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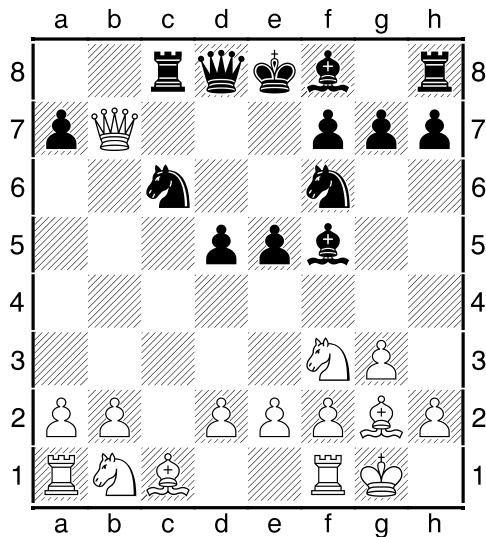
## Games

### (01) Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2640) - Volkov, Sergey (2593) [A06]

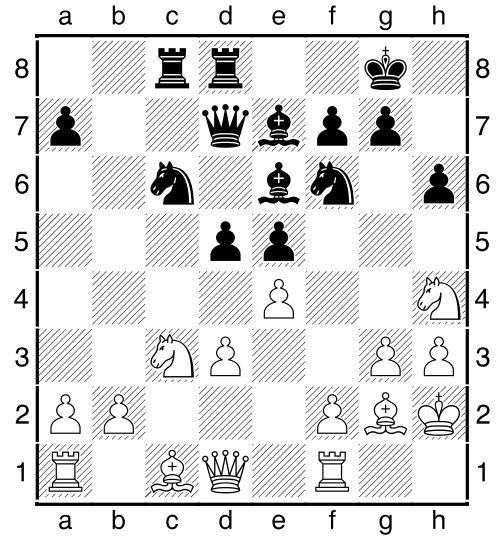
15th Dubai Open (4), 10.04.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]

The Russian grandmaster Sergey Volkov became silver prize-winner of international tournament 15th Dubai Open. **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Nc6 7.Qxb7 Rc8 8.0-0 e5**

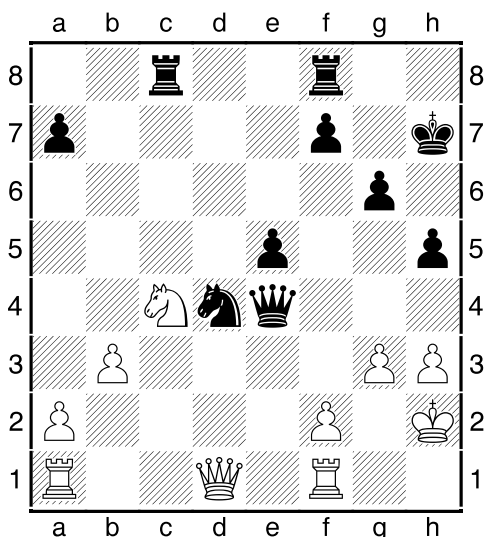


**9.d3** [Pirate swoop white captured a pawn, but stopping on achieved, coming into the dead defence is not the best strategy. One of the co-authors of our magazine, Konstantin Tarlev, personal example, pointed an interesting active choice: 9.d4 exd4 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.Qxc8+ Qxc8 13.Bxd6 Qb7 14.Nbd2 Qxb2 15.Nb3 Kd7 16.Bf4 Rc8 17.Rxc6 Kxc6 18.Nfxd4+ Kb6 19.Nxf5 a5 20.Be3+ Kc7 21.Bh3 Kb8 22.Bd4 Qxe2 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Nfd4 and white confidently implemented advantage / Tarlev, K (2384) – Alexikov, A (2353) / UKR-ch sf 2005] **9...Be7N 10.Qb3 0-0 11.Qd1 h6** White significantly lagging the development. The only trump card – the passed pawn on queenside – can't find a use, because the b4 is reliably controlled by black pieces. **12.Nc3 Re8 13.Nh4 Bg4 14.h3 Be6 15.e4 Qd7 16.Kh2 Red8**

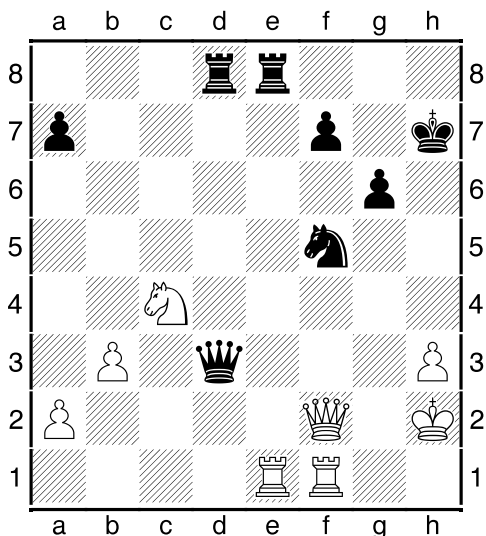


Russian grandmaster play is a model for similar situations. Not paying attention to the material deficit, he creates the perfect forces balance on the center, while the opponent's pieces sorry live in the suburbs. The white Queen have nowhere to go – everywhere it expects a cold reception. And in the case of exchange in the center black easily take back a pawn. **17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Nf5 Bf8 21.Qg4 Kh7 22.b3** [After 22.Be3 Rb8 23.b3 Rb4 24.Qe2 g6 25.Nh4 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Rad1 Rxd3 28.Rxd3 Qxd3 29.Qxd3 Rxd3 black has some advantage, since when pawns on both flanks, rook with bishop dominate] **22...Qxd3 23.Ba3 g6 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Ne3 Nd4 26.Nc4 h5 27.Qd1 Qe4**





**28.f4?** [Right defence: 28.Nd6 Qa8 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.Rc1 Nf3+ 31.Qxf3 Qxf3 32.Rxc8 Qe2 33.Kg1 Qxa2 34.Rc7 Kg7 35.Rfc1 and the position is equal] **28...h4 29.Qg4 Qc2+ 30.Kh1 Qe4+ 31.Kh2 hxc3+ 32.Qxg3 Nf5 33.Qf2 exf4** It is unclear, what were the objectives of white. The cover of white king irreparably weakened, and this factor should play a decisive role. **34.Rae1 Qd3 35.Qxf4 Rfe8 36.Qf2 Rcd8**



Again, as 20 moves back, black maximum mobilized his army, and white on the verge of zug. **37.Rxe8 Rxe8 38.Re1 Rxe1 39.Qxe1 Qf3** No one stops the rapid emergence of black knight on the h4. Despite the well-known Tarrasch aphorism, the location on the board edge will be very

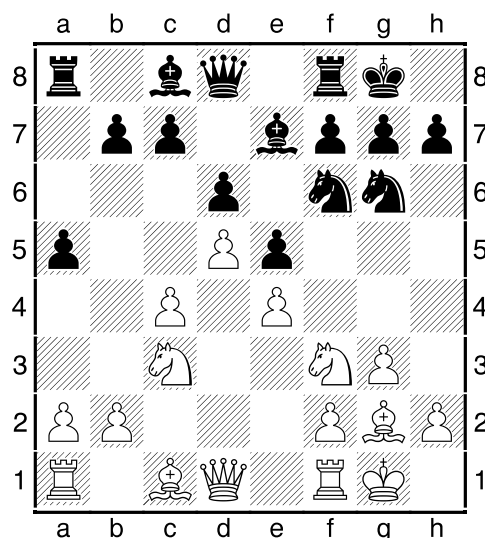
good. **40.Qg1 Qf4+ 41.Kh1 Nh4 42.Ne3 Qe4+ 43.Ng2 Nf3 44.Qf1 g5** With a cute idea **kg8 , g4!** **45.h4 gxh4 46.Qc1 h3 47.Ne3 Nd2+ 0-1**

**(02) Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2623) - Rakhmanov, Aleksandr (2591) [A54]**

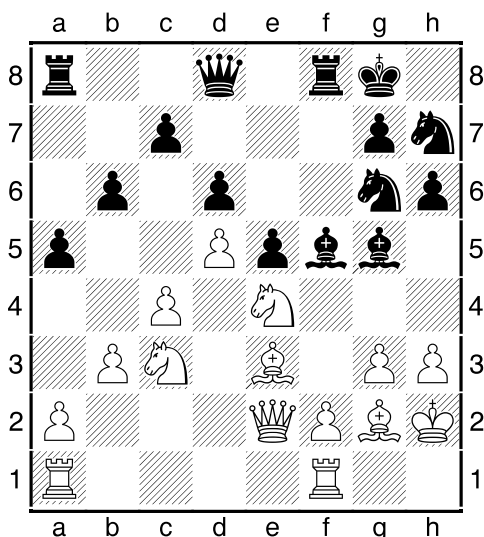
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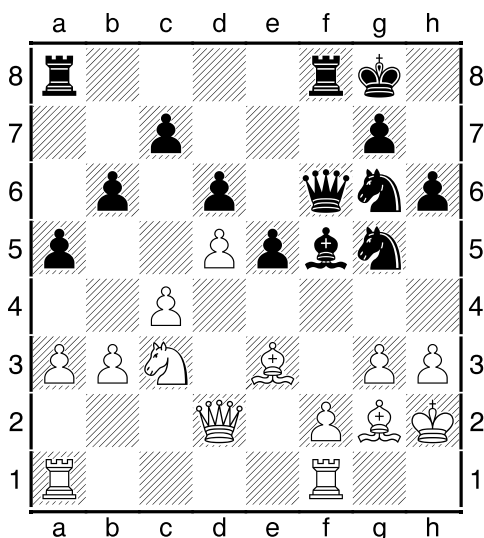
The Russian grandmaster Aleksandr Rakhmanov became the winner of international tournament 15th Dubai Open. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d5 Ne7 6.e4 Ng6 7.g3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 a5N**



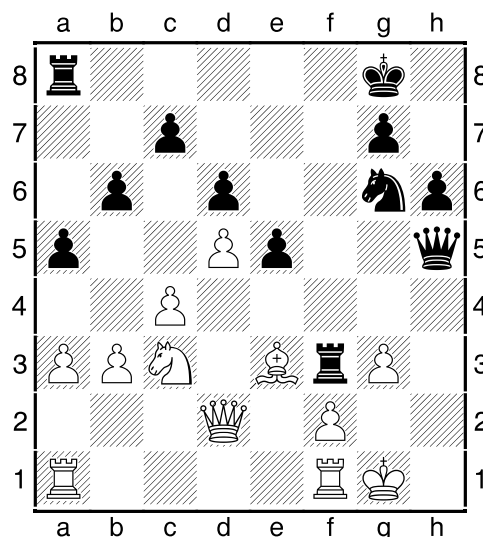
The standard method, which in this position was not used before. Black build a pawn wedge by **a7-a5** and **b7-b6** , after the planned rival attack on queenside leads to massive exchanges. And on the opposite side of board black dictate their terms. **10.h3 Ne8** The knight on the e8 is bad placed, and it would have to jump back. A little later black makes correct idea **h6, Nh7**. This idea could be done at once, without loss of time. **11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Kh2 h6 14.Qe2 Nf6 15.Nd2 b6 16.b3 Nh7 17.Nde4 Bg5**



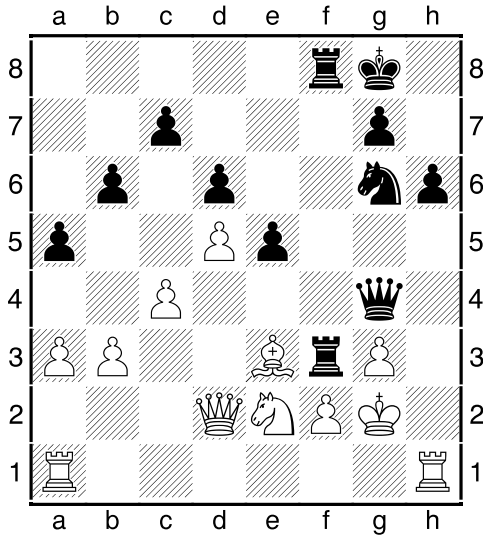
It is quite logical – changing the only chronically passive piece. **18.Nxg5 Nxg5** **19.a3 Qf6** Good move, concealing the psychological implication. The Queen as if taking aim at the white knight, and white has quite a pragmatic desire to protect him, also creating a threat of taking on g5. And this will lead to... **20.Qd2**



**20...Nxh3!** Similar to the style of Mikhail Tal. **21.Bxh3 Bxh3** **22.Kxh3 Qf5+** **23.Kh2 Qh5+** **24.Kg1 Rf3!**



Fantastic coolness of Russian, letting himself with the shortage of material leisurely game at strengthening. However, the opponent here even harder, being deprived of clear benchmarks, to become in the face of growing attacks of black. Like at the sea coast to see the approach of a tsunami. [Also promising position received black after 24...Nh4 25.f4 Nf3+ 26.Rxf3 Qxf3 27.Qf2 Qg4 28.Qg2 Rae8 29.Rf1 exf4 30.Rxf4 Rxf4 31.Bxf4 a4 32.bxa4 g5 33.Bd2 Qxc4 and white pieces have no outposts, and the king revealed] **25.Ne2** It is difficult to suggest anything better. [For example 25.Ne4 Raf8 26.Rfe1 Qg4 27.Qc2 Nh4 28.Kf1 Nf5 29.Kg2 h5 30.c5 h4 31.Qc4 Qh5 and white defenseless] **25...Raf8** **26.Kg2** White virtually paralyzed. The only constructive idea is to cover the gaps by further Rh1 and Ng1. But black is just in time before... **26...Qg4** **27.Rh1**



[27.Ng1 Rf5 28.Qe2 Nh4+ 29.Kh2 Rh5-+]  
**27...Rxf2+ 28.Bxf2 Qf3+ 29.Kh2 Qxf2+**  
 [Even faster win 29...Rf5 30.Ng1 Rh5+  
 31.Nh3 Nf4-+] **30.Kh3 Qf5+ 31.Kh2 Qf2+**  
**32.Kh3 Rf5 33.Qd3 Rh5+ 34.Kg4 Rg5+**  
**35.Kh3 e4! 36.Qxe4 Ne5 37.g4 h5 38.Ng3**  
**hgx4+ 39.Kh4** And now, a nice final...  
**39...Rh5+ 40.Kxh5 Qf7+ 41.Kh4 Qf6+**  
**42.Kh5 Qh6# 0-1**

**(03) Akopian, Vladimir (2704) -  
 Pantsulaia, Levan (2556) [A61]**

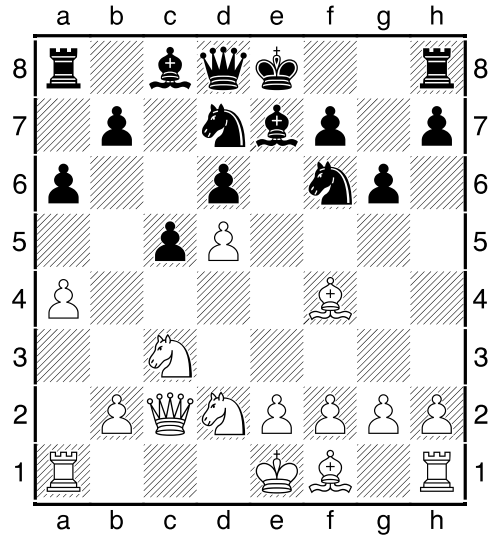
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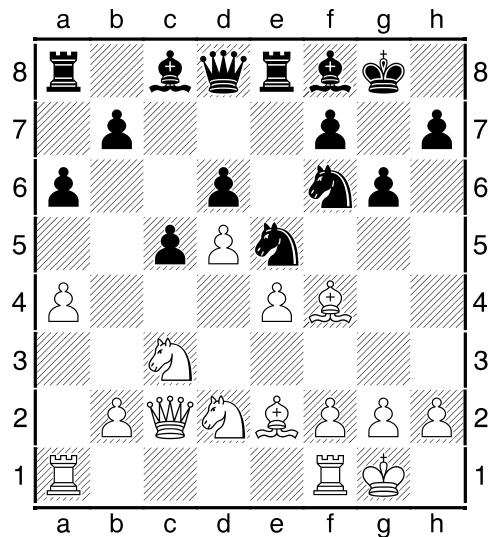
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5**  
**5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.Nd2!?**

There is usually white prefers to freeze the queenside by a2-a4 , but should you so take care of this? After all, if black plays b7-b5 , there is a neglect of the main debut principles. From the first eight moves there is only one made by the piece...

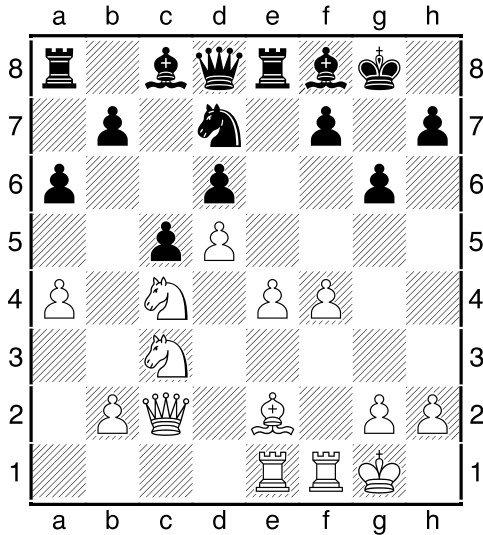
**8...Nbd7** [So, after 8...b5 9.a4 b4 10.Nce4 Nxd5 11.Bxd6 Bxd6 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Ne4 Qe5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nf6+ Kf8 16.Nxd5 white has slightly better due to good development and sustainable pawn structure / Martinez Martin, D (2334) – Martin Gonzalez, A (2371) / ESP-chT 2004] **9.Qc2 Be7 10.a4N**



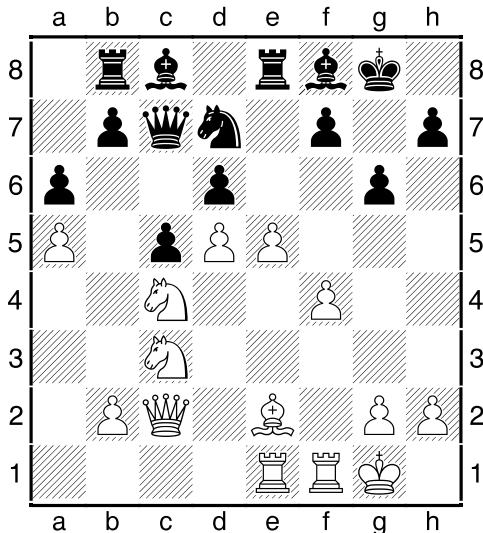
[Well also 10.e4 Nh5 11.Bh6 Bf8 12.Bxf8 Kxf8 13.g3 b5 14.Bg2 Kg7 15.0-0 Nhf6 16.a4 b4 17.Nd1 a5 18.Ne3 Ba6 19.Nec4 Nb6 20.Nxa5 Bxf1 21.Nc6 Qd7 22.Bxf1 and then white won, combining the movement of passed pawn with the onset of the center / Laznicka, V (2703) – Gashimov, V (2757) / San Sebastian KO GpA 2012] **10...0-0 11.e4 Re8 12.Be2 Bf8 13.0-0 Ne5**



**14.Bxe5** White relies on the rapid onslaught in the center. Only this way we can justify the exchange of important bishop...  
**14...Rxe5 15.Nc4 Re8 16.f4 Nd7 17.Rae1**



**17...Rb8?!** Procrastination is like death. White finished the last preparations, and black should urgently stop the aggressive plans of the opponent. [By standard 17...Nb6 black could avoid dangers, for example: 18.e5 Bf5 19.Qb3 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Bg7 21.Ne4 dxe5 22.d6 Rf8 23.Ng5 Qxd6 24.Nxf7 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 exf4 26.Rd1 Qf6 27.Qxb7 Be6 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Ng5 Qf6 30.Rd7 Rae8 31.Qd5+ Kh8 32.Nf7+ Kg8 33.Nd6+ Re6=] **18.a5 Qc7 19.e5**



**19...b5?** Loses immediately. [But even after the adoption of sacrifice 19...dxe5 20.Bf3 Bg7 21.d6 Qd8 22.Nd5 exf4 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Qe4 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Nf6 26.Qxf4 Be6 27.Rd1 Ng8 28.Rxd4 Nxe7 29.Rdd1 Nf5 30.d7 Rf8 31.Qe5+ Kg8

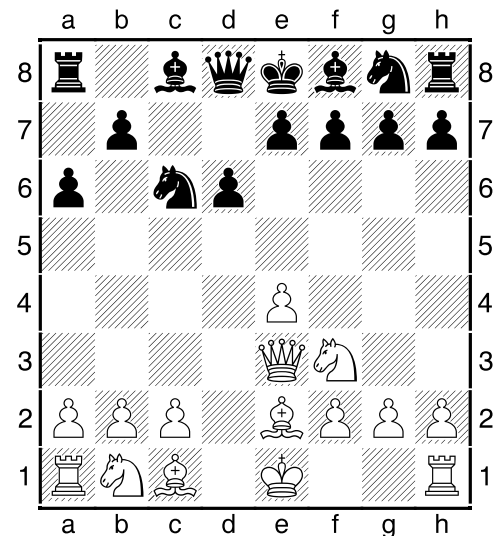
32.Nb6 black hard times] **20.axb6 Nxb6 21.Ne4 Bf5 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.Qc3 dxe5 24.fxe5 1-0**

**(04) Zelcic,Robert (2555) - Cvitan,Ognjen (2561) [B53]**

Open Golden Island Krk Malinska (9), 12.04.2013

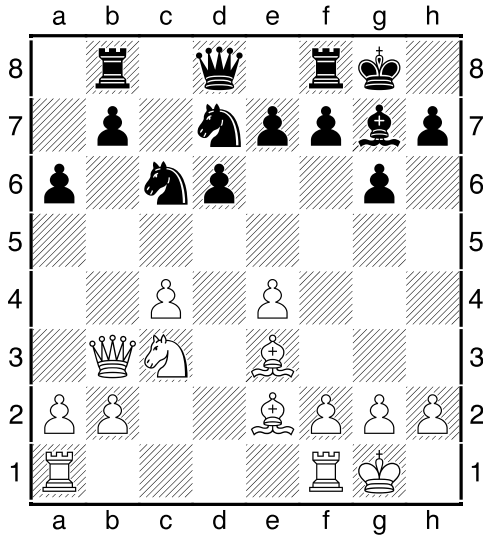
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The Croatian grandmaster Ognjen Cvitan became silver prize-winner of international tournament Open Golden Island Krk. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 a6 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Qe3**

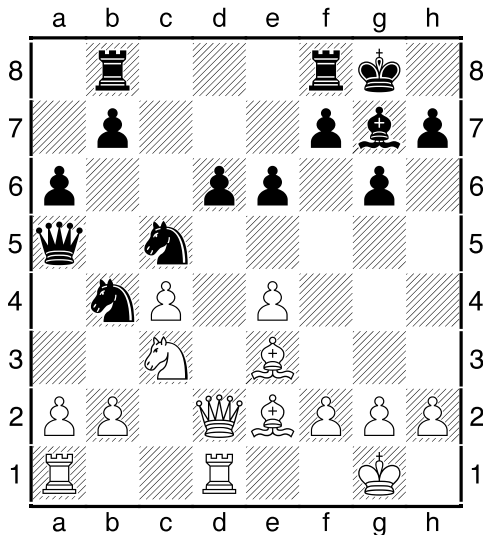


**6...Bg4N** [This position occurred with shift moves after 6...Nf6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.c4 g6 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Rad1 Nd7 12.Bc1 Qa5 13.a3 Qc5 14.Nd5 Qxe3 15.Nxe3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg4 Nc5 with beautiful play for black / Karjakin, S (2779) – Gelfand, B (2738) / Wch Blitz 2012] **7.0-0 g6 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Rb8 10.Be3 Bg7 11.c4 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Be2 Nd7**

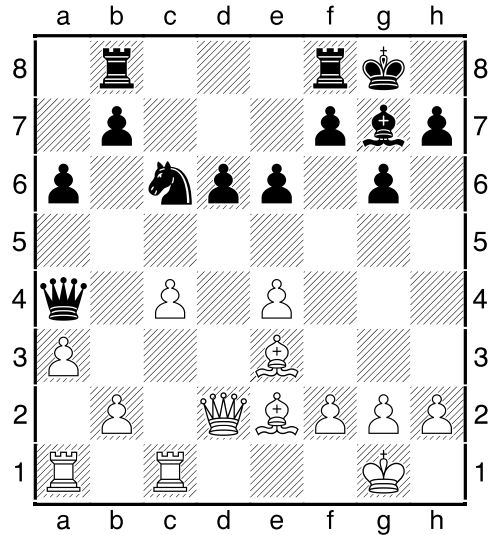




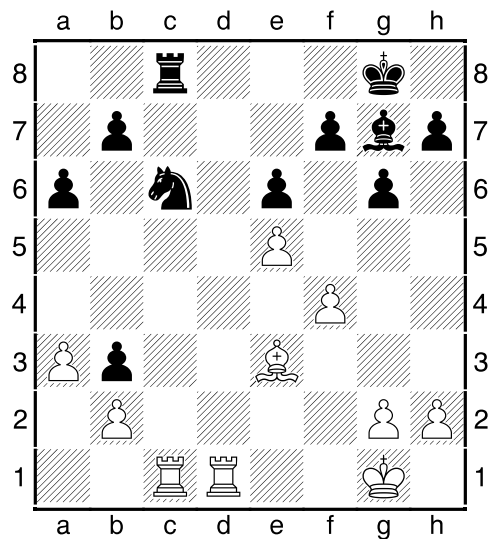
So, already in the initial stage of the game black exchanged one of bishops, which in this pawn structure often only get in the way of other pieces. The further course of action is obvious – the play on queenside, supported by a powerful shot on the big diagonal. In contrast to this, the white have some space advantage, and in the case of opening the centre, a couple of bishops say their weighty word. **14.Rfd1 Qa5 15.Nd5 Nc5 16.Qc2 e6 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Qd2**



**18...Na4** Also good is simple Rfd8 with good pieces play. **19.Nxa4 Qxa4 20.Rdc1 Nc6 21.a3**

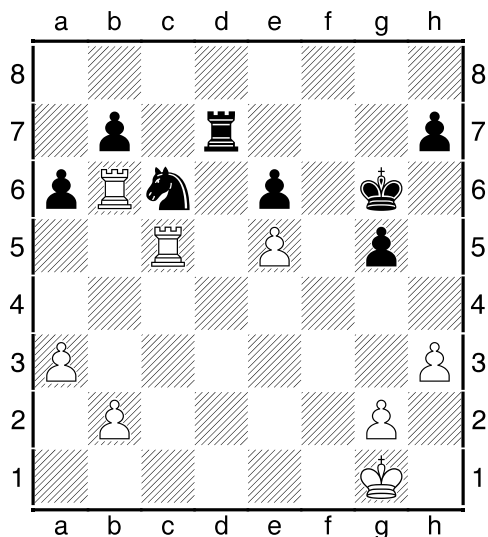


**21...Rbc8?! The Queen on the edge of the Board can easily from the hunter become the prey, so the position required specific measures. [Square b3 weakened, and it would be logical to send mount: 21...Na5 22.Rab1 Nb3 23.Qd1 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Rc7 Qxe4! 26.Bf3 Qf5 27.Bg4 Qe4 28.Bf3=]** **22.Rab1 Qb3?! Extremely risky. However, in the normal course of events the black was a long defense. 23.Bd1 Qa2 24.f4 d5 25.e5! dxc4 26.Qc3 The trap sprung. Now black must pay the material... 26...Rfd8 27.Ra1 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Qb3 29.Qxb3 cxb3 30.Rac1**

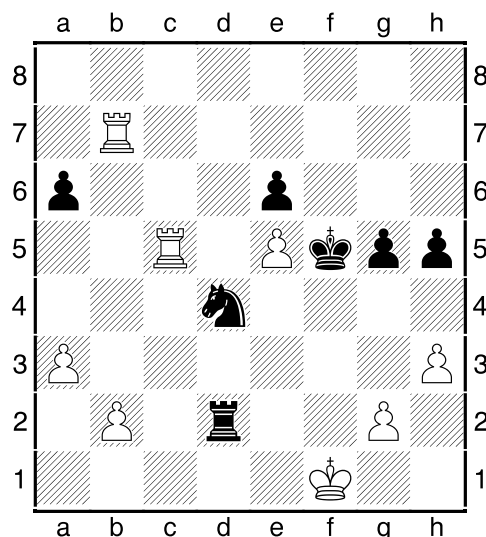


When perfectly located rooks, position of white winning. This was understood by both opponents, understood and the audi-

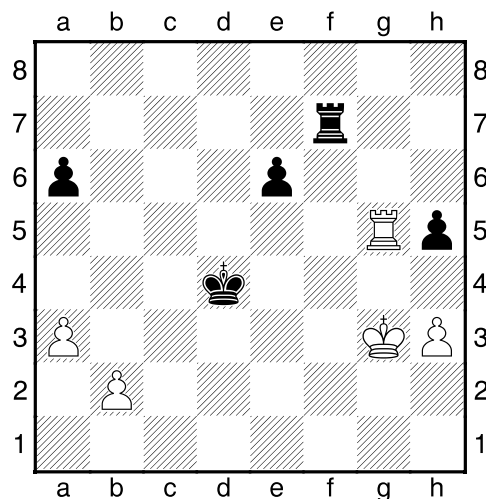
ence. But then, move after move, on the Board miracles begin to happen... **30...f6 31.Bd4** [Stronger 31.exf6 Bxf6 32.Bd4 immediately offering exchange of bishops and keeping all pawns in full immunity] **31...fxe5 32.Bxe5 Bxe5 33.fxe5** And soon the central pawn may be attacked by black king. **33...Rc7 34.Rd3 Re7 35.Rc5 Kg7 36.h3 g5 37.Rxb3 Rd7 38.Rb6 Kg6**



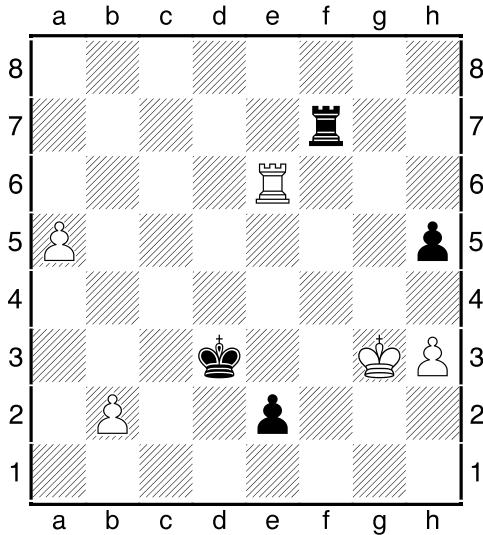
**39.Kf2?** Rough strategic mistake. More black could not dream of! It was necessary to keep the enemy monarch in prison by g2-g4, and white could control the situation... **39...Kf5 40.Rb3 Rd2+ 41.Kf1 Nd4!?** Feeling of opponent uncertainty and true catching the moment, black goes VA-Bank. **42.Rxb7 h5**



**43.Kg1?** Unjustified loss of valuable time. [To be stripped of enemy's army mobility: 43.Rb4 Kf4 44.Rcc4 Kxe5 45.Ke1 Rd3 46.Ra4 and white passed pawns must decide the fate of game] **43...Ne2+ 44.Kf1 Ng3+ 45.Ke1 Rxc2 46.Rf7+ Ke4 47.Rc4+** After Re7 white still had chances to win... **47...Kxe5 48.Rc5+ Kd4 49.Rxg5 Rg1+ 50.Kf2 Rf1+ 51.Kxg3 Rxf7**



In the arsenal for black appeared the passed pawn, and white king is cut off. There has not been kidding. **52.Ra5 e5 53.Rxa6 e4 54.Rd6+ Kc4 55.Re6 Kd3 56.a4 e3 57.a5 e2**



**58.a6?** Leads to a fiasco. [It's time to escape: 58.Rd6+ Ke3 59.Re6+ Kd2 60.Rd6+ Ke1 61.Kg2 Rg7+ 62.Kh2 Rb7 63.a6 Rxb2 64.Kg2 Ra2 65.Rf6 Ra1 66.Rd6 h4 67.Kg1 Ra3 68.Kg2 Rg3+ 69.Kh2 Rg7 70.Rd8=] **58...Rf6! 59.Rxf6 e1Q+ 60.Kf4 Qe3+ 61.Kf5 Qxh3+ 62.Kg6 h4 63.Kh5 Qh1 64.a7 h3 65.Kh4 h2 66.Kh3 Qg1 0-1**

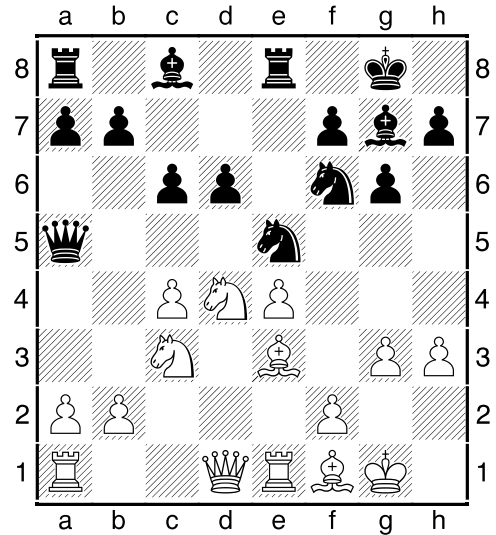
**(05) Jakovljevic,Vlado (2433) - Nevednichy,Vladislav (2553) [E69]**

Open Golden Island Krk Malinska (9), 12.04.2013

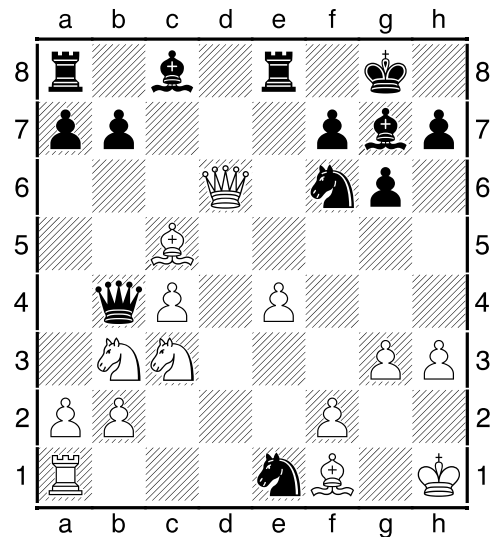
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The Romanian grandmaster Vladislav Nevednichy became the winner of international tournament Open Golden Island Krk.

**1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 Qa5 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bf1** Pawn attacked, and white is forced to do so clumsy move by bishop. It casts doubt on the chosen debut option. Laying the hope on a lasting pawn centre, nobody could assume, that already after few moves on the board unfolded storm... **12...Re8 13.Be3**

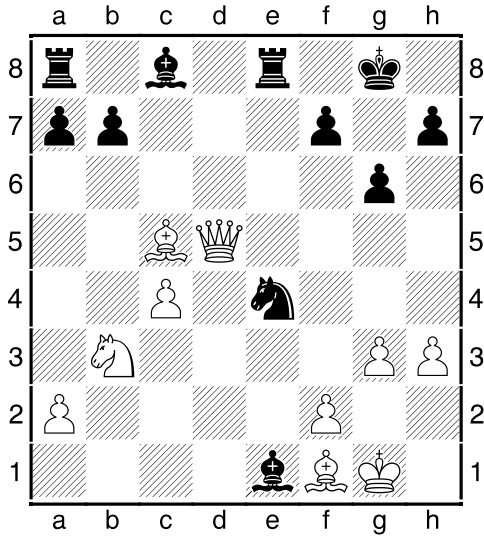


**13...c5! 14.Nb3 Qb4 15.Qxd6** [It was previously tested 15.Nd2 a6 16.a3 Qa5 17.f4 Nc6 18.Bg2 Qd8 19.g4 h5 20.g5 Nh7 21.Nf3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxe4 23.Nd2 Re7 24.Ne4 Bxh3 but white didn't take the compensation for material / Paragua, M (2508) – Nevednichy, V (2554) / Istanbul ol (Men) 40th 2012] **15...Nf3+ 16.Kh1 Nxe1 17.Bxc5**

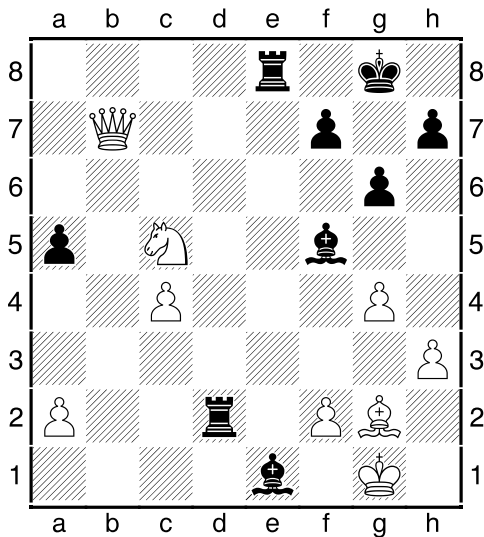


It seems that the black caught in the trap by the Queen. But the fun just begins... **17...Qxc3! 18.bxc3 Nxe4 19.Qd5 Bxc3 20.Rxe1N** [20.Rd1?! Bf5 21.Bg2 Nxc3+ 22.Kh2 Nxc2 23.Qxg2 Ne2 24.Bd6 Rad8 25.c5 Be5+ 26.Kh1 Nf4+ / Colovic, A (2450) – Carmaciu, L (2388) / Sunny Beach op 10th 2011; 20.Rc1! Bf5 21.Qxb7

a5 22.Bd4 Bb4 23.Bg2 Nxc3 24.Kxc3 Nd6  
25.Qc7 Rac8 26.Qb6 Rb8=] 20...Bxe1  
21.Kg1



21...a5?! This move does not fit with the main direction of black pieces action. [Simpler and stronger, occupying central outposts: 21...Bf5 22.g4 Rad8 23.Qxb7 Nxc5 24.Nxc5 Rd2 25.Nb3 Be4 26.Qb5 Bxf2+ 27.Kh2 Rdd8=] 22.Bg2? [White could be saved, continuing 22.Bd4 a4 23.Nc5 Ra5 24.Nxe4 Rxd5 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.cxd5 Bb4 27.d6 Bxd6 28.Nxh7+ Ke7 29.Bf6+ Ke6 30.Bc4+ Kf5 31.Bd3+ Ke6=] 22...Bf5 23.g4 Rad8 24.Qxb7 Nxc5 25.Nxc5 Rd2



26.Ne4 [And after 26.Nb3 Bxf2+ 27.Kh2

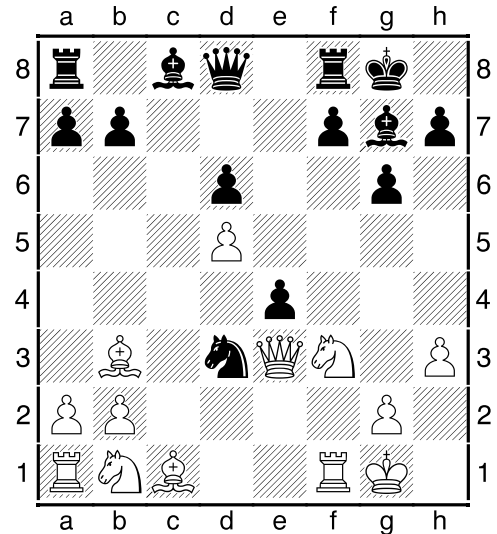
Bc8 28.Qb5 Bd7 29.Qb7 Rd3 white can't resist] 26...Bxe4 27.Bxe4 Bxf2+ 28.Kf1 Bh4 29.Qc6 Re6 30.Qb7 Rf6+ 31.Kg1 Rd1+ 0-1

**(06) Kuzubov, Yuriy (2619) - Edouard, Romain (2670) [B50]**

15th Dubai Open (8), 14.04.2013

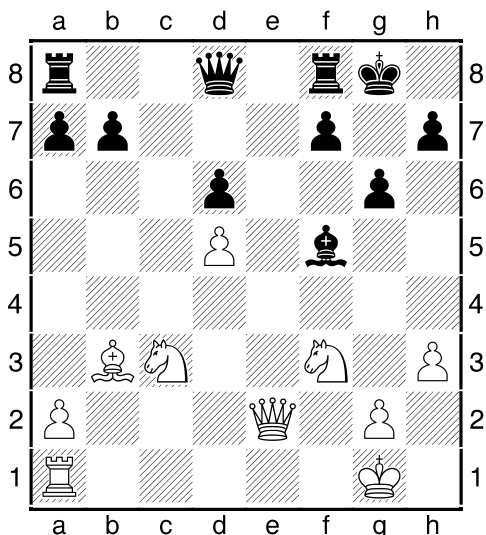
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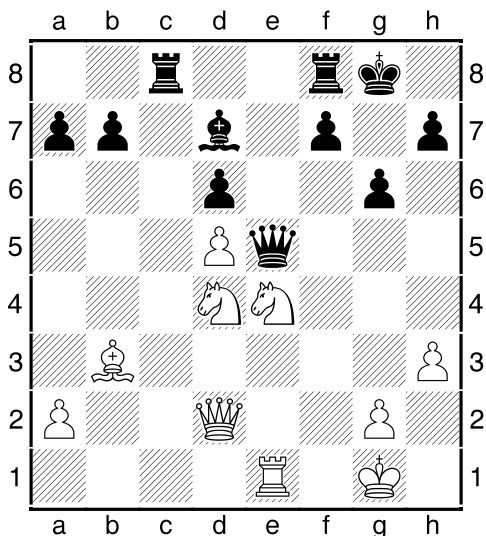


15.Qxe4 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 Bxb2 A rare example of the double-attack. Be justified the tactical plan of black? An important factor is the availability of open lines for the rooks, as well as the passivity of the white bishop, performing purely protective functions. 17.Nc3 Bf5 18.Qe2 Bxa1 19.Rxa1





**19...Qf6?** Often we see how such moves are made without much thinking. And in vain. Selecting a location for a Queen – responsible task, which requires comprehensive approach. In this case there are alternatives – squares a5, b6. In addition, even on the initial position Queen performs the important function – protects the only weak pawn. Therefore, it should first activate the pieces, for which course of action is obvious. [The above objectives consistent with 19...Rc8 20.Qd2 Re8 and the chances are approximately equal] **20.Qd2 Rac8 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.Ne4 Qe5 23.Re1**



That is the result of a hasty act of black Queen – it falls under the blows and is not able to protect the pawn... **23...Rce8**

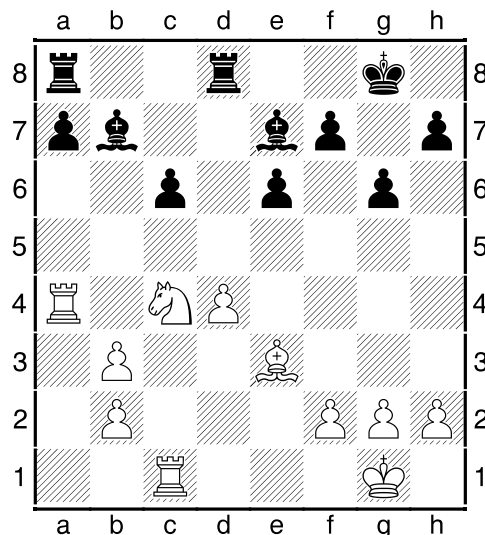
**24.Nf3 Qg7 25.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Qf6 27.Qe5** At this game can be considered to be complete... **27...Kg7 28.Nxb7 Re8 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6 30.Kf2 Rb8 31.Nc5 Ke7 32.Nxd7 Kxd7 33.Ne5+ Kc7 34.Nxf7 Rb4 35.Ke3 a5 36.Kd3 a4 37.Bc4 1-0**

**(07) Macieja, Bartłomiej (2608) - Khismatullin, Denis (2640) [A35]**

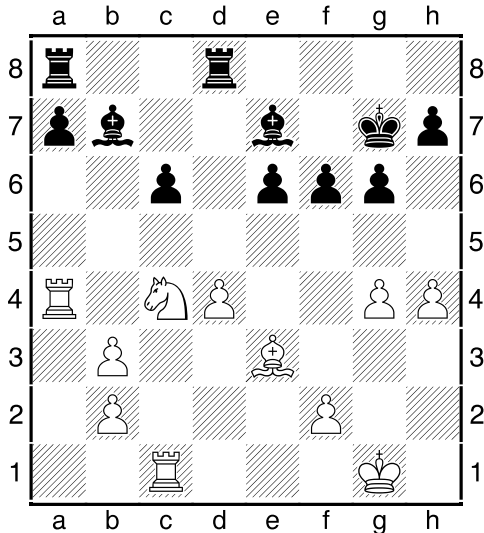
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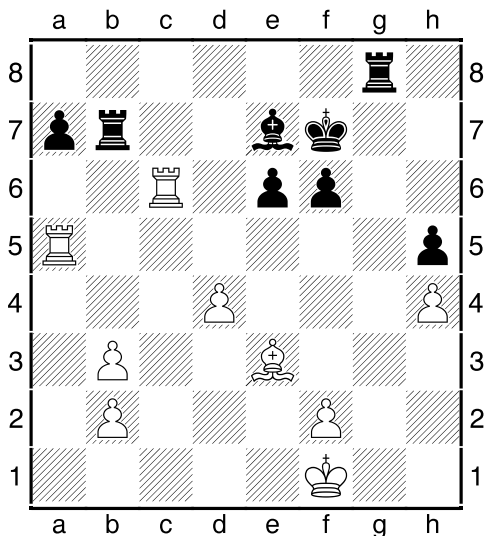
**1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.Bc4 Nd5 10.Bxd5 e6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Be3 Qd5 14.Rfc1 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bb7 16.Ne5 0-0 17.Ra4 Rfd8 18.Nc4**



**18...f6N** [At recent candidates tournament met 18...Bf6 19.Na5 Rd7 20.Rb4 Ba6 21.Nxc6 Rb7 22.h3 Kg7 23.Rxb7 Bxb7 24.Ne5 Bd8 25.b4 Rc8 26.Bh6+ Kg8 27.Rxc8 Bxc8 28.Nc6 Bf6 29.b5 Bd7 30.g4 and soon white won / Aronian, L (2809) – Gelfand, B (2740) / FIDE Candidates 2013] **19.h4 Kg7?!** Obviously, the white plan to the moving g2–g4–g5 and the black must think how to prevent the plan of the opponent. [Goal is achieved by construction of pawns wedge: 19...h5! 20.Na5 Rd7 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Kf7 23.b4 Rb8 24.Rc4 Rb5 and black retain defensive position] **20.g4**

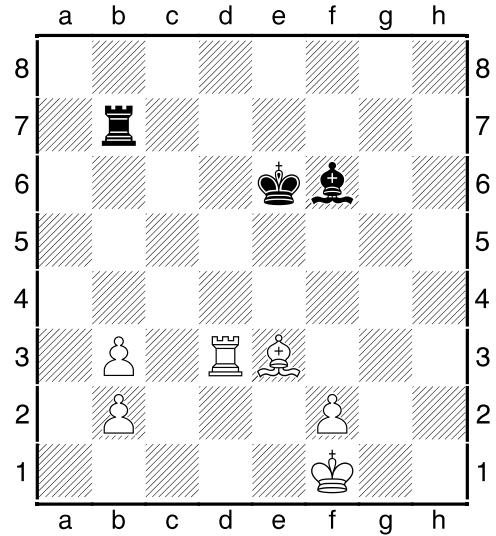


**20...h5?!** A serious strategic error. Black struggle for a draw and should at least on one part of the Board to maintain their ranks impregnable. For the white victory hardly enough queenside resources. What do we see? Instead, in order to strengthen the defences of the 7-th horizontal, black own hands, create in his camp new weakness, and the task of white much easier. Targets for attack plenty of weak pawns a7, e6, h5 will make themselves known. **21.gxh5 gxh5 22.Na5 Rd7 23.Nxb7 Rxb7 24.Rxc6 Kf7 25.Ra5 Rg8+ 26.Kf1**



**26...f5** [Or **26...Rh8 27.Raa6 Rhb8 28.Rxe6 Rxb3 29.d5 Rxb2 30.Rxa7±**] **27.d5 exd5 28.Rxd5** Pawn barriers are broken in pieces... **28...Bxh4 29.Rxf5+**

**Ke7 30.Rxh5 Kd7 31.Ra6 Be7 32.Rxa7 Rgb8 33.Rxb7+ Rxb7 34.Rd5+ Ke6 35.Rd3 Bf6**



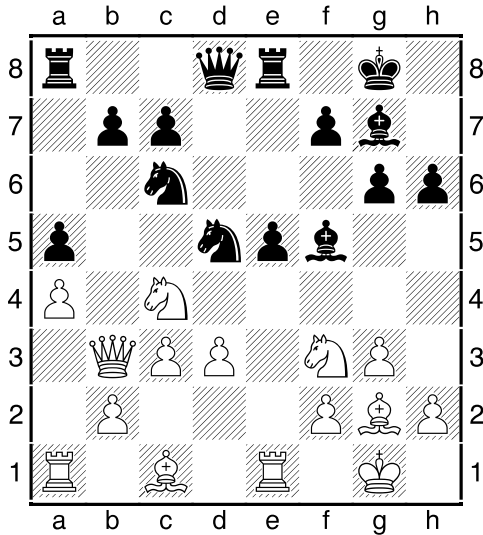
**36.Bd4** In the rook endgame white remains only to show a bit of technique. **36...Bxd4 37.Rxd4 Rxb3 38.Rd2 Ke5 39.Ke2 Ke4 40.Rc2 Kd4 41.Kd1 Rb8 42.Kc1 Rb3 43.Kb1 Rb8 44.Rc3 Rf8 45.f3 Re8 46.Kc2 Re2+ 47.Kb3 Rf2 48.Ka3 Rd2 49.Rc8 Rd3+ 50.Ka4 Rxf3 51.b4 Kd5 52.b5 Rf1 53.b6 Kd6 54.b7 1-0**

**(08) Pantsulaia,Levan (2556) - Landa,Konstantin (2642) [A07]**

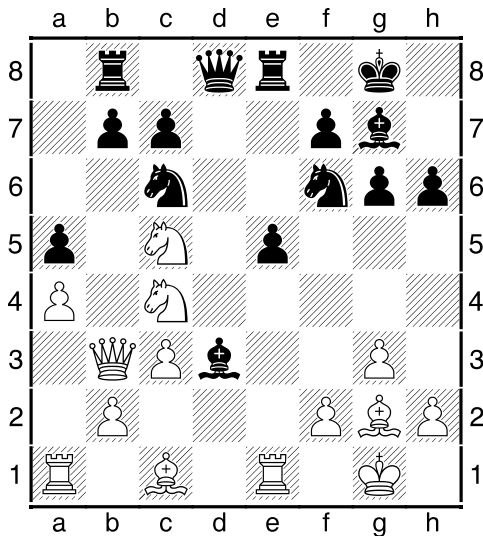
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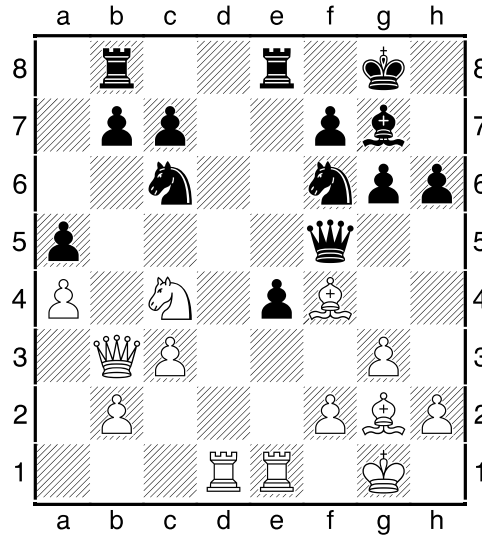
**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbc6 8.Re1 Re8 9.c3 a5 10.a4 h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Bf5 13.Qb3!?N**



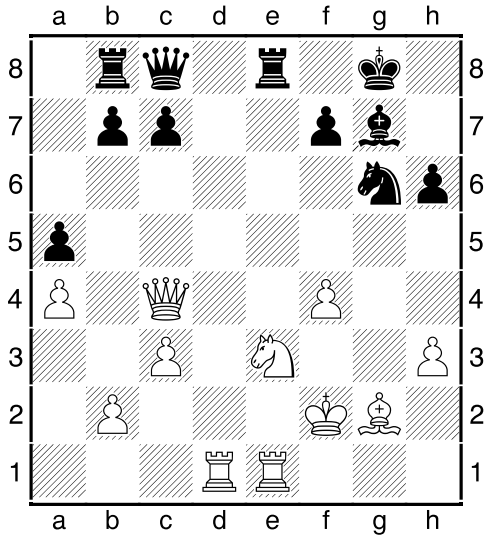
**13...Bxd3** [After 13...Qd7 14.Bxh6! Bxh6 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Kxf7 18.Bxd5+ Kg7 19.Bg2 Rb8 20.d4 strong pawn barriers "put in prison" black-squared bishop, and in the upcoming fight white is markedly better] **14.Nfd2 Rb8 15.Ne4 Nf6 16.Nc5**



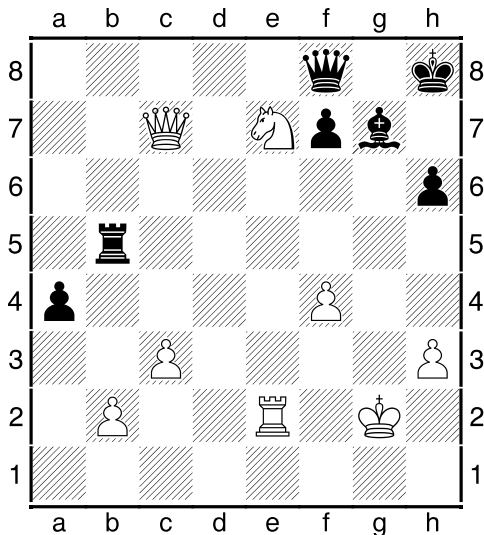
Most likely, the Georgian grandmaster Levan Pantsulaia conducted a thorough preparation for the game, and this position was seen at home analysis. White knocked out enemy bishop and easily take back a pawn, while maintaining a big advantage... **16...e4 17.Nxd3 Qxd3 18.Be3 Qd5 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Bf4**



Up to this point the game was boosted. Now black is time to go into the trench by Re7 or Qc8. However, grandmaster Konstantin Landa doesn't want to put up with the role of defending side, and the game becomes all more acute... **20...Ng4 21.h3?!** [Very strong was the idea of exchanging the active opponent's pieces: 21.Ne3! Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qe6 23.Qxe6 Rxe6 24.Bxe4 Ne5 25.Bd5 Rd8 26.Kg2 Ree8 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Rxe5 Rd2 31.Rxa5 Rxb2 32.Rb5 Rxb5 33.axb5 with a winning pawn endgame] **21...Nxf2 22.Ne3 Qc8** [22...Nxb3+ 23.Kh2 Qe6 24.Qxe6 fxe6 25.Kxh3! e5 26.Bxh6 Bxh6 27.Bxe4 Bxe3 28.Rxe3!] **23.Kxf2 g5 24.Qd5 Ne7 25.Qxe4 Ng6 26.Qc4 gxf4 27.gxf4**



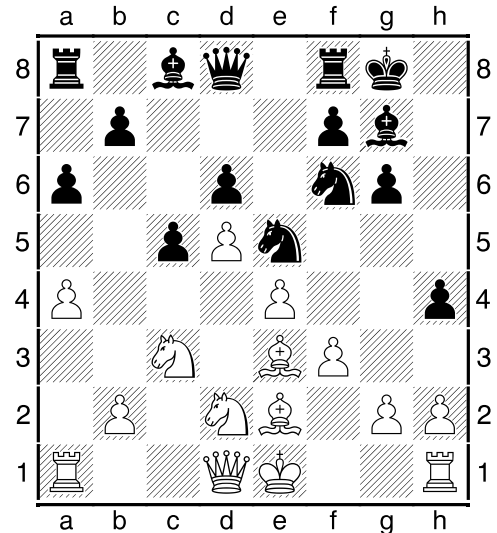
**27...Nh4?** Black elephant long sad rests against the wall b2-c3, and now black has an opportunity for similarly offend the white vis-a-vis. After the correct c7-c6 all the fight was ahead. In the game white pieces make the decisive shot. **28.Nd5 Rxe1 29.Rxe1 Qf8 30.Qxc7 b5 31.axb5 Nxc7 32.Kxg2 Rxb5 33.Ne7+ Kh8 34.Re2 a4**



**35.Nc6** More precisely was Qc6 controlling all major highways... **35...Bf6? 36.Qd7 Kh7 1-0**

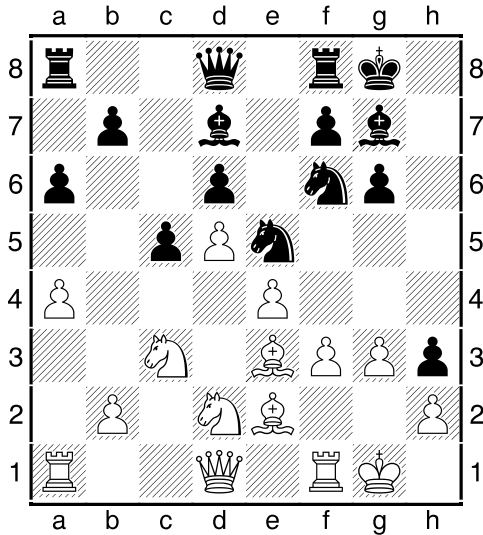
**(09) Gupta, Abhijeet (2591) - Kurnosov, Igor (2649) [A65]**  
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The Russian grandmaster Igor Kurnosov became the winner of international tournament Nakhchivan Open. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be3 exd5 9.cxd5 Nbd7 10.Ng3 a6 11.a4 h5 12.Be2 h4 13.Nf1** The zigzags of white knight don't make a good impression. Black succeeded in development and simple means create an active play on the queenside... **13...Ne5 14.Nd2**

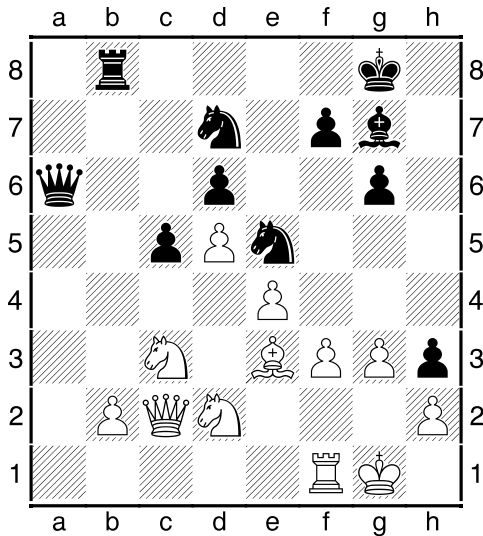


**14...h3N** Black reasonably take the opportunity to ensure the long-term knight parking in the centre. Now the movement f3-f4 unlikely, in connection with powerful replica Neg4. Itself the pawn h3 in the mid-dlegame has a force, because it does not give the peaceful life for the white king. And before the endgame here not everyone will survive... **15.g3 [15.g4 Bxg4!? 16.fxg4 Nfxg4 17.Bf4 Bh6 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nf3 Ng4 with mutual chances] 15...Bd7 16.0-0**

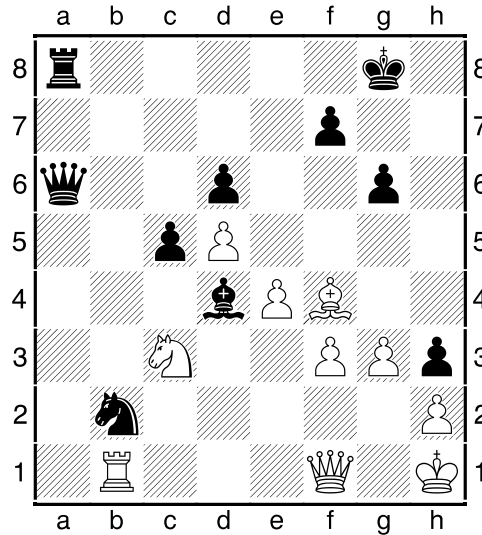




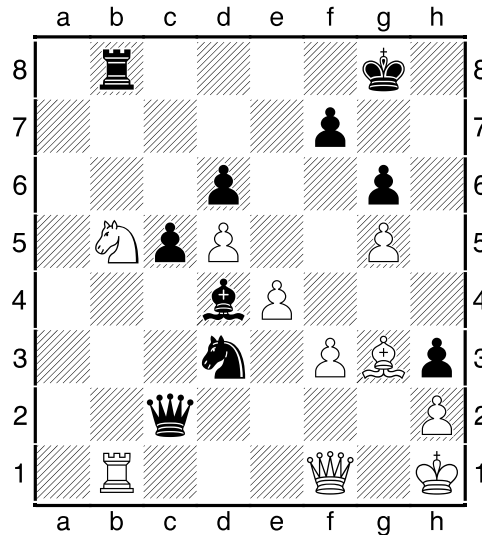
**16...b5!** A typical pawn sacrifice similar to the Volga gambit. Here it's even more justified because all black forces are ready for hand-to-hand. **17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Bxb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Qa6 21.Nc3 Rb8 22.Qc2 Nfd7**



White pieces as not on the board – black free occupy the most important outposts. **23.Rb1 Nc4 24.Qd3 Nde5 25.Qf1 Ra8 26.Nxc4 Nxc4 27.Bf4 Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Nxb2**



**29.Nb5** [Thanks to the precise 27th move, white king driven into a corner, and Queens exchange is unprofitable: **29.Qxa6 Rxa6 30.Nb5 Nd3 31.Nxd4 cxd4 32.Kg1 Ra2 33.Rd1 Rg2+ 34.Kf1 Ne5! 35.Bxe5 dxe5 36.f4 f6-+**] **29...Qa2 30.g4** [After **30.Bxd6 Nc4 31.Bf4 Be3 32.Re1 Qb2 33.Rb1 Qc2** white pieces completely confused, there is no protection from threats **Ra2** and **Nd2**] **30...Nd3 31.Bg3 Rb8 32.g5 Qc2!**



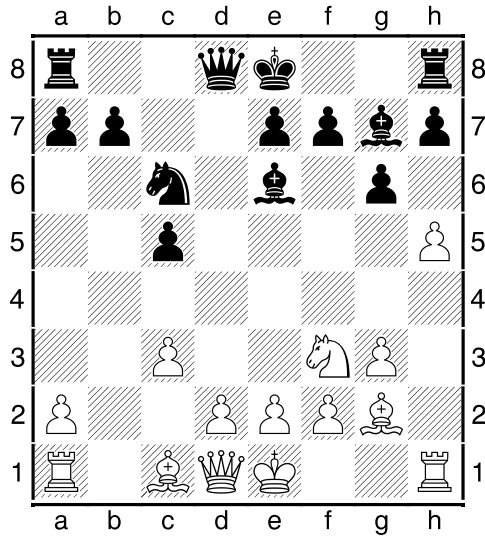
Just great – zug with the lion's share of pieces on the board. Note that the bold marine h3 remained unharmed, playing a significant role in the triumph of his army. **0-1**

**(10) Shimanov,Aleksandr (2639) - Mchedlishvili,Mikheil (2640) [A16]**

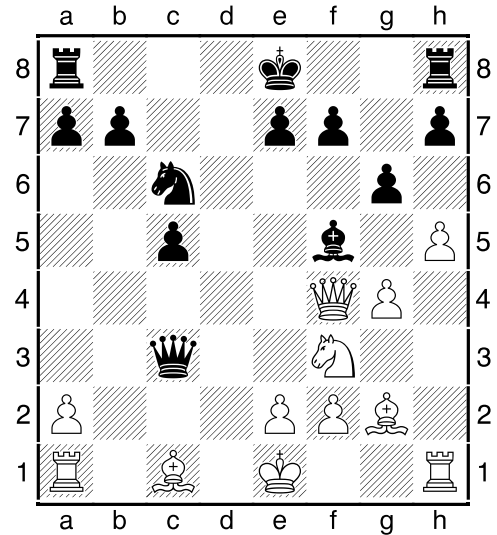
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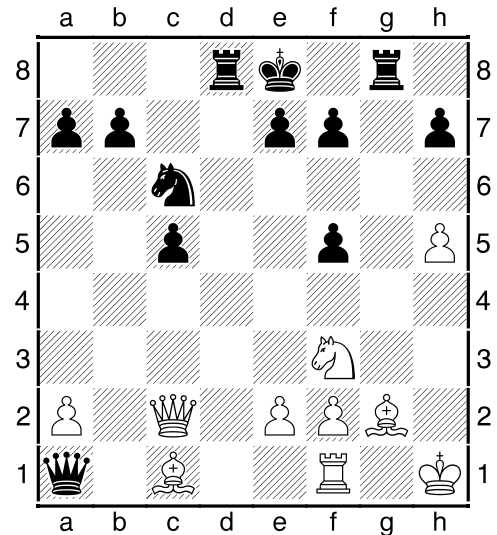
The Russian grandmaster Aleksandr Shimanov became silver prize-winner of international tournament Nakhchivan Open. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.h4 Bg7 6.h5 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be6!?N**



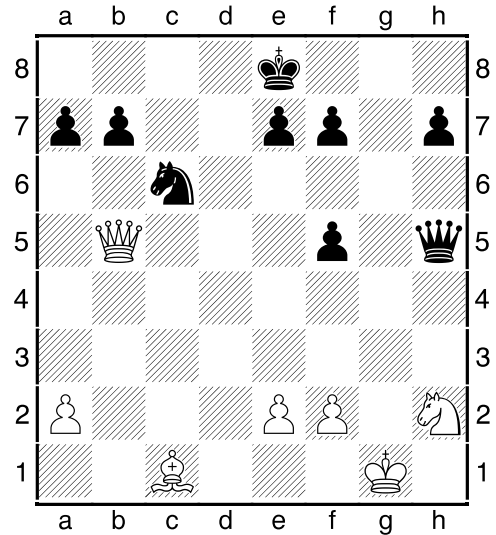
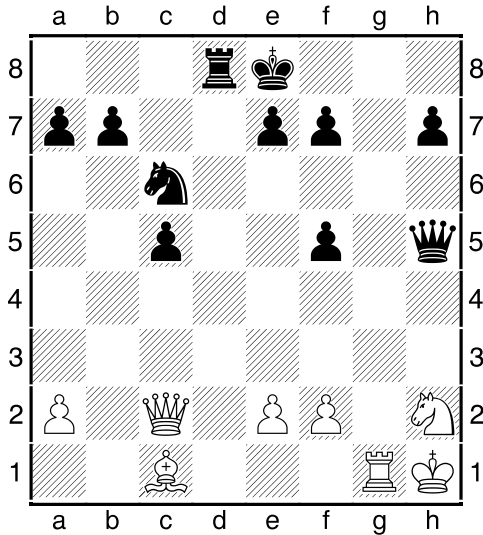
[It was previously tested 9...Bf5 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Ng5 Qxb3 12.axb3 0-0 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Rfc8 16.e3 Rc7 17.Ke2 a6 18.g4 and black will be bleak protection in hard endgame / Nepomniachtchi, I (2711) – Kamsky, G (2741) / FIDE World Cup 2011] **10.Qa4 Qa5 11.Qf4 Bf5?!** No involuntary loss of time. [After the principal 11...Bxc3! 12.Rb1 Bxa2 13.Rxb7 0-0-0 14.Rxa7 Nxa7 15.dxc3 white has some compensation in form of active pieces play against the enemy king, but fighting in such situation requires a fair amount of courage, and few would want to go with a debut into this option] **12.g4 Bxc3 13.dxc3 Qxc3+**



**14.Qd2 Qxa1 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.0-0 Rg8 17.Kh1 Rd8 18.Qc2**



**18...Rxc2?!** At moment when the storm had passed, it is time to look around, to make conclusions, to map out the plan for further action. Instead, black continue to force events, although the position was safe and strong. The opened white king doesn't give pieces to act freely, and the chances of opponents could be estimated as approximately equal. [For example, the game came to peaceful harbor after 18...e6 19.Qxc5 Qxa2 20.Ng5 Qxe2 21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Qxc6+ Rd7 23.Qa8+ Rd8 24.Qc6+ Rd7=] **19.Kxg2 Qg7+ 20.Kh1 Qg4 21.Rg1 Qxh5+ 22.Nh2**



And now white king feels superb, and the long-range pieces show their power.  
**22...Rd4 23.Rg5 Qh3 24.Qxc5 Rd1+ 25.Rg1 Rxc1+ 26.Kxc1 Qh5?! [More persistent 26...e6 allowed stay afloat longer] 27.Qb5!**

**27...Qg6+ 28.Kf1 b6 29.Nf3 Kd8 30.Bf4 Qe6 31.Ng5 Qf6 32.Nxf7+ Qxf7 33.Qxc6 1-0**

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