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Future grandmaster leads the game to life with the disease

Chess Federation of the Donetsk region requested to help the boy 11 years old Arkadiy Datsko, who was involved in Chess Club A. Momot in Kramatorsk and was one of the strongest players in Ukraine in its age-old category. Last year, Arkadiy returned home in Izum (Kharkiv region). In October, he found a sarcoma of bone. The father and mother - the disabled persons. There is hope that we can save the life of the boy. The operation requires not less than 40 thousand euros.

In the children's department admitted for treatment of 11-year-old boy Arkadiy. Family Datsko is not usual. The boy's parents disabled by II group (CP). Receive a minimum pension of 70$. Mom does not work. Dad works at a local factory as a laborer, receives a minimum wage. Total income per month does not exceed 250$ per month per family. Exemptions from the state did not receive. Mom says that is always treated ourselves. Enough to exist. And now when they learned about the disease, were faced with the fact that there is no money for treatment, given the cost of drugs and surveys.

Arkadiy went to school of Olympic reserve as a gifted child. He receives a scholarship. Engaged in a game of chess. Has 1 grade. He prepared for the category of CM. Took part in the Ukrainian championship chess. And now he is playing with a very complicated subject. At stake is set life.

During the conversation with Arkadiy, we raised the subject of his illness. He is set up to fight in every possible way. The disease began suddenly. Arkady very lively child, and often received bruises and hematomas. About a month ago, a boy badly hit the right foot. Almost unable to walk. At the point of impact a hematoma, and swelling. After X-rays had already been a preliminary diagnosis of osteosarcoma. He was sent to Kiev to confirm the diagnosis and treatment. Arcadia found that a sarcoma, and what kind yet, we still do not know. Boys spent supporting chemotherapy, for the suspension of tumor growth.

We appeal to all not indifferent to support the family, to help financially, morally support, communicate with parents or a boy. He is very willing to contact and happy opportunity to meet new people.

Scanned diagnosis (in Russian):
http://donchess.org.ua/img/isthvor.jpg
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News

Russian Team Championships 2010

Sh-Sm64 from Moscow won the Russian Team Championships concluded at Dagomys near Sochi on the Black Sea.

The rather oddly named victorious team scored 16 points from a possible 18, remaining undefeated over nine rounds with St Petersburg second on 14. St Petersburg effectively conceded defeat when the top teams met in the penultimate round as they made little effort over the six boards and the match was drawn 3-3.

The winners were led by the Israeli number one Boris Gelfand but it was Sergei Karjakin and Alexander Riazantsev (at photo) who were the star performers with tournament rating performances of 2889 and 2885 respectively.

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(01) Gyimesi,Zoltan (2584) -
Mikhailevski,Victor (2607) [D85]
TCh–AUT 2009-10 Baden AUT (11),
20.03.2010

[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4
Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bg5!? This popular nowa-
days variation was put into use in 2004 by
Ukrainian grandmaster Yury Kruppa. Bishop at
g5 doesn't control the center, but stands more
active than at e3, and attacks pawn e7. 7...c5
8.Rc1 0-0 [8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bxd4? 10.Rxc8]
9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5

10...Qa5 [10...f5!? is an interesting effort, but
11.Qb3 Kh8 12.Nd2! calls all this building into
question.] 11.Qd2 e6 12.c4 Qa3 [12...Qxd2+?
would be a mistake, as after 13.Nxd2 there are
some problems with bishop g4.] 13.Be2 Na6!N
Quite ideological novelty – Black is simply go-
ing for pawn a2. 14.0-0 Nb4 15.Be7 [Seems
like a double strike, but there is some surprise
for White. Maybe, 15.Rb1!? is worth to be rec-
ommended.] 15...Qxa2! 16.Qc5? Gyimesi is
somewhat perplexed. [As it turned out, after
Black is in perfect order; 16.Qc4! was a little bit
more exact, because queen can take in case
of Bxf3.] 16...Rfe8 17.Bxc5 [17.d6 Bxf3
18.Bxf3 Nc6 19.Qxc5 Bd4!+] 17...Bxf3!
18.Bxf3 [18.gxf3 Na6! – one bishop less.]
18...Nd3 19.d6 White want to compensate a
loss of exchange by strong pawn d6, although
Mikhailevski doesn't agree even with that.
19...b6 20.Be3 Rad8

29...Qc2? [Black has excellent chances for the
victory in case of 29...Qc6! 30.Rac1 Nc5 31.d7
Qxc7 32.dxc8Q Qxc8; queen at c2 doesn't
control points b5 and d7...]

30.Bb5 Ne5? [An-
other wrong square, 30...Nc5 31.Rac1 Qb3
(31...Qxe4 32.Rxc5!) 32.Ba6! Nxa6 33.d7 Rxc7
34.d8Q Rxc1 35.Qd4+ (35.Rxc1 Qb2)]
35...Kg6 36.Rxc1 Nc5 results in some unclear
position with drawish perspectives.] 31.Rac1 Qa2? [It was worth to keep an eye on rook d1: 31...Qb3 32.Ba6 (32.d7? Nxd7 33.Bxd7 Rxc7-+) 32...Rf8 33.c8Q Rxc8 34.Bxc8 Nc6!, moving to d8 with blocking purposes.] 32.d7 Rxc7? [Four consecutive mistakes, and Black can re-sign with clear conscience. There is still some faint hope with 32...Nxd7 33.Bxd7 Ra8 34.c8Q Rxc8 35.Bxc8 b5] 32...Rf8 33.c8Q Rxc8 34.Bxc8 Nc6!, moving to d8 with blocking purposes.

32.d7 Rxc7? [Four consecutive mistakes, and Black can resign with clear conscience. There is still some faint hope with 32...Nxd7 33.Bxd7 Ra8 34.c8Q Rxc8 35.Bxc8 b5]

33.Rxd7 Nxd7  34.Rdxd7 Kf6 [34...a5 35.Rxf7+ Kg6, and now the time for weaving a mate net: 36.Bf1! a4 37.g4 Qb2 38.e5!-+] 35.Rxf7+ The following moves remind some kind of a harvest. 35...Ke5 36.Rxa7 Qb2 37.Bf1  Kxe4 38.Ra6 b5 39.Rxe6+ Kd5 40.Rxh6 b4 41.Rf5+ Mikhailevski achieved a much better play owing to his opening preparation, but Gyimesi by own enterprising tactics was able to overcome game's course in one's favour. 1-0

(02) Beliavsky,Alexander G (2648) - Meier,Georg (2653) [E04]
TCh–AUT 2009-10 Baden AUT (11), 20.03.2010
[GM Aveskulov, V]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Ne5

7...Bd7 [Black has not a pleasant position after 7...Nxe5 8.dxe5 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Nd7 10.f4 : his opponent gets a great bishop on g2 + very massive pawn structure at the king side] 8.Na3 cxd4 9.Nxc4 Be7 10.Qb3 Beliavsky has an evident pressure at the queen-side but there is one NO: he has no pawn. Right now Meier has a choice between Qc7 and Qc8. 10...Qc7 [Other possibility is more popular: 10...Qc8 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Rac1 (another rook move was also played 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Rac1 Be8 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Be5


12...Nxf4

[12...Qxc6?! is not good 13.Rfd1 Bc5 (13...0-0 14.Ne5 Qc8 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Rd4±) 14.Rac1±]

13.Nxe7 Nxg2

14.Rac1


**Now we can follow a nice technique from Soviet school representative. 24...Rxd3 25.Qxd3 Rd8. [Pawn was poisonous: 25...Qxb2?? 26.Rc7 Rd8 27.Qc4! Rd7 28.Rc8+ Ke7 (28...Rd8 29.Qc6+–) 29.Qc5+ Kf6 30.Rc6+ Kg5 31.Qe3+ Kg4 32.f3+ Kh3 33.Qh6+! with a checkmate] 26.Qc3 Qxe4 [Rook endgame is also tough for Black: 26...Rd4 27.Qc8+ Qxc8 28.Rxc8+ Kd7 29.Ra4 Ra4 30.a3=] 27.Re1 Qd4 28.Rxe5+ Kf8 29.Qxd4 Rxh4 30.Ra5.
Fixing the king side pawns. 31...Ke7 32.Ra6! Cut-off the Black king. 32...Kd8 [Seemingly 32...g6!? (being prepared to h4–h5) was more persistent. Now if White still wants to play h4–h5 Black can take this pawn and after Rh6 he will have some time for a counterplay at the queen side.] 33.h5! h6 [White wanted to play h5–h6: 33...Kc8 34.h6 g6 and White rook gets an excellent square f6 35.Kg2+ After 33...h6 White gets a target on g7.] 34.Kf1 Kc8 35.Ke2 Kb7 36.Ra4 Kc6 37.Ke3 Kc5 38.Rg4! Pro-voking a weakening of the light squares. 38...f6 39.Ra4

From now White is going to improve own pawn structure. 39...Kb5 40.Rd4 Re7+ 41.Kf3 a5 42.Rd2 King is free from the covering of e2–square. 42...Kc6 43.Kf4 Re5 44.g4 Kc7 45.f3

51.fxg4?! The only inaccuracy of Beliavsky in this endgame. [51.Rf7+! (preventing a manoeuver of the rook to e7) could finish the game immediately 51...Kd6 52.fxg4 Re5+ 53.Kf3 Rg5 54.Kf4 Ke6 55.Rf5++] 51...Re5+ 52.Kf3 [White pushes Black rook to the 7-th rank as after 52.Kd4 Rg5 Rf4 is stuck to the 4-th rank.] 52...Re7 [52...Rg5? 53.Rf5++] 53.Ra4 Kb6 The next White's step is an organisation of the transfer of the White king to the queen side. 54.Re4 Rf7+ 55.Ke3 Kc5 56.Ra4+ Kb6 57.Rf4 Rc7 58.Ke4 Kc5 [Black is behind in the pawn races after 58...Rc2 59.Rf7 Rxa2 60.Rxg7 Rb2 61.Rg6+ Kc5 62.Rxh6 Rxb3 63.Rh8-- White is ready to give up the rook for a–pawn (if it will be necessary). But who will stops pawns "g" and "h"?] 59.a3 Re7+ 60.Kd3 Rd7+ 61.Kc3 Kb6 62.Rf5 Ka6 [White has winning ways in a case of 62...Rc7+ 63.Kd4 Rd7+ 64.Rd5 Rf7 65.Ke5 (65.Kc4?! Rf4+ 66.Rd4 Rf6) 65...Ka6 (65...Rf3 66.Rd7 Rxb3 67.Rxg7 Rx3a 68.Rg6+ Kb5 69.Rxh6 a4 70.Rh8++ we already saw such kind of end-games) 66.a4 Kb6 67.Rb5+ Ka6 68.Rb8! Ka7
69.Rg8 and then Ke6 ++] 63.Kc4 Kb6 [63...Re7 64.Rd5 Re4+ 65.Rd4 Re6 66.Kc5 threatening Rd6 66...Re5+ 67.Rd5 Re7 68.Rd6+ Kb7 69.Rg6+ and king goes to a5 pawn] 64.Rb5+ Ka6 65.Rd5 Rc7+ [65...Re7 66.Rd6+ Ka7 67.Rg6 again winning a5 pawn] 66.Rc5 [Black resigned, 66.Rc5 Re7 67.Rc6+ Ka7 68.Rg6+−] 1-0

(03) Tiviakov,Sergei (2653) -
Golod,Vitali (2590) [C65]
4th G. Agzamov Mem Tashkent UZB (9),
31.03.2010
[GM Aveskulov, V]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 In our days this line is not being played very often. But there is nothing bad with it. 4.c3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 d6 8.Qd3 h6 9.Bh4


Black got what he had wanted: pawn d4 is an isolated and weak; bishop is definitely better than knight. His advantage is so serious that there hardly anything can be advised to White. 21.a4 Re8 Re2 is a threat. 22.Rae1 Kf7 23.Re3 [The same plan is possible for Black after 23.Rxe8 Kxe8 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Kf1 Rd5 26.Re4 Bd8+ and then Bf6, b7–b5.] 23...a5 24.Rf1 Rxe3 25.Rxe3 Bxd8 26.Nc1
26...b5  [As well he could surround pawn d4 first: 26...Rd5  27.Ne2 Bf6  28.Rd3 and just now to play b7–b5  28...b5+]  
27.Rc3 bxa4  28.Rxc6 Rb5  Black organizes a passed pawn "a". White has nothing to stop it.  
29...Ke6  30.Kf1 Kd5  31.Rc8 Bf6+  

The rest is even more easier.  
32.Ke2 Bxd4  
33.Rc2 Rb3  34.f4 a3  A passed is done. 
35.bxa3 Rxa3  36.Rc8 g4  Fixing of g2 and g3 pawns. 
37.f5 Ra8+  38.Kd1 Ke4  White re-signed. What's the game! Vitali organized a weakness on d4 and used it perfectly. His opponent had no any real chances! 0-1  

(04) Khenkin,Igor (2597) - Wang Hao (2715) [E15]  
17th TCh—RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (2), 02.04.2010  
[IM Polivanov, A]  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qa4 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5  [7...Bxc5 can be found in CZM 01/2010 – 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Rd1... Gelfand–Polgar, World Cup 2009.]  
8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Bf4  White is preparing a rook's doubling on "d"-file (to occupy the point d6).  
11...Rd8  [11...Qxb2?  12.Rab1 Qxc3  13.Rxb7+- (13.Be5? Bc6)]  

Non-committal move, which gives for Black the right to express oneself.  
[14.g4!? looks optimistic, but after forced 14...Nxd6 15.Bxd6 Rxd6 16.Qe8+ Bf8  17.Ng5 Ne5  18.Bxb7 Rxd2  19.Rxd2 Qxb7  20.Rd8 Ng6 Black is OK, Gelfand–Bacrot, Nalchik 2009; 14.Ng5 is considered as the main line – 14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2, and knight g5 goes to e4.]  
14...Ne8 Wang protects pawn d6 redundantly in order to unleash own pieces, but knight f6 was engaged in one thing...  
15.e4! Khenkin threatens by very unpleasant e4–e5 with pawn's fragmentation. Black has to resist it.  
15...Bc6  16.Qc2 Qb7  
17.Bg5 Bxg5  [17...f6 is not good because of 18.Be3 with further Ne1 and f4–f5, exposing square d5.]  
18.Nxg5 h6 19.Nf3 a5?  [Looks like careless mistake – 19...Nd7 guarantees an equal play.]  
20.Ne5! Now white knight causes a disorder in Black's ranks.  
20...Qe7 21.Nb5  
[21.Nxc6 Nxc6 22.e5 is also interesting: 22...Nd4 23.Rxd4 cxd4 24.Bxa8 dxc3 25.Bc6?, but Khenkin apparently wasn’t sure, whether such exchanges will bring a winning position for him. That’s why he maintains a tension.]  
21...Bb7 22.Qc3 Na6  
[22...Nxc6 comes across 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.e5! (standard idea at this point) 24...d5 25.cxd5 Bxb5 26.d6 Qd7 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Qxc5, and diagonal a8–h1 hardly compensates the “prisoner” e8.]  
23.Ng4 e5?
[After 23...Nac7 24.a4! White keeps an edge, but that was the best (24.e5 is prematurely: 24...Nxb5 25.cxb5 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 d5)]

24.Ne3 g6 25.f4!! Excellent idea, which uncoverts all the fragilities of Black's camp. First, pawn e5 is under strike...

25...exf4 [25...f6 26.h4! with coming h4−h5 and point's f5 occupation.]

26.gxf4 Nac7 [Pawn e4 is poisoned: 26...Bxe4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.Bxd5 Rab8 29.Rg2! Kh7 30.Re1 Qd7 31.f5!, breaking Black's position to pieces.]

27.Nxc7 Qxc7 [27...Qxc7 28.Ng4 h5 [28.Kh7 29.Nxh6!]]

28.Qf6+ Nxf6 30.Qxf6 Re8 [Wang has decided to seek a salvation in ending, because pawn d6 can’t be defended in a normal way: 30...Ra6 31.e5! d5 32.Qg5+ −]

31.Rxd6 Qe7 32.Qxe7 Rxe7 33.e5

White has a pure extra pawn in addition to the weak ones a5 and c5. Chances for a draw are minimal. 33...g5 Black is trying to eneefle pawn e5, but the following White's move nullifies these hopes. 34.Rd7! Swapping more pieces. 34...Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Bxg2 36.Kxg2 Rb8 37.b3 a4 38.Rd3 axb3 39.axb3 gxf4 40.Kf3 Kf8 41.Kxf4 Ke7 42.h4! [Prophylaxis. White is looking forward to go after pawn h5, but it's not the right time to do it just now: 42.Kg5? Ke6 43.Rd5 Rxb3, and pawn h3 is vulnerable.] 42...Rg8 43.Rd5

43...Rb8! [Wang chooses to part with one pawn more, but not to let a pair's "b""++" creation. Indeed, after 43...Rg4+ 44.Kf5 Rxb4 45.Rxc5 Rh3 46.b4 Rb3 47.b5 h4 White is winning any way one likes, for example 48.Rc8! h3 49.Rh8 Rb4 50.Rxc3 Rxc5 51.Rb3 Kd7 52.b6 Kc8 53.Ra3!, getting pawn f7.]

44.Rxc5 Rxb3 45.Kg5 Ke6 46.Kxh5 Rb8 Now Black is going to check the white king, combining with attack against pawn h4. 47.Kg5 Rg8+ 48.Kf4 Rh8 49.Rc6+! Using the king f4, rook is improving own position. 49...Kd7 [49...Ke7? 50.Kg5 Rg8+ 51.Kf5 Rh8 52.Rc7+−−] 50.Rd6+ Ke7 51.Kg4 Rg8+ 52.Kf5 Rh8 53.Kg4 Rg8+ 54.Kf3 Rh8 55.Rd4 Ke6 56.Re4 Kf5

Wang has activated his pieces as much as possible. Now what? 57.Ke3 [Such feeling, that 57.c5! had lead to the victory: 57...Rc8 (57...Ke6 58.Rc4 Kd5 59.Rc1 Rh4 60.c6++) 58.Rc4 Rc6 59.Kh5 Kxe5 60.Kg4 Kd5 (after 60...Kf6 White just goes to the rook c6: 61.Kf4 Kg7 62.Ke4 Kh6 63.Kd5 Rc8 64.c6, and so on) 61.Rc1 Ke6 62.h6 (in order to exchange pawns "f" and "h") 62...Kf5+ (62...Kh6 63.Rh1) 63.Kf4 Kf7 64.h7+− (64.Kxf5? Rxe6=)] 57...Ke6! Black realized an omission and now he is controlling c4−c5 by Ke6−d5. 58.Kd4 Rd8+ 59.Ke3 Rh8 60.Kd4 Rd8+ 61.Kc5 White has
to fulfill the same ideas as in 57.c5 variation, but in a different way. First step of the plan – Khenkin activates his king for the support of pawn c4. 61...Rc8+ 62.Kb5 Rb8+ 63.Kc6 Rc8+ 64.Kb7 Rh8 65.Kc7 Rh7! Driving king c7 off by dint of hidden check’s threats. 66.Kb6 Rh6 67.Kb5 Rh8 68.Re1! Now comes the second step – White is pointing rook to h1, using pawn’s h4 inviolability. [68.c5 Kd5!]

68...Rb8+ [68...Rxh4 69.c5 Rh2 (69...Kd7 70.c6+ Kc7 71.Re1) 70.c6++] 69.Kc5 Rc8+ 70.Kd4 Rd8+ 71.Kc3 Rh8 72.Rh1 Kxe5 73.h5

And this is the third stage – White is moving passers "c" and "h" simultaneously, which forces Black to be nonplussed. 73...Rh6 74.c5 Kd5 [74...f5 75.Kc4 f4 76.Kb5 f3 77.c6 Kf4 78.c7 Rh8 79.Kc6, and White is quicker.] 75.Kb4 Rh8 [The most persistent was 75...Kc6 76.Kc4 Kc7, and now White demonstrates a problem winning: 77.Kb5! Kc8! a) 77...Kb7 78.Rf1! Rxh5 79.Rxf7++; b) 77...f5 78.Kc4 (having compelled pawn’s f7 movement, king goes for it) 78...f4 79.Kd4 f3 80.Ke3++; c) 77...Kd7 78.Rd1+ Kc7 79.Rd5 Rd6 80.c6! Rf1 (80...Rxc6 81.Rc5) 81.Rd7+ Kc8 82.Rd3++; 78.Rh2! with zugzwang.] 76.Rd1+ Kc6 77.Rd6+ Kc7 78.h6 The rest is not so complicated. 78...f5 79.Rf6 f4 80.Kb5 f3 81.c6 f2 82.Rf7+ Kd6 83.Rf6+ Kc7 84.Rxf2 Rxh6 85.Rf7+ Kd8 86.Kb6 Ke8 87.Rf4 Rh1 88.Re4+ An edifying ending. 1-0

A fantastic variation! According to my database White scored 7 points out of 8 against 2600 average rating! Unbelievably! There are definitely serious problems with this variation. 8...h6?! A novelty but not one of the best is. White wanted to exchange bishop to the knight himself. 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nfd2! This knight goes to c4 while another one can be developed to both c3 and d2 squares. 10...e5 An unassured attempt to get a counterplay. [After natural 10...0-0 11.Nxc4 Bd7 12.Nc3 (with following Ne4, Rc1) White has a free play when Black is to play at the 7th and 8th ranks without any hopes for the better times.] 11.d5 Ne7 12.Nxc4

Another knight goes to e4, pawn c7 is fixed. Advantage of White is beyond of dispute. 12...Nd5 13.Nbd2 Nd6 One knight can be exchanged but what to do with next one? 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Ne4 Forcing an useful trade off. 15...Nxe4 16.Bxe4
Rfd1 and d5–d6 is a plan. 16...b5 Distracting his attention from d5–d6 breakthrough. But from now file "c" is chronically weak. 17.Na5 Qd6 18.Rac1 Rc6 is a threat. 18...Bd7 19.Nb7 [19.Rc3!? with idea of Rc1 also deserved attention.] 19...Qb6 20.Nc5 Bg4 21.Nd3 Again Bf6 is nailed to defend e5 pawn. And Rc6 is again a threat. 21...Bd7


26.Qf5?! [One more awkward move for the queen. It would be better placed on e4 26.Qe4! Be7 27Nb7! (27.Nd3?! Qd6 28.Nxe5 Bf6 29.Nc6 Re8 30.Qd3 Bxb2) 27...Qd6 28.Rfd1± with promising intrusions] 26...g6 27.Qh3 [Now 27.Qe4 is not so comfortable since after 27...Bg7 f7–f5 becomes a serious resource] 27...Bg7? [Belov misses his chance to get an unclear position: 27...Be7! e.g. 28.b4 (after 28.Ne4?! Kg7 29.Rc6?! Qb7 30.Rd1 Rd3± Black even wins) 28...c6! 29.Ne6 Rx5 (29...fxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kf8 31.f4! e4 32.f5++) 30.Qxh6 fx6 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qxe6 Qc7= White has nothing more than perpetual check] 28.Rfd1 Now status quo is renewed. White is again better. 28...Re8 29.Nd7!

Knight makes a good career! 29...Qb7? Very resignedly. [It was time to look for some counterplay: 29...Qd6! 30.Rc6 Qb4 and Jakovenko would need another accurate moves to riposte 31.Nc5 d5–d6 a threat 31...Rcd8 (31...Qxb2? loses 32.d6 Rcd8 33.d7 Rd8 34.Nb7 Qe2 35.Rcc1++) 32.Rxc7 Bf8! (again pawn b2 is indirectly defended: 32...Qxb2 33.Nb7 Ra8 (33...Bb8 34.Nd6 Rf8 35.Nxf7! Rfx7 36.Rxf7 Kxf7 37.Qe6+ Kf8 38.Qd6++) 34.d6++) 33.a3! e4 square is required for the knight 33...Qxb2 34.Ne4 Bg7 35.d6 Qxa3 36.Nc5± and White
should win] 30.Rc6 Now Black has no hopes to survive 30...Rcd8 31.Rdc1 b4 32.R1c5 Rxc7 threat is renewed. 32...Rc8 33.b3+−

Fixing everything. 33...a5 34.Kg1 Avoiding possible checks along the big diagonal and freeing the way for the queen to f1. 34...Kh8 35.Rxa5 Pawn is won. 35...Ra8 36.Nc5 Qb8 37.Rxa8 Qxa8 38.Qd7 Now it’s over. 38...Rf8 39.Na6 Qb7 40.d6 Black resigned. Another typical catalan win happened: exchange of Nf6, fixing of c7 pawn; capturing of c-file, reli- azation :) 1-0

(06) Eljanov,Pavel (2736) - Motylev,Alexander (2705) [D10]
17th TCh–RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (2), 02.04.2010
[GM Aveskulov, V]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Very rare continuation. 5...Bb4 6.Bb2 0-0 7.a3 Bd6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7

Both opponents developed their pieces comfortably. Now tension in the center gradually grows up. 11.b4 Qe7 12.Qc2 [Considering following doings we can offer 12.h3!? covering square g4.] 12...dxc4! Black opens a Bb7. 13.Bxc4 c5 [There also was another way to break the opponent’s pawn structure: 13...a5 14.bxa5 (Black has a perfect position in a case of 14.b5?! c5) 14...Rxa5 15.a4 c5 16Nb5 Bb8 17.Rfd1 but the question is “what rook does on a5?”] 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.b5

21...Be5! 22.fxe5 Nxe4 23.Qc2! (23.fxe4? Qg5) 23...Qg5 24.fxg4 Qxe3+ and White should be careful to defend his king) 21...e5! and nothing is clear so far) 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 [After 17...Bxe5?! White has better chances 18.h3 Nf6 19.Rac1 with following pressure at c5 pawn] 18.Be2 f5 


**23.Bd5?** [This mistake turns an initiative to the opponent. Jump of the knight to the same square kept a balance: 23.Nd5!? e.g. 23...Bxd5 24.Rxd5 (there is nothing good for White after 24.Bxd5 exf4) 24...exf4 25.exf4 Bxf4 (there is a nice defence after 25...Nxf4?! 26.Rxf5 Rxf5 27.Qxf5 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Qh4 29.Be5 Nd4]

22...e5! He had nothing more to improve.
26.Ne2  [26.Bc6 would change almost nothing]  
26...Nxd5 27.Rxd5  

a) 27.Nxd5?

27...Nxe7 exd1Q+ 29.Qxd1 Bxh2+--; b) 27.Bxd5 Qe5!  
(27...Be5 28.Bf3 Rxd1+ 29.Nxd1 Rd8?) 28.g3 f4 29.Ne4 Qh5 30.Nxd6 Rxd6++;  
27...Be5 28.Qe2 f4  26...Nxd5 27.Bxd5

27...e2! 28.Nxe7 exd1Q+ 29.Qxd1 Bxh2+-;  

Rook frees square f8 for the king. 35.Rd3 Qh4+ Another 2-fold repetition. 36.Kg1 Qf2+ 37.Kh2 f4!

It is time for decisive combination 27...Bxh2+!  
28.Kxh2 [28.Kf1 is resignedly 28...Qh4 29.Ng1 Rf8 30.Qe2 Bg3--; Black has attack and many pawns.] 28...Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Qf2+ 30.Kh2 Qh4+  
Motylev wins some time before move 40. 31.Kg1 Qf2+ 32.Kh2 Rd6!++

Defending e3 pawn and preparing last assault. 38.Qe5 Kf8 39.Be6 Rh6+ 40.Bh3 Rxh3+! The most precise. 41.Kxh3 Rh6+ 42.Kg4 Qxe2+  
[White resigned because of inevitable loses: 42...Qxe2+ 43.Kxf4 Qf2+ 44.Ke4 Qxg2+ 45.Kxe3 Rh3+ 46.Kf4 Qh2+-+] 0-1

(07) Romanov, Evgeny (2600) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2667) [D02]  
17th TCh–RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (3), 03.04.2010

[GM Aveskulov, V]  
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 g6 5.Bf4  
Team tournament strategy often requires from us a choice of solid opening variations do not get your teammates nervous. Like this one.  
5...dxc4 6.Qxc4 Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nc3
10...Nh5N 11.Be5 Nb6  
[After 11...Nxe5?! 12.dxe5 Black gets serious problems with Nh5 (h2–h3, g2–g4)] 12.Qb3 Be6 13.Qc2 f6 14.Bg3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Rc8

[A familiar to us 19...a5 was also possible 20.Rac1 Qb6=] 20.Qb3 Qd7 21.Rfd1 Rf7 Preparing an unusual maneuver. 22.Nd2 Bf8 23.Nc4 Qd5 24.Qc2 Rd8 Nb6 was a threat 25.a3 Bd6 26.e4 Qg5 27.Rd3 Bb8 28.Rad1 Ba7

[An interesting alternative is bringing of the knight to d6 15...Nd8?! 16.Ne4 Nf6 17.Nc5 Bf7= from there it defends b7 pawn and does not disturb to advance b7–b6, c6–c5.] 16.Na4 Romanov exchanges all minor pieces except ofBg7 and Ng3. [As for me a maneuver of the knight to c5 was more promising: 16.Ne4!? Qc7 17.Nc5 Bf7 18.g4 preventing f6–f5 and meaning g4–g5 somewhen later.] 16...Nxa4 17.Bc4!? [There is an equal position on the board after 17.Qxa4 a5 18.Bc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4+ Qd5=] 17...Bxc4 18.Qxc4+ e6 19.Qxa4 a6=

Bishop has come from g7 to a7! 29.Ne3 Re7 30.Qc3 Kg7=

Opponents alternatively improve own pieces. 31.Qb4?! Unnecessary provokation. 31...f5  
[He could widen a scope of his bishop by means of 31...c5?] 32.dxc5 Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Bxc5 34.Qc4 Ba7 with nice position] 32.exf5
gx\textsubscript{f}5 [Taking with e6 pawn was not worse at all: 32...exf5 33.Qa5 Rde8 34.g4 Bb8! a temporary pawn sacrifice 35.gxf5 Bf4 36.Qc3 Bxe3 37.fxe3 Qxf5 38.d5+ Qf6 39.dxc6 bxc6= with equal endgame] 33.Qa5 Rf8 [Black could increase a pressure at d4 pawn as well: 33...Red7 34.g4 Kg6!=] 34.Re1 Qf6 35.Qb4 Rd7 36.Nc2 Re8 [Again Inarkiev had a possibility for c6-c5 36...c5!? 37.Qa4 Rd6 38.Rb3 Rf7 39.dxc6 Bxc6=] 37.Qb3 Ree7 38.Rde3 Kf7 39.Rf3!

Unexpectedly White created some threats. Not dangerous yet. 39...h5 [39...Bxd4? is bad because of 40.g4 f4 41.g3 and Black gets difficulties] 40.Ne3?! [Objectively this idea is not so good. But today it has come out. A stronger move was 40.Re5 e.g. 40...Kg7 41.Rfe3 Rd5 42.Rxd5 exd5 43.Rxe7+ Qxe7 44.Qf3 Qe4 45.Qxh5! Qxc2 46.Qg5+ with perpetual 46...Kf7 47.Qh5+ Ke7 48.Qg5+ Kd7 49.Qg7+ Kd6 50.Qf6+ Kc7 51.Qe7+ Kb6 52.Qb4+=] 40...Ke8 Rx\textsubscript{f}5 was a threat 41.g4 If you have said A you must also say B. 41...hxg4 42.Nxg4 Qxd4 43.Ne5

43...Rd5? [It was the best moment for Ernesto in the game: 43...Qd2! 44.Rf1 Rd5 45.Nc4 Qe2= with an evident advantage. From now everything starts again.] 44.Nd3 Knight goes to f4 and pushes at e6 pawn. 44...Rd6 [White has enough resources to keep a balance after 44...Kd8 45.Nf4 Qd2 46.Rf1 Rd6 47.Ng6 Rg7 48.Nf4 and Black should give e6 pawn back if he wants to play for a win] 45.Nf4 Qd2 [45...e5? is not good due to 46.Qg8+ Kd7 47.Ng6 with attack] 46.Kf1 Rh7 [A nice trick was possible in event of 46...Bd4!? and now White would be forced to find the move 47.Ng6! (since 47.Nxe6? is not good: 47...Qh6! 48.Nc7+ Kd7 49.Rxe7+ Kxe7+ and his king is in serious troubles) 47...Red7 48.Rxe6+ Rxe6 49.Qxe6+ Kd8 50.g3 Qxb2 51.Qxf5=] 47.Rxe6+ Kf8

48.Re8+! Kxe8 49.Qg8+ Kd7 50.Qxh7+ Kd8 51.Qh8+ Kc7 52.g3

From now White is out of risk but Black has to make a series of accurate moves. 52...Qc2 [It was not good to activate the bishop right now 52...Bd4 53.Qh7+ Kb8 54.b4! c5! 55.Qxf5 (55.bxc5? Qc7+ 56.Kg2 Qxc5= and pawn f5 is defended) 55...cxb4 56.Qf8+ Kc7 57.Qe7+ Kc6 58.axb4 Qxb4 59.Qe4+ Kd7 60.Kg2= due to bad location of Black king White has good chances to win] 53.Qe5 Kd7 54.Nd3 Rd5 55.Qg7+ Kc8 56.Qf8+ Kc7 57.Qe7+ Kc8
58.Qf8+ Kc7 59.Qf7+ Kb6 [After 59...Kc8 White could continue 60.Kg2 with such exemplary variations: 60...Bc5 Nb4 was a threat 61.Qg8+ Kc7 62.Nf4 Rd2 63.Ne6+ Kb6 64.Nxc5 Qxc5 65.Qb3+ Ka7 66.Rxf5! Qd4 67.Qc3 Qe4+ 68.Rf3± with extra pawn and good chances to win] 60.Nf4 Rb5 61.b4

61...a5?! An inaccuracy. [Black had to regroup their pieces with 61...Bb8! 62.Nd3 Bd6= king goes to a7, rook goes back to d5 and bishop restricts Nd3.] 62.Nd3 Ka6? A mistake that puts Black in troublous times. [It was again necessary to improve his bishop: 62...axb4 63.axb4 Bb8! 64.Nc5 Qb1+ 65.Kg2 Qxb4 66.Nd7+ Ka7 67.Rxf5 Qe4+ 68.Rf3 Ra5=] 63.bxa5 Kxa5 64.Kg2 Qe2?

[And again we talk about Ba7: 64...Bd4! 65.Qd7 c5 was more stubborn] 65.a4? [Evgeny misses a forced win: 65.Qc7+ Bb6 (65...Ka6 66.Nb4+ Rxb4 67.axb4++; 65...Ka4 66.Rf4+ Kxa3 67.Qd6+ c5 68.Qd7! Ra5 69.Rf3!++) 66.Qb6! Ka4 67.Qa5+ Ba5 68.Qh6! Rd5 (68...Bb6 69.Qf4+ Kxa3 (69...Ka5 70.Qa4++; 69...Kb3 70.Nc1+) 70.Qa1+ Qa2 (70...Kb3 71.Nc1+) 71.Ra4+ 69.Qb2 Kb5 70.Rb3+ Kc5 71.Qf8+ Kd4 72.Rd3++) 65...Rb1 66.Rxf5+ c5 White won a pawn but...]

Black got an attack at the king. 67.Qc4

[Apparently, Black could save the game after 67.Qd5 as well 67...Qf1+ 68.Kh2 Qg1+ 69.Kh3 Qh1+! 70.Qxh1 Rxe1+ 71.Kg2 Rh7 72.Rf4 b5 73.axb5 Kxb5 White should be forced to give up the knight for c–pawn somewhen later.] 67...Qd1?? A final blunder. [Ernesto missed his last chance to save an half of point: 67...Qf1+ 68.Kf3 Qg1+ 69.Kg4 (there are even easier variations after 69.Ke4 Qg4+ 70.Rf4 (70.Nf4?? Re1+++) 70...Qe2+ 71.Kf5 Qh5+ 72.Kf6 Rb6+ 73.Ke7 Qg5=) 69...Qxa4 70.Qxa4+ Kxa4 71.Nxc5+ Bxc5 72.Rxc5 b5 and Black is right in time to stop White pawns: 73.g4 b4 74.Rc8 b3 75.Ra8+ Kb4 76.Rb8+ Ka3 77.Kf5 (77.g5 b2 78.g6 Rg1 79.Kf5 Ka2 80.f4 b1Q+ 81.Rxb1 Kxb1 82.Qf6 Kc2 83.g7 Kd3 84.f5 Ke4 85.Kf7 Kxf5 86.g8Q Rgxg8 87.Kxg8) 77...Rf1 78.f4 b2 79.g5 Rf3 80.Rxb2 Kxb2 81.g6 Kc3 82.g7 Rg3 83.Kf6 Kd4 84.f5 Ke4 85.Kf7 Kxf5 86.g8Q Rgxg8 87.Kxg8] 68.Qc3+ Ka6 69.Rf6+ Bb6 [69...b6?? 70.Nxc5#] 70.Rxb6+! A simple tactic gives White 2 extra pawns. 70...Kxb6 [70...Rxb6 71.Nxc5+ Ka7 72.Qa5+ Ra6 (72...Kb8 73.Qxb6 Qd5+ 74.f3 Qd2+ 75.Kh3++) 73.Nxa6 bxa6 74.Qc7+ Ka8 75.Qc6+ Ka7 76.Qe4++] 71.Qxc5+ Ka6 72.Nb4+ Rxb4 73.Qxb4+– Pawns promote automatically. 73...Qd5± 74.f3 Qa2+ 75.Kh3 Qe6+ 76.g4 Qh6+ 77.Kg3 Qc1
78.Qb5+ Using checks Romanov brings his queen to the central position. 78...Ka7
79.Qa5+ Kb8 80.Qe5+ Ka8 81.f4 Qa3+ 82.Kh4 Qxa4

Last nuance is required. 97.Qe5+! Ka8
98.Qa1+! Square h1 is covered. 98...Kb8
99.Kh8 Black resigned; g7–g8Q is inevitable. 1-0

(08) Caruana,Fabiano (2680) -
Kobalia,Mihail (2637) [D43]
17th TCh–RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (3),
03.04.2010
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5 h5
[This move now has authority in Anti–Moscow gambit even more, than 9...Bb7] 10.h4 g4 11.Be2
b4!? "Deserves attention" (c) Stohl. Indeed, what could be more principled, than taking a central pawn? [Standard play is 11...Bb7 12.0-0 with undermings f3, b3...]
12.Na4 Nxe4
13.0-0

This pawn does not play any role. 83.g5 Qc6
84.Kh5 Qh1+ 85.Kg6 Qc6+ 86.Qf6 Qd5
87.Kh6 b5

88.Qa6+ Kb8 89.g6 Qh1+ 90.Kg7 Qd5 91.Qf6
Qb7+ 92.Kh8 Qh1+ 93.Kg8 Qb7 [93...Qd5+ 94.Qf7++] 94.g7 b4 95.Qd8+ Ka7 96.Qa5+ Kb8
Qxd4 17.Qxh6 Qxe5©, Pohlig–Benti, corr 2002; by move in the game Black is threatening with Nxg3, because 13...Nxg3 right now is dubious: 14.fxg3 Bg7 15.Nxf7 Qxd4+ 16.Kh2 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 0-0 18.Ng5 with good compensation.] 14.Bf4 Of course, White protects dark-squared bishop. 14...Qxh4 15.Qc2?[Such feeling, that Caruana simply overlooked opponent's reply, otherwise he would have chosen 15.Bxc4] 15...g3 16.fxg3 Nxg3 Now Black catches an initiative entirely – dark squares are very weak. 17.Bf3 [Having realized, that 17.Bxg3 Qxg3 18.Rf3 Qh4 19.Rd1 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Nd7 lacks of prospects, White has decided to sacrifice an exchange. But will Black take it?] 17...0-0 [The answer is "no" – at least, for the time present. 17...Nxf1 18.Rxf1 0-0 (18...Qxf4? 19.Bxc6+) 19.Qd2 really allows White to create some ghosts of attack.] 18.Qd2 Nd7! Kobalia disregards a material factor, preferring development and exchange of active white pieces. 19.Nxc6 [19.Bxg3 Qxg3 20.Nxc6 Nf6!, and if 21.Ne7+ Kh7! 22.Bxa8, then 22...Ng4 23.Qf4 Bxd4+! (that’s why king is needed at h7, not h8); 19.Bg5 Ne4!] 19...Ba6 [Keen on Ba6–b5, but better was 19...Nf6!, as in previous variation.] 20.Rfe1? [White is wrongly rejected a nearly forced line 20.Bxg3 Qxg3 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.Rxf7 Bb5 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5 c3 26.bxc3 bxc3, and 27.Qe1 leaves quite good chances for the coming off clear.] 20...Nf5 21.Re4 Looks sternly, but next move breaks all illusions. 21...Nh4 Now the only way is to part with an exchange. 22.Re5 Ng4 23.Rxf5 exf5 24.g3 Qh3! [Much better, than passive 24...Qf6 25.Bg5] 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Nxf5 26...Nh2!? [26...Rae8 should win too, but Kobalia doesn’t want to stand the knight f5.] 27.Bxa8 Qxf5 28.Bg2 Ng4 29.Nc5 Rd8! The whole invention with 26...Nh2 would be a mistake, unless this exact move. Now, at the cost of a piece, Black is expanding an attack. 30.Nxa6 Bxd4+ 31.Kh1 c3 [Black miss the chance to finish the game at once: 31...Nf2+ 32.Kh2 h4! 33.gxh4 c3–+] 32.bxc3 bxc3 33.Qe2 Here queen stands more comfortable, than on d2. 33...c2 34.Rc1 [34.Rf1 Nf2+ 35.Kh2 h4 36.Qe7 is the last possibility to muddle, but cold–blooded 36...hxg3+ 37.Bxg3 Qh5+ 38.Qh4 Qxh4+ 39.Bxh4 Nd1! 40.Bg5 Be3 clears things up.] 34...Nf2+ 35.Kh2 Ng4+ 36.Kh1 Nf2+ 37.Kg1 [37.Kh2 h4!] 37...Nd3+ 38.Kh1 Nxc1 39.Bxc1 Be5 Rook goes to d1, and it’s over. 40.Kh2 Rd1 41.Bh3 [41.Qe3 Rxc1! 42.Qxc1 h4] 41...Bxg3+ An elegant tactics crowns it all. 42.Kg2 Qd5+ 43.Kxg3 Rxcl 44.Qe3 Rg1+ [44...Rg1+ 45.Qxg1 Qg5+] 0-1

(09) Ponomariov,Ruslan (2737) - Ivanchuk,Vassily (2748) [D11]
17th TCh–RUS Premier Dagomys RUS (4), 04.04.2010
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Qb3 Ponomariov chooses a continuation, which theorize as less as possible. It makes some sense – no reason to battle with Ivanchuk in well–known lines. 5...Qb6 6.Nc3 Nb7
7...Be6 [7...Nxe5?! 8.dxe5 Qxb3 9.axb3 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.0-0!±]
8.Nxd7 Bxd7 9.Na4 Qxb3 [It's no good to deviate from exchange – 9...Qc7 10.Nc5!]
10.axb3 a6 [Threat Na4–b6 makes some troubles, but maybe it was possible to cope without a7–a6, I mean 10...b5-0-0!? 11.Nc5 Kb8] 11.Bd3 e6 12.Bd2 Bd6 13.Ba5! Very strong move. Now after c4–c5 either black bishop will step back to b8, or bishop a5 penetrates to c7. 13...Ke7 14.c5 Bb8 15.Kd2 e5 16.Nb6 Ra7 17.f3

White is clearly better, but that’s not enough without open lines for the rooks. That's why Ponomariov prepares e3–e4 break. 17...h5? [Impulsive move, which can proclaim oneself later. 17...e4!, putting obstacles in the way of position's unveiling, is more useful.] 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bc3 Bxc3+ 20.Kxc3 Be6 Knight is hurrying at d7 to rescue rook a7 from an imprisonment. But White hasn’t been sitting around twiddling his thumbs. 21.Rhe1 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Kxd7 23.e4! dxe4 24.Rxe4 Raa8 25.Rd1 Kc7 26.Bc4! Keeping clear a way for the rooks. 26...Rae8 27.Rde1 Kd7 28.Rd4+ Kc7 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Re5±

Pawn h5 represents itself nothing more than a weakness. 30...Re7 31.Rde4 Rh6 White binds enemy’s force with protection, so now it's turn to activate king c3. 32.Rg5 Rf7 33.Kd4 Rd7+ 34.Ke3 Kd8 35.Rd4 Rh7 36.Rxd7+ Kxd7 37.Ke4 Ke7 38.Ke5 Done. Now a couple of useful moves, and then "base expansion" with the aid of f4–f5. 38...h4 39.b4 Kd7 40.h3 Ke7 41.f4 Kd7 42.f5!

It’s important to make this move when black king stays at d7. 42...exf5 43.Kxf5 Ke7 44.Kg6+- Grasping pawn g7... but black rook is going out now, which give some chances for Ivanchuk. 44...Rh6+ 45.Kxg7 Re6 46.Rg4 Re2 47.Rxh4 [47.b3! seems more exact, but Ruslan, probably, was sure that 47.Rxh4 is enough too.] 47...Rgx2+ 48.Rg4 Rxb2 49.h4 Ke6 [49...Rh2 50.Kg6] 50.h5 Kf5
51.Rh4! [Practical decision. White doesn’t want trouble oneself with calculations, whether ending after 51.Rg6 Rxb4 52.h6 Rh4 53.h7 Rxh7+ 54.Kxh7 Ke5 55.Rd6 is winning (though it is!).] 51...Kg5 52.Rh1 [52.h6 Kxh4 53.h7 Rxb4 54.h8Q turns out to be not quite enough for White.] 52...Rd2 [52.h6 Kxh4 53.h7 Rxb4 54.h8Q turns out to be not quite enough for White.] 53.h6 Rd7+ 54.Kf8 Kf6 [54...Rh7 55.Kg8! 55.Ke8 Rh7 56.Rd1! In actual fact, pawn h6 can’t be taken. Rook will go to d6, after which White may choose among two paths – Kd8–c8 and Rd7 or Kf8–g8... 56...Ke5 57.Rd6 b6!? Black is trying the last chance. 58.Rxc6? [58.Kf8 wins easily: 58...bxc5 59.bxc5 a5 60.Kg8 Rxb6 61.Rh6 Kd5 62.Rh5+ Kc4 63.Kf7; now all is not so simple.] 58...a5! What to do? 59.b5 [This is the best chance to play for the victory; 59.bxa5 bxa5 60.Kf8 Kd5 61.Ra6 Rxb6!=] 59...bxc5 60.Kf8

60...Kd5? [Seems unbelievable, but after 60...Rb7! Ivanchuk could hold a draw! 61.Rxc5+ (61.Kg8 Rxb5 62.Rc8 Rb7 63.h7 Rxb7 64.Kxh7 Kd4=) 61...Kf6 62.Rc6+ Kg5! (touching pawn h6) 63.b6 a4 64.Rc7 Rb8+=! 65.Kg7 a3! 66.Rc5+ Kg4=] 61.Kg8 Rb7 62.h7

Rb8+ 63.Kg7 Rxb5 [63...Kc4 64.b6+-] 64.h8Q Kxc6 Now Ponomariov will act like a table-base. 65.Qe8+ Kb6 66.Qd8+ Kc6 67.Kf6!

Zugzwang. 67...Rb4 68.Qxa5 Rd4 69.Qa6+ Kc7 70.Kd6 Now Black has to take away one pawn more. 70...Rg4 71.Qd6+ Kb7 72.Qxc5 Rg6+ 73.Kf7 Rd6 74.Qd5+ Rd8 75.Qd7+ Ka6 76.Qa4+ Kb6 77.Qe4 Kd5 78.Qd7 Rd6 79.Qb5+ Rd8 80.Qd7! The shortest path. 80...Ka8 81.Kd5+ Kb8 [81...Ka7 82.Kc7] 82.Qc5 [82.Kd7! wins faster, but that’s okay.] 82...Rh6 [82...Kb7] 83.Qe5+ Ka8 84.Qe4+ Ka7 85.Qe3+ Rb6 86.Rc7 1-0

(10) Diamant,Andre (2486) - Granda Zuniga,Julio E (2643) [B14] XXXVII Open La Roda Albacete ESP (7), 03.04.2010 [IM Polivanov, A] 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 [Another continuation – 7...exd5, which opens bishop c8 and line “e” at the same time. 7...Nxd5 also has some merits – central outpost for the knight and pawn’s d4 attack perspective.] 8.Qc2 Nc6

9.Be2 [Such "modest" behaviour is explained by variation 9.Bd3 Ba5! with two threats –
Ndb4 and the winning of pawn d4.] 9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 [Bishop b4 is heading to g7 (through f8 and g7-g6) anyway, so is there a reason to urge it on? I like more 11.Rd1 Bf8 12.Bg5?!, Sokolov–Lalic, Cappelle 2004.] 11...Bf8 12.Qe4 Bd7 13.Re1N [With Nxd5 in intention; earlier met 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Qh4 Ne7 15.Ne4 Ng6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Qh5 Bc6 18.Be3 Qd5, and Black at least isn’t worse, Sav- yapragyan–Ramesh, Goodricke 2002.] 13...Nf6 14.Qh4 Ne7 Like in the game from previous annotation – queen h4 feels itself uncomfortably. 15.Bg5?! [15.Bd3! was more lively – 15...Ng6 (15...Nf5 16.Qh3 with g2-g4 ideas) 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Ne5, and rook can be transferred to h3.] 15...Nf5 16.Qf4 Bc6 Now Black has absolutely no problems. 17.Rad1 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ne5 Red8 20.Bc4 20...Nd6! Prevention from Ne5xf7 and d4–d5 motives at once. Now Zuniga switches to the favoured endgame. 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Bd3 [Immediate 23.Be2? won’t do because of 23...Nf5; that’s why Diamant is waiting for f6–f5 first.] 23...f5 24.Be2Bg7 25.Rd2 a5! [Preparing rook’s outlet: 25...Rab8?! 26.b4; it’s obvious, that Black is overplaying his opponent step-by-step.] 26.Bf3 Not the best, but any good advice will be cost dearly for White here. 26...Rac8?! [For some reason Black has declined attractive line 26...Nc4 27.Rc2 Bxd4 28.Ne2 (28.Bxc6 Rac8) 28...Nxb2 29.Nxd4 Nd3!] 27.Ne2 Nb5?! [Yet another fault – 27...Ne4! 28.Bxe4 fxe4 with further c6–c5 or e6–e5 promises good life for Black and bishop g7 in particular.] 28.Red1 Rd6 29.Kf1 Now White has regrouped and can calmly look in the future. 29...Kf8 [29...Rc8 30.a4 Nxd4 31.Nxd4 Bxd4 32.Bxc6 e5 provides slightly better endgame for Black due to strong bishop d4, but apparently, this wasn’t enough for Julio Granda.] 30.a4! Nc7 Now we realize, why Black didn’t move a4 by oneself – for the sake of c7–a6–b4 route. But White has a counter-route – d2–c2–e5. 31.Rc1 Na6 32.Rdc2 Nb4 33.Rc5 Bxd4 [33...Nd3 34.Rxc6 Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Rxc6 36.Bxc6 Nbd1! 37.Bb5 Nc2 secures a draw, but Peruvian grandmaster still aims for the victory.] 34.Nxd4 Rxd4 35.Rxa5 Rdc8 36.Ra7 [A signal for the pawn a4; 36.Bxc6? Rc8] 36...Rd2 37.Rb1 Nd3 38.Bxc6? [Now Diamant plays for the winning already! In case of 38.a5 Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.a6 Ne5 41.Rb7 Rdd2 42.a7 Nxf3+ 43.gxf3 Black would be obliged to reconcile oneself with draw.] 38...e5 [Spoils nothing yet, although 38...e5 deprives of some opportunities, for example 38...Rxf2+ 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.Bf3 Ne5!] 39.a5 e4? [But that is irretrievable mistake. After correct 39...Rxf2+ 40.Kg1 Rc2 41.Rd7 (41.Ra8 Ke7!) 41...Rc8 42.Rxd3 Rxc6 43.Rf3 (43.b4?! Ra2) 43...e4 44.Rxf5 e3 45.Rf3 Re2 Black’s activity will do to maintain equilibrium.] 40.Ra8! Exactly! Diamant evaluates a situation accurately – pawn a5 is unleashed. 40...Rxa8 41.Bxa8 Rxfl+ 42.Kg1 Rd2 [42...Rxh2 43.Bxb2 Nxb2 44.a6 Nc4 45.a7 Nb6 46.Bd4=] 43.a6 Nc5 44.a7 Rd7 45.Bb7! Classical case of position’s overrate. 1-0
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