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Games

(01) Berkes,F (2693) - Saric,A (2489) [E25]
TCh-BIH 2011 Neum BIH (2.4), 05.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5
[7...Nxd5
8.dxc5 Qa5 9.e4 applied in Timofeev–Sjugirov, CZM 03/2011.] 8.e3 c4
Black prevents a standard set–up Bd3, Ne2 … e3–e4. But 8…c4 doesn’t mean, that e3–e4 disappears from White’s agendas. 9.g3N
[Former World Champion preferred 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.g4 , and after 10…h6 11.Bg2 Na5
12.0-0 Nb3 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Ng3 Bd7
9...Nc6 10.Nh3 Na5 11.Ra2!?

Now we can see the whole sense of White’s approach – h3 goes to e2, bishop to g2, h3 to f2 (if there is such necessity), and all this for the sake of e3–e4. 11...Nb3
12.Re2 0-0 13.Bg2 b5 Saric has to undertake some actions on the queenside, otherwise he will be crushed by pawns “f” and “e”. 14.0-0 a5 15.e4!? [Very brave, but it was necessary to move 15.Nf2! at first.] 15...b4!? [Of course, Black considered 15...dxe4 16.fxe4 Bg4 , but after 17.Bg5 such complicated position arisen, that it’s not so easy to pick the best continuation: 17...Ra6! – this prophylaxis seems to be the strongest; a) 17...Be2 18.Qxe2 Nxd4
19.Qxd4 Qxd4+ leads to unclear position, though it’s obvious that b5, c4 guarantee an excellent play for Black; b) 17...b4 is less good in view 18.Nf2! (18.e5 bxc3+) 18...Bxe2 19.Qxe2 bxc3 20.e5 (20.Qxc4 Qb6) 20...Nxd4 21.Qe3; 18.e5 h6 19.Bh4
(19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rf4 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 fxe5 – a6 is connecting to defence) 19...g5
16.e5 Ne8 17.Bb2 [White should hold this pressure: 17.axb4 axb4 18.cxb4? Ra1
19.Rc2 Qb6+] 17...bxc3 18.Bxc3 Nc7! Because of threat Nb5 White has to put a pawn on a4, but it’s gonna be a target there. 19.a4 Bd7 20.f4 Qc8! Now it feels, that h3 on g3 (as in Kasparov–Polgar game) is more useful than on h3 – it supports f4–f5. [White’s attack in case of 20...Bg4?! 21.f5 Qd7 22.Nf4 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Ra6 24.Qg4 is too large price for an exchange.] 21.f5! This sacrifice is the only way to fight for initiative. 21...Bxf5 22.Nf4 Qd7

[22...Be6!?] 23.Re2 [After this move White has no road to turn back. 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rxf5 could lead to equality – 25...Rfd8 (25...Nc5 26.Re1 Nd3 27.Re1 Δ Qf3) 26.Re2 Nxd4 27.Rxf7 Qxe5 28.Rf4 Ne2+ 29.Qxe2 Qxc3= , but}
Berkes wants more.

23...Bg4 24.Qc2 Rad8 Black is ready to grab another $ - a4. 25.h3 Bf5 26.Qe2 Qxa4 27.g4 [In the same adventurous manner; 27.Nxd5 Nxd5 (27...Bd3 28.Ne7+ Kh8 29.Qh5→ Bxf1? 30.Be4 g6 31.e6!+–) 28.Bxd5 Qd7! , and Black is OK (28...Bd3? 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Qh5 Bxf1 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.e6+–) ] 27...Be6 28.Qe3 Qd7 29.Nh5 Qg5 and Nf6 threatens, so Black has to defend. 29...Qe7 [29...Ne8 serves the same goal, but $a5 is unmoved then (otherwise Bb4).] 30.Rf6! White wants to restore possibilities like Nxg7 and Qg5, but the most important - bishop can reach square h4 now. 30...Kh8 31.Be1?! [31.Nxg7 seems to give something: 31...Kxg7 32.Be1 (only not 32.Rh6 Rg8 33.Rff6 Kf8 , and king escapes) 32...Kh8 33.Bh4 Rg8 34.Rh6 Qf8 35.Bf6+ Rg7 , and now another bishop activates – 36.Bf3! , going to c2.] 31...Nb5?! [Black has rejected correct 31...gxf6 32.Bh4 Ne8 – maybe, because of 33.Ng7!? (33.Nxf6 Rg8! 34.Qh6 Rg7+!) , but here two paths lead to the winning position: simple 33...Qa7 34.Nxe8 Qxd4 and sharp 33...Nxg7 34.Qxd4 Nxe6 35.Nxe6 Rxe6 36.Rxf7 in fact loses after 36...Rx f7 37.Rxf7 c3 38.Bxd8 c2 39.Rf1 Nxd8 40.Bxd5 c1Q 41.Rxc1 Nxc1 42.e6 Nxe6 43.Bxe6 a4 , so Berkes made the right choice.] 33...Qxd4 34.Qg5 Rg8

35.Rh6!! Rde8? [White is threatening by Nxg7, so $d8 should go away. 35...Rb8? fails due 36.Rxf7! Bxf7 37.Qf5–+ , that's why Saric moved 35...Rde8 – in order to have 37...Qa1+, but...; 35...Qd2! 36.Nf4 Qc2 was the best, and White hardly can think out something better than draw after 37.Rf2 Qb+ 38.Rf1 Qc2] 36.Rxh7! Now black king will be mated. 36...Kxh7 37.Nf6+ gxf6 38.Qh5+ Kg7 39.Bxf6+ 1–0

(02) So,W (2667) - Grandelius,N (2547) [E35]
19th Sigeman & Co Malmo SWE (4), 12.06.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c5 [One often prefers exactly this order of moves, because in case 6...h6 it's necessary to reckon with 7.Bxf6 (7.Bh4 c5 8.dxc5 – the same as game) 7...Qxf6 8.a3] 7.dxc5 h6 8.Bh4 [8.Bxf6 now gives nothing: 8...Qxf6 9.e3 0–0 10.Nf3 Be6= $ Nd7] 8...g5 9.Bg3 Ne4

13...Nd4 the most accurate is 13...Bd7! , with coming exchanges on c3 and roughly equal ending.] 12...0-0 Now bishop e5 will be a target. 13.Nd4 Re8 14.Bxb8 White king is going to be uncastled. [14.Nxf5 Rxe5 15.Nxe6+ Kg7 16.Ng4 Re6 17.0-0-0?! Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc5\[14...Nxc3 15.Nxf5 Ne4+ 16.Kd1 Raxb8]

17.Nxh6+N Even strange, how this natural move can be a novelty. [17.f3 Nf6 18.h4 g4; in duel between two Belarussian grandmasters occurred 17.Bd3 Rb8 18.Ke2 Bxc5 19.Rhd1 , Maiorov–Zhigalko, Minsk 2009, and after 19...Nxf2! 20.Kxf2 Bxe3+ 21.Nxe3 Rxc2+ 22.Nxc2 Qb6+ 23.Kf1 g4! Black attacks.] 17...Kf8 18.Bd3?! [Wesley So breaks the unwritten law – $\diamondsuit$ from such active places like e4 should be driven away as soon as possible. 18.f3 answers this goal, and after 18...Nf6 19.Nf5 Rbc8 20.Bd3 Rxc5 21.Qf2 everything is possible.] 18...Rbc8 19.Qe2 [19.Bxe4 dxe4 is useless, as king d1 is bare against black rooks.] 19...Rxc5 20.Qh5 White has created some threats, but Black finds a very good path to protect. 20...Qa4+! 21.b3? [It was worth to determine to 21.Ke2 Rc2+ 22.Kf1 Rxf2+ 23.Kg1 , though Black is more perspective owing to fantastic resource 23...Bc5 24.Ng4 Rf5 25.Qh7 Qd4!!] 21...Qd7 d5–d4 is menacing, king d1 ought to leave. 22.Ke2

22...Qe6! [Fantastic move! 22...d4? was a false track: 23.Ng4 dxe3 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Qf6++; but now Grandelius wants to catch $\diamondsuit$h6 after Kg7 or to intrude into enemy's camp after Qf6. White can't split.] 23.Rac1 Qf6 [23...Kg7? isn't working due to 24.Rxc5 Bxc5 25.Bxe4 , but 23...Qf6 will do.] 24.Ng4 Qb2+ 25.Kf3 Re6! [Another strong reply. 25...Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Qxc1 probably wins too: 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qe5+ Kd8 29.Qxd5+ Nd6 30.Qxg5+ Re7 , but some work is still required.] 26.Rxc5 Allows an elegant final. 26...Rf6+! 27.Nxf6 Qxf6+ 28.Kg4 Qe6+ 29.Kf3 Qf5+ 30.Ke2 Qxf2+ 31.Kd1 Qd2# 0–1

(03) Kazhgaleyev,M (2618) - Kvon,A (2459) [E10] Zonal 3.4 Men Tashkent UZB (7.2), 14.06.2011 [IM Polivanov, A] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 b5 Blumenfeld Gambit. Risky, but interesting system. 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.Nc3 White makes it clear that he is going to conduct e2–e4, so Black has to do something. 7...Nbd7 [Frequently square d7 is reserved for the $\diamondsuit$6: 7...Bb7 8.e4 d4 9.e5 Nfd7 , figuring on 10.Nb1 Be7 11.Bc4 0-0-0!] 8.e4 d4 9.e5 Ng4 10.Ng5 [10.Ne4 earlier considered as dangerous, but exact 10...Bb7! (not 10...Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qh5+ Nf7 13.Nxc5+) 11.Nf5 Ndx5 12.f4 Bxe4 13.fx e5 Bf5 14.Bd3 , Mamedja–
rov–Nisipeanu, Sofia 2007, 14...Qd5 (or even 14...c4? ) 15.0-0 g6 guarantees a solid position. 10...Ndxe5 11.f4 [Such strong GM as Malakhatko recently lost two games by White with 11.Nce4 – that’s a serious reason to avoid it.] 11...Be7 12.fxe5


24.b6 [Good move with intention of Rxc7, though 24.Qxa5 Ra8 25.Qc7! also was very strong: (25.Qd2?! d5±) 25...Qxc7 26.Rxc7 Rxa2 27.f3! Bd5 (27...Bf5 28.b6+–) 28.Bc4! Bxc4 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.Bh6+-- with mate.] 24...Bc6 25.Qxa5 d5 Black is tardy with this counterplay. 26.Qc5 Bb7 27.Qc7! In the ending b6 makes own presence felt. 27...Qxc7 28.Rxc7 Bb8 29.a4 d4 30.Bd2 Bd5 31.a5 Bf8 32.h4! [Last piece of subtlety before bishop exchange; white king should breathe easily for avoiding 32.Bc4?! Bd6 33.Bxd5 Bxc7 34.bxc7?? Rb1+!] 32...Kg7 33.Bc4 Bxc4 34.Rxc4 Be7 35.Bb4 d3 36.Kf1 Pure victory by Morozevich, which became a forerunner to the
victory in the whole tournament. 1–0

(05) Ivanchuk,V (2776) - Karjak-in,Sergey (2776) [C53]
5th Kings Tournament Medias ROU (5), 15.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 [This system is called "quiet play" in comparison with sharp lines 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+] 5...0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Ne7


[26.Nxg4 Qxg4 27.Qd1 h5!+- , protecting from threat Bxf7 and Rxf4.] 26...Be6 [In case of 26...Bxf3 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Nxf3 Qg4 29.Nh2 Qh3 30.Bxf4 exf4 31.Qxf4 Re1+ 32.Nhf1 Black is somewhat losing the rhythm of attack, so he decided to choose another way.] 27.Qc2 Bxb3 28.Qxb3 Re6! Aiming to f6, so f3 is gonna feel vulnerable. 29.a3 Rae8 30.Qb4 [There is no time for 30.Qxb6 – 30...Qh3 31.Bxf4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Re1+ 33.Nhf1 Rxf1+ 34.Nxf1 Re1+-+] 30...Rf6 31.Qe4 Re6 32.Ne2 Nxe2+ [32...Qg5+ 33.Ng3 h5! winning even faster, but Black's path is more reliable - transition to the endgame.] 33.Qxe2 Rx3 34.Qxf3 Kg6! 35.Kh1 Rf6! 36.Qg3 Qxg3 37.fxg3 Rd6 [37...Rd6 38.Bc3 f6 , and Rxd3 is doomed.] 0-1

(06) Ulibin,M (2532) - Shanava,K (2539) [E06]
4th Karen Asrian Memorial Jermuk ARM (5), 20.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b5?! For a quite short time this variation conciliates a lot of followers with a good result, so maybe White will prefer 7.Qa4 soon. 8.a4 b4 [8...c6? 9.axb5 cxb5 10.Ng5+-] 9.Ne5
11.Re8 Black wants to exchange on c3 and put ♖ on e4, but White knows about it.


(07) Moiseenko,A1 (2679) - Ponomariov,R (2754) [D38]
80th ch–UKR 2011 Kiev UKR (11), 21.06.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]
This game was decisive – its winner would have become a champion of Ukraine. Though, draw was enough for Black too.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 [After 6...h6 7.Bxf6 (or 7.Bh4 c5 8.e3 c4!?) 7...Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 a classical position of Ragozin Defence appears, but now it's all Westphalian System of QGD.]

7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 [The line 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.Qxd5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kd1 0-0 is considered as unclear, so White prevents a Ne4–swoop.] 8...Qa5 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 c4 11.Bf5


(07) Moiseenko,A1 (2679) - Ponomariov,R (2754) [D38]
80th ch–UKR 2011 Kiev UKR (11), 21.06.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]
This game was decisive – its winner would have become a champion of Ukraine. Though, draw was enough for Black too.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 [After 6...h6 7.Bxf6 (or 7.Bh4 c5 8.e3 c4!?) 7...Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 a classical position of Ragozin Defence appears, but now it's all Westphalian System of QGD.]

7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 [The line 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.Qxd5 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3+ 12.Kd1 0-0 is considered as unclear, so White prevents a Ne4–swoop.] 8...Qa5 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 c4 11.Bf5

**20.Ra5** [20.Rab1 is useless now due 20...Na4 21.Rc1 Rd6]


25...Kh8 26.a4 Nd5 27.Rd7 [There is no 27.f3?! because of 27...Nxe3] 27...Nd4! [Aiming to d3 in order to support ∆c4. 27...Nb6? would be a mistake: 28.Rb7 c3 29.a5 Nc4 30.Rc1 Nxa5 31.Rb5 Ra8 32.h4 , and after Rc5 Black will suffer hard times.] 28.d5 Rc5 29.Bg7+ Kg8 30.Bxf6 Moiseenko has grabbed another pawn, but Black's passer will cost him some material for sure. 30...c3

31.d6?! [White gives away the rook, whereas it was possible to sacrifice by bishop: 31.Bd4 Rxd5 (31...c2 32.Bxc5 Rxc5 is less exact redaction) 32.Rg7+ Kf8 33.Rxh7 Rc4 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.h4! , and this position should be held.] 31...c2 32.h4 Rd5! [After 32...c1Q+ 33.Rxc1 Rd4+ 34.Kh2 Rd8+ Kf8 35.h5= Black is even lost] 31...c1Q 32.Rg7+ Kf8 33.Rxh7 (35.d7 Rd8) 35...Rc5 36.Bd4! (36.d7 Nc6) 36...Rxh1 37.Bxc5 Nc6 (37...Kg8? 38.Bc7 c1Q 39.d7 , and Black is even lost) 38.Rc7! c1Q 39.d7+ Qxc5 40.d8Q+ Nxd8 41.Rxc5 Rxh4 42.h5=] 34.Rxc1 Rxc1 35.Rg7+ Kf8 36.Rxh7? [Wasting precious time for the useless pawn. 36.Rb7! Nc6 37.d7 Rc4 38.Rc7 Rxh4 39.Rxc6 Rxd7 , and it's very difficult to win such ending.] 36...Nc6! 37.Rc7 Ke8
[Of course, not 37...Rxd6 38.Be7+] 38.Rc8+ [Losing Ad6, but 38.Be7 Rc2 39.Kg3 Rdd2 also hopeless; only 38.a5! Rxd6 39.a6 Rxf6 40.a7 Ra1 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.a8Q Rxa8 43.Rxa8 Rxf2 44.Ra4 leaves some practical chances.] 38...Kd7 39.Rc7+ Kxd6 40.Rg7 Ke6 41.Bb2 Rc2 42.Rxg6+ Kf7 43.Rf6+ Ke7 44.Kg3 Rdd2 [44...Rdc5!? even stronger.] 45.h5 Rxb2 46.Rxc6 Rxf2 It was appropriate to resign right here, but White has decided to make a several moves yet. 47.h6 Rgxg2+ 48.Kf4 Kf7 49.a5 Rb2+ 50.Kd3 Ra2 52.a6 Rga4 53.h7 Kg7 54.h8B+ Kxh8 Thus Ponomariov becomes the winner of Ukrainian championship, and Moiseenko even drops out from prize group of three... 0–1

(08) Savchenko,B (2630) - Romanov,E (2624) [C67]
64th ch–RUS HL Taganrog RUS (7), 22.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
21...h4! Excellent move. As it turned out, threat g5–g4 is quite serious one. [21...g5 22.g4! hxg4 23.hxg4 Nh4? 24.Rxd8+] 22.Bg5!? [The only way to fight against g5–g4 was acknowledgement of own error by 22.Kf1 g5 23.Nh2, but after 23...Bxb5+ 24.axb5 Nd4 25.Rd2 Nxb5 Black is clearly better.] 22...Bxb5+ 23.axb5 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Nd4+ 25.Kd3 Ke7 [There was nothing wrong with 25...Nxb5 26.Kc4 Na3+, and attack 27.Kd5 Nxc2 28.Kc6 gives not so much: 28...Nd4+ 29.Kxc7 Ke7 30.Kxb6 Nxb3+] 26.c3 Nxb3 Of course, Romanov takes this $, in order to make pawn a5 the passed one. 27.Kc2 a4 28.Re1 c4 29.Re4 a3?!


39...Qf6+? [Now it's over. Apparently, Black hasn't found saving path 39...Qc2+ 40.Kxg7 Ne6+! with draw: 41.Nxe6 Qxc3+ 42.Kh7 Kxf7 (42...Qc2+ 43.Rg6) 43.Ng5+ Ke7 44.Rg7+] 40.Kh5 Qh6+ [40...Nd7 41.Re8+ Kd6 42.Ne4+] 41.Kg4 Nf6 42.Re8+ Kd6 43.f8Q+ [Queen h6 falls under the fork. Truth, 43.Rd8 g6 44.f8Q+ also enough for the winning.] 43...Nxf8 44.Nf7+ Kd7 45.Rd8+ Ke7 46.Nxe6 Kxd8 47.Nf5 $ ending with two pawns up – nothing to talk about. 47...Ne6 48.Kxh4 g6 49.Nd4 Nf4 50.g3 Nd5 51.Kg5 Nxc3 52.Kxg6 Ne4 53.Nf5 Ke8 54.h4 Kf8 55.h5 1-0
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(09) Hou Yifan (2612) - Caruana, F
(2714) [C78]
AAI GM New Delhi IND (3), 24.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4
Bg4 13.Re1
[For the information about
13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5
worth to address oneself to the game Inarkiev-
Shirov, CZM 07/2009.]
13...Bxf3 14.gxf3
Nh5
[Having ruined White's pawn structure, Black wants to put up ♦ at f4;
14...exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4
17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Qxd4 Nd7 19.Ra3±]
15.Kh1 Qf6 16.Rg1

16...Nf4
[Shirov asserts continuation
16...exd4 with stubborness: 17.Bg5 Qe5
21.Rg2 Rb6 , and now there is a choice:
22.Bd7 – the most recent try; a) 22.Rxf2
Rxc6! (22...Qxg5 23.Rc2+) 23.Nd4 Rb6; b)
22.Qd5 Bc5 23.Rxb2 Rxc6 24.Qxc6
Ng3+ 25.hxg3 Qxg5 with draw, Ivanchuk–
Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2010; 22...Bc5
23.Qc2 (23.Na7 Ra8? (23...f6!?) 24.Nc6
Rxc6 25.Bxc6 1-0 Smeets–Shirov, Wijk
aan Zee 2011;) 23...h6 24.Bxh6 Qf6
31.Nxe3 Qxe3 32.Qx6 Rc3 33.Rbg1
Qxg1+ 34.Rxg1 Rc1 35.Qg3 Rgx+ 36.Qxg1 Rc8 37.Qb6 Rxc6 38.Qxb2 Rg6 ,
building the fortress, Nepomniachtchi–

17.Bxf4N
[Earlier considered, that 17.Be3
Ne6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Rg3 provides a sta-
ble edge for White; but Hou Yifan has dif-
ferent opinion about this matter.]
17...Qxf4

18.Ba4
Disturbing ♦c6 with threats Nxc7 or Nxd6. Black is reacting.

18...Ra8
19.Na3
Qxf3+ 22.Rg2 is met by 22...exd4 23.cxd4
Bb6 (or even 23...f5!? at once) 24.b4 f5!]
19...Nd8!
[There was some provoking for
Black with sacrifice 19...Rxa4 20.Qxa4
Qxf3+ 21.Rg2 Qxe4 , and 22.Nc4 exd4
23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.cxd4 is still better for
White. That's why Caruana didn't force the
events, bringing ♦ to g5 (or f4, if he is
lucky).]
20.Nc4 Ne6 21.d5 Ng5 22.Rg4
Qf6!
Black again demonstrates a fighting
spirit. [22...Qxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Nxf3 24.Kg2
Ne1+ (24...f5 25.exf5 Rxf5 26.Nxb6 cxb6
27.f4 with equality; 22...Nh3 23.Rxf4 Nxf2+
24.Kg2 Nxd1 25.Rg4 Ne3+ 26.Nxe3 Bxe3
is also fraught with drawish tendencies.]
23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.Rg3 Qf4
Protecting ♦g5 from h2–h4 and preparing f7–f5.

25.Rg4?!
28.Kg1 Qf6 29.Ra4 h5 30.Rg3 Black is
more perspective, but White’s position is
quite solid anyway.] 28...Nd3! 29.Kg2? 29...Rxa1
30.Qxa1 Qd2 31.Qf1 h5 32.Rg3 Ra8?
Rook’s invasion solves all questions.
33.Bb5 Nf4+ 34.Kh1 Qxb2 35.Rg1 Qxc3
36.Be2 Ra2 37.Bd1 Qd4 0-1

(10) Salgado Lopez,I (2623) -
Acs,Peter (2606) [B68]
IX Gyorgy Marx Mem Paks HUN (10),
27.06.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 Be7
[8...Bd7 9.f4 b5 – Hou Yifan–Li Chao, CZM
06/2011.] 9.f4 Bd7 10.Nf3 b5 11.e5!?
[One usually applies 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1
Qb6 , and now hunting for d6 starts: 13.f5
0-0 14.g3 K8 15.fx6fx6 16.Bh3 ; but
now White has decided to undertake as-
sault in center immediately.] 11...b4

[14.f5 was played in game Beliavsky–
Spassky, Moscow 1973, and after 14...d5
means 16...Nb4! (instead of 16...Qa5 )]
14...d5 15.Kb1 Precautions against Nb4
and Rc8. 15...Rc8? [As 15...Nb4 is non-
effective due to 16.Nd4 , Black wants to
strengthen it.] 16.Qd2N [Practice has
shown, that after 16.Bxa6 Rc7 Black de-
velops a serious initiative: 17.Qb3 Qa8
21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Qd3 Ra7! (very brave;
22...Kg8= ) 23.Qxh7 Ke8 24.Qg8+ Bf8
27.cx b3 d4–) 27.Rxd4? (27.Bg7!) 27...
Rxb3 28.cx b3 Be4+ , Poetsch–
Greenfeld, Groningen 2009, and Black has
won soon; another key line – 16.Nd4 Ne5
17.Qg3 Ng6 18.f5 Nhx4 19.fxe6 Qxe6!
20.Qxh4 Qb6] 16...Qc7 [Maybe, worth
prefer 16...0-0 in order to define later on,
where queen will be more useful – at c7 or,
say, at b6.] 17.g4! White’s plan is becom-
ing clear – g4–g5 on purpose to make a
d-pawn available for the . [Above-
mentioned break-up is still premature:
17.f5 e5 18.Bxa6 (18.g4 h5!) 18...Ra8
20.g4 Rxa2! 21.Kxa2 Nb4+ 22.Kb1 Bxb5 ,
and White is troubles.] 17...a5 [Attempt
17...e5 is interesting, but insufficient:
18.Qxd5 Bxg4 (18...Nb4 19.Qxd7+ Qxd7
23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxf3– with bare king f7;
17...0-0 18.f5! 18.g5 f5 19.Bb5 As it was
planned. 19...Nb4 20.Bxd7+ Qxd7 21.c3
[21.Ne5? Qa4+] 21...Na6 [Apparently,
17...a5 was made just for this move with
Na6–c5–e4 maneuver with mind. But
21...Ne6 was safer.] 22.c4! ? [22.Bf2! was
the best option – bishop goes to d4, knight
to e5, and this is very solid construction.
Now some chance for counterplay ap-
pears...] 22...0-0?
[But Black missed it. Ns22...Qb7! , and if 23.cxd5 , then 23...Nb4! guarantees an excellent play. Castle is untimely decision.]

23.Ne5! [Apparently, Acs was counting on 23.cxd5 Nb4 24.d6 (24.dxe6 Qxe6) 24...Bxd6! 25.Qxd6 Qa4 26.a3 Qb3 27.axb4 Qc2+ 28.Ka1 axb4+- , but not all is so simple.] 23...Qb7 24.Qg2! Splendid move with two ideas - cxd5, and the most dangerous one - g5-g6! (after preparing Rhg1). 24...Bd6?! [Black is taken aback, otherwise he would have preferred 24...Bc5! , preventing an opponent's plans.] 25.g6! Salgado performs his intention. 25...fxg6 [25...Bxe5 26.gxh7+ Kxh7 27.fxe5+-] 26.Nxg6 Qg7 27.Qe2! Probably, this move escaped Acs' notice. Bishop d6 is under strike. 27...hxg6 28.Qxe6+ Kh7 29.Qxd6 Nc5 [29...dxc4 30.Qxa6 Rb8 31.Rd2++] 30.cxd5+-

Two extra pawns - the rest is quite easy. 30...Rfe8 31.Qf6 Re2 32.Rhe1 Qxe6 33.Bxe6 Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Ne4 35.Rxe4! fxe4 36.d6 e3 37.d7 e2 [White is in time: 37...Rf8 38.d8Q Rxd8 39.Bxd8 e2 40.Bxa5] 38.dxc8Q e1Q+ 39.Qc1 Qe4+ 40.Ka1 Time control is passed, so Black resigned. 1-0

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