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(01) Timofeev, Artyom (2665) - Svidler, Peter (2739) [C70]
64th ch-RUS Moscow RUS (5), 13.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

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...]
12.axb5 axb5 13.Nd2
16.Bf4

16...Rb7! [An excellent idea – rook goes to d7 to protect 7.d6 and to support advancement d6-d5. 16...b4? 17.Nc4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bxc3 19.Ra3 Bb4 20.Rd3±] 17.Qe2?!
[17Nb3! would be a better decision: 17...Rd7 18.Qe2 b4 (18...c4 19.Nbd4±) 19.Qd2 Ne5 (²b3 holds up d6-d5)]

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[27...f5! is safer option.] **28.Ne3?** [Looks like both sides have missed 28.Ra7!! ; 28...b3 (28...fxe5 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Qb7+–) 29.Rxd7 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 Δb3 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.Rxc4 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!? [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 Nf8 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.Qd4f] 8.b4!?**

[After 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.fxe4 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 Black has a microscopic plus because of Δe4, 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 Δ 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.fx e4! [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...Be6 (15...Qc5 16.Qe3) 16.Nd5 (16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.Nc1 Rxd2+) 16...Bxd5 17.exd5 Qc5 19.Nc3 Rac8, and all will come to the endgame 3A vs B – 20.Na4 Qxc2 21.Qxc2 Rxc2 with dynamic balance.]

13...e5 14.Qd3 0–0 15.Bg5

[White wants to distract queen from a3, but 15.Bd2! with ideas Nd5 or Qe3. 15...Bc6 (15...Qc5 16.Qe3) 16.Nd5 (16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.Nc1 Rxd2+) 16...Bxd5 17.exd5 Qc5 19.Nc3 Rac8, and all will come to the endgame 3A vs B – 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 A 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 a. [On 21.Kb2 Black should play 21...b5! 22.Qxe4 Rfe8 23.Qf3 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 Rh3 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 Rf8 27.hxg6 [27.h6 Qf8, taking on h6 and threatening Rxc8–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?

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[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]
26th Universiade Men Shenzhen CHN (3.1), 16.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

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...Nd6 [7...Nbd7 8.Qd2 a6
9.Rd1 - Ponomariov–Spassov, 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!

[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...Nx4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.dxe6 Making ¤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...gx5 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 ¤b2 is the only possible counterplay for Black. [18...Nhx5? 19.g4 Nf6 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Rd2+–] 19.Nf4?! [But that’s a little haste, which could cost an advantage for White. Nf4 g4 Rf8 20.hxg6 fxg6 (20...Qxb2+ 21.Qxb2 Rxb2 22.g5++) , and only now 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Rh2! – Black is deprived now of any constructive idea.]


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+! Kg7 37.Qd6+ Kf7 38.Qf4+ Kg6 39.Qf5+ 1-0

(04) Moskalenko,V1 (2591) - Cordova,E (2567) [B23]
4th Sabadell Open A Sabadell ESP (8), 17.08.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

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 , Anseschi-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, Ne6...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. 10Nb1

10...h5?!N 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
[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 Nxf3+ (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.


bxc3 [This decision can be evaluated as controversial ("b"-file is opened now), but 23...0-0-0 24.cxh4 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 d6 instead of c4: 26...Qe6 27.Qf2! [27.Qf2 now would be pointless: 27...Qxg6 28.Qxf5+ Qxf5 29.Rxf5 Rd1+ 30.Rf1 Rxh1+ 31.Kxf1 f5+]] 27...Rd3 [Black’s counterplay 27...Qxg6 28.Rb6 Qh7 29.Be3 g5 seems to be late: 30.Rf1 f4 31.Nxf4 gxf4 32.Qxh6 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 [198.Rb6! , and if 29...Qe5 , then 30.Qxe5 fxe5 31.Rxb7 Kxb7 32.Rxh5 , breaking a pawn chain.] 29...Rf3! Best practical chance. 30.Qe1 [30.Bxf3 gxf3 31.Ng3 could be very dangerous: 31...Be6→ , 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+ Kxa8 37.Qb6 Rxf3+ 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!


Making a piece sacrifice, White gets to the black king.

36...Rxe2 37.Rd5++ Re8 38.Qxf5+ Rxe6 [38...Kb8 39.Rd7] 39.Rxc5+ Kc8 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 a4 in some lines. 10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bf1™ [12.Qe2? Qc5]

14...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, 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 ë5; 14.Nb3 Qb4 15.Bg5 Be6


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...Nd6 37.Bxg7 Kxg7 38.Nc3) 37.Qxc4!! Rb1+ 38.Rxb1 Qxc4 39.Nf6+ Bxf6 40.Bxf6, and Black should resign.] 33...Nd7 34.Kf3 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...gxh5 44.Rxf5 Qxe2 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

1.c4 e5 2.g3 h5!? Quite agressive 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!?N 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

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 a4 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 Rx a1 20.Rxa1 Ng4! 21.Ne4 – White's position is worse, but defendable.] 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.c5f 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.Rf1 (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.Rc1 Bf5 0-1

(07) Pogonina,Natalija (2442) - Galiyamova, 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...Ng6 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...Ng6 – 11.Re1 Be7 12.e5!]
11.Kh1 Rd8?

[But this is already a mistake – Black is delayed in development too much. Ng6...Ngf6 ] 12.f5!? [Preamble to the interesting sacrifice, though 12.Bh5! g6 13.f5! exf5 14.Bf3+ appears to be even better.] 12...e5 13.Ne6! [A very deep positional idea. By the way, 13.f6!? can be handy in such positions too (remember a game Nepomniachtchi–Frolyanov, CZM 05/2011?): 13...Ngxf6 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Be3 h6 (15...g6 16.Nh6) 16.Qd2!] 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 Ng6 in a throat, so 16...Qc8! was necessary to be played, and after 17.Be3 Qxe6 18.Bxb6 Nh6 (18...Rc8? 19.Bg4) 19.Bxd8 Bxd8 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 Ng6, trying to develop as fast as possible; 18...a5 19.Ra3 with further Rc3–c6, Be3...] 19.Ra3 h4?! And again not the best move. [19...Nh6 loses after 20.Bxh5 gxh5 21.Qxh5++] 19...a5 isn’t working neither: 20.Qd3! Kg7, and now spectacular 21.Qxg6!! Kxg6 22.Rg3+ Kh7 23.Bd3+ e4 24.Bxe4+ Nxe4 25.Rf7#; 19...Kg7! Δ Nh6, 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–g5), but Ng6 will be an easy target then. 21...hxg3 22.Rxg3 Rh4 23.Be3! [23.Rfg1 meets 23...Qc5 with some threats, so White prevents it.] 23...Rf8 [23...Rxa4 24.Bd3 e4 25.Rf4! with ideas Qg1 or even Rxg6+.] 24.Rfg1 Ng6 is undefendable. 24...Nh7 25.Rxg6+ Kh8 26.Rg7 Ng6 [26...Rxa4 27.Rxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qh5+] 27.c4 Rg8 28.Rxg8+ Nxg8 29.Qf3 Ngf6 30.b3 Qd8 31.Bb5 Qf8 32.Rg2! [Prophylaxis above all: 32.Bxb6 Qh6 33.Rg2 Ng5→] 32...Bd8 33.b4

White has started to implement a plan of passed Δ’s "a" creation – Bd2, a5 and so on. 33...Ng4 34.Qxf8+ Nxf8 35.Bd2
35.Bxb6! Nxe6 36.axb5 37.bxa5 Nf4 38.axb6
38.Rg6 wins too.
38...Rh3 39.f4
40.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]


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 carried 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 withBg4; 23.Bxf4!? seems to be more difficult

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† 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†


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 Δa5 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.d5Bg4 – Karjakin–Chatalbashev, CZM 11/2009.] 6...Nfd7 7.h4 c5


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[IM Polivanov, A]
means of 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Kg8
14.Qh5 h6 15.Qf7+ Kh8 16.Qb3 with me-
chanism Nf7→g5.] 12.Ng5 [12.Bxe6?
Nxe5?; 12.f5? isn’t good neither –
12...Nxe5 13.fxe5 Re7!+ (not 13...Nx
f3+?! 14.Qxf3! Re7 15.Qf5 h6 16.Rx
h6!=) ] 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 ,
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.Kf1 , Winiwarter–Hager, AUT–chT
1994; 14...Nb6! seems the strongest:
15.Bd3 Qd5 , creating some threats.] 15.
Nxf7 Kxf7 16.f5? [Why did White re-
jected simple 16.Qxd5+? 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
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
a couple of own pieces with a tempo. [By the
way, "greedy" 23...Qxa1 also secures a
Kb6 27.Rxb7+ Ka6l+ (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.Rxb7 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.Qf8 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 offi-
cial WC site after he has passed to the 4th
round. 0-1

(10) Potkin,Vladimir (2682) - Gri-
schuk,Alexander (2746) [E73]
FIDE World Cup 2011 Khanty–Mansiysk
RUS (4.1), 06.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.f4 Qe8!? [This
continuation is less popular, than 7...c6 8.Nf3 Nc7 , intending to undermine the center with b7–b5 or d7–d5.] 8.Nf3 e5


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 $e$ 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! bx a5 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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