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## The Ten Most Important Novelties of Volume 87

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With or without the 3D goggles, many people seem overly eager claiming that we have been living in the era of computer chess for quite a while. While the ubiquitous presence and the impact of the silicon beasts can hardly be ignored, it is still the elite of the human echelons who hold the top of the chess pyramid, despite some serious dents stemming from the Man vs. Machine matches. The scars have still not gone away, but the way Kasparov disposed of Deep Junior straight from the opening in game 1 of their epic match was definitely a giant plus for humankind; it is most likely that Artur Yusupov had exactly that in mind when awarding the game a maximum of 10 points, thus making it his personal choice of the most important novelty of Chess Informant's preceding volume...

...Which brings us back to our main story: as usual, there were 30 games in a fray, and a panel of 9 ultra-competent chess experts to determine the winner. The honor went to Peter Svidler for his win against Bartlomiej Macieja in the German Bundesliga club competition, rounding up a series of impressive showings. This prestigious award concludes the year of Peter's successes on a high note, ahead of the field of more fancied players, especially if we bear in mind that he occupies the fourth place on the list as well; this co-production novelty was employed by the other co-author too, but Short somehow let the win slip through his hands in the fifth game of his match against Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, the rising star from Iran.

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For those who will wonder at the names behind the second best novelty, it has almost become a rule that top correspondence players often launch important novelties prior to their over-the-board peers' efforts; this time around, the game between Giuliani and Kosebay had its star-studded blockbuster remake in the Anand – Morozovich blindfold clash in Monaco, which clearly speaks for itself of the featured game's extraordinary importance. Number three spot went to Etienne Bacrot, the only one to get three tens from the jury.

The accompanying theoretical survey basically consists of two parts: the first line generally deals with the examples from the past, whereas the second one mainly displays Svidler's in-depth analysis of the featured game, plus the only follow-up so far: a game between two Hungarian leading ladies, Ticia Gara and Nikoletta Lakos. From we could see so far, Black side is in a dire need for improvement in order to rehabilitate the line.

**DESET NAJVAŽNIJIH TEORUSKIH NOVOSTI PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ВАЖНЕЙШИХ ТЕОРЕТИЧЕСКИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО ТОМА • THE TEN MOST IMPORTANT THEORETICAL NOVELTIES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN WICHTIGSTEN THEORETISCHEN NEUERUNGEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX NOUVEAUTÉS THÉORIQUES LES PLUS IMPORTANTES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ NOVEDADES TEÓRICAS MÁS IMPORTANTES DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI IMPORTANTISSIME NOVITÀ TEORICHE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO MEST BETYDELSEFULLA TEORETISKA NYHETERNA I FÖRIGÅENDE VOLYM •**  
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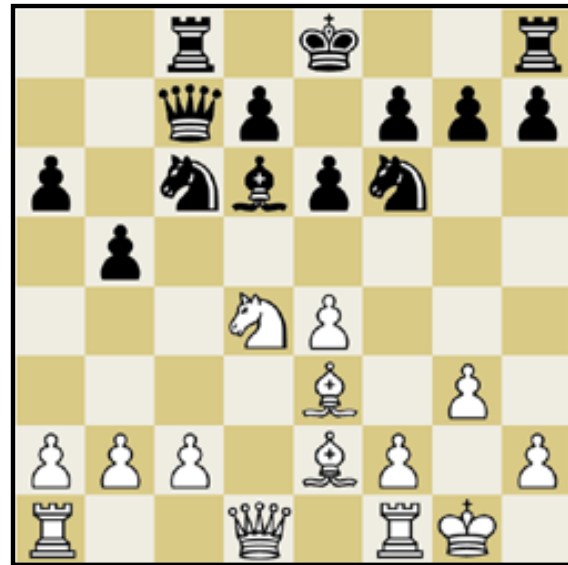
<b>PREDLOG REDAKCIJE ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЕ РЕДАКЦИИ EDITORIAL SELECTION VORSCHLAG DER REDAKTION PROPOSITION DE LA REDACTION PROPOSTA DELLA REDAZIONE REDAKTIONENS FÖRSLAG 编辑部的建议 مجلس التحرير</b>		<b>VISWANATHAN ANAND</b>	<b>EUGENY BAREEV</b>	<b>JOEL BENJAMIN</b>	<b>ARTUR JUSSUPOV</b>	<b>JOEL LAUTIER</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER LUTZ</b>	<b>VALERY SALOV</b>	<b>IVAN SOKOLOV</b>	<b>JAN TIMMAN</b>	
1. <b>SVIDLER</b> — MACIEJA	171	10	9	8	8	8	7	-	6	7	<b>63</b>
2. <b>GIULIANI</b> — KOSEBAY	294	6	1	7	-	10	6	8	8	10	<b>56</b>
3. <b>BACROT</b> — FRESSINET	(381)	9	10	-	-	6	8	10	10	-	<b>53</b>
4. <b>SVIDLER</b> — H. NAKAMURA	251	8	3	-	9	9	9	9	4	-	<b>51</b>
5. <b>ANAND</b> — LÉKÓ	109	7	7	-	6	-	3	-	9	8	<b>40</b>
6. <b>LÉKÓ</b> — VALLEJO PONS	167	-	6	5	7	3	5	6	-	5	<b>37</b>
7. <b>J. LAUTIER</b> — G. TIMOSHENKO	463	-	-	9	1	7	-	1	-	9	<b>27</b>
8. <b>SHIROV</b> — <b>I. SOKOLOV</b>	325	-	-	6	-	5	-	-	7	3	<b>21</b>
9. <b>JU. POLGÁR</b> — <b>B. GELFAND</b>	132	-	5	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	<b>17</b>
10. <b>S. KRISTJANSSON</b> — <b>SHIROV</b>	302	-	4	4	5	-	-	-	3	-	<b>16</b>
11. <b>BENNEDIK</b> — V. DEMIAN	201	4	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	<b>14</b>
12. <b>G. KASPAROV</b> — <b>DEEP JUNIOR</b>	389	-	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	<b>14</b>
13. <b>SAKAEV</b> — SE. IVANOV	378	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	-	6	<b>14</b>
14. <b>B. AVRUKH</b> — ZIFRONI	395	2	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	<b>12</b>
15. <b>V. BABULA</b> — <b>P. HÁBA</b>	343	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	4	<b>11</b>
16. <b>S. KASPAROV</b> — <b>A. KOVALEV</b>	475	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-	<b>9</b>
17. <b>SAKALAUSKAS</b> — R. KAMINSKI	443	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	<b>9</b>
18. <b>RUSTEMOV</b> — <b>VALLEJO PONS</b>	359	5	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	<b>9</b>
19. <b>I. SOKOLOV</b> — <b>BOLOGAN</b>	368	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	<b>6</b>
20. <b>DOLMATOV</b> — <b>SAKAEV</b>	240	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>

18. KUSTEMOV — VALLEJO PONS	359	5	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	<b>9</b>
19. I. SOKOLOV — BOLOGAN	368	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	<b>6</b>
20. DOLMATOV — SAKAIEV	240	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
21. S. MOVSESIAN — B. GELFAND	250	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>
22. EFIMENKO — KAIKANOV	313	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>3</b>
23. Z. RUNIĆ — Z. ILINČIĆ	234	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	<b>3</b>
24. RECHLIS — B. AVRUKH	487	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
25. ZVJAGINSEV — BOLOGAN	401	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
26. MAMEDYAROV — AROSHIDZE	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
27. BOLOGAN — MOTYLEV	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
28. ANAND — G. KASPAROV	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
29. SMIKOVSKI — V. POTKIN	283	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>
30. AL. RAMÍREZ — D. OTERO	(315)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>0</b>

## Svidler 2690 — Maciej 2615

### Deutschland 2002 – 87/171

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be2 a6 7. 0-0 Nf6 8. Be3 Bb4 9. Na4 Bd6 10. g3 b5 11. Nb6 Rb8 12. Nc8 Rc8



**13. c4!** (a novelty) **Nd4** [the only move; 13...bc4 14. Nc6 Qc6 (14...dc6 15. Bc4 and White is superior) 15. Rc1 and White is superior; 13...b4 14. c5! Bc5 (14...Be5 15. Ba6 and White is superior) 15. Ba6 a) 15...Ra8 16. Nb5 Qb6 17. Bc5 Qc5 18. Nc7 Ke7 19. Na8 Ra8 20. Bb7 and White is winning; b) 15...Rb8 16. Rc1 (16. Ne6 de6 17. Bc5 Qa5) Bd4 17. Bd4 and White is superior; c) 15...Bd4 16. Bd4 Ra8 17. Bb5 and White is slightly better] **14. Bd4 bc4** [14...e5 15. Be3 b4 16. c5 Bc5 17. Ba6 (17. Rc1 Qb6 18. Qc2 d6) a) 17...Be3 18. Bc8 Bc5 19. Rc1! 0-0 (19...Qc8 20. Qd6!! Bf2 21. Kg2 and White is winning) 20. Bb7! and White is superior; b) 17...Ra8 18. Rc1 d6 19. Bc5 dc5 20. Bb5 Ke7 21. Qb3 and White is superior with the idea 22. Qb4, 22. Bc4, 22. f4; c) 17...Rb8 18. Rc1 d6 19. Bc5 dc5 20. Qc2 and White is slightly better; 14...b4 15. c5 (15. Bf6 gf6 16. Qd2 h5 17. Rad1 Bc5 unclear) a) 15...Bc5 16. Rc1 a1) 16...Qb6 17. e5 (17. Bc5 Rc5 18. Qd4 d6 19. e5 Nd5) Nd5 18. Qc2 Nc3 19. Bc5 Ne2 20. Qe2 Rc5 21. Qe3 and White is winning; a2) 16...d6 17. e5 and White is superior; b) 15...Be5 16. Ba6 and White is superior] **15. Rc1 Qb8 16. Bc4 a5** [16...0-0 17. Bf6 gf6 18. Ba6 Rc1 19. Qc1 Qa8 20. Qc4 Rb8 21. Qe2 and White is superior] **17. Qe2 e5** [17...Be5!? 18. Be5 Qe5 19. Be6! 0-0! 20. Bc4 (20. Bh3 Rc1 21. Rc1 d5 22. Rc5 a4) Rfe8 21. Rfd1 and White is slightly better] **18. Be3 0-0 19. Bg5 Be7 20. Rfd1** (and White is superior) **Rc7 21. b3 Qb6** [with the idea Bc5-d4] **22. Bf6! Bf6** [22...Qf6 23. Bf7] **23. Rd5 a4 24. Rcd1 ab3 25. Bb3 Qa7?** time [25...Qe6

26. Kg2 Rfc8 27. Rd6 Qe7 28. Qg4 Rd8 29. a4 and White is superior] **26. Qf3** [and White is winning; weak point Bf6, f7] **Re8 27. Rd6 Re7 28. h4 Qb7** [with the idea Rc6] **29. Qf5 Qa7 30. h5** [with the idea 31. h6, 31. Rf6] **1 : 0** [Svidler]

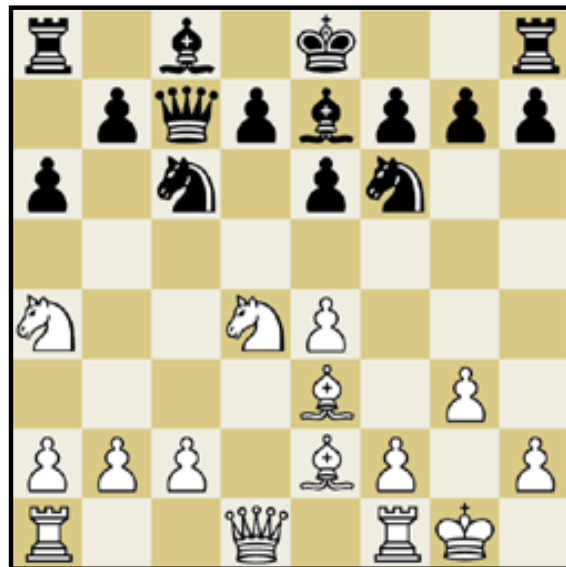
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**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be3 a6 7. Be2 Nf6 8. 0–0 Bb4 9. Na4 Bd6 10. g3**

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
<b>1</b>	...	Nb6 <sup>2</sup>	Nc8	a4	Bd4	Be3	Bc5 <sup>3</sup>	ab5 <sup>4</sup>	Ra5	
	b5 <sup>1</sup>	Rb8	Rc8	Nd4	e5	Bc5	Qc5	ab5	Rb8 <sup>5</sup>	equal
<b>2</b>	...	...	...	c4	Bd4	Rc1	Bc4	Qe2	Be5	
	...	...	...	Nd4 <sup>6</sup>	bc4 <sup>7</sup>	Qb8	a5 <sup>8</sup>	Be5 <sup>9</sup>	Qe5 <sup>10</sup>	and White is slightly better

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**10...Be7?!**



a) 11. Nc6 bc6 12. Nb6 Rb8 13. Nc8 [13. e5 Nd5 14. Nd5 cd5 15. Bd4 0–0 16. Rc1 and White is slightly better; P. Jaracz] Qc8 14. Bd4 [14. e5 Nd5 15. Bd4 c5 16. c4 cd4 17. cd5 Rb2 18. Rc1 Qb8 19. d6 Bd8 equal; Tal – Matulovic, Beograd 1974 – 18/(371)] c5 15. Be5 Rb6 16. b3 [16. Qd3 d6 17. Bc3 0–0 18. Rad1 d5 19. Bf6 de4 20. Qe4 Bf6 21. b3 g6 equal; A. Brkic – B. Kurajica, Bosna i Hercegovina 2002 – 86/(172)] 0–0 17. Bd3 d6 18. Bc3! d5

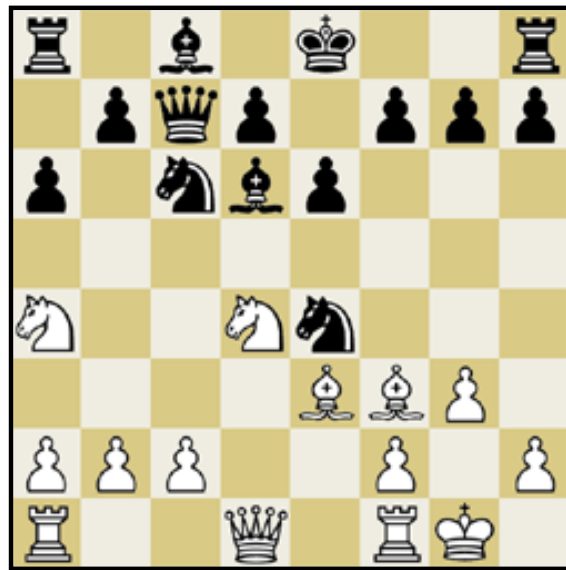
19. Ba5 Rc6 20. ed5 Nd5 21. Qh5 and White is slightly better; Palac – P. Jaracz, Bled 2002 – 86/172;

*b)* 11. c4! d6 [11...Ne4 12. Bf3 Nf6 13. c5 and White is superior; Gallagher – Barlov, Lenk 1989]

*b1)* 12. Nc6 bc6 13. c5 d5 [13...Ne4 14. cd6 Nd6 15. Bb6 with compensation] 14. Nb6 Ra7 [14...Rb8 15. e5 Nd7 16. Nd7 Qd7 17. Rb1 a5 18. a3 0–0 19. b4 ab4 20. ab4 Qc7 21. Bd4 f6 22. f4 Bd7 unclear; Teran Alvarez – Korneev, Dos Hermanas 2003] 15. e5 Nd7 unclear; G. Kasparov;

*b2)* 12. f3 Bd7 13. Rc1 0–0 14. Nc6 Bc6 15. Nb6 Rad8 16. b4! Qb8 17. b5 and White is superior; G. Kasparov – Ju. Polgar, Linares 1997 – 69/173;

### 10...Ne4?! 11. Bf3



*a)* 11...f5 12. c4 [12. Be4 fe4 13. Nc6 Qc6 14. Nb6 Rb8 15. Qh5 g6 16. Qh6 Be5 17. Bf4 Bf4 18. Qf4 d6 19. Nc8 Rc8 20. Qf6 and White is superior; Smejkal – Spassov, Orebro 1966] Ne5 13. c5 Nc5 14. Rc1 Ned3 15. Rc3 Qa5 16. Nc5 Nc5 17. Nf5 and White is winning; G. Kasparov;

*b)* 11...Nf6 12. Nb6! [12. c4 0–0 13. c5 Be7 14. Rc1 and White is superior; Mullon – Beshukov, Cappelle la Grande 2000] Rb8 13. Nc6 bc6 14. Nc4

*b1)* 14...Ke7 15. Qe2! Ne8 16. Rad1 and White is superior;

*b2)* 14...Be5 15. Ne5 [15. Bd2 Rb5 16. a4 Rc5 17. Ne5 Qe5 18. Be3 and White is superior] Qe5 16. Bf4 Qb2 17. Bb8 Qb8 18. c4 and White is slightly better; Bologan; 17. Bd6 and White is superior; G. Kasparov;

*b3)* 14...Be7 15. Bf4 Qa7 16. Nd6 [16. Bb8 Qb8 17. Qd4 d5 18. Qe5 Qe5 19. Ne5 Bb7 20. Rfe1 0–0 21. c4 and White is slightly better; Bologan] Kf8 17. c4 and White is superior; Bologan – Granda Zuniga, Moscow 2003 – 87/170



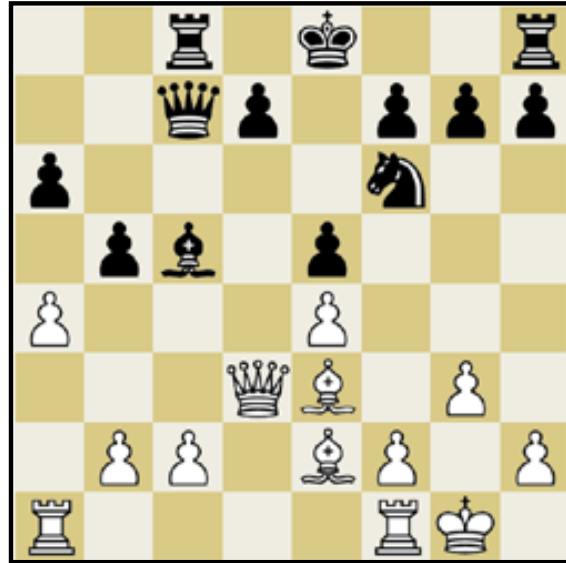
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11. Nc6 Qc6 12. Nb6 Rb8 13. Nc8 Rc8 14. Bf3 e5 15. Bg5 Bc5 16. Qd3 0–0  
17. c3 h6 18. Bf6 Qf6 equal; Thipsay – Ganguly, Doha 2003

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**16. ab5** Be3 17. fe3 ab5 18. Bb5 0–0 with compensation; Shirov – Anand,  
Tehran (m/3) 2000 – 80/179;

**16. Qd3**



*a)* 16...Qb7 17. ab5 ab5 18. Qb5! [18. Ra5 Be3 19. Qe3 Qe4 20. Qe4 Ne4 21. Rb5 f6 equal; Sadvakasov – Liang Jinrong, Kolkata 2001] Qb5 19. Bb5 Be3 [19...Ne4 20. Bc5 Nc5 21. Ra7] 20. fe3 Ne4 21. Ra7 and White is superior; Ribli;

*b)* 16...Be3 17. Qe3 0–0

*b1)* 18. c3 Qc6 [18...Qc5 19. Qc5 Rc5 20. f3 Rb8 21. ab5 ab5 22. Ra5 and White is slightly better; Dolmatov – Beshukov, Novgorod 1999 – 80/(179)] 19. ab5 ab5 20. Ra5 Rb8 21. f3 d5 22. ed5 Nd5 unclear;

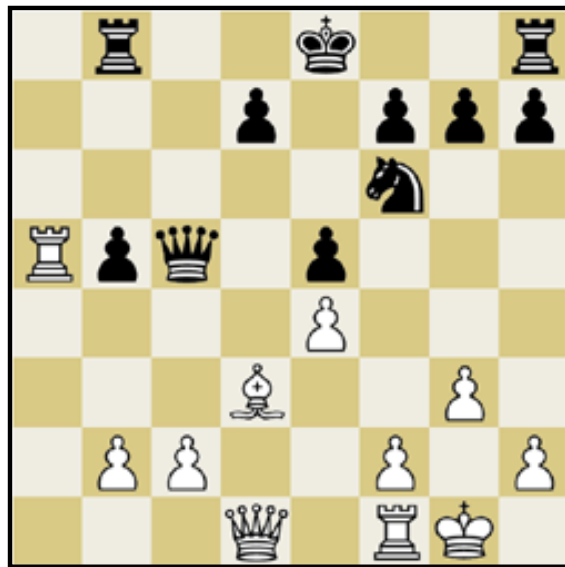
*b2)* 18. ab5 ab5 19. c3 Rb8 20. Ra7 Qb6 21. Qb6 Rb6 22. f3 Rfb8 23. Kf2 Kf8 equal; Korneev – Pogorelov, Madrid 2001

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17. Bd3 Rb8! (Macieja) 18. ab5 ab5 19. Ra5 – 17. ab5

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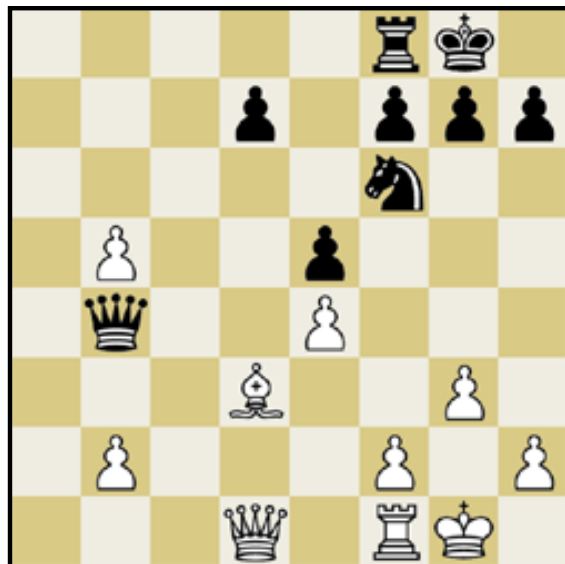
19. Bd3



*a) 19...0-0*

*a1) 20. c3 Ne8 [20...Qc7 21. Rb5 Rb5 22. Bb5 Rb8 23. Qe2 Ne4 24. Bd7! and White is superior; Suetin – Taimanov, USSR 1968 – 6/480] 21. Qg4 Nc7 22. Rd1 Qb6 23. Raa1 Qc6 24. Bf1 d6 equal; Stambulian – Beshukov, Krasnodar 2001; 20...d5 equal; Z. Krnic;*

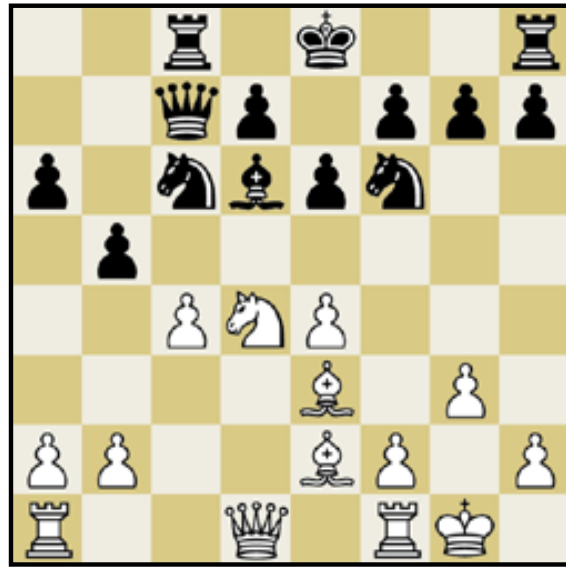
*a2) 20. c4 Qb4 21. Rb5 Rb5 22. cb5*



*a21) 22...Ne4 23. Be4 Qe4 24. Qd7 and White is slightly better; Yagupov – Landa, Tomsk 1999 – 80/(179);*

*a22) 22...d5! 23. ed5 e4 24. Bc2 Rb8 25. d6 Rd8 26. Qe2 Rd6 27. Ra1 g6 28. Ra6 Rd2 29. Qe1 Qd4 30. Ra4 Qd6 31. Ra6 Qd4 32. Ra4 Qd6 1/2 : 1/2 Berkes – Zo. Varga, Magyarorszag (ch) 2003 – 87/(171);*

*b) 19...Qb4! 20. Qa1 0-0 21. Rd1 Qe7! 22. Qa3 b4 23. Qb3 h5! 24. h4 [24. Rda1 h4 and Black is slightly better; with the idea g6, Kg7, Rh8 Maciejaj] Qd6 25. Kg2 Rfc8 26. f3 Kf8 27. Qa4 Qd4 28. Qb3 Qd6 29. Kf1 Kg8 equal;*

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**13...bc4** 14. Nc6 Qc6 [14...dc6 15. Bc4] 15. Rc1 and White is superior;

**13...b4** 14. c5! Bc5 [14...Be5 15. Ba6 and White is superior] 15. Ba6

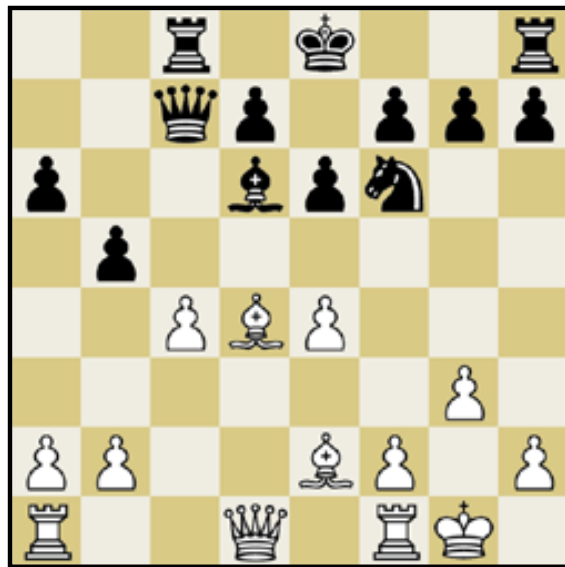
*a)* 15...Ra8 16. Nb5 Qb6 17. Bc5 Qc5 18. Nc7 Ke7 19. Na8 Ra8 20. Bb7 and White is winning;

*b)* 15...Rb8 16. Rc1 [16. Ne6 de6 17. Bc5 Qa5] Bd4 17. Bd4 and White is superior;

*c)* 15...Bd4 16. Bd4 Ra8 17. Bb5 (and White is slightly better; Svidler) Ne4? 18. Qg4 Qb7 19. Bc6 Qc6 20. Qg7 Rf8 21. Rac1 Qd5 22. Be3 Nd2 23. Bd2 Qd2 24. Rfd1 Qe2 25. Qd4 Qb5 26. Qd6 and White is winning; T. Gara – Lakos, Magyarország (ch) 2003

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**14...b4** 15. c5 [15. Bf6 gf6 16. Qd2 h5 17. Rad1 Bc5 unclear]

*a)* 15...Bc5 16. Rc1

*a1)* 16...Qb6 17. e5 [17. Bc5 Rc5 18. Qd4 d6 19. e5 Nd5] Nd5 18. Qc2 Nc3 19. Bc5 Ne2 20. Qe2 Rc5 21. Qe3 and White is winning;

*a2)* 16...d6 17. e5 and White is superior;

*b)* 15...Be5 16. Ba6 and White is superior;

**14...e5** 15. Be3 b4 16. c5 Bc5 17. Ba6 [17. Rc1 Qb6 18. Qc2 d6]

*a)* 17...Be3 18. Bc8 Bc5 19. Rc1! 0-0 [19...Qc8 20. Qd6!! Bf2 21. Kg2 and White is winning] 20. Bb7! and White is superior;

*b)* 17...Ra8 18. Rc1 d6 19. Bc5 dc5 20. Bb5 Ke7 21. Qb3 and White is superior; with the idea 22. Qb4, 22. Bc4, 22. f4;

*c)* 17...Rb8 18. Rc1 d6 19. Bc5 dc5 20. Qc2 and White is slightly better; Svidler

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16...0-0 17. Bf6 gf6 18. Ba6 Rc1 19. Qc1 Qa8 20. Qc4 Rb8 21. Qe2 and White is superior; Svidler

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17...e5 18. Be3 0-0 19. Bg5 Be7 20. Rfd1 and White is superior; **Svidler – Maciejja, Deutschland 2002 – 87/171**

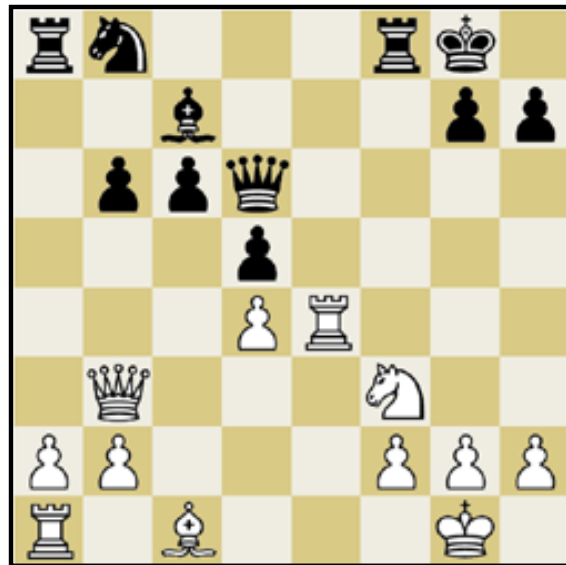
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19. Be6! 0–0! 20. Bc4 [20. Bh3 Rc1 21. Rc1 d5 22. Rc5 a4] Rfe8 21. Rfd1 and White is slightly better; Svidler

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## Giuliani — Kosebay corr. 2002 – 87/294

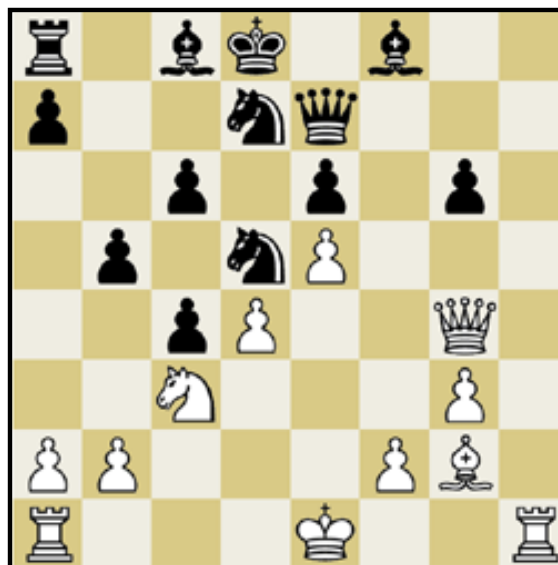
**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Ne5 d6 4. Nf3 Ne4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. 0–0 0–0 8. c4 c6 9. Re1 Bf5 10. Qc2 Bg6 11. c5 Bc7 12. Nc3 f5 13. Qb3!** (a novelty) [13. Ne2 – 81/(254)] **b6** [13...Bh5 14. Ne4 fe4 15. Be4 Kh8 16. Bg5!? Qc8 (16...Qd7 17. Bc2 Bf3 18. gf3 Qh3 19. f4 Qb3 20. ab3 h6 21. Be7 and White is superior) 17. Bb1 Bf3 18. gf3 Qh3 19. f4 Qb3 20. ab3 Na6 21. f5 and White is superior] **14. cb6 ab6 15. Ne4 fe4 16. Be4 Be4 17. Re4** (and White is slightly better) **Qd6**



**18. Bg5!! Rf3 19. gf3 Qh2 20. Kf1 Qh1?!** [20...Qh5!? 21. Rae1 Nd7 22. Bh4 Rf8 23. Rg4 Nf6 24. Bf6 Qh3 25. Ke2 Rf6 26. Qe3 and White is slightly better] **21. Ke2 Qa1 22. Re8 Kf7 23. Re7 Kg8 24. Rc7! Ra2 25. Bd2 Rb2 26. Qe3 Rd2** [26...Qa6 27. Ke1 Rb1 28. Bc1 Rc1 29. Qc1 and White is superior] **27. Qd2 Qa6 28. Qd3 c5 29. dc5 bc5 30. Qa6 Na6 31. Rc6 Nb4 32. Rc5 d4 33. Rc4 Nd5 34. Kd3 Kf7 35. Kd4 Nf6 36. Ke5 Nd7 37. Kf5 Ke7 38. Rc7 Kd6** [38...Ke8 39. f4 Ke7 40. Kg5 Kd6 41. Ra7 Ke7 42. f5 Kd6 43. f4 Ke7 44. f6! gf6 45. Kh6 f5 46. Kh7 Ke6 47. Kg6 and White is winning] **39. Ra7 Ke7 40. f4 Kd6 41. Kg5 1 : 0 [Giuliani]**

## Bacrot 2653 — Fressinet 2619 France (ch) 2002 – 87/(381)

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. Bg5 dc4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Ng5 hg5 10. Bg5 Nbd7 11. g3 Rg8 12. h4 Rg5 13. hg5 Nd5 14. g6 fg6 15. Qg4 Qe7 16. Bg2 Kd8**



**17. Bd5!** (a novelty) [17. Qg6 – 84/(358)] **cd5 18. Qg6 Rb8 19. Rh7 Qe8 20. Qe8 Ke8 21. f4 b4 22. Ne2 Ba6 23. g4 c3 24. b3 Bd3 25. f5 Rb6** [25...ef5 26. Nf4 Be4 27. g5 and White is superior; D. Antic] **26. Nf4 Be4 27. Ke2** and White is superior.

### Svidler 2690 — H. Nakamura 2504 Santo Domingo 2002 – 87/251

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. f4 Qc7 9. 0–0 Be7 10. Kh1 Nbd7 11. g4 h6 12. g5 hg5 13. fg5 Nh7 14. Bg4!** (a novelty) [Svidler, N. Short; 14. Nd5 – 83/231] **0–0?** [14...Bc4 15. Nd5 Qd8 16. Rg1! and White is superior; 14...0-0-0 15. Be6 fe6 16. Qg4 and White is slightly better]

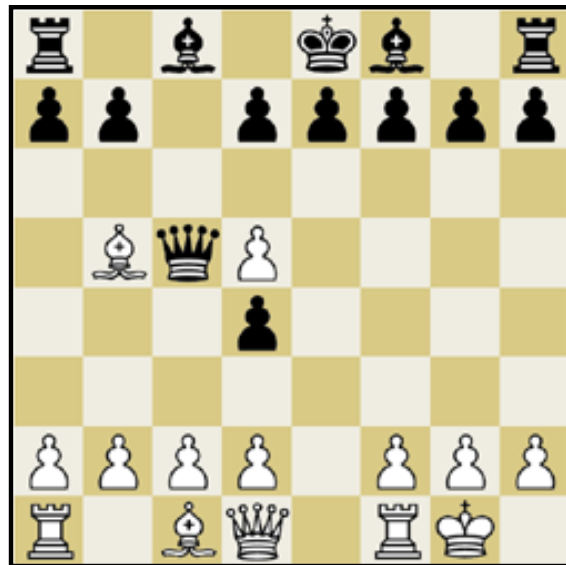


**15. Rg1!** [weak point Nh7; 15. g6 Nhf6 16. Be6 fe6 17. Bg5 (17. Qd3 Ng4! 18. Be3 Rf1 19. Rf1 Rf8 unclear) Qc4! (17...Qc6 18. Qd3) 18. Nd2 Qc6 19. Qe2 Ne4 20. Nde4 Bg5 21. Qd3 Rf1 22. Rf1 Nf8 23. Qd6 Qd6 24. Nd6 Be7 25. Nb7 Ng6 unclear] **Nc5?** [15...Qc4 16. Be3 and White is superior] **16. Nc5**

**Bg4** [16...Qc5 17. Be6 fe6 18. g6 Nf6 19. Bg5 Qf2 20. Qd3 and White is winning] **17. Qg4 Qc5 18. Be3!** [18. Nd5 Bd8 19. Rg2 (19. g6 Nf6 20. Nf6 Bf6) Qc8 20. Qh5 Qe6 and White is superior] **Qc8** [18...Qe3 19. Nd5 Qg1 (19...Qg5 20. Ne7 and White is winning) 20. Rg1 Bg5 21. h4 Bh6 22. Ne7 Kh8 23. Nf5 and White is winning] **19. Qh5 Qe6 20. Nd5** (and White is winning) **Rfe8** [20...g6 21. Qh6 Rfc8 22. Rg3 Bf8 23. Qh4] **21. g6!?** [21. Nc7 Qg6 22. Qg6 fg6] **Nf6** [21...fg6 22. Rg6 Qf7 23. Rag1 Bf8 24. Bh6] **22. Nf6 Bf6 23. Raf1 Kf8** [23...fg6 24. Rg6 Rf8 25. Rh6! gh6 26. Qg6 Kh8 27. Qh6 Kg8 28. Qg6 Kh8 29. Rf5 Qf5 30. ef5 with the idea Bh6] **24. Rf6!** [24...Qf6 25. Bg5 fg6 26. Qh3!; 24...gf6 25. gf7 Qf7 26. Qh6 Ke7 27. Rg7 Rh8 28. Qg6] **1 : 0** [Svidler]

## Anand 2753 — Leko 2736 Linares 2003 – 87/109

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bb5 Qc7 5. 0-0 Nd4 6. Nd4 cd4 7. Nd5 Nd5 8. ed5 Qc5** [8...g6]

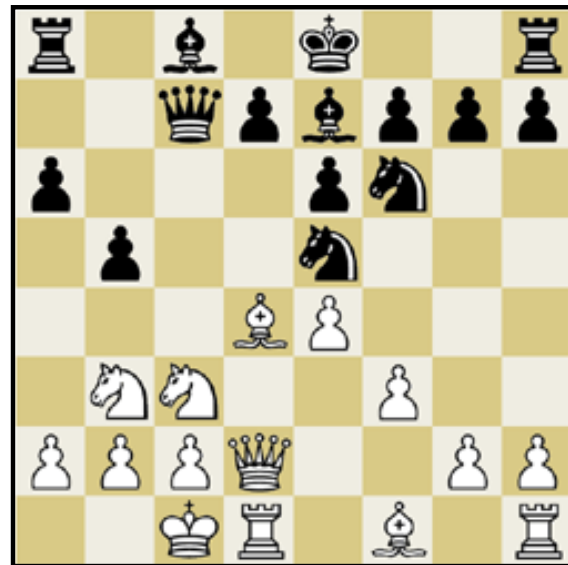


**9. c4!** (a novelty) [9. Qe2] **dc3?** **10. Qb3!** (and White is superior) **a6 11. Be2 c2** [11...g6 12. dc3 (12. bc3 d6) Bg7 13. Be3 Qd6 14. c4 and White is superior] **12. d4! Qd6 13. Bf3?** [13. g3! Qf6 (13...g6?? 14. Bf4 and White is winning; 13...e6 14. Bf3 and White is superior, with the idea Bf4) 14. Qc2 g6 (14...d6 15. Ba6! and White is winning) 15. Bf4 d6 16. Ba6! and White is winning] **g6 14. Bd2** [14. Re1 Qf6 15. Bd2 d6] **Qf6 15. d6?** [15. Qc2 Bg7 16. Rfe1 0-0 17. Qc7 d6 18. Re7 and White is superior] **Qd6 16. Rfe1 a5! 17. Qc2 Bg7 18. Ba5 0-0?** [18...Bd4! 19. Rad1 Qc5] **19. Bc3 Re8 20. Qb3 Qc7 21. a4! d6 22. a5** [and White is superior, weak point b7] **Rb8 23. Rec1 Bf5 24. Bd2 Qd7 25. Be3 e5 26. de5 de5** [26...Be5 27. Bd5 and White is superior] **27. Bd5 Be6 28. Be6** [28. Rc5!] **Qe6 29. Qe6 Re6 30. b4** [30. Rc7 e4 31. Ba7 Bb2; 30. Rc4 and White is superior; 30. Ra4! and White is superior] **e4 31. Ra2 Be5 32. g3 Kf8 33. Rc4** [33. Rd2 Ke8 34. Rd5 Rd8] **f5 34. Rd2 Ke8 35. Rd5 Rd8 36. Rb5 Rd7 37. Rcc5** [37. Rc8 Kf7 38. Ra8 Kf6 39. Ra7 and White is superior] **Bf6 38. Rc8 Kf7 39. Kg2?!** [39. Rb8! Ree7 40. Bc5 Be5 41. Ra8 Bd6 (41...Re6 42. Ra7 and White is winning) 42. Rb7 e3!! 43. Rd7 e2 44. Re7 Be7 45. Ra7 e1Q equal] **Re8 40. Rc4** [40. Rbc5]

**Be5 41. h4 Bf6 42. Rbc5 Bd8 43. Rc8 Re5 44. Rd8 Rd8 45. Rc7 Ke6 46. Rb7 Red5?** [46...Rd1! a) 47. a6 Ra1 48. a7 (48. b5 Rd5) Rd5 49. g4 (the only move; 49. Rb8 Rdd1 and Black is superior) Rdd1 50. gf5 Kf5; 50...gf5; b) 47. Rh7 Rb1 48. Bc5 (48. Rg7 Rb4 49. Rg6 Kf7 50. Rb6 Rb6 51. ab6 Rb5 with counterplay) Rd5 with counterplay] **47. Rh7 Rb5 48. Bc5 Rd2 49. Kf1 Ra2 50. Rc7** [50. Rg7! f4 (50...Kf6 51. Bd4 Ke6 52. Rg6 and White is winning) 51. Rg6 Kf7 52. Rg4 and White is winning; 50...Rc5] **f4 51. Re7 Kf6 52. Re4 fg3 53. fg3** [53. Rf4! Ke5 54. fg3 and White is winning] **g5 54. h5** [54. hg5 Kg5 55. Re2 and White is winning] **Kf5 55. Re2 Ra3 56. Kg2 Kg4 57. h6 Rg3 58. Kf2** [58. Kh1! Rb8 59. Rg2 Rh8 60. b5 and White is winning] **Rh3 59. Re6 Rb7 60. Ke2** [60. a6 Rf7 (60...Rd7 61. a7 Rd2 62. Re2!) 61. Ke2 Rff3 62. Be3!] **Kf5 61. a6 Rh2 62. Ke3** [62. Kd3? Rd7 63. Rd6 Rd6 64. Bd6 Rh6 65. b5 Rd6 66. Kc4 g4 67. a7 Rd8 68. b6 g3 69. b7 g2 equal] **Rd7 63. Rd6 Rd6 64. Bd6 Rh6 65. a7 Rh3 66. Kd4 Ra3 67. Bc5!** [the only move; 67. Bb8 Ke6 68. Kc5 Kd7 69. Kb6 Kc8 (equal) 70. b5 g4 71. Bg3 Ra2 72. Be1 Ra1 73. Ba5?? Ra5 74. Ka5 Kb7 and Black is winning] **g4** [67...Ke6 68. Bb6! Ra6 69. Kc5 g4 70. Kb5 and White is winning] **68. Kd5 g3 69. Kc6 g2 70. Kb7 Ke6 71. Bg1!** [71. a8Q?? Ra8 72. Ka8 Kd5 73. Kb7 Kc4 equal] **Kd5** [71...Ra1 72. a8Q and White is winning] **72. b5 1 : 0 [Anand]**

## Leko 2736 — Vallejo Pons 2628 Linares 2003 – 87/167

**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 Be7**

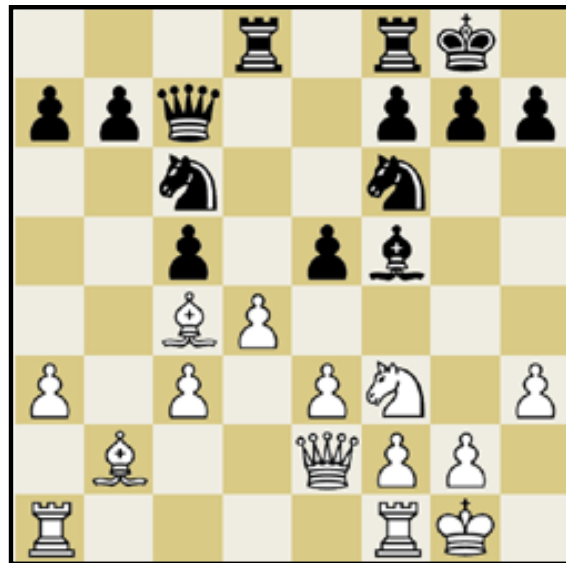


**12. Qg5!** (a novelty) [12. Kb1 – 84/148] **Ng6 13. Qg3! Bd6!?** [13...Qg3 14. hg3 and White is slightly better] **14. Qf2 Rb8** [14...Bh2!?] **15. Kb1 0-0 16. Bc5!** [16. g4 b4 17. Na4 Qc6 18. Nb6 Be5 unclear] **Bc5 17. Qc5 Qc5 18. Nc5 Rb6!** [18...b4 19. N3a4 a5 20. Rd6!] **19. a4! Rc6** [19...d6 20. Nb3 ba4 (20...Bd7? 21. a5 Rc6 22. Na2! and White is superior; weak point a6, d6) 21. Na4 (21. Na5!? with initiative) Rb4 22. Rd4 (22. Nc3) Rd4 23. Nd4 and White is slightly better] **20. Nd3!** [20. Nb3 ba4 21. Na4 d5 with counterplay] **ba4 21. Na4** [21. e5?! Nd5 22. Nd5 ed5 unclear] **d5 22. ed5!** [22. e5?! Nd7 23. f4 Rc4! 24. b3 Rf4! 25. Nf4 Nf4 with counterplay; 22. Nb4 Rd6 23. ed5

(23. *c4 Bd7!*) a5 24. Nc6 Bd7 25. Nc3 Bc6 26. dc6 Rc6] **Nd5 23. Ndc5** (and White is slightly better) [weak point Bc8, a6] **Ne5** [23...Ne3!? 24. Rd2 Nf1 (24...Nf4!?) 25. Rf1 and White is slightly better] **24. Rd4! Nd7 25. Nd7 Bd7 26. Bc4 Nf6** [26...Ne3 27. Bb3 and White is slightly better] **27. Re1! Rfc8 28. Bd3!** [28. b3?? Rc4] **Kf8 29. Re5 R8c7** time [29...Nd5!? 30. c4 (30. *Be4!?* and White is slightly better) Nf6 31. c5 with initiative] **30. Ra5 Bc8 31. b4!** (and White is superior) **Nd5 32. Kb2 g6** [32...Ne3 33. Nc5 Ng2 34. Ba6 Ba6 35. Ra6 and White is superior; 32...Ke7!?) **33. Kb3 Ne3 34. Nc5 Ra7** [34...Ng2!? 35. Ba6 Ba6 36. Ra6 Rc5 37. bc5 Rc5 38. c4 and White is superior] **35. g3 Ke7 36. f4 f6 37. Be4 Rb6 38. c4** (and White is winning) **e5 39. fe5 fe5 40. Rd3 Nf5 41. Na4! Re6 42. b5! Nd4 43. Kc3 1 : 0 [Leko]**

## J. Lautier 2670 — G. Timoshenko 2539 Moscow 2003 – 87/463

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 0–0 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nf3 c5 7. 0–0 Nc6 8. a3 Bc3 9. bc3 dc4 10. Bc4 Qc7 11. Bb2 e5 12. h3 Bf5 13. Qe2 Rad8



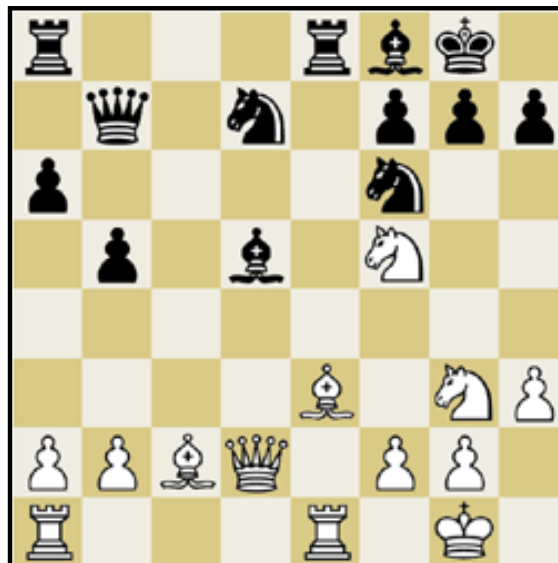
**14. Bb5!** (a novelty) [14. Rfd1 – 86/505] **e4** [14...ed4?! 15. cd4 a6 16. Bc6 Qc6 17. Rfc1 with initiative] **15. Nd2 a6 16. Bc6 Qc6 17. c4!** [17. a4 cd4 18. cd4 (18. *ed4 b5 equal*) Nd5 equal] **Rfe8** [17...cd4 18. ed4 b5 19. d5 Qd6 (19...Qb6 20. a4 with initiative) 20. Rfd1 Rfe8 21. a4 and White is slightly better] **18. a4** [18. d5!? Qd6 19. f4 ef3 20. Rf3 and White is slightly better] **Nd7 19. Rfe1** [19. a5 Qg6! 20. Kh1 Qh6 with counterplay; 19. Qh5 Bg6 20. Qh4 cd4 21. ed4 Ne5! with counterplay] **a5!?** [19...Qg6 20. Kh1 Qh6 21. Nf1 and White is slightly better] **20. Bc3 b6 21. Qh5 Bg6 22. Qh4 cd4** [22...Qc7 23. d5 a) 23...Ne5 24. Ne4 Nd3 (24...Nc4 25. Nf6 gf6 26. Qc4 with initiative) 25. d6 Rd6 (25...Qc6 26. Nf6 and White is winning) 26. Nd6 Qd6 27. Reb1 and White is slightly better; b) 23...Nb8 (with the idea Na6-b4) 24. Qf4 Qf4 25. ef4 Na6 26. g4 and White is slightly better; c) 23...f6 24. Qf4 and White is slightly better] **23. ed4 f5?!** [23...Qc7! ('b8-h2) 24. Ne4 (24. *Re3 f5* 25. *f4 ef3* 26. *Rf3 Re2* 27. *Re1 Rde8 equal*) Be4 (24...Qc4?! 25. Nd6 Re1 26. Re1 Qc7 27. Nb5 Qb8 28. d5 and White is superior) 25. Re4 Qc4 26. Rae1 a) 26...Nf6 27. Re8 Re8 28. Re8 Ne8 29. Qe7 (29. *Qd8 Kf8*) Qe6 (29...Qa4 30. d5 h6 31. Be5 and White is superior) 30. Qd8 and White is superior; b)



26...Rf8 27. Qg3 Qd5 (27...Nf6? 28. d5 and White is winning) b1) 28. Rg4 g6  
 29. Rg5 Qb3 (29...f5? 30. Rg6 hg6 31. Qg6 Kh8 32. Re7 and White is  
 winning) 30. d5 unclear; b2) 28. Bd2 and White is slightly better ] **24. Qg3!**  
**Qc8?!** [24...Rf8 25. d5 (25. Qf4 Nf6! (with the idea Nh5) 26. d5? Nd5; 25.  
 f4!?) Qc8 26. Bd4 and White is slightly better (26. Qd6 Nf6 27. Qb6 Nd5 28.  
 Qa5 Nc3 29. Qc3 Rd3 with compensation) f4?! 27. Qc3 and White is  
 superior] **25. Rab1!** [with the idea Rb5 and White is superior] **f4 26. Qf4 e3**  
**27. fe3 Bb1 28. Rb1** (and White is superior) **Qc6 29. Rb5?!** [29. d5 Qg6  
 (29...Qa4? 30. Rf1 Rf8 31. Qg4 and White is winning) 30. e4 Nc5 31. e5 Qd3  
 (31...Na4 32. Bd4 and White is superior) 32. Qd4 and White is superior]  
**Qg6?!** [29...Nf6! 30. Rg5 (30. d5? Nd5!; 30. e4 Ne4 31. Ne4 Re4 32. Rb6  
 Qc4 33. Qe4 Qc3 and White is slightly better) Ne4 31. Ne4 Qe4 and White is  
 slightly better] **30. e4** (and White is superior) **h6** [30...Rf8 31. Qe3 and White  
 is superior; 31. Qg5 and White is superior] **31. Kh2!** [with the idea Qg3] **Rf8**  
**32. Qg3 Qg3 33. Kg3 g5** [33...Nc5 34. dc5 Rd3 35. Kh2 Rc3 36. cb6 Rc2 37.  
 b7 (37. Nb3 Rc4 38. b7 Rb8 39. Na5 Rc7 and White is superior) Rb8 38. c5  
 and White is winning, with the idea 38...Rd2 39. c6 Rc2 40. Ra5 Rc6 41.  
 Ra8] **34. e5 Rf4 35. e6** [35. Rd5 Kf7 36. c5 bc5 37. Ba5 Ra8 38. Rd7 Ke8 39.  
 e6 Ra5 40. Nc4 Ra6 with counterplay] **Nf6 36. Rb6** (and White is winning)  
**Rdd4** [36...Ne4 37. Ne4 Re4 38. Kf3; 36...Nh5 37. Kh2 Rf2 38. Ne4 Re2 39.  
 e7 Re8 40. Re6 Nf4 41. Nf6 Kf7 42. Re2 Ne2 43. Ne8 Nc3 44. Nd6 Ke7 45.  
 Nb7] **37. Bd4 Rd4 38. e7 Ne8 39. Nf3** [39...Rc4 40. Rb8 Kf7 41. Ne5;  
 39...Re4 40. Rh6 Rc4 41. Rg6 Kh7 42. Ra6 Ra4 43. Ra8] **1 : 0** [J. Lautier]

### Shirov 2735 — I. Sokolov 2677 Sarajevo 2003 – 87/325

**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0–0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8.**  
**c3 0–0 9. h3 Nb8 10. d4 Nbd7 11. Nbd2 Bb7 12. Bc2 c5 13. Nf1 Re8 14.**  
**Ng3 cd4** [14...Bf8 – 17/331] **15. cd4 ed4 16. Nd4 d5!** (a novelty) [16...Bf8]  
**17. ed5** [17. e5? Bb4!] **Bd5 18. Ndf5 Bf8 19. Be3** [19. Bf4 Re1 20. Qe1 Rc8]  
**Qc7** [19...Bb4!? 20. Re2 (20. Bd2 Qa5) Bc4 21. Bd3 Ne5 22. Bc4 Qd1 23.  
 Rd1 Nc4 24. Bd4 Rad8] **20. Qd2 Qb7**

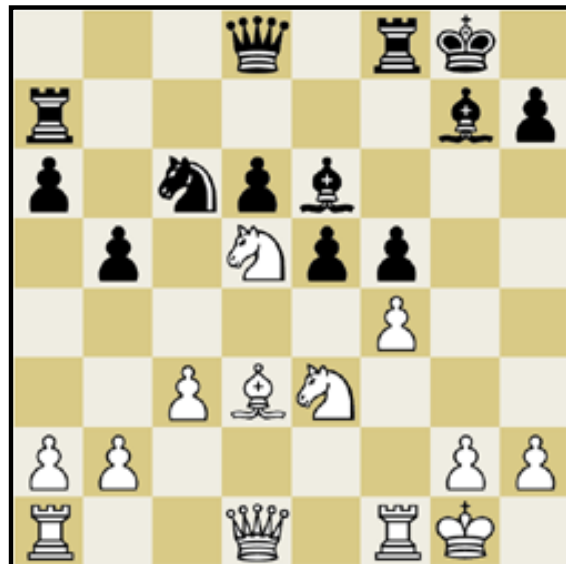


**21. Bd4!! Bg2 22. Qg5** [22. Kh2? Bd5 23. Rg1 Ne5] **g6?!** [22...Bh3 23. Nh6

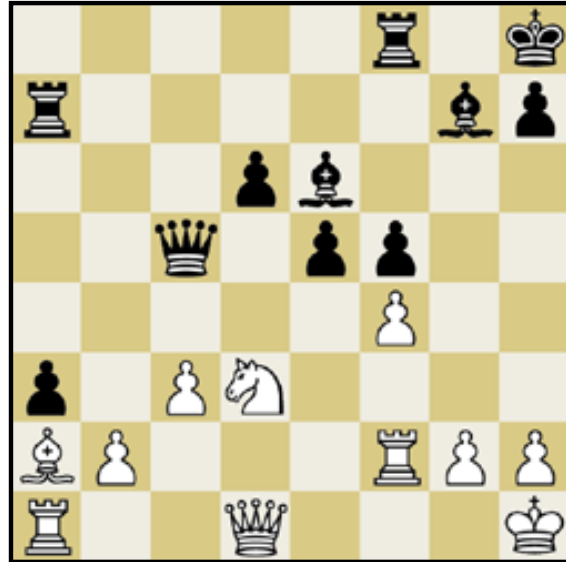
Kh8 24. Nf7 Kg8 25. Nf5! Qg2 (25...Bf5 26. Bb3! and White is superior, with attack) 26. Qg2 Bg2 27. Kg2 Kf7 28. Bb3 Kg6 29. Bc2 equal; 22...Bd5 23. Ne4 Ne4 24. Be4 Be4 25. Nh6 Kh8 26. Nf7 Kg8 27. Nh6 equal] **23. Nh6** [23. Bf6 Nf6 24. Qf6 Bh3 25. Nh4 Bg7 26. Qf4 Bb2 unclear] **Bh6 24. Qh6 Re1!** [24...Qd5 25. Nf5 Nh5 26. Re7 gf5 27. Qg5 Kf8 28. Rd7 Qd7 29. Bc5 Re7 30. Qh5 and White is winning; 24...Qf3 25. Nf5 (25. Re4!?) Nh5 26. Re7! Ne5 (the only move; 26...Qh3 27. Qh7! Kh7 28. Rf7 Ng7 29. Rg7 Kh8 30. Rd7 and White is winning; 26...Nf8 27. Bd1 Qh3 28. Qh7! and White is winning) 27. Re5 Bh3 28. Be4 Qg4 29. Ng3 Re5 30. Be5 Re8 31. Rc1 Re5 32. Bf5 Qf5 33. Nf5 Bf5 34. Rc6 and White is superior] **25. Re1 Re8 26. Re8 Ne8 27. Qe3** [27. Nf5! gf5 a) 28. Bf5?! Nf8! 29. Qg5 Ng6 30. Bg6 (30. Qg2? Qg2 31. Kg2 Nh4 and Black is winning) fg6 31. Qg2 equal; b) 28. Qg5 Kf8 29. Qg2 Qc7! (29...Qg2 30. Kg2 with initiative) 30. Bc3 (30. Bf5? Qc1 31. Qf1 Qg5 32. Bg4 h5 33. f4 Qg6 and Black is winning) Qf4 31. Qd5 Qc1 32. Bd1 and White is slightly better] **Ng7!** [27...Nef6 28. Nf5] **28. Bg7 Kg7** (equal) **29. Qg5** [29. Nf5 equal; 29. Nh5 equal] **Bh3 30. Nh5 Kg8 31. Qd8 Nf8 32. Be4?** time [32. Nf6 Kg7 33. Ne8 Kg8 34. Nf6 equal] **Qc8** (and Black is superior) **33. Nf6** [better is 33. Qg5] **Kh8 34. Qe7 Be6** [34...Qc1! 35. Kh2 Qh6 36. Qe5 Bf5 37. Kg1 (37. Kg3? Qh3 38. Kf4 g5 39. Kg5 Ne6 and Black is winning; 37. Kg2 Be4 38. Ne4 Qg7 and Black is winning) Be4 38. Ne8 f6 and Black is winning] **35. Kg2! Nd7** [35...Ba2 36. Qe5 Qe6 37. Qd4 Kg7 (37...Qc4 38. Qe5 equal) 38. Ne8 Kh6 39. Nf6! equal; 35...h5 36. Bb7! Qb8 37. Bd5 Qc8 38. Bb7 equal] **36. Nd7 Bd7 37. Qf7 Be6** [37...Bh3!? 38. Kg3 Be6] **38. Qf6 Kg8 39. a3 Bf7** [better is 39...Qd7] **40. f3** (and Black is slightly better) **Qd7 41. b4 a5 42. ba5 Qd2 43. Kh3 Qa5 44. Qd6 Qa7 45. Kg2** (equal) **Bc4 46. Bd5 Bd5 47. Qd5 Kf8 48. Qb5 Qa3 49. Qb8 Kg7 1/2 : 1/2** [I. Sokolov]

## JU. Polgar 2715 — B. Gelfand 2700 Budapest 2003 – 87/132

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. c3 Bg7 12. ef5 Bf5 13. Nc2 0–0 14. Nce3 Be6 15. Bd3 f5 16. 0–0 Ra7 17. f4 [17. a4 – 83/130]



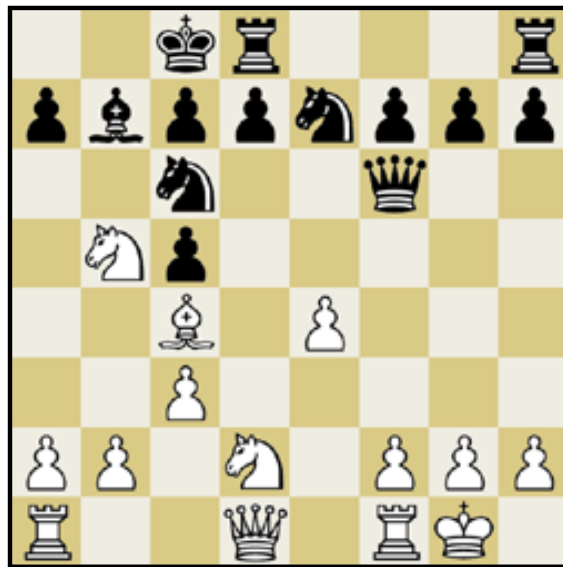
**17...Ne7!** (a novelty; equal) [17...e4; 17...Raf7] **18. Bc2** [18. Ne7 Re7 (with the idea 19. fe5 Qb6) 19. Bc2 equal] **Nd5 19. Nd5 a5 20. a4** [20. a3 Qc8 21. Bb3] **Qc8** [20...Rb7!?] **21. Bb3 Qc5 22. Kh1** [22. Rf2 ba4 23. Ra4 Rb7 and Black is superior] **Kh8** [22...Rb7 23. Ne3!] **23. ab5 Qb5 24. Rf2** [24. Nb4? Bb3 25. Qb3 ab4; 24. Ra3 a4 (24...Qc5!?) 25. Nc7 Rc7 26. Be6 e4 27. Ra4 Qb2 equal] **a4 25. Ba2?! [25. Rd2 Rfa8 26. Ba2 a3 27. b4 e4 28. Rc1 unclear] a3 26. Nb4?** [26. b4 and Black is slightly better] **ab2?** [26...Qc5 27. Nd3



27...Qf2!! 28. Nf2 ab2 29. Rb1 Ra2 30. Qd2 (30. Qd6 Ra1) a) 30...e4 31. Nd1 (31. Rb2 e3) Bb3 32. Rb2 (32. Ne3 Rc8) e3 (32...Rb2 33. Nb2 d5 34. Qe3) 33. Qe1 Rb2 34. Nb2 and Black is slightly better; b) 30...Bb3 31. Nd3 (31. Nd1 e4) e4 b1) 32. Nb2 e3 33. Qe2; 32...Rc8 and Black is superior; b2) 32. Rb2 Ra1 33. Nc1 Be6 34. Rb7 Rc8 35. Rg7 Kg7 36. h3 Kf7 37. Kh2 and Black is slightly better; c) 30...ef4! c1) 31. Nd3 Rb8 32. Qe1 (32. Nb4 Rb4 33. cb4 Ra1 34. Qc2 Be5 35. b5 Ba2) Bg8 33. Nf4 Ra3 and Black is winning; c2) 31. Nd1 Be5 32. Rb2 (32. Nb2 Rb8 and Black is winning) Ra1 33. Kg1 f3! 34. gf3 Rg8 35. Kf2 (35. Kh1 f4 and Black is winning) f4! and Black is winning (35...Bh2 36. Qh6 Bg3 37. Ke2 Bc4 38. Kd2 unclear) 36. Rb5 Bh3 37. Ke2 Rg2 38. Nf2 Rh2 39. Rb8 Kg7 40. Rb7 Kf6 41. Kd3 d5 42. Rb2 Kf5; c3) 31. h3 c31) 31...Rg8 32. Nd3 (32. Rb2 Ra1 33. Nd1 Be5; 32. Nd1) Bd5 33. Ne1 Be4 34. Rb2 and Black is slightly better; c32) 31...Rc8 32. Nd1 Be5 33. Rb2 Ra1 and Black is superior] **27. Rb2 Rfa8 28. Rab1! Ba2 29. Na2 Qe8** equal 1/2 : 1/2 [B. Gelfand]

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**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Nd4 Bc5 5. Be3 Qf6 6. c3 b6 7. Bc4 Nge7**  
**8. 0-0 Bb7 9. Nb5 0-0-0 10. Bc5 bc5 11. Nd2 [11. Bd5 – 60/(312)]**



**11...Ne5!** (a novelty) [11...a6] **12. f4!** [12. Na7 Kb8 13. Nb5 (13. Qa4 Nc4 14. Nc4 Qa6) d5 14. ed5 (14. Bb3 de4 15. Qe2 Qg6) Nd5 15. Ne4 Qb6 16. Qb3 Nf4 and Black is winning] **Nc4 13. Nc4 d5!** [13...a6? 14. Nc7!! Be4 (14...Kc7 15. e5 Qe6 16. Qd6 Qd6 17. ed6 and White is winning) 15. Nd6 Kc7 16. Ne4 Qc6 17. Re1 and White is superior] **14. Ne5** [better is 14. ed5 Rd5! 15. Qg4 (15. Na7 Kb8 16. Qa4 Qa6 17. Qa6 Ba6 18. Rfe1 Ka7 19. Re7 Bc4 20. Rc7 Kb6 21. Rf7 Rd2 22. Rg7 Rb2 and Black is superior) Kb8 16. Rad1 a6 17. Nba3 h5 18. Qe2 unclear] **a6?!** [14...Kb8! 15. Qa4 a6 16. Na3 Qe6 17. ed5 Qd5 18. Qc2 Ng6 and Black is slightly better] **15. Qg4 Kb8** [15...Qe6 16. Qe6 fe6 17. Na3 unclear] **16. Na3 de4!?** [16...h5 17. Nd7 (17. Qg5 Qe6!) Kc8 (17...Ka7 18. Qh3 Qd6 19. Ne5 unclear; 17...Ka8 18. Qh3 Qd6 19. Ne5 unclear) 18. Nb6 equal] **17. Nd7 Rd7 18. Qd7 Nd5 19. Nc4 Nf4 20. Ne3?!** [20. Rad1!? Qg5 21. g3!? (21. Qd2 e3 22. Ne3 Re8 23. Nd5 Re2 24. Nf4 Rd2 25. Rd2 Bc6 and Black is slightly better; 21. Rf4!? Qf4 22. Rf1) Bc8 (21...Ne2?! 22. Kf2 Qh5 23. Qd2 Qh2 24. Ke1 Qg3 25. Ke2 and White is superior) 22. Qf7 Ne2 23. Kf2 Qh6 24. Ke2 (24. Na5? Be6! 25. Nc6 Kc8 and Black is superior) Be6 25. Qf4 Bc4 26. Ke3! Qb6 27. Rf2 Bd3 28. Rd3 ed3 29. Kd3 equal; 20. Rf4!? Qf4 21. Rf1 Qg5 22. Rf7 Rc8 23. Qe7 Qd5 24. b3 Qd3 25. Qc5 Qc3 unclear] **Rd8 21. Qg4?!** [21. Rf4 Rd7 22. Rf6 gf6 23. Rd1 and Black is slightly better; 21. Qf5 Qf5 22. Nf5 Nd3 23. Ne3 f6 24. Rad1 Kc8 25. Rd2 and Black is slightly better] **g5** (and Black is superior) **22. Rad1 Rd3 23. Qf5 Qe7** [23...Qf5 24. Nf5 Bc8 25. Rd3 ed3 26. Ne3 unclear] **24. Rfe1 f6?!** [24...h5? 25. b4 cb4 26. cb4 Qb4 27. Qg5; 24...h6! and Black is superior, with the idea 25. b4 cb4 26. cb4 Qb4 27. Qf7 Qb6! (27...Qc5? 28. Qg8 Ka7 29. Qc4 Qb6 30. Qc1 unclear) 28. Rd3 ed3 29. Qb3 Ne2 30. Re2 de2 31. Kf2 Qd6 and Black is winning] **25. Ng4?** [25. b4! cb4 26. cb4 Qb4 27. Qf6 Qc5 28. Rd3 ed3 (28...Nd3 29. Re2 and Black is slightly better) 29. Kh1 (29. Kf1 Bc6 30. Qb2 Bb5 31. Qd2 Ne2 32. Rb1 Nc3 and Black is winning) Ka7 30. Qb2 and Black is slightly better] **c4?** [25...Rd1 26. Rd1 e3 and Black is winning] **26. Ne3** [26. Qf6 Qc5 (26...Qf6 27. Nf6 e3 28. Nd7 Ka7 29. Ne5 Ng2 30. Nd3 cd3 31. Re3 Ne3 32. Rd3) 27. Kf1 (27. Kh1 e3) e3 28. Rd3 Bg2 29. Kg1 cd3 30. Ne3 Bd5 and Black is winning] **Qd6 27. g3?!** [better is 27. Kf1 Rd2 and Black is winning] **Qb6** (and Black is winning) **28. gf4 Rd1 29. Rd1 Qe3 30. Kf1 gf4 31. Qf6 Bc8 32. Qf8** [32. Rd8 Qc1 33. Ke2 Qb2 34. Ke1 f3] **Qf3 33. Ke1 e3 0:1** [Shirov]

  
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