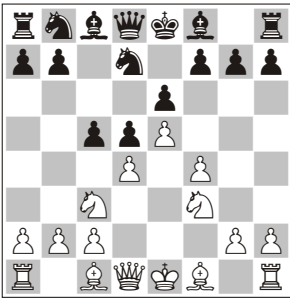


Play the Steinitz Like Morozevich!

by Dejan Antic

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| 2. d4 | d5 |
| 3. ♘c3 | ♗f6 |
| 4. e5 | ♗fd7 |
| 5. f4 | c5 |
| 6. ♗f3 | |



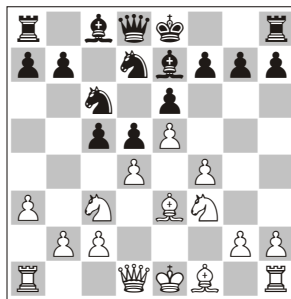
In the standard move order of the Steinitz Variation, with 6...♗c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7, a line which has recently been gaining in popularity for White is the continuation 8.a3, followed by 9.dc5 ♗c5 10.♗c5 ♗c5 11.b4, gaining space on the queenside. This is said to be the favourite continuation of grandmaster Dmitry Svetushkin. After 8.a3 Black has several options: 8...b6, which discourages 9.dc5, and the weaker 8...a6. 8...0-0 allows White's main idea 9.dc5. The most serious equalizing attempt is 8...♖b6. In any case, the ensuing positions are complex, with a dynamic set-up.

However, grandmaster Alexander Morozevich obviously thinks that Black has other alternatives and he uses a very inter-

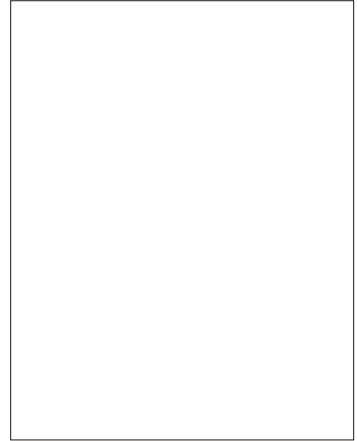
esting move order with 6...♗e7 instead of the standard 6...♗c6. So the idea is simple: following 6...♗e7 7.♗e3 up with 7...b6!?, and now Black's idea is to exchange the light-squared bishops, but only – let me stress this – if the white bishop is on the d3-square. If White plays 8.♗e2, the best solution is to transpose to the standard variation of the Steinitz Defence as in the game Giri-Morozevich. Let's consider all the options.

The Standard Move Order

As I mentioned above, after the standard moves in the Steinitz Variation, White can continue with 8.a3.



It is worth noting that grandmaster Morozevich has also used this continuation as White. Black has more options, but now the move 8...b6 allows White to post his bishop actively with 9.♗d3. Compared to the standard line where the bishop is on e2, we now have inserted the pawn



Alexander Morozevich

move to a3, but with a more active position of the bishop on d3. I think this suits White better. Especially striking are the games Morozevich-Vitiugov and Svetushkin-Meier.

The encounter Svetushkin-Kuljasevic is an example with the continuation 8...0-0, when 9.dc5 does not provide Black with a completely equal position.

Finally, there is 8...♖b6, with direct pressure on White's centre, as in the games Shirov-Vitiugov and Svetushkin-Sedlak. This appears to be a satisfactory set-up for Black.

Morozevich's Move Order

6...♗e7 7.♗e3 b6 was first played at top level in the rapid game Shirov-Morozevich in 2004.



Black keeps the option of exchanging the strong light-squared bishop after 8.♙d3, which is one of Black's main strategic ideas, as seen in the games Bologan-Morozevich and Svetushkin-Antic. However, one should also be careful. If White plays 8.♙e2, then 8...♙a6 is

questionable, because White keeps the option, thanks to his better development, of attacking the centre with c2-c4, as in the game Karjakin-Hou Yifan. After 8.♙e2 it is advisable to turn to the main line, as Black did in the game Giri-Morozevich.

If White, after 7...b6, delays the development of the light-squared bishop and plays 8.♗d2, then Black has time to complete his development with ...0-0 and play ...♙a6 regardless of the white bishop's position. The difference is now that the c2-c4 push loses its strength. Make sure you look into the games Kokarev-Ibragimov and Naer-Lou Yiping.

Conclusion

I think that against the Steinitz Variation Black has a satisfactory set-up in either case. In the standard move order, if White plays 8.a3, I suggest the continuation 8...♗b6 with an active set-up for Black.

If we apply Morozevich's move order with 6...♙e7 7.♙e3 b6, then the best way for White is to turn to the main variation with 8.♙e2, since other continuations give Black an excellent opportunity to take over the initiative. Anyhow, with this alternative line practitioners of the French Defence have more options available when playing their favourite opening.

The Standard Move Order 6...♖c6 7.♙e3 ♙e7

Morozevich,Alexander
Vitiugov,Nikita

Saratov 2011 (2)

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16.c3±] 13.♗f3!



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♗f5 23.♗g3 ♗h5 24.♗d6 ♙c6
25.b5 ♙e8 26.♗e4 ♙g6 27.♗d6
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Meier,Georg

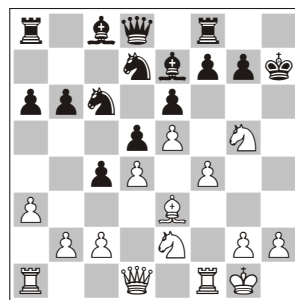
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Shirov,Alexey
Morozevich,Alexander

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18.♗f4±) 14...g6 (14...♙g5!? 15.fg5
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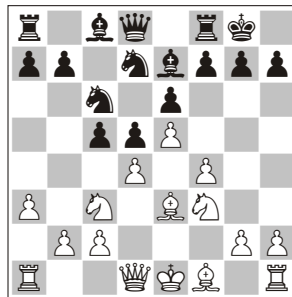
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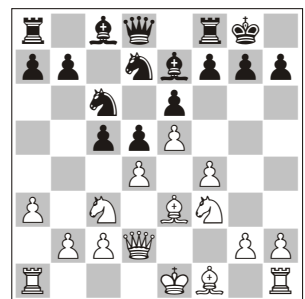
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**Brkic,Ante
Swiercz,Dariusz**
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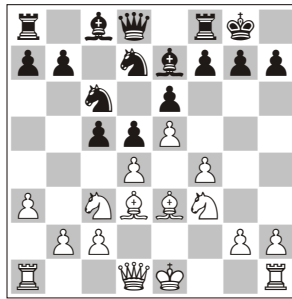
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♖d8 22.b3 ♖e8 23.♘f2 ♘e4 24.♖e1
♖e7 25.♖c1 h5 26.♘g2 ♘f5 27.♘f3
g6 28.a4 ♗h7 29.b4 g5?! 30.a5! g4
31.ab6 ab6 32.♘c6 ♖e2 33.♘b6
♘e5 34.b5 ♗g7 35.♘a5 ♖c2
36.♖c2 ♘c2 37.♗f2 [37.b6 ♘d3
 38.♗g2=] **37...♘d3 38.♗e3 ♘g6**
39.♘e4 [≥ 39.b6] 39...c2-- 40.♘d2
♘g3 41.♘g6 ♗g6 42.♘d3 ♘f2
43.♗c2 g3 44.♘f4 g2 45.♘h2 ♗f5
 0-1

Oparin, Grigory
Rychagov, Andrey

St Petersburg 2011 (8)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5
♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♘e3
♘e7 8.a3 0-0 9.♘d3

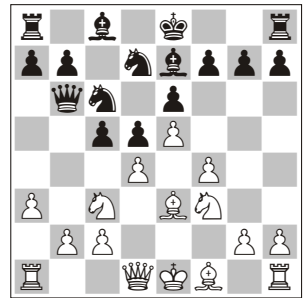


9...b6 [9...f6!?⇒ 10.ef6?! (10.h4?! cd4
 11.♘h7 (11.♘d4 ♘d4 12.♘d4 fe5 13.fe5
 (13.♖h5 e4 14.♘e4 de4 15.♘e4 ♖f5
 16.♘f5 ef5 17.♖f5 ♘c5 18.♖e5 ♘d3
 19.cd3 ♘f6) 13...♘h4) 11...♗h7 12.♘g5
 fg5 13.♖h5 ♗g8 14.hg5 ♘de5! 15.fe5
 (15.♖h7? ♗f7 16.fe5 de3 17.♖h5 g6
 18.♖h7 ♗e8--)) 15...♖f5 16.g4 (16.♖h7
 ♗f7 17.g6 ♗e8 18.♖g7 dc3 19.♖h8 ♘f8
 20.♖f8 ♖f8 21.g7 ♗f7--)) 16...♖e5
 17.♖h8 (17.♖h7 ♗f7--)) 17...♗f7 18.0-0
 (18.♖f1 ♘f6 19.♖h7 ♖e3 20.♗d1 ♗e8)
 18...♘f6 19.♖h7 (19.♖f6 gf6 20.♖h7
 ♗e8 21.g6 ♘e7 22.♘d4 ♗d7 23.♖f1 ♖g5
 24.♘f6 ♖g4 25.♗h1 ♖f8--)) 19...♗e8
 20.gf6 gf6 21.♘b5 de3 22.♘c7 ♗f8
 23.♘a8 e2 24.♖h8 ♗f7 (24...♗e7
 25.♖f6 ♗d7 26.♖d8 ♗d8) 25.♖h7 ♗e8
 26.♘c7 ♗f8 27.♖h8 ♗e7 28.♖f6
 ♗d7--; 10.cd5 fe5 11.fe5 (11.♘h7? ♗h7
 12.♘g5 ♘g5 13.fg5 g6--)) 11...♘de5
 (11...♘c5 12.♘e2 (12.0-0 ♘d3 13.♖d3

♖f3; 12.♘f2 ♘d3 13.♖d3 ♘d7) 12...
 ♘d7 13.♘d3 ♘de5) 12.♘e5 ♘e5
 13.♘h7 ♗h7 14.♖h5 ♗g8 15.♖e5 ♘f6
 16.♖h5 ♘c3 17.bc3 ♖f5 18.♖g4 e5
 19.0-0-0 ♘e6⇒) 10...♘f6 11.cd5
 (11.♘e5? cd4 12.♖h5 h6 13.♖g6
 ♘de5--)) 11...d4 12.♘d4 ♘d4 13.♘d4
 ♘d4 14.♘h7 ♗h7 15.♖d4 ♖c7] **10.0-0**
f5 11.ef6 ♘f6 [11...♘f6 12.♘b5
 (12.♘e5 ♘d4 13.♘d4 cd4 14.♖h5 g6
 15.♘g6 hg6; 15...♖e7 16.♘h7 ♖h7
 17.♖g4 ♖g7 (17...♗h8 18.♘g6 ♗g7
 19.♘e5 ♗h8 20.♘g6±) 18.♖e6 ♗h7
 19.♖f5 ♗g8=) 12...♘b7] **12.♘e5 ♘b7**
13.♖f3 ♘d6 14.♘b5± ♘b8 15.dc5
♘e5?! [15...♘e5 16.fe5 ♘e5 17.♖h3
♖e7 18.cb6 ab6 19.♘d4±] 16.fe5 ♘e5
17.♖g3 ♘d3 18.cd3 ♖d7 19.♘d6
♘a6 20.♘d4 ♗h8?! 21.b4+- bc5
22.bc5 ♖a4 23.♖f4 ♖c2 24.♖f3 e5
25.♘e5 ♖c5 26.♗h1 ♖ad8 27.♖af1
♖d7 28.h3 d4 29.♖f6 1-0

Shirov, Alexey
Vitiugov, Nikita
 Saratov 2011 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5
♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♘e3
♘e7 8.a3 ♖b6!?



9.♘a4 [9.♘e2 0-0 10.0-0 (10.♖d2;
 10.♘a4!? ♖a5 11.c3 c4 (11...♘d4!?
 12.♘d4 cd4 13.b4 ♖c7 14.cd4 ♘b6∞)
 12.b4 cb3 13.♖b3 ♖b8 14.0-0 b5 15.♘b2
 ♖c7 16.♖c2 h6 17.a4 b4 18.cb4 ♘b4
 19.♘d3±) 10...f6?! (10...cd4! 11.♘d4 ♘c5
 12.♘a4 ♘d4 13.♘b6 ♘e3 14.♗h1 ♘b6)
 11.ef6 ♘f6 12.♘a4±] **9...♖a5 10.♘d2**
 [10.c3 c4 11.b4 cb3 12.♖b3 ♖b8 13.♘b2
 b5 14.♘e2 b4! 15.cb4 ♘b4] **10...♖c7**
11.cd5 ♘c5 12.♘c5 ♘c5 13.b4
♘b6 14.c4 dc4 15.♖c1 ♖d8 [15...0-0
 16.♘c4 (16.♖c4 ♖d8∞) 16...a5 17.b5

♟d4△ 18.♟d4 ♟d4 19.♟e6 ♟b6!]
 16.♟c4 [16.♟c4] 16...h6 17.a4 a6
 18.♟c2 ♟d7 19.♟e4 ♟b8 20.♟d3
 ♟e7 21.a5 ♟a7 22.♟e2 ♟b5
 23.♟c3 ♟c6 24.♟c6 bc6 25.♟c1
 ♟d7 26.♟a6 0-0 27.g4 ♟f8 28.f5
 ef5 29.gf5 ♟f5 30.♟c6? ♟b4+→
 31.♟c4 ♟b2 32.♟d3 ♟d4?!
 [32...♟e3!] 33.♟d4 ♟d4 34.♟d4
 ♟d4 35.e6 fe6 36.♟c2 e5 37.a6
 ♟b6 38.♟e4 ♟c6? 39.♟c6 ♟c8
 40.♟b7 ♟c7 41.♟e3 ♟c2 42.♟d1
 ♟e3 1/2-1/2

**Svetushkin,Dmitry
 Sedlak,Nikola**

Vrsac 2012 (8)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.e5
 ♟fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♟f3 ♟c6 7.♟e3
 ♟e7 8.a3 ♟b6 9.♟a4 ♟a5 10.♟d2
 ♟c7 11.dc5 ♟c5 12.♟c5 ♟c5
 13.♟d3 a5 14.♟e2 ♟b6 15.0-0-0
 ♟d7∞ 16.♟he1 ♟d4 17.♟d4 ♟d4
 18.c3 ♟c8 19.♟c2 ♟c5 20.♟e3
 ♟e3 21.♟e3 ♟e3 22.♟e3 g6 23.g4
 h5 24.♟h3 ♟e7 25.f5 [25.g5 h5
 26.♟g1 h4 27.♟g4 ♟g8 28.♟g8 ♟g8
 29.♟h4 ♟g1 30.♟d2 ♟g2 31.♟d1 ♟g1=]
 25...gf5 26.gf5 ef5 27.♟d5 ♟cg8
 28.♟hd3 ♟g1 29.♟d1 ♟d1 30.♟d1
 ♟c6∞ 1/2-1/2

8.♟e2 ♟c6 9.c3 0-0 [9...♟a6 10.g3
 (10.♟g3 ♟f1 11.♟f1 0-0=) 10...0-0
 11.♟h3 ♟c8 12.0-0 (12.f5 cd4 13.♟d4
 (13.fe6 ♟de5) 13...ef5 14.♟f5 g6 15.♟h3
 ♟b8 16.♟f4 (16.e6 ♟c5!) 16...♟c5 17
 12...cd4 13.♟fd4 (13.cd4 ♟b4 (13...g6!?)
 13...f5 14.ef6 ♟f6 15.♟g5) 14.♟e1 f5
 15.ef6 ♟f6∞) 13...♟c5∞] 10.♟g3 c4?!
 11.♟g5!? [11.♟e2] 11...h6 12.h4 b5
 13.♟c2 ♟g5 [13...hg5 14.hg5 g6
 15.♟h6→ △ 15...♟g7 16.♟h5+→]
 14.hg5→ b4 15.♟e2 bc3 16.bc3
 ♟b8 17.♟f2 ♟e8 18.♟h5 ♟e7
 19.g4 ♟b5 20.♟f6 [20.g6+→]
 20...gf6 21.gf6 ♟f6 22.ef6 ♟g6
 23.g5 hg5 24.fg5 e5 25.♟h6 e4
 26.♟ah1 ♟e6 27.♟h5 ♟f6 28.gf6
 ♟f6 29.♟e1 ♟e6 30.♟g6 ♟f3
 31.♟d2 ♟g4 32.♟h7 ♟g7 33.♟h2
 f5 34.♟f5 ♟f5 35.♟a4 ♟b2 36.♟c1
 ♟h2 37.♟a7 ♟g6 38.♟h2 ♟h3
 39.♟b6 ♟h5 40.♟h6 1-0

**Bologan,Victor
 Morozevich,Alexander**

Beijing blitz 2012 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.e5
 ♟fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♟f3 ♟e7 7.♟e3 b6
 8.♟d3 ♟a6! 9.0-0 ♟d3 10.cd3
 [10.♟d3 ♟c6=] 10...♟c6 11.♟h1 0-0
 12.♟d2 ♟c8 13.♟ac1 a6=
 [13...♟c7!? △ 14.♟e2 ♟b7 15.g4 ♟a6]
 14.♟e2 ♟c7 15.f5 ef5 16.♟f4

34.♟f2 ♟e3 35.♟f3 ♟f3 36.gf3
 ♟c4 37.dc4 d3? 38.♟d1! ♟d7
 39.♟c5 ♟d4 40.♟g2 ♟h6 41.♟f2
 g5 42.b3 ♟g6 43.♟c6 ♟f5 44.♟a6
 h5 45.♟a5 ♟g6 46.♟a2 g4 47.hg4
 hg4 48.♟ad2 g3 49.♟g2 ♟d8
 50.♟d3 ♟e8 51.♟d2 ♟h8 52.♟g1
 ♟f5 53.c5 ♟a8 54.b4 ♟a1 55.♟d1
 ♟a2 56.♟d2 ♟a3 57.♟g2 ♟b3
 58.c6 ♟b4 59.♟c2 1-0

**Svetushkin,Dmitry
 Antic,Dejan**

Greece tt 2013 (6)

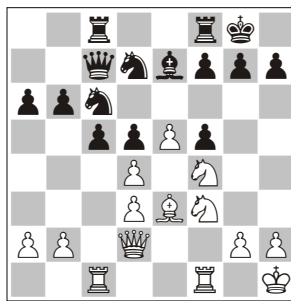
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 8.♟d3 ♟a6 9.0-0 ♟d3 10.cd3 0-0
 11.♟c1 ♟c6 12.♟a4 cd4 13.♟d4
 ♟d4 14.♟d4 ♟c8 15.♟c3 ♟b8!
 16.♟f2 ♟d7! 17.a3 [17.♟f3 ♟b4!]
 17...♟c7 18.♟f3 [≥ 18.♟d2 ♟fc8=]
 18...♟fc8 19.f5!? [19.d4 ♟c6 20.f5
 (20.♟b5 ♟d4) 20...♟g5∞] 19...d4
 [19...ef5 20.♟d5 (20.d4 ♟c4 21.♟a1
 (21.♟cd1 ♟a3 22.♟d5 ♟b2) 21...♟d8)
 20...♟a3 21.♟d7 ♟d7 22.♟cd1 ♟b2
 23.♟d5 ♟e5 24.♟c7 ♟c7 20.fe6 fe6
 21.♟e2 ♟c1 22.♟c1 ♟c1 23.♟c1
 ♟c6 24.♟e4 ♟d5 25.♟d5 ed5
 26.b4?! [≥ 26.e6] 26...♟f7 27.♟f1
 ♟e5 [27...a5 28.b5 ♟e5 29.a4 ♟d7
 30.♟d4 ♟c5 31.♟b2 ♟d6 32.h3 ♟c5
 33.♟a3 ♟e6 34.♟c5 ♟c5 35.♟b3=]
 28.♟d4 ♟f6 [28...♟c6 29.♟b3]
 29.♟g1 ♟c6 30.b5 ♟d4 31.♟d4
 ♟d4 32.♟b3= ♟e5 33.h3 ♟e6
 34.♟e2 ♟b2 35.a4 ♟e5 36.♟f3
 ♟c3 37.g4 ♟b2 38.♟e3 ♟c3
 39.♟c1 ♟d4 40.♟f3 ♟d6 41.♟b3
 ♟e5 42.h4 ♟c3 43.♟e3 ♟b4 44.d4
 ♟e6 45.♟c1?! ♟e7 46.g5 ♟f5 17
 47.♟f3 h6 [47...♟b4 48.♟d3 ♟c3
 49.♟f4 ♟d4 50.♟d5 ♟c5 17] 48.gh6
 gh6 49.h5 ♟b4 50.♟d3 ♟d6
 [50...♟c3 51.♟e5 ♟d4 52.♟c6 ♟c5
 53.♟a7 ♟g5 54.♟c6 ♟h5 55.a5 ba5
 56.♟a5 ♟g5 57.♟c6 h5 58.♟g3=]
 51.♟f2 ♟f8 [51...♟g5 52.♟g4 ♟h5
 53.♟f6 ♟g5 54.♟d5 h5 55.♟e3 h4
 56.♟c4 ♟c7 57.d5 ♟f5 58.d6 ♟d8 59.d7
 ♟e6 60.♟g4 ♟d7 61.♟e5 ♟c7 62.♟c4=]
 52.♟g4 ♟g7 53.♟e3 ♟e6 54.♟c2
 ♟f6 55.♟g4 ♟g7 56.♟f4 ♟f6
 57.♟g4 ♟g7 58.♟f4 ♟f6 1/2-1/2

**Morozevich's Move Order
 6...♟e7 7.♟e3 b6**

**Shirov,Alexey
 Morozevich,Alexander**

Monaco rapid 2004 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.e5
 ♟fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♟f3 ♟e7 7.♟e3 b6



16...♟d8?! [16...♟b7 17.♟d5 ♟fe8∞]
 17.e6± ♟f6?! [17...♟db8] 18.ef7 ♟f7
 19.♟g5! cd4 20.♟g1 [20.♟f7]
 20...♟d7 21.♟f7 ♟f7± 22.♟e2
 ♟c5 23.♟f4 [23.a3! a5 24.♟f4±]
 23...g6 24.♟d4 ♟b4 25.♟d2 ♟a2
 26.♟f3 ♟g7 27.♟a1 ♟b4 28.♟c5
 bc5 29.♟fe1 d4 30.♟e5 ♟b7
 31.♟c4 ♟c7 32.h3 ♟bd5 33.♟e5 f4

**Karjakin,Sergey
Hou Yifan**

Wijk aan Zee 2013 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♘f6 4.e5
 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♙e7 7.♙e3 b6
 8.♙e2 ♙a6?! [8...♗c6 transposes to
 the main line] 9.0-0 ♙e2 10.♗e2±
 ♗c6 [10...c4 11.b3†; 10...b5 11.f5†]
 11.c4!† dc4 [11...0-0 12.cd5 ed5
 ♗d4 13.♗d5 ed5 13.♗d5 ♗b4
 14.♗c4 b5 15.♗e4 ♗c8 16.♗c3
 ♗c6 17.♗c6 ♗c6 18.♗b5 ♗b8
 19.♗c7 ♗d8 20.♗d5 ♗b2
 21.♗fd1± ♗e8 22.♗ac1 [22.a3±]
 22...♗a2 23.♗d2 [23.♗e7 ♗e7
 24.♗c5 ♗c5 (24...♗ce5 25.f5 ♗c5
 26.♙c5 ♗e6 27.♙a7 ♗a8 (27...♗a7
 28.♗d4 ♗e5 29.♗c6) 28.♙d4±] 25.♙c5
 ♗e6 26.g4 f6 27.♗d6 ♗f7 28.♗c6±]
 23...g5 [≥ 23...♗a4] 24.♗e4 gf4
 25.♙c5 ♙c5 26.♗c5 ♗g8 27.g3
 fg3 28.h3 ♗de5 29.♗b4 ♗e8
 [29...♗e7! 30.♗a2 ♗d4 31.♗d4 ♗f3
 32.♗g2 ♗d4±] 30.♗a2 ♗f3
 31.♗g2+ ♗h4 32.♗f1 ♗f3
 33.♗e4 g2 34.♗f2 g1♗ 35.♗g1
 ♗g1 36.♗c6 ♗a1 37.♗f6 ♗e7
 38.♗c3 ♗e5 39.♗cd5 ♗d8 40.♗c3
 ♗a2 41.♗g3 ♗d2 42.♗f4 ♗g6
 43.♗g5 ♗e7 44.♗e7 ♗e7 45.♗e3
 ♗d8 46.♗a3 ♗g2 47.♗g4 h6
 48.♗h4 f5 49.♗h6 1-0

**Giri,Anish
Morozevich,Alexander**

Beijing 2013 (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♘f6 4.e5
 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♙e7 7.♙e3 b6
 8.♙e2 0-0 9.0-0 ♗c6! [The main line]
 10.♗d2 ♙b7 11.♗ad1 ♗c8 12.♗h1
 f6 13.cd5 ♗c5 14.ef6 ♙f6 15.♗d4
 ♗d4 16.♙d4 ♗d4 17.♗d4 ♗f6
 18.♗g1 ♗g6 19.♙d3 ♗f6 20.♙e2
 ♗g6 21.♙d3 ♗f6 22.♙e2 ½-½

**Kokarev,Dmitry
Ibragimov,Ildar**

Moscow 2013 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♘f6 4.e5
 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♙e7 7.♙e3 b6
 8.♗d2 [≥ 8.♙e2] 8...0-0 9.♙e2 ♙a6
 [9...♗c6 transposes to the main line]
 10.♗b5 [10.0-0 ♙e2 11.♗e2 ♗c6= Δ
 12.c4 dc4 13.d5 ed5 14.♗d5 ♗de5]
 10...♗c6 11.0-0 ♙b7 [11...cd4 12.♗fd4
 ♗d4 13.♗d4 (13.♙d4 ♗c5∞) 13...♙e2
 14.♗e2 (14.♗c6 ♗e8 15.♗e2 (15.♗e7
 ♗e7 16.♗e2 ♗ac8) 15...♙c5∞)
 14...♗c8=] 12.c3 ♗a5 [12...a6 13.♗a3 b5
 14.♗c2 ♗c8∞] 13.♗a3?! [13.♗ad1 Δ
 13...♗c4 14.♙c4 dc4 15.♗c2 ♙d5 (15...h6
 16.cd5) 16.♗g5 g6 17.♗e4∞] 13...cd4
 14.cd4 ♙a3 15.ba3 ♗c4 16.♗d3 f5
 17.♗ae1 ♗e7 18.♙c1 ♗ac8 19.g4

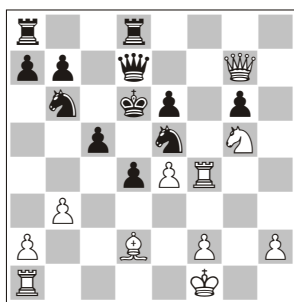
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 22.♗b3 ♗c6 23.♙f1 ♗d8 24.♗a4
 ♙b7 25.♗g5 h6 26.♗f3 ♗e6
 27.♗g2 ♙c6 28.♗b3 ♙e8 29.♗g3
 ♙h5 30.♙g2 ♗a5 31.♗b1 ♗c4?!
 [31...♗h7] 32.♙e3 ♗a4 33.♙d2 ♗d7
 34.♙b4 ♗f7 35.♗h4 ♗f4 36.e6†
 ♗e6 37.♗f5 ♗h8 38.♗e5 ♗f4
 39.♗h6 gh6 40.♙d5 ♗e2??
 [40...♙g6] 41.♗e2+ ♙e2 42.♗e4
 ♗g7 43.♗e5 ♙g4 44.♙f8 h5
 45.♙g7 ♗g7 46.♗e8 1-0

**Naer,Evgeny
Lou,Yiping**

Beijing 2012 (18)

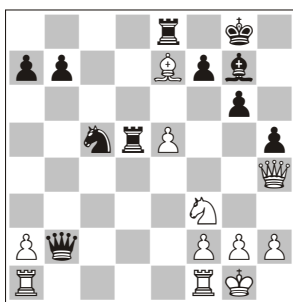
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 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♙e7 7.♙e3 b6
 8.♗d2 0-0 9.a3 ♗c6 [9...♙a6 10.♙a6
 ♗a6 11.0-0 (11.0-0-0 b5!∞) 11...♗ab8=]
 10.♙d3 f5 11.0-0 cd4 12.♗d4 ♗d4
 13.♙d4 ♗c5 14.♙b5?! [14.♗e3]
 14...♙a6 15.a4 ♙b5 16.ab5 ♗e4
 17.♗d3 ♗d7 18.♗e2 ♗ac8 19.c3
 ♗c7 20.h3 h6 21.♗h2 ♗h7 22.♗g3
 ♗g3 23.♗g3 ♙c5 24.♗h2 ♙d4
 25.cd4 ♗fc8 26.♗a3 ♗c2 27.♗fa1
 ♗b2 28.♗a7 ♗c7 29.♗c7 ♗c7=
 30.♗a6? ♗c1! 31.♗g3? ♗b1+
 32.♗f2 ♗h1 33.♗g3 ♗b3 34.♗h4
 ♗c1 35.♗b6 g5 36.♗h5 ♗h3 0-1

Exercise 1 XXX



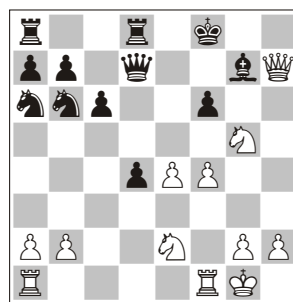
position after 26...♗xx-xx

Exercise 2 XXX



position after 21...♗xxxx

Exercise 3 XXX



position after 20...xxxx

After 27.♗f7 ♗f7 28.♗f7 Black's
 position is bad, but is there a?
 (solution on page xxx)

Black has just taken the c5-pawn.
 How should White play now?
 (solution on page xxx)

White has sacrificed a piece. How
 can he give his attack a boost?
 (solution on page xxx)