

**Sergio E Barrientos Chavarriaga 2479 - Alireza Firouzja 2785 0-1**

*Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early, White 5.h3 6. Cf3 (5), 2023.02.28*

E71: King's Indian, Makagonov System (5.h3)

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♜g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗f3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♜e3 ♗a6 9.♗d2  
9.g4 ♗c5 10.♗d2 c6 11.♜e2 ♗e8 12.h4 cxd5 13.cxd5 ♜d7 14.h5 ♜f6

9...♗d7

9...Nc5 deserves study. 9...Sc5 verdient Beachtung.

10.g4

10.♗b3 b6 11.g4 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.gxf5 ♕h8

10...♗dc5

10...f5 is not played anymore. 10...f5 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt.

11.a3 ♜d7 12.♜e2 ♜f6N

Predecessor: 12...a4 13.h4 c6 14.♞b1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.h5 h6 17.f3 cxd5 18.cxd5 ♖a5  
1-0 (59) Ofitserian,B (2420)-Alikulov,E (2347) Moscow 2018

13.♖c2 ♜g5 14.♗f1 a4 15.O-O-O ♗b3+ 16.♕b1 ♜xe3 17.♗xe3 ♗d4 18.♖d2 ♗c5 19.h4 ♖f6  
20.♞df1 ♖f4 21.f3 ♗db3 0-1

**Vassily Ivanchuk 2775 - Fabiano Caruana 2727 0-1**

*Reggio Emilia 54th, London System Defense (8), 2012.01.04*

A48: King's Indian, London System

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6

I would play b6 here, since e6 does not fit in a double fianchetto position

3.♜f4

3.♗c3 d5 4.♜f4 ♜g7 5.e3 O-O 6.♜e2 c5 7.♗e5 ♗c6 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 ♖b6 10.♗xc6  
♖xc6 11.♜b5 ♖b6

3...♜g7 4.e3

4.♗c3 O-O 5.♖d2 d5 6.♜h6 ♗e4 7.♖e3 ♖d6 8.♜xg7 ♕xg7 9.O-O-O ♗xc3 10.♖xc3

4...d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♜e2 b6 7.O-O ♜b7 8.c3 ♗bd7 9.♜h2 ♖e8 10.a4 a6 11.♗a3 e5 12.♗c4  
♗e4 13.♗fd2 ♗xd2 14.♗xd2 ♕h8 15.♖c2 f5 16.♞fe1 g5 17.♜d3 ♖g6 18.f3

18.g4 e4 19.♜f1 fxc4 20.hxc4 ♗f6

18...♞ae8 19.♞f1 d5 20.a5 c5 21.g4 e4 22.fxe4 dxe4 23.♜e2 f4 24.axb6

24.exf4 cxd4 25.f5 ♖h6 26.♕g2 d3

24...♖xb6 25.♖b3 ♖a7 26.♜b5 cxd4 27.♜xd7 dxe3 28.♗c4 ♞d8 29.♜a4 ♞d2

A: 29...e2+ 30.♞f2

B: 29...f3 30.♜c7 f2+ 31.♕h2 e2

30.♖xb7 ♖xb7 31.♞xf4 gxf4 32.♗xd2 exd2 33.♜xf4 ♞xf4 34.♜c6 ♖b6+ 0-1

**Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez 2567 - Alireza Firouzja 2728 0-1**

*Titled Tuesday intern op 12th May, g3 and Bg2 (8), 2020.05.12*

E68: King's Indian, Fianchetto, Classical variation (8.e4)

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♜g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♜g2 d6 6.d4 ♗bd7

6...♗c6 7.O-O a6 8.h3 ♞b8 9.e4 b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.♞e1 e6 12.♖c2 b4 13.♗e2 ♜b7

7.O-O e5 8.e4 c6 9.b3 exd4 10.♗xd4 ♖e8 11.♞e1 ♗c5 12.♙f4 ♗g4 13.h3 ♗e5 14.♙f1 ♗ed3  
15.♙xd3 ♙xd4 16.♞c1 ♗f6 17.♗e2 ♙b2 18.♞c2 ♙xh3 19.b4 ♗xe4 20.♗b1 ♗xf2 21.♖xf2  
♙d4+ 22.♖f3 ♞e3+ 23.♖f2 ♞xd3+ 24.♗xd4 ♗xd4+

Les Blancs abandonnent

25.♞e3 ♞e8 26.♞e2 ♞exe3 27.♙xe3 ♗e4 28.♖g1 ♙f5 29.♗c1 ♗f3 30.♞e1 ♙e4 31.♞e2 ♗xe2  
32.♗f1 ♗xe3+ 33.♗f2 ♞d1+ 34.♖h2 ♗h6# 0-1

## Rene Letelier Martner - Robert James Fischer 0-1

Olympiad-14 Preliminaries D, Leipzig (8), 1960.10.24

E70: King's Indian Defence

I have chosen this game because Fischer was still very young at the time (17 years), but he already played at a high level. My favourite idea in this game is the final queen sacrifice.

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7

Fischer is playing his favourite opening, the King's Indian.

4.e4 O-O!?

Black wants to provoke e5 and then undermine the center with ...d6. This is an interesting plan but nowadays ...d6 is almost always played.

4...d6

5.e5

5.♗f3 c6!/? Maybe this was Fischer's intention for the game

5...d6 transposes a normal King's Indian.

6.♙e2 d5⇔

5...♗e8 6.f4 d6!

This is the essence of this line, with similar ideas the Alekhine Defence where Black is provokes e5 and then undermines the centre with ...d6.

7.♙e3

7.♗f3 This is the main move when 7...c5 8.dxc5 ♗c6 would be similar to the game.

9.cxd6 exd6 10.♙e2 ♙e6⇔

7...c5!

Attacking the centre is natural for this line.

8.dxc5 ♗c6!

A very important move. Now Black attacks the e5-pawn with a developing move and is ready to sacrifice a few pawns in order to open up the position to get at the white king.

9.cxd6 exd6 10.♗e4?!

A: 10.exd6? would open up the position while lagging in development. 10...♗xd6✗

B: 10.♗f3! This is the main move. White should try to finish kingside development.

10...♙e6 11.♙e2 ♗a5⇔

10...♙f5!

Fischer is trying to provoke White into taking on d6.

11.♗g3?!

11.♗xd6 This is best, but Black remains better. 11...♗xd6 12.♗xd6 ♗e8!+= Surely Black should not exchange the queen. Now the threat is ...Rd8 and ...f6, and Black has a pleasant position.

11... ♖e6 12. ♗f3 ♖c7!?

Fischer does not want to exchange queens, and still gains an advantage, but 12...dxe5 is objectively best.

12...dxe5! 13. ♖xd8 ♗xd8 14. ♖c5

14.fxe5 ♗xe5 ♣

14...exf4! 15. ♗e2 ♗d6 ♣

13. ♖b1?!

Preparing f5 is too slow.

13.f5! This gives White some counterplay. 13... ♖xf5 14. ♗xf5 gxf5 15. ♖d3 f4 16. ♖xf4 dxe5 17. ♖g3 f5 18. O-O ♗d8=+

13...dxe5 14.f5 e4!?

A very nice stylish move. Fisher is trying to open up the position at any cost.

14...gxf5! is also strong, but is not as nice as the game continuation. 15. ♗xf5 ♖xf5 16. ♖xf5 ♗d6 17. ♖g4 e4 18. ♗d2 f5 19. ♖g3 ♗b4!↑ White's position is collapsing.

15.fxe6?

15. ♖xe4! would be the best reply, but White was probably scared of the open e-file.

15...gxf5 16. ♖h4

16. ♗xf5?? ♖a5+ 17. ♖d2 ♖xf5--+

16... ♗e7! ♣

15...exf3 16.gxf3 f5!

Not recapturing the pawn is very nice. Now Black is threatening ...f4 winning a piece, so the next White moves are forced.

17.f4

Preventing ...f4, but now the e4 and g4 squares are very weak.

17... ♗f6! 18. ♖e2 ♗fe8! 19. ♔f2 ♗xe6 20. ♗e1 ♗ae8

Material is equal, but the position is completely lost for White. His king is very weak, and the rooks on the open file are very strong. All Black's pieces are participating in the attack.

21. ♖f3 ♗xe3!

A very nice way to finish the game.

22. ♗xe3 ♗xe3 23. ♔xe3

[#]

23... ♖xf4+!!

The icing on the cake. I love this move very much. Finishing the game with a queen sacrifice is always a phenomenal feeling.

23... ♖xf4+ 24. ♔xf4

24. ♔f2 ♗g4+ 25. ♔g2 ♗e3+ 26. ♔f2 ♗d4--+

27. ♖h1 Deep HIARCS 15.0: #-10/33

27. ♖h1 Deep HIARCS 15.0: #-10/35

27... ♗g4+ 28. ♔f1 ♗xf3 29. ♗e2 ♖e3 30. ♖g2 ♗gxh2+ 31. ♖xh2 ♗xh2+ 32. ♔e1 ♖d4

33. ♔d1 ♖d3+ 34. ♔e1 ♗f3+ 35. ♔f1 ♗g1 36. ♗e1 ♖h3#

24... ♖h6#! Checkmate in the centre of the board. Fischer punished his opponent, who forgot the general principle: Get your king to safety in the opening as quickly as possible.

**Fabiano Caruana 2795 - Garry Kasparov 2812 0-1**

*Saint Louis Ultimate Blitz Challenge, Saint Louis (18), 2016.04.29*

A05: Réti, King's Indian Attack

1.♠f3 ♗f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O O-O 5.c4 d6 6.b3 e5 7.♗b2 c5 8.e3 ♗c6 9.♗c3 ♗f5  
10.d4 e4 11.♗e1

A: 11.♗g5 ♗e8 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.♗b5 ♗e7 14.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 15.♗ad1 ♗xd1 16.♗xd1 h6  
17.♗h3 g5 18.♗d6 ♗g4 19.♗d2 ♗e8 20.♗xg7 ♖xg7 21.♖f1 ♗xd6 22.♗xd6 ♗b4 23.a3  
♗d3 24.♗g1 ♗c1 25.h3 ♗c8 26.♗e2 ♗xb3 27.♗c3 ♗e6 28.♗xe4 ♗a5 29.♗d5 ♗xc4  
30.♗xc4 ♗xc4+ 31.♖e1 ♗e6 32.e4 ♗xh3 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 ♗d7 35.e5 ♗xd6 36.exd6 f6  
37.♗d5 ♖f7 38.♗c7 ♗d7 0-1 (38) Webb,S (2425)-Kasparov,G (2595) Skara 1980

B: 11.♗h4 ♗g4 12.f3 exf3 13.♗xf3

11...♗e8 12.♗c2 h5

Kasparov startet den Königsangriff.

13.♖d2 h4 14.♗a3 b6 15.♗fd1 ♗g4 16.♗dc1 ♖d7 17.b4 ♖f5

Die Dame betritt das Schlachtfeld.

18.♗b2 ♗ad8 19.♗b5 ♗f3 20.d5 ♗e5

20...♗xb4 21.♗xb4 ♗xg2 22.♖xg2 h3+ 23.♖f1 ♗g4--+

21.♗xe5 ♗xe5 22.♗e1 hxg3 23.fxg3 ♗h6

Alle Figuren nehmen am Angriff teil.

24.♗ab1 ♖g7

Ja, alle! Der Turm will nach h8.

25.♗b3 ♖h5 26.h3 ♗h7 27.g4 ♗xg4

Man muss etwas opfern, wenn man etwas Größeres dafür bekommen will!

28.hxg4 ♖xg4 29.♖d1 ♖g3 30.♖e2 ♗g5 31.♖h1 ♗h8

Der finale Angriff.

32.♗xd6 ♖g8

Macht dem Läufer den Weg frei.

33.bxc5 ♗f8+ 34.♖g1 ♗h3+ 35.♖f1 ♗xd6 36.cxd6 ♗f5+ 37.♗f3 ♗xf3+

Ein eindrucksvoller Sieg Kasparovs!

0-1

**A Karpov 2628 - L Fressinet 2702 0-1**

*4th Karpov, Cap d'Agde, France (12), 2015.10.28*

E62: King's Indian, Fianchetto, lesser Simagin (Spassky) variation

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.O-O ♗f5

7...a6 8.h3 ♗b8 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗e3 b5 11.cxb5

8.d5 ♗a5 9.♗d2 c6 10.e4

10.b4 ♗xc4 11.♗xc4 ♗xd5 12.♗xd5 ♗xa1 13.♗h6 ♗g7 14.♗xg7 ♖xg7 15.♗de3 ♗c8

16.a4 d5 17.♗e5 f6 18.♗d3 e5

10...♗g4 11.♖a4 cxd5 12.cxd5 ♗d7 13.♖a3 ♗g4 14.b4 ♗c8 15.♗b2 ♗c4 16.♗xc4 ♗xc4

17.♖b3 ♖c7 18.♗fc1 ♗xf2 19.♖xf2 ♖b6+ 0-1

**David Paravyan 2642 - Dmitry Andreikin 2728 0-1**

*Speed Chess GP3, Taimanov Cc3 a3 (8), 2021.10.02*

B47: Sicilian, Taimanov (Bastrikov) variation

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♞c6 5.♠c3 ♖c7 6.a3 a6 7.♞e3 ♟f6 8.f4 d6

8...♞xd4 9.♞xd4 ♗xf4 10.g3

9.♗f3 e5

9...♞e7 10.O-O-O O-O 11.♞xc6 bxc6 12.g4 d5 13.g5 dxe4 14.♞xe4 ♞d5 15.♞g1 ♞d8

16.♞c4 a5 17.♞xd5 exd5 18.♟f6+ ♝h8 19.♟h5 ♞f5 20.♞d4 ♞g8

10.♞xc6 bxc6 11.♞c4 ♞e7 12.O-O O-O 13.h3 ♞b8 14.b3 exf4 15.♞xf4 ♞e6 16.♞d3 ♞d7

17.♗g3 ♞f6 18.e5 ♞xe5 19.♗h4 f5 20.♞ae1 ♞be8 21.♞e2 ♞c5 22.♞d1 ♗f7 23.♝h1 ♗g6

24.♗f2 ♞d5 25.♞xe5 ♞xd3 26.♞xd3 dxe5 27.c4 f4 28.♞c3

28.cxd5 ♗xd3

28...♞e4 29.♞g1 ♞d3 30.♞d1 e4 31.♞e2 e3 32.♗f3 ♞e4 33.♗g4 f3 34.gxf3 ♞xf3+ 0-1

**M Golubev 2461 - D Andreikin 2729 0-1**

*26th Titled Tue Jul Late Open 2022, Cc3 Fe3 Fd3 (1), 2022.07.26*

B46: Sicilian, Taimanov variation

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♞c6 5.♠c3 a6 6.♞e3 ♟f6 7.♞d3 ♖c7 8.O-O ♞d6

A: 8...♞e5 9.h3 ♞c5 10.♝h1 d6 11.f4 ♟g6 12.♗e1 O-O 13.f5 ♞e5 14.♗h4 ♞d7

B: 8...♞xd4 9.♞xd4 ♞c5 10.♞xf6 gxf6 11.♗g4 ♝f8 12.♗h4 ♗e5 13.♝h1 ♗g5 14.♗h3 h5  
15.♞e2 ♗f4

C: 8...b5 9.♞xc6 ♗xc6 10.a3 ♞b7 11.♗e2 h5 12.f4 ♟g4 13.♞d2 ♞c5+ 14.♝h1 ♞c8 15.e5  
♗b6

D: 8...h5 best! 9.h3 b5 10.♗e2 ♞b7 11.♞ad1

9.f4

9.♞xc6 dxc6 10.f4 e5 11.f5 ♗e7 12.♞g5 h6

9...♞c5 10.♟f5 ♞xe3+ 11.♞xe3 d6 12.♗d2 O-O 13.a3 b5 14.♞ae1 ♞b7 15.g4 ♞ad8 16.g5

♞d7 17.b4 ♞b6 18.♟g4 ♞d4 19.f5 exf5 20.exf5 ♞c4 21.♗f4 ♗b6 0-1

**Bartosz Socko 2660 - Zoltan Ribli 2567 0-1**

*AUT-chT 1011, Fe3 Dd2 0-0-0 Fb4 (2.2), 2010.11.20*

B48: Sicilian, Taimanov variation

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♞c6 5.♠c3 ♖c7 6.♞e3 a6 7.♗d2 ♟f6 8.O-O-O ♞b4

8...♞e7 9.f3 b5 10.g4 ♞xd4 11.♞xd4 ♞b7 12.♝b1 O-O 13.♗f2 d5 14.g5 ♟h5 15.♞b6 ♗b8

16.exd5 b4 17.♞a4 ♞xd5 18.♞e3 ♗b7

9.f3 ♟e5 10.♞b3 b5 11.♗f2 O-O 12.♞c5 ♞xc5 13.♗xc5 ♗xc5 14.♞xc5 d5 15.f4

15.exd5 b4 16.♞3a4 ♞xd5

15...♞eg4 16.e5 ♞d7 17.♞d3 ♞b7 18.♞e1 ♞ac8 19.♞d1 d4 20.♞e2 ♟h6 21.♞hg1 ♞c7

22.♞1f2 ♟f5 23.♞f3 ♞xf3 24.gxf3 ♞fc8 25.♞e2 ♟e3 26.♞e1 ♟b6 27.♞d2 ♞bd5 28.♞fd3 a5

29.♝b1 ♝f8 30.♞h1 b4 31.♞c1 a4 32.♟e2 a3 33.♞xd4 ♞xc2 34.♞xc2 ♞xc2

White resigned

34...♞xc2 -5.90/21 35.bxa3 ♞xe2 36.♞xd5 ♠xd5 37.axb4 ♠c3+ 38.♣c1 ♠xa2+ 39.♣b1 ♠xb4 40.♞c1 g6

35.♠g3 ♞xb2+ 36.♣c1 ♞c2+ 37.♣b1 ♠c3+ 38.♣a1 ♞xa2# 0-1

**Shredder 1866 - Gerald 1983 0-1**

15:37, Shredder for iPhone / iPod touch, 2024.10.28

E67: King's Indian, Fianchetto, Classical variation

1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 ♠g7 4.♠g2 O-O 5.O-O d6!

5...d5 6.c4 c6 7.♞b3 ♞b6 8.♠c3 ♞d8 9.♞d1 ♠f5 10.♠f4 ♞xb3 11.axb3 ♠c2 12.♞dc1 ♠xb3 13.c5 ♠e4

6.c4 ♠bd7

Equivalent à Cc6

7.♠c3 e5 8.♞b1

8.e4 c6 9.h3 ♞b6 10.♞e1 exd4 11.♠xd4 ♞e8 12.♞e2 ♞b4 13.♞c2 ♠c5 14.♠d2 ♞b6 15.♠e3 ♞c7 16.f3 a5

8...c6 9.b4 a5

9...♠b6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♞xd8 ♞xd8 12.♠xe5 ♠g4 13.♠xg4 ♠xg4 14.h3 ♠f5 15.♞b3 ♠e6 16.♠g5

10.♞d3 axb4 11.♞xb4 exd4 12.♠xd4 c5 13.♠xb7 ♠xb7 14.♞xb7 cxd4 15.♞xd4 ♠c5

16.♞b4 ♠fe4 17.♞xe4 ♠xe4 18.♠xe4 ♞e8 19.f3 ♞xa2 20.♞d1 ♞a5 21.♞b5 ♞a4 22.♞bd5

♞c2 23.♞5d2 ♞xc4 24.e3 d5 25.♞xa2 ♞xa2 26.♠f2 0-1

**Hikaru Nakamura 2778 - Dragan Solak 2599 1-0**

Olympiad-40 Istanbul, 1. Cf3 d5 2. g3 Cf6 (7.1), 2012.09.04

A07: Réti, King's Indian Attack

1.g3 d5 2.♠f3 ♠f6 3.♠g2 c6 4.d3 ♠f5 5.O-O e6 6.♠h4

Nakamura is not trying to win the game from the opening, but rather is looking for a long struggle in which he has the bishop pair.

6...♠g6

This one is more solid than

6...♠g4, which has not been played very often by strong grandmasters. 7.h3 ♠h5 8.♠d2 ♠e7 9.♞e1 ♠fd7 10.f4 ♠xh4 11.gxh4 O-O 12.e4 ♞e8 13.♞g3 f5∞ ½-½ Kalinitschew,S (2489)-Potkin,V (2612)/Germany 2007/CBM 123

7.♠xg6

Sometimes White waits with the capture of Black's bishop, but usually it does not take long to take it eventually, as after White advances his e-pawn, Black has the resource of playing ...♠h5.

7.♠d2 ♠e7 8.♠xg6

8.e4 ♠h5

8...hxg6 9.e4 a5 10.c3

10.♞e2!?

10...♠bd7 11.♖e2 dxe4 12.♠xe4 ♠xe4 13.dxe4 ♖c7 14.♞d1 O-O 15.♠f4 e5 16.♠e3 a4 17.h4 ♠f6 18.♠f3 ♞fd8 In this kind of position, almost every piece of software gives White a slight advantage due to his bishop pair. However, Black's position is solid enough to hold it and have counter-chances. 19.♔g2 ♞xd1 20.♞xd1 ♞d8 21.♞xd8+ ♠xd8 22.♖d3+= /=. 0-1 Ehlvest,J (2600)-Grachev,B (2653)/Moscow 2010/CBM 135 (47)

7...hxg6 8.♠d2

White has tried to outplay his opponent in the endgame that is obtained after 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 ♖xd1 10.♞xd1, but probably, with precise play, Black should be able to hold it. 10...♠bd7 11.h3 ♠c5 12.♠d2 O-O-O 13.♠b3 ♠b6 14.♔f1 ♠c5 15.♞xd8+ ♞xd8 16.♠xc5 ♠xc5 17.♔e2 e5 18.♠g5 ♔c7+= /=. 1/2-1/2 Roiz,M (2659)-Laznicka,V (2578)/Plovdiv 2008/CBM 124 (67)

8...♠bd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4N

White's novelty should not come as a surprise. Nakamura has some space advantage, so it makes sense to keep as many pieces as possible on the board.

I don't think White can get anything without a pair of knights on the board: 10.♠xe4

♠xe4 11.♠xe4 ♠d6 12.♠g2 f5?

12...♠f6=

13.d4 ♖f6 14.c4 g5 15.♞e1 O-O-O 16.♠d2 g4 17.d5+= 1-0 Markowski,T (2549)-Langheinrich,F (2363)/Germany 2002/CBM 093 (40)

10...e5

Black has just fixed the pawn structure on the kingside, so that White's light-squared bishop will not operate along the long diagonal.

11.♖e2 ♠c5 12.♠f3 ♖c7 13.h4!

Emphasising the drawbacks of Black's pawn structure. White's knight is going to occupy the g5-outpost and the light-squared bishop will operate along the h3-c8 diagonal.

13...O-O 14.♠h3 ♞fe8 15.♔g2 ♠f8 16.♠g5+=

Nakamura has managed to get a slight advantage from the opening that seemed to be completely harmless for Black. It's not just the pair of bishops that make the difference, but rather the pawn structure on the kingside. White's knight can not be easily driven away from g5 and White has some prospects for developing an initiative on that side of the board.

16...♞ad8 17.a3

Covering the b4-square, from where Black would try to trade the dark-squared bishops.

17...♖e7

Maybe it was better to play the immediate 17...♠8h7 18.♠d2 ♠xg5 19.♠xg5 ♞d6+=

18.♠d2 ♠8h7 19.♞ae1

Preparing the f2-f4 breakthrough potentially. Note that White's rooks have nothing to do on the open d-file, because Black can't create the counterplay using it. Although Black's position is still solid and White is not threatening with anything particular harmful, it is very unpleasant to play this position for Black.

19...♠xg5 20.♠xg5 ♖c7?!

This allows White to get the long-term advantage.

Probably, the strange looking 20...♖d6 was better: 21.f4 exf4 22.e5 ♖c7! 23.b4 ♗b6

24.♗xf4 ♘h5 25.♙h1 ♚b8 26.♗f3+=

21.h5! gxh5 22.♗xf6 gxf6 23.♗f5

23.♗xh5 ♙f8+=

23...♙f8 24.♖h1 ♙e7 25.♖xh5 ♖h8 26.g4! ♖dg8?

It was necessary to cover the c4-square: 26...b5 27.♖eh1 ♖hg8 28.♖h7 ♗d6+=

27.♙f3!±

White is going to take control over the h-file without exchanging a pair of rooks.

Obviously, exchanging on h5 is out of the question for Black, since it creates a passed pawn for White.

27...♖d8 28.♖eh1 ♖hf8 29.♖h7 ♗a5?

A: 29...♗d6 30.b4 ♗b6 31.♗c4 ♗xf2 32.g5!

32.♙xf2 ♗d2+ 33.♗e2 ♗f4+ 34.♙e1 ♗c1+=

32...fxg5 33.♖7h6 b5

33...♗d2 34.♖e6+ ♙d7 35.♖xc6+--

34.♖xd6 bxc4 35.♖xd8 ♖xd8 36.♙xf2 ♖d2+± +-

B: It was not too late to cover the c4-square and keep some chances of survival: 29...b5!

30.b4 ♗b6 31.♙g2±

30.♗c4+--

Now White's attack is unstoppable.

30...♗b5?

A blunder in a lost position.

Black is lost anyway after 30...♖d6 31.♗g6 ♖e6 32.♖d1 ♗b5 33.♗a2+--

31.♗e6# 1-0

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A30: English, symmetrical, hedgehog (5.O-O g6)

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 c5 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.O-O g6 6.♗c3 ♗g7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♗xd4 d6 9.b3

♗bd7 10.♗b2 O-O 11.♖fd1 ♗e4 12.♗e3 ♗xc3 13.♗xc3 ♗xc3 14.♗xc3 ♗c7 15.♗e3 ♗f6

16.♖d4 h5 17.♗h6 ♗c5 18.♖ad1 ♖ad8 19.♗g5 e5 20.♗xb7 exd4 21.♗d5 1-0

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B49: Sicilian, Taimanov variation

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 a6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗e3 ♗c7 7.♗e2 ♗f6 8.O-O h5 9.♗d2

♗g4 10.♗f3 ♗d6 11.h3 ♗h2+ 12.♙h1 ♗xe3 13.♗xe3 ♗f4 14.♗d3 ♗e5 15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.♗d1

g5 17.c3 b6 18.♗e3 ♗b7 19.♖ad1 g4 20.♗c4 ♗f4 21.g3 d5 22.exd5 ♗xd5+ 23.♙h2 h4

24.♗xg4 ♗xc4 25.♗e4 hxg3+ 26.fxg3 ♗xg3+ 27.♙g1 ♖c8 28.♖f3 ♗h4 29.♗d4 ♗c5 30.♗xc5

♖xc5 31.♖f4 ♙e7 32.♖fd4 ♗d5 33.b4 ♖xc3 0-1