! , freeing square f8 for the king: 30.Nh6+ Kf8 31.Bg7+!? Kxg7 (31...Ke8 32.e4! Bc3 33.Qb3 rather unclear) 32.Qxd4+ Kf8 (32...Kxh6?? 33.g5+ Kxg5 34.Qf4#) 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qxh7+ Kd8-+] **28.g5 Qg7 29.Qxd4** Thus White is managed to swap queens. **29...Rxf7** [♜f7 is so annoying, that's why Black has gotten rid of it. After 29...Bc3 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.Rc1 b4 32.Bc4 it's hard to conduct a winning plan a4, b3.] **30.exf7+ Qxf7 31.Rc1** [31.Bxb5 Rc8-+] **31...Rb8 32.a4??** [Eagering to provide the point c4 for the bishop, Aronian makes a fatal error. After correct 32.Rc2 a long road is still ahead.] **32...Qb3+ 33.Rc2 Qb1+ 34.Rc1 Qb3+ 35.Rc2 Rc8** Simple pin, and White is helpless. **36.Bc4+** [36.Bd3 Qb1+] **36...bxc4 37.Qd5+ Kf8 38.Qd7 Re8** Ivanchuk was magnificent in this game. **0-1**

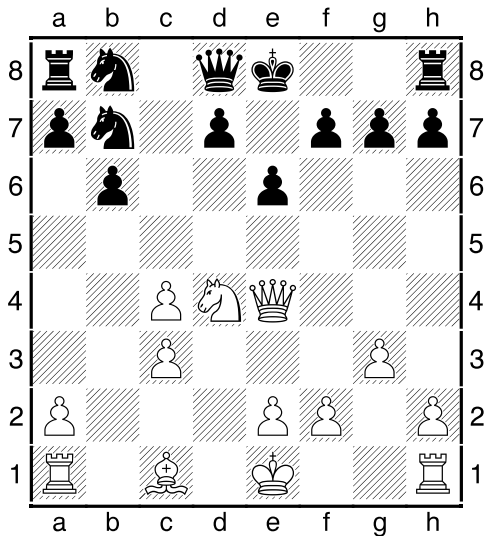
**(08) Li Chao2 (2710) - Zhou Weiqi (2598) [E20]**

1st Qinhuangdao Open Qinhuangdao CHN (3), 02.10.2011

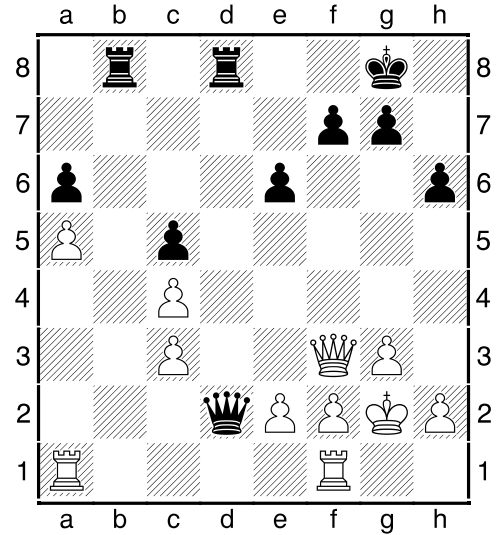
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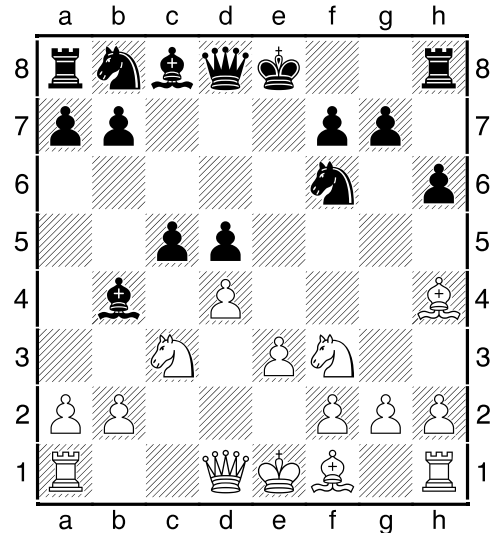
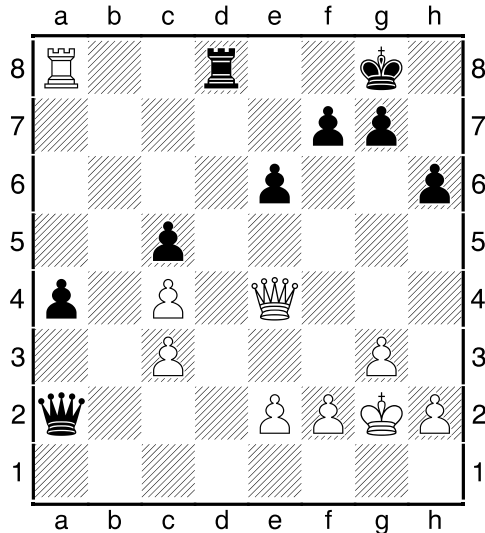
[Probably, this is more reliable way to equalize, than 7...Qa5 8.Nb3 Nxc3!? (8...Qf5 9.Qe3) 9.Bd2 (9.Nxa5 Ne4+)=) 9...Ne4 10.Qxe4 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0 12.Bg2 Nc6 13.Qd3!! , Moiseenko–Ong, Goeteborg 2005 (instead of 13.Qe3 d5 14.0-0 d4 15.Qd3 e5 16.a3↗) ] **8.bxc3 Nc5 9.Qc2** [Usually White tries not to allow b7–b6 by means of 9.Qf3 , but it doesn't give much anyway – 9...d6 10.Bg2 e5 11.Nb3 (11.Qe3 Be6 12.Nxe6 fxe6) 11...Nba6 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.Rd1 Be6!= (13...0-0? 14.Qd5) ] **9...b6 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Nxb7 12.Qe4**



**12...Nc6!** [It's obvious, that neither 12...Qc8 13.Nf5; nor 12...d5 13.Qg4 can't satisfy Black.] **13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.0-0N** [In case of 14.Qxc6+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ (15.Qb5 Nd6) 15...Kxd7 16.Ba3 Rhc8 17.0-0-0+ Ke8 18.Rd4 Na5 (18...Rc7!?) 19.c5 b5! White can only be worse.] **14...0-0** [14...Na5 15.Ba3 c5 16.Bb4!!] **15.Ba3 Nc5!** [15...Re8 16.Qxc6 Qc8 17.Qb5± , and there is no Nd6 anymore – that's why 15...Nc5 is the best decision.] **16.Bxc5** [16.Qxc6 Rc8 17.Qf3 Qd7=] **16...bxc5 17.Qxc6 Qd2 18.Qf3** [18.Qxc5 Qxe2 , and at least one of the pawns "c" will fall; but now Black is gonna seize the "d"-file.] **18...Rfd8** So now queen d2 feels oneself quite comfortably. **19.a4** [19.Rfd1 Qxd1+ (19...Qc2 20.Rd7!) 20.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 21.Kg2 Rdd8=] **19...Rab8 20.Kg2 h6** [20...Rb2? 21.Rad1+–] **21.a5 a6?!**



[Now a situation has changed a little bit, so it's worth to prefer 21...Qc2 , for example: 22.a6 Rb2 23.e3 Qxc3 24.Rfd1 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qxc4 26.Rd7 (26.Rd8+ Kh7 27.Qxf7 Qe4+)=) 26...f5 27.Rxa7 Rb1 28.g4 Qf1+ 29.Kg3 Qg1+ 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ (30...Qd1 31.Kh4!) 31.Kxg2 Ra1= with unavoidable draw.] **22.Rfe1?!** [White wrongfully rejects 22.Rfd1! , which is putting a hard choice for Black: 22...Qc2 (or 22...Qxd1 23.Rxd1 Rxd1 24.Qc6 Rd2 25.Qxa6 Rxe2 26.Qa7 Rbb2 27.Qxc5+–) 23.Rab1! Qa4 24.Qf4 with huge problems.] **22...Rb2 23.Rab1 Qc2** There is no need to give away the line "b" in vain. **24.Rxb2 Qxb2 25.Qe3 Qa3!?** [25...Qd2 appears to be an easiest path to achieve draw: 26.Qxd2 (26.Rb1 Qxe3 27.fxe3 Rd2 28.Rb6 Rxe2+ 29.Kf3 Rxh2 30.Rxa6 Ra2 it's safe for Black) 26...Rxd2 27.Kf3 Rc2 28.Rd1 Rxc3+ 29.Rd3 Rxc4 30.Rd6= , but Zhou Weiqi reckons, that he is able to take a liberty.] **26.Rb1** Rook is aiming to the 7th rank, but it's not dangerous. **26...Qxa5 27.Rb7 Qa2 28.Qe4?** [Li Chao follows the wrong plan. 28.Rc7 Qxc4 (28...a5 only could make harm for Black – 29.Qf4 Rf8 30.Rxc5 a4 31.Ra5 a3 32.c5±) 29.Rxc5 Qb3 30.Rc7 a5 31.Ra7 a4 32.Qf4 Rf8 33.Rxa4 Qxc3 with almost symmetrical position.] **28...a5 29.Ra7 a4 30.Ra8**



It seems, that rook's exchange will bring a quick draw, but... **30...Rxa8 31.Qxa8+ Kh7 32.Qe4+ Kg8 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Qe4+ f5!** [34...g6 35.Qf4 Kg7 36.Qe5+= is draw indeed.] **35.Qxe6 Qc2 36.Qa6** How Black is gonna improve his position? As it turned out, such way exists. **36...f4!!** Fantastic move!  $\Delta$ f4 is untouchable and it helps to organize some kind of attack. **37.Kh3?!** White decided to lose at once. [37.gxf4 Qg6+; the best that White could get here is 37.Qa8 Qxe2 38.gxf4 Qxc4 39.f5 Qg4+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Kg1 Qxc3 42.Qxa4 Qc1+ 43.Kg2 Qg5+ 44.Kf1 Qxf5, but it's not very comforting anyway.] **37...Qxe2 38.Qxa4 Qh5+ 39.Kg2 f3+ 40.Kf1 Qxh2 0-1**

**(09) Li Shilong (2519) - Le Quang Liem (2717) [D38]**

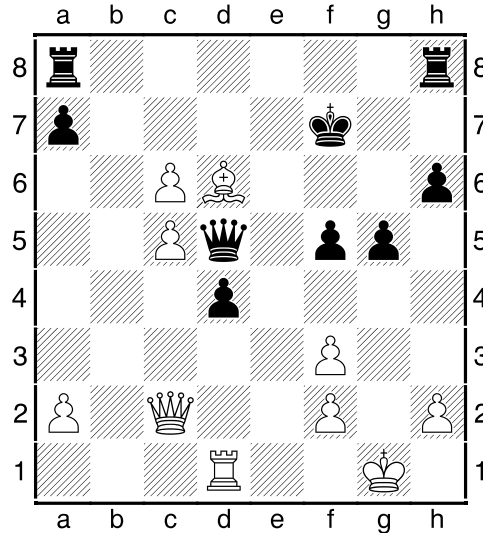
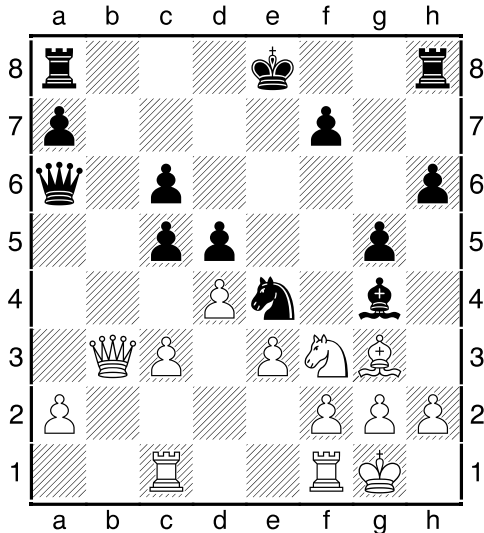
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[IM Polivanov, A]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6** [6...Nbd7 7.e3 c5 – Moiseenko–Ponomarev, CZM 07/2011] **7.Bh4** [7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 is more solid line.] **7...c5** [Continuation 7...g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2! is quite dangerous and very theorized – 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rc1 Bb2 (11...Ba5 12.h4f) 12.Bxc7 Qd7 (12...Qe7 13.Bd6!) 13.Rb1 Bc3 14.Be5 0-0 15.Rb3 Ba5 16.h4→, Moiseenko–Giorgadze, Sanxenxo 2004] **8.e3**

**8...Nc6** [Popular nowadays 8...c4! is rather in spirit of Ragozin Defence than anything else. Here is recent example – 9.Nd2 g5 10.Bg3 Nc6 11.Be2 Bf5 12.h4 (12.0-0 0-0 13.f4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ne4=) 12...Rg8 13.hxg5 hxg5 14.Rc1 Qe7 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 b5f, Kosteniuk–Hou Yifan, Rostov 2011] **9.Rc1** [Now idea 9.dxc5 g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Nd2 is not so good – 11...Nxc3 12.hxc3 d4!]=] **9...g5 10.Bg3 Ne4** Black directs all his power to the point c3. **11.Bb5** [Another way to deal with it – "quiet" 11.Be2 Qa5 (11...h5 12.dxc5 h4 13.Bd6±) 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxc3 14.Qd2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 c4 16.Ne5!  $\Delta$  f4→] **11...Qa5N** Otherwise the whole operation would be nonsensical. **12.0-0 Bxc3** [12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qxb5 14.cxb4 c4 15.Bd6!+–] **13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.bxc3 Bg4** [14...Nxc3? 15.Qd2; now Black prevents an unpleasant move Ne5, plus Bxf3 also could be a threat under some conditions.] **15.Qb3!** Intending to move Qb7, and Ne5 is also falls into a pattern. [15.Qc2 Bf5] **15...Qa6!**





[The following variation is indicative: 15...0-0? 16.Ne5! Nd2 17.Qc2 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Be6 19.Nxc6 Qb6 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Be5+ f6 22.Qg6 with mate; 15...Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd2 fails too – 17.Qb7 0-0 18.Rfd1 (18.Qxc6 Nxf1 19.Qxh6 Nxg3 20.Qxg5+ Kh7 21.Qh4+ is just a draw) 18...Nxf3+ 19.Kg2 g4 20.Qxc6 , and Black's posture is critical.] **16.dxc5!** [Very creative, though 16.Ne5!? also would have posed big problems before an opponent: 16...Nd2 **a)** 16...Bf5 17.Qd1 h5 (17...0-0 18.Qh5 Kg7 19.f4f) 18.f3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 f6 20.e4!±; **b)** 16...Be2 17.Rfe1 f6 18.Rxe2! Qxe2 19.Nxc6+–; **c)** 16...h5 17.Nxg4 hxg4 18.Qd1 f5 19.Be5 with further f2–f3; 17.Qc2 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Be6 19.f4!♞ – White's compensation at least is worth an exchange.] **16...Bxf3** [There is no anything else – 16...Nxc5 17.Qb4 Ne4 18.c4±] **17.gxf3 Nd2 18.Qc2 Nxf1 19.Bd6!** [19.Rxf1 0-0 ; now king e8 is asked to stay in center, and e3–e4 is coming.] **19...Qc8** [19...0-0-0 seems to be a nice try, but it fails: 20.Rb1 Rxd6 21.cxd6 Rd8 22.Rxf1 Rxd6 23.Qf5+ Rd7 24.Qf6+–] **20.e4 f5!** Excellent idea – king is wanting to hide at f7. [20...Ne3 21.fxe3 Qe6 22.Rb1! , going to 7th rank.] **21.exd5 cxd5 22.c4 d4** Of course, the diagonal a2–g8 should remain closed. **23.Rxf1 Kf7 24.c6?** [Now ♖d4 remains alive – it was better to choose 24.Rd1 , grabbing the pawn and planning to strengthen at d5.] **24...Qe6 25.c5 Qd5 26.Rd1**

**26...Qxf3?** Blunder, after which Black's game cannot be saved. [The correct answer can be found with the help of prophylaxis method. What does White want? Apparently, Qb3 with queen's swap and ♗d4 taking. That's why Black should hamper that: 26...a5!! 27.Qb3 Qxb3 28.axb3 a4 29.bxa4 (pawn race after 29.b4 a3 is won for Black – 30.b5 a2 31.Ra1 d3 32.Kf1 Rhe8 33.b6 d2+) 29...Rxa4±] **27.Qc4+ Kg7** [Maybe, Liem missed 27...Kf6 28.Be5+! with quick mate: 28...Kxe5 29.Qxd4+ Ke6 30.Qd7+ Kf6 31.Rd6+ Ke5 32.Re6+ Kf4 33.h3!+–] **28.Be5+ Kg6** [28...Kf8 29.Qxd4] **29.Qe6+ Kh5 30.Qf7+ Kg4 31.Rxd4+** [Another quite elegant path to finish the game is 31.h3+!? Qxh3 (31...Kxh3 32.Rd3! Qxd3 33.Qh5#) 32.Rxd4+ f4 33.Qe6+ Kh4 34.Rxf4+ gxf4 35.Bf6+] **31...f4 32.Rxf4+!** This is a crushing argument. **32...gxf4 33.Qe6+ Kg5 34.Bf6+ Kg6 35.Be7+ 1-0**

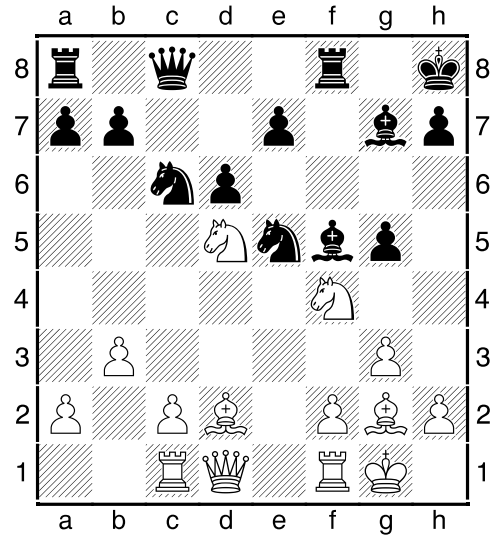
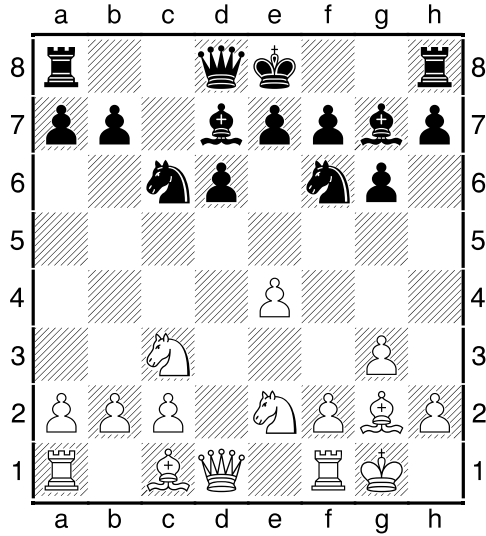
**(10) Efimenko,Z (2703) - Motylev,A (2690) [B70]**

12th Karpov Int Poikovsky RUS (3), 06.10.2011

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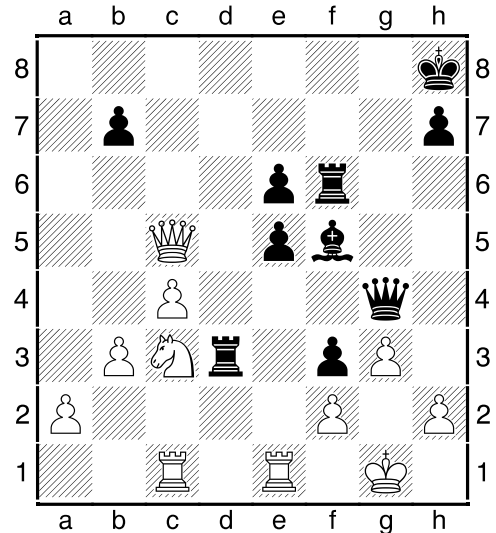
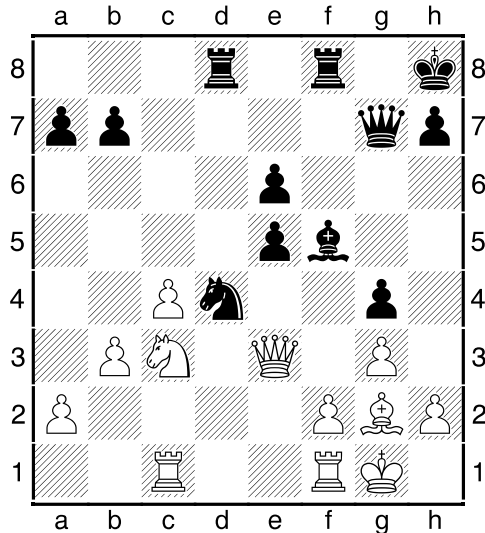
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6** Having faced with Dragon System, White is answering with basically... the same. **6.g3 Nc6 7.Nde2** [Exactly so, because after 7.Bg2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 queen d4 struggles to find a good place:

9.0-0 0-0 10.Qb4 Qc7 11.a4 a5! 12.Qb3  
Be6 and so on.] 7...Bg7 8.Bg2 Bd7 9.0-0



[9.h3! is considered the most correct, and if 9...Qc8 (9...0-0 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Kh2) , then 10.g4 with further castle.] **9...Qc8!** Now Bd7-h3 will be an unpleasant idea. Efimenko prevents it. **10.Nf4 0-0 11.Be3N** [11.h3?! is still can't be played: 11...e5! 12.Nfd5 (12.Nfe2 Bxh3 13.Qxd6 Rd8 14.Qc5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd4+) 12...Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.Kh2 Bf5+ ; usually h2-h3 helps to develop bishop at e3, but now White is trying to manage without it.] **11...Ng4 12.Bd2 Nge5 13.b3 f5!?** Opening the space for own bishops. **14.Rc1** Rook has to be here in order to protect ♖c2. **14...Kh8 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ncd5 g5**

**17.Nd3!** [This move has to be foreseen before; 17.Nh5? Bg4; 17.Ne2 also leads to nowhere – 17...Bg4! 18.Bc3 (18.Bxg5 Nd4) 18...Nf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxf3 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qd2 e5! 22.Qxg5+ Kh8-+] **17...g4** Approaching to the square f3. [Against 17...Bxd3 18.cxd3 Nxd3 19.Rc3! is prepared – (not 19.Nxe7 Qe6 20.Rxc6 bxc6 21.Bxg5 Nxf2! 22.Rxf2 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Bf6i) 19...Qf5 (19...Bxc3 20.Bxc3+ Nde5 21.f4) 20.Qe2 Nde5 21.f4f] **18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Bg5 Qe8! 20.Qd2** [20.Nc7 Qg6 21.Nxa8 Qxg5 22.Bxc6 (22.Nc7 e4 23.c3 Ne5→) 22...bxc6 23.Nc7 e4♞ , intending to move e4-e3 and to catch ♘c7 after Bc8.] **20...Rd8 21.Bh6 Qg6** [21...e6 22.Bxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg5+ Qg6 24.Qxg6+ Kxg6 25.Ne3 with slightly worse, but firm position.] **22.Bxg7+ Qxg7 23.Qe3 Nd4 24.c4 e6 25.Nc3**



**25...Nf3+!** Motylev came to conclusion, that this is the most appropriate moment to launch attack, otherwise White will put ♘ at e4. **26.Bxf3** [26.Kh1 e4! 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 Nd2⚡] **26...Rd3** [26...gxf3 27.Rfe1] **27.Qxa7 gxf3** If black queen will succeed to reach the point h3, game will be over, so White has to be very careful. **28.Rfe1 Qg4 29.Qc5 Rf6?**

[29...Kg8! 30.Kh1□ , and Black is able to force a draw by means of 30...Rf6 (or to play a little bit more after 30...Qd4!? ) 31.Qc8+ (31.-- Qh3 32.Rg1 Qxh2+ was menacing) 31...Rf8 32.Qc5=] **30.Re3! Rxe3** [It turns out, that 30...Qh3 loses after 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7+ Rf7 33.Qxf3+–] **31.Qxe3 Be4 32.Kf1!** Excellent! King is simply leaving a danger zone. **32...Bc6 33.Qxe5 Kg7 34.h4 Kf7 35.Nd1** Defending ♖f2 and thinking to jump at e3 on occasion. **35...Qh3+** Queen finally has reached h3, but king is far away. **36.Ke1 Qh1+ 37.Kd2 Qf1 38.Rc3 Rf5 39.Qc7+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Rf8 41.Qxe6+ Kh8 42.Qe5+ Kg8 43.Qg5+ Kh8** [Black resigned, without waiting for 43...Kh8 44.Re3] **1-0**

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