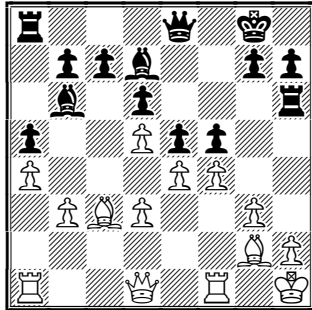


Quiz Today

C. Hansen – V. Anand

SIS-MH Masters Middelfart DEN (5),
06.04.2003



Black to play

Tournament News

Anatoly Karpov is playing an [8-game rapid chess match](#)

against Bartlomiej Macieja in Warsaw, Poland 7th-10th April 2003. The first two games of the match were won by Karpov.



After Round 11 of the [The 29th National Chess Championships of Bangladesh](#) Bin-Sattar Reefat is in clear first with 8½ out of 10. Niaz Murshed has 8 points and is in second place. Al-Rakib Abdulla is in third place with 7½ out of 10.

The [Asian Team Chess Championships](#) is taking place in Jodhpur (Rajasthan) India April 7th-17th 2003. The strongest men and women teams are participating in this event – Afghanistan, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazhakistan, Kyrgis Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Turkmenistan and Vietnam.

After 6 Rounds of the [Gusdal Classics](#) GM Nick de Firmian is in first place with 4½ points. IM Kjetil A. Lie has 4

points and GM Heikki Westerinen is in third place with 3½ out of 6.

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Annotated Game

□ V. Anand (2753)

■ P. Nielsen (2620)

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Caro-Kann Defence – [B17]

Annotations by IM Nikolai Vlassov

The SIS-MH Masters tournament in which GM Anand participated in and won came to an end recently. His opponents were not weak grandmasters at all, but the difference in play between them and Anand was enormous. Apparently, the difference was due to them being nervous about facing the famous chess player.

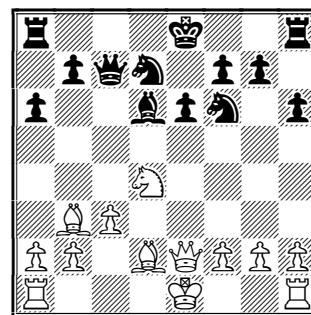
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 dxe4 4.♟xe4 ♟d7 5.♟g5 ♟gf6 6.♞c4 e6 7.♞e2 ♟b6 8.♞b3 h6 9.♟5f3 c5 10.c3 ♞c7 11.♞d2 a6N

11...♞d6 12.♟e5 ♞d7 13.♟gf3 0-0 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 ♞a4 16.♞ac1 ♞e7 17.♞xa4 ♟xa4 18.♟c4 ♞ac8 19.♟fe5 ♟b6 20.b3 ♟bd5 21.♞f3 ♞b4 22.♞xb4 ♞xb4 23.♞cd1 a5 24.a3 ♞e7 25.♞d3 b5 26.♟e3 b4 27.a4 ♞c3 28.♟3c4 ♞c7 29.h4 ♞c8 30.♞e1 ♟h7 31.g4 ♟f8 32.g5 hxg5 33.hxg5 ♞e7 ½-½ Polgar,J-Karpov,A/Alma-Ata 1995/EXT 2000 (33)

12.♟e5 ♞d7 13.♟gf3 cxd4 14.♟xd4 ♞d6 15.♟xd7

15.f4 looks more principled (and more binding at the same time!).

15...♟bxd7 (D)



16.♟f5

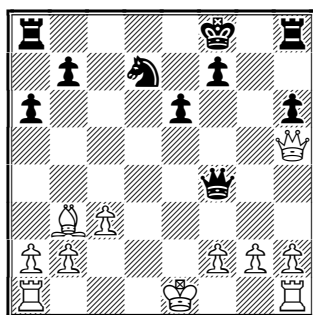
After the sacrifice 16.♞xe6!? fxe6 (Black probably had better resign himself to losing the pawn after

16...0-0 17.♗xd7 ♖xd7) 17.♗xe6 ♖b6
18.♗xg7+ (18.♗c7+ ♖f7 19.♖e6+ ♖g6
20.♗xa8 ♖xa8) 18...♖f7 19.♗f5 White
has three pawns for a piece and
Black's king is insecure.

16...♗f4!?

This is a very interesting attempt at
counter play related to the exchange
sacrifice. Fairly better is 16...0-0
17.♗xd6 ♖xd6 – it is not easy to prove
the advantage of two the bishops over
two knights.

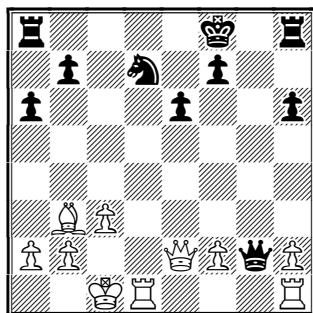
**17.♗xf4 ♖xf4 18.♗xg7+ ♖f8
19.♗h5 ♗xh5 20.♖xh5 (D)**



20...♖e4+!?

Black hurries to restore material
balance. [Much better is 20...♖g8 21.0-0
♖c8 activating the rook, Black has
some compensation for the pawn.

21.♖e2 ♖xg2 22.0-0-0± (D)



And this position is almost hopeless,
White has a strong attack and there is
no counter play.

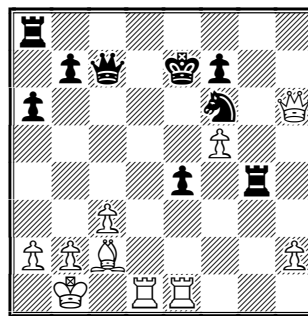
**22...♖g5+ 23.♖b1 ♗f6 24.f4! ♖c5
25.♖f3 ♖c7 26.♖e3**

Also possible is the immediate 26.f5!
e5 27.♖g3±

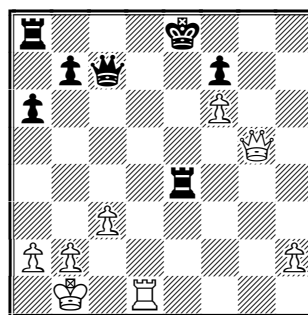
26...♖g8?

Taking the protection off of the h6-
pawn at the very moment White
aimed at it. Seemingly, Black was short
of time. 26...a5±

**27.f5+- e5 28.♖xh6+ ♖e7 29.♖he1
e4 30.♗c2 ♖g4 (D)**



And now – a striking final blow:
**31.♗xe4! ♗xe4 32.♖xe4+! ♖xe4
33.♖g5+ ♖e8 34.f6 (D)**



Despite the extra rook, Black is
defenceless against the coming
checkmate. **1-0.**

Solution to Quiz Today:

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18...♖g6!-+ 19.fxe5 This looks like
a miscalculation, but actually White
does not have protection any more:
[19.♖e1 fxe4 20.♗xe4 ♖xh2+! 21.♖xh2
♖h5+ 22.♖g2 ♖h3+ 23.♖f3 ♗g4#]
19...♖xg3 0-1.

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