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Games

(01) Laznicka,V (2701) - Yemelin,V (2568) [A30]
TCh–CZE Extraliga 2011-12 Czech Republic CZE (3.4), 03.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]


[25.Nf3 R8d5! ∆26.Ne1 Re5+] 25...Kg8!! Superb prophylaxis; Black walking his king off to avoid an eventual check Bb2, so ...d1 is free to go through the first rank. 26.g3 R8d4! Forcing ...e5 to occupy the less prestigious spot. [26...Rh1 27.Nd3] 27.Nc4 Rh1 28.Nd2 g5 Basically, the case is solved – White pieces are strickened by paralysis, and black pawns are just going forward. 29.a5 a6 30.Ke3 e5 Now Black is intending to move Re1+ and Rxd2 after that; or Rd1 should be enough too. 31.f4 [31.Kf2 g4 – zugzwang on the board!] 31...Rd1 [31...Re1+ 32.Kf2] 32.Nf3 R4d3+


(03) Zapata,Alo (2483) - Bruzon Batista,L (2689) [B43] 2nd JAHV McGregor Open Bogota COL (5), 08.12.2011

[IM Polivanov, A] 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 This system is connected with early fianchetto. White is answering by the same. 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0–0!? [Of course, White doesn’t have to sacrifice Δe4 – he could choose solid 8.Qe2 instead. But why not?] 8...b4 9.Na4

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(04) Sharavdorj,D (2440) - Shomoev,A (2578) [E12] Chin Van Xanddorj GM Ulaanbaatar MGL

Threatening to the queen c2. 11.Rd1 [11.d5!? is interesting, but unsufficient: 11...exd5 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Bd3 Qe6+! 14.Kf1 Be7µ] 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bd6


27.f4?? [Quite strange blunder; 27.h4! Nd4 28.Rh3 , and all the game is ahead.]
27...Bd4+ 28.Rxd4 Nxd4 29.h4 Too late.
29...Nf3+! [29...Nf3+ 30.gxf3 Rc8 0–1]

(05) Bosiocic,Mari (2593) - Rukavina,J (2421) [D31]
18th Zadar Open A Zadar CRO (1.7), 11.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 [6...Nf6 7.Bd3 , and White is placing own pieces with comfort: 7...Nbd7 8.h3 (8.Nf3 Nh5) 8...0-0 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.g4!] 7.g4 Bg6 [7...Be6 applies much more often, and now we'll see why.] 8.h4!

15...Nxh4 [15...Qd7 16.Be5 , Ronka-Korhonen, Naantali 2011, and Black can't choose 16...0-0-0 due to 17.Nb5!!++; 15...0-0 is also fraught with danger: 16.Nxh6+! gxh6 17.Bxh6 Re8 (17...Ng7 18.g5 Nh7 19.Rg1! Δ g6) 18.g5 Nd7 19.g6 f6 20.0-0-0 with tremendous compensation; that's why Black has eliminated the bishop f4.] 16.exf4 But "e"-file is opened now... 16...Kf8?! [With such king Black has no prospects at all. It's worth to have the courage for 16...0-0 17.g5 hxg5 18.fxg5 Ne8 19.f4 Nd6 , and there is nothing decisive for White.] 17.0-0-0 Bd6 18.Qd2 Nf8 19.Kb1 Re8 [Af4 is untouchable: 19...Bxf4? 20.Qa3+! Kg8 21.Ne7+ Kh7 22.Qd3+] 20.Qd2 Ng8 Aiming to neutralize Af5.
21.Rhe1 Ne7 22.Nxd6 Qxd6
23.Nc1! Excellent transition to e5 or, maybe, another square – depending of situation. 23...f6 [23...Nc8 24.Nd3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Δ Ne5. Qd3–f5 – h8 is "dead", that’s why Black wants by means of 23...f6 make it alive. But now a new weaknesses are revealing.] 24.Nd3 b6 25.f5! Taking two perfect squares – e6 for ♖, and g6 for ♙. 25...Kf7 26.Re6 Qd7 27.Rde1 Nc8 28.Nf4 Rd8 29.Ng6 Rhe8

bh8 is in a game again, and Black’s position looks solid at the moment. Is there any way to break this redoubt? 30.g5! It is! 30...hxg5 31.h6 Intrusion through "h"–line is a key to success. 31...gxh6 32.Qh2 Kg7 33.Rh1 [33.Nf4!? is also good.] 33...Rh8 34.f4 [34.Ne5! Qc7 35.Qh5 ends all right away, but there is a plenty of winning methods.] 34...Rh7 [Desperate 34...Qxe6 35.fxe6 Kxg6 isn’t helping – 36.Qh5+ Kf5 37.Qh3+ g4 38.Qh5+ Ke4 39.Qxg4] 35.fxg5 fxg5 36.Ne5 1-0

(06) Radulski,J (2565) - Todorovic,GM (2482) [C69]
3rd Balkan GP Individual Podgorica MNE (6), 13.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

11...f6!N Black’s plan consists in h7–h5, but at first it necessary to neutralize Ne5 threat. [Earlier met 11...Bb4 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Bxe4 14.Ne5 Qe6 15.Re1 Nf6 16.f3 Bd5 17.Qd3f, Bultman–Struzka, corr
2006] 12.Be3 Protecting \(d4\) and preparing \(Nd2\). 12...Bb4 [Black wants to distract \(\square f3\) from the kingside, but immediate 12...h5 was good too: 13.Nh4?! Bf7 14.Nf5 hxg4 15.hxg4 g6 16.Ng3 Bc4! 17.Re1 Qh7-+] 13.Nd2 h5 14.Kg2 [Attempt to exchange queens after 14.f4 hxg4 15.Qxg4 meets 15...Qxg4+ 16.hxg4 Nh6+] 14...Nh6 15.f3 [15.gxh5 Bf7 … f5 or Rdg8, g6; 15.g5 fxg5 16.Bxg5 Rde8µ] 15...hxg4 16.hxg4?!


19.fxg4 Bxg4 20.Rhx8 Rhx8 21.Qg1 Qf5!

That's it. Queen closes the door to the king through "f"-line, so the rest is just a finishing off. 22.Nce4 Bh3+ 23.Kg3 Qg4+ 24.Kf2 Rf8+ 25.Ke1 Qxg1+ 26.Bxg1 Rf1+ 0-1

(07) Ivanisevic,I (2636) - Stanojosi,Z (2470) [B06]
3rd Balkan GP Individual Podgorica MNE (9), 13.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

14...f5? [Wasting of such an important tempo appears to be crucial; 14...Qf7 15.Qe3 Kd8! (15...Kf8 16.Qc5 with doubling at line “e”) , and Black is able to untwist – 16.Bd4 Nf5 17.Qb3 b6 18.Rad1 Re8! (18...Bb7 19.c4 Nc7 20.Bxd7) 19.Bxe8+ Kxe8 20.Bc4 Bb7 21.Be3 Rb8! – harsh times are left behind.] 15.Rad1! Now Black is simply defenceless versus idea of sacrifice on d7. 15...h5 Intending to protect oneself after Rh7, but... [15...Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Kd8 17.Qd2! Nc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.b5!+] 16.Bxd7+ As it was planned. 16...Bxd7 17.Rxd7 Kxd7 18.Qxb7+ Kd6?!

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26.Be3? [This move was good only after 26.Rxd1! Rd5 – 27.Be3 , and 27...Nc4?!
28.Rxd5 Nxe3 (28...Bxd5 29.Bd4) 29.Rd2
Nxc2 meets 30.Qxc7! (30.Rxc2? Rg6) ]
26...Nc4 White’s position quickly has be-
come horrible – Nxe3 with Rd2 is menac-
ing, and there is no cure against it.
27.Qxc7 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.fxe3
Rd7! [29...Bxg2 30.Rd1 , and White can escape.] 30.Qf4 Rd2 Here comes a disas-
ter. 31.Bb3 Rxg2+ 32.Kf1

32.Rb2 [In...Qd7 wins on the spot, so
now all is delayed a bit.] 33.Bxf7 Qd7
34.Bg6 Qxh3+ 35.Ke1 Qh1+ 36.Qf1 Qh4+
37.Kd1 Rf2! [Covering the queen; 37...Qg4+?? 38.Kc1] 38.Qe1 Qg4+ 39.Kc1
Rg2 40.Bd3 Rg1 41.Bf1 Bg2 0-1

(09) Giri,Anish (2714) -
Morozevich,Alexander (2762) [D11]
54th Reggio Emilia Reggio Emilia ITA (2),
28.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3
Bh5 [5...Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e6 7.Nc3 Nb7 8.Bd3
Bd6 – Malakhov–Beliavsky, CZM 10/2010]
6.Nc3 e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 White is ready to
assault bishop g6 with h4–h5. 8...Nbd7
[8...Bb4 9.h4 Ne4 10.Qb3 Qa5 11.h5
(11.a3?) 11...f6 (11...Nxc3 12.hxg6 Ne4+
dxc4 10.Nxg6 [10.h5?! Nxe5 11.dxe5
Qxd1+ 12.Bxg6 fxe5 13.Bxe5 Qh4+
11...Nd5 [But it may choose another route:
11...Nh7!? 12.Bg2 (12.Bxc4 Nxe5]
Nf8= , Kramnik–Nepomniachtchi, Dor-
14.a3

14...Nxc3!N Very logical improvement –
Black wants to distort White’s queenside in
order to keep his king uncastled. [14...Ba5
15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 17.Qxc3 Nb6
18.Bb3 (18.Be2??) 18...Qxg5! 19.hxg5
Rh1 23.Ba4! Ke7 24.Bc2 Ke8 25.Qg8+
1/2, Tregubov–Inarkiev, RUS–chT 2009]
15.bxc3 Ba5 16.f4 It’s necessary to pre-
vent any breaks like e6–e5. 16...0–0–0
17.Qb3 [17.Qa4 Nb6! 18.Qxa5 Nxc4 19.Qxa7 Qd6=, and bishop d2 is horrible.]
17...Nb6 18.Bd3 Kb8! [18...c5? 19.Qb5]
19.Ke2 [Now White has to connect rooks in such unpresentable way, as 19.0–0 c5 20.Qb5 meets 20...c4! 21.Bxc4 Rc8=] 19...Qd7 20.Be4

20...f6! Black understands, that path to the victory passes through e6–e5, even if it’s connected with sacrifices. 21.gxf6 gxf6
22.Rag1 [22.Bxg6 e5 (that’s why 19...Qd7 was made – to threat Qg4+) 23.f5 c5 with strong attack] 22...e5! 23.fxe5 fxe5
24.Rg5! [It’s better not to touch the pawn:


(10) Kovchan,Alexander (2573) - Rapport,Richard (2534) [C18]
48th Groningen Open A Groningen NED (8.2), 29.12.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Qg4 f5 [7...Ne7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 – Pijpers–Shirov, CZM 10/2011; Rapport wants to carry through something similar, but with Δf5.] 8.Qg3 Ne7 [8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Ne7 is regarded as more solid continuation: 10.Qxg7? Rg8 11.Qxh7 Qc3+] 9.Qxg7 Rg8 10.Qxh7 cxd4 11.Ne2 Nbc6
So, presence of f5 is beneficial or not? Looks like second way, because e7 doesn't have excellent point anymore; besides. White has a new option and uses it.


23... Kb8? [Missing an unique opportunity 23...Qa2! with killing plan – to put own rook on line "c" with further Na5. It's difficult to find any defence: 24.Rh3 (24.Qd3 Na5!) 24...Kb8! (24...Rd5 25.Qf2 Rc5 26.Rd2) 25.Qf2 (25.h5 Rc8 26.Bd3 b6!) 25...Rd2 26.Rd2 Rgd8! (26...Na5 27.Qxd4) 27.h5 Na5 28.h6 d3!±] 24.Kb1! Fixing own error immediately. Now Black has no threats and no pawn as well. 24...Rd7 25.Rh3 Rc7 26.Rc1 Rgc8
Black wants Na5–c4, but... 27.c4! Excellent decision – White unload weakness on c2. 27...dxc3?! [27...Qc5; without queens passer "h" will quickly do its job.] 28.Qxd5 cxb2 [28...c2+ 29.Ka2 exd5 30.h5+] 29.Rxc6 Rxc6 30.Qxc6! [It's better to return the queen in this way, than 30.Qd2?! Rc1+ 31.Kxb2 R8c2+ 32.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 33.Kb1 Rf2] 30...Rxh2 31.Bd3 Rc1+ 32.Kxb2 Rg1 33.Rh2 Rd1 34.Kc3 Rc1+ 35.Kd2 Rc8 36.h5 Kc7 37.h6 Rh8 38.g4! Bishop will support h7 – the end is near. 38...fxg4 39.h7 Be8 40.Rh4 Kd8 41.Rxg4 Bf7 42.Rg7 Ke8 43.Bg6 1–0

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