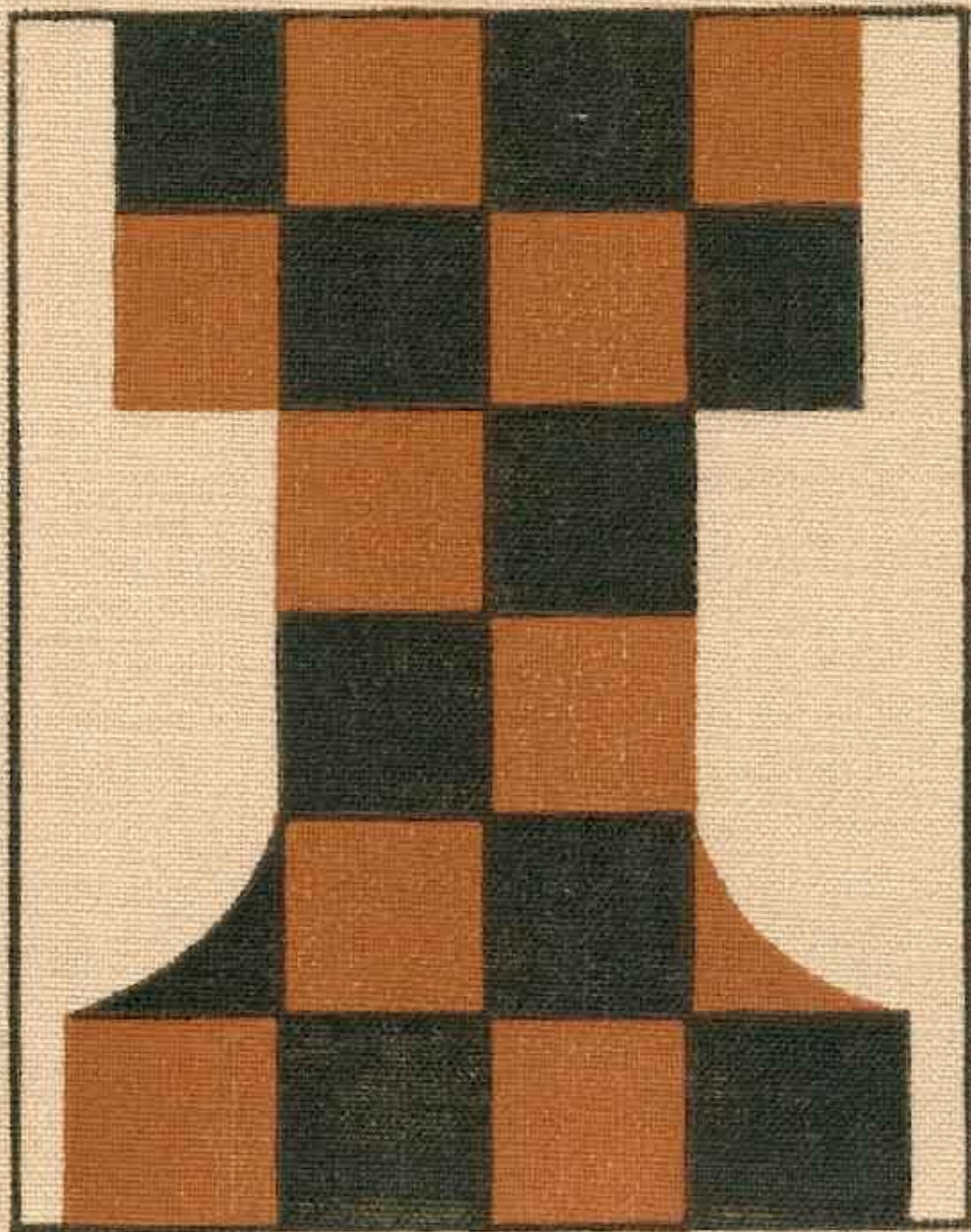


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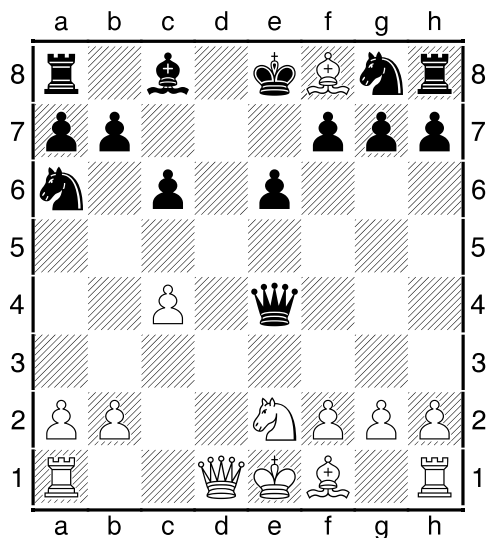
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## Games

### (01) Vitiugov,N (2741) - Robson,R (2613) [D31]

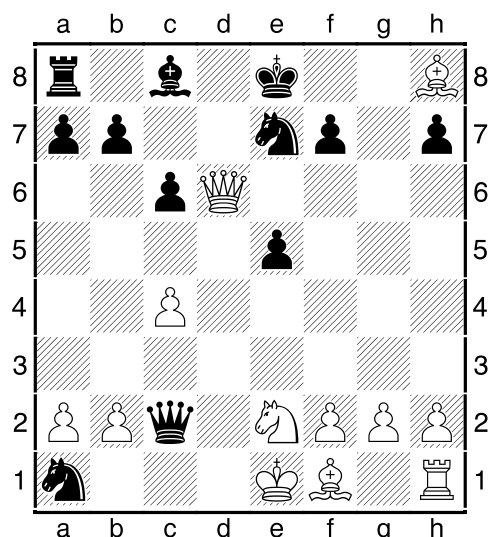
World Teams 2013 Antalya TUR (2),  
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**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4** Rushing into the maelstrom of Slavic Gambit! [If white is not willing to sacrifice a pawn, he has a solid move 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2] **4...d:e4 5.N:e4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Q:d4 7.B:b4 Q:e4+ 8.Ne2!?** [Most often, the leaders of the white pieces prefer to close by bishop from the check: 8.Be2 Na6 9.Bd6 Q:g2 10.Qd2 Nf6 11.Bf3 Qg6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.B:g4 N:g4 15.f3 Nf2 16.B:e5 N:d1 17.R:d1 Nc5 18.Nf4 Qg5 19.Qd6 Ne6 20.Qd7+ Kf8 21.Bb8! R:b8 22.Qd6+ Ke8 23.Qd7+ and the case may end up in a perpetual check] **8...Na6 9.Bf8!**

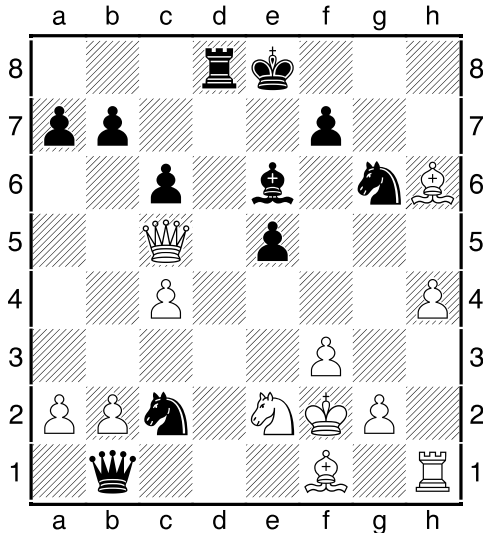


Very nice move! White bishop hoisted the legitimate field of his opponent, a deserter from the army of the black king! At the same time such a "prick" is not only a very extravagant, but the strongest continuation! Saucy "officer" attacked black infantryman g7 and prevents "normal" output of the black knight on f6. However, all this is not just once or twice in practice. [9.Bc3 Nf6 10.Qd6 Q:c4 11.Rd1 Nd5 12.B:g7 Rg8] **9...Ne7** [Interesting option 9...Qg6!? 10.Nf4 Qg5 11.Qd6 Ne7 12.h4! Qa5+ 13.b4! Q:b4+ 14.Q:b4 N:b4 15.B:g7 Rg8 16.Nh5

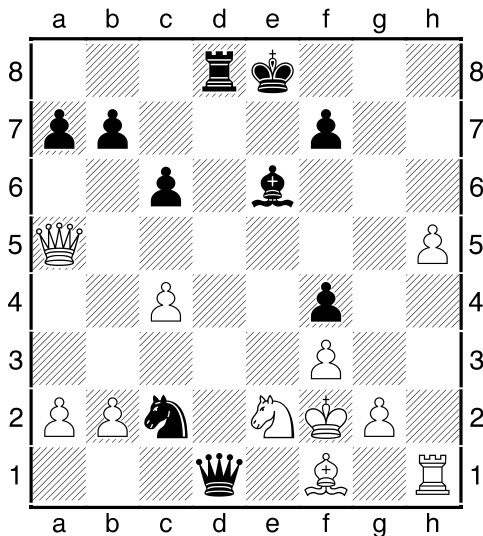
Nc2+ 17.Kd2 N:a1 18.Nf6+ Kd8 19.N:g8 N:g8 20.B:a1 Ke7 21.g4 and here thanks to the powerful pair of bishops, white has more than enough compensation for the pawn] **10.B:g7 Nb4! 11.Qd6** [11.B:h8 e5! 12.Qd6 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 Bf5 14.Ng3 Qf4+ 15.Kc3 Nd5+! 16.c:d5 Qd4+ 17.Kb3 N:a1+ with perpetual check] **11...Nc2+** Going into melee! [Much safer, even though it leads to more boring game 11...Nd3+!? 12.Kd2 Nf5 13.Q:d3 Q:d3+ 14.K:d3 N:g7 15.Kc3 b6 16.g4 Bb7 17.Bg2 0-0-0 and white minimal advantage soon disappeared completely] **12.Kd2 N:a1 13.B:h8 Qc2+ 14.Ke1 e5**



[14...Q:c4? 15.Nc3 Qb4 16.Qd1 Q:b2 17.Bd3 and black knight stuck in the corner] **15.f3!** It is time to open a loophole to escape monarch! **15...Be6 16.Bf6 Ng6 17.h4 Qf5!** The only way! Necessary to bring down a bishop from a diagonal h4-d8, to enter the rook through d8 square. **18.Bg5 h6!** [Much worse 18...f6? 19.Ng3 Qb1+ 20.Kf2 Q:b2+ 21.Be2 Qd4+ 22.Q:d4 e:d4 23.h5 Nf8 24.B:f6 Nc2 25.Ne4±] **19.B:h6 Rd8 20.Qc5 Qb1+ 21.Kf2 Nc2**



**22.h5** [22.Qa5 Qd1! 23.Bg5 (23.h5 b6! 24.Q:a7 Qe1+ 25.Kg1 Rd1 26.Qb8+ Ke7 27.Bg5+ f6) 23...f6 24.B:f6 b6 25.Q:a7 Qe1+ 26.Kg1 Ne3 27.Kh2 Rd7! 28.Qb8+ Kf7 29.Ng3 Qf2 30.Bg5 N:h4! 31.B:h4 Rd2 32.Qc7+ Kg6 33.Bd3+! R:d3 34.Qg7+! K:g7 35.Nh5+ Kg6 36.B:f2 K:h5 37.Re1! N:c4 38.b3=; Perhaps stronger 22.Bg5!? f6 23.h5! (23.B:f6 Qe1+ 24.Kg1 Nd4 25.Kh2 Qf2! 26.N:d4 R:d4 27.Qa3 Rd7!!-+) 23...Nf4 24.N:f4 Qe1+ 25.Kg1 Nd4 26.Bh4 Qe3+ 27.Bf2 Q:f4 28.Rh4 Qg5 29.Qa3 Nf5 30.Re4 Rd1 and black has some compensation for the pawn] **22...Nf4!** [22...Ne1? 23.Kg1 Nd3 24.Qe3 white has a decisive advantage thanks to the extra passed pawn / Nepomniachtchi – Pavasovic, 2011] **23.B:f4 e:f4 24.Qa5 Qd1?**

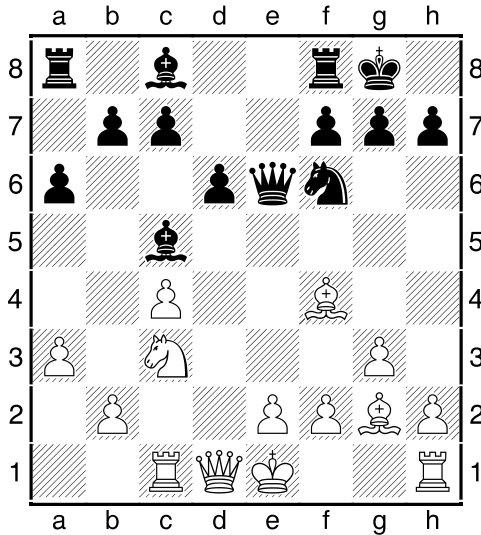


In such a sharp position any mistake of one player leads to an immediate collapse. So here: queen maneuver is slow, and white jerk strong infantry could celebrate quick success. [However, the knight jump gave draw 24...Ne3 25.h6 Nd1+ 26.Kg1 Ne3 and white is not entitled to avoid the repetition of moves] **25.N:f4??** [By 25.h6! Rd2 26.h7 R:e2+ 27.Kg1 Qd4+ 28.Kh2 Qg7 (28...Rd2 29.Qc3!) 29.B:e2 Q:h7+ 30.Kg1 Qg7 31.Q:a7 white sought a decisive material advantage] **25...Rd2+ 26.Kg1?** [Much better 26.Be2! R:e2+ 27.N:e2 Q:h1 28.Ng3 Qd1 29.Qc3 although there two pawns for a piece – clearly insufficient equivalent] **26...Ne3** White forces divided, and black army triumphantly wins. **27.Qg5 Q:f1+ 28.Kh2 Q:f3 0-1**

**(02) Nepomniachtchi, I (2721) - Kryvoruchko, Y (2701) [A29]**

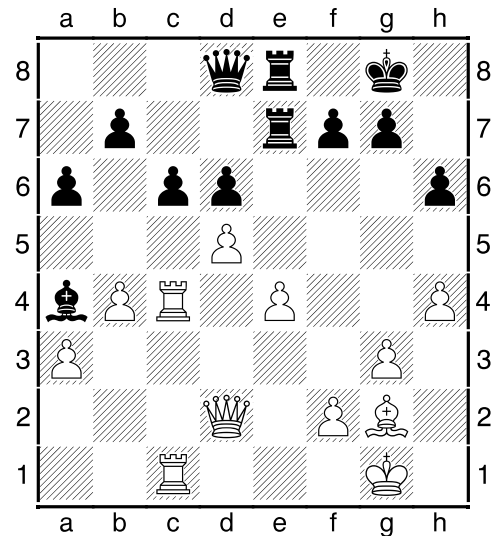
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**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bc5 5.N:e5!?** This rare variant became famous thanks to the brilliant victory of M. Botvinnik over the challenger for the world crown P. Keres. **5...N:e5?!** [Stronger yet 5...B:f2+ 6.K:f2 N:e5 7.e4 c5! as black did in the above game. Weakening point e5 is the shadow side of white's plan, launched the fifth move, and black has good counterplay. 8.d3 d6 9.h3 h5? 10.Be2 Nh7?! 11.Kg2 h4 12.g4 Ng5 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Qd2 Ne6 15.b4 b6 16.Rab1 Bc6 17.Rhf1 Bb7 18.Kg1 Nc6 19.Nd5 Ncd4 20.Bd1 f6 21.Kh2 Bc6 22.a4 a5 23.b:a5 b:a5 24.Qf2 Ra7 25.g5 0-0 26.g6 f5 27.Rb8!! 1-0 (27) Botvinnik, M – Keres, P / Moscow 1966] **6.d4 Qe7** [6...Bd6 7.c5 Qe7 8.Be3 B:c5 9.d:c5 Nfg4 10.Qd4] **7.d:e5 Q:e5 8.Bg2 d6 9.Bf4 Qe6 10.Rc1 0-0 11.a3 a6**

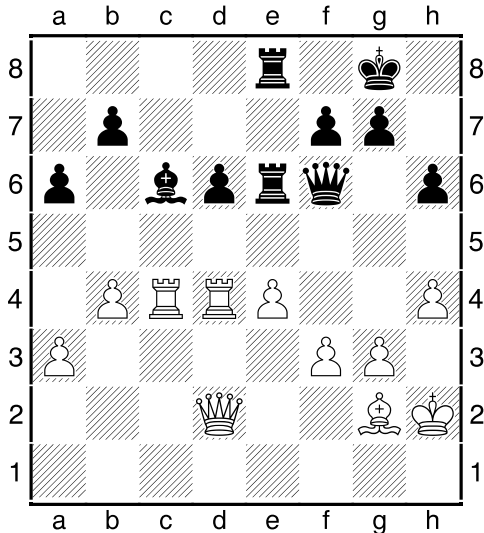


[11...a5!?] **12.0-0** Debut is over, and its results are disappointing for black. Enough to see the backwardness in the development of black pieces, compare bishops g2 and c8, and also notice the weakness of the c7-pawn after white maneuver Nc3-d5, exchanging knights and taking c4:d5. **12...Re8** [c4 pawn, of course, inedible: 12...Q:c4? 13.Nd5 Qd4 14.N:c7 Rb8 15.b4 Bb6 16.B:d6 Rd8 17.Q:d4 B:d4 18.N:a6 etc.] **13.Rc2** Some delay. I do not see reasons why whites refuse further capture space: [13.b4 Ba7 14.Nd5 N:d5 15.c:d5 Qe7 16.e4] **13...h6** Black waiting, not knowing what to do. [Looks better attempt to defend territory on the queenside 13...a5 14.Nd5 N:d5 15.c:d5 Qe7 16.e4 Bd7 and, compared with the position from the game, black made progress: developed all the pieces and covered weakness on c7] **14.b4 Ba7 15.Qd3 Qe7 16.h3 Rb8** Black torment continues. He has to do so "clumsy" moves only to prepare the development of bishop. **17.Nd5!** It's true! White stepped up to the limit his position and it's time to attack... **17...N:d5 18.c:d5 Bb6**

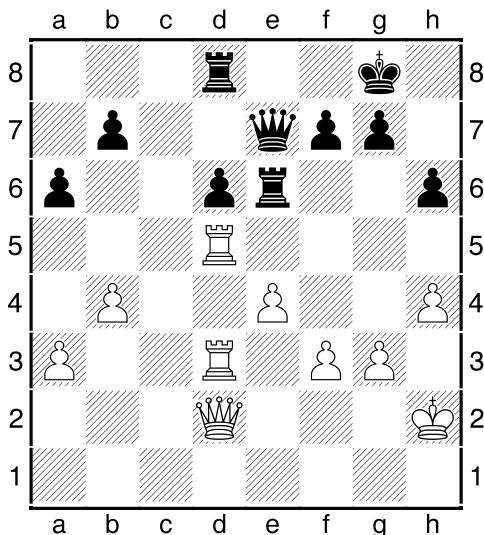
**19.e4** [Also good immediately go on the offensive on the queenside: 19.a4 a5 20.b5! Bd7 21.e4 Bc5 22.Be3 b6 23.B:c5 b:c5 24.f4± with the advantage of white on both flanks] **19...Bd7 20.Rfc1 Ba4 21.Rc3 Rbd8 22.Be3 B:e3 23.Q:e3 Rd7 24.Qd2 Qd8 25.h4 Rde7 26.Rc4 c6**



Soon or later, in an attempt to free, black should make this move, but now apparent weakness becomes a pawn d6. **27.Rd4 c:d5 28.R:d5 Re6 29.Rd4 Qe7 30.Kh2 Bc6 31.Rcc4?** Very strange move. For such powerful pieces as rooks, not good to go the closed fourth horizontal. [Stable advantage retained 31.f3 ] **31...Qf6 32.f3**



The key moment of the game, match, and throughout the whole tournament! **32...Qe7?** Apparently, black resigned to his fate and do not want to show any activity in this game. In vain! In the battle torn brave infantryman! [32...g5! 33.h:g5 (33.Bh3 g:h4! 34.Qf4 h:g3+ 35.Q:g3+ Kf8 36.B:e6 R:e6 37.Kg2 b5! 38.R:c6 Q:d4 39.Rc8+ Re8 40.Qg4 Qb2+ 41.Kh3 Q:a3i) 33...h:g5 34.Kg1 (34.f4 g:f4 35.g:f4 Qh4+ 36.Kg1 Rh6) 34...Qe5! 35.Kf2 Kg7 and here an obvious advantage is on the black side! And the white rooks look quite curious] **33.Rc2** White takes the rook from unreliable parking c4 to line "d" to attack black pawn... **33...Ba4 34.Rc3 Bc6 35.Bf1!** Technically maneuver! White bishop transfers to d5, exchanges the pieces and increases pressure on the weak enemy pawn... **35...Rf6 36.Bc4 Rd8 37.Bd5 B:d5 38.R:d5 Re6 39.Rcd3**

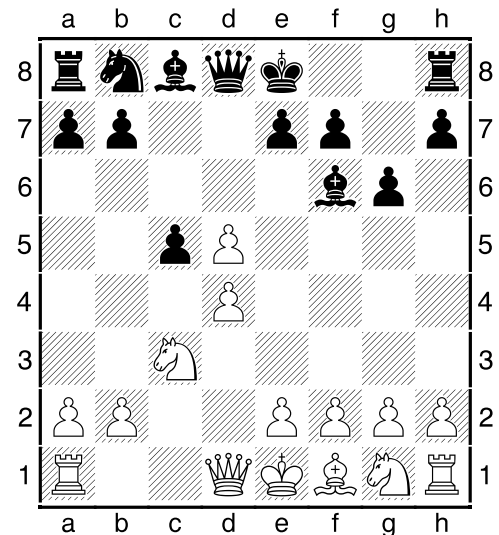


White reached the "ideal" position to deal with an isolated pawn, "built" heavy pieces on the line "d". Now the weak pawn would be very difficult to keep... **39...Qf6 40.Kg2 Qa1?** Understandable desire of the black in a difficult position "jump" somewhere, to show the slightest activity, but now trap closes: **41.Rc3! Rde8 42.Qc2 1-0**

**(03) Moiseenko,A (2709) - Grischuk,A (2785) [D80]**

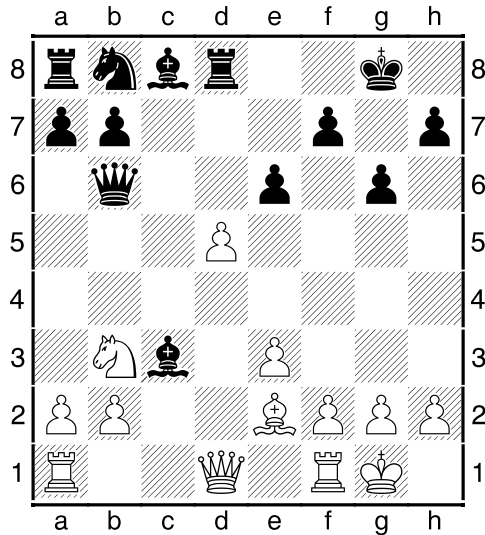
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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.B:f6 B:f6 6.c:d5 c5**

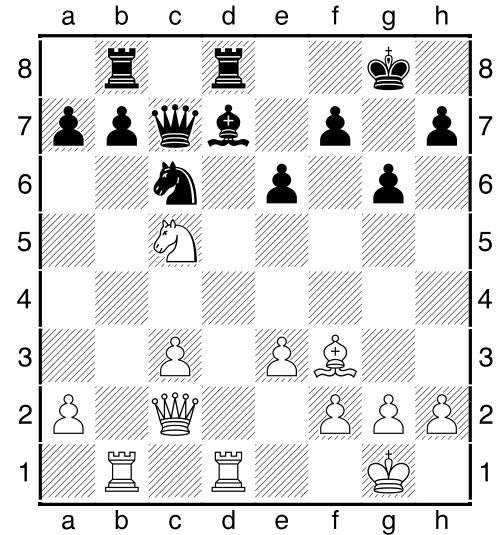


This pawn "prick", until recently, rarely met in grandmasters practice. [The most popular and enjoys a reputation as a reliable continuation 6...c6 7.Rc1!? 0-0 8.d:c6 Q:d4! 9.Q:d4 B:d4 10.c:b7 B:b7 11.Nf3 Bf6 12.e3 Nd7 13.Bb5 Nc5 14.Bc4 Rac8 15.b3 Nd7 16.Na4 Bc6 17.Ba6 Bb7 18.Bc4 Bc6 19.Ke2! B:a4 20.b:a4 Nc5 21.Bb3 Despite the apparent simplicity, the position holds many dangers for black... 21...Ne4 22.Nd4 Rfd8 23.R:c8 R:c8 24.f3 B:d4 25.e:d4 Nd6 26.Kd3± Bishop is clearly stronger than knight in open positions. White's advantage increased, and white gradually succeeded (A. Moiseenko – M. Vachier-Lagrave, 2010)] **7.Nf3** [Considering the option of Grunfeld we can safely learn by games of Alexander Moiseenko. So, he

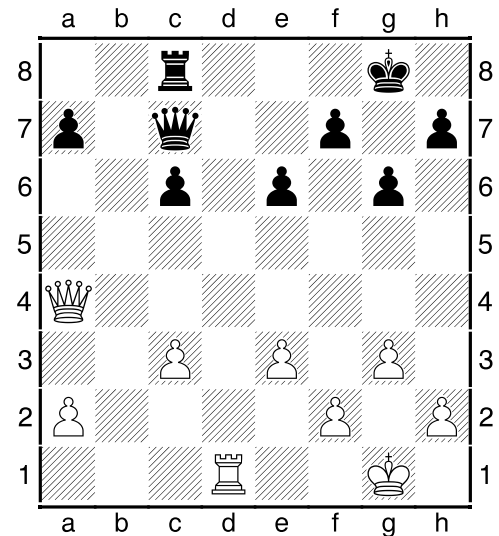
applied 7.d:c5 Nd7 8.Qa4!? brought him an advantage in meeting A. Moiseenko – G. Gopal, 2011: 8...0-0 9.Qa3 Bd4 10.Nf3 B:c5 11.Qb3 Bd6 12.e3 Nc5 13.Qc4 b5!? 14.Qh4 b4 15.Nb5 b3 16.Bc4! Qa5+ 17.Nc3 b:a2 18.0-0 Qb4 19.R:a2± and following the debut white has healthy extra pawn] 7...c:d4 8.N:d4 Qb6 9.Nb3 0-0 10.e3 Rd8 11.Be2 e6 12.0-0 B:c3



In order to take back the pawn, it is necessary to exchange the handsome dark-squared bishop on the white knight. Yet white's advantage is minimal and temporary. Black is introduced into battle queenside pieces and slowly equalize the game. 13.b:c3 R:d5 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Bf3 Rd8 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Nc5 Nc6 18.Rab1 Rab8

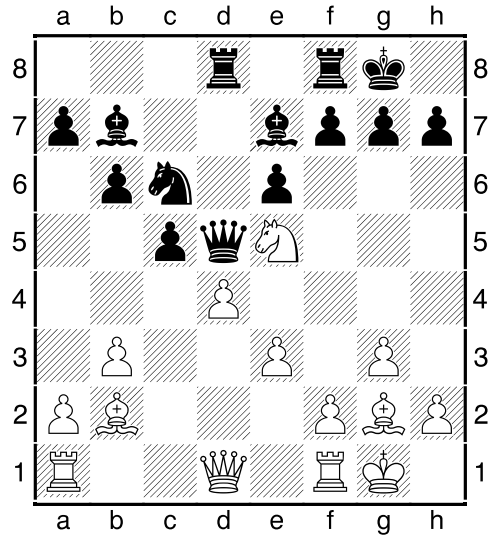
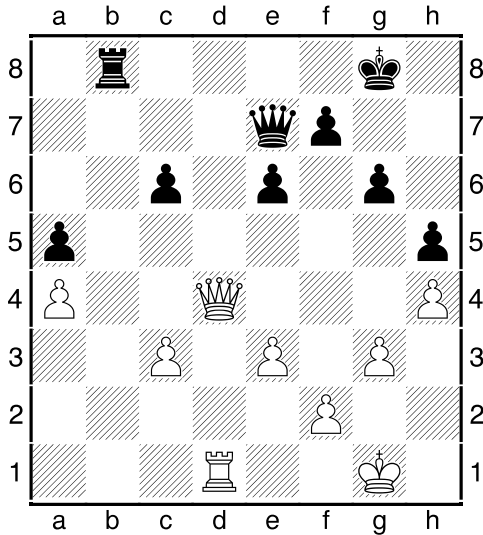


19.N:d7 [19.Qa4!? Ne5 20.N:d7 N:d7 21.Q:a7 Ne5 22.R:d8+ R:d8 23.Q:b7 Q:c3 24.a4 N:f3+ 25.Q:f3 Qc2 26.Ra1 Rd5=] 19...R:d7 20.R:d7 Q:d7 21.Qa4 Rc8 22.Rd1 Qc7 23.B:c6 b:c6 24.g3



It would seem, as some commentators say, more equal position you can not imagine. But here may be nuances... 24...a5 First careless move: black unnecessarily weaken his pawn, pushing it two squares forward. 25.Qd4 Qe7 26.h4 h5 27.a4 Rb8?





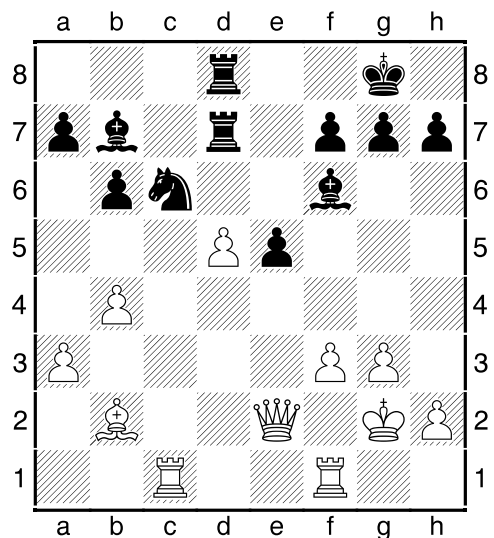
The second of "sensible" moves made "by eye", which could present a very unpleasant surprise for coach of Russia team... **28.Kg2?** White also vain makes a move from the "general considerations". [Good chance playing 28.Qe5! could attack simultaneously on the black rook and pawn.. 28...Qa7 29.Rd6! c5 30.e4 Qb7 31.Ra6! Q:a6 32.Q:b8+ Kh7 33.Qc7 Kg8 34.Q:c5 and such queen endgame will be very difficult to save by black] **28...c5** Here black has no problems absolutely, and rivals shake hands: **29.Qd6 Q:d6 30.R:d6 Rb3 1/2**

**(04) Kramnik,V (2793) - Ezat,M (2454) [A14]**

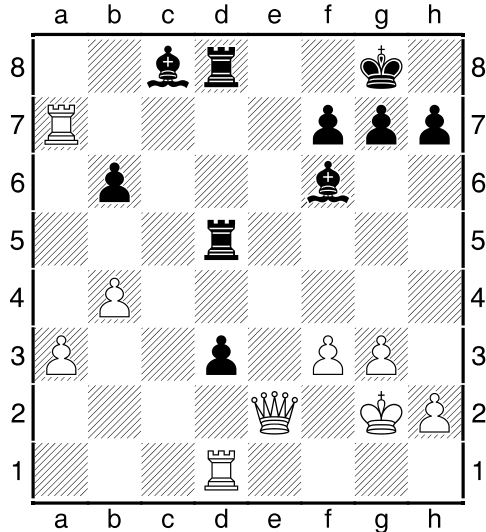
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**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.c4 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.e3 b6** The most popular and reliable continuation. Black finishes development of the queenside. [8...d4!? 9.e:d4 c:d4 10.Re1 Ne8 11.Ne5! N:e5 12.R:e5 f6 13.Re1 e5 14.f4 e:f4 15.Qf3 with unclear play] **9.Nc3 Bb7 [9...d:c4 10.b:c4 Qd3] 10.c:d5 N:d5 11.N:d5 Q:d5** [It seems safer to take by pawn 11...e:d5 but not everyone likes the position with "hanging" pawns: 12.d4 Rc8 13.d:c5 b:c5 14.Qd2 Qb6] **12.d4 Rad8 13.Ne5**

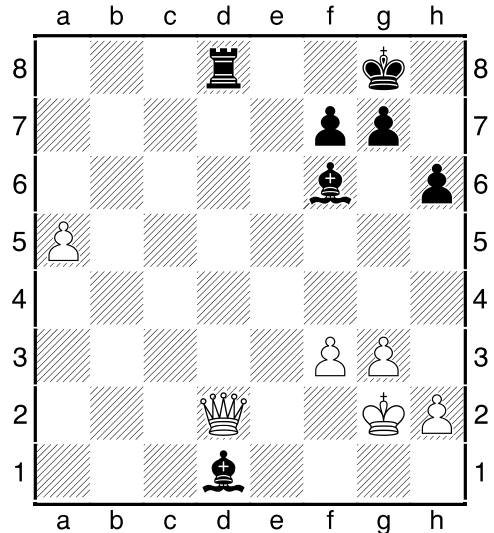
**13...Q:g2+!?** What a surprise! Black sacrifices a queen for only two pieces, but completely change the character of the struggle. Most likely, the compensation for the queen is still insufficient, but the fact that the former World Champion was unable to bring the game to victory, gaining points to interesting idea! [13...Qd6 14.d:c5! Q:c5 15.Nd7! Qf5 16.Rc1 Nb8 (16...Bc5 17.b4! N:b4 18.B:b7 e5 19.Bc8!! R:c8 20.N:f8 R:f8 21.Ba3 Nd3 22.B:c5 b:c5 23.e4! Q:e4 24.Rc3 c4 25.Qc2 Rc8? 26.Rd1+-- ) 17.B:b7 N:d7 18.Qe2 Ne5 19.Bg2 with a clear advantage for white] **14.K:g2 N:e5+ 15.f3 c:d4 16.e:d4 Nc6 17.Rc1 Rd7 18.a3 Rfd8 19.Qe2 Bf6 20.b4 e5 21.d5!**



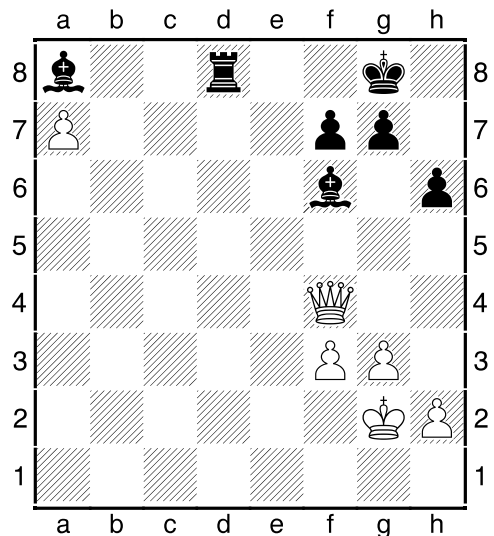
White gives pawn to his advantage, changing a couple of pieces and "stopping" the rook on the seventh rank. **21...R:d5 22.Rfd1 Nd4 23.B:d4 e:d4 24.Rc7 Bc8 25.R:a7 d3**



**26.Qe4?** First serious bug of white. [After 26.Qd2!? Re5!? 27.Ra8 g6 28.R:c8!? R:c8 29.Q:d3 white has a good chance to realize a material advantage] **26...Be6!** Black could immediately force the draw: [26...Re5!? 27.Qc4 (27.R:d3 Rde8! 28.Q:e5 R:e5 29.Ra8 Re8) 27...Be6 28.Qa6 (28.Qc7? Re2+ 29.Kh1 Bh3+) 28...Bc8 29.Qc4 Be6=] **27.a4 d2!** [27...Re5? 28.R:d3! R:e4 29.R:d8+ B:d8 30.f:e4 Kf8 31.a5 b:a5 32.b:a5+-] **28.Qe2 Rd4 29.Qe3 h6 30.a5 b:a5 31.b:a5 Rd3! 32.Qe2 Bb3 33.Ra8 B:d1 34.Q:d3 R:a8 35.Q:d2 Rd8**



Black managed to "sell expensive" his strong passed pawn! Now he has a material advantage: rook and two bishops for the queen, and a great chance to win. Not to be missed far enemy infantry along the "a" and avoid perpetual check for king. **36.Qe3 Ba4?!** Desire to cover the field e8 in time trouble understandable, but now the enemy guerrillas slips on the seventh rank! [Perhaps the best 36...Rd6! 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Kf2?! (38.Q:f7? Rd2+ 39.Kf1 Be2+ 40.Ke1 Rc2! 41.Qb3 Bc3+ 42.Kf2 Bd1+) 38...Rd2+ 39.Ke1 Bc3 40.Qe4+ g6 41.Qc4 Rd3+ 42.Kf2 R:f3+ 43.Kg2 B:a5 44.Qd5 Be2 45.Q:a5 Rf5 46.Qa1 Bf1+ 47.Kg1 Bh3 with easy victory in the pawn endgame] **37.a6! Bc6 38.a7 Ba8 39.Qf4**



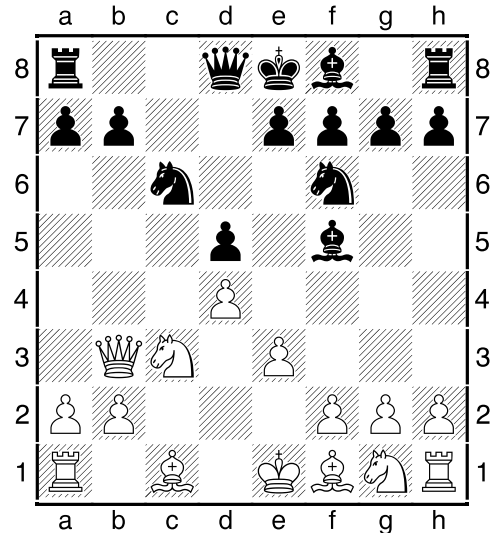
Now black is very difficult to make any progress: passed a7 force binds them. In further very long struggle both players tried to "pull the blanket" on their side, but did not succeed. The rest of the game proceeded almost without mistakes and ended legitimate draw! Well, we can only thank the partners for established "canvas".

**39...Bg5 40.Qb8 g6 41.Qe5 Rf8 42.h4 Bd8 43.h5 g:h5 44.Q:h5 Bg5 45.Kh3 Kg7 46.f4 Bf6 47.Qg4+ Kh8 48.Qf5 Kg7 49.g4 Rd8 50.Kg3 Re8 51.Qc5 Rd8 52.Qb5 Rc8 53.g5 h:g5 54.f:g5 Ba1 55.g6 Bf6 56.g:f7 Rc3+ 57.Kg4 K:f7 58.Qd7+ Kf8 59.Kh5 Rc6 60.Qd2 Ke7 61.Qb4+ Kd7 62.Qb5 Be7 63.Qd5+ Bd6 64.Qg8 Rc8 65.Qf7+ Kc6 66.Qc4+ Kb7 67.Qb5+ Kc7 68.Qa5+ Kc6 69.Qa6+ Kd7 70.Kg5 Bc6 71.Qb6 Rf8 72.Kg6 Ra8 73.Kf6 Rf8+ 74.Kg7 Rc8 75.Kf6 Re8 76.Kf7 Bd5+ 77.Kg6 Re6+ 78.Kf5 Re5+ 79.Kf6 Re6+ 80.Kf5 Be4+ 81.Kg4 Rg6+ 82.Kh5 Rg8 83.Qb5+ Ke6 84.Qe2 Kf5 85.Qf2+ Ke6 86.Qe3 Kf5 87.Qh3+ Kf6 88.Qh4+ Kf5 89.Qh3+ Kf6 90.Qh4+ Ke5 1/2**

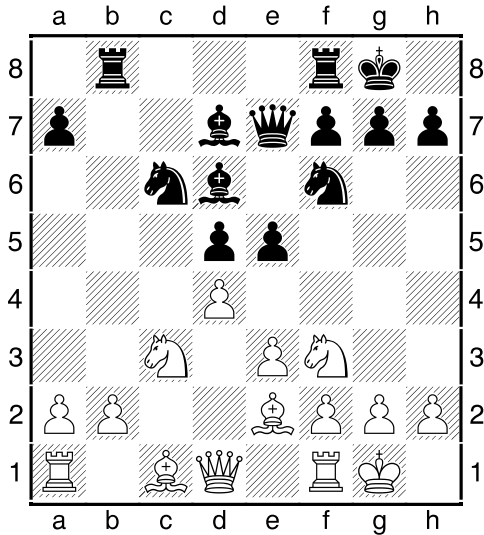
**(05) Korobov,A (2713) - Akopian,VI (2681) [D10]**

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**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5** According to chess databases, the first time this position met in 1886 in the fifth game of the World Championship match Zukertort – Steinitz! On its basis more than one hundred years 4th black move was rejected by theory and applied very rarely. **5.c:d5 c:d5 6.Qb3 Nc6!**

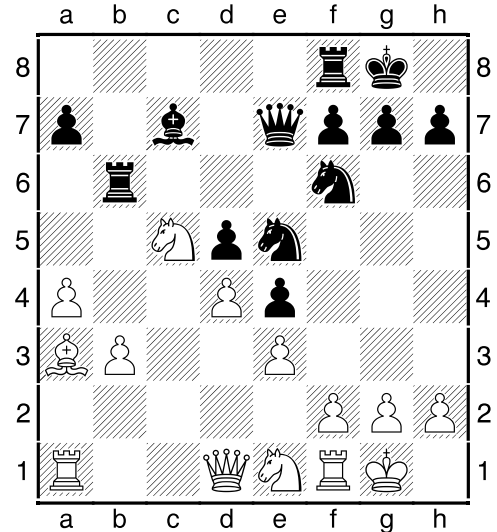


[Until recently it was believed that only "adequate" move in this position **6...Bc8** which, however, clearly indicates that black is something wrong with the debut, just have to spend time. Battle for the title of the first World Chess Champion was following: **7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Ne5 e6 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Bd2 Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.Rc1 B:e5 13.f:e5 Ne8 14.0-0** and after 20 moves a future World Champion suffered a crushing defeat] **7.Q:b7** Otherwise, do not quite understand why white brought his strongest piece on b3... **7...Bd7 8.Qb3** Ate a pawn – and back home to own! **8...Rb8 9.Qd1 e5** Black must play actively, otherwise the opponent will put the pieces comfortable and start implementing extra material. **10.Nf3 [10.d:e5!? N:e5 11.Be2 Bd6 12.f4!?!]** **10...Bd6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Qe7**

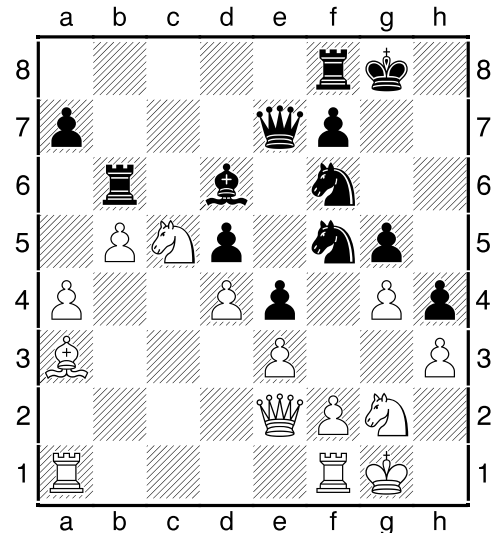


[12...e4!? 13.Nd2 Qc7 14.h3 Nb4 15.a3 Nd3f] **13.b3?** This natural developing move we have to admit a mistake. [Already needed a discharge in the center: 13.d:e5 N:e5 14.Nd4 Rfc8 15.Ndb5 Bc5 16.a3 a6 17.Nd4 Qd6; 13.a3!? e4 14.Nd2] **13...e4 14.Ne1 Bc7?** Procrastination in the acute situation costly black. [A spectacular jump of the knight in the center gave black strong initiative: 14...Ne5! 15.d:e5! (15.g3 Neg4! 16.f3 N:h2! 17.K:h2 Qe6 18.Rh1 Qh3+ 19.Kg1 Q:g3+ 20.Ng2 Bh3 21.R:h3 Q:h3 22.f4 Kh8 23.Qe1 g5+; 15.a4 Neg4 16.g3 Qe6 17.Ra2 N:h2! 18.K:h2 Qh3+ 19.Kg1 Rb6→; 15.h3 Rfc8 16.Bd2 Ng6 17.Rc1 Nh4 18.f4 Nf5⌘) 15...Q:e5 16.f4 e:f3 17.N:f3 Q:c3 18.Qd4 Qc7 19.Bb2 Rfe8 and all the same in this position black has good chances. The white pawn e3 clearly weaker than the isolated pawn of the opponent on d5. 20.Rfc1 Qa5 21.Bc3 Bb4 22.B:b4 R:b4 23.Qd2 Ne4 24.Qd1 Nd6⌘] **15.Na4!±** Strong maneuver! Knight goes on c5 and will, as "bone in the throat" in black, making him very difficult rearrangement of pieces. In particular, square e6 used to transport the black queen toward the residence white "ruler" (see notes to the previous move), white knight will firmly under control... **15...Ne5** Late! Here it is – the tragedy of one tempo in chess! Black waited with this spectacular jump of knight, wanted to spend it in the most favorable situation, but paid off! **16.Nc5! Bb5** [Nothing good comes out for black 16...Neg4

17.g3 h5 18.Na6 Rbc8 19.N:c7 R:c7 20.Ng2] **17.B:b5** Of course, the exchange of pieces are for the benefit of white, who has an extra pawn... **17...R:b5 18.a4! Rb6 19.Ba3!**



White successfully deployed his forces, and black does not have time to create a threat to the opponent's king... **19...Neg4 20.g3 Bd6 21.h3 Nh6 22.Ng2 g5 23.b4! Nf5 24.b5 h5 25.Qe2 h4 26.g4**



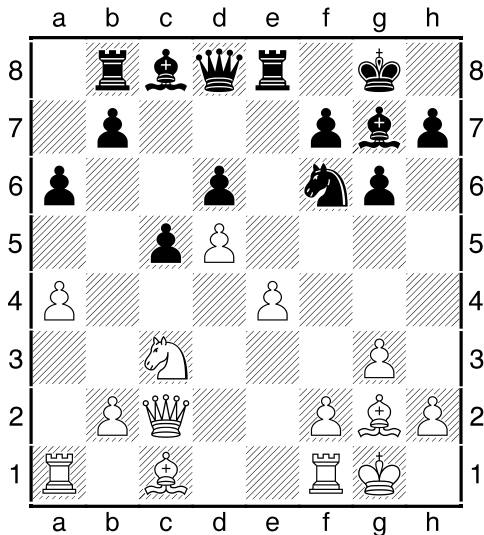
Black's attack bogged down, and it began! Further – convincing realization of accumulated white superiority. Passed extra pawn on the queenside brings him success. **26...Ng7 27.Rfc1 Nd7 28.Qa2 Nf6 29.Rab1 Rfb8 30.Bb4 Ne6 31.N:e6 f:e6**

32.Bc5 R6b7 33.Qa3 Ne8 34.Rc3 a6  
35.Rcb3! a:b5 36.R:b5 R:b5 37.a:b5 Qd7  
38.Qa6 Kf7 39.Ne1 Ke7 40.b6 Qb7  
41.Qb5 Qd7 42.Qa5 Qb7 43.Nc2 1-0

**(06) Vignesh,N (2293) - Pantsulaia,L (2605) [A64]**

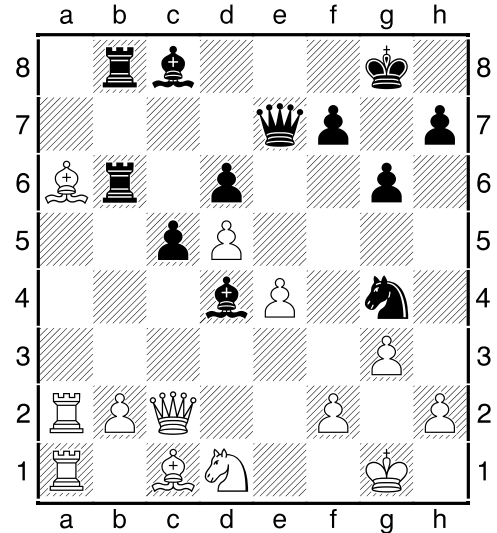
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 e:d5  
5.c:d5 d6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0  
9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Nc4  
Ne5 Exchange the pair of pieces, perhaps,  
on the black hand, having a passive position.  
13.N:e5 R:e5 14.e4 Re8 15.Qc2 Rb8

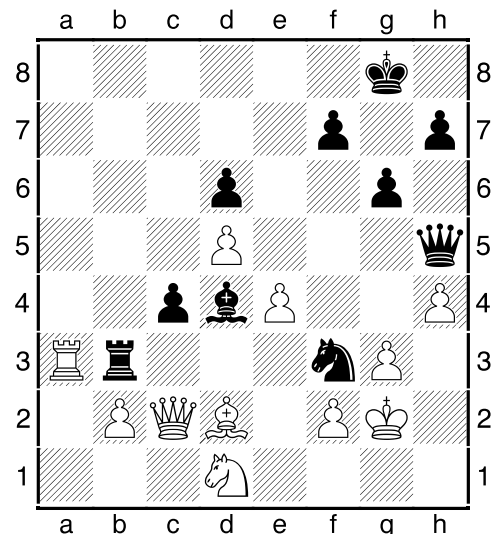


16.a5N [Previously tested 16.Rb1 Nd7  
17.Bd2 c4 18.Ne2 Nc5 19.Q:c4 Bd7 20.b4  
N:a4 21.Qb3 Rc8 22.Rfc1 Qf6 23.h4 h6  
24.Bf4 Bb5 25.Rc2 Nb6 26.Rbc1 R:c2  
27.Q:c2 Nc4 28.Nc3 Bd7 29.e5 d:e5  
30.Ne4 Qd8 31.Q:c4 e:f4 32.Nd6 and only  
due to opponent mistakes white achieved  
advantages: 32...Re7?! 33.N:b7 Qb8?  
34.d6 / Goldin, A (2590) – Pavlovic, M  
(2535) / YUG–chT 1998] **16...b5 17.a:b6  
R:b6** In the camps of opposing sides  
emerged vulnerable targets. Whose pres-  
sure outweigh? **18.Bd2 Bd7 19.Ra2 Qe7  
20.Rfa1 Reb8 21.Bc1 Bc8** Bishops,  
graceful curtsy giving way heavy artillery,  
returned to the starting line. **22.Bf1 Ng4  
23.B:a6** White grabbed a tasty morsel, but  
at what cost? Cover king and central  
pawns lost staunch defender... **23...Bd4**

**24.Nd1?**

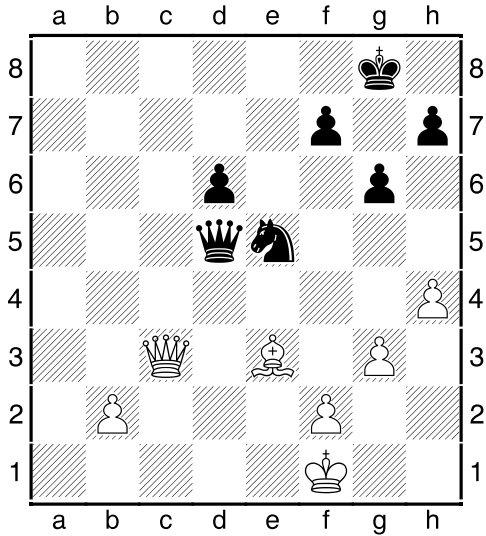


**24...Bd7?** Exchange of pleasantries. White  
should first exchange on c8, and black  
misses the opportunity to strike a cute kick.  
[After 24...B:a6 25.R:a6 N:f2! 26.N:f2 R:b2  
27.B:b2 R:b2 28.Q:b2 B:b2 29.R1a4 Bd4  
white pieces are bound with the protection,  
while black can combine the ideas of  
movement pawns "h" and passed "c", re-  
ceiving wonderful chances of success]  
**25.Kg2 Qe5** [While the white pieces are  
unsuccessful, would be worthwhile trying to  
join the melee, for example 25...f5 26.Bd3  
Ne5 27.Nc3 N:d3 28.Q:d3 Bb5 29.Qf3 Bc4  
30.Ra7 f:e4 31.N:e4 Qf8 32.Q:f8+ R:f8  
33.f3 B:d5 and white still patiently defend]  
**26.Be2 Qh5 27.h4 Bb5 28.B:b5 R:b5  
29.Ra8 Ne5 30.R:b8+ R:b8 31.Ra3 c4  
32.Be3 Nf3 33.Bd2 Rb3**

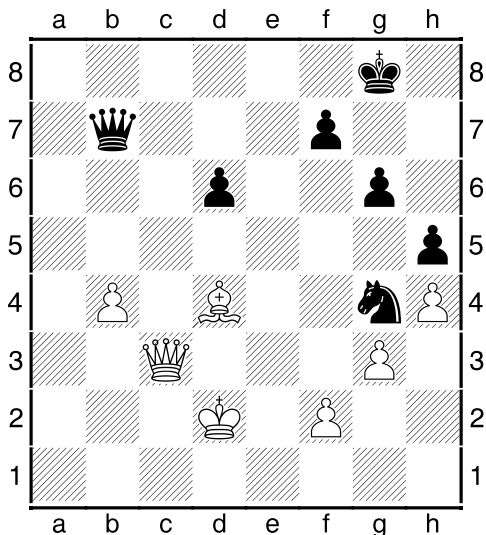


Tactical resource, quite sufficient for the

equal, but no more. **34.R:b3 c:b3 35.Qd3 Ne5 36.Q:b3 Qe2 37.Bh6 Q:e4+ 38.Kf1 Ba7 39.Qc3 Qg4 40.Ne3 B:e3 41.B:e3 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Q:d5+ 43.Kf1**



**43...Qb5+?! The first step towards the abyss. Opponent has powerful passed pawn, so black should be reconciled with the draw result. But overconfidence and stubbornness rarely brought to goodness. 44.Kg2 Qb7+ 45.Kf1 h5 46.b4 Ng4 47.Bd4 Qh1+ 48.Ke2 Qe4+ White king just glad this pursuit. On the queenside, he will feel very comfortable. 49.Kd2 Qb7?!**

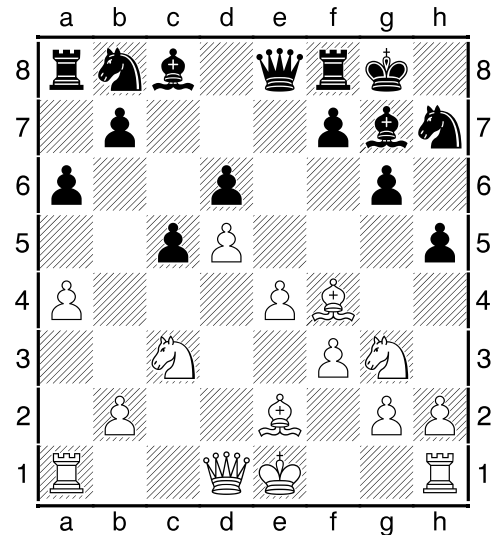


**50.b5 Kh7? Last nervous movement. King had to be brought to the enemy pawn. 51.Qc6 Qe7 52.b6 Qe6 53.b7 Qa2+ 54.Kc1 Qa3+ 55.Bb2 Qb4 56.Qc3 1-0**

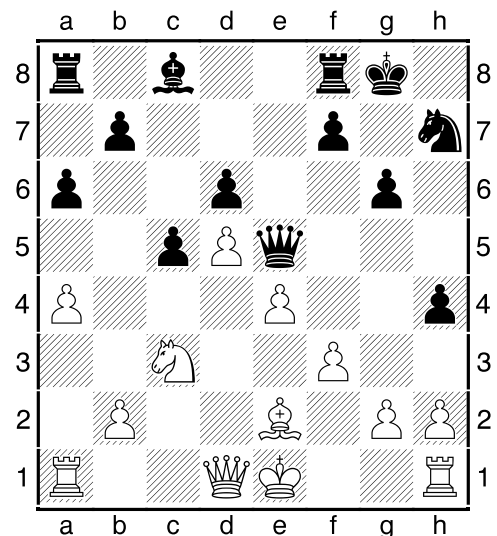
**(07) Neverov, V (2514) - Dzhumayev, M (2557) [A65]**  
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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Nge2 d6 6.f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3** Such a grazing knight enjoys not the best reputation because it can easily get rid of the lawn by pawn... **8...e:d5 9.c:d5 a6 10.a4 h5 11.Bg5 Qe8!?** First applied this idea here by Polish junior Michal Szczepinski, on a serious level proving its viability. **12.Be2 Nh7 13.Bf4**

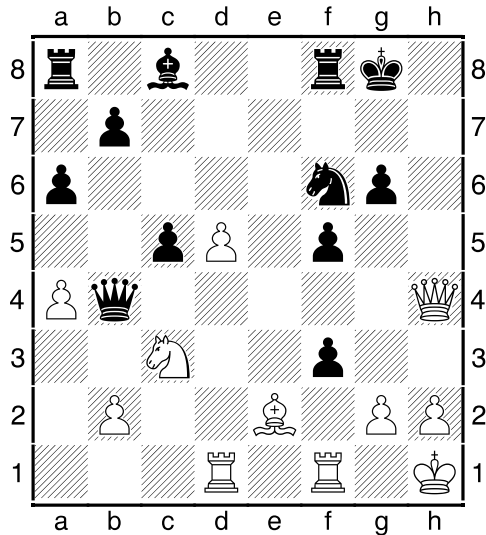


**13...h4N [Source game developed as follows: 13...Qe7 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ne3 Ne5 17.Bg3 h4 18.Bf2 Bh6 19.0-0 Bd7 20.Qe1 b5 with perfect play on both flanks for black / Wojtaszek, R (2591) - Szczepinski, M (2259) / POL-chT 1st League U18 2005] 14.Nf1 Qe7 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.N:e5 B:e5 18.B:e5 Q:e5**

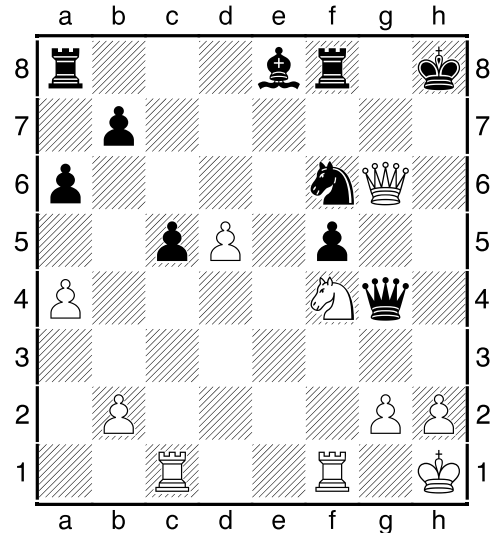


White knight did a long route – only for the exchange? Obviously, under such circum-

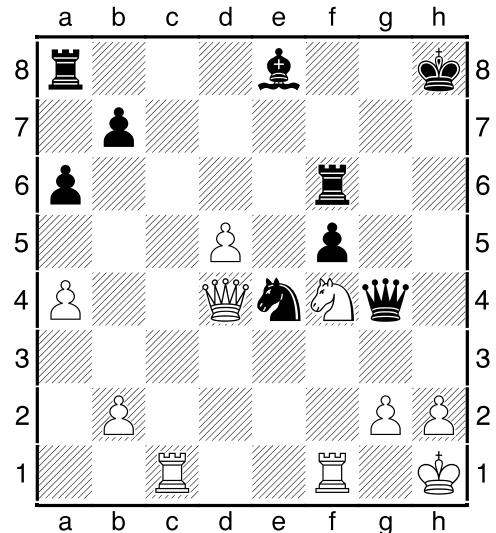
stances black may qualify for seizing the initiative, for example hook white center. Also, now on the board we see one of the most significant problems of white in structures King's Indian type – passive located knight c3, limited by pawns. **19.0-0 f5 20.f4** Otherwise black may push the pawn on f4, and then transfer the knight on e5, depriving the opponent active features... **20...Qd4+ 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.e5?!** White understands the need to revitalize the game, but inaccurately performs this idea... [Immediate **22.Qe1 f:e4 23.Q:h4** gave good chances counterclaims by the prospects for f4–f5 and g4–g5] **22...d:e5 23.Qe1 e:f4** Now, in contrast to the above embodiment, a cover for black monarch almost not affected. **24.Rd1 Qb4 25.Q:h4 f3**



**26.Qg3!?** Of course, the white tend to agree on the loss piece, rather than the exchange of queens... **26...f:e2 27.Q:g6+ Kh8 28.N:e2 Qg4 29.Nf4 Bd7 30.Rc1 Be8?!**



[Combining attack with defense, black could erect an impenetrable barrier by **30...Ne4 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Ng6 Rfe8 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Ne5+ R:e5 35.Q:e5 Rg8** with a clear advantage] **31.Qh6+ Nh7 32.Qd6 Rf6 33.Q:c5 Ng5?!** It was better to put the rook on h6. Missed the opportunity to centralize the knight on the 30th move, black try to correct this mistake – but not in time. Now the balance is tilting in the opposite direction. **34.Qd4 Ne4**



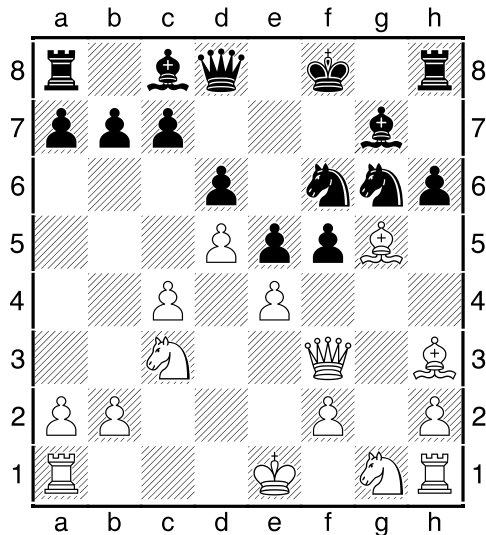
**35.Qe5?** But white admit a crucial mistake. Procrastination is like death, and it was necessary to urgently break tandem e4+f6, for example... [35.Ne6! Kg8 36.Rf4 Qg6 37.g4 R:e6 38.g:f5 Ng3+ 39.h:g3 Qh6+ 40.Kg1 Rd6 41.Re1 Qf6 42.Rg4+ Kf8

43.Qb4 a5 44.Qa3 Bf7 45.Re6 B:e6  
46.Q:d6+ with the defeat] **35...Bf7 36.Rc4  
Re8** Having started in the action all the re-  
serves, black pass victorious offensive.  
**37.Qd4 Kg8 38.Rb4 Rh6 39.Kg1 Qh4  
40.Nh3 Rg6 41.Nf4 Rg4 42.Qe3 Nd6  
43.h3 0-1**

**(08) Sjogirov,S (2641) - Onischuk,V  
(2591) [A42]**

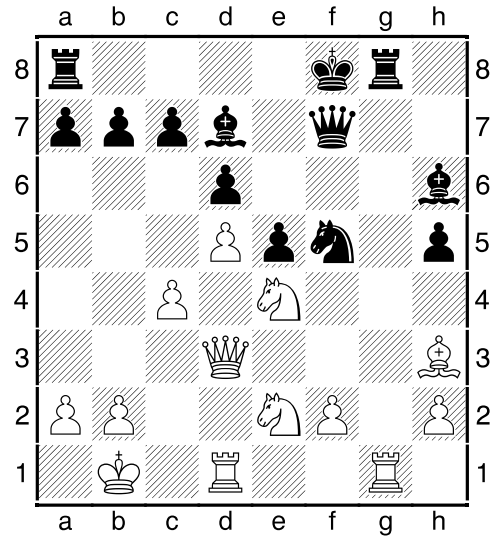
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**1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 Nc6  
5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.g4 f5 8.g:f5 g:f5  
9.Qh5+ Kf8 10.Bh3 Nf6 11.Qf3 Ng6  
12.Bg5 h6**

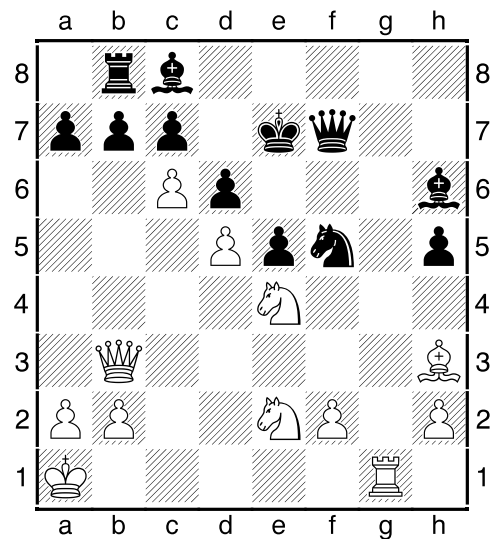


**13.B:f6N** Wasting no time, white gets a good outpost on e4 and the possibility of a rapid attack on the black king... **13...Q:f6 14.e:f5 Nh4 15.Qd3** [Better 15.Qe4 B:f5 16.B:f5 N:f5 17.0-0-0 Nd4 18.Nge2 Rg8 19.Rhg1 Qf7 20.Rg3 Re8 21.Re1 a6 22.Re3 N:e2+ 23.N:e2 Ke7 24.Nd4 Kd8 25.Ne6+ Kc8 26.Qh7 e4 27.Kb1 Kb8 28.R:e4 Ka7 29.f4 with a healthy extra pawn, though here on the way to victory to overcome some difficulties due to the precarious situation of the king] **15...N:f5?!** [Of course, should use a happy chance 15...B:f5 16.B:f5 Q:f5 exchange queens or deprive the opponent castling] **16.Ne4 Qh4?!** [Stronger defence black kept after 16...Qf7 17.0-0-0 Nd4 18.B:c8 R:c8 19.Ne2 Rg8] **17.Ne2 Qh5 18.Rg1 Rg8 19.Bg4 Qf7** After a few somersault, the queen returned

home. **20.0-0-0 h5 21.Bh3 Bh6+ 22.Kb1 Bd7**



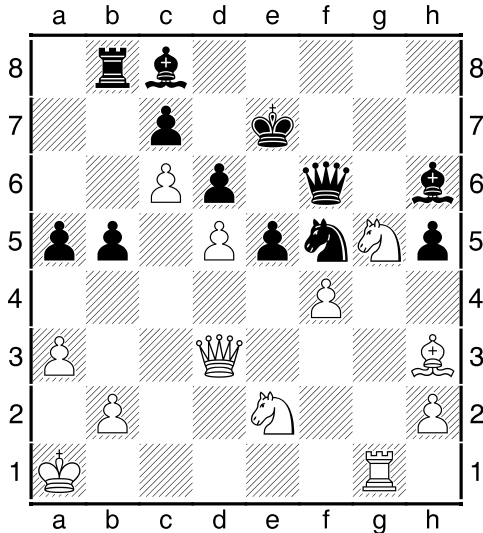
[In case of 22...R:g1 23.R:g1 Ke7 24.c5 white keeps the pressure on both flanks] **23.c5** [Shuttle rook maneuver 23.Rgf1! Bf4 24.N:f4 e:f4 25.Rg1! with ideas Ng5 or Qd2-f4 white achieved a decisive advantage] **23...Ke7 24.Qb3?!** [Again, after a possible 24.Rgf1 with the threat of f2-f4 black dead] **24...Rab8?!** **25.Ka1 Rg6?!** Again and again black forgets to change a couple of rooks. **26.c6 Bc8 27.R:g6 Q:g6 28.Rg1 Qf7**



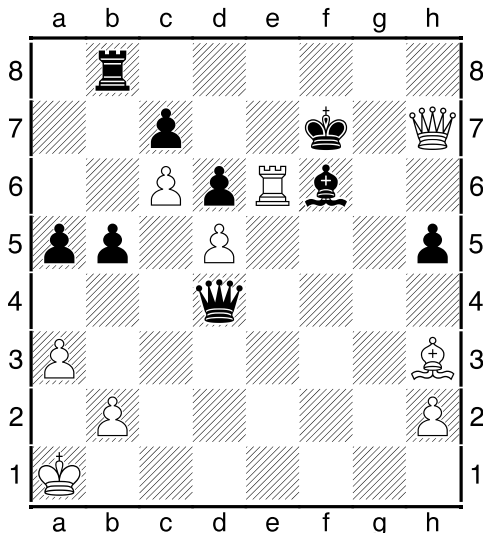
**29.a3?!** [Using the strongest piece at full capacity: 29.Qa3 a6 30.c:b7 B:b7 31.Qa5! Kd8 32.B:f5 Q:f5 33.N:d6 Q:f2 34.Ne4! Qf7



35.d6 B:e4 36.Rg8+ white impressive wins] **29...a5 30.Qb5** [It is also good 30.Ng5 B:g5 31.R:g5±] **30...b6 31.Qd3 b5** [Does not help 31...Ng7 32.B:c8 R:c8 33.Qh3 Re8 34.Qh4+ Kf8 35.Nf6 Re7 36.Nc3 Nf5 37.Nd7+ Ke8 38.Qc4 queen breaks and black rears] **32.Ng5 Qf6 33.f4?!**

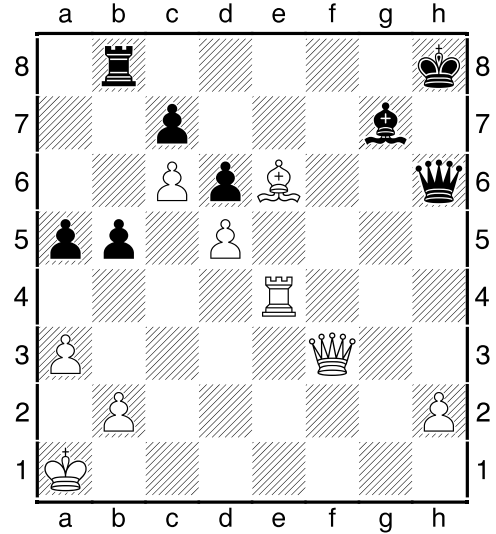


[Immediately won 33.Ne6 B:e6 34.d:e6 b4 35.B:f5 e4 36.B:e4 Bg7 37.Rb1 b:a3 38.Q:a3+--] **33...e:f4 34.N:f4?** [And again 34.Ne6 B:e6 35.d:e6 b4 36.B:f5 Bg7 37.Qc2! b:a3 38.N:f4 left black with nothing] **34...B:g5 35.Re1+ Kf7 36.Ne6 B:e6 37.R:e6 Qd4 38.Q:f5+ Bf6 39.Qh7+**

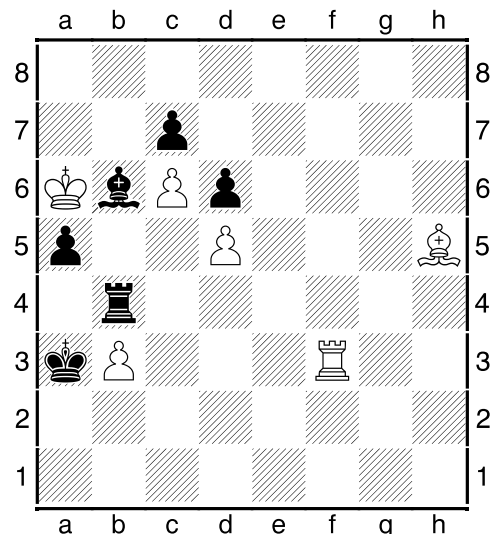


**39...Bg7?** [It was already possible to fix a draw: 39...Kf8 40.R:f6+ Q:f6 41.Q:c7 Re8 42.Q:a5 Qf3 43.Be6 Qf1+ 44.Ka2 Qc4+ 45.Kb1 Qe4+ 46.Ka1 R:e6 47.d:e6 Qh1+] **40.Q:h5+ Kf8 41.Qf3+ Kg8 42.Re2?!**

[42.Qe2 Qg1+ 43.Ka2 b4 44.Re3! b3+ 45.R:b3 R:b3 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Qh5+ Bh6 48.K:b3+--] **42...Qh4 43.Re4 Qh6 44.Be6+ Kh8**

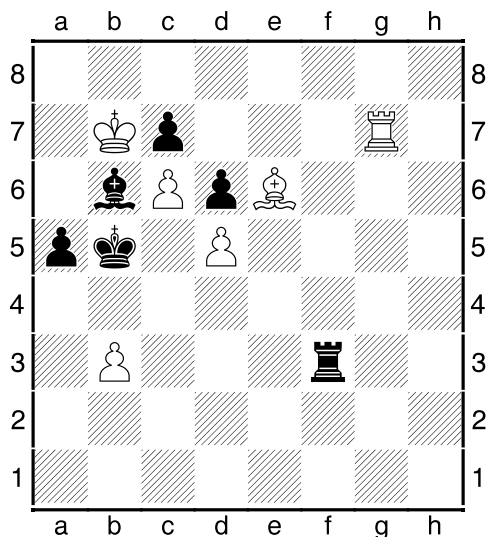


**45.Qh3?** Completely misses the advantage. [45.Qe2 Qc1+ 46.Ka2 b4 47.a:b4 a:b4 48.Kb3 Rf8 49.Rh4+ Bh6 50.Qd3 Kg7 51.Rg4+ Kh8 52.R:b4+--] **45...Q:h3 46.B:h3 Bf6 47.Ka2 Kg7 48.Bf5 b4 49.Rg4+ Kf7 50.a:b4 R:b4 51.Be6+ Ke7 52.Rg8 Bd4 53.b3 Bb6 54.h3 Kf6 55.Rb8 Ke5 56.h4 Kd4 57.h5 Kc5 58.Rg8 Rh4 59.Rg5 Rh2+ 60.Kb1 Kb4 61.Rg4+ Ka3 62.Rg3 R:h5 63.Kc2 Rh2+ 64.Kc3 Rb2 65.Kc4 Rc2+ 66.Kb5 Rc5+ 67.Ka6 Kb4 68.Rh3 Rc1 69.Rd3 Rg1 70.Bf7 Rh1 71.Be6 Rh4 72.Bf7 Ka3 73.Rf3 Rb4 74.Bh5**

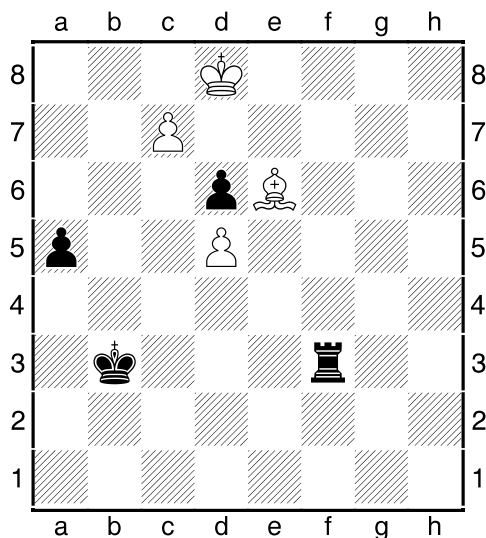


**74...Rh4?!** It looks like black too excited by opponent weak play and intend to fight for the victory. Otherwise it is unclear why the

pawn b3 remained untouched. **75.Bf7 Kb4**  
**76.Rd3 Rh8 77.Kb7 Rh1 78.Ka6 Ra1**  
**79.Bh5 Ra3 80.Rf3 Kc5 81.Rd3 Ra2**  
**82.Bf7 Rh2 83.Be6 Rh1 84.Bf7 Rf1**  
**85.Be6 Ra1 86.Bf7 Kb4 87.Bh5 Rb1**  
**88.Bg4 Bc5 89.Kb7 Bb6 90.Ka6 Rc1**  
**91.Be6 Rc5 92.Rf3 Ka3 93.Rd3 Kb4**  
**94.Rf3 Rc2 95.Rd3 Ra2 96.Bg4 Kc5**  
**97.Bh5 Ra1 98.Bf7 Rf1 99.Be6 Rf8**  
**100.Kb7 Kb5 101.Rg3 Rf4 102.Rg7 Rf3**



[102...Kc5 103.R:c7 B:c7 104.K:c7 Rb4  
 105.Kd8 Rb8+ 106.Bc8 K:d5 107.c7 Ra8  
 108.Kd7 Ra7 109.Ba6 Kc5 all white pawns  
 disappear from the board] **103.R:c7**  
**B:c7??** [Preserve equality 103...R:b3  
 104.Rh7 a4 105.c7 B:c7 106.K:c7 Kc5  
 107.Rh1 a3 108.Rc1+ Kb4 109.K:d6 a2  
 110.Bf5 Ka3=] **104.K:c7 Kc5 105.Kd8 Kb4**  
**106.c7 K:b3**



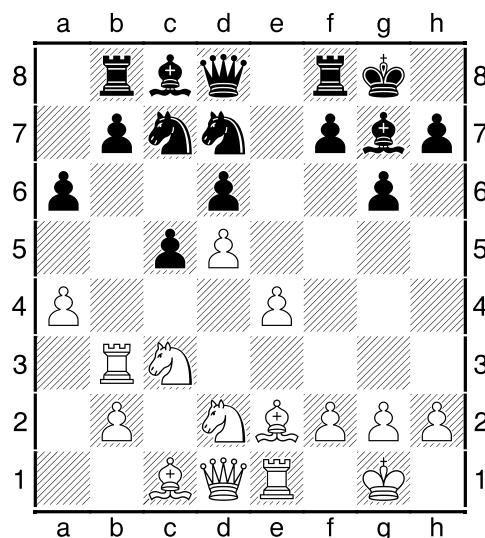
**107.Bd7!** [Negligence strictly punished:

107.c8Q Rf8+ 108.Ke7 R:c8 109.B:c8 a4-  
 +] **107...Rc3 108.Bc6 a4 109.B:a4+ K:a4**  
**110.c8Q R:c8+ 111.K:c8 Kb5 112.Kd7**  
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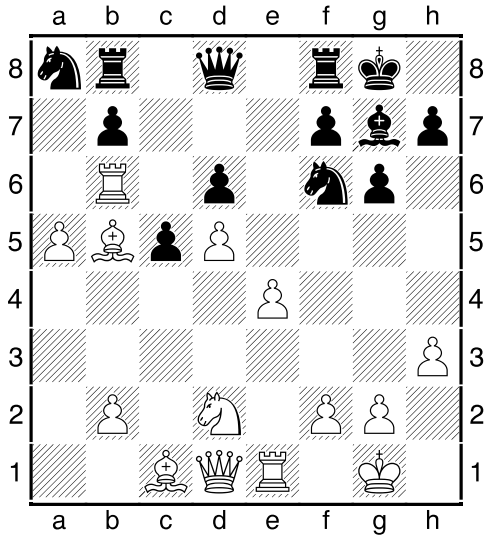
**(09) Jakovenko, D (2721) - Ponkratov, P (2603) [A74]**

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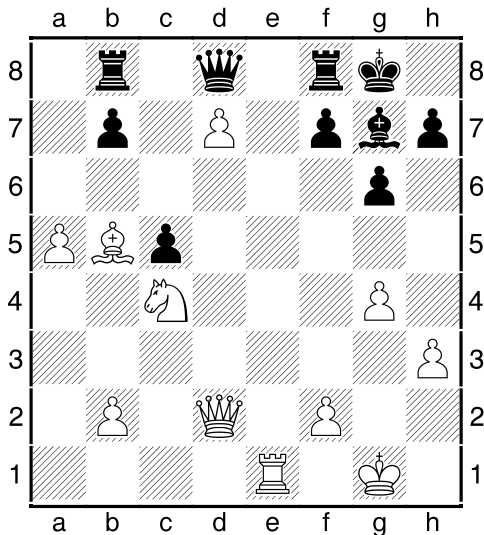
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 e:d5**  
**5.c:d5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Nd2 Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7**  
**9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Rb8 12.Ra3**  
**Ne8 13.Re1N Nc7 14.Rb3**



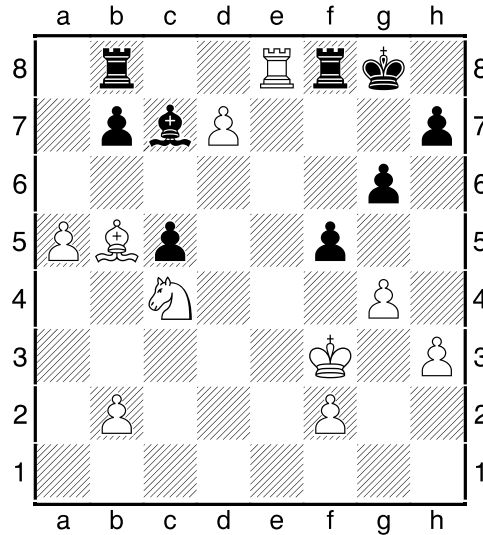
**14...Nf6?!** [Bearing in mind the Volga motives, it is interesting to see pawn sacrifice  
 14...b5 15.a:b5 a:b5 16.N:b5 N:b5 17.B:b5  
 Ne5 with free play] **15.a5 Bd7 16.h3 Nfe8**  
**17.Bf1 Nf6** [Worth a try free: 17...f5 18.e:f5  
 B:f5 19.Nde4 Bd4 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.Qd2 B:e4  
 22.N:e4 Nf6 23.N:f6+ B:f6 24.Bf4 Bd4  
 25.Rf3 only a small margin of white]  
**18.Rb6** [Well also 18.Nc4 Bb5 19.N:d6  
 B:f1 20.N:b7 Qc8 21.Nd6 Qd7 22.K:f1  
 Q:d6 23.e5 Qd7 24.e:f6 B:f6 25.Ne4±]  
**18...Bb5 19.N:b5 a:b5 20.B:b5 Na8**



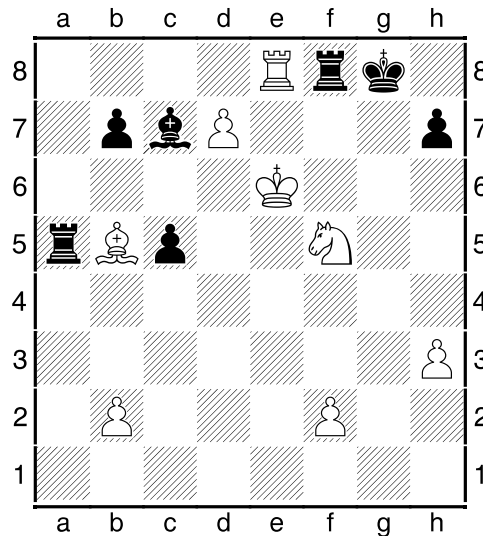
Black catches white rook, but own rooks soon fall into the bleak situation. **21.Nc4! N:b6 22.N:b6 Nh5 23.g4!** To bring bishop on the goal, white can weaken the royal shield... **23...Nf6 24.Bf4 Ne8 25.Nc4 Qf6 26.Qd2 Nc7 27.e5** Simple retreat the bishop, white could force the opponent to return the material, because apart rook pawn on d6 no savior. However, we see here that bishops walk not worse than rooks... **27...d:e5 28.B:e5 Qd8 29.B:c7 Q:c7 30.d6 Qd8 31.d7**



Trap snapped shut. From now heavy black pieces doomed to a sad movement in the last row... **31...Bd4 32.Qf4 Qf6 33.Q:f6 B:f6 34.Re8 Bd8 35.Kg2 Bc7 36.Kf3 f5**



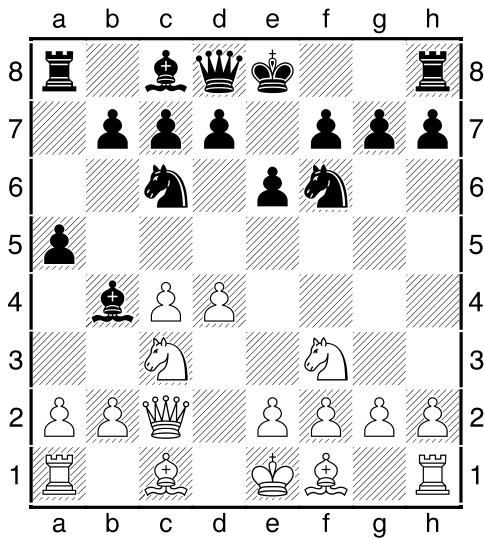
**37.g:f5** [Looked pretty 37.g5 Kf7 38.Ne5+ B:e5 39.Bc4+ Kg7 40.R:e5 Ra8 41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Bd5 Rab8 43.Kf4 with the triumphant march of king] **37...Rd8** [Extended resistance 37...g:f5 38.Re7 Rf7] **38.Ne3 Kg7 39.Re7+ Kh8 40.Ke4 Ra8 41.Re8 g:f5+ 42.N:f5 Kg8 43.Kd5 R:a5 44.Ke6**



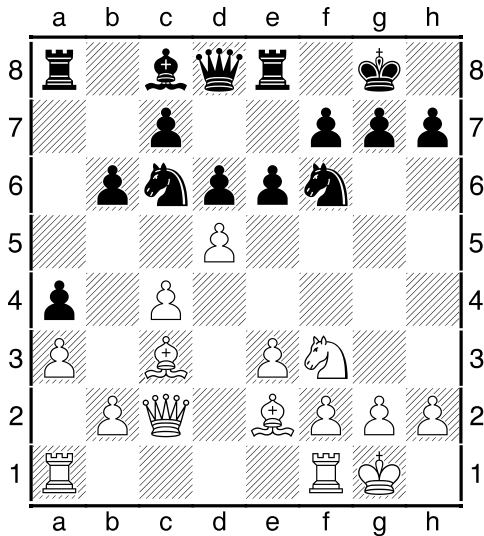
Now black can not even capture the bishop, because in this case the stockade of pawns block the rook journey home... **44...c4 45.Ke7 Bd8+ 46.R:d8 R:d8 47.B:c4+ 1-0**

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**1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nc6**

5.Qc2 a5

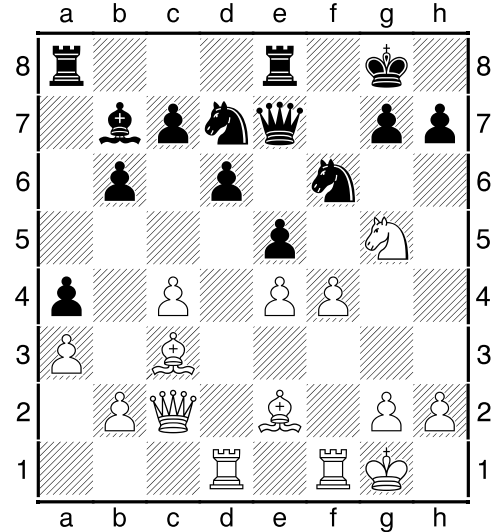


6.e3 White could afford to capture the center by e2–e4, given the flanking action of opponent... 6...0-0 7.Bd2N b6 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 d6 10.a3 B:c3 11.B:c3 a4 12.d5

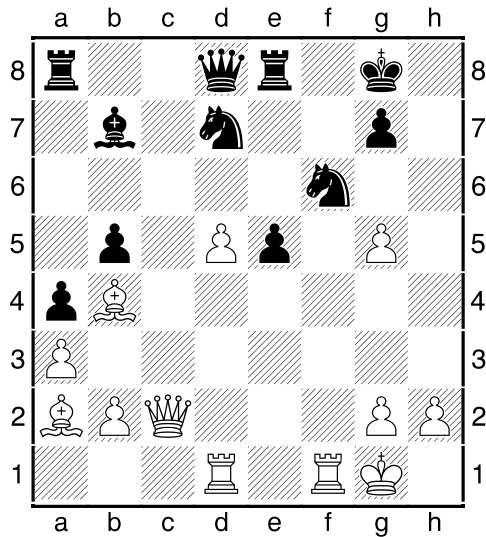


12...Nb8 [Could search the chances of recovery after 12...e:d5 13.B:f6 Q:f6 14.c:d5 Ne7 15.Bb5 Rd8 16.B:a4 Ra5 17.b4 Bf5 18.Q:c7 N:d5 19.Qc4 N:e3 20.f:e3 R:a4 21.Nd4 g6 22.Rad1 Qe5 23.N:f5 g:f5 24.e4 Q:e4 25.Qc1 Re8 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.R:f5 Qe3+ 28.Q:e3 R:e3 29.R:d6 Ra:a3 30.R:b6 Ra1+ 31.Rf1 Ra7 – however, transition from the debut into the worst ending is not consistent with the style of Boris Savchenko] 13.d:e6 f:e6 [Promises

little joy for black 13...B:e6 14.Ng5 Nbd7 15.Bf3 Ra7 16.Bc6] 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.f4 Bb7 16.e4 [Looked interesting 16.Bg4 Qd7 17.Rad1 Re7 18.Rf2 Qe8 19.B:e6+ R:e6 20.B:f6 Be4 21.N:e4 R:e4 22.Be5 Qc6 23.Bd4 with good prospects by f5–f6 and transfer rooks on line "g" to break the opponent's defense] 16...Nbd7 17.Rad1 e5?!



[After 17...Nc5 18.e5 Nfe4 19.N:e4 B:e4 20.Qd2 Rad8 21.Qe3 Rf8 22.Bb4 white has only a small advantage] 18.c5! h6 [In the case of a puzzling 18...d5 19.c6! Qc5+ 20.Rf2 B:c6 21.e:d5 B:d5 22.R:d5 Q:d5 23.f:e5 Qc5 24.Bd3 N:e5 25.B:h7+ Kh8 26.B:e5 Q:c2 27.B:c2 Ng4 28.Re2 N:e5 29.R:e5 R:e5 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.N:e5 Re8 32.Nd3 white must gradually win this end-game] 19.c:d6 c:d6 20.Bc4+ d5 21.Bb4 Qd8 22.e:d5 b5 23.Ba2 h:g5 24.f:g5



Now black monarch dies in the crossfire of the white army... **24...Nh7 25.g6 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 Nhf6 27.d6+ Kf8 28.Rd3 Rec8 29.Rh3 1-0**

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