

(51) Mikheev,Stanislav (2296) – Smirnov,Aleksey (2446)

2. WCCD Dresden (6.1), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 h5 7.c3 [7.d3 is the main line here for white and the most recent game played went 7...Qf6 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.d4 Bd6 11.hxg4 hxg4 12.Nh2 Rxh2 13.Qxg4 Qh4 14.Qxh4 Rxh4 15.Nf3 Rh5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.c3 f6 19.Be3 Bd6 20.Rad1 Kf7 21.f3 Ke6 22.Kf2 Ra5 23.a3 Rb5 24.b4 a5 25.c4 Rh5 26.c5 Be7 27.f4 g6 28.Kf3 axb4 29.axb4 b6 30.f5+ gxf5 31.exf5+ Rxf5+ 32.Bf4+ Kf7 33.Rd7 Re8 34.g4 Rd5 35.Rxc7 bxc5 36.bxc5 Kf8 37.Re6 Rxc5 38.Rcxe7 Rxe7 39.Bd6 Rc3+ 40.Kf4 Kf7 41.Rxe7+ Kg6 42.Re8 Rc4+ 43.Kg3 Rc1 44.Rg8+ Kf7 45.Rc8 Kg6 46.Bf4 Rc3+ 47.Kf2 Rc4 48.Kf3 Rc3+ 49.Be3 Rc4 50.Rg8+ Kf7 51.Ra8 Kg6 52.Rd8 Kf7 53.Rd7+ Ke6 54.Rh7 Ra4 55.Rh5 Rc4 56.Rc5 1-0 (56) Guseinov,G (2634) –Grigoriants,S (2603) Berlin 2015]

7...Qd3 8.hxg4 [now we have a draw. A good result for both players Smirnov Aleksey was leading the tournament and sharing the point with IM Mikheev keeps him in the poll position (1st place with 5.5/6). Tomorrow he will face the Israelian IM Andrei Gurbanov and I am sure it will be an interesting game one way or another!]

8...hxg4 9.Nxe5 Bd6 10.Nxd3 Bh2+ 11.Kh1 Bg3+ 12.Kg1 Bh2+

½-½

(52) Yarmonov,Igor (2375) – Meshkov,Yuri (2351)

2. WCCD Dresden (6.2), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 c6 5.e4 Nbd7 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Be7 8.d5 [8.Be3 has been tried before as well 8...0-0 9.Ne1 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 exd4 11.Bxd4 Re8 12.Qc2 Bf8 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.f3 a6 15.Bf2 Rac8 16.Qd2 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Nc2 Ne5 19.Ne3 Qb7 20.b3 Ng6 21.Nf5 b4 22.Na4 d5 23.Bd4 dxe4 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.fxg4 Rxe4 26.Kh1 c5 27.Nb2 Rce8 28.Ng3 Rd4 29.Qf2 Rf4 30.Qc2 Re5 31.Nc4 Rd5 32.Rde1 h5 33.Rxf4 Nxf4 34.Rf1 Ng6 35.Nf5 h4 36.h3 Qc7 37.Qe4 Qd8 38.Qg4 Rd3 39.Nce3 Rd2 40.Rd1 Qd3 41.Kg1 c4 42.Rxd2 Qxd2 43.Qxc4 Qxa2 44.Qc2 Qa1+ 45.Kf2 Qe5 46.Qc8 Qb2+ 47.Qc2 Qe5 48.Qc8 Qb2+ 49.Qc2 1/2-1/2 (49) Jakovenko,D (2721)–Pridorozhni,A (2517) Khanty–Mansiysk 2013]

8...a5 9.Be3 a4 [attempting to stop white's conteplay on the queen side yet b4 was still possible]

10.h3 [10.b4 axb3 11.axb3 Rxa1 12.Qxa1 0-0±]

10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qa5 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfc1 Rfc8 14.Bd2 Qa7 15.Qd1 Bd8 16.Be3 Bb6 17.Bxb6 Nxb6 18.b3 Qb8 19.Rab1 Qc7 20.Be2 axb3 21.Qxb3 Nfd7 22.Bg4 Ra7 23.Rd1 h5? [black shouldn't have made this sacrifice, instead]

[23...g6 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.Qb4 now 25...h5 26.Bxd7 Nxd7 27.Qxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxd6 Kf8 here black's pawn down is almost invisible and his pieces are getting active and white doesn't seem any way to progress the position as Nc3 is bound to c3 to protect a2 and a4 square not to allow Ra4]

24.Bxh5 Ra6 25.Be2 [25.dxc6 would have complicated the position and give white winning chances, it isn't an easy decision to sacrifice the queen though 25...Nc5 (25...bxc6 loses to 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Nb5 cxb5 28.cxb5+-) 26.Nb5! Qe7 (26...Nxb3 27.Nxc7 Rxc7 28.cxb7 Rxb7 29.axb3+-; 26...Qb8 27.Qf3) 27.cxb7 (27.Nxd6 Nxb3 28.Nxc8 Qc7 (28...Nxc8 29.Rd7) 29.Rxb3 Qxc8 30.cxb7 Qxb7 31.c5±) 27...Nxb3 28.bxc8Q+ Nxc8 29.axb3±]

25...Nc5 26.Qc2 Nba4 27.dxc6 bxc6 28.Nxa4 Rxa4 29.Rb2 Rca8 [now black gained activity and should't face any losing ideas]

30.Bg4 g6 [a very well played endgame from here on by both players without any moments where either one could have taken the advantage!]

31.h4 Qe7 32.g3 Ra3 33.Qb1 Kg7 34.Rbd2 Qa7 35.Rxd6 Rxa2 36.R6d2 Rxd2 37.Rxd2 Qa1 38.Qxa1 Rxa1+ 39.Kg2 Rc1 40.f3 Rxc4 41.Rd6 Nb3 42.Rd7 Rc2+ 43.Kh3 Rd2 44.Rc7 Nd4 45.f4 exf4 46.gxf4 Rd3+ 47.Kg2 Re3 48.e5 Re4 49.Kg3 Re3+ 50.Kf2 Re4

½-½

(53) Babarykin,Stanislav (2369) – Pakhomov,Alexey (2335)

2. WCCD Dresden (6.3), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Nxf3 c5 7.c3 g6 8.e3 Bg7 9.Qb3 0-0 10.Be2
[This is not the type of opening where white goes all in. However, white maintains a slight advantage throughout. There isn't always a necessity to prove anything, just follow the fundamental principles of chess and things should go as planned.]

10...cxd4 11.exd4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Be3 [now that the position opened white's bishop pair will proven quite powerful]

13...e4? [13...Qc7 to finish the development was probably a better choice for black. The pawn on e4 can become a weakness if black doesn't manage push f5 as well 14.0-0 Rac8]

14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Rd1 Nd3+ [15...Qe7 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Bg5± as mentioned earlier e4 pawn is not easy to strengthen]

16.Bxd3 exd3 17.Nf3 [now white's goal is very simple : to attack and win d3]

17...Qd6 18.0-0 [first of course the king needs to be brought to safety]

18...Qa6 19.Ne5 Ne4 [19...Rad8 would allow 20.Bc5 with the loss of the exchange]

[so there is no way to keep the d3 pawn on board]

20.Nxd3 b6 21.Nb4 Qc8 22.Rfe1 Re8 23.Nd5 Qc6 24.Nb4 Qc7 25.Nd5 Qb7 26.c4 [a very nice play by white here, stabilizing his knight in the center]

26...Rac8 27.Bd4! [trading pieces to weaken black's king. Who says that if we have material advantage we shouldn't try to attack as well?!]

27...Qc6 28.Qf3 [to attack black to play]

28...f5 [28...Bxd4 29.Rxd4 either way white will utilize the f6 weakness now that black's dark square bishop was traded]

29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.b3 [30.Qa3 could have created threats much faster 30...Qb7 31.f3 and now black doesn't have any good square for the knight as Qc3 will follow. The weakness of the king side will bring white the win]

30...b5 31.cxb5 Qxb5 32.Qe3 [gives black some conterplay after]

[32.Rxe4 simplifies the position on the way to win 32...Rxe4 33.Nc3 Qc6 34.Nxe4 fxe4 35.Qe3+-]

32...Qc5 33.f3 Nd6 34.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 35.Rxe1 Rxc5 36.Nf4 Kf7 37.Ne6 Rc2 38.Ng5+ Kg8 39.Rd1 Nb5 40.Rd8+ Kg7 41.Rd7+ Kg8 42.Ne6 Nc3 [42...Re2 43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Re7 Nd6 45.g4±]

43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Rb7 [44.Rxa7 works as well 44...Rxa2 45.Rxa2 Nxa2 46.Kf2 winning for white]

44...Ne2+ 45.Kh2 h6 46.Rxa7 [from here on it is a very nicely played endgame for white. Black didn't have any conterplay chance.]

46...g5 47.Ra4 Rd2 48.h4 Rd6 49.Ra8+ Kh7 50.Re8 Nc3 51.hxg5 hxg5 52.a4 Kg6 53.Nc7 Rd2 54.a5 Rd7 55.Re6+ Kf7 56.Rc6 Ne2 57.Ne6 g4 58.fxg4 fxg4 59.a6 Rd5 60.g3 Rd2 61.Ng5+ Kg7 62.Rc4 Nd4+ 63.Kg1 Nxb3 64.Ra4 Nc5 65.a7 Nxa4 66.a8Q Nc3 67.Qb7+ Kg6 68.Qf7+ Kh6 69.Qf6+ Kh5 70.Qxc3 Rd1+ 71.Kf2 Kxg5 72.Qe5+ Kg6 73.Qe4+ Kf6 74.Qf4+ Ke7 75.Qxg4 Rd6 76.Qb4 Kd7 77.Kf3 Rf6+ 78.Ke4

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(54) Gurbanov,Andrei (2336) – Gedgafov,Chamal (2243)

2. WCCD Dresden (6.4), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 [one my choices in the Slav as well]

4...e6 [this move order with Nf3 allows the development of the Bc8 on g4 or f5 before playing e6 4...Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 would be the continuation here for white, with of course many games played with interesting ideas on both sides]

5.b3 Bb4+ [5...Nbd7 would lead to the Meran Defense, but without the Nc3, white could develop it in d2 as well keeping Bb2 opened 6.Bb2 Bd6]

6.Bd2 [6.Nbd2 is mostly played by white here. However it allows 6...Ne4 7.Bd3 f5 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Bb2 I've attached two nice games played by white in this variation to those who might want to add this system to their repertoire 9...Qf6 (9...0-0 10.a3 Bd6 11.b4 Qf6 12.b5 g5 13.g3 Rd8 14.Qc2 g4 15.Nh4 Nf8 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.a4 Bd7 18.Ba3 Ng6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Nb3 cxb5 21.axb5 Rac8 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.c5 Rh7 25.Qa2 Rcc7 1-0 (25) Ni,H (2637)–Tan,W (2267) Ho Chi Minh City 2012) 10.Nb1 0-0 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qe7 13.f3 Nc5 14.a3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Bc5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.f4 a5 18.Bd4 b6 19.Rc1 Ba6 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Qc3 a4 22.b4 d4 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5 dxe3 25.Nc3 Rfd8 26.Re1 Rd3 27.Rxc6 Bc8 28.h3 Bd7 29.Rc7 h6 30.Nd1 Be6 31.Rc6 Bd5 32.Rc3 Rd2 33.Nxe3 Be4 34.Rf1 Rb2 35.Rf2 Rb3 36.Rxb3 axb3 37.Rb2 Rxa3 38.b5 Kf7 39.b6 Ke6 40.Nc4 Ra1+ 41.Kf2 Ra4 42.Nd2 Ra2 43.Nxe4 Rxb2+ 44.Ke3 Rb1 45.b7 b2 46.b8Q Re1+ 47.Kf2 b1Q 48.Qe8+ Kd5 49.Nc3+ 1-0 (49) Riazantsev,A (2692)–Zhigalko,S (2678) Dubai 2014]

6...Bd6 [retreating and now black made white develop Bd2, which is of course not the ideal place for the bishop; there's no need to worry as white will improve the position of his bishop eventually, but first finishing the development]

7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Qe7 [9...b6 was another idea implemented by black in this position, going for the c5 plan instead of the e5 one 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rad1 Qe7 12.e4 dxc4 13.bxc4 e5 14.d5 Nc5 15.Bg5 and here players agreed to a draw, but it is certainly an interesting position with chances on both sides ½-½ (15) Cyborowski,L (2504)–Potkin,V (2613) Germany 2008]

10.Re1 e5 11.e4 [if 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 and white is forced to play 13.f4 which is the type of move white would have preferred to attract black to play in the circumstance if he had played e4 1st and the trades would happen on e4 with white having threats on h7 13...Qe7 not to worry though as white can continue 14.cxd5 cxd5 and 15.Nb5 Bc5 16.Nd4∞]

11...dxe4? [11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 to finish development 13.Bf1 Bb7 leads to an equal typical Meran position]

12.Bxe4 [⊠12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 to keep the bishop 13...g6 (13...f5 14.dxe5 fxe4 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Rxe4±) 14.Bc3±]

12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bc7 14.Ng3! Qf6? [14...f6 it doesn't look great for black, but e5 needs to be strengthened, also it creates f7 square for a queen, a safe spot 15.Bc3 Qf7 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.f3±]

[allowing this annoying pin]

15.Bc3 exd4 16.Bxd4 Qd8 17.Nf5 [17.Qc2 would have been my choice to have more pieces better placed before going into attack]

17...Nf6 [17...Ne5 would seem to help black get rid of the annoying Nf5, but white has 18.Nh6+ a great intermediate move to have 18...gxh6 19.Nxe5±]

18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qc2 Be6 21.Ng5! ffg5 [21...Bxh2+ 22.Kf1 an important move to keep the winning advantage (22.Kxh2? Qd6+ another important intermediate move to defend Be6 (22...fxg5?? loses immediately to 23.Qc3+ f6 24.Rxe6) 23.Kg1 ffg5 24.Nf5 the only way to save the knight (24.Qc3+? would change the progress of the game 24...f6 25.Qe3 Qxe7 26.Qxe6 Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Rae8 28.Rae1 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 Kg7 now black is better) 24...Bxf5 25.Qxf5=) 22...fxg5 23.Qc3+ f6 24.Rxe6]

22.Qc3+ f6 23.Rxe6 Kg7 24.Rae1 Bf4 25.Nf5+ Kh8 26.Re7 Bd2 27.Qh3 [A very nicely developed attack by white when given the chance!]

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(55) Myronenko,Natalya (1901) – Eremin,Anatoly (2201)

2. WCCD (6.5), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 [instead 6.g4 could be the Keres attack]

6...e5 [The Sveshnikov Variation]

7.Nb3 Be6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 [transposing now to a Najdorf Sicilian, with a small difference: black's pawn being on a7 instead of a6]

10...a6 [10...0-0 finishing the development and preparing to equalize with d5 seems to be a better idea]

11.a4 0-0 12.Kh1 Ne5 [⊠12...Rc8= 13.Qe1 Ne8 14.Rd1 Bf6=]

13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Qd4 Rac8 16.Rac1 Rc5 17.b4?? [instead 17.h3; or 17.Rcd1 just to keep the position strong, no weaknesses]

17...Nc6 [winning a pawn and from here on black didn't give white any chances...]

18.Qe3 Nxb4 19.Qg3 Rfc8 20.Nd5 Nbx5 21.exd5 Qxe2 22.Rce1 Qc4 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Qxd6 Qxd5 25.Qg3 Qg5 26.Qf3 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra1 Rxc2 29.Ra8 h6 30.Rxc8+ Rxc8 31.h3 Rc1 32.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 33.Kh2 Qc4 34.Qf5 b4 35.Qe5 b3 36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Qb7 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 b2

0-1

(56) Suder,Ryszard (2128) – Gerasimova,Olga (2058)

2. WCCD (6.6), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.Nc2 d6 10.Ne3 [a very solid choice by white]

[10.Rb1 is another possibility 10...Ng4 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.b3 Be6 13.h3 Nf6 14.Bb2 Bxd5 15.cxd5 Nb8 16.Qd3 Nbd7 17.b4 a5 18.a3 axb4 19.axb4 Nb6 20.Qb5 Nfd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rfc1 Ra2 23.Nd4 Nf6 24.Nb3 Ra7 25.Na5 Nbd7 26.e4 Qb8 27.Rb2 Rc8 28.Rbc2 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 b6 30.Nc6 Ra1+ 31.Kh2 Qe8 32.f4 h5 33.Qe2 Qh8 34.Bf3 Ra3 35.e5 dxe5 36.fxe5 Ng4+ 37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Qxg4 Qe8 39.Qd4 Kg8 40.h4 Nf8 41.b5 Qd7 42.Qb4 Re3 43.Nxe7+ 1-0 (43) Kjartansson,G (2430)–Wang,Y (2226) Reykjavik 2013; 10.b3 is the main line for white and a nice win came in the following game 10...Be6 11.Bd2 Rfc8 12.h3 Rab8 13.Rc1 a6 14.e4 Qd8 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Ne8 17.Nd5 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Ncb4 Nxb4 20.Bxb4 Nc7 21.Ba5 Ne8 1-0 (21) Jumabayev,R (2561)–Mansour,S (2257) Tabriz 2014]

10...Bd7 11.Rb1 Rac8 12.b3 Rfe8 13.Bb2 Qa5 14.a3 Qh5 [14...Ng4 would have been an interesting idea to force the knight trade 15.Nxg4 (15.Ned5 allows 15...e6 16.b4 Qd8 17.Nf4 Nce5 18.Bxb7 Rc7) 15...Bxg4=]

15.Ncd5! [a typical square to occupy by white's knights]

15...Nxd5 16.Nxd5 b6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qd2 [now white has a slight advantage given by the better placed Nd5 and Bg2 compared to black's]

18...Qe5 19.Qb2 [19.Rfd1 would have kept the position strong]

19...Qxb2 20.Rxb2 Nd8 21.a4 Bc6 22.Nb4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Nc6 24.Nxc6 Rxc6 25.Rd1 Rec8 26.Rd5 [there are no winning chances from either side here]

26...Rc5 27.Rbd2 Kf6 28.Kf3 Ke6 29.Ke3 Kf6 30.R2d4 a5 31.Kd2 R8c7 [and a draw was agreed. This was a very good game without mistakes from either side!]

½-½

(57) Mate,Balasz (2121) – Miozga,Tomasz (1995)

2. WCCD (6.7), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Ne2 [7.Qe2+ has been played more, but the position is about equal 7...Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Kxe7]

7...0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qd2 Bg6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 [11...Nd7 would have been my choice here]

12.Qxd3 Na6 13.c3 Re8 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Rfe1 Nc7 16.Nf4 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Nh5 Nd5 [19...Ne6 20.c4 Qd7]

20.c4 Ne7 21.Qe3 [21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Nxf4=]

21...Qf8 22.Qf3 Qc8 23.Bf4 Bxf4 24.Nxf4 Qd7 25.Qe4 g6 26.a3 Kf8 27.b4 Qf5 28.Qxf5 Nxf5 29.d5 g5 30.dxc6 bxc6 31.Nd3 Nd6 32.c5 Nb5 33.a4 Nc3 34.a5?? [big blunder that could have cost white the point]

[34.f4 creating play on the other side 34...gxf4 (34...Nxa4 35.fxg5 fxg5 36.Ne5) 35.Nxf4 Nxa4 36.Kf2 Ke7 37.Kf3= white has a pawn down, but it doesn't matter as black has no entrance beside the extra pawn is double not a visible plus]

34...Ke7! [bringing the king to the center]

35.Kf1 Ke6 36.Ke1 [now 36.f4 doesn't have the same power 36...Kd5-+]

36...Kd5 37.Nb2 Na2 38.Nd1 Kc4 [38...Nxb4]

39.Ne3+ [I'm a little bit surprised that black accepted draw in this position given his superiority of the king and possibility of winning material to win the game, but correct calculation is required to win this endgame]

[39.Ne3+ Kb5 (39...Kxb4 needs calculation as it allows 40.Nd5+! Kxa5 41.Nxf6 h6 42.Ng4 Kb4 43.Nxh6 Kc3 not to allow Kd2 getting close to the a pawn 44.Nxf7 a5 45.Nxg5 a4 46.Ne4+ Kd3-+) 40.Ng4 Nxb4 41.Nxf6 h6 42.Ng4 h5 depending on the time remaining it could get scary]

½-½

(58) Kononov,Viktor (2096) – Zimmer,Raphael (1985)

2. WCCD (6.8), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.h3 [as long as white doesn't play Nf3, this move is not necessary as the queen controls h5]

[4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Ngf3]

4...c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Ne5 [8.a3 is more in the style of this London system to prepare c4, especially after dxc5]

8...0-0 9.c3 Bd6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2? [allows the trade in f4]

[11.Bxd6 should be played 1st 11...Qxd6 12.Be2 Bb7]

11...e5 [this leads to a good position where black has the control over the center]

[11...Bxf4 12.exf4 Qc7 13.g3 e5 14.fxe5 Qxe5 with a really good position for black]

12.Bg3 Bf5 13.0-0 Re8 14.Qa4 Qb6 15.Nb3 Rab8 16.c4 Bc2 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Rfc1 Bxb3 19.axb3 Qxb3 20.Qxa7 Qxb2? [trades the pieces to fast and after Bd3 there are no ways for black to improve the position of his knight anymore]

[20...Ne4! 21.Bh2 Qxb2 22.Qa2 Qxa2 23.Rxa2 Rec8]

21.Bd3 Qb6 22.Qa4 Qb3 23.Qxb3 Rxb3 24.Rd1 Ba3 [now although black has a pawn up, it is very difficult to convert as white will put pressure on d5 and black is not ready to support the push of his majority]

25.Bc2 Rc3 26.Ba4 Re7 27.Bh4! [putting pressure on d5 indirectly]

27...Ra7 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Bb5 [now white only has to put pressure on d5 to force e4 and after that it will be impossible for black to progress]

29...Rc5 30.Be2 Rca5 31.Bf3 e4 [now d4 will never be possible]

32.Bg4 Kg7 33.Rab1 Kg6 34.h4 R7a6 35.Rd4 f5 36.Be2 Rd6 37.Rb8? [37.Ra1 I think this pin has to be kept. If white trades a pair of rook he will not have to worry very much about saving the game]

37...Bc5 38.Rg8+ Kf6 39.Rd1 Ra2 [39...f4!? seems like a great idea to create the e pawn free and protected. This was the moment, later white has conterplay 40.exf4 (40.Rg5 fxe3 41.Rgxd5 exf2+ 42.Kf1 Rxd5 43.Rxd5 Ra1+ 44.Rd1 Ra2-+) 40...Ra2 41.Rc8 Bb6 42.Re1 d4±]

40.Kf1 f4 41.Rg5! fxe3 42.fxe3 Bxe3 43.Rgxd5 Rxd5 44.Rxd5 Ra1+ 45.Rd1 Ra2 [45...Ra5 46.g4 Ke5 47.Bc4]

46.Rd5 h6 47.g4 Rc2 48.Rf5+ Kg6 49.Bb5 Rc5 50.Bd7 h5 51.gxh5+ Kg7 52.Ke2 Rxf5 53.Bxf5 Bf4 54.Bxe4 Bg3

½-½

(59) Scerbin,Dimitrij (2368) – Tsapalin,Sergry (2060)

2. WCCD (6.9), 23.10.2015

[WGM Sabina Foisor]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 Nxe4 5.d5 Ne7 6.Nxe5 Nf6 7.c4 Ng6 8.Nd3 d6 [△8...b5 black cannot allow white's supremacy in the center without fighting back 9.cxb5 Nxd5]

9.Be2 Be7 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.g4 Bxd3 12.Bxd3 Ne5 13.Be2 h6 14.f4 Ned7 [after 14...Ng6 most likely white would have continued 15.h4± in the spirit of attack]

15.Be3 Nc5 16.Qc2 [it is hard to say where black went wrong in this game so far, but white simply got an amazing position. He has almost finished development, has the center, more space and is also starting the attack on the king side. Probably the moment black had to play b5, he had to do it, this way white only did the natural things (develop) he had to do in an opening and got close to winning.]

16...a5 17.0-0-0 Nfd7 18.Nb5 Bf6 19.Bf3 g5 [I don't like to see black weakening his future home for his king, but what to do, white will play g5 if not]

20.Kb1 gxf4 21.Bxf4 Ne5 22.Rhe1 Kf8 23.Be4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Ng6 25.Rf1 Kg7 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Qxd4+ f6 28.Bd2 Re8 [great play by white until here]

29.Bc3 [29.g5 would have finished the game faster as there is no way to protect both h6 and f6 29...hxg5 (29...Re5 30.gxf6+ Kf7 31.Rf3+-) 30.Bxg5 Rf8 31.Rf5 f6 will be lost and black's king without defense will fall under white's powerful pieces]

29...Ne5 30.Rf5! Qe7 31.Rdf1 Rf8 32.Qf2 Rae8 33.Bd2?? [as it allows equalizing after Nxc4]

[33.Qh4]

33...Nf7? [missing the escape]

[33...Nxc4 34.Bxh6+ (34.Bc3 Kg8 35.Re1 Qd7=) 34...Kxh6 there seems to be no mate here 35.Qf4+ Kg6 36.Qxc4 Qe4+ 37.Qxe4 Rxe4 would lead to an equal endgame]

34.Rxf6 [from here on no more chances were given by white]

34...Ng5 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Qxf8+ Qxf8 37.Rxf8 Kxf8 38.Bxg5 [38.Bxa5 is a more simple way to win the endgame]

38...hxc5 39.Kc2 Kf7 40.Kd3 Kf6 41.Ke4 c6 [41...a4 would have kept the game going longer, yet still winning for white after 42.b3 axb3 43.axb3 Kg6 44.Kf3]

42.Kd4 a4 43.c5 cxd5 44.cxd6

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 [I haven't seen a normal Dragon in a really long time, probably because I am not an e4 player and would not touch the Dragon myself as black since I lost very badly in less than 20 moves, it seems it is still implemented my top players]

9.f3 [is the main line]

[9.h3 has also been tried by white for a more positional approach 9...Na5 10.0-0 b6 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Re8 14.Ba4 Nd7 15.Nd5 g5 16.Bg3 e6 17.Nb4 a6 18.Ndc6 Qc8 19.Nxa5 bxa5 20.Qxd6 Rd8 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Qxc6 Nc5 23.Qxc8 Raxc8 24.Bb3 a4 25.Bc4 a3 26.e5 axb2 27.Rab1 Rd4 28.Bf1 Na4 29.c4 Rd2 30.Re3 Rcd8 31.c5 Rd1 32.Re1 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Nxc5 34.f4 Ne4 35.Bf2 Nc3 0-1 (35) Adhiban,B (2627)–Sutovsky,E (2619) Biel 2015]

9...Na5 10.Qd2 a6 11.0-0-0 [white goes for an unbalanced game with opposite side castling. I always thought the games with opposite side castling are very exciting as it becomes a matter of who is faster: "go fast or go home"!]]

11...Nxb3+ 12.Nxb3 a5 [I think b5-b4 is the better start of the attack on the queen side]

[♞12...Be6 13.Kb1 Bxb3 14.axb3 Rc8]

13.a4! [I like this restricting move very much and now I don't see how black can have any counterplay ideas on the queen side]

13...Be6 14.Nd4 [good, not to allow the capture in b3]

14...Bc4 15.b3 Ba6 16.Ndb5 Rc8 [now that the queen side is well restricted, it is time to start planning the attack on the king side, but first]

17.Bd4 [to get ready for any knight moves to trade black's most important defending piece]

17...Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.h4 h5 [the typical "stop the attack move"]

20.Nd4! [here, there won't be any b5, so the knight is better place in d4 looking at e6 for some tricks]

20...Rc5 21.g4 [it's time for the attack to start]

21...Nf6 22.g5 Nd7 23.f4 Qc8 24.Kb2 [we need not to forget our queen side is safe before continuing the attack]

24...Kh7 25.f5 Ne5 [trying to improve the knight's position, but unfortunately for black, his play on the queen side has been blocked, and now he has to focus only on defending his king, which is not an easy task...]

26.Nd5 [the 2nd knight's position has been improved]

26...Qd7 27.Qf4 [time for the queen]

27...Rg8 28.Nf3 [attempting to trade one of black's defenders before opening up the f file]

28...Ng4 29.fxg6+ [here white hurried a little bit]

[29.Rhe1 had to be played to bring the last piece that wasn't doing much into attack, followed by c4, just to be sure no b5 will happen, Rd2 and get ready for fg and e5]

29...fxg6 30.Rd2 Qe8 31.Nd4?? [allowing e5 with the loss of material]

31...Rf8? [31...e5! 32.Qg3 exd4 33.Qxd6 Qc6 now black is the one playing for win]

32.Qg3 [now the game is back in white's favor and it will remain this way until the end of the game with little inaccuracies by both sides]

32...Qf7 33.Re1 e5 34.Ne2 Qf2?? [after which black is lost]

[34...b5 it was the right time to get back to the queen side conterplay 35.axb5 Bxb5]

[allowing this little trick]

35.Nf6+ [after which white is winning. From here on there wasn't any chance for black anymore]

35...Kg7 36.Qxf2 Nxf2 37.Ng3 Ng4 38.Nd7 Rf3 39.Nxc5 dxc5 40.Ne2 Re3 41.c4 Rxe4 42.Rf1 Ne3 43.Rf6 Nf5 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Rxg6+ Kf8 46.Nc3 Rxh4 47.Nd5 Rh2+ 48.Ka3 Rh3 49.Rd8+ Kf7 50.Rf6+ Kg7 51.Rd7+ Kg8 52.Rxf5 Bxc4 53.Nf6+ Kf8 54.Rxb7

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