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(01) Solodovnichenko,Y (2622) - Pacher,M (2403) [C92]
2nd Livigno Open A Livigno ITA (1), 12.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 [7...0–0 saves an opportunity of Marshall Attack, but 8.d4 is possible then.] 8.c3 [8.d4 is out of theme now – 8.Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qxd4 c5; besides, 8.a4 is parried by 8...Bg4] 8...0–0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Ng5 Re7


21...Raa7 [21...Bg6 22.Rd8 , and Black is stalemated in fact.] 22.Rd8!N [All this had occurred before: 22.f3Bg6 23.Rd8 , but after 23...Rab8 Black holds(23...Nfd7, Kuporosov–Zhukhovitsky, USSR 1986, 24.Be3+-) ] 22...Nc6 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Ra8 a5 25.Be3? [25.Ra6! was more exact – now, in view of 26.f3 ¤c6 has to depart, so a5 will be lost.] 25...Bd5 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 Two rooks and pawn prevail three minor pieces; in addition, Black has too many weaknesses. 27.Rd1 a4?! [27...Bb3 28.Rd2 b4 , changing a material, would complicate White’s task.] 28.Rc8! Taking to aim at ¤c6, ¤c5. 28...Bb3 29.Rd2 [29.Rc7+! Kg6 30.Rd2 Ne7 (30...Ne5 31.Rd8++) 31.Bxc5] 29...Ne7 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.c4! bxc4 20.Nxc4±) 18.Nxe5 Qd6 19.Ndf3 Qe6 Black has all chances to defend successfully.] 16...Re7 17.Nxf7! [Right in time; 17.Ndf3? Qxd1 18.Rxd1 c5 19.Nxf7 c4+] 17...Rxh7 18.Nf3 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 c5 20.Be6! Escaping from c5–c4 threat. 20...Bxe4 [20...Nc6 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.Rxd8] 21.Nxe5

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30. Rxc5?! [Probably, White wasn't pleased with 30. Rc7 Nfd5 (30... c4 31. Rd8 Δ Bc5 with zugzwang) 31. Rxc5 Bc4, but here comes 32. Rd4 intending to take at c4. That would be a better exchange operation, than 30. Rxc5.] 30... Ne4 31. Rxb5 Nxd2 32. Bxd2 Nbd5 Now Pacher is trying to build some kind of a fortress. 33. f4 Bd6 34. Kf2 Ke6 [34... Nx4 35. Bxf4 Bxf4 36. Rf5+] 35. g3 Kf5 36. Rb7 [36. Kf3 Bd1+] 36... Bc7 37. Be3 Improving bishop's position. 37... h5 38. Bd4 [38. h4!] 38... g6 [Black missed a good opportunity 38... h4!, and if 39. g4+?! (39. gxh4 g6! 40. Be5 Bxe5 41. fxe5 Kxe5) then 39... Kxf4 40. Bxg7 Ke4 with ideas Bg3+ Nf4 or Bd4–c1.] 39. h4 Bd8 40. Ra7

Planning c2–c4 move. 40... Nf6? [40... Nb6! could provide some chances for salvation: 41. Ra5+ Kg4 42. Ra6 Bc4 43. Rxb6 Bxb6 44. Bxb6 – here White has a clear plan: to push Δc3 as far as possible, distracting black forces, and after that to create another passer by means of g4+f5, or even b4. But will it succeed?..] 41. Ke3 Nd5+ 42. Kd3 Nb6 Too late. 43. Ra5+ Kg4 44. Bxb6 Under king at f2 this exchange would be impossible. 44... Bxb6 45. Rg5+ Kf3 46. Rxg6 Bf2 47. c4 Bxg3 48. Rxg3+! Final chord – bishop can't cope with two Δ at the same time. 48... Kxg3 49. f5 Ba2 50. f6 Bb1+ 51. Ke3 1–0

(02) Pijpers, A (2313) - Shirov, A (2713) [C18]
27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (1.5), 25.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 [Very sharp system, especially in comparison with usual 7... 0–0; apparently, Shirov considered this way as the most appropriate in view of 400 ELO points’ difference.] 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 [11.cxd4? Nxd4] 11... dxc3 12.Qd3

12... d4!? [The most popular continuation nowadays (instead of 12... Bd7 Δ 0–0–0) – Black wants to open the main lines, the diagonal a8–h1 and the file "d".] 13. Nxd4 [Of course, White doesn't have to take Δd4 –
he could choose 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Ng3 0-0-0 15.Ne4 (15.Be2 Nf5 Δ f6), but then 15...Nxe5! comes: 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Qe2 Bc6 18.Ng3, and now even 18...Qxe2! (18...Qd5) 19.Bxe2 (19.Nxe2 e5+) 19...Bxg2 20.Rg1 Be4! promises a lot. 13...Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bd7 15.Rg1 Taking rook away beforehand. 15...Nf5 16.Qf2 Qc6! [This is more accurate than 16...Bc6, because now emerges an opportunity 17.g4 Ne7 18.Rg3± 17.Bd3 [17.g4 can be parried now by 17...Qe4+ 18.Qe2 Qd5!] (18...Qa4 was not so good in one of recent games: 19.Rb1 Bc6 (19...Nd4 20.Qd3 Nxc2+ 21.Kf2±) 20.Kf2 Qd4+ 21.Be3 , Volkov-Cornette, ch-EUR 2011 21...Qd8? 22.g5!±) ] 17...Qd5 18.Rb1 White has switched to Ac3. [18.g4 Nd4 19.Rg3 Qh1+ 20.Qf1² Qxh2² 21.Rh3 Nxc2+ 22.Kd1 Qxh3 23.Qxh3 Nxa1 , and Black has nothing to afraid of.] 18...Bc6 19.Rb3 0-0-0 20.Rxc3 Kb8 21.Rb3N This is a new word in quite well-known position. [21.g4! seems to be the most challenging: 21...Nd4 22.Rg3 Qh1+ 23.Bf1 Rh8 (23...Qe4+ 24.Be3±) 24.h3 b6, and now Khalifman in his books advices 25.a4! to put a bishop to d6; 21.Qc5 probably will lead to the draw after forced 21...Rxg2 22.Qxd5 Rxg1+ 23.Kf2 Rdg8 24.Qd8+! Rxg8 25.Kxg1 Rg8+ 26.Kf1 Rh8=; yet another fresh attempt is 21.Rc5 Qa2 22.Rxc6?! bxc6 23.Qc5, but with counter sacrifice 23...Rxd3! Black is out of danger: 24.cxd3 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Qxd2 26.Be3 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 Qh1+= , Ganguly-Shulman, 8th World Teams 2011] 21...Qa5?! [21...Nd4 22.Rb4 ∆ Bb2; 21...Rh8 looks like a good idea: 22.h3 (22.g3? Nd4) , and now 22...Rh8! again, aiming to g3.] 22.Bd2 Qa4 23.Bb4! So that's Pijpers' idea – to try to assualt queen a4 by Rc3–c4. 23...a5 24.Bc5 Rd5 Rook's doubling at "d"-file seems to be the only reasonable idea. 25.Rc3 Rgd8 26.g4 [26.Rc4? Qxc4; that's why 26.g4 first.] 26...Nd4 27.Rc4 Black's situation appears desperate, but... 27...Rxc5! [27...Nd3+ 28.Qxf3 Rxc5 29.Rxa4 Bxf3 allows to exchange the queens, but nevertheless two pawns less – 30.h4++] 28.Rxa4 [28.Rxc5 Qxa3+] 28...Bxa4 29.c4 b5! Without that the whole operation would be pointless. Now Black is forming a dangerous passed pawn. 30.Be4 bxc4 31.Qb2+?! [Simply wasting time. It was necessary to develop Kg1 as soon as possible: 31.Qe3! Δ Kf2, Rc1.] 31...Nb5 32.Qf2 White wants to correct own error, but train has gone. 32...Rd1+ [32...Rd4!?] 33.Ke2 Nc3+ 34.Ke3 Nxe4?!
[34...Rb5! was very insidious, and White has to pick 35.f5! (35.Kf3?! Rb3 36.Qc5 Rd2!+ , and Black should win) ]
35.Kxe4?? [A horrible mistake. 35.Qb2+â€¢ is the only option, and after 35...Rb5 36.Qxb5+ Bxb5 37.Rxd1 Nc3 a very complicated ending has arisen. Probably, White is better if 38.Re1! (38.Rd8+?! Kc7 39.Rf8 Nd5+ 40.Kd2 c3+ 41.Kc1 Bd3 , and any check will be mortal) 38...Nd5+ 39.Kd4 Nxf4 40.h4 – â€¢h will cost at least a piece.]
35...Bc6+ 36.Ke3 Rd3+ 37.Ke2 Rb5! That’s all – king e2 has nowhere to hide.
38.Qh4 Bf3+ 39.Ke1 Rb1+ 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Kg3 Bd5# 0–1

10...Nd4 11.Bc4 [11.Bd3 c6 leads to approximately the same, but White evokes b7–b5 in order to use it some time by a2–a4.] 11...b5 12.Bd3 c6 13.Nxf6 gxf6 14.Bh6?! [As it turned out, bishop h6 can become an object of attack, that’s why 14.Be3 is safer – 14...Rg8 15.Kh1 Rg4 16.g3 Rg8 17.f3 (17.c3? Bg4 18.f3 Nxf3) 17...Bh3 18.Rg1 , Apicella–Sharif, France 1991, 18...Nb3 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 with roughly equal play.] 14...Rg8 15.Kh1N

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(03) Chirila,I (2531) - Khachiyan,M (2481) [C63]
[IM Polivanov, A]

20...Rxg2! After this sacrifice White is deprived of own key defender – bishop f4. 21.Kxg2 Nh4+ 22.Kh1 Qxf4 Now d5+Bd6 is threatening. 23.Bh5 Rf8? [Black is wrong to allow the queen's swap; № 23...d5 24.Qg4 Qf6 25.Qh3 Rf8 (not 25...Bxf2?! 26.Rxf2 Qxf2 27.Rf1) ] 24.Qg4 Bxf2 25.Qxf4 Rxg4

It was necessary to take \( \Delta c6 \) first: 27.Bxc6 a6! (27...e2 28.Rxf2 Rxf2 29.Kg1 is nothing to be scared of) , and only now 28.Rae1 , though after 28...Rxc1 29.Bxe1 30.Rxe1 Re4 Black chances are higher.] 27...Nf3! 28.Re2 Ne5+ Bishop e8 is trapped suddenly, 29.Rd1 d5 30.Kg2 Rg4+ 31.Kh1 Kg7 32.Rf1 Kh6 Taking away a last available square h5. 33.Rxf2 exf2 34.Rxf2 Rg8 0-1 27...Nf3! 28.Re2 Ne5–+

(04) Predojevic,B (2643) - Mamedyarov,S (2746) [C54]
27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.1), 27.09.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4 Bb6 6.d3 d6 7.a4 a5 [In place of 7...a6 , Black wants to fix a queenside immediately.] 8.b5 Ne7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Nbd2

White’s plan consists in bishop’s departure and Nd2–c4, attacking bishop b6. 10...Ng6 11.Ba2 [11.Ba3 is regarded as dubious in view of 11...Nh5 12.d4 Nh4 13.dxe5 Bg4!→ (not 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.g3 Nh3+ 16.Kg2 Qxe5 17.Bd5!±) ] 11...Bg4 Intending to prevent Nc4 by the dint of pinning threat Nh4. [There was another, more solid path – 11...c6 12.Nc4 Bc7 , planning d6–d5; 11...d5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.c4f] 12.h3 Bh5

example - 23...Nh4+ 24.Kh1 Qxc3
25.Qxd6 Qxa1 26.Bh4 Re2 , threatening 24.--
Be4+ 25.Kg1 g5!-+] 21.Qxh5 Nh4+ 22.Kh1
Qd7 23.Be3! [23.Ng4 Re2+] 23...Rac8
[Black could arrange a cascade of sacrific- 
es after 23...Bxe3 24.Nxe3 Qxh3 25.Rg1 -
25...Rxe3!? 26.Qf1 Qxe3 28.Ng4 Ne3+ 29.Rxg3 Qxg3 , but after
30.Nh6! gxh6 31.Qf6+ Qg7 32.Qxh4 White
keeps an extra piece.] 24.h6 Opening the
king just in case. 24...gxh6 25.Qd7 26.Bh4!
[26.Qg4 Re2+=] 26...Rac8 27.c5 
So, Black’s threats are all refuted, but position remains intense. 26...b6
Wanting Rxe3 and Qb7+, but White is not
at standby mode. 27.Neg4 Ne4 28.f3 Nh4+
29.Qd3 Re2 30.Re4! Qf5! 31.Qxe4? Predo-
jevic swaps the queens in order to clarify
the situation, but now h4 is coming back
to the game. [31.Qg3 is awaited by 31...Ne4!!
32.Qxh4 Qf4 , though White has
draw in a pocket nevertheless - 33.Rg2
Rg2 34.Kxg2 Rc2+ 35.Kg1 Qd2 36.Qd8+
Kg7 37.Qd4+ Kf8=] 31...Nxf5 32.Bxf7 d2
33.Bb3

33...Ne4?? [A terrible miscalculation. After
33...h5! Black is close to win.] 34.fxe4
Ng3+ 35.Rxg3 Re1+ 36.Kg2 [36.Rg1
Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Rc1+ 38.Nf1 Rxa1 39.Nxe3
was enough too.] 36...Rxa1 37.Nxh6?
Rg1+ Even so, Black’s position is lost.

40.Qxg1 d1Q+ 41.Nf1 Qd4+ 42.Ne3 h5
43.Bd5 Qxa4 44.Nf5 Qa1+ 45.Kf2 Qb2+
46.Kf3 Either king will mate own colleague
or simple Rg6-h6 will be conducted, that’s
why Mamedyarov has resigned. 1-0

(05) Postny,E (2622) - Bacrot,E (2705)
[E99]
27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.5),
27.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3
0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.0– 0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1
Nd7 10.Nd3 [10.f3 f5 – Le Quang-
Cheparinov, CZM 03/2011] 10...f5 11.Bd2
Nf6 12.f3 f4 Thus a typical game starts –
Black on kingside, White on queenside.
13.c5 g5 It’s important for Black to build
Ng6+Rf7 setup until some threats at file "c"
emerge. 14.Rc1 Ng6 [14...a6?! is untimely
– 15.Qb3 g4 (15...Ng6 16.Na4) 16.cxd6
cxd6 17.Nxe5! dxe5 18.d6+ Kh8 19.dxe7
16.Nb5 Rf7 17.Qc2 Ne8 18.a4 is also
possible, but Postny doesn’t want to hurry
with cxd6 in order to have Bd2–a5 opportu-
nity.] 15...Rf7 [15...a6 is bad again, as
White is gonna sacrifice a piece: 16.cxd6!
axb5 17.dxc7 Qd7 18.Qb3 A Bb4, d6, Nc5
18...Ne8 19.Nc5! Qxc7 20.d6+ Qf7 21.d7]
16.Ba5 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6 [17...bxa5
takes up a place for d3.]] 18...a5

19.a5 [Apparently, this move is indis-
pensable, elsewise 19...h5 20.Nb4 g4
24.Ba5! Qxa5 25.Rxc8+ Kh7 26.N4c5±,
Bf8 Defending d6 beforehand. 21.Rc4
Qc7] 21...h5 22.Qc2 Ba6 Nc7 was threat-
ing. 23.a4 g4 24.Bb5 Rb5 [Only this move has become a novelty. Earlier
happened 25.Rc1 g3 26.Be1 (26.hxg3 fxg3
27.Bxg3 Bh6) 26...Nd7 27.b4 gxb2+
28.Kh1 Rg7 29.Bf1 Be7 30.Rc6 Bxb5
31.axb5 axb6 32.Rxc8+ Rxb8 33.Rb8+N
34.Qxb8+ Nc6 35.Qxc8+ Kh6 36.Nc1+,
Gyimesi–Polzin, Germany 2010, and Black stands solid.]
25...Bxb5 Bacrot destroys b5, because
there was a menace of Na7 after rook’s
exchange. 26.Rxf7 Bxd3 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8!
[27...Nxf8 … N8d7–c5 as if appears more
logical, but Black has different plans for a.]
28.Qxd3

28...g3 Standard technique in Kings–
Indian Defence – annotation to 25th move
can serve as example. 29.hxg3 fxg3
30.Bxg3 h4 One of the knights is ready to
occupy a perfect square f4. 31.Bh2 Nh5
32.f4?! A good decision, called to bring
back to life bishop e2 and h3. 32...Nhxf4
33.Bg4 [33.Bf5 Kg7 34.Qf3 Nxf5 35.Qh5
b5!] 33...Qg5 [Now 33...b5 is inap-
propriate – 34.Qc3! , taking account to
34...bxa4 35.Bxf4 exf4 (35...Nxf4
36.Rxf4+) 36.Be6! with severe threat Rxh4.]
34.Qf3 Kg7 35.Bf5 Rf8

36.Rf2? [Gross blunder. After correct
36.Bxg6 Qxg6 (36...Nxg6 37.Qc3 h3
38.Bg3=) 37.Bxf4 Rxf4 38.Qc3 all goes to-
towards draw – 38...Rg4 (38...Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1
Qxe4 40.Qc7=) 39.Qc7+ Kh6 40.Qc1+
with repetition.] 36...Nxd5! Simple and
elegant – bishop f5 suddenly becomes a
target. 37.exd5 Ne7 38.Qg4?! [White has
lost his interest to the game – after 38.Bf4!
Qxf4 39.Qxf4 exf4 40.Be4 Kh6 41.b4 some
drawish chances still present.] 38...Rxf5
39.Qxg5+ Rxg5 40.Rf3 Rg4 White pawns
are falling. 41.Rc3 Rxa4 42.Rc7 Kf6 0-1

(06) Nepomniachtchi, I (2718) – Pava-
sovic, D (2561) [D31]
27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (3.3),
27.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4
8.Ne2 [8.Be2 could be seen in Holzk–
Brkic game, CZM 08/2011.] 8...Nf6 [After
8...Nd7 White is deploying by 9.Qd6 , 0-0-0
and so on. But 8...Na6 also has some
drawbacks.] 9.Bf8! Of course, bishop is
untouchable. 9...Ne7 10.Bxg7

17.h4! Key move – White is disturbing ♘g6 with h4–h5 threat. 17...Qf5[ 17...h5 seems to be lost in all lines after 18.g4! : 18...Qb1+ a) 18...hxg4 19.fxg4 (19.h5? Qf5) 19...Qe4 20.h5 Nc2+ 21.Kd2 Ne3 22.b3!--; b) 18...e4 19.Nd4 (19.gxh5? e3) 19...Qc1+ 20.Kf2 e3+ 21.Kg2--; 19.Kf2 Nc2 20.Bg2 (20.gxh5?? Qe1+ 21.Kg1 Ne3) 20...Qxb2 21.f4! Bd5 22.Rd1++–] 18.Bg5 h6 [Black has to banish bishop g5 in order to develop. Another way to make it – 18...f6 – is not so good: 19.Ng3 Qb1+ 20.Kf2 Qxb2+ (20...Kf7 21.h5 Ne7 22.Bxf6++) 21.Be2 Qd4+ 22.Qxd4 exd4 23.h5! Nf8 24.Bxf6 Nc2 25.Ne4–] 19.Bxh6 Rd8 20.Qc5 Qb1+ 21.Kf2 Nc2 So, the only chance of Black is the counterplay, connected with Qe1 etc. 22.h5
Nepomniachtchi thinks, that Black’s threats are not dangerous at all. [22.Bc1 is met by 22...Ne1! 23.Kxe1 Nf4--; 22.Bg5 f6! 23.Bxf6 Rd2=; perhaps, preventive 22.Qa5! was the best choice.] 22...Ne1? [Unfortunately, Pavasovic has missed 22...Nf4!! 23.Nxf4 (23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qa5= Ne3, and Black is fine: 25.h6 Nd1+ 26.Kg1 Ne3 27.Kf2=) 23...Qe1+ 24.Kg1 Nd4! , and now White should play very carefully: 25.Qf8+ Kd7 26.Qa3 Bxc4 (26...exf4 27.Qd3) 27.Qc3 Qxf1+ 28.Kh2 Qf2 with draw as the most likely outcome – 29.Nh3 Qe2 30.Nf4 ...] 23.Kg1=-- Now white king simply escapes. 23.Nd3 24.Qe3 Ne7 25.Ng3 [№g3.Bg5 was even stronger.] 25...f5 26.Qg5 Nf4 [26...Qxb2 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 28.Qf6 Bxc4 29.Bg5+-] 27.Kh2 Qxb2 28.Bg7 Rd2 29.Rg1 Bxc4 30.h6 Bd5 [Equal to capitulation, but 30...Bxh1 31.Nxf1 Rtf 32.h7 Neg6 33.Kh1=] 31.h7 Neg6 32.Nxf5 1-0

(07) Aronian, Levon (2807) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2765) [D38]
4th Final Masters Sao Paulo/Bilbao
BRA/ESP (4), 30.09.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

12.h3! But White finds an objection. 12...0-0 [12...Ng7 is met by 13.g4; that's why Black awaits for castle, after which g4 will be inappropriate.] 13.Nf3 a5 14.g4!? Aronian decided to proceed to attack right now – Ne5 and f4-f5 are on the agenda. [14.Ne5 c5! 15.dxc5 Nxc5=] 14...b5 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.f4 c5! [Just like this, without preliminary 16...b4 17.Na4] 17.f5 [17.Nxb5? isn’t worth an attention: 17...cxd4 18.Nxd4 Rc8 19.Qe2 Nxd4 20.exd4 Ne4! 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.0-0 Qd6=†] 17...cxd4 [17...Nc7? 18.fxe6 hxg6 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Kh8 21.0-0+; 17...Nxe4!? 18.Bxe7 Nxe3 is an interesting tactics, though after forced 19.Bxd8


27...Qxf6 [Apparently, Ivanchuk chose this safe path, because he hasn't enough time to calculate 27...Qh1+ 28.Kc2 Qc6+ 29.Kd1 Rfc8! , freeing square f8 for the king: 30.Nh6+ Kf8 31.Bg7+? Kxg7 (31...Ke8 32.e4! Bc3 33.Qb3 rather unclear) 32.Qxd4+ Kf8 (32...Kxh6?? 33.g5+ Kxg5 34.Qf4#) 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qxh7+ Kd8+] 28.g5 Qg7 29.Qxd4 Thus White is managed to swap queens. 29...Rxf7 [©f7 is so annoying, that's why Black has gotten rid of it. After 29...Bc3 30.Qxg7+ Kg6 31.Rc1 b4 32.Bc4 it's hard to conduct a winning plan a4, b3. ] 30.exf7+ Qxf7 31.Rc1 [31.Bxb5 Rxc8+ 32.Rb8 32.a4?? [Eagering to provide the point c4 for the bishop, Aronian makes a fatal error. After correct 32.Rc2 a long road is still ahead.] 32...Qb3+ 33.Rc2 Qb1+ 34.Rc1 Qb3+ 35.Rc2 Rc8 Simple pin, and White is helpless. 36.Bc4+ [36.Bd3 Qb1+] 36...bxc4 37.Qd5+ Kf8 38.Qd7 Re8 Ivanchuk was magnificent in this game. 0-1

(08) Li Chao2 (2710) - Zhou Weiqi (2598) [E20]
1st Qinhuangdao Open Qinhuangdao CHN (3), 02.10.2011

It seems, that rook's exchange will bring a quick draw, but... 30...Rxa8 31.Qxa8+ Kh7 32.Qe4+ Kg8 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Qe4+ f5! [34...g6 35.Qf4 Kg7 36.Qe5+= is draw indeed.] 35.Qxe6 Qc2 36.Qa6 How Black is gonna improve his position? As it turned out, such way exists. 36...f4!! Fantastic move! Δf4 is untouchable and it helps to organize some kind of attack. 37.Kh3?! White decided to lose at once. [37.gxf4 Qg6+; the best that White could get here is 37.Qa8 Qxe2 38.gxf4 Qxc4 39.f5 Qg4+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Kg1 Qf5 , but it's not very comforting anyway.] 37...Qxe2 38.Qxa4 Qh5+ 39.Kg2 f3+ 40.Kf1 Qxh2 0–1

(09) Li Shilong (2519) - Le Quang Liem (2717) [D38]
1st Qinhuaqdiao Open Qinhuaqdiao CHN (4), 03.10.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]

[The following variation is indicative: 15...0-0? 16.Ne5! Nd2 17.Qc2 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Be6 19.Nxc6 Qb6 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Be5+ f6 22.Qg6 with mate; 15...Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd2 fails too – 17.Qb7 0-0 18.Rfd1 (18.Qxc6 Nxf1 19.Qxh6 Nxe3 20.Qxe5+ Kh7 21.Qh4+ is just a draw) 18...Nxf3+ 19.Kg2 g4 20.Qxc6, and Black’s posture is critical.] 16.dxc5! [Very creative, though 16.Ne5!? also would have posed big problems before an opponent: 16...Nd2 a) 16...Bf5 17.Qd1 h5 (17...0-0 18.Qh5 Kg7 19.f4) 18.f3 Nxf3 19.exf3 b) 16...Be2 17.Qf3 f5 18.Qxe2! Qxe2 19.Nxc6++; c) 16...h5 17.Qd1 Nf4 18.Qd3 f5 19.Be5 with further f2–f3; 17.Qc2 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Be6 19.f4!! – White’s compensation at least is worth an exchange.] 16...Bxf3 [There is no anything else – 16...Nxc5 17.Qb4 Ne4 18.c4! 17.gxf3 Nd2 18.Qc2 Nxf1 19.Bd6! [19.Rxf1 0-0; now king e8 is asked to stay in center, and e3–e4 is coming.] 19...Qc8 [19...0-0 seems to be a nice try, but it fails: 20.Rb1 Rd6 21.cxd6 Rd8 22.Rxf1 Rxe6 23.Qf5+ Rd7 24.Qf6++] 20.e4 f5! Excellent idea – king is wanting to hide at f7. [20...Ne3 21.fxe3 Qe6 22.Rb1!, going to 7th rank.] 21.exd5 cxd5 22.c4 d4 Of course, the diagonal a2–g8 should remain closed. 23.Rxf1 Kf7 24.c6? [Now d4 remains alive – it was better to choose 24.Rd1, grabbing the pawn and planning to strengthen at d5.] 24...Qe6 25.c5 Qd5 26.Rd1

[26...Qxf3? Blunder, after which Black's game cannot be saved. [The correct answer can be found with the help of prophylaxis method. What does White want? Apparently, Qb3 with queen's swap and d4 taking. That's why Black should hamper that: 26...a5!! 27.Qb3 Qb3 28.axb3 a4 29.bxa4 (pawn race after 29.b4 a3 is won for Black – 30.b5 a2 31.Ra1 d3 32.Kf1 Rhe8 33.b6 d2+) 29...Rxa4] 27.Qc4+ Kg7 [Maybe, Liem missed 27...Kf6 28.Be5+! with quick mate: 28...Kxe5 29.Qxd4+ Ke6 30.Qd7+ Kf6 31.Rd6+ Ke5 32.Re6+ Kf4 33.Qh4!++] 28.Be5+ Kg6 [28...Kf8 29.Qxd4] 29.Qe6+ Kh5 30.Qf7+ Kg4 31.Rxd4+ [Another quite elegant path to finish the game is 31.h3!? Qh3 (31...Kxh3 32.Rd3! Qxd3 33.Qh5#) 32.Rxd4+ f4 33.Qe6+ Kh4 34.Rxf4+ gxf4 35.Bf6+] 31...f4 32.Rxf4+! This is a crushing argument. 32...gf4 33.Qe6+ Kf5 34.Bf6+ Kg6 35.Be7+ 1-0

(10) Efimenko,Z (2703) - Motylev,A (2690) [B70] 12th Karpov Int Poikovsky RUS (3), 06.10.2011
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 Having faced with Dragon System, White is answering with basically the same. 6.g3 Nc6 7.Nde2 [Exactly so, because after 7.Bg2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 queen d4 struggles to find a good place:}
9.0–0 0–0 10.Qb4 Qc7 11.a4 a5! 12.Qb3 Be6 and so on. [7...Bg7 8.Bg2 Bd7 9.0–0 10.Qb4 Qc7 11.a4 a5! 12.Qb3 Be6 and so on.]

[9.h3! is considered the most correct, and if 9...Qc8 (9...0–0 10.0–0 Qc8 11.Kh2), then 10.g4 with further castle.] 9...Qc8! Now Bd7–h3 will be an unpleasant idea. Efimenko prevents it. 10.Nf4 0–0 11.Be3N 11.h3?! is still can't be played: 11...e5! 12.Nfd5 (12.Nfe2 Bxh3 13.Qxd6 Rd8 14.Qc5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd4+) 12...Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.Kh2 Bf5++; usually h2–h3 helps to develop bishop at e3, but now White is trying to manage without it.] 11...Ng4 12.Bd2 Nge5 13.b3 f5!? Opening the space for own bishops. 14.Rc1 Rook has to be here in order to protect Ac2. 14...Kh8 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Ncd5 g5


25...Nf3+! Motylev came to conclusion, that this is the most appropriate moment to launch attack, otherwise White will put ¤ at e4. 26.Bxf3 [26.Kh1 e4! 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 Nd2+] 26...Rd3 [26...gxf3 27.Re1] 27.Qxa7 gxf3 If black queen will succeed to reach the point h3, game will be over, so White has to be very careful. 28.Rfe1 Qg4 29.Qc5 Rf6?

29...Kg8! 30.Kh1 , and Black is able to force a draw by means of 30...Rf6 (or to play a little bit more after 30...Qd4!? ) 31.Qc8+ (31.-- Qh3 32.Rg1 Qxh2+ was menacing) 31...Rf8 32.Qc5=] 30.Re3! Rxe3 [It turns out, that 30...Qh3 loses after 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7+ Rf7 33.Qxf3+-] 31.Qxe3 Be4 32.Kf1! Excellent! King is simply leaving a danger zone. 32...Bc6 33.Qxe5 Kg7 34.h4 Kf7 35.Nd1 Defending $f2 and thinking to jump at e3 on occasion. 35...Qh3+ Queen finally has reached h3, but king is far away. 36.Ke1 Qh1+ 37.Kd2 Qf1 38.Rc3 Rf5 39.Qc7+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Rf8 41.Qxe6+ Kh8 42.Qe5+ Kg8 43.Qg5+ Kh8 [Black resigned, without waiting for 43...Kh8 44.Re3] 1-0

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