(1) M. Gründer (1999) - D. Scerbin (2368)

- 2. WCCD Dresden (1.2), 18.10.2015
- 1.Nf3 d5 2.b4 [an interesting approach by white. I really enjoy change from the main openings.]
- 2...Bf5 3.Bb2 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b5 Nbd7 6.a4 Bd6 7.d3 [so we basically have a reversed Pirc now, maybe I should try this idea with white!]
- 7...e5 8.Nbd2 0-0! 9.h3 c6 10.Be2 Qe7 11.g4 [11.0-0! I would prefer this followed by c4]
- **11...Be6 12.c4 dxc4** [△12...e4 following the saying : at every attack on the side, we should contra attack in the center 13.dxe4 Nxe4]
- **13.Nxc4 Bxc4 14.dxc4 Bb4+ 15.Kf1** [White's king is safe here,, only need to play Kg2 bring the rook into play and white basically castled]
- 15...Rad8 16.Qc2 g6 17.Kg2 e4 18.Nd2 Nc5? [losing a pawn]
- [18...Rfe8 black has to be careful about the e4 pawn being weak]
- 19.Bxf6! Qxf6 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd2 22.Bf3? [this simply loosed the game]

[after 22.Qf3 white would have stayed with a pawn up. It is true black is active, but once the queens are traded off the board, white should not fear losing this, in fact would be playing for a win! 22...Qb2? (22...Qe7 23.Rhd1; 22...Qxf3+?? 23.Bxf3±) 23.Rab1 Qa3 24.Rhd1±]

- **22...Qh4 23.Rhf1??** [Surprisingly 23.Raf1 would have kept the game alive 23...Bd6 24.Kg1 Rh1 protects h3. Not a nice position to play, but at least white is not loosing immediately 24...cxb5 25.cxb5 Rc8 26.Bd1]
- 23...Bd6 [there's no way to stop Qg3 and mate]

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(2) Sponheim, Marko (2024) - Yarmonov, Igor (2375)

- 2. WCCD Dresden (1.1), 18.10.2015
- 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 [3...Bc5 is a more aggressive system for black]
- **4.d4 exd4 5.c3** [5.Nxd4 is the normal continuation here, but white went for the dynamism in this position]
- **5...Nf6** [5...Na5 6.Be2 dxc3]
- **6.e5 Ng4** [6...Ne4 is another possibility, but most games here finished in white's favor 7.Bd5 f5 (7...Nc5 8.cxd4 Ne6 9.Nc3 d6) 8.cxd4]
- **7.cxd4 d5 8.Bd3** [either of these are possible. I would prefer Bb5]
- [8.Bb3 Be6 9.Nc3; 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Nc3 f6 10.h3 Nh6 11.Bxh6 gxh6]
- **8...Nb4** [\triangle 8...f6 as Ng4 is badly placed, we need to bring it back into play 9.exf6 (9.h3 fxe5 10.hxg4 e4) 9...Nxf6=]

- **9.Be2** [white has moved the bishop too many times]
- [9.h3 there no need to fear 9...Nxd3+ because 10.Qxd3 Nh6 now 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Nc3 black has the bishop pair, but the position is closed and the h doubled pawns will be great targets for white's Q and N]
- **9...Bf5 10.Na3 Qd7 11.h3 Nh6 12.Be3** [12.Bxh6 now it wouldn't be the same 12...gxh6 13.Nh2 Rg8 Na3 is badly placed and black has finished his development]
- **12...Be4 13.g4 Ng8** [there's no need for this as now white weakened his King side so Bxh6 is not as great anymore]
- [13...0-0-0 would have been better to try finish the development]
- **14.Rg1 h5 15.Ng5 hxg4 16.hxg4 Bg6 17.Qb3 a5 18.Bd2 c6 19.Nh3 Nd3+??** [19...0-0-0 black doesn't need to hurry to trade pieces. 20.Rc1 Kb8 21.Nf4 Be4 first to attract white to 22.f3 putting another pawn on white and now 22...Bh7 and black has a slight edge in this position. Now his plan would be to prepare c5, distroy white's center and utilize white's king in the center position]
- 20.Bxd3 Rxh3 21.Bf5! [21.Rg3 a4 22.Qc3 Rxg3 23.fxg3 Qxg4]
- 21...Rxb3 22.Bxd7+ Kxd7 23.axb3± [white white has an exchange up and the fact that his king is in the center is a plus]
- 23...f6 24.f4 [I like this move, strengthening the center]
- **24...Be4 25.Nb1** [improving the position of the knight]
- 25...fxe5 26.dxe5 d4 27.Ke2 [is giving black contra-chances and helps him develop with tempo]
- [27.f5 I think this would have improved white's position, giving white the f4 square for the bishop to help improve the position of the Nb1]
- 27...Bc5 28.Rg3 Ne7 29.Rh3 [the h file opened looks scary, but]
- [29.b4 would have worked much better as there is no good place for black's bishop 29...Bb6 (if 29...Ba7 now we can play 30.Rh3 axb4 31.f5 now black's pieces and bound to stay on the queen side) 30.bxa5 Bc7 31.Na3 at least we got read of a weakness and it's time to bring the night back into play, now f5 is not possible anymore so we have to recycle the night back in the game through a3-c4]
- **29...Nd5 30.f5 b5** [30...Re8 black has to try to trade as many pawns as possible in order to save the game 31.Rh7 (31.e6+ Kd6) 31...Rxe5 32.Rxg7+ Be7 the f and g pawns are looking dangerous, but a pawn less than in the game and white's N and Ra1 still have a long way till being able to get back in the game]
- **31.Rh7! Bf8 32.b4** [big miss here by white to help decide the game]
- [32.Bh6 bringing a second attack on g7 would have probably finished the game in white's favor soon as if 32...Re8 33.Bxg7 Re7 there's no need to worry 34.Nd2 finally getting the knight out and freeing the Ra1 as well 34...Bc2 35.e6+ Ke8 36.Rxa5]
- **32...a4 33.Na3 Re8 34.e6+ Kc7 35.Rc1 Kb6 36.Rh2?** [36.Rh8 it was not time to retreat, white is still pressing 36...d3+ 37.Kf2 threatening to trap the Be4 37...Bxb4 wouldn't work because of 38.Rxe8 Bxd2 39.Rd1 Bg5 40.Nb1 white still has big winning chances]
- **36...Nxb4!** [good come back by black]

- **37.Bxb4 Bxb4 38.Kf2??** [38.Rd1 Bc5= (38...c5)]
- **38...c5** [38...g6∓ and white's chain of pawns is now getting destroyed]
- **39.Rh7 c4 40.Nxc4+ bxc4 41.Rxg7?** [41.Rxc4 Kb5 42.Rxb4+ Kxb4 43.Rxg7≅ and white has big chances of drawing this position]
- 41...c3 42.bxc3 dxc3 43.Ke3 Bd5 44.Kd4 Bb3 45.g5? [white's pawns are too slow, while black's are unstoppable]
- [45.Rxc3 Rd8+ 46.Rd7 Bxc3+ 47.Kxc3 Rxd7 48.exd7 this was white's last chance to save the game because of opposite color corner]
- 45...c2 46.Kd3 a3 47.Rh7 a2 48.Rhh1 Rd8+ 49.Ke2 Rd2+ 50.Ke3 Rd1 51.e7 Bxe7

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- (3) R. Zimmer (1985) A. Gurbanov (2336)
- 2. WCCD Dresden (1.3), 18.10.2015
- **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+** [7...Nxe4 is another possibility, but black has to be ready to play with his king in the center after 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qb3+ d5 11.Qxb4]
- **8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 Nce7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 c6 13.a4 Nb6?!** [Nd5 is a really good blocker of the isolated pawn plus it keeps the Bc4 blocked]
- [\triangle 13...Qb6 is the main line here for clack 14.a5 Qxb3 15.Nxb3 Bf5]
- 14.Bd3± [Nb6 doesn't do much, plus it helps white play a5, possibly a6 at some point to weaken c6]
- **14...Ng6 15.a5 Nd5 16.Bc4 Ndf4 17.Ne4 Rb8** [17...h6 not to allow any Ng5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Be6 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Nd6 Rb8 now. White is slightly better, but this would have avoided some of the complications in the game]
- **18.Ne5** [△18.Nfg5 Nd5 19.Qg3 Ra8 20.Nd6±]
- **18...Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Nxf7 Qd5** [only move]
- [20...Rxf7 21.Qxe6 Nf4 (21...Qxd4?? 22.Nd6 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Nf4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe6 26.Rxe6+-) 22.Qc4± simply a pawn up for white]
- **21.Qxd5 cxd5 22.Ned6** [\(\sigma 22.Nfg5 Nxd4 23.Rad1 Nc2 24.Re2 Nb4 25.Nc3 Nf4 26.Red2]

[allows]

22...Nxd4= 23.Rad1 Nc6 24.Ng5 d4 [24...Rf6 25.Rxd5 Nf4 26.Rf5 Ne2+ 27.Rxe2 Nd4 28.Ree5 Rxd6 29.Rf7 Nc6 30.Re1 h6 31.Ne4 Re8 32.Rf4 Rde6 I went on the variation way too much, but this should have been possible to hold to a draw]

25.Ne6 Rf6 26.Nc4 [\(\triangle 26.Nb5 \)]

26...Nge5 27.Nxe5 Rxe6 28.Nd3 Rxe1+ 29.Nxe1?! [the knight is the best blocking piece of a passes pawn, plus the rook needs to get active]

[29.Rxe1 Nxa5 30.Re7 we're better off giving aways a pawn and getting active in rook endgames, I would say the same in R+N endgames. Activity equals a pawn down]

29...Rd87 30.Nc2 Rd5! [Dr. Tarrasch was saying rooks have to be kept active and have mobility]

31.Kf1 Rxa5∓ [a very good play by black to win this game from here on!]

32.Ke2 Rb5 33.Rb1 Kf7 34.Kd3 Kf6 35.Kc4 a6 36.b4 Rf5 37.f3 Rg5 38.Ne1 Re5 39.Kd3 Re3+ 40.Kc4 Rc3+ 41.Kd5 d3 42.Ke4 d2 43.Nd3 Nxb4 44.Nxb4 Rc4+ 45.Kd3 Rc1 46.Nd5+ Ke5 47.Kxd2 Rxb1 48.Ne3 Rh1 49.Ke2 b5 50.Nf1 Rxf1 51.Kxf1 Kd4 52.Ke1 Ke3 53.h4 a5 54.h5 a4 55.Kd1 h6 56.Kc2 b4 57.Kb2 Kf4 58.g4 Kxf3 59.g5 hxg5 60.h6 gxh6

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(4) V. Strekalovski – S. Mikheev

2. WCCD Dresden (1.4), 18.10.2015

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 Nc6 6.axb4 Bxb4 7.c3 Bf8 8.d4 Nh6 9.h4 Bd7 10.Bd3 f5 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Ng5?? [it would have been a nice tactics, unfortunately for white, black can cover their king and will stay with a piece up]

[12.0-0 would have been the normal continuation, the pawn down doesn't really matter in this position and black has no side to castle and also has the h pawns doubled]

12...hxg5 13.Qh5+ Ke7 14.Qxg5+ Kf7 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16.Rh3 Be8! [bringing an extra defense]

17.Rq3+ Bq7 18.Qf3 Qxh4 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Nd2 Ne7-+ [the game just went in black's favor early on]

21.Rb1 b6 22.Qd3 f4 23.Rh3 Qg4 24.Qf1 Rc8 25.Qh1 Bg6 26.Rh4 Qf5 27.Qh2 Bxe5 28.Ra1 Bb8 29.Nf3 Kg7 30.Qh3 Qxh3 31.gxh3 h5 32.Kd2 Nf5 33.Rg1 Kf6 34.Ne5 Nxh4 35.Nd7+ Ke7 36.Nxb8 Nf3+ 37.Ke2 Nxg1+ 38.Kf1 Rxc3 39.Kg2 Rxb8 40.Kf1 Be4 41.f3 Rxf3+ 42.Kg2 Rg8+ 43.Kh2 Rxh3#

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(5) Varezhkin, Viktor – Myronenko, Natalya [A16]

2. WCCD (1.5), 18.10.2015

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.c4 0-0 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.a4?! [white is allowing the blockade on d3]

[10.d4 has to be played when given the chance to occupy the center 10...c5 11.Be3 the center is safe and after Qb3, Rfd1, Rc1 white will be well developed and regrouped]

- **10...Nc5 11.Ne1?** [11.Qc2 Had to be played 11...Nd3 12.Ba3 c5 13.Ne1 Nxe1 (13...c4? 14.Nxd3 cxd3 15.Qb3 and d3 will remain a weakness in black's position) 14.Rfxe1 b6 15.e5 Bf5 16.Qd1 Rc8 17.d4= here white is ok]
- 11...Be6 [still maintains a slight edge for black]
- [11...Bxc3 just wins a pawn]
- **12.d4?** [12.Qe2 could have saved the exchange, but 12...Qa5∓ followed by Nb3]
- 12...Nb3 13.Rb1 Nxc1 14.Qxc1 Bc4 15.Rxb7 Ba6 16.Rb2 Bxf1∓ 17.Bxf1 Qc7? [black starts loosing advantage and allows white to somewhat blockade the entrances]
- [17...e5 it is important for black to open up his bishop]
- **18.Nd3 Rab8 19.Ra2 a5 20.Nc5! Rb6 21.e5 e6 22.h4 h5 23.Bd3 Qe7 24.Re2 Rfb8 25.Kg2** [so now white made a nice barricade on the B file there's no entrance for black, so no more worries of losing the game and now white can focus on the king side]
- 25...Bf8 26.Kh3 Kg7 27.Na6 R8b7 28.Nc5 Rb8 29.Na6 R8b7 30.Nc5 Rb8 [just making some moves to approach the 40 moves]
- **31.Qf4!** [going for the attack]
- 31...Qd8 32.Ne4 Rb2? [leaving the King behind]
- **33.Re3!** [getting ready to target f7]
- 33...R8b7? [and from now a beautiful finish by white]
- 34.Rf3 Rd7 35.Nf6 Rc7 36.Nxh5+ Kg8 37.Nf6+ Kg7 38.h5 Be7 39.hxg6 Bxf6 40.exf6+ Kg8 41.g7
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- (6) Gedgafov, Chamal Flock, Daniel [A00]

2. WCCD (1.6), 18.10.2015

- 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 [a good choice of system for white against the Gruenfeld. This system is slightly better for white and white should never have anything to fear]
- 8...0-0 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.Rc1 cxd4 [10...Rd8 is the main line here 11.d5 e6 12.c4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 b6]
- 11.cxd4 Qxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Rd8 13.d5 [is just as good]
- [13.Nb3 has been also played before as in the following game 13...Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.a3 Na2 16.Rc2 Nc3 17.Bd3 e6 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bd2 Na4 20.Bb5 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.dxe6 Re7 23.0-0 Rxe6 24.Rc7 Rxe4 25.Rxb7 Bf8 26.Rc1 Bxa3 27.Rcc7 Bf8 28.g3 h5 29.h4 Nb6 30.Ba5 Re6 31.Nd4 Rd6 32.Ne2 Nd5 33.Rd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Re8 35.Kf1 Re5 36.Rxa7 Re7 37.Ra8 Rd7 38.Nc3 Kf7 39.Ne4 Be7 40.Ke2 Ke6 1/2-1/2 (40) Portisch,L (2650)-Adorjan,A (2545) Budapest 1981]

13...e6 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bf4 exd5 16.exd5 Re8+ 17.Be3 f5? [□17...Nd7 black has to finish the development first 18.Bb5 Rd8=]

18.g3 Nd7 19.Bg2 Bd4 20.Nc4 Bxe3? [□20...Nc5 21.0-0 Bxe3 22.Nxe3 b6 insuring the Nc5 23.d6 Rb8 24.Nd5 Kf8 25.Nc7 Rd8 26.Rfd1 Kf7±]

21.Nxe3 [now nc5 is not possible anymore and that is the best outpost for the N]

21...Nf6 22.0-0 b5 23.Rc7 a5 24.Rfc1 [24.d6 would have speeded up the game 24...Ra6 25.Bc6 Rd8 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Bxd5+ Kh8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Bb7+-]

24...Rd8 [24...Bd7 black could have regrouped here 25.d6 Rad8]

25.R1c6 [25.d6 Ne4 26.Nd5 Be6 27.Bxe4 fxe4 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nxh7+ Kg8 30.Nf6+ Kf8 31.Rh7+-]

25...Ne8 26.Re7 Ra6 27.Kf1 Rxc6 28.dxc6 Nd6 29.Ra7 a4 30.Nd5 Be6 31.c7 Rf8 32.Ne7+ Kf7 33.c8Q Bxc8 34.Nxc8+

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(7) Eremin, Anatoly - Kaydanovich, Marina [C63]

2. WCCD (1.7), 18.10.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.Qd3 d6 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.Bg5 g6 9.Nd5 Bg7 10.Qc4 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Qe6+ Be7 [this position is equal, it was avery interesting game by both players. I do not know what happened here as after]

14.Nxe5 [it seems black has resigned... black could have continued]

[14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Rd1 (15.Qxe5 Kf7 this seems quite safe) 15...Bd7 16.Qxe5 Kf7 17.Qf4+ Kg8 18.Bh6 Qe8 certainly black could have continued on...]

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(8) Karpova, Marina – Gerasimov, Aleksander [A00]

2. WCCD (1.8), 18.10.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 e5 [I used to like these tricks myself with black, but in general white has a slight advantage]

9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 a6 11.Qd2 [11.Ne1 Nbd7 12.a3 this is the best play for white]

11...Ng4 12.h3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 f5 14.Rab1 Nd7 15.b4 cxb4 16.Rxb4 Nc5 17.Rfb1 Rf7 18.Rb6 Bf8 19.Nxe5? [This tactics is in black's favor]

[19.a4 no worries about 19...fxe4 because 20.Nd2! followed by Nde4 with advantage for white as the e5 pawn is blocked forever and Bf8 won't have much play]

19...dxe5 20.Rxg6+ Kh7 21.Rbb6 f4 22.Qf3 Nd7! [after which black didn't have any trouble converting the game]

23.Qh5 Nxb6 24.Rxb6 Rf6 25.Rxf6 Qxf6 26.Bd1 Bd7 27.Bb3 Bb4 28.Na4 Rg8 29.Nb2 Rg5 30.Qf3 Bc5 31.Nd3 Bd4 32.Kf1 Qb6 33.Nc1 Be8 34.Ne2 Bh5 35.g4 fxg3 36.Qf8 g2+

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(9) Misic, Andrija – Malyuga, Valentin [A00]

2. WCCD (1.9), 18.10.2015

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.h3 f5 8.f3 Nf6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nge2 c6 11.0-0 cxd5 12.cxd5 f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.Kh2?! [White should not look on the King side for the moment. White's plan is on the c file preparing Nb5 putting pressure in d6, activating his rook on the 7th rank]

[14.Rc1]

14...h5 15.g3? [White chose a bad plan on the king side. In these types of positions of KI white normally plays on the queen side. I understand the worry on the king side, when we see black's pawns approaching and getting ready to open up the position on our king side, we tend to want to open up the position and bring our pieces there. Unfortunately, all we do is helping black develop the attack!]

[15.Rc1 g4 16.Kh1 and try to hang in there 16...gxh3 17.gxh3 Bxh3 18.Rg1 not to worry now, our king is safe]

15...fxg3+ [15...Ng6 black didn't have to hurry, he can capture when he is ready for it because anyways 16.g4 helps the opening of the h file 16...hxg4 17.hxg4 Nxg4+ 18.fxg4 Bxg4∓]

16.Nxg3 h4 17.Nf5 Nxf5 18.exf5 Nh5 19.Rg1 Nf4 20.Ne4 Bxf5 21.Rxg5?? [After which black is winning]

[21.Be3 white managed to create somewhat a blockade and now can plan to finish the development on the queen side 21...Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Qe7 23.Rc1∞]

21...Bxe4 22.Bxh4 [22.fxe4 Qxg5-+]

22...Qd7 23.Bxe4 Qxh3+ 24.Kg1 Qxh4 25.Rg4 Qh6 26.Rc1 Ne2+ 27.Qxe2 Qxc1+ 28.Kf2 Rf4 29.Qd3 Rxg4 30.fxg4 Qf4+ 31.Ke1 Rc8 32.Bh7+ Kh8 33.Bf5 Rc1+ 34.Ke2 Qf1+ 35.Ke3

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(10) Smirnov, Alexey - Tillman, Marc [A00]

2. WCCD (1.10), 18.10.2015

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Nd2 [one of my favorite systems against the Benoni, white's idea now is bring the Nc4, insure it there with a4 and prepare a break in the center with e5 eventually]

- 8...0-0 9.Be2 Na6 10.0-0 Nc7 11.a4 Re8 12.f4 [12.f3 is slightly better in this position. A nice game would be the following 12...Nd7 13.Nc4 Ne5 14.Ne3 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Rf3 Bd4 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.Bd2 Qf6 20.Nc2 Re7 21.Rg3+ Kh8 22.Bh5 Nh6 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Ne2 Ng4 25.Bxg4 fxg4 26.Nxd4 Nxd5 27.Nb5 Rae8 28.Nc7 Nxc7 29.Bc3 Nd5 30.Bxf6+ Nxf6 31.Kg1 Ne4 32.Re3 h5 33.Qd5 Nf6 34.Rxe7 Nxd5 35.Rxd7 Nxf4 36.Rxb7 d5 37.Rf1 Ne2+ 38.Kf2 Nd4 39.Re1 Rf8+ 40.Kg1 a5 41.Rd7 1-0 (41) Ehlvest,J (2640)-Pruess,D (2408) Stillwater 2007]
- **12...b6 13.Re1 Rb8 14.Bf3 Ba6 15.Nf1 Nd7 16.Ne3 Bd4 17.Kh1 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Bd2 Re7 20.h3 Rbe8 21.Kh2?!** [21.Ng4 Nxg4 22.Bxg4 Qd8 (22...Qxg4 23.hxg4; 22...f5 23.exf5 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 25.Bxe1 h5 26.f6! hxg4 27.Qxg6+= with perpetual) 23.f5→]
- 21...h5! 22.Rad1 Bxc3 23.Bxc3 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Ng4 hxg4? [25...Qxa4 should have been the only move here for black 26.Nf6+ (26.Qxa4 Rxa4 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Nh7+= (28.Nxe8 Nxe8 black has enough compensation here))]
- 26.Rxe4 gxh3 [26...Rxe4 27.Qxe4 Kf8 28.Bf6 Ne8 29.Bh4± white has an exchange up and still in attack]
- **27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Qf2** [△28.f5]
- 28...Qe4 29.gxh3? [White would have maintained his advantage with 29.Re1 Qxd5 30.Re7 Ne6 31.Qf3±]
- 29...Kf8 30.Re1 Qxd5 31.Qh4 [I am not sure what happened here...probably time :(a great game fighting chess by both players!]