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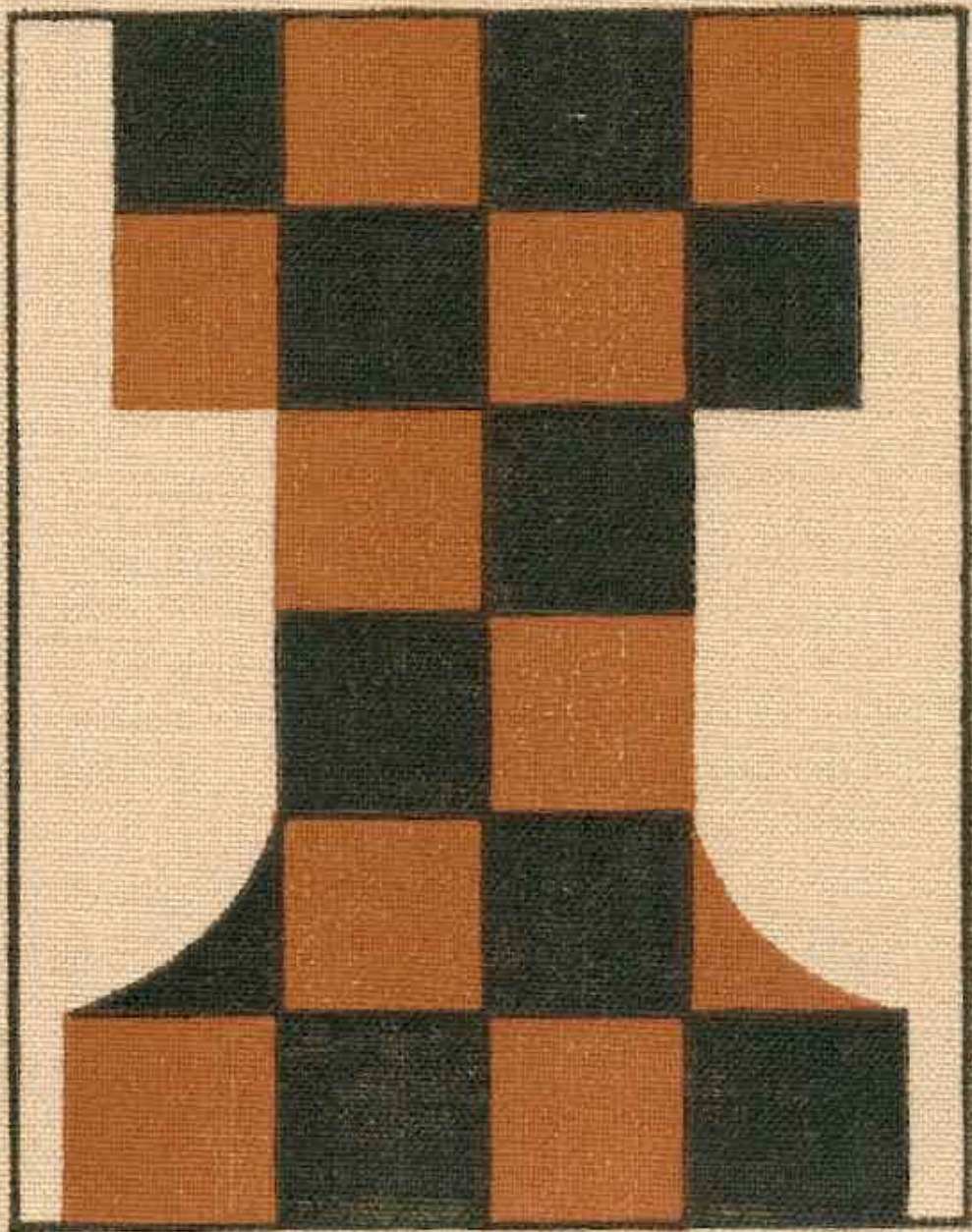


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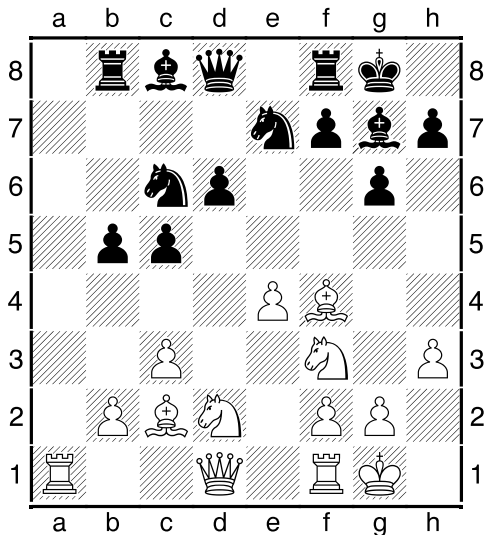
Games

(01) Timofeev, Artyom (2665) - Svidler, Peter (2739) [C70]

64th ch-RUS Moscow RUS (5),
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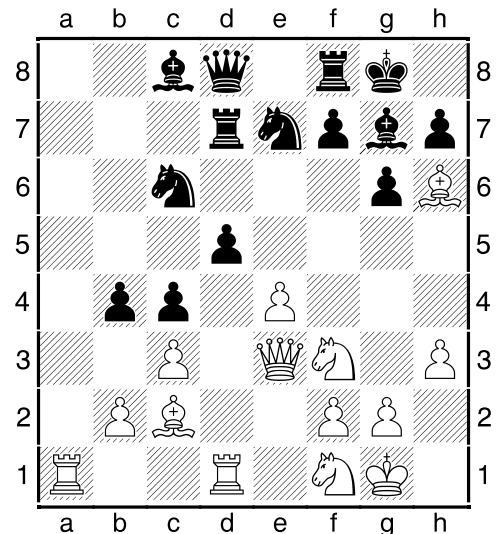
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nge7 5.c3 g6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4!? [White wants to occupy the center with a knight instead of 7.cxd4 Bg7 8.0-0 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 – Sjugirov–Vachier Lagrave, CZM 03/2011. But ♘d4 can be attacked by ♙c7 as well.] **7...Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Bc2 Ne5 11.a4N** [Earlier met immediate 11.Nd2, but there is no such need in this move...] **11...Rb8** [... as 11...Nc4?! is premature: 12.axb5 Nxe3 (12...Nxb2 13.Qe2 Nc4 14.Bg5!± (14.Qxc4? axb5)) 13.fxe3 Bb7 14.bxa6 Rxa6 15.Rxa6 Bxa6 16.Bd3 with solid extra pawn.] **12.axb5 axb5 13.Nd2 d6 14.h3 c5 15.N4f3 N5c6!?** [Putting knights d2 and f3 in uncomfortable situation. 15...N7c6 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.f4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.Bc1 Qe7 would promise a more simple game.] **16.Bf4**

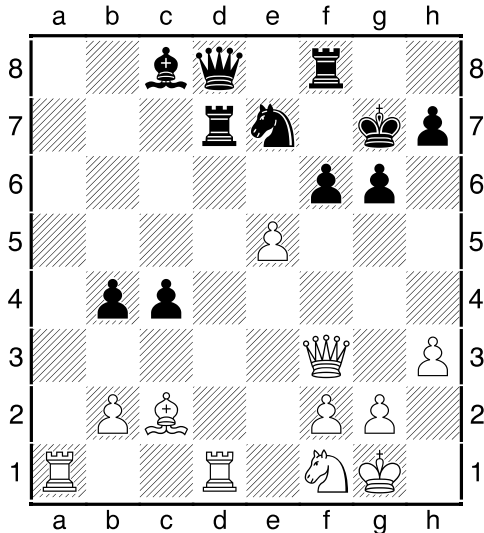


16...Rb7! [An excellent idea – rook goes to d7 to protect ♗d6 and to support advancement d6–d5. 16...b4? 17.Nc4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bxc3 19.Ra3 Bb4 20.Rd3±] **17.Qe2?!** [17.Nb3! would be a better decision: 17...Rd7 18.Qe2 b4 (18...c4 19.Nbd4±) 19.Qd2 Ne5 (♘b3 holds up d6–d5)

20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qe3 bxc3 (21...c4 22.Nc5 Rd6 23.cxb4±) 22.bxc3 c4 23.Nc5 Rd6 24.Ra4, and ♗c4 falls.] **17...c4** Now Nb3 is impossible, so White has to regroup in another way. **18.Rfd1 Rd7 19.Nf1 d5** It's obvious, that Svidler solved all opening problems, but position remains complicated. **20.Bg5 Qc7** [Probably, the best choice, because 20...d4?! 21.cxd4 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Ne3! is promising for White: 23...f6 (23...Bxb2 24.Rab1) 24.Bh6 Rf7 (24...Re8 25.Nxc4!) 25.Ra8 Bxb2?! 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 27.Nxc4! bxc4 28.Qxc4 with further Bb3 and lethal attack; 20...h6 leaves some questions too: 21.exd5 hxg5 22.dxc6 Nxc6 23.Qe4 with some troubles for Black.] **21.Qe3** Intending to exchange black-squared bishops. **21...b4!** Using a power of bishop g7. **22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bh6**



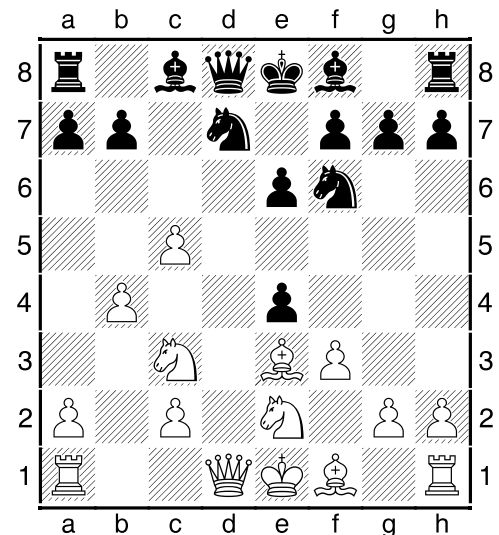
23...d4? [This move is good after 23...b3! 24.Bb1 – only now 24...d4 25.cxd4 (25.Nxd4 Bxh6! 26.Qxh6 Nxd4 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.cxd4 Qxd4±) 25...Nxd4 26.Rxd4 (26.Bxg7 Nxf3+ 27.Qxf3 Rxd1 28.Bxf8 Kxf8±) 26...Bxd4 27.Nxd4 Rxd4 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qc3 Rd1!, and Timofeev would have suffered a hard times.] **24.cxd4 Nxd4** [24...b3 is already useless: 25.Bxb3 cxb3 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.d5±] **25.Bxg7 Nxf3+** [25...Nxc2? 26.Qh6 Rxd1 27.Ng5+- (27.Bf6? Nf5)] **26.Qxf3 Kxg7 27.e5! f6?!**



[27...f5! is safer option.] **28.Ne3?** [Looks like both sides have missed 28.Ra7!! : 28...b3 (28...fxe5 29.Rdxd7 Bxd7 30.Qb7+-) 29.Rdxd7 Bxd7 30.Bxb3 (or even 30.Bb1!?, keeping all the threats) 30...cxb3 31.Qb7 fxe5 32.Qxd7 Qxd7 33.Rxd7 Kf7 34.Rb7 , winning ♖b3 with good chances for the victory.] **28...b3** Finally. **29.Be4 Qc7** [29...fxe5 30.Qe2 c3 allows unpleasant 31.Qb5!; 29...c3!? 30.bxc3 fxe5 is a little bit better, but after 31.Qe2 Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Qa5 33.Qb2 Qa2 34.Qxa2 bxa2 35.Ra1 Be6 36.c4! White is prevailing anyway.] **30.Rdc1?** [Seems to be a decisive error. Simple 30.Rxd7 Bxd7 31.exf6+ Rxf6 32.Qd1 (32.Qe2?! c3) 32...Rd6 33.Qc1 was a way much better.] **30...Rd4!** Now White is experiencing a headache because of bishop e4. **31.Qg3** [Apparently, Timofeev overlooked, that planned 31.Ra4 Be6 32.Nxc4 fails due to 32...fxe5 (32...Rxc4? 33.Rcxc4 Bxc4 34.Qc3) 33.Qe2 Rf4! - 34.f3 Bd7! 35.Ra3 (35.Rb4 Qc5) 35...Bb5-+] **31...f5!** [Stronger, than 31...fxe5] **32.Bf3 f4 33.Qh4 h6!** Final exactness - g5 is coming, queen is trapped. **34.Ng4 Nf5** Non-unmistakable, but interesting game. **0-1**

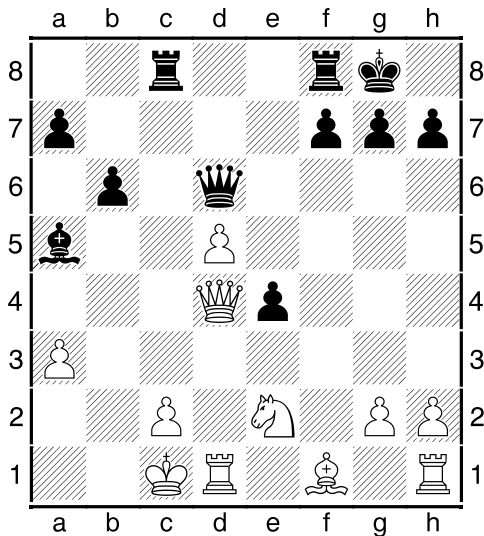
(02) Galkin,Alexander (2598) - Kramnik,Vladimir (2781) [B07]
64th ch-RUS Moscow RUS (7),
15.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 Kramnik sometimes applies Pirc Defence, when he desperately need a victory. **3.f3 c5 4.Ne2** [After 4.d5 e6 5.c4 b5!? could follow (instead of Benoni 5...exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7) ; 4.dxc5 is parried by 4...Qa5+] **4...e6 5.Be3 d5!?N** [5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 leads to well-known positions of English Attack in Sicilian; 5...Qb6 looks unpleasant, but White has a resource 6.Nbc3 Qxb2 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Rb1 Qa3 9.Nb5! , and after 9...Qa5+ (9...Qxe3 is too risky: 10.Nc7+ Ke7 11.Nxa8 Ne8 12.Rb3 Qh6 13.f4 b6 14.e5 Nc6 15.Nc7!+-) 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Bf4 White's pressure is quite high.] **6.dxc5** [6.e5 Nfd7 7.f4 , trying to switch to French Defence, meets 7...Qb6! (which is already good).] **6...Nbd7 7.Nbc3 dxe4** [7...Bxc5 8.Bxc5 Nxc5 9.Qd4!] **8.b4!?**



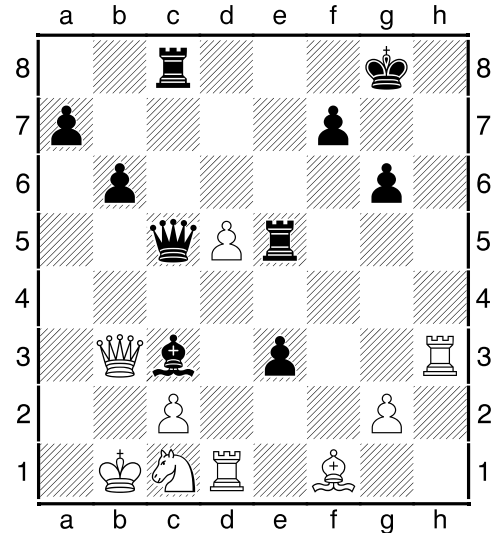
[After 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.fxe4 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 Black has a microscopic plus because of ♖e4, so Galkin bravely decided to choose more complicated continuation.] **8...b6!** [Kramnik sacrifices a piece! This move also could've been made after preparation 8...a5 9.a3 exf3 10.gxf3 axb4 11.axb4 Rxa1 12.Qxa1 - 12...b6 , but 13.Qa7! and Black in danger(13.c6? Ne5)] **9.c6 Bxb4 10.cxd7+ Bxd7** Black's compensation is full - two ♖ for a knight, and White's kingside isn't developed at all. **11.a3 Ba5 12.Qd4** [A pin by the diagonal a5-e1 is so offensive, then

12.Kf2!? is asked to play. But Galkin wants to castle.] **12...Qe7!** Attacking ♖a3 and preparing e6–e5 to move white queen forward. **13.fxe4** [13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Qxg7 Rf8] **13...e5 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Bg5** [White wants to distract queen from a3, but 15.Bd2! , with ideas Nd5 or Qe3, Nc1 seems to be better: 15...Bc6 (15...Qc5 16.Qe3) 16.Nd5 (16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.Nc1 Rxd2-) 16...Bxd2+ 17.Qxd2 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qc5 19.Nc3 Rac8 , and all will come to the endgame ♜ vs ♝ – 20.Na4 Qxc2 21.Qxc2 Rxc2 with dynamic balance.] **15...Rac8 16.Bxf6 Qxf6** [16...gxf6 probably was declined because of 17.Kd1!? , and knight goes to d5: 17...Qc5 18.Nd5 Rfd8 19.c4 Δ Nec3, though ♜d5 can be shaken anyway after breaks f5 and b5.] **17.0-0-0** Finally king has found a haven. [17.Qxd7? Qh4+ (17...Rxc3 18.0-0-0!) 18.g3 Qxe4 19.0-0-0 Qxh1 20.Nd5 Kh8] **17...Be6** It's obvious, that ♜d5 should be destroyed at once. **18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 e4 20.Qd4 Qd6**



21.h4 White wants to connect ♖h1 as soon as possible, even at the cost of ♗. [On 21.Kb2 Black should play 21...b5! : 22.Qxe4 Rfe8 23.Qd3 b4 24.a4 Bd8!→ , creating a battery Q + B.] **21...Qxa3+ 22.Qb2 Qc5 23.Rh3 e3** To overlap ♖h3. **24.Rg3** [Perhaps, this is an inaccuracy – 24.Rd3! should be played at first (in order to have a rook for protection), and only then Rg3 with further counterplay. Kramnik uses this dereliction on the spot.]

24...Bd2+! 25.Kb1 g6 [25...f6 allows 26.Nf4 Bc3 27.Ne6!] **26.h5 Rfe8 27.hxg6** [27.h6 Qf8 , taking on h6 and threatening Rc8–c4–b4.] **27...hxg6 28.Rh3 Re5!** The only move and very powerful one. Now White again will be the defending side. **29.Nc1 Bc3 30.Qb3?**



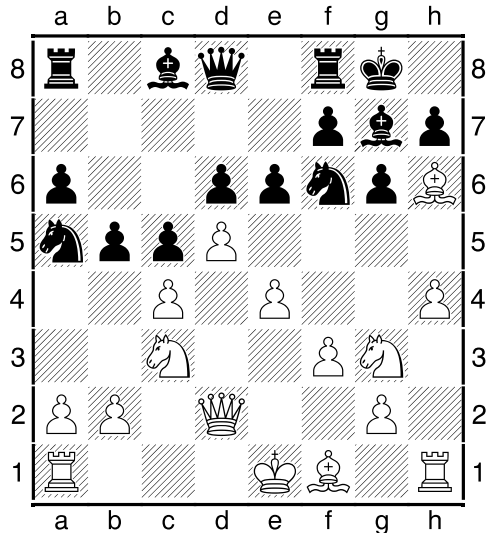
[Galkin picks a construction Qa2 + Nb3, but it loses, that's why it was necessary to choose quite the opposite: 30.Qa2 Re4 (30...Qb4+ 31.Qb3 Qa5 32.Qa2 it's a draw) 31.Nb3 Rb4 (with a5–a4 idea) 32.Kc1 , and White holds.] **30...Re4 31.Na2 Qa5!** A winning maneuver – in view of mate threats White isn't able to do something. **32.Ba6** [32.Kc1 Rb4 33.Nxb4 Qa1+ 34.Qb1 Bb2#] **32...Rb4 33.Bxc8 Rxb3+ 34.cxb3 e2 35.Nxc3 Qxc3!** A glorious victory by Kramnik. **0-1**

(03) Wang Hao (2718) - Vovk,A (2551) [E81]

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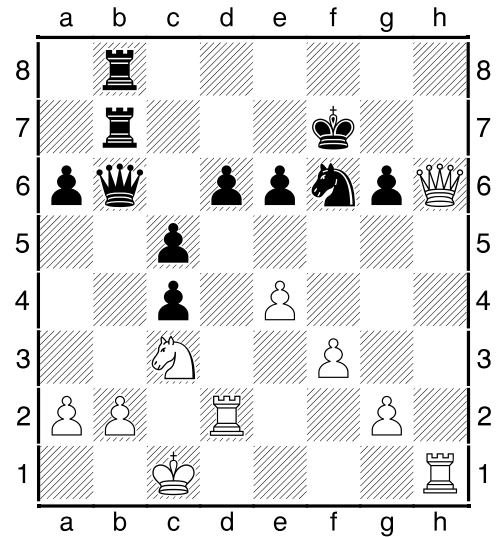
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 This is one of the most popular reactions to the Samisch System. **7.Nge2** [Practice has shown, that after 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bxc5 Nc6 10.Ba3 (Δ Nd5) 10...a5! Black has a full compensation.] **7...Nc6** [7...Nbd7 8.Qd2 a6

9.Rd1 – Ponomariov–Spasov, CZM 10/2010.] **8.d5 Na5!?** [In comparison with usual 8...Ne5, this move has some merits – now we will find out, what they are.] **9.Ng3 a6 10.Qd2** [10.a4?, preventing b7–b5, is useless now owing to 10...Qb6!] **10...b5 11.Bh6** [11.cxb5? axb5 12.Bxb5 Nb3 – that's another benefit from 8...Na5.] **11...e6** Replying by strike in the center to the flank actions – as it should be. **12.h4!N**

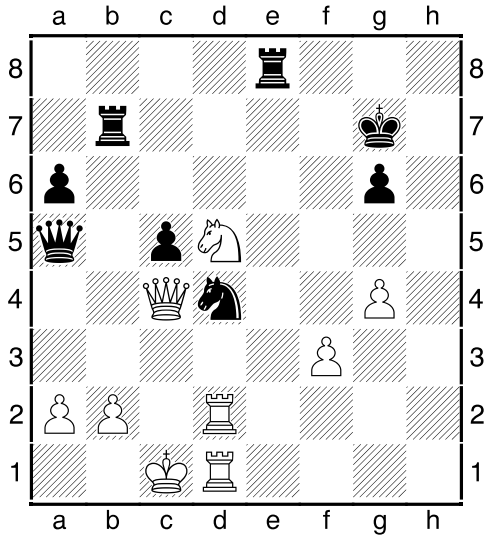


[This is more logical, than 12.0-0-0 b4 13.Nb1 exd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 Re8 16.h4 h5!, Zueger–Wojtkiewicz, Bern 1992, and Black is even slightly better.] **12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.dxe6** Making Δ d6 vulnerable. **15...Bxe6 16.0-0-0 Rb8 17.h5** [Wang Hao decided not to waste time for 17.Qxd6 Nd7 18.Qf4 (18.h5? Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Rb6) 18...Qb6 19.Rd2 f6!, intending Ne5–d3 with good counterplay.] **17...Qb6 18.Nge2!** [Very good idea – white knight is connecting to attack, going to f4. By the way, 18.Nf5+!? Bxf5 (18...gxf5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.h6+–) 19.exf5 also was good, as g2–g4–g5 is imminent.] **18...Rb7** Pressure on Δ b2 is the only possible counterplay for Black. [18...Nxe5? 19.g4 Nf6 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Rd2!+–] **19.Nf4?!** [But that's a little haste, which could cost an advantage for White. **19.g4 Rfb8 20.hxg6 fxc6** (20...Qxb2+ 21.Qxb2 Rxb2 22.g5+–), and only now 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Rh2! – Black is deprived now of any constructive idea.]

19...Rfb8 Now Δ b2 can be defended in the only way. **20.hxg6 hxg6** [20...Qxb2+ 21.Qxb2 Rxb2 22.gxf7 Bxf7 23.Rxd6+–] **21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.Qh6+ Kf7 23.Rd2**



23...Qa5? [Threat Qxc3+ is better to be arranged by the dint of 23...Qb4!, and after 24.Qe3 d5 25.exd5 exd5 26.Qe5 Re7 27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Nxd5 gives only a draw: (though, 28.g4! would have secured a better chances) 28...Nxd5 29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Qh7+ Kf6 31.Qh4+=] **24.Qe3** With e4–e5 menace. **24...d5** [24...e5 25.g3! Δ f4] **25.exd5 exd5 26.Qe5** [Doesn't spoil anything, but 26.Rxd5! is much better, for example 26...Rxb2 (26...Nxd5 27.Nxd5+–) 27.Rd6 Re8 28.Rxf6+ Kxf6 29.Nd5+ with irresistible attack.] **26...Re8** [26...Re7, as in annotation of 23th move, is impossible now.] **27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Nxd5 Nh5** [There is nothing but this, because 28...Nxd5 loses after 29.Qh6+ (29.Rxd5? Re1+) 29...Kf6 30.Qh4+! Kg7 31.Qh7+] **29.Qxc4 Ng3 30.Rhd1 Nf5 31.g4 Nd4**

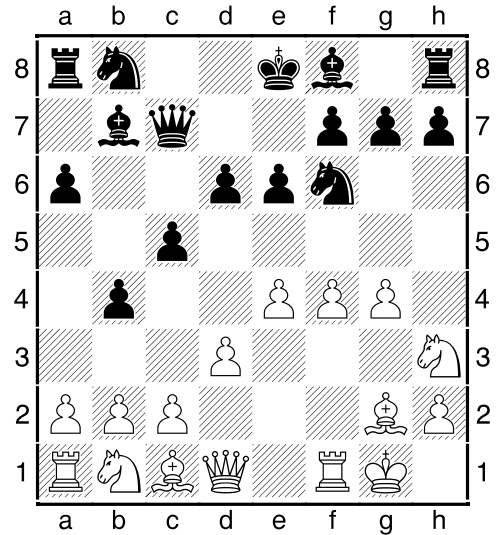


32.Rxd4! Finishing the deal with simple, but nice combination. **32...cxd4 33.Qxd4+ Kf7 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.Qxg6+ Kf8 36.Qh6+! Rg7** [36...Kf7 37.Qh7+] **37.Qd6+ Kf7 38.Qf4+ Kg6 39.Qf5+ 1-0**

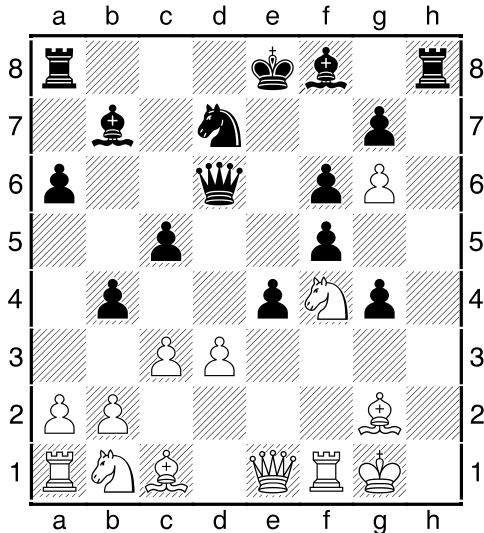
(04) Moskalenko,V1 (2591) - Cordova,E (2567) [B23]

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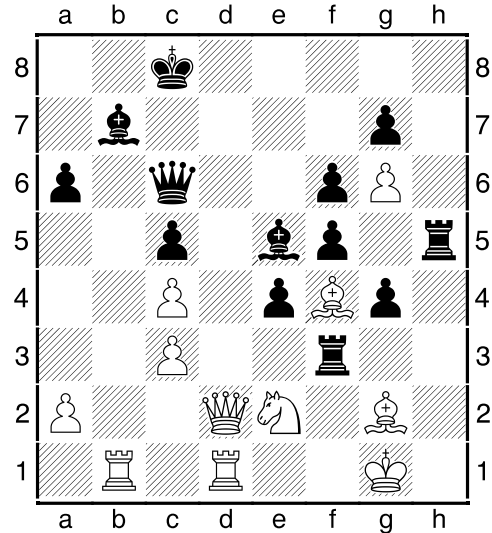
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.d3 e6 6.Nh3 6.Nge2 takes away square e2 from ♘c3, and 6.Nf3 delays f2–f4–f5 advancement. That's why 6.Nh3. **6...d6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.f4 Qc7** [8...Be7 meets strong 9.e5! Bxg2 10.Kxg2 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nd5, Ance-schi-Efimov, Reggio Emilia 1998, and after 12.Qg4! Nxc3 (12...0-0 13.Bh6) 13.Qxg7± White obtains an edge – so, Black moved 8...Qc7 to avoid e4–e5 strike; probably, **8...Nc6** is the best from all options.] **9.g4** [Nevertheless, 9.e5! was possible: 9...Bxg2 10.Kxg2 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nfd7 (11...Qxe5 12.Qf3 Ra7 13.Bf4+–) 12.Qh5 Nxe5 13.Bf4→; but White has chosen another direction of attack.] **9...b4** At first Black is worsening the knight's position. **10.Nb1**



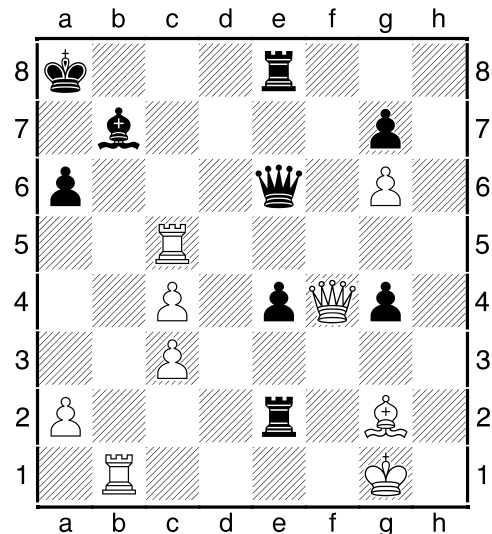
[10.Ne2? Nxc3 11.Ng3 Nf6 12.f5 e5±, Bermejo–Vehi Bach, San Sebastian 1999] **10...h5?! IN** Cordova wants to put ♘ to g4, but it takes a big price. **11.g5 Ng4 12.g6!** Now (with ♗h5) this poke is possible. ♗h3 is ready to enter the game. **12...f6** [12...fxg6 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.h3 Nf6 15.Nd2! Nc6 16.Nc4, and White has a great opportunities, connected with a2–a3, e4–e5, etc.] **13.f5! d5** [Looks like a desperate attempt. Was worth to prefer passive 13...e5 14.Nf2 Nxf2 15.Rxf2 Nd7 with some hope to conduct d6–d5.] **14.Nf4 Qe5 15.h3** [Frankly speaking, White's position after 15.exd5 Bd6 (or 15...Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qxf2 18.Nxe6+–) 16.fxe6 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 Nf2+ 18.Rxf2 Qxf2 19.Qe2 seems overwhelming. Though, 15.h3 nothing spoils yet.] **15...Qd4+ 16.Kh1 exf5 17.Qe1?** [But that's a mistake. 17.c3 should be played right now: 17...Nf2+ 18.Kg1 Nxc3+ (18...Nxd1+ 19.cxd4+–) 19.Kh2 Qe5 20.exd5!, and the deal is done.] **17...dxe4 18.c3** Finally Moskalenko destroys ♘g4, but black pawns are quite strong. **18...Qd6 19.hxg4 hxg4+ 20.Kg1 Nd7**



Knight aims to the point f3, but White is on alert. **21.Nd2 Ne5 22.Nc4 Nxc4 23.dxc4 bxc3** [This decision can be evaluated as controversial ("b"-file is opened now), but 23...0-0-0 24.cxb4 cxb4 25.Be3 leaves some questions too – ♖c4 can serve as a ram.] **24.bxc3 0-0-0 25.Qg3 Qe5 26.Ne2 Qe8** [Intending to take ♗g6 instead of ♖c4: 26...Qe6 27.Qf2!] **27.Rb1!** [27.Qf2 now would be pointless: 27...Qxg6 28.Qxf5+ Qxf5 29.Rxf5 Rd1+ 30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 f5+] **27...Rd3** [Black's counterplay 27...Qxg6 28.Rb6 Qh7 29.Be3 g5 seems to be late: 30.Rfb1 f4 31.Nxf4 gxf4 32.Qxf4 Bh6 33.Qxh6 Qxh6 34.Bxh6 Rxh6 35.Rxb7 f5 36.Rf7+–] **28.Qf4 Rh5** [28...Qxg6 29.Ng3! Qh7 30.Nxf5 Δ Rxb7] **29.Qf2** [29.Rb6! , and if 29...Qe5 , then 30.Qxe5 fxe5 31.Rxb7 Kxb7 32.Rxf5± , breaking a pawn chain.] **29...Rf3!** Best practical chance. **30.Qe1** [30.Bxf3 gxf3 31.Ng3 could be very dangerous: 31...Bd6!→ , and White has to search a draw – 32.Rxb7 (♖h5 is untouchable: 32.Nxh5 Qxg6+ 33.Kh1 Qxh5+ 34.Kg1 e3! 35.Bxe3 Qg4+ 36.Kh1 Bg3+–) 32...Kxb7 33.Bf4!! Bxf4 34.Qxc5 Be3+!! 35.Qxe3 Rg5 36.Rb1+ Ka8 37.Qb6 Rxg3+ 38.Kf1 Qc8 39.Qd4=] **30...Bd6 31.Bf4 Be5 32.Qd2?!** [The idea of queen's transfer to the file "b" should be performed by 32.Qc1 ; now Black had an interesting resource.] **32...Qc6?** [Unfortunately, Black missed 32...e3!! , and bishop goes to e4 with almost decisive advantage.] **33.Rfd1!**



Moskalenko uses an opponent's error without delay. **33...Rh8?** [Now game won't be saved. Rank "d" must be overlapped at any cost: 33...Rd3! 34.Qxd3 exd3 35.Bxc6 Bxc6 36.Bxe5 fxe5 37.Ng3 , and Black's activity is enough for a draw – 37...Rh3 38.Nxf5 Bf3 39.Rf1 Rh1+ 40.Kf2 Rh2+ 41.Kg3 Rh3+=] **34.Bxe5 fxe5 35.Qd6! Re3** [Endgame after 35...Qxd6 36.Rxd6 Re3 37.Rdb6 Rxe2 38.Rxb7 Re1+ 39.Rxe1 Kxb7 40.Rf1! is lost anyway.] **36.Qxe5!** Making a piece sacrifice, White gets to the black king. **36...Rxe2 37.Rd5+– Re8 38.Qxf5+ Qe6** [38...Kb8 39.Rd7] **39.Rxc5+ Kb8 40.Qf4+ Ka8**



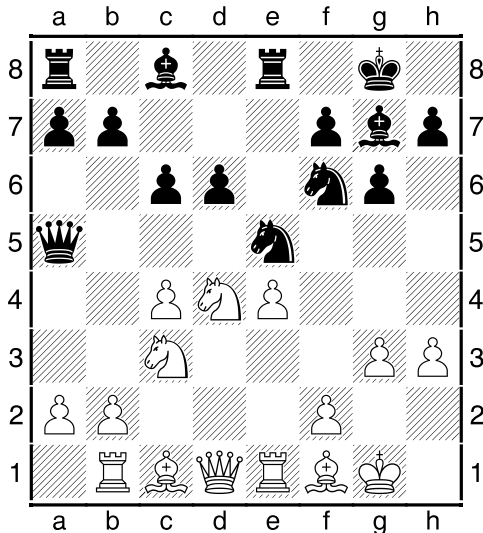
41.Rxb7! Final strike. **41...Re1+** [41...Kxb7

42.Qc7+ Ka8 43.Rc6] **42.Kf2 Ra1 43.Bxe4 g3+ 44.Kxg3 Rg1+ 45.Kf2** Very complex, phantasmagoric battle. **1-0**

(05) Khismatullin,D (2656) - Baryshpolets,A (2474) [E69]

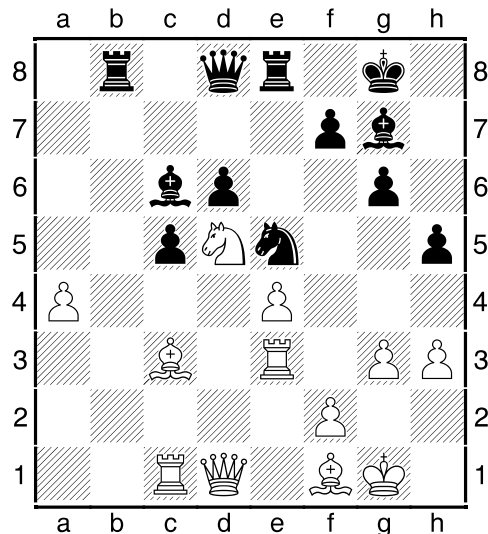
Botvinnik 100th Open St Petersburg RUS (6), 17.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qa5 This is one of the main moves here among with 9...Qb6, 9...Re8. Its goal – to pressure on ♖c4 in some lines. **10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bf1** [12.Qe2? Qc5] **12...Re8 13.Rb1**



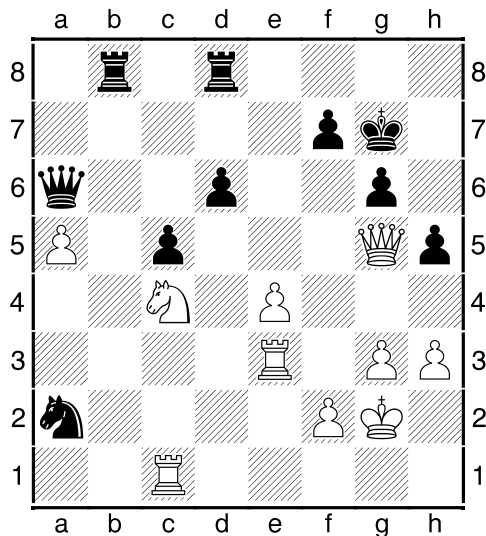
["Decent move, but White top choice according to theory is 13.Be3 ", wrote Boris Avrukh in his "GM Repertoire Vol.2". 13.Rb1 has a concrete idea – to conduct b2–b4.] **13...c5!**? Destined not only against b2–b4, but to try to secure square d4 for the knight. [13...d5 seems to be critical: 14.b4 (14.cxd5 cxd5 15.f4 Nc6 16.e5 Ne4=) 14...Qd8 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Bg5 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5! 18.Nxf5 Qxd1 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rexd1 Nf3+ and Black obtains slightly worse (after Nd6, Bc4) but rather drawish ending; 13...Be6 is another way, aimed at 14.b4 Qc7 15.f4 Ned7 16.f5?! gxf5 17.exf5 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 d5!≠] **14.Nf3** [White wants to eliminate ♖e5; 14.Nb3 Qb4 15.Bg5 Be6

16.Nd2 a6 17.a3 Qa5 ♠ b5] **14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Nd7** But Black is immediately sending another ♘ to e5 or maybe even to d4. **16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Qd1 Be6** Calling b2–b3 to make ♘c3 vulnerable in some cases. **18.b3 a6** Already now Black is threatening with b7–b5, for instance: 19...b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Bxh3! So White has to do something. **19.Rc1N** [Until this moment a game followed to the next example: 19.Re3 Rab8 20.Kh2 Nc6 21.Rd3 Qd8 22.Be3 Qa5 23.Bd2 Qc7 24.Bf4 Ne5?! (24...Nd4 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 b5) 25.Rxd6 Qa5 26.Bd2? (26.Na4 Rbd8 27.Bg2±) 26...Rbd8! , Fridjonsson–Mortensen, Reykjavik 1998, and White is in danger – 27.Na4 Qxd2! 28.Rxd2 Rxd2 29.Qc1 Rxf2+ 30.Kh1 Nf3 31.Bg2 Bxh3 32.Bxf3 Rxf3+] **19...Rab8** [Now 19...b5 fails due to 20.f4! (♘c3 is protected, so Nxc4 isn't possible) 20...Nc6 21.Nxb5] **20.a4 Qd8** [20...Nc6!? would be very logical continuation of 13...c5: 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.Rxc3 Nd4 with easy play.] **21.Bf4 Qa5 22.Bd2 Qd8 23.Re3** Khismatullin conceived a regrouping Ne2–f4, Bc3 – but ♖e3 is situated poorly and can come under blow. **23...h5 24.Ne2 b5** It would be a mistake to miss such opportunity. **25.cxb5 axb5 26.Nf4 Bd7 27.Bc3?!** [27...axb5 Bxb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.Nd5 with slight edge.] **27...bxa4 28.bxa4 Bc6 29.Nd5**



29...Qd7? [It's a pity, that Baryshpolets

hasn't played 29...h4! 30.f4 (30.g4? Bh6 31.f4 Bxd5-) 30...Nd7 , and if 31.g4 , then 31...Bxd5 32.Qxd5 Nf6 33.Qd3 d5! with much better position.] **30.Ra1** White protects ♖a4 and leads ♜ away from danger zone. **30...Qa7 31.a5± Bb5 32.Bxb5 Rxb5 33.Nb6 Rd8 34.Kg2?!** [Unnecessary delay – worth to use ♜b5 right now: 34.Qf1! Qa6 (34...Rb3 35.Bxe5 Rxe3 36.Bxg7+-; 34...c4 35.Nxc4 Nxc4 36.Qxc4 with pure pawn up) 35.Nd5 Rd7 36.f4 Nc4 (36...Nc6 37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.Nc3) 37.Qxc4!! Rb1+ 38.Rxb1 Qxc4 39.Nf6+ Bxf6 40.Bxf6 , and Black should resign.] **34...Nc6 35.Nc4 Qa6?!** [Apparently, Black didn't want an advancement of ♖a5, but after 35...Bxc3 36.Rxc3 Nd4 37.a6 Qa8 his counterplay, connected with d5, is quite enough.] **36.Bxg7 Kxg7 37.Qd5?!** [Yet another dubious idea. 37.Nxd6 Rxa5 38.Rxa5 Qxa5 39.Qd5 Qc7 40.e5 Nb4 41.Qc4 , and Black's position is very difficult.] **37...Nb4 38.Qg5 Rbb8** [38...f6 was good, but nowhere to hurry, isn't it?] **39.Rc1 Na2?**



[But now 39...f6! 40.Qf4 , and only here 40...Na2 41.Rc2 Nb4= was the only option. But what's the difference, one may ask?] **40.Rf3!** Here is the difference. There is no time for f7–f6 anymore. **40...Rf8** [40...Nxc1 41.Qf6+ Kh6 42.Qf4+; 40...Kg8 41.Qe7 Qb7 42.Qxb7 Rxb7 43.Rd1+-] **41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Ne3!** White had another winning paths (41.Ne3, 41.Rf6), but this one works too and that's above all. **42...Nxc1 43.Nf5**

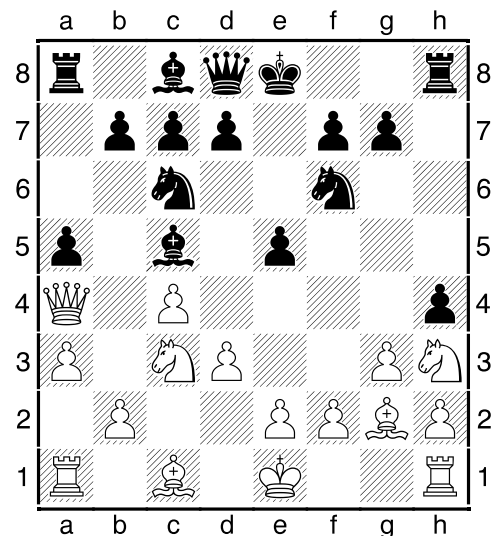
Rg8 [43...gxf5 44.Rxf5 Qe2 45.g4 Qxe4+ 46.Kh2 Qxf5 47.Qxf5+ , winning ♜c1.] **44.Qxf7+ Kh8 45.Qf6+ Kh7 46.Qe7+ Kh8 47.Qg5! Rb7 48.Ne7! Rxe7 49.Qxe7 Nd3 50.Rf7 Ne1+ 51.Kh2!** [Precision till the end, otherwise 51.Kg1 Nf3+ 52.Rxf3? Qxa5 53.Rf7 Qa1+ 54.Kg2 Rg7] **1-0**

(06) Swinkels,R (2483) - Rakhmanov,Ale (2585) [A20]

26th Universiade Men Shenzhen CHN (6), 18.08.2011

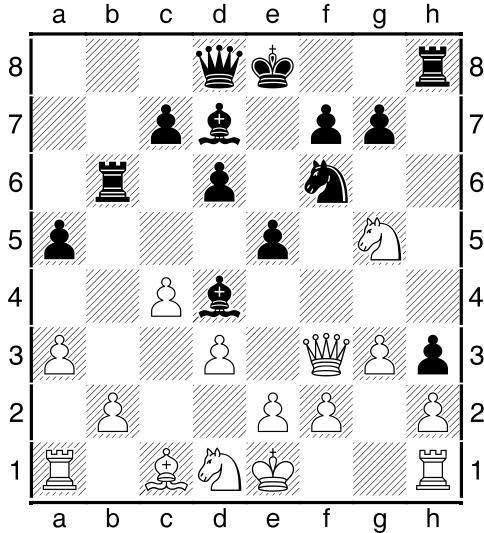
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 h5!? Quite aggressive line, which is often used by famous master Kamran Shirazi. Black wants to use ♖g3 immediately. [2...Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nb6 – Morozevich–Svidler, CZM 11/2008.] **3.Bg2** [Here is an example of grandmaster play: 3.Nf3 e4 4.Nh4 Be7 5.Nf5 d6 6.Nxe7 Qxe7 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg2 h4 9.d3 exd3 10.Qxd3 h3 11.Bf3 Nc6 , Markowski–Andriasian, Poland 2007, and Black is OK; in case of 3.h4 Black will have an excellent square g4 for the bishop – Nc6, d6, Bg4, Qd7...] **3...h4 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Qa4!?** Interesting novelty – Black needs to move d7–d6 in order to have an h4–h3 opportunity, that's why Swinkels hampers it. **5...Nf6 6.d3 Bc5 7.a3 a5 8.Nh3**

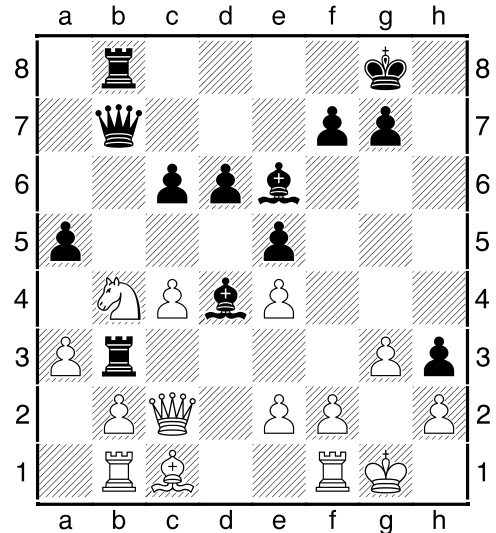


[8.b4? Bd4 9.Bd2 axb4-+] **8...d6!** [Having

exhausted of useful moves – 8...0-0?! 9.Bg5! – Rakhmanov decided to sacrifice a pawn, and he neutralizes bishop g2 in return.] **9.Bxc6+** Otherwise simple Bd7, and Qa4 feels uncomfortably. **9...bxc6** **10.Qxc6+ Bd7** **11.Qg2 Rb8!** Rooting a bishop c1 to the ground. **12.Ng5 Bd4** **13.Nd1?!** [Too passive – 13.Nb5! is much more unpleasant for Black.] **13...h3** **14.Qf3 Rb6!**



Now Bg4 is threatening, and Bc6 also could be handy. **15.Ne4?!** [Now ♖c4 is gonna be vulnerable, that's why threat Bg4 was better to be parried by another path: 15.Ne3 with approximate line 15...Bxb2 16.Bxb2 Rxb2 17.0-0 0-0 18.Rab1 Ra2 (18...Qb8?! 19.Rxb2 Qxb2 20.Nd5→) 19.Ra1 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Ng4! 21.Ne4 – White's position is worse, but defensible.] **15...Nxe4** **16.dxe4 Be6** **17.Qd3 Qa8** **18.Ne3** [Maybe, 18.Be3 was the last chance to demonstrate some activity. Now Black is prevailing completely.] **18...Qb7** **19.Rb1 Rb3** **20.Qc2 0-0** [20...Bxe3 21.Bxe3 Bf5! was very strong: 22.f3 Rxe3 (only not 22...Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Qxe4 24.fxe4 Rxe3 25.c5! with some chances for salvation) 23.exf5 Qxf3 with huge edge; apparently, Rakhmanov didn't want to force the events for that moment.] **21.Nd5** Finally White recovered a diagonal a8–h1. **21...Rb8** **22.0-0 c6** **23.Nb4**



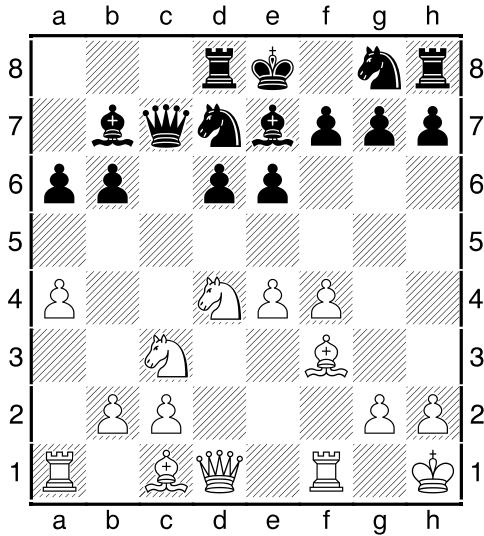
23...axb4!! [23...a4 isn't bad and keeps an advantage, but this sacrifice leads to the winning position.] **24.Qxb3 c5!** **25.Qf3** [25.Qd3 Bxc4; only 25.Ra1! Qxe4 26.Qf3 Qxf3 27.exf3 Bxc4 28.Re1 allows to continue the fight, though after 28...Ra8! White is almost stalemated.] **25...bxa3** Pawn "a" decides the fate of current game. **26.e3 Bxb2** **27.Bxb2 a2!?** [27...Bxc4! 28.Rfc1 (28.Bxa3 Qxb1) 28...Bd3+] **28.Ra1 Qxb2** **29.Rfc1 Qb1!** Intending to take on a1. **30.Qd1** [30.Re1 Bxc4 with the following plan: 31.Rc1 Qxa1! 32.Rxa1 Rb1+ 33.Qd1 Bd3! 34.f3 Rxd1+ 35.Rxd1 Bb1+] **30...Qxe4** Now Black is simply building a battery B + Q. **31.Qf1 Rb2** **32.Rd1 Bg4** **33.Rdc1 g6** **34.Rc3 Qf3** **35.Rcc1 Bf5 0-1**

(07) Pogonina, Natalija (2442) - Galiamova, Alisa (2492) [B54]

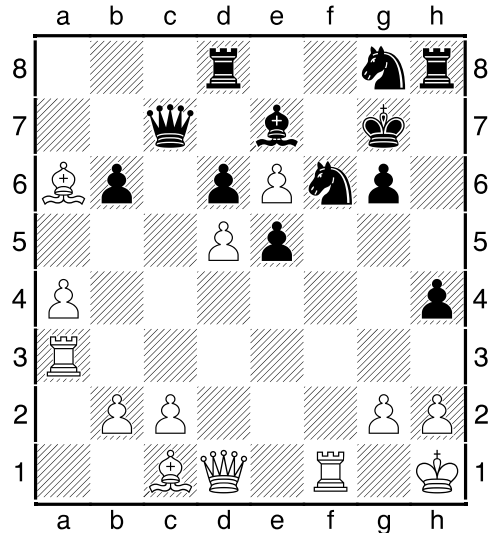
Russian Championship Super Final women Moscow (5), 23.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.e4 c5 **2.Nf3 e6** **3.d4 cxd4** **4.Nxd4 a6** **5.Nc3 d6** **6.a4** Preventing a clutch a4–a5 and preparing Bb7. **6...b6** **7.Be2 Bb7** **8.f4** This set-up really makes sense after 7...Bb7 as f4–f5 can be twice strong now. **8...Nd7** **9.Bf3 Qc7** [9...Ngf6 10.e5! Bxf3 11.Nxf3 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Qe2f; that's why Black has protected a bishop b7.] **10.0-0 Be7** [Again, there is not the best time for 10...Ngf6 – 11.Re1 Be7 12.e5!]

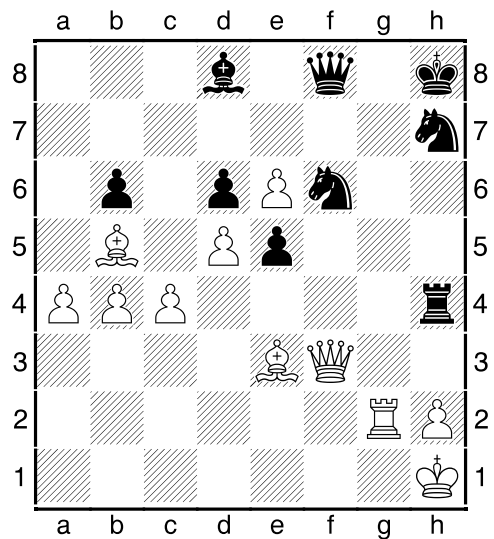
11.Kh1 Rd8?



[But this is already a mistake – Black is delayed in development too much. $N\text{f}1\dots\text{Ngf}6$] **12.f5!**? [Preamble to the interesting sacrifice, though $12.\text{Bh}5!$ $g6$ $13.\text{f}5!$ $\text{exf}5$ $14.\text{Bf}3\pm$ appears to be even better.] **12...e5** **13.Ne6!** [A very deep positional idea. By the way, $13.\text{f}6!$? can be handy in such positions too (remember a game Nepomniachtchi–Frolyanov, CZM 05/2011?): $13\dots\text{Ngxf}6$ $14.\text{Nf}5$ $\text{Bf}8$ $15.\text{Be}3$ $\text{h}6$ ($15\dots\text{g}6$ $16.\text{Nh}6$) $16.\text{Qd}2!$ $\text{Qc}5$] **13...fxe6** **14.Bh5+** **Kf8** **15.fxe6+** **Ndf6** **16.Nd5!** Essential move for the White's plan. **16...Bxd5?!** [It will be very difficult to live with $\Delta\text{e}6$ in a throat, so $16\dots\text{Qc}8!$ was necessary to be played, and after $17.\text{Be}3$ $\text{Qxe}6$ $18.\text{Bxb}6$ $\text{Nh}6$ ($18\dots\text{Rc}8?$ $19.\text{Bg}4$) $19.\text{Bxd}8$ $\text{Bxd}8$ Black has a worse, but quite playable position.] **17.exd5±** One can say with certainty, that White is won from strategical point of view – Black's queenside is doomed, whereas an extra piece isn't felt anyhow. **17...g6** **18.Be2** **h5** [Black even gives up for $\Delta\text{a}6$, trying to develop as fast as possible; $18\dots\text{a}5$ $19.\text{Ra}3$ with further $\text{Rc}3\text{--c}6$, $\text{Be}3\dots$] **19.Ra3** **h4?!** And again not the best move. [$19\dots\text{Nh}6$ loses after $20.\text{Bxh}5!$ $\text{g}x\text{h}5$ $21.\text{Qxh}5\text{+--}$; $19\dots\text{a}5$ isn't working neither: $20.\text{Qd}3!$ $\text{Kg}7$, and now spectacular $21.\text{Qxg}6\text{+!!}$ $\text{Kxg}6$ $22.\text{Rg}3\text{+}$ $\text{Kh}7$ $23.\text{Bd}3\text{+}$ $\text{e}4$ $24.\text{Bxe}4\text{+}$ $\text{Nxe}4$ $25.\text{Rf}7\#$; $19\dots\text{Kg}7!$ $\Delta\text{Nh}6$, and Black still in a game.] **20.Bxa6** **Kg7**



21.g4!! Pogonina makes a decision of killing power. Black has to take en passant (otherwise $g4\text{--}g5$), but $\Delta\text{g}6$ will be an easy target then. **21...hxg3** **22.Rxg3** **Rh4** **23.Be3!** [$23.\text{Rfg}1$ meets $23\dots\text{Qc}5$ with some threats, so White prevents it.] **23...Rf8** [$23\dots\text{Rxa}4$ $24.\text{Bd}3$ $\text{e}4$ $25.\text{Rf}4!$ with ideas $\text{Qg}1$ or even $\text{Rxg}6\text{+}$.] **24.Rfg1** $\Delta\text{g}6$ is undefendable. **24...Nh7** **25.Rxg6+** **Kh8** **26.Rg7** **Ngf6** [$26\dots\text{Rxa}4$ $27.\text{R}x\text{h}7\text{+}$ $\text{Kxh}7$ $28.\text{Qh}5\text{+}$] **27.c4** **Rg8** **28.Rxg8+** **Nxg8** **29.Qf3** **Ngf6** **30.b3** **Qd8** **31.Bb5** **Qf8** **32.Rg2!** [Prophylaxis above all: $32.\text{Bxb}6$ $\text{Qh}6$ $33.\text{Rg}2$ $\text{Ng}5\text{--}$] **32...Bd8** **33.b4**



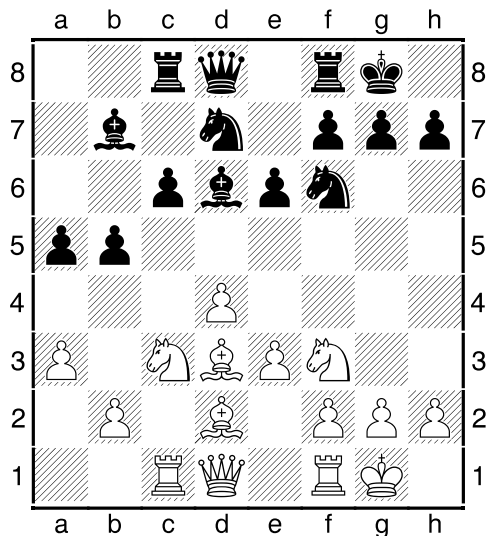
White has started to implement a plan of passed Δ 's "a" creation – $\text{Bd}2$, $\text{a}5$ and so on. **33...Ng4** **34.Qxf8+** **Nxf8** **35.Bd2**

[35.Bxb6! Nxe6 36.dxe6 Bxb6 37.e7 Nf6 38.Rg6 wins too.] **35...Nf6 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 Ne4 38.a6** Black bishop isn't able to cope with ♖a6 and e6 at the same time. **38...Rh3 39.Ba5!** Giving the final touch to the work. **39...Nxe6** [39...Bxa5 40.a7] **40.dxe6 Ra3 41.Bxd8** World-class performance by Pogonina. **1-0**

(08) Wojtaszek,Radoslaw (2683) - Pashikian,Arman (2616) [D47]

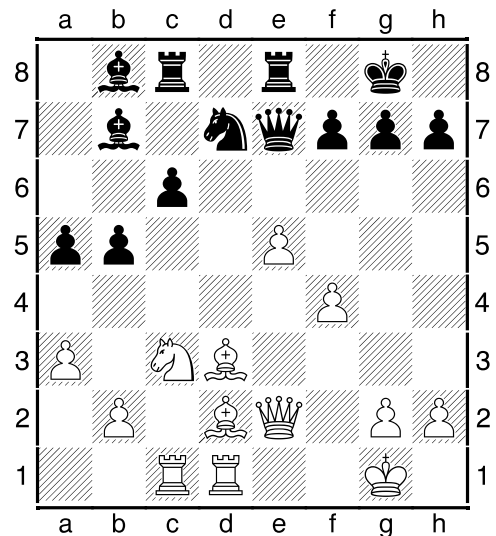
FIDE World Cup 2011 Khanty-Mansiysk RUS (1.1), 28.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Bd2 [9.Qc2 Bb7 - Kuzubov-Areshchenko, CZM 09/2009; 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 - Jakovenko-Bologan, CZM 08/2008.] **9...Bb7 10.Rc1 Rc8 11.0-0** [One of the main merits of 9.Bd2 it's an opportunity to conduct b2-b4 without a2-a3, as it was in the following game: 11.Ng5 a6 12.Nce4 Be7 13.b4 , Atalik-Ehlvest, Moscow 2005, though 13...c5! is still possible - 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.0-0 Bd6 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Qb1 with microscopic plus.] **11...0-0 12.a3 a5**



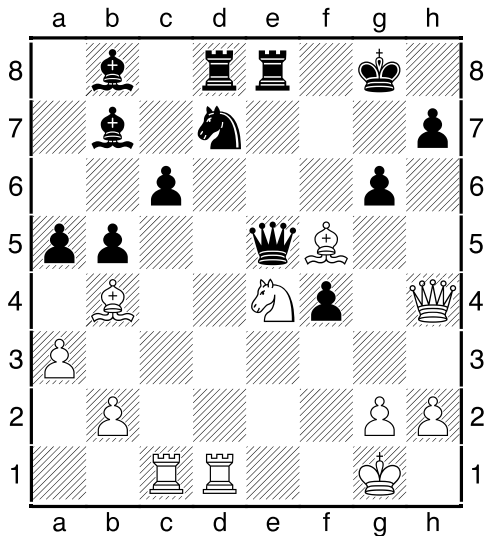
[12...a6?! 13.b4! ; but now Black will be trying to move c6-c5 after preliminary b5-b4.] **13.e4N** [Another attempts are: 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 b4 15.axb4 axb4 16.Qa4

Qb6 17.Bd3 Rfd8 Δ c5, Sokolov-Predojevic,CRO-chT 2008, and Black hasn't experienced any troubles at all; 13.Ng5 Be7 14.Qf3 h6 15.Nge4 , and now exact 15...Ba8! (to avoid 15...b4?! 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.axb4 axb4 18.Na4± , and there is no c5.)] **13...e5** This is the whole sense of system 8...Bd6. [13...b4 14.e5 bxc3 15.Bxc3±] **14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qe2** Now Wojtaszek is dreaming of f2-f4, but Black finds an antidote. **16...Re8! 17.Rfd1** [As it turned out, 17.f4 fails for this moment: 17...Bd4+ 18.Kh1 b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Nd1 Nxe4! 21.Bxe4 c5±] **17...Qe7 18.f3 Nd7** [Obviously, Pashikian lights a fire deliberately, taking away one strike from the square e4. But it's quite a dubious idea, 18...b4 19.axb4 axb4 20.Na4 Ra8 21.b3 Qd6 22.g3 Nd5! seems to be more promising.] **19.f4 Bb8** [19...b4 20.fxe5 bxc3 21.Bxc3 Nxe5 22.Bc2±] **20.e5**



Now Black ought to do something with this pawn concentrated force, otherwise it will hurt.**20...f6! 21.Bf5!?** [White is trying to use a pin of ♘d7; 21.Qe4 should be parried by 21...Nf8 (after 21...g6 22.Bxb5! Nxe5 23.Be2 Nf7 24.Qxe7 Rxe7 25.Bf3 Black's position is unpleasant)] **21...fxe5 22.Ne4** Now bishop d2 is about to leave. **22...exf4 23.Bb4!?** [23.Bxa5 Ne5 24.Bxc8 Bxc8 25.Bb4 Ba7+ 26.Kh1 Qh4 , and Black has excellent countergame, connected with Bg4; 23.Bxf4!? seems to be more difficult

for the Black, but after correct 23...Nf6! (not 23...Bxf4 24.Rxd7 Bxc1 25.Bxh7+! Kxh7 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Nf6+) 24.Bg5 Qe5! 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Qxe5 Bxe5 27.Bxc8 Rxc8 he is probably OK too.] **23...Qe5?** [23...Qf7! was the only appropriate option – 24.Bxd7 axb4 25.Qf3! c5 26.Nf6+ gxf6 27.Qxb7 Rcd8 28.Qxb5 with roughly equal game.] **24.Qh5** \square **g6** **25.Qh4** Now we can see White's invention – after g7–g6 square f6 is weakened; thus, there is no 25...Qxf5 in view of 26.Rxd7. **25...Rcd8** \square

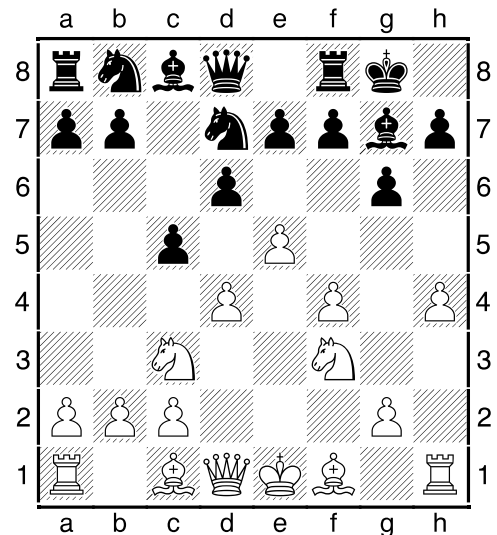


26.Bc3? [White should have won after 26.Bxd7 Qxe4 27.Bc5!! (to avoid 27.Bxe8 c5! $\not\Rightarrow$; 28.Bf7+ gives nothing, as king escapes – 28...Kxf7 29.Qxh7+ Kf6 30.Bc3+ Kg5)] **26...Qe7?** [Pashikian missed a intermediate check after 26...Qxf5 27.Rxd7 – 27...Ba7+! 28.Kh1 Rxd7 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Qh6+ Ke7 , and now on 31.Re1+ there is a 31...Be3-+] **27.Qxe7 Rxe7 28.Bxd7+-** Now all ends very quickly. **28...Ba7+ 29.Kf1 Rxe4 30.Be6+ Rxe6 31.Rxd8+ Kf7 32.Rh8!** All black targets are situated on 7th. **32...Be3 33.Rd1 Re7 34.Rdd8** [34.Rxh7+ Ke6 35.Rxe7+ Kxe7 36.Bxa5 c5 37.Bd2+- , but White wants to attack.] **34...Ke6 35.Rhf8! Rc7 36.Bxa5** [36.Rf6+ Ke7 37.Rh8 wins right now, but Wojtaszek takes \triangle a5 at first.] **36...Re7 37.Bc3 Rc7 38.Rf6+ Ke7 39.Rh8 1-0**

(09) Sutovsky, Emil (2700) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2768) [B09]

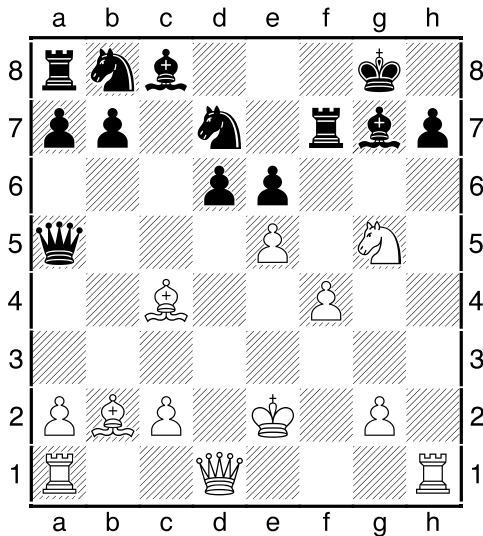
FIDE World Cup 2011 Khanty–Mansiysk RUS (3.2), 04.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

In the first game Ivanchuk had lost to Sutovsky with white pieces, so now he has to win back. **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6** Ukrainian grandmaster chooses hard-edged Pirc Defence for such vital mission. **5.Nf3 0-0 6.e5!?** [And Sutovsky answers with the same, applying a sharpest system instead of solid 6.Bd3 Na6 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 Bg4 – Karjakin–Chatalbashev, CZM 11/2009.] **6...Nfd7 7.h4 c5** \square

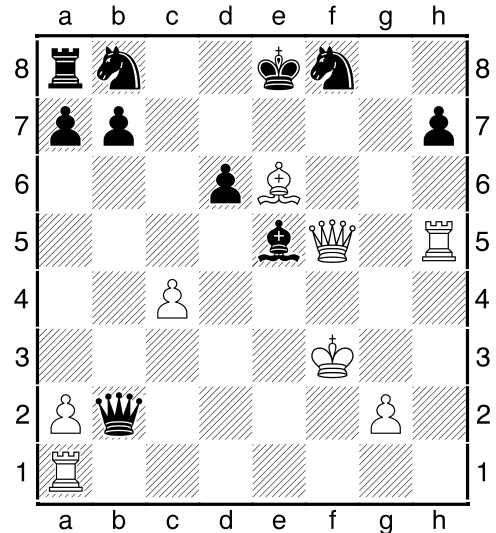


Intending to break the center. **8.h5** [I have twice encountered 8.e6!? fxe6 9.h5 – 9...gxh5 10.Ng5 (10.Rxh5 Nf6 11.Rh4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 e5= , Shilin–Polivanov, 2001) 10...Nf6 11.Nce4?! h6 12.Ng3 , Demkovich–Polivanov, 2001 and it's hard to understand, why I didn't take 12...hxg5 13.Nxh5 (13.fxg5 Ng4) 13...Qe8-+] **8...cxd4 9.hxg6** [It's well known, that after 9.Qxd4 dxe5 10.Qg1 (10.Qf2 should be replied the same) 10...e4! comes – 11.Nxe4 Nf6 12.Nxf6+ exf6 13.hxg6 Re8+ 14.Kf2 fxg6] **9...dxc3 10.gxf7+ Rxf7 11.Bc4** \square [11.Ng5? doesn't work: 11...cxb2 12.Bxb2 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nxe5!-+ , Bronstein–Conquest, Reykjavik 1996] **11...e6** [11...Nf8 isn't appropriate in current situation, as White is able to force a draw by

means of 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Kg8 14.Qh5 h6 15.Qf7+ Kh8 16.Qb3 with mechanism Nf7-g5.] **12.Ng5** [12.Bxe6? Nxe5!; 12.f5? isn't good neither - 12...Nxe5 13.fxe6 Re7!-+ (not 13...Nxf3+?! 14.Qxf3! Re7 15.Qf5 h6 16.Rxh6!)=)] **12...cxb2!?** [12...Nxe5 13.Qh5! h6 14.fxe5 hxg5 15.Qh7+ Kf8 16.Qh8+ Bxh8 17.Rxh8+ Kg7 18.Rxd8= - this is not dangerous for Black, but chances for a victory are small; 12...Nf8 allows White to attack: 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.Qh5+ Kg8 15.Bd3 h6 , and now 16.Rh4!→ Δ Rg4, f5] **13.Bxb2 Qa5+ 14.Ke2**



That's the whole point of 13...Qa5 - thrust Qh5 isn't possible for a while. **14...Nf8?!N** Probably, not the best decision. [Earlier occurred 14...d5 15.Bd3 Nf8 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Kf1f , Winiwarter-Hager, AUT-chT 1994; 14...Nb6! seems the strongest: 15.Bd3 Qd5 , creating some threats.] **15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.f5?** [Why did White rejected simple 16.Qxd6± ? Only Sutovsky knows, why...] **16...Bxe5 17.Rh5 Ke8!** [Leaving from under check to avoid 17...Bxb2?? 18.fxe6+] **18.fxe6 Bxe6** [Double strike 18...Qb4 would have put White in the critical situation, but maybe Ivanchuk wanted to make a game more forced.] **19.Bxe6 Qb5+ 20.Qd3 Qxb2 21.Qf5 Qb5+ 22.c4** [22.Kd1 Nbd7-+] **22...Qb2+ 23.Kf3**

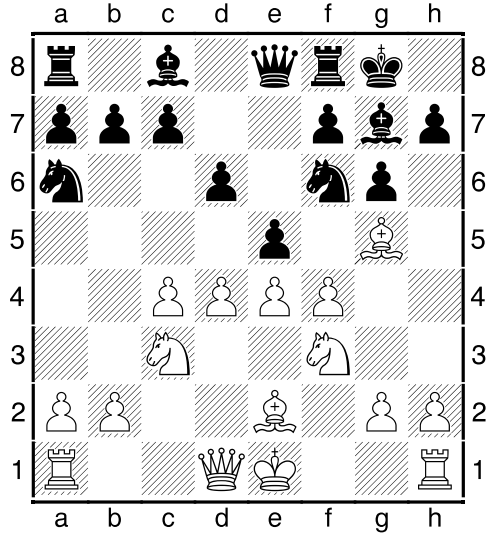


23...Nc6! Very esthetic continuation - as in old master's games, Black is giving away couple of own pieces with a tempo. [By the way, "greedy" 23...Qxa1 also secures a win: 24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Qxf8+ Kc7 26.Rxh7+ Kb6 27.Rxb7+ Ka6!-+ (27...Kxb7? 28.Qc8+ Kb6 29.Qd8+ Kc5 30.Qa5+ Kd4 31.Qd2+)] **24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Qxf8+ Kc7 26.Rxh7+ Kb6 27.Qxa8** [27.Qf7 Nd4+ 28.Kg4 Qxg2+ 29.Kh5 Nxe6 30.Qxb7+ Qxb7 31.Rb1+ Kc5 32.Rbxb7 a5-+ , but some technique is still required.] **27...Nd4+** Now it's Black's turn to make checks. **28.Kg4 Qxg2+ 29.Kh5 Qh2+ 30.Kg6 Qc2+! 31.Kh6 Bf4+!** Last two exact moves clarify everything. **32.Kg7 Nxe6+ 33.Kf6 Qxh7 34.Kxe6 Qg6+ 35.Ke7 Bg5+ 36.Kf8 Qf6+** Thus Ivanchuk equalizes a score to win the whole duel at the next day in tie-breaks. "Emil did play actively. It was not easy for me to defend being under his strong attack. I think that we both made many mistakes. However, I managed to win", said Ivanchuk to the official WC site after he has passed to the 4th round. **0-1**

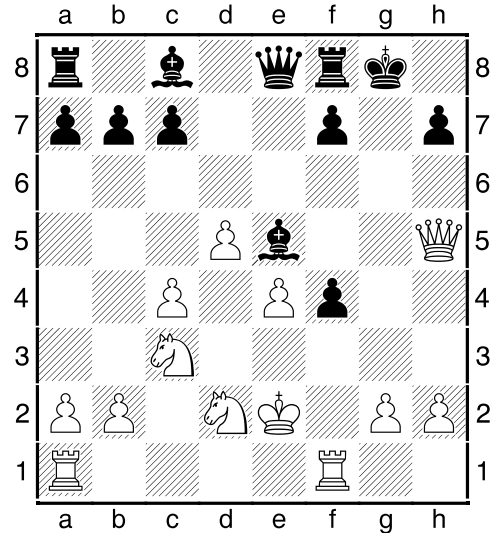
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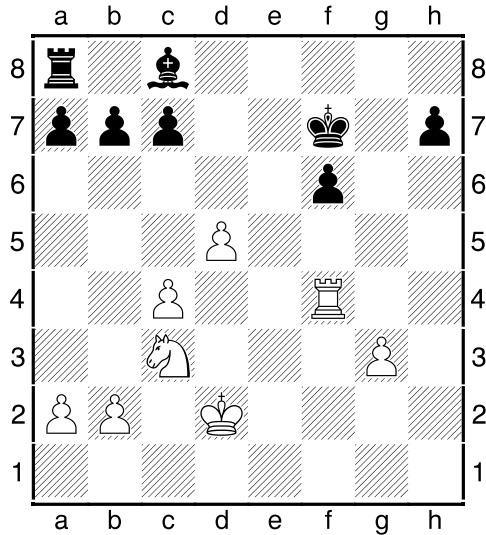
continuation is less popular, than 7...c6 8.Nf3 Nc7 , intending to undermine the center with b7-b5 or d7-d5.] **8.Nf3 e5**



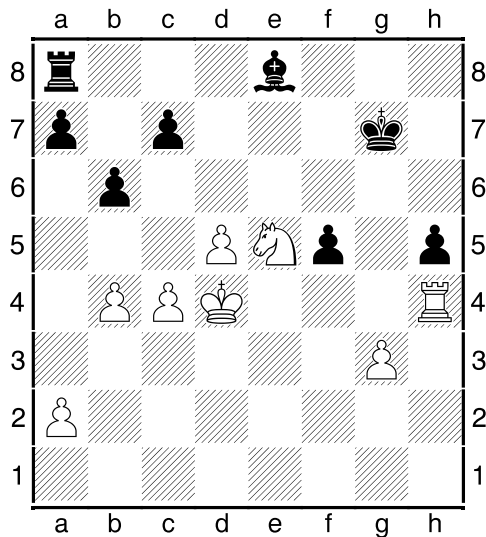
Otherwise 7...Qe8 would be pointless. **9.fxe5** [9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nc5 11.Bf3 h6 12.Bh4 g5!≡] **9...dxe5 10.d5** [The most solid reply. 10.Nxe5 meets 10...c5!; 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Nd5 can pose some problems for Black, but only if 11...Nxe5 12.Bf6! (not 12.Be7 c6! with too good compensation) , having in mind 12...c6?! 13.Ne7+ Kh8 14.Qd6! Ng4 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7 16.0-0 Qd8 17.c5 Qxd6 18.cxd6 Nc5 19.e5± , Hoang Thanh Trang-Szuk, Hungary 1998] **10...Nc5?!N** [10...Nh5 appeared in the following game: 11.Qd2 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Qxf4 Nc5 14.e5 Nd7 15.0-0 Nxe5 16.Rae1 Qe7 17.Kh1 Nxf3 18.Bxf3 Qd6 19.Qxd6 cxd6 20.Nb5 Bxb2 (20...Be5 21.c5) 21.Nxd6 Ba3 22.Nb5 Bc5! with tolerable position, Alterman-Bosboom, Hoo-govens-B 1998; 10...h6 is probably the best from all available options: 11.Bh4 Ng4 12.Qd2 f5 13.h3 Nf6 14.exf5 gxf5] **11.Nd2!** Now neither Ng4 nor Nh5 doesn't seem possible. But Grischuk wants to prove the opposite. **11...Nh5 12.Bxh5 gxh5 13.Qxh5!?** [Potkin accepts a challenge, though 13.0-0 f5 14.Qc2 f4 15.b4± guarantees a secure edge.] **13...Nd3+ 14.Ke2 Nf4+** [14...Nxb2 won't work due to 15.Rab1 Na4 16.Nxa4 Qxa4 17.Bh6 f6 18.Rb3! , and rook enters in game with decisive effect.] **15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Rhf1 Be5**



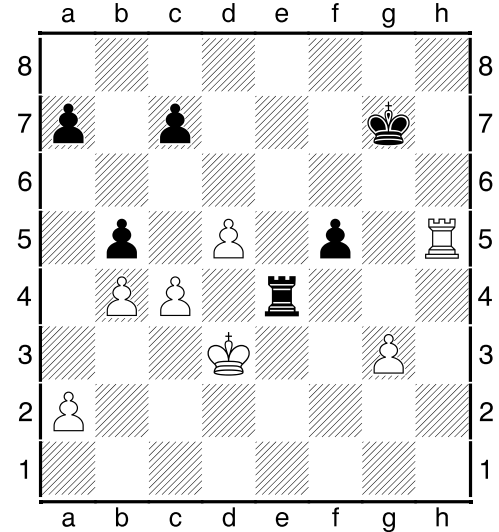
17.g3!! [Fantastic move! This is gonna be improved version of 17.Nf3?! Bxc3 18.Ng5 , where 18...Bf5! allows Black to hold: 19.bxc3 f6 20.Qxe8 Raxe8 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Rxe6 23.Rxf4 f5!] **17...fxg3** [17...f5 18.Qxe8 Rxe8 19.gxf4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 fxe4 21.Ke3 Bf5 22.Nb3 , and ♖e4 won't last too long.] **18.Nf3 Bg7** [18...Bxc3 19.Ng5 – there is no Bf5 anymore; 18...f6 19.Qxe8 Rxe8 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Rg1!+–] **19.e5!** [Yet another exact decision – it's like 19.hxg3 f5 20.Qxe8 Rxe8 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Nxe5 Rxe5+ 23.Kd2 , but with one difference.] **19...Bxe5 20.Nxe5 f6 21.Qxe8 Rxe8 22.hxg3 Rxe5+ 23.Kd2** Now ♔f6 is under strike, so Black has to spend one more tempo for its protection. **23...Kf7 24.Rf4 Rf5 25.Raf1 Rxf4 26.Rxf4±**



White has a meaningful advantage here owing to several factors: more active rook and king; knight is stronger than bishop; possibility to create passed ♖ "d". **26...Bd7 27.Ne4 f5 28.Nc5 Bc8 29.b4 b6 30.Nd3 Kf6 31.Rh4!** Distracting the black king, White is gaining access to the square e5. **31...Kg7 32.Kc3 Bd7 33.Ne5 Be8 34.Kd4 h5**



35.Nd3! [35.c5 bxc5+ 36.bxc5 Kf6 37.d6 cxd6 38.cxd6 Ke6 ; now White is going for ♖h5.] **35...Bf7 36.Nf4 Re8** Trying to activate the ♖ even with the cost of pawn. [36...Kh6 37.Ke5+-] **37.Nxh5+ Bxh5 38.Rxh5 Re4+** [38...Kg6 39.Rh4 Re2 40.a4 Ra2 41.a5! bxa5 42.bxa5 Rxa5 43.Rh8 , and ♖c7 is doomed.] **39.Kd3 b5**



Last attempt to shatter white pawns, but Potkin finds a convincing retort. **40.c5 Re5 41.d6!** [41.Kd4 Re4+] **41...cxd6 42.c6 Re4 43.Rxf5 Rxb4** [43...Rc4 44.Rxb5 Rxc6 45.Rb7+ Kf6 46.Rxa7+-] **44.Rf2!** [That's much better, than peacockery 44.Rc5 ; flawless victory by Russian grandmaster.] **1-0**

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