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8...Qa5N It seems black seizes the initiative. 9.a3 [After 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe1 c:d4 11.N:d4 Ne5 12.Be2 Bd7 white accomplish nothing] 9...Rd8 10.Qb1 Nc6! Pawn sacrifice black build up the pressure. 11.d:c5 Ne5 12.Nd4


Kg7 36.B:c8 R:c8 passed pawn with the support of bishops is a greater force than 3 white pawns] 33...R:c4 34.Rgd1?! [34.e5 Rh4 35.Kb3 R:h2 and white unlikely to halt the pawn Armada on kingside] 34...Bf6 35.Nd6 R:c3 36.Rab1 Be5 37.Ka2 h5 38.h4 Rb8 39.Rd2 Rc6 40.Rbd1 0-1

(02) Agdestein, Simen (2567) - Nikolov, Momchil (2538) [A34] XV Obert Internacional Sant Marti Barcelona. Carrer Selva de Ma (4), 16.07.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A]


11...e6

12.Bb2 That's the idea of white. Without moving a pawn "d", he left free big diagonal, and now bishop is preventing the normal development of the black... 12...b5 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.Nd4 Bd6 16.Nh5 0-0

This is the final. A knight cannot retreat, because the black Queen unable to simultaneously control squares g5 and d7. There is only one check... 25...f5 26.f:e4 f:e4+ 27.Ke1 Rf5 28.Qg3+ Rg5 29.R:d7 R:g3 30.R:d8+ R:d8 31.N:g3 Rd7 32.Kd2 a6 33.Rc1 a:b5 34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.R:h8 1-0


11.Rfd1 If white seek the struggle, they
must rush e3–e4 until rival plays c6–c5. The opportunity is available on this and the next few moves... 11...Qe7 12.Rac1 Rfe8 13.Qb1N Testimony peace strategy. Apart pieces in the centre, white hope to reach a peaceful harbor... 13...a6 14.h3?! c5

Thus, the center came in close contact. The position of almost symmetric, the difference is only in the position of bishops and Queens. This nearly nuance tips the balance in favor of black. Pair Queen+bishop on e7 and d6 perfectly ready for the upcoming battle. 15.d:c5 b:c5 16.Na4?! White began standard plan siege hanging pawns, but completely forget about their king. And black bishops already clearly targeted in this way and waiting for the case to pay a visit... 16...Ne4 17.Qa1 f5! 18.Rc2 f4


(04) Ponkratov,Pavel (2605) - Amonatov,Farrukh (2637) [B76] Corporation 'Centre' Cup 'A' udmchess.ru (8), 19.07.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A]

8...0-0 This variation of the Sicilian defense is not popular. Black put themselves at great risk of being under a crushing attack, many of the lines developed in the home analysis for 20-30 moves. This game also replenish the treasury. 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.g4 Ne5 12.Kb1 Qa5?!

17.f:g4!N It is strange that taking piece has not previously encountered. Further, the game continues to forcibly... 17...N:g4 18.h:g6 R:e7 19.Nf5 B:f5 20.R:h7+ Kg8 21.e:f5 Nf2 22.Rc1

Suddenly rook is inviolable – sassy pawn has done its job... 26...Kf8 27.Rg1 a:b4 28.Rh:g7 Nd2+ 29.Kc1 Nf3 30.Rg8+ K:f7 31.R1g7+ Kf6 32.b3 Re1+ 33.Kb2 Nd2 34.Rg1 1–0

(05) Nikolov, Momchil (2538) – Firman, Nazar (2526) [E95]
XV Òberit Internacional Sant Marti Barcelona. Carrer Selva de Ma (7), 19.07.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]

Black obtained convenient curly play, an important role for this is played by the pawn "g", ready to shake the central white buildings. By the way, this move could be immediately fix structure by g5–g4, but in the game also not bad. 17.f3 Re8 18.Be3 g4 19.f4 Nd7 And now central pawn is attacked. 20.Bd3 Nf6 21.Qc2
21...g3 22.h:g3 Ng4 So practically forced white denied an important bishop. 23.Nf3 N:e3 24.R:e3 Bg4 25.Ree1 Ra3 26.Rb3 Qb6+

27.Kh2? [Sure, after 27.Kf1 Rea8 the initiative on the black side, but because of limited material white have a chance to hold position] 27...R:b3 28.Q:b3 B:f3 29.c5 d:c5 30.g:f3


Hayrapetyan,Hovik (2486) - Khaetsky,Roman (2424) [A87] XV Obert Internacional Sant Marti Barcelona. Carrer Selva de Ma (8), 20.07.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A]


30...c:b4? [A simple poke 30...c4 31.B:c4 Qf2+ 32.Kh3 Q:e1 33.B:f7+ Kh7 black immediately won, because the white have time to capture rook because of the threat of checkmate in 2 moves] 31.Re2 Bc3 32.e5 Kg7 33.e6 Qd4! Timely move Queen to the protection of the Royal resi-

11.h3N Interesting idea – pawn wedge to
limit the scope of the enemy bishop. Also very good looks Nc3 to prevent the exchange of the knights. Own piece prevents black develop pressure on the open line. In the future, white can prepare capture outpost by d4–d5, Nd4–e6 and get excellent perspective...


What to do with central pawn? Black carry out its basic concept, but he meets a tactical refutation, even in several ways... 17...Nd4 18.N:d4!? [It was enough 18.B:d4 B:c4 19.N:e5! B:e5 20.Qc2 B:d4 21.R:d4 Be6 22.B:b7 and extra pawn must ultimately play its role] 18...B:c4

19.Q:c4! This black obviously not expected. Now the king has nervous...

19...Q:c4 20.Nf5 Qc5 21.N:g7 Q:f2+ 22.Kh1

22...c6? [The piece could take, although after 22...K:g7 23.R:e5 Kg8 24.Bd5+ Rf7 25.Rf5 Qg3 26.B:f7+ Kh7 27.Bh5 Q:h3+ 28.Kg1 Qg3+ 29.Kf1 Rd8 30.Rf2 Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Qg3+ 32.Rg2 Qe3+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kh1 checks end, and well-coordinated white army still dominates] 23.Nf5 [Easily won also 23.R:e5++] 23...Rfe8 24.Rf1 1–0

(07) Sochacki, Christophe (2459) - Nisipeanu, Liviu-Dieter (2670) [C18] Czech Open A (4), 22.07.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]

13...Q:f2N Previously used Q:e5, but black, not without reason, decided to separate white pawns, hoping in the future to take a tidbit on e5. The fate of the game will be determined by coordination of the pieces. 14.R:b7 Nbc6 15.Be3 Qh4 16.Nf3 Qh5 17.Be2

17...R:g2! [In the case of rectilinear 17...N:e5 18.N:e5 Q:e5 19.Qd4 Q:d4+ 20.B:d4 Nc6 21.Bf6 R:g2 22.h4 passed "h" could deliver black a lot of trouble] 18.Ne1 R:e2 19.Q:e2 Q:e5 Sacrifice has allowed to eliminate one of the defenders of the white king, and if pawn center begins to move, increased energy of black pieces quickly bring results. Therefore, the white urgently need to change the Queens. 20.Bc1

20...Q:e2+ Could refrain from exchange, but the black unwilling to cede central bridgehead. Even in the endgame black able to put forces into battle. 21.K:e2 0-0-0 22.Rb2 Rh8 23.Bg5 Nf5 Almost every move poses a threat, and white didn’t have time to move passed pawn. And other resources available are not observed. 24.Kf2 Nd6

39...Kc5 Passed "d" unstoppable. 0-1

(08) Nisipeanu,Liviu-Dieter (2670) - Mozharov,Mikhail (2495) [B42]
Czech Open A (5), 23.07.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Be3

16...Nd7?! The only possibility for maneuver is bridgehead c5. But very much alone remains black king. It might be better h7–h5 , putting a barrier in front of the white rook. 17.Qf2 f5 Actually, for the sake of this black retreated knight. However, it turns out that the white army was better prepared for the hand–to–hand. 18.e:f5 g:f5 19.Qg3+ Kh8 20.Nd5! Qd8 [Led to the defeat 20...e:d5 21.R:h7+ K:h7 22.B:f5+ Kh8 23.Qh4+ Kg7 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Bg6++] 21.Nd4

10...b6?! Extravagant novelty. In this variant of the idea b7–b6 applies only after exchanging dark–squared bishops, to prevent the move d4–c5 and fix a failed pawn structure of white restricting his pieces. [In addition, black can do without b7–b6 , for example 10...B:e3 11.Q:e3 0–0 12.0–0 e5 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Be2 Rc8 15.Rac1 Na5 16.N:a5 Q:a5 17.R:d6 B:c4=] 11.f4 Bb7
Here whites could afford even long castling, but grandmaster prefer not to follow well–known plan. 12.0–0 0–0 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Kh1 Rfe8 15.Rf3 g6 16.Rh3

Synchronous jumps of white cavalry break the chain e6–f5 and bring victory...
21...Rg8 22.R:h7+ K:h7 23.Qh3+ Kg6 24.N:e6
(09) Kovalev, Andrei (2470) - Oleksienko, Mikhailo (2568) [C63]
Czech Open A (6), 24.07.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 f:e4
5.d:e4 Nf6 6.Qd3 Bb4+
To close the white knight route c3–d5 or to compel the exchange of the bishops.
7.c3 Bc5 8.0–0 d6
13.Nc4 Qg4 14.Re1 0–0 15.a4 d5 16.h3 Qh5 17.Ncd2 and white nicer] 9...a6
10.Ba4 Qe7 11.b4 Ba7 Now bishop is securely, and white can't win tempo jumping knight.
15.Qe2 B:d5
Black successfully decided debut tasks and fight for the initiative. 16.Nh4 0–0
17.Nf5 Qf7 18.Be3 It was better Bg5, depriving support black bishop and isolated pawn. The response pressure on the item f2 gave sides approximately equal chances...
21.B:a7
21...Q:f5! So practically forced black master key outposts in the centre, and at the same time can scare the enemy king.
22.Be3 Ne5 23.Nd4 Qg6 24.Qc2 Ng4
25.Qb3 Qd6 26.g3 Kh8 27.Nc2 Qe5
28.Rae1 Qh5 29.h4 Ne5
Skillful maneuvers are caused by the weakening of several white fields. Such sensation, that the black grouping headed by a Queen, a couple of knights and pawns b5, e4 – do more work than all of the hostile army. 30.Nd4 c6 31.Bg5 Qg4 32.Qc2 Nd3 33.Qe2 [White's avoid losses, for example 33.Rd1 h6 34.Bc1 a5! 35.a3 a:b4 36.a:b4 Qh3 37.Rd3 e:d3 38.Q:d3 Nf6 39.Qf3 Ng4 40.Qg2 Q:g2+ 41.K:g2 Ra2 breakthrough of the rook on the second front gives victory] 33...Qd7 34.Q:e4 N:e1 35.Q:e1 Rae8 36.Qc1 N:b4 37.c:b4 Q:d4 38.Q:c6

38...Re1 Tactics in the service of the strategy. Black technically implement advantage. 39.Bf4 R:f1+ 40.K:f1 Qa1+

18...Rc8?! [No matter how hard to part

Blacks do not have ways for invasion, central pawn weak – so goes entirely to the protection... 21...Qb6 22.Nf5 g6 [Could not lose a second pawn by 22...Rd8 but here white has a wonderful play, combining threats in the center with the opening the second front a2–a4] 23.N:e7 K:e7 24.B:d5

33...Rd7 Queen – highly mobile piece, and it must be used. By Qe4 black could tighter hold the line. 34.Re1 Kh7 Again, advise Qe6, covering the gaps in the camp. But black has lost the thread of the game. 35.Bf4 Kg8? After two inaccuracies – rough blunder. 36.Rc1 1-0

24...Rhd8 [After 24...Q:d4 25.Bg5+ Kf8]
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