

(11) Malyuga,Valentin (2150) – Babarykin,Stanislav (2269)

2. WCCD Dresden (2.1), 19.10.2015

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.e3 a6 6.Nge2 Ba7 [just avoids d4 with tempo]

[6...d6 is another possibility as shown in the following 2 games 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 (8.d4 Ba7 9.h3 h6 10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.Nf3 Ng6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Rc1 Qd7 17.Kh2 Be4 18.Bd4 Bxd5 19.Bxg7 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Kxg7 21.Qxb7 Bb6 22.Bc6 Qe7 23.Bxe8 Qxe8 24.Rc4 Ne5 25.Rf4 Qc6 26.Qxc6 Nxc6 27.Rc1 Ne5 28.Rd1 a5 29.Kg2 Rb8 30.Ra4 Re8 31.g4 Nd7 32.Rc4 Re5 33.h4 Nf6 34.Kf3 Rb5 35.Rg1 Nd7 36.Ke2 Ne5 37.Rc2 Ng6 38.h5 Nf8 39.f4 Ne6 40.Kf3 Rd5 41.Re1 Rb5 42.Rd1 d5 43.Rd3 d4 44.e4 Rb4 45.Rc6 Nc5 46.Rd1 d3 47.e5 Rd4 48.f5 Nd7 49.f6+ Kf8 50.Kg2 Nxe5 0-1 (50) Zvjaginsev, V (2659)–Najer,E (2633) Khanty–Mansiysk 2013) 8...h6 9.Bb2 Re8 10.Nd5 Ba7 11.f4 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Nb4 13.Qb1 c6 14.Nc3 Rb8 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Nd5 Ne7 17.Qd3 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Rac1 Re7 21.Qd5 Bb6 22.Rc4 Qd7 23.fxe5 dxe5 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxe5 Re8 26.Bc3 f6 27.Rf5 Ba7 28.Kf2 Re6 29.a4 Kf7 30.Ke2 Kg6 31.g4 Bb8 32.h4 Rb6 33.b4 Rbd6 34.h5+ Kf7 35.b5 Rd5 36.e4 axb5 37.axb5 R5d6 38.d4 Re6 39.Kd3 Bg3 40.d5 Re8 41.b6 Ra8 42.Rf3 Bh2 43.Rf1 Ra6 44.Bd4 Ra3+ 45.Rc3 Ra4 46.Rfc1 Bf4 47.R1c2 Bd6 48.Rc8 Ra3+ 49.R2c3 Ra1 50.Rc1 Ra3+ 51.R1c3 Ra1 52.Bc5 Ke7 53.Rg8 Kf7 54.Rc8 Ke7 55.Bxd6+ Kxd6 56.R3c7 Ra3+ 57.Kd4 Ra4+ 58.Ke3 1-0 (58) Matlakov,M (2685) –Levin,E (2507) St Petersburg 2014]

7.0-0 d6 8.d4 exd4 9.exd4 0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Kh2 [11.Be3 seems more natural to finish the development, and if 11...Rb8 white can start the attack with 12.g4 h6 13.g5 maybe the King will go to h2, but maybe to h1, so it might be better for white to wait a little bit longer to move their king]

11...h6 12.b3 [developing the bishop on the a1-h8 diagonal is another approach to this position, probably preparing some d5 at some point to open the Bb2. I am a fan of the other idea with Be3 and g4-g5]

12...Ne7 13.Bb2 d5! [black however does not allow d5. Black does not have much space so has to counterattack the center!]

14.cxd5 [if 14.c5 black could have continued 14...c6 now whites bishops are both closed and Ba7 will find his way back in the game through b8, no need to worry about him 15.Nf4 Bf5 16.Re1 Ng6 followed by Qd7, trade rooks, re8, Bb8 with a nice position for black]

[but now white has to play with an isolated pawn]

14...Nexd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qd2 [16.Nc3 Be6 17.Ne4 this would have been a better choice for white as it is important to utilize the outposts the isolated pawn gives: c5 and e5. Ne2 is too passive]

16...Be6 17.Rae1 c6 18.f4 [again 18.Nc3 would have been advised to improve the only piece in white's position which is badly placed]

18...Qd7 19.Ng1 [trying to bring it to e5 via f3, but it is not very easy simply because]

19...f6 [on the other side, in c5, if black would have played b6 to stop the knight from stepping into the outpost black would have weakened c6 pawn. This way black weakened the white squares around the king, but he shouldn't have to worry because the Be6 is close by]

20.Re2 Rad8 21.Rfe1 Nc7 22.Qb4 Nd5 [repeating the position, but most likely black had something else in mind if Qd2]

23.Bxd5? [this move just gives away the bishop pair, weakens the king and also trades a light piece, which is not recommended when having an isolated pawn]

[white had to go back here 23.Qd2 Bf7 24.Nf3]

23...cxd5 [=23...Bxd5 no need to worry about 24.Re7 Qc8 followed by Bb8-d6 25.Ba3 (25.Qxb7???) simply losing material 25...Qxb7 26.Rxb7 Rxe1 27.Rxa7 Rf1) 25...a5 26.Qxa5 Bxd4 Re7 is active, but cannot create any threats and it will eventually be traded by black]

24.Ba3 Rc8 25.Nf3 Bb8 [brings the bishop into play, but it allowed white to play Nh4]

[25...Bf5 to try utilizing the e4 outpost 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Qd2 Qe4+ Black has the pair of bishops as well as more active pieces and less weaknesses.]

26.f5? [as it weakens g3 and causes the loss of the game]

[26.Nh4 would have helped white stay a little more active, trade some pieces and avoid making more weaknesses 26...Bf7 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.Qf8+ Kh7 30.Qc5 Qe6 31.Qc2+]

26...Bxf5 [26...Qc7 also would lead to win after 27.Rg2 now 27...Bxf5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qd2 Re4 white remains passive and bound to defending all weaknesses]

27.Re7 [27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Re7 could have been tried, but simply 28...Qc6 threatening Qc2 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qd2 Qh5+ followed by Be4]

27...Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Rc2+! [nice intermediate move]

29.Kh1 Qc8 30.Rxb7 Bd6+ 31.Qb6 Be4 32.g4 Bxf3+ 33.Kg1 Bh2+ 34.Kf1 Bg2+ 35.Ke1 Bg3+

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(12) Suder,Ryszard (2129) – Meshkov,Yuri (2351)

2. WCCD Dresden (2.2), 19.10.2015

1.Nf3 c5 2.b3 d5 3.e3 a6 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d4 [we have a reversed Queen's Indian with a tempo up.]

5...Nf6 6.Be2 [6.c4 might be a little more exact for white and in case of 6...Qa5+ now 7.Bc3 having the pawn in c4 is better for white 7...Qb6 8.Nbd2]

6...Qa5+ 7.Bc3 [doesn't seem very natural]

[7.Qd2 has been tried before here long time ago and the game continued 7...Qb6 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.Ba3 Qb6 10.0-0 g6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Rad1 Be6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Nc5 Bc8 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 b6 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Nce4 Kf8 20.Rc1 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bf5 22.f3 Qd7 23.Qe2 Bxe4 24.fxe4+ Ke8 25.Qc4 Ne5 26.Qb4 Rd8 27.Rfd1 Qc7 28.Qa4+ Rd7 29.Qxa6 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Kf7 31.Rf1+ Bf6 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Qxb6 Ra8 34.Qc5 Kg7 35.Rf1 Rc8 36.Qd5 Qa7 0-1 (36) De Greif,B-Castro Rojas,O Medellin 1972]

7...Qb6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Nbd2 e6 10.Bb2 [this move had to be played eventually, so now it seems that we have a reversed Queen's Indian, and can say Black is White.]

10...cxd4 [10...Be7 11.c4 0-0]

11.Nxd4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Be7 13.c4 0-0 14.cxd5 [14.Rac1 even if white doesn't hurry eventually this trade will have to be played 14...Rac8 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.cxd5 Nxd5]

14...Nxd5 15.Nc4 [15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Rac1 Qb5 17.Nc4 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rac8=]

15...Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb5 17.Qb2 [creating some weaknesses and attracting black to push pawns on dark squares to restrict his own bishop. This position is equal though, it is very hard to win without anyone making a mistake]

17...f6 18.e4 Nf4 19.Rad1 Qc6 20.Be3 Ng6 21.f3 b5 22.Na5 Qc7 23.b4 Bd6 24.Rxd6 [going for the equalizing of the game]

[24.g3 was another possibility to try to slowly gain space on the King side with f4 24...Rac8 25.f4 Rfd8 26.Qb3 Nf8 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Rfd1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Rc8 still the position is quite equal and with a good play by both colors it will lead to a draw]

24...Qxd6 25.Bc5 Qe5 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Rd1 [28.Rc1 to try activating the rook on the 7th file 28...Rd8 29.Rc7 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.Kg3 Rxa2 32.Nb7= followed by Nd8-e6]

28...Rc8 29.Rd6 Rc1+ 30.Kf2 Ke7 [=30...Rc2+ 31.Kg3 Rxa2 32.Rxa6 Kf7]

31.Rxa6 Nd3+ 32.Kg3 Nxb4 33.Ra7+ Kf8 34.Nb3 Rd1 [gives some chances to white to play for a win]

[34...Rd1 here white could have continued 35.Nc5 Rd6 36.e5! fxe5 37.Nd7+ Ke8 38.Nxe5 and now black has two weaknesses b5 and e6 and white only b5. It isn't much, but the game could have continued a little bit longer; 34...Rc4 would have been more exact]

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(13) Gurbanov, Andrei (2336) – Frink, Ferenc (2123)

2. WCCD Dresden (2.3), 19.10.2015

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 Nc6 [the Knights Tango, now the idea is e5, but after]

3.Nf3 [black has to play]

[3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7]

3...e6 4.a3 [avoiding Bb4 Nimzo style positions]

4...d6 [4...d5 5.Nc3]

5.Nc3 Bd7 [seems a little too passive. Black doesn't have much space and have to find a way to prepare e5 soon or else white will simply gain more center and space]

[5...g6 has been played more in this position followed by 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Be3 e5 getting in some Kl style positions; 5...Be7]

6.e4 [6.e3 is another possibility to meet 6...e5 with 7.Bd3 keeping the tension in the center and finishing the development]

[this is however my personal preference for white to gain more space]

6...e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.h3 [stopping any Bg4]

8...Ng6 9.Bd3 h6 10.g4 [in general I like these g4 ideas against the Old Indian. However, it might be wiser to wait for black to castle, maybe]

[10.Be3 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 playing on the queen side]

10...Be7 11.Ne2 [11.Be3 Nh7 12.Qe2 Ng5 13.Nd2]

11...Nh7 12.Ng3 Ng5 13.Bxg5 [white gives away his good bishop which also controlled the f4 square white gave away after g4]

[△13.Ng1 followed by Nf5, h4]

13...hxc5 14.Nh5 Bf6 [14...Kf8 seems safe followed by Nh4 blocking the king side and starting the plan on the queen side 15.Qe2 Nh4 16.0-0-0 c5]

15.Qc2 Rxh5? [there is no need for this, if the position starts opening up it will backfire]

[15...Qe7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 gives black a nice position]

16.gxh5 Nf4 17.Ng1 Nxh5 [17...Rc8 opening up the queen side would have given black a better play as now white cannot castle safely on any side 18.0-0-0 c6; 17...Rb8]

18.Be2 Nf4 19.Bg4 g6 20.f3 b6?! [as black somewhat stops any counterplay he could have has on the queen side]

[20...Kf8 bringing the king to g7 and wait to see how white progresses this position]

21.0-0-0 Qc8 22.Ne2 Ng2 23.Qc3 Be7 24.Rh2 Nh4 25.Bxd7+ Qxd7 26.Ng1 a5 27.b3 [from here on white finds the best way to improve the position of all of his pieces and open up the position which leads to his converting of his exchange advantage into a win]

27...f5 28.Kb2 0-0-0 29.b4 a4 [of course black does not want to allow the opening of any file]

[29...axb4? 30.axb4 Kb7 31.Ra1 Rb8 32.Qa3 Kc8 33.Qa7 followed by Kb3, Rha2 and mates]

30.Qc2 Kb7 31.Ka2 c5? [this helps white open up the position]

[31...Rf8 black should try to defend here, not allow the opening of any files]

32.bxc5!+- [a very nice play by white once he has gotten the advantage]

32...dxc5 33.Rb1 Ra8 34.Rb5 g4 35.hxc4 fxc4 36.fxc4 Qxc4 37.Ne2 Rf8 38.Nc3 Qg3 39.Nxa4 Rf3 40.Rxb6+ Kc8 41.Qb2 Bd8 42.Rb8+ Kd7 43.Nxc5+ Ke8 44.Ne6 Rxa3+ 45.Qxa3

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(14) Mate,Balasz (2121) – Pakhomov,Aleksey (2335)

2. WCCD Dresden (2.4), 19.10.2015

1.e4 Nc6 [the Nimzovich Defense, quite rarely played nowadays, but a very interesting idea to stop any opening preparation I would say]

2.Nf3 d5 [trying to get into the Scandinavian]

[2...d6 is what I would have expected next]

3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 0-0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.Nxe5 [△7.Nc3 first to chase the queen away from attacking g2 7...Qa5 8.Nxe5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxe5 11.Rd1=]

7...Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qxg2 10.Rf1 Nh6 [10...Qxh2 11.Qg4+ Kb8 12.Nd2 Nh6]

11.f4? [weakening the position too much. White should have finished his development]

[11.Nd2 Be7 12.0-0-0 Nf5 13.Rg1 Qxh2 14.Bxa7 Qh6=]

11...Qe4 [△11...Qc6 keep the queen away from any of white's development with tempo]

12.c3 Be7 13.Nd2 Bh4+ 14.Kd1 Nf5! 15.Bg1 Qa4+ [15...Rxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Rd8+ 17.Bd4 Qc6 18.Qd3 g6]

16.Kc1 Rd7 [16...Rd5 black had to try to stay more active 17.Qe4 Qxe4 18.Nxe4 Re8]

17.Qe4 Qxe4 18.Nxe4 b6 [is not necessary as a7 will never be able to be captured by white]

[18...Re8 was better instead to create some weaknesses]

19.Kc2 Re8 20.Nd2 f6 21.Nf3 fxe5 [white has escaped the attack and seems to have equalized, but here had to recapture by the f pawn to open up the f file, and keep the e file closed]

22.Nxe5? [the knight will not be able to remain on e5 it will be traded or chased away with Bf6, attacked by two rooks and white will have to remove it allowing the assault on the 2nd rank]

[22.fxe5]

22...Rd6 23.Rad1 Bf6 24.Rxd6 Nxd6 25.Nf3 Re2+? [white has passive pieces and more weaknesses, so from here on black has to slowly push the pawns on the queen side improve the position of his king and eventually black will gain more advantage and win the game. It is very difficult to defend for white]

26.Kb3 a5 27.Rf2 Re4 28.Nd2 a4+ 29.Kc2 Re1 30.Rg2 a3! [creating even more weaknesses]

31.bxa3 Nb5 32.c4 Nxa3+ 33.Kb3 Nb1 34.Kc2 Nxd2 35.Kxd2 Ra1 36.Kd3 Rc1 37.c5 bxc5 38.Be3 Rc3+ 39.Ke4 Kb7 40.f5 Kc6-+ 41.Bg5 Bd4 42.Re2 Ra3 43.Be7 Ra4 44.Bf8 Ra8 45.Be7 Re8 46.Kd3 Kd5 47.Bh4 Ra8 48.Rc2 Ra3+ 49.Ke2 Ke4 50.Be7 Ra5 51.Bd8 Kxf5 52.Bxc7 Ra7 53.Bd6 Ke6 54.Bg3 Kd5 55.Kd1 Ra3 56.Kc1 Rf3 57.Re2 h5 58.Re8 g5 59.Ra8 h4 60.Bc7 Kc4 61.a4 Kd3 62.Kb1 c4 63.Bd6 Rf1+

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(15) Mikheev,Stanislav (2296) – Kovalenko,Vladimir (2068) [E94]

2. WCCD (2.5), 19.10.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 [here white has other continuations as well]

[7.d5 to go for the space advantage with a plan later on with b4-c5; 7.dxe5 would go to the endgame 7...dxe5 8.Bg5 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Na6]

7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 Nc6 [9...Nbd7 is another possibility here]

10.Be3 Nh5 11.Qd2 Nf4 12.Rfd1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 14.Qxd4 Qg5 15.Bf1 Qc5? [15...Ne6 16.Qf2 Qc5 now 17.Qxc5 still 17...dxc5 (17...Nxc5?? loses immediately to 18.Nd5) 18.Kf2 (18.Nd5 doesn't do anything now as c7 is protected 18...Kg7) 18...b6]

16.Qxc5 dxc5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 [is forced]

18.Rxd5 [18.cxd5 gives white a big edge 18...b6 19.a3 a5 20.Bb5 Rd8 21.Bc6 Ra7 22.Kf2]

18...b6 19.Kf2 Be6 20.Rd2 Kf8 21.Rad1 Ke7 22.g3 Red8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxd8 Kxd8 [this endgame is equal, but white is going to try utilizing his majority on the King side]

25.Ke3 Ke7 26.e5 a5 27.Bd3 f6 28.exf6+ Kxf6 29.b3 h6 30.h4 Bd7 31.Be4 a4 32.f4 a3 33.Kf3 h5 34.Ke3 c6 35.Kd2 b5 36.Kc3 b4+ 37.Kd2 Be8 38.Ke3 Bd7 39.Bf3 Be6 40.Kd3 Bf5+ [and here players agreed to a draw. There is no way for either one to try to improve]

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(16) Tsapalin,Sergey (2060) – Varezhkin,Viktor (2267) [A57]

2. WCCD (2.6), 19.10.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 [5.bxa6 is the main line in the Volga 5...g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6]

5...g6 6.a4 [6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Nf3 has been widely played]

6...a5 7.Nc3 Qxb6 [7...Ba6 seems a better idea for black; playing in the gambit style, trying to stop white from playing e4. The b pawn will be captured back eventually 8.b7 Ra7]

8.e4 d6 9.Bb5+ [9.Nf3 waiting to play Bb5 a little longer, as Nb5 looks good eventually as well 9...Ba6 (9...Nbd7 10.Nd2) 10.Bb5+]

9...Nfd7 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 Qd8 13.Qd2 [white has finished his development and has a slight advantage: space, b5 outpost, possible attacking ideas on the king side]

13...Na6 14.Bh6 Nb4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rfe1 f6 17.h4 h6 18.Ra3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 [this trade helps black]

[19.Ne2]

19...fxe5 20.Ne2 e6 21.dxe6 Bxe6 22.Rg3 Qe7 23.h5 g5 24.f4 exf4 25.Nxf4 Bf7 26.e5 dxe5 27.Qc3 Na2? [27...Qd6 28.Qxe5+ Qxe5 29.Rxe5 Kf6 with the loss of some material]

28.Qxe5+ Qxe5 29.Rxe5 Nb4 30.Ne6+ [and now white saved his knight]

30...Bxe6 31.Rxe6± [given the activity of white's pieces and superiority Bishop vs Knight]

31...Rf6 32.Re7+ Kf8 33.Re5 Rd8 34.Rge3 [□34.Rxc5 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 pawn up plus a5 will be lost soon as well]

34...Nd5 35.Re8+ Rxe8 36.Rxe8+ Kf7 37.Ra8 Nf4 38.Rxa5 g4 39.Ra7+ [from here on it's just a matter of technique to win the game]

39...Kf8 40.Ra8+ Kg7 41.Bc4 Nxf5 42.Rg8+ Kh7 43.Rxg4 Rd6 44.b3 Nf6 45.Rf4 Kg6 46.a5 Kg5 47.Rf1 Rd7 48.a6 h5 49.Ra1 Ra7 50.Ra5 Kf4 51.Rxc5 Rd7 52.Ra5 Rd1+ 53.Bf1 Ng4 54.Ra2 Ne3 55.Rf2+ Ke4 56.b4 Rb1 57.b5 Kd5 58.b6 Ra1 59.a7 Kc5 60.Rf8

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(17) Messalla, Jamal (2057) – Gedgafov, Chamal (2243) [B25]

2. WCCD (2.7), 19.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Be3 Nd4 7.f4 d6 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.Bxd4?! [not the best choice for white as now black with have a clear play on the c file and c2 pawn]

[9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0]

9...cxd4 10.Ne2 Qb6 11.Qc1 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Kh1 0-0 14.c4 dxc3 15.bxc3 Rc7 16.Qd2 [a very nice play by black here to attack white's c3 weakness]

16...Rfc8 17.Rab1 Qa6 [a2 and d3 are stand by weaknesses as well]

18.Rfc1 Rc5 19.Rc2 Ra5 [very nice maneuver a la Rubinstein]

20.d4 Bb5 21.Nc1 Bc4 22.e5 d5 23.Ne1 b6 24.Ned3 Bf8 [I would have liked 24...Ra3 to bring even more pressure on c3]

25.Bh3 Ra3 26.Nf2 Bf1 [Δ26...h5 to stabilize the position on the king side]

27.Bg4 Rc7 28.Ne2 Bxe2 [trading the light color bishop in these type of positions would be in black's favor, even if it was for a knight, but since black is so active and white has to defend, I personally would have preferred to keep the bishop on the board]

29.Bxe2 Qc8 30.Rbc1 Qb7 31.Ng4 b5 [it's not the moment yet as black has to be cautious about Nf6]

[Δ31...Bg7]

32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Ne8 Rc6 34.Bd3 [Δ34.Nd6 Rxd6 35.exd6 Nc8 36.g4 Nxd6 37.Bd3[∞]]

34...Ng8 35.Qe2 a6 36.h4 Qc8 37.Nd6 Qd7 [37...Bxd6 38.exd6 Qd7 39.Qe5+ f6 40.Qe2 Qxd6 looks like a free pawn without compensation]

38.h5 [38.Nxb5 axb5 39.Bxb5 Ne7]

38...Bxd6 39.exd6 Qxd6 40.hxg6 hxg6 41.Qg4 Kg7 42.Qh3 b4! [42...Qc7 43.Rh2 Rxc3 there is no mate 44.Qh8+ Kf8-+]

43.Rh2 Kf8 44.Qh8 Qe7 45.Qe5 Raxc3 [45...Qc7-+ should have been played to trade the queens and c pawn will be falling shortly]

46.Rxc3 Rxc3?? [giving away the advantage and giving white too much conterplay]

[46...bxc3 47.Rh7 Qe8 48.Qg7+ Ke7 49.Bc2 Rc8 to protect the 8th file against 50.Rh8 now 50...Qb5! leading to the victory soon]

47.Rh7 Rxd3 48.Qg7+? [48.f5 creates more threats for white]

48...Ke8 49.Rh8 Kd7 50.Qxg8 Kc6?? [falls into mate traps and black's queen and rook are not coordinated]

[50...Rd1+ 51.Kg2 Rd2+ 52.Kf1 Rd1+ 53.Ke2 Rc1 54.Qa8 Rc6 and black is well defended against any mate threats]

51.Qb8! [now, given the chance, white does not miss to convert the game in his favor!]

51...Qb7 52.Rc8+ Kb6 53.Qd6+ Ka5 54.Rb8 [and black's queen is trapped]

54...Rd1+ 55.Kh2 Rd2+ 56.Kh3 Qxb8 57.Qxb8 Rxa2 58.Qb7 Rc2 [black tried to push his passed pawns, but nothing can stop a queen capturing everything in its way...]

59.Kg4 Rc4 60.Kf3 Rxd4 61.Ke3 Rc4 62.Kd2 Rc3 63.g4 Rc5 64.Qxf7 b3 65.Qxg6 Kb4 66.Qb1 a5 67.g5 a4 68.g6 a3 69.g7 a2 70.Qg1 Rc2+ 71.Kd3 Rc3+ 72.Kd2 Rc8 73.Qb6+

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(18) Stachanczyk, Jacek (2240) – Dr. Usbeck, Karl-Heinz [C78]

2. WCCD (2.8), 19.10.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 [6...Be7 is more popular in this position]

7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bxf7 Rf8 13.Bd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bb7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Rxf1+ 17.Kxf1 Bxd5 18.Nd2 Ke7 19.e4 Bb7 20.Ke2 Rf8 [20...c5 keeping the pawns compact 21.Ke3 h6 22.c4 Rd8]

21.Ke3 Rf6? [until here the games was played without error by both players, now white is planning for a4 so black had to play]

[21...Bc6 22.c4 h6 this position is about equal there aren't weaknesses on either side and no entrances either]

22.a4 [now white starts having some little winning chances through the activation of his rook on the a file, it isn't much, but it requires a cautious play by black]

22...bxa4? [creating 2 weaknesses]

[22...Bc6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 Kd6 still holding the position]

23.Rxa4 Rb6 24.b3 Ke6 25.Ra1 Ke7 26.Ra5 Rb5 27.Ra3 Ke6 28.Nc4 Kd7 29.Na5 Bc8 30.Ra2 Rb6 31.b4 Ke6 32.Nb3 Ke7 33.Nc5 [a very nice knight maneuver by white to show the knight's superiority in a position with multiple weaknesses in black's position and from here on the game went smoothly in white's favor. This reminds me of Rubinstein or Capablanca type of endgames. A very nice and instructive endgame from here on!]

33...Rh6 34.g3 Rf6 35.Nd3 Kd6 36.Ra5 Re6 37.Rd5+ Ke7 38.Nxe5 c6 39.Rc5 Kd6 40.Nxc6 Bb7 41.e5+ Kd7 42.Nd4 Re8 43.e6+

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(19) Strzelecki, Jerzy (2063) – Clement, Miheso Chomu (2120) [D38]

2. WCCD (2.9), 19.10.2015

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 Nxd5? [simply gives away a pawn]

[4...cxd4 is the normal continuation for black 5.Qxd4 (5.Nxd4 Qa5+) 5...Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 a6 8.g3 e5 9.Nb3]

5.Nc3 [5.dxc5 this would have just won a pawn]

5...e6 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 [in this position white still has a slight advantage, but the pawn should have been captured without worry]

7...Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 [here white has the control over the center and has to finish the development and start some attack on the king side given that black does not have the most important defender a knight in f6 or f8]

10.Be3 b6? [10...cxd4 has to be played first 11.cxd4 b6 now 12.d5 doesn't have the same effect as the pawn will remain weak 12...exd5 13.exd5 Nb4 14.Bc4 Bb7]

11.d5! [now it's the right time as]

11...Na5 [11...exd5 fails because of the famous discovery trick 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Bxh7+]

[now]

12.c4 [strengthening the pawn chain]

12...Qc7 13.Rc1 exd5 14.exd5 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.Bxh7+?? [16.Bd2± in this position white does not have to hurry as black is not regrouped, has a bad Na5. additionally, white has a defended passed pawn and two bishops that could gain good access on the a1-h8 and b1-h7 diagonal]

16...Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Bxg5 18.Qxh5+ Bh6 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qf5+ Kg7 21.Rc3 [white went from much better to almost loosing]

21...Qe7? [allowing the repitition here]

[21...Qd6 defends any checks and black has a piece up 22.Rg3+ Kh8]

22.Re3 [22.Rg3+ Kh8 23.Qf4 Kh7 24.Qf5+ =]

22...Qd6 23.Rfe1 Kh8 24.Rg3 Nxc4?? [giving the piece back]

[24...Rae8 would have kept black in the competition of winning this game 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Qxf7 Qf8 27.Qxa7 Nxc4±]

25.Qg4 Rg8 26.Qxc4 Rxc3 27.fxc3 Qxc3 28.Re2 [28.Re7 activity is very important in R+Q endgames]

28...Rg8 [28...Rd8 the same goes for black 29.Re7 Kg7 30.Qf1 Qg6]

29.Kh1 Rg6 30.a4 Rf6 31.Kg1 Qd6 32.Rd2 Rf4 33.Qc3+ f6 34.Qe3 Kg7??? [losing the rook]

[after 34...Qe5 he game would have probably ended in a draw 35.Qxe5 fxe5 36.a5!]

35.Qg3+ Kf7 36.Rf2 Qxd5 37.Qxf4 Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qd8 39.Qxh6 Qd4 40.Qf4 Qd8 41.g4 Kg7 42.h4 Qe7 43.g5 fxc5 44.hxc5 a6 45.Qf6+ [A really nice game overall. White was winning and better in the first part of the game and later blundered and black was winning. The fair result would have been a draw, but like Dr. Tarrash was saying: "in a game of chess the winner is always the one who made the last but one mistake "!]]

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(20) Gerasimov,Aleksander (2189) – Smirnov,Aleksey (2446) [E25]

2. WCCD (2.10), 19.10.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 [I used to play this system myself and haven't seen it played very much recently, it's an older system played much by Gligoric]

4...d5 [4...c5 was played by Aronian here 5.d5 0-0 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 a6 8.a4 Ba5 9.Bd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Nh5 11.g3 Nd7 12.Bg2 b5 13.g4 b4 14.Nb1 Qh4+ 15.Kf1 Ne5 16.Be1 Qf6 17.gxh5 Nxf3 18.Bf2 Bg4 19.Qc1 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nd2 Rac8 23.Qb1 b3 24.Nxb3 Bb6 25.a5 Ba7 26.Kg1 Bf5 27.Be4 Qg5+ 28.Kf1 Qf4 0-1 (28) So,W (2779)–Aronian,L (2765) Saint Louis 2015]

5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c4 [the reason I am not a big fan of this is that black gives up any possibility of opening the center once the attack on the king side will start. Yes, it is true c4 keeps white from developing Bd3, but there are other attacking ways of attacking fro white in this position]

[8...0-0 is the main line that could lead to something similar to the following game 9.Bd3 b6 10.Ne2 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nbd7 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.Rae1 Qc7 16.Re2 Nf8 17.e4 Ng6 18.Qd2 Nf4 19.Ref2 cxd4 20.cxd4 N6h5 21.Nxh5 Nxh5 22.e5 g6 23.g4 Ng7 24.f4 Qe7 25.f5 gxf5 26.gxf5 Qh4 27.Rf4 Qh5 28.Qg2 Kh8 29.Kh1 Rg8 30.Qf2 Ne8 31.Bc1 Rg4 32.e6 Nf6 33.Rxg4 Qxg4 34.Bf4 Ne4 35.Qg1 Rg8 36.Qxg4 Rxg4 37.h3 Rg7 38.f6 Rg8 39.e7 h5 40.Rg1 Rc8 41.Be5 b5 42.Rg7 Rc1+ 43.Kg2 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 Rc8 45.Kf4 1-0 (45) Naroditsky,D (2631)–Lapshun,Y (2439) Riga 2015]

9.g4 [is a little bit premature as black has not committed with castle yet so something similar to the game Aghasaryan–Melkumyan shown below could have followed]

[9.Ne2 Kasparov had a nice win here 9...Nc6 10.g4 h6 (10...Na5 11.Bg2 Nb3 12.Ra2 Qa5 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 Bxg4 16.Qe1 0-0-0 17.Qg3 h5 18.h3 h4 19.Qe3 Bd7 20.Qg5 Rh5 21.Qxa5 Rxa5 22.e5 Nd5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxf7 Nxc1 25.Nxc1 Rb5 26.Re2 g6 27.Rg7 Bf5 28.Re1 Ra5 29.Ne2 Rxa3 30.Nf4 Rxc3 31.d5 Rf3 32.Rf1 Rg3+ 33.Kh2 c3 34.d6 c2 35.Rc7+ Kb8 36.Ne2 Rxh3+ 37.Kg2 Re3 0-1 (37) Aghasaryan,R (2443)–Melkumyan,H (2656) Yerevan 2013) 11.Bg2 Na5 12.0-0 Nb3 13.Ra2 0-0 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.Qe1 Re8 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Nxg4 18.Bf4 Qh4 19.h3 Nf6 20.e5 Rad8 21.Qf2 Nh5 22.Bxh6 Re7 23.Nf5 Qxf2+ 24.Rxf2 Re6 25.Be3 Bc6 26.Bf1 f6 27.Bxc4 Bd5 28.Be2 fxe5 29.Bxh5 exd4 30.Bg5 Rd7 31.Rae2 Be4 32.Nxd4 1-0 (32) Kasparov,G (2820)–Polgar,J (2670) Tilburg 1997]

9...0-0 [I would not advise castling when the opponent is ready to start the attack, this system with f3, a3, e3 in the Nimzo is famous for being aggressive]

10.Ne2 Nc6 11.Bg2 Na5 12.0-0 Nb3 13.Ra2 [this is a typical idea, the rook will be brought on the king side, and there's no need to worry about the possible loss of the dark square bishop as anyways it has not been moved and black lost 3 moves to capture it]

13...b5 14.g5 Ne8 15.e4 a5 16.Be3 [now that the bishop was not captured it's time to get it active]

16...Ra6 17.Ng3 Nc7 [black has to keep the play going on the queen side or else white's attack will be crushing]

18.e5 b4 19.axb4 Nb5 20.Qc2 [△20.Ne2 retreat is necessary here]

20...axb4 21.Rxa6 Bxa6 22.Ne2 Bc8 [22...bxc3 23.f4 Bb7 24.f5 Qa8∞]

23.f4 [23.cxb4 had to be played here 23...g6 24.Nc3 Bf5 25.Qb2]

23...Na3 24.Qa2 Bf5! 25.cxb4 Nc2 26.Bf2 Bd3 27.Nc3 Nxb4 28.Qa4 Bxf1 29.Kxf1 Qa5?! [29...Qb6 keeping the queens on the board is good for black to keep the threats going. After Qb7, Rb8 black has a big advantage]

30.Qxa5 Nxa5 31.Bxd5 Nxd5 32.Nxd5 Rb8 33.Nc3 Rb3 34.Be1 Nc6 35.d5 Nd4 36.Bd2 Nf3 37.Ke2 Nd4+ 38.Kd1 Kf8 39.d6 Ke8 40.h4 g6 41.Ke1 Nf3+ 42.Ke2 Rb2 43.Kxf3 Rxd2 44.Ke4 Kd7 45.h5 gxh5 46.Kf5 h4 47.Kf6 h3 48.Kxf7 Rxd6 49.f5 h2 50.e6+ Kc6 51.e7 Rd7

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