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(01) Ulibin,Mikhail (2553) - Postny,Evgeny (2628) [C90]
Trieste (4), 02.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]

24.Nd5? [White misses the opportunity to achieve the benefits effectively: 24.Nh5
Qh4 25.B:h7+ K:h7 26.Re4 Ng4 27.h:g4 g6 28.Qd2 and here in order to avoid the worst black should flee unpleasant end-
game.. 28...Bg5 29.Q:g5 Q:g5 30.B:g5
g:h5 31.g:h5 Rg8 32.f4 Kg7 33.R:d4 f6
34.f5 B:f5 35.Be3 with active play on both flanks, and the wonderful chance to win for white] 24...B:d5 25.B:d5 c6 26.Bb3 Rb8
27.f4 Ng6 28.Bd2 d5

29.Qg4? White dreams about sky-high heights, and it was time to tackle the is-
sues at hand. [Pawn "b" is doomed, and could give it with the benefit: 29.Ba4 h6

[Previously at a high level has been tried
19...Qh4 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Bg3 Qf6 22.Qa4
26.Qb7 Na5 27.Qe4 N:c4 28.d:c4 R:c4
29.b3 d5 30.Qe5 Q:e5 31.B:e5 Rb4
32.N:d4 and here black kept chances of winning by.. 32...Bd7 with a pair of strong bishops and further pressure on the weak-
ness of white / Karjakin, S (2730) – Svidler, P (2727) / Dresden ol (Men) 38th 2008]
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29.b3 d5 30.Qe5 Q:e5 31.B:e5 Rb4
32.N:d4 and here black kept chances of winning by.. 32...Bd7 with a pair of strong bishops and further pressure on the weak-
ness of white / Karjakin, S (2730) – Svidler, P (2727) / Dresden ol (Men) 38th 2008]
30.b5 c:b5 31.Bb3 depriving mobility black pawn mass and freeing the bishop from prison] 29...Bd6 30.g3 h5! 31.Q:h5 B:b4 32.B:b4 R:b4 33.Re8+ Nf8 34.Qd1 Qf5 35.Kg2 Qd7 36.Re2 Qb7

Steady queen moved into a striking position, and the next white soldier dies. 37.Ba4 R:b2 38.Rc2 c5 Finishing spurt. 39.Qe2 R:c2 40.Q:c2 c4 41.Kf3 Qa6 42.f5 Nh7 43.Qa2 c3 44.Qc2 Nf6 45.Bb3 Qc8 46.g4 Qb8

Interesting are black pawns on the line "d" – one of them supports the passed, and another still overlaps white bishop. In such a favorable situation black freely maneuver pieces, touching the weakness of the opponent. 47.Kf3 Qb5 48.Ba4 Qa6 49.g5 Nh7 50.h4 g6 51.f:g6 Q:g6 52.Qb1 Qf5+ 53.Kg3 Qe5+ 54.Kf3 Nf8 The white king sings the last song. 55.Qb5 Qe3+ 56.Kg4 c2 57.B:c2 Qe2+ 58.Kf5 Qe6+ 59.Kf4 Ng6+ 60.Kg3 Qe3+ 0-1

(02) Slipak,Sergio (2444) - Gefaer,Ruben (2581) [B27] Final 88 Campeonato Argentino Resistencia / Roque Saenz Pen (9), 03.09.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A] 1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 c:d4 5.c:d4 d5 6.e5 Nh6 7.Nc3 0–0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be2 f6 [It was used other way, for example: 9...Bf5 10.0–0 Be4 11.Be3 Nf5 12.g4 N:e3 13.f:e3 B:f3 14.R:f3 e6 and in this almost symmetrical position white Royal fortress is weakened, it makes difficult his chances for equation / Aveskulov, V (2526) – Guseinov, G (2603) / UKR–chT Clubs 2011] 10.e:f6 e:f6 11.0–0 Be6 12.Bf4

12...g5N Discarding the enemy bishop, black shows his aggressive intentions. However, further moving pawns can create significant gaps in his own coat. 13.Bh2 Nf5 14.Nb5 Rf7 15 Bd3 Bf8 16.Re1 Bc8 Most of the black pieces stay on initial positions. A good psychological trick. 17.a3 a6 18.Qc2?!
And here is the result – like, white decided that each move must somewhere attack. With this mood is better to play checkers...

[After the cold-blooded 18.Nc3! h5 19.Rc1 g4 20.h:g4 h:g4 21.B:f5 B:f5 22.Nh4 Bc8 23.Qd3 all the streets are opened for white army] 18...Nh4 19.N:h4 a:b5 20.Nf3 b4 21.Bf5?! During the last ten moves white cherished dream – to get on the outpost f5. Whether it is necessary to hurry with the fulfillment of desires... [It was time to have dig teeth into pawn: 21.Qb3 b:a3 22.b:a3 g4 23.h:g4 B:g4 24.B:e2 with approximate equality] 21...b:a3 22.b:a3 B:f5 23.Q:f5 R:a3 24.Rab1 Qd7

25.Q:d7 [White hard to evade exchange queens because of option 25.Qc2 R:f3]

26.g:f3 Q:h3 27.Qd3 f5! 28.Rb3 f4

27.g4 Kf7 28.Rb5 Rb4 29.Rb3 Ra4

30.R:b3 Bb4 The final part of the game Ruben Felgaer plays filigree. 31.Kf1 b5

32.Rb1 Ra7 33.Rc1 Ra6 34.Ke2 Ke6

35.Bg3 Kd7 36.h4 Ra2+ 37.Ke3 Ra3+ 38.Ke2 Ra2+ 39.Ke3 h5! 40.Rd1 h:g4

41.Nh2 g:h4 42.B:h4 f5 43.Bg3 Bc3

44.Kf4 Ke6 45.Kg5 b4 46.Nf1 b3 47.Ne3 Bd2 48.Rh1 B:e3+ 49.f:e3 b2 50.Rh6+ Kd7 51.Rd6+ Ke7 0-1

(03) Dvirnyy,Danyyil (2549) - Mchedlishvili,Mikheil (2633) [D19]

Trieste (5), 03.09.2013

[IM Sitnikov, A]


White pawn sacrifice, relying on the strong centre and an active play on the kingside. But the disunity of black pieces is a temporary factor. Therefore, must act quickly...

13...Q:a4 14.e4 Qa5 15.e5 Nd5 16.h4 c5 17.h5N

[White center broke into pieces, and for the attack is clearly not enough resources on the board. Thus, to fight for the equation. 22.Bf4 Re7 23.Bg5 Rf7 24.Qe6]

24...d3?! During the last 10 moves black bishop is under the gun. It is hard to believe that he likes it... [Black could determine the position by 24...Bf8 25.R:d4 Qb6 26.Q:b6 N:b6 with an extra pawn and a chance to win in the endgame] 25.N:b4 Q:b4 26.Q:d5 Q:b2 27.Be3 Qf6 28.Q:b7

Now black fighters one by one leave the battlefield, and need to save the situation... 28...Re8 29.Qd5 R:e3 30.f:e3 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 1/2

(04) Flores, Diego (2578) - Fellaer, Ruben (2581) [A21] Final 88 Campeonato Argentino Resistencia / Roque Saenz Pen (11), 05.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 c6 6.e4 Here is a capture of the centre by e2–e4 even more justified than at the first move. To the outpost d4 black knights come galloping hard... 6...f5 7.e:f5 B:f5

8.Nge2N [Used to play 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.d4 0-0 11.Be3 with some advantage for white] 8...Nf6 9.d4 0-0 10.h3 Qd7 Preventing short castling. However, white don’t need it. Next actions aimed at restricting the black pieces. 11.d5 c:d5 12.c:d5 h5 Black persist in their quest to keep the bishop high, but this reduces the shield of the king and outpost g5. Now white’s not even necessary to think, due to the inability of short castling they have no choice, and the right plan comes easy: the assault of the enemy residence. 13.f3 Qd8 14.g4 Bd7 15.Be3

So, white temporarily put his bishop in a dark cell, but received the excellent prospects for the attack. After the planned moves Qd2, Ng3, Nce4 – the question is what to do with black pawns h5 and d6. Not wanting to die slowly, black reasonable to change the picture of the struggle, transforming the game into the mainstream puzzling complications... 15...e4! 16.f:e4 h:g4 17.Nf4 Qe8 18.Qb3 g:h3 19.B:h3 N:e4 20.Be6+ B:e6 21.N:e6 N:c3 22.b:c3 Nd7 23.Bd4 Nc5!


27...Rf3? During the last 12 moves we ob–
served the exact exchange of blows, but here black arrow gives a fatal misfire. [After 27...Q:c6 28.d:c6 B:c3 29.Kc2 Bd4 rivals could peacefully shake hands] 28.Qc7 Rf7 Option 28...Qf7 29. Qf7 Rf7 30. d6 black doesn’t like. And now it turns out that the white queen stairs b7–c6–c7 down exactly where needs. 29.Qh2 B:c3 30.Rd3 Bf6 31.Rh3 The threat irresistible... 31...Bg5+ 32.N:g5 1–0

(05) Rozentalis,Eduardas (2607) - Dvirnyy,Danyyil (2549) [C41] Trieste (8), 06.09.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A]

Knight on the edge of the board has lost its relevance, and it would be logical to bring him back, but for the simple rook move could get severe penalties... 14...Bg4?! [Sometimes the hand reaches to make a good move, and should listen to such appeal: 14...b4 15.Ne2 Na4 16.Bc1 Ba6 17.Rfe1 Bc5 18.Bf3 Rfd8 19.R:d8+ R:d8 20.Kg2 Bb6 21.b3 Nc5 22.Ng1 Kg7 - black have the perspective of the idea a7–a5–a4 and knight way to d4 , and the position of the white pieces hardly be called a harmonious] 15.Nf3 Nc4 16.Bc1 Rfd8 17.h3 B:f3 18.B:f3


It turned out that the black bishop was bad placed on g4 , and it exchanged. Now, despite the temporary setback of the white
pieces, a pair of bishops is the determining factor, and the game enters the stage of slow maneuvering. It should not be forgotten that far forwarded black pawns in the endgame can easily become the object of attack...


30...Nb7?!

Before accepting passive defense, it would be good to look for counterplay. Black cavalry ready to pounce, and after 30...b4 with further Nb5 successful struggle for key points black equalized chances. 31.Rd8 R:d8 32.B:e6 f:e6 33.Ke2 Ra8 34.Nc3 While black pawn structure is completely static, white can speculate ideas f3-f4 and g3-g4. Thus, the intrigue of the game remains...

34...Kf7 35.Rd1 Bd6 36.Bc5?! 45.Nd1! Kf6 46.Nf2 e:f5 47.e:f5 K:f5 48.R:h5! White inventive in finding practical chances. At first gave a pawn, and now voluntarily change the rook. After this becomes a palpable difference in the activity of the kings. Apparently, this turn of events was unexpected for the leader of black pieces... 48...R:h5 49.g4+ Kg6 50.g:h5 K:h5 51.Nd3 Nf7 52.Ke4 Kg5 53.N:e5 Nd6+ 54.Kd4 Nf5+ 55.Kc5 Ne3 56.Nf3+

36...Ke7?!

Black believe in the word to his opponent. [But after correct 36...B:c5 37.Rd7+ Kf6 38.R:b7 Bb4 39.Nd1 Ra2 40.Ne3 Bc5 41.g4 B:e3 42.K:e3 h:g4 43.f:g4 g5 position quickly equalized] 37.B:d6+ N:d6 38.Ke3 Ra3 39.f4 Nf7 40.Rf1 Ra8 41.f5 g5?!

The easiest way to draw was achieved by 41...e:f5 42.e:f5 Nd6 43.fg6 Rg8] 42.h:g4 N:g4 43.Rh1 Rh8 44.Rh4 Rh7 56...Kf4? Now black fails. Who would have
thought that should fall under the check?!
[Salvation lay by brilliant 56...Kf5!! 57.Nd4+ Kf4! 58.b4 Ke4 and on the board the position of mutual zugzwang with white to move] 57.Nd4 Ke4 58.b4

And here is the same position, but with black to move. One of the pieces forced to withdraw and white takes both pawns. 1-0

(06) Flores, Diego (2578) - Peralta, Fernando (2600) [A11]
Final 88 Campeonato Argentino Resistencia / Roque Saenz Pen (14.1), 07.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4.Qb3 Qc7 5.Ne5 Be6 6.d4 Nd7

[In another game of the championship has been tested 13...N:e5 14.d:e5 Ng4 15.Bd4 Rfd8 16.Kh1 Qa5 17.h3 Qb4 18.Q:b4 B:b4 19.Rad1 Nh6 20.g4 Kf8 21.f5 with a noticeable advantage for white] 14.h3 N:e5
White spent time to cover the outpost g4, and now the exchange of the knights safe for black. 15.d:e5 Nd7 16Nb5 Qa5 17.Nd6 Nb6 18.Qc5


(07) Pashikian, Arman (2609) - Ragger, Markus (2680) [D76]
Lake Sevan, 09.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3Bg7 4.g3 d5 5.c:d5 N:d5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.h3 e5 11.d5 Na5 12.Qc2!

White queen puts on the best field and gives room for the rook. For the first time this move was applied by Vladimir Kramnik against Alexander Grischuk in the spring of 2013... 12...c6 13.b4 Nac4 14.d:c6 b:c6 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Nd2 Bf5 17.Nce4

Now, white makes a round of the queenside. The last move is very strong: rook was aimed at a nodal point of black defence, with a clear intent to undermine this bastion after a4–a5 and b4–b5. Preventing this plan, black goes to the opening of the position, and the white army waiting for this... 25...a5 26.B:g7 Q:g7 27.b:a5 R:a5 28.Rb1 Qc7 [In case of 28...Qa7 29.Qc1 Nc8 30.Nb7 R:a3 31.Bc4 Ne7 32.Nd8 Kf8 33.B:d5 c:d5 34.Kg2 Qa5 35.Ne6+ Kg7 36.Ng5+ Kg8 37.Rb7 Kf6 38.N:h7+ Ke6 39.Qb2 Rc3 40.h4 black bound hand and foot] 29.Na6 Qd8 30.Qc3 Nc8 [After possible 30...Ra4 31.Qc5 Nd7 32.Qd6 Qc8 33Nb4 Ra5 34.Rc1 not seen a good protection from the threats of taking] 31.Rb7 Bf7 32.Bc4

Worthy finale of excellent game. Even the knight on the edge of the board played an important role in achieving the common goal... 32...Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Rd5 34.B:d5 Q:d5 35.Rb8 Be6 36.Nc7 Qa2 37.Rb2 1-0

(08) Kuzubov,Yuriy (2628) - Swiercz,Dariusz (2654) [E62]
Lake Sevan, 10.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 0–0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.b3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Bb2 Ne4N

Fresh thought: as long as white doesn't have time to adjust and grab the centre, black exchanges a couple of pieces and makes way for "f" pawn. In other debuts this idea is not new, but is used there for the first time. 11.Na4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Ne4 13.Na4 White silently offers peacefully. Knight don't change to get rid of the black by pawns... 13...g5?! 14.Ne1 g4?! Due to docile opponent play, black lose their sense of reality. 15.f3 g:f3 16.N:f3 h6 17.Nc3 N:c3 18.B:c3
The position has changed, and white already willingly exchanged knights, and then starts a series of slow manoeuvres to pressure along the line "f" and preparation of a breakthrough at the right moment.

18...Bh7 19.Nh4 f5 20.Qd2 Qe8 21.Kh1 Qh5 22.e3 Ng6 23.Nf3

One pair of knights need to save on the board, since the white one significantly more active than its colleague. And in the case of careless movement of the central black pawns, will additionally appear route f3–d4–e6, promising full domination...

23...Rf7 24.Rf2 Raf8 25.Rg1 Rf6 [In the case of melee is well visible, how important is white knight: 25...f4 26.e:f4 e:f4 27.g4! Q:g4 28.Nd4 f3 29.R:f3 R:f3 30.B:f3 Qh4]

31.Rg4 Qf6 32.Rg3 Rf7 33.Be4 Ne5 34.B:h7+ K:h7 35.Qc2+ Kh8 36.Qe2 Qf1+ 37.Q:f1 R:f1+ 38.Kg2 Rf7 39.Ne6 and the power of black shackled that makes their chances of salvation extremely remote]

26.Bf1 Nh8?! It was better to retreat to e7. Hard to say how from the angle of the board, he is going to defend a weak pawn.

27.Nh4 Nf7 28.Be2 Qg5 29.Qc1 h5 30.Bd2 Nh6 31.Rg2

31...Ng4? Queen should be saved, and for this the easiest way to retreat rook. Stance, of course, not marmalade – but for suicide kind of early. 32.h3 f4 33.e:f4 e:f4 34.Nf3 Qh6 35.h:g4 h:g4+ 36.Nh2 Be4 37.B:g4 f:g3 38.B:h6 R:h6
Suddenly black even threaten checkmate, but such childish pranks easily suppressed. 39.Q:h6 B:h6 40.Bf3 R:f3 41.N:f3 B:f3 42.Rf1 Be4 43.Re1 Bf3 44.Kg1 Bf4 45.R:g3+ B:g3 46.Re3 1-0

(09) Grigoryan, Avetik (2580) - Grigoryan, Karen (2563) [A53]
Lake Sevan, 10.09.2013
[IM Sitnikov, A]

16.h4?! White possesses space advantage and needs to combine active actions with prophylactic, in order to keep the opponent at a distance. This goal was responsible by 16. Kg2, leading king from the line of shooting...

36...Rgf6? But this is an extremely inconsistent. Rook perfectly cut white king, creating a checkmate background, just pull closer to the place remaining reserves. [Powerful jerk 36...Qe7 37.B:f3 e:f3 38.R:f3 Nc7 39.R:f8+ K:f8 40.Qd3 Rd6 41.Kg2 Qf7 42.Nf2 Rg6+ 43.Kf1 Rf6 44.Qd2 Nb5 45.Ne4 Rd6 46.Ne3 Qf4 47.Qd3 Rf6 48.Nd1 Nc7 black could win] 37.Ng3 Rf4 38.B:f3 e:f3 39.Qd3

39...Nc7? During the second half of the game black though forgot about his powerful piece, and now miss the last opportunity to give a queen operational space. [39...Qf7 40.Nf5 R:f5 41.N:f5 Q:f5+ 42.Q:f5 Rf6 43.d6 Rf8 44.d7 Rd8 45.Kg3 Nb8 46.b5 N:d7 47.c:d7 Rd8 with a draw]

40.Nf5 Ne8 41.d6 White livened up and several movements sweep away the black army. 1-0

(10) Kuzubov,Yuriy (2628) - Popov,Ivan (2656) [A34] Lake Sevan, 12.09.2013 [IM Sitnikov, A]
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.c:d5 N:d5 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 c5 7.h4 h6N

[7...Nc6 8.h5 N:c3 9.b:c3 Bf5 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Ng5 Q:b3 12.a:b3 0-0 13.h:g6 h:g6 14.Ne4 B:e4 15.B:e4 Rfc8 16.e3 Rc7 17.Ke2 a6 18.g4 sustainable advantage for white in the endgame / Nepomniachtchi, I (2711) – Kamsky, G (2741) / FIDE World Cup 2011] 8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 e6?! The seventh black move took control point g5 , and now it would be appropriate to hold the center course by 9...Be6 – here he feels quite comfortable. 10.N:d5 e:d5 11.Bf4 Threatens to double blow... 11...Qb6 12.Rc1
12...Be6?! [The specific calculation shows that it was good without prejudice to protect pawn by 12...Na6 and then white would have to spend an important time on the defence of pawn, as in the case of planned 13.Qd2 just follow.. 13...Q:b2 14.Rc2 Qb4 exchanging queens] 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Be5 f6?! Responsible step. Interestingly, of 14 made black moves half accounted for pawns. Too much there... [After 14...Nd7 15.B:g7 K:g7 16.d4 c4 17.b3 c:b3 18.Rb1 black worse, but indeed should play] 15.Bf4 Na6 16.d4 c4 17.b3

White makes the idea, as shown in the above note, and easy forms mobile pawn mass on the center, combining the movement and attack on the king. 17...Rac8 18.b:c4 R:c4 19.R:c4 d:c4 20.d5 Bg4 21.Qc2! Beginning of a precisely calculated option, which provides for white the invasion of the enemy's camp. 21...Rc8


Very eloquent picture. Black bishop in the g7 destroyed, and lined up in a row in the 6th horizontal pawns cannot help orphaned monarch... 29...Rg8 30.Q:f6+ Kh7 31.Be5 1-0
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