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(01) Vysochin,S (2558) - Khismatullin,D (2635) [B07]
Chigorin Memorial Open St Petersburg
RUS (4.9), 17.10.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 [This is one of the ways to play Filidor Defence through the Pirc. Another one – 3...Nbd7 , but it allows 4.f4 e5 5.Nf3 ; 3...e5 eliminates this option, but there is something else...]
4.dxe5 And now it comes. 4...dxe5
5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bg5 Position looks almost symmetrical, but White has two pluses: quickest development (because of king d8) and f2–f4 idea. If Black will cope with that, he may even be better. 6...Be6 7.f4 [7.0–0–0+ Nbd7 8.f4 exf4 9.Nf3 Kc8 leads to the same.] 7...exf4 8.Nf3 Kc8 [8...Nbd7 should be replied by 9.0–0–0, because in case of 9.e5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Rg8 13.Bxf6+ Nxf6 14.exf6 c6 15.Ne2 , Palac–Golubovic, Neum 2002, Black equalizes after 15...Bd6] 9.0–0–0
Nbd7 10.Bxf4 Nh5

[There is a wide range of possibilities, for example: 10...Bb4 11.Nb5 (\leq11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ng4) 11...Ba5 12.Ng5 Re8 13.Bd3!; 10...Ng4?! is not the optimal decision – 11.Nb5 Nf2 12.Nxc7 Nhx1 13.Nxa8 Nf2 14.Rd4! Bc5 15.Ra4+; 10...Bc5!? is quite interesting: 11.h3 Nh5 12.Bh2 Be3+ 13.Kb1 Bf4 , though 14.g4 Bxh2 15.Rxh2

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White is holding to the central strategy,
and it's very effective. 19...Bxg4 [19...Kc7? 20.Ndb5+] 20.hxg4 Kc7 21.f5 Rad8 22.f6 [Maybe, it wasn't necessary to hurry with this move; Nbc2 Ne4, and if 22...Rd5 23.e6 Re5, then 24.exf7! Rxe4 25.Ne6+ Kc8 26.8Q+ Rx£f8 27.Nxf8+-] 22...Bc5 23.Nf3 Nc4? Trying to push to d6, but this counterplay is not appropriate. [23...Rxd3 24.Rxd8 (24.gxh5 Rxd3 25.cxd3 Rxh5 26.d4 Bf8, and Black is OK) 24...Rxd8 25.Rxd8 Kc7 26.f6 and Black is OK] 22...Bc5 23.Nf3 Nd6? Trying to push to d6, but this counterplay is not appropriate. [23...Rxd3 24.Rxd8 (24.gxh5 Rxd3 25.cxd3 Rxh5 26.d4 Bf8, and Black is OK) 24...Rxd8 25.Rxd8 Kc7 26.f6 Be5, and now comes salutary 28...h4! 29.Nxh4 Bh6+ 30.Kd1 Bf4=] 24.Ne4 Be3+ 25.Kb1 Bf4

26.e6! Frankly speaking, this is the only affordable continuation. By concourse of circumstances, it wins. 26...Rxd3 [26...fxe6 27.Nd4 Rde8 28.Nc5+-] 27.Rxd3 [27.cxd3? Ne3] 27...fxe6 28.Nd4+ g6 29.Nxe6 Re8 30.Nxc5! [Of course, 30.f7 Rxe6 31.f8Q Rxe4 32.a3 is enough too, but f6 is so strong, that Vysyiov wants to keep it.] 30...Nd6 31.Rb3+ Ka5 32.Ra3+ [32.f7!? is an alternative – 32...Nxf7 33.Nxb7+ Ka6 34.Nec5#] 32...Kb5 33.c4+! Kxc4 34.Rc3+ Kb4 35.a3+ [Black is resigned because of 35.a3+ Ka5 36.b4+ Kbb (36...Kxb 37.Nc7+) 37.Nd7+ Kb5 38.Nc7+ Ka4 39.Nc5#] 1–0

(02) Dao Thien Hai (2493) - Fier, A (2583) [E74]
Indonesia Open Jakarta INA (8.8), 18.10.2011

Qxe5 22.Qxa7 Re1! 23.Be3 (23.Qxb7? Qe2) 23...Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 f4 25.Bc1 Qd4 26.Qa4 b5!, and he has to be very careful.]

20...Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1

Wishing to twist the game, Fier temporarily sacrificed a pawn in order to get $d5. 22.cxb5 [22.b3? leads to the poor ending – 22...bxc4 23.bxc4 Nb6 24.Nf3 Qc3 25.Qxc3 Bxc3 26.Bxh6 Nxc4+]

22...Qe5 23.Kf1 Qxd5 24.b3 Now White will have an opportunity to exchange the queens after Qc4, and he looking forward to it. 24...Kf7 25.a4 Ke7 26.Nd3 [26.Qc4? still doesn't work – 26...Qxc4+ 27.bxc4 Nb6 28.a5 Nxc4 29.b6 axb6 30.a6 b5 31.a7 Nb6+] 26...g5 27.Bb2 Bd4 [27...Bxb2 28.Nxb2 Qe4 29.Qxe4+ fxe4 looks fine, but White should stand after 30.Ke2 d5 31.f3] 28.Qc4 Qxc4 29.bxc4 Ne5? [Black has gone to the wrong endgame, it was necessary to exchange the bishops, not keep them: 29...Bxb2 30.Nxb2, and now active 30...d5! 31.a5 Kd6 with probable draw; 32.b6? axb6 33.a6 Kc7 34.cxd5 b5+] 30.Nxe5 dxe5

[30...Bxe5 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.g4+–] 31.a5! Maybe, this is what Fier missed. Pawns "a" and "b" will take all attention of black king, and his right flank is defenseless. 31...Kd7 31...Bxb2 32.b6 axb6 33.a6+– 32.a6 Kc7 33.Bc1 e4 [33...Bc3 34.h4! f4 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.f3, and king goes to e4.] 34.Bd2 Kb6 35.Ke2 Now White is gonna force opponent's pawns to stand on the black squares. 35...f4 36.h4 Be5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.f3! e3 39.Be1 Bb2 40.Kd3 Kc7?! Losing at once, but it's fruitless task anyway. [After 40...Bf6 key to the victory lies in g2–g3 breakthrough: 41.Ke4 Be7 (41...Bb2 42.g3) 42.Bc3 Bd8 43.Kd3 Be7 (43...Bc7 44.Bf6) 44.Be5 Bd8 45.Bd6! (45.g3? Bc7) 45...Bf6 46.g3+-] 41.Ba5+ Kc8 42.Bd8! 1-0

(03) Grover,S (2514) - Zherebukh,Y (2580) [D43]
15th Unive Open Hoogeveen NED (7), 20.10.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]
[Grover walks off bishop g5, declaring own intention of long castle. Immediate 11.0–0–0 meets 11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 (12.Bxe4 Bxg5 – Δh7 is under defence now) 12...Qxe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 f5 15.g4 Nd7! 16.gxf5 Nf6, and Black is controlling the point e4.] 11...Ne6 The main Black's idea after 0–0–0 is c6–c5 advancement – ¤e6 should support it. [11...Bd6 is used most often – 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0–0–0 Be6 14.Kb1 Rac8(4) c5; 11...Ng6 12.Bh2 Bd6 could appear as improved version, but ¤g6 can be attacked by white pawns.] 12.Be5! With threat Bxf6, White caused a weakening on the kingside. 12...g6 13.0–0–0 b5 14.g4N [There is no sense to hesitate with this move, though White was doing fine in the following game: 14.Kb1 a5 15.g4 Ba6 16.g5 Nh5 17.h4 a4 18.Ne2! c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nfx4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Nxf4 22.exf4 b4 23.Qd2 (23.Qxd5 Qxd5 24.Rxd5 Bb7 25.Rd3 Be4) 23...Qd7 24.h5 gxh5 25.Rxh5 Qg4 26.Rxh7? (26.Rh1 Qxf3 27.Ka1! , and this is only the beginning) 26...Qf5++ , Grabuzaova–Shadrina, RUS-ch 2007] 14...Bd7 Idea is clear – after b5–b4 ¤ will go to a4 in order to hamper c6–c5. That’s why bishop d7 is called to neutralize ¤a4. 15.h4 b4 [15...Nxg4 16.h5–+] 16.h5!! [Apparently, Zherebukh expected 16.Na4 c5! 17.Nxc5 (17.dxc5 Bxa4 18.Qxa4 Nxc5 19.Qc2 Rc8–+) 17...Nxc5 18.dxc5 Bxc5] 16...Nf8 [There is no any other – 16...bxc3 17.hxg6 cxb+ 18.Kb1 (perhaps, brave 18.Kxb2! is stronger) 18...fxg6 (18...hxg6 loses immediately – 19.Bxg6 Nf8 (19...fxg6 20.Qxg6+ Ng7 21.Ng5–+) 20.Bxf7! Kxf7 21.Ng5+ Kg8 (21...Kg7 22.Rh7+) 22.Rh6 with decisive attack) 19.Bxg6 Nf8 20.Bxh7+! N6xh7 21.Rxh7 Bf6 22.Rd7 Rxe5 23.Nxe5 Be8, and after 24.Rh7h6 Bg7 25.Nxc6 Bxh6 26.Nxd8 Bg6 27.Nc6 Bxc2+ 28.Kxc2 an endgame with better chances for White has arisen.] 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Ne2

23...Bxg5 24.Bf7+ [24.Bh7+ would have finished the game on the spot.] 24...Kg7 25.Nh5+ Kh8 26.Rh1 Bh6 27.Rg1 Bg5 28.Rh1 Bh6 29.Bxd5 Rxe5 30.dxe5 Be8 31.Nf6 [Black resigned in view of 31.Nf6 Kg7 32.Nxe8+ Qxe8 33.Rg1+ Ng6 34.Bxa8++] 1-0

(04) Kramnik,V (2791) - Vachier Lagrave,M (2715) [A15]

(IM Polivanov, A)
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qa4+ [This is such-called Anti-Grunfeld — White wants to skip the beaten lines 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.d4] 4...Bd7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 a6 Trying to use queen's c4 posture by the dint of b5, Be6 etc. 7.d4 GM Valerij Popov is main specialist in this vari-

Knight + queen = dangerous force, but let's not forget about $\Delta b3$.\ 
\[43...Qf3 44.Ng4+ Kh5 45.Nh2 Qd1+ 46.Kg2 Qd5+ 47.Kh3 Qe6+ 48.Ng4 Bg5\] Black has protected oneself from Qh7 threat, what's next? \[49.f3 Qf5!\ [49...b2 50.Qh8+ Kg6 51.Qxb2; waiting 49...Bh6 leads to zugzwang – 50.Qh8! a5 51.a4! , and after 51...Kg5\] 

\[35.gxh6 \[Nf1! , and $\Delta b2$ cannot be taken: 35...Qxb2 36.Qc4+\] 35...Bxb2 36.Qg5?! [36.Qh3 Qd1+ 37.Qf1 Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1 still keeps some edge, but now Black is not worse.] 36...Qd1+ 37.Nf1 Qf3 38.Qg8+$\square$ Kxh6 39.Rd6+ Bf6 40.Qh8+ Kg7 41.Qg8+ Kh6 42.Rxc6! It's impossible not to admire Kramnik's fighting spirit. [42.Qh8+=] 42...Qxc6 43.Ne3 \n
\[Why not 54...Qf5 ?..\] 55.Qh8! This is familiar territory. 55...f5 56.Nxh6 Qxh6 57.Qg8+-- Qd6 58.Qxb3 Kg6 59.Qg8+$\square$ Kf6 60.Qh8+ Kg6 61.Qg8+ Kf6 62.f4 White is gradually steal up to $\Delta f5$. 62...Qd3 [62...Qxa3 63.Qg5+ Ke6 64.Qg6+] 63.Qf8+ Kg6 64.Kh4?! [It's impossible to win without king's help, but worth to move first 64.Qe8+ Kf6 65.Qe5+ Kg6 (65...Kf7 66.Kh4+--) 66.Qe6+ Kg7 67.a4!! , and Black in zugzwang(67.Kh4? Qd8+=) ] 64...Qd5! 65.Qe8+$\square$ Kf6 66.Qh8+ Kg6 67.Qh5+ \n
\[51...f5 52.Nxh6 Qxh6 53.Qg8+\] 52.f4+ Kh5 53.f5-- White is winning.\[50.Qh8+ Kg6 51.Qg8+\] [51.f4 Bxf4!! 52.gxf4 Qh5+ 53.Qxh5+ Kxh5 , and ending after 54.Nf6+ Kg6 55.Ne4 Kf5 56.Nd2 Kxf4 57.Nxb3 is drawish (ask Nalimov, if you don't believe).] 51...Kh5 52.Qg7 Be3! [52...Qe6 53.Qh7+ Bh6 54.Qh8 – as in 49...Bh6 annotation.] 53.Qc3 [53.f4 is met by the same 53...Bxf4 54.gxf4 Qd3=] 53...Qe6 54.Qg7 Bh6?

\[85x537\] 35.gxh6 [Nf1! , and $\Delta b2$ cannot be taken: 35...Qxb2 36.Qc4+\] 35...Bxb2 36.Qg5?! [36.Qh3 Qd1+ 37.Qf1 Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1 still keeps some edge, but now Black is not worse.] 36...Qd1+ 37.Nf1 Qf3 38.Qg8+$\square$ Kxh6 39.Rd6+ Bf6 40.Qh8+ Kg7 41.Qg8+ Kh6 42.Rxc6! It's impossible not to admire Kramnik's fighting spirit. [42.Qh8+=] 42...Qxc6 43.Ne3

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67...Kg7? [67...Kf6! 68.Qh6+ Kf7, and king h4 is still in the box – 69.Kg5 Qd8+ 70.Kxf5 Qd5+ with perpetual check.] 68.g4! Now it's over. 68...Qh1+ 69.Kg5 Qc6 70.gxf5 Qd6 71.Qe4+ Kf7 72.Qf5 Qd5+ with perpetual check.

68.g4! Now it's over. 68...Qh1+ 69.Kg5 Qc6 70.gxf5 Qd6 71.Qe4+ Kf7 72.Qf5 Qd5+ with perpetual check.

(05) Nyzhnyk, I (2561) - Ernst, S (2581) [E10]
15th Unive Open Hoogeveen NED (9), 22.10.2011


rook is too much. All hope is relied on pawn mass in the center. 23.Rc1 Bb7 24.e5 Nc5 [24...Bxd5 was possible too: 25.Bxh7+ (25.Rc8 Kf8) 25...Kxh7 26.Qd3+ Kg8 27.Qxd5 Nf8+-] 25.Bc4

[25.Bxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qc2+ Kg8 27.Qxc5 Qxb2 28.Qc2 Qd4 29.d6 Qxf4 30.d7 Bxg2+! 31.Kxg2 Qg4+ 32.Kh1 Qxd7+] 25...g6 g8e8 is gonna enter the game through g7. 26.Ba2 Bb4 27.Qe3 Ng7 [27...Qa5!–+] 28.e6 White stakes everything to open the black king; but bishop b7 is also opening now, and that a sad news for the king h1. 28...fxe6 [28...Qxe6] 29.dxe6 Nxe6 30.f5! gxf5 31.Qg5+ Kf7 [31...Kh8?? 32.Qf6+ Kg8 33.Rxc5+-] 32.Qxf5+ Ke8 33.Qh5+ [33.Qxh7 Ne4 34.Qg8+ Ke7 35.Rf1 N6g5+- – Black is deprived of any pawns, but he is very well organized.] 33...Kd8

34.Rd1+? [34.Qh4+! was correct, as king now can't slip away: 34...Kc8 35.Bxe6+ Qxe6 36.Qxb4 Bxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qe3+ 39.Kg2 Qxc1 40.Qg4+ and White is taking Δh7, fixing a draw.] 34...Kc8 35.Qe8+ Nd8 Now king c8 is in safety. 36.Bb1 Qf6 37.Qg8 h5? [Black ought to arrange a coordination as soon as possible: 37...Nc6!+ Δ Qe5, Bd6] 38.Qh7? [White has missed own lucky chance: 38.Bf5+ Kc7 39.Qg3+ Kc6 40.Qf4! , and the position is far from being clear.] 38...Nde6 39.Bf5 Kb8 40.Bxe6 Nxe6 41.Qg8+ Ka7 42.Qe8 Kb6 There is no checks, so it's over. 43.b3 Bc5 44.Qb8 Qb2 45.Qg8 Qe5 0-1

(06) Korchnoi,V (2544) - Miralles,G (2462) [D06] TCh–SUI 2011 Lausanne SUI (8.3), 22.10.2011

9...g5! Black underlines an awkward posture of queen f3. 10.Qg3 Now White is ready to swap queens, but Black isn't. [10.Ng3 Bg6! 11.Qg4+ Kb8 12.Qxg5 h5 with very good play for.] 10...Qg6 11.e4?! [Yet another disputable decision - 11.f3, intending Qf2 and only then e4, looks stronger.] 11...Bxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Bxg5 Bd6 [Apparently, Miralles didn't want to let White have an initiative after 14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rxg4 16.Qc3 Bg7 17.Qa5] 15.Qh3+ Rd7 16.Be3 h5! In view of Qg6→g4 threat White has the only move, but it exposes "e"-file threat. 17.f3 exf3 18.Qxf3 Re8 19.Nc3 Qd3

Korchnoi is ready to give up all his queen-side in exchange for passed pawn "f" or "h". 31...c6 32.Rxh5 Re2 33.Rh8+ Kd7 34.Rd8+ Kc7 35.Rf8 Rxh2 36.Rxf7+ Kd6 37.Bg5 Ke6! King should be as close to the white pawns as it could be. 38.Rf8 Nb4? Loss of precious time. [38...Rxa2 39.f4 (another pawn race is lost - 39.h4 b5 40.h5 b4 41.h6 b3 42.Bc1 Nf6+) 39...b5 40.f5+ Ke5 41.f6 Ke6!+-, and king is pursuing f6.] 39.h4 Nd3 40.Kg1 [40.h5? Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nh3+-+] 40...Rxa2 41.Rf6+ Kd7 42.Rf8 Ke6

Forcing a transition to the favourable ending. 20.Bf2 Qxf3 21.gxf3 Rg8+ 22.Kh1
Realizing, that situation has changed, Black wouldn't mind having a draw, but...\textbf{43.f4!} What a fighting spirit! [43.h5 Ra5 44.f4 Nxf4=] \textbf{43...Kd5 44.Re8} [White has to be on the alert: 44.h5 Ke4 45.h6? (45.Rd8=) 45...Kf3 46.h7 Ra1+ 47.Kh2 Nf2 48.h8Q Rh1#] \textbf{44...Ra4} [44...b5 45.h5 Nc1! (45...b4? 46.h6 b3 47.h7 b2 48.Rb8=) 46.h6 Ne2+ 47.Kf1 Ng3+ 48.Kg1 (48.Ke1? Rh2) 48...Ne2++] \textbf{45.f5 Re4} \textbf{46.Rd8+} \textbf{Kc4 47.Kg2} [47.f6 Ne5 48.Re8? Nf3+] \textbf{47...b5} \textbf{48.f6 Ne5 49.Re8} Kd3 Defending \textbf{c6} against \textbf{f7}. \textbf{50.Kg3 b4 51.Bf4} The only way to get \textbf{c6} moving forward. \textbf{51...Ng6 52.Rd8+} [It's very difficult to evaluate an ending, which emerges after 52.Rxe4 Kxe4 53.f7 b3 54.Bc1 Kd3 55.h5 Nf8 56.Kf4, but it's likable a draw: 56...Kc2 57.Ba3 c5 58.Kg5 b2 59.Bxb2 Kxb2 60.Kf6 c4 61.Kg7 Nd7 62.h6 c3 63.h7 c2 64.h8Q c1Q] \textbf{52...Kc3?} [52...Kc2! ; now White withdrawing the bishop f4 with tempo.] \textbf{53.Bd2+} \textbf{Kc2} \textbf{54.h5 Ne5 55.Bf4!} b3 [There is no salvation anymore: 55...Nf7 56.Rf8 Ne5 57.Re8 b3 58.Bxe5! b2 59.Bxb2 Rxe8 60.Ba3! Re3+ 61.Kg4 Rxa3 62.f7=] \textbf{56.Bxe5 Rxe5} \textbf{57.f7 b2} \textbf{58.f8Q} b1Q White is making checks first, so he should win. \textbf{59.Qf2+} \textbf{Kb3 60.Rb8+} [60.Qf3+! was a correct path with victory in all lines: 60...Kb4 61.Qf4+ Qe4 (61...Re4 62.Qb8+) 62.Rd4+] \textbf{60...Rb5} \textbf{61.Qe3+} \textbf{Kb4?!} [\textbf{61...Kc4\textsuperscript{=}}] \textbf{62.Qd4+} \textbf{Kb3} \textbf{63.Re8!} This is the best practical chance – covering the square e1 and threatening by Re3. \textbf{63...Qc1} \textbf{64.Re3+} \textbf{Ka2} \textbf{65.Qxa7+} \textbf{Kb1} \textbf{66.Qh7+} \textbf{66...Ka2?!} [Black made a final mistake –
66...Qc2! , and in case of 67.Qxc2+ Kxc2 a draw on the board: 68.h6 Rh5 69.Re2+ Kb3 70.Rh2 Rg5! 71.Kf4 Rg8=] 67.Qf7+ Kb2 [67...Ka1 68.Qf2! Rg5+ 69.Kh4++] 68.Qf2+ This is Victor Lvovich Korchnoi – perhaps, his chess strength is not the same as before, but his will to victory is! 1-0

(07) Deviatkin,A (2580) - Azarov,S (2648) [C63]
Chigorin Memorial Open St Petersburg RUS (9.5), 22.10.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]


9.Qxe5 [9.d4 should be replied by 9...Qg6! (not 9...exd4?! 10.Bg5 Qe6 11.Qxe6 dxe6 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Nxd4+) 10.0-0 d6 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Bh3! 13.Ne1 Bxd6 , and Black has an excellent compensation (two bishops and whatnot); 9.Nxe5 also fails to provide an advantage: 9...0-0 10.0-0 Qe6! 11.Re1 Bc5 12.Nf3 Qxe2 13.Rxe2 d6 – bishop goes to g4, and nothing can stop it.] 9...d6 10.Qxf6 Bxf6 Bishop f6 occupies a perfect position, keeping pressure at ∆b2. 11.d3 [11.d4 Rb8 12.b3 c5 13.Be3Bg4 14.0-0-cxd4 15.Bxd4 0-0 , and Black is very close to equalization.] 11...0-0 12.Rb1 [Deviatkin wants to set free the bishop c1. Before met 12.0-0Bg4 13.Ng5 Rae8 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Be3 d5 16.Ng3 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Be5 18.Bxa7 Bd6 19.Be3 Ra8 , Leow–Weemaes, Thessaloniki 1984, and ∆a2 is rather a headache then something else.] 12...Bg4 13.Be3 Rab8 14.Kd2N [14.d4 Rb5! 15.Kd2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Rf5 17.Ke2 Be7 , Karatorossian–Turov, Jermuk 2011, taking ∆f3; 14.b3? Bc3+! – that’s why 14.Kd2 first.] 14...c5 Black decided not to be engaged in exchanges, because without ∆a7 White will have a remote passer a2 in the nearest future. 15.b3 a5 After a5–a4 the line "a" will be opened, which can be useful soon. 16.Ng1! [16.a4 is asked for oneself, but 16.Ng1 excluded any possibility of pawn doubling, and it’s also important.] 16...Rb8 Realizing, that main events are unfolding in the center now. 17.h4 [Insuring against a trap
17.\text{Ne2? } Bg5 18.f4 Rxe3! 19.Kxe3 Re8+ 20.Kf2 Bh4+ 21.Ng3 Re2+ 22.Kf1 Rxc2, and White is in trouble; maybe, 17.f3 Bd7 18.Ne2 Re7 19.Ng3 was the best option after all.] 17...Re5 [It's difficult to explain this move; can it be against f3 and Bg5? Even so, 17...Rf7 Δ Rf7 was stronger.] 18.Ne2 Bxe2 Otherwise Ng3–e4... 19.Kxe2 Re6 20.h5?! [№20.Kd2 Bd4 21.Rbe1 Rg6 (21...Bxe3+ 22.fxe3 Rf2+ 23.Re2) 22.Rh2!± , with certain chances to the victory(22.g3? Bxe3+ 23.Kxe3 Re6+) ] 20...Bc3! As in annotation to the 14th move, bishop stands here excellently. d6–d5 is on the agenda. 21.Rbf1\Box [21.Kd1 d5 22.Bxc5 Rfe8 23.Be3 d4 24.Bd2 Bxd2 25.Kxd2 Re2+ 26.Kc1 Rxf2, and Black prevails.] 21...d5 22.Kd1 a4! As it was planned. Perhaps, 21...a4 was even more accurate. 23.Bxc5 Rfe8 Now White is almost paralyzed. [23...axb3?! 24.cxb3 Rfe8 25.Kc2 d4 26.b4, and king is gonna escape.] 24.Be3 [24.b4! was the worth decision, to keep a line closed.] 24...d4 25.Bd2 axb3 [25...Re2? 26.Be3!] 26.axb3 [Intermediate attempt like 26.Bxc3 dxc3 27.cxb3 Re2 28.Rh4 Rxa2 29.Ra4 Rb2 can only do harm.] 26...Ra8!

27.Rh4?? Intending to move Rh4–e4, but... [White ought to stand still like 27.f4, g4 etc. – Black’s activity is enough for the draw, but no more than that.] 27...Ra1+ 28.Rh1 Bb2 29.Kd2 Rxc1! [Calculation was based on 29...Bc3+ 30.Kd1 Bb2, but Azarov finds something better.] 30.Rh1 [30.Rxc1 Bc3+ 31.Kd1 Re1\#] 30...Rxh1 31.Rxf1 Bc3+ 32.Kd1 Kf7 The rest is just an agony of the last round. 33.f4 Re3 34.g4 h6 35.g5 c5 36.Rg1 Ke6 37.Rh1 Kf5 38.gxh6 gxh6 0-1

[Crude error in already winning situation. After 34...b4+ White has no chances.]


(09) Le Quang Liem (2717) - Dominguez Perez,L (2710) [D16]
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Spoelmann, CZM 02/2011] 7...Qa5 [Usually this move is made after 7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 – 8...Qa5 9.e5 Ne4, for example 10.Bd2 Qd5 11.Qc2 c5 12.Be3 cxd4! (12...Nc6? 13.0-0-0/+-) 13.cxd4 Qa5+ 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 with slight advantage for White.]

8.Bd2 c5 9.Bxc4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 [10...Qc5 11.Bb5+ Nbd7 12.Nb3 Qc7?! (M2...Qd6) 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.0-0 0-0 15.f4 a6 16.Bd3 e5 17.Nd5f, Moiseenko–Sjugirov, Plovdiv 2010] 11.Qe2 [Now bishop c4 should be protected: 11.0-0? Qc5] 11...Nc6 [11...Nbd7 seems to be more exact, because now White had an additional opportunity to exchange on c6 and advance e4–e5 in some lines. At the same time, White has to make decision about ♕d4 right now, so there is no time for 0-0.] 12.Nc2 Ne5 13.Ba2 [The latest try to obtain an opening advantage. 13.f4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4, and even after 14...Bxc3 (14...Be7?!) 15.Bxc3 Qa6 16.Qxa6 bxa6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.0-0-0 Bb7 19.Rhe1, Ding–Yu, Dazhou 2010, Black is feeling OK.] 13...Rd8 14.0-0 b6 [Sacrifice 14...Rxd2?! 15.Qxd2 Nxe4 is quite dubious – 16.Qf4 Bxc3 17.Qxe4 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bc3 19.Rfd1±, and Black is experiencing difficulties with development.] 15.Nxb4 Qxb4

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28.Qxe5!! Very effective. As it turned out, black pieces are situated in the worse possible way. 28...Bxd7 29.Bc3 [Resignation because of 29.Bc3 Kf7 30.Qxg7+ Ke6 (30...Ke8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qf6+) 31.Qe5+ Kf7 32.Qf6+ Ke8 33.Bb4+-] 1–0

(10) Landa,K (2639) - Van der Weide,K (2449) [B65]
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34...g4? [Black's counterplay is late, so it was necessary to repulse White's threat: 34...Ra8! (preventing a5-a6) 35.h3! (trying to play for zugzwang; 35.Kd4 g4 36.Rb5 f4 37.Rb6+ Kd7 38.a6 f3 39.gxf3 g3! , and Black should save oneself) 35...e5 (only not 35...Ra7? 36.Rc8 Rc7+ as pawn ending is lost: 37.Rxc7 Kxc7 38.Kd4 Kd6 39.b5 e5+ 40.Kc4 Kc7 41.Kc5+-) 36.Rd5+ Ke6 37.Rd2 (transferring to a2 to push a5) 37...e4 38.Kc5 e3 39.Ra2 Kd7! (coming to support a8) 40.a6 Kc7 41.b5 Re8 42.b6+ Kb8 , and it looks like draw.] 35.a6! f4 36.Rg5! In contrast to Black, Landa didn't forget about prophylaxis. 36...g3?! [36...h3!? was a decent try, but it's in vain anyway – 37.Rxg4 (37.gxh3 f3) 37...Rf8 38.b5 hxg2 39.Rxg2 f3 40.Rf2 Rf4 (40...Kc7 41.Kd4 Kb6 42.Ke4++) 41.Kd3 Kc5 42.Ke3 Ra4 43.Rb2+–] 37.hxg3 hxg3 38.b5+– Kc7 39.Kc5 Re8 40.b6+ Kb8 41.Kb5 1-0

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