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Games

(01) Braun,A (2538) - Efimenko,Z (2683) [A42]
Schachbundesliga 2010–11 Baden–Baden
GER (15), 10.04.2011

[Polivanov, Anatoliy]

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 c5 5.d5 e6 6.Nge2 [Usually Braun applies Sae- mish System, but now 6.f3 can be met by
6...Ne7!, and f7–f5 is ready to be made. This is the whole point of such arrange-
ment.] 6...Nf6 [6...Ne7 here is also possi-
ble, but it's necessary to consider with
7.dxe6! Bxe6 (7...fxe6 8.Nb5) 8.Nf4]

7.Ng3 0–0 8.Be2 a6 9.a4 exd5 10.cxd5

10...Nbd7 [The best way to use ¤g3 – to
disturb it after 10...h5 11.0–0 (11.Bg5 Qc7)
11...h4 12.Nh1 Re8 13.f3 Nh5 14.Be3
(14.f4? , recommended by Riazantsev in
2000, loses after 14...Bd4+ 15.Nf2 Ng3) 14...f5 15.Qd2 Qf6] 11.0–0 Re8 12.Bf4
to conduct b7–b5. Preventive 14.a5 isn't
dangerous: 14...b5 15.axb6 Qxb6 with
pressure on 'b2.] 14...Rc8 [As 14...Rb8 is
ineffective in view of 15.b4! (15.a5 also
strong), Black tries to put c5–c4 at first.]
15.h3! [White finds the most appropriate
plan – to use black pieces' uneasiness af-
ter Be3 and f4. Besides, 15.b4? fails be-
cause of 15...cxb4 16.Rxb4 Nh5!] 15...c4
16.Be3 [16.a5 Rc5] 16...h5!? [16...b5
17.axb5 axb5 seems the most logical, but

after strong 18.Bd4! (instead 18.f4?! Nd3
be deprived of counterplay.] 17.a5 Under
bishop at e3, this advancement wins in
power, as b7–b5 isn't possible anymore.
17...Bb5 Finally black kings have square
d7 at own disposal. [It's too early for
, and 5d3 is doomed.(20.Qxd3? Nxe4
21.Nxe4 Bb5)] 18.f3 Nfd7 Two ideas at
once – Nd7–c5 and f7–f5. 19.Nxb5!
[Braun does right, rejecting the line 19.f4
Rc4 (22...Nc5!?) 23.Qb3 Qh4 with excel-

tence compensation.] 19...axb5 20.Qb4 Two

A at sight – b5 and d6. But Efimenko has
something to answer with. 20...f5!

Two strategies has collide, and fight has
reached own culmination.21.a6!
[21.Qxd6?? Bf8+ ; that's why White is
making a room for the queen at a6; to open
line "e" is undesirable – 21.exf5?! Nc5!
22.Qxb5 Nxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Rxe3→ 24.fg6?
Qg5+; the only reasonable alternative is
21.Qxb5 Nc5 22.f4 Ned3 23.Qxc4 Nxb2
24.Qb5 , though after 24...Nxe4 25.Nxe4
Rxe4 26.Bb6 Qe8! Black is OK again.
] 21...bxa6 22.Qxd6 h4 23.Nf1 fxe4 24.f4!
[24.fxe4 Nf6 has no prospects for White:
] 24...Nd3 25.Qxg6 Nf8 Dispelling the
queen from active place. 26.Qf5 [26.Qxa6 Qxd5+!] 26...Ra8! Played very calmly. Now all black \( \Delta \) are protected, whereas white ones can't boast the same. 27.Nd2 Qf6?! [Perhaps, 27...Nb4! was better: 28.Bh5 Qxd5 29.Qxd5+ Nxd5 30.Bxe8 Rxe8 31.Nf1 Ne6! with very good chances to the victory, despite exchange's absence.]

28.Qg4 Now White is going to use an unexpected counterchance – f5 with threats to \( \Delta e4 \). 28...Ng6! [As it turned out, 28...Nxb2 29.f5 Qe5 30.Qxh4 c3 meets 31.Rf1! Nd7 (31...cxd2 32.f6+) 32.Nb3 with very dangerous initiative.] 29.Rf1 Rad8! [And now 29...Nxb2 is not punished: 30.d6! Qc3 (30...Qxd6 31.f5 Ne5 32.Qxh4) 31.Bb6! Qf6 (31...Qxd2 32.Qxg6 Qxe2? 33.Bd4++) 32.Be3, and all is resulted in draw. 29...Rad8 is called up to prevent d5–d6 opportunity.] 30.f5 Nge5 31.Qh7 Rxf6 32.Bd4! [White continues to play with fire. Simple 34.fxg7 Rf6 35.Qxh4 Rxg1+ 36.Nxg1 (and bishop is going to d4), was very promising.] 34...Qxh7 35.Qg6+ Kf8 36.Qh7+ Nxe6! [Efimenko plays for the winning too – otherwise, 36...Qxb7 37.Qh7 Rxd5 38.Bxf7 Qxf7 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Qxh4 Rxd4 41.Qg5+ leads to truce.]


38...Re7 Now White's attack is just choked. 39.Rxf6 Qxf6 40.Nxe4 Qf4 41.d6 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 Bf4+ 43.g3 hxg3+ 0–1


30...Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Nf3+! Gyimesi finishes the game with nice combination. 32.Kg3 Qe5+ 33.Nf4 [33.Kxf3 Rd3+] 33...Rd3! 34.gxf3 [34.Rb5 Nd4+ 35.Qxd3 cxd3 36.Rxe5 d2!+] 34...Qg5+ 35.Kh2 Qxf4+ 36.Kg1 Qxf3 37.Rb1 c3 0–1

(03) Zhao Jun (2580) – Xiu,D (2508) [E26] ch-CHN 2011 Xinghua Jiangsu CHN (9), 08.04.2011
[Polivanov,Anatoliy]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Saemish System in Nimzo-Indian. White plans are the same as in analogous variation of Kings Indian: to create a powerful center (f3, e4...), while Black will assault on △c4. 5...c5 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3

7...Nc6 [Of course, this is a matter of taste, but I think, that 7...Bb7 is better – now White has to spend a tempo on f3, and the game can be developed so: 8...Nc6 9.Ne2 0-0 10.0-0 Rc8 11.e4 Ne8! (to prevent a pin afterBg5) 12.e5 d6 13.f4 Na5? (opening inaccuracy – worth to swap △ 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 at first, and only then 14...Na5 15.f5 dxe5 16.fxe6 e4!] 14.f5 cxd4 15.fxe6!± , Khachatryan–Polivanov, Yuzhny 2009] 8.Ne2 Bb6? [As we see, in this system Black should be very careful – only 8...0-0 9.e4 Ne8! is good here.] 9.e4! In view of two threats (e4–e5 and Bg5) a hardship is imminent. 9...0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5N [Earlier met 11...d6 12.f4 e5 13.d5 Nb8 14.fx e5 dxe5 15.0-0 Nbd7 16.Qc1! (maintaining the pin; 16.Qd2? Nxe4) 16...g5 (16...Qc7 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Qxh6–+) 17.Be1 Ne8 18.Ng3+ , Koblencs–Kan, Riga, 1952. Xiu decides to banish the bishop h4 immediately.] 12.Bg3 d6 13.f4 [Another break-up was also very strong: 13.h4!? g4 (13...Nh5 14.hxg5 Nxg5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.Rh5–+) 14.Bf4 Kg7 15.Ng3! with threats e4–e5, Ng3–h5 or even Bxh6 – it's very hard to defend.] 13...Na5?! [Nf6...Nh5] 14.fxg5 hxg5 15.0-0 △d6 is under blow. 15...Nh5

[15...Ng4 loses because of 16.Nf4! Ne3 17.Qh5 Nxf1 18.e5++] 16.Bxd6!! Despite △’s departure from f6, White anyway dares for this capture. 16...Qxd6 17.e5 Qe7
[Queen should be situated here, otherwise 17...Qd8 18.Ng3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 f5 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Qh5+-] 18.Ng3 Nxg3 [18...Ng7 19.Ne4 is hopeless.] 19.Rf6! [Zhao directs an attack with inspiration. 19.hxg3?! would give a precious time for 19...f5! , and the draw comes: 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Qh6 Qd8 22.Rf6+-] 19...Qd8 20.Nf5 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Qg5 22.Rf6! [Zhao directs an attack with inspiration. 19.hxg3?! would give a precious time for 19...f5! , and the draw comes: 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Qh6 Qd8 22.Rf6+-] 19.Qe4 [Queen's transition to g7 doesn't save: 19...Rfd8 20.hxg3 Qf8 21.Qh5 Qg7 22.Raf1 Rd7 23.Rh6!+-; the most persistent try is 19...Bxc4 20.hxg3! (of course, not 20.Qg4? Bxd3 21.Qxg5+ Bg6 22.Rxg6+ fxg6 23.Qxe7 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Rae8) 20...Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Kg7 22.Qe3 Rh8, but White has a reply 23.Raf1! 23...Rac8 24.Qxc6+ Kf8 25.Qxf+ Qf7 26.Rxf7+ Ke8 27.Qf6+ Kd8 28.Qxe6+ Kc7 29.Qf7 and "d" and "e" will bring the victory.] 20.Qg4 Rg8 21.hxg3 Nb7 [This is the only way to protect f7, as 21...Kf8 22.Raf1 Rg7 fails because of 23.Bg6] 22.Raf1 Nd8 It seems, that Xiu has beaten off the first wave of attack. But... 23.Qe4! Double strike finishes the game. 23...Qb7 [23...Bb7 24.Rg6+! Kh7 25.Rxe6++] 24.d5 [24.Qh7+ Kg8 25.Be4 was enough, but Zhao has something different in mind.] 4

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(04) Bosiocic,Mari (2561) – Postny,E (2585) [C51]
Zagreb Open A Zagreb CRO (4.1), 14.04.2011
[Polivanov,Anatoliy]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6!? Maybe, this is the best to deal with Evans Gambit, if someone doesn't want to go deep into complications. 5.a4 [5.b5 Nd4 6.Nxe5? Qg5+- does everyone remember a "poisoned pawn" line?] 5...a6

[5...a6


11.Qxf3 Bd4 12.Ra3 0-0 13.Be3?! [Serious inaccuracy – it was necessary to castle as soon as possible: 13.0-0 f5 14.c3 Ba7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 f4 17.d4!±]
15...Qf6 16.h4 [16.0-0 g5±] 16...Bd7 17.Kd2

[17.0-0 h6 18.h5 Be8] 17...Rae8 Having at own disposal an excellent square e5, Black is fighting for the "e"-line. 18.Ra1 Re5 19.Rae1 [19.Qxd4? Re2+ 20.Kc3 Rxc2+] 19...Rfe8 20.Rxe5 [This is a compulsory measure – if not now, then 2 moves later: 20.Bb3 Kh8! 21.Kd1 Qe7 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Qd2 c5++; 20.Qg5 doesn’t work too – 20...Qxg5+ 21.hxg5 f4 22.Re4!? Rxg5 23.Rxd4 Rxg2 24.Rxf4 g5+] 20...dxe5 21.Qg3 Qd6 22.Rb1 Kh8 [22...Bb5!? , with idea to exchange at c4 and conduct c6, also deserves attention.] 23.f3 Re7 24.c3!? Seems paradoxically – White is exposing own king, which is quite "undressed" already. But now game is becoming more complicated. 24...dxc3+ 25.Kxc3 b5 26.axb6 [26.Bb3 c5+] 26...cxb6 27.h5 Qf6 [As line "c" is opened now, 27...Re8! would be logical.] 28.Qf2 In order to have Qd4 in case e4. 28...Be8

29.h6! Exclamation mark is given not for the move itself (in fact, this is the only one), but for the whole idea. [29.Ra1? b5 30.Bb3 e4+ 31.Qd4 Rc7+-+] 29...gxh6?! [And Postny finally made a mistake. 29...Qxh6?! isn't better: 30.Ra1! b5 31.Qc5 – $e7 is unprotected now; only 29...b5! consolidates an edge for Black.] 30.f4! b5 31.fxe5 Qxe5+ 32.Qd4 Bosiocic' intentions now are clear – to go to the endgame... without a piece. 32...bxc4 33.Qxe5+ Rxe5 34.dxc4 Despite an extra bishop, Black has no time to laugh – white passers are very dangerous, and $a6 is going to be lost. 34...Bh5?! [Worth to try to hold a defence after 34...Bd7 35.Ra1 Bc8] 35.d6 Now bishop has to come back. [Perhaps, hope was pinned on 35.Ra1? Re3+ 36.Kd4 Re4+ 37.Kc5 Be2 , but that's not the case here.] 35...Re6 36.c5 Be8 37.Ra1
37...Bb5? [Now it's lost completely. It was necessary to forget about ∆a6 and bring the king instead: 37...Kg7 38.Rxa6 Kf6, and probably it's still draw.] 38.Ra5! That's it! There is no defence from sacrifice on b5, so pawns c5 and d6 are unstoppable. 38...Re3+ 39.Kd4 Rd3+ 40.Ke5 Re3+ 41.Kf6 1-0

(05) Ding,L (2637) –
Li Chao2 (2646) [D70]
Chinese League Ningbo CHN (3), 14.04.2011
[Polivanov, Anatoliy]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3!? Those, who don't wish to compete in long lines of Grunfeld Defence, frequently use this continuation. Of course, knowing of Saemish System is advisable. 3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 f5!? Energetic move, main threat of which to exchange pawns "f", so bishop f1 would become vulnerable. [9...e5 is also applied: 10.d5 Nd4 (10...Na5 11.Bxb6 axb6 12.b4) 11.f4 c5 12.fxe5 Bg4 13.Re1 Bxe5 14.h3 Qh4 15.Bd3 Rac8=2] 10.e5 [Now the whole fight will turn around point d5. Another way - 10.h4 fxe4 11.h5 (11.fxe4?! Nxd4) , but as next famous game has shown, Black is OK: 11...gxh5 12.d5 (12.Rxh5 Bf5 13.Rg5 Bg6 14.Be2 e5!) 12...Ne5 13.Bh6 Nec4 14.Qg5 Rf7 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Rd4 Qd6! 17.Bxg7 Rxc7 18.Qxh5 Qf4+ 19.Kb1 Bf5 20.fxe4 Bg4 21.Nge2 Qd2! 0-1, Mamedyarov–Kurnosov, Aeroflot 2009] 10...Nbd4 11.Nh3 a5N

24. Qxg6+ Kd7

25. Rh6!? [White decided to refrain from 25. Rxd5+ Kc7 26. Qg5! , and after 26...Bxd5 (26...Rfe8 27. Rb5) 27. Qxe7+ Kb8 28. Qxf8+ Ka7 he may choose among 29. Qxf5 with draw and more risky 29. Qh6! Qc5 30. Qd2 (probably, draw anyway).] 25... Qe3+ 26. Kc2? [Wrong square! 26. Kb2! Qxe5 27. Bb5+ Kd6 28. f4! Qe3 , and now fantastic 29. Qg7!! Rg8 30. Qe5 leads to equality: 30...Qxe5 31. fxe5+ Kc5 (31...Kxe5 32. Re1+) 32. Rxe6 Kxb5 33. Rxd5+ Kc4=] 26... Qxe5 27. Bb5+ [27. f4 is pointless already – 27... Qe4+ and Rf6.] 27...Kd6 28. c4 Rf6 29. Qg7 Rc8 [29... Rxh6? 30. c5+] 30. Rh8 d4 Black has rebuffed all threats, so now a phase of realization will come. 31. Rxc8 Bxc8 32. Qh8 [32. Qg8 Kc7 33. Qd5 Qxd5 34. cxd5 Kb6!] 32... Kc7 33. Qh4 Rd6 [33... f4 even better.] 34. Qe1

White is seeking for salvation in ending, but black ♛ are too advanced. 34... d3+ 35. Kb3 Qxe1 36. Rxe1 e5! 37. Kc3 e4 38. Kd2 Re6 [38... Rg6 leaves more questions: 39. fxe4 fx4 40. Rxe4 Rg2+ 41. Ke3 (41. Kxd3? Bf5) ] 39. c5 Bd7 40. Bc4 Re8 41. g4 White tries to break ♛ pair, but now another passed pawn will form. 41... fxg4 42. fxe4 Kc6 43. e5 Bf5! [43... Kxc5?! 44. Bf7 Re7 45. e6] 44. Bf7 Re7 45. e6 Kd5 Of course, ♛e6 is more important than c5 one. 46. Rh1 Bxe6 47. Bxe6+ Rxe6 48. Kxd3 Rg6 The rest doesn't require any comments – pawn "g" constrains white forces. 49. Rh5+ Kc6 50. Ke2 g3 51. Kf1 g2+ 52. Kg1 Kg3 0-1

(06) Caruana,F (2716) – Bocharov,D (2595) [C41]
TCh–RUS Premier Olginka RUS (1), 12.04.2011
[Polivanov, Anatoliy]

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 e5 4. Nf3 Nbd7 This redaction of Philidor Defence has some merits in comparison with 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nd7, because 4. Bc4! with Ng5 threat poses a problem. 5. Bc4 Now Ng5 isn't dangerous, as Black has enough time to complete a castle. [Personally I like move 5.g4!? very much, but it's more appropriate in rapid tournaments, than in team championship.] 5... Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7. a4 c6 8. Re1
8...exd4 [In his book "The Philidor Files" GM Bauer considered, among other moves, continuation 8...a5 9.h3 exd4 10.Qxd4 (10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Bf4 Be6!) 10...Nc5 11.Bf4 Be6 12.Rad1 Qb6! with good chances to equalize.] 9.Nxd4 Ne5 [This path isn't mentioned in Bauer's survey – only 9...Nc5 10.a5! , and c5 feels uncomfortable.]

10.Ba2 Re8 11.h3 [11.f4 meets 11...Bg4 , so 11.h3 first.] 11...Bd7 12.f4 Ng6 13.Be3 Qa5 Black wants to put rook on d8 with intention to conduct d6–d5. 14.Qd3! This strong move foils Black's plans. 14...Bd8 [As it turned out, after 14...Rad8 15.b4! follows: (15.Qc4?! d5) 15...Qh5 (after 15...Qc7 16.Qc4! wins in force) 16.b5 , and it's difficult for Black to be untwisted.]

15.Bd2 [If 15.b4 Qxb4 16.Rab1 , then 16...Qa5 17.Rxb7 Bb6 and b7 is risking to be lost.] 15...Qh5 16.Nc2 [Maybe, there was some sense in 15...Qc5!? , because 16.b4 is dubious – 16...Qxb4 17.Nd5 Qc5 18.Bb4 Nxf4! 19.Qd1 (19.Qd2 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Rxe4 21.Bxc5 cxd5+) 19...cxd5 20.Bxc5 with excellent compensation.] 16.f5 Ne5 17.Qg3 Bb6 18.Be3 d5


24...Nf3+ 25.Qxf3 exf3 26.Bxh6
26...fxe6? [This error once and for all puts Bocharov’s posture on the verge of defeat: only 26...Bg3! is suitable here – 27.Be3 (27.Re3 gxh6 28.Rxf3 Be5 29.Nc5 Bc8=) 27...Bxe1 28.Rxe1 fxe6 29.fxe6 Bc8 30.e7+ Nd5, and Black holds.] 27.fxe6 Bc8 28Bg5 fxg2 29.e7+ Kh8 [29...Nd5 30.Nxc6! bxc6 31.Rxd5+-] 30.Kxe7 [No need to hurry with 30.Bf7 ] 30...Nd5 31.Bxd5 cxd5 32.Nb5 Bb6 All black pieces are at the last "file" – that’s symbolic. 33.Rxd5 b6 34.Rf1 1–0


9.Qc3! Maybe, this is the only way to fight for the opening advantage – White is embarrassing black pieces to be developed. 9...b5 Moiseenko wants to put own ♚ at c8 to disturb queen c3. But that plan requires some time. 10.Bf4 Bb7 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Qg3 Be7? [If 12...Ne7 (planning to put ♚ on g6), then 13.c4! bxc4 14.Nd2 Ng6 15.Nxc4 Bxe4 16.Bd6 with huge initiative; but Black may still go to this line, only instead 13...bxc4 worth to choose 13...Bxe4 14.exb5 Nf5 with unclear game.] 13.a4! [Sure, not 13.Qxg7?! Bf6 14.Qh6 Bxb2 ; now Najer makes a room for ♚a1 and provides square c4 for the ♚. ] 13...b4 14.Nd2 [And here 14.Qxg7 is dubious in view of 14...Bf6 15.Qh6 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Qf6! with exchange. ] 14...e5?!
cated — thus, 14...Nd4 15.Bd3 0-0 loses after 16.Bh6 Bf6 17.e5; maybe, it was nothing else than struggle after 14...0-0 15.Nc4! [Moiseenko counted on 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 0-0 17.Nc4 Rc5 with d5, but Najer with spectacular sacrifice of a piece breaks Black’s redoubt.] 15...exf4 [15...0-0 16.Nxe5 (16.Bh6 Bf6 17.Nd6 also good) 16...Nxe5 17.Bxe5 f6 18.Bg4! fxe5 19.Rxd7+] 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.e5 That's the whole point. It is heading to d6, and if it will be taken — black king will be mated from line "e". 17...Nxe5?! [That's hopeless — now Najer will be with extra material and strong attack. So, it's worth to hold teeth and play 17...Qc7 18.Bg4 (18.Nd6+ Kd8 19.Bg4 f5!) 19.Nbd6+ Kd8 — White is still able to make a mistake.] 18.Qxe5 d5 19.Qxf4 Rc6 [19...Qc7 20.Ne5] 20.Ne3

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§d5 is doomed, so Najer is gonna play with two extra pawns soon. 20...Rg6 21.Bf3 Bd6 22.Qd4 Rfg8 23.Bxd5 Bc8 24.Qc4 R8g7 25.Rd4 Kf8 26.Rad1 Rh6 27.g3 Not giving any chance for the opponent. 27...Be7 28.Be4 Rxh2!? Dying the death of a hero. 29.Rxd6 \[29.Kxh2 Qh4+ 30.Kg1-\] 29...Qh4 30.Rxd7 Rxg3+ 31.fxg3 Qxg3+ 32.Ng2 1-0

(08) Maletin, P (2584) — Zontakh, A (2568) [E06]

TCh—RUS Premier Olginka RUS (5), 16.04.2011

[Polivanov, Anatoliy]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5!? [This is almost a revelation. Usually applies 7...a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7; I have tried recently 7...c6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7, though after 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Rc8 12.Nc3 a6 13.e4 b4 14.e5! White is better, Beliavsky—Polivanov, Moscow 2011.] 8.a4 b4 [All books about Catalan mention 8...c6? 9.axb5 cxb5 10.Ng5+ — but Zontakh is not so naive.] 9.Nbd2N [Earlier met 9.Ne5 Nd5 10.e4?! (\#0.Nxc4) 10...b3! 11.Qd1 Nb4 12.Na3 Ba6+ , Koshy—Ravikumar, New Delhi 1982] 9...Bb7 10.Nxc4 Be4 11.Qb3 c5 [There wasn't such necessity in this move — 11...Nc6 12.Rd1 Qd5 with good piece play is more than enough, but Black wants to open "c"—file for own \(\text{⪫}\).] 12.Be3?! [Decision to exchange white—squared bishops right now is not successful one. Better was to maintain the tension by means 12.Rd1 ] 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qd5+ 15.f3 Nbd7 16.Nd2?! [Very passive again — line "d" is destined for the \(\text{⪫}\)! N6.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Rac1 Nc5 18.Qc2 with approximate equality.] 16...Qb7
Of course, it's not the best time for endgames. 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.Bf2 Nc5 19.Qd1 Rfd8! Using drawbacks of 16.Nd2. White's position is becoming worse and worse...

20.Qe1 e5?! [How is it possible not to play 20...Ng4 ?! After 21.N2b3 (21.Bg1 Bg5!) 21...Nxf2 22.Qxf2 Nxb3 23.Nxb3 Bg5 White is evoking new weaknesses in enemy camp.] 21.N4b3 Nxb3 [I don't think, that improving of ëd2 is a good idea, worth to prefer 21...Ne6 ] 22.Nxb3 Rxc1?!

[22...e4! is suggesting itself, but Black adheres a policy of exchanges.] 23.Rxc1 Qd5 24.Nc5 a5 25.e4 Otherwise Black will move e4 oneself. 25...Qc6

26.Qe2 Now White's position is slightly better again, so Black has to play very carefully. 26...Nd7 27.Qa6 [This is correct decision – 27.Qb5 Qxb5 28.axb5 Rc8

29Nb3 Rxc1 30.Nxc1 leads to the draw because of 30...a4! 31.b6 b3 32.b7 a3 33.Nxb3 axb2 34.Nd2=] 27...Rc8 28.Qxc6 Rxc6 29Nb3 Rxc1 30.Nxc1 Bc5 [Black could with a clear conscience play 30...Nc5 31.Bxc5 Bxc5 32Nb3 Bb6 33.Kf1 Kf8 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.Kd3 Kd6 36.Kc4 Kc6=, however, this is a very passive stance.] 31Nb3 Bb6 32.Bxb6 Nxb6 33.Nc5 b3! Because, as in the case with 25.e4, White could do it himself differently. 34.Kf2 Nc4 35.Nxb3 Nxb2 36.Nc5

36...Kf8? [Black takes a false step, when draw already was in his pocket: 36...f6 37.Ke2 Kf7 38.Kd2 Ke7 39.Kc3 Kd6=] 37.Nd7+ Ke7 38.Nxe5 Nxa4 39.Nc6+ Ke6 40.Nxa5 If we recall a well-known sentence, that ë ending is estimated as Ñ one, then we can make a conclusion, that Black doesn't have even slightest chance there. 40...f5 41.Ke3 Nb6 42.Kd4 Nd7 43.Nc4 fxe4 44.fxe4
Maletin has a clear plan – to push \( \Delta e4 \) as far as possible, constraining Black at the same time. \( 44...Nf6 \) 45.Nd2 Nd7 46.Nf3 h6 47.e5 g5 [Black could try to prevent above-mentioned plan by 47...Kf5, but after 48.Kd5 Nb6+ 49.Kc6 Ke6 51.g4! king is going back to e4.] 48.g4 Nf8 49.Ke4 Ng6 50.Nd4+ Ke7 51.e6 Kf6 52.Kd5 Ne7+ 53.Kc6 Nc8+ 54.Kc7 Ne7 55.Kd7 \( \Delta e6 \) is about to become the queen. 55...Nd5 56.Nf5 Nb6+ 57.Kc6 Nc4 58.e7 Ne5+ [58...Kf7 59.Nd6+] 59.Kd5 1-0

(09) Nepomniachtchi, I (2729) - Frolyanov, D (2610) [B90]
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 This system was introduced in practice by Robert Fischer in 1960s. Now it gains a second wind. 6...e6 7.g4 The idea of such setup is the same as in 6.g3 variation – white's bishop fianchetto, but in a more aggressive, Keres-like way. 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0!
situation is solid enough.] 18.exd5 Nd6
19.Nxd6 Bxd6 20.Ne4 Nc5?

[20...Bc5; now Nepomniachtchi wins in a forced way.] 21.Nf6+! Kh8 22.Qh5 gxf6
[22...h6 23.Ng4+-] 23.Rxf6 Rg8 The only defence from 24.Rh6; besides, in this position (only in case 20...Bc5 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Nf6+) now powerful Ne6!! would have come. 24.Rxf7 Rg7 25.Rxg7 Kxg7 26.g6!
Black king’s shelter is destroyed totally. 26...hxg6 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qxg6+ Kh8
29.Rf1 Bf8 30.Rf7 Qh4 31.Bg5 1–0

Very unpleasant response. Using, that center is slightly weakened after 3...c5, White immediately strikes back.

5...e6 [5...Bg4 is dubious: 6.cxd5 Bxf3 (6...Qxd5 7.Nc3 Bxf3 8.Nxd5 Bxd1 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8+-) 7.Qxf3 Nxd4 8.Qd1 Qxd5 9.Bb5+ Kd8 10.0–0 e6 11.Nc3 Qxe5 12.b4! Sutovsky–Miladinovic, Plovdiv 2008; 5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 e6 leads to the same, as in the game(6...Nxe5 7.cxd5±) ] 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 [Seems, like after this game the line 7...Ne7 can be announced to be closed. Black should be oriented on 7...Bb4 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bd3 Ne7] 8.Ndb5! Nxe5 9.Qa4 N7c6
10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4!??N

[Good novelty, though straightforward]


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