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## The Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack (B 78)

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The very thought of facing the sharpest lines of the Yugoslav Attack used to bring trepidation to most players until the mid-nineties (remember, even Kasparov successfully tried his hand at the Sicilian Dragon in his New York championship match against Anand in 1995). However, with the benefit of hindsight we can now state that the tables have turned and that most of the ambitious players revel at launching (Yugoslav) attacks (no second thoughts, please) – no one seems to be so obliging about letting Black off the hook nowadays.

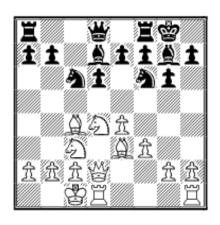
In the early days of the system (1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. Bc4 Bd7 10. 0-0-0), Black's reply 10... Rc8 was almost without exception an automatic choice. One can hardly argue that deploying Black's queenside Rook to the half-open c-file seems most natural; however, even in the early days, 10... Qb8 was considered a viable alternative: Black's queen makes way for the kingside Rook, at the same time hoping to push the b-pawn. Led by Belarus GM Alexei Fedorov's capable hand, Black players seemed to thrive in the ensuing complications until it became clear that White should immediately try to exploit the weakness of the e7-pawn by playing 11. Nd5 (for instructive examples, the reader is referred to footnote 1). An unexpected modification of the idea came with the immediate 10... b5!?, where Black still hopes to play the familiar sequence: Ne5, followed by Qb8 and R(f)c8. Then again, it didn't take long to find a reliable antidote in 11. Nc6! (aimed against Ne5), which more or less closed the chapter.

Move by move, Black's choices have been whittled down to the last possible resource: 10... Rb8 (footnotes 36-40). This seemingly awkward crossover probably offers more hope than any other Black's choice at the moment: supported by a major piece, the b-pawn becomes ever-ready to march, whereas Black still holds his trumps by keeping both his queen and the c6-knight flexible. The idea gets a surprising twist after the logical retreat: 11. Bb3 is met by 11... Na5! Chess Informant 86 brings GM Golubev's novelty (12. Bh6 Nb3!?N – footnote 38), which actually prevents White's lasting initiative obtained by GM Felgaer against GM Ward in Port Erin 2002 (footnote 39). However, since it is most likely that White players will sooner or later seek a refutation of the above-mentioned line, I'd venture to suggest yet another idea for Black: an old and almost forgotten game from the '75 Hungarian Championship (Sax – I. Bilek, Hungary (ch) 1975 – 20/456) led by transposition (Black's original choice in the game was 10... Na5) to the very same position as in the Felgaer – Ward game. Personally, I'd highly recommend the predecessor's choice (footnote 40) with a slight adjustment: 18... Rb6 instead of the original 18... Bb5 seems to equalize effortlessly. While I'm not quite certain of the longevity or the soundness of the move, 10... Rb8 definitely justifies its current

Secret Matches: The Unpublished Training Games of Mikhail Botvinnik vogue (at least among the Dragon aficionados) status at the moment. So far, so good...

#### **B** 78

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. Bc4 Bd7 10. 0-0-0



	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1		Bb3	Bg5	Bc4	e5	Nde2 <sup>4</sup>	Bf6	Nb5	Nc7	
	Rc8 <u>1</u>	Ne5 <sup>2</sup>	Nc4 <sup>3</sup>	Rc4	de5	Rc7	ef6	Bf5	Qc7 <sup>5</sup>	with compensation
2			h4	Bc4	h56	g4	Kb1 <sup>7</sup>	fg4	Qe2	
			Nc4	Rc4	Nh5	Nf6	Bg4 <sup>8</sup>	Ng4	Ne3 <sup>9</sup>	and White is slightly better
3				Bh6 <sup>10</sup>	Qh6	bc3	Kb1 <sup>13</sup>	g4 <sup>15</sup>	gh5	
			h5	Bh6 <sup>11</sup>	Rc3	Qa5 <sup>12</sup>	b5 <sup>14</sup>	Qc3	Nh5 <sup>16</sup>	equal
4				Bg5	g4 <sup>18</sup>	f4 <sup>19</sup>	Qe2 <sup>20</sup>	Bf6 <sup>22</sup>	h5 <sup>23</sup>	
				Rc5 <sup>17</sup>	hg4	Nc4	Qc8 <sup>21</sup>	Bf6	Nb2 <sup>24</sup>	equal
5					Kb1	g4	h5 <sup>27</sup>	bc3	Nf3 <sup>28</sup>	
					b5 <sup>25</sup>	hg4 <sup>26</sup>	Rc3	Nf3	Ne4 <sup>29</sup>	equal
6			Kb1	h4 <sup>31</sup>	Bh6 <sup>32</sup>	Bc4	Bg7	Nd5 <sup>34</sup>	Nf6	
			Re8 <sup>30</sup>	h5	Nc4 <sup>33</sup>	Rc4	Kg7	e5	Qf6 <sup>35</sup>	and White is slightly better
7		Bb3 <sup>36</sup>	Bh6	h4	Bg7	Nde2	Nd5	cb3	Qd5	
	Rb8	Na5 <sup>37</sup>	b5 <sup>38</sup>	e5 <sup>39</sup>	Kg7	b4	Nb3	Nd5	Rb6 <sup>40</sup>	unclear

**<sup>1</sup> 10... Na5** 11. Be2 [11. Bb3 Rb8 – 10... Rb8] Rc8 12. Kb1 Nc4 13. Bc4 Rc4 – 10... Rc8; **10... b5** 11. Nc6! Bc6 12. Bb5 Bb5 13. Nb5 Qb8 14. Nd4 and White is slightly better; A. Colovic – E. Gallo, Mogliano Veneto 2000; **10... Qb8** 11. Nd5 Nd5 [11...

Re8 12. h4 Ne5 13. Nf6 Bf6 14. Be2 b5 15. h5 Nc4 16. Bc4 bc4 17. g4!? and White is superior; Goloshchapov – Fedorov, Dubai 2002 – 84/(182)] 12. Bd5 Rc8 13. h4 e6 14. Bc6! bc6 15. Nb3! a5!? [15... d5 16. c3 and White is superior; Leko – Fedorov, Batumi 1999 – 77/210] 16. Qd6 a4 17. Qb8 Rcb8 18. Rd7 ab3 19. a3 bc2 20. Bd4 and White is slightly better (Da Costa Junior)

#### 2

11... Nd4 12. Bd4 b5 13. Nd5 Nd5 14. Bg7 Kg7 15. ed5 a5 16. a3 Qb6 17. Rhe1 Rfe8 18. Re2! Rc7 19. g4 Rec8 20. Qf4! Be8 21. Kb1 and White is slightly better; Bruzon – Felgaer, Bled (ol) 2002

#### 3

12... Re8!? 13. Rhe1 [13. h4 h5 – 12. h4] Qa5 14. f4 Nc4 15. Qd3 b5 16. h3 (Jakovenko – Sklyarov, Neftekamsk 2000) Rc5! unclear

#### 4

15. Nb3 Rc7 16. Nb5 Bf5 [16... Rc8!? 17. Na7 Ra8 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. Qd7 Qb6 unclear; Fogarasi – Payen, Budapest 1991] 17. Nc7 Qc7 18. Kb1 b6!? unclear; Mo. Vucicevic – Iv. Markovic, Jugoslavija 1986

#### 5

19. Nc3 Rc8 20. Kb1 [20. Qd6 Qc4 21. Qe7 (Pikula – Kosanovic, Jugoslavija 1996) Bh6! 22. Kb1 Be3 with compensation; Iv. Markovic] Be6 (Kindermann – Ki. Georgiev, Dortmund 1991 – 51/211) 21. g4! f5 22. gf5 Bf5 23. Ne4 unclear (Ki. Georgiev)

#### 6

14. g4 h5 [14... Qa5 15. Nb3 Qa6 16. Bh6! Rc3 17. Bg7 Rf3 18. Bf8 Kf8 19. g5 Rb3 20. gf6 Rb5 21. Qh6 Ke8 22. Qh7 ef6 23. Qh8 Ke7 24. Rhf1 and White is winning; Volzhin – At. Schneider, Budapest 1995; 14... Qc7 15. h5 Rc8 16. hg6 fg6 17. Kb1 b5 18. g5!? Nh5 19. Nd5! Qd8 20. b3! R4c5 (the only move) 21. Nf5! and White is superior; Rhodes – Matthew Paul, corr. 2000 – 81/192; 14... b5 15. h5 b4 16. Nd5 e6 17. Nb4!? Qa5 18. a3 Rb8 (B. Kopp – Polster, BRD 1981) 19. Kb1! and White is superior] 15. gh5 Nh5 16. Kb1 b5 17. Ndb5 Bb5 18. Nb5 Qb8 19. Nd4 Rfc8 20. Rc1 (Ernst – T. Karlsson, Stockholm 2002) d5!? 21. ed5 Qe5 22. Rhd1 Qd5 23. Qf2 Qb7 with compensation (Iv. Markovic)

#### 7

**16.** Nde2 Re8 17. Bh6 Bh8 18. e5 Ng4 19. fg4 Be5 20. Bf4 Qa5 21. Be5 Qe5 22. Qh6 Qg7 23. g5 Bc6 24. Nd5 Qh6 25. Rh6 unclear; Ciornei – L. Bravo, Bad Zwesten 1999; **16.** Bh6 Ne4 17. Qe3 Rc3 18. bc3 Nf6 19. Bg7 Kg7 20. Rh2 Kh8!? 21. Rdh1 Rg8 unclear; Zaragatski – Kersten, Bad Zwesten 2000; **16.** Nb3 Re8 17. Bh6 Bh8 18. Bg5 Qc8! 19. Qh2 (Nunn – Khalifman, Wijk aan Zee 1991 – 51/213) Rc3!? 20. bc3 Be6 21. Rd3 Qc4 with compensation (Khalifman)

#### 8

**16... Re8** 17. e5! Ng4 18. fg4 Be5 [18... Bg4 19. e6! f5 20. Nd5 Bd1 21. Qd1 and White is winning; R. Polzin – Czajka, Augsburg 1995] 19. Nf3 Bc3 20. bc3 Bg4 21. Rdf1 Qa5 22. Bd4 and White is superior; B. Mela – E. Scarella, Villa Martelli 2001; **16... Qc7** 17. g5! Nh5 18. Nd5 Qd8 19. b3 Rc8 20. Ne2 and White is superior; Anand – Khalifman, Moscow (rapid) 1995

#### 9

19. Qe3 and White is slightly better; Anand – Tolnai, Hilversum 1993 – 59/253

#### 10

13. g4 hg4 [13... Nc4 14. Bc4 Rc4 – 12... Nc4] 14. h5 Nh5 15. Bh6 e6 16. Rdg1 Qf6 17. Bg7 Qg7 18. fg4 Nf6 19. g5 [19. Rh4 Rc5 20. Rgh1 Neg4 21. Nf3 Rh5 22. Qd6 Bc6 and Black is slightly better; J. Ballester – Komljenovic, Mislata 1995] Nh5 20. Rh3 [20. Nce2 Nc4 21. Qd3 (21. Qb4?! a5! 22. Qb7 Ne5! and Black is superior; Ljubojevic – Miles, Bruxelles 1986 – 41/237) b5 22. Rh4 (22. Rh5? gh5 23. Nf4 Rc5 24. e5 Re5 25. Nf3 Rf5 26. Nh5 (E. Berg – Asauskas, Yerevan 2000) Qb2 27. Kd1 Bc6 28. Nf6 Kg7 29. Nh5 Kh8 and Black is winning) Qe5 and Black is slightly better (Iv. Markovic)] Nc4 21. Bc4 Rc4 22. Rd3 with compensation; Mic. Yeo – Hodgson, England 2001; 13. Kb1 Nc4 14. Bc4 Rc4 15. Nde2 b5 16. Bh6 [16. b3 Rc8 17. Bd4 a5 18. Rhe1 a4 19. Nd5 Nd5 20. Bg7 Kg7 21. ed5 ab3 22. ab3 Qc7 unclear; Blimke – T. Kosintseva, Warszawa 2001] Qa5 17. Bg7 Kg7 18. Nf4 Rfc8 19. Ncd5 Qd2 20. Rd2 Nd5 21. Nd5 Kf8 22. Re1 Rb8 equal; Anand – Kasparov, New York (m/11) 1995 – 64/221

#### 11

13... Nc4 14. Bc4 Rc4 15. Bg7 Kg7 16. Kb1 [16. g4 hg4 17. h5 Rh8 18. hg6 fg6 19. f4 e5 20. Nde2 Rh1 21. Rh1 Ne4 22. Ne4 Re4 23. fe5 Re2 24. Qh6 Kf7 equal; Sax – Dely, Magyarorszag (ch) 1971] Qa5 17. Nb3 Qc7 18. g4 Rc3! 19. bc3 hg4 20. h5 gf3 21. hg6 fg6 unclear; Aroshidze – R. Loetscher, Baku 2002

#### **12**

**15... Qc8** 16. Kb1 a5 17. f4 Nfg4 18. Qg5 a4 19. fe5 ab3 20. cb3 Nf2 21. Kb2 de5 22. Qe5 Bg4 23. Nf3 Rd8! with compensation; 1/2 : 1/2 Nolan – Kafka, Scotland (ch) 2002; **15... Qc7** 16. Kb1 Rc8 17. g4 Qc3 18. gh5 Nc4 19. Bc4 Rc4 20. Rd3 Qa5! 21. Nb3 Qh5 with compensation; Susnik – Fercec, Bled 2000

#### 13

**16. g4** Qc3 17. Kb1 a5 18. gh5 a4 19. hg6 ab3 20. cb3 fg6 21. h5 g5! 22. Qg5 Kh7! and Black is slightly better; M. Golubev – Dautov, USSR 1985 – 39/268; **16. f4** Qc3 17. Kb1 Nc4 18. Bc4 Qc4 19. f5 Rc8 20. fg6 Be6 21. Ne6 Qc2 22. Ka1 Qc3 equal; Milu – Feletar, Medulin 2002

#### 14

16... Rc8 17. g4 Qc3 – 15... Qc7

#### 15

17. Ne2 Qa3 18. Nf4 Nc4 19. Nd3 Rc8 20. Qc1 Qa5 (M. Beulen – Romero, Groningen 1988) 21. Nb4!? Be6 with compensation (Sa. Velickovic)

#### 16

**19. Qd2** Qd2 20. Rd2 a5 21. a3 Nf4 and Black is slightly better; Apicella – J.-R. Koch, France (ch) 1992; **19. Rhg1** Nc4 20. Qc1 (Doghri – Conquest, Kobenhavn 1982) Nf4! 21. Bc4 bc4 22. Qf4 Rb8 23. Nb3 cb3 24. cb3 Rb3 equal (Iv. Markovic)

#### 17

13... Re8!? 14. Kb1 [14. g4 hg4 15. f4 (15. h5 Nh5 16. Rh5 gh5 17. Qh2 Rc3! and Black is winning; Milu – Feletar, Vukovar 2001) Nc4 16. Qe2 (16. Qd3 Na5 17. f5 Nb3 18. ab3 gf5 19. ef5 Qa5 20. Rhg1 Qa1 21. Nb1 (Gofshtein – Kutuzovic, Nova Gorica 1997) Kh7! and Black is superior) Na5 17. f5 Nb3 18. ab3 Qa5 19. Kb1 (Vadla – Kosaric, Zagreb 1997) Rc3! 20. bc3 Qc3 21. Rd3 Qc5 and Black is slightly better; 14. f4 Nc4 15. Qd3 Na5 16. f5 Nb3 17. ab3 gf5 18. ef5 Qa5 19. Kb1 Nd5 20. Nd5 Qd5 unclear; Rogic – Kutuzovic, Hrvatska (ch) 1996] Rc5 – 13... Rc5

#### 18

**14. Rhe1** b5 15. f4 Nc4 16. Bc4 Rc4 17. e5 b4 18. Qd3 Rd4 19. Qd4 bc3 20. ef6 ef6 21. Qd6 fg5 22. Qd7 Qa5 23. Re8 unclear; Rowley – Kudrin, Palo Alto 1981; **14. f4** Nc4 15. Qd3 Ng4 16. Bc4 Nf2 17. Qe2 Nh1 18. Bb3 a5 19. f5 [19. a4 Qb6 20. f5 Bd4 21. Rd4 Rf5 22. ef5 Qd4 23. fg6 Qg1 24. Nd1 Bg4 25. gf7 (J. Egger – I. Steinhoff, Rancagua 1993) Kg7 unclear] a4 (Adams – Tiviakov, Oakham 1990 – 49/253) 20. Na4 Ba4 21. Ba4 Ng3 22. Qd3 Bd4 23. Qg3 with compensation (Tiviakov)

#### 19

15. h5 Nh5 16. Nd5 Rd5 17. Bd5 Qb6 18. Bb3 Rc8 19. Bh6 Bf6 20. Bg5 equal; Yu Ting – A. Charbonneau, Oropesa del Mar 2000

#### 20

16. Qd3 b5 17. f5 [17. Bf6 Bf6 18. e5 de5 19. Ndb5 Qc8 20. Qd7 ef4 with compensation; And. Rodriguez – Berrocal, Villa Martelli 1995] gf5 18. ef5 Qc8 19. Rhf1 Ne5 20. Qe3 Rc3 21. Qc3 Qc3 22. bc3 Rc8 with compensation; Sax – Ki. Georgiev, Montreal 1986 – 42/(245)

#### 21

16... b5 17. f5 Qa5 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. Qg4 Ne5 20. Qg3 Rc3!? 21. Qc3 Qc3 22. bc3 Kg7 with compensation; Hasangatin – Mashinskaya, Budapest 1997

#### 22

17. f5 Nb2 18. Kb2 Rc3 19. fg6 Rb3 20. ab3 fg6 and Black is slightly better; Fogarasi – Palkovi, Budapest 1996

#### 23

18. Nd5 Rd5 19. ed5 b5 with compensation; Ivanchuk – Topalov, Beograd 1995

#### 24

19. hg6 Rc3 20. f5 Rb3 (the only move) 21. Qg4 fg6 (the only move) 22. Qg6 Bg7 23. Qh7 Kf7 equal; Y. Gonzalez – Bruzon, Cuba 2002 – 85/203

#### 25

14... Re8 15. Bh6! [15. g4 hg4 16. f4 Nc4 17. Qe2 Na5 18. e5 Nb3 19. Nb3 Rc3 20. bc3 Nh5 21. Rd6 Qc8 22. Rd7 Qd7 23. Rd1 Qc8 24. Qd3 (Vadla – Kutuzovic, Zadar 1997) Kh7! and Black is superior, weak point Bg5; 15. Rhe1 Qa5 16. f4 Nc4 17. Bc4 Rc4 18. Nb3 Qa6 19. f5 gf5! 20. Bh6 Bh6 21. Qh6 (Furhoff – O. von Bahr, Stockholm 1998) Rc3! 22. bc3 fe4 23. Rd5! Nd5 24. Qg5 equal; Iv. Markovic] Qa5 [15... Nc4 16. Bc4 Rc4 – 12. Kb1] 16. Bg7 Kg7 17. Rhe1 Rec8 18. f4 Neg4 19. Nf3! and White is slightly better (with initiative in centre) Ponomariov – Tiviakov, Moscow (m/3-rapid) 2001 – 83/(202)

#### **26**

15... a5 16. gh5 [16. Bf6 Bf6 17. gh5 a4 18. Bd5 e6 19. hg6 ed5 20. h5 Bg5 21. f4 Nc4 22. Qg2 Ne3 23. Qg5 Qg5 24. fg5 Nd1 25. gf7 Rf7 26. Rd1 Bg4 27. Rg1 Rf4! unclear; Henao – Kudrin, New York 1992] Nh5 [16... a4 17. h6 Bh8 18. h7 Nh7 19. Bd5 b4 20. Nce2 Ng5 21. hg5 e6 22. Rh8! Kh8 23. Nf4 Kg7 24. Be6! and White is superior; Efimenko – Bromberger, Balatonlelle 2000] 17. Nd5 Re8 18. a3 Nc4 19. Qg2 Kf8 20. Bc4 bc4 (D. Vasiesiu – Marin, Romania 1994 – 62/(238)) 21. Qd2!? and White is slightly better, with the idea Bh6, Rhg1 with attack (Da Costa Junior)

#### 27

16. f4 Nc4 17. Bc4 Rc4 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. Nde2 Bc6! 20. h5 Re4!? 21. Ne4 Be4 and Black is superior; An. Patrascu – F. Matei, Bucuresti 2002 – 84/186

#### 28

18. Qe3 Ng5! 19. Qg5 Ne4 20. Qe3 [20. Qg6? Nc3 21. Kc1 d5 22. Qd3 Bd4 0 : 1 Alexei Smirnov – Ad. Rodionov, Serpukhov 2002] Nc5 and Black is slightly better (Sa. Velickovic)

#### 29

19. Qh2 Nc3 20. Kc1 Qa5 21. hg6 Na2 22. Ba2 Qa3 23. Kd2 Qc3 equal; Lanka – Smirin, USSR 1989 – 47/(268)

#### **30**

12... Nc4 13. Bc4 Rc4 14. g4 Qc7 [14... Qa5 15. g5 Nh5 16. Nd5 Qd8 17. Ne2 – 14... Qc7; 14... b5 15. b3 Rc8 16. Ndb5 Qa5 17. a4 a6 18. Nd5 Qd2 19. Ne7 Kh8 20. Rd2 Rce8 21. Nd6 Re7 22. Bc5 Re5 23. Ba3 Be6 24. Nb7 and White is superior; Kolev – Gu. Hernandez, Barcelona 2000] 15. g5 Nh5 16. Nd5 Qd8 17. Ne2! [weak point a7; with the idea Ng3 weak point Nh5] e6!? 18. Ndc3 d5 19. ed5 Qa5 20. Ne4 Qd5 (Ki. Georgiev – Malakhov, Saint-Vincent 2000) 21. Qc1! Qc6 22. b3 and White is superior, weak point Rc4

#### 31

13. Bh6 Bh8 14. h4 Nc4! 15. Bc4 [15. Qd3 Ne5 equal] Rc4 16. Nde2 b5 unclear; Ro. Perez – Y. Gonzalez, Cuba (ch) 2002 – 84/184

#### **32**

14. g4 hg4 15. h5 Nh5 16. Bh6 e6 17. Bg7 Kg7 18. Rdg1 Rh8 19. fg4 Nf6 20. g5 with compensation; Dj. Kontic – Motylev, Niksic 2000

#### 33

**14... Bh8** 15. g4 Qa5 16. gh5! Nh5 17. Rhg1 (E. Perelshteyn – Kudrin, USA (ch) 2003) Kh7 18. Be3 Nc4 19. Bc4 Rc4 20. Nb3 and White is slightly better (E. Perelshteyn); **14... Qa5** 15. Bg7 Kg7 16. Rhe1 Rc5 17. f4 Neg4 18. Nf3 and White is slightly better; Zontakh – Ki. Georgiev, Jugoslavija 2002 – 85/204

#### 34

17. g4 hg4 18. h5 Rh8 19. fg4 Bg4 20. hg6 fg6 21. Nd5 with compensation; Sandipan – Motylev, Kolkata 2002 – 85/(204)

#### 35

19. Nb3 Re6 20. Qa5 and White is slightly better; Ponomariov – Tiviakov, Moscow (m/2) 2001 – 83/202

#### **36**

11. h4 b5! 12. Ndb5 [12. Nc6 Bc6 13. Bb3 a5 and Black is slightly better; A. Carvalho – Romero, Lisboa 1998] Ne5 13. Be2 Qa5 14. Nd4 Rfc8 with compensation (Iv. Markovic)

#### 37

11... Ne5 12. f4 [12. Bh6 b5 13. h4 Nc4 14. Qg5 and White is slightly better; Bakre – Cebalo, Pula 2002] Neg4 13. h3!? [13. Bg1 b5 14. h3 b4 15. hg4 bc3 16. Qc3 Rc8 17. Qg3 Bg4 18. Re1 Qa5 19. c3 (19. Be3 h5 20. Bd2 Qb6 21. Bc3 e5! and Black is slightly better, with initiative; Ganguly – Bu Xiangzhi, Goa 2002) e5 20. fe5 de5

21. Nf3 Rc3 22. bc3 Qc3 23. Kb1 Rc8 equal; Gallagher – Ch. Ward, Great Britain (ch) 2002] Ne3 14. Qe3 and White is slightly better; M. Russell – Kafka, Goa 2002

#### 38

12... Nb3!? 13. cb3 Bh6 14. Qh6 b5 15. e5 [15. Kb1!? unclear] de5 16. Nc6 Bc6! 17. Rd8 Rfd8 18. Rd1! b4 19. Rd8 Rd8 20. Nb1 (Ni. Djukic – M. Golubev, Bucuresti 2002) Nd5!? unclear (M. Golubev)

#### **39**

13... Bh6 14. Qh6 e5 15. Nde2 b4 16. Nd5 Nb3 17. ab3 Nd5 18. Rd5 Be6 19. h5 Rb7 20. Rd3 Qe7 21. f4 and White is slightly better, with attack; Felgaer – Ch. Ward, Port Erin 2002

#### 40

**18... Bb5** 19. Qd2 and White is slightly better; Sax – I. Bilek, Magyarorszag (ch) 1975 – 20/456; **18... Rb6** 19. Kb1 h5 unclear (Iv. Markovic)

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