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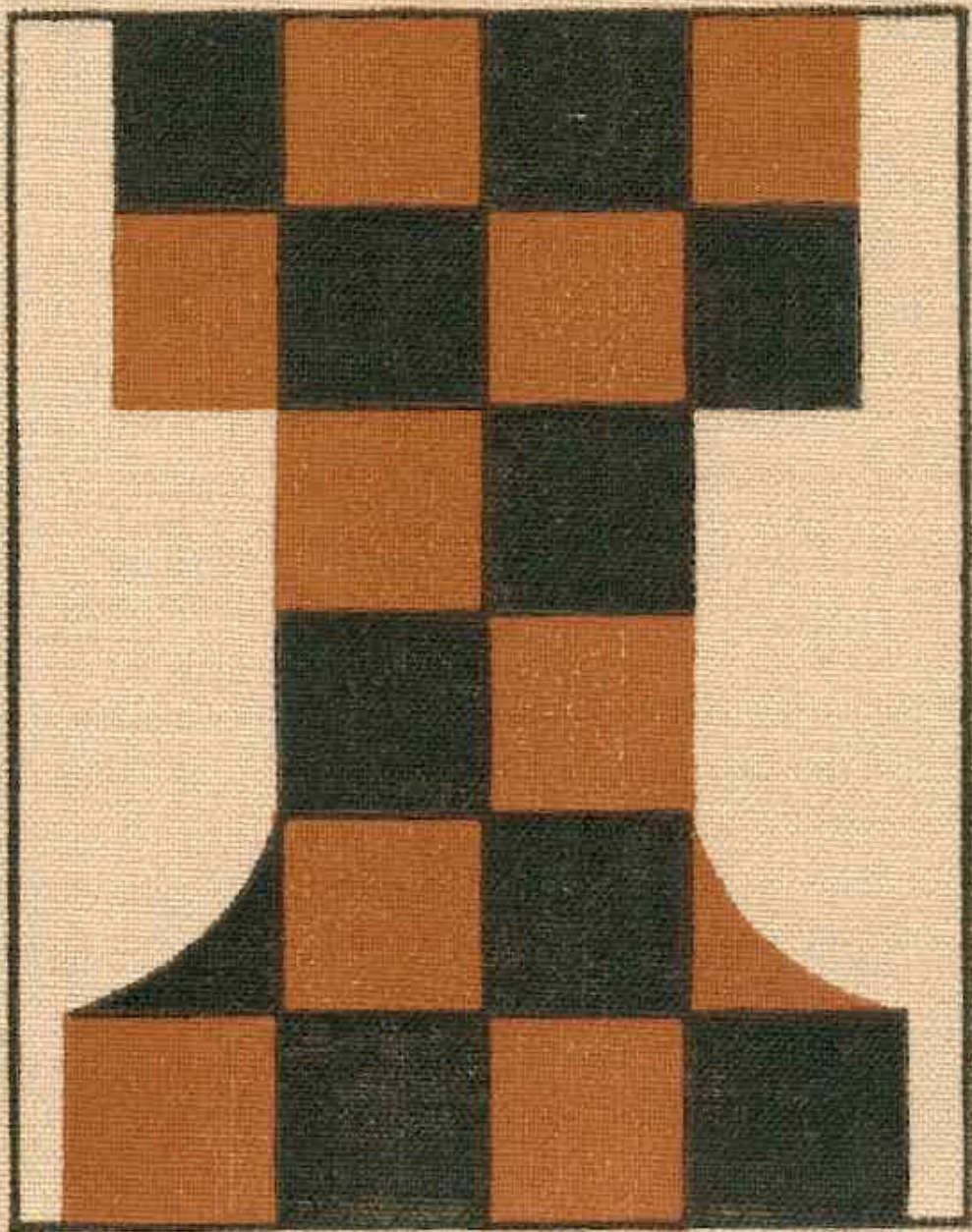


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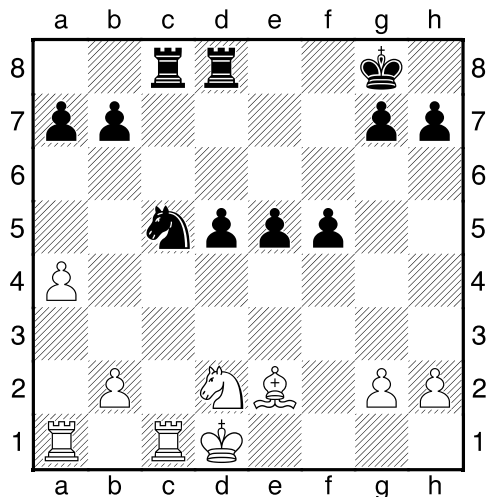
Games

(01) Kacheishvili,G (2583) - Shankland,S (2498) [D17]

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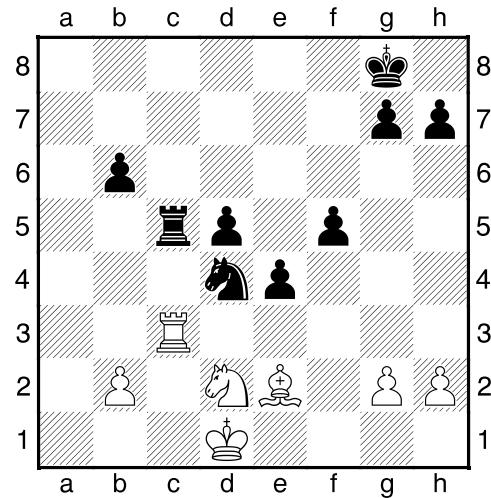
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1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc2 Na6 15.Nxc4 0-0 16.Qe5 Rfd8 [For the inquiry on the previous moves and in particular on 16...Rab8 - see Giri-Van Kampen, CZM 07/2010.] 17.Be2 Nc5!? [Also recently practised 17...f6 18.Qxd5 cxd5 19.Na5 Rdc8+ 20.Kb3 (20.Kb1 Nc5 21.b4 Ne4 22.Kb2 Nd6, Petrosian-Vuckovic, Olympiad 2008) 20...Nc5+ 21.Ka3 b6 22.Nb3 Kf7 Purnama-Nguyen, TCh-Asia 2009] 18.Qxd5N [18.Rad1 Qxg2 19.Rhg1 Qe4+ (for this purpose 17...Nc5 was being made) 20.Qxe4 Nxe4, Nakamura-Deviatkin, blitz 2004; hence came the idea to remove the pawn g2 from the strike: 18.g4!? Nxa4?! 19.Rhd1 Qxe5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Nxe5 Rd4 22.Kb3 f6 23.Rxa4 Rxa4 24.Kxa4 fxe5 25.Bd3! △ Be4, Kb4-c5... Salvador-Orsini, Ulla Santarem 1999] 18...cxd5 19.Nd2 Rac8 20.Rhc1 e5 21.Kd1 f5



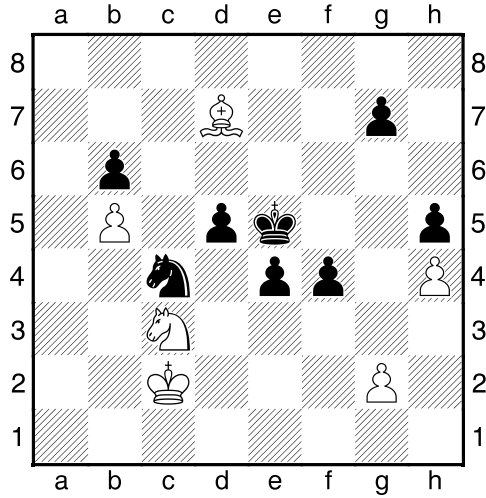
Passed pawns go forward, but simultaneously they become targets for attack. 22.Ra3 Ne6 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rb3 b6 25.Rb5 Nc7 26.Rb3 Ne6 Shankland dec-

lares readiness to finish the game peacefully, but White objects for a while. 27.a5 Nd4 28.Ra3 e4 29.axb6 axb6 30.Rc3 Rc5



31.Nb1 [Ideologically, but passively. It was necessary to attack the black pawns: 31.Ba6 Kf7 32.Bb7 Ke6 33.Nb3! Nxb3 34.Rxb3 - White will take on b6, but the evaluation is still not coming out beyond equality.] 31...Kf7 32.b4 Rxc3 [It was more exact to pull with exchange - 32...Rc6] 33.Nxc3 Ke6 34.Ba6? [And here is an example of overestimation - should be reconciled with repetition 34.b5 Kd6 35.Na4 Kc7 36.Nc3=] 34...Nc6! The knight took a fancy to the ideal square on c4. 35.b5 Na5 36.Kc2 Ke5 [36...d4 is too early: 37.Bc8+ Ke5 38.Na4 Nc4 39.Kb3 e3? 40.Kxc4 e2 41.Nb2!+-] 37.Bc8 The bishop is transferred to c6. Hence, there are two moves to do something about it. 37...h5 38.h4 [Kacheishvili judged that the position was not so desperate to go into the endgame 38.Bxf5 Kxf5 39.Nxd5 Nc4 40.Kc3 Nd6 41.Kd4! Nxb5+ 42.Ke3 Na3 43.Nxb6 h4 - maybe it is difficult to win, but torments can last quite long.] 38...f4 [One could move another pawn - 38...d4, but it looks like after 39.Na4 Nc4 40.Kb3 Nd6 41.Bd7 Kf4 42.Nxb6 White still is gonna be saved. Here is an approximate variant: 42...e3! 43.Nd5+ Kg3 44.Nb4 Kxg2 45.b6 f4 46.Bc6+ f3 47.Kc2! e2

48.Nd3 Kg3 49.Kd2 Nc4+ 50.Ke1 Nxb6
51.Ne5 - it's huge margin of safety!
39.Bd7 Nc4



40.Nd1? [40.Bc6! led to a fantastic draw:
40...Ne3+ 41.Kd2 Nxc2 42.Bxd5!
(42.Nxd5 f3-+) 42...e3+ 43.Kd3 Nxc4
44.Bf7 g6 45.Na4 (b5-pawn suddenly be-
comes dangerous) 45...Ng2 46.Nxb6 f3
47.Nc4+ Kf4 48.b6 e2 49.b7 e1Q
50.b8Q+ Kf5 51.Qe5+!! Qxe5 52.Bxg6+=]
40...Kd4 41.Be8?! [Much more problems
would bring 41.Bc6 with a sight on a pawn
d5: 41...g6! (White in zugzwang, the move
is only one) 42.Kb3 Nd6 43.Nc3 f3!
44.gxf3 exf3 45.Bxd5 (45.Nd1 Nf5-+)
45...Nxb5 with the winning.] 41...Ne3+
42.Nxe3 Kxe3 Central passers decide the
fate of the game. 43.Kd1 [Black wins ac-
curately in case 43.Bxh5 Kf2 44.Kc3 Kxg2
45.Kd4 e3 46.Kxd5 g6! (46...f3??
47.Ke4+-) 47.Bg4 Kg3! 48.Bd1 f3-+]
43...Kf2 44.Bc6 e3 0-1

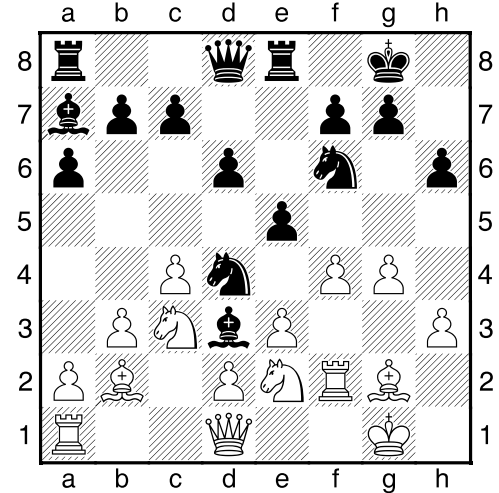
**(02) Kacheishvili,G (2568) - Shaba-
lov,A (2589) [A25]**

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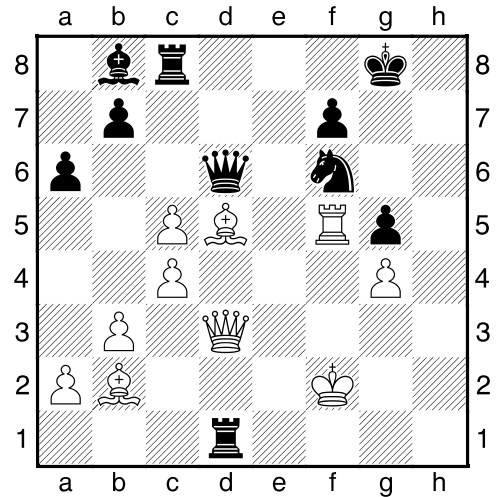
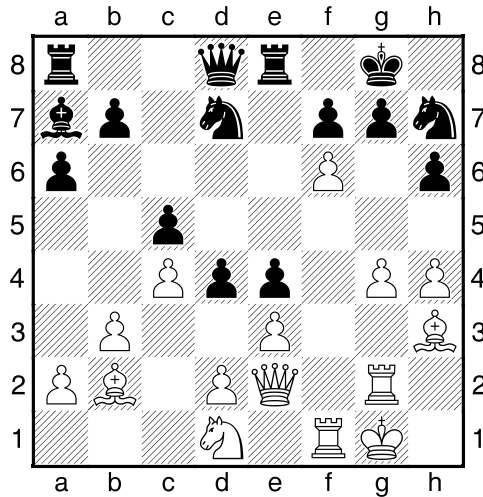
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1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bc5
5.e3 a6 [I like an attempt to take the bull
by the horns at once: 5...d5!? 6.Nxd5
Nxd5 7.Bxd5 (7.cxd5 Nb4 8.d3 Nxd5=)
7...Nb4 8.Be4 Nd3+ 9.Bxd3 Qxd3 10.Qe2
Qg6 11.d4 Be7!☞] 6.Nge2 Ba7 7.0-0 d6

8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Bf5 10.f4 [White lets a bi-
shop to d3, assuming that it will be easy to
drive it out there; 10.d3 Qd7] 10...Bd3
[10...Qd7 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5!↑] 11.h3
Re8 12.Rf2 h6 Preparing the square h7 for
the bishop. 13.g4 Nd4!

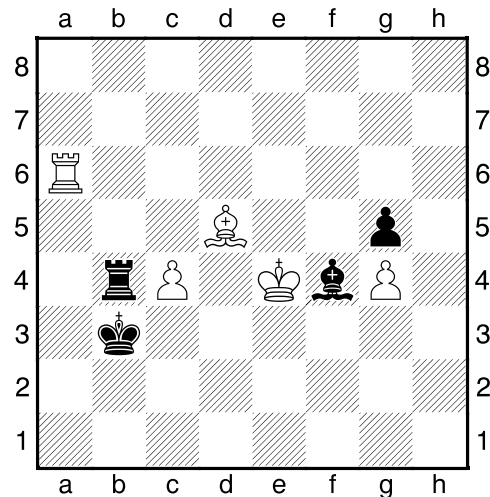
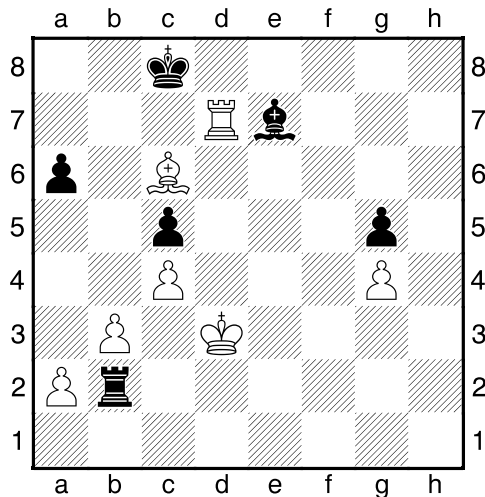


Black reminded that ignoring the bishop
d3 is fraught. 14.Nc1 [Obviously, that af-
ter 14.exd4 exd4 15.Nd5 Bxe2 16.Rxe2
Rxe2 there comes a disaster for White;
option 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bg2 Nxe2+
16.Nxe2 Ne4 17.Rf3 is less clear - Black
stands menacingly, but nothing concrete
in sight.] 14...Bc2 15.Qf1 Ne6 16.f5 Ng5
17.Nd3 Finally, abandoning the taking on
b7, but beating white-squared bishop out.
17...Bxd3 18.Qxd3 c6! Fighting becomes
heated to the limit - whose strategy will
prevail, flank or central? 19.h4 Ngh7
[19...Nxc4 20.hxc4 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 Qxc4
22.Rg1±] 20.Qe2 d5 21.Raf1 e4 22.Bh3
d4 23.Nd1 c5 24.Rg2 Nd7 25.f6



[25.Qf2? Ne5-+] **25...g5!** [Not the fact that even if 25...Nhxf6 26.g5 hxg5 27.hxg5 Nh7 there is an attack, but why bother calculating when you can simply cut off the white pieces of oxygen?] **26.Rh2 Ndx6 27.Bg2 Rc8?!** Unessential move. Better just translate the bishop on e5. **28.hxg5 hxg5 29.d3!** Absolutely the right decision - white bishops need to "punch" diagonal. **29...Qd7 30.Rf5 Bb8 31.Rxh7!?** [31.Rh3 leaves approximately equal position, but on the eve of the 40th move Kacheishvili drastically "twists".] **31...Nxh7 32.exd4** [It's decided to refuse from 32.Bxe4 because of 32...Be5, and after f6, dxe3 exchange of the dark-squared pieces is inevitable.] **32...exd3 33.Qxd3 Qd6** [Black bets on battery Q+B, though was worth to opt a doubling on line "e": 33...Re1+ 34.Kf2 Rce8 35.Bd5 R8e2+ 36.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2 Nf6!] **34.Bd5** It is necessary to protect on f7. **34...Nf6** [To calculate consequences of 34...Re7 35.dxc5 Rxc5 36.Qh3 uneasy without even staying in a time trouble though like it would turn out at the drawn game: 36...Re1+ (36...Qg3+ 37.Qxg3 Bxg3 38.Bxf7+!) 37.Kg2 Rxd1 38.Rxf7 Rd2+ 39.Kf1 Rd1+ 40.Ke2 Rd2+!]=] **35.dxc5 Re1+ 36.Kf2 Rxd1**

37.Bxf7+? [Perhaps White has not find after 37.cxd6 Rxd3 38.Rxg5+ Kf8 39.Bxf6 Bxd6 a precise move 40.Rh5!, securing an advantage. (40.Bxb7 Re8!⇔); 37.Qxd1? Qh2+ 38.Bg2 Ne4+] **37...Kf8?** [Black are wrong in own turn: 37...Kxf7 38.Qxd6 Bxd6 39.Rxf6+ Ke7 40.Ke2 Rd8!±] **38.Qxd6+ Bxd6 39.Rxf6 Be7** [It's funny, but it looks like Black could go into a draw endgame: 39...Bxc5+ 40.Ke2 Rd6□ 41.Be6+ Ke7 42.Bxc8 Rxf6 43.Bxf6+ Kxf6 44.Bxb7 a5 45.Kd3 Ke5, and it's hard to see, how White is gonna break.] **40.Rf5 Rxc5 41.Bd5+ Ke8 42.Ke2! Rb1 43.Bd4** Exchange is lost, but opposite-colour bishops will remain at the board, which have drawish reputation. **43...b6 44.Bxc5 Rb2+ 45.Kd3 bxc5** White must have thought of something, or material balance will be recovering and the truce will be inevitable. **46.Bc6+ Kd8 47.Rd5+ Kc8 48.Rd7**



[In the rook endgame there are no chances to win: 48.Bb7+ Kxb7 49.Rd7+ Kb6 50.Rxe7 Rxa2 51.Re5 Rb2! 52.Kc3 Rg2 53.Rxg5 Rg3+ 54.Kb2 Rg1 55.Rg8 Ka5!=] 48...Bd8 49.Rd5 Be7 50.Bd7+ Kc7 51.Ba4 Kc8 52.Bd7+ Kc7 53.Be6 Having repeated moves, White tries the last possibility. 53...Kc6 54.Rd7 Bd6? [Finally, Black made a mistake, after which the position is critical. 54...Bf6! leads to rescue. Perhaps Shabalov was embarrassed by 55.Ke4 Rxa2 56.Kf5, but there is 56...Bd4 57.Kxg5 Re2! 58.Bf5 Re3] 55.Rg7 Bf4 56.Bd5+ Kb6 57.Rb7+ Ka5 58.a3 Ra2 59.b4+ cxb4 60.axb4+ Ka4 Black's hope is to pick up on b4. 61.Ke4! [61.c5?! was premature, since after 61...Rd2+ 62.Ke4 Re2+ the king had to retreat to the worst position. Now the white king is active, which affects just in a few moves.] 61...Rb2 62.Rb6 Rxb4 63.Rxa6+ Kb3

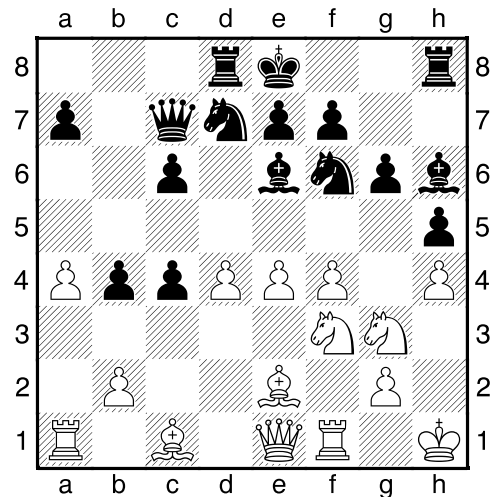
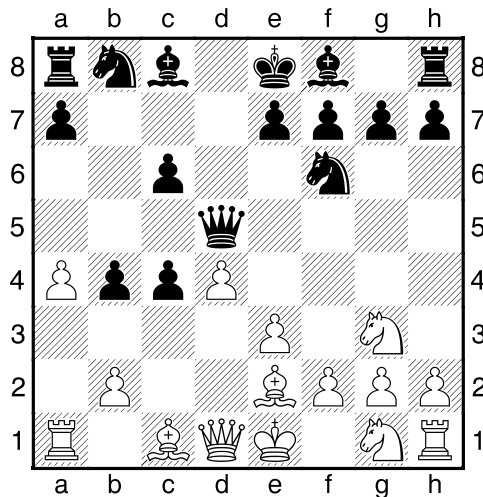
64.Rf6! Not the fact that Kacheishvili could win without this resource. Threatening the sacrifice of exchange White wins a significant tempi and generally pushed bishop off on the edge of the board. 64...Bd2 [64...Bc1 65.Rf1 Kb2 66.Rxc1! Kxc1 67.Kf5+-] 65.Kd3 Be1 66.Rg6 Bh4 67.c5+ Once the bishop has no control over the square c7, a pawn can go forward in good conscience. 67...Ka4 68.c6 Bg3 69.Rxg5 Kb5 70.Be4+ Kb6 71.Rg7 Rb3+ 72.Kc4 Ra3 73.Rb7+ Ka6 74.g5 Ra4+ 75.Rb4 After the exchange of rooks endgame is won automatically, so Black resigned. 1-0

(03) Shabalov,A (2589) - Lenderman,A (2559) [D10]

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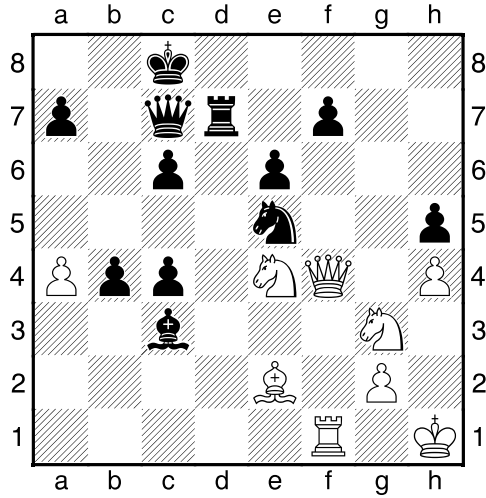
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.e3 b5 5.a4 b4 6.Ne4 Qd5 [Nobody wants to play steadily worse position after 6...Nf6 7.Nxf6+ exf6 8.Bxc4 Bd6±] 7.Ng3 Nf6 8.Be2!?



[Relatively new trend - usually game develops in line with 8.Nf3 Ba6 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bd2, but 8.Be2 has some subtleties.] **8...h5!** [The idea of White is revealed in the following variants: 8...e6 9.e4! Qa5 (9...Nxe4 10.Bf3 f5 11.Qe2) 10.Bxc4 Ba6 11.b3±, Kazhgaleyev-Sorbe, Paris 2009; 8...Ba6 9.e4 Qa5 10.Nf3 e6 11.Ne5 c3 12.bxc3 bxc3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Ba3±, Kazhgaleyev-Gomez, Pichay Cup 2010] **9.h4N** [9.e4 Nxe4 10.Bf3 is also possible here, but then 10...Bf5! - that's why Black abstained from 8...a6 and 8...Ba6. 11.Nh3 h4 12.Bxe4 Bxe4 13.Nf4 hxg3 14.Nxd5 gxf2+ 15.Kxf2 cxd5 16.Re1, Shabalov-Sarkar, Continental Class Ch 2010 - then for some reason record breaks with a score of 1-0, although the whole struggle ahead. Incidentally, this was played three days before this fight with Lenderman.] **9...Bg4** Move 8...h5 was not made in vain. **10.f3 Be6 11.e4 Qa5 12.f4 g6 13.Nf3 Nbd7 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Qe1** [The queen should leave from the rook: 15.Ng5 Nc5] **15...Bh6 16.Kh1 Qc7**

17.f5! Open fight has started. **17...gxf5 18.d5** That was White's idea - round-up to the bishop e6. **18...Bxc1** [Serious attention should be given an alternative 18...cxd5 19.exf5 Bxc1 20.Rxc1 Qf4! - after 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Kg1! White is renewing a threat Ng5, but Black has a full-fledged compensation due to powerful pawns.] **19.dxe6** Shabalov avoids the options outlined in the previous note, so he beats the bishop e6, not c1. **19...Bxb2 20.exd7+** [White is adjusted only on a victory - therefore he refuses another capture 20.exf7+ which, possibly, conducted to a drawn game by force: 20...Kf8 21.Ng5 Nc5 22.Rxf5 Bxa1 23.Rxc5 Bc3 24.Qxc3 bxc3 25.Ne6+ Kxf7 26.Nxc7 c2 27.Bxc4+ Kf8 28.Ne6+ Ke8 29.Ng7+] **20...Rxd7 21.Nxf5 Bc3 22.Qc1 Ng4!** [It turns out that beating on a1 is not necessarily - after 22...Bxa1 23.Qxa1 c3 White has decent initiative by the idea of e5-e6.] **23.e5?!** [Objectively stronger was 23.Ra2! e6 24.Ne3 (with a rook on b1 it would be followed 24...Bd2) 24...Qf4 25.Nxc4 Nf2+ 26.Kg1 Qxc1 27.Rxc1 Nxe4, and the position is roughly equal. But White lefts queens in the hope of attack.] **23...Nxe5 24.Ng5** Threatens Ng7 and plug on e6. Lenderman runs away by king. **24...Kd8 25.Qf4 e6** This move might well have been done and after taking on a1. **26.Ng3 Kc8** King left the danger zone. It is obvious that Black is better, besides Rd4 is threat-

ening. 27.Rad1 Rhd8 28.Rxd7 Rxd7
29.N5e4?!



[The desire to hoist the knight at e4 is absolutely correct (in fact, Bd2 threatens), that's just better to make it by piece on g3 - 29.N3e4!, because the knight g5 is already performs important functions (restrains f5, puts pressure on f7).] 29...Bb2?! [Question of where to go for the bishop is not easy to solve - on the one hand, on b2 it supervises a transformation square c1, but with another - on d4 it won't be cut off from an external world, and it in this case is more important: 29...Bd4 30.Nxh5 f5...; more fundamentally - an attempt to extinguish White's attacking potential by queen exchange 29...Nd3! After 30.Qxc7+ Kxc7 31.Nxc3 (31.Bxh5 Be1!) 31...bxc3 32.Bxh5 c2 33.Ne2 f5 the Black's overweight is close to critical.] 30.Nxh5 c3 31.Nc5 Rd2? [Black has forgotten that after 30...c3 bishop is no longer protects the knight e5. Protection should be restored in the way 31...Rd5! 32.Nxe6 (32.Qxb4 Qb6! 33.Qxb6 axb6 34.Nb3 c5, and passers "c" are very dangerous) 32...Qd6! (32...fxe6? 33.Ba6+ Kb8 34.Qxb4+ Qb6 35.Rf8+-) 33.Ng5, and this complicated position may well end in a draw - 33...b3 34.Nxf7 Qe7 35.Nxe5 Rxe5 36.Qc4 Rxe2 37.Qxc6+ Kb8 38.Qb5+ Kc8] 32.Ba6+ Kb8 [32...Kd8 33.Nxe6+ fxe6 34.Qf8+

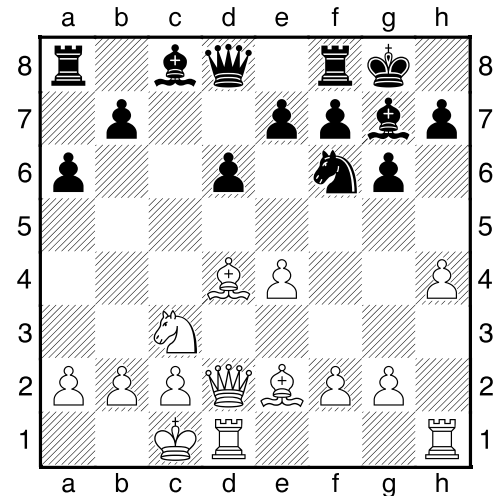
Kd7 35.Nf6#] 33.Nf6 [33.Bb7 was strongly too] 33...Ba3 [Demoralized Black lose in one move. 33...Rd8 extended the resistance, although there is already going to miss the two pieces: 34.Qxe5 Qxe5 35.Nfd7+ Kc7 36.Nxe5 Kb6 37.Ned3] 34.Ne8 Rd5 35.Nxc7 Rxc5 36.Qd4 1-0

(04) Areshchenko,Alexander (2664) - Korobov,Anton (2670) [B72]

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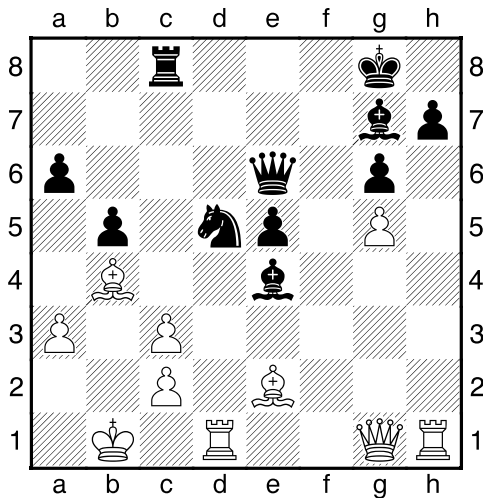
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 g6!? This system is called "Dragondorf" - because it is a kind of hybrid of two popular variations in the Sicilian Defence. 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Nc6 [This move is necessary if the Black is going to protect oneself from exchange of bishop, like in 8...Nbd7 9.Bh6 Bxh6 10.Qxh6 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Rhe1 Rc8 13.Nd5!↑] 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4



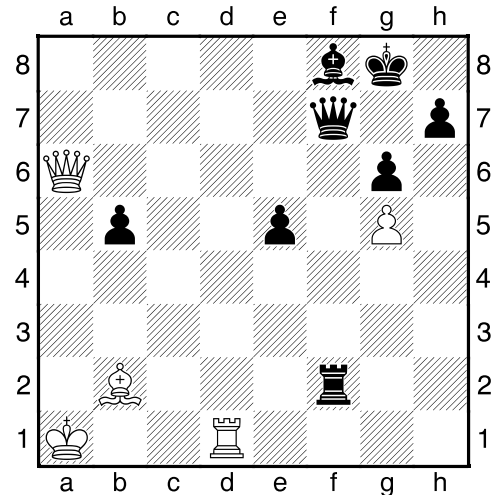
11...b5N [In the next game Black operated a la "Dragon": 11...Be6 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h5 Qc7 14.g4 b5 15.Bf3 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd4 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Be4 Bg7 20.hxg6 d5!⇌, Kaplan-Lechtynsky, Lublin 1975, now he goes into battle in a Najdorf way.] 12.h5 e6 [12...Bb7 immediately is not suitable for a reason 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.hxg6 fvg6 15.Bg4!] 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.a3 Bb7 15.Qe3 Qc7 16.Kb1 [The stan-

dard poke for such positions 16.e5 doesn't give much here - 16...dxe5 17.Bxe5 Qf7 18.Qh3 h5! with further jumps Ne4 or Nd5.] **16...Rac8 17.f3** Threatening Nxe4. At the same time it is preparation of the raid g2-g4-g5. **17...Qe7 18.g4 e5** Black starts unique counterplay for himself - to opening a position by means of break d5. **19.Bb6 Qe6 20.Qg1!?** On the one hand the white queen is heading on h2, and on the other - as if to provoke the opponent's sacrifice. Korobov decides to accept the challenge. **20...Rxc3** [It was possible to go 20...d5 at once but then the position will be locked: 21.g5 Nd7 22.Ba5 d4 23.Nd5 Rf7, to have on 24.Qh2 Bf8. And Black thirsts open fight.] **21.bxc3 d5 22.Bc5 Rc8** [Not the best place for a rook. Probably, it was necessary to resort to a sacrifice of the second exchange: 22...dxe4!? 23.Bxf8 Bxf8, though after 24.Qa7! Qc8 25.g5 exf3 (25...Nd5 26.Rxd5) 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf6 Bxh1 28.Rxh1 (28.Rd7 Bd5 29.Rxd5 Qe6) 28...h6 chances of White nevertheless are slightly higher.] **23.Bb4?** [Losing precious time. One had to immediately go 23.g5 Nh5 24.f4!, and complications develop in favor of White(24.Bb4 Nf4 25.Qh2 Kf7)] **23...dxe4** Now the knight will have a square on d5. **24.fxe4 Bxe4 25.g5 Nd5**



26.Bg4? [Realizing that 26.Qh2 h5!

27.gxh6 Nxb4--+ badly, Areshchenko stakes everything; but there still was a defence: 26.c4! (cut diagonal a2-g8 at any price) 26...Nxb4 (26...bxc4 27.Rh4!) 27.axb4 Qe7! (27...Bxh1 28.Bg4!) 28.c5 Bxh1 29.Qxh1 e4 30.Qh3, and despite the horrific bishop g7, it's still possible to resist.] **26...Nxc3+ 27.Bxc3** [27.Kc1 Qa2 28.Qh2 Qa1+ 29.Kd2 Rd8+--+] **27...Qb3+ 28.Bb2 Rxc2** The only protection from mates - it's the return of the material. **29.Be6+ Qxe6 30.Rd8+ Bf8 31.Ka1 Bxh1** [31...Qb3 32.Qb1 Bxh1 won faster.] **32.Qf1 Qf7 33.Qxh1 Rf2!** Forcing the rook back to the first line, so that the bishop f8 be able to take on a3. **34.Rd1 Bxa3 35.Qa8+ Bf8 36.Qxa6**



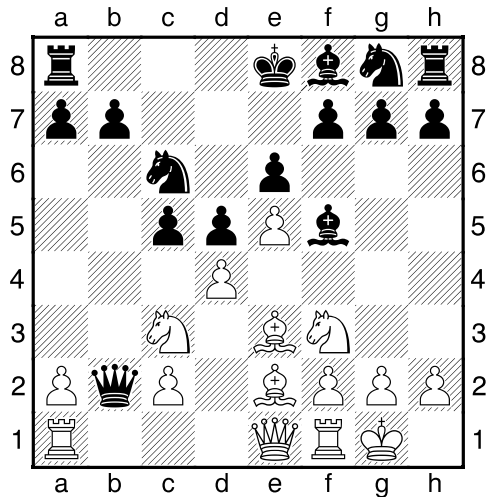
36...Rf1 [Certainly, the Black stayed here in a decent time trouble, otherwise he would be immediately close the issue after 36...Qb3 37.Rb1 Rf4] **37.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 38.Ka2 Qc4+ 39.Kb1 Qe4+ 40.Kc1 Qc4+ 41.Kb1 Qe4+ 42.Kc1 Be7** White is without three "pure" pawns - resistance is futile. **43.Qxb5** [43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Qc8+ Kf7] **43...Bxg5+ 44.Kd1 Qf3+ 45.Kc2 Qf5+ 46.Kb3 Qe6+ 47.Kc2 Bf6 0-1**

(05) Karjakin, Sergey (2747) - Tukhaev, Adam (2550) [B12]

26th European Club Cup Plovdiv BUL (2.3), 18.10.2010

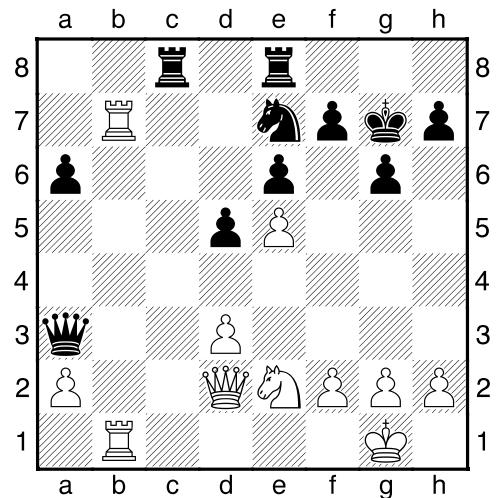
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Nc6 [In CZM 06/2010 the variant 7...Qxb2 8.Qb1 Qxb1+ 9.Rxb1 c4 10.Rxb7 Nc6 11.Nb5 Nd8 12.Rc7 Rb8 was specified, but as recent events have shown, after 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Rb1+ 15.Bd1 Bxc2 16.Kd2 Bxd1 17.Rxd1 Rb6 18.Bf4!, Karjakin-Eljanov, Olympiad 2010, it is difficult for Black to solve own problems.] 8.0-0 [8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 c4 10.0-0 b5 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Nge7, Jakovenko-Eljanov, TCh-RUS 2010, and Black has enough counterplay related to b5-b4.] 8...Qxb2 [A more peaceful path - 8...c4 9.b3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Bb4 11.Qe1 b5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qb6 14.Qd2±] 9.Qe1!?



[Karjakin leaves aside from 9.Nb5 c4 10.Nc7+ Kd7 11.Nxa8 Bxc2 12.Qe1 Bb4 13.Bd2 Nge7, Karjakin-Morozevich, Amber 2009, which brought him to the game defeat.] 9...cxd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb4 12.Ndb5!N [A powerful innovation, which casts doubt on the whole system with 8... Qxb2. Previously attempted 12.Rb1 Qxc3 13.Rxb4 Qxe1 14.Rxe1 b6 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Nxf5 exf5, and despite the fact that the endgame seems dangerous, the Black may well keep it.] 12...Bxc3 13.Nxc3 a6 Looks like the only way - as threats Nb5, Bb5 are too dangerous. 14.Rb1 Qa3 [On 14...Qxc2 the next variant could follow: 15.Rxb7 Nh6 16.Bd1! Qd3 17.Ba4+ Kf8 18.Nxd5! Qe4

(differently checks on b4 and b8) 19.Qb4+ Qxb4 20.Nxb4 with huge advantage.] 15.Rxb7 Ne7 It would seem that a moment later Black will have castled. But... 16.Bb5+! Kf8 Bishop is untouchable because of the plug on c7. 17.Bd3 Rc8 18.Ne2 Bxd3 19.cxd3 g6 [It is clear that pawn can not be taken - 19...Qxd3 20.Qb4 Re8 21.Rc1, and all tied up. And so the black rooks at least will be connected.] 20.Qd2 Kg7 21.Rfb1 Threatens Rb3 to win a knight. 21...Rhe8



22.h4! White opened a second front. Moreover, in light of the ideas Qf4 a ventlight for the king won't be useless. 22...Ng8 [Alas, to prevent the pawn's "h" raid does not work: 22...h5? 23.Qg5! Qxd3 24.Nf4; 22...h6 23.Qf4! (23.h5 g5) 23...Qxd3 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.R1b2, with piece losing.] 23.h5 [23.Qf4 Re7] 23...Re7 24.g3! Once the rook b7 will be changed, another rook will find a work through "h"-line. 24...Rec7 [Tukhaev decided to retake the seventh row, but 24...Rxb7 25.Rxb7 Qa4 deserves attention, with jump Qg4 or Rc2 somewhere, or at least move the knight on f5.] 25.Kg2 Qe7 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Qf4 Rb8 28.Rc1 Qe7 29.Nd4 Rb2?! Position is very bad, but not so much that it loses in one move. 30.Rc8 [Threatens deadly Nc6, and on the departure of queen - h6 with mate. The only defense - a pin 30.Rc8 Rb4, but

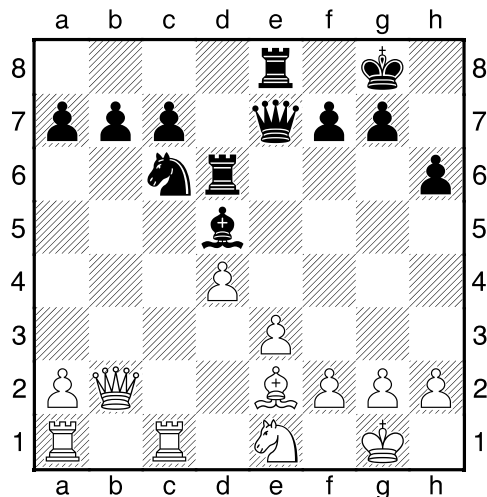
then 31.a3 Ra4 32.Nf5+] 1-0

(06) Ivanchuk, Vassily (2754) - Jakovenko, Dmitry (2726) [D57]

26th European Club Cup Plovdiv BUL (2.2), 18.10.2010

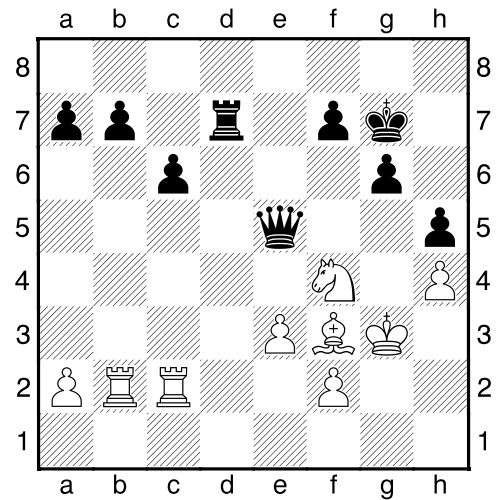
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Ne4 [Lasker Defence. The system of another classic - Tartakower - is more often applied: 7...b6] 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.cxd5 [More complex positions turn out after 9.Rc1] 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 exd5 11.Qb3 Rd8 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nc6 14.Be2 [Escape from under a plug can be achieved by 14.Qc3, but not everyone likes to play with the destroyed shelter the king - 14...Bg4 15.0-0 Bxf3 16.gxf3, although it also has advantages - the line "g" and all that.] 14...Rd6 [Another way to equalize the position is also known in theory, viz. 14...b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rac1 Na5 17.Qb2 Rac8 Δ c5=, Kramnik-Lutz, Germany 1994] 15.0-0 Be6 16.Qb2 [16.Qxb7? Rb8 17.Qa6 Nxd4-+] 16...Bd5 17.Rfc1 Bishop on d5 - the most powerful piece on the board. Therefore, White is wanting to exchange it. 17...Re8 18.Ne1



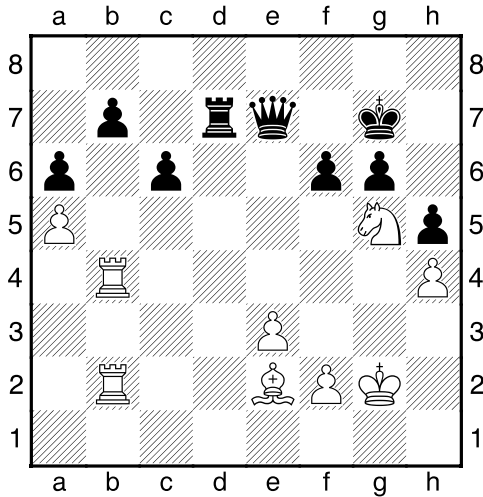
18...Nxd4!!N [Simple atomic novelty. Much more prosaic was the case in the following excerpt: 18...f5 19.Bf3 Nd8 20.Qc2 f4□ 21.exf4 Ne6 22.Bxd5 Rxd5

23.Nf3 c6 24.Re1 Qf7 25.Qb3 Rf8 26.g3 Nxd4 27.Nxd4 Rxd4 28.Re7! Qxb3 29.axb3, Peng-Ivkov, Pozarevac 1995,, and Black failed to hold the ending.] 19.Qxd4 Bxg2 20.Qxd6!?! [The question of whether a compensation is sufficient after 20.Qf4 Bc6 21.Bd3! remains open - but I think, Ivanchuk has given the queen also because recently on the Olympiad he won excellent game against Jobava with a similar parity of pieces. Why not to try once again?!] 20...Qxd6 21.Nxg2 Looking at this position, it is difficult to imagine, due to which White can win it. So interesting to see how Ivanchuk slowly overplays an opponent. 21...Rd8 [The success of the White will largely depend on whether one can make a knight active - therefore 21...g5!?! looks very much even logically.] 22.Rc2 c6 23.Rb1 Qg6 24.Rbb2 Rd7 25.h4 h5 It would not be desirable to give a point g5, but apparently, to suppose h4-h5 would be even less desirable for Black. 26.Kh2 Qf5 27.Nf4 g6 28.Kg3 Kg7 29.Bf3 Qe5?!]

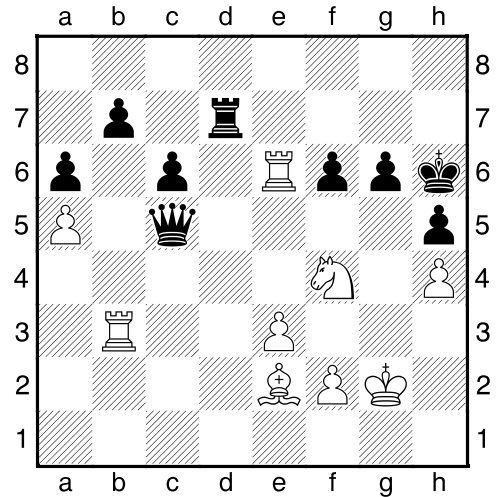


[Missing the last chance to make pawn structure more flexible form - 29...c5 30.Rc4 b6] 30.Rb3 First White intends to put pressure on b7, to tie down opponent's army. 30...Kh6 31.Rcb2 Qe7 32.a4 a6?! [32...a5 looks more naturally - and so Black will be even more constrained in space.] 33.a5 Rc7 34.Rb4 Rd7 35.Nh3

The second stage of the plan is in the course - the knight is going to g5. **35...Rc7 36.Kg2!** [Necessary preventive maintenance - 36.Ng5? f6 37.Ne4 g5!, and Black intercepts the initiative.] **36...Rd7 37.Ng5 Kg7** [37...f6 38.Ne4 g5 39.Ng3!] **38.Be2!** Since Rf4 and Bc4 make move f7-f6 forced, Jakovenko decides not to waste time. **38...f6**



39.Ne4 [Generally speaking, more simple route of transfer on f4 arises - 39.Nh3, but White selects slightly other way. There is no need to hurry!] **39...Kh6 40.Bf3 Rc7 41.Ng3 Bxh5** threatens... **41...Kh7 42.R2b3 Rd7 43.Ne2 Kh6 44.Nf4 Rc7** [Standing still is disgusting, but what to do? 44...Qc5 doesn't pass in view of 45.Rxb7 Rxb7 46.Rxb7 Qxa5 47.Be4 f5 48.Ne6! fxe4 49.Nf8] **45.Re4** Rook aims on e6 - here's another negative turn of 38... f6 pawn in addition to weakening "g" pawn. **45...Qf7 46.Rb2 Rd7 47.Be2!** The course on d3 is taken. **47...Qf8 48.Rb3** [48.Bd3? Qa3] **48...Qc5 49.Re6**



49...Kg7? [In quite a difficult position Black commits a crucial mistake. 49...Qf5! would have allowed more or less defensive, occasionally referring to the promotion of g5.] **50.Rd3!** [Immediate, too, was very strong, but Ivanchuk decided to intensify the rook (or at least change it). 50.Bd3] **50...Rf7** [Last attempt to confuse the game was 50...Rxd3 51.Bxd3 g5, but after 52.Nxh5+ Kf7 53.Rxf6+ Ke7 54.Rf5 Qd6 55.Be4 gxh4 56.Nf6! the white pieces perfectly protect each other.] **51.Rdd6 Qxa5** [The only protection from the threat of White was 51...Qf5, although then 52.Re8! with coming Bc4 or Rdd8.(52.Bd3? Qg4+ 53.Kf1 Qd1+=)] **52.Bd3** Now lost on g6, and then on h5, f6 at the same way. **52...Qc7 53.Bxg6 Rd7 54.Nxh5+ Kh6 55.Rxd7 Qxd7 56.Rxf6 Qg4+ 57.Ng3** There is no antidote from a march of a pawn "h". **57...Kg7 58.Rd6 Kf8 59.h5 Ke7 60.Bf5 1-0**

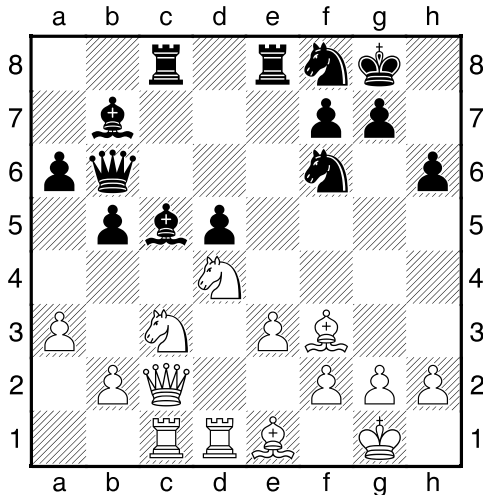
(07) Huzman,Alexander (2605) - Aro-nian,Levon (2783) [D38]

26th European Club Cup Plovdiv BUL (2.6), 18.10.2010

[IM Polivanov, A]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 [5...h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 is also quite playable.] **6.cxd5 exd5 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5** [If 8.a3, then 8...Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 c4! and Black starts one of the key plans in Ragozin De-

fence - pawn majority attack.] **8...h6**
9.Bd2 0-0 10.a3?! [I honestly do not see any reason to adjust Black to capture - he still has to do it oneself: 10.e3 Bxc5 (10...Nxc5 11.a3) 11.Bd3, etc.] 10...Bxc5
11.e3 a6 12.Be2 b5N [It is noteworthy that the same position Aronian treated by White- and after 12...Bd6 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Qb1 Nc4, Aronian-Lautier, Petrosian mem 2004 he got nothing. But being on the other side of the barricades, Armenian GM decided to choose a different arrangement.] **13.0-0 Bb7 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Be1 Re8** Black leads knight on e6, where it will fight for a key point d4. **16.Rac1 Nf8 17.Nd4 Qb6 18.Bf3?**



[Is not it amazing how such a seemingly strong position could crumble in a moment. After 18.Nf5 all the struggle ahead.] **18...Bxd4! 19.Rxd4** [19.exd4 loses instantly: 19...Ne6 20.Qd3 Nxd4! 21.Qxd4 Rxe1+] **19...Ne6 20.Rd2** [It was decided to give up from 20.Rdd1 on reason 20...d4 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.exd4 Nf4 23.f3 Ne2+ - but maybe it was the lesser of two evils?] **20...d4!** Breaking through in the most protected White's point unleashes the potential energy of black pieces. **21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.exd4 Ne4** Nevertheless the rook has to retreat on d1. **23.Rdd1 Nf4 24.d5 a5!** [24...Nxc3 25.Bxc3 Ne2+ 26.Kh1 Nxc1 27.Qxc1 would be as happi-

ness for White - but now the knight c3 is pushed, and it becomes absolutely difficult.] **25.Qb3** [One can get away from under the strike on e2 - 25.Rb1 - in this case Black achieves decisive advantage by means of 25...b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.f3 (27.Qb3 Nc5!) 27...Nf6 28.Qb3 Rxe1+! (28...Qa7+ 29.Bf2) 29.Rxe1 Qa7+] **25...b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Na2 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Nxc1 29.Nxc1 Nf6** In the end Aronian is going to take a pawn d6. **30.d6 Qc6! 31.Na2 Qxd6 32.Bxb4 Qb6 33.f3 Qf2** The invasion through the second rank is unavoidable. **0-1**

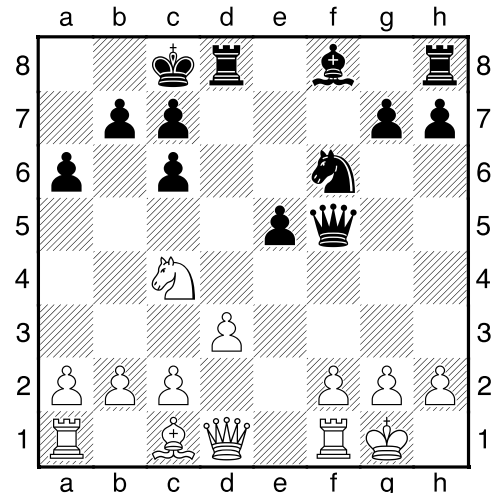
(08) Nisipeanu, Liviu-Dieter (2683) - Caruana, Fabiano (2700) [C69]

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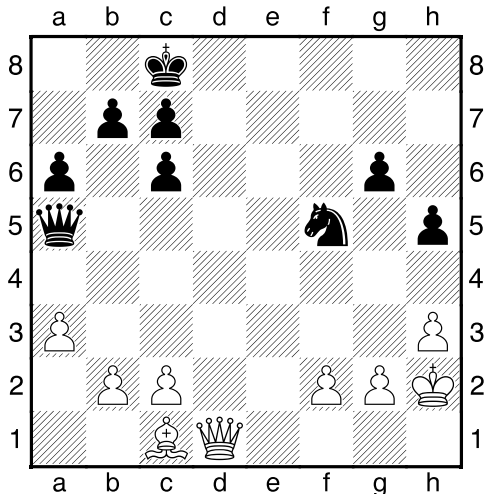
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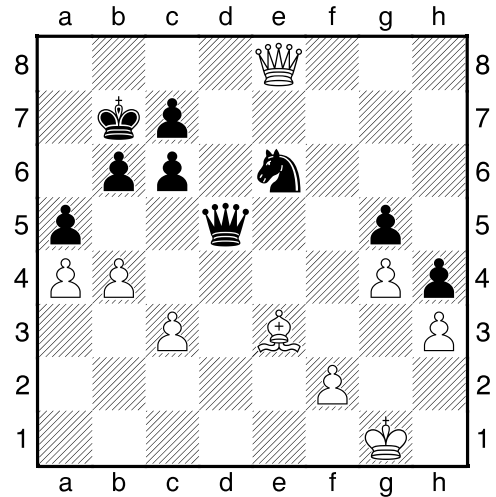
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6
5.0-0 Be6!? Very rare variant in this system, but anyway it is very difficult to get at least some advantage for White. **6.Nxe5** [6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bc4 8.Re1 Qf6!/? Δ 0-0-0, Ries-Karpatchev, Bad Woerishofen 2008] **6...Qd4 7.Nf3 Qxe4 8.Ng5 Qf5 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.d3** Pawn e6 can become a weakness, so White must as soon as possible to double through the "e"-line. **10...Nf6 11.Nd2** [11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.Qe2 Bc5 13.Bd2 Rhe8 14.Rae1 Bd4 15.Nd1 e5=, Estrada-Radulski, Dos Hermanas 2002] **11...0-0-0 12.Nc4 e5N**



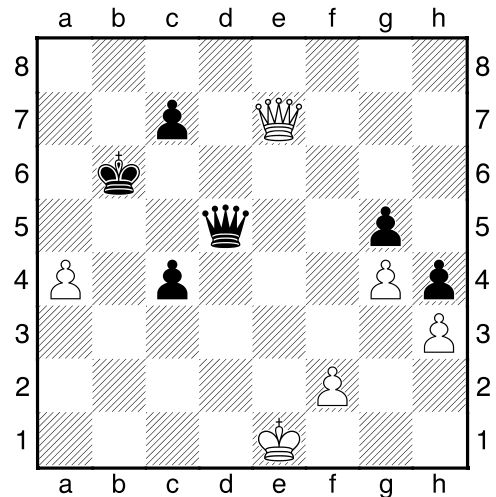
[In the following fragment White managed to occupy a point e5: 12...Bd6 13.Bd2 Rhf8 14.Qe2 Rde8 15.Bc3 Nd5 16.Be5, Heinemann-Ragger, Bundesliga 2008, therefore Black at once puts a pawn on it, planning to exchange it in general.]
13.Qe2 e4 14.dxe4 Nxe4 15.Be3 Bd6 16.Rad1 Rhe8 17.Nxd6+ Rxd6 18.Rxd6 Nxd6 [Basically, it was possible to correct pawn structure - 18...cxd6, and queen transfer on a7 is not dangerous: 19.Qd3 d5 20.Qd4 Nf6 21.Qa7 Qe5] **19.Rd1 Qe5 20.Qg4+ Nf5 21.h3 g6 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.a3 Re1+ 24.Kh2 h5 25.Qf3** [The trap 25.Bg5!? is best answered by. 25...Qe5+ 26.f4 Qe8] **25...Rxd1 26.Qxd1**



Appeared roughly equal endgame: pawn advantage on the kingside is compensated by stronger tandem queen + knight.
26...Qe5+ 27.Kg1 b6 28.c3 It would be desirable to develop a bishop, so the pawn b2 has to be protected at first.
28...Qe4 29.Bg5 Kb7 30.g3 Nisipeanu now threatens to transfer the bishop to f4, where it will attack on c7. Black prevented.
30...Ng7 31.Qd7 Ne6 32.Be3 a5 33.a4 g5 34.Qe8 h4 35.g4 Qd5 36.b4?

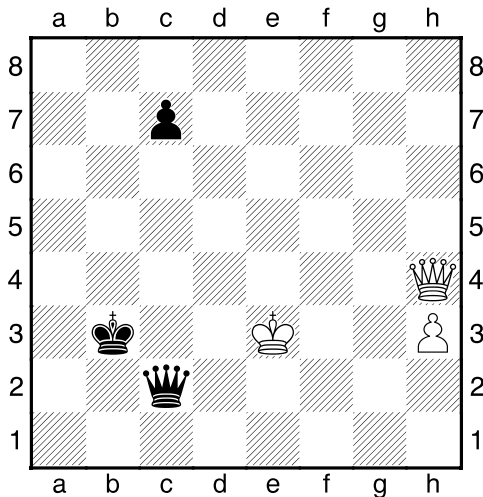


[White finds problems to oneself out of the blue. It worth to stand still - 36.Qg6, and Black has nothing better than repetition 36...Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qd6+] **36...axb4 37.cxb4 Nd4!** That's right - Caruana is forcing transition to a queen endgame which arises in his favor at the expense of opportunities for rapid advancement pawn "c".
38.Bxd4 Qxd4 39.Qe7 Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qd5+ 41.Kg1 c5 42.bxc5 bxc5 43.Kf1 c4 44.Ke1 Kb6!



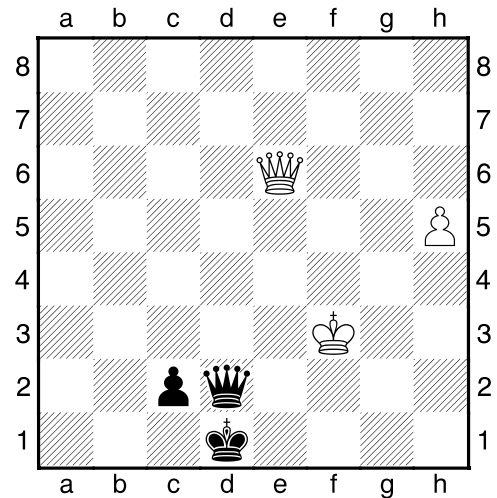
Now, as written in books, king comes into play. **45.Qe3+!** [There is no stand out - 45.Qb4+ Ka6 46.Qc3 Qa5!, so White tries to organize own counterplay.] **45...Ka5 46.f4 Qh1+** [In the case of 46...gxf4 47.Qxf4 Kxa4 48.Qe3! the ending's transformation White will have the benefit at the

expense of a secure passer g4. Therefore there appears a pawn endgame...]
47.Kd2 Qh2+ 48.Kd1 [48.Kc3 Qg3!-+]
48...Qxf4 49.Qxf4 gxf4... which is doomed to become the queen one again. **50.g5 f3 51.g6 f2 52.Ke2 c3 53.g7 f1Q+ 54.Kxf1 c2 55.g8Q c1Q+ 56.Ke2 Qc2+ 57.Ke3 Kxa4 58.Qg4+ Kb3 59.Qxh4**



On the board 6-pieces endgame, which is calculated by computers to the end. But chess players have no relief from this - queen endings are considered the most difficult after all! Passing the path to draw in unmistakable way is impossible even for super GMs... **59...c5** Passed pawns must move forward. **60.Qd8!** Nisipeanu makes the only move that keeps equality. In principle, the logic is clear - queen prepares to disturb the king b3. **60...Qc3+ 61.Ke2 c4** [61...Qxh3 62.Qb6+ Kc4 63.Qa6+ with perpetual check.] **62.Qb6+?! [62.h4= holds a draw.] 62...Kc2 63.h4** [While run out of checks - 63.Qg6+ Qd3+, one have to move a pawn.] **63...Qd3+ 64.Kf2 c3 65.Qa5 Kd1?! [The victory would have brought by 65...Qd4+ 66.Ke2 Qe4+ 67.Kf1 Kb3! 68.Qb6+ Qb4 69.Qe3 (69.Qe6+ Qc4+) 69...Ka2 70.Qe2+ Ka1! - the king is the same (or nearby) rank to the opponent's one, to ensure the exchange of queens when closing out of checks.] 66.Qa1+?! [66.Qe5!!= Qd2+ 67.Kf1 c2 68.Qa1+ c1Q 69.Qa4+]**

66...Kd2 67.Qa5 Qe3+ 68.Kg2 Kd1 69.Qa1+ Ke2 70.Qa6+ [70.Qa2+ Qd2! 71.Qe6+ Kd1+ and c2.] 70...Qd3 71.Qe6+ Kd1 [71...Kd2 72.Qh6+ (72.Kf2 Qd4+!) 72...Kd1 is more accurately.] 72.Qb3+ [72.Kf2 slightly delayed resistance.] 72...Ke1 And again, checks come to the end. **73.h5 Qd2+ 74.Kf3 c2?! [Technical error. At first it was necessary to drive away the king: 74...Qf2+ 75.Ke4, and only now 75...c2] 75.Qe6+ Kd1**



76.Qb3?! [White misses a real chance to save half a point: 76.Qc4!!, and if suddenly 76...c1Q?, you get perpetual check draw - 77.Qa4+! Qcc2 78.Qa1+ Qdc1 79.Qd4+ Q2d2 (79...Ke1 80.Qg1+ Kd2 81.Qe3+) 80.Qa4+ Ke1 81.Qh4+; caught in a trap like this is quite easy, especially in the blitz.] 76...Qe2+ 77.Kg3 Qe5+! Before leaving from under the pin, Caruana centralizes queen. **78.Kf2 Qd4+ 79.Kf3 Kd2 80.Qa2 Qd3+ 81.Kf4 Ke1 82.Qa1+ Ke2 [White resigned without performing 82...Ke2 83.Qe5+ Kd1] 0-1**

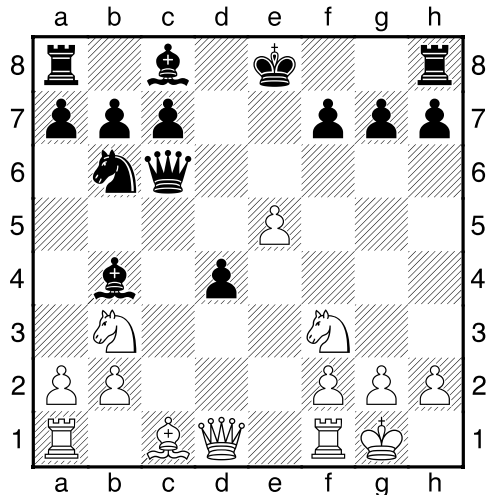
(09) Aronian, Levon (2783) - Stevic, Hrvoje (2607) [D20]

26th European Club Cup Plovdiv BUL (4.2), 20.10.2010

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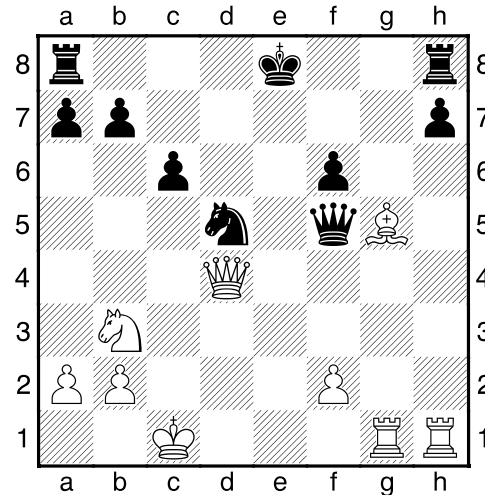
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Bxc4 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 [Conducts to more complex game than 6.Bd2 Bxd2+

7.Nbxd2 Nc6 8.0-0] 6...Nc6 7.0-0 Nf6
 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nb3 Nb6 10.Bb5 [It is considered that 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 (11...Nxe7 12.Bd3±) 12.Bb5 leads to approximate equality: 12...Bd7 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Nfxd4 Bd5 15.Qg4 0-0 16.f4 g6=] 10...Qd5 11.Bxc6+ Qxc6



12.Bg5! Excellent idea - in addition to the withdrawal rook on c1, a3 threatens now - and bishop has no square e7. [Earlier met 12.Bd2 Be7 13.Rc1 Qg6 14.Rxc7 Nd5 15.Rc4 d3⇒; it is curious that a day before that Stevic already had this position: 12.Nbxd4 Qd5 13.Qe2 Qc4 14.Qe4 Qd5 15.Qh4 Be7 16.Qg3 Be6 17.Qxg7 0-0-0, Bauer-Stevic, - out of any doubts, Aronian was well informed.] **12...Bg4!** Black goes on the most principled line. **13.Qxd4 Bxf3** [Under 13...Qc4 14.Rac1 Qxd4 15.Nfxd4 White has a stable edge.] **14.Qxb4 Nd5 15.Qd2 Bxg2!** [Another isn't present - to consider 15...Bh5 16.Rac1 Qe6 17.Nc5 is just not serious.] **16.Rfc1** It is necessary to push off a queen from c6 at first, before taking on g2 - to broke its communications with bishop. **16...Qe6 17.Kxg2 Qg4+ 18.Kf1 Qh3+?!** [To move immediately 18...c6 was more accurate, leaving thus the check on h3 as a reserve.] **19.Ke1** [19.Kg1 Qg4+ - such early drawn game doesn't satisfy the White.] **19...c6 20.Qd4!** Excellent move - white queen centralizes and prepares for the

king a retreat through d2. **20...Qxh2?!** [And here is it in vain. One has to castle ASAP 20...0-0, that after f6 to open line and try to "hook" king e1.] **21.Kd2** Now, however, ought to spend precious time to escape the queen. **21...Qh3 22.Rh1 Qf5 23.Rag1! f6** [It is hard to come up with another way to complete the development - 23...0-0 24.Bh6] **24.exf6 gxf6 25.Kc1**



25...c5 [Decision to left the king still in the center looks strange. Most players would prefer 25...0-0-0, though, after 26.Be3 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 talking about compensation is not appropriate.] **26.Qa4+ Kf7 27.Bd2** [Perhaps, 27.Bh6 was more exact: 27...Rhg8 (27...Nb4 28.Rg7+, mating) 28.Rxg8 Rxg8 29.Qxa7+- with a pure piece up.] **27...Nb4!** The only chance - otherwise it is possible to surrender at once. Apparently, this is what Stevic counted, moving 25... c5. **28.Nd4!** [Aronian finds the best objection to the resource of Black - in the case of 28.Bxb4 cxb4 line "c" will bring a lot of problems.] **28...cxd4** [28...Nd3+ 29.Kb1 cxd4 was more resistant, but after a precise 30.Qb3+! (necessary intermediate - 30.Ka1? Nc5 31.Qxd4 Rad8) 30...Kf8 31.Ka1!, black king is defenseless.] **29.Qb3+!** [Was naive to rely on 29.Qxb4?! Rac8+ 30.Bc3 Qd5, though and here after correct 31.Rh5! Qxh5 32.Qxb7+ Ke6 33.Qa6+ Kf7 34.Qxa7+ Ke6 35.Qb6+ Kf7

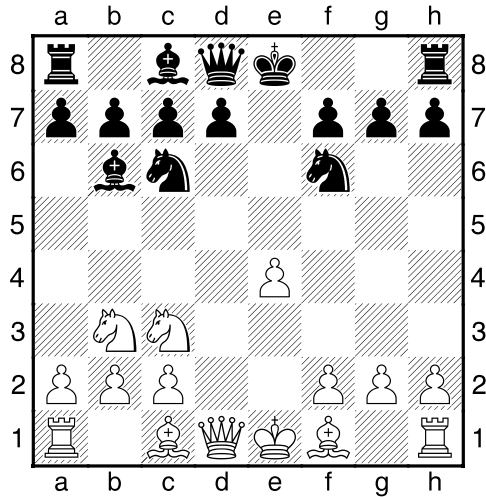
36.Qxd4+- White stands on a victory.]
29...Nd5 30.Qxb7+ Ke6 [30...Ne7 is impossible for the reason 31.Rg7+; however, as it appears, a sacrifice on g7 it is simply inevitable.] **31.Qc6+ Kf7 32.Rg7+! Kxg7 33.Qb7+ [33.Qb7+ Kg6 34.Rh6#] 1-0**

(10) Carlsen,M (2826) - Bacrot,E (2716) [C45]

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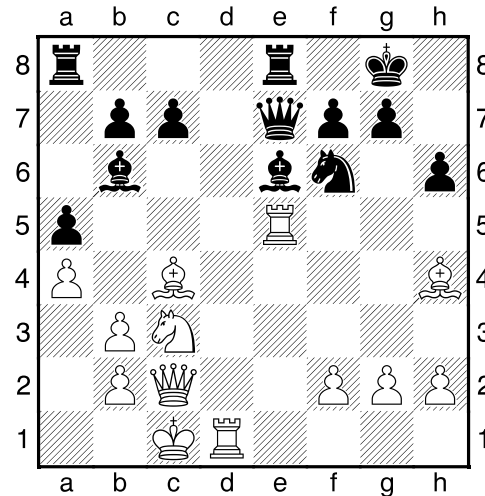
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Nc3 Nf6



[Black hinders Nd5 - apparently to avoid the option 6...d6 7.a4 a6 8.Nd5 Ba7 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.Nxe3 Nf6 11.Bd3, although there are no special problems.] **7.Qe2** [Lightning attack was carried out in the next game: 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.a4? (Δ9.Qe2) 9...Nxe4!! (Legal's idea still alive!) 10.Bxd8 Bxf2+ 11.Ke2 Bg4+ 12.Kd3 Ne5+ 13.Kxe4 f5+ 14.Kd5 Rxd8 15.Qxg4 (15.Be2 Ke7) 15...c6+ 16.Ke6 0-0!-+, Ahn-Ruck, Belgium 2007] **7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4** [A common idea 9.h4?! does not make success for White: 9...d6 10.f3 hxg5 11.hxg5 Ng4! 12.fxg4 Qxg5 13.Qf3 Bxg4 14.Qg3 Ne5-+, Rublevsky-Anand, Corsica 2004] **9...a5 10.a4 Nd4N** [In principle, sensible innovation. Using the fact that while there is a possibility,

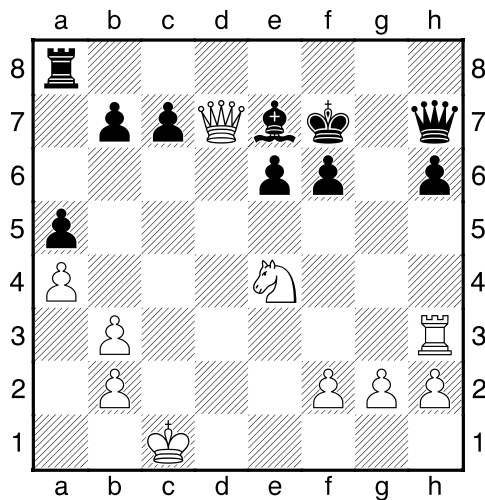
Bacrot changes pair of knights. 10...d6 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Qe1 Qe7 13.f4 Rae8, Fredis-Hoshad, Freestyle op 2006] **11.Qd3 Nxb3 12.cxb3 Re8 13.0-0-0 d6 14.Qc2** [14.Nd5? g5 15.Nxb6 cxb6 16.Bg3 Nxe4⚡] **14...Bd7?** [This move - an original cause of all difficulties for Black. It is obvious that the White's plan consists in Bc4, Rhe1 with ideas e5 or Nd5 - it was necessary to apply a preventive way of thinking - 14...c6! 15.Bc4 Bc7, reflecting both of these threats. When it will be possible, one can think about Bd7+b5.] **15.Bc4 Be6** [Looks awkward, but 15...Bc6 16.Rhe1 Re5 17.f4 Rh5 18.Bg3 is not sugar either.] **16.Rhe1** [16.e5?! Bxc4 17.bxc4 Rxe5 18.Nd5 g5] **16...Qe7 17.e5!** [White opens highways for the pieces. 17.f4 was tempting, but apparently the advantage after 17...Bxc4 18.bxc4 Qe6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Nd5 Qd8 appeared insufficient to Carlsen.] **17...dxe5 18.Rxe5**



18...Qf8 [While in search of protection from Nd5, Bacrot has not find anything else as to allow double pawns on the line "f". Apparently, he's right: 18...c6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.Rh5!; 18...g5!? also deserves attention - 19.Bg3 (in the case of sacrifice 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Bxg5 Black has every chance to fight back: 20...hxg5 21.Rxg5+ Kh8 22.Rd3 Nh7) 19...Rad8 20.Rxd8 (20.Rde1!?) 20...Rxd8 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Qg6+ Qg7 23.Qxg7+ Kxg7

24.Rxe6±] 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Re2 White's plans are to beat on e6 and go Rd7. Therefore, it's needed to cover the 7th horizontal. 20...Qg7 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.Rd3 Simple and strong. 23...Kh8 24.Rg3 Qh7 25.Qd2! Taking aim at a pawn h6. Ne4 threatens too. 25...Bc5 26.Ne4 Be7 27.Rh3 Kg7?! [As though it would not be desirable to go to a sad endgame 27...Rd8 28.Rxh6 (28.Qe3 h5 29.Qe2 Rd5!) 28...Rxd2 29.Rxh7+ Kxh7 30.Nxd2, the best chances of a drawn game were in it.] 28.Qd7 Kf7

Nxf6, Ng3-f5 Black is also not to be envied.] 29.Ng5+! [Carlsen achieves a winning position by elegant tactical blow. By the way, the dual 29.Nxf6 Qf5 30.Rf3 also led to purpose.] 29...fxg5 30.Rf3+ Kg8 31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Rf7 White pick up the queen - the victory is in sight. 32...Bd6 [32...Qg8 33.Qxh6+] 33.Rxh7+ Kxh7 34.Qf7+ Kh8 35.g3 Ra6 36.Kb1 Bb4 37.f4 Pawn goes to f6, and nothing can be done about it. 37...gxf4 38.gxf4 1-0



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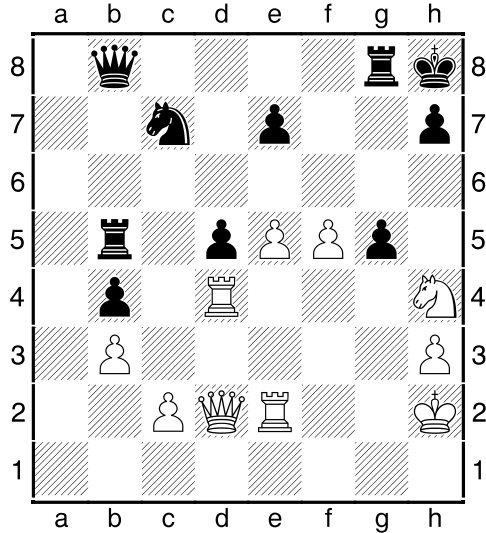
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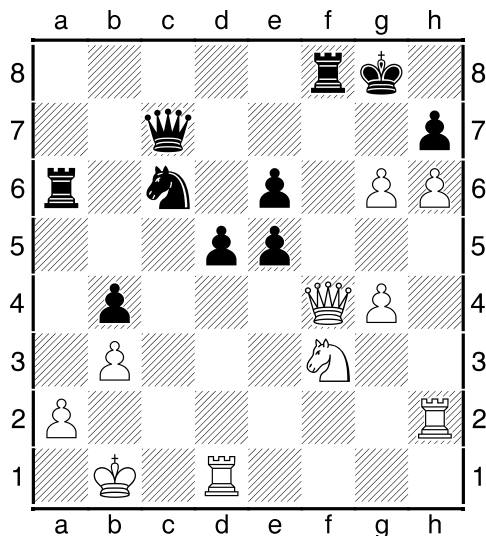


46.Ng6+! hxc6 47.Rh4+! Kg7 [47...gxh4 48.Qh6#] 48.Qxg5→ Kf8 49.Rh7! [49.f6+-] 49...Qd8 50.f6 [50.Rf2+-] 50...Ke8 51.f7+ Kd7 52.fxg8Q 1-0

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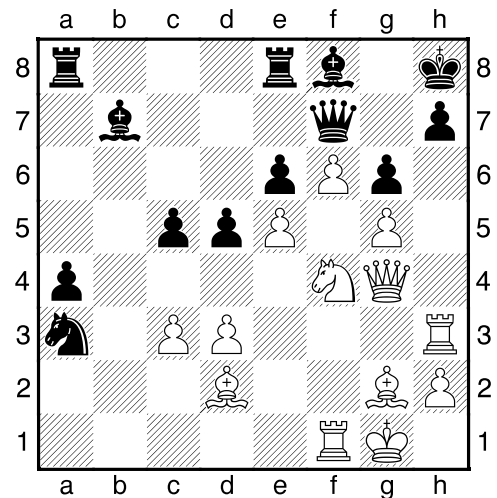


27.Qxf8+!! [27.gxh7+?? Qxh7+--; 27.Qe3? e4; 27.Qg3? hxg6; 27.Qd2? Rxf3 28.Qe2 28...Rxb3+!!= (28...Rxa2?! 29.Qxf3! Rxh2 30.g7! Qf7 31.Qxf7+ Kxf7 32.Rf1+) 29.axb3 Qa7!⇒ 30.Qb2 Qe3!⇒ 31.gxh7+ (31.Qc2? Ra3!-+) 31...Kh8! (31...Kxh7?! 32.g5!→) 32.Rc1 Nd4 33.Rc8+ Kxh7 34.Rc7+=] 27...Kxf8 28.Ng5! Ke7 [28...Kg8 29.Rf1 Ra8 30.Rf7+- (30.Nxh7!?!+- и 31.Kf6+.)] 29.g7 [29.Rf2+-] 29...Ra8 30.Rf2□→ Qa5 [30...Kd6 31.Ne4+ Ke7 (31...Kd7 32.Rf8+-) 32.Rdf1! dxe4 33.Rf7+ Kd6 34.Rxc7 Kxc7 35.Rf8 e3 36.g8Q e2 37.Qxh7+ Kb6 38.Qe4□ Rxf8 39.Qxe2+-] 31.Rf7+! [31.Rf7+ Kd6 32.Ne4#!] 1-0

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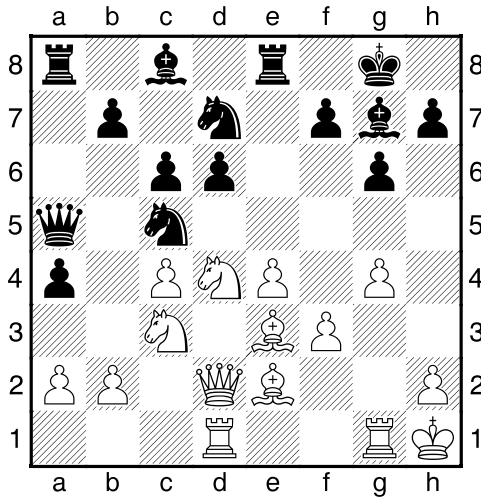


32.Nxg6+!+- Qxg6 33.f7→ Bg7 [33...Re7 34.Rf6→ Qg7 35.g6+-] 34.fxe8Q+ Rxe8 35.Qxa4 Ra8 36.Qd7↑ Ba6 37.Ra1 1-0

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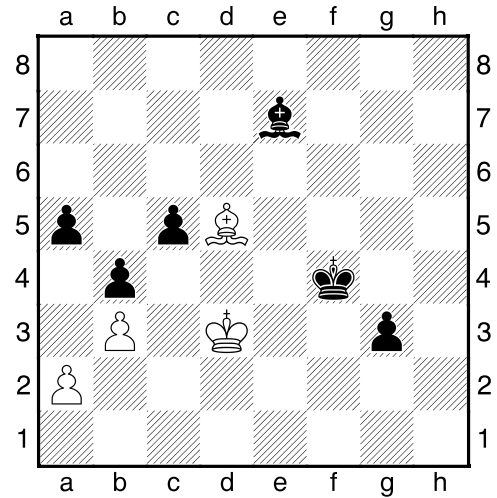
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16.Nf5!+- gxf5 [16...Re6 17.Nxg7 Kxg7
18.Bd4+→ f6 19.g5+-] 17.gxf5 Kh8
18.Rxg7!→ Kxg7 19.Rg1+ Kh8 [19...Kf8
20.Qxd6+ Re7 21.Bh6+-] 20.Bd4+ f6
[20...Ne5 21.Qg5+- (21.Qh6+-)] 21.Qh6
[21.Qg5+-] 1-0

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