

Mikhail Tal

Blitz Games (g/5)

Herceg Novi 1970 (double round robin)

The strongest blitz tournament ever played!

1. Fischer 19.0
- 2-3 Tal, Korchnoi 14.5
- 4-5 Bronstein, Petrosian 13.5
6. Hort 12.0
7. Matulovic 10,5
8. Smyslov 9.5
9. Reshevsky 8.5
10. Uhlmann 8.0
11. Ivkov 7.5
12. Ostojic 2.0

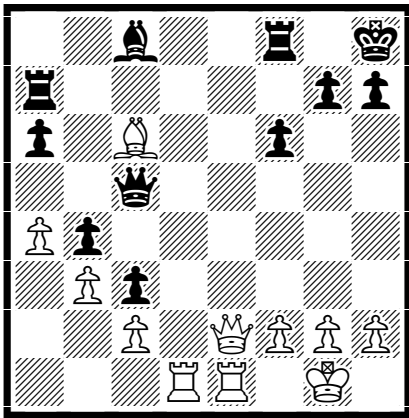
C08 M. Tal-V. Korchnoi

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 a6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Be2 c4 7.O-O Bd6 8.Re1 Ne7 9.b3 b5 10.a4 c3 11.Nf1

Interesting is Geller's idea 11.axb5!? cxd2 12.Bxd2, followed by "c2-c4".

11...b4 12.Ne5 O-O 13.Bf4 f6? 14.Nd3 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Qd6 16.Bf3! Nbc6 17.Ne3! Qxf4 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5+ Kh8 20.Bxc6 Ra7 21.Qe2 Qxd4 22.Rad1 Qc5



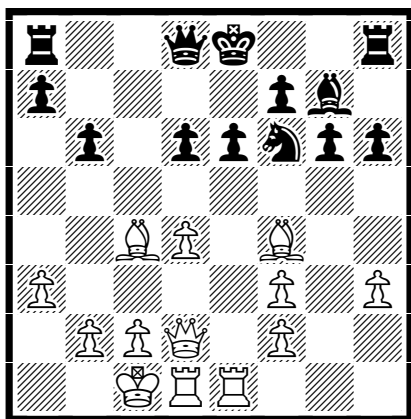
23.Qe8! Raf7 24.Rd5 Qb6 25.Qxf7 1-0

B06 M. Tal - B. Ivkov
Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Be3 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Qd2 c5
9.O-O-O Ngf6 10.h3**

In some publication this move is mistakenly given as 10.b3.

10...c4 11.Bxc4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Rhe1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 e6 15.Bf4 Nf6



**16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Rxe6+ Kf7 18.Rxd6 Qc8 19.Be5 Rd8 20.Rxd8 Qxd8 21.Rg1 Qd7
22.Qd3 Qf5 23.Qc4+ Qe6 24.Qc7+ Qe7 25.Qc4+ Qe6 26.Qd3 Qf5 27.Qa6 Qd7 28.h4
h5 29.Qd3 Qf5 30.Qc4+ Qe6 31.Qxe6+ Kxe6 32.Rxg6 (Time) 1-0**

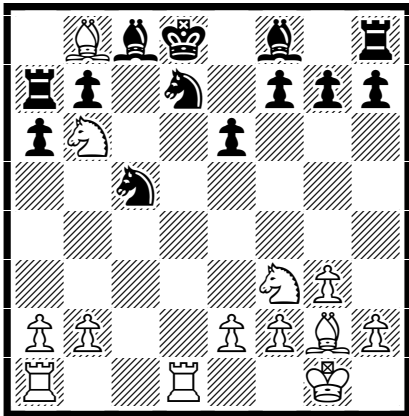
E92 B. Ivkov - M. Tal
Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 Na6 9.Nd2 Nc5
10.O-O h6 11.Bh4 Bd7 12.b3 c6 13.a3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Rc8 15.a4? Qb6 16.Rb1 Qb4
17.Na2 Qd4! 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bf3 b5 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Be2 Nd3 22.Nc4 Nf4 23.Bg4
Bxc4 24.bxc4 Qxe4 25.f3 Qe3+ 26.Kh1 Rxc4 0-1**

A09 M. Tal - W. Uhlmann

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.O-O a6 6.Na3 c5 7.Nxc4 e6 8.d4 Rb8?
9.Bf4 Ra8 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Rfd1+ Nfd7 13.Nb6 Ra7 14.Bb8 1-0



D43 T. Petrosian - M. Tal

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

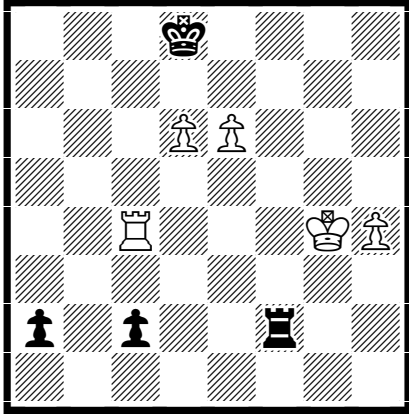
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.O-O
Qe7 10.Nd2 O-O 11.Qe2 Bc7 12.Rad1 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Rd8 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.f4 Bd7
16.Ne4 Be8 17.Nc5 b6 18.Na6 c5 19.dxc5 Bb5 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.a4 Bxa4 1/2-1/2 (50
moves).

B50 M. Tal - R. Fischer

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3 Nf6 6.O-O Nc6 7.Ne1 O-O 8.f4 a6 9.a4 exf4
10.Bxf4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Bg3 Qb6 13.Qd2 Ng4 14.Nf3 Nd4 15.Rab1 Nxf3+
16.gxf3 Ne5 17.Kg2 Ng6 18.Ne2 Nh4+ 19.Bxh4 Bxh4 20.b4 Qc7 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.a5

Rf6 23.f4 Raf8 24.Rb6 Bg5 25.e5 Rf5 26.Rxe6 Qf7 27.Rd6 Bxf4 28.Rxf4 Rxf4
 29.Nxf4 Qxf4 30.Qxf4 Rxf4 31.Rd7 Ra4 32.e6 Kf8 33.Rf7+ Ke8 34.Rxg7 Rxa5
 35.Rxb7 Ra2 36.Kf3 Rxc2 37.Rxh7 c4 38.d4 c3 39.d5 Rd2 40.Ke4 c2 41.Rc7 Kd8
 42.Rc4 a5 43.h4 a4 44.Ke5 a3 45.d6 Re2+ 46.Kf5 Rf2+ 47.Kg4 a2



48.d7??

After 48.Ra4! Kc8 (or 48...c1=Q 49.Ra8+ Qc8 50.e7+ Kd7 51.Rxc8) 49.d7+ Kc7
 50.Rc4+ White wins.

48...Ke7 49.Rc8 Rd2 50.Re8+ Kf6 51.e7 Rxd7 0-1

A49 R. Fischer - M. Tal

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 Nf6 5.O-O O-O 6.d4 d6 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8
 9.Be3 Na6 10.Na3 Nd5 11.Rfd1 Bg4 12.Bd2 h6 13.h3 Be6 14.Nb5 Ndc7 15.a4 Bb3
 16.Rdc1 Nxb5 17.axb5 Nc7 18.Be3 Nxb5 19.Bxc5 b6? 20.Bxe7 Re8 21.Ba3 Rad8
 22.e3 a5 23.Nd4 Nxa3 24.Rxa3 Bc4 25.Bf1 Bd5 26.Bg2 Bc4 27.Ra4 Bd3 28.b4! axb4
 29.Rxb4 Rd6 30.Rd1 Bc2 31.Rd2 Bf5 32.Rdb2 Rc8 33.Rxb6 Rxb6 34.Rxb6 Rxc3
 35.Nxf5 gxf5 36.Bd5 Rc7 37.Rb5 Re7 38.Bc4 Re5 39.Rb7 Kh7 40.Rxf7 Kg6 41.Rc7
 Bf8 42.Rc6+ Kg7 43.Bd3 Be7 44.Bc2 Ra5 45.Kg2 and White won 1-0.

A67 S. Reshevsky - M. Tal

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

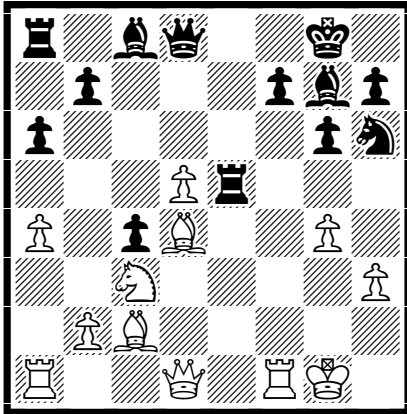
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bb5+ Nbd7?! 8.f4 Bg7?

Black should play 8...a6.

9.Nf3?

Correct is 9.e5 Qe7 10.Qe2 Nh5 11.e6 with a winning position.

9...O-O 10.O-O a6 11.Bd3 Re8 12.a4 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.e5 Ng4 15.h3 Nh6 16.Be3 Nd7 17.g4 dxe5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Bd4



20...Rg5!! 21.Bxg7 Nxc4! 22.hxc4 Bxc4 23.Qd4 Bh3+ 24.Kf2 Rg2+ 25.Kf3 Qg5 26.Qf4 Qh5+ 27.Ke3 Re8+ 28.Kd4 Rg4 29.Bf6 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Rxf4+ 31.Rxf4 Qh2 32.Re4 Qf2+ 33.Kxc4 Rc8+ 34.Kb3 Qxf6 0-1

B43 M. Tal - S. Reshevsky

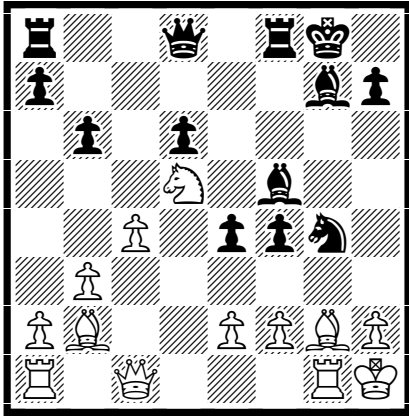
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 b5 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bb7 8.O-O Nf6? 9.e5! Ng8 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Bf4 Nxd4 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.Qxd4 Ne7 14.Ne4 Nf5 15.Qd3 h5 16.Bg5 Qd5 17.Qxd5 exd5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6+ Kf8 20.Re5 Nd4 21.Be7+ Kg8 22.Rxd5 Nxc2 23.Rc1 Nb4 24.Rdc5 Nd3 25.Rc8+ Kh7 26.Rxh8+ Kxh8 27.Rc7 Nxb2 28.Rxd7 Nc4 29.Rc7 Ne5 30.d7 Nxd7 31.Rxd7 Rc8 32.Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Bxd8 Kh7 34.Kg2 Kg6 35.Kf3 1-0

A89 M. Tal - M. Matulovic

Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 d6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.O-O Nf6 6.c4 O-O 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.Qa4 b6 10.Nd2 Ng4 11.Qc2 Ne5 12.b3 f4 13.Bb2 c5 14.dxc6 Naxc6 15.Nd5 Bf5 16.Qc1 g5 17.gxf4 gxf4 18.Nf3 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 e5 20.Kh1 e4 21.Rg1 Ne5 22.Bg2 Ng4



23.Qxf4 Bxb2 24.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 25.Qxe4 Bxa1 26.Qxg4+ Kh8 27.Rxa1 Qe8 28.Rg1 Rg8 29.Qd4+ Qe5 30.Qxe5+ dxe5 31.Rg3 Rxc3 32.hxc3 Kg7 33.Kg2 Kf7 34.Kf3 Rd8 35.Ke4 Ke6 36.g4 a6 37.f3 b5 38.Nc7+ Kf6 39.Nxa6 Rd4+ 40.Ke3 (Time) 1-0

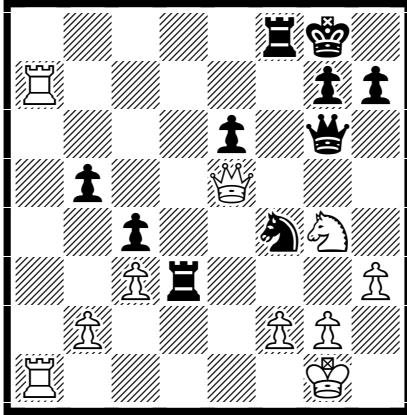
B36 M. Matulovic - M. Tal
Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 O-O 10.Qd2 Be6 11.f3 Qa5 12.Nb5 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nd7 14.Nc7 Rac8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rab1 a5 17.b3 Ra8 18.h4 Rfc8 19.h5 Ne5 20.hxc6 hxc6 21.f4 Nc6 22.Bg4 Kf7 23.Rh7 Rh8 24.Rbh1 Rxh7 25.Rxh7 a4 26.Bxe6+ Kxe6 27.Rxc7 Kf6 28.Rh7 axb3 29.axb3 Ra2+ 30.Kc3 Rxc2 31.Rh3 Rg4 32.b4 e5 33.b5 Nd8 34.fxe5+ Kxe5 35.Bd4+ Kxe4 36.Re3+ Kf5 37.Re7 Ne6 38.Bb6 d5! 39.cxd5 Nf4 40.Kd4 Ne6+ 41.Kc3 Nf4 42.Kd4 Ne6+ 1/2-1/2

C98 M. Tal - V. Smyslov
Herceg Novi (g/5) 1970

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Nf1 Be6 15.Ne3 Rad8 16.Qe2

c4 17.Nf5 Rfe8 18.Bg5 Nd7 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Ng5 Ng6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Ne3 Nf4
 23.Qg4 Nf6 24.Qf3 Nd3 25.Bxd3 Rxd3 26.a4 Qb7 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qg3 Qxe4 29.Ra7
 Nh5 30.Qg5 Qg6 31.Qxe5 Rf8 32.Ng4 Nf4 33.Re1

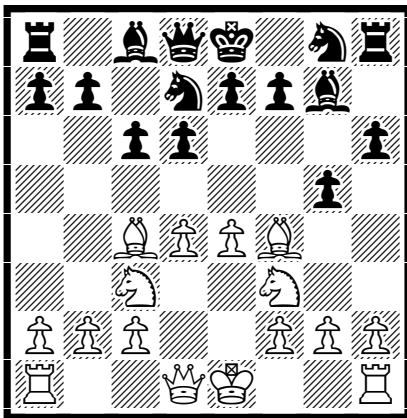


33...Nxh3+! 34.gxh3 Rxh3 35.Qd4 Rd3 36.Qb6 Qxg4+ 37.Kf1 Rh3 38.Qc6 Rhf3
 39.Qc5 Qh4 0-1

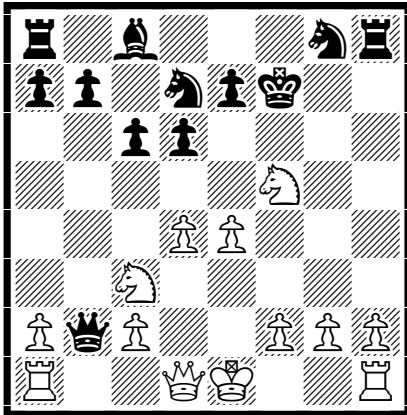
St. Petersburg, December 1970

B06 M. Tal - G. Chepukaitis
 St.Petersburg (g/5) 1970

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bf4 Nd7 7.Bc4 g5



8.Bxg5 hxg5 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Nxg5+ Ke8 11.Ne6 Qb6 12.Nxg7+ Kf7 13.Nf5 Qxb2



14.Qf3!?

Go ahead, take my Rooks. Both of them! This classical tactical idea, known from the Immortal Game Anderssen-Kieseritzky, London 1851, is always a temptation. However, in this case the consequences are not clear.

14...Ndf6

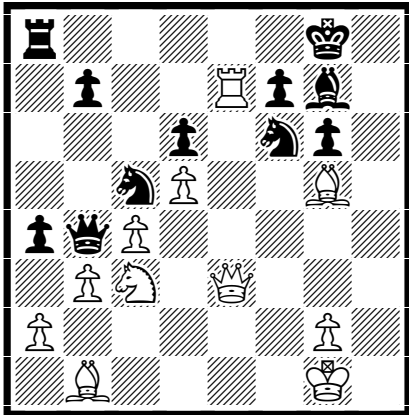
After 14...Qxa1+ 15.Kd2 Qxh1 the double-check 16.Nxd6+ does not succeed because of 16...Ke6! What is left for White is to win the Queen at a very high price by 16.Ng3+, hoping that his agile Queen will give him practical chances. But “practical chances” could be considered compensation in games with a very fast time control.

15.O-O Bxf5 16.exf5 Qb4 17.Rab1 Qxd4 18.Rxb7 Qg4 19.Qd3 Nh6 20.h3 Qxf5
 21.Qxd6 Rhe8 22.Re1 Nhg8 23.Qg3 Qxc2 24.Re5 Rad8 25.Rg5 Qh7 26.Rxa7 Rd3
 27.Qe5 Red8 28.Rc7 R3d6 29.Qc5 Qc2 30.Qc4+ Kf8 31.Rxc6?? Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qxg5
 33.Rc5 Qg6 34.Re5 Rd2 35.Qc5 Rc2 36.Re3 Rxf2 37.Rg3 Qc2 38.Qg5 Rdd2 39.Nb5
 Qe4 40.Nc7

Black has an extra Rook and a Knight (of course, “...for two pawns”, said Tal, joking) but after a few moves blundered the Queen by fork, and after that was mated. **1-0**

Riga, January 1971

M. Tal - Z. Solmanis
 Riga (g/5) January 1971



Black to move

Black's counter play on the Queenside is at its peak, but all of White's pieces are looking in the direction of the opponent's Kingside. And, as if conducted by a magic wand, they work wonders.

1...axb3 2.Bxg6! bxa2

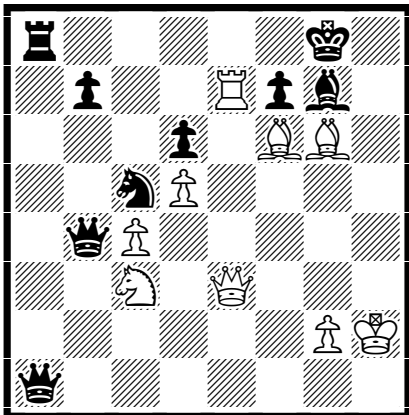
If 2...fxg6 3.Rxg7+! Kxg7 4.Qe7+ Kg8 5.Bxf6 with inevitable mate.

3.Bxf6!! a1=Q+

If 3...Bxf6 4.Qh6 Bg7 5.Qh7+ Kf8 6.Rxf7+ Ke8 7.Qg8+.

4.Kh2

This position deserves a diagram. Even with a second Queen on the board, Black has no defense against the mating threats.



4...Qaxc3 5.Bxf7+ Kh7

The alternatives are 5...Kh8 6.Qh6+, or 5...Kf8 6.Re8+ Kxf7 7.Qe7+ Kg6 8.Qxg7+ Kf5 9.Qg5#

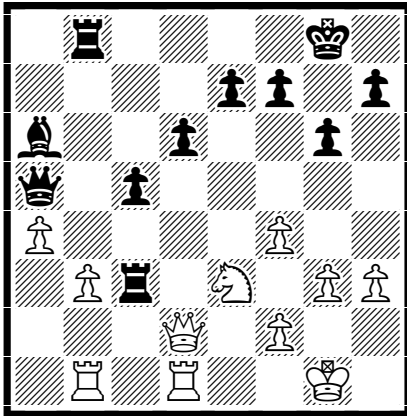
6.Bg6+! 1-0

Moscow (g/5) 1971

A58 Y. Balashov – M. Tal

Moscow (g/5) 1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nf3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 O-O 9.O-O
d6 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Re1 Qb6 12.Rb1 Rfb8 13.Qc2 Ng4 14.h3 Nge5 15.b3 Qa5 16.Bd2
Qa3 17.Bc1 Qa5 18.Bd2 Rb7 19.Na4 Qc7 20.Nb2 Bb5 21.a4 Ba6 22.Bc3 Nxf3+
23.exf3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Nf6 25.f4 Rab8 26.Nc4 Rb4 27.Nd2 Rd4 28.Nc4 Nxd5 29.Bxd5
Rxd5 30.Ne3 Rd3 31.Qc2 Qa5 32.Red1 Rc3? 33.Qd2

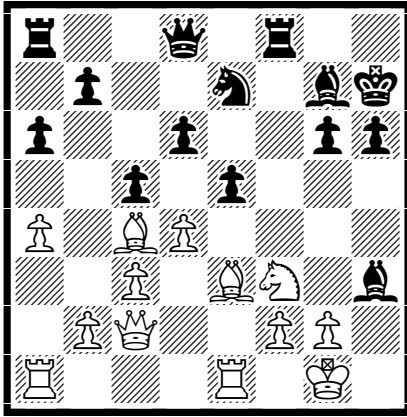


33...c4 34.Nd5 Rbxb3 35.Rxb3 Rd3 36.Rb8+ Kg7 37.Qxa5 Rxd1+ 38.Kg2 1-0

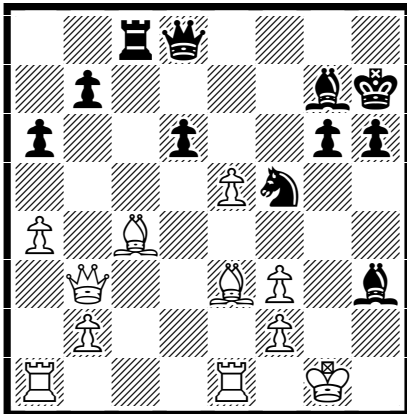
B50 R. Kholmov – M. Tal

Moscow (g/5) 1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 a6 4.a4 g6 5.Bc4 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 O-O 8.O-O Nc6 9.Re1 e5
 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Ne7 12.Bc4 h6 13.Be3 Kh7 14.c3 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Qb3 Ne7
 17.Qc2 Bxh3 18.d4



18...Rxf3 19.gxf3 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rc8 21.Qb3 Nf5 22.dxe5



22...Nd4 23.Bg8+ Kh8 24.Qd5 Bxe5 25.f4 Qxg8 26.Qxg8+ Kxg8 27.fxe5 Nf3+
 28.Kh1 dxe5 29.Rg1 g5 30.Rg3 g4 31.Rxf3 gxf3 32.Kh2 Bg2 33.Bxh6? Kf7 34.Kg3
 Rh8 35.Bg5 Kg6 36.Bh4 Kf5 37.Rc1 Rg8+ 38.Kh2 Rg4 39.Be7 Rxa4 40.Rc7 Re4
 41.Bd8 Re1 42.Rc5 Kg4 0-1

E14 M. Tal – T. Petrosian

Moscow (g/5) 1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nc3 Be7 7.O-O cxd4 8.exd4 d5 9.b3 O-O 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Qe2 Re8 12.Rad1 Rc8 13.Rfe1 Bf8 14.Bb1 g6 15.Ne5 Bg7 16.h3 a6 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Qf3 b5 19.Ne2 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Nd7 21.e6 Rxe6 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nd4 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Qf6 25.Qg4 Ne5 26.Nf5+ Kh8 27.Qd4 Re8 28.Re3 gxf5 29.Qf4 d4 30.Rg3 d3 31.Bxd3 Nxd3 32.Rxd3 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Qe5 34.Qxe5+ Rxe5 35.Rd7 Be4 36.Rxf7 Bb1 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4 Bc2 39.Kg3 Bxa4 40.Kf4 Rd5 41.Kg5 Kg8 42.Ra7 Bd7 43.Rxa6 Kf7 0-1

A11 M. Tal – M. Taimanov
Moscow (g/5) 1971

1.g3 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Qc2 Bg4 5.Ne5 Bh5 6.Bg2 e6 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bd6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.d3 Qa5+ 12.Nd2 Nd7 13.a3 Be5 14.b4 Qc7 15.Nf3 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 dxc4 17.dxc4 c5 18.0-0 cxb4 19.axb4 Qxc4 20.Rfc1 Qb5 21.Rc7 Nf6 22.Nd4 Qe5 23.Rc5 Qd6 24.Bxb7 Rab8 25.Nb5 Qb6 26.Ba6 Rfd8 27.Qc2 Bg6 28.Qc4 Ne4 29.f3 Nxc5 30.bxc5 Qc6 31.Nd4 Qd5 32.Qxd5 Rxd5 33.Nc6 Re8 34.Rc1 Kf8 35.Nb4 Rd4 36.Nc6 Ra4 37.Bb5 Ra2 38.Nb4 Rb2 39.Bxe8 Kxe8 40.c6 Kd8 41.c7+ Kc8 42.Nc6 Rc2 43.Nxa7+ Kxc7 44.Rxc2+ Bxc2 45.Nb5+ 1/2-1/2

Riga, , October 1971

B92 A. Shmits - M. Tal
Riga (g/5) October 1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f4 Qc7 9.O-O

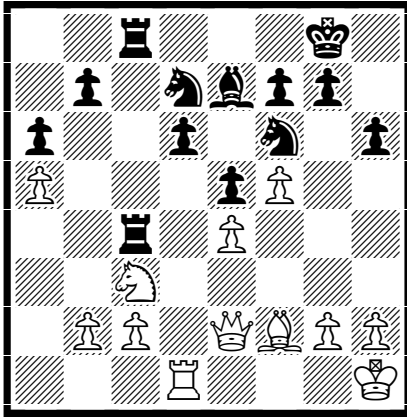
A few years later White players started to use the more promising and sharper continuation 9.g4!?

9...Nbd7 10.f5 Bc4 11.a4 h6 12.Kh1 Be7 13.Be3 O-O 14.a5 Rfc8 15.Ra4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Qc6 17.Rd1 Rc7 18.Nd2 Rac8!

Here Tal clearly shows his philosophy in blitz games. Instead of avoiding the obvious threat against the Queen and retreating, e.g. 18...Nf8, he prefers to seize the initiative as compensation for material sacrifice. The initiative always wins seconds! Naturally, this

philosophy is in line with good positional assessment and Tal's instinct that the situation is already ripe for tactics.

19.Rc4 Qxc4 20.Nxc4 Rxc4 21.Bf2



Who could imagine before the Queen sacrifice, that from now till the end of the game it is White who will be in defense?

21...Rb4! 22.g4

If 22.Rb1? Rxc3!

22...Rxb2 23.Rd3 d5! 24.exd5 Bb4 25.Be1 e4! 26.Nxe4 Bxe1 27.Qxe1 Nxe4 28.Qxe4 Rxc2 29.Rd1 Nf6 30.Qf3 Rf2! 31.Qg3 Nxd5! 32.g5

A mistake which shows that White is in big time trouble. Objectively better is 32.Rxd5 Rxf1+ 33.Qg1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1, but when you have no time left in a blitz game, a long and difficult endgame is a hopeless story.

32...hxg5 33.Qxg5 Rxh2+ 34.Kg1 Rbg2+! 35.Kf1

Or 35.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 36.Kxg2 Ne3+ and wins.

35...Rxg5 0-1

B53 A. Gipslis - M. Tal

Riga (g/5) October 1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.c4 e5 8.Qd3 Be7
9.Nc3 Nf6 10.O-O O-O 11.Rd1 Be6 12.Bg5 Qb8 13.b3 Rd8 14.Rac1 Qa7 15.h3 Ne8
16.Be3 Qc7 17.Na4 Rdb8 18.Qc3 f6 19.c5 d5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Qe1 Qc6 22.Nb6 Ra7
23.b4 Nc7 24.a4 Bd8 25.Bd2 Ne8 26.a5 Nc7 27.Bc3 Nb5 28.Bb2 Bc7 29.Nd2 Re8
30.Nf1 Rb7 31.Rd2 Rbb8 32.Rcd1 Rbd8 33.Qe3 d4 34.Qe2 Bb3 35.Rb1 e4 36.Qg4
Be6 37.Qh5 Bf7 38.Qg4 Bg6 39.Rbd1 e3? 40.fxe3 Re4 41.Qf3 Qe6 42.exd4 Re1 43.d5
Qe8 44.d6 Bxb6 45.axb6 Rxd1 46.Rxd1 Be4 47.Qg3 Qe6 48.Ne3 Bc6 49.Ng4 Kf8
50.Re1 Qd5 51.Re7 Re8 52.Nxf6 Qxg2+ 53.Qxg2 Bxg2 54.Nxh7+ Kg8 55.Rxg7+ Kh8
56.Kxg2 Rg8 57.Rxg8+ 1-0

St. Petersburg, December 1971

The following two games are played in a strong tournament which saw the first three places occupied by **Korchnoi 14.5 from 17, Tal 13.5 and Taimanov 13.0**. The games have many interesting aspects, and are typical of Tal's blitz games.

B06 M. Tal - G. Chepukaitis
St.Petersburg (g/5) December 1971

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.f4 Nd7 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.O-O O-O 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Qe1
Bb7 10.Qh4 h6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Qg3 a6 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Bd2 b5 15.Rae1

This game is a model of how White should play against this very old system from the previous century. Further, we shall see how, through the use of tactics, it is possible to break down Black's fortress.

15...N7b6 16.f5! exf5 17.exd6 Qd8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.Ne5 cxd6 20.Nxc6 Qc7 21.Bxf5!
Qxc6

Naturally not 21...gxf5 22.Bxh6 f6 23.Re7.

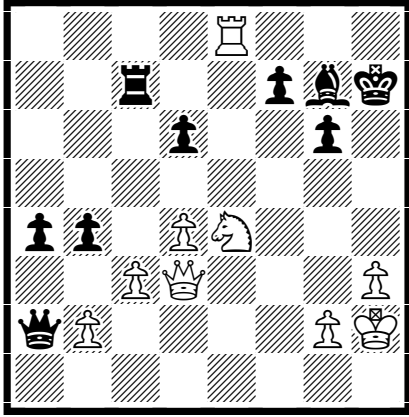
22.Nb3 Nf6 23.Bd3 Nc4?! 24.Bxh6! Bxh6 25.Rxf6 Bg7 26.Rf2 Rae8 27.Rfe2 Rxe2
28.Rxe2 a5

The first wave of tactics finished with only a pawn extra, which in a 5-minute game means nothing most of the time.

29.Bxc4 Qxc4 30.Nc1 b4 31.Qd3 Qd5 32.h3 Rc8 33.Rc2 Rc7 34.Kh2 Re7 35.Re2 Rc7
36.Nb3!

Following his philosophy that the initiative is always better than a small amount of material, Tal creates a second wave of troubles for Black's monarch at the cost of a pawn.

36...a4 37.Nd2 Qxa2 38.Re8+ Kh7 39.Ne4



39...Qd5

After 39...Qxb2 White wins by 40.Ng5+ Kh6 41.Qg3.

40.Qe3! f6 41.Qf3! Qf5

Preferable is 41...Qf7 42.Nxd6 Qd7, but I suppose, knowing Tal's quick hand, that Black is already at the limits of his time.

42.Qxf5 gxf5 43.Nxd6 bxc3 44.bxc3 Rxc3 45.Ra8 Bh6 46.Nxf5 Bf4+ 47.g3 Rc2+ 48.Kg1 Bc7 49.Rxa4 Kg6 50.g4 (Time) 1-0

D26 M. Tal - Blekhtsin

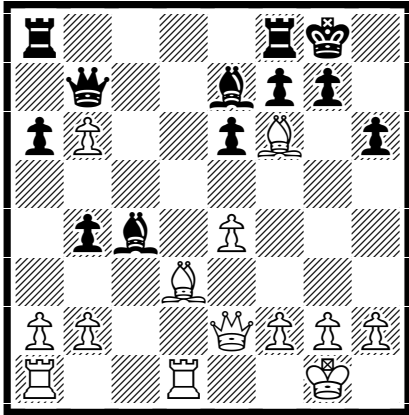
St.Petersburg (g/5) December 1971

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bxc4 e6 5.d4 Be7?!

Better is 5...c5.

6.O-O O-O 7.Qe2 a6 8.e4! b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 b4 12.Na4 Qc8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 c5 15.dxc5 Bc6 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.cxb6 Qb7 18.Ne5! Be8 19.Nc4 Bb5 20.Bxf6 Bxc4

If 20...Bxf6 21.e5 Be7 22.Be4 Bc6 23.Na5 and White wins.



21.Bxg7! Bxd3 22.Qg4 h5 23.Qxh5 Kxg7 24.Rxd3 Rg8 25.Rg3+ 1-0

Moscow , May 11-12, 1972

- 1-2 Karpov, Tukmakov 24.0 (out 32)
- 3-4 Korchnoi, Kholmov 20.5
- 5. Vasiukov 19.5
- 6. Gufeld 18.0
- 7. Tal 17.5
- 8. Stein 17.0
- 9. Bronstein 16.0
- 10-11. Polugaevsky, Taimanov 14.0
- 12-13. Balashov, Lutikov 13.0
- 14. Gipslis 12.0
- 15-16. Vaganian, Lein 10.5
- 17. Antoshin 8.0

C07 M. Tal – V. Korchnoi
Moscow (g/5) May 11, 1972

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6
9.Qe2 Ne7 10.e5 Bc7 11.Nf3 Ng6 12.O-O O-O 13.c4 Qe7 14.Bd2 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6

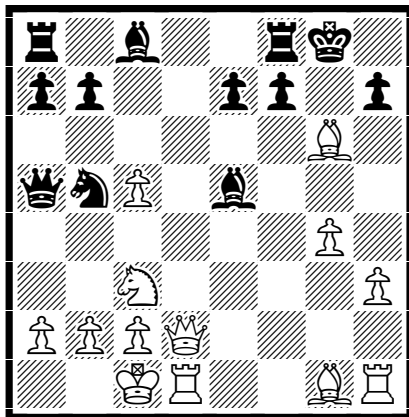
16.Rfe1 g5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Rac1 Bb6 19.h3 Qf7 20.Be3 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8
 22.Bxb6 axb6 23.Qe3 b5 24.Rc1 Qf8 25.Rxc8 Q xc8 26.Qb6 Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Qf4+
 28.Kg1 Qc1+ 1/2-1/2

A53 Y. Balashov – M. Tal
 Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 e5 5.e4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qd2 Be6 8.b3 g6 9.Bb2
 Bg7 10.Bd3 Ne5 11.Nge2 c6 12.Rd1 O-O 13.Bb1 Bxc4 14.Qxd6 Qa5 15.b4 Qb6
 16.Na4 Qe3 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Rxd2 Rfe8 19.Nc5 b6 20.Nb3 Bb5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5
 22.Nbd4 Bh6 23.Rd1 Ba4 24.Bc2 Bxc2 25.Nxc2 c5 26.b5 a6 27.bxa6 Rxa6 28.Rd8+
 Kg7 29.Nc3 b5 30.a3 b4 31.axb4 cxb4 32.Nxb4 Rb6 33.Nd3 Ree6 34.O-O Be3+
 35.Kh1 Rb3 36.Nd1 Bb6 37.Rb8? Rxd3 0-1

B09 D. Bronstein – M. Tal
 Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 c6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nf3 O-O 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Bg1
 c5 10.dxc5 dxe5 11.h3 Nh6 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Qd2 Nf5 15.g4 Nd4 16.O-
 O-O Qa5 17.Bxg6 Nb5



18.Bd3!! Nxc3 19.Qh6 f5 20.Bc4+ e6 21.Bxe6+ Bxe6 22.Qxe6+ Rf7 23.Qxe5 Nxd1
 24.Bd4 Rd7 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qxh7+ Ke8 27.Qg8+ Ke7 28.Qg5+ Ke8 29.Rxd1 Rad8

30.c3 Re7 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.Bf6+ Kc6 33.Qxd8 Qxd8 34.Rxd8 Re2 35.Rd2 Re6 36.g5
f4 37.Rf2 Kxc5 38.Rxf4 1-0

A14 E. Gufeld – M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1972

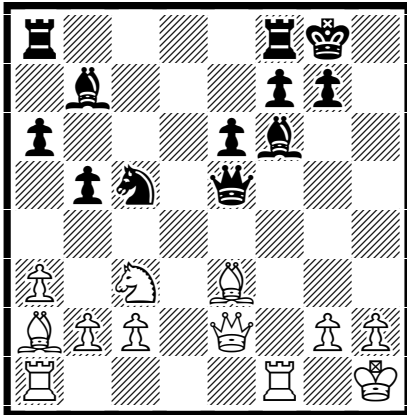
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Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf8 18.Nd2 Rc8 19.Re2 Bh5 20.Ree1 Kh8 21.Nf3 Bc5 22.Qd2 Bg6
23.Nh4 Qb6 24.Nxg6+ hxg6 25.Qc2 Re7 26.Re2 Rce8 27.Rae1 Qc7 28.Bc1 Qd6
29.Qb2 Nd8 30.Qa1 Nc6 31.Qa2 Qf6 32.Bd2 Bb6 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 Rd8? 35.c5 Bc7
36.b5 Nb8 37.b6 Bxb6 38.cxb6 Qxb6 39.Ba5 1-0

B52 R. Kholmov – M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.O-O Nf6 6.Re1 Nc6 7.d3 e6 8.Nbd2
Be7 9.a4 O-O 10.Nc4 Rad8 11.Bd2 d5 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7 14.exd5 Nxd5
15.Nc4 Bf6 16.Qf3 b6 17.Re4 a6 18.Rb1 Qb8 19.Ne3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nxd5 Rxd5
22.b3 Qa8 23.Rbe1 Qa2 24.Qd1 Rfd8 25.g4 Bd4 26.Kg2 R5d7 27.Be3 Bc3 28.Rf1 c4
29.bxc4 bxc4 30.Qb1 Qa8 31.f3 cxd3 32.cxd3 Rxd3 33.Bf4 g6 34.Bg3 Rd2+ 35.Bf2
Rb2 36.Qc1 Bg7 37.Rd1 Rc8 38.Qg5 h6 39.Qf4 g5 40.Qg3 Rcc2 41.Rf1 Bf8 42.Kh3
Qd5 43.Bd4 Rxh2+ 44.Qxh2 Rxh2+ 45.Kxh2 Qc4 46.Rf2 Qd3 47.Kg2 f5 48.Rxe6
Qxd4 49.gxf5 Qd5 50.Rg6+ Kf7 51.Rc2 Qxf5 52.Rgc6 Be7 53.Rf2 h5 54.Ra6 h4
55.Rc6 Qf4 56.Rcc2 Qg3+ 57.Kf1 h3 58.Rcd2 Bc5 59.f4 Bxf2 60.Rxf2 h2 61.fxg5+
Qxf2+ 62.Kxf2 h1=Q 63.g6+ Kxg6 0-1

B86 A. Lutikov – M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1972

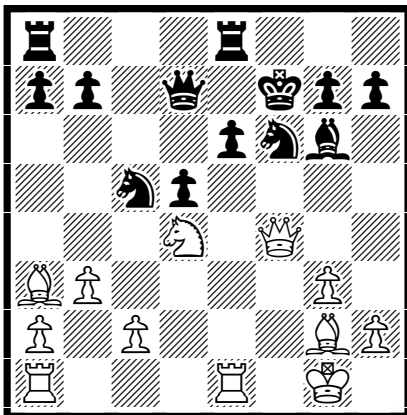
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O 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.f4 Nbd7 12.Kh1 Nc5 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Qxd4 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Be3
Qe5



17.Rxf6 gxf6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Bd4 Rg8 20.Qxg8+ Rxc8 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Rg1 Ne4
 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Bb1 Rd8 25.c3 Bb7 26.h4 Rd2 27.b4 e4 28.Kh2 f5 29.Re1 Kg7
 30.Kg3 Kf6 31.Kf4 Rxc2 32.Ke3 Ke5 33.Rf1 f4+ 0-1

C41 M. Tal – V. Antoshin
 Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.g3 d5 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6 Nf6 9.exf7+
 Kxf7 10.Bg2 c6 11.O-O Re8 12.b3 Na6 13.Bb2 Nc5 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.f3
 Bh5 17.Nce2 Bd6 18.Nf4 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Bg6 20.Ba3 Ne6



21.Rxe6! Rxe6 22.Bh3 Rae8 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Qb4 Bxc2 25.Bxe6+ Qxe6 26.Re1 Qc8
 27.Re7+ Kg6 28.g4 b6 29.Qd2 Bb1 30.Qd1 1-0

E92 M. Tlal – D. Bronstein

Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 c6
10.b4 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bd7 12.a4 h5 13.f3 Ne8 14.a5 f5 15.a6 b6 16.Qb3 Nf6 17.Nb5 Be8
18.Rc1 f4 19.Bf2 g5 20.Rc3 Ng6 21.Nc7 Rc8 22.Ne6 Qd7 23.Nxf8 Bxf8 24.Qc2 Rxc3
25.Qxc3 Be7 26.O-O Bd8 27.Rc1 Ne7 28.Nc4 Kf8 29.Na3 Qa4 30.b5 Nd7 31.Bd1 Qa5
32.Qxa5 bxa5 33.Bxa7 Nb6 34.Bb8 Nbc8 35.Bc7 Bxc7 36.Rxc7 Nb6 37.a7 Na8
38.Rb7 Nc8 39.Nc4 a4 40.Bxa4 1-0

B30 M. Tal – L. Polugaevsky

Moscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nge7 5.O-O a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6
9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qg4 Qf6 11.f4 Be7 12.Be3 O-O 13.Rad1 c5 14.f5 Bb7 15.Rf3 Rfe8
16.Rdf1 exf5 17.Rxf5 Qe6 18.Bc1 Bf6 19.Re1 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Bxe4
22.Rg5 Qxg4 23.Rxg4 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Rxe1 25.Bf4 Re4 26.Kf3 f5 27.Rg1 d5 28.Rb1
Ra7 29.Rb6 Rc4 30.Bd2 d4 31.cxd4 cxd4 32.Rd6 Rb7 33.Kf4 d3+ 34.Kxf5 dxc2
35.Bc1 Rb1 36.Ke6 Re4+ 37.Kd5 Rxc1 0-1

B33 M. Tal – L. Stein

Moscow (g/5) 1972

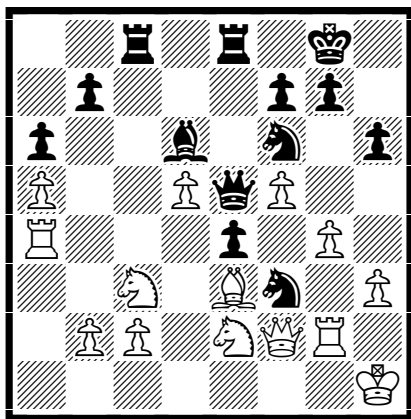
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16.Bc2 Na5 17.Qd3 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Nc4 19.Bb3 b5 20.Qe2 Qb6 21.Nf5 Qc7 22.Rad1
d5 23.Ng3 dxe4 24.Nxe4 f6 25.Ng3 a5 26.a3 a4 27.Ba2 Qb6 28.Kh1 Rfd8 29.Bb1 Kh8
30.Qh5 Bg8 31.Qg4 Nxb2 32.Nh5 g6 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Bxg6 Qe6 35.Bf5 Qf7 36.f4
Nc4 37.fxe5 Ne3 38.e6 Qe7 39.Qf3 Nxf1 40.Qxf1 Bxe6 41.Ng3 Qd6 42.Qf2 Qd1+ 0-1

B91 M. Tal – V. TukmakovMoscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 g6 6.O-O Bg7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 O-O
9.Nde2 Qc7 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.a4 b6 13.h3 Bb7 14.Rad1 Nc5 15.Qe3 Bc6
16.Nf4 e6 17.b3 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.e5 Nfd7 20.exd6 Qb7 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.Be7 Rfc8
23.Nce2 b4 24.Nd3 Ne4 25.Nd4 Qb7 26.Rde1 Nc3 27.Nf3 Nd5 28.Qe4 Nxe7 29.dxe7
Re8 30.Qxb7 Rxb7 31.Re4 Bc3 32.Nd4 Nf6 33.Rh4 g5 34.Nf5 gxh4 35.Nd6 Rxe7
36.Nxb7 Rxb7 37.gxh4 Nd5 38.Kg2 Ra7 39.Kf3 Ra1 40.Rxa1 Bxa1 41.Ke4 Bc3 42.f4
f5+ 43.Kf3 Kf7 44.Nc5 Ke7 45.Nd3 h6 46.Nf2 Nf6 47.Nd3 Nh5 48.Nf2 Nf6 49.Nd3
Ne4 50.h5 Kd6 51.h4 Kd5 0-1

B92 Tukmakov – M. TalMoscow (g/5) 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.a4
Be6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.f4 Nbd7 12.f5 Bc4 13.a5 Rad8 14.Kh1 Rc8 15.Ra4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2
Rfe8 17.Rd1 Bf8 18.Nc1 h6 19.N1a2 d5 20.exd5 e4 21.h3 Qe5 22.Qf2 Bd6 23.g4 Qe7
24.Nc1 Ne5 25.Rg1 Nf3 26.Rg2 Qe5 27.N1e2



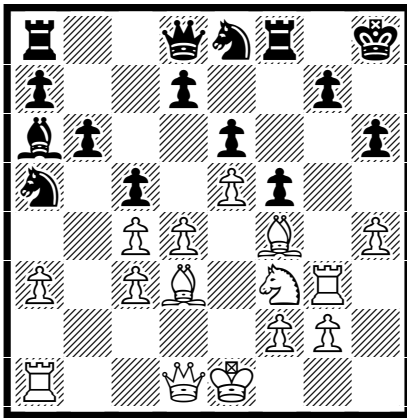
27...Nxd5? 28.Rxe4 Qxe4 29.Nxe4 Nxe3 30.Nxd6 Nxe2 31.Kxe2 Nh4+ 32.Kg3 1-0

Lavia (ch blitz) 1972

M. Tal won many of the regular blitz championships in his native Latvia, always against tough competition. Below are three games from the 1972 playoff. Both players had shared first with 18.5 from 21. Tal won the playoff with 3:1.

M. Tal - A. Shmits

Latvia (ch blitz) (g/5) playoff, Riga 1972

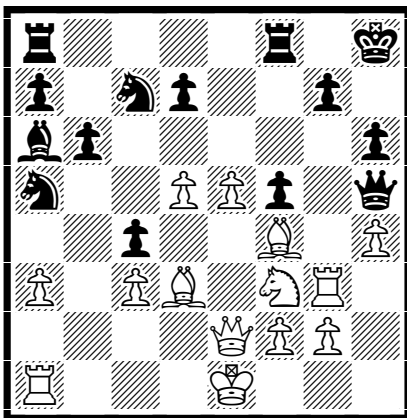


White to move

1.Ng5! Nc7

Necessary. If 1...Bxc4, then 2.Bxc4 Nxc4 3.Qh5, followed by 4.Qg6.

2.Qe2 Qe8 3.Nf3 Qh5 4.d5!? exd5 5.cxd5 c4



6.e6!!

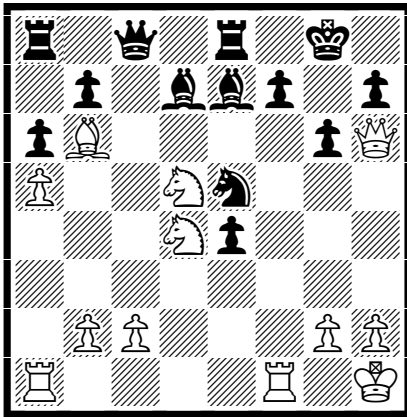
What a surprise! If now 6...cxd3, then 7.Qe5 Rg8 8.Qxc7 dxe6 9.Be5 with a decisive attack.

6...Nxd5 7.Be5 Nf6 8.e7! Rf7 9.Bxf6 Rxf6 10.Ne5 Qxe2+ 11.Bxe2 Re8 12.f4! Kh7 13.Nxd7 Re6? 14.Nf8+.....1-0

B92 A. Shmits - M. Tal

Latvia (ch blitz) (g-5) playoff, Riga 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.a4 Nc6 10.f4 Bd7 11.Be3 Nb4 12.a5 Bc6 13.Bb6 Qc8 14.Bd3 d5?! 15.fxe5 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Kh1 Nc6 19.Nd5 Re8 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh6 Nxe5



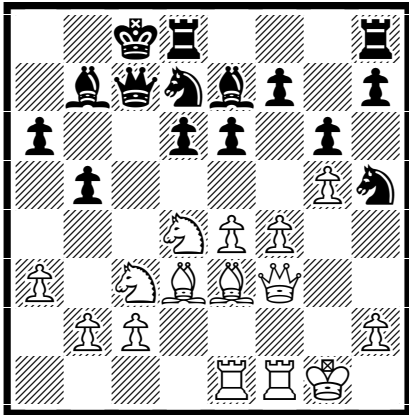
22.Bc7! Ng4 23.Qf4 f5 24.Nb6 g5 25.Qg3 f4 26.Qc3 and White won after few more moves **1-0**

B82 M. Tal - A. Shmits

Latvia (ch blitz) (g/5) playoff, Riga 1972

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.Bd3 b5 10.O-O Bb7 11.a3 Nbd7 12.g4 g6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Rae1 O-O-O

In case of 14...O-O, expect 15.f5! exf5 (15...Ne5 16.Qh3) 16.Nxf5. But now Black falls out of the frying pan into the fire!



15.Ndxb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qa5 17.b4 Qa4

The right defense is 17...Qa8, after which White has nothing forced, but keeps a strong initiative with 18.c4, followed eventually by Rc1 and c5. And this will gain time, too!

18.Na7+ Kb8 19.Bb5 Qxa7

Sacrificing the Queen for three minor pieces. The alternative 19...Qxc2 looks dangerous, but probably offers more defensive chances.

20.Bxa7+ Kxa7 21.a4 Kb8 22.a5 d5 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Qf2 h6 25.Rd1 hgx5 26.fgx5 Bxg5 27.Rd4 Bf6 28.Rd2 Be5 29.Qe3 Bc7 30.c4 Nhf6 31.cxd5 Ng4. and White won after few more moves 1-0

St.Petersburg (City blitz ch) (g/5) Jan.1975

- 1-3 Tal, Taimanov, Kochiev 16.5 (out 21)
- 4. K.Grigorian 15.0
- 5. M.Tseitlin 13.5
- 6-7. Gufeld, Barkovsky 12.0
- 8-9. B.Vladimirov, V.Karasev 11.5 etc.

Moscow (g/5) 1975 (Vechernaia Moskva)

- 1.Korchnoi - 20.0 (out 22)
- 2.Tal - 18.0 (no draws)

- 3. Donchenko - 16.0
- 4. Bronstein - 15.5
- 5. Volovich - 13.5 etc.

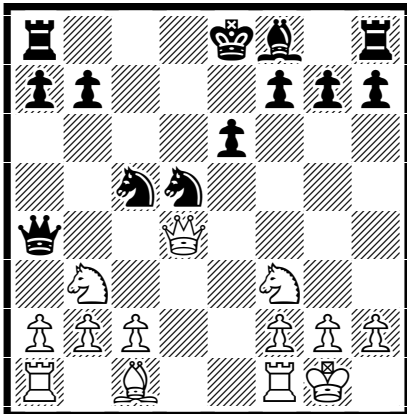
B97 D. Bronstein - M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1975

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2
9.Rb1 Qa3 10.f5 Nc6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Be2 h5
16.Ne4 Be7 17.Rb3 Qa4 18.c4 f5 19.Ng3 h4 20.Nh5 Rh7 21.O-O Bd7 22.Rd1 Bc5+
23.Kh1 O-O-O 24.Rdb1 Ba7 25.Qd6 Qxb3 26.Rxb3 Be8 27.Qxe6+ Bd7 28.Qg6 Re7
29.c5 Be6 30.Bxa6+ 1-0

Moscow, August 1975
Match M. Tal – T. Petrosian 4 : 4

C03 M. Tal – T. Petrosian
Moscow (m) (g/5) 1975

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Ne7 4.Ngf3 Nd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.O-O cxd4 8.Nb3 Nc5
9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qxd4 Qa4



12.c4!! Nxb3 13.axb3 Qxa1 14.cxd5 Qa6 15.Re1 O-O-O 16.Bf4 Rxd5 17.Rc1+ Kd8
18.Bg5+ Ke8 19.Ne5! b6 20.Qa4+! 1-0

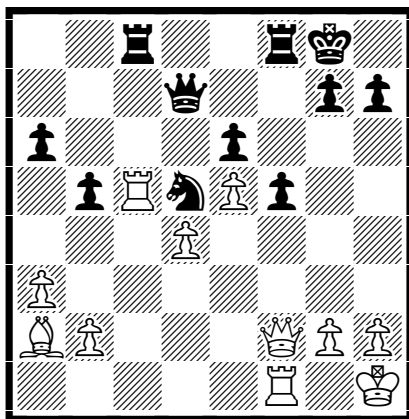
A70 T. Petrosian – M. Tal
Moscow (m) (g/5) 1975

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.e4 Bg7 9.a4 O-O
10.Nd2 Nh5 11.Be3 f5?? 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Qxh5 f4 14.Bd3 h6 15.Qg6 Rf6 16.Qh7+ Kf8
17.O-O Bg4 18.Nc4 fxe3 19.fxe3 Nd7 20.Ne4 1-0

Moscow (g/5) 1976

B83 M. Tal - Y. Balashov
Moscow (g/5) 1976

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 O-O 9.O-O
a6 10.Qe1 Qc7 11.Qg3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Rae1 Bc6 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.Bf3
Rd8 17.Qf2 Qb7 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Nd7 20.Ne4 Qc7 21.c3 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Bc5 23.Re3
Bxd4 24.cxd4 f5 25.Bb1 Nb6 26.Rc3 Qd7 27.Ba2 Nd5 28.Rc5 Rc8



29.Rfc1?!

Instead, after 29.b4! White stands better.

**29...Rxc5 30.Rxc5 Rc8 31.Qc2 Rxc5 32.Qxc5 Kf7 33.Bxd5 Qxd5 34.Qxd5 exd5
35.Kg1 g5 36.g3 h6 37.Kf2 a5 38.Ke3 Ke6 39.Kd3 Kd7 40.Kc3 Ke6...1/2-1/2**

St. Petersburg, (g/5) June 1977

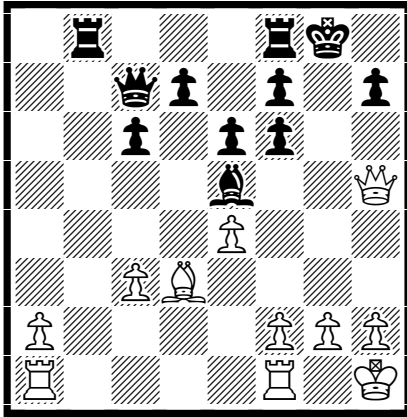
Below are three examples from the international blitz tournament in St.Petersburg 1977:

- 1. Tal 13.5 (from 14,)***
- 2. B.Vladimirov 9.5**
- 3.Mariotti 8.5**
- 4-5. Dementiev, I.Ivanov 8.0**
- 6-8. Smejkal, Chepukaitis, V.Ivanov 7.0**
- 9. Antoshin 6.5**
- 10. Ferster 6.0**
- 11-12. Radulov, Nepomniasty 5.5**
- 13-14. Knezevic, M.Tseitlin 4.5**
- 15. Vaganian 4.0**

* This is the official score. Tal won one more game against Taimanov, who withdrew after round 5, so his results did not count. Of the 14 games, Tal had only one draw with Antoshin.

B49 M.Tal - B.Vladimirov
St.Petersburg (g/5) June 1977

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nc6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Be3 Bb4
9.Na4 O-O 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.Nxc8 Rfxc8 13.Bxa6 Rf8 14.Bd3 Bd6
15.Kh1 Rxb2 16.Bd4 Rb4 17.c3 Rbb8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Be5**



20.f4! Bxc3

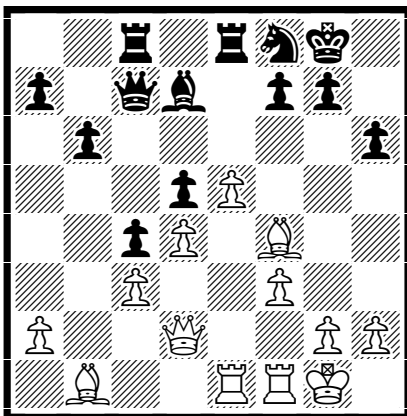
Or 20...Bxf4 21.e5! and White wins.

21.e5 f5 22.Qg5+ 1-0

For if 22...Kh8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Rf3 Rfc8 25.Rg3+ Kf8 26.Rg7 d5 27.Rxh7 and White wins.

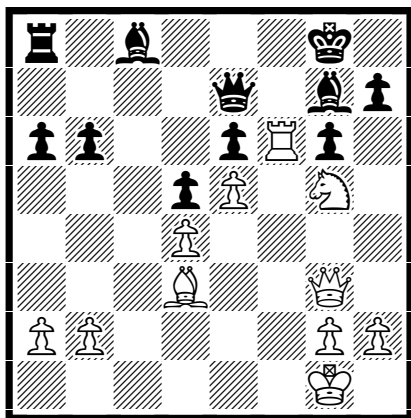
M. Tal - M. Taimanov

St.Petersburg (g/5) June 1977



29.Bxh6! gxh6 30.Qxh6 Qc6 31.Qg5+ Ng6 32.f4 Qe6 33.f5 Qe7 34.f6 Qf8 35.Bxg6 fxg6 36.Qxg6+ Kh8 37.Rf4 1-0

M. Tal - G. Chepukaitis
St.Petersburg (g/5) June 1977



23.Nxh7! Bxf6 24.Nxf6+ Kf8 25.Qxg6 Qf7 26.Qg5 Qg7 27.Nh7+ Kf7 28.Qd8 Qh6
29.Ng5+ Kg7 30.Qe7+ Kg8 31.Bh7+ 1-0

Moscow “Vechernaia Moskva” (g/5), August 1977

- 1.Tal 19.5 (out 22)
- 2-3. Vaganian, Zlotnik 17.5
- 4.K. Grigorian 15.5
5. Gorelov 14.5, 6
- 6-8. Dorfman, Mikhalchishin, A. Petrosian 14.0 etc.

A13 I. Dorfman - M. Tal
Moscow (Vechernaia Moskva) (g/5) August 1977

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.b3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.O-O Be7 7.e3 O-O 8.Bb2 b6 9.Nc3 Ba6
10.d3 Re8 11.Qe2 Qd7 12.Rfd1 Rad8 13.Nb5 Bb7 14.Rab1 a6 15.Nc3 Qc7 16.cxd5
exd5 17.Rbc1 Bf8 18.d4 Ne4 19.dxc5 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 bxc5 21.Qb2 Qb6 22.Ng5 h6
23.Nh3 d4 24.exd4 cxd4 25.Bd2 Ne5 26.Ba5 Qxa5 27.Bxb7 Ba3 28.Qb1 Bxc1 29.Rxc1

d3 30.Nf4 d2 31.Rd1 Qc3 32.Kg2 a5 33.h4 Nd3 34.Nxd3 Rxd3 35.Ba6 Rd6 36.Bb7 Re1 37.Bf3 Qc1 38.Qf5 Rxd1 39.Bxd1 Rf6 40.Qg4 Re6 41.Bf3 (Time) 0-1

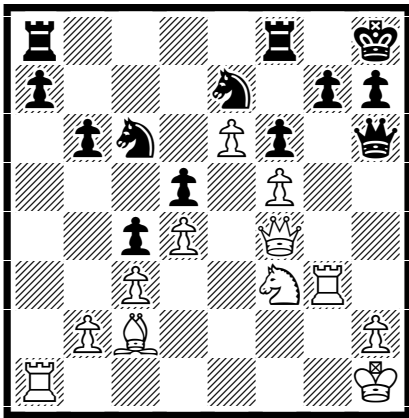
Moscow “Vechernaia Moskva” (g/5) 1985

C17 M. Tal - A. Bykhovsky
Moscow (g/5) 1985

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 O-O 8.c3 b6 9.f4 Nf5 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.a4 Bxb5 12.axb5 a5 13.Bd3!

A positional sacrifice of the b5 pawn. If 13.bxa6?!, then after 13...c4 Black stands well.

13...c4 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.O-O Qxb5 16.g4 Ne7 17.f5 exf5 18.gxf5 f6 19.Kh1 Qe8 20.Rg1 Qh5 21.Qf4 Nbc6 22.e6 Kh8 23.Rg3 Qh6



24.Qg4 Rg8 25.Rh3 Qe3 26.Re1 Qf2 27.Rxh7+! 1-0

Because of 27...Kxh7 28.Qh5#

B53 O. Nikolenko - M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1985

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 a6 5.Bg5 Nc6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Bg7 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.Nxe5 Nh5 13.Nc4 Nxc3 14.hxc3 Nc6 15.O-O b5 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.a4! O-O 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Nd4 21.Bd3 Rfd8 22.Rhe1 e6 23.Nb5 Nb3+ 24.Kb1 Nc5 25.Bf1 Na4 26.c3 Nc5 27.Kc2 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Kf8 29.f3 Ke7 30.Ra1 Be5 31.Ra7+ Kf6 32.b4 Bb8 33.Ra8 Nd7 34.Nd6 Rf8 35.Ne4+ Ke7 36.Bb5 Nb6 37.Ra5 Nd5 38.Nc5 Rd8 39.Kb3 Be5? 40.Ra7+ Kf6 41.Nd7+ Rxd7 42.Bxd7 Bxc3 43.c4 1-0

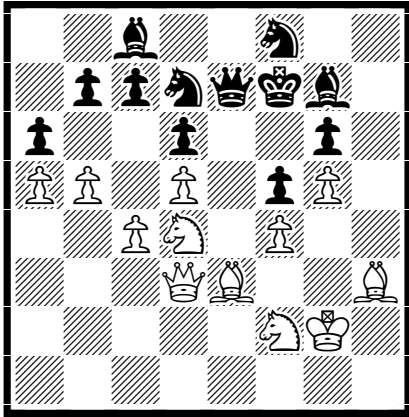
Reykjavik (g/5) 1986

D53 M. Tal – H. Olafsson
Reykjavik (g/5) 1986

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.d4 d5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 b6 7.e3 Bb7 8.Bd3 O-O 9.O-O Nbd7 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.Bg3 Nxc3 12.fxg3!? a6 13.Rad1 c5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Bb1 Qe8 16.g4 cxd4 17.exd4 b5 18.Ne5 Nf6 19.Rd3 b4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Rh3 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qxe4 Bg5 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Qf3 Rd6 26.Rdd1 Qe6 27.b3 Qd5 28.Qxd5 Rxd5 29.Nf3 Be3+ 30.Kh1 Rc8 31.Rfe1 Bf4 32.g3 Rc3 33.Kg2 Rc2+ 34.Kh3 Bd6 35.Re8+ Bf8 36.Ra8 Rxa2 37.Re1 Rf2 38.Nh4 f5 39.gxf5 Kf7 40.Ra7+ Kg8 41.Ra8 (Time) 1-0

A53 Y. Seirawan – M. Tal
Reykjavik (g/5) 1986

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.e3 e5 7.b3 O-O 8.a4 exd4 9.exd4 Re8+ 10.Nge2 Nf8 11.O-O h6 12.a5 a6 13.Re1 Rb8 14.h3 Bd7 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 h5 17.d5 Bf5 18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Kh2 Re7 20.f3 Rbe8 21.Bf2 Qc8 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Re1 Rxe1 24.Bxe1 Bd7 25.Bf2 Qe8 26.Be3 Bc8 27.b4 N6d7 28.f4 Nh7 29.Ne4 Nhf6 30.Ng5 Nh7 31.Ne4 Nhf6 32.Nf2 Bh6 33.Bf3 Qe7 34.Kg2 Bg7 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Nf8 37.g5 N6d7 38.Bg4 Qe8 39.Nf3 f5 40.Bh3 Qe7 41.Qd3 Kf7 42.Nd4 Nb8 43.b5 Nbd7

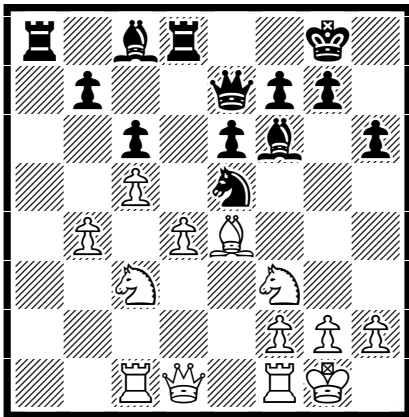


44.Nxf5 gxf5 45.Bxf5 axb5 46.cxb5 Qe8 47.Kg3 Kg8 48.Ng4 Nc5 (Time) 1-0

D55 M. Tal – E. Geller

Reykjavik (g/5) 1986

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 O-O 8.Rc1 c6 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.O-O Nb6 11.b3 Qe7 12.c5 Nd7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Rd8 15.b4 a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 Ne5



18.dxe5 Rxd1 19.Rcxd1 Bg5 20.g3 h5 21.Rd3 f5 22.Nxg5 Qxg5 23.Bg2 b6 24.Bxc6 Rb8 25.cxb6 Rxb6 26.b5 Bb7 27.Rd6 f4 28.Rxe6 f3 29.Re8+ Kh7 30.Rb8 Rxc6 31.bxc6 Bxc6 32.Nd1 Qxe5 33.Rb4 Bb5 34.Rxb5 Qxb5 35.Ne3 1/2-1/2

B17 J. Arnason – M. Tal

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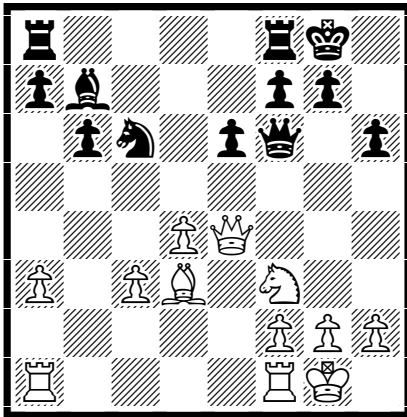
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16.Qe2 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Be5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Qf4 Rxd3 21.Rfe1 Nfd7
22.Qe4 Qxc4 23.Qb7 Qc6 24.Qb4 Rb8 25.Qh4 Ng6 26.Qg4 Nf6 27.Qe2 Nf4 28.Qf1
Rc3 0-1

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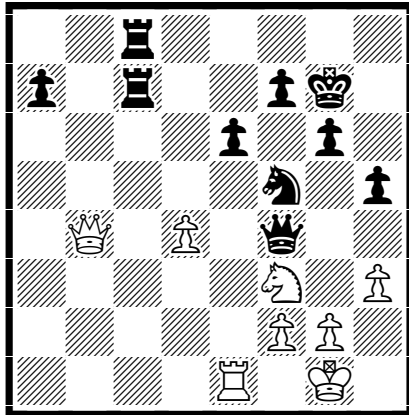
D38 R. Hubner – M. Tal

Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 c5 8.a3 cxd4 9.exd4
Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nc6 12.O-O O-O 13.Qe2 b6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Qe4



15...Rfd8 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.Rac1 g6 18.Qe3 Kg7 19.Be4 Na5 20.Bxb7 Nxb7 21.Ne5 h5
22.Qd3 Nd6 23.a4 Rc7 24.a5 bxa5 25.Qa6 Nf5 26.Qxa5 Rdc8 27.Qb4 Qg5 28.Nf3 Qf4
29.h3



29...g5! 30.Ne5 g4 31.hxg4 hxg4 32.Qb2 Rh8 33.g3 Qh6 34.Kf1 Nxc3+! 35.fxg3 0-1

E42 G. Kasparov – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nge2 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.c5 Ne4 8.Bd2 Nxd2
9.Qxd2 b6 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 bxc5 12.dxc5 a5 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.O-O O-O
16.Na4 Ne5 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Qd4 Qc7 19.c6 Nf6 20.Rc2 Rab8 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4
Ne4 23.Rb1 Nd6 24.Rc5 Qa7 25.Nc3 Nf5 26.Qf4 d4 27.Ne4 d3 28.c7 Rbc8 29.b5 Qa2
30.Re1 Qb2 31.h4 Nd4 32.Kh2 Nxb5 33.Re3 d2 34.Rd3 Qb4?? 35.Nf6+ gxf6 36.Qxb4
1-0

D38 A. Karpov – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6
9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 O-O 11.Qxc4 e5 12.e3 exd4 13.cxd4 Be6 14.Qc5 Rad8 15.Be2
Bd5 16.O-O Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Qg6 18.Qc3 Re6 19.Bd3 Be4 20.Rad1 Rd5 21.Bxe4 Rxe4
22.g3 h5 23.Qd3 Qe6 24.Qf1 Qf6 25.Qg2 Re8 26.Nd2 Ra5 27.Rb1 Rxa3 28.Ne4 Qg6
29.Nc5 Ra2 30.Nxb7 Ne7 31.Nc5 Nf5 32.Qf3 Nd6 33.Qf4 a5 34.Rbc1 Re7 35.Ra1
Rxa1 36.Rxa1 Nc4 37.Qf3 Qc2 38.Qxh5 Nd2 39.Qe2 Qc3 40.Kg2 Qxa1 41.Qxd2

**Qb1? 42.Qxa5 Qb6 43.Qa8+ Kh7 44.Qd5 Qd6 45.Qh5+ Kg8 46.Qg4 Qd5+ 47.Kh3 g6
48.Qh4 Re8 49.Qf6 Qh5+ 50.Kg2 Qd5+ 51.Kg1 (Time) 1-0**

D38 V. Korchnoi – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

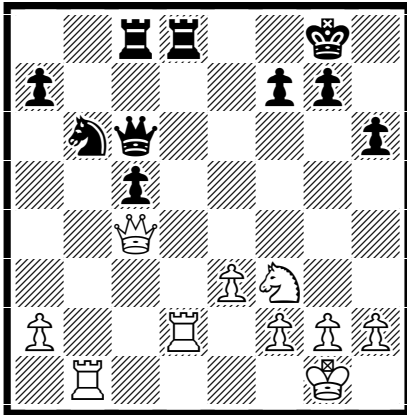
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Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rc1 Bb2 12.Bxc7 Qe7 13.Rc2 Bxd4 14.Bxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Bf5
16.Rc1 O-O.Be2 Bb2 18.O-O Bxc11 19.Qxc1 Rbc8 20.Qa1 Rc2 21.Rd1 Rfc8 22.Bf3
Qb4 23.Nb3 Qc3 24.g4 Be4 25.Qxc3 R8xc3 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Rd7 Rxa2 28.Nd4 Rb2
29.Nf5 Rc1+ 30.Kg2 Rcc2 31.Nxh6+ Kh7 32.Nxf7 Rxf2+ 33.Kg1 Rfd2 34.Nxg5+ Kg6
35.Rxd2 Rxd2 36.Nxe4 Re2 37.Nd6 b6 38.h4 a5 39.h5+ Kg5 40.Ne4+ Kh6 41.Ng3
Rc2 42.Nf5+ Kg5 43.Nd4 Rb2 44.Ne6+ Kh6 45.Nd4 a4 46.Nf5+ Kg5 47.h6 Kg6 48.g5
a3 49.Ne7+ Kh7 50.Nd5 a2 51.Nf6+ Kg6 0-1**

E14 B. Larsen – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 b6 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 e6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bd3 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.O-
O Be7 10.Re1 O-O 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Bd2 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nb4 14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Nd3
16.Qg4 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 18.Re2 Bc5+ 19.Kf1 Qd4 20.Qxd4 Bxd4 21.Nb5 Bc5
22.Rd1 a6 23.Nc3 Rfd8 24.Red2 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Kf8 26.Ne4 Ke7 27.Nxc5 bxc5 28.Rc2
Rc8 29.Rc4 f6 30.Rh4 h6 31.exf6+ Kxf6 32.Ke2 Rb8 33.b3 Rb4 34.Rh5 Re4+ 35.Kd3
Rd4+ 36.Kc3 Rd5 37.Rh4 Ke5 38.Ra4 Rd6 39.Ra5 Kd5 40.b4 Rc6 41.a4 e5 42.h4 e4
43.h5 Ke5 44.b5 axb5 45.axb5 Rf6 46.Ra2 Rf1 47.Rb2 Rf7 48.Kc4 e3 49.b6 Rb7
50.Kxc5 Ke4 51.Kc6 Rb8 52.b7 Kd3 53.Kc7 Rxb7+ 54.Kxb7 e2 55.Rb1 Kd2 56.Rb2+
Ke3 57.Rb1 Kf2 58.Kc6 e1Q 59.Rxe1 Kxe1 60.Kd5 Kf2 61.Ke6 Kg3 62.Kf7 Kg4
63.Kg6 Kh4 64.g3+ Kg4 65.Kxg7 1/2-1/2**

D38 L. Ljubojevic – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5
 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Qb3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qc6 13.O-O O-O 14.Rab1 b6
 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.c4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Rac8 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Rd2 Nb6?



20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qxf7+! Kxf7 22.Ne5+ Ke6 23.Nxc6 Rd2 24.Nxa7 Nd5 25.a3 c4
 26.Nb5 c3 27.Rc1 Ke5 28.Kf1 Rb2 29.Nxc3 Nb6 30.Rb1 1-0

B10 N. Short – M. Tal
 Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 g6 8.d4 Bg7
 9.Bd3 O-O 10.O-O Nc6 11.Re1 b6 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Qa4 Qd6 14.Bh4 Rac8 15.Rad1 e6
 16.Bg3 Qd7 17.Be4 Rfd8 18.c4 Na5 19.Qxd7 Rxd7 20.Bxb7 Rxb7 21.d5 Nxc4 22.dxe6
 fxe6 23.Rxe6 Nb2 24.Rb1 Nd3 25.h4 Nc5 26.Re2 Na4 27.Rbe1 Nc3 28.Rd2 Nb5
 29.Re4 Nc3 30.Re3 Nb5 31.Ng5 Bf6 32.Ne4 Be7 33.h5 Na3 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.Bf4 Rc1+
 36.Kh2 Nc4 37.Rg3 Nxd2 38.Bxd2 Rc6 39.f4 Kf7 40.Bc3 Rd7 41.Be5 Rc4 42.Nf2 Rc2
 43.Ne4 Rxa2 44.Rh3 Ke6 45.Rh6 Ra4 46.Ng3 Kd5 47.Rxg6 Bd6 48.Bxd6 Rxd6
 49.Rg7 Rxf4 50.Kg1 a5 51.Nh5 Rb4 52.g4 Rb2 53.Nf4+ Ke4 54.Ng2 Rd1+ 55.Kh2
 Rdd2 56.Re7+ Kf3 57.Re3+ Kxg4 58.Rg3+ Kf5 59.Kh3 Rxg2 60.Rxg2 Rxg2 61.Kxg2
 a4 62.Kf3 a3 63.Ke3 a2 64.Kd3 a1Q 65.Kc4 Qa5 66.Kb3 Qc5 67.Kb2 Ke4 68.Kb3
 Kd3 69.Ka4 Qc6+ 70.Kb4 Kc2 71.Ka3 Qb5 72.Ka2 Qa4# 0-1

E18 G. Sosonko – M. Tal
 Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.O-O Na6 7.Nc3 b6 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.b3 c5
10.Bb2 Qb8 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nd3 cxd4 13.Nb5 Nc5 14.Nxd4 Nce4 15.Nf5 Qd8
16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Nf4 Rad8 18.Qd4 Rfe8 19.Rac1 Qd7 20.Bh3 Qd6 21.e3 Ng5
22.Bg2 Qd7 23.Rc2 Rc8 24.Rfc1 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Qg4 26.Qd3 Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 Qxf3
28.Bxf6 d4 29.e4 Qxd3 30.Nxd3 Bxe4 31.Bxd4 Bxd3 32.Rd2 1/2-1/2

C07 M. Tal – R. Hubner

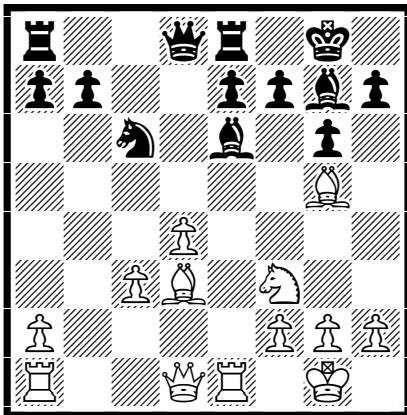
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9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.b3 Qc7 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.Nf3 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.h3 O-O
16.Qe2 h6 17.Ne5 Rfd8 18.f4 Bc5+ 19.Kh2 Bd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Qe3
R4d6 23.c4 bxc4 24.Nxc4 Rd5 25.Ne5 a5 26.Rc1 Qd6 27.Be2 Rd4 28.Nc4 Qb4 29.Bf3
Rd3 30.Qe2 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Qxf3 a4 33.Ne5 axb3 34.axb3 Nd5 35.Nc6 Qa3
36.Rd1 Re8 37.f5?? Qd6+ 38.Qg3 Qxc6 39.Re1 Qc7 40.Re5 f6 41.Rxe6 Qxg3+
42.Kxg3 Rxe6 43.fxe6 Kf8 44.Kg4 g6 45.h4 h5+ 46.Kf3 Ke7 47.g4 Kxe6 48.gxh5 gxh5
49.Ke4 f5+ 50.Kd4 Ne7 51.b4 Nc6+ 52.Kc5 Nxb4 53.Kxb4 f4 54.Kc4 Kf5 55.Kd3
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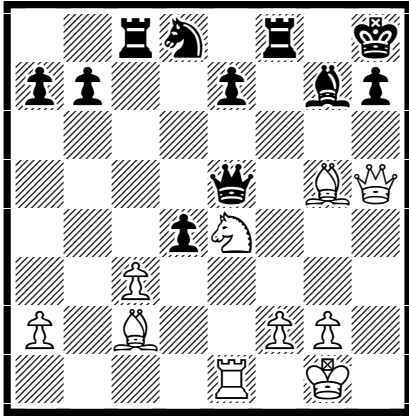
B10 M. Tal – A. Karpov

Brussels (g/5) 1987

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9.Bd3 O-O 10.O-O Nc6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bg5 Be6



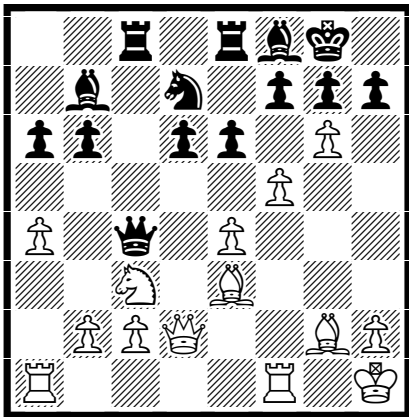
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24.Ng3!! Qxe1+ 25.Kh2 h6 26.Bxh6 Kg8 27.Bxg7 Rxf2 28.Qh7+ Kf7 29.Qg6+ Kg8
 30.Bh6+ 1-0

B85 M. Tal – G. Kasparov
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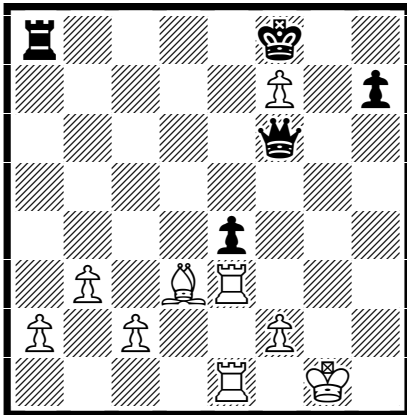
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 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.f5 Qc4 19.g6



19...hxg6 20.fxg6 fxe6 21.Qf2 Nf6 22.Qg3 e5 23.Qxg6 Qe6 24.Rae1 b5 25.axb5 axb5
 26.Bg5 Nh7 27.Qxe6+ Rxe6 28.Be3 Ree8 29.Rf2 Nf6 30.Bg5 b4 31.Nd5 Nxd5 32.exd5
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 39.Kg2 Kh7 40.Rf2 Be7 41.Be3 Kg6 42.Kg3 Bf6 43.h4 d5 44.Kg4 Rc4+ 45.Kh3 Rc6
 46.Kg4 Rxe6 47.Bg5 Bxg5 48.hxg5 e4 49.Rd2 e3 50.Re2 Re4+ 51.Kf3 Kxg5 52.Rg2+
 Kf6 53.Ke2 g5 54.Rh2 g4 55.Rh8 Kg5 56.Rg8+ Kh4 57.Rd8 g3 58.Kf3 Kh3??
 59.Rh8+ Rh4 60.Rg8 Kh2 61.Rxg3 Re4 62.Rg2+ Kh3 63.Re2 Rc4 64.Kxe3 Kg4
 65.Kd3 Kf4 66.Re1 1/2-1/2

C07 M. Tal – V. Korchnoi
 Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6
 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.b3 Be7 12.Bb2 O-O 13.Qf3 Qc7 14.Rfe1 b5 15.Bd3
 Bb7 16.Qh3 Bc8 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.Bxf6 g6 19.Be5 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxb5 Bb7
 22.Bd3 Ra3 23.Qg3 Qe7 24.h4 Rfa8 25.h5 R3a5 26.hxg6 Rg5 27.gxf7+ Kf8 28.Qf4
 Bxg2 29.Re3 e5 30.Qh2 Bf3+ 31.Kf1 Rh5 32.Qg1 Rh1 33.Rxf3 Rxf3+ 34.Kxg1 e4
 35.Re3 Qf6 36.Rae1



36...exd3 37.Re8+ Kxf7 38.Rxa8 d2 39.Rd1 Qg6+ 40.Kf1 Qxc2 41.Ra7+ Kf6
 42.Ra6+ Ke5 43.Ke2 Qe4+ 44.Kxd2 Qd4+ 45.Kc2 Qxf2+ 46.Rd2 Qc5+ 47.Kb1 Qg1+
 48.Kb2 h5 49.Ra5+ Kf4 50.Rxh5 Qg7+ 51.Kb1 Qg6+ 52.Kb2 Qxh5 53.Rc2 Ke3
 54.Rc4 Kd3 55.a4 Qh2+ 56.Kb1 Qd2 57.Rc8 Qd1+ 58.Kb2 Qe2+ 59.Kb1 Qf1+
 60.Kb2 Qg2+ 61.Kb1 Qg4 62.Rc4 Qg2 63.Rc8 Qe2 64.Rc4 1/2-1/2

C91 M. Tal – B. Larsen

Brussels (g/5) 1987

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B06 M. Tal – L. Ljubojevic

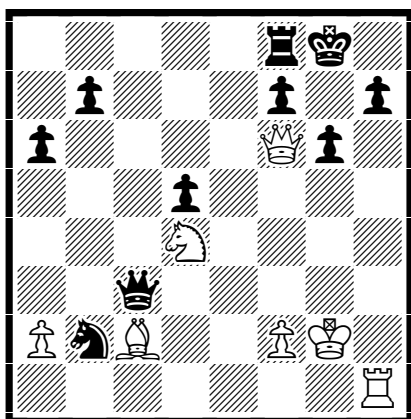
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C09 M. Tal – N. Short

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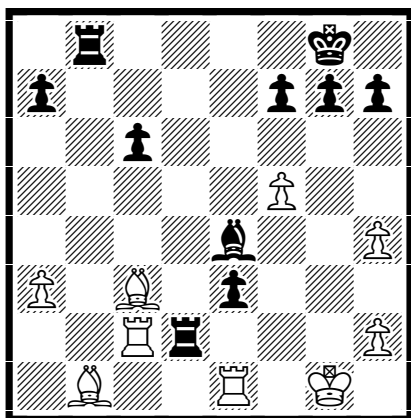
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31.Rh3 Qd2 32.Nf5! 1-0

E29 M. Tal – G. Sosonko
Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.Ne2 e5 9.e4 O-O 10.O-O exd4 11.cxd4 cxd4 12.Bb2 Re8 13.f3 Qb6 14.Rb1 Qc5 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Rc1 Nd7 17.Bb1 Qb6 18.Ba1 Nde5 19.Nxd4 Bxc4 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Re1 Rad8 22.f4 Bb3 23.Qe2 Ng6 24.Qg4 Qf2 25.Rf1 Qh4 26.Qxh4 Nxh4 27.f5! d5 28.g3 dxe4 29.gxh4 e3 30.Rfe1 Rd2 31.Kg1 Bd5 32.Rc2 Rb8 33.Bc3 Be4



34.Bxd2 exd2 35.Rxd2 Bxb1 36.Rd7

36.Rb2! wins.

36...Bxf5 37.Rxa7 h5 38.Rc7 Rb2 39.Rxc6 Ra2 40.Rc3 Be6 41.Re5 g6 42.Ra5 Kg7
43.a4 Bd7 44.Rc4 Be6 45.Rd4 Kf6 46.Rc5 Ke7 47.a5 Kf6 48.Rb4 Ke7 49.Rb6 Bf5
50.a6 Kd7 51.Rc3 Be4 52.Re3 Bc6 53.Rc3 (Time) 1-0

C84 M. Tal – J. Timman

Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Be7 8.Nc3 d6 9.a4 b4
10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Na5 12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.d4 Bf6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qe2 Qd6
16.Rd1 Qc6 17.Rd5 O-O 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Rfe8 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.f3 f5 22.e5
Qc5+ 23.Kf1 Qxe5 24.Qxe5 Rxe5 25.Bd2 c5 26.c3 a5 27.Re1 Rd5 28.Bf4 Kf7 29.Re5
Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rb1 31.Rxf5+ Kg6 32.Re5 Rxb2+ 33.Re2 bxc3 34.Be5 Rxe2+ 35.Kxe2
c4 36.Bxc3 Nc5 37.Ke3 Nxa4 38.Bxa5 Nc5 39.Bc3 Ne6 40.Ke4 Kf7 41.Be5 g6 42.Kd5
c3 1/2-1/2

B07 M. Tal – E. Torre

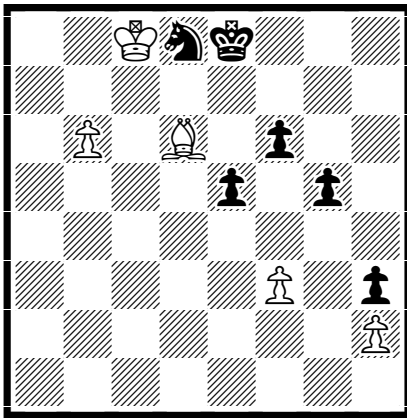
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9.Nd5 Qxd2 10.Nxf6+ exf6 11.Rxd2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Ne2 f5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Bh6
fxe4 16.d5 c5 17.Nxe4 Bf5 18.Re1 Kd8 19.Ng3 Bd7 20.Bg7 Re8 21.Bc3 Kc7 22.Ba5+
Kb7 23.Ne4 f5 24.Ng3 Bh4 25.Rde2 Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Re8 27.Rxe8 Bxe8 28.Kc1 Bf7
29.f3 Bxd5 30.Kd2 Bg5+ 31.Kd1 Bf4 32.Bc3 Bc6 33.Bd2 Be5 34.c3 d5 35.Nf1 d4
36.Ke2 Bd5 37.Ng3 Kc6 38.Nf1 a5 39.Ng3 a4 40.a3 Kd7 41.Kd1 Ke6 42.Ke2 h5
43.Nf1 h4 44.h3 Bc6 45.Bc1 Bf4 46.Bd2 Ke5 47.Ke1 Bd7 48.Ke2 g5 49.Ke1 g4
50.hxg4 fxg4 51.fxg4 Bxg4 52.Bxf4+ Kxf4 53.Nd2 Be6 54.Kf2 Bd5 55.Nf1 Be4 56.Nd2
Bd5 57.Nf1 Ke4 58.Ke2 d3+ 59.Kf2 d2 60.Nxd2+ Kd3 61.Nf1 Kc2 62.Ne3+ Kxb2
63.Nxd5 Kxa3 64.Nb6 Kb3 65.Nxa4 Kxa4 0-1

B40 M. Tal – J. van der Wiel

Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.c4 Nc7 7.Nc3 d6 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.Ne4 O-O 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.Nxd4 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Rd8 15.Ke3 Bd7 16.Rd1 e5 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Be2 f6 20.f3 Ne6 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Bxd1 h5 23.b4 Be8 24.Bc2 h4 25.c5 Bf7 26.Be4 Nf4 27.Bxb7 Bxa2 28.b5 Nxc2+ 29.Ke4 Nf4 30.b6 axb6 31.cxb6 Ne6 32.Bd5 Bxd5+ 33.Kxd5 Nd8 34.Kd6 Kf7 35.Kc7 Ke8 36.Bc3 h3 37.Bb4 g5 38.Bd6 Ne6+ 39.Kc8 Nd8 40.Kc7 Ne6+ 41.Kc8 Nd8



42.Bc5 f5 43.Be3 f4 44.Bc5 e4 45.fxe4 g4 46.e5?

Correct is 46.Bd6!

46...g3 47.e6 gxh2 48.e7 Nc6 49.b7 h1=Q 50.Kc7 Nb8 51.Kxb8 Qc6 52.Bg1 Kxe7 53.Ka7 Qa4+ 54.Kb6 Qb3+ 55.Kc7 f3 56.Bb6 Qc4+ 57.Kb8 Kd7 58.Ka8 Qa4+ 59.Ba7 Qc6 60.Bf2 h2 61.Ka7 Qxb7+ 62.Kxb7 h1Q 63.Kb6 Qb1+ 64.Kc5 Qc2+ 65.Kd5 Qxf2 66.Ke5 Kc6 67.Ke4 Kc5 68.Ke5 Qe3+ 69.Kf5 Kd6 70.Kf6 Qf4+ 71.Kg6 Ke6 72.Kh5 Qg3 73.Kh6 Kf6 74.Kh7 Qg7# 0-1

C88 J. Timman – M. Tal

Brussels (g/5) 1987

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 Re8 10.Nc3 b4 11.Nd5 Na5 12.Ba2 b3 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.cxb3 c5 15.b4 cxb4 16.Bd2 Nc6 17.Bd5 a5 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Be3 d6 20.Qb3 Qd7 21.Rc2 Nd4 22.Bxd4 Bxd5 23.exd5 exd4 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.h3 h6 26.Kf1 Bd8 27.Re2 Rxe2 28.Kxe2 Bb6 29.Qc2 Bc5 30.b3 Qf5 31.Qc4 Qg6 32.Kf1 Qf5 33.Nd2 Qf4 34.Ne4 Bb6 35.g4 g6 36.Kg2 h5 37.gxh5 gxh5 38.Qc8+ Kg7 39.Ng3 Qg5 40.Qf5 Qxf5 41.Nxf5+ Kf6 42.Nxd6 Bd8 43.Nc4 Kf5 44.Kf3 Bc7 45.d6 Bd8 46.d7 Ke6 47.Ke4 Kxd7 48.Kxd4 Ke6 49.Ke4 f5+

50.Ke3 Kd5 51.d4 Bg5+ 52.Kd3 Bf6 53.Ne3+ Ke6 54.Nc4 Kd5 55.Nxa5 Bxd4 56.f3 Bb6 57.Nc4 Bc7 58.Ne3+ Ke5 59.Ng2 Kd5 60.Nh4 Ke5 61.Ng2 Kd5 62.f4 Bd6 1-0

D38 E. Torre – M. Tal
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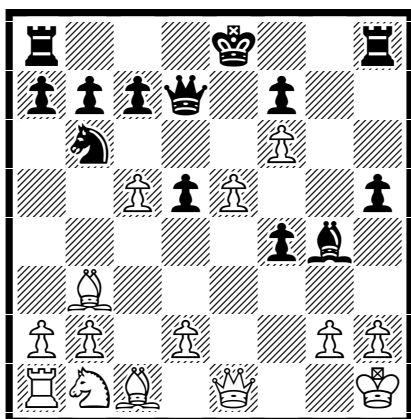
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C69 J. van der Wiel – M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

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C61 Plaskett - M. Tal
Brussels (g/5) 1987

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17...h4 18.Nc3 h3 19.cxb6 hxg2+ 20.Kg1 Bf3 21.d4 Rxh2 22.Kxh2 Qg4 23.Bxf4
g1=Q+ 0-1

Saint John World Blitz Championship (g/5) February 19-20, 1988

Round 1

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G. Kasparov - K. Thorsteins 2.5:0.5

A. Karpov - K. Shirazi 3:0

M. Tal - D. Gurevich 2.5:1.5

D. Speelman - D. Gallagher 3:2

R. Vaganian - A. Groszpeter 2.5:1.5

A. Yusupov - B. Lalic 3:1

I. Ivanov - Y. Seirawan 3:2

Kir. Georgiev - A. Gipslis 2.5:1.5

F. Olafsson - V. Salov 4:3

J. Ehlvest - B. Damljanovic 3:2

K. Spraggett - B. Ivanovic 3:1

R. Dzindzhashvili - V. Eingorn 3:1

M. Wilder - J. Benjamin 3:0

J. Nogueiras - M. Petursson 3:2

A. Chernin - E. Torre 2.5:0.5

M. Dlugy - Y. Greenfeld 2.5:1.5

Round 2

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G. Kasparov - M. Dlugy 3.5:2.5

A. Chernin - A. Karpov 2.5:1.5

M. Tal - J. Nogueiras 2.5:0.5

M. Wilder - J. Speelman 2.5:1.5
R. Vaganian - R. Dzindzihashvili 2.5:1.5
A. Yusupov - K. Spraggett 3:0
J. Ehlvest - I. Ivanov 3:0
Kir. Georgiev - F. Olafsson 2.5:1.5

Round 3

Kir. Georgiev - G. Kasparov 3:1
A. Chernin - J. Ehlvest 3:2
M. Tal - A. Yusupov 3:0
R. Vaganian - M. Wilder 3:0

Semifinals

R. Vaganian - Kir. Georgiev 4.5:3.5
M. Tal - A. Chernin 2.5:1.5

Final

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M. Tal - R. Vaganian 3.5:0.5

B63 M. Tal – D. Gurevich

Saint John (m-1) (g/5) 1988

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.O-O-O Nxd4
9.Qxd4 O-O 10.Bc4 Qa5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.f3 b5 14.g4 a5 15.a4 bxa4
16.Bxa4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Nd7 18.g5 Rab8 19.Na2 Nc5 20.Qc4 Qb7 21.Bc3 Bxg5+
22.Kb1 Be7 23.Rhg1 f6 24.Rg2 Qb5 25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.Rdg1 Rf7 27.Bd4 Bf8 28.Nc3
Rb8 29.f4 Rb4 30.Bxc5 dxc5 31.f5 exf5 32.exf5 Rf4 33.Re2 Rxf5 34.Rge1 h5 35.Re8
Rf2 36.h3 Rf3 ...and Blck won 0-1

E48 D. Gurevich – M. Tal

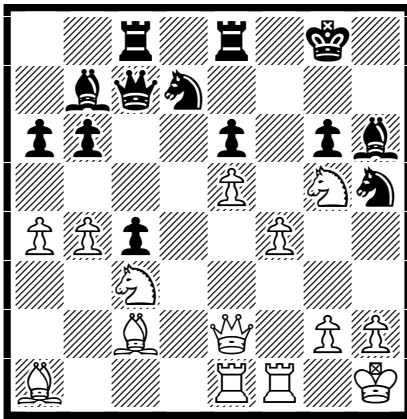
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Re8 10.Rb1 Nbd7 11.f3 Qc7 12.Kf2 Nf8 13.h3 Ng6 14.g3 Nh5 15.f4 f5 16.Qc2 Qf7
17.Kg2 Ne7 18.Bd2 Nf6 19.b5 Ne4 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Na4 Ba6 23.Bb4

Bd3 24.Qc3 Bxb4 25.Rxb4 Bxe2 26.Rc1 Bf3+ 27.Kh2 Qh5 28.Qc2 Rab8 29.Nc5 Rxb4
30.axb4 Nf5 31.Qf2 Nh6 32.Qf1 Ng4+ 0-1

A34 M. Tal – D. Gurevich
Saint John (m-3) (g/5) 1988

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bb7 7.Bd3 e6 8.O-O Be7 9.Bc2
O-O 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.b3 Rfe8 13.Bb2 g6 14.Nf3 a6 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.Rae1
Bg7 17.Ba1 Rac8 18.a4 d5 19.e5 Nh5 20.Ng5 dxc4 21.b4 f6 22.Nxh7 f5 23.Ng5 Bh6



24.Nxe6! Rxe6 25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.Qxh5 Rf8 27.Re3 Kh7 28.Rg3 Qc6 29.Ne2 Rg8
30.Qxf5+ Reg6 31.Rg1 Nf8 32.Nd4 Qe4 33.Rxg6 Rxg6 34.Qxe4 Bxe4 35.f5 Rg5 36.e6
Rg8 37.f6 Be3 38.f7 Rg5 39.e7 Bxg1 40.Kxg1 Rxg2+ 41.Kf1 Ng6 42.e8=Q Rg4
43.Qg8+ Kh6 44.f8=Q+ Nxf8 45.Qxg4 Bd3+ 46.Ke1 Ng6 47.Nf5+ Kh7 48.Qh5+ Kg8
49.Qxg6+ 1-0

E48 D. Gurevich – M. Tal
Saint John (m-4) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 O-O 5.Bd3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nge2 c5 8.a3 cxd4
9.axb4 dxc3 10.O-O Nc6 11.b5 Ne5 12.Nxc3 Bg4 13.f3 Bh5 14.Be2 a6 15.bxa6 bxa6
16.Rxa6 Rxa6 17.Bxa6 Qb6 18.Be2 Rd8 19.Qd4 Qe6 20.Rd1 h6 21.b3 Bg6 22.Rd2
Nc6 23.Qc5 d4 24.exd4 Qe3+ 25.Kf1 Ne7 26.Rd1 Qe6 27.Qc4 Qd7 28.b4 Rc8 29.Qb3

Ned5 30.Nxd5 Nxd5 31.Bc4 Nb6 32.Bd3 Bxd3+ 33.Qxd3 Qd6 34.d5 Qxh2 35.d6 Rxc1
36.Rxc1 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Qxc1 38.Qd4 Qc6 39.Qc5 Qb7 40.Qb5 g6 41.d7 Qxd7 42.Qxb6
Qd2+ 43.Kg3 Qg5+ 44.Kh3 Qh5+ 45.Kg3 Qg5+ 46.Kh2 Qh4+ 1/2-1/2

A00 J. Nogueiras – M. Tal
Saint John (m-1) (g/5) 1988

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3
Nbd7 10.Rc1 a6 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Nb3 Rc8 13.d4 e4 14.Na4 h6 15.Bf4 Nh5 16.Bd2
Rxc1 17.Qxc1 Qb8 18.Qb1 Rc8 19.Rc1 Rc4 20.Nac5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Qc7 22.Rxc4 dxc4
23.Nd4 Bd5 24.Bxe4 Qxc5 25.Nf5 Bf8 26.Bc3 g6 27.Ne3 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 b5 29.a3 Qd6
30.Nd5 f5 31.Qf3 Bg7 32.e4 Bxc3 33.bxc3 fxe4 34.Qxe4 Kf7 35.Qf3+ Nf6 36.Nf4 g5
37.Nh5 Kg6 38.Nxf6 Qxf6 39.Qe4+ Qf5 40.Qc6+ Qf6 41.Qe4+ Kg7 42.Qb7+ Kg6
43.Qe4+ Kg7 44.Qb7+ Kg6 1/2-1/2

E43 M. Tal – J. Nogueiras
Saint John (m-2) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 O-O 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 c5
9.Nd2 d6 10.e4 Nc6 11.f4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Bb2 e5 14.Nf3 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxe4
16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qxd4 Qf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Rd4 Rac8 21.Rfd1 Ne8
22.Kf2 f6 23.Ke3 Kf7 24.Kd3 Rc6 25.a4 Nc7 26.Ba3 d5 27.Ke3 Rc8 28.cxd5 Rc3+
29.R1d3 Re8+ 30.Kf3 Rxd3+ 31.Rxd3 Rd8 32.Ke4 Re8+ 33.Kf3 Rd8 34.d6 Ne6 35.f5
Ng5+ 36.Kf4 h5 37.h4 Nh7 38.Rc3 Rd7 39.Rc7 Nf8 40.Ke4 Ke8 41.Rc8+ Kf7 42.Kd5
b5 43.axb5 Rb7 44.Rc7+ 1-0

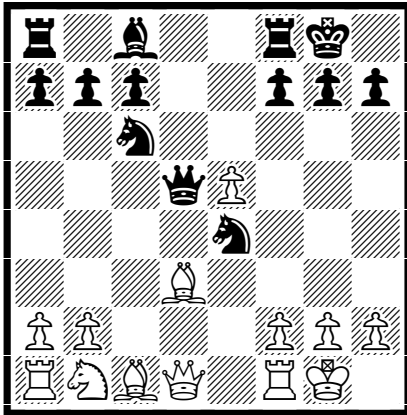
D38 J. Nogueiras – M. Tal
Saint John (m-3) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6
9.e3 O-O 10.Be2 Be6 11.Rc1 a6 12.O-O Bd6 13.Qd1 Rad8 14.Ne1 Ne7 15.Nd3 Ng6
16.g3 c6 17.Bg4 Rfe8 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Re1 Qf5 20.Re2 Re7 21.Rd2 h5 22.Qf1 h4
23.b4 Rde8 24.a4 hxg3 25.hxg3 Re6 26.Ne1 Bxb4 27.Rb2 a5 28.Ng2 Ba3 29.Rcb1

Bxb2 30.Rxb2 R6e7 31.Ne2 Qd3 32.Ne1 Qc4 33.Nf3 Qxa4 34.Rb1 b5 35.Qh3 Qc2
36.Re1 a4 37.Ng5 a3 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Nf4 Ra7 40.e4 Nxf4 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.exd5+
Ne2+ 43.Rxe2+ Qxe2 44.Qxg7 Kd8 45.Qf6+ Qe7 46.Nxf7+ Kc8 47.Qxc6+ Kb8
48.Nd6 a2 49.Qxb5+ Rb7 50.Qa4 Qe1+ 51.Kg2 a1Q 52.Qxa1 Qxa1 53.Nxe8 Qxd4
54.Nd6 Rb2and Black won 0-1

C43 M. Tal – A. Yusupov
Saint John (m-1) (g/5) 1988

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Bd6 6.O-O O-O 7.c4 Bxe5 8.dxe5 Nc6
9.cxd5 Qxd5

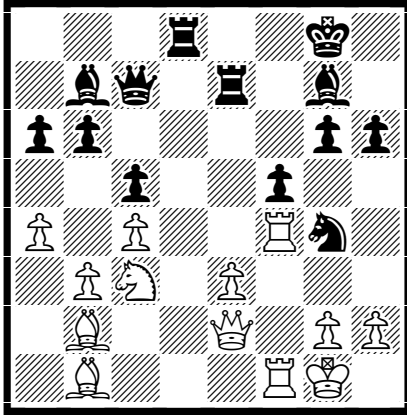


10.Qc2?! Nb4 11.Bxe4 Nxc2 12.Bxd5 Bf5 13.g4 Bxg4 14.Na3 Nxa1 15.Bf4 Rad8
16.Bxb7 Rd1 17.Rxd1 Bxd1 18.Be4 Rd8 19.f3 Be2 20.Bg5 Rd1+ 21.Kf2 Bd3 22.Bxd3
Rxd3 23.Nb5 Rd5 24.Nxc7 Rxe5 25.Be3 Nc2 26.Bxa7 Ra5 27.Bb6 Rxa2 28.Nd5 Rxb2
29.Kg3 Ne1 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Bf2 Nd3 32.Bd4 Rb5 33.f4 f6 34.Kf3 Nb4 35.Nc8 Kg8
36.Be3 Rh5 37.Kg3 Nd5 38.Bd2 g6 39.Nd6 (Time?) 1-0

E14 A. Yusupov – M. Tal
Saint John (m-2) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.O-O Be7 7.b3 O-O 8.Bb2 d6 9.c4
Nbd7 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Rad1 a6 12.a4 Rfe8 13.Ng5 h6 14.f4 Bf8 15.Bb1 e5 16.dxe5

dxe5 17.Nge4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 exf4 19.Rxf4 Ne5 20.Rdf1 Rad8 21.Qh5 Re7 22.Ng3 g6
 23.Qe2 Bg7 24.Ne4 f5 25.Nc3 Ng4



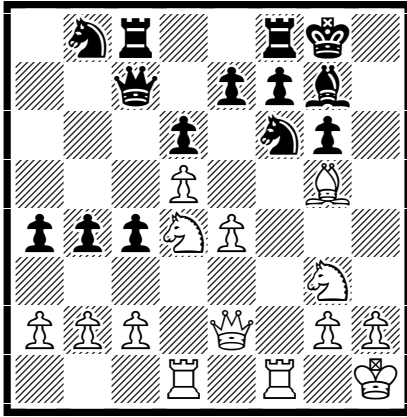
26.Rxg4 fxg4 27.Qxg4 Rd2 28.Ne4 Rxb2 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Be4 Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Qe5
 32.Nf2 Qxe3 33.Qxg6 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Qe1+ 35.Rf1 Bd4+ 0-1

B30 M. Tal – A. Yusupov
 Saint John (m-3) (g/5) 1988

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bb5 Nge7 5.O-O a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc7
 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qg4 Qe5 11.f4 Qf6 12.f5 h6 13.Be3 e5 14.Na4 Be7 15.c4 O-O 16.Rad1
 d6 17.Rd3 Rb8 18.b3 Bb7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Bb6 Rdc8 21.Ba7 Ra8 22.Be3 Rab8
 23.Ba7 Ra8 24.Be3 Re8 25.Bc1 d5 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.exd5 e4 28.Rg3 Bd6 29.Bb2 Be5
 30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Nc5 Qg5 32.Qxg5 hxg5 33.Nxb7 Rb8 34.Nc5 e3 35.Re1 Rd8
 36.Rgxe3 Rxd5 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Rxe8+ Kh7 39.b4 Rxf5 40.Nxa6 g4 41.a4 Rd5
 42.b5 f5 43.b6 Rd1+ 44.Kf2 Rb1 45.a5 Rb5 46.Nc7 Rb2+ 47.Ke3 g5 48.a6 Rxb6 49.a7
 Rb3+ 50.Kd4 Ra3 51.a8Q Rxa8 52.Rxa8 f4 53.Ke4 Kg6 54.Ne6 Kf6 55.Nxg5 Kxg5
 56.Rg8+ 1-0

B09 M. Tal – A. Chernin
 Saint John (m-1) (g/5) 1988

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nfxd7 8.d5 b5 9.O-O b4 10.Ne2 O-O 11.Ng3 a5 12.Qe2 Na6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.f5 c4 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Rbd1 Rac8 17.Nd4 Nb8 18.Kh1 a4 19.fxg6 hxg6



20.Ngf5 Qd7 21.Rf3 b3 22.axb3 cxb3 23.c3 a3 24.bxa3 b2 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.Bxf6+ exf6 27.Qxb2 Qe7 28.Re3 Qe5 29.Nf3 Qf4 30.Re2 Nd7 31.Rf1 Ne5 32.Qc2 Rc4 33.Nd2 Qg5 34.Nxc4 Nxc4 35.Qd3 Ne5 36.Qe3 Qh5 37.Ree1 Rh8 38.h3....and White won 1-0

B07 A. Chernin – M. Tal
Saint John (m-2) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.O-O Nbd7 7.h3 e5 8.Be3 Re8 9.Nbd2 d5 10.dxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bg5 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Bc4+ Be6 17.Bxe6+ Qxe6 18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Qc2 Nd3 20.Re3 c5 21.Ne2 Rad8 22.Ng3 Qd5 23.Qe2 Nf4 24.Qg4 Rf8 25.Nxe4 h5 26.Qg3 Qf5 27.Rae1 b6 28.h4 c4 29.Qg5 Qxg5 30.hxg5 Nd3 31.R1e2 Nc1 32.Re1 Nd3 33.Rb1 Rf5 34.b3 cxb3 35.axb3 Nf4 36.Rbe1 Nd3?? 37.Rd1 Rf4 38.Nf6+ Kf7 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Rxd3 Ke6 41.f3 Rf5 42.Ne4 Ra5 43.c4 Ke5 44.Kf2 Kf4 45.g3+ Ke5 46.Ke3 Ke6 47.Kf4 Ra1 48.Rd6+ Kf7 49.Rc6 Rb1 50.Ke5 Rxb3 51.Rc7+ Ke8 52.Rh7 Rxf3 53.Ke6 Kd8 54.Nd6 Re3+ 55.Kd5 Re7 56.Rh8+ Kd7 57.Ra8 Kc7 58.Rxa7+ Kd8 59.Rxe7 Kxe7 60.Kc6 Ke6 61.Kxb6 Kxd6 62.c5+ Ke5 63.c6 Kf5 64.c7 Kg4 65.c8=Q+ Kxg3 66.Qe6 h4 67.Qxg6 h3 ... and White won 1-0

C10 M. Tal – A. Chernin

Saint John (m-3) (g/5) 1988

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.c4 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7
9.O-O Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6 11.b3 O-O 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Bb1 Rac8 15.h3 Bf8
16.Bg3 g6 17.Rfe1 Bg7 18.Bd6 Qd8 19.g4 h6 20.Kg2 Nh7 21.Ne4 Ng5 22.Nxg5 Qxg5
23.Qg3 Qf6 24.h4 Red8?? 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 Qxd4 27.Rxd4 Bxd4 28.Qh4 Bg7
29.Rh1 1-0

E92 A. Chernin – M. Tal

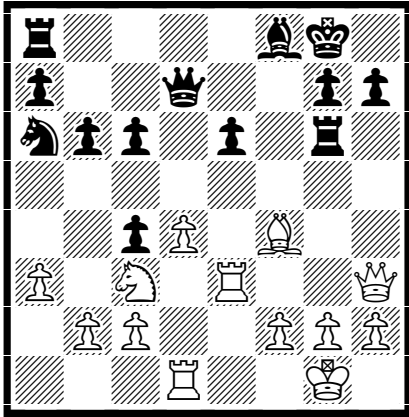
Saint John (m-4) (g/5) 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nbd7 8.Be3 exd4
9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 c6 11.Qd2 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Ndb5 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Ne5 15.Qxd8
Rxd8 16.Bb3 Bd7 17.Nd6 Bc6 18.Rad1 Ne8 19.Nde4 h6 20.h3 Nd3 21.Rd2 Nf6
22.Rfd1 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Bb5 24.a4 Ba6 25.Nc5 Re8 26.Nxa6 Rxe3 27.Nc7 Rf8 28.Nd5
Re1+ 29.Rxe1 Nxe1 30.Kf1 Re8 31.Rd1 Nxf3 32.gxf3 Bxb2 33.Rb1 Bd4 34.Rd1 Bb2
35.Rd2 Bg7 36.Re2 Rxe2 37.Kxe2 Kf8 38.Kd3 Ke8 39.Nc7+ Ke7 40.Nb5 a6 41.Nc3
Kd6 42.Bxf7 g5 43.Ne4+ Ke5 44.Be8 Kf4 45.Ke2 Bd4 46.Bf7 b5 47.axb5 axb5 48.Nd6
b4 49.Bb3 Bc3 50.Ne4 Be5 51.Be6 h5 52.Nf2 Kg3 53.Nd3 Bd6 54.Nf2 Be5 55.Ne4+
Kf4 56.Kf2 Bd4+ 57.Kg2 Bb2 58.Ng3 h4 59.Ne4 Bd4 60.Bb3 Bb2 61.Kf2 Bd4+
62.Ke2 Be5 63.Nf2 Kg3 64.Be6 Bd4 65.Ne4+ Kf4 66.Nd6 Be5 67.Nc4 Bc3 68.Ne3 Ke5
69.Bb3 Bd4 70.Ng2 Bc3 71.Kd3 Bb2 72.Kc4 Bc3 73.Kb5 Kd4 74.f4 gxf4 75.Nxf4 Ke3
76.Ng6 Kf2 77.Be6 Kg3 78.Kc4 Bd2 79.Ne5 Bc3 80.Nd3 Bd2 81.Nc5 Be3 82.Ne4+
Kf4 83.Kd3 Bb6 84.Nd2 Kg3 1/2-1/2

C16 M. Tal - R. Vaganian

Saint John (m-1) (g/5) February 1988

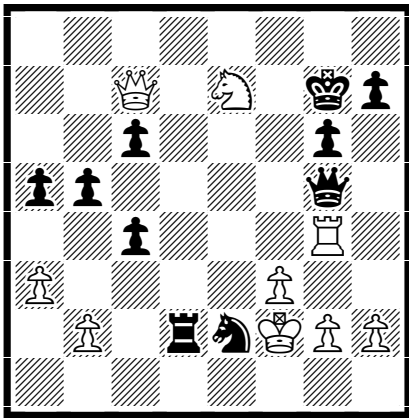
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10.Nce2 Ng6 11.O-O Nxf4 12.Bxf4 Be7 13.Re1 Bb5 14.Bb3 Bc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Nc3
O-O 17.Qg4 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rad1 Rg6 20.Qh3 Bf8 21.Re3 Na6



22.d5 Qf7 23.dxe6 Qxf4 24.e7 Bxe7 25.Rxe7 Nc5 26.Re3 a5 27.Rf3 Qe5 28.Re3 Qf4
 29.Rde1 Rf8 30.f3 b5 31.Qh5 Rg5 32.Qh3 Rg6 33.Ne4 Ne6

33...Nxe4!

34.Ng3 Nd4 35.Re8 Nxc2 36.Rxf8+ Qxf8 37.Re4 Rd6 38.Nf5 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Rd2+
 40.Kg3 g6 41.Ne7+ Kg7 42.Qe6 Nd4 43.Qe5+ Qf6 44.Qc7 Qg5+ 45.Rg4 Ne2+ 46.Kf2



46...Nc3+ 47.Kg3?

Correct is 47.Kf1 Rd1 =

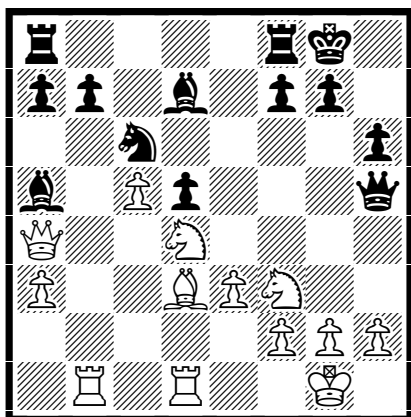
47...Ne2+?

47...Nr4+! wins.

48.Kf2 (Time) 1-0

D38 R. Vaganian - M. TalSaint John (m-2) (g/5) February 1988

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Be2 Nc6 10.O-O Be6 11.Nb5 O-O 12.a3 Ba5 13.dxc5 Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qf6 15.Qa4 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Qg6 17.Bd3 Qh5 18.Nbd4



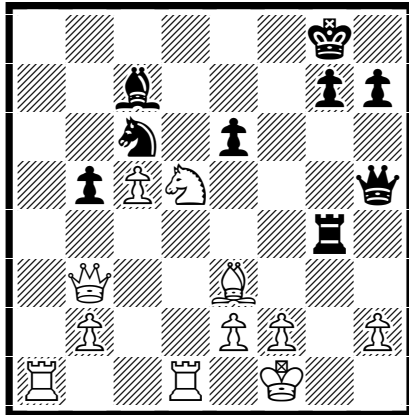
18...Bc7 19.Rxb7 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Bxh2+ 21.Kf1 Bc6 22.Re7 Rae8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Rb1 Bc7 25.Kg1 a6 26.Qh4 Qxh4 27.Nxh4 d4 28.exd4 Rd8 29.Nf5 Kf8 30.Re1 g6 31.Re7? Bd7! 32.c6 Bxf5 33.Rxc7 Bxd3 34.Rb7 Rc8 35.d5 Be4 36.Rd7 Ke8 37.g4 Rd8 38.f3 Bxd5 39.c7 Kxd7 0-1

E03 M. Tal – R. VaganianSaint John (m-3) (g/5) February 1988

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 c5 7.Qb3 Bd6 8.d3 Rb8 9.a4 b6 10.Na3 a6 11.Nd2 O-O 12.O-O Bb7 13.Bxb7 Rxb7 14.Nac4 Bc7? 15.Na5 Rb8 16.Nc6 Qe8 17.Nxb8 Nxb8 18.Nc4 Nc6 19.Be3 Nd5 20.Rfd1 f5 21.d4 f4 22.gxf4 Qh5 23.dxc5 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Nb6 Rxf4

25...Bxf4!?

26.Nxd5 Rg4+ 27.Kf1



27...Qxh2??

27...Rg1+!! and mate in two moves.

28.Ke1 Ba5+ 29.Rxa5 Nxa5 30.Nf6+! Kf7 31.Rd7+ Kxf6 32.Qc3+ Qe5 33.Bd4 Rxd4
34.Qxd4 Qxd4 35.Rxd4 Nb3 36.c6! 1-0

E65 R. Vaganian - M. Tal

Saint John (m-4) (g/5) February 1988

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.O-O O-O 5.c4 c5 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 d6
9.Nc2 Rb8 10.b3 a6 11.Bb2 Bd7 12.Qd2 b5 13.Ne3 bxc4 14.Nxc4 Na5 15.Ne3 Be6
16.Rac1 Qb6 17.Rc2 Rfc8 18.Rfc1 Bxb3 19.axb3 Nxb3 20.Ncd5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Nxd5
22.Nxd5 Qd8 23.Rb1 Nc5 24.Bxg7 Rxb1+ 25.Qxb1 Kxg7 26.Qb2+ f6 27.Qb6 Qxb6
28.Nxb6 Kf7 29.Bd5+ e6 30.Bc6 Ke7 31.Kf1 d5 32.Na4 Nb3 33.e3 Kd6 34.Bb7 a5
35.Ba6 d4 36.Ke2 dxe3 37.Kxe3 e5 38.h4 Nd4 39.Bc4 Nf5+ 40.Kd3 Ne7 41.Nc3 f5
42.Bf7 Kc5 43.h5 gxh5 44.Bxh5 Nc6 45.Bf7 Nb4+ 46.Ke3 Nc2+ 47.Kd2 Nd4 48.f4
exf4 49.gxf4 Kd6 50.Bh5 Nb3+ 51.Kd3 Nc5+ 52.Ke3 Ne6 53.Bf7 Nc5 54.Nb5+ Ke7
55.Bc4 h5 56.Kd4 Nd7 57.Bf1 Kf6 58.Nc3 Nf8 59.Ke3 Ne6 60.Nd5+ Kg6 61.Bh3 a4
62.Ne7+ Kf7 63.Nxf5 a3 1/2-1/2

Moscow (g/5) 1988

C77 E. Vasiukov - M. Tal

Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Be7 6.c3 d6 7.d4 Bd7 8.O-O O-O 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Rd1 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qd7 15.h3 Bh5 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Bf4 Nd8 18.Qe3 Ne6 19.Bh2 Bg6 20.Nd2 c5 21.f4 Rc8 22.Kh1 exd4 23.cxd4 Bb4 24.Rec1 Ba3 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rf1 Rc1 27.g4 Rxf1+ 28.Nxf1 Be4+ 29.Kg1 Bb2 30.Qd2 Bxd4+ 31.Ne3 Qc6 32.Kf2 Qc5 33.h4 Bc3 34.Qd1 d4 35.Nf5 d3+ 36.Ne3 Nd4 37.f5 Nf3 38.Bf4 Nxe5 39.Kg3 d2 40.g5 Nd3 41.Qh5 g6 42.fxg6 Bxg6 43.Qf3 Nxf4 44.Kxf4 Qe5+ 45.Kg4 Bd4 46.Nf5 Bc5 47.h5 Bxf5+ 48.Qxf5 Qe2+ 49.Qf3 Qe7 50.g6 hxg6 51.hxg6 Kg7 (Time) 0-1

A02 Y. Gusev - M. Tal

Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 O-O 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Qc1 Qe8 8.O-O e5 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Na3 Bg4 11.h3 Bd7 12.Nc4 Ne4 13.Qe1 b5 14.d3 Nc5 15.d4 exd4 16.exd4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Ne4 18.Rb1 Nd6 19.Bd5 Qxe1 20.Rfxe1 Rae8 21.a3 Nf5 22.c3 Ne3 23.Bxc6 Bxc6 24.c4 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Nf5 0-1

A80 M. Tal - V. Antoshin

Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 d6 6.Bb5+ Kf7 7.Nf3 h6 8.Be3 fxe4 9.Nd2 Nf6 10.O-O Be7 11.f3 Rf8 12.a4 exf3 13.Qxf3 Kg8 14.Qg3 Bg4? 15.h3 Bd7 16.Bxh6 Nh5 17.Qg6 Rf6 18.Rxf6 Bxf6 19.Nde4 Qd8 20.Rf1 Qe8 21.Nxf6+ 1-0

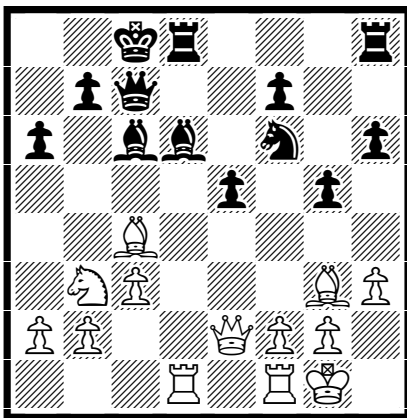
D00 V. Muratov - M. Tal

Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Nh4 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Bg2 c5 8.g4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qa4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.O-O-O Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qf4 Rc8 16.g5 Nce5 17.h4 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Nc4 19.Kb1 Qa3 20.Qc1 Qa5 21.Rd4 Ndb6 22.Rhd1 O-O 23.R4d3 Na4 24.e4 Nxc3+ 25.Rxc3 Qxc3 26.Rd3 Qb4+ 27.Ka1 Ne5 28.Rb3 Qd4+ 29.c3 Qxf2 30.Rb2 Qc5 31.exd5 Nd3 32.Qd2 Nxb2 33.Kxb2 0-1

C07 M. Tal - I. Glek
Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ng3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.c3 a6 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Bg5 O-O-O 15.Rad1 Bd6 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 e5 19.Nb3 Bc6



20.Rxd6!? Qxd6 21.Qxe5 Ne4 22.Qxd6 Nxd6 23.Be2 Rhe8 24.Bh5 Re7 25.Nd4 Ne4 26.Re1 Nxg3? 27.Bg4+ Red7 28.fxg3 Kc7 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Re5 Bd5 31.a4 b6 32.Kf2 f6 33.Re8.... and White won 1-0

A29 V. Arbakov - M. Tal
Moscow (g/5) 1988

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.O-O Be7 8.a3 O-O 9.b4 Be6 10.d3 Nd4 11.Rb1 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 c6 13.Bg2 Qd7 14.Re1 Bh3 15.Bh1 Rad8 16.Ne4 Nd5 17.Bb2 Qc7 18.Qc1 a5 19.b5 f5 20.Nc5 f4 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Qc4 Kh8

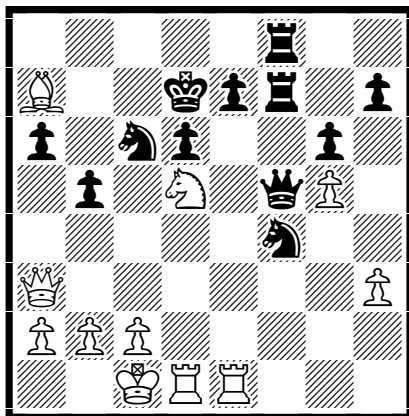
23.Ba1 Qa7 24.Ne4 fxc3 25.hxc3 Rxf2? 26.Nxf2 Qe3 27.Qe4 Qxc3+ 28.Bg2 Nf4
 29.Bxe5 Bc5 30.d4 Bxd4 31.e3 Ne2+ 32.Rxe2 Bxe5 33.Nxh3 Qh2+ 34.Kf1 Rf8+
 35.Rf2 Rd8 36.Ng5 Bg3 37.Nf7+ Kg8 38.Nxd8 1-0

Glenrothes New Town (Scotland) 1988 Double Round-Robin Blitz Tournament

1. Tal 19.5 (out 22)
- 2-3. Spassky, Suba 18.0
4. Martin 14.0
5. McNab 12.5
6. Condi 12.0
7. Motwani 11.0
8. Morrison 9.0
9. McKay 7.5
10. Pritchett 4.5
- 11-12Giulian, Kirk 4.0.

B09 M. Tal - B. Spassky
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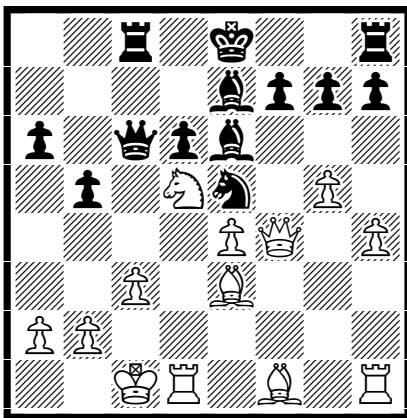
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 Kd7 10.Nxb5 Qa5+ 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qc4 Rhf8 15.Bd2
 Qf5 16.h3 Nh6 17.O-O-O Qxf7 18.Qb5 Rab8 19.g4 a6 20.Qa4 Ng8 21.Be3 Nf6 22.g5
 Nh5 23.Nd5 Qf5 24.Rhe1 Rf7 25.Ba7 Rbf8 26.Qb3 b5 27.Qa3 Nxf4



28.Nxe7! b4 29.Qxa6 Rxe7 30.Qb7+ Ke8 31.Qxc6+ Qd7 32.Rxe7+ Kxe7 33.Qe4+ Ne6
34.Bd4 Rf5 35.Bf6+ Kf7 36.Qxb4 Nxc5 37.Bxc5 Rxc5 38.Qxd6 Qxd6 39.Rxd6 Rg1+
40.Kd2 Rg2+ 41.Kc3 h5 42.a4 g5 43.a5 Rg3+ 44.Rd3 Rg1 45.b4 Ke6 46.b5 Ra1
47.Kb4 Kf5 48.b6 g4 49.hxc4+ hxc4 50.Kb5 Kf4 51.b7 Rb1+ 52.Kc6 g3 53.Rxc3
Kxc3 54.a6 Kf4 55.a7 Ke5 56.b8=Q+ 1-0

B82 M. Tal – R. McKay
Glenrothes New Town (g/5) 1988

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Be7 10.g5 Nd7 11.O-O-O b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bd4 e5 14.Be3 exf4 15.Qxf4 Ne5
16.Nd5 Be6 17.h4 Rc8 18.c3



18...b4 19.Nxb4 Qa4 20.Bxa6 Rb8 21.Bd3 Rxb4 22.cxb4 O-O 23.Bd4 Rc8+ 24.Bc3
Qxa2 25.Rh2 Bb3 26.Rc2 Bxc2 27.Kxc2 Qa4+ 28.Kc1 Qxb4 29.Bc2 Qb6 30.Qd2 Nf3
31.Qd3 Ne5 32.Qd4 Qxd4 33.Rxd4 Nf3 34.Ra4 Nxc4 35.Ra7 Bxc4+ (Time) 1-0

A41 M. Condie – M. Tal
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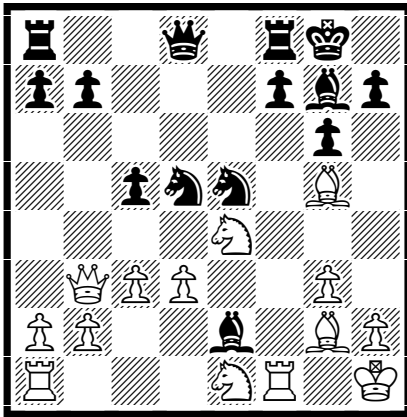
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22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Rxd2 Rd8 24.g3 Qc8 25.Kg2 h4 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qe4 Qd6 28.g4 Qd2 29.Bxe5 Bxe5 30.Qxe5 Qxa2 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7 Qc2 33.Qxc6 Qxb3 34.g5 a5 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qxa5 Qxc4 38.Qe5 Qg4+ 39.Kf1 h3 40.Ke1 Qg1+ 41.Ke2 Qg4+ 42.Ke1 Qb4+ 43.Ke2 Qg4+ 1/2-1/2

B50 L. Kirk – M. Tal

Glenrothes New Town (g/5) 1988

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.O-O e5 7.Nbd2 Nge7 8.Ne1 O-O 9.c3 d5 10.f4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nd5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Kh1 Bg4 14.Qb3 Be2 15.Bg5



15...Bxf1 16.Bxd8 Bxg2+ 17.Nxg2 Raxd8 18.Rf1 Nxd3 19.Qxb7 c4 20.Nf4 N5xf4 21.gxf4 Rb8 22.Qc6 Rfc8 23.Qd7 Rd8 24.Qc7 Rdc8 25.Qd7 Rd8 26.Qc7 Rbc8 27.Qxa7 Nxb2 28.f5 Nd3 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Rf7 Be5 31.Rxh7 Rf8 32.Rh4 Rf7 33.Qe3 Rb8 34.Kg2 Rb2+ 35.Nd2 Nf4+ 36.Kg1 Rf5 37.Rg4 Rxa2 38.Nxc4 Ra1+ 39.Kf2 Nd5+ 40.Ke2 Nxe3 41.Nxe3 Rf4 42.Rxg6+ Kf7 0-1

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B84 A. Sokolov - M. Tal

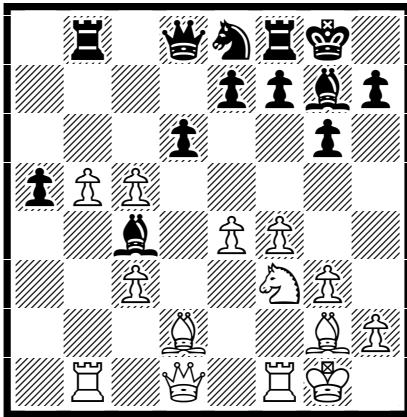
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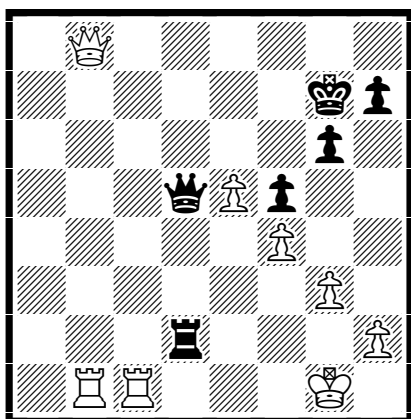
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Match M. Tal- R. Dzindzikhshvili
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B25 R. Dzindzikhshvili – M. Tal
 New York (m) (g/5) 1991

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 O-O 8.O-O Ne8 9.a3 Rb8 10.Rb1 b5 11.Bd2 a5 12.a4 b4 13.Nb5 Nd4 14.c4 bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxb5 16.axb5 c4 17.dxc4 Be6 18.c5 Bc4



19.Nd4 Bxd4+ 20.cxd4 dxc5 21.d5 f5 22.e5 Qd7 23.Bxa5 Nc7 24.d6 exd6 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.Bd5+ Bxd5 27.Qxd5+ Qf7 28.Qxd6 Rfd8 29.Qxc5 Rbc8 30.Qf2 Rd7 31.b6 Rcd8 32.Rfc1 Rd2 33.Qxd2 Rxd2 34.b7 Qd5 35.b8=Q+ Kg7



36.Rc7+

36.Qb7+!

**36...Kh6 37.Qf8+ Kh5 38.Rxh7+ Kg4 39.Rh4+ Kf3 40.Qa3+ Rd3 41.Rf1+ Ke2
42.Qb2+ Rd2 43.Qb1 Qd4+ 44.Kh1 Qd5+ 1/2-1/2**

E61 R. Dzindzikhshvili – M. Tal

New York (m) 1991

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 O-O 5.Bf4 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.Be5 dxc4
9.Bxc4 Nc6 10.O-O Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nxd4 13.Qxb7 Rc8 14.b3 Nc6 15.Rad1
Qb6 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Bxf6 exf6 18.Nd5 Rb8 19.Bb5 Na7 20.a4 Rfd8 21.Rd3 Kf8
22.Rfd1 Rd6 23.Ne3 Rxd3 24.Rxd3 f5 25.Nc4 Bf6 26.Rd6 Bd8 27.Rd7 Nxb5 28.axb5
Be7 29.g3 Ke8 30.Ra7 Bc5 31.Ne5 Rd8 32.Nc6 Rd1+ 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.b4 Bd6 35.Rd7
Rd5 36.Ne7 Rd2 37.Nc8 Bxb4 38.Rxd2 Bxd2 39.Nxb6 Ke7 40.Nc4 Bc3 41.Kf3 Ke6
42.Ke3 Bb4 43.Kd4 Be1 44.Ke3 Bb4 45.f3 Kd5 46.Kd3 Kc5 47.Ne5 Kxb5 48.Nxf7
Be1 49.g4 fxg4 50.fxg4 h5 51.g5 Bh4 52.Ke4 Kc5 53.Kf4 Kd5 54.Nh8 Be1 55.Nxg6
Ke6 56.Ke4 Bd2 57.h4 Be1 58.Nf4+ Kf7 59.Ng2 Bc3 60.Kf3 Kg6 61.Nf4+ Kf5
62.Nxh5 Be1 63.Ng3+ Kg6 64.Kg4 Kg7 65.h5 Bd2 66.Ne4 Bc1 67.Kf5 Be3 68.h6+
Kh7 69.Nf6+ Kh8 70.Kg6 Bxg5 1/2-1/2**

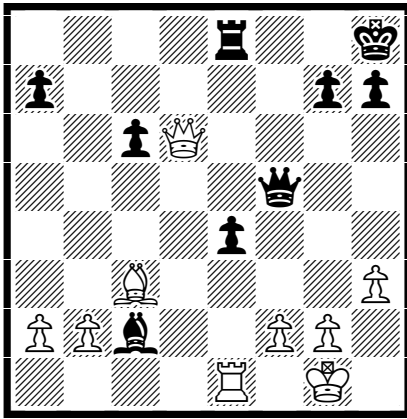
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C55 R. Dzindzikhshvili – M. Tal
New York (m) 1991

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 Ne4 6.Bd5 Nc5 7.O-O Be7 8.Re1 O-O 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 d6 11.Nc3 Ne6 12.Qe4 c6 13.exd6 Bxd6 14.Bc4 Qc7 15.Qh4 Bd7 16.Bd3 f5 17.Bc4 Rae8 18.Bd2 b5 19.Bb3 Kh8 20.Rad1 Nc5 21.h3 b4 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Qxb4 Ne4 24.Qc4 Be6 25.Qd3 Bxb3 26.Nxe4 Bxc2 27.Qxd6 Qc8 28.Re1 fxe4 29.Bc3 Qf5



30.Re3 Kg8 31.Rg3 g6 32.Qd4 Kf7 33.Qg7+ Ke6 34.Qxh7 g5 35.Qc7 1-0

B31 M. Tal – R. Dzindzikhshvili
New York (m) 1991

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A12 M. Tal – R. Dzindzikhshvili

New York (m) 1991

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A54 M. Tal – R. Dzindzikhshvili

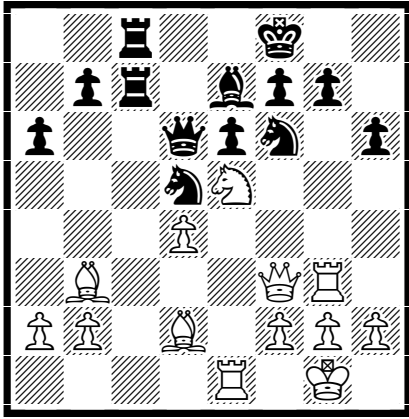
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B22 M. Tal – R. Dzindzikhshvili

New York (m) 1991

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23.Rxg7! Kxg7 24.Bxh6+ Kh7 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bf8+ 1-0