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(01) Kislinsky,Alexey (2574) - Almasi,Zoltan (2695) [C54]
EICC 2013 Legnica (POL) (2), 06.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 e:d4 6.e5 d5 7.Be2 Ne4 8.c:d4 Bb6
9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Be3

Nothing new under the sun. This position met in a battle of outstanding Maestros:
Charousek vs Schlechter in 1898...

14.B:f3 Ne7

15.Bf4 [After aggressive 15.Bg5 c6 16.Bg4

17.Rc1? [It was necessary to urgently eliminate the enemy bishop: 17.Na4 Nd7
18.g3 N:e5 19.d:e5 Qe7 20.N:b6 a:b6 with unclear play] 17...Nd7 18.Na4 And it's too late now...

18...N:e5 19.d:e5 Nh4

23.Qe2 Rae8 24.e6 Nf5 25.Nd1 Rf6
29.g3 Nc5 0-1
Ukrainian grandmaster Alexander Moiseenko - became the Europe Champion.

35...Kh6? Mistake in the joyless situation.
39.Rh5+ Kg7 40.R:h7+ 1-0

(03) Bartel,Mateusz (2619) - Fedorchuk,Sergey A (2660) [A05]
EICC 2013 Legnica (POL) (7), 11.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.d3 c5 4.e4 d6 5.Bg2
Bb7 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6

8.Re1?! [For active fight white has to prepare the pawn offensive on the kingside:
8.Nh4 Qc8 9.f4 Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.g4 Ne8
12.g5 Nc7 13.f5 Ne5 14.f6 Bd8 15.f:g7
K:g7 16.Qh5 Be7 17.Bd2 Qe8 18.Rf2 Kh8
22.Ng2 Ng6 23.g:f6 R:f6 24.Ne2 R:f2]

and although black is able to live up to
endgame, white has a notable advantage /
Lesiege, A (2582) – Lawson, E (2359) /
Quebec-ch 2004] 8...Ne5N 9.d4 N:f3+

In result we see a Sicilian position
"hedgehog" type with exchange of one pair
of knights. Perhaps, this nuance can be
entered as an asset of the black – pieces
will not "bother" and would be easier to
develop the pressure on the line "c". Black
can be quite pleased with the results of the
debut. 12.Be3 0-0 13.a4 Too optimistic.
White did not manage to perform the wing
coup, therefore, should take a course on
solidity, placing the pieces at the center...
13...Nd7 14.Bg2 Ne5 15.Red1 Rc8
16.Qb4 Nc4
It is already evident that the white suffer from their own plans. Pieces one after another fall under the blow. By agreeing to the weakening of the complex outposts, white still opens the line.

17.a5 N:e3
18.f:e3 Rc5 19.a:b6 a:b 20.Ra7 Bc6
21.Ra6 Qc8 22.R:b6 Ba8 23.Ra1 Rc7
24.Qb3 Bc6 25.Ne2 Bd7

White captured a pawn, but further progress is not visible. Meanwhile black calmly hold the regrouping of forces and then turn on the offensive.

26.c3 e5 27.Nc1 Bg5
31.Qd3 Bb5! 32.Qd1 B:c1 33.R:c1 Be2
34.Qd5 Rb5 35.Qc6 Rc8

36.Qa6? [After right 36.Qd7 R:b2 37.Rd2 R:d2 38.Q:d2 Bc4 black is slightly better, but not much more] 36...R:b2 37.Qa1 h5
38.Rd5 Qb6 39.Rg1 R:c3 40.R:e5 Rcc2
41.Rf5 Bg4 42.Qf1 Bh3 43.R:f7 Q:g1+ 0-1

(04) Grinev,Valeriy (2364) - Eljanov,Pavel (2702) [E46]
Ukraine Clubs Teams Championship Alushta (4), 24.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0
5.Nge2 Re8 6.a3 Bf8 7.Ng3 d5 8.Bd3 b6

9.b4N [9.0–0 c5 10.c:d5 e:d5 11.d:c5 b:c5
12.b3 Bb7 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Rc1 Rb8
15.Qc2 Bc6 16.Rb1 Qb6 17.Ba1 Qb7
21.Rf1 Ne5 22.a:b4 N:d3 23.Q:d3 Ne4

22...Rx:a4 23.b5 bx:a5 24.Ra1 Qb7


And now all the disadvantages of the white position appear very boldly. 18.e5


What to do black? Threatens to take on a d7 and B5. Activity is more expensive than material, and black time to find the way to "throw wood in the fire" ... 19...R:a4! 20.Q:a4 N:b2 21.Qb3 Nc4

Black retained a strong pawn structure, got a outposts c4, e4 for pieces, as well as pressure on the pawn d4. All this more than compensates for the small material damage. White’s chances here can be only in the pressure on line "b", although to break repeatedly fortified bishop b6, it is not easy. 22.Bf5 B:f5 23.N:f5 Qf6 24.Qd3 h5 25.a4?! It was necessary immediately to group the heavy pieces on line "b" – at least to some extent limited the freedom of movement of black pieces. Now the game evolves itself, and white is difficult to give advice... 25...g6 26.Nh4 Re8 27.Ra2 Re4 28.Rc2 Nd6 29.Rd1 g5 30.Ng2 Nf5 31.Re2 [31.Rb2 h4 with the strongest threat h3] 31...N:d4 32.B:d4 R:d4 33.Qb1 R:a4 34.Ne3 B:e3 35.R:e3 b5 Simply and
powerfully. The white pieces are completely defenseless before the approaching storm. 36.Rde1 Kg7 37.Qd1 g4 38.h3 Nc5

If this knight hit to f3, the game will end soon. 39.h:g4 h:g4 40.Re5 Ne6 41.Qc1 Ra2 42.R5e2 R:e2 43.R:e2 Ng5 44.Ra2 b4 45.Qe3 d4 46.Qe2 Nf3+ 47.Kf1 Qh6 0-1

(06) Van Wely, Loek (2689) - Hector, Jonny (2512) [A21]
Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament 2013 Malmo (4), 25.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]

8...d5N [Black tried to use dynamic reserves of his position: 8...Bc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.e3 d5 11.c:d5 Nb4 12.Bd3 g6 13.Bb1 Qa6 14.b3 Bf5 15.Qc4 Qf6 16.Qc3 Q:c3]


20...Re7?! Black not act routinely, because the opponent has an advantage in the center and a strong pair of bishops. [After right 20...Qg6 21.Rd1 Rg5!? 22.h4 R:g2 23.Bd3 Qg4 24.Ke2 Ra5 25.Bf5 Q:f3+ 26.K:f3 Rh2 27.R:h2 B:h2 28.e4 had an interesting fight, in which the missing white pawn is compensated by a pair of bishops]
and movable pawn center] 21.Qf5! Rae8?!
It was necessary to go on exchange of
queens by Qg6, but even in this case the
chances of white noticeably higher. 22.Bb5
Qh4 23.g3 Nd4 24.B:d4 Q:d4 25.B:e8
R:e8 26.0-0 Qa7 27.Qd7 Ra8 28.Rfc1 b6
29.d4 Qb8 30.e4 f6 31.e5 1-0

(07) Iljin,Timofey (2407) -
Shmeakin,Alexander (2300) [A11]
Ukraine Clubs Teams Championship
Alushta (6), 25.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5
5.c:d5 c:d5 6.Qb3 Qd7 7.Ne5 Qc7 8.Nc3
Nc6

15.Rac1 Rab8 16.Qc3 Rfc8 17.b3 Nd7
18.Rfd1 with a stable positional advantage
for white / Zablotsky, S (2540) – Zernysh-
kin, V (2231) / Voronezh op-A 13th 2009]
9...b:c6 10.d3 e6 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Qc2N
Bd6 13.Bg5 0-0 14.e4 Bg6 15.B:f6 g:f6
Bd4 20.e:f5 e:f5 21.Rac1

So, the black bishop bricked by their
pawns. But in the center and on the
queenside the situation is still not clear...
21...Qd6 22.Ne2 Be3 23.Rce1 d4

Seemingly, the bishop at e3 paralyzes all
movement of the white army. But if you
look closely – you will notice that bishop
has no way to salvation. But who could to
attack him? White found the perfect remis-
sion of a knight on a route e2–g1–f3 e5–c4.
Can this be prevented by opponent?
24.Ng1 Rb5 25.Nf3 Qc5 26.Qb2 a5
27.Ne5 a4 28.Bg2 a:b3 29.a:b3 f6 30.Nc4
The strategy of the white triumphs. Destroying handsome bishop, it is possible boldly to sacrifice a pawn b3 and crushing collapse on the black king...

30...Bf7 31.N:e3 d:e3 32.Q:f6 R:b3 33.Rc1 Qb5 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35.g4! f:g4 36.Qh6+

36...Ke8 Here's the thing. The previous move white cut off the black king a way to escape. [36...Kg8 37.f5 Bd5 38.Rf4 B:g2+ 39.Kg2 Qe5 40.Rc5 Qe7 41.R:g4+ Kh8 42.R:c8 Rd8 43.Re6+–] 37.R:c6 Rc3 38.R:c8+ R:c8 39.Q:h7 Rd8 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Qh4+ Ke8 42.Be4! Bd5 43.Qh5+ Ke7 44.Qe5+ Kf7 45.Kg1! Qc5 46.Re1 e2+ 47.d4 Qc4

48.R:e2! Superbly. White pieces of the invisible threads support each other. The outcome is not in doubt...

48...B:e4 49.R:e4 Qd5 50.Kf2 [White could capture the enemy monarch by 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.f5 but even done move easily wins] 50...Rd6 51.Q:d5+ R:d5 52.Kg3 Rh5 53.Re2 Rh3+ 54.K:g4 Rd3 55.Re4 Kf6 56.f5 Kf7 57.h4 Beautiful, in the same breath held the game. 1-0

(08) Short,Nigel D (2681) - Van Wely,Loek (2689) [B43]
Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament 2013
Malmo (5), 26.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.d4 c:d4 5.N:d4 d6 6.g4 Ne7 7.h4N b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.g5 Nbc6 10.a3 g6 11.h5 Bg7 12.Nde2 0-0 13.h:g6 h:g6 14.Qd3 Re8 15.Qh3

15...d5?! The white queen left her flank,
and black should take advantage of this.


Now the black king falls under the irresistible shelling... 26...Nf5 27.Nf6+ Ke7 28.Bc5+ Ke6 29.Rhe1+ Ne5 30.Qh2 B:f6 31.g:f6 Be4 32.Bd4 Nc6 33.Bc3 Rc8 34.Rd3 Qg4 35.f3 Qg5+ 36.Kb1 1-0

(09) Shabalov,Alexander (2544) - Gerzhoy,Leonid (2469) [C15]
Chicago Open Wheeling (8), 27.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
Immigrated to the United States grandmaster Alexander Shabalov became the winner of the international tournament Chicago Open. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 B:c3+ 5.b:c3 d:e4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Q:g7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Nbd7 9.a4 Rare move, which is successfully practiced by grandmaster Igor Miladinovich. A good choice for players with unconventional thinking, no time to sleep here... 9...c5 10.a5

In the endgame on the white side will be doubtless advantage due to a pair of bish-


26...B:c2? [After careful 26...Rge8 27.B:e3...

A bunch proved fatal... 30...Rd1 31.Nh5 R:d5 32.N:f6 Rf5 33.R:f5 B:f5 34.N:h7 Bd3 35.h4 Rb6 36.Ng5+ Kg8 37.Ne6+ Kg7 38.N:c5 Ba5 39.Rf3 Kg6 40.h5+ Kh6 41.h6 Bh7 42.Nd7 1-0

(10) Pavlov,Sergey (2483) - Moiseenko,Alexander (2698) [B33] Ukraine Clubs Teams Championship Alushta (8), 27.05.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]


29...B:d5? The haste which could prove costly. It was initially cover the 7-th horizontal. 30.B:d5 R:b6 31.Rc7 e4 32.Qg4 Qe5 33.Qg6 Rb4

34.Rfc1? [White missed a chance simple way to go to the ending: 34.B:e4 R:e4 35.R:g7 Q:g7 36.Q:e4 f3 37.g3 Qe5 38.Q:e5+ d:e5 39.Re1 Rf5 40.b4 Kg7 41.b5 e4 42.Rb1 Rf7 43.b6 Rb7 44.Kf1+-] 34...e3 35.f3 e2? [35...Qb2 36.Rf1 Qf6=] 36.Re1 Rd4 37.Be4 R:e4 38.Q:e4 Qb5

39.R:g7? In time trouble white "yawn" perpetual check. [39.Rc6 d5 40.Qe6+-] 39...Qc5+ 40.Kh2 Q:h5+ 41.Kg1 Qc5+ 42.Kh2 Qh5+ 43.Kg1 1/2
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