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The Best Ten Games of Volume 86

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This time around Chess Informant's Editorial Board has decided to treat **ChessCafe's** readership to an exclusive collection of no less than all the top ten vote-getters from the latest best game poll. Our opinion is that the nominated games were of an extraordinary quality, and that it would be a shame to exclude any of the games which made it to the top ten.

The undisputed winner of the preceding volume was the game Sutovsky – Smirin, Israel (ch) 2002 – 86/119. Sutovsky's consummate attacking skills comprising both calculation and intuition are an extraordinary gift, which he demonstrated so aptly in the featured game – two out-of-the-blue minor piece sacrifices were soon followed by the White rooks' decisive roar. Anand's defensive masterpiece from Wijk aan Zee 2003 performed against Shirov, one of the most imaginative players ever, took second place, and his convincing win against Kasimdzhanov from Hyderabad 2003 preliminary group (voted the best theoretical novelty of the volume) came ninth overall (both games have already been presented in previous Informant @ ChessCafe columns). Another great game from Wijk aan Zee 2003 followed: Kramnik – Bareev was a brutal strangulation in great champion's trademark fashion. Peter Acs' impressive win in Hoogeveen's double round robin quadruple has earned him two places in the top ten: curiously enough, both wins came with Black pieces (vs. Van Wely – No. 4, and vs. Khalifman – No. 10).

To make a long story short, I'll just mention some of my personal favorites (Aleksandrov – Adams, No. 5,

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Riazantsev – Nevostrujev, No. 7, Zhang Zhong – De Vreugt, No. 8, and for the owners of the book, my special pick: Van Oosterom – Bang, No. 13) and refer the readers to the jury list below for further details. I am generally reluctant when it comes to statistics, so I'll just mention the obvious: the No. 1 game is the only one with votes from all the members of the Informant's expert jury; all members of the jury except GM Aleksandar Matanovic (Chess Informant's founder) gave their 10-point votes to the games from top 3, and their 9-point votes to the games from top 6 (some might call it the "in-house spicing"). Viktor Korchnoi was "the least successful" of the jury members (only five Top 10 picks), but isn't that path less travelled exactly what made him such a legend?! Last, but certainly not least, Chess Informant welcomes former World Ladies' Chess Champion Xie Jun to the jury.

DESET NAJBOLJIH PARTIJA PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ЛУЧШИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО ТОМА • THE BEST TEN GAMES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN BESTEN SCHACHPARTIEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX MEILLEURES PARTIES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ MEJORES PARTIDAS DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI MIGLIORI PARTITE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO BÅSTA PARTIERNA I FÖREGÅENDE VOLYM • 上一卷最优秀的十盘棋 • الأشواط العشرة الأهم الواردة في العدد السابق

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1. SUTOVSKY – SMIRIN	119	9	10	10	10	7	2	9	10	8	75
2. SHIROV – ANAND	87	10	–	3	6	4	9	10	7	9	58
3. KRAMNIK – BAREEV	100	8	8	–	–	–	10	–	6	10	42
4. VAN WELY – P. ÁCS	502	–	9	8	9	–	8	–	2	5	41
5. A. ALEKSANDROV – MI. ADAMS	504	4	5	9	–	5	–	7	1	7	38
6. EPISHIN – N. SHORT	412	5	–	1	3	1	–	8	9	–	27
7. RIAZANTSEV – NEVOSTRUJEV	507	–	2	–	8	8	–	5	3	–	26
8. ZHANG ZHONG – DE VREUGT	346	2	–	7	–	9	–	–	–	6	24
9. ANAND – KASIMDZHANOV	137	7	–	6	–	–	5	4	–	–	22
10. KHALIFMAN – P. ÁCS	423	–	7	2	–	–	3	2	5	3	22
11. R. PONOMAREV – T. RADJABOV	532	6	4	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	20
12. BOLOGAN – KASIMDZHANOV	314	1	3	5	4	–	7	–	–	–	20
13. VAN OOSTEROM – E. BANG	357	–	1	4	7	–	6	–	–	1	19
14. JU. POLGÁR – P. ÁCS	371	–	–	–	–	6	4	3	–	–	13
15. JU. POLGÁR – MAMEDYAROV	349	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	–	8
16. ISTRĂTESCU – ALEX. FEDOROV	517	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	8
17. KEKELIDZE – BAKLAN	536	–	–	–	2	–	–	6	–	–	8
18. GLEK – NATAF	123	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	4	7
19. KOTRONIAS – MURSHED	69	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	5
20. ROIZ – SUTOVSKY	530	3	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	5
21. ANAND – KASIMDZHANOV	312	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	4
22. J. TIMMAN – WEDBERG	368	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
23. I. SOKOLOV – BOLOGAN	410	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
24. VUL – MARKOSIAN	512	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
25. KRAMNIK – V. TOPALOV	38	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
26. ROMERO HOLMES – KANTSLEER	55	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
27. JONKMAN – BO. VUČKOVIĆ	108	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
28. GLEK – S. VOLKOV	290	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
29. D. GUREVICH – L. CHRISTIANSEN	402	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
30. DREEV – N. SHORT	409	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

Sutovsky 2657 — Smirin 2683 Israel (ch) 2002 – 86/119

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 e5 4 Bc4 d6 5 d3 Be7 6 0-0 Nf6 7 Ng5 0-0 8 f4 ef4 9 Bf4 h6 10 Nf3 Be6 11 Nd5 Bd5 12 ed5 Na5 13 Nh4! b5 (a novelty) [13...Nd5 14 Bd5 Bh4 15 Qh5 Bf6 16 Rae1 with the idea 16Bb2 17 Bh6 gh6 18 Qg6 Bg7 19 Rf7 Rf7 20 Bf7; 13g5 14 Nf5 gf4 a) 15 Re1 Re8 16 Bb5 Bf8 17 Be8 Ne8 and Black is slightly better; b) 15 Qe1 Nc4 16 dc4 (16 Ne7 Kh7 17 dc4 Re8) Re8 17 Nh6 Kg7 18 Nf5 Kg6 19 Qh4 (19 Rf4 Nh5 20 Rg4 Bg5 21 Qh4 Re4! 22 Rf1 Rf4!) Nh5 20 Qg4 Bg5 equal; with the idea Nh4-f5; c) 15 Nh6! Kh7 (15Kh8 16 Rf4) 16 Nf5 Rg8 c1) 17 Qe1 Rg5! 18 Ne7 (18 Rf4 Nh5 with the idea 19 Ne7 Nf4 20 Qh4 Rh5 21 Qf6 Qf8; 18 Qe7 Rf5 19 Qf7 Kh6 20 Rf3 Qf8 21 Rh3 Kg5) Re5 19 Qh4 Kg7 20 Rf4 Qe7 21 Raf1 Nh5 22 Qg4 Qg5 23 Rf7 Kh6 (unclear) 24 Qd7 Qe3 25 R1f2 (25 Kh1?? Ng3!) Qe1 26 Rf1 Qe3 equal; c2) 17 Rf4 Rg6 18 Qf3 Nc4 19 dc4 Bf8 20 Rf1 (20 Re1) Bg7 21 Qh3 Kg8 22 Qh4; 21 Re1!; 13Nc4 – 77/132] **14 Nf5!!** [14 Bb5 Nd5 15 Nf5 Nf4 16 Rf4 (16 Ne7 Qe7 17 Rf4 Qe3 18 Rf2 Rfb8! 19 a4 a6) Bg5 17 Rf1 g6 18 Ng3 Qb6 19 c4 a6 20 Bd7 Qb2 21 Ne4 Qd4 22 Kh1 Nc4! (22...Rad8) 23 Ng5 Ne3 24 Nf3 Qb2! 25 Qd2 Qd2 26 Nd2 Nf1 27 Rf1 Rab8 and Black is superior] **bc4 15 Bh6! gh6** [15...Ne8 a) 16 Qg4 Bf6 17 Rae1 a1) 17 cd3 18 Re8 Qe8 (18 Re8 19 Bg7 and White is winning; with the idea 19 Re4 20 Qe4 Bg7 21 Ne7 Kf8 22 Rf7! Kf7 23 Qe6 Kf8 24 Ng6 mate) 19 Bg7 Qe2 20 Nh6 Kh7 21 Qf5 Kg7 22 Qf6 Kh7 23 Nf5 Qe5 24 Qh4 Kg8 25 Rf3 and White is winning; a2) 17...g6! 18 Bf8 Kf8 19 Ne3 cd3 20 cd3 Rb8 and Black is slightly better; b) 16 Qe1! b1) 16 Bh4 17 Nh4 gh6 18 Ng6! cd3 (18...fg6 19 Qe6 Kg7 20 Rf8 Kf8 21 Rf1) 19 Ne7 Kh8 20 Qe3 Kh7 21 Qe4 Kh8 22 Rf5!! dc2 (22...d2 23 Rh5 Kg7 24 Nf5) 23 Rh5 Kg7 24 Qg4 Kh7 25 Qg5 and White is winning; b2) 16...Bf6



17 Bd2!! Nb7 18 Bc3! (with the idea Bf6, Ne7) b21) 18...Rb8!? 19 Qg3 (19 Bf6 Nf6 20 Ne7 Qe7! 21 Qe7 Rfe8 22 Qc7 Rec8) Bg5 (19Bc3 20 bc3 g6 21 Rae1) 20 Rae1 (20 h4 Bf6!) cd3 (20...g6 21 Qh3) 21 h4! g6 22 hg5 gf5 23 Bf6 and White is winning; b22) 18...Bg5 19 h4! Bf6 20 Bf6 Nf6 21 Ne7 Kh7 22 Rf6! gf6 23 Qe2 and White is winning] **16 Nh6 Kh7** [16...Kh8 17 Rf6! Bf6 18 Qh5 a) 18...Kg7 19 Nf5 Kg8 20 Rf1! Re8 (20...Qe8 21 Qg4 Kh7 22 Qh3 Kg8 23 Qg3! Kh7 24 Rf4 Bg5 25 Qg5 Qe1 26 Rf1 Qe5 27 Qh4! Kg8 28 Rf3) 21 Rf4 Re1 (21...Bg5 22 Rg4 Qf6 23 Rg5 Kf8 24 Qh4) 22 Kf2 Re5 23 Rg4 Kf8 24 Qh6 Bg7! 25 Qg7 Ke8 26 Qg8 Kd7 27 Qf7 Re7 28 Ne7 Qe7 29 Rg7! Qf7 30 Rf7 Kc8 (30...Ke8 31 Rh7 Rc8 32 Ra7) 31 Rf8 Kb7 32 Ra8 Ka8 33 g4 and White is winning; b) 18...Bd4 19 Kh1 Qe8 20 Nf5 Kg8 21 Qg4 Kh7 22 Qh4 Kg8 23 Re1 (23 Rf1 Qe2 only move 24 Re1 Qd2 25 Qg4 Kh7 26 Rd1 Qd1 27 Qd1 Rae8 28 Nd6 Rd8 29 Qh5 Kg8 30 Qg4 Kh7 31 Qh3 Kg8 32 Qg3 Kh7 33 c3 Bg7 34 dc4 and White is superior) cd3 (23...Qe1 24 Qe1 Rae8 25 Qg3 Kh7 26 Nd6) 24 cd3 Qe1 (24...Bb2 25 Ne7 Qe7 26 Qe7 Be5 27 Qc7 Bc3 28 Re4 Rae8 29 Rg4 Kh7 30 g3) 25 Qe1 Nb7 26 Qg3 Kh7 27 Qh4 Kg6 28 Qg4 Kf6 29 h4! Rg8 30 Qf3! Kg6 31 Qf4 and

White is winning]



17 Nf5!! [17 Rf6? Bf6 18 Qh5 Rh8! 19 Rf1 Qe8! and Black is winning] **cd3?!** [17...Re8 18 Rf3 Bf8 (18...Kg8 19 Rh3) 19 Rh3 Kg8 20 Qf3 Bg7 21 Qg3 Ng4 22 Qg4 Qf6 23 Rg3 and White is winning; 17...Rg8 18 Qe1! Bf8 (18...Nd5 19 Qe4 Rg6 20 Qd5 Re6 21 Ne7 Re7 22 Rf6! Kg7 23 Raf1 Qg8 24 Qh5 Kf8 25 Rg6) 19 Qh4 Kg6 20 Rae1! a) 20...Nh7 21 Qe4 Nf6 22 Qf4 Nh7 (22...Nd5 23 Nh4) 23 Ne7 Be7 24 Qf7 Kh6 25 Re7 Rg2 26 Kg2 Qg8 27 Kh1 Qf7 28 Rff7 Ng5 29

Rf6 Kh5 30 Rg7 and White is winning; b) 20...Nd5 21 Re7!! Qe7 22 Ne7 Be7 23 Qe4 Kg7 24 Qd5 Bf6 (24Raf8 25 Rf3 f5 26 dc4) 25 Qd6 Bd4 26 Kh1 cd3 27 c3 and White is winning] **18 Qd3** [18 Rf3 and White is winning] **Kh8 19 Rae1 Qb6** [19...Re8 20 Qc3] **20 Qh3** [20 Qg3 Rg8 21 Qh3 Nh7 22 Re7 and White is winning] **Nh7 21 Re7 c4 22 Kh1 Qb2 23 Re4! Rg8** [23...Qf6 24 Rh4 Qg6 25 Rg4! (25 Qc3 f6 26 Qa5 Rae8) Qf6 (25...Rae8 26 Rg6 fg6 27 Qc3) 26 Rg7 Qg7 27 Ng7 Kg7 28 Qc3 and White is winning] **24 Qh7!** [24...Kh7 25 Rh4 Kg6 26 Rh6 Kg5 27 h4 Kg4 28 Ne3 Kg3 29 Rf3 mate] **1 : 0** [Sutovsky]

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1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Nc3 e6 5 g4 Bg6 6 Nge2 c5 7 Be3 Nc6 8 dc5 Ne5 9 Nf4 Ne7 10 Qe2 [10 Bb5 – 83/86] **N7c6 11 0-0-0 Be7** (a novelty) [11Qa5 a) 12 Bd4 Nd7! (12...Nd4 13 Rd4 Nc6 14 Ne6! fe6 15 Qe6 Be7 16 Bb5 and White is superior with attack) 13 Ne6 fe6 14 Qe6 Be7 15 Bg7 unclear P. Lukacs; b) 12 Nfd5 ed5 13 Rd5 (13 f4 0-0-0) f6 14 f4 Nd7; 12...0-0! and Black is slightly better] **12 Nfd5?!** [12 h4 Qa5 13 h5 Be4 14 Ne4 de4 15 Kb1 Bc5 16 Bc5 Qc5 17 Bg2] **ed5 13 f4?** [13 Rd5 Qc8 14 h3 f6 15 f4 Nd7 16 Bg2 0-0 and Black is slightly better]



13d4! 14 h4! [14 fe5? Bg5; 14 Bd4? Nd3!; 14 Bf2 Qa5! (14...Nd3 15 cd3 dc3 16 f5 Qd5 17 Rg1 Qa2 18 bc3 and Black is superior) 15 Nd5 (15 Bd4 Nd3! 16 Rd3 Bd3 17 Qd3 Rd8 and Black is winning) Qa2 16 Ne7 Ke7! 17 fe5 (17 Bd4 Rhd8 and Black is winning) Qa1 18 Kd2 Qb2 and Black is winning] **Nd3!** [14...Qa5 15 Bd4 (15 fe5 dc3) Nd3 16 cd3 Nd4 17 Qe5 (17 Qe1 f5) 0-0-0 (17...Nc6 18 Qg7 0-0-0 19 f5) 18 f5 and Black is slightly better; 14...Bd3 15 cd3

Nd7 16 Ne4 de3 17 d4 with compensation; 14...d3 15 cd3 Nd3 16 Rd3 Bd3 17 Qd3 Qd3 18 Bd3 0-0 with compensation] **15 cd3 h5!** [15...f5 16 Bd2! dc3 17 Bc3 Bf7 (17...Qd5 18 Bg2 Qc5 19 d4) 18 g5 (18 d4 Bd5) 0-0 19 d4 Bd5 20 Bg2 and Black is superior] **16 f5** [16 Bd2 dc3 17 Bc3 hg4] **Bh7 17 Bd2 dc3 18 Bc3 0-0 19 d4 a5!** (and Black is winning) [19Re8 20 d5 Bg5 21

hg5 Re2 22 Be2 Qg5 23 Bd2 Qe7 24 dc6 bc6 25 Rde1 Qc5 26 Bc3 hg4 27 Bg4 and Black is slightly better] **20 a3** [20 Bg2 Re8 21 Be4 Bf6] **Re8 21 Qc4** [21 d5 Nb4! 22 Qc4 (22 ab4 ab4 23 Bb4 Bc5! 24 Qb5 Bb4 25 Qb4 Ra1 26 Kc2 Rd1 27 Kd1 Qd5) b5! 23 Qb3 Bc5 24 ab4 ab4; 21 Qf3 hg4! (21...Bh4 22 Kb1 Qg5 23 Qh3) 22 Qg4 Bf6] **Bh4 22 Bd3 hg4 23 Kb1 Qg5 24 Ka1 Rad8** [24...g3 25 d5 g2 26 Qh4 (26 dc6 gh1Q 27 Rh1 bc6 28 Qh4 Qh4 29 Rh4 and Black is superior) gh1Q 27 Qh1 Ne5 28 Rg1 and Black is slightly better] **25 Bb1** [25 Qb5 g3; 25 d5 Ne5; 25 Bc2 Ne7 (25...g3? 26 d5 g2 27 Qh4 gh1Q? 28 Qg5! and White is superior) 26 Ba5 (26 Bb3 Nd5 27 Ba5 Bf5 28 Bd8 Rd8) Bf5] **Ne7 26 Ba5 Bf5 27 Bd8 Rd8 28 Rhf1 g6 29 Qb3 Be6 30 Qb7 Qd5 31 Qd5** [31 Qb4 Nf5] **Nd5 32 Rh1 Bf2 33 c6 Rc8 34 Rc1 g3 35 Be4 Nf6 36 Bg2 Bd5 0 : 1** [Anand]

Kramnik 2809 — Bareev 2729 Wijk aan Zee 2003 – 86/100

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de4 4 Ne4 Bf5 5 Ng3 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 Nf3 Nd7 8 h5 Bh7 9 Bd3 Bd3 10 Qd3 Ngf6 11 Bf4 e6 12 0-0-0 Be7 13 Ne4 Ne4 14 Qe4 Nf6 15 Qd3 [15 Qe2 Qd5 16 Kb1!? (16 c4 Qe4 17 Qe4 – 15 Qd3) Nh5 17 Bc1] **Qd5 16 c4** [16 Kb1!? Nh5 17 Bc1 Nf6] **Qe4 17 Qe4 Ne4 18 Be3** (and White is slightly better) **Nd6** [18...b5 19 d5 with the initiative; 180-0-0 19 Ne5 Rhf8 20 d5; 20 g4 and White is slightly better; 18...Nf6!? 19 Ne5 Nd7 (19...Bd6) ; 180-0 – 49/192] **19 b3 Bf6** [19...Nf5 20 Bf4 with the idea g4; 19...b5!? 20 Ne5!? (20 c5 Nf5; 20...Ne4 and White is slightly better; 20 d5!?) bc4 21 bc4 Bf6 22 c5 Be5 23 de5 Nf5 and White is slightly better] **20 g4** (a novelty) [20 Rhe1; 20 Kc2 Nf5 21 Bc1 0-0-0 22 Bb2 and White is slightly better] **b5 21 Nd2** [21 c5 Nc8 and White is slightly better] **Kd7?!** [21...0-0-0 22 Kc2 Rd7 and White is slightly better] **22 Kc2 Bd8?!** [22...Rhd8 23 Rhg1!? with the idea 23...Ke8 24 c5 Nc8 25 Ne4 Be7 26 g5 hg5 27 Bg5 Bg5 28 Rg5 with the initiative] **23 Nf3** (and White is superior) **Bf6** [23...f6 24 Ne5!] **24 Ne5 Kc7 25 c5** [25 Bf4!? Be5 (25...Kb7!?) 26 de5 Nc8] **Be5 26 de5 Nc8 27 Rh3! Ne7 28 Rf3 Rhf8 29 Rd6! a5** [29...Nc8? 30 Rd4 Ne7 31 Rdf4; 29...Nd5 30 Bd2 a5 31 g5 and White is superior] **30 g5** [30 a4!? b4 (30...ba4) 31 g5] **hg5** [30...Nf5 31 gh6 gh6 32 Rf5 ef5 33 Rh6 Rae8 (33...Rh8 34 Rf6) 34 Rf6 Re6 35 Rf5 and White is superior] **31 Bg5 Nf5** [31...Nd5 32 h6 and White is winning] **32 Rd1 a4** (time) **33 b4!** [33 Rfd3 ab3 34 Kb3 Ra4 and White is superior] **Kc8** [33...Rh8 34 Rfd3 Raf8 35 Rd7 Kb8 (35...Kc8 36 Ra7 Kb8 37 Rdd7 Rh5 38 Rdb7 Kc8 39 Rb6) 36 Bd8! Rh5 37 Bc7 Kc8 38 Bb6 Rh4 39 Rc7 Kb8 40 Rdd7 and White is winning] **34 Rfd3 Ra7 35 Rd8 Rd8 36 Rd8 Kb7 37 Kc3** [37 Kd3 Ka6 38 Ke4 Rc7 39 Kf4 Kb7] **Ka6 38 Kd3** [38 Rb8 Rc7 39 Bd8? Rd7] **Rc7 39 Ke4 Kb7 40 Rd1 Kc8** [40...Rc8 41 Bd8 and White is winning] **41 Rd8 Kb7 42 Kf4 Rc8 43 Rd7 Rc7 44 Rd1 Kc8** [44...Rc8 45 Bd8 and White is winning] **45 Rd8 Kb7**

Ke7! (58 Kg7? Ke6! (equal) 59 Kh8 Kf7 60 f4 e4 61 f5 Kf8 62 f7 e3 63 f6) Ng6 59 Kd6 Kf6 60 Kc6 and White is winning; b2) 50 h6 Nh6 51 Kh6 e5 52 Kh7! and White is winning] **47 hg6 fg6 48 Kg5** [48Rc8 49 Rd7 Rc7 50 Rd3 and White is winning] **1 : 0** [Kramnik]

***Van Wely* 2681 — *P Acs* 2591 Hoogeveen 2002 – 86/502**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 d5 6 cd5 ed5 7 Nge2 Re8 8 0-0 Bd6 9 a3?! Ng4! 10 h3? (a novelty) [10 g3 c6; 10 Nf4! a) 10...g5 11 Nfd5! (11 Be2 Nh2!? 12 Kh2 gf4 13 ef4 c6!? unclear) Bh2 12 Kh1 Qd6 (12...Bd6 13 e4 with the initiative; 12...Bg3 13 fg3 Qd6 14 Kgl Qh6 15 Qg4 and White is winning) 13 Be2! Bg1 14 Nf6 Nf6 (14...Qf6? 15 Kgl and White is superior) 15 Kgl and White is slightly better; b) 10...c6! 11 h3 Bf4 12 ef4 Nh6 unclear] **Nh2! 11 Re1 Nf3!** [11...Bh3? 12 gh3 (12 e4!?) Nf3 13 Kg2 Ne1 14 Qe1 and White is superior] **12 gf3 Qg5 13 Kh1 Qh4!** [13...Bh3? 14 Rgl Qh4 15 Rg3 Re6 16 Kgl and White is superior] **14 Nf4?** [14 Kgl Bh3! (14...Qh3? 15 Nf4) 15 f4 Bg4 (with the idea Bf3) a) 16 Qa4 Re6! (16...Nd7!? 17 Ng3 Bf4 18 Nce2 Bd6 and Black is winning; with the idea Bf3, Nf6-g4) 17 Ng3 Rh6 (with the idea Bf3) 18 Qe8 Bf8 19 Nd5 Nc6! 20 Qe4 (20 Qa8 Qh2 21 Kf1 Bf3 and Black is winning) Qh2 21 Kf1 Re8! 22 Qe8 Bf3 and Black is winning; b) 16 Qb3 only move Bf3 17 Ng3 (with the idea Be2) Bf4! 18 Nce2 Bd6 19 Bd2 (19 Qb7 Nd7 and Black is winning) Nd7 20 Nf4 Nf6 21 Ng2 Qh6 (21...Qh3 22 Nf4 Bf4 23 Bf1!) 22 Be2 Bg2 (22...Be2!? 23 Re2 Ng4 with attack) 23 Kg2 Bg3 24 fg3 Ne4 25 Red1 Qg5 with attack; with the idea 26 Be1? Ng3! 27 Bg3 Re3 and Black is winning] **Bh3 15 Ncd5** [15 Nb5 Re6 16 Nd6 (16 Ne6 Qf2 and Black is winning) Rh6 and Black is winning]

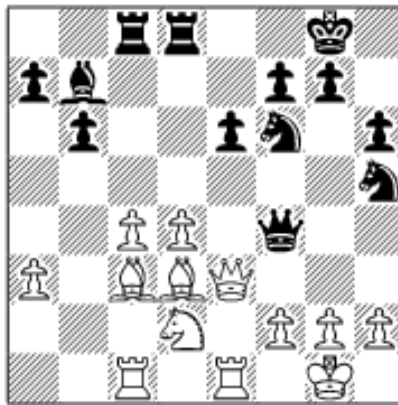


15...Re6!! [15...c6? 16 Nc3! (16 e4 cd5 17 e5 unclear) Qf2 17 Qe2 Qh4 18 Nh3 Qh3 19 Kg1] **16 Ne6 Bf5! 17 Kg1 Qh2 18 Kf1 Bg3!! 0 : 1** [P Acs, Hazai]

A Aleksandrov 2621 — Mi Adams 2745
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1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5
Bd3 d5 6 Nf3 c5 7 0-0 dc4 8 Bc4 Nbd7
9 a3 Ba5 10 Qe2 cd4 [10a6 – 33/695]
11 ed4 Bc3!? (a novelty) [11...a6;
11...Nb6] 12 bc3 Qc7 [12...b6 13 Bf4

and White is slightly better] **13 Bd3** [13 Bb2] **b6** [13...Qc3 14 Bd2 with compensation] **14 c4 Bb7 15 Re1 Rac8 16 Bg5** [better is 16 Bb2] **h6 17 Bd2** [17 Bh4 Nh5 18 Qe3 Qf4 and Black is slightly better] **Rfd8 18 Rac1** [18 h3!?] **Qd6 19 Bb4 Qf4 20 Qe3 Nh5** [20...Qe3 21 fe3 Nc5 (21Ne4 22 Red1 unclear) 22 Bf1 Nce4 23 Ne5 Nd7 24 Nd3 unclear] **21 Nd2?! [21 Bd2 Qe3 (21...Qd6 22 Bb4 Qf4) 22 fe3 Nc5 (22...e5 23 Bf5 and White is slightly better) 23 Bc2 Ne4 24 Bb4 a5 (24...Rc4 25 Be4 Rc1 26 Bb7 Re1 27 Ne1 and White is slightly better; 24...Nh6!?) 25 Be7 (25 Bd2) Re8 26 Bh4 g5 27 Bf2 unclear] Ndf6 22 Bc3** [22 Nb3 Bg2! 23 Kg2 Ng4 a) 24 Qf4 Nf4 25 Kg3 Nd3 26 Kg4 a5 and Black is winning; b) 24 Qd2 Qh2 25 Kf3 Qh3 26 Ke2 Ne5! and Black is superior with the idea 27 de5? Nf4 and Black is winning; c) 24 Qh3 Qf2 (24...Nf2 25 Qh5 Nd3 and Black is superior) 25 Kh1 Ng3 26 hg3 (26 Qg3 Qg3 27 Bh7 Kh7 28 hg3 Nf2 29 Kg2 Nd3 and Black is superior) Qf3 27 Kg1 Nf2 and Black is superior; d) 24 Qf3 Qh2 25 Kf1 Nf2 26 Re3 Nd3 27 Rd3 e5 (27...a5 28 Be1 a4 29 Rd2 Qf4 30 Qf4 Nf4 31 Na1 and Black is slightly better) 28 Qh3 (28 d5 e4 29 Qe4 Ng3 30 Rg3 Qg3 and Black is superior) Qh3 29 Rh3 Nf4 30 Rf3 a5 31 Be7 (31 Bd2 a4 and Black is winning) Rd7 32 de5 Nd3 33 Rd1 Rc4 34 Rfd3 Re7 and Black is slightly better]

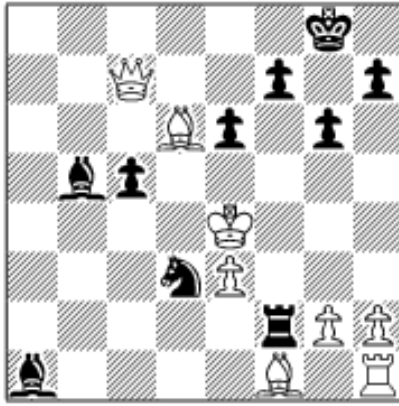


22...Bg2! 23 Kg2 Ng4 24 Qh3? [24 Qf3? Qh2 25 Kf1 Nf2 26 Re3 (26 Qf2 Ng3 27 Qg3 Qg3 and Black is winning) Nd3 27 Rd3 e5 28 d5 (28 Qh3 Qh3 29 Rh3 ed4 and Black is winning) Rd6 29 Qg4 (29 Ne4 Rg6 and Black is winning) Rf6 30 Ke1 Qh1 31 Ke2 Nf4 and Black is winning; 24 Qf4 Nf4 25 Kg3 Nd3 26 Kg4 Nf2 (26...b5 27 c5 e5 28 de5 Rc5 29 Ne4 Rc4 30 f3 unclear) 27 Kf3 Nd3 28 Ke3 Ne1 29 Re1 f6 30 a4 (30 h4 Kf7 31 a4 g5 and Black is superior) Kf7 31 Rf1 and Black is slightly better] **Qf2 25 Kh1 Qe1!** (and Black is winning) [25...Qd2 26 Qh5 (26 Qg4 Qd3 27 Qh5 Rc4 and Black is superior) Nf2 (26...Qd3 27 Qg4 Rc4 28 Red1 unclear) 27 Kg2 Qd3 28 Kf2 Rc4 29 Re3 Qh7 30 Rf3 unclear] **26 Re1 Nf2 27 Kg2 Nh3 28 Kh3** [28 Be4 Ng5] **Nf4 29 Kg3 Nd3 30 Re3 Nc1** [30...Nc5 31 dc5 Rc5] **31 Bb2 Na2 32 Rb3** [32 Re5 b5 33 Rb5 Rb8; 32 Re1 b5! 33 Ra1 (33 c5 b4) bc4] **b5!** [32...e5 33 d5] **33 c5** [33 Rb5 Rb8; 33 cb5 Rc2 34 Nf3 Nc1] **Rb8** [33...e5!? 34 Nf3 ed4] **34 Ne4** [34 c6 Rdc8 35 d5 ed5 36 Be5 (36 c7 Rc7 37 Be5 Rcc8 38 Bb8 Rb8) Rb6 37 c7 f6] **b4 35 a4 Nc3 0 : 1** [Mi. Adams]

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1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 Be7 5 Bf4 0-0 6 e3 c5 7 dc5 Bc5 8 a3 Nc6 9 b4 Nb4 [9...Bd6 – 84/343] **10 ab4 Bb4 11 Qb3 a5 12 0-0-0!?** (a novelty) [12 Nd2; 12 Bd3; 12 Be5] **Bd7 13 Rd4?** [13 Kb1 Rc8 14 Rc1 unclear; 13 Be5 Ng4 14 Bg3 Qe7 unclear; 13 Ne5!?] **Qe7 14 Be5** [14 cd5? Rfc8 15 d6 Qe8 16 Rc4 Rc4! (16b5 17 Rc7) 17 Bc4 b5 and Black is winning] **Rfc8 15 Kb1**

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Ke2 (23 Kd1 Rb1 24 Ke2 Ne1 25 Qb5 Bb5 mate) Ne1! 24 Ke1 Bc3 25 Kd1 Rb1 mate] **21 Ke2 Ne1 22 Nb5** [22 Qb5 cd4 23 ed4 Bd4 24 Bc1 Rc1 25 Qa6 Nc3 26 Kd2 Rd1 mate] **Nc3 0 : 1** [L. Winants]

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1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bc6 dc6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Nc3!? [6 d3 – 48/446; 6 Ne5!? Qd4 7 Qh5 Be6 (7...g6 8 Nf3 Qe4 9 Qa5) 8 d3] **Bf6!?** (a novelty) [6...f6?! 7 d4; 6...Nf6; 6.Bd6] **7 Qe2 Be6!?** [7...Bg4 8 Nd1 and White is slightly better; 7...Ne7 8 d4! ed4 9 e5 dc3 10 ef6 gf6 11 Rd1 with attack] **8 b3 Ne7** [8...c5 9 Bb2 Bg4 (9...Ne7? 10 Na4 Qd6 11 Ba3 b6 12 d4!) 10 Nd5 and White is slightly better; 8...b6!? (De Vreught) 9 Bb2 (9 Ba3 c5 10 Nd5 Bd5 11 ed5 Qd5 12 Ne5 Be5 13 Rae1 0-0-0; 9 Rd1 c5) Ne7 (9...c5 10 Nd5 Bd5 11 ed5 Qd5 12 Ne5 Ne7 13 Rae1 0-0 14 Nc4 Bb2 15 Qe7 and White is superior) 10 d4 ed4 11 Rad1 Bg4 12 e5 Bf3 13 gf3 Bg5 14 Ne4 (14 f4 Bh6 15 Qe4 c5 16 Ne2 Qd5) Ng6 (14...Nf5 15 Ng3 Qd7 16 Qe4 Ng3 17 hg3 and White is slightly better) 15 Rd4 Qe7 16 Ng5 Qg5 17 Rg4 Qe7 unclear] **9 Ba3** [9 d4?! ed4 10 e5 dc3 11 ef6 gf6 12 Ba3 Qd7 13 Rfe1 Nd5 14 Nd4 0-0-0] **g5!?** [9...Ng6?! 10 Rad1; 9Qd7?! 10 Rad1; 9...Bg4 and White is slightly better; 9...b6 10 d4 ed4 11 e5 dc3 12 ef6 gf6 13 Be7! Qe7 14 Rfe1 (14 Rad1 Bd5 15 Qd3 0-0-0! 16 Qa6 Kb8 17 Rd4 c5) Qc5 15 Rad1 0-0 16 Nd4 with compensation; with the idea 16...Rfe8 17 Qf3 Bd5 18 Qg3 Kh8 19 Qh4 Qf8 20 Nf5 Re6 21 Re3 Rae8 22 Rd4 a5 23 Rg4 and White is winning]



10 d4! [10 Rad1!? (Ye Jiangchuan) g4 11 d4 – 10 d4] **g4** [10...ed4 11 Rad1 (11 e5 dc3! 12 ef6 Nd5 13 Ng5 Qf6 and Black is slightly better) a) 11...Bg4 12 h3 Bf3 13 Qf3 Ng6 14 Ne2 b6 15 c3 c5 16 Bb2 Ne5 17 Qf5 d3 18 c4 Qd6 19 Nc1 Qe6 (19...d2 20 Nd3! and White is winning) 20 Qe6 fe6 21 Nd3 and White is superior; b) 11...g4 12 Nd4! and White is slightly better – 10...g4] **11 Rad1!** [11 Ne5 Qd4 12 Nd3 Qc3 13 Bb2 Qb2 14 Nb2 Bb2 15 Rad1 Be5 and Black is slightly better] **ed4!** [11...gf3 12 Qf3 Bg7 13 de5 with compensation; with the idea 13...Qc8 14 Qg3 Rg8 (14...Ng6 15 f4) 15 Qh4 Bf8 16 Be7 Be7 17 Qh7 f6 18 ef6 Bf6 19 e5 Be7 20 Ne4 Bd5 21 Rd4] **12 Nd4!** [12 Be7 Qe7 13 Nd4 0-0-0 14 Qe3 Kb8 unclear] **Bd4 13 Na4 Ng6?** [13...g3! 14 Rd4! (14 hg3 Rg8! 15 Kh1 Rg6) Qd4 15 Bb2 gf2 (15...Qd6 16 Bh8 gh2 17 Kh1 0-0-0

18 Bf6 Rd7 19 Qh5) 16 Rf2 (16 Kh1!? Qd6 17 Bh8 0-0-0 18 Bf6 Bc4 19 Qg4 Be6 20 Qh4) Qd6 17 Bh8 0-0-0 18 Bf6 Qd1 19 Qd1 Rd1 20 Rf1 Rf1 21 Kf1 and White is slightly better] **14 c3 Nf4** [14...g3 15 hg3 Bf2 16 Qf2 and White is superior] **15 Qc2 Nh3!?** [15...Qg5 16 cd4 and White is superior] **16 gh3 gh3** [16...Qg5 17 h4 and White is winning] **17 Rd3!** [17 Kh1 Qg5 18 f4 Qg2 19 Qg2 hg2 20 Kg2 Rg8 21 Kh1 Bf6 (21...Bh3? 22 cd4 Bg2 23 Kg1 and White is winning) 22 f5 Bd7 unclear; with the idea 23 Nc5 0-0-0 24 c4 Be7] **Rg8 18 Kh1 Qh4 19 cd4** [19 Rd4? Qg4 20 f3 Qg2 21 Qg2 hg2] **Qe4 20 f3 Qh4** [20...Qg6 21 Rd2] **21 Nc5 0-0-0 22 Ne6 Rg2! 23 Qc5!** [23 Rd2 Rdg8 with the idea 24 Rfd1?? Rg1 25 Rg1 Rg1 26 Kg1 Qe1 mate] **Rdg8?** [23...fe6 24 Qe5 and White is superior] **24 Qe5!** [24 Qe7?? Rg1 and Black is winning] **fe6 25 Be1!** [25 Qe6!? Kb8 26 f4] **Kb8** [25...Qf2 26 Qe6 Kb8 27 Qg8] **26 Rdd1 Rf8** (time) **27 Be3 Ra2 28 Qe6 Qh5 29 d5! Re8 30 dc6! Re2 31 Qh6! Qf5 32 Qg5 Qe6 33 Rd8** [33...Rd8 34 Qd8 Qc8 35 Ba7 and White is winning] **1 : 0** [Zhang Zhong]

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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



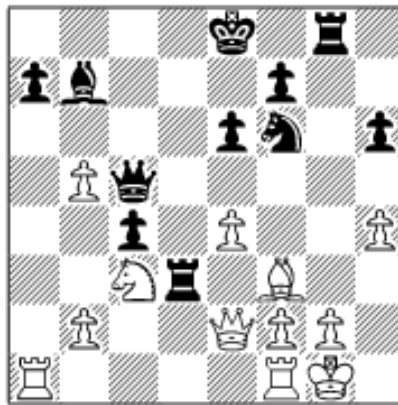
23 d7! (a novelty) [23 Rad1 – 85/134] **Rc6** only move [23...Rcd8 24 Nd6! Bc6 25 Ne4 Be4 26 Be4 and White is winning; 23...Rc5 24 Rad1 Bd5 25 Rd5 Qd5 26 Rd1 Bd4 (26...Qa8 27 Be4 Qe4 28 d8Q and White is winning) 27 Qg4 Kh8 28 Qf4 Rd8 29 Nb6 Qe6 30 Be4 Qb6 31 Rd4 Qe6 32 Bd3 Rd7 33 Rd7 Qd7 34 Qh6!; 23Rc4 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] **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] **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 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 c6 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 dc4 7 e4 g5 8 Bg3 b5
9 Be2 Bb7 10 h4 g4 11 Ne5 Rg8 12 Ng4 Ng4 13 Bg4 Nd7 14 0-0 [14 e5
 Qb6 unclear] **Nf6 15 Be2!** [15 Bf3 Qb6 16 a4 (16 e5 0-0-0 17 ef6 Rg3! with
 counterplay) 0-0-0 17 ab5 (17 a5 Qd4 18 Qd4 Rd4 19 Be5 Rd3 20 Be2
 Ng4! and Black is slightly better) cb5 unclear] **Qb6?!** [15...b4!? 16 Na4 Ne4
 17 Bc4 Bg7 with counterplay] **16 a4!** [16 e5 0-0-0! 17 ef6 Rg3 unclear] **Bb4**
 (a novelty) [16...b4?! 17 a5 Qd8 18 e5 (18 a6!?) bc3 19 ef6 Rg3 (19...cb2 20
 Rb1 c3 21 Qb3 and White is superior) 20 fg3 cb2 21 Rb1 c3 22 Qa4 and
 White is superior; 16...0-0-0?! 17 a5! Qd4 18 Qd4 Rd4 19 Be5 and White is
 superior] **17 Be5?!** [17 Qc1 Bc3 18 bc3 Ne4 19 Qh6 c5 unclear; 17 e5! a)
 17...0-0-0 18 ef6 Rg3 19 fg3 Rd4 20 a5! Ba5 (20...Qc5 21 Qe1 and White is
 winning) 21 Qe1 and White is winning; b) 17...Bc3 18 bc3 Ne4 19 Qc2 with
 the initiative; c) 17...Nd5 18 Ne4 with the initiative] **Nd7** [17...Bc3!? 18 bc3
 Ne4 19 Bf3 Nc3?! 20 Qc2 b4 21 Qh7 with the initiative; 19...c5 unclear] **18**
Bf4 Rd8 [18...a6!? 19 Bh6 c5 20 Be3 cd4 (20...Bc3 21 bc3 Be4 22 f3 and
 White is slightly better) 21 Bd4 Qd8! with compensation] **19 Be3?!** [19 Bh6
 a) 19c5 20 d5 ed5 21 Bg5 and White is superior; b) 19...Ne5 20 Qc2! (20
 Be3 c5 21 d5 Bc3 22 bc3 ed5 with counterplay) Qd4 (20...Rd4 21 Be3 c5 22
 ab5 and White is superior; with the idea 22...Bc3 23 Qc3 Re4 24 f3) 21 Be3
 Qd6 22 ab5 cb5 23 Ra7 and White is superior; c) 19...Nf6! 20 Bg5 Rd4 21
 Qc2 Nd7 22 ab5 (22 Be3 c5! with compensation; with the idea 23 ab5 Bc3
 24 Qc3 Re4 and Black is superior) cb5 23 Be3 Bc3 24 Qc3!; 23...e5 with
 counterplay] **c5** [19...a6!? unclear] **20 ab5** [20 Nb5 Nf6!; 20 d5 Bc3 21 bc3
 ed5 22 ed5 Ne5 with the initiative] **Nf6! 21 dc5 Bc5 22 Bc5 Qc5 23 Qc2**
Rd4 [23...Rd2? 24 Qd2 Ne4 25 Qf4 and White is winning] **24 Bf3** [24 Rfd1
 Re4! (24...Ne4 25 Bf3 and White is slightly better) 25 Bf3 Re1 26 Re1 Bf3
 and Black is winning] **Rd3 25 Qe2**



25...Rg3! [25...Nd7!? 26 Rfd1 Ne5 27
 Rd3 cd3 28 Qd1 unclear] **26 Na4?** [26
 Ra4 Rgf3 27 gf3 Nh5 with
 compensation; 26 Kh1! Rgf3 27 gf3 a)
 27...Qh5 28 Kg2! (28 Rg1 Rf3 with
 attack) Qg6 (28...Qh4 29 Rh1 Qg5 30
 Kf1 and White is superior) 29 Kh2! (29
 Kh1 Ne4!) Qh5 equal; b) 27...Nh5! 28
 Rg1 Nf4 29 Rg8 Ke7 30 Qc2 Qh5? 31
 Ra7 Qf3 32 Kh2 and White is winning;
 30...Rf3 with compensation] **Qd4 27**
Rfd1 [27 Ra3 Be4! (27...Ne4 28 Rd3
 cd3 29 Qe3 Qe3 30 fe3 equal) 28 Be4 Ne4 and Black is superior] **Be4 28**
Be4 Ne4 29 Nc3 Nd2! (and Black is winning) **30 b6 Rg2 31 Kg2 Qg7 32**
Kh2 Nf3 33 Qf3 [33 Kh1 Qg4] **Rf3 34 Rg1 Rf2 35 Kh1 Qd4 0 : 1** [P. Acs,
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