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(01) Eljanov, Pavel (2709) - Karjakin, Sergey (2808) [A07]
SBERBANK OPEN A www.sberbank-open.com.ua (3), 05.06.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.c4 e6 7.Qb3 Qc8 More common Qb6 with roughly equal game. But the black seeks complications. 8.Nc3 Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Bf4 Nbd7 11.Rac1 Nb6

12...e:d5? A simple answer, completely giving the initiative to white. It was necessary to capture a knight to change a couple of pieces and win the tempo for development. 13.Ne5 Re8 [After 13...Qe6 14.Rfe1 Rfd8 16.e3 Nd5= / Kurdakov, Y (2282) – Ageichenko, G (2402) / Moscow op 2007] 12...e:d5? A simple answer, completely giving the initiative to white. It was necessary to capture a knight to change a couple of pieces and win the tempo for development. 13.Ne5 Re8 [After 13...Qe6 14.Rfe1 Rfd8 15.a4 Nfd7 16.Nd3 g5 17.a5 g:f4 18.N:f4 Qh6 19.a:b6 Bg5 20.e3 a:b6 21.N:h5 Q:h5 22.Rcd1 b5 23.e4 d:e4 24.N:e4 Nb6 25.Nc5 black unlikely to survive very long] 14.a4 Bd8 Black defended from the threat of a4-a5, now that would be followed by Nc4. But the trouble comes from the other side. 15.g4Bg6 16.Bg3 Bc7 17.f4


1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 f6 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.Bf4 0-0–0 9.Bg3 f5


18...a6 [see where the black mistaken but position with every move all the worse. White have a clear plan of attack... 18...a6 19.Rb1 Na7 20.a4 Qc6 21.Qd1 Rfh8 22.Bf4 Nf7]
23.Na5?! Up to this moment, the great white whipped up the pressure, but now miss the opportunity to tactical prick in-crease the advantage. [After 23.B:f5! it seems that the white pieces dangerous hang in the air, but the specific calculation shows that everything is in order. Daring bishop immediately cannot be taken, then he with the tempo will take key field e4, giving his army surplus material and win-ning position] 23...Qc7 24.Qe2 h6 25.Nc4 g5 26.Bd2 Rd5 27.h:g5 h:g5 28.f4


Now we see the opposite picture – black army perfectly coordinated and do not leave white chance for salvation. 45.Kd1 Ra8 46.Bc4 Ra3 47.Qd7 Rf3 48.Be2@ 0-1

(03) Karjakin,Sergey (2808) - Topalov,Veselin (2775) [C11] SBBERBANK OPEN A www.sberbank-open.com.ua (4), 06.06.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4
On board a well-known variation of French defence. Already see the outlines of the future endgame, which promises a long maneuvering using the finest nuances. Along the way there is only one little trap – and suddenly Veselin Topalov falls apart in the net. Perhaps he had some of his ideas on the subject, but the 12-th move of Sergey Karjakin applies an important novelty, solving the outcome of the game in his favor.


(04) Ponomariov,Ruslan (2743) - Eljanov,Pavel (2707) [C91]
Ukrainian Men – 2013
http://ukrchess.org.ua/ (2), 16.06.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]

16...B:g2?!N [By the way 16...Rb8 17.g:f3 Qd7 18.Rec1 Q:h3! 19.B:d5 Nb4 20.Be4 f5 21.e:f6 (21.Qb3+ Kh8 22.Qe6 Rb6 23.Q:e7 Rg6+ 24.Bg5 Rg8 25.Rc3 e4 26.f:e4 Nd3+ 21...Bd6 22.f4 Qg4+ 23.Kf1 R:f6 24.Re1 Re8 black sought advantages] 17.K:g2 Nb8 In the situation, despite the material deficit, on the white side are excellent chances. He can systematically prepare the attack on kingside and black forced to work for the protection of the weak pawns, and so the knight for a long time remains on the start place. 18.Rac1 c6 19.Kh2 f5 20.Rg1 Ra7 21.Rg2 XABCDEFGHY 8

26.R:g6+ White can afford even a great sacrifice due to the remoteness of several black pieces. The fate of the game is solved with a direct attack... 26...h:g6 27.R:g6+Bg7 28.e6 Rf8 29.Qc5 Qe7 30.Bd6 Qh4 31.Q:a7 1–0

(05) Weichhold,Pavel (2382) - Andreev,Eduard (2498) [B68]
Open Teplice 2013 (5), 19.06.2013


14.Rhg1 White outlined movement pawns, and black immediately prevent this...


26.b:c4? [Escape into the endgame: 26.Qc3 Q:c3 27.b:c3 c:b3 28.Kb2 Rab8 29.Ra1 Rfd8 30.Nd4 Bc4 31.Rd1 g5 did not solve all the problems, since black opened the second front with the activation of the king] 26...B:c4 27.Re3 Rfd8 28.Qc3 Qa4 0–1

(06) Gaponenko,Inna (2393) - Gritsayeva,Oksana (2340) [B12]
Ukrainian Women – 2013
http://ukrchess.org.ua/ (3), 19.06.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]

10. Nh3 N White speedy spend g4–g5, but
black is all right... 10...Nbd7 11.B:h7 R:h7
12.g5 Nh5 13.f4 Ng3 14.Rg1 Qe6+ 15.Kf2
Ne4+ 16.Kg2

Appeared precarious position, requiring
players to limit exposure and subtle sense.
16...h:g5 17.f5! Qd6 18.N:g5+ Kg8!

19.N:e4?! Up to this point both rivals were
great, but now the white go astray from the
right path. [After 19.Qe1 e5 20.f:e6 N:g5
21.B:g5 Nf6 22.Nc3 Re8 on board was
supported the dynamic equilibrium]
19...d:e4 20.Bg5 e6 21.f:e6 Q:e6 Black
liberated highway for action and got in ar-
senal the powerful central passed pawn.
Combined with threats opponent's king this
gives excellent prospects. 22.Nc3

22...Be7! Exchanging bishop on which
rests the whole defence white. 23.d5 Qg6
24.d:c6 R:h4 25.Qd5+ Kh7

13...Bf8N Previously met Rb8 with idea b7–b5, but the move in game is better. Black concentrate power in the center and prepare a liberating movement d6–d5 and white pawn a5 only requires about yourself an additional care. Thus, in the centre of the prospects of black very good. 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.g3 Rad8 16.Kh2 [16.Bg2 Bc8 and the threat d6–d5 becomes very real] 16...d5 17.N:e5 N:e5 18.d:e5 R:e5

White pawns are inactive, and the black meanwhile, have a simple means of strengthening, for example Bd6, Qg6, Nh5. The next white move only speeds the roundabout. 25.Qf2?! B:h3 26.B:h3 g4 27.Kg1? Q:h3 28.Qg2 Qh5 29.f4 Bc5+ 30.Kf1 N:d5 0-1


21...Qh5! Of course, black should not be greedy. Saving queens on the board, in magnificent pieces play, he can arrange attack on the king. 22.Bg2 g5 23.Qe2 [23.Qd4 Bg7 24.Q:a7 B:h3 25.B:h3 g4 26.Rad1 g:h3 27.d6 Ng4+ 28.Kg1 Ne5 29.Q:b7 Nf3+ 30.Kh1 N:e1 31.R:e1 Q:a5 32.Re4 R:d6 33.Kh2 Rf6 34.Rf4 R:f4 35.Qb8+ Bf8 36.Q:f4 Qe1 37.Qg4+ Kh8 38.Qd4+ Bg7 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Qd3+ Kg8 41.f4 Qc3 42.Q:c3 B:c3 43.Kh3 Kg7 44.g4 Kg6 45.Kg3 h5 46.f5+ Kg5 47.g:h5 K:f5 and black win] 23...Bg4 24.f3 Bd7

In previously played games black castled, and white managed to hold the capture of the centre by Qd3, c2–c4. Natalia Zhukova does not allow such a development of events, attacking central pawn. 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.0-0 Rd8 14.c3 Na5 15.Qa6
15...0-0 [A logical continuation of white-coloured strategy was 15...Qc6 16.Rab1 Qc4 17.Q:c4 N:c4 18.a4 Nd5 and black already struggle for advantage] 16.Ng5 Nb3 17.Rad1 b5 In contrast to the options specified in the note to the 15th move, on board survived queens - so the play of black involves a certain risk. 18.a4 b:a4 19.Qd3 Ng6 20.h4 h6 21.h5 h:g5 22.h:g6

22...a3?! White bishop in any case go on g5, and do not give him additional fertilizer. Pawn should save - while on the destruction white would have to spend precious time. [22...g4 23.Bg5 Rb8 24.g:f7+ R:f7 25.Qe2 Qc6 26.Q:g4 Qc4 27.Qh3 a3 28.d5 Re8 29.d6 a2 30.d7 R:d7 31.R:d7 Q:f1+ 32.K:f1 a1Q+ 33.Ke2 Qb2+ 34.Kf3]

Rf8+ 35.Bf6 Q:c3+ 36.Kf4 R:f6+ 37.e:f6 Q:f6+ 38.Ke3 Qc3+ the perpetual check] 23.B:g5 Rb8 24.Qa6?! It was better to exchange pawns first... 24...g6 25.Q:a3 a5 26.Rd3 c5 27.Rfd1

27...c4?! And this is clearly error. Not to give opponent the freedom of action it was necessary to create the object of attack in the center. [27...c:d4 28.Be7 Rfc8 29.Bd6 Rb6 30.c:d4 Qb5 31.d5 Rc1 32.R:c1 Q:d3 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Kh2 Qe4! 35.d:e6 Qh4+ 36.Kg1 Nd4 37.Rb8 Rc6 38.Bc5 Ne2+ 39.Kf1 Nf4 40.Kg1 Qg5 41.g3 Q:e5 42.g:f4 Q:b8 43.e7 Qc8 44.Q:a5 Qg4+ 45.Kf1 Qh3+ 46.Kg1 Re6 - black detain the passed pawn and attack the white king] 28.Rg3 Rb7 29.Be3 Qf7 [29...Rf5 30.R:g6 R:e5 31.Re1 Kh7 32.Rg4 Rh5 33.Re4±] 30.Qd6 Rc8 31.d5
Central breakthrough signal for a decisive onslaught. 31...Re8 32.d:e6 R:e6 33.Qd8+ Re8 34.Qh4 Rd7 35.Rd6!

11.c5!? For the first time this idea used by grandmaster Andrew Shchekachev in 1997. Because the scope of action of the white army extends mainly on queenside, this continue admittedly quite logical. As the saying, the bull by the horns...


35...R:e5 [After 35...R:d6 36.e:d6 Qe6 37.Rh3 Kf7 38.Qh7 Rf8 39.Rf3+ Ke8 40.d7+ Q:d7 41.Qg6+ Rf7 42.Bg5 Qd5 43.Qh5 the threat of Qh8–d8 irresistible] 36.Rd:g6 Qf5 37.Q:c4+ Red5 38.Q:b3 Qh5 39.R6g5 Qd1+ 40.Q:d1 R:d1+ 41.Kh2 1–0

(09) Korobov,Anton (2715) - Baryshpolets,Andrey (2547) [E92]
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[IM Sitnikov, A]

It took just 14 moves, and in the asset white already powerful passed pawn on the sixth row. If black is not willing to silently die, they should look for the play on the kingside. However, they create in their camp standard package of weak points...

14...g5 15.Bg3 f5 16.e:f5 B:f5 17.0-0 Kh8 18.Rc1
Strategy black is a fiasco. To at least some time to stay afloat, should strengthen the redoubts by h7–h6. But in search of complications black deteriorating rapidly...


Style and good taste. All important foothold in the hands of whites, and the opponent has almost nothing and nowhere to move...

25...Rac8 26.Rfc1 Bf6 27.Nd2 Be7 28.Nc4 g4 29.Ne3 Qd7 30.h:g4 h:g4 31.R1c4

15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Qe3 Rc6 17.Bf1

Here rook will continue until the end of it days – but no other possibilities. [19...Rc2
20.Rc1 Qd8 21.Na5 Nf6 22.a3 Ng4
23.Qe1 f5 24.f3 Nf6 25.b4

17...Qc7? [Having strengthened its basti-
on, black could hope on successful de-
fense: 17...Nc8 18.Nd5 B:d5 19.c:d5 Rc7
20.Na5 the minimum advantage for white]
18.Nd5 B:d5 19.c:d5 Rb6

Trap... 25...h5 26.Rdc2 Ng6 27.Qe3 f4
28.Qf2 1-0
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