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The Most Important Novelty of Volume 86

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Er... one could almost accuse Chess Informant of treading water when it comes to publishing articles on the most important novelties of the past volumes. Somehow the top vote-getters are at least nine months old, thus making an impression that it takes a full-time pregnancy to ripen into the winner. This time we should rewind to October 2002, and take a trip to Hyderabad for a World Cup preliminary group showdown. Perhaps influenced by a series of Black's recent successes in the Sveshnikov Sicilian, Kasimdzhanov decided to try it against Anand, who, on the other hand, had to bounce back from his early loss to Sasikiran. After 22 book moves, Black was faced with a novel pawn push – 23. d7!N, and it immediately became clear that previously employed 23. Rad1 was a move too slow, as it allowed fortification of the e-pawn by means of 23...f5. Line 1 of the article surveys the older move, albeit only to prove it inferior, as it seems perfectly clear that the best that White can hope for is complete equality. On the other hand, Anand's choice (line 2) is a killer – not only did he demonstrate it so aptly in the featured game, but his analysis seems to suggest that this chapter is closed for good. Naturally, the impact of the novelty was such that Kasimdzhanov strayed from the path as early as move 26, but even the later tries were doomed to failure: all of them followed the trail of various branches of Anand's analytical masterpiece. While Morovic's choice of the inferior line seems hardly understandable, Yagupov was quite content to follow the recommendations move by



move, which earned him two technically won positions against Gladyshev and Ataman.

Summing it up, there isn't really much to say: all the above examples instill little hope of improvement for Black, and seem too straightforward to be ignored. Recent tournament practice indicates Black's complete shift to 10...f5 (instead of 10...Bg7), where the battle is still ahead. Therefore, the theoretical impact of the novelty was immense, but its practical value proved even bigger: Kasimdzhanov was probably at his finest in Hyderabad, and the preliminary stage win was by all means a huge asset for Anand, as the two met again in the finals. Knockout events hardly offer any time for mending one's repertoire, which left the young Uzbek with no other choice but to employ the Petroff Defence in the final match, and the outcome is well-known... Great job for Anand, and more proof of his colossal capacity for producing major innovations.

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Anand 2755 — Kasimdzhanov 2653
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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6
 8. Na3 b5 9. Bf6 gf6 10. Nd5 Bg7 11. Bd3 Ne7 12. Ne7 Qe7 13. 0-0 0-0
 14. c4 f5 15. Qf3 bc4 16. Nc4 d5 17. ed5 e4 18. Qe3 Bb7 19. d6 Qf6 20.
 Bc2 f4 21. Qh3 Rac8 22. b3 Qg5



23. d7! N [23. Rad1 – 85/134] **23...Rc6**
 [the only move; 23...Rcd8 24. Nd6! Bc6
 25. Ne4 Be4 26. Be4 and White is
 winning; 23...Rc5 24. Rad1 Bd5 25.
 Rd5 Qd5 26. Rd1 Bd4 (26...Qa8 27.
 Be4 Qe4 28. d8Q and White is
 winning) 27. Qg4 Kh8 28. Qf4 Rd8 29.
 Nb6 Qe6 30. Be4 Qb6 31. Rd4 Qe6 32.
 Bd3 Rd7 33. Rd7 Qd7 34. Qh6!;
 23...Rc4 24. bc4 Ba1 25. Ra1 Rd8 26.
 Ba4 and White is superior] **24. Be4**
Rh6 25. Qf5 [25. Qf3 Be4 26. Qe4

Re6! (26...Ba1 27. Ra1 Re6 28. Qd4 and White is superior) 27. Qd3 Ba1
 28. Ra1 Rd8 29. Rd1 Qb5! 30. h3 Re7 31. Qf3 Rdd7 32. Rd7 Qd7 33. Qf4
 with compensation] **25...Qh4 26. h3 Rf6?** [26...Be4 27. Qe4 Re6 28. Qd5
 Ba1 29. Ra1 and White is superior; 26...Rh5 27. Qg4 Be4 28. Qh4 Rh4 a)
 29. Nd6 Bc6 (29...Ba1 30. Ne8 Bg7 31. d8Q Rh6 32. Re1 Bc6 33. Kh2 Re6
 34. Re6 fe6 35. Qd6 Be8 36. Qe6 Bf7 37. Qa6 and White is superior) 30.
 Nf5 Ba1 31. Ra1 Rh3! (31...Bd7 32. Nh4 and White is superior) 32. Ne7
 Kg7 33. Nc6 Rd3 34. d8Q Rdd8 35. Nd8 Rd8 equal; b) 29. Rad1! Rd8 30.
 Rfe1 f5 31. f3 Bc3 (31...Bc6 32. Rd6 and White is superior) 32. Re2 Bc6
 b1) 33. Rd6 Rd7 34. Rc6 Rd1 35. Kh2 Be1 (35...Bd4 36. g3) 36. Re1 Re1
 37. Ra6; b2) 33. Rc2 Bf6 (33...Bg7 34. Nd6 Rd7 35. Rc6 Rh6 36. Rd5! Bf8
 37. Nf5 and White is winning) 34. Nb6 Bb7 35. Rc7 Bf3 36. gf3 and White
 is superior] **27. d8Q!** [27. Qc5 Be4 28. Qf8 Bf8 29. d8Q Rg6! (and Black
 is winning) 30. Qh4 Rg2 31. Kh1 Rf2 32. Kg1 Rg2 33. Kh1 Ra2 34. Kg1
 Bc5 35. Qf2 Bf2 36. Rf2 Ra1 37. Rf1 Rf1 38. Kf1 Bd3; 27. Qa5 Be4 28.
 d8Q f3 (28...Rg6 29. Qh4 Rg2 30. Kh1 Rf2 31. Kg1 Rg2 32. Kh1 Rf2
 equal) 29. Rfe1 (29. Qf6 Bf6 30. g3 Qh3 31. Ne3 Re8; 29. Rfd1 fg2 30. f3
 Qh3 and Black is superior) fg2 30. f4 Qh3 31. Re4 Qh1 32. Kf2 Qa1 33.
 Kg2 Rg6 34. Qdg5 and Black is slightly better; 27. Qe5 Re6 28. Qe6 fe6
 29. Bb7 Ba1 30. Ra1] **27...Rd8 28. Qa5 Be4** [28...Rd7 29. Bb7 Rb7 30.
 Qd8 Bf8 31. Rae1 Qh6 32. Re8 and White is winning; 31. Ne5 and White
 is winning] **29. Qd8 Bf8 30. f3 Bf5** [31. Nd6 Bh3 32. Ne4 and White is
 winning] **1 : 0** [Anand]

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6
 8. Na3 b5 9. Bf6 gf6 10. Nd5 Bg7 11. Bd3 Ne7 12. Ne7 Qe7 13. c4 f5 14.

0-0 0-0 15. Qf3 bc4 16. Nc4 d5 17. ed5 e4 18. Qe3 Bb7 19. d6 Qf6 20. Bc2 f4 21. Qh3 Rac8 22. b3 Qg5

	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Rad1	d7 ¹	Nd6 ²	b4 ⁴	Bb3 ⁶	fe3	Rf5	Nf5	Re1
	f5	Rcd8	Ba8 ³	Kh8 ⁵	e3 ⁷	fe3	Rf5	e2	Bg2 ⁸ =
2	d7	Be4	Qf5 ¹⁰	h3	Qg4	Qh4	Rad1 ¹²	Rfe1	f3
	Rc6 ⁹	Rh6	Qh4	Rh5 ¹¹	Be4	Rh4	Rd8	f5 ¹³	Bc3 ¹⁴ and White is superior

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24. b4?! Kh8 25. Bb3 Bc6! [with the idea Bb5; 25...e3? 26. fe3 fe3 27. Ne3? Rc3 and Black is superior; 27. d7 and White is superior]

a) 26. d7 Rcd8

a1) 27. Rd6?! Bd7 28. Rfd1 Qe7! 29. Ra6 [29. Nb6? Be6! and Black is superior, I. Gurevich - Illescas Cordoba, Biel (izt) 1993 – 58/206] Bb5 30. Rad6 Rc8! 31. Nb6 Rc3 32. Qh5 e3 and Black is slightly better;

a2) 27. Nd6! Qg6! 28. Ne8 Bd7 [28...Rd7!?] 29. Ng7 Qg7 unclear;

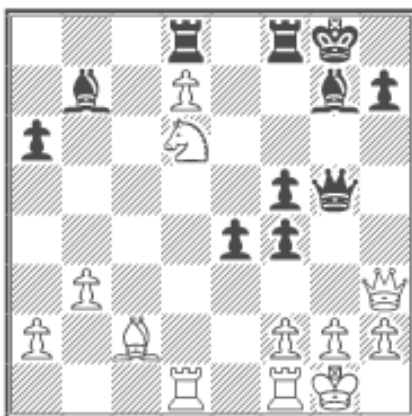
b) 26. Rfe1 Bb5 with compensation, Illescas Cordoba

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25. Rd6 Rf7 26. Rfd1 Bf8 [26...Bf6? 27. b4 Kh8 28. Ba4 Rg7 29. Na5 Ba8 30. Bc6 and White is superior, Stillger - Blaskowski, Germany 1996] 27. Ne5 [27. Na5 Bd6 28. Nb7 Rdd7 29. Nd6 Qd8 and Black is superior, Shirov] Re7 and Black is superior, W. Hendriks - O. Lemmers, Sas van Gent 1994

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Nataf, A. Sokolov;



a) 25...Bc6 26. f3! [26. b4 Kh8 27. a4 Rd7 28. b5 ab5 29. ab5 Ba8 unclear, Cheparinov - San Emeterio Cabanes, Andorra 2002] 26...ef3 [26...e3? 27. Bf5 and White is winning, Shirov - Arizmendi Martinez, Spain 2001 – 83/124] 27. Bf5 Qg2 [27...Rf5!? 28. Nf5 Rd7 29. g3! and White is slightly better] 28. Qg2 fg2 29. Rf4

a1) 29...Be5 30. Rc4! Bd7 [30...Bf3 31. Rd2 Bd6 32. Be6 Kg7 33. Rd6 Rf6 34. Rc8 Bb7 35. Rd1 and White is superior] 31. Nb7 Rf5 32. Nd8 Rf1 33. Rf1 gf1Q 34. Kf1 Bb5 35. h3 Bc4 36. bc4 and White is superior;

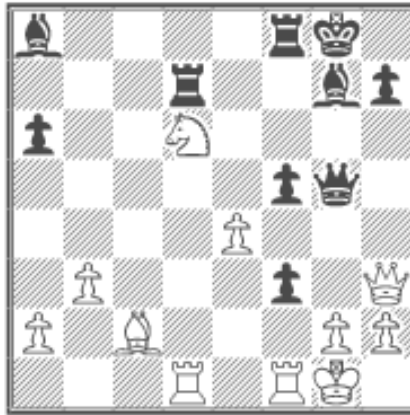
a2) 29...Kh8 30. Rc4 Bd7 31. Nb7 Rb8 32. Rd7 Rf5 33. Nd6 Rf1 34. Kg2

Rbf8 35. Ne4 and White is slightly better;

b) 25...Rd7 26. Be4 Rd6 27. Bb7 and White is slightly better, Shirov

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26. f3 Rd7 27. fe4 f3



a) 28. Nf5? Rd1 29. Rd1 [29. Bd1 fg2! and Black is winning, Morovic Fernandez - Nataf, La Habana 2002 – 85/134] Rf5! 30. Rd8 [the only move; 30. ef5 Qe3 and Black is winning] Rf8! [30...Qd8?! 31. Qf5 Qd4 32. Kf1 Qa1 33. Kf2 Bd4 34. Kg3 Be5 35. Kh3 fg2 unclear] 31. Rf8 Bf8 32. Qf3 Qc5 33. Qf2 Be4!! and Black is superior;

b) 28. Qf3 Rd6! 29. Rd6 fe4! 30. Qf8 Bf8 31. Ra6 Bd5 and Black is superior;

c) 28. Rf3 Rd6!! 29. Rd6 Qc1 30. Rf1 Qc2 and Black is slightly better, Nataf;

d) 28. Qg3 Qe3 29. Qf2 Qf2 30. Kf2 fg2 31. Kg2 Rfd8 32. Nc4 Be4 33. Be4 Rd1 34. Rf5 Re1 1/2 : 1/2 Shirov - Topalov, Dortmund 2002 – 85/(134)

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26...Rd7 27. Bb3 Kh8 28. Ne4! fe4 29. Rd7 and White is winning, Cifuentes Parada

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27. Ba4 f3! with initiative, Nataf

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27...Qg6 28. Ne8 Be5 29. Rd6! Bd6 30. Qc3 Rf6 31. Nd6 and White is superior, Cifuentes Parada

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31...Bg2 32. Qg2 Qf5 33. Qe2 [33. Kh1 Rd7 34. Re2 Qb1 35. Qg1 Qg1 36. Kg1 Bc3 37. a3 Rd2 equal] Qd7 34. Qe4 Qd4 35. Kg2 Rb8 equal, Kulaots - Yakovich, Bergen 2002 – 85/(134);

31...Rf8!? Cifuentes Parada

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23...Rcd8 24. Nd6! Bc6 25. Ne4 Be4 26. Be4 and White is winning;

23...Rc5 24. Rad1 Bd5 25. Rd5 Qd5 26. Rd1 Bd4 [26...Qa8 27. Be4 Qe4

28. d8Q and White is winning] 27. Qg4 Kh8 28. Qf4 Rd8 29. Nb6 Qe6 30. Be4 Qb6 31. Rd4 Qe6 32. Bd3 Rd7 33. Rd7 Qd7 34. Qh6! and White is winning;

23...Rc4 24. bc4 Ba1 25. Ra1 Rd8 26. Ba4 and White is superior, Anand

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25. Qf3 Be4 26. Qe4 Re6! [26...Ba1 27. Ra1 Re6 28. Qd4 and White is superior] 27. Qd3 Ba1 28. Ra1 Rd8 29. Rd1 Qb5! 30. h3 Re7 31. Qf3 Rdd7 32. Rd7 Qd7 33. Qf4 with compensation, Anand

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26...Rf6?



a) 27. Qc5 Be4 28. Qf8 Bf8 29. d8Q Rg6! and Black is winning, with the idea 30. Qh4 Rg2 31. Kh1 Rf2 32. Kg1 Rg2 33. Kh1 Ra2 34. Kg1 Bc5 35. Qf2 Bf2 36. Rf2 Ra1 37. Rf1 Rf1 38. Kf1 Bd3;

b) 27. Qa5 Be4 28. d8Q f3 [28...Rg6 29. Qh4 Rg2 30. Kh1 Rf2 31. Kg1 Rg2 32. Kh1 Rf2 equal] 29. Rfe1 [29. Qf6 Bf6 30. g3 Qh3 31. Ne3 Re8; 29. Rfd1 fg2 30. f3 Qh3 and Black is superior] fg2 30. f4 Qh3 31. Re4 Qh1 32. Kf2

Qa1 33. Kg2 Rg6 34. Qdg5 and Black is slightly better;

c) 27. Qe5 Re6 28. Qe6 fe6 29. Bb7 Ba1 30. Ra1 with compensation;

d) 27. d8Q! Rd8 28. Qa5 Be4 [28...Rd7 29. Bb7 Rb7 30. Qd8 Bf8 31. Rae1 Qh6 32. Re8 and White is winning; 31. Ne5 and White is winning] 29. Qd8 Bf8 30. f3 Bf5 (1 : 0 Anand - Kasimdzhanov, Hyderabad 2002 – 86/137) 31. Nd6 Bh3 32. Ne4 and White is winning;

26...Be4 27. Qe4 Re6 28. Qd5 Ba1 29. Ra1 and White is superior, Anand

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29. Nd6

a) 29...Ba1 30. Ne8 Bg7 31. Re1 [31. d8Q Rh6 32. Re1 Bc6 – 31. Re1] Bc6 32. d8Q Rh6 33. Kh2 f3 [33...Re6 34. Re6 fe6 35. Qd6 Be8 36. Qe6 Bf7 37. Qa6 and White is superior] 34. gf3 Rg6 35. Re3 and White is slightly better, E. Hermansson - Pe. Horvath, Budapest 2003;

b) 29...Bc6 30. Nf5 Ba1 31. Ra1 Rh3! [31...Bd7 32. Nh4 and White is superior, Anand] 32. Ne7 Kg7 33. Nc6 Rd3 34. d8Q Rdd8 35. Nd8 Rd8 equal, Morovic Fernandez - Leitao, La Habana 2003

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30...Bc6 31. Na5 Bb5 32. a4

a) 32...Rd7?! 33. ab5 Rd1 34. Rd1 ab5 35. Rd5 [35. Rd8?! Bf8 36. Rd5 b4 37. Rg5 Kh8 38. Nc6 f6 39. Rb5 f3 40. Rf5 and White is slightly better, Yagupov - Ataman, Istanbul 2003] f3 36. Rb5 Bc3 37. Nc6 and White is superior;

b) 32...Bd7 33. Re7 and White is superior

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31...Bc6 32. Rd6 and White is superior;

31...Bc3 32. Re2 Bc6



a) 33. Rd6 Rd7 34. Rc6 Rd1 35. Kh2 Be1 [35...Bd4 36. g3 and White is winning] 36. Re1 Re1 37. Ra6 and White is superior;

b) 33. Rc2

b1) 33...Bg7 34. Nd6 Rd7 35. Rc6 Rh6 36. Rd5! [36. Rd2 Bf8 37. Nf5 Rc6 38. Rd7 and White is winning, Yagupov - Gladyshev, Tula 2003] Bf8 37. Nf5 and White is winning;

b2) 33...Bf6 34. Nb6 Bb7 35. Rc7 Bf3 36. gf3 and White is superior, Anand

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