

SICILIAN DEFENSE–DRAGON VARIATION AN OVERVIEW



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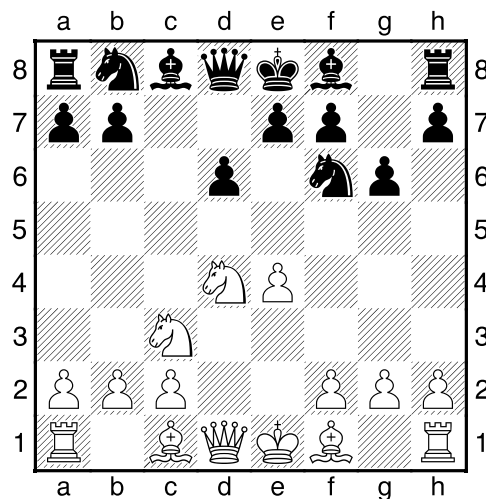


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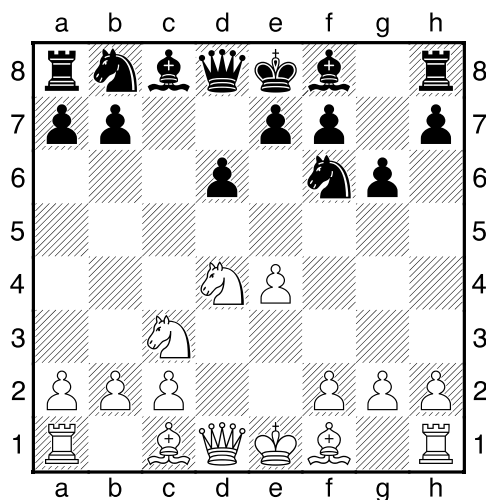


Diagram No. 1. It's Move 6. White to move

In Chart No. 1 below, detailing the position in Diagram No. 1, the first six options represent 95.8% of the responses to the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defense. The Dragon Variation is very popular. And, Yes–It is sound! It is an extremely sharp line. If you do go into this line, white or black, you need to be prepared! What players like about the Dragon is it leads to unbalanced positions, with chances for victory for both sides. It is not really an opening to play if you are looking for a draw, although certainly some lines are more drawish than others. It is a fighting opening.

There is no way in a short monograph to exhaustively cover this complicated

opening. Chart No. 1 shows white's choices, the Stockfish 15.1 evaluations, and think lines. There were over 134,800 games in the ChessBase Database when I checked on 12-9-25. **6.Be3** is the overwhelming choice on move 6 for white followed by **6.Be2**. These two responses occur in more than 3/4 of all Sicilian Dragons.

6. Be2 usually leads to the Classical Variation of the Dragon, but white can also play **6.Be3** followed by Be2 on moves 7 or 8 with an idea to castling king-side and playing the Classical Variation. I kind of like the idea of 6. Be3 for white masking the intention of whether white plays f3 or Be2. After all **6.Be3** allows for the possibility of black playing the **blunder 6...Ng4??** See Diagram 2 and games #1 and games #2. The alternative 6. f3 is often followed with Be3 on moves 7 or 8 and quite often will transpose to Be3 leading to the Yugoslav Variation, but there are independent lines as well. We will lay out the main lines and show a few sample games. This is essentially a game collection (some annotated), with the games organized in such a fashion as to illustrate the main ideas, and overall layout of the material in the Dragon. I tried to pick some important games, but also took some blitz games by the strongest players that at least started out with the strongest moves, and showed the relevance of these variations. We will provide a few charts with computer analysis at key junctures.

CHART NO.1

P/49	SF15	#	Popul	Results	6...	7	7...	8.	8...
6. Be3	0.48	86.8k	64.4%	56.9%	Bg7	f3	o-o	Qd2	Nc6
6. Be2	0.23	17.2k	12.8%	49.6	Bg7	Be3	Nc6	o-o	o-o
6.Bc4	0.19	8.8k	6.5%	47.0	Bg7	f3	Qb6	Nc6	Be3
6.f3	0.47	7.5k	5.6%	56.3	Nc6	Be3	Bg7	Qd2	o-o
6.f4	0.00	4.9k	3.6%	56.3	o-o	Be2	Nc6	o-o	Qb6
6.g3	0.00	3.9k	2.9%	56.6	Nc6	Nxc6	bxc6	e5	dxe5

All Others 5.7k 16.4 4.2%

6.a4 0.19 6...Bd7

6. Bb5+ 0.20

6. Others:Bg5/Bb5+/Bd3/h3/Nf3/Nd5/h4/Nb3/Bf4/a4

6.Be3 0.38 SF17 P/60

After 6. Be3 the immediate 6...Ng4?? Is a blunder. Can you find the refutation?

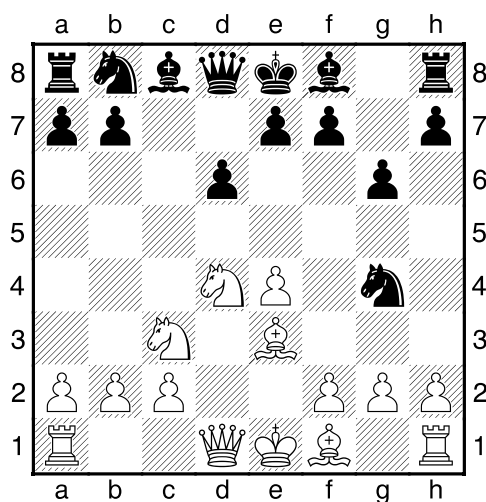


Diagram No. 2. Move 7. White to move with decisive effect!!

The following two games show that even strong players have fallen for this blunder.

(1) Krivokapic,Marko (2417) - Milovic,Jovan (2371) [B72]

Podgorica op Podgorica (6), 15.12.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 [8...Nxe3? 9.Nxd8+ Kxd8 10.fxe3+-; 8...Qd7 9.Nd4 Nxe3 10.fxe3+-] 9.Bxc6+ Bd7 10.Bxa8 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Qxa8 12.Qd4 e5 13.Qd3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Kg7 17.b4 Be6 18.Rac1 a5 19.a3 Qa7 20.c5 dxc5 21.bxc5 Bg5 22.Qc3 f6 23.Rfe1 Qf7 24.Red1 Rc8 25.c6 Qa7 26.Kh1 Kh6 27.c7 Bg4 28.Rf1 Qb7 29.Qc6 Qb3 30.Ne7 Be2 31.Nxc8 Bxf1 32.Rxf1 Qd3 33.Qc1 Bxe3 34.Rf3

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(2) Gu,Xiaobing (2300) - Khan,Nazrana (2129) [B72]

Asia-ch (Women) 09th Chennai (2), 04.09.2001

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Ng4?? 7.Bb5+! Bd7 8.Qxg4 Nc6 9.Qd1 Bg7
10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bc4 Qa5 14.Rad1 Rb8 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Bh6 c5 17.Nd5 Qd8
18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qc3+ Kg8 20.e5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Qb6 22.exd6 exd6 23.Rfd1 Rbd8 24.Qf6 Rfe8 25.Rxd6
Qxd6 26.Bxf7+ Kf8 27.Be6#

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9.0-0-0**

A1 9....d5!? 0.56

A2 9...h5 0.77

A3 9...Nxd4 1.06

A4 9...Bd7 0.32

A5 9...Qa5 0.34

A6 9....Others 9...e6/h5/Ne5

A1 9....d5!? 0.56

(3) Hovhannisyan,Robert (2629) - Van Foreest,Jorden (2697) [B76]

FIDE Grand Swiss Samarkand (5), 08.09.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Nxc6 bxc6
11.Bc4 Bb7!? [11...e6 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.g4 dxe4 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Nxe4=] 12.exd5 cxd5
13.Nxd5 Bxd5 [13...Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Qc7 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Bd4 e5 17.Bc3; 13...e6 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Bd4 e5
16.Bc3 Rfd8 17.Qe2 Qf4+ 18.Kb1 e4 19.Bb3] 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qc7 16.Qc5 Qb7 17.Bd4 Rfc8

[17...Rac8 18.Qa5 Bf6 19.Bxf6 exf6 20.b3 Rc6 21.Rd2 Ra6 22.Qd5 Qb4 23.Kb1 Qa3 24.c4+–] **18.Qa5 Qc6**
19.c3 Qc4 20.Bxg7 [20.b3 Qe2 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rd2 Qe3 23.Kc2 Rc5 24.Qb4 Rac8 25.c4+–] **20...Rc5**
21.Qa3 Kxg7 22.Rhe1 Qf4+ [22...Rd5 23.Qxe7 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Qxa2 25.Rd8 Rxd8 26.Qxd8 h5 27.Kc2+–]
23.Kb1 Re5 24.c4? [24.Qb4! Qf5+ (24...Rxe1 25.Qxf4 Rxd1+ 26.Kc2 Rad8 27.Qe5+ Kg8 28.Qe2 R1d6 29.b4
Kf8 30.a4 a6 31.b5 axb5 32.axb5+–) 25.Re4] **24...Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Qxc4 26.Qxe7 Qd3+ 27.Ka1 Rc8!?**
[27...Qd2 28.Qe5+ Kg8 29.Qe2 Qa5 30.Qe5 Qd2=] **28.Qxa7 Rc2 29.Qg1 h5!?** [29...Qd8! 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Rb1
Qf6 32.g4 h6 33.h4 Qxf3 34.Qd4+ Kh7 35.g5 h5 36.a3=] **30.a3** [30.h4 Rd2 31.Rb1 Qe2 32.a3 Qd3
(32...Qxg2?? 33.Qxg2 Rxc2 34.b4 Rd2 35.b5 Rd7 36.b6 Rb7 37.Ka2 Kf6 38.a4 Ke5 39.a5 Kd6 40.a6 Rb8
41.b7 Kc7 42.a7+–)] **30...Rd2 31.Rb1 h4 32.h3** [32.Qe1 Rxc2 33.Qxh4 Qxf3 34.Qd4+ Kh7 35.Qh4+ Kg7=]
32...Qd6 33.Qe1 g5 34.Qe3 Rxc2 35.Rg1 Rxc1+ 36.Qxc1 Qg3 37.Qd4+ Kg6 38.Qe4+ Kf6 39.Qd4+ Kg6
40.Qe4+

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6
8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4

White has options on move 10, but his most consistent choice appears to be the above line.

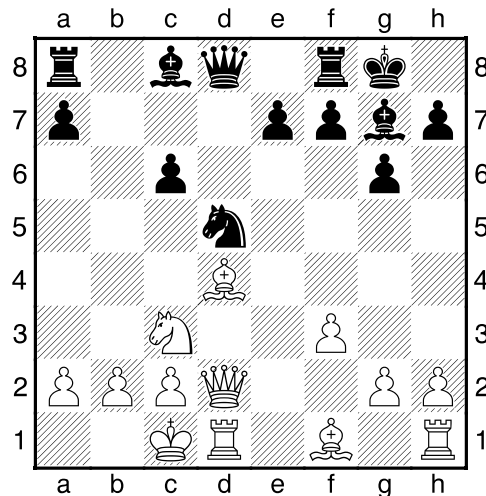


Diagram No. 3. Black to Move on Move 12

CHART NO. 2

12...	Sf15	#7052	Popul	Results	13	13...	14	14...	15
e5	0.60	3877	55.0%	60.0%	Bc5	Be6(Re 8)	Ne4	Re8	h4
Nxc3	0.48	922	13.1%	64.2%	Qxc3	Bh6+	Be3	Bxe3+	Qxe3
Bxd4	0.56	2128	30.2%	58.5%	Qxd4	Qb6	Na4	Qc7	Nc5

Others: 125: Nf6/e6/Qc7/Bb7/Nb6 1.7%

(4) Ehlvest, Jaan (2640) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2658) [B76]

USA-ch Stillwater (6), 20.05.2007

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 e5 13.Bc5 Be6** [13...Re8 14.Ne4 Be6 15.h4 h5 16.Bc4 Nf4 17.Bxe6 Qxd2+ 18.Rxd2
Nxe6 19.Be3 f5] **14.Ne4** [14.Bxf8?! Qxf8! 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Qa5 e4 17.fxe4 Qb8 18.c3 d4] **14...Re8 15.h4 h6**
[15...h5 16.Bc4 Nf4] **16.g4** [16.h5 g5 17.g4 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 19.Bc4 a5 20.Qf2] **16...Qc7!?** [16...Nf4 17.Qc3
Qc7 18.h5 gxh5 (18...g5 19.Bc4 Bd5 20.Rd2 a5 21.a4 Qd7 22.Rhd1) 19.gxh5 Rad8 20.Nd6 Re7] **17.g5!? h5**
18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Qf2 Rd7 [19...Nf4] **20.Rd3 f5 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Bxe6+ Rxe6 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Rd1 Nxe4!**
25.fxe4 Bh6+ 26.Be3 Bxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Qe7 28.a4 a5? [28...Kg7 29.b3 Rf6 30.Qg5 c5=] **29.Qb6 Qxh4**
30.Qxa5 Kh7 31.Qc7+ Kh6 32.Qc8 [32.Qb8 Re7 33.Qd6 Rh7 34.Qxc6 Qg5+ 35.Kb1 h4 36.Qe6 Qg3 37.Rh1
Qf4 38.Rg1 Qxe4 39.Rg4 Re7! 40.Rxe4 Rxe6 41.Rxh4+ Kg5] **32...Qf4+ 33.Kb1 Rd6?** [33...Qf6! 34.Qc7 Qf3
35.Rg1 Qf2=] **34.Rxd6** [34.Qh8+ Kg5 35.Rg1+ Kh4 36.a5 c5 37.Qb8 Qf6 38.Qb5 c4 39.Qc5 Rd4 40.a6 Qd6
41.Qb5 Qd7 42.Qxd7 Rxd7 43.Rxg6+–] **34...Qf1+ 35.Ka2 Qc4+ 36.Kb1 Qf1+ 37.Ka2 Qc4+ 38.Ka3 Qc5+**
39.Kb3 Qxd6 40.a5 c5 41.Qb7 Qd4 42.a6 c4+ 43.Ka2?? [43.Ka4! c3+ 44.b4 Qd1 45.Kb3 Qb1+ 46.Kxc3
Qa1+ 47.Kc4+–] **43...Qc5 44.c3?** [44.Qd5 Qb6 45.Qxc4 Qa5+ 46.Kb3 h4 47.Qa4 Qb6+ 48.Ka2 Qa7]
44...Qa5+ 45.Kb1 Qd8 46.Qd5 Qc7 47.Qb7 Qd8 48.Qd5 Qc7

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(5) Kasparov, Garry (2805) - Topalov, Veselin (2630) [B76]

Amsterdam Euwe Memorial Amsterdam (5), 17.05.1995

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Bh6+ 14.Be3 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Qb6 16.Qxe7 Be6 17.Qa3 Rfd8
18.Ba6!? [18.Bd3 Qf2 19.Rd2 Qe3 20.Qc3 Rd5] **18...c5!?** [18...Qf2 19.g4 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Re8 21.Qc3 Bd5
 22.b3 Qxh2 23.Kb2=] **19.Be2 c4! 20.f4 Rd4!?** [20...Rac8! 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Rf1 Bd5 23.Bf3 Qd4 24.g3 Bxf3
 25.Qxf3 Qd2+ 26.Kb1 Re8 27.a4=] **21.Rxd4 Qxd4 22.g3! c3?** [22...Rc8 23.Rd1 Qf2 24.Qf3 Qb6 25.c3 h5
 26.Rd2] **23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.bxc3 Bxa2 25.Kb2 Be6 26.c4! Kf8 27.Ra1 a5 28.c5 Ke7 29.c4! Bd7** [29...a4
 30.Kc3 Rc8 31.Rxa4 Rxc5+–] **30.Bf3 Rb8+ 31.Kc3 a4 32.Ra3 Rc8 33.Kd4 h5 34.Bb7 Rd8 35.Kc3 h4**
36.gxh4 Rh8 37.Bd5 Rxh4 38.Kb4 Rxh2 39.c6! Be6 [39...Bc8 40.Kc5 Kf6 41.Rxa4 Rh7 42.Ra7 Bh3 43.Rb7
 Rg7 44.Kd6 Rh7 45.Re7 g5 46.fxg5+ Kxg5 47.Rxf7 Rh6+ 48.Ke5 Rh5 49.Re7 Rh8 50.c7 Rh4 51.Rg7+ Kh6
 52.Rg8 Rh5+ 53.Kd6 Kh7 54.Be6+–]
40.Bxe6 fxe6 41.Kc5 Kd8 42.Rxa4
1–0

(6) Blomqvist,Erik (2438) - Nielsen,Peter Heine (2681) [B76]

Politiken Cup 33rd Helsingor (8), 05.08.2011

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0–0–0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qc7 15.Bc4 Rd8 [15...Nb6 16.Bb3 Nxa4 17.Qxa4 c5
 18.Rhe1 e6 19.h4 h5 20.Qe4 Bb7 21.Qe5 Qe7] **16.h4?** [16.Nc5 Bf5 17.Bb3 Nf4 18.Qf2 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rd8]
16...Bf5! 17.Bb3 Qg3 18.Qd2 [18.Rdg1 h5 19.Kb1 Nb6 20.Qe3 Nxa4 21.Bxa4 e6] **18...Nf4! 19.Qb4 e6**
20.Qe7 [20.h5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Nxh5 22.Qb7 Rf8 23.Qxa7 Qxg2–+] **20...Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Nxg2 22.a3** [22.Qb7
 Rf8 23.Qxa7 Nxh4–+] **22...Qxh4 23.Qb7 Qf4+ 24.Kb1 Rb8 25.Qe7** [25.Qxa7 Rxb3 26.Rd8+ Kg7 27.Nc3
 Ne3–+] **25...Ne3 26.Rd7 Rf8 27.Nc5 Nd5 28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Rxa7 Qc4 30.a4 Qxc2+ 31.Ka2 d4**
0–1

(7) Cheparinov,Ivan (2686) - Saric,Ivan (2668) [B76]

SLO-chT 32nd Ljubljana (5.1), 10.09.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qc7 15.h4!? **Rb8 16.a3!?** [16.h5! Rb4 17.Bc4! Rxa4??
 (17...Qf4+ 18.Qxf4 Nxf4 19.b3 Nxg2) 18.hxg6 e5 19.Qh4] **16...e5!?** [16...Rd8! 17.Nc5 Qg3 18.Ne4 Qc7=]
17.Qc5 Be6 18.h5 Qd8 19.hxg6 [19.Bd3 Qg5+ 20.Kb1 Rfe8 21.Ka1 Qxg2 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Nc3 Qxf3 24.Ne4
 Qe3 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Nxe8+ Rxe8 27.Qd6] **19...hxg6 20.Qf2 Qf6 21.Qh4?!** [21.g3! Kg7 22.Bd3 Bf5 23.Bxf5

Qxf5 24.Rhe1 Rfd8 25.Kb1] **21...Qxh4?! [21...Qf4+ 22.Rd2 Kg7 23.Qxf4 Nxf4 24.g3 Nh5 25.Rg1 Rfd8 26.Bd3 Bd5 27.Rf2=] 22.Rxh4 g5 [22...Kg7 23.Nc5 Bf5 24.Re1 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.Rxe5] 23.Re4 f6 24.Nc5 Bf5 25.Bc4! Kg7!?** [25...Rbd8 26.Bb3 Kg7 27.Ra4 Nf4 28.Rxa7+ Kg6] **26.Re2 [26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.Ra4 Rf7 28.Rxd5] 26...g4**

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A2 9...h5 0.77

(8) Panesar,Vedant (2318) - Pijpers,Arthur (2463) [B76]

Mirandela op 3rd Mirandela (7), 21.08.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 h5 10.Kb1 d5 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qb6 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Rxd5 Be6 16.Rd1 [16.Rb5 Qc7 17.Be2 Rfd8 18.Qe3] 16...Rfc8 17.Bd3 Rc3 18.Kc1 Rc6 19.a3? [19.Kb1 Rac8 20.Qg5 Qb4=] 19...Rac8 20.Rd2 Qb3 21.Re1 Qa2 22.Kd1 Qxb2 23.Qg5 Qxa3 24.e5 Kg7 25.h3 Bc4 26.Ke2 Bxd3+ 27.cxd3 Rc1 28.Rxc1 Rxc1 29.f4 Qc5 30.Qg3 a5 31.f5 Qg1 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.Kf3 Rf1+ 34.Ke4 e6 35.Qg5 Rf5 36.Qe7+ Rf7 37.Qh4 Qc5 38.d4 Qc3 39.Qe1 g5 40.Qe3 Rf4+ 41.Qxf4 gxf4 42.Re2 a4 43.Kxf4 Qxd4+ 44.Kg5 a3 45.g4 hxg4 46.hxg4 Qb2 47.Rh2 Qxe5+

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A3 9...Nxd4 1.06

(9) Morgado,Juan Sebastian (2693) - Johnson,Maurice W (2630) [B76]

IECG W-ch1 email IECG email, 1996

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.h4 Rfc8 13.h5 Qa5 14.h6 Bh8 15.a3 Nd7 16.f4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 f6?! [17...Nf6 18.f5 gxf5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qc5 21.Qd3 Qf2 22.Be2 f4 23.Rdf1] 18.Bb5 Nf8 19.f5 Bf7?! [19...Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Qxb5 21.fxe6 Nxe6 22.Rd5 Qc6 23.Qb3 Kf8] 20.Nd5! Qd8 21.Bc4 g5 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qd3 [23.Qg4 Nd7 24.Bb5 Rc5 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Rxd7 Qe8 27.Qb4 Qc8 28.Ba4+-] 23...Qd6 24.Qb3 b5 25.Qxb5 Rab8 26.Qa4 a5 27.Bb3 Rb7 28.Rh3 Qa6 29.Rhd3 Kh8 30.Qe4 [30.Nb4! Bxb3 31.Qxb3 Qc4 32.Qxc4 Rxc4 33.Rd8 Kg8 34.Ra8+-] 30...Qa7 31.Rg3 Qb8 32.Rgd3 Bg8 33.Ka1 Bf7 34.Rc3 Rd8 35.Rdd3 Rd6 36.Rc5 Qd8 37.Nb4 Rbb6 38.Rxd6 exd6 39.Rxa5 Bxb3 40.Ra8 Rb8 41.Qb7 Rxb7 42.Rxd8 Kg8 43.cxb3 Rd7 44.Rxd7 Nxd7 45.Nd5

Kf7 46.b4

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(10) Khusnutdinov,Rustam (2513) - Shabalov,Alexander (2611) [B76]

Moscow Aeroflot op-A 9th Moscow (4), 12.02.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6
11.Kb1 Nd7 12.h4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qa5 14.h5 Rac8?! [14...g5 15.h6 Qe5 16.Qf2 Rfc8 17.Nb5 f6] 15.Nd5!
Bxd5 16.exd5 Nf6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.g3! Rc5 19.Bh3! Kf7 20.Be6+ Ke8 21.g4 [21.Rd3!] 21...Qb5 22.Rhe1
Qc4 23.Qd2 Kd8 24.a3 Ne8 25.Re4 Qa6 26.Qe3 Nc7 27.Rf4 [27.Re1 Rc4 28.Rxc4 Qxc4 29.Qxa7 Nxe6
30.Qxb7 Qc7 31.Qa8+ Qc8 32.Qxc8+ Kxc8 33.Rxe6+--] 27...Rxf4 28.Qxf4 Qb5 29.Qf7 h5 30.Qxg6 hxg4
31.fxg4 Nxe6 32.Qg8+ Qe8 33.Qxe6 Qa4 34.Qf5 Qd7 35.Qe4 b5 36.g5 Rc4 37.Rd4 Rxd4 38.Qxd4 Qf5
39.g6 Ke8 40.b3 Qxg6 41.Qxa7

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(11) Hellers,Ferdinand (2560) - Georgiev,Kiril (2590) [B76]

EU-chT (Men) 09th Haifa (7.1), 1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6
11.Kb1 Qc7 12.g4 Rfc8 13.h4 Qa5 14.a3 Rab8 15.h5 b5 16.h6 b4! 17.Nd5!? [17.Nb5! Rxb5 18.Bxb5 Qxb5
19.hxg7 bxa3 20.Qd3 Qxd3 21.cxd3 Rb8] 17...Nxd5 18.hxg7 Nc3+! 19.Ka1! f6 20.Re1 Nb5 21.Bxb5 [21.Qh6
Kf7 22.Qxh7 Rg8 23.Bxb5 bxa3 24.b3 Rxb5=] 21...Qxb5? [21...Rxb5 22.Qh6 Kf7 23.Qxh7 Rg8 24.Qh2 bxa3
25.b3 Qb4=] 22.Rh2? [22.b3! bxa3 23.Qh6 Kf7 24.Qxh7 Rg8 25.g5 Rxg7 26.Qh6 Qxg5 27.Qxg5 fxg5 28.Bxg7
Kxg7] 22...bxa3! 23.b3 Qb4 24.Bxa7 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Ra8 [25...Rb5] 26.Bd4 h6 27.Ka2 Kxg7 28.Re3 Ra4
29.c4 Ra6 30.Rc3 g5 31.Rdc2!? [31.Rh2 Rc7 32.Bf2 Bf7 33.Bg3 Rb7=] 31...Bf7 32.Be3 h5 33.gxh5 Bxh5
34.Bc1 Bf7 35.c5? [35.Rh2 Bg6 36.Bd2 Raa8 37.Rc1] 35...dxc5 36.Rxc5 Rb8 37.R2c3 Rab6 38.Kxa3 Rxb3+
39.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 40.Ka4 Rxf3

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A4 9...Bd7 0.32

(12) Pretto,Rafael Antonio (2235) - Pirozzi,Horacio Alberto (2360) [B76]

Amici Sumus-B corr Argentina, 1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 h5

11.gxh5 Nxh5 12.Bc4 Ne5!? [12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.f4 e6] 13.Be2! Rc8 14.f4!? [14.Rhg1 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Kb1] 14...Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.f5 Qa5 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.Rhg1 Be8 19.Nb3?! [19.Rg5 Rc5 20.Rxc5 dxc5 21.Ne6 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.bxc3 Rf6 24.Ng5] 19...Bxc3! 20.Nxa5 Bxd2+ 21.Bxd2 Rxe4 22.Nxb7 Nf4 23.Kb1 Nh3 24.Rge1 Nf2 25.Rc1 Rf3 26.Bg5 Kf8 27.h4 Bd7 28.Na5 Rf7 29.b3 d5 30.Nb7 Rg4? [30...Ke8 31.Nc5 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Bf5=] 31.Nc5! Bf5 32.Ne6+ [32.Be3 Ne4 33.Nxe4 Bxe4 34.Bxa7 Ke8] 32...Bxe6? [32...Kg8 33.Nd8 Rh7 34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Bxe7 d4 36.Bc5 Rf4=] 33.Rxe6 Ne4 34.Rxg6 Nxg5 35.hxg5 Rg2 [35...d4 36.Rh1 Rf2 37.Ra6 Rgg2 38.Rxa7 Kf7 39.Rc1] 36.Ra6 [36.Rd1] 36...e5 37.Rf1?? Rxf1+ 0-1

A5 9...Qa5 0.34

This Game is hot off the press! It is from a Titled Tuesday Blitz Game played just a few days ago, as of the date of this writing. It is instructive for some of the tactical ideas, and particularly for the endgame play, where this game is decided!

(13) Musial,Igor (2304) - Sevian,Samuel (2696) [B76]

Titled Tuesday intern op 10th Dec Early Chess.com INT (9), 10.12.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6?!

BE ON ALERT FOR THIS MAJOR TACTICAL IDEA THAT 11...Be6?! allows!

After 9...Qa5 10. Kb1 is a precautionary move. It gives additional support to the a2 pawn, but prepares a vicious zwischenzug (In between move)

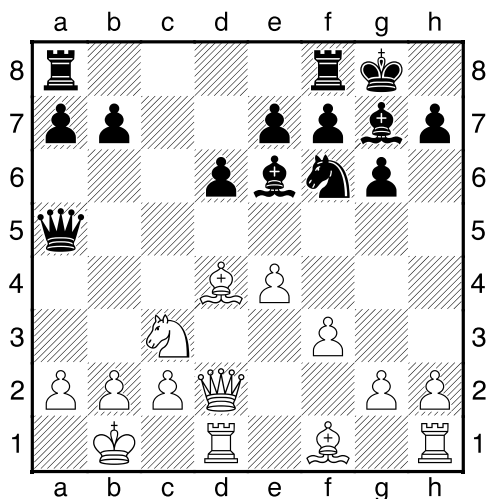


Diagram No. 4. Move 12. White to Move.

12.Nd5! Qxd2 13.Nxe7+! Kh8 14.Rxd2 Rfe8 [14...Rae8 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5+–] 15.Nd5!? [15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5] **15...Nxd5** [15...Bxd5 16.Bxf6 Bxa2+ 17.Kxa2 Bxf6 18.Rxd6]

BE ON ALERT FOR THIS MAJOR TACTICAL IDEA. IS BLACK THREATENING TO

TAKE THE PAWN ON d5, because of the possible back rank problem? Black just played 15...Nxd5

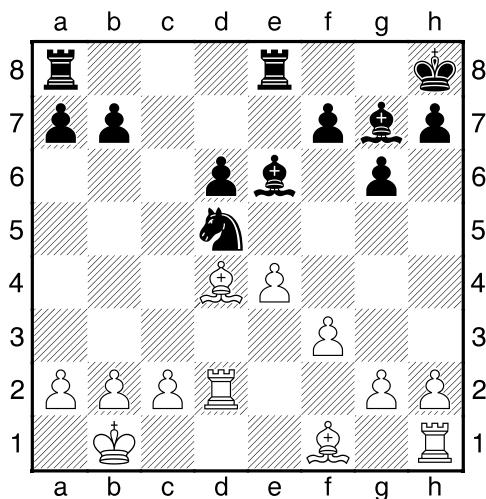


Diagram No. 5. Move 16. White to Move.

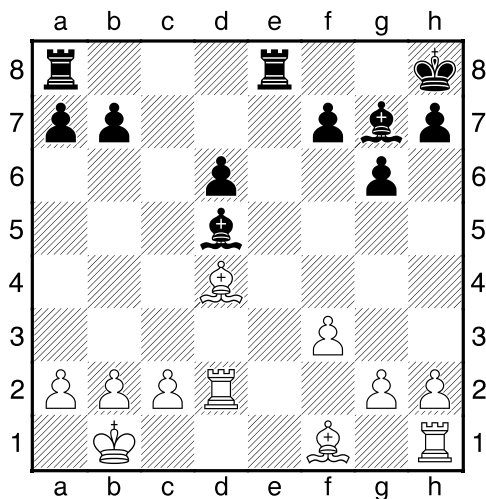


Diagram No. 6. This would be the position after 16. exd5 Bxd5

What was white afraid of, and what did he miss?

In the game white refrained from 16. exd5 and played 16. Bxg7+ throwing away a decisive advantage.

Again! An in-between-move 16.Bb5! would have preserved the winning advantage!

16.Bxg7+? [16.exd5 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Bf5 18.Bb5] **16...Kxg7** 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Bb5 Re5 19.Rhd1? [19.Bd3 Bc6 20.Rhd1 Rae8 21.Bf1 d5=]

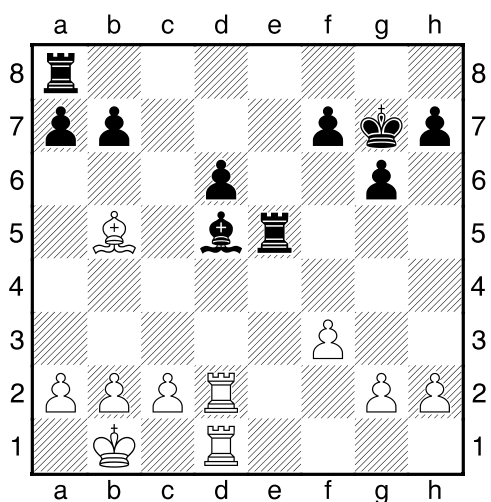


Diagram No. 7. Move 19. Black to Move. What tactic did White miss on Move 19?

19...Bxf3! 20.gxf3 Rxb5 21.Rxd6 Re8!? [21...Rf5] **22.c4** Rf5 [22...Ra5 23.R6d5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Re1+ 25.Kc2 h5] **23.Rd7** b6 24.Rxa7 Rxf3

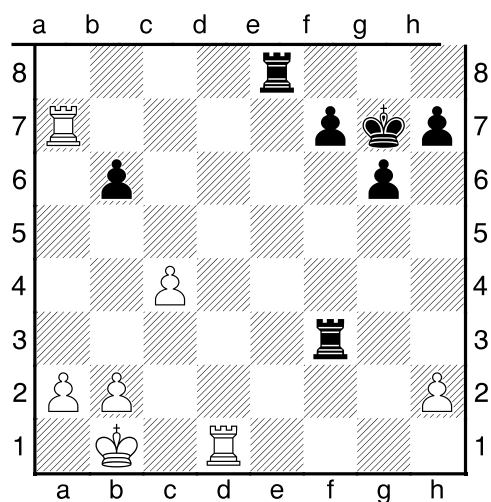


Diagram No. 8. Move 25. White to Move.

25.Rd6?? [25.Rc1!=] **25...Re1+!**? [25...Re2! 26.Rd1 Rff2!] **26.Kc2 Re2+ 27.Rd2 Rxd2+ 28.Kxd2 Rf2+ 29.Kc3 Rxh2 30.b4**

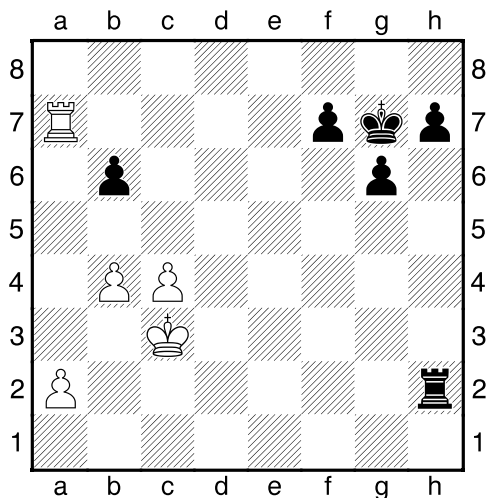


Diagram No. 9. Move 30...Black to Move.

30... g5? [30...h5! 31.c5 bxc5 32.bxc5 Rh1 33.Kc2 Re1 34.Ra3 g5 35.c6 Re8 36.Kd2 h4 37.c7 g4 38.Ra4 f5 39.Rd4 Rc8 40.Rd7+ Kf6 41.Ke3—+] **31.c5! bxc5 32.b5!** [32.bxc5? Rh6 33.Kd4 g4 34.Rb7 Rh1 35.c6 Rc1 36.c7 h5!] **32...Rh6 33.Ra6!?** [33.a4 g4 34.Rd7 g3 35.Rd1 f5 36.Rg1 f4 37.a5 Rh3 38.b6 f3 39.b7 f2 40.b8Q fxg1Q 41.Qe5+ Kf7 42.Qf5+]=] **33...Rh4 34.a3?!** [34.Rc6 g4 35.Rxc5 Rh3+ 36.Kb4 g3 37.a4=] **34...Rh1 35.Kc2 Rh2+ 36.Kc3 Rh3+ 37.Kc2?**

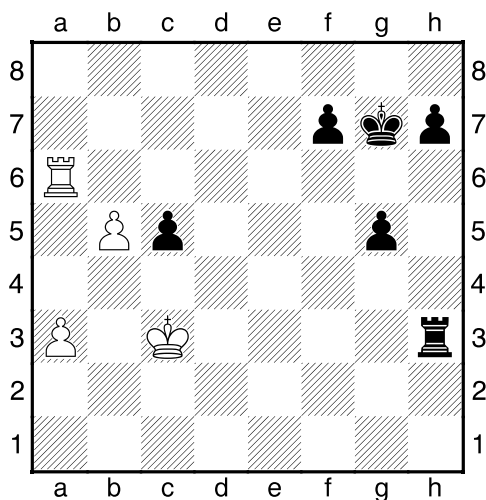


Diagram No. 10. Move 37. White to Move.

[37.Kc4! g4 38.b6 Rh1 39.Ra4 Rb1 40.Kxc5 h5 41.Rb4 Rxb4 42.Kxb4 g3 43.b7 g2 44.b8Q g1Q 45.Qe5+]=]

37...c4 38.a4 g4 39.Rc6 h5? [39...g3! 40.Rxc4 h5 41.b6 g2 42.b7 g1Q 43.b8Q Rh2+—+] 40.b6? [40.Rc5! g3 41.Rg5+ Kf6 42.Rg8 g2 43.Rxg2 Ra3 44.Rg8 Rxa4 45.Kc3=] 40...Rb3! 41.a5 g3 42.Rxc4 Rb5? [42...g2! 43.Kxb3 G1q] 43.Rc3? [43.Kd3]43...h4! 44.Rc4 f5 45.Kd3 g2 46.Rc1 h3 47.Kc4 Rb2 48.a6 Rxb6 0–1

B. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.Bc4

P/43

B1 9...Bd7 0.35 SF17 p/61 0.30

B2 9...Nxd4 0.39

B3 9...Qa5 0.36

B4 9...Others a6/Ne5/Na5/a5/Re8/Qc7/e6/Rb8/e5/Qb6/d5/h5 (+10 more games) Not Covered Here. Just about everything has been tried!

B1 9...Bd7

B11 10. 0-0-0 Rc8 (Main Line)

11.Bb3 P/44

Topolov Var. 11... Nxd4 0.42 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7

SF17 0.08 P/68

11... Ne5 0.93 12.Kb1 Re8 13.h4 h5

Soltis Variation 11.... Ne5 12. h4 h5

11... Na5 1.05 12.Kb1 Nxb3 13.axb3 h5 14.h3 Re8

11... h5 1.19 12.Kb1 a6 13.h4 Ne5 14.g4 hxg4

B12 10. 0-0-0 Rb8 (Chinese Dragon)

B13 10. 0-0-0 Ne5 Are there Independent Lines (vis-a-vis 10...Rc8 f/b Ne5?)

Stockfish Evaluations.

11. Bb3 P/47

11... Rb8 0.59 12.Bh6 b5 13.Bxg7Kxg7 14. Nd5 Nxd5

11... Qa5 1.06 12. Bh6 Rac8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.g4 Nc6!?

11... Rc8 0.98 12.Kb1 Re8 13.h4 h5 14.g4 hxg4

B14 10. 0-0-0 Qa5?! (Usually Transposes B3 and other lines– Independent Ideas

The following Game comes out of the 10. 0-0-0 Ne5 move order but transposes to 10. 0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5.

Additional Games have the move pair h4 h5 inserted. There are various move orders to the Soltis Variation:

10. 0-0-0 Rc8 11. Bb3 Ne5 12. h4 h5.

B11. Positions where black plays 9...Bd7 and soon follows with Rac8

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(14)So,Wesley (2754) - Duda,Jan Krzysztof (2728) [B78]

Moscow FIDE GP Moscow (1.2), 18.05.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Rc8

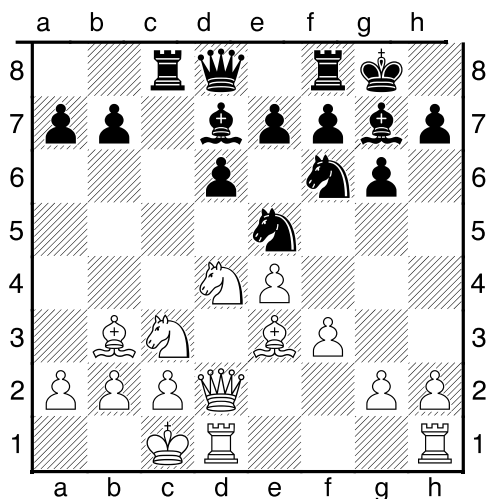


Diagram No. 11. White to Move: Move 12. A Key Decision.

Should White protect the King with 12. Kb1 or first rush the kingside pawns forward with 12.h4 or 12.g4?

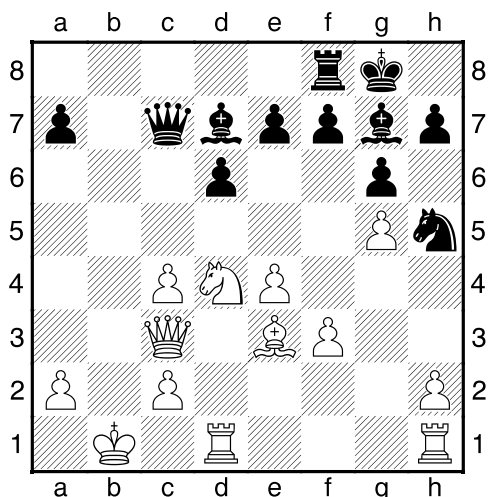
This writer tentatively concludes that 12.Kb1 is preferable. This game is a good example of white success.

Compare this with the following four games where white first plays h4 and black responds with h5.

12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4 b5 15.b3 b4 16.bxc4 bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qc7 18.g5 Nh5 19.Ka1 Rc8 20.Rb1 Be6 [20...d5 21.exd5 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4] **21.Rb2! Bxc4 22.Rhb1 d5 23.exd5 Nf4 24.Rb7 Qe5 25.R1b4 Nxd5 26.Rxc4 Rf8 27.Rc5 Nxc3 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Nc6 Bg7 [29...Nd1+ 30.Nxe5 Nxe3 31.Rxe7 Nxc2+ 32.Kb2 Nd4 33.Kc3] 30.Bxa7 e5 [30...Nb5+ 31.Kb1 Nxa7 32.Rxa7 h6 33.gxh6 Bxh6+--]**
31.Kb2 e4 32.fxe4 Nxe4+ 33.Kb3 Re8 34.a4 Re6 35.Nd4 Ra6 36.Rb8+ Bf8 37.Bb6 Kg7 38.a5 Bd6

39.Re8 f5 40.gxf6+ Nxf6 41.Rd8 Bxh2 42.Ne6+ Kf7 43.Nc5 Rxb6+ 44.axb6 h5 45.b7 h4 46.Rd2 Bc7
 47.Ne4 Ke6 48.Nxf6 Kxf6 49.Rd7 Bg3 50.Rh7 g5 51.Kc4 Kf5 52.Kd3 Kg4 53.Ke2 Kh3 54.c4 Kg2
 55.Rh5
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So,Wesley (2754) - Duda,Jan Krzysztof (2728) [B78]



All the Best Stockfish Moves after 12....Nc4

Diagram 12. Move 19. White to move

SF15 P/42

19. Rd3 Rd8 20.Qd2 Qxc4 21. Rb3(Ra3) +1.19 SF17 1.37 p/35

19. Ka1 Rc8 20. Rb1 d5! 21.exd5 Nf4 +0.92

19. Qd3 Rb8+ 20. Ka1 Rb4 21.Rb1 Rxc4 22.Rb8+ +0.68

The following email game (presumably computer aided) reflects the top Stockfish moves throughout. This may illustrate why the idea of 11...Ne5–Nc4. Perhaps takes great technique to prove the win.

(15)Mueller Alves,Martin (2414) - Pascual Perez,Norge (2427) [B78]

ST-2021–0–00208 LSS email, 25.11.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0–0–0 Rc8
 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4 b5 15.b3 b4 16.bxc4 bxc3 17.Qxc3 Qc7 18.g5 Nh5 19.Rd3
 Rc8 20.Qd2 Qxc4 21.Rb3 e5 22.Ne2 Be6 23.Rd1 a5 24.Rb2 a4 25.a3 Bf8 26.Nc1 d5 27.exd5 Bf5 28.d6

Bxd6 29.Qxd6 Bxc2+ 30.Ka1 Bxd1 31.Qxd1 Qc3 32.Bd2 Qxa3+ 33.Ra2 Qc5 34.Qxa4 Ng7 35.Ne2 Qf2 36.Rc2 Rb8 37.Qe4 Qxh2 38.Rb2 Rd8 39.Ba5 Re8 40.Rb5 h6 41.gxh6 Qxh6 42.Bc3 Qh1+ 43.Kb2 Qd1 44.Ng3 Qg1 45.Ne2 Qd1 46.Nc1 Nh5 47.Kb1 Qd7 48.Rxe5 Rxe5 49.Qxe5 f6 50.Qe4 Kf7 51.Ne2 Qd1+ 52.Kb2 Qd6 53.Kc2 Qd7 54.Nf4

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(16)Vachier Lagrave,Maxime (2789) - Nakamura,Hikaru (2781) [B78]

London Classic 9th London (2), 03.12.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.Bb3 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.Kb1 Re8 [14...b5 15.g4 a5 16.gxh5 (16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.gxh5 a4 18.Bd5 e6) 16...a4 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bd5 e6 19.f4 Ng4 20.hxg6] 15.g4!? [15.Bh6 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.g4 hxg4 19.h5] 15...hxg4 16.f4 [16.Rdf1=] 16...Nc4 17.Qd3 Na5!? [17...Qc8! 18.Bxf6 Bxf6] 18.Bxf6 exf6!? [18...Bxf6 19.Bxf7+! Kxf7 20.h5 Rxc3 21.hxg6+ Kg8 22.Qxc3=] 19.Bd5 [19.f5; 19.h5] 19...Nc6?! [19...f5 20.exf5 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.Nxc6 bxc6=] 20.Nxc6!? [20.Ndb5 Be6 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.f5 Re7 23.Nd5!] 20...bxc6 21.Bxf7+! Kxf7 22.Qxd6 Rxc3!? [22...Rh5! 23.Qxd7+ Qxd7 24.Rxd7+ Kg8] 23.Qxd7+ Qxd7 24.Rxd7+ Ke6 25.Rxg7 Rf3 26.Rxg6 Rxf4 27.Rg1 Rxe4 28.R6xg4 Rxg4 29.Rxg4 f5 30.Ra4 Rg8 31.b3 Rg4 32.Rxa7 f4 33.Kc1 f3 34.Kd2 Rxh4 35.Ra8 Rh2+ 36.Kd3 Kf5 37.a4 Kg4 38.a5 Rh1 39.Rg8+ Kf4 40.Rf8+ Kg3 41.Rg8+ Kf4 42.Rf8+ Kg3 43.b4 f2 44.Kd4 f1Q 45.Rxf1 Rxf1 46.Kc5 Rc1 47.Kxc6

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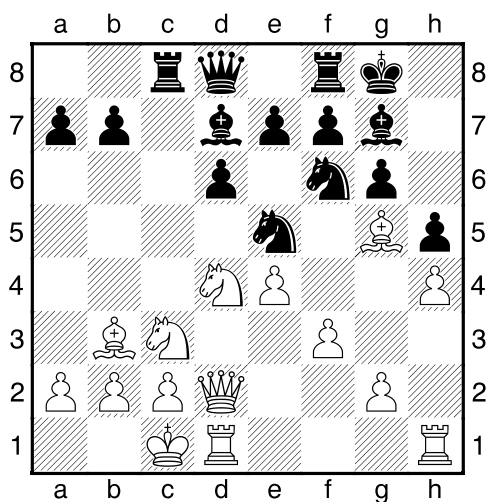


Diagram No. 13. Position after 13. Bg5!

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13...Rc5	0.36	3984	88.2%	49.7%	Kb1	b5	g4	a5	Bxf6
13...Nc4	0.29	428	9.5%	65.1	Qe2	Na5	Qd3	Nxb3+	axb3
13...Re8	0.13	105	2.3%	51.9	Kb1	Nc4	Qd3	Ne5	Qe3

N=4517 13...Others a6/Qa5/Nh7/a5/b5/Kh7/Nc6/Rxc3/Qb6/Bc6/e6 #213

(17) Kaan,J E F (2350) - Vandrell Amaya,Eduardo (2100) [B78]

W-ch WS/M/973 email ICCF email, 01.03.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 9.f3 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Nc4 [13...Re8 14.Kb1 Nc4 15.Qd3 Ne5 16.Qe3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Rd3 Qb6 19.Bxf6 exf6!] 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Qd3 Nxb3+ 16.axb3 Qa5 17.Kb1 Rfe8 [17...Rc5 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Nde2] 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5 Be5 20.g4 [20.c3 e6 21.Ne3 d5 22.g4 dxe4 23.fxe4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Bb5 25.Nc4 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Red8 27.gxh5 Qxh5=] 20...hxg4 21.fxg4 Bxg4 22.Rdg1 Bh5 23.Rg5 Qa6 24.Qd2 Rc5 25.b4 Rxd5! 26.exd5 Qc4 27.Rxh5! Qxd5! 28.Rd1 Qxd4 29.Qxd4 Bxd4 30.Rb5! Bb6 31.c4 Rc8 32.Rc1

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(18) Paravyan,David (2589) - Kozirowicz,Michal (2296) [B78]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Bb3 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Nd5 Re8 (Diagram)

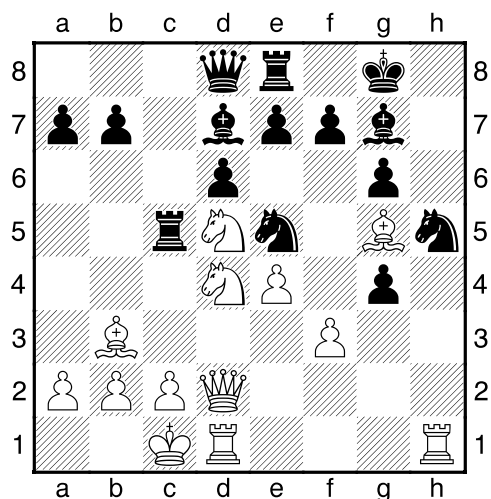


Diagram No. 14. White to Move. Move 17

CHART NO. 4

P/56	SF15	#	Popul	Results	17...	18	18...	19	19...
17.c3	-0.06	0		N/A	a5	fxg4	Nf6	Nf5	gxf5
17.fxg4	-0.40	3	2.2%	50%	Bxg4	Rdg1	Qc8	Bh6	e6
17.Kb1	-0.78	0		N/A	a5	a4	Rxd5	Bxd5	Qb6
17.Qe3	-0.80	0		50%	gxf3	Nxf3	Rxd5	Bxd5	Qb6
17.Rxh5	-0.78	28	20.6%	50%	gxh5	Qh2	gxf3	Qxh5	f2
17.f4	-1.78	94	69.1%	41.0%	Nc4	Qd3	Qc8	Rxh5	gxh5

N=136

17.Others Bh6/Nf4/Qg2/Nf5 #11

17. Rdg1 -0.80 0

(18) Paravyan,David (2589) - Kozirowicz,Michal (2296) [B78](Cont.)

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17.Rxh5 [17.f4] **17...gxh5** **18.Qh2 gxf3** [18...Rxd5! 19.Bxd5 Qa5 20.f4 e6 21.Bb3 Nc6 22.Ne2 Qc5]
19.Qxh5 Bg4! 20.Qh4 f2? [20...Rxd5! 21.Rh1 Nd3+ 22.cxd3 Rxc5 23.Qxg5=] **21.Rh1 Qa5 22.c3! Qa6** [22...e6
23.Nf6+ Kf8 24.Kb1 Qa6 25.Qxf2+--] **23.Ne3??** [23.Qh7+! Kf8 24.Bh6 f1Q+ 25.Bd1 Qxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Bxh6+
27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Rh1+--] **23...Qd3?** [23...f1Q+ 24.Rxf1 Qd3 25.Bc2 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qxc3 27.Nxg4 Qa1+ 28.Kd2
Qxf1 29.Nxe5 dxe5 30.Nf5 Qg2+] **24.Bc2??** [24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Bh6 Qxe3+ (25...e6 26.Bc2 f1Q+ 27.Rxf1 Qxf1+
28.Nxf1+--)] 26.Bxe3 e6] **24...Rxc3! 25.bxc3 Qxc3 26.Kb1** [26.Nxg4 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qxd4+ 28.Ke2 Qc4+ 29.Kxf2
Qxc2+ 30.Kg3 Qe2 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qf5--+] **26...Nd3 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Bxd3 Qxd4 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7 30.Bh6+
Kg8 31.Bc2 Bf3**
0-1

(19) Sherzer,Alex (2440) - Shirov,Alexei (2500) [B78]

Wch U20 Santiago de Chile (4), 1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Ne5

11.Bb3 h5 12.0–0–0 Rc8 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.g4 hxg4 15.Bxf6?! Bxf6

(Vigorito, Sicilian Dragon, See P.24 Note)

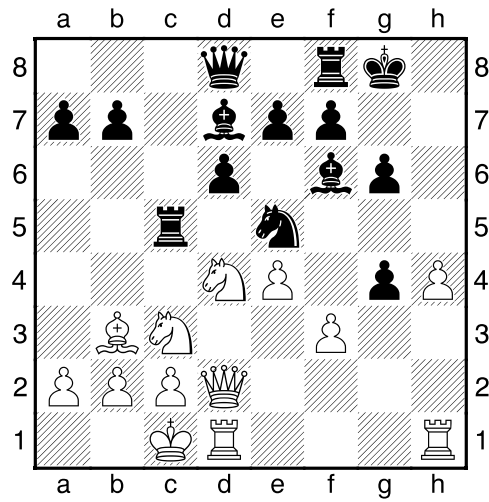


Diagram No. 15. Move 16. White to Move.

One might think this is the kind of mess that white is looking for! But its starting to look like white's attack is going to fail! Granted—it requires incredible tactical precision! Note the similarities and differences to the previous diagram and chart.

CHART NO. 5

	SF15	#	Popul	Results	16...	17	17...	18	18...
16. Nd5	-1.09	5	4.9%	50%	Rxd5	exd5	gxf3	h5	g5
16.h5	-1.52	83	81.4%	32.3%	g5	Rdf1	Nc6	Nde2	gxf3
16.f4	-1.97	14	13.7%	57.1%	Nc4	Bxc4	Rxc4	Nde2	Bc6

But over the board....this is a mess! A back and forth struggle ensues....because these Gms are only human! These are brawls. The middle games and endgames are tricky!

16.f4?! Nc4! 17.Qd3!? [17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Nde2 Bc6 19.h5!? Rxe4! 20.hxg6 Qb6! 21.gxf7+ Kxf7--+]17...b5!

18.e5 Bg7!? [18...dxe5! 19.Ndxb5 Nxb2! 20.Kxb2 exf4 21.Kc1 e6—+] 19.h5! dxe5 20.Ndxb5 Nxb2??
[20...Na5!?] 21.Kxb2!? [21.Qxd7 Qxd7 22.Rxd7+— exf4 23.hxg6 Bxc3 24.Nxc3 Rxc3 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7 26.gxf7+
Kxf7 27.Kxb2+—] 21...Rxb5 22.hxg6 Rxb3+ 23.cxb3 exf4 [23...Qc8 24.Qxd7 Qxd7 25.Rxd7 exf4+—]
24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.Rh7?? [25.Qd5+! e6 26.Qxd7+ Qxd7 27.Rxd7+ Kg6 28.Rh4 Bf6 29.Rxg4+ Kf5 30.Rg1+—]
25...Qc8! 26.Qd5+ Be6 27.Qe5 Rg8 28.Rd4 Bf5 29.Qxf4 Kg6 30.Rc4!? Qe6 31.Rh2? [31.Rh4= Rh8
32.Rxg4+ Bxg4 33.Qxg4+ Qxg4 34.Rxg4+ Kf7=] 31...Rd8!? [31...Rc8! 32.Rg2 Bf6 33.Rxc8 Qxc8 34.Rg3 a5
35.a4 Bg7 36.Qc4 Qd8 37.Qe2 Qd4 38.Ka2 e6—+] 32.Qc7? [32.Rh4=] 32...Rd3! 33.Rc6 Rd6 34.Rxd6 exd6
35.Rd2 d5 36.Ka3 d4 37.Na4 Qe3 38.Qc6+ Kg5 39.Rh2 g3 40.Rg2 d3 41.Qd6 Be5 42.Qd5 Qe4 43.Qd8+
Kg4 44.Rd2 Qf4 45.Rxd3 Bxd3 46.Qxd3 Qf8+ 47.b4 Qf3
0—1

(20)(13) Wolff,Patrick G (2545) - Santos,Renato Andrade (2280) [B78]

WchT U26 08th Maringa (7), 08.09.1991

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0—0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0—0—0 Rc8
11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.g4 hxg4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.f4 Nc4 17.Qd3 b5 18.e5 dxe5! 19.Ndxb5
Bxb5? [19...Nxb2!] 20.Qxd8! Rxd8 21.Rxd8+ Kg7 22.Ne4!? [22.Nxb5! exf4!] 22...Rc7? [22...Bc6! 23.Nxc5
Bxh1 24.Bxc4 exf4 25.Nd3 Bxh4! 26.Nxf4 Bg5 27.Bd5! Bxf4+ 28.Kd1] 23.Nxf6 exf6 24.h5!? [24.Bxc4! Rxc4
25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Re1=] 24...Bc6 [24...exf4!] 25.Rh4!? [25.Rg1=] 25...Ne3 [25...g3! 26.hxg6 g2 27.Rg4 Bf3
28.gxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rdg8 Bxg4 30.Rxg4 exf4 31.Rxg2=] 26.hxg6! Kxg6! 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Kd2 Kg5 29.Rh7 Be4?
[29...Kf4! 30.Rxf7+ Rxf7 31.Bxf7 g3 32.Rf8=] 30.Rxf7! Rxf7 31.Bxf7 Nxc2 32.Bc4 Bf5? [32...Nd4! 33.Ke3!
Bg6 34.Rg8 Nf5+ 35.Ke2 g3 36.Bf7 Ne7 37.Re8!] 33.Bb3? [33.Bd3! Nd4 34.Bxf5 Kxf5 35.Ra8 e4 36.Rxa7 g3
37.Rg7+—] 33...Nd4 34.Ke3 Bb1? [34...Bg6 35.Rg8 Nf5+ 36.Ke2 Ne7 37.Ra8] 35.Rg8+! Kh4 36.Bd1? [36.Re8
Nf5+ 37.Kd2+—] 36...Nf5+? [36...g3! 37.Rh8+ Kg5 38.Rg8+ Kf6=] 37.Kf2 g3+ 38.Kg1 Bxa2 39.Rg4+ Kh3
40.Re4 Bb1 41.Rxe5 Kh4 42.Ra5 Kg5 43.Rxa7 Kf4 44.b4 Bd3 45.Ra3 Ke4 46.b5 Nd4 47.b6
1—0

11....Nxd4 (Topolov Variation—See Vigorito, p. 89)

This game is a Tour de Force by Vishy. There is perhaps only a couple of imperceptible mistakes by Sergei...but Vishy dominates the board!

(21) Anand,Viswanathan (2790) - Tiviakov,Sergei (2597) [B78]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (2), 14.01.2001

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 9.f3 Bd7 10.Qd2 Rc8
11.0-0-0 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5!?**

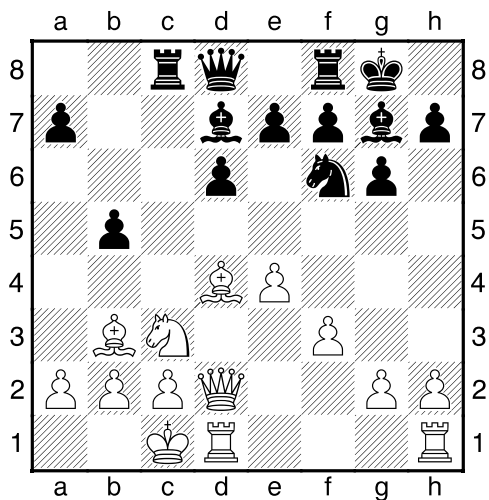


Diagram No. 16. Move 13. White to Move.

CHART NO. 6

P/49	SF15	#	Popul	Results	13...	14	14...	15	15...
13.Nd5	0.39	1244	47.5%	53.6%	Nxd5	Bxg7	Kxg7	exd5	a5
13.a3	0.38	162	6.2	50.6%	a5	Nd5	Nxd5	Bxg7	Kxg7
13.Bxa7	0.24	286	10.9	50.0%	b4	Ne2	Qa5	Bd4	e5
13.Rhe1	0.18	7	2.7	21.4%	b4	Nd5	Nxd5	Bxg7	Kxg7
13.h4	0.00	438	16.7	48.1%	a5	e5	dxe5	Bxe5	e6
13.e5	0.00	211	8.1	41.0%	dxe5	Bxe5	Bc6	Qe3	Qa5

N=2620

Others: 13.g4/Kb1/Qe3/Qf2/a4/Bxf6/Qe2/Ne2/Rdg1/Be3 #272

13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 a5 16.a3! Qb6! 17.Rhe1! Rfe8!? [17...h5! 18.h3 h4 19.Qd4+ Qxd4 20.Rxd4 g5 21.Rxe7 Rfd8 22.Kd2] 18.g4! b4!? [18...Rb8! 19.Re4 f5 20.Rd4] 19.a4! Qc5!? 20.Kb1 e5 21.dxe6 Bxe6 22.h4! Bxb3 [22...h6 23.Bxe6 Rxe6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.h5+--] 23.cxb3 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 h5 25.Ka2 hxg4 26.fxg4 Rh8 27.Qf4 Rxh4 28.Rf1 Qe5 29.Qxf7+ Kh6 30.Rf6 Rxg4 31.Re6 Qg7 32.Qf3 Qd4 33.Qf8+ Kh5 34.Rxd6 Qe5 35.Qd8 Rg5 36.Rd7 Kg4 37.Rd1 Qe3 38.Rd4+ Qxd4 39.Qxd4+ Kh5 40.Qh8+ Kg4 41.Qg7 Kh5 42.Qh7+ Kg4 43.Kb1 Kf5 44.Qf7+ Ke4 45.Qf6 1-0

(22)Swiercz,Dariusz (2583) - Robson,Ray (2596) [B78]

Moscow op-D Moscow (4), 31.01.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.a3 [13.Bxa7 b4 14.Ne2 Qa5 15.Bd4 e5 16.Be3 d5 17.exd5 Ba4=] 13...a5 14.h4!? [14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.exd5 Qb6 17.Rhe1 h5 18.Rxe7 Bf5 19.c3] 14...b4! 15.axb4! axb4 16.Nd5 Ra8!? [16...Nxd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.exd5 Kg8 19.h5 Bf5=] 17.Nxf6+! Bxf6 18.Qxb4 Rb8 19.Qc3 Bxd4! 20.Qxd4 Qa5!? [20...h6 21.Rd3 Qa5 22.Rhd1 Bb5=] 21.h5! Rb4!? [21...gxh5 22.Qc3 Qxc3 23.bxc3 Rb5=] 22.Qe3 gxh5 [22...g5! 23.e5 h6 24.e6 Be8] 23.Qc3!? [23.g4 Rb5 24.Rxh5 Rxh5 25.gxh5 Qa1+ 26.Kd2 Qxb2 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qxe7 Qd4+ 29.Ke2 Bb5+ 30.c4 Bxc4+ 31.Bxc4 Qxc4+ 32.Ke3 Qc3+ 33.Kf4 Qg7] 23...Rc8? [23...Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qa5=] 24.Rd5! Qxd5 25.Qxc8+ Bxc8 26.Bxd5 Rb5!? [26...e6 27.Bb3 Rb5] 27.Kd2!? [27.f4!] 27...e6 28.Bc4 Rg5 29.Rh2 Kg7!? [29...Kf8 30.f4 Rg3 31.Bd3] 30.b4 f5 31.exf5 Rxf5 32.Bd3 Rg5 33.f4 [33.b5!] 33...Rg4 34.Ke3 Bb7 35.Rxh5 Rg3+ 36.Kd4 h6 37.Rb5!? [37.b5! Rxg2 38.Kc3 Rg1 39.Bc4! Bc8 40.Rh2 Rg4 41.f5+--] 37...Bxg2 38.Rb6 e5+ 39.fxe5 Rg4+ 40.Ke3 dxe5 41.b5 h5 42.Re6 h4 43.Rxe5 h3 [43...Kh6 44.Re6+ Kg7 45.Re7+ Kf6 46.Rh7=] 44.Rh5 Kf6 45.Kf2 [45.c4 Rg3+ 46.Ke2 Rg8] 45...Rf4+ [45...Rd4!] 46.Kg1 [46.Ke3 Rf3+ 47.Kd4 Rf4+ 48.Kc5 Rg4 49.Bf5 Rg3 50.Bd7 Rc3+ 51.Kb4 Rxc2 52.Bxh3 Be4=] 46...Rd4 47.Kh2 Ke6 48.b6 Rb4 49.Bb5 Rb2 50.Bc4+ Kd6 51.Bb3 Be4 52.Rh6+ Kc5 53.Kxh3 Bxc2 54.Bxc2 Rxc2 55.b7 Rb2 56.Rh7 Kc6 57.Kg4 Rxb7 58.Rxb7 Kxb7

1/2-1/2

B12. CHINESE DRAGON 10:0-0-0 Rb8 11.Bb3 Na5

P/50

12. Bh6 +0.43

12.h4 +0.51

12.g4 +0.14

12. Kb1 +0.31

(23) Robson,Ray (2667) - Nakamura,Hikaru (2746) [B77]

USA-ch 63rd Saint Louis (9), 29.03.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 b5 14.Nd5 Nxb3+ 15.Nxb3 e5 16.Nxf6+ [16.Ne3 Be6 17.Kb1 Qe7]

16...Qxf6 17.h4 [17.Rd5 Rfc8 18.Rhd1] 17...Rb6 18.h5 [18.Nc5 Bc8 19.Nd3 Qe7 20.Qe3] 18...Qe7 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Qe3 [20.Na5 Rc8 21.b4 Rc7 22.Kb1 Be6 23.a3 Rb8 24.Rd3] 20...Be6 21.Rhf1 [21.Rh6 Rc6 22.Kb1 Rfc8 23.c3=] 21...Rc6 22.f4!? [22.Kb1 Qc7 23.Rd2 a5] 22...Qc7 23.Rd2 a5 24.Kb1 a4 25.Nc1 b4 [25...Qb6 26.Qxb6 Rxb6 27.g3] 26.Rdf2 [26.f5 gxf5 27.exf5 b3 28.axb3 Bxf5 29.Qg3+ Kh8] 26...exf4 27.Rxf4 Rc8 28.Rf6? [28.Nd3 b3 29.Rf6 bxc2+ 30.Kc1 Bc4 31.R1f3-+] 28...Rxc2! 29.Rxe6 Qc4 30.Ref6 a3 31.bxa3 bxa3 32.Qxa3 Rxc1+! 33.Rxc1 Qxe4+ 34.Kb2 Qe5+ 35.Rc3 Rb8+ 36.Kc2 Qxf6 37.Rf3 Qd4 38.Rb3 Qe4+ 39.Kc1 Qe1+ 40.Kc2 Qe2+ 41.Kb1 Qd1+ 42.Qc1 Rxb3+ 43.axb3 Qxb3+ 44.Ka1 Qa4+ 45.Kb2 Qb5+ 46.Ka1 Qc5 47.Qd2 h5 48.Kb1 Kg7 49.Qb2+ Qe5 50.Qb7+ Kh6 51.Kc1 d5 52.Kd1 Qe4 53.Qb2 Kg5 54.Qd2+ Kg4 55.Qh6 g5

0-1

Milos who is an expert on the Dragon plays flawlessly for 18 moves...makes a couple of innaccuracies, then whites kingside attack explodes with a wicked Kinghunt!

(24) Szabo,Krisztian (2512) - Perunovic,Milos (2578) [B78]

Sarajevo Bosna op 41st Sarajevo (3), 05.05.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.Bb3 Na5 12.h4 b5 13.h5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Bh6 Qb6 16.b3 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Qa5 18.Kb2 Rfc8 19.Qe3

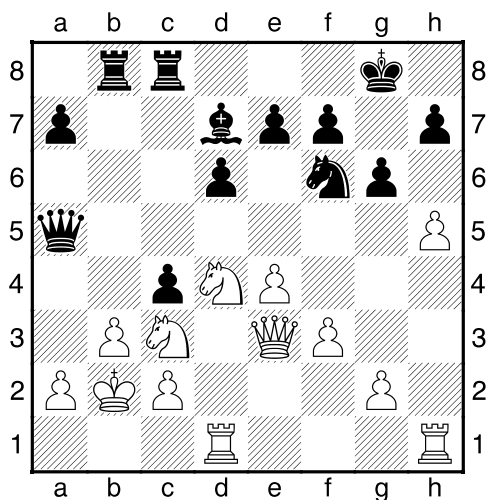
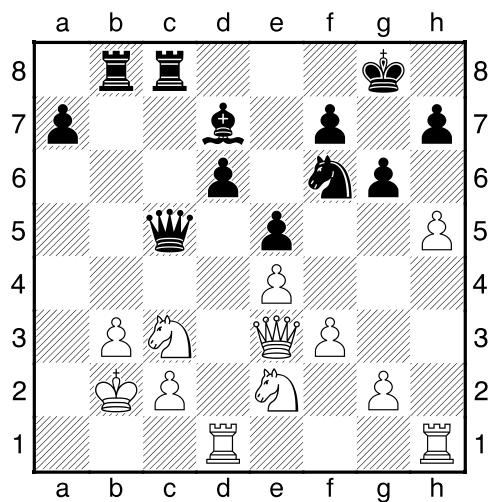


Diagram No. 17. Move 19. Black to Move.

CHART NO. 7

	SF1 5	#	Popul	Results	20	20...	21	21...	22
19...g5	0.00	N/A			Nd5	Nxd5	Qxg5+	Kf8	exd5
19...Rb7	0.15	N/A			hxg6	fxg6	Nd5	Nxd5	exd5
19...Qe5	0.23	2	33.3 %	25%	hxg6	fxg6	Qh6	cxb6	cxb3
19...Qc5	0.28	1	16.7	100%	g4	e5	hxg6	cxb3	cxb3
19...Rc5	0.41	3	50	0.33%	hxg6	fxg6	g4	Rbc8	Rc1
19...Rc7	0.35	N/A			Nd5	Nxd5	exd5	c3+	Kb1

19...cxb3!? [19...g5! 20.Nd5! Nxd5 21.Qxg5+ Kf8 22.exd5 e5 23.Qh6+ Ke7 24.Rhe1 Rb6=] **20.axb3! e5?!**
 [20...g5 21.h6 (21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 (22.Qxg5+ Kf8 23.exd5 Qc3+ 24.Kb1 Rc5!=) 22...h6) 21...Kf8 22.Rd3
 Qe5] **21.Nde2! Qc5** [21...Nxb5 22.Rxd6 Qc7 23.Ra6 Bb5 24.Rxa7 Qc6 25.Nxb5 Rxb5 (25...Qxc2+ 26.Ka1
 Rxb5 27.Rc1 Qxc1+ 28.Nxc1 Nf4 29.Qd2) 26.Qd3 Rc5 27.Rc1+–]

**Diagram No. 18. Move 22. White to Move.**

22.Qg5! Bb5?! (hastens his demise, but after the alternative [22...Nxb5 23.Rxb5 f6 24.Qxf6 gxf5

25.Rxd6+–] 23.hxg6! fxg6 24.Qxf6 Bxe2 25.Qe6+ Kh8 26.Rxh7+! Kxh7 27.Qf7+ Kh6 28.Rh1+ Kg5
 29.f4+ Kg4 30.Qxg6+
 1–0

(25) Khanin,Semen (2517) - Golubev,Mikhail (2461) [B78]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0–0–0 Rb8
 11.h4 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.h5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bh6!? [16.Nde2 Qc7 17.Kb1 Qb7 18.Qc1
 Qb4 19.Ka1 Rb7 20.a3 Qa5 21.Qd2 Rfb8 22.Rb1 Be6=] 16...Qb6 17.b3 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Rf7 19.Qg5 Rc8
 [19...cxb3 20.axb3 Rc8 21.Kb2 a5 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 Qc5 24.Rd3] 20.Nde2!? [20.Kb2 a5 21.a4 Rc5
 22.Qd2=] 20...Rc5!? [20...a5! 21.Kd2 cxb3 22.cxb3 a4 23.Qe3 Qa5] 21.Qe3 cxb3 22.axb3 a5 23.e5!? [23.Rd3
 Qb7 24.Kd2 Qb8 25.Ra1 Rf8=] 23...dxe5! 24.g4?! [24.Rd3 Rf8 25.Ng3 Bb5 26.Rd2] 24...a4!? [24...Bc6!
 25.Rd3 e4 26.Nxe4 Bxe4 27.Rc3 Rc6 28.Qxb6 Rxb6 29.fxe4 Nxc4 30.Rc5 Ra6 31.Kb2 Nf2 32.Rh4 h5–+]
 25.g5! axb3! 26.gxf6 bxc2?? [26...exf6!; 26...b2+ 27.Kb1 Qa7 28.Na2 exf6=] 27.Rxd7! Qa5 28.Rd8+
 [28.fxe7!] 28...Qxd8 29.Qxc5 exf6 30.Kxc2 Kg7 31.Qd5 Qc8 [31...Qxd5 32.Nxd5+–] 32.Rxh7+
 1–0

(26) Bromberger,Stefan (2521) - Papp,Gabor (2583) [B78]

BL2–Ost 1314 Germany (9.2), 18.01.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0–0–0 Rb8
 11.h4 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.h5 Nc4 14.Qf2!? Nxe3 15.Qxe3

CHART NO. 8

P/60	SF15	#	Popul	Result s	16	16...	17	17...	18
15...b 4	-0.09	9	81.8%	55.6%	e5	bxc3	exf6	exf6	Qxc3
15...N xh5	0.00	2	18.2%	25%	g4	Ng3	Rhg1	b4	Nd5

15...e 6	0.13	N/A		N/A	hxcg6	hxcg6	e5	dxh5	Nc6
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(15...e5 +0.35) (15...a5 +1.17)(15...Re8 +1.55)

15...b4! 16.Nce2 [16.e5! bxc3 17.exf6 exf6 18.Qxc3=] **16...e5! 17.Nf5! gxf5 18.h6 f4 19.Nxf4!?** [19.Qxa7 Ra8 20.Qg1 Bh8 21.g3] **19...Ng4! 20.Qd2 Bxh6! 21.Rxh6 Nxh6 22.Nh5 Bg4 23.Rh1 Bxh5 24.Rxh5 Qf6 25.Rxh6 Qf4 26.Qxf4 exf4 27.Rh4 Rb5 28.Bd5 Rc8** [28...Rc5! 29.Rg4+ Kh8 30.Rxf4 Rfc8 31.Bb3] **29.Rxf4 Rc7 30.Rf6?! [30.Rg4+! Kf8 31.b3=] 30...Rbc5! 31.Bb3 Rd7** [31...Rg5 32.g4 Rg6 33.Rf5 Kg7] **32.Rh6 Kg7 33.Rh4 h5!?** [33...Rg5 34.g4 Rg6 35.Rh2] **34.g4 hxcg4 35.Rxcg4+ Kf6 36.Kd2 Rg5 37.Rh4 Rg1 38.Rh5 Rg5 39.Rh8 a5 40.Ra8 Rc7 41.Ke3**

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The idea 14.Qf2!? was recommended by Milos Pavlovic in *The Open Sicilian 1* (2010) P.79

B2 9...Nxd4

(27) Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar (2778) - Mamedov,Rauf (2637) [B77]

Olympiad-45 Budapest (5.1), 15.09.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 [10...Qa5 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Bb3 b5 13.Kb1 b4] **11.Bb3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Kb1 b4 14.Nd5!?** [14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Ne2 Qb5 16.h4=] **14...Bxd5 15.exd5 Qb5 16.Qd3 Qxd3 17.Rxd3 Rfc8!?** [17...Nd7! 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Re3=] **18.Re1 Rc7 19.c3 a5 20.cxb4 axb4 21.g4!?** [21.Rd2! Bh6 22.Rc2 Rxc2 23.Kxc2 Rc8+ 24.Kd3] **21...Rac8 22.Rdd1 Bh6 23.h4 Bf4! 24.Bb6 Rb7 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Kf8 27.Ba4 Rc5 28.Bc6 Ra7!?** [28...Rb6!] **29.g5! Nd7 30.Rd4 Nb6 31.Rb3! e5 32.Rdxb4 Nxd5 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Bxd5 Rxd5 35.R3b7! Rxb7 36.Rxb7 Rd4 37.b4 Rxh4 38.a4 h5 39.gxh6+ Rxh6 40.a5 Rh3 41.a6 Rxf3 42.Rb5 e4 43.a7 e3 44.Kc2**

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(28) Calzetta Ruiz,Monica (2210) - Andersson,Ulf (2645) [B77]

Villarrobledo op Villarrobledo (2), 22.08.1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6

11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0–0–0 Qa5 13.Kb1 [13.Rhe1 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.e5] 13...Rac8 14.h4 Rc4!? [14...Nd7 15.Qc1 Bxd4 16.Rxd4=] 15.Qg5!? [15.Qe2! Rfc8 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxe5] 15...Qxg5 16.hxg5 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rh4 [18.Ne2 e5 19.Nc3 Rf7=] 18...Rf7 19.Nb5 Rc5 20.Nd4 Nf8 21.f4 e5! 22.Nb3!? [22.fxe5! Rxe5 23.Nf3 Rb5=] 22...Rc4!? [22...Rc6! 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.Kc1 Ne6! 25.Rg4 Rd6] 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.c3 Rc7 25.Rd5 Nd7 26.Nd2 [26.Kc2=] 26...Rf2! 27.Nf3?! [27.Rg4! h6 28.gxh6+ Kh7 29.Rg3 Nf6 30.Rd8 Kxh6] 27...Rxxg2! 28.Nxe5 Nb6 29.Rd8 Rxxg5 30.Nf3 Rg2 31.Nd4 Rd7 32.Re8 e5 33.Rxe5 Rxb2+ 34.Kxb2 Nc4+ 35.Kb3 Nxe5 36.Ne6+ Kg8 37.c4 Rd3+ 38.Kb4 Rd6 39.Ng5 h5

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(29) Shirov,Alexei (2639) - Hansen,Sune Berg (2581) [B77]

SWE-chT 1819 Elite Sweden (9.1), 31.03.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.Bc4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6

CHART NO. 9

P/53	SF15	#	Popul	Results	11...	12	12...	13	13...
11.Bxe6	0.45	434		58.2%	fxe6	0-0-0	Qa5	Rhe1	Nd7
11.Bb3	0.21	942		60.8%	Qa5	0-0-0	b5	Kb1	b4
11.Bd5	0.06	8		50.0	Qa5	a4	Rac8	Bxe6	fxe6
11.Nd5	0.00	93		54.8	Bxd5	exd5	Qc7	Bb3	a5
11.Bd3	0.00	8		87.5	Rc8	h4	h5	0-0-0	Qa5
11.Qe2	0.00	0		N/A	Bxc4	Qxc4	Qa5	Qb5	Qxb5

11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0–0–0 Qa5 13.Kb1 [13.Rhe1 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.e5 d5 (15...Nxe5 16.f4 Nc6 17.Rxe6) 16.a3] 13...Rac8 14.Ne2!? [14.f4 Nd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.e5=; 14.h4 Nh5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.e5 Qxe5 17.Rhe1 Qf4 18.Rxe6 Qxd2 19.Rxd2=] 14...Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Nd7 16.b3 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Rf6 [17...e5 18.Ne6 Rf6 19.Ng5=] 18.Kb2 a6 19.Rd3 [19.a4 Ne5 20.h4=] 19...Nc5 20.Re3 e5 21.Ne2 Rff8 22.Nc3 Kf7 [22...b5 23.b4 Nd7 24.Nd5 Kf7=] 23.a4 Rc6 [23...Ne6 24.Re2 h5 25.h4=] 24.a5 Rfc8 25.Nd5 Nd7 [25...Ne6 26.c4 Nf4 27.g3 Nxd5 28.exd5=] 26.c4 Rg8!? [26...b6 27.axb6 e6 28.Nc3 Rxb6=] 27.h4! Rcc8 28.g4 [28.Rc3 Nc5 29.Rc2 h5]

28...e6 29.Nc3 Ke7 30.Rd1 Nb8 31.Red3 Rcd8 32.Na4 Nc6 33.c5 d5 34.Nb6 d4 35.Nc4 Rgf8 [35...h5 36.g5 Rgf8=] 36.b4! Kd7 [36...Rf4! 37.Rb3 Rd7 38.Nd6 Na7 39.Rg1] 37.Kb3!? [37.Rb1 Nxb4?? (37...h5 38.Ka3 Kc7 39.Rg1) 38.Rb3!] 37...Kc7 38.Rh1 h6 [38...h5! 39.Rg1 Rf4] 39.Ka4!? [39.h5 g5 40.Rb1 Rc8 41.Kc2] 39...Rf4! 40.Nd6!? [40.h5 g5 41.Ra1] 40...Rdf8 41.Rh3 Ra8 42.Rb3 Na7 43.Nc4 Nc6 44.Nd6 Na7 45.b5!? axb5+ 46.Nxb5+ Nxb5 47.Kxb5 Rf7 [47...Rg8 48.Rd3 Rd8 49.Kc4=] 48.Ra3 Rd7 [48...Rf4] 49.Rh2 Ra6?! [49...Rf8; 49...d3 50.Rd2 Rad8 51.Rc3 Rd4=] 50.Rb2 [50.g5!? hxg5 51.hxg5 Ra8 52.Rd3 Rc8 53.Kc4] 50...Rd8 51.Kc4 Rd7 [51...Kc6=] 52.Rb6 d3?? 53.Rxd3 Rxd3 54.Kxd3 Rxa5 55.Rxe6

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B3 9...Qa5 (probably transposes to B1 or B2 lines) except it does allow the independent lines where 10...Qa5 facilitates 11...Rfc8

(30) Tkachiev,Vladislav (2642) - Bauer,Christian (2599) [B79]

FRA-chT Gp-B France (5), 02.04.2004

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Bb3 Rfc8 12.Kb1! Ne5 13.Rhe1!? [13.h4 h5 14.Bg5 Rab8 15.Qc1!? Rxc3 16.Bd2 b5 17.Bxc3 b4 18.Bd2 Qc5] 13...Rab8 [13...Rc5 14.Bh6 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Rxc4 17.Qe3 Rac8 18.Rd3] 14.Bg5!? [14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nb3 Qh5 17.e5!] 14...b5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 [17.Nxf6+ Kg7 18.Nh5+ Kh6 19.Rxd2 Kxh5] 17...Kg7 18.f4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.c3 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 e5 22.Rd2 exf4 23.Nxf4 Rc6 24.Rd4 Re8 25.Re2 h5 26.Kc1 Re5 27.Red2 h4 28.Kd1 Bg4+ 29.Ke1 Bf5 30.Re2 Bg4 31.Red2 Bf5 32.Re2 Bg4

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(31) Naroditsky,Daniel (2633) - Nakamura,Hikaru (2798) [B79]

USA-ch Saint Louis (5), 05.04.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Bb3 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Rfc8 13.Kb1 Ne5 14.Bg5 Rxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 a5 [16...Rc8 17.Rhe1 Kf8 18.Kb2 Nc4+ 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Kb3] 17.a3 [17.a4!] 17...Rc8 18.Kb2 Kf8 19.Ne2?!= [19.Rb1 b6] 19...Bb5! 20.Nd4 [20.Nc1 Nfd7 21.Be3 Nc5 22.Bd4 Nc4+=] 20...Ba6 21.Rhe1 Nfd7 22.f4 Nc4+ 23.Bxc4 Bxc4 24.f5 Nc5 25.Re3 Ke8 26.Bf4 Na4+ 27.Kc1 Ba6 28.e5? [28.Rd2 Rc4 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.g3 Nxc3 31.Ne6 Na2+ 32.Kb1 Nc3+=] 28...dxe5 29.Rxe5 [29.Bg5 Nxc3 30.Rde1 Kf8 31.fxg6 exd4 32.Bxe7+ Kg8 33.gxf7+ Kxf7 34.Rf3+ Kg8 35.Bf6 Bh6+ 36.Kb2 Ne2 37.Bg5-+] 29...Bxe5 30.Bxe5 Nxc3 31.Re1 gxf5 32.Bf6! Ne4 33.Nxf5 Bd3 34.c3 Rc5 35.Nxe7 Rb5

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C) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4

CHART NO. 10 P/45

9...	SF15	#	Popul	Results	10	10...	11	11...	12
Be6	0.22	2888	47.6%	54.8%	Be2	d5	Nxe6	fxe6	exd5
h5	0.66	213	3.5	65.5%	gxh5	Nxh5	0-0-0	Qa5	Rg1
Nxd4	0.71	1490	24.6	58.1%	Bxd4	Qa5	h4	h5	g5
e6	0.96	153	2.5	58.6%	h4	d5	0-0-0	Nxd4	Bxd4
Bd7	1.18	933	15.4	67.3%					
Bxg4?!	1.50	390	6.4	55.8%	fxg4	Nxg4	Nxc6	bxc6	Bf4

N=6067

9...Be6 0.13 SF17 P/53 10.Be2 Qa5 9...Ne8 +1.09 9...Qa5 +1.13

Others:9...Nd7/Ne5/d5/Qa5/a6/e5/Re8/Rb8/a5/Ne8/Qb6/Qc7/b6/h6/Nxg4/Kh8 #=1116

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4

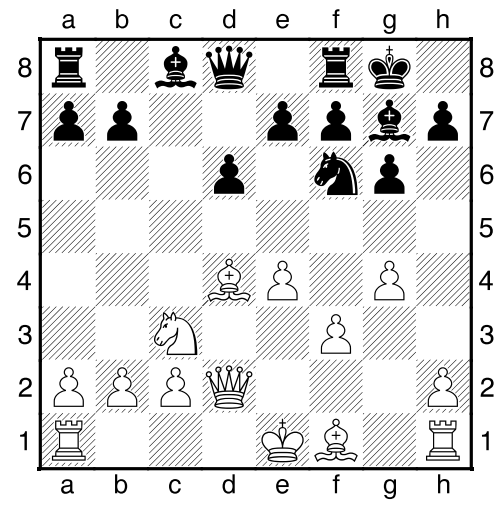


Diagram No. 19. Move 10...Black to Move.

Is 9...Nxd4 10. Bxd4 removing a pair of knights from the board a good idea? How should the players follow-up? Practice has overwhelmingly chosen 10....Be6 11. h4 Qa5. Stockfish suggests that 10...Qa5 and 10...h5 (a move unknown to practice might be the best ways to handle a difficult situation. Since the immediate 9...Be6 seems to be preferable to 9....Nxd4 10. Bxd4 Be6, then black should play the immediate

9...Be6 unless the alternatives 10...Qa5 or 10...h5 end up with better positions.

CHART NO. 11 P/46

10...	SF15	#	Popul	Results	11	11...	12	12...	13
Qa5	0.64	137		62.4%	h4	h5	g5	Ne8	Bxg7
h5	0.67	0		NA	gxh5	Nxh5	Bxg7	Kxg7	0-0-0
e5	1.09	34		73.5	Be3	Be6	0-0-0	Qa5	a3
Be6	1.16	1296		56.7	h4	Qa5	h5	Rac8	a3
Bd7	1.34	21		66.7	h4	h5	0-0-0	Rc8	gxh5
Ne8	1.45	2		100	Bxg7	Kxg7	h4	h6	0-0-0

N=1546

Others: 10...a6/Nd7/b6/e6/h6/Bxg4 #=56 (3.6%)

SF17.1 10...Qa5 11.h4 h5 +0.35 p/58 (Does eval holdup?)

(32) Oll,Lembit (2595) - Georgiev,Kiril (2660) [B76]

Interzonal–16 Biel (6), 1993

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Nd5!? [11.h4! h5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5] 11...Bxd5 12.exd5 Qc7 13.h4 Rac8 14.Rh2! e5!? 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.0–0–0 Nd5 [16...Qf7 17.g5 Nd5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Qe4 Qf4+ 21.Qxf4 Rxf4 22.Bh3! Re8 23.Bg4] 17.Bxg7 Qxg7 18.Re2 Qf7 19.Re4 Rc6 20.Bb5!? [20.Kb1 Nf4 21.h5 d5 22.hxg6 Nxg6 23.Re3 Qf4 24.Qe2] 20...Rb6!? [20...Rc5 21.Be2 Nf4 22.Qxd6 Rd5 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Re7 Nxe2+ 25.Rxe2 Qxf3 26.Qe6+ Kg7 27.Qe5+ Qf6 28.g5 Qxe5 29.Rxe5=] 21.Ba4 Nf4 22.Bb3 d5 23.Rd4 [23.Ra4 a6 24.Kb1 Rc6 25.c4] 23...Rc6 24.Kb1 b5 25.a4 a6 [25...bxa4 26.Rxa4 Rb6] 26.Rb4 Qf6 [26...h6 27.Qe3 Kh7 28.Rd2] 27.h5! gxh5 28.gxh5 Kh8 29.Rh1 [29.axb5 axb5 30.Rxb5 Nxh5 31.c4] 29...Rb6 30.h6 [30.axb5 axb5 31.Ba4 d4 32.Rxb5] 30...e5 31.Re1!? [31.c3 Qd6 32.Bc2 bxa4 33.Bxa4 Rxb4 34.cxb4 Rb8 35.Qc3] 31...d4! 32.c3 bxa4 [32...dxc3 33.Qxc3 e4=] 33.Rxb6 Qxb6 34.Rxe5?? [34.Bxa4 Qa5 35.Qc2 dxc3 36.Re3! Qb6 37.Qxc3 Qxh6=] 34...Qf6!? [34...Qd6] 35.Qxd4 Ng6! 36.Rf5 Qxd4 37.Rxf8+ Nxf8 38.cxd4 axb3 39.Kc1 Kg8 40.Kd2 Kf7

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In the following game It seems that white does get an advantage in this line that is significant by move 15. There seems to be one significant error, and then white (undoubtedly with the benefit of the silicon engine) with perfection, grinds black to oblivion!

(33) Goncharenko,Georgy S (2493) - Liskevich,Valery (2428) [B76]

UKR-chT18 email ICCF email, 15.02.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.h4 h5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Qd7 14.0-0-0 e5 15.dxe6 Qxe6 16.Kb1 d5? [16...hxg4 17.fxg4 Ne4 18.Qg2 Qd5 19.Qg1 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Qe5] 17.g5! Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f4 Nb6 20.b3 Rae8 21.Bb5! Re7 22.Rde1 [22.Rhe1] 22...Qd6 23.Qd4+ Kg8 24.f5 gxf5 25.Rxe7 Qxe7 26.Rf1 Nc8 27.Rxf5 Nd6 28.Rxd5 Nxb5 29.Rxb5 Re8 [29...Rd8 30.Qc3 b6 31.Re5 Qd7 32.Re4 Rc8 33.Qe1+--] 30.a4 b6 31.Kb2 Rd8 32.Qc3 Qd7 33.Rb4 Qd5 34.Rc4 Rd6 35.a5 bxa5 36.Ra4 a6 37.Rxa5 Qe4 38.Rc5 Re6 39.Ka2 Re8 40.Rc6 Re6 41.Rc8+ Re8 42.Qc4 Kg7 43.Rxe8 Qxe8 44.Qxa6 Qe4 45.Qf6+ Kg8 46.Qf2

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(34) Das,Sayantan (2456) - Ruiz Castillo,Joshua Daniel (2395) [B76]

Wch U18 Durban (10), 28.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Qa5 11.h4 h5 12.g5 Ne8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.0-0-0 Nc7 15.f4 Bg4 16.Be2 [16.Re1 b5 17.Nd5 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Nxd5 19.exd5] 16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qc5?! [17...b5! 18.Kb1 b4 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.Rd4 a5] 18.Nd5!? [18.Kb1 b5 19.f5] 18...Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Qc6 20.Rhd1 Rac8 21.Kb1!? [21.R1d4] 21...Qc4! 22.R1d3 Rc5 23.b3 Qb4 24.R5d4 Qb6 25.f5 Re5!? [25...Kg8 26.Rd2 Rfc8 27.Qf2] 26.Rd5?! [26.Qf3 Kg8 27.Rd1 Qc6] 26...Qg1+! 27.Rd1 Qg3 [27...Qg4 28.Qxg4 hxg4 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Rg1 gxf5 31.exf5 f6 32.Rxg4=] 28.Rxe5 Qxe5 29.Qf3 Qh2 [29...f6! 30.Rg1 Qh2 31.Qd1 Qxh4 32.Qd4 Kh7 33.fxg6+ Kg7 34.Qd5 Qf2 35.gxf6+ Rxf6=] 30.Rh1 [30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.fxg6 fxg6 32.Qc4+] 30...Qe5 31.Rf1 Qh2?! [31...b5 32.fxg6 Kxg6 33.Qe3=] 32.fxg6 Kxg6 33.Qf5+ Kg7 34.g6 Qe5?? [34...Qxh4 35.gxf7 Qf6 36.Qh3] 35.Qxe5+! dxe5 36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.gxf7 Kxf7 38.Kb2 Ke6 39.Kc3 Kd6 40.Kb4 Kc6 41.Kc4 e6 42.Kb4 Kb6 43.c4 Kc6 44.c5 Kd7 45.Kb5 Kc7 46.b4 a6+ 47.Ka5 Kc6 48.a3 Kc7 49.b5

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(35) Garcia Moretti, Gerardo - Puoli, Hernan (2305) [B76]

ARG-chT12 04 email ICCF email, 15.02.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Qa5 11.h4 h5 12.g5 Nd7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.f4 Qc5 15.0-0-0 Nb6 16.f5 gxf5 17.Bd3 f4 18.Qxf4 Bg4 19.Rde1 Nd7? [19...Qe5 20.Qxe5+ dxe5 21.Be2 Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Kg6] 20.Nd5! e6 21.Ne3 Ne5 22.Kb1? [22.Qf6+! Kg8 23.Kb1 Rac8 24.Rhg1 Rc7 25.Nxg4 hxg4 26.h5+--] 22...f5! 23.exf5 exf5 24.Rhf1 [24.Nxg4 fxg4 25.Qe4 Nxd3 26.cxd3=] 24...Rae8 25.a3 Ng6 26.Qf2 Re5 27.Nxg4 fxg4 28.Qg2 Rf3 29.Rxe5 Rxf1+ 30.Bxf1 Qxe5 31.Qxb7+ Qe7 32.Qxe7+ [32.Qh1 g3 33.Qh3 Qe1+ 34.Ka2 Qf2 35.Bc4 Ne5 36.Bd5 Ng4 37.c4=] 32...Nxe7 33.b4 Nf5 34.b5 Ne3 35.Bd3 d5 36.Be2 Nc4 37.Kc1 Nxa3 38.Kd2 g3 39.b6 axb6 40.Bf3 d4 41.Bc6 Kf8 42.Be4 Nc4+ 43.Ke2 b5 44.Ba8 b4 45.Kf3 Ne3 46.Be4 g2 47.Kf2 Ke7 48.g6 Ke6 49.Bd3 Kf6 50.Be4 Kg7 51.Kg1 Kf6 52.Kf2 Ke6 53.Kg1 Ke7 54.Kf2 Kf6 55.Kg1 Kg7 56.Kf2 Nc4 57.Kxg2 Ne5 58.Kg3 Nxg6 59.Bf3 Kh6 60.Be4 Kg7 61.Bf3 d3 (The position is even...white lost on time?)

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(36) Nakamura, Hikaru (2775) - Robson, Ray (2614) [B76]

USA-ch Saint Louis (3), 10.05.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Be6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Be2 Qc8 13.h4 Nfd7 14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.e5 Nb6?! [16...Rad8! 17.exd6 exd6 18.h5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3] 17.h5 dxe5? [17...Rad8! 18.hxg6 (18.h6 Bh8 19.Rhe1 Qc6; 18.Qh2 dxe5 19.hxg6 Rxd1+ 20.Nxd1 h6) 18...hxg6 19.Qh2 Kf7] 18.hxg6! hxg6 19.Qh2! Rxf4! 20.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 21.Kb1 Qxh2 22.Rxh2

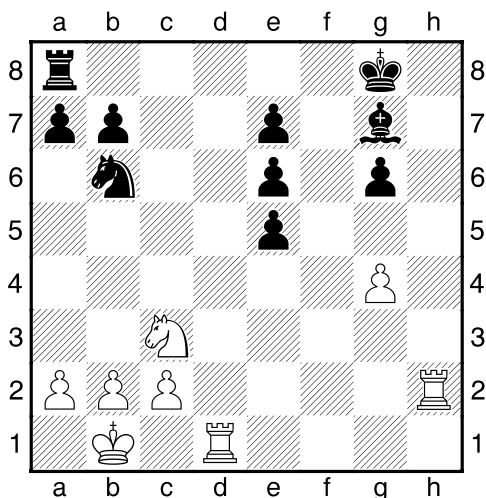


Diagram No. 20. Move 22...Black to move.

This endgame is very instructive.

22...Rf8 23.Ne4? [23.Re2! Rf4 24.g5 Nc4 25.Ne4 Bf8 26.Nd2 Nd6 27.Rxe5 Rf5 28.Rxe6 Kf7 29.Re2 Rxc5 30.Nf3 Rg3 31.Ne5+ Ke8 32.c3+–] **23...Rf4! 24.Ng5?** [24.Rd8+! Kf7 25.Rf2 Bf6 26.Rxf4 exf4 27.Kc1 Nc4 28.Nxf6 exf6 29.Rd7+ Kf8 30.Rd4 b5 31.Rxf4+–] **24...Rxc4! 25.Nxe6 Bf6 26.b3 Nc8 27.c4 Nd6 28.c5 Nb5 29.Rd7 Kf7 30.Rxb7 Rg1+ 31.Kc2 Na3+ 32.Kb2 Nb1 33.Nd8+ Ke8 34.Nc6 e4+ 35.Kc2 Na3+ 36.Kd2 Nb1+ 37.Ke3 Re1+?** [37...Nc3 38.Rxa7 g5=] **38.Kf2 Rc1 39.Rh7! Rc2+** [39...e3+ 40.Kxe3 Rxc5 41.Nxa7 Na3 42.Kf4 Be5+ 43.Kg5 Bf6+ 44.Kxc6 Rg5+ 45.Kh6+–] **40.Kg3?** [40.Ke3! Nc3 41.Ne5!! Nd1+ 42.Kd4 Rd2+ 43.Kc4 Ne3+ 44.Kb5 Nf5 45.Rb8+ Rd8 46.Rxd8+ Kxd8 47.Nxc6 e3 48.Nf4 Nd4+ 49.Kc4 e2 50.Ng2 Nf3 51.Rh1 Ne5+ 52.Kc3 Nd7+ 53.Kb4 Bg5 54.Kc4+–] **40...Rc3+??** [40...Nc3=] **41.Kg4 e3 42.Nxe7 e2 43.Nd5 Rg3+ 44.Kf4 Bg5+ 45.Ke5 e1Q+ 46.Kd6 Bf4+ 47.Nxf4 Rd3+ 48.Nxd3 Qg3+ 49.Ne5 1–0**

(37) Guliyev,Namig (2552) - Sochacki,Christophe (2427) [B76]

Paris-ch 90th Paris (2), 05.07.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.g4 Be6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0–0–0 Ne5 12.Be2 Qc8 13.h4 Nfd7 14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.e5 Rad8 17.h5!? [17.exd6 Nf6 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd6=] **17...dxe5! 18.hxc6?!** [18.f5! exf5 19.hxc6 f4 20.gxh7+ Kh8 21.Bxa7 e4 22.Qd5 Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Ne5 24.Nxe7 Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 Rd8+ 26.Ke2=] **18...exf4! 19.Qh2?!** [19.gxh7+! Kh8 20.Bd4 Ne5 21.Kb1 f3 22.Qf2] **19...h6! 20.Rd4 Qc6!?** [20...Qc5! 21.Bf2 Qg5 22.Bh4 Qxc6 23.Rxf4 Rxf4 24.Qxf4 Ne5] **21.Rxf4 Ne5** [21...Rxf4 22.Bxf4 Ne5] **22.Qh5?** [22.Re4 Rf3 23.Rxe5 Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Rxe3 25.Qh2 Rxc3 26.Qxh6 Rxc2+ 27.Kb1 Rxb2+ 28.Kxb2 Qb6+=] **22...Rxf4! 23.Bxf4 Nd3+!** [23...Nxc4!! 24.Rg1 Bxc3 25.Qxc4 Qd5 26.Kb1 h5–+] **24.cxd3 Bxc3 25.Kb1 Bxb2! 26.Kxb2 Rd5 27.Be5 Rb5+ 28.Ka1 Rxe5 29.Qxe5 Qxh1+ 30.Kb2 Qg2+ 31.Kc3 Qxa2 32.Qb8+?** [32.Qf4!? Qa1+ 33.Kb3 Qg7 34.Qb8+ Qf8 35.Qxb7 Kg7 36.Qxa7 Kxc6] **32...Kg7 33.Qxb7 Qa3+ 34.Kd2 Qc5 35.Qe4 Qg5+ 36.Kc2 Qxc6 37.Qd4+ Kf7 38.Qf2+ Ke8 39.Qd4 a6 40.Qa4+ Kf7 41.Qf4+ Qf6 42.Qe4 Kg7 43.Qa4 e5 44.Qd7 Kg6 45.Qe8+ Kg5 46.Qh5+ Kf4 47.Qh3 a5 48.Qg2 Kg5 49.Qd2+ Kxc6 50.Qxa5 h5 51.Qd5 Kg3 52.Qe4 h4 53.Qe3+ Kg2 54.Qe4+ Kf2 55.Qh1 Qf4 56.Kc3 e4 0–1**

(38) Papp,Gabor (2552) - Jianu,Vlad Cristian (2500) [B76]

Baia Sprie Limpedea Cup 4th Baia Sprie (5), 24.05.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.g4 Be6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.0–0–0 Ne5 12.Be2 Qc8 13.h4 Nfd7 14.f4 [14.h5 Nxf3 15.Nd5 Nxd2 16.Nxe7+ Kf7 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.Bxd2

Ke7=] 14...Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.e5 Rad8 17.exd6 exd6 [17...Nf6!! 18.Qd4!! Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd6=] 18.h5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Nf6 21.hxg6 [21.Bxa7 Nxg4 22.Bb6 Ra8 23.Rxd6 Rxf4 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rxe6 Rxa2=] 21...hxg6 22.Bxa7 Ra8 23.Bd4 Rxa2 24.Kd2 Ra5 [24...Ne4+ 25.Ke3 Nf6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Rxd6 Rxc2 28.Rd8+ Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Kd4=] 25.Rde1 Kf7 26.c4 Re8 27.Bxf6 [27.Rh6 e5 28.Bc3 Rc5 29.g5 Nd7 30.Rh7+ Ke6 31.f5+ gxf5 32.Reh1=] 27...Kxf6 28.Rh7 g5 29.f5 Re5 30.Rh6+ Kf7 31.Rxe5 dxe5 32.Rh7+ Kf6 33.fxe6 Kxe6 34.Rg7 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Kf6 36.Rxb7 Rd4 37.c5 Rxg4 38.c6 Ke6 39.Rg7 Kd5 40.c7 Rc4+ 41.Kb3 Rc6 42.Rxg5 Rxc7

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(39) Berkvens,Joost (2364) - David,Alberto (2487) [B76]

Lost Boys op Amsterdam (4), 14.08.2000

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Be6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0-0? [12.Nb5 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Rad8 14.Nxa7 Nxa7 15.Bxa7 d5 16.Bb6 Bh6+ 17.Kd1 Rc8 18.h4] 12...b5!? [12...Nd7 13.Bc4 Nc5] 13.Kb1? [13.Bxb5 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxb5=] 13...Rab8! 14.g5!? Nd7 15.Rdf1 Nde5!? [15...b4! 16.Nd1 Nb6 17.Bxb6 axb6 18.Bc4 Nd4 19.Qe3 Ra8 20.Bb3 Rfc8 21.Rf2 Rc7 22.f4 Rca7 23.Rhf1 Qc5-+] 16.Nd1 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 Nd4 18.f4 Nxe2 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Be3 a6 21.Nf2 Bf4 22.Bxf4 Nxf4 23.c3 e5 24.Kc2 Ne6 25.h4 Rf4

0-1

(40) Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar (2657) - Cheparinov,Ivan (2572) [B76]

Corus-B Wijk aan Zee (11), 28.01.2005

1.Nc3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.g4 Bxg4?! 10.fxg4 Nxg4 11.Bg1?! e6 12.h4 h5 13.Be2 [13.Qd3 Nce5 14.Qg3 Bh6 15.Be2 Rc8] 13...Bh6 14.Qd3 Nce5 15.Qg3 Rc8 16.Rd1 a6 17.Nf3 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Qxd6 [19.Rxd6 Qc7 20.Bb6 Qb8 21.Nh2! Ne3! 22.Bxe3 Bxe3 23.Rf1] 19...Qf6?? 20.Ke2!? [20.Rh3!!] 20...Rc6 21.Qd4!? [21.e5! Rxd6 22.exf6 Rxd1 23.Nxd1 Nxf6 24.Be3 Bg7+ -] 21...e5? [21...Qe7 22.Bh2 Nxh2 23.Rxh2 b5 24.a3 Rc4 25.Qd3 Qc7 26.Rf2 Bg7] 22.Qd3 Rfc8 23.a3 b5 24.Ne1 [24.Rh3!] 24...Rxc3? 25.bxc3 Kg7 26.Qf3 [26.Rh3!] 26...Qe7 27.Bh2?! Rc4 28.Bg3 [28.Rd5] 28...Nf6 29.Rd3? [29.Kf1 Nxe4 30.Nd3 Nd2+ 31.Rxd2 Bxd2 32.Bxe5+ f6 33.Bg3 Bxc3 34.Rh2] 29...Nxe4 30.Rf1 f5 31.Bh2 f4 32.Rg1? [32.Qh3! Nf6 33.Kf2 Ng4+ 34.Kg1 Qa7+ 35.Kh1 Qe7 36.Kg1 Re4 37.Nf3 Re2 38.Rd2=] 32...Ng3+! 33.Rxg3 e4 34.Rxg6+ Kxg6 35.Qg2+ Kh7 36.Kd1 exd3 37.Nxd3 Qd7 38.Qa8 f3 39.Bg1 Rxh4

0-1

(41) Gokerkan,Cem Kaan (2452) - Jones,Gawain C B (2688) [B76]

Chess24 Banter Blitz Cup chess24.com INT (1.1), 13.11.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Bxg4 10.fxg4 Nxg4 11.Nb3 Rc8 12.Be2? [0-0-0]Nxe3! 13.Qxe3 Nb4 14.Bd3 [14.Qd2 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Qc8=] 14...d5 15.Nxd5!? [15.exd5 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Bxc3+ 17.Kf2 Nxd5 18.Qf3 Qb6+ 19.Ke2 Bxa1 20.Qxd5 Bf6 21.h4=] 15...Nxd5!? [15...Nxc2+! 16.Bxc2 Rxc2 17.Rc1 Rxb2] 16.exd5 Bxb2 17.Rd1 Qxd5!? [17...Bc3+! 18.Kf2 Qxd5 19.Rhf1 Rc7=] 18.0-0 Qe6?? [18...Qe5 19.Qf3 Qc7 20.Nd2 Bg7 21.Kh1=] 19.Qxe6 fxe6 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8 21.Re1 e5 22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Nd2 [23.Rb1!] 23...Bc3 24.Re2 b6 25.Nf3 Kf6 26.Rf2 Kg7 27.Ng5 Kh6 28.Ne4 Bd4 29.Rf7 Rc7?! [29...Rg8 30.Rxe7 Rg7 31.Rxg7 Kxg7+--] 30.Ng3 [30.h4 Be3 31.Kf3 Bd4 32.Kg4 Rc8 33.Ng5 Rh8 34.Rxe7+--] 30...Kg5 31.Rxh7 [31.Ne4+ Kh6 32.h4] 31...Kf4 32.Bxg6 [32.Rf7+ Kg5 33.Ne4+] 32...a5 33.Bd3 Ke3 34.Nf5+ Kd2 35.Nxd4 exd4 36.h4 b5 37.h5 Rc5 38.h6 Rh5 39.Rh8 e5 40.h7 Rg5+ 41.Kf3 Rh5 42.Re8 Rxh7 43.Bxh7 1-0

(42) De Firmian,Nick E (2515) - Garcia Martinez,Silvino (2450) [B76]

Olympiad-26 Thessaloniki (8), 27.11.1984

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 h5 10.gxh5 Nxh5 11.0-0-0 Bd7 12.Rg1 [12.Bc4] 12...Rc8 13.Be2 [13.Kb1] 13...Kh7? [13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Nf4] 14.Kb1 [14.Nf5! Rh8 (14...gxf5? 15.Rg5 Nf6 16.exf5 Kh8 17.Rdg1 Rg8 18.Qe1!) 15.Nxg7 Kxg7 16.h4 Nf6 17.Qe1 Qa5 18.Kb1+--] 14...Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Rc5 17.Qe3 Qb6 18.f4 Nxf4! 19.Qxf4 Rxc3 20.Qh4+ Kg8 21.Qxe7 [21.Bd3! Rfc8 22.Rg2 Bb5 23.Rdg1 d5 24.Bxb5 Qxb5 25.a4 Qb6 26.a5 Qb4 27.Rxg6+ fxg6 28.Rxg6+ Kf7 29.Qh7+ Ke8 30.Rg8+ Kd7] 21...Ba4? [21...Rc7 22.Qf6 Qc5 23.Bd3 Qe5 24.Qf3 Kg7=] 22.Rdf1 d5 23.Bd3 Rc7 24.Qa3!? [24.Rxg6+ Qxg6 25.Qxc7 dxe4 26.Bc4 e3 27.Bd3 Qg2 28.b3 Bc6 29.Qf4+--] 24...dxe4?! [24...Qc6 25.Rxg6+ Qxg6 26.Qxa4 dxe4 27.Bxe4 Qg7] 25.Bxe4 Bb5 26.Rxg6+ Qxg6 27.Bxg6 Bxf1 28.Qg3 fxg6 29.Qxc7 Bg2 30.b3 a6 31.Qe5 Bc6 32.a4 Rf5 33.Qg3 Kg7 34.Kb2 Kh6 35.Ka3 Kg7 36.c4 Rf3 37.Qe5+ Kh7 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.Kb4 Rf5 40.Qe2 Kg7 41.Qc2 Kf7 42.c5 Rf6 43.Ka5 Re6 44.b4 Ke8 45.Qd2 Be4 46.Qd4 Bh1 47.Qg7 Be4 48.b5 axb5 49.axb5 Re7 50.Qf6 Kd7 51.Kb4 Re6 52.Qf8 Re7 53.Kc3 Re6 54.Kd4 Bf5 55.Kc4 Be4 56.Kc3 Re7 57.Kd4 Bg2 58.Qf6 Re4+ 59.Kc3 Rg4 60.Qd6+ 1-0

**D) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 a6
(Dragadorf)**

See 76 NIC 28 “The Rise of the Dragadorf” Simon Williams

a6 can be played on move 6 or 7.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6

(43) Svane,Frederik (2671) - Nakamura,Hikaru (2804) [B75]

Titled Tuesday intern op 06th May Early Chess.com INT (8), 06.05.2025

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 h5 9.0–0–0 Nbd7 10.Kb1 b5 11.a3
Bb7 12.Be2 Rc8 13.Rhe1 Qc7 14.h3 h4 15.Bg5 Nb6 16.Bf1 Nfd7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Bxb5 0–0
[19...axb5 20.Nxb5 Qb8 21.Qxd5] 20.Bxa6 Rb8? [20...Ra8 21.Nb5 Qb6 22.Qxd5 Qxa6 23.Rxe7 Rab8 24.Nd4
Qxa3 25.Bc1 Nb6 26.Qb3 Qa8] 21.Nb5?? [21.c4! N5b6 22.Rxe7 Qc5 23.Re4 d5 24.Be7 Nxc4 25.Bxc4 Qxc4
26.Bxf8 dxe4 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.fxe4+–] 21...Nc3+ 22.Qxc3 [22.bxc3 Qa5 23.c4 Qxa3 24.c3 Bxc3 25.Qa2 Qb4+
26.Kc2 Bxe1 27.Qb3 Qa5 28.Bxe7 Bb4 29.Rb1 Rfe8 30.Qxb4 Qxa6–+] 22...Bxc3! 23.Nxc7 Rxb2+ 24.Kc1 Ra2
0–1**

(44) Firouzja,Alireza (2777) - Carlsen,Magnus (2835) [B75]

Bullet Chess Winners Chess.com INT (3.16), 19.07.2023

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 h5 9.Be2 b5 10.0–0 0–0 11.a4 b4
12.Na2 a5 13.c3 bxc3 14.Nxc3 Ba6!? 15.Ncb5 Nbd7? [15...Bb7 16.Rac1 Ne8 17.Bc4 Na6 18.Rfd1]
16.Nc6 Qe8 17.Nc7 Qc8 18.Nxe7+
1–0**

(45) Shirov,Alexei (2726) - Williams,Simon Kim (2473) [B75]

BCF-chT 0405 (4NCL) West Bromwich (4.1), 21.11.2004

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 a6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 (Diagram)
9.0–0–0 b5 10.g4 Bb7 11.g5 Nh5 12.Nce2 Nb6?! [12...d5 13.Nb3 Ne5=] 13.Ng3 Nxc3 14.hxc3 d5 15.exd5!?
[15.Qf2 Na4 16.e5 Bxe5 17.f4 Bg7] 15...Qxd5?! [15...Nxd5 16.Nb3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qc7 18.Bh3 Qe5 (18...Rd8
19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Nxc5 Bxf3 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Rf1 Bc6 23.Rd1+ Ke8 24.Nxa6 e6=) 19.Bd7+ Kf8 20.Rd3 Qxe3+**

21.Rxe3 Rd8 22.Rd1 h6] **16.b3** [16.Nxb5! axb5 17.Qb4 Qxa2 18.Bxb5+ Kf8 19.Bxb6 Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Qxb2 21.Qxb2 Bxb2 22.Ke3=] **16...Qe5** 17.f4 Qd6 18.Bg2 Nd5 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Rhe1 Qa3+?! [20...0–0 21.Kb1 Rfd8] **21.Kb1 0–0** 22.Qd3 Rfd8 23.Bc1 Qc5 24.Bb2 Bb7 25.Qe3 Rd7 26.Rd3 Rad8 27.Red1 [27.Ne2 Qxe3 28.Rxe3 Bf8 29.Nc1 Bd5=] **27...e5** 28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Qxe5 Bxe5 30.Ne6 [30.Nc6 Rxd3 31.cxd3 Bxc6 32.Bxe5=] **30...Rxd3** 31.cxd3 fxe6 32.Bxe5 Be4 33.Kc2 Bf5 34.Kc3 a5 35.a4 Rc8+ 36.Kd4 b4 37.Ke3 Rc2 38.Kf3 h5?! [38...Rc5 39.Bd4 Rd5 40.Bb6=] **39.gxh6** g5 40.g4 Bg6 41.Ke3 Rc5 42.Bg7 Rc8 43.Kd2 [43.Kd4!] **43...e5?** [43...Rd8 44.d4 Be4 45.Bf6 Rd7 46.Rc1 Bd5 47.Bxg5 Bxb3 48.Be3 Kh7 49.g5] **44.Bxe5!?** [44.Re1! e4 45.dxe4 Kh7 46.e5 Rc2+ 47.Kd1 Rb2 48.e6 Rxb3 49.Re5 Rd3+ 50.Ke2+–] **44...Bf7** 45.Rf1 Bxb3 46.Rf5 Bxa4?? [46...Rc5 47.Rxg5+ Kh7 48.d4 Rc2+ 49.Ke3] **47.Rxg5+!** Kh7 48.Bf4 Rg8 49.Rxa5 Be8 50.Ra7+ Kg6 51.Re7 Rf8 52.Rg7+ Kf6 53.Bg5+ Ke5 54.h7

1–0

Shirov,Alexei (2726) - Williams,Simon Kim (2473) [B75]

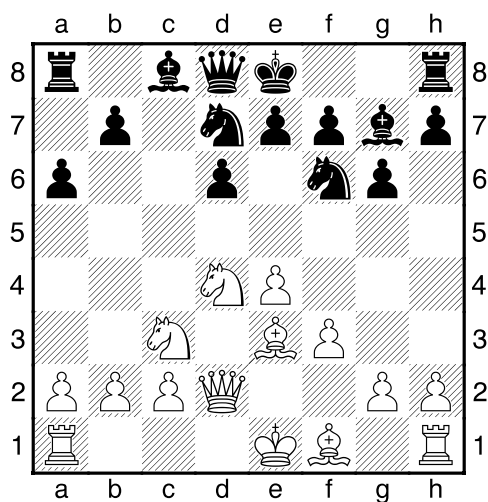


Diagram No. 21. Move 9. White to Move

CHART NO. 12 P/47

9.	SF15		Popul	Results	9...	10	10...	11	11...
g4	1.00	420		59.4	b5	0-0-0	b4	Na4	Ne5
0-0-0	0.74	489		53.6	h5	Bc4	b5	Bd5	Nxd5
Be2	0.55	75		59.5	h5	0-0	0-0	g4	Rc8
Bc4	0.50	154		55.3	b5	Bb3	h5	0-0	Bb7

(46) Ter Sahakyan,Samvel (2480) - Zhou,Yang Fan (2259) [B75]

World ol U16 07th Mersin (7), 22.08.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 a6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.g4 b4 11.Nce2 Ne5 12.Ng3 h5?! [12...Qc7 13.g5 Nfd7 14.h4 a5 15.h5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Qxc4] 13.g5! Nfd7 14.f4! Ng4 15.Bg1 h4!? 16.Nge2!? [16.Ngf5! gxf5 17.Nxf5 Rh7 18.Be2 Nge5 19.Bd4! Qa5 20.Kb1 Bh8 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Rhf1+--] 16...Bb7 17.Bg2 Nc5!? [17...e5 18.h3 exd4 19.hxg4 d3 20.Qxd3] 18.h3! Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Qe1 Ne5 [20...Qa5 21.Kb1] 21.fxe5 Qa5 22.exd6 Qxa2 23.d7+ Kf8 24.c4 Qa1+ 25.Kc2 b3+ 26.Kd3! Nc5+ 27.Ke3 Qxb2 28.Nc6 Nb7 29.Qb4 Nd6 30.Bh2 a5 31.Rxd6! Bd4+ 32.Rxd4 axb4 33.d8Q+ Rxd8 34.Rxd8+ Kg7 35.Be5+

1-0

E) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 h5**(47) Caruana,Fabiano (2773) - Kramnik,Vladimir (2753) [B75]**

Dortmund NC (No Castling Rules) World Masters Dortmund (5), 01.07.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 h5 8.Bc4 h4!? [8...a6 9.Qd2 b5 10.Bd5] 9.Kf2!? [9.Qd2 Qc7 10.Bb3] 9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 [10.Qd2 Bd7 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.a4=] 10...bxc6 11.e5 dxe5? [11...Nh7 12.exd6 exd6 13.Bd4 0-0=] 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Bxf7 Bf5 14.Rad1+ [14.Bb3 e4 15.Rad1+ Ke8 16.Rhe1] 14...Kc7 15.Bb3 e4 [15...Bh6 16.Rhe1 Bxe3+ 17.Rxe3 Nd7] 16.Rhe1 Rhd8!? [16...e5 17.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 18.fxe4 Bxe4 19.Be6 Rad8 20.Bg5] 17.Bf4+! Kb7 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Bg5! Rd4!? [19...Rh8 20.h3 Rh5 21.Bd2 Rh8+--] 20.Na4!? [20.Bxh4 exf3 21.Rxe7+ Rd7 22.Rxg7 Ng4+ 23.Kxf3 Rxg7 24.h3 Ne5+ 25.Kf4 Rh7 26.Bf2]

20...Nd7?! 21.c3! Rd6 22.fxe4 Bg4 23.h3 Bh5 24.Bxh4 Ne5 25.Bxe7 [25.g4 Nd3+ 26.Ke2 g5 27.Bxg5 Nxe1 28.Kxe1 Be8 29.Nc5+-] 25...Rd2+ 26.Kf1 Bh6 27.Nc5+ Kb6 28.Bf6! Nf3 [28...Nd7 29.Nxd7+ Rxd7 30.e5 g5 31.e6 Rd3 32.e7 Be8 33.Re6 g4 34.hxg4 Bc1 35.Bc2 Rd5 36.c4 Rd2 37.Bf5 a5 38.g5+-] 29.Na4+ Ka5 30.gxf3 Bxf3 31.h4 [31.c4!] 31...Rh2 32.Bd8+ Kb5 33.c4+ Kb4 34.Be7+ Ka5 35.a3 Ka6 36.Bg5 Bf8 37.e5 c5 38.Re3 Bc6 39.e6 Bd6 40.e7
1-0

(48)Firouzja,Alireza (2777) - Andreikin,Dmitry (2729) [B70]

Chess.com Speed Chess Chess.com INT (1), 08.09.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f3 Nc6 7.Be3 h5 8.Bc4 Bd7 9.Bb3 Bg7 10.Qd2 [10.Qd3 Na5 (10...Nb4??? 11.Qc4) 11.h3 0-0] 10...Rc8 11.0-0-0 Na5 12.Bg5!? [12.Kb1; 12.Rhe1] 12...Nxb3+ 13.axb3 0-0 14.Kb1 a5?! [14...Rc5 15.Be3 Qb8 16.Nde2 Rc7 17.Nf4] 15.h3 b5?! 16.Ndxb5 Qb6 17.Be3? [17.e5! Bxb5 18.exf6 exf6 19.Be3 Qb7 20.Qxd6 Bc6 21.Rhe1+-] 17...Qb7 18.Na3 Be6 [18...a4! 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxa4 Bxa4 21.bxa4 e4 22.Bd4 exf3 23.gxf3 Ra8] 19.Bd4 h4 [19...Rb8] 20.Na4 Rc6 [20...Rb8 21.Qxa5 Bxb3 22.cxb3 Qxb3 23.Nb6 Nxe4! 24.Qa4!+-] 21.Qg5 [21.Qxa5] 21...Rfc8 [21...Qb4] 22.Rd3 [22.Qxa5] 22...Nxe4! 23.fxe4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxc2! (Diagram)

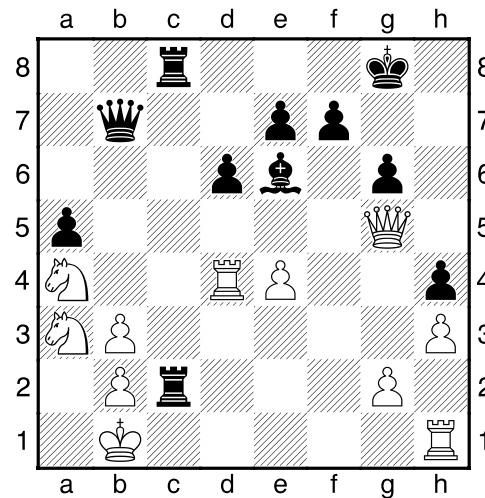


Diagram No. 22. Move 25. White to Play.

25.Qb5? [25.Nxc2! Qxb3 26.Qe3! Qa2+ 27.Kc1 Qa1+ 28.Kd2 Qxh1 29.Ne1! Qf1] 25...Qxb5 26.Nxb5 Rxb2!? [26...Bxb3! 27.Nac3 Rxb2 28.Na3 Rc5+-] 27.b4? [27.Rd3! d5 28.Re3 dxe4 29.Nd4 Bf5 30.Nb6 Rd8

31.Nc6 Re8] **27...axb4 28.Rxb4 Rg3!?** [28...Rb8!] **29.Nac3?** [29.Nb6! Rb8 30.Nd4] **29...Bxh3?** [29...Rhx3 30.Rhx3 Bxh3 31.Rd4 Bg2—+] **30.Nd5! Kf8!?** [30...Rb8! 31.Nxe7+ Kf8 32.Nc6 Rb6 33.Nbd4 Rxb4 34.Nxb4 g5] **31.Nd4?** [31.Nf4!! Bg4 32.Rxh4! Rg1+ 33.Ka2 Ra8+ 34.Kb3 g5! 35.Rh8+ Kg7 36.Rxa8 gxf4 37.Rd4 Be2 38.Nc3 f3 39.Rd5 e6 40.Rd2 f2 41.Nxe2 f1Q 42.Nxg1 Qxg1 43.Ra4=] **31...g5! 32.Rb7?** [32.Re1 Bg4 33.Ne3 Bh5 34.Ndf5 Rf3 35.Rg1—+] **32...Bg2! 33.Re1 h3 34.Nf5 Rd3??** [34...Rf3!] **35.Ndxe7??** [35.Rxe7 h2 36.Nb6 Rd8 37.Nd7+ Rxd7 38.Rxd7=] **35...Re8 36.Ka2** [36.Rc7 h2 37.e5 Be4 38.Kc1 dxe5 39.Rc4 h1Q 40.Rxh1 Bxh1 41.Rc7 Be4—+] **36...h2 37.Nc6 Bxe4 38.Rxe4 Rxe4 39.Nh6 Ra4+ 40.Kb1 h1Q+ 0—1**

(49) Firouzja,Alireza (2760) - Carlsen,Magnus (2830) [B70]

Chessable Masters Div 1 Win Chess.com INT (4.4), 07.02.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Nc6 7.Be3 h5 8.Bc4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bh6 11.Be3!? [11.Qd3; 11.Qf2] **11...Bxe3 12.Qxe3 Rc8 13.Bb3 Qa5 14.0—0—0 Qc5 15.Rhe1 b5!?** [15...Qxe3+ 16.Rxe3=] **16.e5 Qxe3+ 17.Rxe3 dxe5 18.Rxe5 a6 19.a4!?** [19.Rd6! Rc6 20.Rxc6 Bxc6 21.Rc5 Bd7 22.a4] **19...Rb8** [19...bxa4 20.Nxa4 Bb5] **20.axb5** [20.Rd6!] **20...axb5 21.Nd5** [21.Rd4! Kf8 22.Ne4 Bf5 23.Ng5 e6 24.Rb4 h4 25.Rexb5] **21...Nxd5 22.Rexd5 Rb7 23.Kd2 e6 24.Rd4 h4 25.Kc3 Ke7 26.Kb4 g5 27.Ra1 Bc6 28.Rd3 Rd7** [28...g4!] **29.Rxd7+ Bxd7 30.c4 bxc4 31.Bxc4 h3 32.g3 Bc6 33.Rf1 Kd6 34.Kc3 Rc8 35.f4 Bg2 36.Rf2 g4 37.Rd2+ Bd5 38.b3 Ra8 39.f5 Ra1 40.fxe6 fxe6 41.Be2 ½—½**

SECTION TWO: Classical Dragon

F) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0—0 0-0 8. Nb3 0-0

G) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0—0 0-0 8.Be3 Nc6

G1) 9.Qd2 d5

G2) 9.Qd2 Nxd4

G3) 9.Qd2 Bd7

G4) 9.Qd2 Ng4

**F) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7
7.0-0 0-0 8. Nb3 0-0**

CHART NO. 13

P/51	SF15	#	Popul	Results	9...	10	10...	11	11...
9.Re1	0.00	2852	19.6	57.2%	a6	h3	Bd7	Bf1	b5
9.Be3	0.00	6318	43.4	48.4	a6	a4	Be6	a5	Bxb3
9.Kh1	0.00	912	6.5	52.6	a6	Be3	Bd7	f4	b5
9.h3	0.00	43	0.3	48.4	Be6	Be3	d5	exd5	Nxd5
9.a4	0.00	9	<0.1	38.9	Be6	Be3	d5	exd5	Nxd5
9.Bg5	-0.12	4093	28.1	56.2	a6	a4	Be6	Kh1	Na5

9.f4 -0.26 318 2.2% b5! a3 Qb6+ Kh1 a5

9.Others f3/Rb1/Bf4/Nd5/Bf3/Qe1/g4

N=14,545

(50) Loncar,Robert (2385) - Kozul,Zdenko (2570) [B70]

CRO-ch Slavonski Brod, 1995

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f4 g6 7.Nb3 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Bf3?! [10.a3 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 a5 12.Qd3 Ng4 13.Qg3=] 10...b4! 11.Nd5 Nxd5!? [11...a5 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.a4 Bb7] 12.exd5 Na5 13.Kh1 Nc4 14.Nd4 Bb7 15.Nc6 Bxc6 16.dxc6 Rc8 [16...Nxb2 17.Bxb2 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bc3] 17.Qd5 Na5 18.Qb5 Qb6 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.a3 Nxc6 21.axb4 Nxb4 22.c3 Nd3 23.Ra6 [23.Ra7 e6 24.Be2 Nxc1 25.Rxc1 d5] 23...b5! 24.Ra1 Rc7 25.Be2 Nxc1 26.Raxc1 Rb8 27.Ra1 b4 28.cxb4 Rc2 29.Bd3 Rd2 30.Rad1 Rxd1 31.Rxd1 Rxb4 32.Rb1 [32.g3 Rxb2 33.Rb1 Ra2-+] 32...Bxb2 33.g3 d5 34.Bc2 e6 35.Kg2 f6 36.h4 Kg7 37.Kf3 e5 38.fxe5 fxe5 39.Ke2 e4 40.Rd1 Bd4 41.Rb1 Rxb1 42.Bxb1 Kf6 43.g4 Ke5 44.Bc2 Bc5 45.g5 d4 46.Bb3 d3+ 47.Kd2 Kd4 0-1

(51) Ermenkov,Evgenij (2465) - Chandler,Murray G (2560) [B70]

Olympiad-29 Novi Sad (4), 20.11.1990

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nb3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6 10.Bf1 a5 11.a4 Rc8!? [11...d5 12.Nc5 Qb6 13.exd5 Rad8 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.Qc1 Qxc3 16.Ra3 Qe5 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.dxc6=] 12.Nd5! Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb4 14.c4 Nd7 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Qd2 Ne5 17.Rec1 b6 18.h3 [18.Bf4 Nd7 19.g3 Ne5 20.Nd4 Rc5 21.Be2=] 18...Nd7 19.Re1 Ne5 20.Rec1 Nd7

1/2-1/2

(52) Carlsen,Magnus (2839) - Movahed,Sina (2596) [B70]

1st Thursday Nov 20th Chess.com INT (8), 20.11.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nc6 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Bf1 Rc8 11.Nd5 a5 12.a4 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb4 14.c4 Nd7 15.Ra3!? Re8 16.Nd2 Nc5 [16...Ne5 17.Rae3 Na2 18.b3 Nxc1 19.Qxc1 Qb6 20.Qd1=] 17.Ne4 e5 18.Bg5 [18.dxe6 Rxe6 19.Rae3 Qc7 20.Nc3=] 18...f6?! [18...Qb6=] 19.Nxc5 Rxc5 20.Be3 b6!? [20...Rc8 21.c5 f5 22.Bb5 Rf8] 21.g4!? [21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.g4 Bh6 23.Rh3 Bf4 24.Bg2 Qd7 25.Kh1] 21...Rc8 22.Rc3 Na6 23.h4 Nc5 24.h5 e4 25.Bd4 Rc7 26.Rg3 Bh6 27.Rh3 Bf4 28.Bg2 f5? [28...Rg7 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.Bxe4 f5 32.Bc2=] 29.hxg6 Qg5 30.Rh5!? [30.gxf5! Qxf5 31.Qh5 Qxh5 32.Rxh5 h6] 30...Qxg6?? [30...Qxg4! 31.Qxg4 fxg4 32.gxh7+ Rxh7=] 31.Rxf5?? [31.gxf5!!] 31...Qh6 32.Bxc5 [32.Rh5 Qg6 33.Rf5 Qh6=] 32...bxc5?? [32...Rxc5 33.Rh5 Qg6 34.Rf5=] 33.Rxe4 Rxe4 34.Bxe4 Rf7?! 35.Qf3 Rxf5 36.Bxf5 Kg7 37.Kg2? [37.Qc3+! Be5 38.Qxa5 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qf4 40.Qc7+-] 37...Be5! 38.b3 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qh6 40.Bd3 Qf4 41.Ke2 h6 42.Qxf4 Bxf4 43.Kf3 Be5 [43...Bd2=] 44.Ke4 Kf6 [44...Bc3=] 45.b4 cxb4 46.f4 Bc3 47.c5 dxc5 48.Bc4 Bd2?? [48...Ke7!=] 49.d6! Bc3 50.Kd5 Bd2 51.f5 Bf4 52.Kxc5 Ke5 53.d7 Bg5 54.Kc6 Kd4 55.Bb3 Kc3 56.Ba2 b3 57.Bxb3 Kxb3 58.Kc7 Kxa4 59.d8Q Bxd8+ 60.Kxd8 Kb5 61.f6 a4 62.f7 a3 63.f8Q a2 64.Qe8+ 1-0

G) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3 Nc6 If 9. Qd2

CHART NO. 14 P/45

9...	Sf15	#	Popul	Results	10	10...	11	11...	12
Nxd4	0.18	248	7.3%	45.8%	Bxd4	Be6	f4	Rc8	Rad1
Bd7	0.18	1793	52.8	42.2%	f3	a6	a4	Nxd4	Bxd4
a6	0.14	517	15.2	48.8%	Rfd1	Bd7	a4	Rc8	Nxc6
d5	0.06	508	15.0	52.2%	exd5	Nxd5	Nxc6	bx6	Rfd1

Others:Re8/Bg4/Qa5/Ne5/Qc7/Be6/e5/e6/Ne8/Rb8/Nd7/Qb6 (331)(9.7%)

- G1) 9.Qd2 d5
- G2) 9.Qd2 Nxd4
- G3) 9.Qd2 Bd7
- G4) 9.Qd2 Ng4

G1) 9.Qd2 d5

(53) Kamsky,Gata (2720) - Radjabov,Teimour (2756) [B73]

Bazna Kings 3rd Bazna (2), 15.06.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd4 12.c4 [12.Bxd4 Qxd5 13.Rfd1 Rd8=; 12.Rfd1 Qxd5 13.Bxd4 Rd8 14.c3=] 12...e5 [12...Nf5 13.Rfd1 Be6=; 12...Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 e6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Rad1=] 13.Rad1 [13.Bxd4 exd4 14.Bf3 Qd6 15.Rfe1=] 13...Be6 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Nf4 Bf5 [15...Bd7 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Nd5 Bf5=] 16.Bf3 [16.Bd3 Bg4 17.Be2 Bf5; 16.b3 Re8 17.Bf3] 16...Rc8 17.b3 Qd7 [17...b5!? 18.Bd5 bxc4 19.bxc4 Re8 20.Rfe1=] 18.a4 Rfe8 19.h3 b6 20.Bd5? [20.Nd5 h5 21.Rde1 Rcd8=] 20...Qe7? [20...Bh6! 21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 d3 23.g4 Bxg4 24.Qxd3 (24.hxg4 Qxg4+ 25.Kf1 Qxf4 26.Qxd3 Bf8–+) 24...Bxf4 25.hxg4 Qxg4+ 26.Kf1] 21.Nd3 Qa3 22.g4 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Qb4 24.Qf3 Re7 25.h4 Rce8 26.Rd3 Qd6 27.Kg2 h6 28.Rh1 a5 29.Rdd1 Be5 30.h5 g5 31.Rhe1 Qf6 32.Re4 Qxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Kg7 34.Rb1 Bd6

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(54) Rizouk,Aimen (2532) - Jones,Gawain C B (2635) [B73]

BCF-chTc 1112 (4NCL) England (10.131), 06.05.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bd4!? [13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.c3 Rd8 15.Rac1=] 13...e5! 14.Bc5 Rd8 15.Na4?! [15.Bc4 Bf5 16.Bb3 h5 17.Qe2 a5] 15...Bf5 16.Ba6!? [16.Bc4 Nf4 17.Qc3 Be4 18.g3 Nd5] 16...Rab8 [16...Rd7! 17.c4 Nf4 18.Bd6 Qd8 19.c5 Qg5! 20.Bf1 Be4 21.g3 Bf3!] 17.c4? [17.Bc4] 17...Nb4! 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Bxb4 Bc2 21.b3 e4 22.Re1 Bd4

0–1

G2) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 Nxd4

(55) Jurkovic,Ante (2340) - Saric,Kristina (2121) [B73]

Bosnjaci op 9th Bosnjaci (4), 05.01.2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.f4 Qa5!? [11...Rc8 12.Rad1 a6 13.Kh1 b5 14.Bf3=] 12.f5? [12.Rad1 Rfc8 13.Kh1 Bc4 14.Bd3 Rc6 15.a3] 12...Nxe4! 13.Qd3 [13.Qe3 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxf5–+] 13...Bxd4+ 14.Qxd4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxf5 16.Kh1 Rac8 17.c4 Qc5 [17...Bxc2 18.Rac1 Ba4–+] 18.Qh4 Rc7!? [18...Bxc2 19.Rae1 Rc7 20.h3 Kg7] 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.cxd3 d5 21.Rac1 Qa3 22.Qf4 Rd7 23.Qd4 Qa4 24.Qf2 dxc4 25.Rxc4 Qb5 [25...Qa3!]

26.Rd4 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 e5!? [27...b6 28.a4 Qc6 29.a5 Qc7 30.axb6 axb6 31.Rb1 Rd8 32.Qxb6 Qxb6 33.Rxb6 Rxd3—+] 28.Qd6 e4 29.Rd1 exd3 30.Qxd3 Qxd3 31.Rxd3 Rc8 32.h3 Rc2 [32...Rc4! 33.Ra3 a6 34.g3 h5 35.h4 Kg7 36.Ra5 Rc2 37.Ra4 Kf6—+] 33.Ra3 a6 34.Kh2 Kg7 35.Kg3 h5 36.h4 Kf6 37.Kf3 Kf5 38.Ra5+ Ke6 39.g3 f6 40.Ra4 g5 41.hxg5 fxg5 42.Ra5 Kf6 43.Ra3 Rc6 44.Rd3 b5 45.a3 a5 46.Rd5 Rc3+ 47.Kf2 Rxa3 48.Rxb5 a4 49.Ra5 Ra1 50.Kg2 a3 [50...g4 51.Rxh5 a3 52.Ra5 Ra2+ 53.Kf1 Ke6 54.Ra4 Kd5 55.Rxg4 Rb2] 51.Ra6+ Ke7 52.Ra5

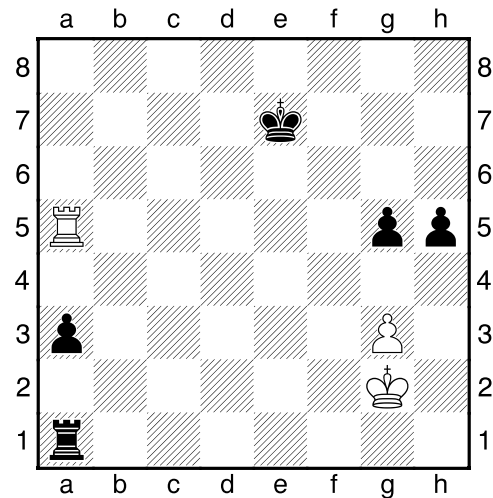


Diagram No. 23.

Move 52...Black to Move

52.... a2?? [52...g4 53.Kf2 Kd6 54.Ra6+ Kc5 55.Ra7 Kd4—+; 52...Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Ra1 54.Rxg5 a2 55.Rg7+ Kd6 56.Rg6+ Kd5 57.Rg5+ Kd4—+; 52...Kf6 53.Kf3 g4+ 54.Kf4 a2 55.Ra6+ Ke7 56.Ra7+ Kd6 57.Ra6+ Kd5 58.Ra5+ Kc4 59.Kg5 Kb3 60.Rb5+ Ka4 61.Rf5 Rb1 62.Rf8 Rb5+ 63.Kh4 a1Q] 53.Ra6 h4 54.gxh4 gxh4 55.Kh2 h3 56.Ra4 Kd6 57.Ra5 Kc6
1/2—1/2

G3) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 Bd7

(56) Glek,Igor Vladimirovich (2505) - Henrichs,Thomas (2415) [B73]

Biel MTO op Biel (3), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Rad1 Rc8 11.h3 a6 12.f4 b5 13.a3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 15.Bf3 a5 16.Rfe1 [16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 b4 18.axb4 axb4

19.Rde1=] **16...Re8 17.Qf2** [17.Qd3 b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.Nb5] **17...b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nd7 21.Re2 Rb8!?** [21...Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Qa5 23.Rde1 Qb6=] **22.b3** [22.Kh2 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Qb6 24.Qd2=] **22...Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Qb6 24.g4 Nc5?! [24...Rb7 25.Kg2 Kg7 26.h4 h6 27.g5 hxg5 28.hxg5 f5=] 25.g5** [25.h4 Nd7 26.h5 gxh5 27.g5 e5 28.dxe6 Rxe6 29.Bxh5 Rxe2 30.Bxe2] **25...Rb7** [25...f5 26.h4 Nd7 27.Rc4 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Rb7 29.h5 Kf7 30.Re1 Ra8=] **26.h4 Ra7?** [26...Nd7 27.h5 f5 28.Rc4 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Kf7=] **27.h5!?** [27.Rc4! Ra1+ 28.Kg2 Qa5 29.Qd4 Rc1 30.h5 Qa1 (30...gxh5 31.Bxh5 Qa2 32.f5) 31.Qxa1 Rxa1 32.Rxb4+--] **27...e5** [27...Nd7] **28.fxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Rc4! Ra5 31.h6** [31.Bg4!] **31...Qd6 32.Kg2 e4** [32...Rb5 33.Qd2 Rb8 34.Rxb4+--] **33.Bxe4 Qe5 34.Qf6 Qxf6 35.gxf6 Kf8 36.Rxb4**
1-0

G4) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Ng4

(57) Short,Nigel D (2663) - Motylev,Alexander (2676) [B73]

Corus-B Wijk aan Zee (10), 28.01.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Qd2 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.h3 [11.Nd5 Rc8 12.c4 Bd7 13.b3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 b5] **11...Bd7 12.Rad1 Qa5 13.f4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5!?** [14...Rac8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd4+ Kg8 17.Rf2 Rfe8 18.f5 Qc5 19.Qd3 Qe5 20.Nd5 Bc6=] **15.Be3!?** [15.fxe5! dxe5 16.Be3 Bc6 17.Nd5 Qxd2 18.Rxd2 Bxd5 19.Rxd5] **15...exf4 16.Rxf4 Bc6 17.Bd4 Be5 18.Rf6 Rae8 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Qf2 Qb4 21.Rf1 Qd4 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5?! [23.Qxd4 exd4 24.exd5 Rd8 25.Re1 Rxd5 26.Re7=] 23...Qxd5 24.Qxa7 Ra8** [24...Re7! 25.Qa3 Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Rd7 27.c3 Qd5 28.Qb3 Qxb3 29.axb3 e4 30.R6f4 Re8 31.Re1 f5 32.g4 Re5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Ref1 Rf7] **25.Qb6 Rxa2 26.Rd6 Rxb2 27.Rxd5** [27.Rxf7! Rxb6 (27...Qxf7 28.Qxb2 Qf1+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+=) 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Rxd5=] **27...Rxb6 28.Rxe5 f6 29.Rc5 Rf7 30.Rd1 Kg7 31.Kf2 h5 32.h4 Re7 33.Rd3** [33.Rd8 Rc6 34.Rxc6 bxc6=] **33...Rb4 34.g3 f5 35.Rb3 Rd4** [35...Rg4 36.Kf3 Rf7=] **36.Rcb5 Rdd7 37.c4 Kh6 38.c5 Rf7 39.R5b4 Rc7 40.Kf3 Rfd7 41.Rb6 Rf7 42.R3b4 Rfe7 43.R4b5 Red7 44.Rb3 Rxc5 45.Rxb7 Rd6 46.Ra7 g5 47.hxg5+ Kxg5 48.Rg7+ Rg6**
½-½

SECTION THREE: Odds and Ends

6.f4 Levenfish/ 6. f3/ 6. g3/ 6.h3 Variations with Bg5

**H) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. f4
“Levenfish”**

**I) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. g3 (White
also Fianchetto’s on the K-Side)**

**J) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. h3
(White wants to post one bishop on c4 and the other on e3 and
avoid the disruptive black move ...Ng4)**

**K) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 white plays an
early Bg5**

**H) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. f4
“Levenfish”**

CHART NO. 15

	SF15	#	Popul	Results	7	7...	8	8...	9
6...Nc6	0.00	3101	58.7%	49.0%	Be3	Bg7	Be2	0-0	0-0
6...a6	0.24	589	11.1	48.0%	e5	dxe5	fxe5	Ng4	e6
6...Bg7	0.44	1596	30.2	68.6%	Bb5+	Bd7	e5	Nh5	Qe2

6. Others 6...Nbd7/e5/Bg4/Nfd7/e6/Qa5/Qb6/Bd7/Qc7/Bh6/d5 #749

N=5286

(58) Van der Wiel,John (2560) - Piket,Jeroen (2500) [B71]

Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (4), 17.01.1989

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.f4 g6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 dxe5!? [8...Bg4!? 9.Be2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nd5 12.e6 f5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Bg5 Bg7 15.Rd1 Qa5+=; 8...Nd7!] **9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Bf4 Be6 12.h3 Bh6! 13.Ne2 [13.Bxh6 Nxh6 14.0-0-0+ Kc7 15.Bd3] 13...Bxf4!? [13...Ne3! 14.Bxh6 Nxc2+ 15.Kf2 Nxa1 16.Nd4! Bd5 17.Be2] 14.Nxf4 Nxe5 15.Nxe6+ fxe6 16.0-0-0+ Kc7 17.Re1 Kd6 [17...Nd7 18.Rxe6 Rhe8 19.Be2 Nc5 20.Re5 Nd7 21.Ra5] 18.Re3 Nd7 19.Bc4 e5 20.Rd1+ Kc7 21.Be6 Rhd8 22.Rde1 Rab8 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.Rxe5 Kd8 [24...Rf8 25.Rxe7 Rf2 26.R1e2 Rf1+ 27.Re1 Rf2 28.R7e2 Rdf7] 25.b3 Rbb7 26.R5e4 Rd6 27.Rf1 Ke8 28.Ref4!? [28.Rfe1] 28...Rb5 [28...Re6] 29.Rf8+ Kd7 30.Ra8 Ra5 31.a4 Rf6 32.Rd1+ Rd6 33.Rxd6+ Kxd6 34.g4 e6 35.Rd8+ Ke7 [35...Kc7 36.Re8 Kd6] 36.Rc8 Kd6 37.Rg8 Rg5!? [37...Rd5 38.Rg7 e5 39.Rxa7 e4 40.Rf7 Ke5 41.Rf1 e3 42.Rd1 Rc5 43.Rd7 Ke4 44.Kd1 h5 45.Rd6 hxg4 46.hxg4 e2+ 47.Kd2 Ke5 48.Rd8 e1Q+ 49.Kxe1 Rxc2=] 38.Rg7 h5 39.Rxa7 [39.gxh5 Rxh5 40.Rxa7 Rxh3=] 39...hxg4 40.hxg4 Rxg4 41.Rb7 c5 42.Kd2 g5 43.a5 Rb4 44.Rg7 Rb5 45.a6 Ra5 46.a7 Kc6 47.Kc3 Kb6 48.Kc4 Rxa7 49.Rg6 Re7 50.c3 Re8 51.Rxg5 Rh8 52.Re5 Rh4+ 53.Kd3 Rh3+ 54.Kd2 Rh2+ 55.Re2 Rh6 56.Kd3**

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(59) Larsen,Bent (2620) - Lein,Anatoly (2535) [B71]

Lone Pine op Louis D. Statham Masters Lone Pine (7), 02.04.1979

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.f4 g6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.exd6 exd6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Nb6!? [12...d5! 13.f5 Re8 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.Kb1 Rb8] 13.Be2?! [13.h4 h5 (13...Bxh4? 14.g4 Bxg4 15.Qh2) 14.Bd3 Rb8 (14...Bxh4 15.Be2 Re8 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 Rxe3 18.Rxh4=) 15.Qf2] 13...d5! 14.h4 h5 15.g4 Bxg4 16.Bxg4 Nc4! 17.Qd3 Qb8!? [17...hxg4! 18.h5 g5 19.h6 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Kh8 21.Rde1 Bf6!-+] 18.b3 Ba3+?! [18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Re8 20.Qg3 hxg4 21.Qxg4 Qb4 22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Qg3 Qa3+ 24.Kb1 a5] 19.Kb1 Re8?? [19...Nxe3! 20.Qxe3 hxg4 21.h5 Re8 22.Qd2 g5! 23.fxg5 Qe5 24.Rde1 Qh8 25.Ref1 Re2!] 20.Bd4! Nb2 21.Qd2 hxg4 [21...Nxd1 22.Bxd1 Qd6 23.f5 Bc5 24.fxg6 fxg6 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Bxh5! Qe3 27.Qg2+-] 22.f5! Nxd1 [22...Nc4 23.Qh6!] 23.Qh6 Nxc3+ 24.Bxc3 Re5 25.fxg6 fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Rf1+ Ke7 28.Rf7+ Kd8 29.Qg8+ Re8 30.Bf6+ Be7 31.Bxe7+ 1-0

(60) Nunn,John DM (2590) - Miles,Anthony John (2575) [B71]

London Phillips&Drew London, 1982

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.exd6 exd6 10.Be3 Nf6
11.Qd2 Bg7 [11...d5!] 12.0-0-0 d5 13.Bc5 Be6 14.Qd4 Qa5 15.Bb4 Qc7 16.g3 [16.Re1 Rb8 17.Bc5 Rg8
18.Qd2 Nd7 19.Ba3 Bf8=] 16...Rb8 17.Ba3 Rg8 18.Qa4!? [18.Qd2 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Bd3 Qd6] 18...Qb6!
19.Bg2?! [19.Re1! Kd8 20.Qa6 Bf8 21.Qxb6+ axb6 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Bd3] 19...Nd7! 20.Rd3 Bf5 21.Re1+ Kd8
22.Rf3? [22.Be7+! Kc8 23.Nxd5 cxd5 24.Rb3 Qc7 25.Qa6+ Rb7 26.Qxb7+ Qxb7 27.Rxb7 Kxb7 28.Bxd5+ Kb6
29.Bxf7 Rc8 30.Bb3] 22...Re8!? [22...Nc5! 23.Bxc5 Qxc5] 23.Rxe8+ Kxe8 24.Nd1 Nc5 25.Re3+ Kd8 26.Bxc5
Qxc5 27.c3 d4! 28.Rf3 Be4 29.Rf2 dxc3 30.Bxe4 cxb2+ 31.Kd2 b1Q [31...Rb4 32.Qc2 Qd4+ 33.Bd3 b1Q-+]
32.Bxb1 Rxb1 33.Rf3 Rb4 34.Rd3+ Kc7 35.Qa3 a5 36.Nc3 Bf8 [36...Bxc3+! 37.Rxc3 Qf2+ 38.Kd1 Qg1+
39.Ke2 Rb2+ 40.Qxb2 Qxh2+] 37.Qc1 Qf2+ 38.Kd1 Qg1+ 39.Ke2 Qxc1
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(61) Carlsen,Magnus (2832) - Liu,Zachary Hankun (1996) [B71]

Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Jul Late Chess.com INT (2), 02.07.2024

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.Qf3 dxe5 [9...Bg7 10.Qxc6
Rb8 11.Be3 (11.exd6 0-0) 11...Rxb2=] 10.Qxc6 Rb8 11.fxe5 [11.Be3 exf4 12.Bxa7 Rxb2 13.Bb5 Bg7 14.0-0-0
0-0=] 11...Bb7?! [11...Bg7 12.Be3 Rxb2 13.0-0-0 Rb8 14.e6 fxe6 15.Bb5=] 12.Qa4 Bg7 13.Bf4?! [13.Be3 Qc7
14.0-0-0 Bc6 15.Qxa7 Rb7 16.Qa8+ Nb8 17.Qa3] 13...Rc8?? [13...Qb6! 14.Qb5 Qe6 15.Bc4 Qf5 16.e6 Bxc3+
17.bxc3 Qxf4 18.exd7+ Kd8 19.Rb1 Qe3+ 20.Be2 Qxc3+ 21.Kf2 Qd4+=] 14.0-0-0 Bc6 15.Bb5 Qb6 16.Rhe1
Nc5 17.Bxc6+ Qxc6 18.Qxc6+ Rxc6 19.Nb5 [19.Nd5!] 19...Ne6 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Rxd4 0-0 22.c4!? [22.Rd7!]
22...Rfc8 23.b3 Re6 24.Ree4 f6 25.exf6 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Bxf6 27.Kc2 Kf7 28.b4 e5 29.Be3 Rc7 30.b5 Ke6
31.g4 h5 32.h3 hxg4 33.hxg4 Rb7 34.a4 Rh7 35.a5 Rd7 36.a6 Bd8 37.c5 Kd5 38.Kd3 Ke6+ 39.Kc4 Rc7
40.Bd4 Bf6 41.Re1 Bg7 42.Bc3 Bf8 43.Rxe5+ Kd7 44.c6+ Kd8 45.Ba5
1-0**

I) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. g3 (White also Fianchetto's on the K-Side)

(62) Aronian,Levon (2738) - Robson,Ray (2693) [B50]

USA-ch Saint Louis (8), 19.10.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.h3 [8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nde2 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.Nd5 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Bg5 Ng4=] 8...Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Nxc6 [11.Kh2 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Qc4 13.Be3 Rfc8=] 11...bxc6 12.Kh2 Rb8 13.Rb1 c5 14.Re1 [14.Qd2 Rd8 15.b3 Qa6 16.Rbd1 Bc6 17.Rfe1 Rd7=] 14...Re8 15.Qd2 Bc6 [15...h5 16.a3 Bc6 17.Nd5 a6=] 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qa6 18.a3 Rb7 [18...Nd7 19.a4 Qxa4 20.Ra1 Qb5 21.Rxa7 Rb7 22.Ra2 Qb4=] 19.b4 [19.Qc1 Reb8 20.b3 c4 21.b4 Nd7 22.f4] 19...Reb8 20.Rb3 cxb4 21.axb4 Qc4 22.Kg1 [22.Reb1 h5 23.b5 h4 24.g4 Ne4 25.Bxe4 Qxe4 26.Rb4 Qf3 27.R1b3=] 22...Rc8 23.Re2 Ne4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.Bg5 Qd4 26.Qxd4 Bxd4 27.Bxe7 Re8 28.Rd2! Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxe7 30.c4 Re4 31.Rc2 a6 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5 Rd4 34.b6 Kg7 35.Rb5 Kf6 36.Ke3 Ke5 37.Rc8 Rd1 38.g4 Rh1 39.Re8+ Kf6 40.Kf4 Rxh3 41.g5+ Kg7 42.Rd8 h5 43.gxh6+ Rxh6 44.Kg3 g5 45.Rc8 Rh8 46.Rxh8 Kxh8 47.Kg4 Kg7 48.Kxg5 Kf8 49.Kf5 Ke8 50.Ke4 Kd8 51.Kd4 Kc8 52.Rb1 Rb8 53.Rc1+ Kb7 54.Rc6 Rd8 55.Ke4 Re8+ 56.Kf4 Re5 57.Rxd6 f6 58.Rxf6 Rxd5 59.Rf5 Rxf5+ 60.Kxf5 Kxb6

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(63) Malakhov,Vladimir (2715) - Naiditsch,Arkadij (2685) [B70]

CRO-chT1A 18th Sibenik (1), 21.09.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 Nf6 3.Nbc3 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Nde2 b5 [11...Nc4 12.Bc1 b5 13.a3 Nb6=] 12.b3 Qc8 [12...b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bb5 15.Re1 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 a5] 13.g4? [13.f4 Nc6 14.Kh2 b4 15.Na4 e5 16.c3 exf4 17.Bxf4=] 13...b4! 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 f5! 16.g5 Bb5 17.f4 Ng4 18.hxg4 Bxa1 19.gxf5 Rxf5 20.a4? [20.Rf2 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Bc3 22.Bf3] 20...bxa3! 21.Qxa1 Bxe2 22.Rc1 Rf7 23.Qxa3 Qg4! 24.Qb4 Bf3! 25.Qd2 Rf5 26.c4 Rb8 27.Rc3 Rb7 28.Kh2 Bxg2 29.Qxg2 Qh4+ 30.Qh3 Qxh3+ 31.Kxh3 Rf8 32.Kg4 Rfb8 33.b4 Rxb4 34.Bxa7 Rc8 35.c5 Rb7
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(64) Polgar,Judit (2709) - Mamedov,Rauf (2628) [B70]

TUR-chT Konya (1), 11.07.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nde2 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.h3

[11.Nd5 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Bg5 Nd7=] **11...b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Bg5** [13.Nd5 b4 14.Ra2 Nd7 15.b3 Nc5 16.Bb2 Bxb2 17.Rxb2=] **13...h6 14.Be3 b4 15.Nd5 Nd7 16.Qc1 Kh7 17.Rd1!? [17.Ra2! Nc5 18.Rd1 Ba6 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 b3 21.Ra3] 17...Bb7 [17...e6! 18.Ndf4 Nb6 19.Bf1 Bb7] 18.Nd4 e6 [18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd5 20.exd5 Qc7=] 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Nf4 Ne5 [20...Qc7 21.Ra7 Rb7 22.Rxb7 Qxb7 23.Rxd6 Rc8 24.b3 Bb5 25.Rd1=] 21.Bd4 Qc7 22.b3 [22.c4 bxc3 23.Qxc3 Rfc8 24.Nd3 Be8=] 22...Ra8 23.Qe3 [23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Rxd3=] 23...Rxa1 [23...Bb5 24.Qd2 Ra3 25.Rac1 Ra2 26.Be3 g5 27.Nh5 Bh8 28.Qxd6 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Rc8=] 24.Rxa1 Ra8 25.Rxa8 Bxa8 26.Qd2 h5 27.Ne2 Nd7 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Nf4 [29.Qxb4 Qxc2 30.Qc3+ Qxc3 31.Nxc3 Kf8 32.b4 Ne5=] 29...Nf6 30.Qxb4 Qxc2 31.Qxd6 Qxb3 32.e5 Ne4 33.Qd4 Qb1+ [33...Qc2 34.Qa7 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Bb7=] 34.Kh2 Bc6?? [34...Bb7 35.Nxe6+ fxe6 36.Qd7+ Kf8=] 35.Nd3! Qb7 36.Nb4 Bd5+– [36...Nxc3 37.Nxc6 Nf5 38.Qf4] 37.Nxd5 exd5 38.Bxe4 dxe4 39.e6+ Kh6 40.Qh8+ Kg5 41.Qe5+ Kh6 42.e7 1–0**

**J) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6. h3
(White wants to post one bishop on c4 and the other on e3 and
avoid the disruptive black move ...Ng4)**

(65) Ghaem Maghami,Ehsan (2591) - Mirzoev,Azer (2553) [B72]

Tehran ECO Cup Tehran (8), 10.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 0–0 8.Bc4 a6 9.a4 [9.Bb3; 9.f3] 9...Nc6 [9...Nxe4! 10.Bxf7+ Rxf7 11.Nxe4 e5=] 10.Nb3 [10.0–0 Bd7 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Ba2 Rc8=] 10...Na5 [10...Ne5 11.Be2 Be6=] 11.Nxa5 Qxa5 12.0–0 Be6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Rac8 15.Bb3 Nd7 [15...Rc7 16.Re1 b5 17.axb5 Qxb5=] 16.c3 Rfe8!? [16...Rc7 17.Re1 b5 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.Bc1] 17.Re1 Ne5 18.Qe2 [18.Bf4 Nd7] 18...Qc7 19.Rad1 [19.a5 Nc4 20.Ba4 Red8 21.Bg5 Rb8] 19...Nc4 20.Bd4 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qc2 Qb7 23.Re4 [23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qd3 Rc7 25.Re2=] 23...Bxd4 24.Rexd4 Kg7 25.Qc1 h6 26.Bc2 Ne5 27.Re1 [27.Bb3] 27...Rc4 28.Qe3 Qc7 29.Bb3 [29.f4 Nd7 30.Bd3 Rxd4 31.Qxd4+ Nf6 32.Bxb5 Rb8=] 29...Rxd4 30.Qxd4 Kg8 31.Qe3 Kg7 32.Qd4 Kg8 33.Qe3 Kg7 34.Qd4 Kg8 35.Bc2 Qc4 36.Qxc4 Nxc4 37.Bd3 Nxb2 38.Bxb5 Rb8 39.c4 Rc8 40.Rxe7 Nxc4 41.Rd7 Rc5 42.Bxc4 Rxc4 43.Rxd6 Kf8 44.g4 Rc3 45.Kg2 Rd3 46.Rd8+ Ke7 47.Rh8 Rxd5 48.Rxh6 Kf8 49.Rh8+ Kg7 50.Re8 g5 51.Kg3 Rd4 52.Re5 f6 53.Rf5 Rd1 54.Kg2 Kg6 55.Ra5 Rb1 56.Ra2 Rc1 57.f3 Rb1 58.Kg3 Rg1+ 59.Rg2 Rh1 60.Rf2 f5 61.Kg2 Ra1 62.Rb2 fxg4 63.hxg4 Ra3 64.Kf2

Kf6 65.Rb6+ Kf7 66.Rc6 Rb3 67.Ke2 Ra3 68.Rd6 Rb3 69.Rd3 Rb6 70.Ke3 Kf6 71.Rd5 Re6+ 72.Kd4 Re1 73.Rd6+ Kf7 74.Ra6 Re2

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(66) (3) Van Riemsdijk,Herman Claudius (2450) - Larsen,Bent (2560) [B72]

Buenos Aires GEBA Buenos Aires (1), 1991

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Bc4 d6 8.h3 Nbd7!? [8...Nxe4 9.Bxf7+ Rxf7 10.Nxe4 Nc6=; 8...Nc6 9.Bb3 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.f4=] 9.0-0 Nc5 10.Qf3 [10.f3 a6 11.Re1 b5 12.Bf1=] 10...Bd7 11.Nb3 [11.a3 Rc8 12.Ba2 b5=] 11...Nxb3 12.axb3 Qc7 13.Bd4 Bc6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 a6 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 [16...b5 17.Bd3 Qb7 18.Be2] 17.c3 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Bf1 Nf6 20.b4 Qb6 21.Ra5!? [21.Rad1] 21...e5 [21...Rac8 22.g4 Rc7 23.Bg2 Nd7 24.Qg3 h6=] 22.dxe6 Rxe6 23.Rxe6 fxe6 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.fxe3 Rc8 26.b5 Rc5 27.c4!? [27.Ra4 axb5 28.Ra7 Rc7 29.Bxb5=] 27...Re5 28.b4 axb5 29.c5 dxc5 30.Rxb5 b6 31.Rxb6 cxb4 32.Rb7+ Kh6 33.Rxb4 Rxe3 34.Kf2 Rc3 35.Be2 Rc2 36.Rb6 Ne4+ 37.Ke3 Nc5 38.Bf3 Kg5 39.Rb4 Kf6 40.Rf4+ [40.h4 Ke5 41.Rb5 Rc3+ 42.Kd2 Rc4] 40...Kg7 41.Rb4 h6 42.Rb8 Kf6 43.Rf8+ Ke7 44.Rh8 h5 45.Kf4 Nd3+ 46.Kg5 Ne5 47.Rh7+ Kd6 48.Ra7 Nxf3+ 49.gxf3 Rg2+ 50.Kf6 Rg3 51.Ra3 h4 52.Rd3+ Kc5 53.Kxe6 Rxh3 54.Ke5 Rg3 55.Rd8 h3 56.Rc8+ Kb4 57.Ke4 g5 58.Rh8 Kc3 59.Ke3 g4 60.Kf4 Rxf3+

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4

(67) Carlsen,Magnus (2831) - Pert,Richard G (2412) [B70]

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Dec Late Chess.com INT (2), 24.12.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Re1 Bd7 [9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 a6 11.a4 Bd7=] 10.Nf3 Rc8 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Nd5 [12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Bc6 14.Qxd8 Rcx8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Nxc6 Nxc6=] 12...Nxd5!? [12...Bc6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.c3 a6 15.Nd4=] 13.exd5 Re8 14.c3 Nxb3 [14...a6 15.Be3 e5 16.dxe6 Bxe6 17.Re2 Bc4 18.Rd2 Qc7] 15.axb3 a6 16.Be3 Bf5!? [16...e6 17.dxe6 Rxe6 18.Qd2 Qf8 19.Bf4 Rd8] 17.Qd2!? [17.Bd4! Bf8 18.Qd2 e5 19.dxe6 Rxe6 20.Rxe6 Bxe6 21.c4] 17...Be4!? [17...e5 18.dxe6 Bxe6 19.b4 Qd7 20.Red1] 18.Bb6!? [18.Nh2 Bf5 19.Bd4 e5 20.dxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.b4] 18...Qxb6 19.Rxe4 Qc7 20.Rae1 b5!? [20...Qd7 21.b4 Bf6 22.h4 h5 23.Rf4 Kg7 24.Ng5] 21.Qe3?! [21.b4 Qd7 22.Qe3 Qf5] 21...Bf6?! [21...Qb7! 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Qxe7 Qxd5 24.b4] 22.g4?! [22.Nh2! Be5 23.Ng4 f5

24.Nxe5 fxe4 25.Ng4 Rf8 26.Nh6+ Kg7 27.Ng4 Kg8 28.Qxe4] **22...Kf8?** [22...Qb7! 23.g5 Bg7 24.Rxe7 Rxe7 25.Qxe7 Qxd5 26.Kg2 Qxb3 27.Qxd6 Qxb2 28.Qxa6=] **23.h4?** [23.Qh6+! Kg8 24.Ng5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Kg7 26.h4] **23...Qb7?** [23...e5! 24.g5 Bd8 25.h5 Kg8 26.Kg2 Qb7 27.Qd3 Rc5 28.c4 Rf8=] **24.h5?** [24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5] **24...Qxd5! 25.g5 Be5?!** [25...Bh8! 26.Rxe7 Be5! 27.Nxe5 dxe5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.h6 e4=] **26.Nxe5 dxe5 27.Rxe5** [27.hxg6! fxg6 28.Rxe5 Qxb3 29.Rxe7] **27...Qd6 28.h6 Rcd8 29.b4 Qd3 30.Qf4** [30.Rxe7! Qxe3 31.R7xe3] **30...Qd2 31.R1e3 Qd1+?** [31...Rd3 32.Rc5 e5 33.Qg3 Rxe3=] **32.Kg2 Qd6?!** [32...Rd6 33.Rf3 Qb3 34.Qe4 Qc4 35.Qxc4 bxc4 36.Rfe3] **33.b3?** [33.Rf3! f5 34.gxf6 exf6 35.Qxf6+] **33...Qc6+** [33...Qd2 34.Kh2 Rd6 35.Kg2 Rdd8 36.Re6 Qd5+ 37.Kh2 Qd2 38.Rxa6+–] **34.Rf3 f5 35.Rxf5+ Kg8 36.Qe5**
1–0

(68) Adams,Michael (2712) - Carlsen,Magnus (2776) [B70]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (9), 27.01.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0–0 0–0 8.Re1 Bg4 [8...Nc6 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qd3=] **9.f3 Bd7 10.Be3** [10.a4 Qb6 11.Be3 Qxb2 12.Qd3 Qb4 13.Rab1 Qa5 14.Rxb7 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rxe7 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxc3 19.Bxc6 Rad8 20.Qb5 Bxe1=] **10...Nc6 11.a4 Ne5!?** [11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Qa5 13.Bb3 Rfc8] **12.Bf1** [12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Ndb5 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Qa5 15.c3 a6 16.Na3 Qc7 17.Kh1 Rac8] **12...Rc8 13.a5 a6 14.Nd5!?** [14.Qd2 Qc7 15.Bf2 Rfe8 16.Red1] **14...Nxd5! 15.exd5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.c3 Re8!?** [17...Rc5! 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Qa2 Re8=] **18.Nc2** [18.Qb3! Qc8 19.Nc6! Rxc6 20.dxc6 Bxc6] **18...Ra4 19.Bb6 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Qc8 21.Ne3 e5 22.dxe6 Rxe6 23.Qd1 Qe8 24.Kf2 Qe7 25.g3 Qg5 26.Qd5** [26.f4 Qb5 27.Qe2 Qb3 28.Qc2 Qxc2+ 29.Nxc2 Rxe1 30.Kxe1=] **26...Qxd5 27.Nxd5 Rxe1 28.Kxe1 Kf8**

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K) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 white plays an early Bg5

(69) Smyslov,Vassily V (2565) - Szabo,Laszlo (2510) [B70]

Christmas Congress 1981/82–57 Premier Hastings (12), 10.01.1982

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 Nc6 [7...h6 8.Bh4 Nc6 9.Nb3 Be6 (9...g5!/? 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.0–0–0 Be6 12.Kb1) 10.0–0–0 0–0 11.Kb1 Rc8=] **8.Nb3 a5!?** [8...Be6 9.0–0–0 h6 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.f4 0–0 14.h3 Nf6=; 8...a6 9.0–0–0 0–0 10.Kb1 b5 11.f3] **9.a4! Be6** [9...Bd7

10.0–0–0 h6 11.Bh4 Rc8 12.Kb1 0–0] **10.Bb5** [10.0–0–0 0–0 11.f3] **10...0–0 11.0–0 Rc8 12.Rfe1 Nb4 13.Nd4 Bc4** [13...Bd7 14.Rad1 Ng4 15.Nd5] **14.b3!?** [14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Ncb5 Nc6 17.b3] **14...Bxb5 15.Ncxb5 Ng4?!?** [15...d5! 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qc5 18.Rad1 Rfd8] **16.c3** [16.h3 Ne5 17.Rad1] **16...Na6 17.h3 Ne5 18.Bh6!?** [18.Rad1! Nc5 19.f4!] **18...Nc5** [18...Nc6 19.Rad1 Nxd4 20.cxd4] **19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Re3!?** [20.f4 Nc6 21.Rad1 Ne6 22.Ne2 Qb6+ 23.Kh1 Nc5 24.Ned4 Kh8 25.Qe3] **20...Nc6 21.Rd1 Kg8 22.c4!?** [22.Rde1!?] **22...Nxd4?!?** [22...Kh8 23.h4 Rg8=] **23.Qxd4** [23.Nxd4 b6 24.Qe2 Qe8 25.h4 Rd8 26.h5 e5 27.Nb5] **23...f6 24.f4 Qb6 25.Kh2 Rcd8 26.Rg3!?** [26.Qc3 Kh8 27.Rd5 Na6 28.Rg3] **26...Qc6 27.Re1!?** [27.f5! Qxe4 28.Qf2 e6 29.Nd4] **27...e5 28.Qe3 f5!?** [28...exf4 29.Qxf4 Qe8 30.Nxd6 Qe5 31.Qxe5 fxe5=] **29.exf5 Rxf5 30.fxe5** [30.Rg4 Rdf8 31.Qc3 Rxf4 32.Rxf4 Rxf4 33.Rd1 Rf6 34.Qxa5 Nxb3 35.Qd8+ Rf8 36.Qxd6=] **30...dxe5 31.Qe2 e4 32.Rd1!?** [32.Qg4! Kh8 33.Nc3 Qc7 34.Qh4 Rd7 35.Nd5 Qe5 36.Qh6 Rd6=] **32...Rd3??** [32...Rxd1 33.Qxd1 Qf6 34.Nc3 Qe5 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Nd1 Nxb3] **33.Nd4! Qd7 34.Nxf5 Rxd1 35.Ne7+ Kh8** [35...Kg7 36.Nd5!] **36.Nd5!?** [36.Qh5!! Qxe7 37.Qxd1 Kg7 38.Qd4+ Kf7+–] **36...Rd3 37.Rxd3 exd3 38.Qe5+ Qg7 39.Qb8+ Qg8 40.Qd6 Na6?** [40...Qg7 41.Nf6 Qf7 42.Ng4 Ne6 43.Qxd3] **41.Nf4 Nb4 1–0**

(70) Leyva Proenza,Ricardo (2335) - Vasilev,Milen (2480) [B70]

Collado Villalba op-A 20th Collado Villalba (7), 28.08.2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 0–0 8.0–0–0 Bd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.Nb3!? [10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bc4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.e5 Nd5 14.h5] **10...Rc8!?** [10...a5 11.h5 a4 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Nc5 dxc5 15.Qxd7 Qxd7 16.Rxd7 a3=] **11.h5 Nxh5 12.Bh6 Ne5** [12...Be5! 13.Bxf8? (13.f4 Bf6 14.Bxf8 (14.f5 Ne5 15.Bd3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Qb6 17.Rh3) 14...Qxf8) 13...Bf4] **13.Be2** [13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.Qh6] **13...f6 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Qh6 Kf7 16.f4!?** [16.Nd5! Rh8 17.Kb1 e6 18.Nc3 Kf8 19.Qe3 Qb6 20.Qg3] **16...Ng4 17.Qxh7** [17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Rd3 Rh8 19.Re1=] **17...Qb6?** [17...Rh8! 18.Bc4+! e6 19.Qxh8 Qxh8 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.Rxd6 Ke7 22.Rd4=] **18.Nd5?** [18.Bxg4! Bxg4 19.Nd5! Qf2 20.Rd2 Qg3 21.Nxe7! Kxe7 22.Qxg7+ Rf7 23.Qh6+–] **18...Qf2! 19.f5?** [19.Nd4! Rh8 20.Qxh8 Rxh8 21.Rxh8 Bc6] **19...gxf5! 20.Rh6 Rxc2+! 21.Kb1 Rxb2+!?** [21...Rg8!!] **22.Kxb2 Nxh6 23.Qxh6 Qxe2+ 24.Rd2 Qxe4 25.Nf4 Qe5+ 26.Ka3 b5 27.Re2 b4+ 28.Kxb4 Qb5+ 29.Ka3 e5 30.Qg6+ Kg8 0–1**

(71) Maurizzi,Marc Andria (2604) - Lagarde,Maxime (2618) [B70]

Quenza op 14th Quenza (8), 06.07.2025

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Qe2 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nbx7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.f4!? [11.Nd5 0-0 12.Kb1 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nf6 14.Rhe1 Re8=] 11...Rxc3! 12.bxc3 Qa5 [12...Qc7 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Rhe1 Nfd7 16.Nb3 e6=] 13.Nb3 Qa3+ 14.Kd2 0-0 15.Ke1 h6!? [15...d5! 16.exd5 a5 17.c4 a4 18.Nd4 Rc8=] 16.Bxf6! Nxf6 17.e5 Nd7?! [17...Nh7 18.h4 Qxa2 19.Rh3 Qa4] 18.exd6 [18.Qe4! a5 19.Qxb7 a4 20.Qxd7 axb3 21.axb3 Qb2 22.Kd2 dxe5 23.Qc7 e4 24.Rc1 e5 25.Ke2 exf4 26.Qxf4 Qxc3 27.Rhd1] 18...exd6 19.Kf2 Nf6 20.Rhe1 d5 21.Nd2 [21.Kg1 b5 22.h4 Rc8 23.h5 Nxh5 24.Rxd5=] 21...Rc8!? [21...Qxc3 22.Kf1 Qxc2 23.Nf3 Qa4] 22.c4 dxc4?! [22...Qxa2! 23.Kf1 a5=] 23.Ne4! Nxe4+? [23...b5 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Rd7 Rf8 26.Red1 Qxa2 27.g3 a5 28.Rb7] 24.Qxe4 Qxa2? [24...b5 25.f5 g5 26.Rd7] 25.Rd7! Qb2 26.Qxb7 Qxb7 27.Rxb7 Bd4+ 28.Kf3 Rc6 29.g3 a5 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.Ra8 Re6 32.Rxa5!? [32.Rd7! Bb6 33.Ra6 a4 34.Rb7 Re3+ 35.Kg4 h5+ 36.Kh3 Bc5 37.Rc7 Bd4 38.Rxc4] 32...Re3+ 33.Kg4 h5+ 34.Kh3 Re2 35.Rb1 Rxc2 36.Rd5 Bf2 [36...Rd2 37.Rb7 c3 38.Rdd7=] 37.Rd7 c3 [37...Kf6! 38.Rbb7 Bg1 39.Rxf7+ Ke6 40.Kh4 Rxh2+ 41.Kg5 Rg2 42.Rfe7+ Kd5 43.Kxg6 h4] 38.Rbb7 Bg1 39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Kh4 Rxh2+ 41.Kg5 Rd2 42.Rfc7 Rd5+ 43.Kxg6 Rd6+ 44.Kxh5
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(72) Ovetchkin,Roman (2535) - Timofeev,Artyom (2577) [B70]

RUS-chT 10th final A Togliatti (2), 24.05.2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Qe2 Bxb5 9.Qxb5+ Qd7 10.0-0-0 Nc6 11.Nb3? [11.Nde2 Ng4 12.Bh4 a6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qb4 Nc6=] 11...Rc8?! [11...Ng4! 12.Qe2 (12.Nc5 Qc8 13.Nd3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 a6) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nge5] 12.f4! a6 13.Qb6 [13.Qf1 0-0 14.Kb1] 13...Qc7?! [13...0-0 14.e5 Nh5 15.Nd5 Rfe8 16.Qf2 Qf5 17.Kb1 dxe5 18.Ne3 Qe4 19.Nc5 Qb4 20.Nd5 Qa5=] 14.Qxc7! Rxc7 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5! Rd7 17.Nxf6+ exf6 18.c3!? [18.Rd3! Nb4 19.Rd4 Nc6 20.Rd2 Ke7 21.Rhd1] 18...Kd8 19.Nd2 b5 20.Nf1 Re8 21.Ne3 Rxe4 22.Nd5 Re6 23.f5 gxf5 24.Rhf1 Ne7 25.Nxe7 Kxe7 26.Rxf5 Rc7 27.Kd2 Rc5 28.Rdf1 Rce5 29.R1f2 d5 [29...Rxf5 30.Rxf5 Re5 31.Rf4 Rh5 32.h3 Rg5 33.g4 Rd5+ 34.Ke3 Ke6] 30.R5f4 Re4 31.g3 h5 32.Rxe4?! [32.Kd3 Rxf4 33.Rxf4=] 32...dxe4 33.Ke3?! [33.Rf4! Re5 34.Rh4 a5 35.Ke3=] 33...Re5! 34.Rd2 f5 35.Kf4 f6 36.b4 Ke6 37.Rd8 e3 38.Rd1 e2 39.Re1 Kd5 40.Kf3 Kc4
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