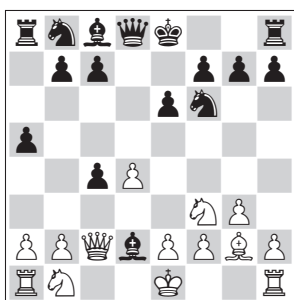


## Catalan at the Highest Level

by Emil Anka (special contribution by Joël Lautier)

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| 1. d4  | d5  |
| 2. c4  | e6  |
| 3. ♘f3 | ♗f6 |
| 4. g3  | dc4 |
| 5. ♖g2 | ♖b4 |
| 6. ♗d2 | a5  |
| 7. ♕c2 | ♗d2 |



With the highest possible interest, the entire chess world followed the so-called ‘Reunification Chess World Championship’ match between Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov in the capital of Kalmykia, Elista. Garry Kasparov, retired from ‘long’ chess tournaments, made the following wise prognosis for the match: Kramnik had the better chances, since although Topalov is the better tournament player because of his incredible energy resources, Kramnik has a better mastery of chess, plus he has more match experience, and his safer style may be more effective in such an event. Of course, all chess players were excited and very curious about the preparation of the stars and

mostly about which openings were going to appear on the chessboard.

### Bets on the Catalan?

If somebody would have placed a bet that Topalov would allow the Catalan three times (surprise!) out of his seven black games, he would probably have got very advantageous odds and made a very positive result at any betting office... not to mention an article in Yearbook 81! In his remaining four black games Topalov played the Slav and the Semi-Slav Defence. I had somehow been expecting a Modern Benoni, maybe a Benko or a King’s Indian, but I also know that in a match against Kramnik these would be extremely dangerous openings.

So Topalov entered the Catalan in the first game and achieved a promising position! Unfortunately he would also suffer from the ‘Leko Syndrome’ – Leko also lost his first match game while pushing too hard against Kramnik – but his fighting spirit (like Leko’s in Brissago in 2004) deserves full respect. I am sure that even what happened in the later rounds in Elista, the ‘Toiletgate Scandal’, so unfortunate for the popularity of chess, could not stop us from enjoying the games of the match and the resulting analyses and Surveys! I should add that Topalov did not try this playable line (7...♗d2!?) again during the match because of the possible preparation of Kramnik’s team, and he also had other lines to test against his opponent.



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### The Logic of 7...♔d2!?

Now let's see how we can reach the conclusion that it can be logical to play 7...♔d2!?. After White's 7.♖c2 there are, of course, different moves than the subject of our article (33 games). The most frequent is 7...♗c6 (165 games), with the main lines 8.♖c4 ♖d5!? (8...0-0) 9.♖d3 (9.♖d5 ed5) 9...♗e4.

Another possible move is 7...b6 (8 games). I give this move a ?!, with respect to Boris Gulko, who made a quick draw with it against Alex Wojtkiewicz in San Diego 2004. Now I simply recommend 8.♗b4!? (which appears to be a novelty) 8...ab4 9.♖c4, with the idea of taking the b4 pawn too, with advantage for White.

The move 7...b5?! (9 games) is not accurate at this point either, since after 8.a4! Black does not have 8...c6? in view of 9.ab5 ♔d2 10.♗fd2!, as in Gulko-Ljubojevic, Linares 1990, with a clear advantage for White.

The move order 7...0-0 8.♖c4 ♗c6 (2 games) amounts to the same as the above 7...♗c6 8.♖c4 0-0 line.

Having studied all these possibilities, we can come to the conclusion that exactly at move 7 the move ...♔d2!? is logical and very interesting, and worthy of deeper and more detailed analysis. White has two main moves: 8.♖d2! and 8.♗bd2 (otherwise the d4 pawn falls). In this kind of position, the sacrifice of one or even two pawns is normal, as White gets full compensation. His pawn structure is solid, whereas Black has several weak pawns and more pawn islands.

White also has the better piece play for his investment(s). The question is whether Black can hold the targeted pawns or whether they will fall. Our Game Section will highlight the lines in this 'compensation fight' deeply and in great detail.

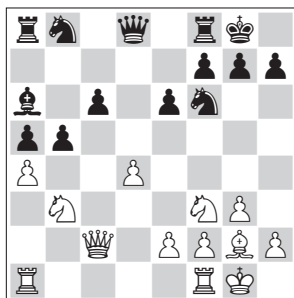
### Overview of the Games

The move 7...♔d2!? was introduced by Gregory Kaidanov as Black against Alexander Fauland in Moscow, 1989. It is remarkable that 28 out of the 33 games with this line were played between 2003 and 2006! In this Survey you will find 16 analysed games, with 17 more games mentioned in the notes.

Our two main games with 8.♖d2! c6!? are Kramnik-Topalov, Elista 2006, and Grischuk-Moiseenko, Sochi 2006. 8...♔d7 was tried at least three times in 2006. Gulko played his 8...b6 set-up against Wojtkiewicz at the US Championship in San Diego 2006 using a better move order than in 2004.

### Not Dangerous

The move 8.♗bd2 is not dangerous for Black if he knows what to do. 8.♗bd2 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3 cb3 11.♗b3 0-0 12.0-0 ♔a6! is the main line.



The other possibility after 12.0-0 is 12...♗d5, which is discussed in Fauland-Kaidanov, Moscow 1989, and Ovetchkin-T. Kosintseva, Moscow 2005. Three additional games, Danielian-T. Kosintseva, Calvia 2004, Bunzmann-Pelletier, Lausanne 1999, and Veingold-Baron Rodriguez, Zaragoza 2004, provide us with an additional taste of this line.

I have made use of comments and remarks by Csaba Horvath, Gregory Kaidanov, Yannick Pelletier, Peter Svidler, Alexander Grischuk, Malcolm Pein and Maxim Notkin.

### Conclusion

The move 7...♔d2!? forces White to answer either 8.♖d2! or 8.♗bd2. Either of these choices gives the position a unique character. The question is: Does White have enough compensation or not? The permanent tension makes the line absolutely playable for both sides. White may regain the sacrificed pawn(s) with a superior position, or Black may either keep the pawn(s) or give it (them) back in order to obtain the better game.

This kind of unbalanced chess makes our game exciting. There is still a lot of room for analysis in this line. An example may be the position that could have arisen after 20.♗d7!? in our main game.

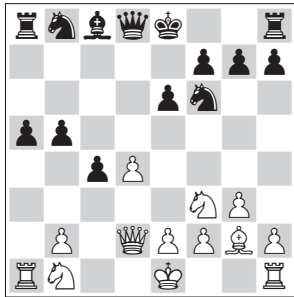
I agree that 8.♖d2! (Lautier) is more accurate than 8.♗bd2, but I think that the refutation (if it exists at all) of 7...♔d2!? is very far away.

**Main Game**  
**8. ♖d2**

**Kramnik, Vladimir**  
**Topalov, Veselin**

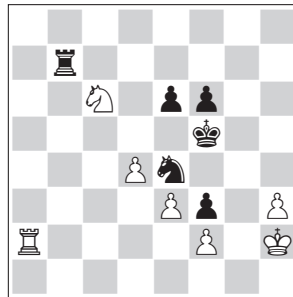
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**11.♞g5 0-0** [11...b4 12.♟e5 (12.♞g7 ♞g8 13.♞h6 ♟b7 14.0-0 ♟d5 △ 15...♟c6) 12...♞a7 13.♟c4 0-0 (13...♞d4 14.♟d6 ♞d6 15.♞g7±) 14.e3±] **12.♞b5 ♟a6N** [12...♟a6 – Grischuk-Moiseenko, Sochi tt 2006] **13.♞a4** [13.♞a5 ♟b7 14.♞d8 ♞a1! 15.♞f8 (15.♞b6 ♞b1 16.♟d2 c3! 17.♟c3 ♟d5+-; 15.♞c7 ♞b1 16.♟d2 ♞b2 17.♟c1 c3±) 15...♟f8 16.0-0 (16.♟d2 ♟g4!) 16...♞a2=] **13...♞b6 14.0-0 ♞b2 15.♟bd2 ♟b5 16.♟c4 ♟a4 17.♟b2 ♟b5 18.♟e5 ♞a7± 19.♟f3?! [19.♟bc4 ♟bd7 (19...a4 20.♞fb1) 20.♟a5 ♟e2 21.♞fe1 ♟h5 22.♟ac6 ♞a1 23.♞a1±] 19...♟bd7 20.♟ec4 ♞b8! 21.♞fb1 [21.♟a5 ♟e2 22.♟e2 ♞b2=] 21...g5! 22.e3 [22.g4 ♟d5=; 22.♟d6 g4 23.♟b5 ♞b5 24.♟g2 ♞b4=] 22...g4 23.♟d1 ♟c6! 24.♞c1 [△ ♟b2-d3-e5; 24.♟a5? ♟e4+-; 24.♟c2 a4] 24...♟e4 25.♟a4 ♞b4 26.♟d6 ♟f3! 27.♟f3?! gf3 28.♟c8 ♞a8 29.♟e7 ♟g7 30.♟c6 ♞b3 31.♟c5 ♞b5 [a5>] 32.h3 ♟c5 33.♞c5 [33.dc5 ♟d7 34.♟d4 ♞c5 35.♞c5 ♟c5 36.♟f3 a4±] 33...♞b2! [33...♞c5 34.dc5 ♟d7=] 34.♞g5 ♟h6 35.♞ga5 ♞a5 36.♟a5?! [36.♞a5 ♟e4 37.♟e5 ♞b1 (37...♟f2?! 38.♟f7 ♟g7 39.♟g5) 38.♟h2 ♞f1 39.♞a2 ♟f2 40.♟f3 ♟d1 41.♟e5 ♟e3=] 36...♟e4 37.♞f1 ♟d2 38.♞c1 ♟e4 39.♞f1 f6! 40.♟c6 ♟d2**

**41.♞d1 ♟e4 42.♞f1 ♟g6 43.♟d8 ♞b6!?** [43...e5 44.♟c6 (44.de5 fe5 45.♟c6 ♟f6) 44...♟f5±] **44.♞c1 h5! 45.♞a1** [45.h4?! ♟f5±] **45...h4** [45...♟g5! 46.♟h2 (46.h4? ♟h3 47.♟f1 ♞b2+-) 46...♞b2 47.♞f1 ♟f5±] **46.gh4 ♟h5 47.♞a2! ♟h4 48.♟h2 ♟h5 49.♞c2 ♟h6 50.♞a2 ♟g6 51.♞c2 ♟f5 52.♞a2 ♞b5 53.♟c6 ♞b7**



**54.♞a5** [54.d5! e5 55.h4 ♞g7 (55...♟c3 56.♞d2 ♞g7) 56.♟h3 ♟c3 (56...♞g2?? 57.♟e7X) 57.♞d2 ♟e4=] **54...♟g6 55.♞a2 ♟h5?! 56.d5!** [56.♞a5 ♟h4! △ 57...♞b2; △ 57...♞g7] **56...e5** [56...ed5? 57.♟d4 ♟g5 58.♟g3; 56...♞g7? 57.de6 ♞g2 58.♟h1 ♟f2 (58...♟g3 59.fg3 ♞a2 60.e7 ♞a8 61.♟d8+-) 59.♞f2 ♞f2 60.e7 ♞f1 61.♟h2 ♞f2 62.♟g3 ♞g2 63.♟f3 ♞g8 64.♟d4! ♟g6 65.e4 ♟f7 66.♟f5+-] **57.♞a4! f5??** [57...♟f2! 58.♟g3 e4! 59.♟f2 ♞b2 60.♟e1 (60.♟g3? ♞g2 61.♟f4 f2 62.♞a1 ♞g1+-) 60...♞b1 61.♟f2 (61.♟d2? f2) 61...♞b2=] **58.♟e5+- ♞b2 59.♟d3 ♞b7 60.♟d4 ♞b6 61.d6 62.♟g3 ♟e4 63.♟f3 ♟g5 64.h4! ♟f6 [64...♟h4 65.♟c5+-] 65.♞d5 ♟c3 66.♞d8 ♞b1 67.♞f8 ♟e6 68.♟f4 ♟e5 69.♞e8 ♟f6 70.♟h5 ♟g6 71.♟g3 ♞b2 72.h5 ♟f7 73.♞e5 ♟d1 74.♟e2 ♟f6 75.♞d5 [75...♞e2 76.♞d6 ♟e7 77.♟e2]**

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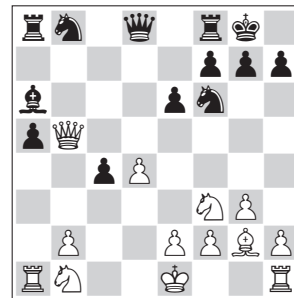
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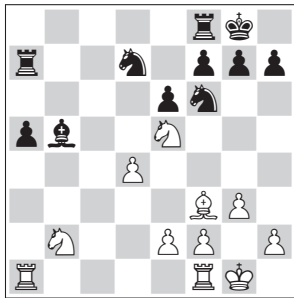
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[7...b6 8.♟b4!N (8.♞c4 ♟a6 9.♞c2 0-0 10.♟c3±; 8.♟e5 ♞d4 9.♟f7 ♟f7 10.♟a8± c6) 8...ab4 9.♞c4± Anka; 7...b5?! 8.a4 c6 (8...ba4 9.♟e5 ♞a6 10.♞a4 ♟d7 11.♟d7±; 8...♟d2 9.♟fd2! ♟d5 10.ab5±) 9.ab5 ♟d2 (9...cb5?? 10.♟b4+-) 10.♟fd2± Anka; 7...♟c6 (Smyslov) 8.♞c4 ♞d5!?) 8.♞d2! c6 [8...b5 9.♞g5!±; 8...b6±; 8...♟d7±] **9.a4 [△ ♟a3] 9...b5** [9...0-0 10.♟a3 ♟e4 11.♞c2 ♟d6 12.♟c4± Pein; 9...♟bd7 10.♟a3 ♟b6 11.♟e5± Pein] **10.ab5 cb5 11.♞g5 0-0** [11...b4 12.♟e5 (12.♞g7 ♞g8 13.♞h6 ♟b7∞ 14.0-0 ♟d5 △ ♟c6) 12...♞a7 13.♟c4 0-0 (13...♞d4 14.♟d6 ♞d6 15.♞g7±) 14.e3±] **12.♞b5 ♟a6!N**



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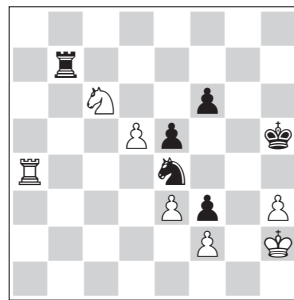
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**27.f3?!** **gf3** **28.c8** [28.c5 c5 29.d5 a4 30.c4 c7 31.e5 d7 32.d7 d7± Cs. Horvath; 28.c3 Δ e4-d2 Cs. Horvath] **28...a8** **29.e7** **g7** **30.c6** **b3** **31.c5** **b5** [31...c5 32.d5 b2 33.d4 (33.a5? a5 34.a5 e4 35.f1 (35.c6? f2 36.c7 h3 37.h1 (37.f1 h2 38.e1 f2 39.e2 f1± 40.f1 h1+-) 37...g2! 38.c8± g1! (38...f2X) 39.g1 f2X Cs. Horvath) 35...g5 36.h4 h3 37.h2 f2 38.g1 g4 39.f3 b5± Cs. Horvath) 33...e4 34.f3 f2 35.c6= Cs. Horvath] **32.h3** [32.a4 e4 Pein; 32.a2!? Cs. Horvath] **32...c5** **33.c5** [33.d5 d7 34.d4 c5 35.c5 c5 36.f3 a4±] **33...b2!** [33...c5 34.d5 d7=; 34...a4 35.d4 a3 36.f3 a2 37.c6 d5 38.d4 f6 39.c5 e7! 40.e4 b4 41.c7 d7 42.d1 d5! 43.a1 (43.ed5?! a1± 44.de6 c8 45.a1 a1 46.g2 fe6± Cs. Horvath) 43...b4= Cs. Horvath; 34...e4 35.a5 a5 36.a5 c5= Anka] **34.g5** [34.a5?? a5 35.a5 e4+-; 34.a5?? e4 35.f1 c5+-; 34.ca5?! a5 35.a5 e4= Anka] **34...h6** **35.ga5** [35.a5?? e4 36.e5 g5 37.a8 h3 38.h2 f2 39.f3 e2± Anka] **35...a5** **36.a5?!** [36.a5 e4 (36...b1 37.h2 b2= Cs. Horvath) 37.e5 b1 (37...f2?! 38.f7 g7 39.g5±) 38.h2 f1 39.a2 f2 40.f3 d1 41.e5 e3=] **36...e4** **37.f1** **d2** **38.c1** **e4** **39.f1** **f6!** **40.c6** **d2** **41.d1** **e4** **42.f1** **g6** **43.d8!** **b6!?** [43...e5 44.de5 (44.c6 f5±) 44...fe5 45.c6 f6±; 43...g5! 44.h2 (44.h4?! h3 45.h2 f2± Cs. Horvath) 44...e5 45.c6 (45.de5 fe5 46.c6 f6 47.h4 e4 48.g1 h5±) 45...f5 46.g4 e6± Cs. Horvath] **44.c1** **h5!** **45.a1** [45.h4?! f5] **45...h4** [45...e5 Pein; 45...g5?! 46.h2 (46.h4? h3 47.f1 b2+-) 46...b2 47.f1 f5±] **46.g4!** [Cs. Horvath; 46.g4 e5 47.de5 fe5 48.c1 (48.a2? b1 49.h2 f1+- Pein) 48...b2± Anka] **46...h5** **47.a2** **h4** **48.h2** **h5** [48...g5 49.a4 b2 50.d5 h5 51.e6 f2 52.h1 f1= Cs. Horvath] **49.c2** **h6** **50.a2** **g6** **51.c2** **f5** **52.a2** **b5** [52...g6= Cs. Horvath] **53.c6** **b7** [Δ f7-g2 Pein] **54.a5** [54.c2? g7 55.d5 e5+- Pein; 54.d5! e5 55.h4 g7 (55...c3 56.d2 e4=)

56.h3 c3 (56...g2?? 57.e7X) 57.d2 e4=] **54...g6** [54...e5? 55.e5!+- Pein] **55.a2** **h5?!** [55...h6 56.d5 g7 57.de6 g2 58.h1 g7 59.a7 g6 60.e7 h6 61.a2 f2 62.f2 f2 63.f5 g6 64.d6 f1 65.h2 f2 66.g3 d1 67.e7 f1± 68.e8± g7 69.e7= Cs. Horvath] **56.d5!** [56.a5 h4! 57.a8 b2 58.h8 g5 59.g8 h6 60.g1 b1 61.h2 f1 62.g4 f5! 63.e4 (63.f4 f2 64.g1 g2 65.f1 c2 66.e5 c1X) 63...fe4± Pein] **56...e5** [56...ed5? 57.d4 g5 58.g3±; 56...g7? f7.de6 g2 58.h1 f2 (58...g3 59.f3 a2 60.e7 a1 (60...a8 61.d8+-) 61.h2 a2 62.g1 a8 63.d8+-) 59.f2 f2 60.e7 f1 61.h2 f2 62.g3 g2 63.f3 g8 64.d4! (64.e4?! g6 65.d5 f7 66.d6 g3= 67.d7 e3 68.d8 g6 69.e8± e8 70.e8 g5) 64...g6 65.e4 f7 66.f5+- Δ h4-h5] **57.a4!**

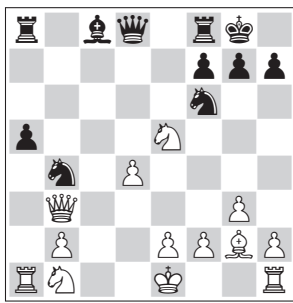


**57...f5??** [57...f2! 58.g3 (58.d6? b2 59.b4 d2 60.g3 h1 61.f3 f5 62.e5 f2X) 58...e4! (58...d3 59.f3 f5 60.d6 d7 61.e7 d6 62.f5 f6 63.e4± Pein) 59.f2 b2 60.f1 (60.g3? g2 61.f4 f2 62.a1 g1+-; 60.e1 b1 61.d2? f2+-) 60...b1 61.f2 b2 62.g1 b1 63.f2 b2=] **58.e5+-** **b2** **59.d3** [59.e4 fe4 60.g3 g5 (60...d2 61.f4 f2 62.e4 h4 63.f3 h3 64.d6+-) 61.f7 f6 62.d6 b4 63.f4+- Pein] **59...b7** [59...d2 60.d4!+- Pein] **60.d4** **b6** **61.d6!** **d6** **62.g3** **e4** **63.f3** **g5** **64.h4!** **f6** **65.d5** **c3** **66.d8** **b1** **67.f8** **e6** **68.f4** **e5** **69.h8** **h6** **70.h5** **g6** **71.g3** **b2** **72.h5** **f7** **73.e5** **d1** **74.e2** **f6** **75.d5** 1-0

**The More Accurate**  
**8. ♖d2**

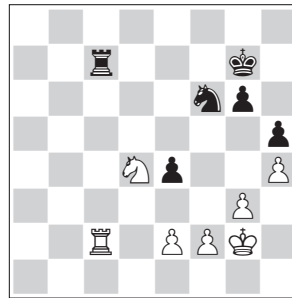
**Grischuk, Alexander**  
**Moiseenko, Alexander**  
Sochi tt 2006 (10)

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♟f3  
dc4 5.♟g2 ♟b4 6.♟d2 a5 7.♖c2  
♟d2 8.♗d2 c6 9.a4 b5 10.ab5 cb5  
11.♗g5 0-0 12.♗b5 ♟a6 13.♗c4  
[13.♟bd2 ♟c7 14.♗e5 ♟a6±]  
13...♟b4± 14.♗b3 e5?! [14...♟b7!±]  
15.♟e5±



15...♖b8 [15...♟e6 16.♗d1 ♖c8  
17.♟a3±] 16.0-0 ♗d4 17.♖a5 ♟e6  
18.♗c3 ♗d8 19.♖c5 [19.♗c5 ♖e8  
20.♟c3±] 19...♗b6 20.♟a3 ♟bd5  
[20...♟fd5 21.♗d4 ♖bc8 22.♟d3±;  
22.♟d5?! ♗c5 (22...♖c5?? 23.♟e6 ♟c6  
24.♟c6 ♖c6 25.♗b6 ♖b6 26.♟d5+)]  
23.♗c5 ♖c5 24.♟e6 ♖e5 (24...fe6??  
25.♟d7+)] 25.♟g4=] 21.♗c1! ♗b2  
22.♟c6 ♗c1 23.♖f1 ♖b3 24.♟b5  
♖b2 25.♟bd4 ♖e8 26.♟e6 fe6  
27.♟f3 [27.e4!±] 27...♟d7 28.♖a5  
♟5f6 29.♖d1 e5 30.♟d5 ♟d5  
31.♖ad5 ♟f6 32.♖5d2 ♖d2 33.♖d2  
♟f7 34.♖d6 e4 35.♟d4 g6 36.♟g2  
♖e7 37.♟c6 ♖e8 38.h3 h5  
[38...♖a8!±] 39.♟d8 ♟g7 40.♟e6  
♟f7 41.♟g5 ♟g7 42.♟e6 [42.f3 ef3  
43.♟f3 (43.ef3? ♖e2=) 43...♖e5±]  
42...♟f7 43.♟g5 ♟g7 44.♖c6 ♖e7  
45.♟e6 ♟f7 46.♟d8 ♟g7 47.♟e6  
♟f7 48.♟f4 ♖d7 49.♖c5 ♖d6  
50.♖e5 ♖a6 51.h4 [g6<] 51...♖a8  
52.♖b5 ♖a7 53.♖g5 ♖a2 54.♟f1  
[54.♖g6?! ♟d5 55.♖g5 (55.♟d5?! ♟g6  
56.♟f4 ♟f5=) 55...♟f4 56.gf4 ♖e2 57.♖h5  
e3 58.♟f3 ♖f2 59.♟e3 ♖h2= endgame  
tablebase] 54...♖a1 55.♟g2 ♖a2  
56.♖b5 [56.♖g6?!] 56...♖a7 57.♖c5  
♖b7 [57...♟g4! 58.♖c4 ♖e7 59.♖c6 ♟e5

60.♖a6 ♟g7±] 58.♖a5 [58.♖g5 ♖b2!±]  
58...♖c7 [58...♟g4!±] 59.♖g5 ♖c2  
60.♖b5 [60.♖g6?!] 60...♖c7 61.♟h3  
♖e7 62.♖g5 ♟h7 63.♖c5 ♟f6  
64.♖a5 ♟h7 65.♟f4 ♖b7 66.♖e5  
♟f6 [66...♖b4? 67.♟d5 ♖d4 68.♖e7 ♟f8  
69.♖d7+; 69.♖h7?! ♖d5 70.f4 ef3 71.♟f3  
(71.ef3 ♟g8±) 71...♖f5 72.♟e4 ♖f2  
73.e3±] 67.♟e6 ♖e7 68.♟d8 ♟f8  
69.♟c6 ♖c7 70.♖e6 ♟g7 [70...♟f7?  
71.♟d8 ♟g7 72.♖e4!+)] 71.♟e5  
[71.f3?! ef3 72.ef3 ♟d7±] 71...♖a7  
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♖e7 75.♟c6 ♖c7 76.♟d4

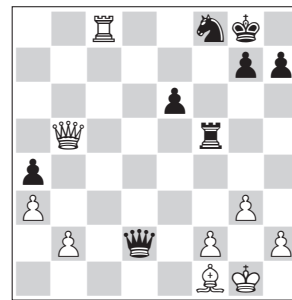


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chances] 77.♟c2+ ♟g4 78.f3 ef3  
79.♟f3 ♟f6 80.♟f4 ♟e5 81.♟d4  
♟d7 82.♟f3 ♟c5 83.♟g5 ♟d7  
84.e4 ♟e5 85.♟f3 ♟d3 86.♟e3  
♟b4 87.♟d4 ♟e6 88.♟g5 ♟d6  
89.e5 ♟e7 90.♟h3 ♟e6 [90...♟d7  
91.♟f4 ♟c6 92.♟d5 ♟e7 93.♟e4 ♟c6  
94.♟e6 ♟d7 95.♟d4+)] 91.♟f4 ♟f5  
92.e6! ♟c6 [92...♟f6 93.♟c5+)]  
93.♟c5 ♟e7 94.♟d6 ♟g8 95.e7  
♟e7 [95...♟f6 96.♟d5 ♟e4 97.♟c6+)]  
96.♟e7 g5 97.♟g2 ♟g4 98.♟f6  
gh4 99.gh4 ♟g3 100.♟g5 ♟g2  
101.♟h5 ♟g3 102.♟g5 1-0

**Delchev, Alexander**  
**Giorgadze, Giorgi**  
Spain tt 2006 (1)

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♟f3  
♟b4 5.♟d2 a5 6.♟g2 dc4 7.♗c2  
♟d2 8.♗d2 ♟d7 9.♟e5 ♟c6  
10.♟c6 ♟c6 11.♟a3 [11.e3 ♗d7  
(11...a4?! 12.♗c2!) 12.♟a3 e5!? 13.♟c4  
(13.de5 ♟e5 14.♗d7 ♟fd7±) 13...ed4  
14.ed4 0-0 15.d5 (15.♟e5 ♟e5 16.de5  
♗e6=) 15...♟b4 16.0-0 ♟bd5 (16...♟fd5??

17.a3+)] 17.♖fd1 c6 18.♟a5 ♗c7  
19.♟c4 ♖fd8 20.a3 ♟b6 (20...b5 21.♟e3≠)  
21.♗c2= ♟c4 22.♗c4 ♗b6 ½-½  
Miroshnichenko-Kengis, Abu Dhabi 2006]  
11...0-0 12.e3 ♟b4 [12...♗e8 13.f4!±]  
13.♟c4± c5 14.a3 ♟bd5 15.0-0  
[15.dc5 ♗c7 16.♗d4 ♟d7 17.e4 ♟e7±]  
15...b5 16.♟e5 cd4 17.♗d4 ♖c8  
18.♖fc1 a4? [18...♟e7!±] 19.♟f1!±  
[b5<] 19...♗a5?! [19...♟e7 20.♟b5 ♗d4  
21.ed4 ♖b8 22.♟a4 ♖b2±] 20.e4+—  
♟e7 [20...♗b6 21.♗b6 ♟b6 22.f3!+)]  
21.♟d7! ♟d7 22.♗d7 ♖c1 [22...♖ce8  
23.♗b5 ♗a7 24.♖c4 ♖a8 25.♖d1 ♖fb8  
26.♖cd4!+)] 23.♖c1+— ♟g6 24.♗b5  
♗d2 25.♖c4 f5 26.ef5 ♖f5 27.♖c8  
[27.♗b6 ♟f7 28.f4 ♖h5+)] 27...♟f8  
[27...♟f7 28.♗e8 ♟f6 29.♗d8 ♗d8  
30.♖d8 ♖e5 31.♖d4+)]



28. ♗f5

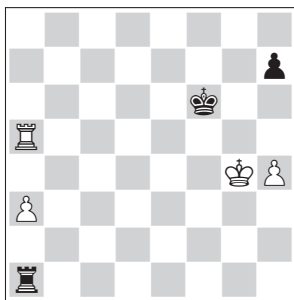
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**Damljanovic, Branko**  
**Korneev, Oleg**

Vrsac 2006 (3)

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dc4 5.♟g2 ♟b4 6.♟d2 a5 7.♗c2  
♟d2 8.♗d2 ♟d7 9.♟e5 ♟c6  
10.♟c6 ♟c6 11.♟a3 0-0 12.♖d1  
♗e7 13.0-0 [13.♟c4 ♟d5!±≠]  
13...♗b4 14.♗c1 ♟d5 [14...♖a6  
15.♟c4 b5 16.♟e5 ♟d4 17.♟h1!± Δ  
18.a3] 15.♟c4 ♖fd8 16.a3 ♗b5  
17.♖d3 a4 18.♖fd1 ♟a5 [18...♟f6  
19.♗c2±] 19.♟a5± ♗a5 20.e4 ♟e7  
21.d5 ed5 22.ed5 ♗b6 23.♗e3!±  
♗e3 [23...♗d6!±] 24.fe3 ♟f8 25.d6!  
cd6 26.♖d6 ♟c6!±? [26...♖d6 27.♖d6  
♖c8! 28.♟b7 ♖c1 29.♟f2 ♖c2 30.♟f3  
♟g6 31.♖a6 ♖b2 32.♟d5 ♖h2±]  
27.♟c6 ♖d8 28.♖d6 bc6 29.♖c6  
♖b8 30.♖c2 ♟e7 31.♟f2 ♟e6  
32.♟e2 ♖b7 33.♖d2 ♟e5 34.h4 f5

35. ♖f3 g6 36. ♗d4 ♖b2 37. ♗a4 ♗a2  
38. e4 ♗a1 [38... ♗c2!? 39. ♗a5 ♖e6 with  
drawing chances] 39. ♗a5 ♖f6 40. ♗a6  
[40. ef5 gf5 41. ♗a6 ♖e5 42. g4 fg4 43. ♖g4  
♗d1 44. a4 ♗d4 45. ♖g5 h6! 46. ♖h5 ♖f5  
47. ♗a5 ♖f6=] 40... ♖e5 41. ♗a5 ♖f6  
42. ef5 gf5 43. g4 fg4 44. ♖g4



44... ♗g1? [44... ♗d1 45. ♖h5 (45. ♗f5  
♖e6 46. ♗f2 ♗d5 47. ♗a2 ♗a5 48. a4 h5=)  
45... ♗d4! 46. ♗a7 ♗c4 47. a4 ♗d4 48. a5  
♗a4 49. a6 h6! = 50. ♗h7 ♗a5 51. ♖g4 ♗a4  
52. ♖g3 ♖g6 53. ♗a7 ♖h5 54. ♗a8 ♗a6!  
55. ♗a6 stalemate] 45. ♖h5+- ♗g7  
[45... ♗d1 46. ♖h6 ♗d7 47. h5+-] 46. ♗a8  
♗c7 47. ♖h6 ♗c4 [47... ♖f5 48. ♗a5  
♖f6 49. a4 ♗d7 50. h5 ♗c7 51. ♗b5 ♗a7  
52. a5+-] 48. h5 ♗c7 [48... ♗c5 49. ♗a6  
♖f7 50. a4 ♗d5 51. a5 ♗c5 52. ♗a7 ♖f6  
53. a6 ♗a5 54. ♗a8+-] 49. ♗a5 ♗d7  
50. a4 ♗c7 51. ♗b5 ♗d7 52. a5 ♗a7  
53. ♗c5 ♖e6 54. ♖g5 [54. ♗g5 ♖f6  
55. ♗b5 ♖e6 56. ♗b6 ♖e5 57. a6 ♖f5  
58. ♗b5 ♖e6 59. ♗a5!+- ♖f6 60. ♗a2  
♖f5 61. ♗a3 ♖f6 62. ♗a5 ♖f7 63. ♖g5  
♖e6 64. ♖f4 ♖d6 65. ♖f5 ♖c6 66. ♖f6  
♖b6 67. ♗a1 ♖c6 68. h6 ♖c5 69. ♗a2  
♖d5 70. ♗a5 ♖c4 71. ♖e5 ♖b4 72. ♗a1  
♖c4 73. ♖d6+-] 54... ♗g7 55. ♖f4  
[55. ♖h6!+-] 55... ♗g1 [55... ♗a7 56. ♖g5  
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♖e5 60. a6 ♖f5 61. ♗b5 ♖e6 62. ♗a5+-]  
56. ♗c6 ♖d5 [56... ♖d7 57. ♗a6 ♖c8  
58. ♗a7 ♗f1 59. ♖g5+-] 57. ♗b6 [57. ♗c7  
h6 58. ♗d7 ♖e6 59. ♗h7+-] 57... ♗f1  
[57... ♗g7 58. a6 ♗a7 59. ♖f5+-] 58. ♖g5  
♗f7 [58... ♖e5 59. ♗b5 ♖e4 60. ♗b4 ♖e5  
61. ♗b7 ♗f5 62. ♖h6+-] 59. a6 ♗a7  
[59... ♗g7 60. ♖f6 ♗a7 61. ♗e6+-]  
60. ♖f6 [60. h6 ♗a8 61. ♗b7 ♗e8+-]  
60... ♖c5 61. ♗e6 ♖d5 62. h6 ♗a8  
63. ♗e5 [63. ♗e7 ♗a6 64. ♖g7 ♗a1  
65. ♖h7 ♖d6 66. ♗f7 ♗g1 67. ♗g7 ♗a1  
68. ♗g5+-] 63... ♖d6 64. ♗e7 1-0

Ivanisevic, Ivan  
Payen, Arnaud

San Marino 2006 (4)

1. d4 d5 2. ♖f3 ♖f6 3. c4 e6 4. g3  
dc4 5. ♗g2 ♖b4 6. ♗d2 a5 7. ♗c2  
♗d2 8. ♗d2 ♗d7 9. ♖a3 ♗c6  
10. ♖c4 ♗d5 11. ♖e3 [11. ♖a5??  
b6+-] 11... ♗e4 12. 0-0 ♖c6 13. ♗fd1  
0-0 14. ♗ac1 ♗e7 [14... ♗d6 15. ♖c4  
♗d5 16. ♗f4=] 15. ♖e5± ♗g2 16. ♖g2  
♖b4 17. a3 ♖e4 18. ♗e1 ♖d5  
19. ♖3c4 a4 20. f3 ♗d6 21. e4 ♖c4  
22. ♖c4 ♖f6 23. ♗b4 ♗b4 24. ab4  
♗fc8 25. ♗c3 [25. ♖f2 ♖f8±]  
25... ♖e8± 26. d5 ♗d8 27. ♗cd3 ed5  
28. ♗d5 ♗d5 29. ♗d5 ♖f8 30. ♖f2  
♖e7 31. ♖e3 b6 32. e5 f6 33. b5 fe5  
34. ♗e5 [34. ♖e5?? ♖e6+-] 34... ♖f6  
35. ♖d4 ♖d6 36. ♖d6 cd6 37. ♗e3  
♗c8 38. ♗c3? [38. ♗a3 ♗c2 39. ♖d5  
♗c5 40. ♖d6 ♗b5 41. ♗a4 ♗b2 42. ♗f4=]  
38... ♗c5 [38... ♗c3 39. ♖c3 ♖e5  
40. ♖c4! =] 39. ♗a3? [39. ♗c5 dc5  
40. ♖e4= g5 41. ♖d5 ♖f5 42. ♖c4 ♖e5  
43. ♖d3 ♖d5 44. ♖c3=] 39... ♗b5±  
40. ♖c3? [40. ♗a4! ♗b2 41. ♖d5± ♗d2  
42. ♖c6 ♗h2 43. ♗f4 ♖e6 44. ♗e4 ♖f7  
45. ♗f4 ♖g6 46. ♖d6± with drawing  
chances] 40... ♗c5+- 41. ♖d3 b5  
42. ♗a1 ♗c4 43. b3 ab3 44. ♗b1 ♗c2  
[44... d5 45. ♗b3 b4 46. ♗b2 ♖e5+-]  
45. ♗b3 ♗h2? [45... ♗c5+-] 46. g4! =  
h5 47. ♗b5 hg4 [47... h4 48. ♗f5 ♖e6  
49. ♗g5= h3 50. ♖e3 ♗h1 51. ♖f2=]  
48. fg4 ♗g2 [48... g6 49. ♗d5=] 49. ♗f5  
♖g6 50. ♗d5 ♗g4 51. ♖e3! ½-½

Wojtkiewicz, Aleksander  
Gulko, Boris

San Diego ch-USA 2006 (5)

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. d4  
dc4 5. ♗g2 ♖b4 6. ♗d2 a5 7. ♗c2  
♗d2!? [7... b6 8. ♖b4! ?N (8. ♗c4 ♗a6  
9. ♗c2 0-0 10. a3 ♗d2 11. ♗d2 ♖bd7  
12. ♖c3 c5 13. 0-0 ♗c8 ½-½ Wojtkiewicz-  
Gulko, San Diego ch-USA 2004) 8... ab4  
9. ♗c4±] 8. ♗d2 b6 [8... 0-0 9. ♖a3!]  
9. ♖e5± ♗a7 10. ♖a3 ♖b7 11. ♖b7  
♗b7 12. ♖ac4 0-0 13. 0-0 ♗e7  
14. ♗fd1 ♗d8 15. ♗c2 ♖d5 16. a3 f6  
17. ♖f3 ♗e8 18. ♗ac1 ♖d7 19. e4  
♖e7 20. ♗b3 ♗a7 21. ♖e3 ♗f7  
22. ♗c3 ♖f8 23. ♗dc1 ♖d7 24. ♗c4  
♗g6 25. ♖g2 h6 26. ♗1c3 ♗b7  
[26... ♗e4 27. d5 a4 28. ♗e4 ab3 29. de6±]

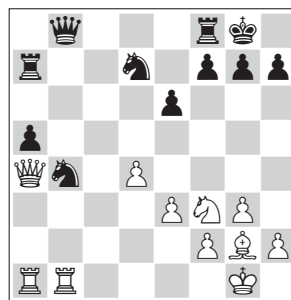
27. ♗c2 c6 28. ♖h4 [28. b4 b5 29. ♗c5  
ab4 30. ab4 ♗a7±] 28... ♗f7 29. ♖f3  
♗g6 30. ♖h4 [30. h3! ?±] 30... ♗f7  
31. ♖f3 ½-½

Searching for Compensation  
8. ♖bd2 and 12... ♗a6

Wojtaszek, Radoslaw  
Hoffmann, Michael

Pardubice 2006 (9)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖f3 d5 4. g3  
dc4 5. ♗g2 ♖b4 6. ♗d2 a5 7. ♗c2  
♗d2 8. ♖bd2 b5 9. 0-0 0-0 10. a4 c6  
11. b3 cb3 12. ♖b3 ♗a6 13. ♖c5  
ba4?! [13... ♖d5! ? Pelletier] 14. ♖a6±  
♖a6 15. ♗c6 ♖b4 16. ♗a4 ♗a7  
[16... ♖e4 17. ♗ac1±] 17. e3 ♖d7  
18. ♗fc1 ♗b8? [18... ♗e7! ?±]  
19. ♗cb1!



[19... ♖b6 20. ♗b4!+-; 19... ♗b7 20. ♖d2  
♖d5 21. ♗a5±!+-] 1-0

Saric, Ibro  
Pavasovic, Dusko

Rijeka 2005 (2)

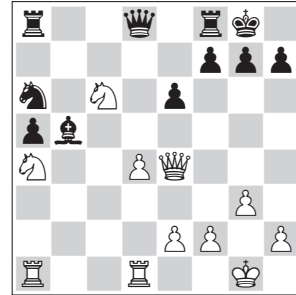
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dc4 5. ♗g2 ♖b4 6. ♗d2 a5 7. ♗c2  
♗d2 8. ♖bd2 b5 9. 0-0 0-0 10. a4 c6  
11. b3 cb3 12. ♖b3 ♗a6 13. ♖c5 b4  
14. ♗fe1 [14. ♗ac1! ?] 14... ♖d5 15. e4  
[15. ♖e4! ? =] 15... ♖c3± 16. e5 [16. ♗e3  
♖d7 17. ♗c3 bc3 18. ♗c3 ♖c5 19. ♗c5  
♗b8±] 16... ♖d7± 17. ♖e4 ♖e4  
18. ♗e4 ♗c8 19. ♗h4 h6 20. ♗e1  
[20. ♗d1 ♗e7±] 20... ♗e7 [20... c5! ?+-]  
21. ♖d2 ♗fd8? [21... c5! ? 22. ♖b3  
cd4+-] 22. ♖b3± [22. ♖c6?? ♖b8+-]  
22... c5 23. ♖a5= ♖b8



**Ilincic,Zlatko**  
**Payen,Arnaud**  
Budapest 2005 (7)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♟f6 4.g3**  
**♟d2 5.♙g2 ♟b4 6.♙d2 a5 7.♖c2**  
**♟d2 8.♞bd2 b5 9.0-0 0-0 10.a4**  
[10.b3 cb3= 11.♞b3 c6 (11...♙b7  
12.♞fc1=) 12.♞ac1 ♖e7 (12...b4  
13.♞fe1±) 13.♞e5 ♞d5 14.♞c6 ♞c6  
15.♖c6 ♟d7 16.♖c5 ♞ac8 (16...♖e8!  
17.♖c2 b4=) 17.♖e7± A.Dimitrov-  
Logothetis, Kavala 2005; 10.♞fd1 ♟b7  
(10...a4 11.b3 ab3 12.ab3 ♞a1 13.♞a1 cb3  
14.♖b3=; 10...♞c6 11.b3 ♞b4 12.♖c1  
(12.♖b2 cb3 13.♞b3 ♟b7=) 12...cb3±  
13.♞b3 ♟b7 14.♖b1! (14.♞c5!? ♟d5  
15.♖b1±) 14...♙e4± Carron-De Bruyn,  
Istanbul Wch-jr 2005) 11.a4± c6 12.♞e5  
(12.b3!?±) 12...♞d5= 13.♞e4 ♞a6 14.h4  
(14.♖d2!?±) 14...f6± Bravetti-Logothetis,  
Ermioni Argolidas tt 2005] **10...c6 11.b3**  
**cb3 12.♞b3 ♟a6 13.♞fc1 ba4**  
**14.♞c5 ♟b5 15.♞a4 ♞a6 16.♖d2**  
**♞d5 17.♞e5 ♖d6 18.♟d5!? cd5**  
[18...♖d5?? 19.♞b6+; 18...ed5 19.♞b6  
♞a7 20.♞a5±] **19.♞c3 ♞c7 20.♞b5**  
**♞b5 21.♞c5 ♖a6** [21...f6 22.♞c6 a4  
23.♖b4±] **22.♞c6 ♞d6 23.♞aa5?!**  
[23.♞e7 ♞h8 24.♞ca5 ♖b7 25.♞a8 ♞a8  
26.♞a8 ♖a8 27.♖b4=] **23...♖b7±**  
**24.♖b4??** [24.♖f4 ♞e4 25.♞a8 ♞a8  
26.♞c2±] **24...♞a5+ 25.♖a5 ♖b1**  
**26.♞g2 ♖e4 27.♞g1 ♖e2** [27...♞b7  
28.♞e7 ♞h8+; 28.♞c1 ♞e4 29.♖e1  
♖e1?! [29...♖h5+]] **30.♞e1± ♞a8**  
**31.♞b1 g5 32.f4 ♞a2 33.♞b8 ♞g7**  
**34.♞b7 gf4 35.gf4 ♞d2?** [35...♞a6  
36.♞e5 ♞d6±] **36.♞e5± ♞g8**  
[36...♞a4 37.♞f7 ♞g8 38.♞e7 ♞d4  
39.♞e8 ♞g7 40.♞e7 ♞f8 41.♞h7±=]  
**37.♞b8= ♞g7 38.♞b7 ♞g8** ½-½

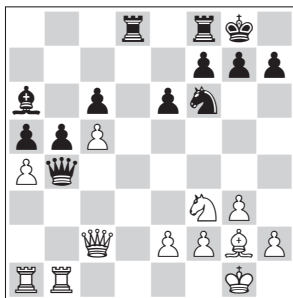
18.♞c3±] **16.♟e4** [16.h3?! ♞a6!±]  
**16...♞f6 17.♞a4** [17.♟f3±] **17...♞e4**  
**18.♖e4 ♞a6** [18...f6 19.♞d3 ♖d6  
20.♞ac5±] **19.♞c6** [19.♖g4!?±]



**24.d5??** [24.♖b2 cd4 25.♞d4 ♞d4  
26.♖d4=] **24...ed5+ 25.e6?!** [25.♟h3  
♞c7 26.e6 ♞h8+; 25...fe6 26.♞h6?!  
[26.♖d2 ♖f6+]] **26...gh6 27.♖g6**  
**♖g7 28.♖e6 ♞h8** [28...♞h7!? 29.♟d5  
♞e8 30.♖f5 ♖g6+]] **29.♞e5** [29.♟d5  
♞f8+]] **29...♞e8** 0-1

**Avrukh,Boris**  
**Elianov,Pavel**  
Calvia ol 2004 (5)

**1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♙g2**  
**dc4 5.♘f3 ♟b4 6.♙d2 a5 7.♖c2**  
**♟d2 8.♞bd2 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3 cb3**  
**11.♞b3 0-0 12.0-0 ♟a6 13.♞c5**  
**♞bd7 14.♞fd1 ♖e7 15.♞b3** [15.♞e5  
♞e5 16.de5 ♞d5 17.♞a6 ♞a6 18.♟d5  
cd5 (18...cd5 ½-½ Chetverik-Cs.Horvath,  
Zalakaros 2005) 19.ab5 ♞b6 20.♞a5  
♖b4= Cs. Horvath] **15...♖b4 16.♞c5**  
**♞c5 17.dc5 ♞ad8 18.♞db1**



**18...♖e4! 19.♖b2 ♞d5** [19...♖f5  
20.♞e5 ♞g4 21.♞g4 ♖g4 22.♟c6=]  
**20.e3** [20.♞h4!? ♖c4 21.♟d5 ♖d5  
22.ab5 ♟b5 23.♞a5±] **20...♞c5±**  
[20...ba4? 21.♞d4 ♖e5 22.♟d5 ♖d5  
23.♖b6±] **21.♞d4 ♖e5 22.ab5**  
**♟b5 23.♞a5 ♞d5** [23...♞d7 24.♞b5  
♖b2 25.♞b2 ♞c1 26.♟f1 cb5 27.♞ab5=]  
½-½

**Belivsky,Alexander**  
**Veingold,Alexander**  
Calvia ol 2004 (11)

**1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♙g2**  
**dc4 5.♘f3 ♟b4 6.♙d2 a5 7.♖c2**  
**♟d2 8.♞bd2 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3 cb3**  
**11.♞b3 0-0 12.0-0 ♟a6 13.♞fd1**  
**ba4 14.♞c5 ♟b5 15.♞e5±** [15.e4?!  
♞a6 16.h4 ♞b4 17.♖c3 ♖e7 18.♞d2  
♞fd8± Adla-Baron Rodriguez, Aragon tt  
2003] **15...♞d5** [15...♖d6!? 16.♞a4  
♞bd7 17.♞d7 (17.♟c6?? ♞ac8+;  
17.♞c6?? ♞f8+)] 17...♞d7 18.e3±;

**19...♖e8!± 20.d5** [20.♞dc1 f5 21.♖f3  
♞c8±] **20...♞b4 21.♞b4 ♟a4**  
[21...ab4!? 22.de6 ♖e7∞; 22...♟a4??  
23.e7+]] **22.♞c2 ♟b3 23.d6 ♖d7**  
**24.♖d3 a4 25.♞d2 ♞fc8 26.♞e3**  
[26.e4 ♞ab8±] **26...♞ab8** [26...♞c6  
27.♞g4 f6 28.e4 ♞ac8±] **27.♞g4 f6**  
**28.e4 e5 29.♞e3 g6?!** [29...♞h8  
30.♞f5 ♞c4±] **30.f4± ♞c6 31.fe5?!**  
[31.h3 ♞e8 32.♞g4 ♞e6 33.fe5 fe5  
34.♖b5!±] **31...fe5± 32.♞f1** [32.h3  
♖e6!± (32...♖h3?! 33.♞d5 ♞g7  
34.♞h2=) 33.d7 ♞d8 34.♞h2 ♞c7±]  
**32...♞g7 33.♞d5 ♖d6 34.♞df2**  
½-½

**Deviations for Black**  
**8.♞bd2 and 11.♞b3**

**Fauland,Alexander**  
**Kaidanov,Gregory**  
Moscow 1989 (4)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♟f6 4.g3**  
**dc4 5.♙g2 ♟b4 6.♙d2 a5 7.0-0** [RR  
7.♖c2 ♟d2!? 8.♞bd2 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3  
cb3 11.♞b3 0-0 12.0-0 ♞d5 gives the  
game position with a different move order –  
Anka] **7...0-0 8.♖c2 ♟d2 9.♞bd2 b5**  
**10.a4 c6 11.b3 cb3 12.♞b3 ♞d5**  
**13.e4 ♞b4** [RR 13...♞e7 14.♞fc1 ♞d7  
15.♖d2 (15.e5 ♞b6=) 15...b4= 16.h4 ♟b7  
17.♖e3 h6 18.♞fd2 ♟a6 19.f4 ♖b6  
(19...♞b8 20.♞f3=) 20.♞c5± Matnadze-  
Javakhishvili, Tbilisi 2001; 13...♞b6 14.ab5  
a4 15.♞c5 cb5 16.♞fb1± Anka] **14.♖c3**  
**♟a6 15.ab5** [15.♞fc1 ♞d7 16.ab5 ♟b5

17. ♖a5 ♖a5 ½-½ Züger-Cs.Balogh, Kusadasi Ech 2006] 15... ♗b5 16. ♖fd1 [16. ♖fe1!? △ 17. ♖a5] 16... ♗d7 17. ♖a5 ♖e2 18. ♖e1 ♖a5 19. ♖e2 ♖a1 20. ♖a1 c5 21. ♖a4! ♖c7! 22. ♖b2 [22. dc5 ♖b8=] 22... e5 23. d5?! [23. dc5 ♗d3 24. ♖d2∞] 23... ♗b6 24. ♖b5? [24. ♖b3=] 24... ♖b8 25. ♖e2 ♗a4 26. ♖b3 c4 27. ♖a3 c3! 28. ♗e1 c2? [28... ♗b6! 29. ♗c2 (29. d6 ♖c5) 29... ♖c5! (29... ♗d7 30. ♗b4 ♖b4 31. ♖c2 ♖c4 32. ♖h3=) 30. ♗b4 (30. ♖b3 ♗d7) 30... ♖b4 31. ♖a2 ♗c8] 29. ♗c2 ♗c3 30. ♖e1! ♗cd5 [30... ♗b5? 31. ♖b4 ♗a3 32. d6 ♖c8 33. d7 ♖c7 34. ♖e7+--] 31. ed5 ♗c2 32. ♖c1 ♖c4 33. ♖a7 g6?! [33... ♗e3! 34. ♖c4 (34. ♖b2? ♖c8) 34... ♗c4 35. ♖c7 ♗b6=] 34. ♖f1 ♖d4 35. ♖a2 ♗b4 36. ♖d2 ♖b6 37. ♖c4 [37. d6!? ♗c6 △ 38... ♗d4] 37... ♖d6= 38. ♖b2 ♗g7 39. h4 ♗a6 40. ♖c2 ♗b4 41. ♖b2 ½-½

Kaidanov

**Ovetchkin, Roman  
Kosintseva, Tatiana**

Moscow Aeroflot B 2005 (8)

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. ♖g2 dc4 5. ♗f3 ♗b4 6. ♖d2 a5 7. 0-0 0-0 8. ♖c2 ♖d2 9. ♗bd2 b5 10. a4 c6 11. b3 cb3 12. ♗b3 ♗d5 13. ♗e5!? [13. ♖fc1 b4 14. h4 (14. ♗e5 ♗c3=) 14... ♗c3 15. ♗g5 g6 (15... f5!?) 16. ♗e4± ♗d5 17. e3 ♖d7 18. ♖c5 ♗g7 19. ♗d6 ♗a6 20. ♖a5 ♖a5 (20... ♖b8 21. ♗c4 ♗ac7±) 21. ♗a5± Jiretorn-Medic, Gothenburg Ech-tt 2005] 13... b4 14. ♗c6?! [14. ♖e4 g6 15. e3±] 14... ♗c6 15. ♖c6 ♖a6 16. ♖c2 ♗c3 17. e3 ♖d7 18. ♗c5 ♖a7 19. f4 ♖b6 20. ♖f2 ♖c8 21. ♖d2 g6 22. h3



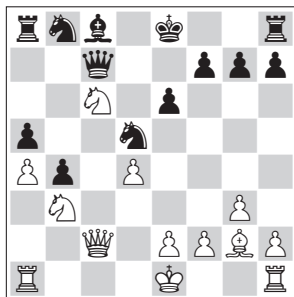
22... ♖c5! 23. dc5 ♖c5 24. ♖d4 e5! 25. fe5 ♖e5 26. ♖d2 ♖a4 27. ♗h2

28. ♖b2 ♖e7 29. ♖d8 h5-- 30. h4 ♖c7 31. ♖a8 ♖e3 32. ♖f2 ♖e2 33. ♖d4 ♖e5 34. ♖d8 ♖g2! 35. ♗h1 ♖e8 [35... ♖g1!+ ] 36. ♖e8 ♖e8 37. ♖e8 ♖d2 38. ♖e7 b3 39. ♖f1 ♖d1 40. ♖f7 ♗h6 41. ♖d1 ♗d1 42. ♖b7 a4 0-1

**Danielian, Elina  
Kosintseva, Tatiana**

Calvia ol 2004 (11)

1. d4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 d5 3. c4 e6 4. g3 dc4 5. ♖g2 ♗b4 6. ♖d2 a5 7. ♖c2 ♖d2 8. ♗bd2 b5 9. a4 c6 10. b3 cb3 11. ♗b3 b4 [11... 0-0 12. ♗e5 b4 13. 0-0 ♗d5 14. ♗c6 (14. ♖e4!?) g6 15. ♗c6 ♗c6 16. ♖c6=) 14... ♗c6 15. ♖c6 ♖a6 16. ♖c4 ♗c3 17. e3 ♖b6 18. ♖f1 (18. ♖fc1 ♖a7 19. ♖c3 bc3 20. ♖c3 ♗b7) 18... ♖d7 19. ♗c5 ♖a7 20. e4 (≥ 20. ♖ac1!?) 20... ♖c7 21. ♖b3 ♖d6 22. ♗d7 ♖d7 23. d5 ed5 24. ed5 ♖c5 (24... ♗d5? 25. ♖ad1+-- ) 25. ♖e5 ♖d6 (25... ♖e7!?) 26. ♖ae1 ♖e5 27. ♖e5 ♖d6) 26. ♖ae1 g6 27. ♖ae1 g6 Cmilyte-T.Kosintseva, Chisinau Ech-W 2005] 12. ♗e5 ♗d5 13. ♗c6 ♖c7? [13... ♗c6! 14. ♖c6 ♖d7 15. ♖c5 ♖e7±]



14. ♖d5!± ed5 15. ♗b4 ♖b7 [15... ♖c4 16. ♗d2!±] 16. ♗d3 [16. ♗d5!? 0-0 17. e4 ♖f5! (17... ♖h3 18. ♗c5 ♖a7 19. ♗f4+-- ) 18. ♖c7! ♖b3 (18... ♖c7 19. ♗c7 ♖e4 20. f3 ♖f3 21. 0-0+-- ) 19. ♗e7 ♗h8 20. ♗f5 ♖d3 21. ♖e5 ♖g8 22. d5+--] 16... 0-0 17. 0-0 ♖f5 18. ♖fc1 ♖e7 [18... ♖b6 19. ♖c3±] 19. ♖d2 ♖a6?! [19... ♗d7 20. ♗f4 ♖d8 21. ♗c5±] 20. ♗e5+-- [20. ♗f4! ♖d8 21. ♖c5+-- , a5<, d5<] 20... f6 21. ♗d3 ♗c6 22. ♖c3 [22. ♗f4 ♖b4 23. ♖b4 ♗b4 24. ♖c5+--] 22... ♖b8 23. ♖ac1 ♖e8 24. ♖f4?! [24. ♗dc5+--] 24... ♗e7?! [24... ♖d3! 25. ♖d3 ♖ab6±]

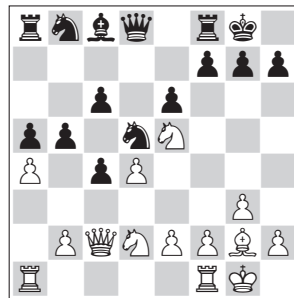
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**Additional Curiosities  
after 8. ♗bd2**

**Bunzmann, Dimitrij  
Pelletier, Yannick**

Lausanne 1999 (1)

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♗f3 ♗b4 4. ♖d2 a5 5. g3 d5 6. ♖g2 [6. ♖c2!?] 6... dc4 7. ♖c2 ♖d2!? 8. ♗bd2 b5 9. a4 c6 10. ♗e5!? ♗d5 [10... ♖a6 11. ♖d1 0-0 (11... ♖d4?? 12. ♗dc4+-- ) 12. ♗e4 ♗d5 13. h4 (13. ♗c5 ♖b6=) 13... ♗b4 14. ♖b1 f6 (14... ba4 15. ♗c4 ♖e7 16. h5±) 15. ♗g5 fg5 16. hg5 g6 17. ♗g6 ♖f5 18. ♗e5 ♖a7 19. ♖e4 (≥ 19. f4!?) 19... ♖g5 (≠ Anka) Mlynek-D.Pospisil, Moravia tt 2002/03; 10... ♖d4? 11. ♗c6 ♖c5 12. ab5± Anka] 11. 0-0 [11. b3? ♗b4 12. ♖c3 ♖d4 13. ♖d4 ♗c2 14. ♗d1 ♗d4] 11... 0-0 [11... f6 12. ♗ef3 0-0 13. e4 ♗b6 14. d5 ba4 (14... ed5 15. ed5 ♖d5 16. ab5 ♖b5 17. ♖fc1) 15. de6 ♖e6 16. ♖fd1 ♖e8 17. ♖c3 ♗d7 18. ♖f1 ♗c5 (18... f5! 19. ef5 ♗d5 20. ♖c4 ♗7b6) 19. ♖e3= ♗bd7 20. ♖c4 (20. ♗d4 ♗h8=) 20... ♖b8 (≠ Anka) Polovnikova-Zaiats, Kazan ch-RUS-W 2004]





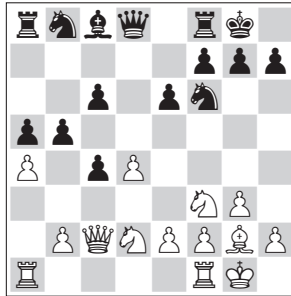
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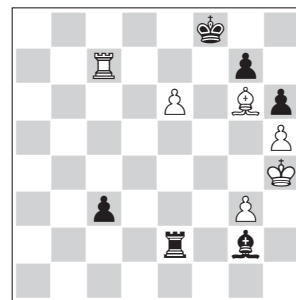
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