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# The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 90

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Perhaps the most predictable aspect of the voting for the ten best games of *Chess Informant 90* was that all thirty of the nominated games were played by world class grandmasters – there was neither a single correspondence masterpiece, nor a game played between "mere mortals." Yet, one of the refreshing features was that the winning game came from a rapid event and it was from first-time contributor Francisco Vallejo Pons! Some simple advice: play through the game and the accompanying analysis over-the-board to experience the enormity and pure brilliance of the Spaniard's concept; and enjoy the precision and depth of the annotated variations. After 23.Nc6!, which represents White's best choice in the critical position, the analysis branches several times to reach its climax 23 moves later, only to finally finish in a drawn endgame!

Kramnik earned second place mostly by virtue of a single move (34...Qc2!!), but what a bone cruncher it was! The third slot went to my personal favorite Alexei Shirov for his outstanding performance against Radjabov. The game had it all – from an elaborate theoretical novelty the path to the study-like endgame was paved with tactical nuances and sizzling blows. Zvjaginsev's triumphant concluding march of his central pawns is reminiscent of the great LaBourdonnais' victory, but the entire game has a post-neo-romantic feel. As Suetin wrote in his postscript to Fischer's *My Sixty Memorable Games*, "the sort of game in which, from the viewpoint of the classicists, there were many slight mistakes and inaccuracies, but which had a unity based upon a general idea, an original plan." Shirov's joint venture with his arch-nemesis Kasparov completes the top five. It is an outstanding display of ultra-precise play from both sides. Movsesian's inspired win against Short adds another point to black's tally, making  $1\frac{1}{2}$  -  $4\frac{1}{2}$  on the first six "boards."

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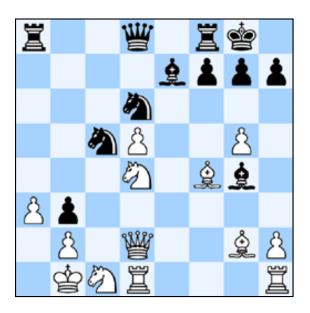
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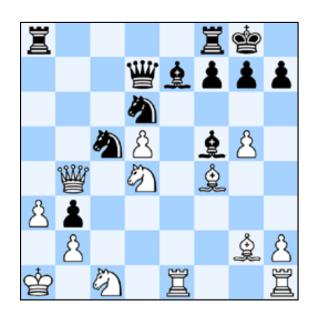
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Ra3! 26. ba3 Qb6 27. Qb4 only move (27. Ncb3 Nb3 28. Nb3 Qb3 29. Re3 Be5; 27. Nce2 Ra8 28. Nc2 bc2) Qb4 28. ab4 Ra8 29. Kb2 Na4 30. Ka3 Nb6 31. Kb2 Na4 equal] **Nd6** [21... de4? 22. Nc6 Qd2 23. Ne7 Kh8 24. Rd2 and White is winning; 21... Ne4? 22. Be4 de4 23. Nc6 and White is winning] **22. ed5** [22. Bd6 Bd6 (22... Qd6 23. Nf5 Bf5 24. ef5 and White is slightly better) 23. ed5 Bg4 24. Bf3! (24. Rde1 Bh5! 25. Ncb3 Bg6 26. Ka2 Nb3 27. Nb3 Ra4! with attack, with the idea Qa8, with the idea Ba3, Qd6, Rfa8) Bf3 25. Nf3 Qd7 with compensation] **Bg4** 



**23.** Rde1 [23. Nc6! Qd7 a) 24. Qe3!? Bf5 25. Nd3! a1) 25... Nc8!? a11) 26. Ne7 Qe7 27. Qe7 (27. d6?? Qe3 28. Be3 Nd3 29. Ba8 Nd6 30. Bc6 Nc4 and Black is winning) Ne7 and Black is slightly better; a12) 26. Nce5 Ob7 unclear; a2) 25... Nde4 a21) 26. Ka1 Nd3 (26... Ra3 27. ba3 Ra8 28. Ndb4 and White is winning) 27. Qd3 (27. Be4 Ba3! 28. Qd3 Bd6 29. Kb1 Be4 30. Qe4 Rfe8) Ba3 28. Be4 Be4 29. Qe4 Bd6 30. Kb1 Rfe8! 31. Qd3 (31. Qc4 Qf5) Bf4 with attack; a22) 26. Ne7 Qe7 27. Nc5 a221) 27... Nc5 28. Ka1 Ne6 (28... Ra3 29. ba3 Qa7 30. Qc1) 29. d6! and White is superior; a222) 27... Qc5! 28. Qc5 (28. Be4 Qe3 29. Be3 Be4 30. Ka1 Bh1 31. Rh1 Rfe8 and Black is superior) Nc5 29. Ka1 (29. Kc1?? Rac8 30. Kd2 Nd3 and Black is winning) Nd3! a2221) 30. Bd2 Rfc8 31. Rhf1 (31. d6?? Ra3!! 32. ba3 Rc2 33. Bh3 Ra2 34. Kb1 Bg6 and Black is winning) Rc2! (31... Ra3 32. ba3 Rc2 33. Rf5 Ra2 34. Kb1 Rb2 35. Ka1 equal) 32. Rf5 Nb2! 33. Be4 Nd1 34. Bc2 bc2 35. Rf3 Rc8 36. Bc1 Rb8 and Black is superior; a2222) 30. Bd6 (weak point a3) Rfe8 (30... Rfc8 31. Bh3!) 31. Rhf1 g6 32. Bf3 Ra6 33. Bc7 Nb4 34. Rd2 Nc2 35. Rc2 bc2 and Black is slightly better; b) 24. Ne7 Qe7 25. Rde1 Bf5 26. Ka1 Ra3! 27. ba3 Qa7 28. Qb4 (28. Bd6?? Qa3 29. Na2 Bc2 and Black is winning) Nc4! 29. Nb3 (29. Re7 Qe7 30. Qc4 Nd3! 31. Qb3 Nf4 and Black is superior) Nb3 30. Qb3 Qd4 31. Ka2 b1) 31... Qf4? 32. Re2 Na3 (32... Ra8 33. Qa4!) 33. Qa3 Qc4; 33. Rf1! and White is winning; b2) 31... Qf2 32. Ka1 Qd4 equal; c) 24. Rde1 Bf5 25. Ka1 Nde4 (25... Rfe8? 26. Ne7 Re7 27. Bd6 Od6 28. Re7 Oe7 29. d6 and White is winning) 26. Qe3 (26. Od4 Ra4) c1) 26... Ra4? 27. Nb3 Nb3 (27... Rfa8 28. Ne7 Qe7 29. Nc5 and White is winning) 28. Qb3 Rfa8 29. Ne7 Qe7 30. d6 and White is winning; c2) 26... Rfe8!? c21) 27. Be4 c211) 27... Ne4 28. Ne7 Qe7 (28... Re7 29. Qb3 and White is superior) 29. Qb3 and White is superior; c212) 27... Be4 28. Ne7 Qe7 29. Nb3 (29. Rhf1 Ra3 30. ba3 Nd3 and Black is winning) Nd3 30. Qe4

Ra3 31. Kb1 Rb3 32. Qd3 (32. Qe7?? Rb2 33. Ka1 Ra8) Rd3 33. Re7 Re7 34. d6 Re4 and Black is slightly better; *c22*) 27. Ne7 *c221*) 27... Re7 *c2211*) 28. d6 Ra3! (28... Qb5 29. Qe2 Rb7 30. Qb5 Rb5 31. Re2 and White is winning; 28... Ree8 29. Nb3 and White is winning) 29. ba3 Qa7 30. Na2 Qa3 31. Re2 Ra7 and Black is winning; *c2212*) 28. Nb3 Nd2! 29. Nc5 Re3 30. Re3 (30. Nd7?? Raa3 31. ba3 Ra3 32. Kb2 Nc4 33. Kc1 Ra1 mate) Qb5 31. d6 Rb8 32. b4 Qc4 unclear; c2213) 28. Be4! Re4 (28... Ne4 29. Qb3 and White is superior) 29. Qc5 Rf4 30. Re7 Rc4 (30... Oa4 31. Oc6! Oc6 32. dc6 Be4 33. Re1 Bc6 34. Nb3 and White is superior) 31. Rd7 Rc5 32. Rd6 Be4 33. Rd1 and White is superior; *c*222) 27... Qe7 28. Nb3 (28. *d*6?? *Ra*3 29. ba3 Qa7 and Black is winning; 28. Be4 Be4 see 27. Be4) Nd3! 29. d6! (29. Re2 Ra3 30. ba3 Qa3 31. Ra2 Qb3 32. Be4 Qc3 33. Kb1 Be4 34. Qe4 Qb3 35. Kal Qa2 36. Ka2 Re4 and Black is slightly better) Ne1 30. de7 (30. Re1 *Qd7 31. Nd4 Nd6 32. Ba8 Re3 33. Be3 Be4 34. Be4 Ne4 equal)* Nc2 31. Ka2 Ne3 32. Be3 Re7 unclear; c3) 26... Ra3! 27. ba3 Ra8 c31) 28. Nb4?? Ra3 29. Kb2 Qa4 30. Be4 Qb4 31. Bf5 Na4 32. Kb1 Ra1 33. Ka1 Qa3 34. Kb1 Qb2 mate; c32) 28. Be4 Be4 (28... Ra3 29. Kb2 Na4 30. Kb1 Be4 31. Qe4 Nc3 32. Kb2 Ne4 33. Re4 and White is winning) 29. Nb3 (29. Ne7 Qe7 and Black is winning) Ra3 30. Kb2 Na4 31. Kc1 Ra2! 32. Re2 (32. Nbd4 Ob7! 33. Ne7 Kh8! 34. Nb3 Rc2 35. Kb1 Nc3) Ba3 33. Kd1 Re2 34. Ke2 Bh1 and Black is superior; c33) 28. Nb3 Ra3 29. Kb2 Na4 (29... Rb3? 30. Qb3 Nb3 31. Be4 Be4 32. Re4 and White is winning) 30. Kc1 Ra2!! 31. Nbd4 only move (31. Re2?? Ba3 32. Kd1 Nac3; 31. Ne7 Qe7 32. d6 Qe6 and Black is winning; 31. Be4 Be4 see 28. Be4) c331) 31... Bg6!? c3311) 32. Ne7 Qe7 33. Be4 Qc5! 34. Kb1 (34. Kd1 Nc3) Qb4 35. Nb3 Ra1! 36. Ka1 Qa3 37. Kb1 Qb2 mate; c3312) 32. Be4 Be4 33. Ne7 Qe7 34. d6 Qb7 and Black is winning; c3313) 32. Nc2! c33131) 32... Nf2 33. Qf2 Ba3 34. Na3 (34. Kd1?? Nc3) Rf2 35. Re7 Qc8 36. Rhe1 and White is winning; c33132) 32... Ng3! c331321) 33. N2b4?? Bb4 34. Qe8 Bf8 35. Ne7 (35. Qd7 Ba3 36. Kd1 Nc3 mate) Qe7 36. Re7 Nc3! and Black is winning; c331322) 33. Ne7 Qe7 34. Qb3 Rc2 35. Qc2 Qa3 36. Kd2 Qb4 37. Ke3 (37. Kc1?? Qf4) Bc2 38. hg3 Qc5 39. Kf3 Qd5 40. Kf2 unclear; c331323) 33. Qb3 Rc2 34. Qc2 Ba3 35. Kd2 Bc2 36. hg3 Bf5 unclear; c332) 31... Ba3 32. Qa3 Ra3 33. Be4 Qb7! (33... Be4 34. Re4 Ra1 35. Kd2 Rh1 36. Re7 Oc8 37. Rc7 Qe8 38. Rc8 and White is winning) 34. Bc2 (only move) Qb2 35. Kd2 Rd3! (35... Qc3? 36. Ke2 Bc2 37. Kf2 and White is superior) 36. Ke2 Rd4 c3321) 37. Nd4 Qd4 38. Kf3 Qd5 39. Kg3 h6 40. g6 (40. Ba4 hg5) fg6 41. Ba4 g5 42. Bc1 equal; c3322) 37. Kf3 Qa3 38. Re3 Rf4 39. Kf4 Qd6 40. Kf5 Qd5 41. Kf4 Qc6 (unclear) 42. Rd1 g6 43. Rd8 Kg7 44. Ree8 Qc7 45. Kf3 Qc3 46. Bd3 h6 equal] Qd7 24. Qb4?? [24. Ncb3? Nb3 25. Nb3 Bf5 26. Ka2 Nc4 27. Re7 (27. Qc1 Ba3 28. ba3 Ra3 29. Qa3 Na3 30. Ka3 Qa7 31. Kb2 Qf2 and Black is winning) Qe7 28. d6 Qa7 29. Qb4 Qf2 30. Qc4 Qg2 31. Rc1 Be6 and Black is winning; 24. Nc6! see 23. Nc6] **Bf5 25. Ka1** [25. Nf5 Qf5 26. Ka1 Rfb8 27. Qc5 Nc4! 28. Be4 (28. Re7 Qc2! 29. Be5 Na3 and Black is winning) Na3! 29. ba3 (29. Nb3 Of4) b2 30. Kb1 (30. Ka2 b1Q 31. Bb1 Qb1 mate) bc1Q 31. Kc1 Qf4 and Black is winning]

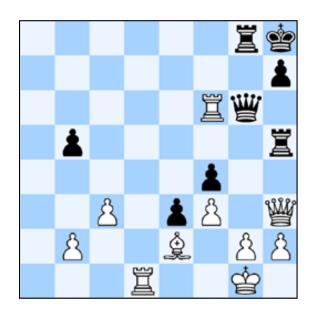


25... Rfb8!! 26. Qc5 [26. Qc3 Nce4 27. Be4 Ne4 28. Re4 Be4 29. Bb8 Bh1 and Black is winning] Nc4! 27. d6 [27. Qc4 Ra3; 27. Qe7 Qe7 28. Re7 Ra3; 27. Re7 Na3 28. Ndb3 Nc4 29. Na2 Ra2 30. Ka2 Qa4 31. Qa3 Na3 and Black is winning] Ra3! 28. Qa3 [28. ba3 b2 29. Ka2 b1Q mate] Na3 29. de7 [29. Nf5 Qa4 30. Ne7 (30. Re7 Nc2 31. Kb1 Qa1 mate) Kf8 31. Nb3 Nc4 32. Kb1 Qb3 and Black is winning] Nc2 30. Nc2 [30. Kb1 Ne1] Qa4 [31. Na3 Qa3 32. ba3 b2 33. Ka2 b1Q mate] 0:1 [Vallejo Pons]

#### Leko 2722 – Kramnik 2777 Linares 2004 — 90/124

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 f5 11. Bd3 Be6 12. 0-0 Bd5 13. ed5 Ne7 14. Qh5 **e4 15. Be2 Bg7 16. c3 Rc8** [a novelty; 16... Qc8 see 89/(113); 16... 0-0 see 89/113] **17. Nc2 Rc5 18. Ne3** [18. f3!?] **f4** [18... Nd5? 19. Nf5 (and White is superior) Bc3? 20. bc3 Nf4 21. Ng7 Kf8 22. Qh6 Ne2 23. Kh1 and White is winning] 19. Nf5 [19. Qg5 Be5] 0-0 20. a4! Nf5 [20... Re8 21. ab5 ab5 22. b4 (22. Ra7) Rc3 23. Bb5 and White is superior 21. Qf5 Qe7 22. ab5 ab5 23. **Qf4** [23. f3 b4 24. fe4 bc3 25. bc3 Bc3 equal] **Rd5 24. Rfd1 Re5** [24... Rd1 25. Rd1 b4 26. cb4 and White is slightly better] **25. Qe3** [25. Ra6 b4 (25... d5!? 26. Rb6 e3) 26. cb4 (26. Rad6 bc3 27. bc3 e3 and White is slightly better) d5 27. b5 and White is slightly better] f5! [25... d5 26. Ra5 (26. Ra7) Rb8 27. b4 and White is slightly better] 26. Qb6 [26. Qf4! (and White is slightly better) Re6!? (26... b4) 27. Bb5 Be5 28. Qe3 Kh8 29. Bc4 Rg6] **f4 27.** Qd6 Qg5 28. f3 [28. Kh1!? Kh8 29. Qc6 Rg8 30. Ra8 Bf8 31. Bf1 with the idea 31... f3 32. g3] e3 29. Ra7 [29. Kh1 Kh8] Kh8 30. Qd7 [30. Rd7!? Rg8 31. Bd3 (31. Rf7 Bf8 32. Qf6 Qf6 33. Rf6 Reg5 equal) Rge8 unclear (31... Qh4? 32. Rg7 Rg7 33. Qb8) 32. Re1!? (32. Qd4 Qh4) Qh4 33. Re2] Rg8 31. **Qh3?** [31. Qg4? Qh6; 31. Kh1! Rc5!? (31... Qg6) 32. Qh3 (32. Rd4 b4!? with counterplay) Qg6] Qg6 32. Rad7? [32. Bd3? e2; 32. g3? fg3 33. hg3 Rh5 34. Qg2 Be5 and Black is winning; 32. Raa1? Rh5 33. Rd6 Bf6 34. Rf6 Rh3 35. Rg6 Rg6 and Black is superior; 32. Kh1 and Black is slightly better; better is 32. Kf1! Rh5 (32... b4 33. Ra6 Qc2 34. cb4 Rb5 35. Rad6 Rb4 36. Rd8 Bf8 equal) 33. Rd6! Rh3 (33... Qb1 34. Rd1 Rh3 35. Rb1 Rh2 36. Kg1 Rg2 37. Kg2 Bd4 38. Kf1 Ba7 39. b4 equal; 33... Qd6 34. Qh5 Qd2 35. g4 Qc1 36.

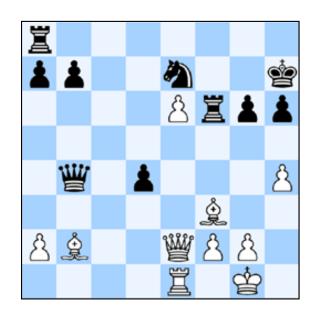
*Kg2 Qb2 37. Qb5 Qb5 38. Bb5 Bc3 equal*) 34. Rg6 Rh2 35. Kg1 hg6 36. Kh2 Rd8 37. Bb5 Rd2 38. b3 Bc3 39. Re7 equal] **Rh5** (and Black is winning) **33. R7d6** [33. Qg4 Rg5 34. Qh3 Bf8 35. Bf1 e2 and Black is winning] **Bf6 34. Rf6** [34. Bd3 Qg7 35. Qg4 Rg5 and Black is winning]



**34... Qc2!!** [34... Rh3? 35. Rg6 Rg6 36. Rd4 Rh5 37. Rf4 Ra6 38. g4 equal] **35. Qh5** [35. Qd7 Rg2; 35. Kf1 Rh3 36. gh3 Rg2!] **Qe2 36. g4** [36. Qh7 Kh7 37. Rd7 Kh8 38. Rh6 mate; better is 37... Rg7] **Qf2 0:1** [Kramnik]

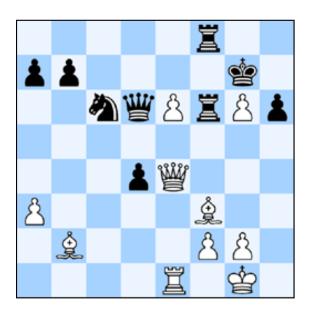
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**25.** a3! [25. h5?! Rf3! 26. gf3 Rg8!; 25. Rd1!? a) 25... Nf5 26. h5! Rg8 (26... Qe7 27. Bd5 and White is superior; 26... Re8 27. Bd5 and White is superior) 27. hg6 Rgg6 28. Bh5 Re6 29. Bg6 Rg6 30. Bd4! Nd4 31. Qe4 and White is slightly better; b) 25... Rd8 b1) 26. Qe5 Rf3! (26... Rf5 27. Qc7 with compensation) 27. gf3 Qb2 28. Qf6 Qa3 equal; b2) 26. h5! b21) 26... gh5 b211) 27. Qe4 Ng6 28. Bh5 Qe7! (28... Qb2 29. Bg6 Rg6 30. Rb1 Qb1 31. *Qb1* and White is superior) 29. Rd4 (29. f4 Qe6 30. Qe6 Re6 31. f5 Nf4 32. fe6 Nh5 33. Rd4 Rd4 34. Bd4 Kg6 35. Ba7 Ng7 36. e7 Kf7 equal) Rd4 30. Bd4 Qe6 31. Bg6 Rg6 32. Qb7 Kg8 33. Qa8 Kf7 34. Qa7 Qe7 equal; *b212*) 27. Bh5 Ng6! 28. Rd3 (28. Qe4 Qe7!) Qc4! unclear; b213) 27. Qd3! Ng6 28. Ba3 Qb6 29. e7 Re8 30. Qd4 Qd4 31. Rd4 Re6 32. Bh5 R8e7 33. Be7 Re7 34. f4 and White is slightly better; *b22*) 26... Qb6!? 27. hg6 Kg8 (27... Kg7!? 28. Bg4 Qc5 unclear) 28. Bg4 Rg6 unclear; b23) 26... Qc5!? 27. Be4! (27. Qe4?! Nc6 28. hg6 Kg7 and Black is slightly better) Kg8 (27... Kg7 28. Bg6! Ng6 29. hg6 Rg6 30. e7 Qc6 31. g3 Re8 32. Rd4 Kh7 33. Ba3 and White is slightly better) 28. Bg6! Ng6 29. hg6 Qe7 30. Bd4 Re6 (30... Rg6 31. Qe5 Kh7 32. Re1 and White is slightly better) 31. Qc4! b5 32. Qb3 with compensation] Qd6! [25... Qb6?! 26. Qe5 (26. h5 Raf8) Rf5 27. Qd4 Qd4 28. Bd4 Nc6 29. Bc3! (29. Be3 Rf3! 30. gf3 Re8 31. Rd1 Re6 32. Kg2 equal) Rc5 30. Bb2! and White is slightly better, with the idea h5, with the idea g4, h5] **26. h5! Raf8!?** [26... Re8 27. Qb5! (27. Qd3 Nc6 28. hg6 Kg8 and Black is slightly better, with the idea 29. Bg4 Qf4 30. f3 h5! 31. Re4 Qg5 32. Bh3 Ne5 33. Re5 Qe5 34. Bd4 Qd5) Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 29. Qb7 Qe7 30. a4!! (30. Qe4? Rd6; 30. Qe7?! Ne7 31. Re4 Rf3 32. gf3 d3 33. Re1 Kg6 equal) Qb7 (30... Re8? 31. Bd4 Qb7 32. Bb7 Rfe6 33. Re6 Re6 34. a5 a6 35. Bb6 and White is superior; 30... Rd6 31. Qe7 Ne7 32. Bg4 Rg6 33. Bh3 and White is slightly better) 31. Bb7 Ne7 32. Ba3 and White is slightly better; 26... Rd8 27. Bb7 (27. hg6 Ng6) gh5 28. Qd3 Kg8 (28... Kg7? 29. Re4 Qb6 30. Bd4 Qb7 31. Bf6 Kf6 32. Rf4 Ke5 33. Qe3 Kd6 34. Rd4 Nd5 35. e7 and White is winning) 29. Re4! with compensation, with the idea 29... Nf5 30. Ba6!] **27. Qe4!?** [27. hg6?! Ng6 28. Qe4 Re8!; 27. Qd3 Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 unclear; 27. Qc4!? a) 27... Rf4 28. Be4 Nc6 (28... Rh4 29. Bg6 Ng6 30. hg6 Kg6 31. g3 Rg4 32. Qd3 Kg7 33. Re4! and White is superior) 29. hg6 Kg7 30. Bc6 bc6 31. e7 Re8 32. Re4! and White is superior; b) 27... Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 (28... Kg6 29. Re4 and White is superior; 28... Kg7 29. Rd1 Qe6 30. Rd4 Qc4 31. Rc4 and White is slightly better) 29. Bb7! Qb6 30. Bf3! and White is slightly better; c)

27... Nf5 28. hg6 Rg6 29. Bb7 d3 (29... Re8 30. Qd3 Qf4 31. Bd5 and White is superior) 30. Bd5! and White is slightly better; d) 27... Rf3! 28. gf3 gh5! (28... Rf3? 29. Qd4 Qd4 30. Bd4 b6 31. Rc1 and White is winning; 28... Rf4? 29. Re4 Re4 30. fe4 Nc6 31. Qd5 and White is winning; 28... Rf5 29. Qd4 Rg5 30. Kf1 Qd4 31. hg6 Kg6 32. Bd4 and White is slightly better) 29. Bd4 b6 30. Bc3 Qd5 unclear] Nc6! [27... Rd8 28. hg6 Ng6 29. Bh5! Qc6 30. Bd4 Qe4 31. Re4 Rf5 32. gd! and White is superior; 27... Re8 28. Qb7 (28. Qd4? Qd4 29. Bd4 Rf3 30. gf3 Nc6! and Black is slightly better) Re6 29. Re6 Qe6 30. hg6 Kg6 31. Bd4 and White is slightly better] 28. hg6 Kg7 [28... Kg8 29. Bc1! (29. Qd5 Qd5 30. Bd5 Re8; 29. Qg4 Re8 30. Qh5 Rfe6 31. Bd5 Kg7 32. Be6 Re6 33. Re3! Rg6 34. Re4 unclear) Re8 30. Bg4 d3 (30... Nd8 31. Rd1! Ne6 32. Rd4!) 31. Bh6! Qd4 32. Bf5! and White is superior]



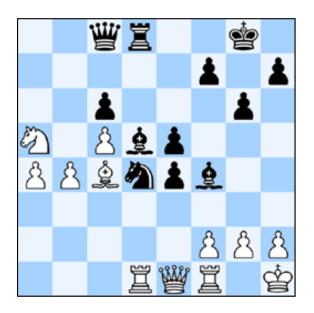
29. Bc1! Qe7 [29... h5 30. Bh5 Qc5 31. Bf3 Rg6 32. Bb2 with initiative] 30. Bh6! Kh6 31. Qh4 Kg6 32. Bc6! [32. Be4 Rf5 33. Qe7 Ne7 34. g4 Kf6 35. gf5 b5 equal] bc6 [32... Re6 33. Qg4 Kf6 34. Qd4 and White is winning] 33. Re5 Qe6?? [33... Re6! 34. Qh5 Kg7 35. Rg5 Qg5 36. Qg5 Rg6 37. Qe5 Kg8 38. Qd4 Rf7 39. g3 Rfg7! equal] 34. Re6 Re6 [Q 6/c] 35. Qg4! Kf7 36. Qd4 [and White is winning; Q 6/b] a6 37. g4 Rg8 38. f3 Rf6 39. Kf2 Re8 40. Qc4 Kg7 41. Qa6 Ref8 42. Qd3 c5 43. a4 Ra8 44. Qc3 Kg6 45. Qc5 Rfa6 46. Kg3 Ra4 [Q 6/a] 47. Qd6 Kf7 48. g5! R8a6 49. Qd7 Kg6 50. f4 Ra1 51. Qd3 Kg7 52. Qd4 Kg8 53. Kg4 R1a2 54. Qd8 Kg7 55. Qc7 Kg8 56. f5 Ra7 57. Qd8 Kg7 58. f6 Kh7 59. Qd3 Kh8 60. Kf5 Ra8 61. Qh3 Kg8 62. Kg6 R2a7 63. Qe6 Kf8 64. Qd6 Kg8 65. Qd5 Kh8 66. Qh1 1:0 [Shirov]

#### v. Malakhov 2700 – Zvjaginsev 2654 Poikovsky 2004 — 90/499

**1.** Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 0-0 6. 0-0 e5 7. d4 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Nd2 a5 10. a3 Bd7 11. b3 c6 12. Bb2 Qb6 13. dc6 [13. Rc1 see 59/(657)] bc6 14. Na4 Qc7 [14... Qb8 15. f4 (15. c5 d5 16. Nb6 Ra7 17. f4 ef4 18. e5 Ne8 19. Nd7 Rd7 unclear) ef4 16. Rf4 Ne8 17. Bg7 Ng7 18. c5 (18. Rf6!?) Ne6 19. Rf2 Nc5 (19... dc5 20. Bc4 and White is slightly better) 20. Nc5 dc5 21. Bc4 and White is slightly better] **15. c5 d5 16. Nb6 Rad8** [a novelty; 16... Ra7 17. f4 (17. ed5 cd5 18. b4 Be6 19. Nb3 ab4 20. ab4 Ra1 21.

*Qa1 d4 and Black is slightly better; 17. Qc2) a)* 17... ef4 18. e5 Ne8 (18... Ne4 19. Ne4 de4 20. Nd7 Qd7 21. Rf4 and White is slightly better) 19. Nd7 Qd7 20. Bg4 Qc7 21. Nf3 and White is slightly better; b) 17... Ne4 18. Ne4 de4 19. Be5 (19. Qd6 Qd6 20. cd6 Nf5 equal; 19. fe5 Nf5 20. Qd2 Be6 unclear; 19. Nd7 Qd7 20. fe5 Nf5 unclear) Be5 20. fe5 Nf5 21. Qd2 (21. Nc4!? Be6 22. Nd6 Ne3 23. Qd4 Nf1 24. Rf1 with compensation) Be6 22. Qc3 Qd8 (22... Qe7 23. Rf4) 23. Rad1 (23. Rae1 Qd4 24. Qd4 Nd4 25. Bd1 Bd5 equal) Qg5 equal] 17. Bc3! Ne4? [17... Be6! 18. Ba5 Qa7 19. ed5 Nfd5 (19... Qa5? 20. b4; 19... Ned5 with compensation) 20. Nbc4 (20. Nd5 Rd5) Rd7 with compensation **18. Ne4 de4 19. Ba5 Nf5** [19... Be6? 20. Nd5!! (20. Qc2 Rd4) Qa5 21. Ne7 Kh8 22. Nc6 Rd1 23. Na5 and White is winning; 19... Qb7? 20. Nc4 Rb8 21. b4 Nf5 22. Nd6 Nd6 23. Qd6 and White is winning; 19... Bg4! a) 20. Bg4 Rd1 a1) 21. Rfd1 e3! 22. fe3 (22. Rd7 ef2 23. Kh1 Qb8 24. Re7 e4 25. Rf1 Qf4 26. h3 Bf6 and Black is winning) e4 and Black is slightly better; a2) 21. Rad1 Nd5 (21... Qb7 22. Rd7 Qa6 23. b4 and White is slightly better) 22. Nd5 Qa5 23. Ne7 Kh8 24. b4 Qa3 25. Nc6 e3 unclear; b) 20. Qe1 Be2 b1) 21. Qe2 Rd4 22. Nd5 (22. Bc3 Rd3; 22. Nc4 Qb8) Qb7 23. Ne7 Qe7 equal; b2) 21. Nc4 Qd7 22. Qe2 (22. Bd8? Bf1 23. Be7 Bg2) Qd3 23. Rfe1 Qe2 24. Re2 Rd3 equal; b3) 21. Nd5 Nd5 (21... Qd7? 22. Ne7 and White is winning) 22. Bc7 Bf1 23. Bd8 Bd3 24. Ba5 (24. Bg5 h6 25. Bd2 f5 with compensation; 24. Qa5 e3! 25. fe3 e4 with compensation) f5 25. Rd1 f4 with compensation, with the idea 26. Rd3 ed3 27. Qe4 Ra8! 28. b4 d2 29. Qe2 e4 30. Qd2 e3 unclear] **20. Nc4 Qb8 21. Bd8 Rd8 22. b4?** [22. Nd6 Be6 23. Bc4 Nd6 24. cd6 Rd6 25. Qc2 Bd5 26. a4 and White is superior] **Be6 23.** Qe1 [23. Nd6 Bf8 (23... e3!?) 24. Qc2 Bd6 25. cd6 Bd5 26. Qc3 Nd4 with compensation] Nd4 24. Na5 [24. Rc1? Qb5 and Black is superior; 24. Nd6 Bd5 (24... Nc2 25. Qc3 Na1 26. Ra1 Bd5 27. Bc4 Bf8 28. Bd5 cd5 29. Qe5 Bd6 30. cd6 Rd6 and White is superior) 25. Rc1 Bf8 26. Bc4 Bd6 27. cd6 Qd6 with compensation] Qc8 [24... Bh6!? 25. Bc4 Bf5 with compensation] **25.** Rd1 [25. Bc4 Bf5 (25... Nc2 26. Qe4 Na1 27. Ra1 Bc4 28. Nc4 and White is superior; 25... Bd5 26. Bd5 cd5 27. Qd1 and White is superior) 26. Qc1 and White is slightly better] **Bh6! 26. Kh1** [26. Bc4 Bc4 27. Nc4 Nf3 28. gf3 Rd1 29. Qd1 Qh3 30. Ne5 Bf4 31. Qd8 Kg7 32. Ng4 ef3 33. Qd4 Kg8 34. Nf6 Kf8 35. Nh7 Kg8 equal **Bf4** [26... Bd5? 27. Bc4 and White is superior] **27.** a4? [27. Bc4 a) 27... Bf5 28. Nb3 Nc2 (28... Bg4 29. Rd4) 29. Qc3 Na3 30. Na5 and White is superior; b) 27... Bg4 28. f3 (28. Qe4? Bf3! 29. Rd4 Qh3 and Black is winning) ef3 29. g3 b1) 29... f2? 30. Rf2 Bd1 31. Qd1 Bg3 (31... Nf5 32. Qf3) 32. Rf7 (32. hg3 Qh3 33. Rh2 Qg3 34. Qg1 Qa3 unclear) Kh8 33. Nb7 Qh3 34. Qg1 and White is winning; b2) 29... Bh3 b21) 30. gf4 b211) 30... e4 31. Rd2 (31. Qe4 Qg4) Qg4 32. Rff2; b212) 30... Bg2 31. Kg1 Bf1 32. Qf1 Qg4 33. Kh1 Qf4 (33... f2 34. Rd2 Qg1 35. Qg1 fg1Q 36. Kg1 Nf3 37. Kf2 Nd2 38. Nc6 Ra8 39. Ne5 Ra3 40. Bf7 Kf8 41. Bd5 and White is superior; 33... e4!?) 34. Nb3 unclear; b22) 30. Rf2 Bg2 (30... Qg4 31. Bf1! Bf1 32. Rf1 and White is superior) 31. Kg1 (31. Rg2!? fg2 32. Kg2 and White is slightly better) Qg4 32. Qe4 Bh3 33. Nc6 Nc6 34. Rd8 Nd8 and White is slightly better; 27. Nc4 a) 27... Ne2 28. Rd8 (28. Qe2 Rd1 29. Rd1 Qa6 and Black is superior) Qd8 29. Qe2 Qd3 30. Qd3 ed3 31. Nd6 (31. Nb2 e4 with compensation; 31. g3 Bc4 32. gf4 Bb3 33. b5 cb5 34. c6 Bd5 35. f3 Bc6 36. fe5 and White is slightly better) d2 (31... Bb3 32. b5) 32. a4 Bb3 33. a5 d1Q 34. Rd1 Bd1 35. a6 and White is winning; b) 27... Bc4 28. Bc4 Qf5 29. f3 e3 30. g3 Bh6; 29. a4 and White is slightly better; c) 27... Qa8 28. g3 (28. Na5 Qc8) Bh6 29. Ne5 Qa3 30. f4 and White is slightly better] **Bd5!** (with attack)

**28. Bc4** [28. h3 e3 29. Bg4 Qc7 (29... *f5 30. Be2 g5*) 30. fe3 Nc2 and Black is superior; 28. Nc4 e3 (28... *Qa6!?*) 29. f3 Qf5 30. g3 (30. Kg1 Qc2 31. Bd3 Qd3 32. Rd3 Bc4 33. Re3 Nc2 and Black is winning) Nc2 31. Qc3 Bg3 32. hg3 Qh3 33. Kg1 Qg3 34. Kh1]

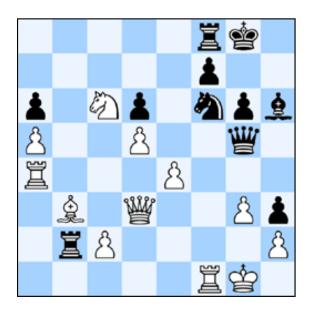


**28...** Nf3! **29.** Qe2 [29. Qc3 a) 29... Nh2 30. Qh3 Nf1 (30... Qh3 31. gh3 Nf1 32. Nc6) 31. Qc8 Rc8 32. Rf1 Bd2 33. Rb1 Rc7 and Black is superior; b) 29... Bh2! b1) 30. Be2 Qg4 31. Bf3 ef3 and Black is winning; b2) 30. Bd5 cd5 31. Nc6 Qg4 and Black is winning; b3) 30. Nc6 Qg4! 31. Bd5 (31. Rd5 Bf4 32. Rd8 Kg7) Bf4 and Black is winning; b4) 30. Rd5 b41) 30... Bf4? 31. Rd8 Qd8 32. g3 Qg5 (32... Qd7 33. Kg2 Nh4 34. gh4 Qg4 35. Qg3) 33. Kg2 and White is superior; b42) 30... Qg4? 31. Rd8 Kg7 32. Rd7 (32. Bf7 Bf4 33. Be6 Qe6 34. Qb3 Qg4 35. Qg8 Kh6 36. Qf8 Kh5 37. Qe7 Ng5 38. Kg1 Qh4 39. Qg5 Kg5 40. g3 Bg3 41. fg3 Qg3 42. Kh1 Qh3 43. Kg1 e3 and Black is winning) Bf4 (32... Qd7? 33. Be2 and White is winning) 33. Rf7 Kh6 34. Be6 Qe6 35. Qc4 Qg4 36. Rh7 Kh7 37. Qf7 equal; b43) 30... cd5 31. Be2 d4 32. Qa3 d3 33. Bf3 ef3 34. Kh2 Qg4 and Black is winning; *b44*) 30... Rd5 31. Bd5 (*31*. Nc6 Qg4 and Black is winning) Qg4 (31... cd5 32. c6) 32. Qf3 ef3 33. Bf3 Qh4 and Black is winning **Nh2** [29... Bh2? 30. Bd5 cd5 31. Rd3! unclear] **30.** Bd5 [30. Ba6 Qf5 (30... Qe6) 31. Nc6 Qg5 32. g3 (32. Rd5 Rd5 and Black is winning) Nf1 (32... Nf3 33. Kg2 Bc6 34. Rd8 Qd8 and Black is superior) 33. Qf1 Bc6 34. Rd8 Qd8 35. b5 Bd5 36. gf4 Qh4 37. Kg1 e3 and Black is winning] cd5 31. f3 [31. c6 Nf3 32. c7 Rf8 and Black is winning] Nf1 32. **Rf1 e3** (and Black is winning) **33. c6** [33. Qd3 e4 34. fe4 Qg4; 33. Rd1 d4 34. Kg1 (34. Qd3 Qf5 35. Qf5 gf5) Qd7 35. c6 d3] **d4 34. Rd1 Bg3** [34... Qf5 35. g4 Qg5 36. Kg1 Qh4] 35. f4 e4 36. Nb3 d3 37. Qe3 Qg4 38. Rb1 Qh4 39. Kg1 Qh2 40. Kf1 Qh1 41. Qg1 e3! 42. Qh1 e2 43. Kg1 d2 0: 1 [Zvjaginsev]

#### Shirov 2736 – g. Kasparov 2831 Linares 2004 — 90/214

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. f3 Nbd7 9. Qd2 b5 10. a4 b4 11. Nd5 Bd5 12. ed5 Nb6 13. Bb6 Qb6 14. a5 Qb7 15. Bc4 g6 16. Ra4 Rb8 17. Qd3 Ra8 18. Qd2 Rb8 19. Nc1 h5 20.

Nd3 Bh6 21. Qe2 [21. Qb4] 0-0 22. Nb4 Qd7!? [22... e4 see 81/225] 23. Nc6 Rb2 24. 0-0 h4! [a novelty; 24... e4] 25. Bb3 [25. Qd3 h3] h3 26. g3 e4! 27. fe4 [27. f4 Re8 with counterplay] Qg4!? [27... Ng4 28. e5 Be3 29. Kh1 Nf2 30. Rf2? Bf2 31. Ra1 de5! 32. Qf2 Rb3 33. Ne7 Qe7 34. cb3 Rd8 and Black is superior; 30. Kg1 equal] 28. Qd3! [28. Qe1? Rb1! 29. Qb1 Be3 30. Rf2 Qf3 31. Qf1 Ng4 and Black is winning] Qg5

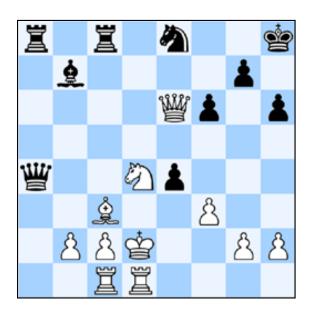


**29. e5! de5 30. Rh4** [30. d6? e4 31. Qd4 Ng4! (31... Bg7 32. Qb2 Qd2 33. Rf2 equal) 32. d7 Qe3 33. Qe3 Be3 34. Kh1 Nf2 35. Kg1 Nd1 36. Kh1 Rb1 37. Ne7 Kg7 38. Nd5 Bc5 39. Rc4 Nf2 40. Kg1 Nd3 41. Rc5 Rf1 42. Kf1 Nc5 and Black is winning; 30. Qc3 e4 31. d6 (31. Kh1 Qd2 unclear) Bg7 32. Rd4 Nd7 33. Qb2 Qe3 34. Rf2 equal] e4 31. Qd4 [31. Re4 Ne4 32. Qe4 Qd2 (32... Kh7 33. Qd4 Qh5 34. Qe5 Qg4; 34. Qd1; 32... Qe3 33. Qe3 Be3 34. Kh1 Bc5 35. Ne5 Rd8 36. Nd3 Rb3 37. cb3 Rd5; 36. Rd1!?) 33. Qf3 Kg7 34. Rd1 Be3 35. Kh1 Re8! 36. d6 Bf4 37. Ne7 (37. Qf1 Qc3!) Qg2 38. Qg2 hg2 39. Kg2 Bd6 40. Rd6 Re7 41. Ra6 Rb1 equal] Ng4 [31... Qe3!? 32. Qe3 Be3 33. Kh1 Bd2 34. d6! (34. Rh3 Kg7! 35. Nd4 Rd8 and Black is superior) Kg7 35. g4! e3! (35... Bf4?! 36. g5 Bg5 37. Rh3 Bd2 38. Rg3! e3 39. Nd4) 36. g5 Ne8 37. d7 Nd6 38. d8Q Rd8 39. Nd8 e2 40. Rg1 e1Q 41. Re1 Be1 42. Rh3 Ba5 43. Rd3 Bd8 44. Rd6 Bg5 45. Ra6 equal] 32. Rh6! [32. Ne7? Kh7 33. Qe4 (33. Re1 Rb8 and Black is superior) Qh4! 34. Rf7 (34. gh4 Be3 and Black is winning) Kh8 35. Ng6 Kg8 36. d6 Rb1! 37. Rf1 Kg7 38. Rb1 Qg5 and Black is winning] Nh6! [32... Qh6? 33. d6 Qe3 34. Qe3 Ne3 35. Rc1 and White is winning] **33. Qb2!** [33. d6? Nf5 34. Ne7 (34. Qb2 Ng3 35. Rf2 Nf5 36. Kf1 e3 37. Ne7 Kh7 38. Nf5 gf5 and Black is winning) Qe7 35. Rf5 (35. de7 Nd4 36. ef8Q Kf8 37. Rf7 Ke8 and Black is superior) Rb1 36. Kf2 e3 37. Ke2 Qb7 38. Rd5 Rd8 and Black is superior] Qe3 34. Rf2 Qe1 35. Rf1 **Qe3** 1/2:1/2 [G. Kasparov]

#### n. Short 2712 – s. Movsesian 2647 Sarajevo 2004 — 90/156

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Qc7 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be3 a6 7. Qd2 Nf6 8. 0-0-0 Bb4 9. f3 Ne5 10. Nb3 b5 11. Bd4 0-0 12. Qg5 [12. Kb1 Be7] Bd6 13. Kb1 Bb7! [a novelty; 13... h6?! 14. Qd2 Ne8 15. Qf2 and White is slightly

better; 13... Ng6] **14.** Bb5 [14. f4? Ne4 15. Ne4 Be4; 14. Bd3!?] h6 15. Qe3 [15. Qg3 Nc6 16. Qf2 Nd4 17. Rd4 Be5 18. Rc4 Qb8 19. Ba4 d5 with initiative] ab5 16. Nb5 Qc6 17. Nd6 Qd6 18. Qf4 [18. Nc5 Nc4 19. Qc3 Qc6 20. Qc4 d6 and Black is superior] Qa6 19. Be5 [19. Qe5 d6! 20. Qa5 Qa5 21. Na5 Ra5 22. Bf6 gf6 23. Rd6 unclear] Qa2 20. Kc1 Rfc8 21. Kd2 Qa4 (with compensation) 22. Rc1 [22. Bf6 gf6 23. Qf6 Qb4 and Black is winning] Ne8 23. Rhd1 f6 24. Bc3 d5 25. Qg4 de4 26. Qe6 Kh8 27. Nd4



**27... Ra6! 28. Qe7?** [28. Qg4 Rd6 29. Ke1 Rcd8 30. Qg6 unclear] **Nd6 29. Ne6 Rg8!** [29... e3? 30. Ke1 Nf5 31. Qb7 Qh4 32. g3 Qh2 33. Qc8 Kh7 34. Nf8 Kh8 35. Nh7!! and White is winning] **30. Ke1 ef3 31. Rd4 Qe8!** (and Black is winning) **32. Qe8 Re8 33. gf3 Nf5 34. Rf4 Rae6 35. Kf2 Re2 36. Kg1 Ne3 0:1** [S. Movsesian]

#### Kulaots 2541 – ALEX. Fedorov 2601 Moscow 2004 — 90/103

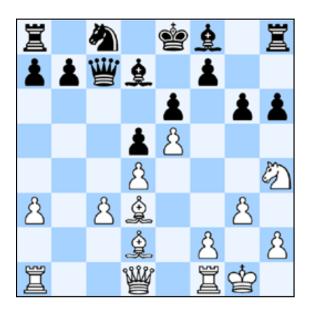
**1.** e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e5 4. Bc4 Be7 5. d3 Nf6 6. Ng5 0-0 7. f4 d5!? 8. ed5 Bg4!? (a novelty) 9. Qd2 Nd4 10. h3!? Bh5 11. g4 [11. fe5 Nd7 12. 0-0 Ne5 13. Nge4 Kh8!? unclear] h6 [11... Nd7 12. 0-0 (12. Kd1!?) ef4 13. Nh7?! Kh7 14. gh5 Ne5! with initiative; 13. Qf4 see 11... ef4; 11... ef4 a) 12. 0-0 Nd7 (12... Bg6 13. Nf3 and White is slightly better) 13. Qf4 (13. Nf3 Nf3 14. Rf3 Ne5 with compensation) a1) 13... Nc2? 14. gh5 Na1 (14... Bg5 15. Qg5 Na1 16. Qg2 and White is superior) 15. Nf7 Qe8 16. d6 Bf6 (only move) 17. Nd5! b5 18. Nf6 Nf6 19. d7 Nd7 20. Nd6 Kh8 21. Ne8 Rf4 22. Bf4 bc4 23. Nd6 and White is superior; a2) 13... Bg6 14. Nge4 (14. Rf2 Nb6! 15. Nge4 Nc4 16. dc4 f5!) Nc2 15. Rb1 unclear; b) 12. Qg2 b1) 12... Bg6 13. Nf3 only move (13. 0-0? Ng4; 13. Bf4? b5! 14. Bb3 b4 and Black is superior) Nd7 (13... b5? 14. Nd4 bc4 15. Nc6 and White is superior) 14. Bf4 Nb6 15. 0-0-0! Nc2 16. h4 Nc4 17. dc4 Nb4 18. h5! Nd3 19. Rd3 Bd3 20. Ne5 and White is superior; b2) 12... Nd7! 13. gh5 Bg5 14. 0-0 Ne5 15. Kh1 unclear]



**12. Qg2!!** [12. 0-0 hg5 a) 13. fg5?! Ng4 (13... Nh7 14. gh5 Bg5 15. Qg2 Kh8 unclear) 14. hg4 Bg4 15. Qg2 Qd7 with initiative; b) 13. fe5 Nd7 (13... Ng4? 14. hg4 Bg4 15. d6 and White is superior) 14. d6 Ne5 15. de7 Qe7 16. Bd5 (only move) Bg6 17. Rf2 Rfd8! unclear] hg5 [better is 12... ef4 13. Nf3 Bg6 14. Bf4 Bd6! 15. Bd6 Re8 with compensation; 14. 0-0 and White is slightly better] 13. fg5 Nh7 [13... Bg6 14. gf6 Bf6 15. 0-0 and White is superior; 15. h4!?] **14. gh5 Bg5** [14... Ng5 15. 0-0 Kh8 (with the idea f5) 16. d6 Bf6 17. Kh1 and White is superior] **15. Rg1** [15. Bg5 Qg5 (15... Ng5 16. 0-0-0 and White is superior) 16. Qg5 Ng5 a) 17. 0-0-0 a1) 17... a6 18. a4 (18. Ne4? Ne2 19. Kb1 Ne4 20. de4 Ng3 21. Rhe1 Nh5) b5 19. ab5 ab5 20. Nb5 Ngf3 (20... Ra1 21. Kd2 Ngf3 22. Ke3 only move, and White is superior) 21. Kb1 and White is superior; a2) 17... f5 18. h4 Ngf3 19. d6 Kh7 20. Bd5 weak point Nf3; 18... Nf7! unclear; b) 17. h4 Ngf3 18. Kf2 Nd2 19. Rad1 Nc4 20. dc4 Nc2 (20... f5 21. Na4! Nc2 22. Nc5 Rfc8 23. Ne6 Rc4 24. Rhg1 and White is superior) 21. Ne4 b6] f5! [15... Bh4 16. Kd1 Bf6 17. h6 g6 18. d6! Kh8 19. Qb7 and White is winning, with the idea 19... Qd6 20. Bf7 Rab8 21. Qd5] 16. h4!! [16. h6? Bh6! 17. d6 Kh8 18. Bh6 Qh4 19. Kd1 Qh6 20. Qb7 Rad8 with attack; 16. Bg5 Qg5 17. Qg5 Ng5 18. 0-0-0 Nh3 unclear] Bf6 [16... Bh4 17. Kd1 Qf6 (17... Bf6 18. Bh6 Qd7 19. Bg7! Qg7 20. Qg7 Bg7 21. h6 and White is winning, weak point f3) 18. d6 (18. h6? g5! unclear) Kh8 19. Nd5 Qf7 20. Nf4! and White is winning] **17. Bh6** [17. d6 Kh8 18. h6 Bh4 19. Kd1 g5 20. Qb7 Qf6 with counterplay | Qd7 (only move) 18. Bg7! Qg7 [18... Bg7 19. h6 Rf7 20. d6 and White is winning, with the idea 20... Kh8 21. Bf7 Bh6 22. Qg8 Rg8 23. Rg8 mate] 19. Qg7 Bg7 20. h6 Nf3 21. Ke2 Ng1 22. Rg1 Nf6 [22... Rf7 23. d6 Kh8 24. Bf7 Bh6 25. Nd5 and White is winning] **23. d6 Kh7 24.** hg7 Rfd8 **25.** Nd5! (and White is winning) Nh5 [25... Ng4 26. Ne7 Kg7 (only move) 27. Nf5 Kf6 28. Ng3! Nh6 (28... Rh8 29. Ne4 Kf5 30. Bf7! and White is winning) 29. Nh5 Kf5 30. Rg5 mate] 26. Rg5 Ng7 [26... Kh6 27. Nc7 Ng7 28. Na8 Ra8 29. Bf7 Rd8 30. Rg6 Kh7 31. Rf6 and White is winning, weak point Ng7] 27. Nf6 [27... Kh6 28. Bf7 with the idea Rg6 mate; 27... Kh8 28. Rg6!] 1:0 [Kulaots]

> Motylev 2634 – V. Hort 2546 Hoogeveen (open) 2003 — 90/233

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 c4 7. Nbd2 Bd7 8. b3 cb3 9. Nb3 Na5 10. Na5 Qa5 11. Bd2 Ne7 [11... Ba4 see 67/349] 12. Bd3 Qc7 13. 0-0 [13. Ng5!? Nf5 (13... h6 14. Nh7 and White is superior, with the idea 14... Rh7? 15. Bh7 g6 16. h4! h5 17. g4 and White is winning) 14. Qf3! (14. g4 Nh4 15. Nh7 Be7 unclear; 14. Qh5 g6 15. Qh3 and White is slightly better) Be7 15. Nf7! 0-0 16. Bf5 ef5 17. Nd6 Be6 18. 0-0 Bd6 19. ed6 Qd6 20. Bf4 and White is slightly better] h6 14. Nh4!? [a novelty; 14. Ne1; 14. Qb3; 14. Qe2] g6 [14... g5 15. Nf3 Ng6 16. Qc2 and White is slightly better] 15. g3! Nc8?! [better is 15... Bg7 16. Ng2 and White is slightly better, with the idea 16... 0-0 17. Ne3 h5 18. g4! with initiative]



**16. Bg6! Bb5** [16... fg6 17. Ng6 a) 17... Rh7 18. Qh5 Rf7 (18... Bb5 19. Rfb1 a6 20. a4 Bc4 21. Nf8 Kf8 22. Bh6 Ke7 23. Qg6 and White is winning) 19. Nh8 (19. Bh6 Bh6 20. Qh6 Bb5 21. Rfc1) Bb5 20. f4!! (20. Rfb1 Bd3 21. Nf7 Qf7 22. Qf7 Kf7 23. Rb7 Kg6 24. a4) Bf1 21. Rf1 Bg7 22. f5 and White is winning; b) 17... Rg8 18. Qh5 Kd8 19. Bh6!? (19. Nf8 Rf8 20. Bh6 Re8 21. Bg5 with compensation) Bh6 (19... Be7 20. Nf4 Qc3 21. Qf7 Re8 22. Rac1 and White is superior) 20. Qh4 Ke8 21. Qh6 Ne7 22. Ne7 (22. Nf4) Ke7 23. Qh7 Kf8 24. f4! (24. Rae1 Rg7) b1) 24... Qc8 25. f5! ef5 26. Rf5 Bf5 27. Rf1 Rg5 28. Qh8 Ke7 29. Qf6 Kd7 30. Qg5 and White is winning; b2) 24... Rg7 25. Qh8 Rg8 26. Qh6 Ke8 (26... Rg7 27. f5 ef5 28. e6 and White is winning) 27. Qh7 Rf8 28. f5 and White is superior, with attack; *b3*) 24... Rc8 25. f5 ef5 26. Qh6 Ke8 27. e6 Bb5 28. Qh5 Ke7 29. Rab1!! (29. Rf5 Qc3 30. Qh4 Ke8) Bf1 30. Rb7 Qb7 31. Qf7 Kd6 32. Qb7 Rc7 33. Qb4 Ke6 34. Kf1; b4) 24... Qd8 25. Rab1! (25. f5 ef5 26. Rf5 Bf5 27. Rf1 Rg5 28. Rf5 Rf5 29. Qf5 equal) b6 26. c4 dc4 (26... Qe7 27. Qh6) 27. f5 (27. Qh6 Ke8 28. Qh5 Kf8 29. f5) ef5 28. d5 Qe7 29. Qh6 Ke8 (29... Qg7 30. Qf4 Qg5 31. e6 Qf4 32. Rf4 and White is slightly better) 30. e6 with attack] 17. Qg4! fg6 [17... Ne7 18. Qe6] 18. **Ng6 Bf1** [18... Rh7! a) 19. Rfb1 Bd3 20. Qe6 Ne7 21. Nf8 Kf8 22. Bh6 Ke8 23. Qf6 Bb1 (23... Ng6 24. Rd1) 24. Rb1 (24. e6 Ng6) Kd7 25. Bf4 with compensation; b) 19. Qe6 Ne7 (19... Re7 20. Qg8 Rf7 21. e6 Rf6 22. Bh6 Ne7 23. Qh8 Ng6 24. Qf6 and White is winning) 20. Nf8 Kf8 21. Bh6 (21. Qf6 Kg8) Ke8 22. Qf6 (22. Rfe1 Qc6 23. Qc6 Nc6 24. Bg5 and White is superior; 22. Rfb1) Kd7 23. e6 (23. Rfb1 Bd3 24. Bf4 Ng8! 25. e6 Kc6 26. Qg5 Qe7) Kc6 24. Bf4 Qd8 25. Rfe1 and White is superior] 19. Qe6 Ne7 20. Nh8 Bd3 **21.** Nf7 Qd7 22. Nd6 Kd8 23. Qf6 [23. Qf7!? Kc7 24. e6 (24. Qf3 see 23.

Qf6) Qd8 25. Bf4 Kc6 26. Rc1 and White is superior, with attack] Kc7 24. **Qf3!** [24. e6 Ng8!! and Black is slightly better] **Ba6 25. Rb1** [25. c4!? Qe6 (only move) 26. cd5 Nd5 27. Rc1 Kd7 28. Rc5 and White is superior] **Qe6** [25... Rb8 26. c4 a) 26... Bc4 27. Nc4 (27. e6) dc4 28. e6 and White is winning; b) 26... Qe6 see 25... Qe6; c) 26... dc4 27. d5! and White is superior] **26.** c4 Rd8 [26... Bg7 27. cd5 Nd5 28. Rc1 Kd7 29. Rc5 Nb6 30. d5 and White is winning; 26... Rb8! a) 27. Qc3? dc4 28. Qa5 Kd7; b) 27. Bb4!? Kd7 (27... dc4 28. Nc4!) 28. cd5 Nd5 29. Ne4 and White is superior; c) 27. cd5 Nd5 (only move) 28. Rc1 Kd7 29. Rc5 Nf6 (29... Nb6 30. Ne4! Be7 31. d5 Qh3 32. e6 Kd8 33. Rc1 Rc8 34. Rd1 and White is winning) 30. Qf6 Qf6 31. ef6 b6 (31... Bd6 32. Rd5 Rd8 33. Bb4) 32. Rh5! Bd6 33. Rd5! Rd8 (33... Bb7 34. Rd6 Kd6 35. Bf4) 34. Bb4 Ke6 35. Rd6! Rd6 36. f7 and White is winning] 27. Nb7! [and White is winning; 27. Rb7! and White is winning] Bb7 28. Ba5 Kc8 29. Bd8 Nf5 30. Rb7! Kb7 31. cd5 Qc8 [31... Nd4 32. de6 Nf3 33. Kg2 Ne5 34. e7] 32. d6 Ka6 33. Qd3 Kb7 34. Qb5 Ka8 35. Bc7 a6 36. Qc6 **Qb7 37. d7 1:0** [Motylev]

#### Rublevsky 2655 – K. Asrian 2599 Moscow 2004 — 90/75

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c4 cd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Nd4 e6 7. Nc3 Bb4!? [7... Bc5 see 89/58] 8. Nc6 bc6 9. Bd3 [a novelty; 9. Qa4] d4 [9... dc4 10. Bc4 Qd1 11. Kd1 and White is slightly better] 10. a3 Ba5 [10... Qa5? 11. ab4 Qa1 12. Ne4 and White is superior; 10... Be7 11. Ne4 Qa5 12. b4 Qe5 13. 0-0 Nf6 14. Qf3 with compensation, with attack] 11. b4 Bc7? [11... dc3 12. ba5 Qa5 13. 0-0 Ne7 with compensation] 12. Ne4 Be5 13. Qh5! Qc7 [13... Bc7 14. Bg5! Ne7 15. Bf6!! Kf8 16. Ng5 Qe8 17. Bd4 and White is superior]

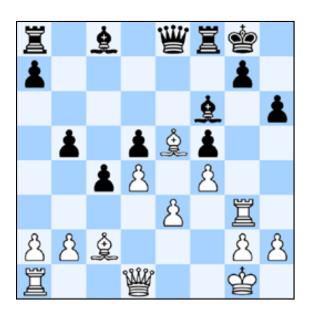


**14. f4! Bd6** [14... Bf4 15. 0-0 Be5 (15... Qe5 16. Qf3 Bh2 17. Kh1 f5 18. g3 Ne7 19. Bf4 fe4 20. Be4 and White is winning; 15... Bc1 16. Rac1 Kf8 17. Qc5 Ne7 18. Nd6 f6 19. Rce1 and White is superior, with attack) 16. Rf7 Bh2 17. Kh1 Qf7 18. Qh2 Qe7 19. Bg5 Nf6 20. Rf1 0-0 21. Qh4 and White is superior, with attack] **15. Bb2 Ne7 16. 0-0 Bf4** [16... Ng6 17. Bd4 0-0 18. Ng5 h6 19. Nf7 Nf4 20. Nh6 gh6 21. Qg4 Kf7 22. Rf4 Bf4 23. Qg7 Ke8 24. Bg6 Rf7 25. Qg8 and White is winning] **17. Bd4 Nf5 18. Bc5 Ba6 19. Rf4!** 

**Qf4 20. Rf1 Qh6** [20... g6 21. Nf6 Kd8 22. Qd1 Ne3 23. Qd2 and White is winning; 20... Qc7 21. Rf5 g6 (21... ef5 22. Nd6 Kd8 23. Bf5 and White is winning) 22. Qh4 gf5 23. Nf6 Kd8 24. Nd5 and White is winning; 20... Qe5 21. Nd6 Kd7 22. Bf5 ef5 23. Rf5 Qe1 24. Rf1 and White is winning] **21. Rf5! Qh5** [21... ef5 22. Nd6 Kd7 23. Qf7 Kd8 24. Nb7 Bb7 25. Qe7 Kc8 26. Bf5 and White is winning] **22. Nd6 Kd7 23. Rh5** (and White is winning) **Raf8 24. b5 Bc8 25. Rh4 Kc7 26. Nc8 Rc8 27. Ba7 Rhd8 28. Be4 Rd1 29. Kf2 Rcd8 30. Rh7 R8d2 31. Kg3 Ra2 32. Bc5 Rc1 33. b6 Kb7 34. Rg7 1: 0 [Rublevsky]** 

#### Bologan 2665 – N. Short 2712 Sarajevo 2004 — 90/404

**1.** d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 0-0 7. e3 b6 8. Bd3 Bb7 9. 0-0 Nbd7 10. Bg3 c5 11. cd5 Nd5 12. Nd5 ed5 13. Ne5! [a novelty, and White is slightly better; 13. b3 see 87/(403)] Ne5 [13... cd4 14. ed4 Ne5 15. Be5 Bd6 16. f4 f6 17. Qg4!; 13... c4!?] **14.** Be5 c4 15. Bc2 f6 [only move; 15... Bd6 16. f4 (16. Qh5 Be5 17. de5 d4) a) 16... f6 a1) 17. Qh5 fe5 18. fe5 Qe8 (18... Qg5 19. Qg5) 19. Qe8 Rae8 20. ed6 Rf1 21. Rf1 Rd8; a2) 17. Qg4! fe5 18. fe5 Qe8 19. ed6 Qe3 20. Kh1 Rf1 21. Rf1 Rf8 22. Rf8 Kf8 23. Qf5 Kg8 24. h3 and White is winning; b) 16... Be5 17. fe5 Qg5 18. Qe2 and White is superior] **16.** Bf4 f5 [16... Bd6 17. Qg4 Bf4 18. ef4 Bc8 19. Qg6 f5 20. Rfe1 Qf6 21. Qf6 Rf6 22. Re8 Rf8 23. Re5 and White is superior; 16... Qd7 17. Qh5 f5 18. g4 fg4 19. Qg6 Qc6 20. Qh7 Kf7 21. f3 with initiative] **17.** Be5 [17. g4 Bg5 18. Be5 f4] b5 18. f4 [18. Qh5 Qe8 19. Qh3 Bc8 20. Qg3 Qf7; 18. g4 Bc8 19. gf5 Bf5 20. Bf5 Rf5 21. f4 Qe8 and White is slightly better] Bc8 19. Rf3 [19. Qh5 Qe8 20. Qh3 a5 with the idea Ra6] Bf6 20. Rg3 Qe8



**21. h4!** [with the idea h5, Rg6] **a5 22. h5 Kh8 23. Qf3 Be6 24. Rg6** (and White is superior) **b4** [with the idea a4, b3; 24... Qe7] **25. b3** [25. Qg3 Qe7 (25... Ra7) 26. Ba4 Bg8] **Be5?** [25... Rc8 26. bc4 dc4 27. d5 a) 27... Be5 28. fe5 Bf7 29. Qf5 Bg6 30. Qg6 Qg6 31. Bg6 a1) 31... c3 a11) 32. d6 Rfd8 33. Rd1 Rc6 (33... a4 34. e6 b3 35. e7 and White is winning) 34. Kf2 Kg8 35. Ke2 a4 36. Bc2; a12) 32. Bc2 Rc5 33. e4 Rc4 34. e6 Rd4 35. Rd1 Rd1 36.

Bd1 Re8 37. Bb3 and White is winning; a2) 31... b3 32. ab3 cb3 33. Ra5 Rc3 34. e6 Re3 35. Ra7 Re1 36. Kh2 Rb8 37. e7 and White is winning; a3) 31... Rc5 32. e6 Rd5 33. e7 Rg8 34. e8Q Re8 35. Be8 and White is superior; b) 27... Bd7 28. Qg3 Rf7 29. Bf6 Rf6 30. Rg7 c3 (30... a4 31. e4 fe4 32. Re1 Bf5 33. Rb7 Qf8 34. Be4 Qc5 35. Kh2 and White is winning) 31. a3 with initiative] 26. fe5 Rc8 27. Rf1 cb3 [27... c3 28. g4! Bf7 29. gf5 Bg6 30. hg6 Rc6 31. Qd5 and White is winning] **28. Bb3 Bf7** [28... Qd7 29. g4 fg4 30. Qf8 Rf8 31. Rf8 Kh7 32. Kf2 Qe7 33. Bc2 and White is winning] **29. Rd6** Bh5 30. Qf4! [and White is winning; 30. Qd5 Be2 31. Re1 a4 32. Re2 Rc1 33. Kf2 ab3 34. Qb3 Qh5] **Kh7** [30... Be2 31. Rh6 gh6 32. Qh6 Kg8 33. Bd5 Rf7 34. Rf5; 30... Rd8 31. e6 Be2 32. Rc1] 31. Bd5 Be2 32. Re1 Bc4 [32... Bd3 33. e4 Rc3 34. ef5 Rf5 35. Be4 Be4 36. Qe4] **33. Bc4 Rc4 34. e4 Rc2** [34... fe4 35. Qe4 Kh8 36. e6 Qe7 37. Rd7 Qf6 38. e7 Re8 39. Rf1] **35. ef5 Ra2 36. Qe4 Qa8** [36... a4 37. f6 Kh8 38. fg7 Kg7 39. Qg4] **37. Qg4** [37. Qa8 Ra8 38. e6 b3 (editorial comment: 38... Kg8!?) 39. e7 b2 (editorial comment: 39... Re8!?) 40. Rd8 Ra1 41. e8Q Rd8 42. Qg6 Kh8 43. f6 Re1 44. Kf2] Qa7 38. f6 Rf7 39. e6 Rf6 40. Rd7 1:0 [Bologan]

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