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THE MOST IMPORTANT THEORETICAL NOVELTY OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

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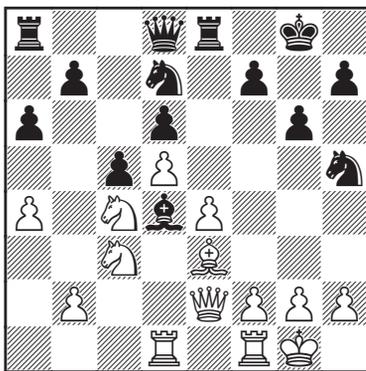
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LE QUANG LIEM 2729 - Baadur JOBAVA 2577

Goa (m/1) 2025

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♗c3 ♕g7
5.e4 d6 6.♙e2 0-0 7.♗f3 e6 8.0-0 ed5
9.cd5 a6 10.a4 ♕g4 11.♙f4 ♖e8 12.♗d2
♙e2 13.♗e2 ♗h5 14.♙e3 ♗d7 15.♖ad1
[15.a5 – 55/100] 15...♙d4 16.♗c4 [16.
g4 ♗hf6 17.f3 ♗b8 18.♗f2 (18.♙h1 b5↔)
18...♙e3 19.♗e3 b5↔]



16...♗e5! N [16...♙e3] 17.♗a3 [17.♙d4
♗f4! 18.♗e3 (18.♗d2?? ♗f3!+) 18...♗g2!
19.♙g2 (19.♗g3 ♗c4 20.♙c5 ♖e5! 21.
♙d6 ♖g5 22.♙c7 ♗f6 23.e5 ♗f5 24.♙g2
♖g3 25.hg3 ♗b2↔) 19...♗c4 20.♗e2

cd4 21.♖d4 ♗e5 22.f4 ♗d7↔; 17.♗e5
♙e5!↔] 17...♙e3 [17...f5! 18.♙d4 (18.
ef5?! ♗h4 19.♗c2 ♙c3! 20.bc3 gf5 21.f4
♗g4! 22.♗g4 ♗g4 23.♙d2 b5↔) 18...cd4
19.♖d4 f4 a) 20.f3?! ♗g3! 21.♗d2 (21.hg3
fg3 22.♗e3 ♗h4 23.♖fd1 ♗f3! 24.♗f3
♖f8+) 21...♗f1 22.♙f1 ♗h4↔; b) 20.♗c4
f3! 21.♗e3 fg2 22.♖fd1 ♗h4 23.♗e5 ♖e5
24.♗e2 ♖f8!] 18.♗e3 ♗h4 [18...f5!] 19.f3
[19.♗d2! f5 (19...g5 20.♗c2±; 19...♗f4?!
20.f3±) 20.f4 ♗g4 21.g3 ♗d8 22.♖de1 fe4
23.♗c4±] 19...f5 20.♗f2 ♗f6 [20...♗f2
21.♙f2 ♖e7 22.♖fe1 ♖ae8 23.a5 ♗f6∞]
21.f4 ♗g4 22.♗f3 ♗h4! 23.h3 ♗gf6
24.ef5 [24.e5 de5 25.fe5 ♖e5 26.d6 ♖d8
27.♗b7 ♗f4↔] 24...♗g3 [24...gf5 25.♗c4
♖ad8 26.♙h2 (26.a5 ♗e4 27.♗e4 ♖e4
28.♗e3 ♖f4 29.♗f5 ♖f3 30.♗h4 ♖f1
31.♖f1 b6↔) 26...♗g4 27.♙g1 ♗gf6=]
25.fg6 [25.♖fe1 ♗f5 26.♗f2 ♗f2 27.♙f2
h5=] 25...♗f1 26.gh7 ♙h7 27.♖f1 ♖g8
28.♙h2 [28.♗e4 ♗e4 29.♗e4 ♙h8
30.♗c4 ♖ad8∞; 28.♗e2 ♖ae8 29.♗c4
♗e4∞] 28...♗g4 29.♙g1 ♗f6 30.♙h2
♗g4 31.♙h1 ♗f6

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Miloš Perunović

Tournament Report

The Tata Steel Masters Wijk aan Zee 2026 confirmed once again the tournament's status as a reference point for elite classical chess. The event featured a balanced field combining established top-10 players and ambitious younger grandmasters, leading to a high number of decisive games and uncompromising play throughout.

GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov achieved sole first place with a score of 6 wins, 1 loss, and 6 draws, recording a 2862 performance rating. After several near-successes in previous editions, he finally converted his chances, notably scoring wins against Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu, Gukesh Dommaraju, Vincent Keymer, and Erigaisi Arjun, all higher rated at the start of the event. A key statistical feature of his victory was the absence of draws against the highest-rated opposition.

Second place went to GM Javokhir Sindarov, who finished unbeaten and confirmed his rapid rise toward the world elite. His tournament was marked by high defensive accuracy, missed winning chances in several games, and the outstanding tactical idea 24...♗d3!! against GM Matthias Blübaum. The top two places represented a clear success for Uzbek chess.

The tournament was characterized by an above-average percentage of decisive games, especially in encounters among the top-rated players. The revised time control - 120 minutes for 40 moves with no increment until move 40 - contributed to increased tension and risk-taking, although a number of critical errors occurred well before acute time pressure. The traditional tendency toward risk-free draws among elite players was notably reduced.

Among the younger participants, GM Yağız Kaan Erdoğmuş (14) made a strong Masters debut, finishing with a positive score and demonstrating particular strength in time-trouble situations. GM Matthias Blübaum also stood out, defeating several higher-rated opponents and crossing the 2700 rating threshold for the first time, underlining his readiness for the Candidates Tournament.

In contrast, the event proved unusually difficult for the Indian players, several of whom suffered significant rating losses despite active play.

In the Challengers section, GM Andy Woodward scored 10/13 to secure promotion to the Masters, narrowly edging out GM Vasyl Ivanchuk, who came close to returning to the top group nearly three decades after his first appearance.

Miloš Perunović

- **Country:** Serbia
- **Born:** 1984
- **Rating:** 2490
- **Peak rating:** 2641
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004



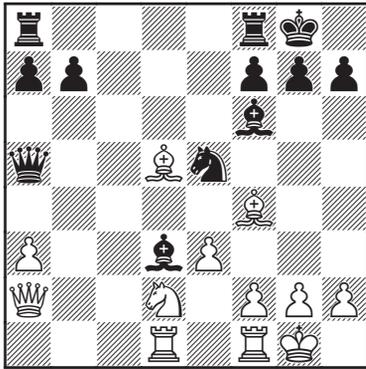
♔e5 60.♖c8 f5 61.♖c7 ♖c7 62.bc7 ♗b7
 63.g3 fg3 64.fg3 ♗d6 65.g4 fg4 66.♗e2
 ♗c7 67.♗g4 ♗d5 68.♗e6 ♗e6

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Anish GIRI 2760 - Yağız Kaan ERDOĞMUŞ 2658

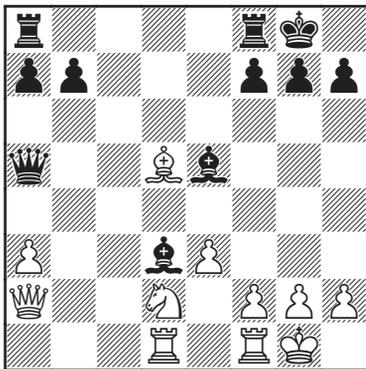
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Giri achieved a fine victory against the new world rising chess star, Erdoğan.



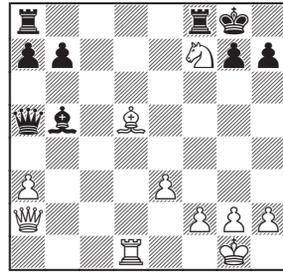
21.♗e5!? White prepares an exchange sacrifice with this interesting move.

21...♗e5



22.♗f3! ♗f1 23.♗e5 ♗a6?

[Correct was 23...♗b5! repositioning the bishop to e8 for king's defense, controlling f7 and possibly h7 via g6. 24.♗f7



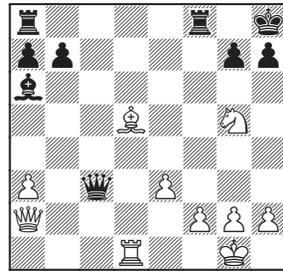
24...♗e8!! 25.♗g5 ♗h8 By playing 26.h4 White protects the knight on g5, parries first-rank threats, and activates the rook, achieving complete compensation for the sacrificed exchange.]

24.♗f7 ♗c3

[24...♗c7 25.♗g5 ♗h8 26.♗b1 g6 27.♗e6+-]

25.h4 Giri overlooks a tactical opportunity to crush Black's defence faster.

[25.♗g5 ♗h8



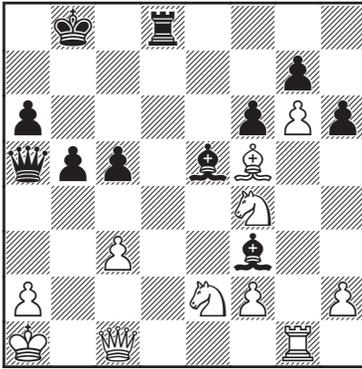
26.♗b7! ♗b7 27.♗b1 g6 28.♗b7+-]



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Giri - Erdoğan

30. ♕f4!± ♖f4 31. ♗gf4 ♕f3 32. ♖d8 ♖d8
White is on top again. The position remains very sharp and complicated.



33. ♖b1?

[33. ♖e3! ♕e2 34. ♗e2 ♖b6 35. ♖b1+-
White remains a piece up.]

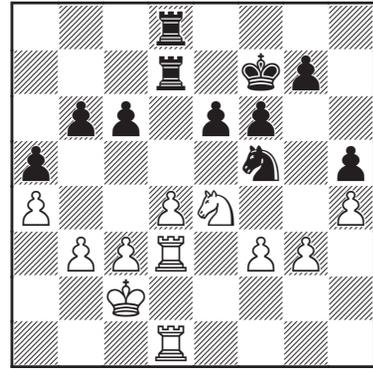
33...b4!→ Black attack is really dangerous now.

34. ♖g3?

[34. ♗d3 ♕e2 35. ♗e5 fe5±]

34...bc3!+- 35. ♖f3 ♖b4 36. ♖c2 ♖a4 37. ♖b1 ♖d1 38. ♕c2 ♖b4 39. ♕b3 ♖e4 40. ♖d3 ♖c1 41. ♖c1 ♕f4 42. ♗f4 ♖f4 43. ♖c2 ♖f2 44. ♖c3 ♖h2 45. ♕f7 ♖c7 46. ♖d5 ♖f2 47. ♖c4 ♖c2# 0 : 1

Yağiz Kaan ERDOĞMUŞ 2497 -
Vasyl IVANCHUK 2631
Doha (blitz) 2025



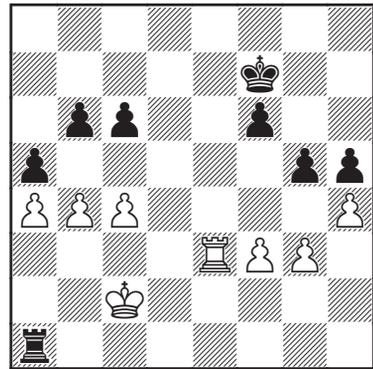
37...e5!? Ivanchuk decides to force matters.

[37... ♖d5±]

38. de5! ♗e3 39. ♖e3 ♖d1 40. ♗d6 ♖8d6 41. ed6 ♖d6 42. b4

[42. ♖e4=]

42... ♖d5 43. ♖b3 g5 44. c4 ♖d1 45. ♖c2 ♖a1



46. c5!? A very nice winning attempt.

46...bc5 47. b5! ♖a4 48. b6 c4??

[48...gh4 49. gh4 ♖d4 50. ♖b3 ♖d8 51. ♖c3± The game should end in a draw, but Black must play precisely.;

48... ♖c4 49. ♖c3 ♖d4 50. ♖b3 a4 51. ♖b1 ♖d8 52. ♖c3 ♖e8 53. ♖c4 ♖d7 54. ♖d1 ♖e7 55. ♖a1±]



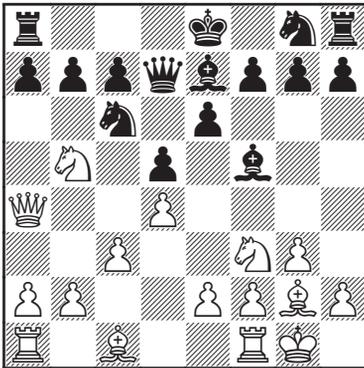
Indić - Caruana

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Zsóka GAÁL 2220 - Aliaksandra
TARASENKA 2147

Doha (rapid) 2025

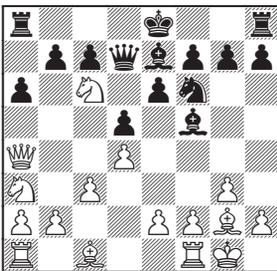
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.d4 ♙f5 4.♙g2 ♘b4
 5.♘a3 e6 6.0-0 ♙e7 7.c3 ♘c6 8.♖a4
 ♗d7 9.♘b5



9...a6? Black seems to have wasted a bit too much time in this opening and it was nicely taken advantage of by White.

10.♘e5! ♘e5??

[10...♖c8 was the only way to avoid material loss, but White maintains the advantage after 11.♘a3 ♘f6 12.♘c6 ♗d7



13.♘c4! Such a cute protected square idea! 13...♖c6 (13...dc4?? 14.♖c4 with the idea that after 14...0-0 15.♘e7 ♗e7 16.♙b7+-) 14.♖c6 bc6 15.♘a5 ♘d7 16.f3±]

11.♘c7! An easy to miss Zugzwang and it is all over.

11...♘d8 12.♗d7 ♘d7 13.♘a8 ♘c8 14.♙f4 g5 15.♙c7 b6? 16.c4 ♘gf6 17.cd5 ed5 18.♙e5 ♖d8 19.♖ac1 ♘b7 20.♙f6

♙f6 21.♙d5 ♘b8 22.♘c7 ♘a7 23.e4
 ♙h3 24.♖fd1 1 : 0

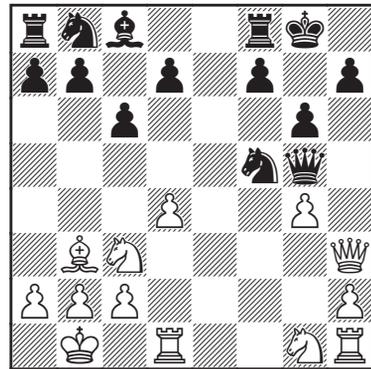
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Aleksandra MALTSEVSKAYA 2293 -
Candela FRANCISCO
GUECAMBURU 2175

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1.e4 e5 2.♙c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘e4 4.♗h5
 ♘d6 5.♙b3 ♙e7 6.f4 g6 7.♗h3 ef4 8.d4
 ♘f5 9.♙f4 0-0?! 10.0-0-0 ♙g5 11.♙g5
 ♗g5 12.♘b1 c6?

[12...♗e3 13.♘f3 ♗h6 14.♗h6 ♘h6 15.♖hf1=]

13.g4



13...♘h6?? Fatal blunder.

[13...♘e3 14.♖e1 ♘g4 15.♘f3 ♗f4 16.♗h4+-]

14.♘f3+- ♗g4 15.♗h6 ♗f3 16.♖df1 ♗g4?!

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Eline Roebers

TASHKENT IV PRESIDENT'S CUP

by FM Csaba Zoltán Varga

Tournament Report

The IV President's Cup was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from December 4 to 12, 2025. The tournament featured a strong Masters section, played as a 10-player round robin, alongside Open A and Open B events. All games were played at the International Chess Academy under classical time control.

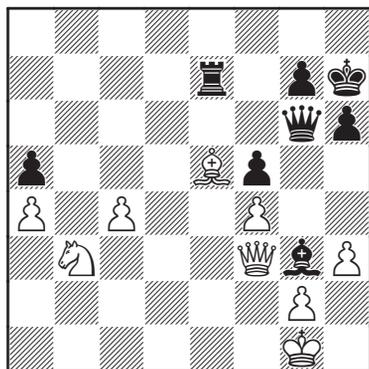
GM Nihal Sarin (India) dominated the Masters section, finishing clear first with 7 points out of 9. He maintained a stable lead throughout the event and secured first place before the final round, which he nevertheless won against GM Abdimalik Abdusalimov.

Sarin's result was built on six wins, two draws, and a single loss, the latter coming in round six against GM Mukhiddin Madaminov. A notable feature of his performance was his efficiency with the white pieces, converting all five of his White games into victories. His score corresponded to a performance rating of 2836 and earned him a gain of 14.5 Elo points, raising his live rating to 2715.5. This places Sarin as India's fifth-highest-rated player and world number 26. The victory marked his second consecutive triumph at the President's Cup. Second and third places were shared by local grandmasters GM Mukhiddin Madaminov and GM Shamsiddin Vokhidov, both scoring 5/9. Tie-breaks awarded second place to Madaminov and third to Vokhidov, ensuring strong representation for the host country on the podium.

The Masters field also included GM Alexander Grischuk, GM Frederik Svane, GM Shant Sargsyan, GM Yuriy Kuzubov, GM Maxime Lagarde, GM Bardiya Daneshvar, and GM Abdimalik Abdusalimov, forming a balanced and competitive lineup that produced a number of instructive classical games. The IV President's Cup once again confirmed Tashkent's status as a major chess center, offering excellent playing conditions and a well-organized event.

Mukhiddin MADAMINOV 2552 - Alexander GRISCHUK 2654

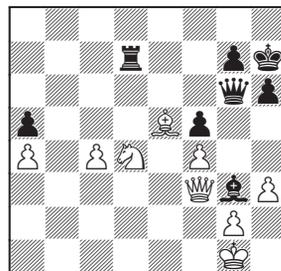
Tashkent 2025



Black had a winning game here by playing]

92...♙h4!!

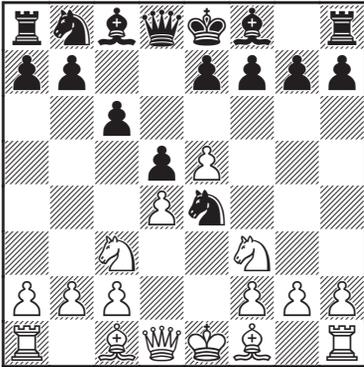
[92...♖d7? 93.♘d4 (93.c5=)



93...♙e1?? (93...♙h4 94.c5 ♙f6 95.
♚c3!)=) 94.c5 ♚g3 (94...♖d8 95.c6 ♜c8

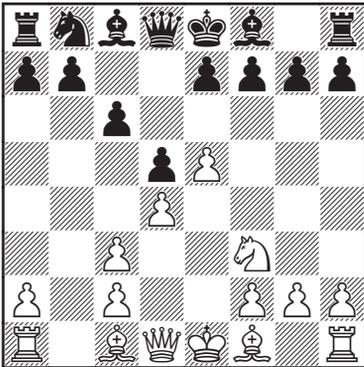
5.d4

1.e4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♗c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♗e4
5.d4



After this move, Black outlines a plan to control the key c4-square. This idea has brought many victories in rapid and blitz games, even against top players.

5...♗c3 6.bc3



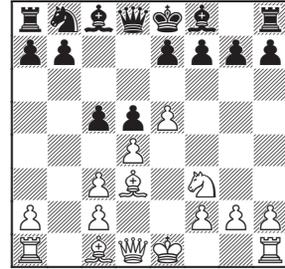
6...♕g4!?

[6...c5!? Solid alternative.

a) 7.dc5! e6 8.♗d3 Jorden van Foreest 2601–Wei Yi 2736, chess.com (Internet-m/10-blitz) 2019; (8.♗e3 ♖a5 9.♞b1 (Attila Grószpéter 2541– Zoltán Medvegy 2547, Magyarország (ch) 2009) 9...♗c6 10.♗b5 ♗c5 11.♞d2 ♗e3 12.♞e3 a6 13.♗c6 bc6 14.0–0 c5=;

8.♞d4 ♖a5 9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.c4 ♞c5 11.cd5 ♞d5 12.♞f4 ♗e7±) 8...♗d7! 9.0–0 ♗e7 10.c4 (10.♞e1 ♗c5 11.♗d4 0–0 12.♞h5 ♗d3 13.cd3 f5! 14.ef6 ♗f6=) 10...♗c5 11.cd5 ♗d3 12.♞d3 ♞d5 13.♞d5 ed5=;

b) 7.♗d3?



7...c4! 8.♗e2 ♗c6 9.0–0 ♞a5±;

c) 7.♗e2?! c4! 8.0–0 ♗c6 9.♗e1 (9.h4 ♞a5 10.♗d2 e6 11.h5 h6!± - typical move to prevent White's h6 push.) 9...♞a5 10.♗d2 e6 11.f4 ♗d7 12.g4 f6!±;

d) 7.♗d2 e6 8.♗e2 c4 9.0–0 ♗c6 10.♗e1 (10.♞b1 ♗e7 11.g3 ♞c7 12.h4 ♗d7 13.h5 h6! 14.♗h2 0–0–0 15.♗g2 ♞dg8±) 10...♗d7 11.f4 ♞a5 12.g4 f6 13.ef6 gf6 14.g5 0–0–0 15.gf6 ♗d6±;

e) 7.c4 ♗c6!

e1) 8.cd5 ♞d5 9.c3 cd4 10.cd4 ♗f5 11.♗d3 ♗d3 12.♞d3 e6±;

e2) 8.dc5 e6 9.cd5 ed5 10.♗d3 ♗c5=;

e3) 8.c3?! cd4 9.cd4 ♗f5 10.cd5 (10.♞b3 e6 11.c5 ♞c7±) 10...♞d5 11.♗e3 e6±;

e4) 8.♗e2 e6 (Alternative is 8...cd4 9.♗d4 ♗e5 10.cd5 ♞d5 11.0–0 ♗d7 12.♞b1 ♞c8 13.c4±) 9.cd5 ed5 10.0–0 ♗e7 11.dc5 ♗c5 12.♗g5 ♞d7 13.♞d2 h6 14.♗f4 0–0=]

7.h3

[7.♗d3!? e6 8.0–0 (8.h3 ♗h5! The idea is to exchange White's light-squared bishop, if possible. 9.0–0 ♗d7 10.a4 ♗e7 11.a5 b5 12.ab6 ab6 13.♞a8 ♞a8 14.c4 dc4 15.♗c4 b5 16.♗d3 ♞a4=) 8...♗d7 9.♞b1 (9.♗e3

25...♙d5) as then 26.♚d2 would give White a moderate edge.

28.♙f7 ♚f7 29.c5?!

[29.cb5 ♚c4 would be dead equal. IR 2025]

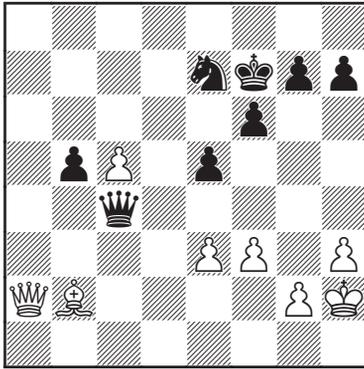
29...♚c4 30.h3 ♙f7 31.♙h2 ♗g6 32.♚d7?!

[RR 32.♙c3]

32...♗e7 33.♚a7? Misguided. Now White is slightly worse.

[33.♚d2 ♗d5 34.e4! would still be almost equal. IR 2025]

33...♚b4 34.♚a2 ♚c4



35.♚c4?!

[After 35.♚a3 Black has a slight edge.(Johansen is underestimating his position. After 35...b4 36.♚a7 ♚b3 , Black is right on top. IR 2025)]

35...bc4 36.♙g3 ♙e6 37.♙f2 ♙d5 38.♙e2

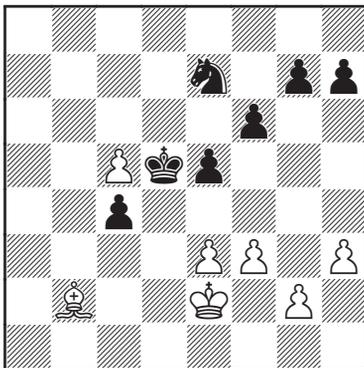


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Le Russe, plein d'humour, pense à une transplantation de branches à la place des poumons pour les prochains championnats du monde sous-marins. Il reviendra d'autant plus volontiers qu'il a trouvé le lagon calédonnien est fabuleux

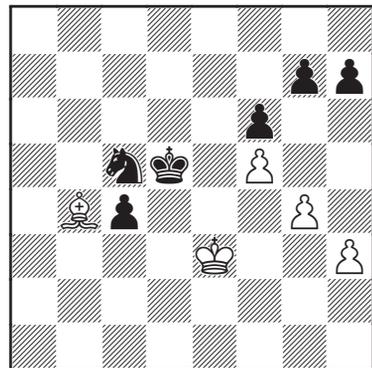
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38...♙c6! The right plan for Black is now to manoeuvre his knight to attack the Kingside pawns or help collect the pawn on c5, according to what White does.

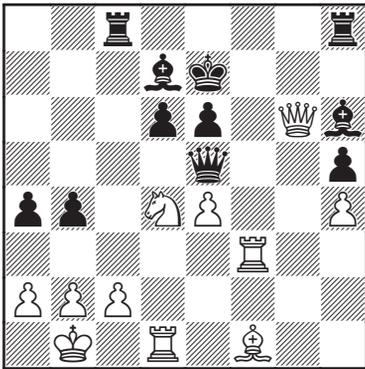
39.♙d2

[Or 39.♙a3 ♙b5!]

39...♗f5 40.f4 ef4 41.ef4 ♙c5 42.g4 ♗d4 43.♙a3 ♙d5 44.f5 ♗b3 45.♙e3 ♗c5 46.♙b4 ♗d7 47.♙a3 ♗e5 48.♙b4 ♗d7 49.♙a3 ♗c5 50.♙b4



27.hg5 h4 28.♙c4 ♘g7 29.♖e6 ♙e5∞] 24.♗f2 [24.gf7 ♘f7 (24...♘f8!? 25.♙b5! e5 26.♙d7 ed4 27.♙c8 de3 28.♗d3 e2! 29.♗e2 ♗c8 30.♗d6∞) 25.♗f2 ♘e7 26.e5! de5 27.♗f5 ef5 28.♗d7 ♘d7 29.♗f5 ♘d6 (29...♘c7??? 30.♗e5+-) 30. ♗f6 ♘d7 31.♗f5=] 24...fg6 [24...0-0!? 25.g7! (25.gf7 ♗f7 26.♗g3 ♗g7∞) 25...♗fe8! (25...♙g7? 26.♗g3 e5 27.♗g2 ♙g4 28.♗f5+-) 26.♗f3 ♗e7 27.♙a6 ♗d8 28. ♗f6 ♙g7 29.♗g1 e5!∞] 25.♗f6 ♗e5 [25...♙e3? 26.♗h8 ♘e7 27.♗h7 ♘f6 28. ♙a6!+-] 26.♗g6 ♘e7 27.♗f3



27...♗g7?? [27...♙f4! 28.♗f4! ♗f4 29.♗f5 ef5 30.♗g7 ♘d8 (30...♘e6?? 31.♙h3 ♗hf8 32.ef5 ♗f5 33.♗e1 ♘d5 34.♗d7+-) 31.♗h8 ♘c7 32.♗d4 ♗e5 33.ef5 (33.♗a7 ♘d8 34.ef5 ♙f5∞) 33...♗d4 34.♗d4 ♗e8! 35.♘c1 ♗e1 36.♗d1 ♗e4=] 28.♗f5!+- ef5 29.♗d6 ♘e8 30.♙b5! 1 : 0

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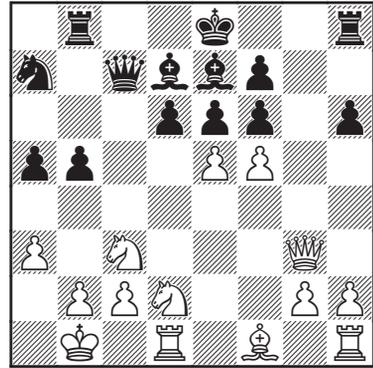
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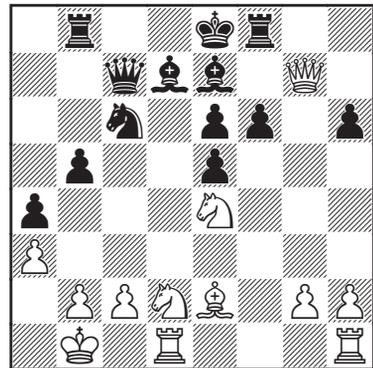
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1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♗d4 ♗f6 5. ♗c3 ♗c6 6.♙g5 e6 7.♗d2 a6 8.0-0-0 ♙e7 9.f4 ♙d7 10.♗f3 b5 11.a3 ♗a5 [11...b4 - 141/60] 12.♘b1 h6 13.♙f6?! N [13.♙h4 b4 14.ab4 ♗b4 (14...♗b4? 15.e5!±) 15.♙c4 ♙c6 16.♗he1 0-0∞] 13...gf6 14.♗e1?! [14.♗d4! ♗b8! (14... b4 15.♗c6 ♙c6 16.♗a2 ♙e4 17.ab4

♗b6 18.♙d3 f5 19.♙e4 fe4 20.f5!∞) 15. ♗b3 ♗b6 16.♗e2∞] 14...♗b8?! [14... b4! 15.ab4 ♗b4] 15.♗d2 ♗c7 16.♗g3 ♗a7? [16...b4 17.ab4 ♗b4 18.♙c4 a5 19. b3 ♘f8 20.♗he1∞] 17.f5! a5 18.e5!? [18. fe6! fe6]



18...de5! [18...fe5? 19.♗g7 ♗f8 20.f6 ♙d8 21.♗ce4 d5 22.♙e2! b4 (22...de4? 23.♗e4 ♗b6 24.♗d2 b4 25.♗hd1+-) 23. ♗c4! ♗b6 24.ab4 ab4 25.♗b6 ♗b6 26. h4±] 19.♗g7 ♗f8 20.fe6?! [20.♙d3 ♗b6! 21.g4 b4 22.ab4 ab4 23.♗ce4 ♗b5 (23... ef5 24.gf5 ♗b5 25.♗b3∞) 24.♙b5 ♙b5 25.♗f6 ♙f6 26.♗f6 ef5 27.♗f5∞] 20... fe6? [20...♙e6!] 21.♗ce4 [21.♙e2! b4 22.ab4 ♗b4 23.♗ce4 a) 23...f5 24.c3! ♗e4 (24...♗b8 25.♗c4!+-) 25.♗e4 fe4 26. ♗hf1+-; b) 23...♗b7 24.♗c4! ♗e4 25.♗d7! ♘d7 26.♗d1 ♗d4 27.♗d4 ed4 28.♗a5+-; c) 23...♘d8 24.c3 ♗a4 25.♗hf1 f5 26.g4+-] 21...a4? [21...f5 22.♙e2 ♗c6 (22...fe4? 23.♗hf1! ♗f1 24.♗f1 ♗c5 25.♗e4+-) 23. c3! ♘d8! 24.♗hf1 b4 25.♗c4 bc3 26. ♗c3 ♗d4∞] 22.♙e2 ♗c6



**1. LU MIAOYI 2431 -
Faustino ORO 2516**

1...f5! 2.gf5 e5 3.♖b3 f2! [3...f4
4.a5 e5 5.a6 b6 6.eb1 ♗h4+] 4.♗c2
f5 5.♗c3 e4+ 6.♗g3 f3 0 : 1

Goran Arsović

**2. BAI ADELARD 2428 -
Valeriy AVESKULOV 2475**

1...e4! [1...e2? 2.♗f4 d1♗ 3.f4d1
♗d1 4.♔g2 f2 5.♔f2 e4 6.♗d4 ♗d4
7.♔g2 ♗d2=] 2.♗b7 [2...e4 d1♗ 3.f4d1
♗d1 4.♗e1 ♗e1#] 2...f2 3.♗f2 d1♗

0 : 1

Vitomir Božić

**3. Vladimir FEDOSEEV 2705 -
GUKESH DOMMARAJU 2754**

1...b3! 2.♗d2 [2.♗b3 ♗d3 3.♔e1 (3.
♔f2 ♗d2++) 3...e8 4.♔f2 ♗e3+; 2.e2
♗b4+] 2...♗b4 3.e6 fbc3 [3...♔g6
4.♗d3 ♔g7 5.♗f5 f5+] 4.e2 0 : 1

Goran Arsović

**4. Sandipan CHANDA 2490 -
Levon ARONIAN 2729**

1.f8!! [1.♗h6?? e2! 2.♔a1 e3 3.
♔b1 ♗a2 4.♔c1 f2#] 1...f8 2.♗h6
f6 [2...♗a2 3.♔c1 f6 4.fh1+; 2...e2 3.
♔c1 e5 4.fh1+] 3.fh1! [3.♔c1? ♔f7!
4.♗h7 ♔f8! 5.fh1 e5!+; 3.♗g6? ♔f8 4.
fh1 ♔e7+] 3...♔f7 4.♗h7 e8 [4...
♔f8 5.♗h8! ♔e7 6.fh7 ♔d6 7.♗d8+] 5.
♗g7!! f1 [5...♗a2 6.♔c1 e5 7.fh8
e8 8.fg8 ♗g8 9.♗g8+; 5...f3 6.e3
♗a2 7.♔c1 ♗a3 8.e2 ♗e3 9.♔b1+] 6.
f1 e5 7.♔c1 ♔d8 8.fh1 ♗d7 9.
♗g6 e5 10.fh8 1 : 0

Csaba Zoltán Varga

**5. Hannes STEFÁNSSON 2427 -
Khuyagtsogt ITGELT 2445**

1...e3! [1...h2? 2.♔h2 (2.f1 ♗c1
3.e5 h6 4.♗e6 ♔h8 5.f7 ♔h7 6.♗f5
g6 7.g5! hg5 8.♗h3 ♔g7 9.♗d7 ♔f6
10.♗d6=) 2...f8 3.♗g4 ♗f3 4.♗f3 f3
5.♔g2 f8 6.f3 f8 7.♔f3=] 2.f3 f8
3.♗g4 [3.♗h3 ♔c2 4.♔g1 f3 5.f8 ♔f7
6.f7 ♔e8 7.f6 ♗d6 8.f3 ♔b4+] 3...

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♔c2 4.♔f2 e4 5.f3 f3 6.♔g1 ♔e3+
7.f8 ♔f7 8.♗h5 ♔e7 0 : 1

Goran Arsović

**6. Velimir IVIĆ 2638 -
Erwin L'AMI 2634**

1.f7! ♔c7 2.♗a7 ♔d6 [2...♔c8 3.e6#]
3.♗b6 ♔d7 4.e5 ♔c8 5.♗a7 f6 6.0-0

1 : 0

Goran Arsović

**7. Tamás BÁNUSZ 2588 -
Filip HARING 2479**

1.f5!! e5 [1...f2 2.♔f2 ♗c2 3.♔g1
♗c5 4.♔h2 ♗a3 5.f1 ♔g7 6.f8 ♔f6
7.♗h4 ♔h7=] 2.♗e5 f6 [2...f2 3.♔f2
♗b6 4.d4 ♔f6 5.f1=; 2...♗b1 3.e1
f2 4.♔g2! ♔e3 5.♔f2 ♔d1 6.♔g2 ♗b2
7.♗b2 ♔b2 8.e2 f6=] 3.f4! ♗a2
[3...♗b1 4.e1 ♗a2 5.♗e8 f8 6.♗e5=;
3...♗d3 4.♗d5=] 4.d4 ♗a1 5.♔h2 ♗d4
6.♗d4 1/2 : 1/2 *Csaba Zoltán Varga*

**8. Dov ZIFRONI 2454 -
Avital BORUCHOVSKY 2521**

1.f7! ♔g7 [1...f5? 2.e7 ♗e7 3.♗h6
♗g7 4.♗f4+] 2.f4! e5 3.f4 [3.e5?
f5! (3...f6? 4.f4 ♔h7 5.f6! e6 6.♗g6
♔h8 7.♗f6 ♔g8 8.e3 fae8 9.♗g6
♔h8 10.♗h6 ♔g8 11.♗g6 ♔h8 12.♗h5
♔g8 13.a3 c5 14.♔g4!+) 4.♗h4 ♗d6+]
3...f6 4.♗h6 ♔g8 5.♗h7 ♔f8

1/2 : 1/2

Goran Arsović

**9. Bryan Enming LIN 2374 -
Awonder LIANG 2701**

1.f4!! [1.h4? ♗f4! 2.♔h3 f1 3.f1
f7 4.♗g3 ♗e4+; 1.♔g3?! f1! 2.h4
f3! 3.♔h3 ♗b6 4.f2 ♗b7+; 1.♗g3?!
♗e1! 2.♗g2 ♗b1! 3.h4 f2 4.♔g3
♗a5 5.f8 f7+] 1...f4 [1...♗c3!?
2.b8 ♗f3 3.♗f3 (3.♔g3 ♔d2 4.f3 ♔f1
5.♗f1 f1 6.♗b2 f3 7.♔g2 f3 8.♔f1
f3 9.♔e2 f3=) 3...♗f3 4.♗b2 ♔h7
5.♗a1 ♗f2 6.♔h1 ♗f3 7.♔g1 ♗g3 8.♔f1
♗f3!]=] 2.♗e4 [2.f4 ♗b7 3.♗e4=
2...♗b2 3.f7! ♔f7 4.♗e6 ♔f8 5.b8
♗b8 6.♗f6 ♔g8 7.♗g6 ♔f8 8.♗f6 ♔g8
9.♗g6 ♔f8 10.♗f6 1/2 : 1/2

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