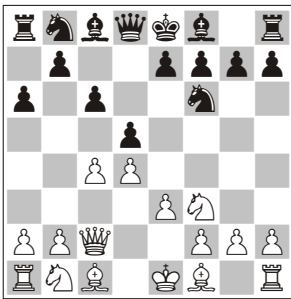


The Early 5. ♖c2 in the Chebanenko Slav

by Dejan Antic and Atanas Kizov

1. d4 d5
2. c4 c6
3. ♘f3 ♘f6
4. e3 a6
5. ♖c2



In the highly popular Chebanenko Variation of the Slav Defence with 4. ...a6, White has tried many ways to get satisfactory play and to achieve an advantage. On this occasion, we would like to introduce the very interesting continuation 5. ♖c2. The main idea of this move is to prevent Black from making successful strategic manoeuvres, such as developing the bishop to g4, pinning the white knight, and playing ...♗f5. Nevertheless, as can be seen from the game material, matters are not so simple, as the main struggle and the main lines occur in the above-mentioned possibilities for Black, relating to the development of his queen's bishop. White has two options in the variation with 5. ♖c2. The first one is the elastic devel-

opment of the knight to c3; the second is the classical possibility of developing the knight to f3, with, at a later stage, the moves ♘bd2 or ♗d2, with the follow-up ♗d3) in mind.

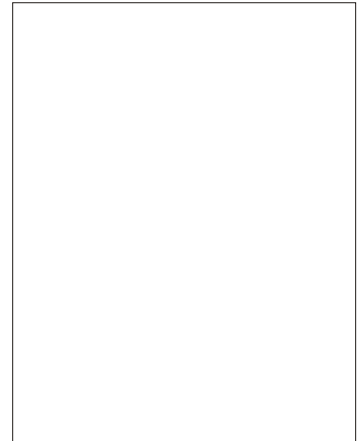
Not Developing the Bishop

5. ♖c2 e6

Here we can pick up the Main Game Antic-Metz, played at this year's Doeberl Cup in Canberra. The impression is that Black does not have a comfortable position and White has the possibility of gradually increasing the positional pressure when Black does not try to bring out his queen's bishop to f5 or g4. With the earlier move ...c5, Black can attempt to put the centre under pressure, as in the game Karpov-Mecking, but this leads to a position with an isolated pawn for Black, with the extra complication that the black knight is badly placed on d7. We believe that in this variation White will get an advantage.

The Elastic 3. ♘c3 Followed by 4.e3 and 5. ♖c2

This move order is especially interesting for white players who want to avoid the open variation 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4. ♘f3 dc4, which is avoided by 4.e3. As reference games we can point out Drasko-Kobalia and Lazarev-Piankov. In both cases, Black attempts to exert pressure



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on c4, emphasizing the plan applied by Piankov. The impression is that Black's play can be improved upon here. The other possibilities – leaving the bishop on c8 and the plan with ...♘bd7 – do not promise Black equality.

The Classical 3. ♘f3 Followed by 4.e3 and 5. ♖c2

This move order is becoming more popular lately. With the move 4.e3 (instead of 4. ♘c3), White keeps the option of avoiding the Accepted systems of the Slav Defence with 4...dc4, as well as many other sharp lines of the Meran Variation arising after 4. ♘c3 e6. White is prepared to meet 4...e6 with 5. ♗d3, with a favourable regrouping of the pieces. After 4.e3 a6 5. ♖c2, Black can reply 5...g6, which transposes to the above-men-

tioned variation with 3.♘c3. Another interesting reaction is developing the bishop on 5...♙g4.



For reference we can point out the games Illescas-Nakamura, Tregubov-Bacrot and Kononenko-Sebag. The plan used by Sebag is very interesting. Here, even if White aims for positional play, Black has a lot of dynamic possibilities for play on the kingside.

Conclusion

The belligerent approach to the Chebanenko Variation with 5.♖c2, especially the move order 3.♗f3 and 4.e3, is becoming increasingly more popular with

white players who prefer positional play. The many sharp variations in the Meran and, in particular, in the Moscow and Botvinnik Variations, are avoided with the recommended move order 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e3 (instead of 4.♗c3). The impression is that Black does not have full equality. We will leave it to the top grandmasters to assess this variation. In the meantime, readers of the Yearbooks, chess lovers and even professional players can happily use this very safe plan for White.

Main Game 5.♖c2 e6

Antic,Dejan
Metz,Hartmut

Canberra 2008 (2)

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e3 a6
5.♖c2 e6 6.♗bd2 ♗bd7 [6...b5
7.b3±] 7.♙d3 ♙e7 [7...dc4 8.♗c4 c5
9.♙d2 (9.a4) 9...b6 10.0-0 ♗b7 11.♗g5f;
7...c5 8.cd5 ed5 9.0-0 ♙e7 10.b3 0-0
11.♙b2 h6?! (11...b6 12.e4 de4 13.♗e4
♗b7 14.dc5 ♙e4 15.♙e4 ♗e4 16.♖e4
♗c5 17.♖g4 ♙f6 (17...f6 18.♙fe1)
18.♙ad1 ♖e7 19.♙fe1 ♗e6 20.♙f6 ♖f6
21.♗e5±] 12.dc5 ♙c5 (12...♗c5
13.♙f6±) 13.♙ac1± Karpov-Mecking,
Buenos Aires 2001; 7...b5 8.b3] 8.0-0 0-0
9.b3 b6 [9...b5 10.e4 (10.c5±) 10...de4
11.♗e4±] 10.♙b2 ♙b7 11.♗e5 ♙c8
[11...g6 12.♙ad1 (12.f4?! ♗e5 13.fe5 ♗g4;
12.♗df3 ♗e5 13.♗e5 ♗d7 14.cd5 ♗e5
15.de5 cd5=) 12...♗e5 13.de5 ♗d7]
12.♙ad1 ♖c7 [12...g6] 13.f4 ♙fd8
14.♗df3 h6 15.f5 ♗f8 [15...♗e5
16.♗e5 ♙d6 17.fe6 fe6 18.♖f2 ♗e4
19.♖h4 ♖e7 20.♖g4f; 15...ef5 16.♙f5
♙d6 17.♖d3±] 16.fe6 [16.c5! bc5
17.dc5±] 16...fe6? [16...♗e6 17.♙f5f]
17.♗h4 [17.♖f2 ♙d6 18.♖g3±]
17...♙d6 18.♖e2 c5 [18...dc4 19.bc4
c5 20.♙f6 gf6 21.♗g4±] 19.♙f6! gf6
20.♗g4 ♖g7 21.♙f1 [21.dc5]
21...♙e7 22.dc5+- d4 23.♙d4 ♙d4
24.ed4 bc5 25.♙f5 ♙c6 26.d5 ed5

27.cd5 ♙b6 28.♙e4 ♙c8 29.♗f5
♙f5 30.♙f5 h5 31.♗e3 ♖g5
32.♗c4 ♙b7 33.♙e6 ♗g7 34.♗e3
♗e6 35.de6 ♙b4 36.♗f5 ♗f8
37.♖a6 ♙f4 38.♖c8 1-0

The Elastic 3.♗c3 5.♖c2 g6

Turova,Irina
Shadrina,Tatiana

Sochi tt 2006 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e3 a6
5.♖c2 g6 6.♙d3 ♙g7 7.♗f3 0-0
8.0-0 ♙g4 9.♗e5 ♙e6 10.♗e2 ♗g4
[10...♗bd7 11.♗f4 ♗e5 (11...dc4 12.♗c4
♙c4 13.♙c4 e5 14.de5 ♗e5 15.♙e2±)
12.♗e6 fe6 (12...♗f3 13.gf3 fe6 14.c5±)
13.de5 ♗d7 14.f4 ♗c5 15.♙e2 ♖b6±]
11.♗g4 ♙g4 12.♙d2 [12.♗f4]
12...♙e2 13.♙e2 ♗d7 14.cd5 cd5
15.♖b3 [15.♙ac1 ♙c8 16.♖b3±]
15...♖b6 16.♖b6?! [16.♖d5 ♖b2
17.♙fd1±] 16...♗b6 17.♙b4 ♙f6
18.a4 ♙fc8 19.a5 ♗d7 20.♙fc1 e6
21.♙d6 ♙d8 22.b4 ♗f6 23.f3 ♗e8
24.♙c5 f5 25.♙a3 ♗d6 26.♙ac3
♙c6 27.♗f2 ♙ac8 28.♙d3 ♗b5
29.♙c3c2 ♙f6 30.g3 ♗f7 31.♗e2 h6
32.h4 ½-½

Gabriel,Christian
Handke,Florian

Germany Bundesliga 2006/07 (7)

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13.b3 ♙e8 14.♙b2±] 13.♖f5 gf5
14.♙d2 [14.b3± dc4 15.♗c4 ♗bd7
16.♙a3 ♙fe8 17.♗a5 ♙ab8 18.♙ac1 ♙h6
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dc4 18.♗d5f) 17.de5 dc4 18.♗d5 ♗c6
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[16.♙b4 ♙fe8] 16...♙fc8 17.♗b7
[17.♙ac1 ♙h6 18.♗d3] 17...♙ab8
18.♗a5 ♙b2 19.♗b3 [19.♗c4 ♙b5=]
19...♗e4 20.♙b4 c5 21.♗d5 ♙f8
22.♙a3 ♙c2 23.dc5 e6 24.♗b4 ♙c3
25.♙b2 ½-½

Drasko,Milan
Kobalia,Mikhail

Plovdiv Ech-tt 2008 (11)

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(12...♗d7 13.e4 ♗5b6 14.♗a5±) 13.♗a5
♖d6 14.♗b7±) 12.♗e5 ♗d5 13.♙d2±]
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16.f4! ed4 17.e5 d3 18.♣d3 ♠c5
19.♣a3 ♠fd7 20.♠e3 b6 21.♠ac1
f6 22.♣a2 [22.♠b6! ♣b6 23.♠c5♠]
22...♠h8 23.♠d6 h6 24.♠f7 ♠h7
25.e6 ♠e6 26.f5 ♠g5 27.fg6 ♠g6
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♠g6 31.♣b1 ♠f7 32.♣a2 ½-½

**Ushenina,Anna
Maiko,Aina**

Kharkov ch-UKR-jr 2005 (11)

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(15.♠b6? ♠a4f) 15...♠g4 16.♠e1 ♠f3
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Illescas Cordoba,Miguel

Fernandez Romero,Ernesto
Dos Hermanas 2006 (4)

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**Moskalenko,Viktor
Mirzoev,Azer**

Barcelona 2001 (7)

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**Sasikiran,Krishnan
Döres,Hans Jürgen**

Mainz 2007 (2)

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**Gareev,Timur
Safin,Shukhrat**

Tashkent ch-UZB 2007 (3)

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♠bd7 14.a5♠; 11.♠d1 ♠f3 12.gf3♠]
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18.h3♠; 16.♠g5? f6 17.♠g7 fg5 18.♣h6
♠f7f) 16...♠g4 17.♠g7 ♠f3 18.♠f8
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**Michaelsen,Nils
Fischdick,Gisela**

Germany Bundesliga 1995/96

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♠c3 ♠f6 4.e3 a6

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 ♠h5 14.♠e3 ♣c7 15.g3±; 12.♠e3 ♠g4]
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 a5 15.♠f4 ♣b6 16.a3 ♠a8 17.♣b3±]
 14...e5 15.de5 ♠e5 16.♠e5 ♣e5
 17.f4 ♣c7 18.e5 ♣b6 19.♠h1 ♠d5
 20.♠d5 [20.♠g4 ♠c7 (20...♠b4 21.♣b3)
 21.♣d2 h6 (21...♠b4? 22.♣d6)] 22.♠d5
 cd5 23.♠h4±] 20...cd5 21.♣d2 f6
 22.ef6 ½-½

Milov,Vadim
 Hodgson,Julian
 Biel 1995 (2)

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 ♠e8 17.♠ac1±; 14.b4?! a5 15.b5 bc5
 16.bc6 c4 (16...♠b8 17.♠b5 ♣c7 18.♠a3
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 17.b4 [17.♣a5 ♠e4 18.b3 ♣e6⇒]
 17...a5 18.♣d6 ed6 19.b5 c5 20.a4
 ♠d7 21.♠b2 ♠fe8 22.♠f2 ♠e7
 23.♠fe1 ♠b6 24.♠e2 [24.♠c3±]
 24...♠ae8 25.♠f3 ♠c8 26.♠a2 ½-½

Lazarev,Vladimir
 Piankov,Evgenij
 St Afrique 2002 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♠f3 ♠f6 4.e3 a6
 5.♠c3 g6 6.♠d3 ♠g7 7.♣c2 0-0
 8.0-0 ♠e6 9.c5 ♣c7 10.h3 ♠c8
 [10...♠bd7 11.♠g5] 11.b4 ♠bd7
 12.♠b2 e5 13.♠e5 ♠e5 14.de5
 ♣e5 15.♠a4 [15.♠e4 ♣e7 16.♠d6
 ♠e8 17.♠g7 ♠g7 18.♣c3 ♠g8 19.♠c8
 ♠c8∞] 15...♣e7 16.♠b6 ♠b8 17.a4
 [17.♠ae1 ♠e8 18.♠d4 ♠e4 19.♠e4 ♣e4
 (19...de4 20.♠g7 ♠g7 21.♠d1±)
 20.♣c3±] 17...♠d7 18.♠c8 [18.♠d7
 ♠d7 19.♠g7 ♠g7 20.e4 (20.♣b2 ♣f6
 21.♣d4 ♠fe8=) 20...de4 21.♠e4 ♠e6=]
 18...♠bc8 19.♠d4 ♠d4 20.ed4 ♣f6
 21.♣c3 ♠fe8 22.♠ae1 ♠e1 23.♠e1
 ♠f8 24.♠f1 ♠e6 25.♠d1 h5
 26.♣d2 ½-½

Arsovic,Goran
 Jovanovic,Zoran
 Belgrade tt 2004 (5)

1.♠f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 ♠f6 4.♠c3
 a6 5.♣c2 g6 6.d4 ♠g7 7.♠d3 0-0
 8.0-0 ♠e6 9.c5 ♠bd7 10.♠g5 b6
 11.♠a4 [11.♠e6 fe6 12.cb6 ♠b6
 13.♣e2±] 11...bc5 12.♠c5 ♠c5
 13.♣c5 ♠f5 [13...♣d7 14.♠e6 ♣e6
 15.♣a5 ♠e4 (15...h5 16.f3 ♠fb8 17.b3 h4
 18.h3 ♠h5 19.♠d2 ♠g3 20.♠fe1±) 16.b3
 c5 (16...♠fb8 17.f3 ♠d6 18.♠d2±)
 17.♠e4 de4 18.♣c5 ♠fc8 19.♣a5]
 14.♠f5 g5 15.♣c6± ♣a5 16.♣c2
 h6 17.♠h3 ♠e4 18.♠f4 e6 [18...♠fc8
 19.♣d3 e6 20.f3 ♠d6 21.b3±] 19.f3
 ♠fc8 20.♣d1 [20.♣d3] 20...♠d6
 21.♠d3 ♣b6 22.♠h1 ♠a7 23.♠d2
 ♠c4 24.b3 ♠d2 25.♣d2 ♠f8
 26.♠ac1 ♠ac7 27.♠c7 ♠c7
 28.♠c1± ♠c1 29.♣c1 ♣b5 30.♣c3
 a5 31.♠g1 ♠b4 32.♣c2 ♠g7 33.h3
 ♠d6 34.♠f2 ♠b4 35.g4 fg4 36.hg4
 ♠d6 37.♠g2 ♠b4 38.♠e5 ♠d6
 39.♠d3 ♠b4 40.♠f2 ♠d6 41.♠g2
 ♠b4 42.♠h3 ♠d6 43.♠g2 ♠b4
 44.♠f4 ♠d6 45.♠e2 ♣b7 46.f4
 ♣a6 47.♠g3 ♠g8 48.♠e2 ♠g7
 49.♠g1 ♠g8 50.♠f3 ♠f8 51.♠f2
 ♠e7 52.♣c3 a4 53.ba4 ♣a4
 54.♣b3 ♣a3 55.♣c2 ♠d7 56.♠d2
 ♣a8 57.a4 1-0

Malakhov,Vladimir
 Jelling,Erik
 Rethymnon tt 2003 (1)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♠c3 ♠f6 4.e3 a6
 5.♣c2 g6 6.♠d3 ♠g7 7.♠f3 0-0
 8.0-0 e6 9.e4 de4 10.♠e4 ♠e4
 11.♠e4 ♠d7 12.♠f4 [12.♠g5 ♠f6
 (12...♣c7 13.♠fe1 c5 14.♠ad1∞) 13.♠d3
 ♣c7 14.♣d2 ♠d8 15.♠f4 ♣e7
 16.♠fe1±] 12...♠f6 [12...c5 13.♠d6]
 13.♠e5 ♠e4 14.♠g7 ♠g7 15.♣e4
 f6 16.♣e3 [16.♠fe1] 16...♠d7
 17.♠d2 ♣c7 18.c5± ♠ad8 19.♠c4
 ♠c8 20.♠ad1 ♠d5 21.♠d2 ♠dd8
 22.f4 ♣e7 23.g4 [23.f5 ♠d5 24.♠df2
 e5 25.de5 ♠f5 26.ef6 ♣f6 27.g4+]
 23...♣c7 24.g5 ♠d5 25.h4 ♣e7
 26.♣e4 ♣c7 27.♠e3 ♠dd8 28.♠g4
 f5 29.♣e5 ♣e5 30.♠e5± ♠h8
 31.♠ff2 h6 32.♠g2 hg5 33.♠g5
 ♠h4 34.♠g6 ♠h7 35.♠g5 ♠g8
 36.♠g8 ♠g8 37.♠g2 ♠h7 38.♠h2

The Classical 3.♠f3 5.♣c2 ♠g4 6.♠e5

Predojevic,Borki
 Solak,Dragan
 Vogosca tt 2007 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♠f3 ♠f6 4.e3 a6
 5.♣c2 ♠g4 6.♠e5 e6 7.♠g4 ♠g4
 8.♠c3 ♠d7 9.♠e2 [9.h3 ♠g6 10.♠d3
 ♠d6 11.0-0 0-0 12.♠d2±] 9...♠gf6
 [9...♣h4 10.g3 ♣h3 11.♠f1 ♣h5 12.h3±]
 10.b3 ♠d6 11.♠b2 0-0 12.0-0 ♣e7
 13.♠ad1 ♠ac8 14.g3 ♠fe8 15.♣b1
 [15.c5 ♠b8 16.f4± h5 17.♠f3 ♠c7
 18.♣e2 g6 19.h3±] 15...♠a3 16.♠c1
 [16.♠a1 ♠b4 17.♠f3 e5⇒] 16...♠b2
 17.♣b2 e5 18.de5 ♣e5 19.cd5
 ♠d5 20.♣d2 ♠c3 21.♣c3 ♣c3
 22.♠c3 ♠cd8= 23.♠d1 ♠f8 24.♠f1
 ♠e7 25.h4 ♠f6 26.♠e1 ♠d1
 27.♠d1 ♠d6 28.♠d3 ♠c7 29.♠d4
 ♠e4 30.♠e4 ♠e4 31.♠c2 ♠f6
 32.♠e2 h6 33.e4 ♠d6 34.f4 ♠c5
 35.♠e3 ♠g4 36.♠f3 ♠h2 37.♠e3
 ♠g4 38.♠f3 ♠h2 39.♠g2 ♠g4
 40.♠f3 ½-½

Golod,Vitali
 Kritz,Leonid
 Biel 2005 (5)

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 c6 3.♠f3 d5 4.e3 a6
 5.♣c2 ♠g4 6.♠e5 ♠h5 7.cd5 ♠d5
 8.♣b3 ♣b6 9.♣b6 ♠b6 10.♠c3
 [10.g4 ♠g6 (10...f6 11.gh5 fe5 12.de5
 ♠d7 13.f4±) 11.♠g6 hg6 12.♠c3±
 ♠d7 13.f4 e6 14.♠f2 ♠d5 15.♠d2±]
 10...♠d7 11.♠d7 [11.g4 ♠g6
 (11...♠e5 12.gh5 ♠d7 13.e4 (13.♠d2 e6
 14.♠e2) 13...e5⇒) 12.♠g6 hg6 13.f4±]
 11...♠d7 12.e4 e6 13.♠e3 ♠d6
 14.f3 ♠c8 15.♠e2 f6 16.♠f2 e5
 17.♠hd1 ed4 18.♠d4 ♠c5 19.♠d2
 ♠e3 20.♠e3 a5 21.♠b5± ♠e7
 22.♠d6 ♠c7 23.♠f5 ♠f8 24.♠ad1
 ♠e8 25.♠d6 g6 26.♠d4 ♠e7
 27.♠e6 ♠f8 28.♠d6 [28.f4 ♠f7 29.b3
 ♠g7 30.♠d6 ♠c5±; 28.♠f6 ♠f6 29.♠e6
 ♠e7 30.♠c7 ♠f7 31.e5 ♠d7 32.f4 ♠c8
 33.e6 ♠c7 34.ef7 ♠b6 35.♠f3 ♠f7±;
 28.a3 ♠f7 29.b4±] 28...♠e7 29.♠e6

♯c8 30.♭g7 [30.♯f2] 30...♭b6
31.♯e6 ♯f7 32.♯e8 ♯he8 33.♭e8
♯e8 34.♯f2 ♭a4 35.♯d7 ♯e7
36.♯d2 ♯e8 37.♯c2 ♯d7 38.b3
1/2-1/2

Illescas Cordoba,Miguel

Nakamura,Hikaru

Pamplona 2003/04 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♭f3 ♭f6 4.e3 a6
5.♯c2 ♯g4 6.♭e5 ♯h5 7.cd5 cd5
8.♯b3 ♯a7 9.♯d2 e6 10.♭c3 ♯e7
11.♯d3 0-0 12.0-0 ♭bd7 13.♭d7
♭d7 [13...♯d7 14.a4 ♯g6 15.♯g6 hg6
16.♯fc1 ♯c8=] 14.♯fc1 ♯d6 15.♯f1
♯e7 16.e4!? b5 [16...de4 17.♭e4 ♯d8
18.♯g5 ♭f6 19.♯e3 ♯aa8 20.♯d3±]
17.e5 [17.ed5! b4 (17...♯g6 18.♯e1 ♯f5
19.de6 fe6±) 18.♭e4 ♯h2 19.♯h2 ♯h4
20.♯h3 ♯e4 21.♯h5+—] 17...♯c7
18.♭e2 [18.a4 b4 19.♭e2 a5 20.♭f4
♯g4 21.♯g3 ♯f5=] 18...♯e2 19.♯e2
♯b8 20.♯d3 ♯b6 21.♯e3 ♯e8
22.♯c2 ♯c8 23.♯ac1 ♯c2 24.♯c2
♭b8 25.♯b3 ♯c7 26.♯c7 ♯c7
27.a4! ba4 28.♯b7 ♯a5 [28...♯d7
29.♯d1 f6 30.♯a4 ♯a4 31.♯c8 ♯f7
32.♯c7 ♯g6 33.h4±] 29.g3 h6 30.h4
♯f8 31.♯d1 ♯b4 [31...♯b4 32.♯a4 a5
33.h5±] 32.♯c8 ♯f8 33.♯b7 ♯b4
34.♯b4 ♯b4 35.♯a4 ♯f8 36.h5 a5
37.♯b5! [37.g4 ♭a6 38.f4 ♯e7±]
37...♯e7 38.g4 ♭d7 39.b3 ♭f8
[39...♭b6 40.f4 ♯c3 41.♯f2 ♭a8 42.g5
♭c7 43.♯d3±] 40.♯d3 ♯c3 41.f4 f6
42.♯f2 ♯f7 [42...fe5!? 43.fe5 (43.de5 d4
44.♯c1 ♭d7 45.♯e2 ♭c5 46.♯c4 ♯d7
47.♯a3 ♯b4 48.♯b2 d3 49.♯d3 ♭b3
50.♯b5 ♯e7 51.♯d3 a4 52.♯c4 a3
53.♯a3 ♯a3 54.♯b3 ♯c1=) 43...♯f7
44.♯e2 g5 45.hg6 ♯g7 46.♯b5 ♭g6
47.♯d3 ♯b4 48.♯d7 ♭f8 49.♯c8 ♯g6±]
43.♯e2 ♯e7 [43...fe5 44.fe5 g5]
44.♯a6 ♭d7? [44...fe5 45.fe5 ♯f7±]
45.♯d3 ♯b4 46.♯b5 f5 [46...♯d8
47.♯d7 ♯d7 48.ef6 gf6 49.g5 hg5 50.fg5
fg5 51.♯g5 ♯e8 52.♯d2 ♯f7 53.♯b4
ab4 54.♯e3 ♯g7 55.♯f4 ♯f6 56.h6+—;
46...fe5 47.fe5 ♯d8 48.g5 hg5 49.♯g5
♯e7 50.♯d2 ♯b4 51.♯b4! ab4 52.♯d7
♯d7 53.♯e3 ♯e7 54.♯f4 ♯f8 55.♯g5
♯f7 56.h6+—] 47.♯f2! ♭f8 [47...fg4
48.♯h4 ♯e8 49.f5!+—] 48.♯h4 ♯f7
49.gf5 ef5 50.♯c6 ♯e6 51.♯b7! g6
[51...♯d7 52.♯c8 ♯e7 53.♯e7 ♯e7

54.♯c3 ♯d8 55.♯d7 ♯d7 56.b4 ab4
57.♯b4 ♯e6 58.♯c5 g6 59.hg6 h5 60.g7
♯f7 61.e6 ♯g7 62.♯d6 h4 63.e7+—]
52.♯c8 ♯f7 53.e6! ♯e8 [53...♭e6
54.hg6+—] 54.♯d7 ♭d7 55.hg6
[55...♯f8 56.ed7 ♯d7 57.♯f6 h5 58.♯e3
♯c6 59.g7 ♯g7 60.♯g7 ♯b5 61.♯f8+—]
1-0
Ftacnik

Kononenko,Tatiana

Sebag,Marie

Germany Bundesliga W 2005/06

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♭f3 ♭f6 4.e3 a6
5.♯c2 ♯g4 6.♭e5 ♯h5 7.♯b3
♯c7 [7...♯a7 8.cd5 cd5 9.♭c3 e6
9...♭c6 10.♯d3 e6] 10.♯d3 ♭c6 11.0-0
♯d6 12.f4 0-0 13.♯d2 ♯e7 14.♯ac1±]
8.cd5 cd5 9.♭c3 ♭c6 10.f4 e6
11.♯d3 ♯e7 12.♯d2 ♯g6 13.♭g6
hg6 14.♯d1 [14.0-0 g5; 14.♭e2 ♭g4
(14...g5 15.fg5 ♭g4 16.g6↑ ♭h2 17.♯d1
♯d6 18.gf7 ♯f7 19.♯c1) 15.h3 ♯h4 16.g3
♯e7 17.♯f1 ♭h6 18.♯c1±] 14...♭h5
[14...g5! 15.fg5 ♭d7 16.g6 f5∞] 15.♭e2
[15.0-0 g5 16.♯c1 gf4 17.ef4 ♯d6∞]
15...g5 16.fg5 ♯g5 17.0-0 f5
18.♯c1 [18.g3 0-0 19.♯c1 ♭f6 20.♯g2
♭e4∞] 18...♭f6 19.h3 ♭g4 20.♭f4
♯f4 21.♯f4 ♭f6 22.♯e1 g5 23.♯f1
♯f7 24.♯c2 ♯d7 25.♯g3 ♯ac8
26.♯d2 g4 27.h4 ♯g6= 28.♯ce1?!
♭h5 29.e4? [29.♯f2] 29...de4
30.♯g5 ♯f7 31.♯e4 ♭g3 32.♯g4
♯cg8 33.♯f4 ♯g4 34.♯g4 ♭f1 0-1

Tregubov,Pavel

Bacrot,Etienne

Kemer tt 2007 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♭f3 ♭f6 4.e3 a6
5.♯c2 ♯g4 6.♭e5 ♯h5 7.♯b3
♯c7 8.cd5 [8.♭c3 e6 9.♯d3 ♭bd7
10.♭d7 ♭d7 11.0-0 ♯d6 12.f4±] 8...cd5
9.♭c3 e6 10.♯d2 ♭c6 11.♯c1
[11.f4] 11...♯d6 12.f4 0-0 13.♯d3
♭a5 14.♯c2 ♭c4 [14...♯ac8 15.0-0
♭c4=] 15.♭e2± ♯e2 16.♯e2
[16.♯e2!?] 16...b5 17.b3 ♭d2
18.♯c7 ♯c7 19.♯c7 ♭fe4 20.♯c2
♭b1 21.♯d3 ♭bc3 22.♯e4 ♭e4
23.♯e2 a5 [23...f6 24.♭d7 ♯fc8
25.♯hc1 ♯c2 26.♯c2 ♯a7 27.♭c5 ♯c7
28.♯d1 ♭c5 29.♯c5±] 24.♭d7 ♯fd8

25.♭c5 ♭d6 26.g4 ♯f8 27.♯d3
♯e7 28.♯hc1 ♯dc8 29.♭b7 ♯c2
30.♯c2 ♭e8 [30...♯a7 31.♭d6 ♯d6
32.♯c5 b4 33.♯b5 ♯c6 34.♯b8±] 31.a4
♯a7 32.♭c5 b4 33.e4 de4 34.♭e4
f5?! [34...♭c7 35.f5 ♭d5] 35.gf5 ef5
36.♭d2 ♭c7 37.♯c5 ♯f6 38.d5 g5
39.♯c6 ♯f7 40.♯d4 gf4 41.♭f3
♭e8 42.♭e5 ♯e7 43.♯e6 ♯f8
44.d6 ♯a6 45.♯d5 f3 46.♭f3 ♯a7
47.♭e5 f4 48.♯e4 1-0