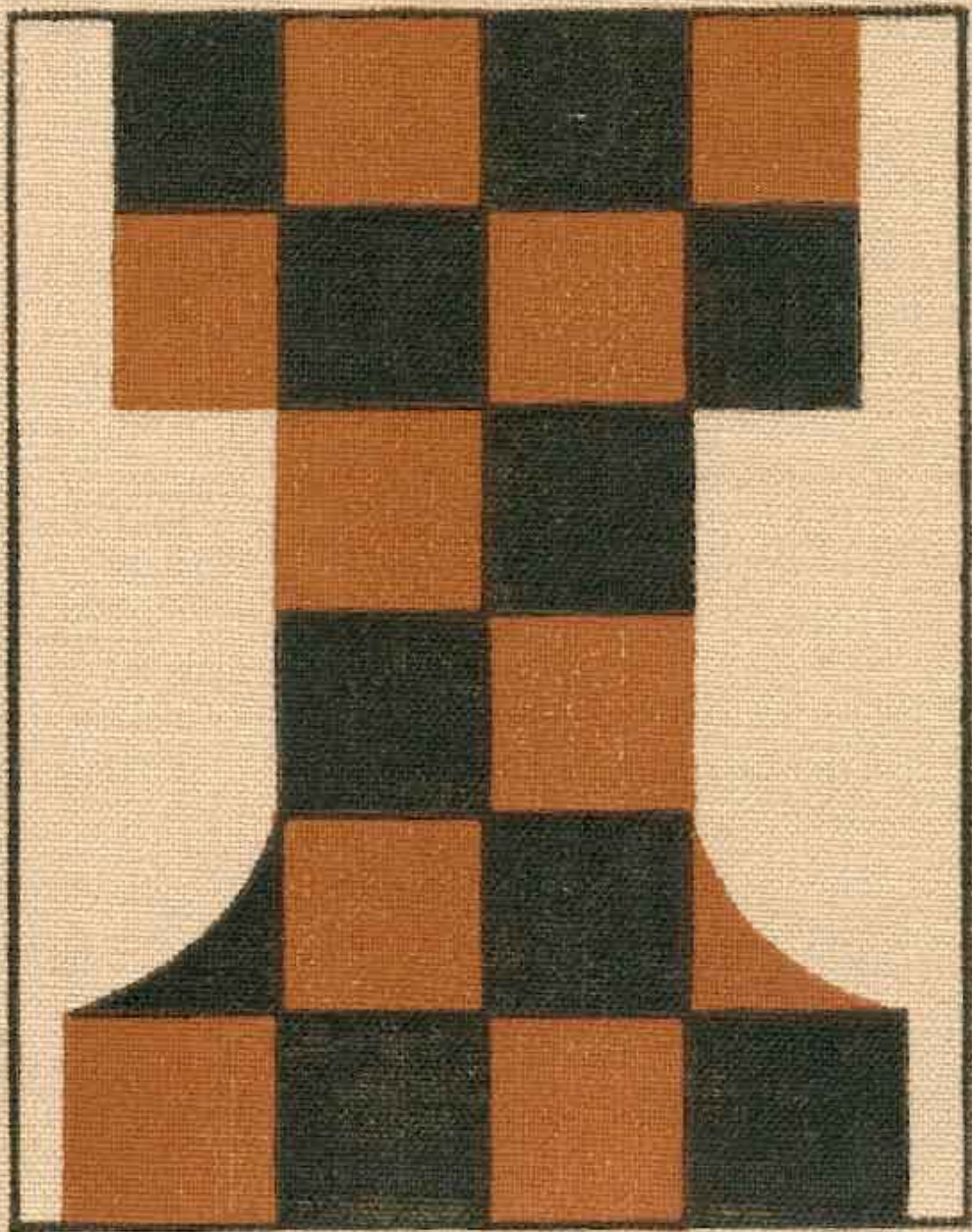


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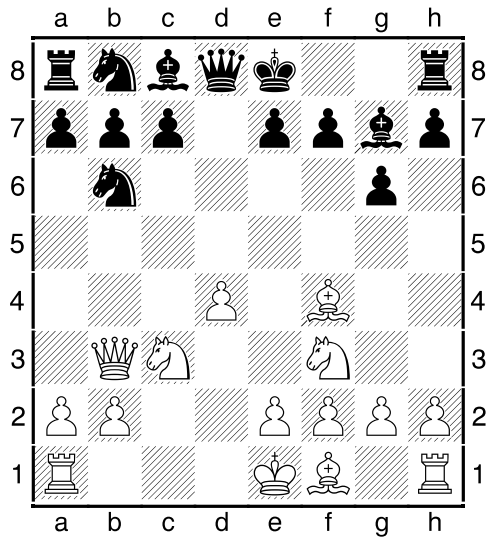
## Games

### (01) Topalov, V (2775) - Kamsky, G (2732) [A15]

WCh Candidates Kazan RUS (1.2),  
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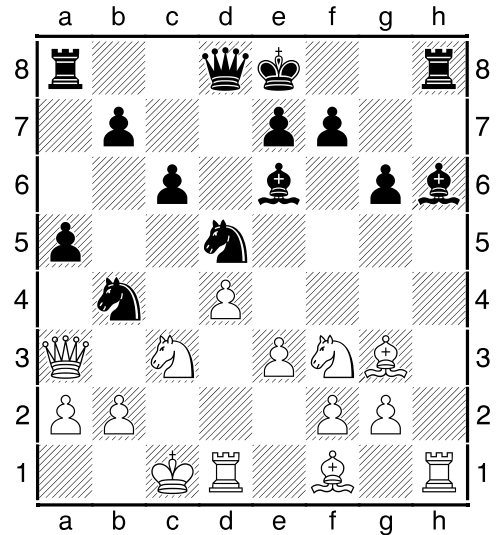
[IM Polivanov, Anatoliy]

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qb3** Third Grunfeld's sideline by popularity after 5.Qa4+ and 5.e4. **5...Nb6** [Surely, not 5...Nxc3? 6.Qxc3] **6.d4** White wants to put ♖ on d1 as soon as possible in order to prevent any counterplay like c5 or e5. **6...Bg7 7.Bf4**

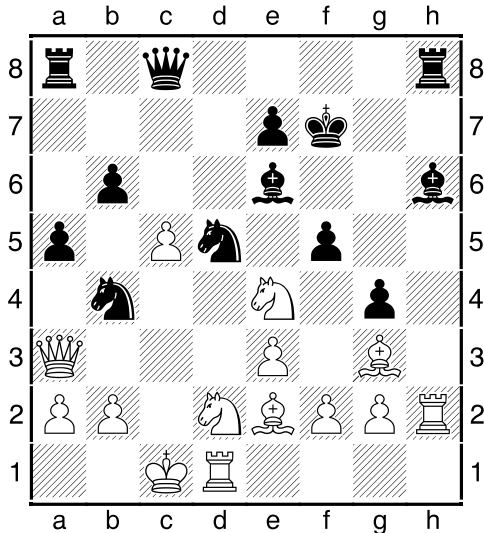


[7.Bg5 is also applied: 7...h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Rd1 Nb4 11.Qb1 0-0 12.e3 Bf5! 13.e4 Bg4 ♣ **7...Be6 8.Qa3** Here queen won't be fall under Nb4, but a3 is poor place for it anyway. **8...Nc6 9.0-0-0** [Kamsky faced before 9.e3 a5 10.Be2 (10.Bb5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qc5 was better, justifying 8.Qa3) 10...Nb4 11.0-0!? c6 (11...Nc2 12.Qc5 Nxa1 13.Nb5! (13.Bxc7 Nd7 14.Bb5 Kf8 ♣) 13...Nd5 14.Bxc7 Qd7 15.e4 ♣) 12.Ng5 Bd5 13.Rfc1 h6 14.Nge4 Nc4 15.Nxd5?! Nxa3 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.bxa3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Nc5 with long struggle for the draw, Ivanchuk-Kamsky, Jermuk 2009.] **9...Nd5** [As 9...a5? is no longer good due 10.d5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.e4+-, Black has to act differently.] **10.Bg3 Bh6+** [Good decision. Topalov pinned hopes on 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qd5 12.Nd2!, but now he can forget about e2-e4.] **11.e3** [11.Nd2 0-0 (11...Nxd4? 12.Be5)

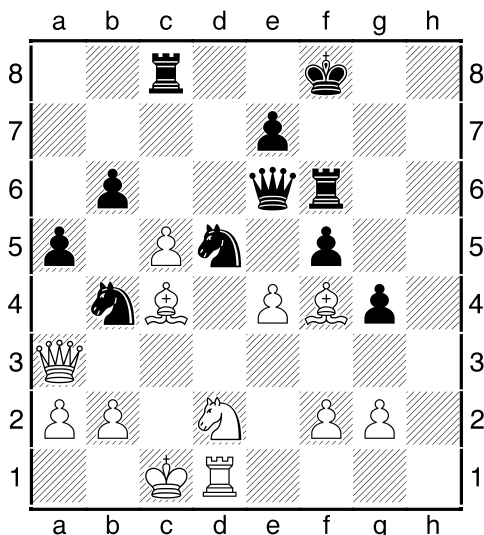
12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxd4! 14.cxd4 Qxd4 with strong attack.] **11...a5** Now this standard move is appropriate. **12.h4** Trying to use drawbacks of 10...Bh6+. **12...Ncb4 13.h5 c6 14.hxg6 hxg6**



**Bxe3+** is threatening. **15.Rd2?** [Hard to understand, how such aggressive player like Topalov could reject active 15.Ng5! Bg4 16.Rd2 f6 17.Nge4 with good play.] **15...f6!** Immediately covering squares e5 and g5. Moreover, king e8 now is able to castle artificially too. **16.Ne4** [White may try 16.Bc4 b5 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 18.Qc5, but after 18...Kf7 Black is better anyway.] **16...b6 17.Be2 Qc8!** Yet another strong move – in addition to preparing c6–c5, bishop e6 is protected now, which can be useful in case of Nxa2 strikes. **18.Rh4 Kf7** [18...Nxa2+ 19.Qxa2 Nxe3 (19...Nc3? 20.Qa3 – ♘e4 is defended now) 20.Qb1 Nf5 (20...Nxc2? 21.Nd6+!) 21.Rxh6 Rxh6 looks quite promising, but Black doesn't want such complications yet – White still has nothing to do.] **19.Rd1 g5** This is the beginning of the end. **20.Rh2** [20.Rhh1 hardly changes something.] **20...g4 21.Nfd2 c5!** Now white king will suffer. **22.dxc5** [22.Kb1 loses queen a3 after 22...Nxe3! 23.fxe3 Bxa2+ 24.Ka1 Nc2+] **22...f5**



**23.Rxh6** [There is nothing else: 23.Be5 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc6 (24...Rh7?! 25.Bc4) 25.Bxh8 Nf4!-+; 23.Rdh1 fails too – 23...fxe4 24.Rxh6 Rxh6 25.Rxh6 Qxc5+ 26.Bc4 Nf6!-+ (26...b5? 27.Kd1!y) ] **23...Rxh6 24.Ng5+ Kf8 25.Nxe6+** [King could leave, but after 25.Kb1 Bg8! there are still some threats like Rh5 or f5–f4 – game is lost.] **25...Qxe6 26.Bc4 Rc8!** Last exactness – Black wants to squeeze out "c"-file as much as possible. **27.Bf4 Rf6 28.e4**



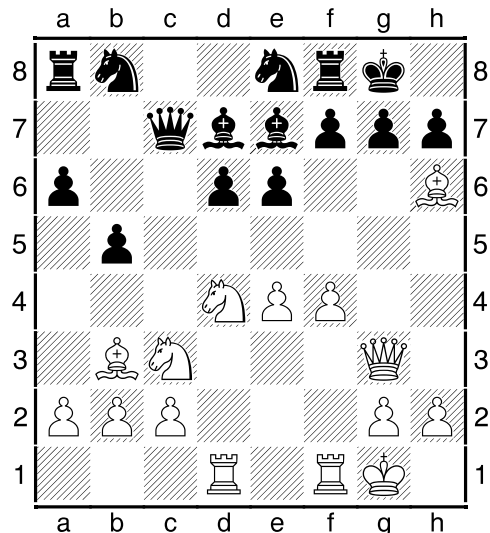
**28...Rxc5!** [Fine combination finishes the deal, instead of 28...fxe4?! 29.Be3] **29.exd5 Qxd5 30.b3** [30.Qb3 b5] **30...Qd4 31.Be3 Qc3+** Kamsky played this game in extremely strong way. **0-1**

**(02) Mamedyarov,S (2772) – Gelfand,B (2733) [B87]**

WCh Candidates Kazan RUS (1.3), 07.05.2011

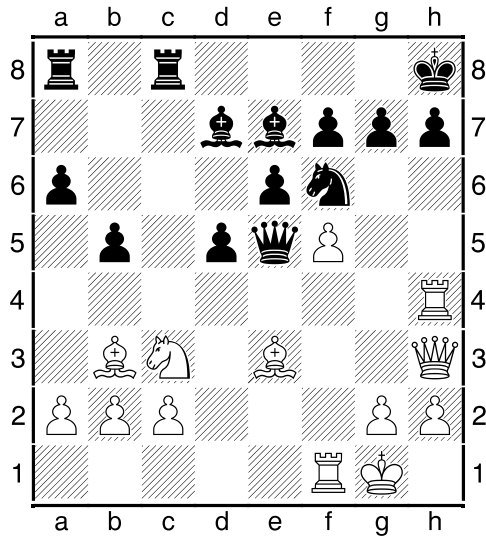
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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qf3** Some players make this move right after 7...b5, in order to keep a long castle option. **9...Qc7** [Another way to prevent e4–e5 – 9...Qb6 10.Be3 Qb7 11.Qg3 b4 12.Na4 Nbd7 13.f3 0-0 with complicate play.] **10.Qg3 0-0 11.Bh6** Making a discomfort for the black pieces and gaining some time. **11...Ne8 12.Rad1 Bd7** [12...Bf6 13.Bg5!!; 12...Nc6 meets unpleasant 13.Nd5 , that's why 12...Bd7 first.] **13.f4**



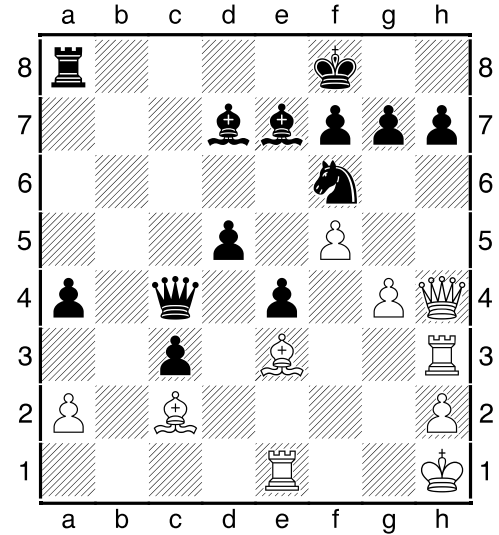
[13.Nf3 with idea to conduct e4–e5 also worth an attention: 13...Nc6 (13...b4?! 14.Ne2 a5 15.Nf4 Kh8 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Qh4→) 14.Bf4 b4 15.e5! dxe5 16.Nxe5 , and if 16...Bd6 (16...Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qb7 18.Ne4!!) , then 17.Rxd6! Qxd6 18.Rd1 Nd4 19.Qe3 bxc3 20.bxc3 – Black faces huge problems.] **13...Nc6 14.f5 Nxd4 15.Rxd4 Kh8N** [Novelty in comparison with 15...Bf6 16.Rd3 Be5 17.Qg4 b4 18.f6 (18.fxe6 Bxe6 19.Bxe6 bxc3 20.Bd5 Qc8!?) 18...g6 19.Ne2 a5! with excellent play for an exchange, Morozevich–Kasparov, Astana 2001.] **16.Be3?!** [Disproving Black's invention was only possible

after 16.f6! Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Qc5 18.Bxg7+ (exchange's sacrifice 18.Ne2 e5 19.Rfxd6 exd4 20.Rxd7 gxh6 is less clear) 18...Nxb7 19.Qf2 , for example 19...Qe5 20.Rh6 f5 21.Rd1 fxe4 22.Qh4→] **16...Nf6 17.Qh3 d5!** [Well-timed counterstrike in center, as 17...Qc8? 18.g4 is simply bad.] **18.e5!?** [Mamedyarov tries to find the best re-sources. 18.exd5 exf5 has no prospects for White – Black possesses "e"-file and point g4 for the ♘.] **18...Qxe5 19.Rh4** Intending to eliminate ♘f6 after Bd4. **19...Rfc8!**



Now Bd4 isn't dangerous because of Bc5. Moreover, Qxe3+ with further pin is hanging. **20.Kh1?** [20.Bg5! would be a logical continuation of White's strategy. After 20...h6 (in case of 20...Kg8 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Rxh7 g6 (only not 22...Bc5+? 23.Kh1 g6 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Nxd5 Qe5 26.Qh4+-) White has draw in a pocket: 23.g4! b4 24.fxg6 Qxg6 25.Rh8+ Kg7 26.Rh7+=) 21.Rxh6+ gxh6 22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.fxe6 Bxe6 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rxf6 b4 26.Nd1 White's initiative is enough for equality.] **20...Rxc3! 21.bxc3 Qxc3** Now there is no neither Bd4, nor Bg5, so White's attack come to the end. **22.Rd4** At least White tries to animate bishop b3. **22...a5 23.Rd3 Qc6 24.c3 a4 25.Bc2 e5!** But no – bishop c2 can only stare at ♘f5. **26.Bg5 b4 27.Qh4** Mamedyarov stakes one's all. **27...bxc3 28.Rh3 Kg8 29.Re1** [29.Bxf6 Bxf6 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 – now we see, that 23...Qc6 was wise decision.] **29...e4 30.g4** [30.Bxf6 Bxf6 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Rhe3 , seeking to sacrifice a material on e4, is parried by 32...Re8!] **30...Kf8 31.Be3**

**Qc4**



Two threats at once – on a2 and d4. **32.g5 Bxf5 33.gxf6 Bxf6 34.Qh5 Bg6!** [There was nothing wrong with 34...Bxh3 35.Qxh3 Kg8 , but Gelfand considered reasonably, that own bishop is stronger than ♖h3.] **35.Qg4 Qxa2** Six pawns for the rook in overall – Philidor would be happy, if he would have seen this. **36.Bb1 Qc4 37.Qg2 a3 38.Ba2 Qc6 39.Rg3 Rb8** [White resigned, though 39...Rb8 40.Bc1 Rb2!? 41.Bxb2 axb2 would be interesting to observe.] **0-1**

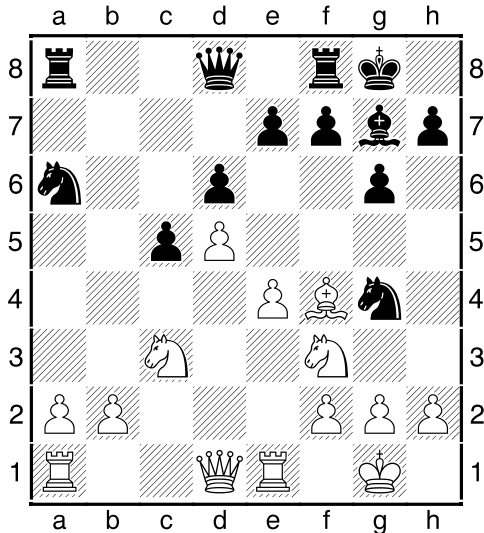
**(03) Maiorov, N (2528) -**

**Solodovnichenko, Y (2574) [A40]**

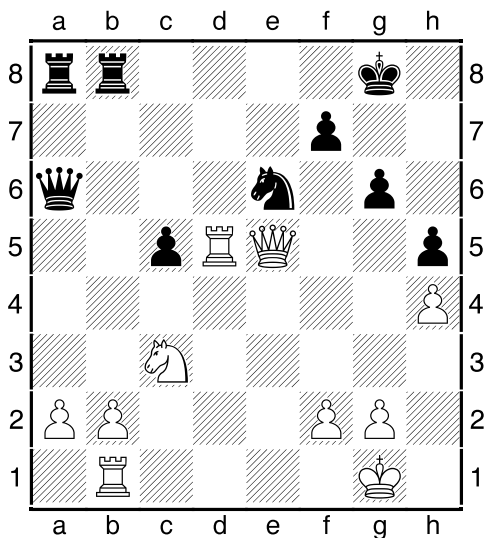
29th Metz Open A Longeville-les-Metz FRA (8.1), 07.05.2011

[IM Polivanov, Anatoliy]

**1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Nf6 6.Bd3 b5?!** Seems like an inferior version of Volga gambit – usually e2–e4 costs there a loss of castle to White, but it's already made. [6...0-0 7.0-0 e6 leads to standard Benoni-type positions.] **7.cxb5 a6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 axb5 10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.Re1** [White achieved a significant edge in the following game: 11.Qe2 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 Na6 13.Bd2 Nc7 14.Nxc7 Qxc7 15.Bc3± , Alburk-Kudrin, Chicago 1989] **11...Ng4 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Bf4**

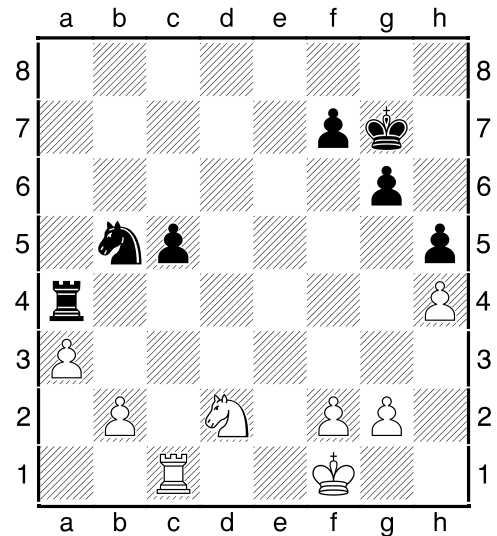


Preparing e4–e5 advancement, which is gonna tore Black's position apart. **13...Qb6** [Earlier met 13...c4!? 14.h3 Nxf2 15.Kxf2 Qb6+ 16.Kg3 Qxb2 17.Na4 Qxa1 , but 18.Qe2! (instead of 18.Qxa1 Bxa1 19.Rxa1 Rfb8, Belotti–Drazic, Milan 2001) 18...Qf6 19.Bg5+- clarifies the situation.] **14.Qd2N Rfb8 15.Rab1 Nc7 16.e5±** Extra pawn and better position – that's the result of opening phase for White. **16...dxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Qd6 20.Qe2 e6** Thus ♘c7 is becoming more active at least. **21.dxe6 [21.Rd1? f6] 21...Nxe6 22.Rd5 Qc6?! [22...Qc7] 23.Qe5!** Excellent place for the queen. Now another piece is going to be centralized – ♘c3. **23...Qa6 24.h4 h5**

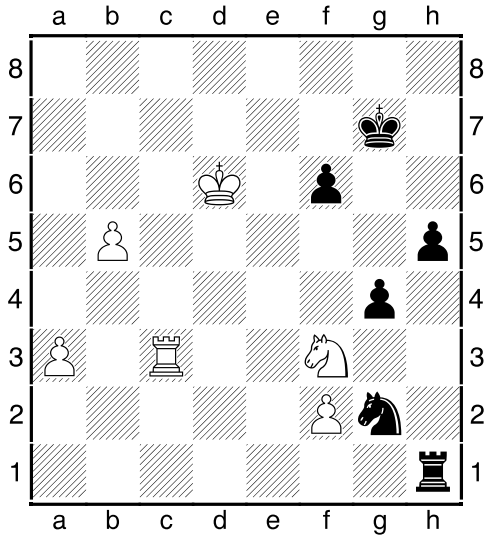


**25.Rd6?!** [Maiorov misses 25.Ne4! (prior 25.a3!? is also strong) 25...Qxa2 26.Nf6+ Kg7! (26...Kh8 27.Rbd1 Qxb2 28.Rd8+!+-) 27.Nxh5+ Kh6 , and now 28.Rbd1! Qxb2

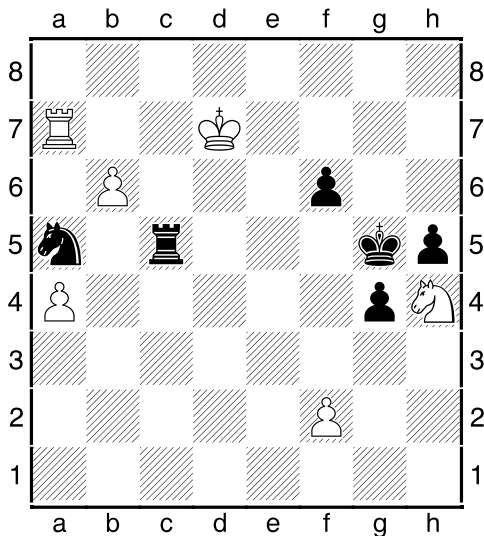
29.Qe3+ Kh7 30.Rd7 Ng7 (30...Nd8 31.R1d6+-; 30...Kg8 31.Rxf7!) 31.Rxf7! gxh5 32.Rdd7 Rg8 33.Rxg7+! Rxg7 34.Qe4+- with victory. But that line is not from the simplest.] **25...Rb6** Now exchanges make Black's life somewhat easier. **26.Rxb6 Qxb6 27.Nd5 Qb8 28.Qf6 Qf8** [28...Qe8 29.Re1+-] **29.a3** [29.Ne7+ Kh7 30.Nxg6 Qg7!] **29...Qg7 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7** This ending is not won unconditionally for White, because black ♖ and ♘ can be very importunate. **31.Nb6 Ra6 32.Nc4 Nd4 33.Kf1 Ra4 34.Nd2 Nb5 35.Rc1!**



[It's easy to understand White's desire to keep ♖ pair alive, though 35.g3 c4 36.Ne4 c3 37.bxc3 Nxa3 38.Rb4 Ra7 39.c4 looks good too.] **35...Rxh4 36.Rxc5?!** [But that's an inaccuracy – 36.Nf3! Rh1+ 37.Ng1 would leave to Black a minimum chances to survive.] **36...Rh1+** That's the beginning of endless checks. **37.Ke2 Nd4+ 38.Ke3** [It's difficult to foresee the consequences of 38.Kd3 Ne6 39.Rc4 Rh2± – perhaps, after 40.a4 Rxg2 41.a5 Rxf2 42.a6 Rf5 43.b4 Rd5+ 44.Ke3 Rd8 45.b5 Ra8 46.Rc6 h4 47.b6 Rxa6 48.b7 Rxc6 49.b8Q Black will try to build the fortress.] **38...Nf5+ 39.Kf3 Nd4+ 40.Ke4** [40.Kg3?? h4+ 41.Kg4 f5+-] **40...Rh4+ 41.Ke5 Ne6 42.Rc1** [Things are clearer after 42.Rc3 Rh2 43.Rg3 h4 44.Rg4 h3 45.gxh3 Rxf2 46.Nc4 ; now Black is taking his counterchances.] **42...Nf4 43.Rc3 f6+ 44.Kd6 Nxg2 45.Nf3 Rh1 46.b4 g5 47.b5 g4**

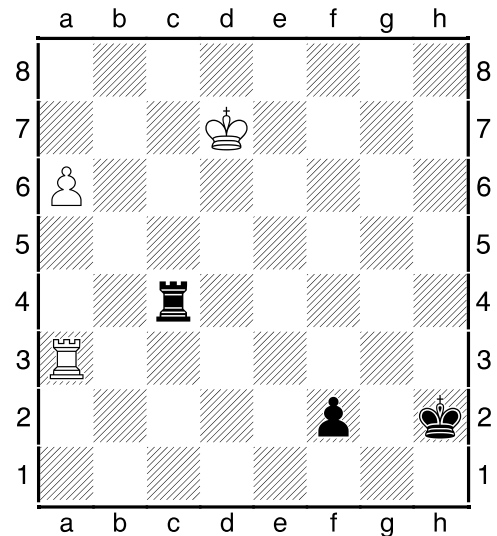


**48.b6?** [Such feeling, that in case of 48.Nd4! h4 49.b6 White would have won nevertheless: 49...Rb1 50.Rb3! (50.Nb3 is weaker due 50...Rd1+! 4(50...h3? 51.b7 h2 52.b8Q h1Q 53.Rc7+ Kg6 54.Qg8+ Kf5 55.Nd4+ Kf4 56.Qd5! with mate) ) 50...Rxb3 51.Nxb3 h3 52.Nd4! h2 53.Nf5+ Kg6 54.Ng3+-] **48...Rb1 49.Kc6 Nf4!?** [Perhaps, was worth to prefer 49...gxf3 50.Rxf3 (otherwise knight would escape – 50.a4 Nf4) 50...Nh4! , and ♘ helps in defence through the square g6.] **50.Rc4 Nd3 51.Rd4 Rc1+ 52.Kd6 Nc5** Black has managed to stop ♖b6, but this barrier is quite fragile. **53.Nh4 Nb7+ 54.Kd7 Rc5 55.Ra4!** Aiming to disturb ♘b7. But Black is ready for this. **55...Kh6 56.Ra7 Na5!** [56...Kg5 57.Rxb7 Kxh4 58.Rc7 Rb5 59.b7 Kh3 60.a4+-] **57.a4 Kg5**



**58.Ng2?** [The turning moment. White decided not to get involved in ending 58.Rxa5

Rxa5 59.b7 Ra7 60.Kc6 Kxh4 61.b8Q Rxa4 , and as soon as ♖ will reach square f3, it will be uneasy to win this. But some chances still are.] **58...h4 59.b7?** [ After 59.Nxh4 Kxh4 60.Rxa5 Rxa5 61.b7 Ra7! a theoretical draw appears: 62.Kc6 Rxb7 63.Kxb7 g3 64.fxg3+ Kxg3 65.a5 f5 66.a6 f4 67.a7 f3 68.a8Q f2= ; now White gets risk to be lost.] **59...Nxb7 60.Rxb7 h3 61.Ne3 h2 62.Rb1 f5?** [Now already Black has lost an opportunity to win the game: 62...Rc3! 63.Rh1 (63.Nd5 Rf3; 63.a5 g3!) 63...Rxe3 64.Rxh2 Ra3+-] **63.Rh1 f4 64.Nxg4** [64.Rxh2 fxe3 65.fxe3 g3 66.Ra2 seems the quickest way to draw. But this spoils nothing too.] **64...Kxg4 65.Rxh2 Rc4 66.f3+ Kxf3 67.Ra2 Kg3 68.a5 f3 69.a6** [69.Ra3!? Kg2 70.a6 f2 71.a7 , and pawn promotes with check.] **69...f2 70.Ra3+ Kh2!**



**71.a7?** [That's a fatal error. 71.Ra1 ♖ Ra4 (71...Kg2 72.a7!) 72.Rxa4 f1Q 73.a7 Qb5+ 74.Kc7 Qxa4 75.Kb7=] **71...f1Q 72.a8Q Qf7+** As it turned out, Black mates first. **73.Kd6** [73.Kd8 Rd4+ 74.Kc8 Qd7+] **73...Qf6+ 74.Kd7** [74.Kd5 Rd4+ 75.Kc5 Qd6+] **74...Rd4+ 75.Kc7 Qd6+ 76.Kb7 Rb4+ 77.Kc8 Rc4+** Solodovnichenko has shown a fantastic perseverance, that's his victory (in this game and whole event) is truly deserved. **0-1**



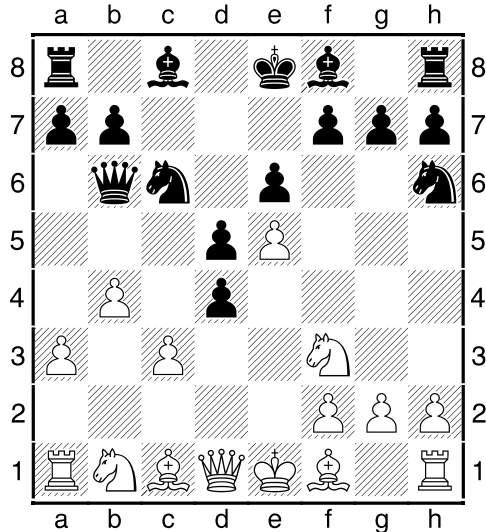
**(04) Zhrebukh, Y (2586) –**

**Vysochin, S (2529) [C02]**

ch–UKR semi-final Alushta UKR (9.1),  
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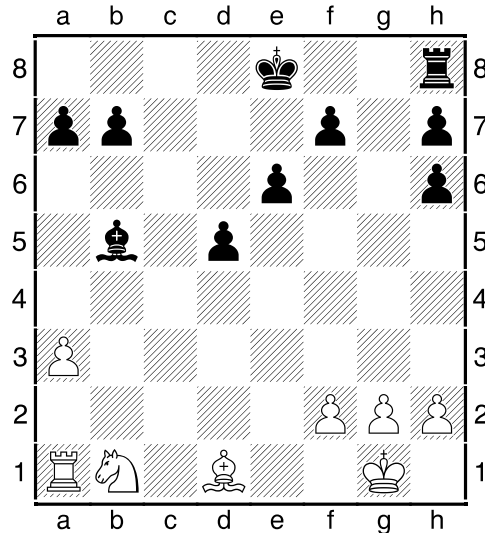
[IM Polivanov, Anatolij]

**1.e4 e6!** Vysochin is one of the most notable experts in French, he applies it everywhere, especially in decisive games like this one, not being scared by opponent's preparation. This is a fidelity to principle in the best possible way. **2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6** [4...Nc6 leaves an option 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Qd2 – but 4...Qb6 doesn't.] **5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Nh6** ♖ is heading at f5 to push on ♗d4. **7.b4 cxd4**



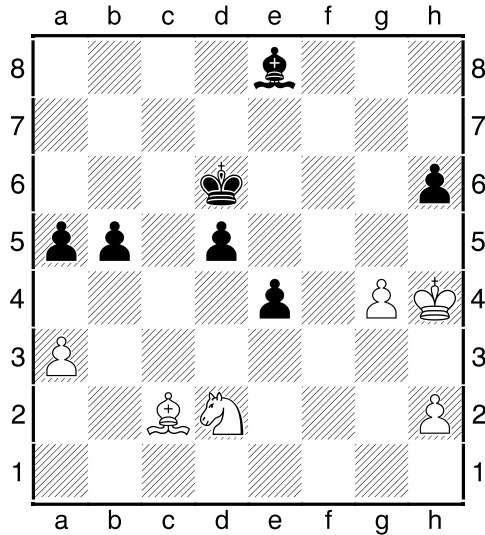
**8.Bxh6** White ruins Black's kingside, but now bishop f8 will occupy the main diagonal. [GM Psakhis in his book about Advance System in French examines 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bb2 (9.Be3 f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Bd3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Bh6 13.Qe2) 9...Be7 10.h4!? as the main line: 10...h5 (maybe, 10...a5!? 11.b5 a4! right now is stronger) 11.Bd3 a5 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.b5 a4 15.Qd3 Na7 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Bc1 Rc4 18.Ne2! – by the way, that chapter in Psakhis' book is based on game by Vysochin (White) against... me. Eventually I lost it in 2002.] **8...gxh6 9.cxd4 Bd7 10.Be2** [White should castle at first, otherwise 10.Nc3?! Nxb4! 11.axb4 Bxb4 with exemplary line 12.Qb3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qa5! (13...0-0 14.Ke2!?) 14.Kd2 0-0 15.Bd3 Ba4 16.Qb2 Rc7 17.Ng1 f6! (17...Rfc8 18.Nge2) 18.f4 (18.exf6 e5!-) 18...fxe5 19.fxe5, Tomba-

Quaranta, Milan 2009 – 19...Qb6!-+] **10...Rc8 11.0-0 Bg7 12.b5** [12.Qd2 0-0 13.Nc3?! Nxd4! 14.Nxd4 Bxe5 15.Rad1 (15.Ndb5 a6 16.Na4 Qd8 17.Nbc3 Qf6) 15...Bxd4 16.Nxd5 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 exd5 18.Qxd5 Ba4!], Fressinet–Kortchnoi, Cannes 1996.] **12...Nxd4!?** The idea is similar to the previous annotation, but neither Psakhis nor Kortchnoi didn't mention exactly this move, so we face a full-fledged novelty. [12...Ne7 13.a4 0-0 14.Nbd2], Reefat–Harikrishnam, Penta Media GM 2000] **13.Qxd4** Now events are developing in the forced way. [13.Nxd4 Bxe5 14.Nb3 Bxa1 15.Nxa1 Bxb5] **13...Qxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxe5 15.Rd1 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Rc1+ 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Bxb5**



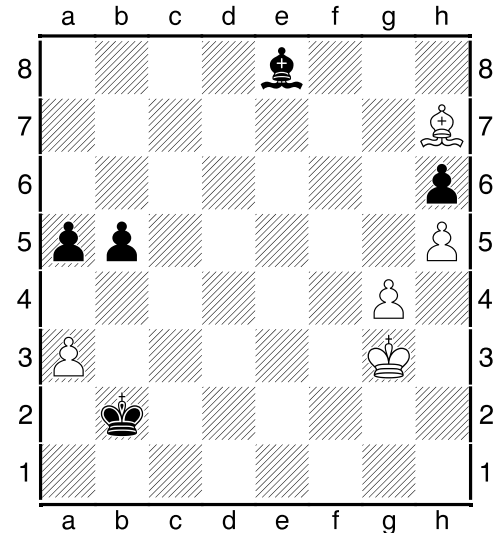
So, the very complicated ending has appeared. But it's becoming somewhat easier, if draw up basic plans for both sides. Thus, it's obvious, that Black should aspire for the rook's swap to make passed ♖'s "b" formation possible. So, White has to do the opposite action. **19.Nd2 Kd7 20.Rb1 Ba6** [Of course, not 20...Bc6 to keep "c"-file open.] **21.Rc1 Kd6** [21...Rc8 22.Rxc8 Kxc8 moves black king away from center, so Vysochin wants to exchange rooks differently; 21...b6?! at once is dubious in view of 22.Ba4+ b5 23.Nb3!] **22.f4 b6 23.Kf2 f6?!** [Immediate 23...Rc8 was a little bit more exact.] **24.Rc3 Rc8 25.Rxc8?** [Illogical. Of course, 25.Rh3! it's worth to be preferred, as black rook is unable to do any harm: 25...Rc1 26.Bb3 h5 (26...Ra1 27.a4 b5 28.a5!) 27.Rxh5 Bd3 28.Rh6 Bg6 29.g4

, and White is better.] **25...Bxc8 26.Bc2 e5 27.Bxh7 a5** Whereas White was grabbing quite useless ♖h7, black passers have seriously approached. **28.Kg3!?** [In case of solid 28.Ke3 White doesn't run the risk of being lost. But the victory is also unlikely, so Zherebukh takes a chance.] **28...b5 29.fxe5+ fxe5 30.Bc2** Otherwise white bishop will be cut off after e5-e4. **30...Bd7!?** [Reasonable decision - Black hampers White's plans of intrusion to h5. Besides, it's very difficult to calculate consequences of 30...a4!? 31.Kh4 Kc5 32.Kh5 b4 33.axb4+ Kxb4 34.Bxa4 Kxa4 35.Kxh6 Kb4 36.Kg5 , thought it seems White will achieve draw here.] **31.Kh4 Be8 32.g4 e4**



**33.Nxe4+?!** After this move Zherebukh offered a draw. I recall, that in my aforesaid game against Vysochin in 2002 I did the same thing and then realized that I made a gross error, after which my position was undefensible. Here we have a somewhat similar story. [It was necessary to stick to intended plan: 33.g5 h5! (33...hxg5+ 34.Kxg5 Ke5 35.h4 Kd4 36.h5 Bxh5 37.Kxh5 Kc3 38.Bxe4!)=) 34.Bd1 b4 35.axb4 axb4 36.Bxh5 Bxh5 37.Kxh5 e3 38.Nf3 b3 39.g6 Ke7 (39...b2 40.g7 b1Q 41.g8Q Qf5+ 42.Ng5 could be dangerous for Black) 40.g7 Kf7 41.Kh6 b2 42.Ng5+ Kg8 43.Nh7! b1Q 44.Nf6+ Kf7 45.g8Q+ Kxf6 46.Qg5+ Ke6 with probable draw, although White still has some work to make it.] **33...dxe4 34.Bxe4 Ke5 35.Bh7 Kd4!** [It seems unbelievable, but 35...Kf6 36.Kg3 Bg6 37.Bg8 Bf7 38.Bh7 b4 doesn't win: 39.axb4 axb4 40.h4 b3 41.Kf4 Kg7 42.Bd3

Bg6 43.Bc4 b2 44.Ba2 b1Q 45.Bxb1 Bxb1 46.g5 h5 47.Ke5! = , and Black can't improve own position. That's why Black chooses the more dangerous option.] **36.Kg3** [As it proved, 36.g5 hxg5+ 37.Kxg5 Kc3 38.h4 leads to salvation too: 38...Kb2 39.Bd3 Kxa3 40.h5 Bxh5 41.Bxb5 with draw according to the endgame tablebases, for example 41...Kb4 42.Bc6 Be2 43.Kf4 Bb5 44.Bxb5 Kxb5 45.Ke3=] **36...Kc3 37.h4 Kb2 38.h5?**

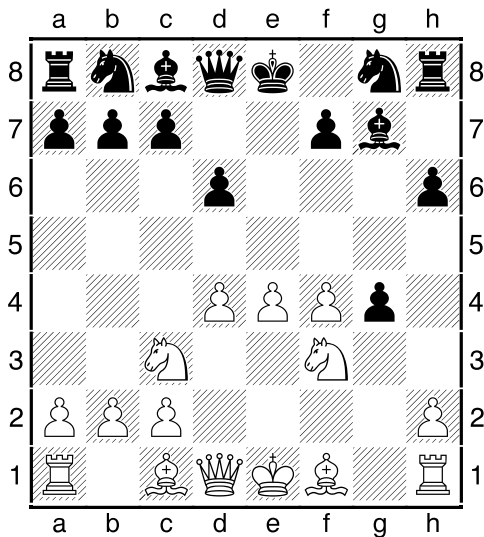


Final mistake.[This move is good after 38.Bd3 Kxa3 , and only now 39.h5 : 39...Bxh5 40.Bxb5 Bg6 41.Kh4! , and Black's advantage isn't enough - 41...Kb4 42.Bc6 Bf7 43.Bd7 a4 44.Bxa4 Kxa4 45.Kg3 Kb4 46.Kf4 Be6 47.g5 h5 48.g6= ; but is it possible to evaluate all this on lack of time conditions? I don't think so.] **38...Bxh5!** Now that's it. **39.gxh5 Kxa3 40.Kf4 Kb2** Epic battle, which brings to Vysochin a victory, first place in tournament and ticket for the Ukrainian Superfinal, where he will stand up for French again! **0-1**

**(05) Shirov,A (2709) - Alekseev,Evgeny (2673) [C34]**

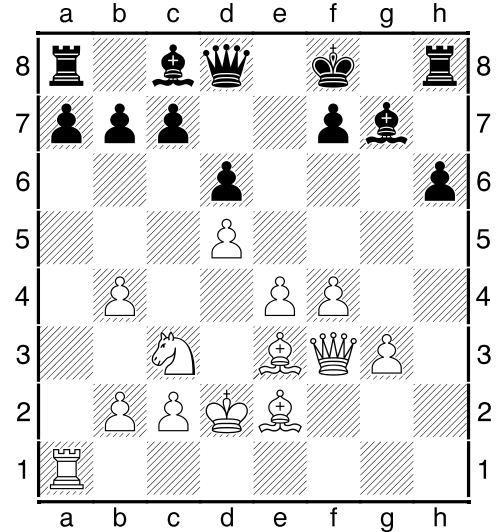
3rd Lublin GM Lublin POL (4), 18.05.2011  
[IM Polivanov,Anatoliy]

**1.e4 e5 2.f4!?** Quite unexpected opening in tournaments of highest level. Seems, like King's Gambit was almost buried after glorious Shirov's victory (by Black!) against Fedorov in 2000. **2...exf4 3.Nf3 h6** [That game developed so: 3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 d6 6.Nxg4 Nf6 7.Nf2?! (~~N7eNxf6+~~ Qxf6 8.Nc3) 7...Rg8! 8.d4 Bh6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Qe7+! (novelty at that time) 12.Be2 Nb4 13.c4 Bf5! 14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.Qxb4 Re8 16.Qd2 Rxd2 17.Kf1 Rg3 with severe attack. With the aid of 3...h6 Black also wants to conduct g7-g5, but in more comfortable way.] **4.Nc3** [4.b3, in order to meet 4...g5 with 5.Bb2, should be parried by 4...d5!] **4...d6 5.d4 g5 6.g3** [In view of 6.h4 Bg7!, White has changed own strategy.] **6...Bg7** [6...fxg3 has flaw of opening "f"-file: 7.hxg3 Bg7 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Nxg5! hxg5 13.Bxg5→, Fedorov-Notkin, Peterburg 1996.] **7.gxf4 g4**

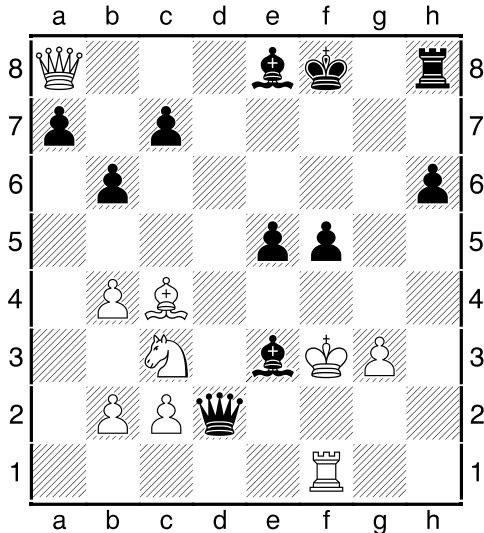


**8.Rg1!N** [8.Ng1? Qh4+ 9.Ke2 f5!, and king e2 doesn't feel well; previously applied 8.Be3 gxf3 9.Qxf3 h5 10.h3, and 8.Rg1 is a very good addition to this line.] **8...Kf8** [8...gxf3 9.Rxg7 Qh4+ 10.Rg3±] **9.Be3 Nc6** [Now 9...gxf3 10.Qxf3 h5 is useless because of 11.0-0-0! Bg4 12.Qg2] **10.d5 Nb4 11.a3** [Frankly speaking, 11.Nd4! looks even better - 11...Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qxh2

13.Nce2, and White is ready to tore Black's position after Bg2, Bg3 and e5.] **11...gxf3 12.axb4 Qh4+ 13.Rg3** [13.Kd2 is fraught with queen's swap after 13...Qxh2+ 14.Kc1 h5 15.Qxf3 Bg4, and Shirov decides to sacrifice an exchange instead.] **13...Nf6 14.Qxf3 Nh5 15.Be2 Nxc3 16.hxg3 Qd8 17.Kd2!?**



[Connecting ♖ to the seat of war. 17.0-0-0 serves the same goal, but then 17...a5 18.b5 a4 is unpleasant.] **17...Bd7 18.e5! dxe5 19.f5** [It seems, that 18.e5 was designed for the variation like 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Rf1 Qe7 21.Bc5 Bd6 22.Ne4 Bxc5 23.bxc5, but in fact White wants to secure point e4 for ♘.] **19...b6** [Alekseev tries to play calmly, though a break-up 19...e4!? 20.Qxe4 Qf6 (like in King's Indian) was also possible.] **20.d6?!** [That's probably too much. 20.Ne4 Bf6 21.Rh1 with strong initiative was the best option.] **20...Be8** [20...cxd6 21.Bxb6 (21.Nd5 e4! 22.Qxe4 Bc6) 21...Qc8 22.Bc7!] **21.f6?** [♗f7 is protected now, that's why such sacrifices are no so effective as before. 21.Ne4 cxd6 22.f6 d5 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qg4+ Kf8 25.Kc1 dxe4 26.Qxe4 still keeps a good position for the White, but Black maintains the equality.] **21...Bxf6 22.Rf1 Bg5 23.Bc4 Qxd6+** [Entering the abyss of complications, although solid 23...Kg7 also deserves a credit: 24.Bxf7? Rf8] **24.Ke2 Bxe3 25.Qxa8 Qd2+ 26.Kf3 f5?**



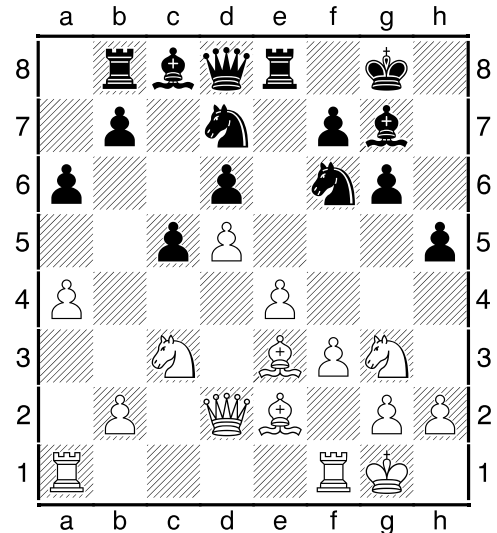
[Idea of f5 and Bh5 with mate had captivated Black's mind, but he's missed something. After immediate 26...Kg7 or 26...Bd4 Alekseev should have won.] **27.Qc8!** White is reaching the black king finally. **27...Kg7?** [Draw achieves in case of 27...e4+ 28.Nxe4 fxe4+ 29.Kxe4+ Bf2 30.Qf5+ Ke7 (30...Kg7 31.Qe5+=) 31.Qe5+ Kd8 32.Qxh8 Qe3+ 33.Kf5 Qg5+ 34.Ke4 Qe3+ – but now Black is gonna lose.] **28.Qxc7+ Kf8?!** [That's only lightens Shirov's work. ~~28~~...Kg6 29.Qxe5 Bd4 30.Qe6+ Kg5 31.Ne2! Bh5+ 32.Kg2 Qxc2, and White still has to find a strike 33.Qe7+ Bf6 34.Rxf5+!! Kxf5 (34...Qxf5 35.Qe3+ Kg6 36.Bd3) 35.Qe6+ Kg6 36.Bd3+! Qxd3 37.Nf4+ Kh7 38.Nxd3+–] **29.Qxe5 Bh5+** [29...Qd4 30.Qxf5+ Kg7 31.Kg2+–] **30.g4 Bxg4+ 31.Kg3 Qd4** [31...f4+ 32.Kxg4 Qg2+ 33.Kf5 Qg5+ 34.Ke4+–] **32.Qb8+ Kg7 33.Qc7+ Kg6 34.Qf7+ Kg5 35.Qe7+** [Black resigned because of 35.Qe7+ Kg6 36.Bf7+ Kh7 37.Ne4! Qxe4 (37...fxe4 38.Be6+ Qg7 39.Rf7) 38.Be6+ Kg6 39.Qf7+ Kg5 40.Qg7+] **1-0**

**(06) Ivanchuk,V (2776) – Andreikin,D (2687) [A56]**

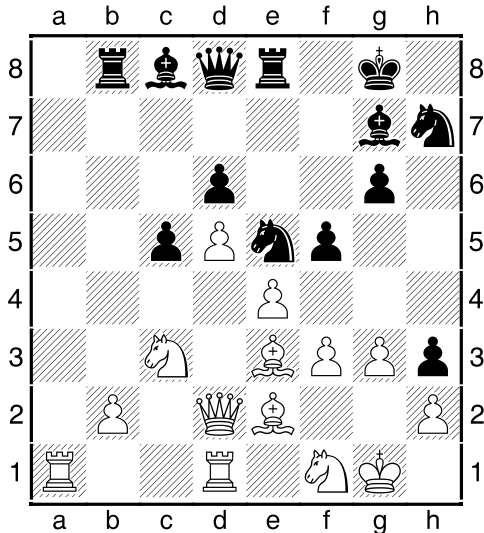
46th Capablanca Memorial Elite Havana CUB (8), 19.05.2011  
[IM Polivanov,Anatoliy]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.Ng3 a6** [Showing one's cards at once – it was possible to keep a mystery for a while: 7...e6 8.Be2 exd5

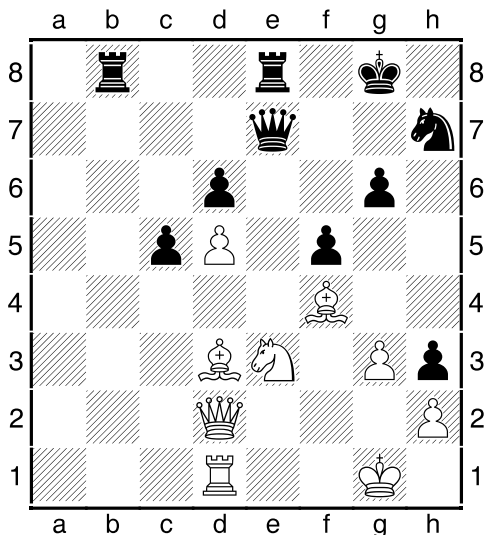
9.cxd5, and only now 9...Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 or 9...a6 or even 9...b6!? Δ Ba6.] **8.a4 e6 9.Be2 exd5 10.cxd5 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.f3** [12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Qd2 Bd7 – Braun-Efimenko, CZM 05/2011] **12...Rb8 13.Be3 h5** Standard method against ♘g3. **14.Qd2**



**14...Nh7N** [Premature 14...h4?! 15.Nh1 Ne5 16.Nf2 h3 didn't bring any success for Black: 17.g4 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxh3 b4 20.Nd1 c4 21.Nhf2 Qc7 22.Bd4+–, Dragomarezkij–Andriasian, Ilyumzhinov Cup 2006. Now f7–f5 is threatening, and ♗f5 will be untouchable in view of Rxe3.] **15.Bh6 Bd4+** [15...Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qg5?! (16...h4 17.Nh1 Qg5 18.Qxg5 Nxc5 19.Nf2!) 17.Qxg5 Nxc5 18.f4 Nh7 19.Bxh5!? gxh5 20.Nf5±] **16.Be3 Bg7 17.Rfd1** Now f7–f5 isn't dangerous anymore, as there won't be Bd4 after Rxe3. **17...h4 18.Nf1 h3 19.g3 b5!?** [Seems aggressive, but is there such necessity? 19...Ne5 20.a5 b5 21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Rdb1 a5 guarantees good play and equal material.] **20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Ne5 22.Nc3 f5**



Intending to exchange on e4 and move Ng4. **23.Ra7!** [23.f4 Ng4 24.Bxg4 f4g4 25.Qc2 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Nf6 27.Nd2?! Nxe4 28.Nxe4 Bf5] **23...Qb6** [23...fxe4 24.Nxe4, and there is no Rxb2 strike.] **24.Rxg7+! Kxg7 25.b4!!** That's the whole point of Ivanchuk's idea – after swap at c5 and f4 White's center will destroy everything on its way. **25...Ba6?!** [It's a pity, that Andreikin hasn't picked up 25...Ng5!! : 26.Bxg5 (26.Kf2?! fxe4 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Rb1 Qxb1 29.Nxb1 exf3 30.Bd3 Rb3, and Black is winning) 26...cxb4+ 27.Be3 bxc3, and White has to choose between 28.Qxc3 Qb2 (which is favourable for Black) or 28.Bxb6 cxd2 29.Bc7, grabbing pawns d6 and d2.] **26.b5 Bxb5** [26...Bc8 27.f4 Nf7 28.Qb2 Kg8 29.Nd2±] **27.Nxb5 Qxb5 28.f4!** [28.Bxb5? Nxf3+ 29.Kh1 Nxd2 30.Bxe8 Nxf1 31.Rxf1 Rxe8+] **28...Qa4 29.fxe5 Qxe4 30.Bh6+!** [30.Bd3 Qxe5; but now ♖f1 enters the game.] **30...Kg8 31.Ne3 Qxe5 32.Bf4 Qe7 33.Bd3**



[33.Bf1!?] **33...Nf6?!** [Right under the pin. 33...Rb4! was strong instead: 34.Nc4 Rxc4! 35.Bxc4 g5 36.Bb5 Rb8 37.Bd3 (37.Re1 Qf6) 37...gxf4 38.Qxf4 Qg5, and Black should hold this; 33...Ng5 34.Nxf5! Nf3+ 35.Kf2 gxf5 36.Kxf3±] **34.Nc4 Rbd8 35.Bg5 Qf7 36.Qb2 Rf8 37.Bf1** Taking annoying ♗h3 away. **37...Rb8 38.Qc1 Ne4 39.Bxh3 Rb3 40.Bf1 f4?** [Equally matched as capitulation. After 40...Rfb8 41.Qf4 Qd7 White is clearly better, but the struggle is still ahead.] **41.Bxf4 g5 42.Nxd6 Nxd6 43.Bxd6 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Rf5 45.Bxc5 Qa2 46.Bc4 1-0**

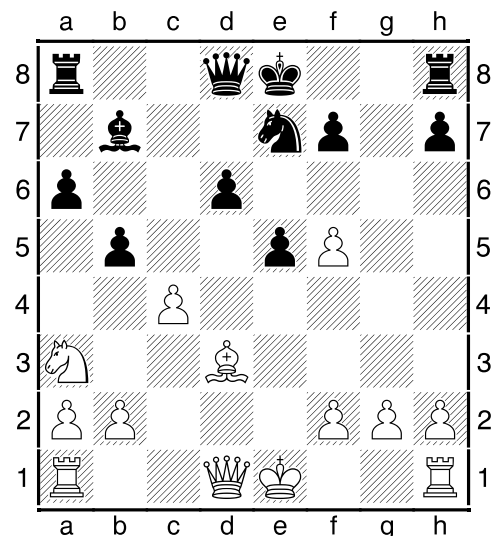
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**Bogosavljevic, B (2550) [B33]**

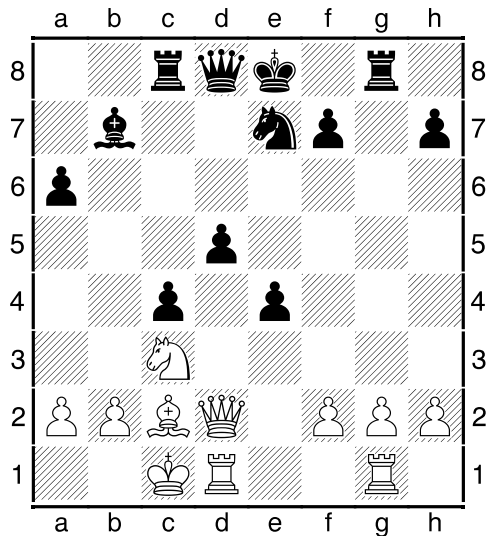
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[IM Polivanov, Anatoliy]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Nxe7 Nxe7 11.Bd3 Bb7** [Black had options 11...Nd7 and especially 11...d5, that's why order of moves 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c4 Bb7 13.Bd3 makes some sense.] **12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.c4 f5** [It's considered in theory, that ending after 13...bxc4 14.Nxc4 d5 15.exd5 Qxd5 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Be4 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rd8 20.Bxb7 Rxd6+ 21.Kc2 Rb6! is very good for Black, but White can avoid it, say, 16.Qa4+ Kf8 17.0-0-0.] **14.exf5**

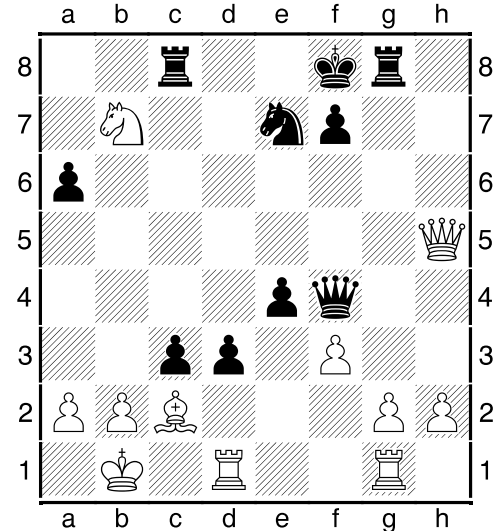


**14...Rg8** [Indispensable inclusion, because 14...e4 looks bad in view 15.Bxe4! Bxe4 16.Qd4 Qa5+ 17.Kf1 Bxg2+ 18.Kxg2 Rg8+ 19.Kf1 b4 20.f6!±; I faced once 14...Bxg2 15.Rg1 Qa5+ , but after 16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Bh3 18.f6! Ng8 19.cxb5 Nxf6 20.bxa6 White is keeping an edge, Polivanov–Iljin, Donetsk 2007.] **15.Rg1 e4** **16.Bc2 Nxf5N** [Recommended by Rogozenko in annotations to the game Motylev–Greenfeld, Izmir 2004. It did last not for too long: 16...b4?! 17.Ba4+ Kf8 18.Nc2 Qa5? 19.Qxd6 Qxa4 20.f6 with victory in few moves.] **17.Qd2 bxc4** **18.0-0-0!** [Rogozenko mentioned only 18.Nxc4 , but after 18...Rc8 White is in troubles, for example: 19.Ne3 Rg5! , counting on 20.0-0-0 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Rgc5 22.Rd2 Qc7 23.Qe2 d5 24.Kb1 d4-+] **18...Rc8** [18...d5 meets 19.Nxc4! (19.f3!?) 19...dxc4 20.Ba4+ Ke7 21.Qf4f] **19.Nb1** [As 19.g4 is parried by 19...c3! 20.bxc3 Nh4 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Rxc3= , Perunovic transfers his ♘ to c3.] **19...d5** **20.Nc3 Ne7**

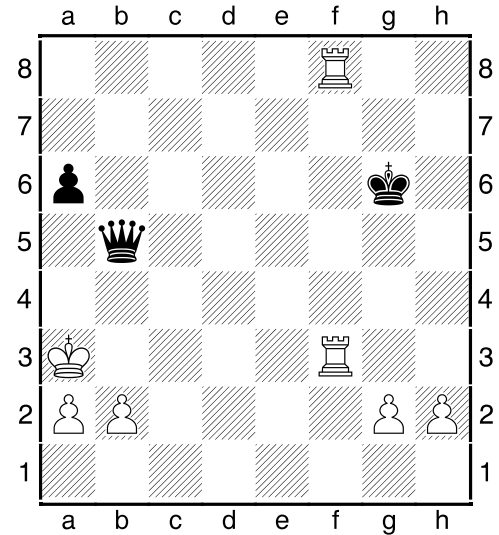
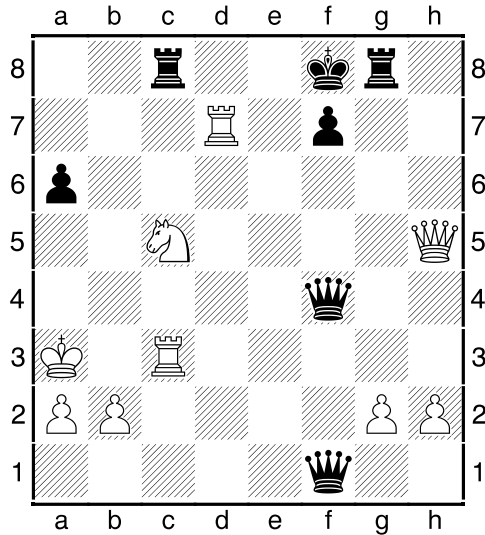


**21.Qh6?!** [21.Ba4+ Kf8 22.Qh6+ Rg7 23.Nxe4 gives nothing: 23...Ng6 24.Ng3 Ne5; maybe, an equality after 21.f3 exf3 22.gxf3 Rxg1 23.Rxg1 d4 24.Ba4+ Bc6 25.Ne4! f5 26.Qh6 fxe4 27.Qe6 Kf8 28.Qf6+ was the best outcome after all.] **21...Rg6** **22.Qxh7** [22.Ba4+ Bc6 23.Bxc6+ Nxc6 24.Qxh7 Qg5+ 25.Kb1 Nb4] **22...Qb6!** Excellent move, after which White is experienced some problems. At first, white queen can be caught after Qf6 and Rh6. **23.Qh8+ Rg8** **24.Qh5?** [24.Qh4] **24...Kf8** [At second – queen b6 supports

d5–d4 and attacks on f2, and that could be used immediately: 24...d4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4! (25...d3 26.Ba4+ – that's why king has left e8) 26.Bxe4 d3 27.Qe5 Qxf2 28.Kb1 c3! 29.bxc3 Rg5!!-+] **25.f3 d4?!** [25...exf3 26.Rgf1 is nothing to be scared of: 26...Qe3+ (or even 26...d4 at once) 27.Kb1 d4 28.Rfe1 Qg5-+] **26.Na4 Qf6** **27.Nc5! Qf4+** [27...Bc6 28.Nxe4 Qf4+ 29.Kb1 d3 30.Bxd3 cxd3 31.g3!± with queen's f4 overwork.] **28.Kb1 d3** **29.Nxb7 c3!**



Now king b1 is going to be undressed. **30.Nc5?** [30.bxc3 dxc2+ 31.Kxc2 would have allowed to remain afloat: 31...Qe3 (31...Nf5 32.Kb1) 32.Qe5! Qf2+ 33.Kc1 Qb6 34.Nd6 Rb8 35.Nc4 Qb1+ 36.Kd2 Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Rb1 38.Nb2!]=] **30...dxc2+** **31.Kxc2 Nf5!-+** With ♘ at e3 White has nothing to hope about. **32.Rd7 Ne3+** **33.Kb3** [33.Kxc3 exf3 34.Rd4 Qg5-+] **33...exf3** **34.Ka3 Nc2+** **35.Kb3 Ne3** **36.Ka3 f2** **37.Rc1 Nc2+?** [37...f1Q 38.Rxf1 Nxf1 leaves some questions after (38...Qxf1? 39.Qh6+) 39.Nd3 Qf6 40.Ne5; 37...Nc4+! is the clearest: 38.Kb3 f1Q (38...cxb2 also good) 39.Rxf1 Qxf1-+] **38.Rxc2! f1Q** **39.Rxc3**



Situation has changed drastically – white king isn't in danger anymore, but black one – is, despite an extra queen. Thus, Ne6 is menacing...**39...Qf6??** Even worsening the things. [There were two appropriate defences against Ne6: 39...Qe1 40.Rb7! Rd8 41.g3 Qf6 42.Rf3 Rh8! 43.Rxf7+ Kg8 44.Qg4+ Kxf7 45.Rxf6+ Kxf6, and Black should escape the checks; another one – 39...Re8! 40.Rb7 Re3 41.Nd7+ Kg7-+] **40.Ne6+** Now game is coming to the ending 2R vs Q in a forced way. **40...Qxe6 41.Rxc8+ Kg7 42.Qg5+ Qg6 43.Qxg6+ Kxg6 44.Rxg8+ Kf6 45.Rf8 ♠f7** is falling, and Black still doesn't have any possibility to give a couple of checks. **45...Qb5 46.Rdx7+ Kg6 47.Rf6+ Kg7 48.R8f7+ Kg8 49.Rf8+ [49.Rf5 Qd3+ 50.b3 Qd6+ 51.Ka4 Qd4+ 52.Ka5 Qd2+ 53.Kb6! Qxa2 (53...Qd6+ 54.Ka7) 54.Rf3+-] 49...Kg7 50.R6f7+ Kg6 51.Rf3?!**

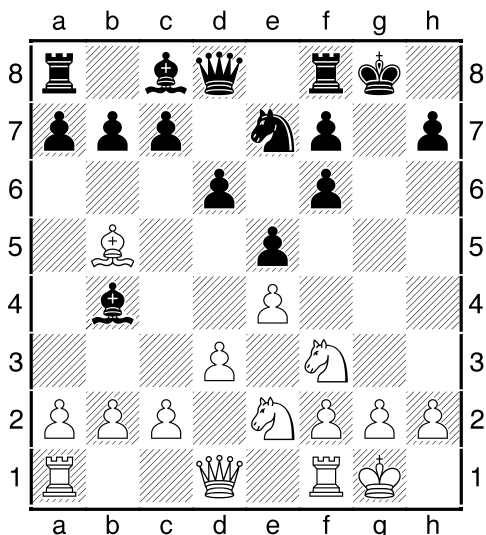
Here ♠ stands a little bit worse, than at 5th rank. **51...Qa5+ 52.Kb3 Qb5+ 53.Kc3 Qc5+ 54.Kd3 Qb5+ 55.Ke3 Qc5+ 56.Kd2! Qd4+?** [White's task is much harder in case of 56...Qb4+! 57.Kd1 (57.Kc1 Qe1+ 58.Kc2 Qe2+) 57...Qxb2; now it's over.] **57.Kc1 Qc4+ [57...Qc5+ 58.Kb1 Qg1+ 59.Rf1] 58.Rc3 Qxa2 59.Rg3+ Kh7 60.Rf4! 1-0**

**(08) Vallejo Pons,F (2722) – Granda Zuniga,J (2614) [C49]**

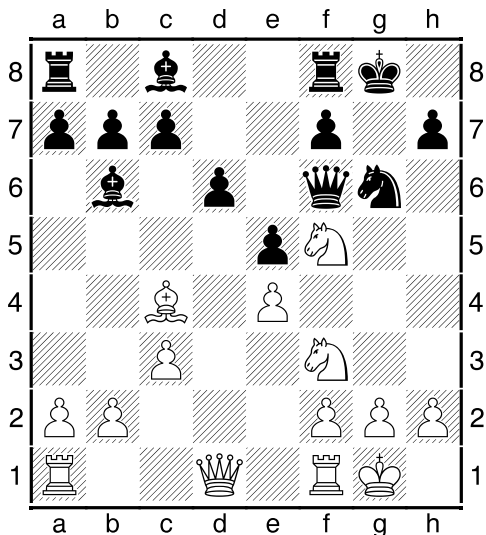
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[IM Polivanov,Anatoliy]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bb4 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Bg5 Ne7!?** Well-forgotten line, which reminds about oneself after recent game Nisipeanu–Ponomariov, Bazna 2010. **8.Bxf6** [In that game was 8.Nh4 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.Bxf6 (10.Bb3 Qd6!) 10...gxf6 11.Bb3 a5! – after this novelty Ponomariov intercepted an initiative and won in 23 moves.] **8...gxf6 9.Ne2**

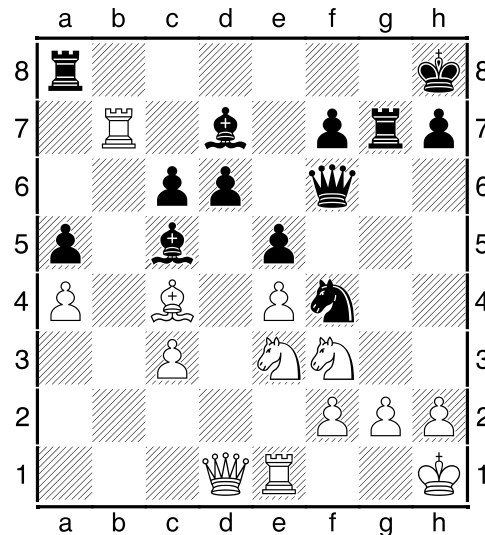


[9.Nh4 c6 10.Bc4 returns us to the previous annotation. Vallejo wants to transfer another ♘ to the kingside.] **9...f5 10.c3 Ba5N 11.Bc4** [Against 11.Qd2 fxe4 will be the best reply (11...Ng6 is less exact due to 12.Qh6! Qf6 13.Ng3 with problems for Black) 12.dxe4 Ng6 13.Qh6 Qf6 , intending Qg7.] **11...Ng6 12.Ng3?!** [Somewhat passive. 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ng3 suggests itself: 13...Bc8! (13...Bg4 14.h3; 13...Bd7 14.d4) 14.d4 d5 15.Bb3 e4 16.Ne5 c6 17.Qh5 , having f2–f4 in mind.] **12...fxe4 13.dxe4 Bb6 14.Nf5 Qf6!**



Before implementation of his plan Kh8, Rg8 and so on, Granda protects ♖f7. **15.Ne3 c6 16.Kh1 Kh8 17.a4** White wants to oppose to Black some actions on the queen flank, but it's hard to achieve something here. **17...a5 18.b4 Rg8 19.b5 Rg7** Preparing to double rooks. **20.Rb1 Bc5 21.Rb2** [I don't think, that allowing ♘

to f4 is a good idea. Maybe, 21.g3 Bh3 22.Re1 was the most reasonable option, though Black has at own disposal 2 good plans: h5–h4 and Rd8, Be6, Ne7 with d6–d5.] **21...Nf4 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Re1 Bd7** [23...Qg6 is pointless because of 24.Nh4 Qxe4? 25.f3 – that's why 23.Re1 was made.] **24.Rb7?**



[Loses at once. It was necessary to hold teeth and play 24.Bf1 ] **24...Nxb2! 25.Nxb2 Bh3 26.Bf1** [26.Nfh4 Bxf2 – with ♖ at b2 this would be impossible.] **26...Rag8 27.Ngh4** [27.Ne3 Qxf3+! 28.Qxf3 Rg1#] **27...Qxh4** [27...Rg1+! 28.Nxb2 Rxb2+ 29.Kxb2 Qxf2+ is the most elegant finish of attack.] **28.Rxf7** [28.Rb8 Bxf2] **28...Rg2! 29.Rf8 Qxf2 30.Rxg8+ Kxg8 31.Re3 Bxe3** So, 7...Ne7 is becoming a headache for adherents of Four Knights system. **0-1**

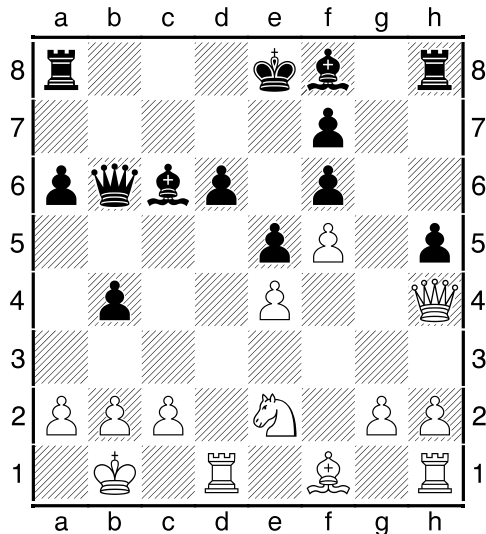
**(09) Hou Yifan (2612) – Li Chao (2656) [B67]**

2nd GM Danzhou CHN (8), 23.05.2011  
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**1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 Bd7** "Back to the Kozul's Sicilian" (c) GM Atalik. **9.f4 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6** [10...Qxf6?! is reputed as dubious because of 11.e5 dxe5 12.Ndx5 Qd8 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Qxd6 exf4 , and now there is such blow like 15.Bxa6! Rxa6 16.Nb5 Ra7 17.Nxa7 Nxa7 18.Qd4± , Bashkov–Sherbakov, Chelia-

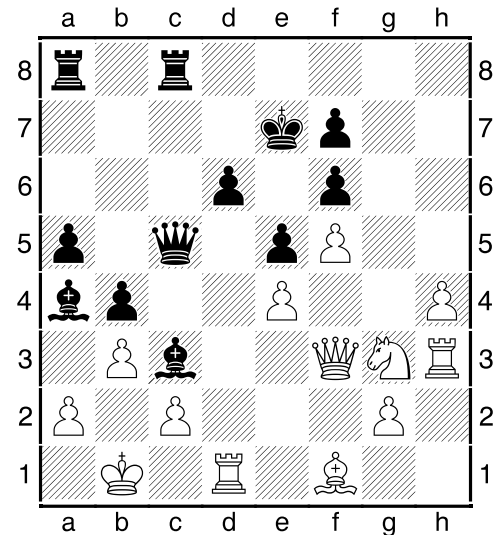


binsk 1990] **11.Kb1** [11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qe1 Be7 13.Bd3 Qb6 14.Kb1 Qc5 15.f5 b4 16.Ne2 a5! is examined in game Motylev–Nijboer, CZM 04/2009] **11...b4 12.Nce2 Qb6 13.Qe1** [13.f5 Nxd4 (this is more exact, than 13...e5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Ng3) 14.Nxd4 e5 15.Ne2 (15.Nf3 h5 16.Bc4 Rc8 17.Qe2 a5 18.Rd5) 15...h5 16.h4 Ke7! (with bishop at c6 this move would be unthinkable) 17.Ng3 Bh6 18.Qe2 Qe3! 19.Nxh5 Bb5 20.Qxe3 Bxe3 21.Bxb5 axb5♞, Perunovic–Atalik, Budva 2003] **13...h5N** [The most notorious victory by Kozul in this variation was achieved against Shirov in 2007: 13...Rc8 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.f5 e5 17.Nf3 Rg8 18.Qh4 Ke7 19.Rg1 h5! 20.Bd3 Bh6 21.g3 a5f] **14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.f5?!** [Inconsistent. Worth to develop bishop f1, using the absence of ♖c8: 15.Nd4 (♗e4 is protected now owing to 13.Qe1) 15...Bd7 16.Bc4 Rc8 17.Qe2 a5 18.f5 e5 19.Nf3 a4 20.Rd5f] **15...e5 16.Qh4**



**16...Ke7!?** [Interesting move, but 16...Qe3! is more reliable: 17.Qxf6 (17.Ng3 Qg5) 17...Rh6 18.Qh4 Be7 19.Qe1 a5! (19...Qxe4 20.Qd2 Rh8 21.f6!) 20.Rd3 Qxe4 21.Qd2 Bf8, and Black has no problems.] **17.Ng3?!** [White can't bring oneself to 17.Rxd6 Bg7 18.Rd3 Rac8, though after 19.Nc1! (bishop goes to d3 for ♗c2 defence) 19...Qb7 20.Rg3 Bh6 21.Bd3 Bf4 22.Rf3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Qxe4 24.Nd3 Black should play very carefully.] **17...Bh6 18.Nxh5 Bg5 19.Qg4** Now white pieces stuck at the kingside, which gives Black some precious time. **19...Qc5** [Black re-

jects aggressive 19...Qf2, because after 20.h4 Be3 21.Bd3! all results in draw: 21...Rag8 22.Qh3 Rxc2 (22...Rxc5? 23.g4 Rxc5 24.Rd1 Qd2 25.Rh2) 23.Rd1 Qd2 24.Rd1] **20.h4** ♖h1 goes to 3th rank, but it costs bishop's g5 activation. **20...Be3 21.Rh3 a5 22.Qf3 Bd4 23.Ng3** Trying to eliminate bishop d4 after Ne2. **23...Rhc8 24.Rd2** [♗c2 could have been protected differently, but it doesn't help: 24.Bd3 b3! 25.cxb3 (the most persistent; 25.c3 bxa2+ 26.Kxa2 Ba4 27.cxd4 Qb4+; 25.axb3 a4 26.Ne2 a3+) 25...a4 26.Bc4 axb3 27.Bxb3 Ba4 28.Ne2 Bxb3 29.Qxb3 Rcb8 30.Nxd4 Rxb3 31.Nxb3 Qf2+] **24...Bc3! 25.Rd1 Ba4 26.b3**



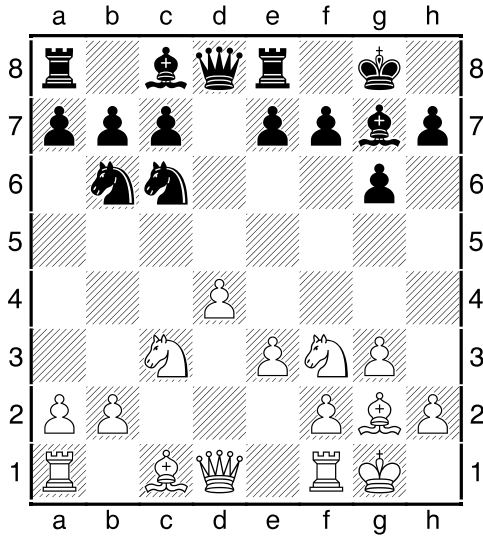
**26.Bd3 Bxb2 27.Kxb2 Qc3+ 28.Kb1 Rab8!-+;** 26.Qd3 Bxb2 27.Kxb2 Bxc2 28.Rc1 Bxd3 29.Rxc5 dxc5 30.Bxd3 c4 31.Be2 a4 also look terrible; even after 26.Rd5 Qc7 27.bxc3 bxc3 king's escape won't bring success: 28.Kc1 Qb6 29.Bd3 Rab8 30.Kd1 Qb1+ 31.Ke2 Bxc2, and Black is winning.] **26...Bxb3! 27.cxb3 a4 28.Bc4** Seems to be a solid defence, but... **28...axb3 29.Bxb3 Rxa2!!** White king is getting undressed completely. **30.Bxa2** [30.Kxa2 Qa5+ 31.Kb1 Qa1+ 32.Kc2 Be1+] **30...b3! 31.Bxb3 Qa3 32.Kc2 Qb2+ 33.Kd3 Ba5!** [Just like this. 33...Bb4? is fraught only with repetition 34.Bc4 Ra8 35.Bb3!]=] **34.Bc4 Rxc4!** This is the final chord in Black's flash-like attack. **35.Ne2** [35.Kxc4 Qc2+ 36.Kb5 Qc5+] **35...Qc2+ 36.Ke3 Bb6+ 0-1**

**(10) Gelfand, Boris (2733) - Grischuk, Alexander (2747) [E60]**

WCh Candidates Kazan RUS (3.6), 25.05.2011

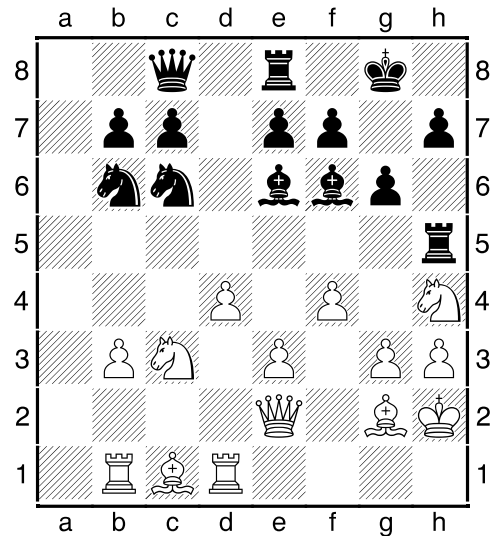
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 [Important nuance – order of moves 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Nc3 Nc6 allows 9.d5, so Black avoids it.] 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e3 [Now 8.d5 is connected with dubious sacrifice: 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxd5] 8...0-0 9.0-0 Re8

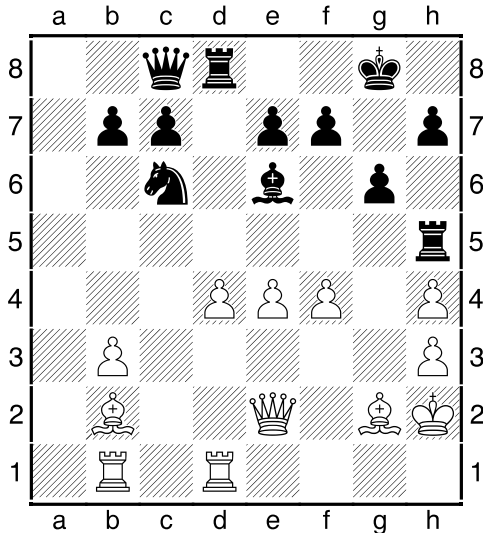


Such famous expert in Grunfeld Defence like GM Rowson gives an advice to wait with e5 till it's tolerable, because often White's position will only spring in life after this breakup. So Grischuk follows these instructions. [9...e5 10.d5 Na5 11.e4 c6 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3] **10.Re1** [Here 10.d5 is not so effective, like in 6th move's annotation, but still playable: 10...Na5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.e4 c6] **10...a5** Grabbing space at the queenside. In particular, ♖ can go to a5 after a5-a4. **11.Qe2 Bg4** [Using Qe2, Black is developing own bishop. It can be done by 11...Be6 at once, but what if h3 will be useful as a hook?] **12.h3 Be6 13.b3** Preventing Bc4. [It's notable, that after 13.Rd1 Bc4 14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Qb1 such pretentious move as 15...e5?! (~~15...a4 16.e4~~), which was successfully used by Caruana, only without 11...Bg4 12.h3, isn't good anymore: 16.a3! (in case of 16.b3 exd4

17.bxc4 dxc3 18.Rxd8 Raxd8 19.Nd4 Rxd4! 20.exd4 Re1+ 21.Kh2 Bxd4 Black is OK) 16...exd4 17.axb4 dxc3 18.Rxd8 Raxd8 19.bxc3+- – owing to h3, check on d1 is useless.] **13...a4 14.Rb1 axb3 15.axb3 Qc8** As it was planned at 11th move. **16.Kh2** [16.Ng5? Bf5!±; 16.g4 could be responded by 16...h6 with further f5.] **16...Ra5!?** Such transition is typical for fianchetto systems. **17.Rd1** Gelfand demonstrates, that he isn't scared by Rh5 possibility. 17.Rd1 is called for d4-d5 advancement, which, however, isn't possible on current time. **17...Rh5 18.Nh4 Bf6** Seems strong, but... **19.f4!**



**19...Rd8** [As is turned out, 19...Bxh4 20.gxh4 Rxh4 meets 21.Kg3!, but maybe, Grischuk should have preferred this, implying irrational position after 21...Rxh3+ 22.Bxh3 Bxh3 23.d5 e5! 24.dxc6 exf4+ 25.Kxf4 Qe6 – despite rook's up, everything is possible.] **20.Qf2 Bxh4?** [That's the crucial mistake – now bishop f6 doesn't control ♖d4, so all the pawn mass will start moving. ~~20...Na5~~, and I doubt, whether White has any better than repetition 21.Qa2 Nc6 22.Qf2] **21.gxh4 Nd5** The only way to stop white ♖s. [21...Na5 22.Bf3+-] **22.Nxd5 Rxd5 23.Bb2!** [Surely, Gelfand doesn't want a white-squared blockade after 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 and Qf5.] **23...Rb5 24.Qe2 Rh5** [24...Rxb3 25.d5+-] **25.e4**



This is the decisive moment. **25...Bxb3** [On 25...Rxb3 works the old trick 26.Kg3!] **26.Rdc1 Na5** [26...e6 won't help either: 27.Ba1 Ba4 (27...Na5 28.Qb2!) 28.Qc4 Qa8 29.d5+--] **27.d5 b6 28.Be5! c5**

[28...Rd7 29.Qb5 with threats Qxb6 and Rxb3.] **29.dxc6 f6 30.Ba1** [30.c7 Rd7 31.Qb5 is also possible, but apparently Gelfand didn't want to bring up all to the endgame after 31...fxe5 32.Rxb3 (or 32.Qxd7 Qxd7 33.c8Q+ Qxc8 34.Rxc8+ Kg7) 32...Nxb3 (32...Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Qxc7 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Rd3+--)] **33.Qxb3+ Kg7 34.Qxb6 exf4 35.Qb8 Rxc7 36.Qxc7 Qxc7 37.Rxc7]** **30...Rc5** [30...b5 31.e5! Bc4 32.Rxc4 bxc4 33.Rb5+--] **31.Rxc5 bxc5 32.Qb5 Qc7?!** [Preliminary 32...Ba2 33.Rb2 , and only now 33...Qc7 was stronger, although after 34.e5 and Qb6 White should win anyway.] **33.Rxb3 Nxc6** [33...Qxf4+ 34.Rg3!] **34.e5 Nd4 35.Qc4+** Black surrendered, and thus Gelfand has become Anand's contender. **1-0**

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