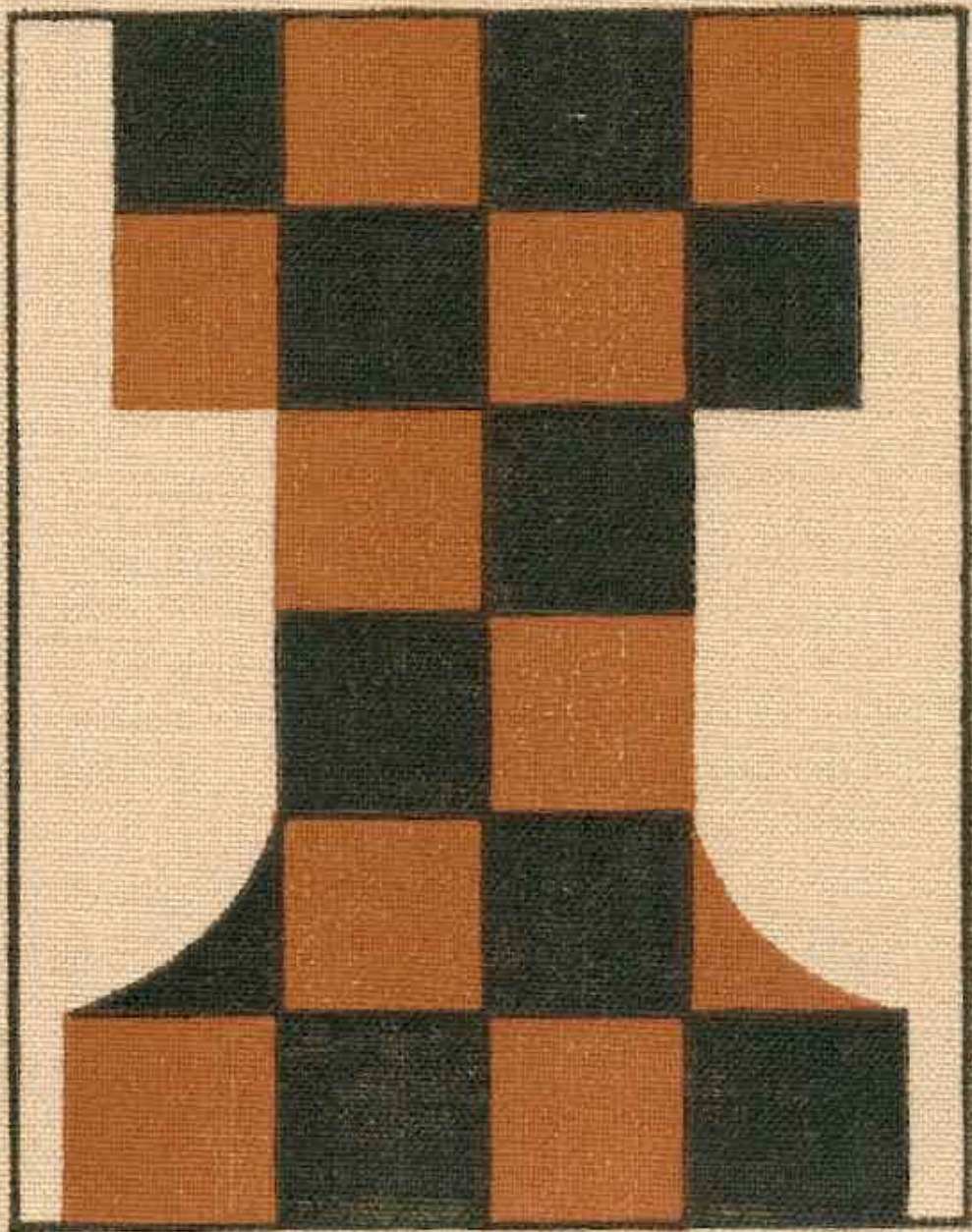


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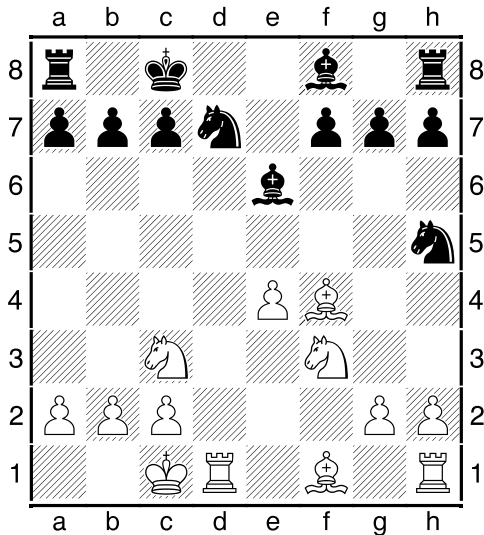
## Games

### (01) Vysochin,S (2558) - Khismatullin,D (2635) [B07]

Chigorin Memorial Open St Petersburg  
RUS (4.9), 17.10.2011

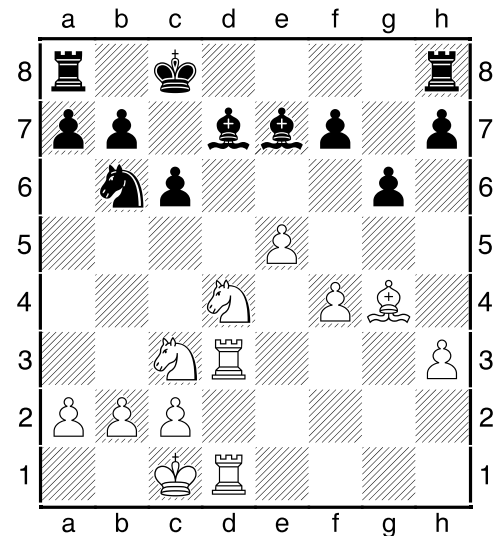
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**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5** [This is one of the ways to play Filidor Defence through the Pirc. Another one – 3...Nbd7, but it allows 4.f4 e5 5.Nf3; 3...e5 eliminates this option, but there is something else...]  
**4.dxe5** And now it comes. **4...dxe5**  
**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**



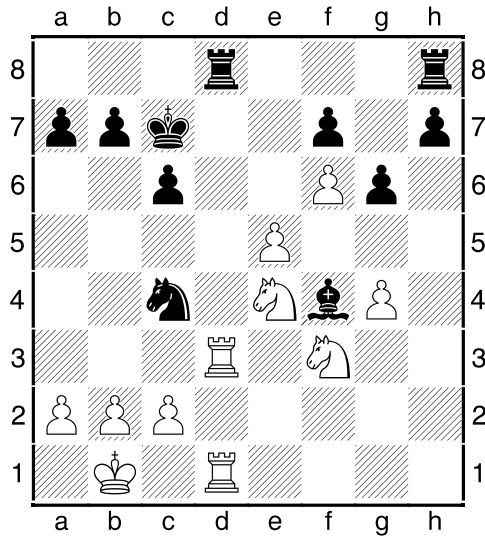
[There is a wide range of possibilities, for example: 10...Bb4 11.Nb5 (≤11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ng4) 11...Ba5 12.Ng5 Re8 13.Bd3]; 10...Ng4?! is not the optimal decision – 11.Nb5 Nf2 12.Nxc7 Nxh1 13.Nxa8 Nf2 14.Rd4! Bc5 15.Ra4±; 10...Bc5!? is quite interesting: 11.h3 Nh5 12.Bh2 Be3+ 13.Kb1 Bf4, though 14.g4 Bxh2 15.Rxh2

Nf4 16.Rf2 keeps some edge.] **11.g3!** Very deep positional idea – sooner or later Nh5 will be forced to take on f4, and White will have pawn pair e+f then. [Previously occurred 11.Be3 Bc5 12.Nd4 (12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Ng5 c6 14.Be2 Nf4=) 12...Nhf6 13.h3 Re8 14.Bf4 a6 15.a3 Nb6 16.Be2 Bd7 17.Nb3! Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxe4 19.Bf3 Be3+ 20.Bxe3 Rxe3 21.Nc5 Bc6 22.Rhe1+-, Chatalbashev–Marholev, Plovdiv 2009, but of course Black's play could be improved – for example, 13...Rd8.] **11...Bc5 12.Nd4 Bg4** Preventing Bf1–e2, but only for a moment, because h3 is coming. **13.Rd3 Nb6** [Khismatullin prepares the point d7 for the bishop, otherwise some problems with it could emerge: 13...Rd8 14.h3 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bh5 16.Nf5 g6 (16...Bf8 17.Ng3+-) 17.Ng7±] **14.h3 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bd7** [15...Be6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Be2 c6 18.Bg4! Re8 19.e5±] **16.e5!** Black could set a block f7–f6, but now it's bad in view of e5–e6. **16...Be7 17.Be2 g6** [17...g5!? was a tricky attempt to confuse the game, but after solid 18.fxg5 (18.f5 c5) 18...Bxg5+ 19.Kb1 Bf4 (19...Re8 20.Bh5! Rxe5 21.Nf3, and rook is in trouble – 21...Ra5 22.b4+-) 20.Rf1 Bxe5 21.Rxf7 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxh3 23.Bg4+ (23.Nb5 Re8!) 23...Bxg4 24.Rxg4 White is dominating.] **18.Bg4 c6 19.Rhd1**



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; ~~22~~.Ne4, and if 22...Rd5 23.e6 Re5, then 24.exf7! Rxe4 25.Ne6+ Kc8 26.f8Q+ Rxf8 27.Nxf8+-] **22...Bc5 23.Nf3 Nc4?** Trying to push to  $\Delta e5$ , but this counterplay is not appropriate. [23...Rxd3 24.cxd3 h5 isn't work due to 25.d4 Bf8 26.Rh1!; that's why 23...h5! should be played at once: 24.Rxd8 (24.gxh5 Rxd3 25.cxd3 Rxh5 26.d4 Bf8, and Black is OK) 24...Rxd8 25.Rxd8 Kxd8 26.gxh5 gxh5 27.Ne4 Bf8 28.Ng3, and now comes salutary 28...h4! 29.Nxh4 Bh6+ 30.Kd1 Bf4=] **24.Ne4 Be3+ 25.Kb1 Bf4**



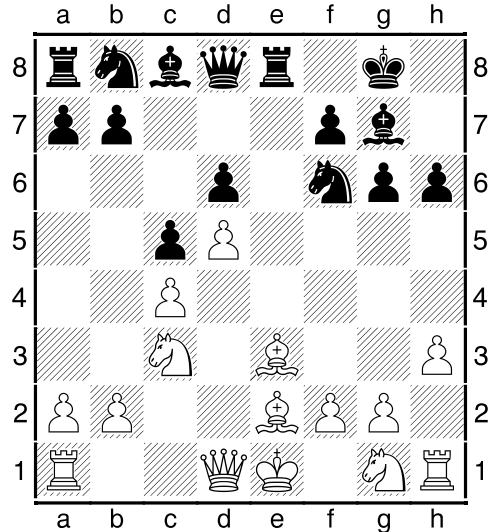
**26.e6!** Frankly speaking, this is the only affordable continuation. By concourse of circumstances, it wins. **26...Rxd3** [26...fxe6 27.Nd4 Rde8 28.Nc5+-] **27.Rxd3** [27.cxd3? Ne3] **27...fxe6 28.Nd4+-**  $\Delta e6$  is undefendable, so  $\Delta f6$  is unstoppable. **28...Kb6 29.Nxe6 Re8 30.N4c5!** [Of course, 30.f7 Rxe6 31.f8Q Rxe4 32.a3 is enough too, but  $\Delta e6$  is so strong, that Vysochin 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+ Kb6 (36...Kb5 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

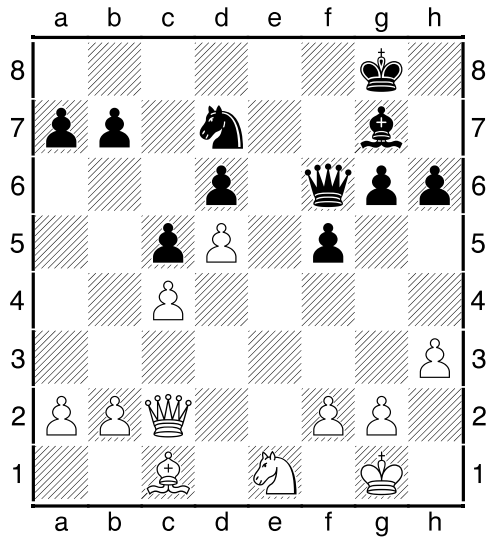
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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5** [6...Na6 7.f4 - Potkin-Grischuk, CZM 09/2011.] **7.d5 h6 8.Be3** [8.Bf4 e6! (despite  $\Delta d6$ ) 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Bxd6 (10.Qxd6 Qa5) 10...Re8 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Bxb8 Raxb8 13.Qc2 Nh5f with good compensation for a pawn.] **8...e6 9.h3** [White makes it clear, that on d5 will be taken by pawn e4. Another way - 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.f3 h5 12.a4 a6 13.a5  $\Delta$  Bd1, Nge2, 0-0.] **9...exd5 10.exd5 Re8**

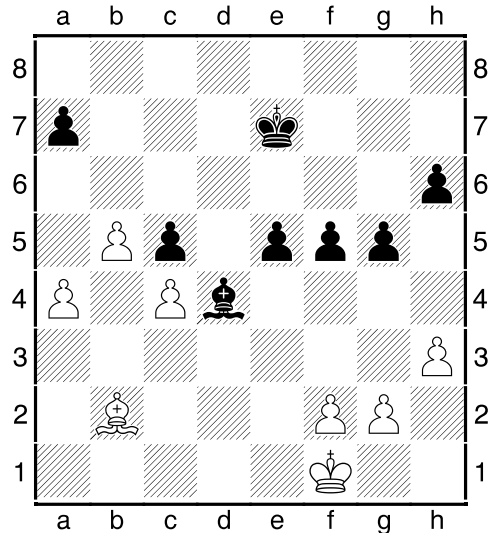


[Intending Nf6-e4. 10...Bf5? with the same goal is too early for a while - 11.g4 Bc8 (11...Be4 12.f3) 12.Qd2±] **11.Nf3** [11.Bd3 meets Volga-style reaction 11...b5! 12.cxb5 (12.Nxb5 Ne4) 12...Nbd7 13.Nge2 Ne5 14.0-0 a6=] **11...Bf5 12.Bd3** [12.g4 Be4] **12...Ne4** As it was planned. **13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4N** [There is no reason to allow the possibility 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd7 16.Qd1 Ne5 17.Be2 Qh4±, Onischuk-Dietrich, Dortmund 1993] **14...Rxe4 15.Qc2 f5 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Rae1 Qf6 18.Bc1**  $\Delta e4$  is very active, that's why Dao decided to swap a pair of rooks. **18...Rae8 19.Rxe4 Rxe4** [19...fxe4? 20.Re1 Qf5 21.Nd2 Nf6 22.b3±] **20.Re1** [White avoided an intricate trap: 20.Qa4 Ne5 21.Nxe5

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**



**21...b5!?** Wishing to twist the game, Fier temporarily sacrificed a pawn in order to get  $\text{♗d5}$ . **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 end-game, 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**



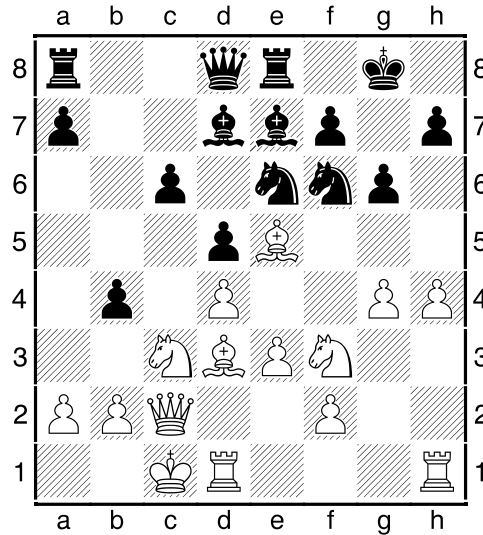
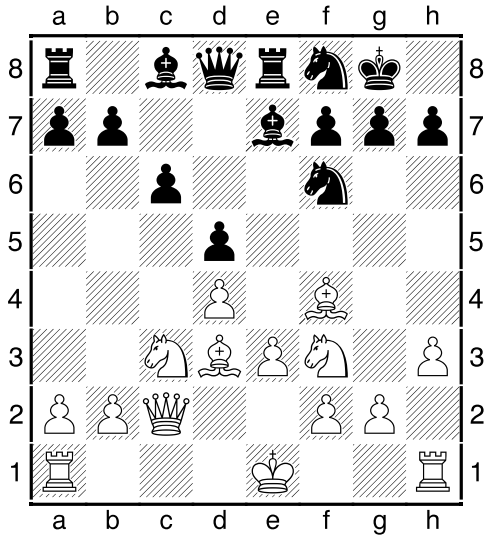
[30...Bxe5 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.g4+–] **31.a5!** Maybe, this is what Fier missed. Pawns "a" and "b" will take all attention of black king, and his right flank is defenseless. **31...Kd7** [31...Bxb2 32.b6 axb6 33.a6+–] **32.a6 Kc7 33.Bc1 e4** [33...Bc3 34.h4! f4 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.f3 , and king goes to e4.] **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) - Zhrebukh,Y (2580) [D43]**

15th Unive Open Hoogeveen NED (7), 20.10.2011

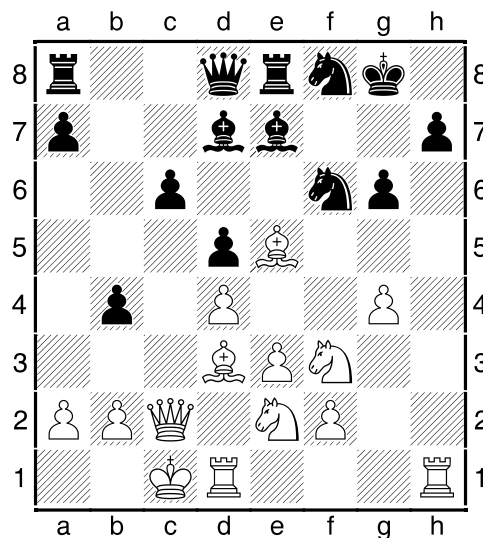
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**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8**  $\text{♞d7}$  goes to f8 in order to release the bishop c8. **10.h3 Nf8** [10...Ne4?! is applied sometimes, but that's too risky – 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Kf1 Bf8 , Van Wely–Carlsen, Wijk aan Zee 2010, and now 14.Nc3!± (preventing Qa5–f5) secures an advantage.] **11.Bf4!?**

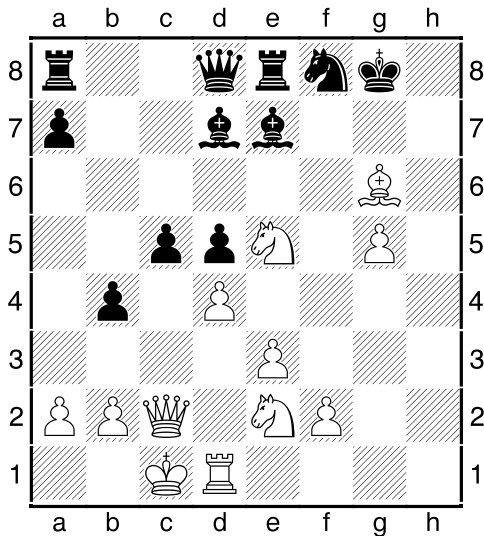


[Grover walks off bishop g5, declaring own intention of long castle. Immediate 11.0-0-0 meets 11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 (12.Bxe4 Bxg5 – ♖h7 is under defence now) 12...Qxe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 f5 15.g4 Nd7! 16.gxf5 Nf6 , and Black is controlling the point e4.] **11...Ne6** The main Black's idea after 0-0-0 is c6–c5 advancement – ♘e6 should support it. [11...Bd6 is used most often – 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Kb1 Rac8 ♣ 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.Nf4 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.Rdh1 Qxf3 27.Ka1! , and this is only the beginning) 26...Qf5+-+ , Grabuzova–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...Nxc4 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 cxb2+ 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.Rdh1 Rxe5 23.Nxe5 Be8 , and after 24.R7h6 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**



**18...c5?** [18...Nxc4 19.Nf4 Bf6 20.Bxg6 hxc6 21.Nxc6, and Black's position falls to pieces; 18...Bxc4! was the best – 19.Nd2! (19.Ng5 c5 20.Nxc7 Rc8!?) 19...c5 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.dxc5 – game transits to the positional flow with slight edge for White.] **19.g5 Ng4 20.Rxh7!** This sacrifice makes Black's position hopeless. **20...Nxe5** [20...Kxh7 21.Rh1+ Kg8 22.Rh8+ Kf7 23.Bxc6+ Nxc6 24.Rh7+; 20...Nxc7 21.Bxc6 Nf8 22.Bh7+! Kf7 23.g6+] **21.Nxe5 Nxc7 22.Bxc6 Nf8**



**23.Nf4!+-** [The most exact continuation of attack; ≤23.Bh7+ Kg7 24.Nf4 Bg4!] **23...Bxc6 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**

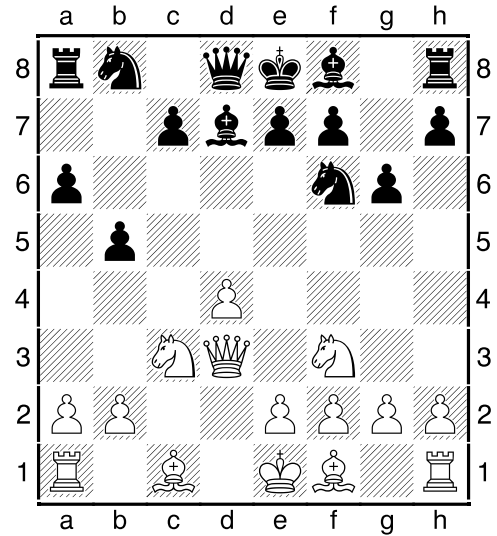
**(04) Kramnik,V (2791) - Vachier La-grave,M (2715) [A15]**

15th Unive Crown Hoogeveen NED (5), 21.10.2011

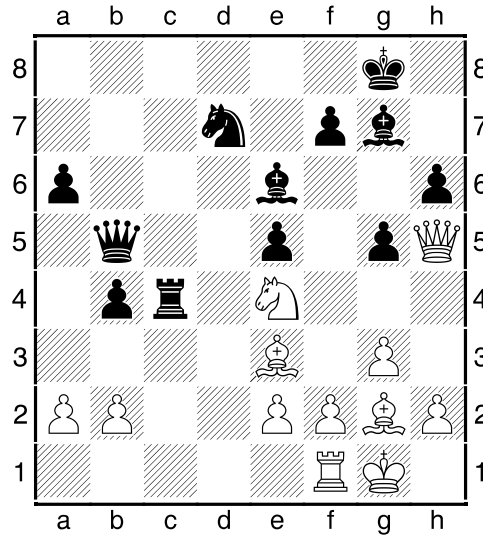
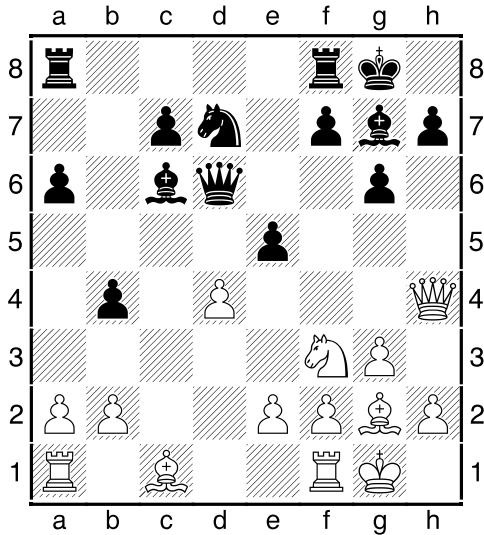
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**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qa4+** [This is such-called Anti-Grunfeld – White wants to skip the beaten lines 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.d4] **4...Bd7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 a6** Trying to use queen's c4 posture by the dint of b5, Be6 etc. **7.d4**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

ation. **7...b5 8.Qd3**

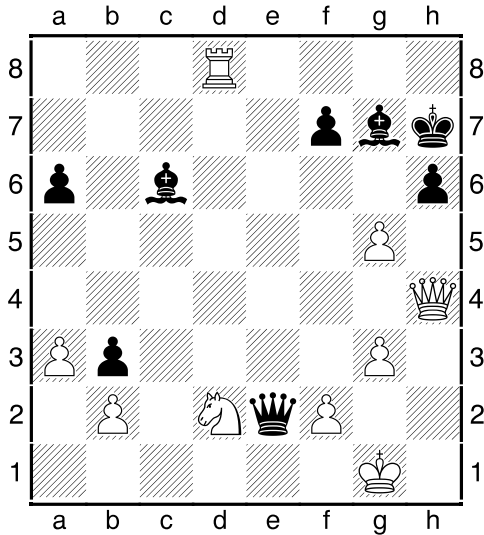


[Usually applied 8.Qb3 c5 9.dxc5 Bg7 10.e4 0-0 11.Be2] **8...Bg7 9.g3** In view of 7...b5 this place is optimal for the white bishop f1; though, the diagonal a8–h1 is open for the d7 one too. **9...b4 10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Bc6 12.Qf4** [12.d5? isn't an option – 12...Bxd5 13.Qxb4 Nc6 14.Qa4 Rb8f] **12...0-0 13.Bg2 Qd6N** [13...Bxd4 14.0-0 occurred in next game: 14...e5! (14...Bc5?! 15.Be3 Bd6 16.Qh6 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 c6 18.Rfd1±) 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxe5 Re8 17.Qc5 Bxc6 18.Kxc6 Rxe2 19.Bh6 Nd7 20.Qxb4 Ne5 21.Rad1 Qf6 22.Qb7 Re8 23.Rde1, Popov–Petrosian, Moscow 2004, and now 23...Rc2 24.Bf4 g5! would have provided an equality. All this seems quite forced, so it's difficult to suppose, how Kramnik was going to improve White's play.] **14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qh4** White threatens Bf4, so Black has to make an adequate measure. **15...e5**

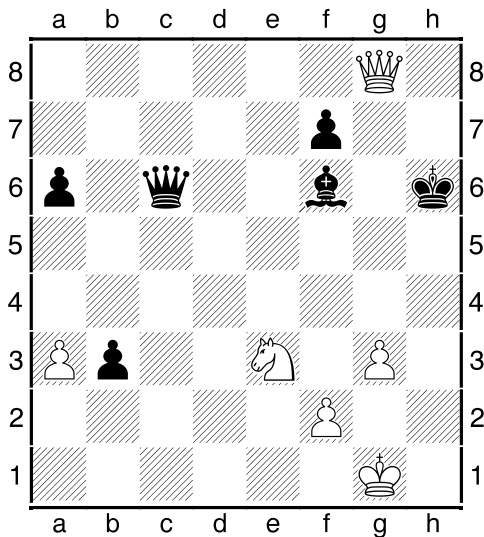


**16.d5!?** [16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Rfd1 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Qe6 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.Rac1 Qb5 gives nothing, so Kramnik decided to attach a totally different flow to the game.] **16...Qxd5** [16...Bxd5?! 17.Rd1 e4 18.Bf4 (18.Ng5 Nf6 19.Bxe4 h6 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 , and Black is OK) 18...Qf6 19.Rxd5 exf3 20.Bxf3 – two bishops make a position to be unpleasant.] **17.Be3** Bishop lets rook to enter the game – bishop c6 is a target. **17...Qb5 18.Rac1 Bd5!?** [Preliminary 18...Bf6 19.Qc4 Bd5 also was appropriate.] **19.Rxc7 Rac8** [19...Rfc8! is more accurate – 20.Rfc1 Rxc7 21.Rxc7 Nf6 , and White should be focused on maintaining a balance, otherwise 22.Ng5?! Qxe2 23.Bxd5 Qd1+ 24.Kg2 Qxd5+ 25.f3 Rf8?] **20.Ng5!?** No such resource under 19...Rfc8. **20...h6 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Ne4 g5!** [22...Qxe2 23.Nd6! is fraught with difficulties: 23...Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Rc2 25.Qd8+! Nf8 26.Qe7 Qxe3 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Ne8→] **23.Qh3 Be6 24.Qh5** So, h2–h4 is the basic idea for the White now. **24...Rc4**

[Vachier underestimated White's retort – 24...Rc2! probably would lead to the draw after 25.h4 gxh4 (25...Qxe2 26.Bf3) 26.Bxh6 Bxh6 27.Qxh6 Qxe2 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qd8+] **25.Rd1!** Extremely strong move. [On 25.h4 Rxe4! was prepared – 26.Bxe4 Nf6 27.Qf3 g4 28.Qg2 Qxe2; 25.Nd6? is bad either – 25...Nf6 26.Qf3 e4] **25...b3** [Now 25...Rxe4? is parried by simple 26.Bxe4 Nf6 27.Rd8+] **26.a3 Rd4?!** [Maybe, Black has been scared by crazy line 26...Qa4 27.f3 Rc2 28.h4! Rxb2 29.hxg5 Rxe2 30.gxh6 b2 31.Qg5! Qxd1+ 32.Kh2+- , but one can improve – for example, 28...Qc4!] **27.Bxd4 exd4 28.h4** Extra material should affect, though position is still sharp. **28...Ne5** Proceeding to the forced path. **29.hxg5 Bg4 30.Qh4 Qxe2 31.Rxd4 Nf3+ 32.Bxf3 Bxf3** [32...Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Bxf3 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.g6+!! , and White wins: 35...Kxg6 36.Rd6+ Kh7 37.Ng5+] **33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Nd2** [Now 34.g6+ Kxg6 35.Rd6+ f6 36.Rxf6+ Bxf6 37.Qxf6+ Kh7 gives only an equality.] 3 | 4 | ★ ★ ★ | b | c | 6 |

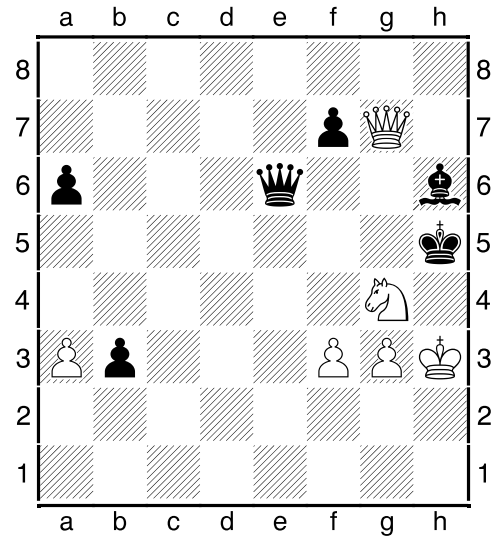


**35.gxh6** [35.Nf1! , and ♖b2 cannot be taken: 35...Qxb2 36.Qc4+--] **35...Bxb2 36.Qg5?!** [36.Qh3 Qd1+ 37.Qf1 Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1 still keeps some edge, but now Black is not worse.] **36...Qd1+ 37.Nf1 Qf3 38.Qg8+ ♖ Kxh6 39.Rd6+ Bf6 40.Qh8+ Kg5 41.Qg8+ Kh6 42.Rxc6!** It's impossible not to admire Kramnik's fighting spirit. [42.Qh8+=] **42...Qxc6 43.Ne3**

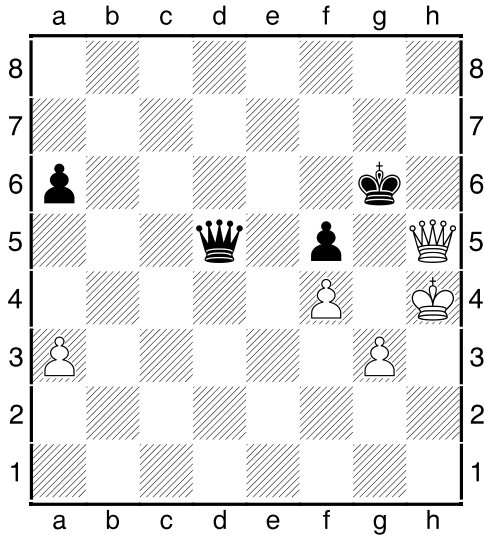


Knight + queen = dangerous force, but let's not forget about ♖b3. **43...Qf3 44.Ng4+ Kh5 45.Nh2 Qd1+ 46.Kg2 Qd5+ 47.Kh3 Qe6+ 48.Ng4 Bg5** Black has protected oneself from Qh7 threat, what's next? **49.f3 Qf5!** [49...b2 50.Qh8+ Kg6 51.Qxb2±; waiting 49...Bh6 leads to zugzwang – 50.Qh8! a5 51.a4! , and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

(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?**



[Why not 54...Qf5 ?..] **55.Qh8!** This is familiar territory. **55...f5 56.Nxh6 Qxh6 57.Qg8!+- Qd6 58.Qxb3 Kg6 59.Qg8+ Kf6 60.Qh8+ Kg6 61.Qg8+ Kf6 62.f4** White is gradually steal up to ♖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+ Kf6 66.Qh8+ Kg6 67.Qh5+**



**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 Qg2+ 71.Qg4 Qb2 72.Qf3 Qf6+ 73.Kg4 Qb6 74.Qc3+ Kf7 75.Qe1!** Threat of queen exchange (like Qe6) – key factor here. **75...Qd4 76.Qe6+ Kf8 77.Qc8+ Kf7 78.Qe6+ Kf8 79.f6! Qg1+ 80.Kf5 Qc5+ 81.Qe5 Qc2+ 82.Kg5 Qg2+ 83.Kh6 Qh2+ 84.Kg6 Qc2+ [84...Qg2+ 85.Qg5 Qc2+ 86.f5] 85.Qf5 Qc3 86.Qd5 Qc2+ 87.f5** One of the most complicated games I've seen to date. Both players were just fantastic. **1-0**

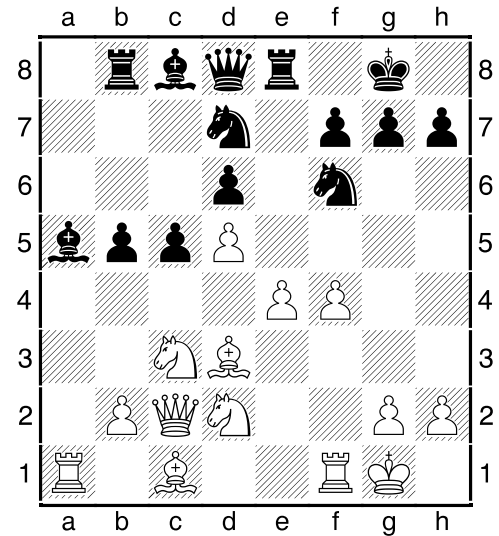
**(05) Nyzhnyk,I (2561) - Ernst,S (2581) [E10]**

15th Unive Open Hoogeveen NED (9), 22.10.2011

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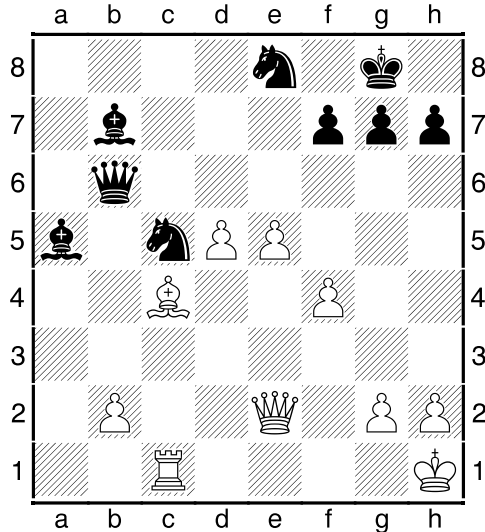
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6** Snake Benoni on the board! Bishop will be placed at c7 instead of g7. **6.Nc3 Bc7 7.e4** [After 7.d6 Ba5 a complicate game comes: 8.Bg5 Qb6 9.Bxf6 Qxb2 10.Bxg7 Bxc3+ 11.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Nd2 b6+ another sharp direction is 7.g4!?, Zvjagintsev-style.] **7...d6 8.Nd2** But that's quite rare set-up. Such feeling, that White is preventing Bg4, and defending e4 beforehand. **8...0-0 9.Be2 Re8 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nbd7** One of the bishop's c7 merits – block a4–a5 is impossible now. **12.Qc2** [d2 wants to c4, but e4 asks for sup-

port. 12.f3 could serve this goal, but White wants to move f2–f4 in order to exclude Nd7–e5. But still 12.f3 worth an attention: **12...Rb8 13.b3 Nf8 14.Bb2 Ng6 15.f4 Bd7 16.g3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bf3 Qc8**, Lintinskaya–Ioseliani, Candidates 1988] **12...Rb8 13.f4** [13.Nc4 b5] **13...Ba5!** Black is menacing by Bxc3 and Nxd5. [Earlier met 13...Nf8 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.b4? (~~15.Nf3~~ Δ e4–e5) 15...cxb4 16.Rxb4 Ba5 17.Rb3 Rc8, Kaepfel–Rupp, Germany 1997] **14.Bd3 b5!** This is the whole idea of **13...Ba5. 15.axb5 axb5**

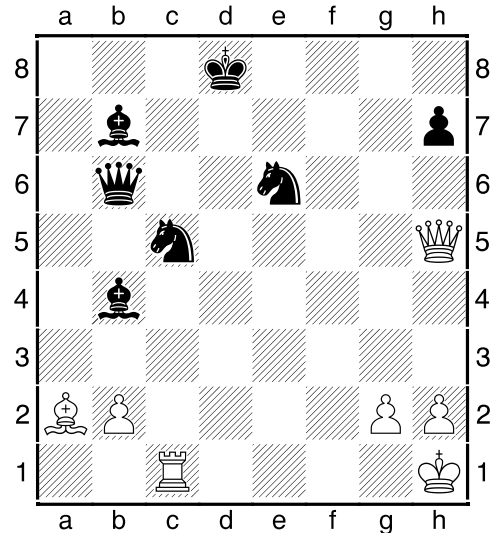


**16.Nxb5** [16.b3? is not a defence against from c5–c4 because of 16...Ng4 17.Nf3 c4! 18.bxc4 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Qc7 with huge problems; but 16.Rxa5!! was a strong positional sacrifice instead: 16...Qxa5 17.Bxb5 Qc7 18.Nc4 Bb7 19.b3 – White has enough compensation owing to clear plan – Bb2 and e5.] **16...c4 17.Nxc4** [17.Qxc4? Ba6; 17.Bxc4 Bxd2 18.Bxd2 Rxb5 19.Bxb5 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Qxb5+] **17...Rxb5 18.Nxd6 Rc5!** A very important intermediate move. **19.Qe2?** [Nyzhnyk has missed an opponent's reply (which is quite simple). 19.Qb3! is the only choice here, and after 19...Rxd5! (19...Rf8 20.Be3±) 20.Nxe8 (20.exd5 Bb6+ 21.Kh1 Nc5) 20...Qb6+ 21.Qxb6 Bxb6+ 22.Kh1 Rxd3 it looks like a draw: 23.Ra8 Nxe4 24.Rxc8 Nf2+ 25.Kg1 Nh3+] **19...Qb6** Now Black is superior side. **20.Nxe8 Rxc1+ 21.Kh1 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Nxe8** Three pieces for the

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** ♞e8 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...Qd6!] **29.dxe6 Ngxe6 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**



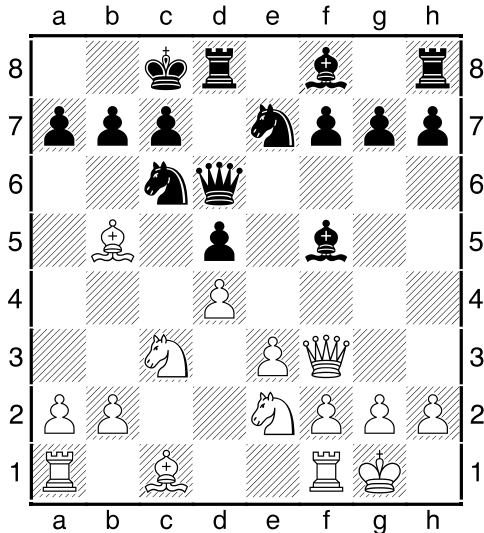
**34.Rd1+?** [34.Qh4+! was correct, as king now can't slip away: 34...Kc8 35.Bxe6+ Qxe6 36.Qxb4 Bxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qe3+ 39.Kg2 Qxc1 40.Qg4+ and White is taking ♜h7, fixing a draw.] **34...Kc8 35.Qe8+ Nd8** Now king c8 is in safety. **36.Bb1 Qf6 37.Qg8 h5?** [Black ought to arrange a coordination as soon as possible: 37...Nce6!-+ 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]**

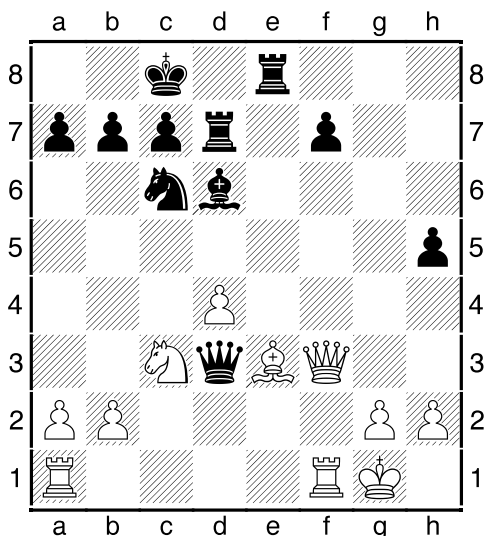
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**1.d4 d5 2.c4 Bf5?! 3.e3** [Korchnoi decided to refrain from theoretical 3.cxd5 Bxb1 4.Qa4+ c6 5.dxc6 Nxc6 6.Rxb1 Qxd4 7.Qxd4 Nxd4 8.e3 Nc6 9.b4! , choosing a solid continuation.] **3...e6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qf3?!N** [6.Nf3?! Nb4 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 Nd3+; ♞Bb5] **6...Nge7** [As it turned out, menace to ♜d5 was not real: ♞...Qd7! , and 7.Qxd5?! is not dangerous - 7...Qxd5 8.Nxd5 0-0-0 9.Nc3 Nb4f] **7.Bb5 Qd6** Preparing for the long castle. **8.Nge2 0-0-0 9.0-0**

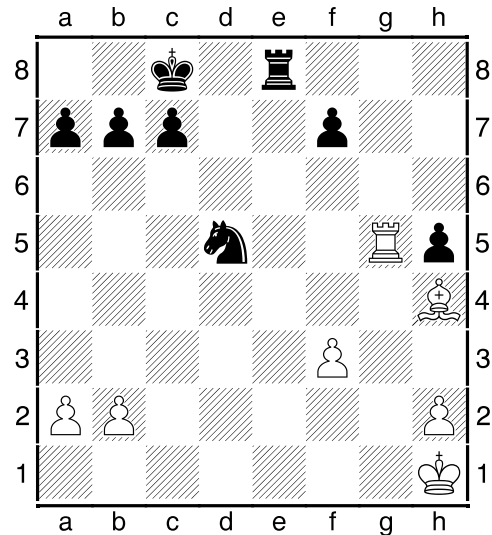


**9...g5!** Black underlines an awkward posture of queen f3. **10.Qg3** Now White is ready to swap queens, but Black isn't. [10.Ng3 Bg6! 11.Qg4+ Kb8 12.Qxg5 h5 with very good play for ♖.] **10...Qg6** **11.e4?!** [Yet another disputable decision – 11.f3, intending Qf2 and only then e4, looks stronger.] **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 Rxd4 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. **17.f3 exf3** **18.Qxf3 Re8** **19.Nc3 Qd3**

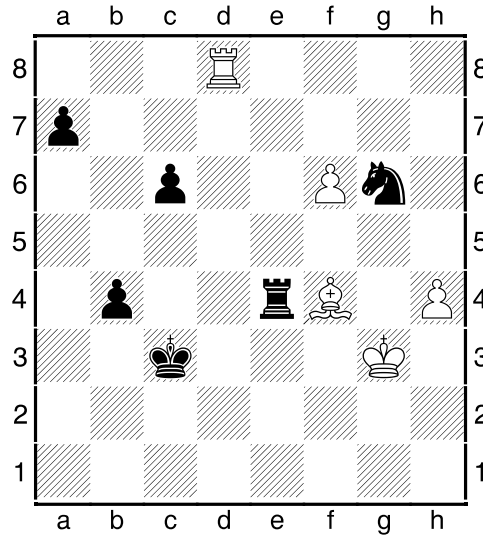
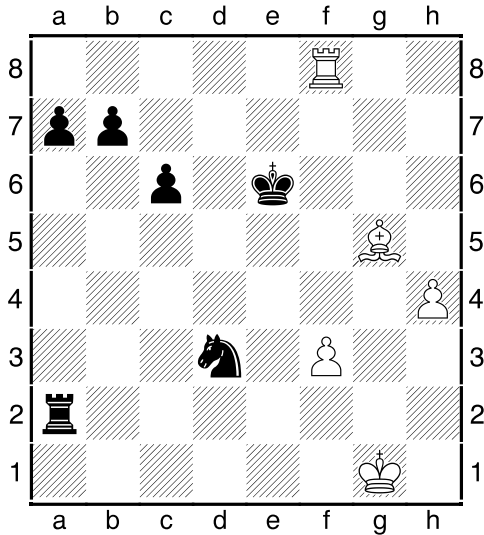


Forcing a transition to the favourable ending. **20.Bf2 Qxf3** **21.gxf3 Rg8+** **22.Kh1**

**Be7!** Now ♖d4 suffers a hard time. **23.d5 Nb4** **24.Rad1 Rgd8** **25.Rfe1 Bf6** White is losing a material, but he tries to complicate position as much as possible. **26.Ne4** **Rxd5** [26...Bxb2?! 27.Bh4 Rg8 28.Rb1 Nd3 29.Red1 f5 30.Rxd3 fxe4 31.fxe4 Be5=] **27.Rxd5 Nxd5** **28.Nxf6 Nxf6** **29.Bh4 Re8!** [29...Rd6 30.Re5] **30.Rg1 Nd5** **31.Rg5**

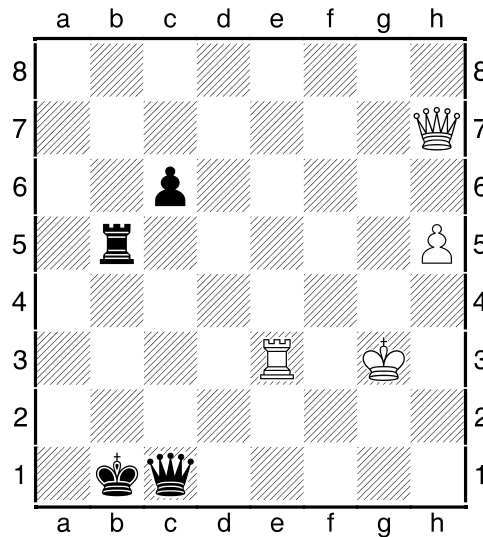


Korchnoi is ready to give up all his queen-side in exchange for passed pawn "f" or "h". **31...c6** **32.Rxh5 Re2** **33.Rh8+ Kd7** **34.Rd8+ Kc7** **35.Rf8 Rxb2** **36.Rxf7+ Kd6** **37.Bg5 Ke6!** King should be as close to the white pawns as it could be. **38.Rf8 Nb4?** Loss of precious time. [38...Rxa2 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**



Realizing, that situation has changed, Black wouldn't mind having a draw, but...**43.f4!** What a fighting spirit! [43.h5 Ra5 44.f4 Nxf4=] **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#] **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+=] **45.f5 Re4 46.Rd8+ Kc4 47.Kg2** [47.f6 Ne5 48.Re8? Nf3+] **47...b5 48.f6 Ne5 49.Re8 Kd3** Defending ♖e4 against f7. **50.Kg3 b4 51.Bf4** The only way to get ♘e5 moving forward. **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] **52...Kc3?**

[52...Kc2! ; now White withdrawing the bishop f4 with tempo.] **53.Bd2+ Kc2 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+-] **56.Bxe5 Rxe5 57.f7 b2 58.f8Q b1Q** White is making checks first, so he should win. **59.Qf2+ 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+] **60...Rb5 61.Qe3+ Kb4?! [61...Kc4] 62.Qd4+ Kb3 63.Re8!** This is the best practical chance – covering the square e1 and threatening by Re3. **63...Qc1 64.Re3+ Ka2 65.Qxa7+ Kb1 66.Qh7+**



**66...Ka2?** [Black made a final mistake –

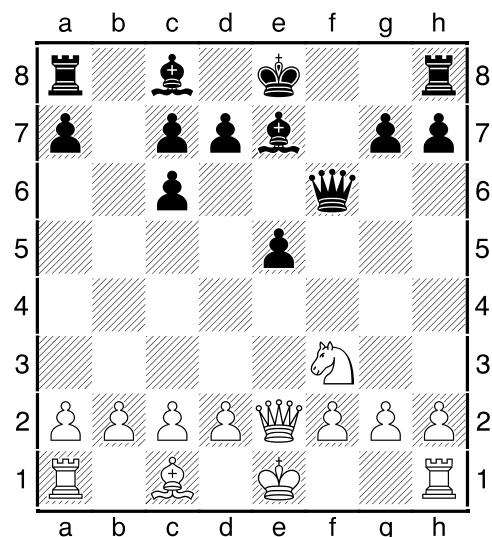
66...Qc2! , and in case of 67.Qxc2+ Kxc2 a draw on the board: 68.h6 Rh5 69.Re2+ Kb3 70.Rh2 Rg5+! 71.Kf4 Rg8=] **67.Qf7+ Kb2** [67...Ka1 68.Qf2! Rg5+ 69.Kh4+–] **68.Qf2+** This is Victor Lvovich Korchnoi – perhaps, his chess strength is not the same as before, but his will to victory is! **1-0**

**(07) Deviatkin,A (2580) - Azarov,S (2648) [C63]**

Chigorin Memorial Open St Petersburg  
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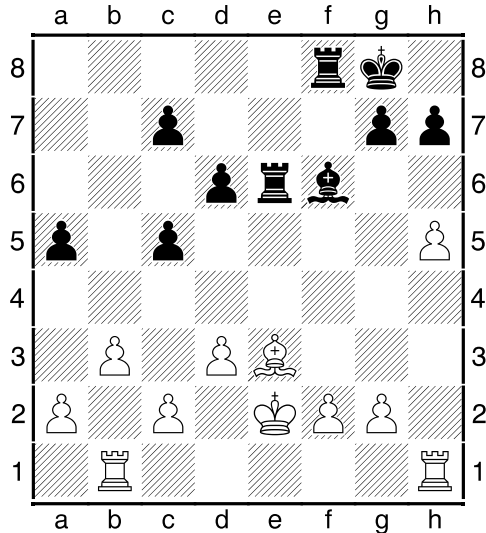
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**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5!?** It seems, Jaenisch Defence is becoming more popular – at least, White struggles to obtain a plain advantage here. **4.Nc3** [The main continuation; 4.d3 is quite harmless – see Chirila–Hachiyani, CZM 10/2011] **4...fxe4 5.Nxe4 Nf6** [Earlier Black tried to find a happiness in sharp lines 5...d5 6.Nxe5 dxe4 7.Nxc6 Qg5 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.f4 , but 5...Nf6 is regarded as thoroughfare now.] **6.Nxf6+** [6.Qe2 is less accurate in view of 6...d5 7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.d4 Bg7! 9.dxe5 0-0 10.Bxc6 (10.e6 Ne5) 10...bxc6 11.e6 Re8 12.Be3 Qd6 (or even 12...c5!/? at once – 13.Bxc5 Rxe6 14.Be3 c5) ] **6...Qxf6** [6...gxf6 7.Nh4!/?] **7.Qe2** [To avoid 7.0-0 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Re1+ (9.b3 c6 10.Re1+ Kf7) 9...Be7 10.Qe2 c6 11.Bd3 d5 12.b3 0-0! , and after 13.Qxe7 Qxf2+ 14.Kh1 Bh3 15.gxh3 Qf3+ all comes to the draw.] **7...Be7** [Black has to part with ♠e5; 7...d6? 8.d4+–] **8.Bxc6 bxc6**

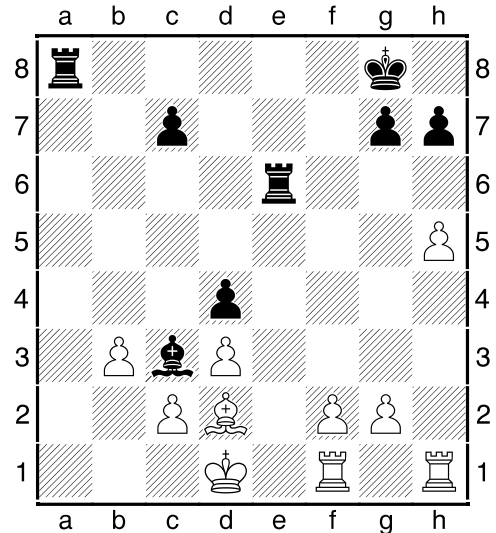


**9.Qxe5** [9.d4 should be replied by 9...Qg6! (not 9...exd4?! 10.Bg5 Qe6 11.Qxe6 dxe6 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Nxd4±) 10.0-0 d6 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Bh3! 13.Ne1 Bxd6♞ , and Black has an excellent compensation (two bishops and whatnot); 9.Nxe5 also fails to provide an advantage: 9...0-0 10.0-0 Qe6! 11.Re1 Bc5 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.Be3 Bg4 14.0-0-0 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 12.0-0 Bg4 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 than 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...Rbe8** Realizing, that main events are unfolding in the center now. **17.h4** [Insuring against a trap

17.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 Rfe7 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** [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!**



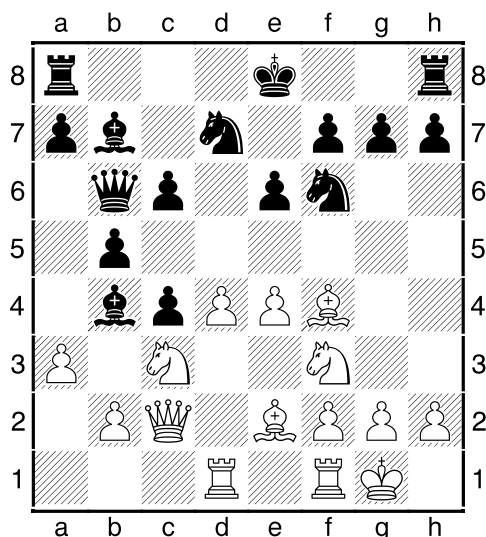
**27.Rh4??** Intending to move Rh4–e4, but... [White ought to stand still like 27.f4 , g4 etc. – Black's activity is enough for the draw, but no more than that.] **27...Ra1+ 28.Bc1 Bb2 29.Kd2 Rxc1!** [Calculation was based on 29...Bc3+ 30.Kd1 Bb2 , but Azarov finds something better.] **30.Rhh1** [30.Rxc1 Bc3+ 31.Kd1 Re1#] **30...Rxf1 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**

**(08) Markos,J (2596) - Michalik,P (2511) [D15]**

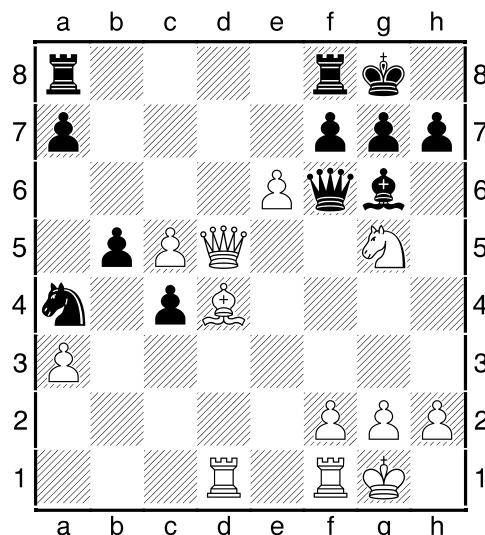
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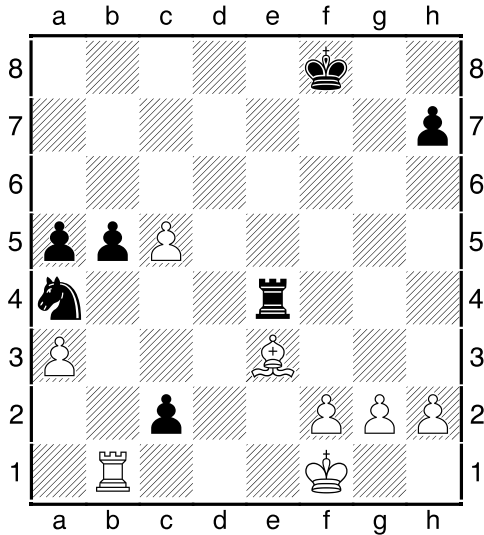
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.Bf4** [Almost always White is eager to the immediate action – 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 , but Markos want to finish the development at first.] **6...e6 7.Qc2 Bb4 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rad1N Qb6 11.a3**



**11...Bxc3** [Black has to part with bishop, because in case of 11...Be7 White has an unpleasant answer 12.Bg5! 0-0? (12...h6 13.Bh4) 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd5+-] **12.bxc3 c5!** Strong and only move – differently, after Bd6 Black would have been paralyzed. **13.e5 Be4** [I'm not sure, whether this move is necessary, because bishop at e4 will be a target. Simple 13...Nd5 14.Bc1 h6! , and White hasn't sufficient compensation(14...0-0 15.Ng5) ] **14.Qb2 Nd5 15.Be3** In order to take dxc5 somewhere. **15...Qa5 16.Ng5 Bg6** [16...Nxc3? loses after 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bf3 f5 19.exf6 Ndx6 20.Qc2; 16...Bd3 looks interesting, but this is dubious too: 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.dxc5! (18.Rxd3? c4) 18...Nxe5?! 19.c4! Nc3 (19...Nxc4 20.Qxg7 0-0-0 21.Qxf7+-) 20.Ne4! , and Black is in danger.] **17.Bf3 0-0?!** [17...N7b6! would have secured an advantage by Black: 18.dxc5 Na4 19.Qd2 Rd8! (19...Naxc3? 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Bd4; 19...Bd3 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.e6→) 20.Bd4 0-0-0 , and ♖c5 is doomed.] **18.Bxd5 exd5 19.e6** Now White's initiative is quite annoying. **19...Nb6!?** Michalik still wants to grab ♖c3. [19...fxe6 20.Nxe6 Rfe8 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 , and bishop on d4 will be very strong.] **20.dxc5 Na4 21.Qd2 Qxc3** [21...Rae8 22.exf7+ Bxf7 23.Bd4 Qc7 with roughly equal game was safer, but Black has something different in mind.] **22.Qxd5 Qf6** [Otherwise is just a disaster – 22...Rae8 23.Bd4 Qxa3 24.exf7+ Bxf7 25.Qf5 Bg6 26.Qd7+-] **23.Bd4**



**23...fxe6!** Now Markos has to make an uneasy choice. [23...Qe7?! 24.Rfe1 f6 25.Qd7!! Qxd7 26.exd7 fxg5 27.Re7 (27.c6 probably wins too) 27...Rf7 28.Re8+ Rf8 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Be3+-] **24.Nxe6?!** [White didn't take the risk of 24.Qxa8 Rxa8 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Nxe6 , though after 26...Bd3 27.Rfe1 Rc8 28.Nf4! Nxc5 29.Nd5 he is better – ♘d5 is too powerful and ♖c4 isn't going anywhere for a while.] **24...Qf7 25.Bxg7?** [Second dubious move in a row; worth to prefer 25.Qd6 Rfe8 26.Rfe1 , although after correct 26...c3 27.Rc1 Rac8 28.Bxc3 Nxc3 29.Rxc3 Bf5 30.Rce3 Bxe6 31.Rxe6 Red8! (31...Rxe6 32.Rxe6 Rxc5 33.Qxc5 Qxe6 34.Qxb5±) 32.Qe5 Rxc5! Black almost equalizes.] **25...Rfe8 26.Rfe1 Bf5 27.Bf6** [27.Bd4 isn't suitable – 27...Bxe6 28.Qe5 Qg6-+] **27...Bxe6** [27...Qxf6? 28.Nd8+] **28.Rxe6 Rxe6 29.Qxa8+ Qf8 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8 31.Bd4 a5!** I doubt, that this position is what White dreamed about – he is pawn's up, but black passers are on their way. **32.Kf1 c3** [32...b4?! 33.axb4 axb4 34.Ra1] **33.Rb1** [33.Be3 b4 34.axb4 axb4 35.c6 Rxe3! (35...Rxc6? 36.Rd4) 36.fxe3 c2-+] **33...Re4 34.Be3 c2?**



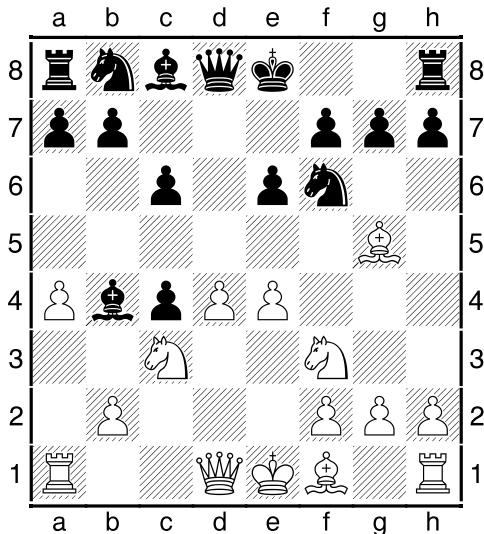
[Crude error in already winning situation. After 34...b4+ White has no chances.] **35.Rc1?** [Markos wasted an unexpected opportunity – 35.Bh6+! Kf7 36.Rxb5 , and draw is quite probable.] **35...Rc4** Now it's over. **36.Ke2 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.Kd3 Nb2+ 39.Kd2 b3 40.Ra1 Na4 41.Bh6+ Kf7 0-1**

**(09) Le Quang Liem (2717) - Dominguez Perez,L (2710) [D16]**

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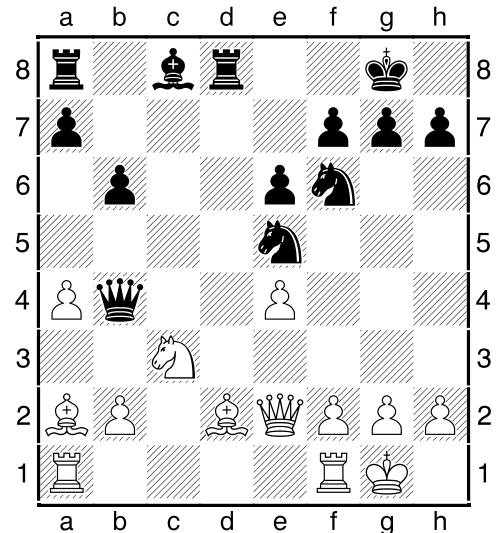
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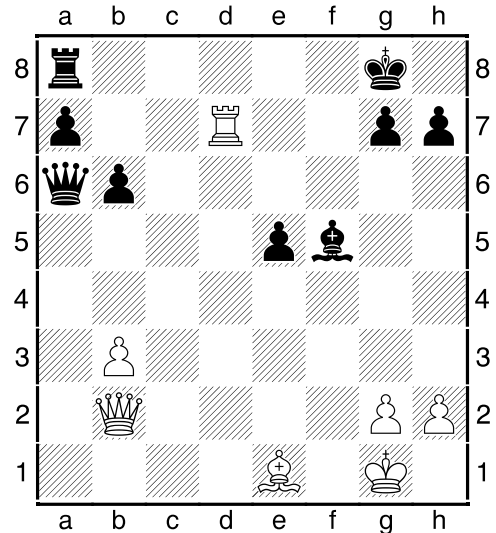
[7.Bxc4!? Nxe4 8.0-0 – Le Quang Liem–

Spoelman, 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?! (Nc2...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, Danzhou 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**



**16.Rfd1!?** A fighting novelty. [16.Bg5 lead once to the quick draw: 16...a5 17.Rad1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Ba6 19.Qc2 1/2, Shulman–Potkin, FIDE WC 2011; 16.Nd5 gives nothing – 16...Qxb2 17.Rfb1 Qc2

(17...Qd4? 18.Bc3) 18.Bb3 Qd3, but now 17.Nd5 is a threat already.] **16...Bb7!** Calm and correct response. ♖e4 is under fire now. [16...Qxb2? 17.Be1+-; 16...a5? loses too - 17.Nd5 Qxb2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Bh6!+-; 16...Qe7, escaping from the pin, is somewhat coward - 17.Bf4±, and Black is in trouble.] **17.Be1!?** [Liem undertakes a tactical battle. 17.Bg5?! was not the best decision due to 17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 (not 19...Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Bxe4 21.Re1) 20.f3 h6!, and Black is better.] **17...Nxe4?** [Right idea, wrong execution. N7...Rxd1 18.Rxd1, and only now 18...Nxe4 - 19.f3 Qc5+ (19...Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxa4 21.b3!) 20.Kh1 Nxc3 21.Bxc3 Nc6 : White has nothing better than repetition 22.Rd7 Bc8 23.Rd1 Bb7=] **18.Nb5?** [Both players overlooked 18.Nd5! Qxa4□ 19.Ne7+ Kf8 20.Bd5! Qxa1 21.Rxa1 exd5 22.Bb4 a5 23.Ba3 - Black's situation is critical.] **18...Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Qxa4 20.b3 Qa6 21.Bb1 f5** [21...Rf8!, taking rook away from a8, was even better.] **22.f3 Bc6** [22...Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Ng5 24.Rd3!, and there is no 24...Qxb5 - 25.Rd8+] **23.fxe4 Bxb5 24.Qb2 Nd3** [24...Ng4 25.exf5 Ne3, and White is able to force a draw by means of 26.Qe5! Nxd1 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.f6 Re8! (all another doesn't work) 29.fxg7+ Kxg7 30.Qg4+ Kh8 31.Qd4+=] **25.Bxd3 Bxd3 26.exf5 Bxf5??** Dominguez made an incredible blunder. [All struggle was ahead in case of 26...exf5 27.Bc3 (27.Qc3 Bb5!) 27...Rd8 28.Bxg7 b5! - queen switches to the defence.] **27.Rd7 e5**



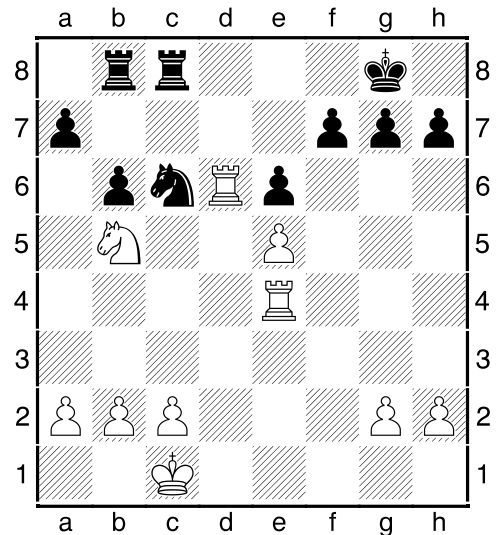
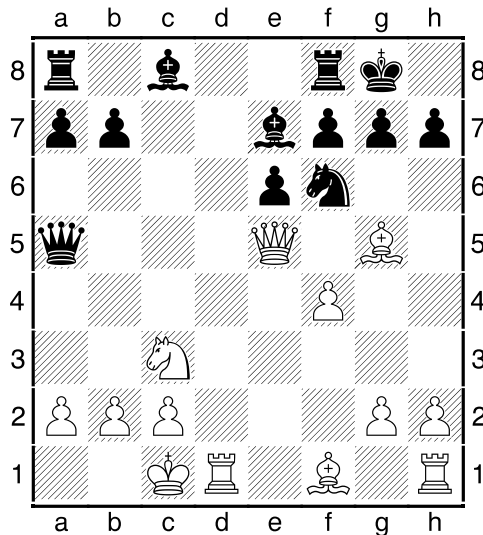
**28.Qxe5!!** Very effective. As it turned out, black pieces are situated in the worse possible way. **28...Bxd7 29.Bc3** [Resignation because of 29.Bc3 Kf7 30.Qxg7+ Ke6 (30...Ke8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qf6+) 31.Qe5+ Kf7 32.Qf6+ Ke8 33.Bb4!+-] **1-0**

**(10) Landa,K (2639) - Van der Weide,K (2449) [B65]**

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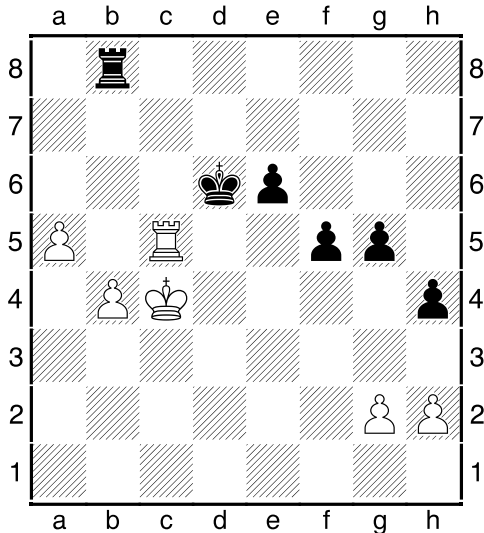
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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qa5 11.e5** [Some theoreticians (for example, Alexander Khalifman) think, that 11.e5 isn't enough for the opening edge, suggesting 11.Bc4 instead. But maybe this is not so simple.] **11...dxe5 12.Qxe5**



[White is obliged to offer an ending; 12.fxe5? Rd8 13.Qf4 Rxd1+ 14.Nxd1 Nd5 15.Qh4 Bxg5+ 16.Qxg5 Bd7±] **12...Qxe5** [And Black is obliged to accept it: 12...Qb6? 13.Na4 Qc6 (13...Qf2 14.Rd2) 14.Bb5! Qxg2 15.Rhg1+–] **13.fxe5 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Bd3** [Preliminary 15.Bb5 a6 16.Bd3 is also possible, but this inclusion is useless in fact.] **15...b6** [It's difficult to find another path to develop – 15...Nc6 16.Rhe1 Rd8 17.b4!! Bd7 (17...Nxb4 18.Bxh7+) 18.b5 Na5 19.Ne4±, and ♘ is heading at d6.] **16.Be4 Rb8 17.Nb5!** That's why 15.Bb5 a6 was undesirable. [The thing is after 17.Rhe1 Bb7 18.Rd7 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Nc6 there is nothing better than 20.Rd6 anyway – so it makes sense to move to d6 by one tempo, not two(20.Nb5 Rfd8 21.Rc7 Rdc8 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Rc4 Ne7=) ] **17...Bb7** [17...a6 18.Nd6 Ng6 19.Bxg6 fxc6 20.Rhf1±] **18.Rhe1 Bxe4** [18...a6!? lead to equality in the following fragment – 19.Rd7 (perhaps, 19.Nc7 a5 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.Nb5! is more perspective) 19...Nd5 20.Nd6 Bc6 21.Ra7 Ra8 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.c4 Nb4 24.Bb1 Bxg2 25.Rg1 Bf3 26.Rg3 Bh1=, Timofeev–Dreev, RUS–ch 2007] **19.Rxe4 Nc6** [Recent example – 19...Rb7 20.Ra4 Nc6 21.Rd6 Nxe5 22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Nxa7 Nc4 24.Rc6 Ne3 25.Rxb6 Nxg2 26.Nc6 f5 27.Ne5 f4 28.Nf3 g5 29.h3!, Kobalia–Sanikidze, EUR–ch 2011, and White eventually won.] **20.Rd6 Rfc8**

**21.Rc4!** Action time has come, otherwise Black will easy equalize after Kf8–e7. **21...Nxe5 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nxa7 Rb8 24.a4** Thinking about passed ♙ formation. **24...g5** Heading by king to the square f6. [24...Kf8 25.b3 Ke7? 26.Rxb6] **25.Nc6 Nxc6 26.Rxc6 Kg7 27.c4 h5N** [Only 27th move is a novelty! Black was trying before to cope by the following method – 27...Kf6 28.Kc2 Ke5 29.b4 f5 30.Kb3 f4 31.c5! bxc5 (31...g4 32.cxb6 f3 33.gxf3 gxf3 34.a5 f2 35.Rc1+–) 32.Rxc5+ Kd4 33.Rxg5 e5 34.a5 e4 35.Rf5+–, Sadvakasov–Miroshnichenko, Dubai 2006] **28.b4 Kf6 29.Kc2 Ke5 30.Kb3** [30.c5?! bxc5 31.Rxc5+ Kd4 32.Rxg5 Rxb4 33.Rxh5 e5! – that's why ♙b4 should be protected.] **30...f5 31.c5 bxc5 32.Rxc5+ Kd6 33.a5 h4 34.Kc4**



**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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