

**(1) Leotard, Christophe - Bacis, Jean [A65]**

EE/83.E.49 corr, 1983

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5  
d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6  
10.h3 Bd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Rc8 13.f4 c4  
14.Bc2 Re8 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Rxe5 17.Qd4  
Qe7 18.d6 Qe6 19.Nf4 Qe8 20.Nxg6 fxg6  
21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Rg5 23.Nd5 1-0

**(3) Baruchel, Pierre - Leotard, Christophe [A48]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d6 5.e4  
0-0 6.c3 c5 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 cxd4 9.Nxd4  
Nbd7 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Bc2 e5 12.N4b3 Ne6  
13.Nc4 g5 14.Bg3 Ne8 15.Qd2 b5 16.Ne3 h5  
17.f3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 gxf4 19.Nd5 Bb7 20.Rfd1 a5  
21.a4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Bc6 23.Ra2 a4 24.Nc1  
Nf6 25.Ne2 Nxd5 26.exd5 Bb5 27.g3 Qg5  
28.Kh1 Bxe2 29.Qxe2 fxg3 30.Rg1 h4 31.Rxa4  
Rxa4 32.Bxa4 f5 33.Bd7 Bf6 34.Be6+ Kh8  
35.hxg3 hxg3 36.Kg2 Bd8 37.Rh1+ Kg7  
38.Rh3 f4 39.Bg4 Bb6 40.Qb5 Qd8 41.Qd3  
Rh8 42.Qf5 Rxh3 43.Qf7+ Kxf7 0-1

**(4) Cadillon Costa, Luis Manuel - Leotard, Christophe [B33]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8  
9.c4 Be7 10.Be2 a6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.0-0 f5  
13.a3 Nd7 14.b4 e4 15.Be3 Bf6 16.Bd4 Be5  
17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Qd4 Bd7 19.c5 Qf6 20.Rfd1  
Rfc8 21.Rac1 Rc7 22.c6 bxc6 23.dxc6 Rxc6  
24.b5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Rc5 26.a4 Bxb5 27.Nxb5  
Qg5 28.Qb2 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 d5 30.Rd1 Nf3+  
31.Kf1 Nxh2+ 32.Kg1 e3 33.Qb3 exf2+ 0-1

**(5) Debailleul, Pierre - Leotard, Christophe [B31]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1  
Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.e5 Ne8 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.d3 Bg4  
10.Be3 Nc7 11.Bxc5 Ne6 12.Be3 Bxe5 13.h3  
Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qc7 15.Bh6 Rfe8 16.Qe4 Bh8  
17.Rab1 Nd4 18.Ne2 Nf5 19.Bf4 e5 20.Bh2  
Qd7 21.g4 Nd6 22.Qb4 a5 23.Qb3 h5 24.gxh5  
Qxh3 25.d4 Qg4+ 26.Qg3 Qxh5 27.Qg2 Nf5

28.Ng3 Nxg3 29.Qxg3 exd4 30.Qc7 Qg5+  
31.Bg3 Qd2 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxe5  
34.Qxe5 Qxc2 0-1

**(7) Leotard, Christophe - Baruchel, Pierre [A67]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5  
d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 Qh4+  
10.g3 Qe7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Na6 13.Re1  
Nb4 14.Bf1 b6 15.Bc4 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Nxa6  
17.e5 dxe5 18.Qe2 Nb4 19.fxe5 f6 20.e6 Ne5  
21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.Qe4 Rae8 23.Be3 a6 24.Re2  
Rf5 25.Rf1 Ref8 26.Ref2 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Rxf2  
28.Bxf2 Qd6 29.g4 Qe7 30.Bg3 Qc7 31.Qf3  
Qe7 32.Bh4 Qe8 33.e7 Qd7 34.d6 Qe6 35.Ne4  
1-0

**(8) Leotard, Christophe - Cadillon Costa, Luis Manuel [B76]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.g4 Be6  
10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Qa5 12.a3 Rab8  
13.h4 Rfc8 14.h5 b5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Nd5  
Qxd2+ 17.Rxd2 Bxd5 18.exd5 b4 19.a4 Nd7  
20.Ba6 Rf8 21.g5 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Kg7 23.Bb5  
Nb6 24.Re1 Nc8 25.Ba6 b3 26.c3 Re8 27.a5  
e5 28.dxe6 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 fxe6 30.Rb4 1-0

**(10) Leotard, Christophe - Herold, Michel [E00]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Bg5 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 Ne4  
5.Bxd8 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Nxd2 7.Bxc7 Nxc4 8.b3  
Na6 9.Bg3 Nb6 10.Bd6 f5 11.f3 Nd5 12.e4  
fxe4 13.fxe4 Nf6 14.Bd3 b6 15.Ne2 Bb7  
16.Nc3 Kd8 17.0-0 Rc8 18.Rac1 Nb8 19.e5  
Ne8 20.Ba3 Nc6 21.Rf7 1-0

**(11) Leotard, Christophe - Vitre, Patrice [B13]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3  
Nf6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Nd2 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Ngf3  
0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Re1 Bd7 12.a4 Qc7  
13.Ne5 Ne7 14.g4 h6 15.h4 Rf8 16.g5 hxg5  
17.hxg5 Ne8 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6 Nf5 20.Bxf5  
1-0

**(13) Vitre, Patrice - Leotard, Christophe [E68]**

AJEC/1212 corr, 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 a6 11.b3 Nc5 12.Re1 Bd7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bf4 Rb8 15.Rb1 g5 16.Bc1 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.b4 Na6 0-1

**(14) Hug, Eric - Leotard, Christophe [B23]**

FRA corr France, 1992

1.e4 c5 2.f4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.Bb3 dxe4 9.Nxe4 0-0 10.Qe1 b6 11.Rb1 Bb7 12.Bd2 Nf5 13.Bc3 Ncd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qe3 a5 16.Rf2 a4 17.Bc4 Rc8 18.Qh3 b5 19.Ng5 h5 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Qxe6+ Kh7 23.f5 gxf5 24.Rxf5 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 Qe8 26.Qxe8 Rcx8 27.Rxh5+ Kg6 28.Rh4 Rf2 29.Rg4+ Kh5 30.Bxd4 cxd4 31.Rg7 Bc6 32.Rg3 Ree2 0-1

**(15) Leotard, Christophe - Lorin, Fabrice [C05]**

FRA corr France, 1992

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.h4 Be7 9.a3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Na5 11.h5 Nb3 12.Rb1 Nxc1 13.Qxc1 h6 14.Bd3 Nf8 15.Ne2 Bd7 16.Kf2 Rc8 17.Qd2 Nh7 18.Rbc1 0-0 19.g4 Bb5 20.Bb1 Ba6 21.g5 hxg5 22.fxg5 Nxc5 23.Nxc5 Bxe2 24.Kxe2 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Qxb2+ 26.Qd2 Qxd2+ 27.Kxd2 Rc4 28.Rxc4 dxc4 29.a4 a6 30.Be4 b5 31.axb5 axb5 32.Ra1 b4 33.Ra8 Rxa8 34.Bxa8 Kf8 35.Kc2 Ke7 36.Bc6 f5 37.Bb5 c3 38.Bd3 f4 39.Kb3 f3 40.Kxb4 1-0

**(16) Dijon, Jean Michel - Leotard, Christophe [B33]**

AJEC/1223 corr, 1993

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.a4 a6 8.Na3 Be6 9.Bc4 Be7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Bd5 0-0 12.Be3 Bxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxe4 14.c3 Bg5 15.Bb6 Qd7 16.Re1 Nf6 17.Be3 Nxd5 18.Bxg5 Qe6 19.Qd3 f6 20.Bd2 Nde7 21.c4 d5 22.Rac1 dxc4 23.Rxc4 Rfd8 24.Qc3 Qd7 25.Qb3 Qd3 26.Rc3+ Qd5 27.Qxd5+ Nxd5 28.Rb3 b5 29.axb5 Nd4

30.Rd3 axb5 31.b4 Nf4 32.Bxf4 Ne2+ 33.Rxe2 Rxd3 34.h3 Rxa3 35.Be3 Ra1+ 36.Kh2 Rc4 37.Bc5 Rcc1 38.Kg3 Kf7 39.Rd2 Rd1 40.Re2 Ke6 41.Kg4 g6 42.g3 Rd3 43.h4 Rh1 44.Re3 Rxe3 45.Bxe3 Rb1 46.Bc5 Rc1 0-1

**(17) Dubois, Robert - Leotard, Christophe [B33]**

AJEC/1223 corr, 1993

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Be3 a6 13.Nc3 Bg5 14.Qd2 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 f5 16.f3 Nc5 17.Bc2 a5 18.Rfb1 Bd7 19.g3 Qf6 20.Rf1 Rac8 21.Rae1 g5 22.f4 gxf4 23.gxf4 e4 24.Kh1 Kh8 25.Rg1 Rg8 26.Nd1 b5 27.b3 b4 28.Nf2 Rxx1+ 29.Rxx1 Rg8 30.Rg3 Rxx3 31.hxx3 Qb2 32.Bd1 Qc3 0-1

**(19) Leotard, Christophe - Dijon, Jean Michel [D13]**

AJEC/1223 corr, 1993

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 a6 7.Rc1 Ne4 8.Ne5 Nxc3 9.Rxc3 Bd7 10.e3 e6 11.a3 Rc8 12.Nd3 Na7 13.Rxc8 Nxc8 14.Be2 Be7 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Qc2 Bd6 17.Ne5 Ne7 18.b4 f6 19.Nxd7 Kxd7 20.Qa4+ Nc6 21.Bxd6 Kxd6 22.Rc1 Ra8 23.b5 Ne7 24.Qb4+ Kd7 25.Qb1 axb5 26.a4 Rh8 27.Bxb5+ Kd8 28.Qb4 Nf5 29.g4 1-0

**(20) Leotard, Christophe - Dubois, Robert [D82]**

AJEC/1223 corr, 1993

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Rc1 Ne4 8.cxd5 Nxc3 9.Qd2 Qxa2 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Bc4 Nd7 12.Nf3 0-0 13.0-0 Nxc5 14.Be5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Bf5 16.f3 f6 17.d6+ Kg7 18.dxe7 Rfe8 19.e4 Be6 20.Qd6 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Qb5 22.Ne3 Qc6 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5+ Kf7 25.Ng4 1-0

**(22) Descroix, Gerard - Leotard, Christophe [B33]**

FRA corr France, 1993

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Nxe7 Qxe7 13.c3 f5 14.exf5 e4 15.Be2 Qe5 16.Nc2 Bxf5

17.a4 0-0 18.0-0 Be6 19.Qd2 f5 20.f3 Qc5+  
21.Kh1 Kh8 22.Nd4 Bd7 23.axb5 axb5 24.Nc2  
Bc6 25.Nb4 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Bb7 27.Rd1 Be5  
28.Nc2 Re8 29.Rf1 Bd5 30.fxe4 fxe4 31.Qe3  
b4 32.Qxc5 dxc5 33.c4 Bc6 34.b3 Rd8 35.Rd1  
Rxd1+ 36.Bxd1 Bd4 37.Bg4 Bf2 38.Bf5 e3 0-1

**(23) Gobet,Yannick -  
Leotard,Christophe [B33]**

FRA corr France, 1993

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5  
Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.c4 Qg6  
13.f3 b4 14.Bxb4 Nxb4 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Qxb4  
d5 17.Qa5 Rb8 18.Qxd5 Bb4+ 19.Ke2 0-0  
20.Qxe5 Rfe8 21.Qd4 Rbd8 22.Qe3 Bg4  
23.Rd1 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4+ 25.Kf2 Rxd1  
26.fxe4 Bc5+ 27.Kg3 Be2 28.Bxe2 Rxh1  
29.Kf3 Bxa3 30.bxa3 Rxh2 31.Bd1 Kf8 32.Bb3  
Rh5 33.Ke3 Rg5 34.Kd4 Rxc2 35.c5 Rd2+  
36.Kc3 Rd8 37.Bc4 a5 38.c6 Ke7 39.e5 Rd1  
40.c7 Rc1+ 41.Kb3 Rxc4 42.Kxc4 Kd7 43.Kd4  
Kxc7 44.Ke4 Kc6 45.a4 Kc5 0-1

**(24) Leotard,Christophe -  
Gobet,Yannick [D14]**

FRA corr France, 1993

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3  
Nc6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.Qb3 Bb4 9.Bb5 0-0  
10.0-0 Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Rc8 12.Qa3 Qb6  
13.Bxc6 Rxc6 14.Rac1 Rfc8 15.Rxc6 Rxc6  
16.Ne5 Rc7 17.g4 Be4 18.f3 Bc2 19.b3 h6  
20.Rc1 Bh7 21.Rxc7 Qxc7 22.Ng6 Qd8  
23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Qc5 Bb1 25.a3 a6 26.Nc8  
Bg6 27.Nd6 b6 28.Qc6 h5 29.g5 Nd7 30.Kf2  
Kh7 31.Nb7 Qe7 32.Bd6 Qe8 33.Bc7 Qe7  
34.b4 Bd3 35.Bd8 Qe8 36.Bxb6 e5 37.Ba7  
Qe7 38.h4 Bc4 39.Na5 Qe6 40.Qxe6 fxe6  
41.Nxc4 dxc4 42.a4 Kg6 43.b5 axb5 44.axb5  
exd4 45.exd4 Kf5 46.b6 c3 47.Ke3 c2 48.Kd2  
Kf4 49.Kxc2 Kg3 50.b7 Kxh4 51.g6 Kg3  
52.b8Q+ Nxb8 53.Bxb8+ Kxf3 54.Be5 Ke4  
55.Bxg7 Kf5 56.Bf8 Kxg6 57.Bd6 Kg5 58.Kd3  
Kf5 59.Ke3 h4 60.Kf3 1-0

**(25) Leotard,Christophe - Hug,Eric  
[B09]**

FRA corr France, 1993

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5

6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd3 Qxc5 8.Qe2 Bg4 9.Be3 Qa5  
10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd1 Nc6 12.Nf2 Bxf3 13.Qxf3  
Nb4 14.Bd4 Rac8 15.c3 Nxd3 16.Nxd3 Nd7  
17.Bf2 a6 18.Rfe1 b5 19.Nb4 Nb8 20.Nd5 Nc6  
21.Bh4 Rfe8 22.Qh3 Qd8 23.Rad1 b4 24.cxb4  
Rb8 25.e5 Nxb4 26.exd6 Nxd5 27.d7 Nxf4  
28.Qe3 Ne6 29.dxe8Q+ Qxe8 30.b3 Rb4  
31.Bf2 Qb5 32.Qa7 Bf6 33.Qa8+ Kg7 34.Rd5  
Qb7 35.Qxb7 Rxb7 36.Re4 Bc3 37.Rc4 Bb4  
38.Bg3 Rb6 39.Kf1 f6 40.Rd7 a5 41.Be1 Kf7  
42.Bxb4 axb4 43.Ra7 Nd8 44.Rd4 Rb8 45.Ra6  
f5 46.Rc4 e5 47.Rc7+ Kg8 48.Raa7 Ne6  
49.Re7 1-0

**(26) Smolenskiy,Yuriy -  
Leotard,Christophe [A00]**

W-ch M corr ICCF corr, 1993

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.e3 Nc6  
5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 d5 7.Nf3 Re8 8.0-0 Bf5  
9.Qc1 Nh5 10.Re1 Be4 11.c4 d4 12.Nxd4  
Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nf4 14.exf4 Qxd4 15.Nc3 Bc6  
16.Bg4 Qxf4 17.Bh3 Bc5 18.Rf1 Qxc4 19.Nd1  
Qxf1+ 0-1

**(27) Leotard,Christophe - Dienne,Jean  
[B08]**

FRA-Cup corr France, 1994

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Nf3  
Nf6 6.Bb3 0-0 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6  
10.Bg5 h6 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Ne2 Qf6  
14.Qxf6 Nhx6 15.f3 a5 16.a4 Nh7 17.c3 Rac8  
18.Nf4 Rfe8 19.Nd3 d5 20.Rae1 Nhf6 21.e5  
Nh7 22.f4 Bf8 23.g4 c5 24.Bd1 cxd4 25.cxd4  
Rc7 26.f5 g5 27.Bb3 Rec8 28.Bd2 b6 29.Kg2  
Nb8 30.Be3 Nc6 31.Re2 Nb4 32.Nxb4 Bxb4  
33.h4 Be7 34.Rh1 gxh4 35.f6 Bf8 36.Rxh4 Ng5  
37.Bxg5 hxg5 38.Rh5 Rc1 39.Kf3 1-0

**(29) Leotard,Christophe -  
Godard,Maxence (2230) [A29]**

Maromme op Maromme, 1994

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5  
Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Re8  
10.d3 Bf8 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nd2 Rb8  
14.Nb3 Nd4 15.Re1 c6 16.Ne4 Na4 17.Nxd4  
Nxb2 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Qb3 Qd4 20.Rab1 a5  
21.Qxb2 Qa7 22.Qc3 axb4 23.axb4 Qd4  
24.Qxd4 exd4 25.g4 Bg6 26.Nc5 Rb6 27.Nd7  
Rxb4 28.Nxf8 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Kxf8 30.Bxc6 Rc8

31.Bf3 Ke7 32.Rb4 Rd8 33.Kg2 f5 34.Kg3 Kf6  
35.Kf4 fxg4 36.hxg4 h6 37.Rb6+ Kf7 38.Rb7+  
Kf8 39.Rb5 Be8 40.Rd5 1-0

**(31) Leotard,Christophe -  
Barkwell,Michael C [E70]**

WT/M/GT/349 corr ICCF, 1994

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nge2  
0-0 6.Ng3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Be2 c6 9.0-0 a6  
10.a4 a5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.h3 cxd5  
14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Qd8 16.f4 1-0

**(35) Leconte,Jean Olivier -  
Leotard,Christophe [C47]**

FRA-ch60 corr France, 1995

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
d6 6.d3 h6 7.0-0 Be6 8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 Bb6  
10.Na4 Qd7 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Bb2 Bg4  
13.Qd2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 b5 15.Bg2 0-0 16.f4 Qe6  
17.h3 Nd7 18.Rae1 Nb6 19.f5 Qa2 20.Bc3 f6  
21.Ra1 Qf7 22.Qd1 Ra6 23.Bf3 Rfa8 24.Bh5  
Qd7 25.Bb2 Na4 26.Bc1 d5 27.c4 dxc4  
28.dxc4 Qd4+ 29.Qxd4 Nxd4 30.cxb5 Rd6  
31.Be3 Nxb5 32.Be2 Nbc3 33.Bf3 Nb2  
34.Rfe1 0-1

**(36) Leotard,Christophe - Cerf,Max  
[A29]**

FRA-ch60 corr France, 1995

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bc5 5.Bg2  
d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 h6  
10.a3 a5 11.e3 Qd7 12.Kh2 Rae8 13.Bd2 Nh7  
14.Nd5 Ba7 15.Qa4 Ng5 16.Bg2 Ne6 17.Bxa5  
Nc5 18.Qb5 Nxa5 19.Qxa5 c6 20.Qxa7 cxd5  
21.b4 Ra8 22.Qb6 Na4 23.Qb5 Qxb5 24.cxb5  
Nb6 25.Rfc1 Rfb8 26.Rc7 Ra4 27.Bf3 Kf8  
28.Bd1 Raa8 29.Bb3 Rc8 30.Rxb7 Rc3  
31.Rxb6 Rxb3 32.a4 Rxb4 33.a5 1-0

**(37) Leotard,Christophe -  
Martenot,Jean [C11]**

FRA-ch60 corr France, 1995

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5  
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 c4  
10.b4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Kf2 b5 13.Nb2  
Ba3 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Ng5 g6 16.h4 Be7 17.Be2  
Qb6 18.Rh3 Ba6 19.Rg3 b4 20.h5 b3 21.Qb1  
bxa2 22.Qxa2 Bb5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Qb1 Rfc8  
25.Nxf7 Nf8 26.Nh6+ Kg7 27.Qh1 Bd7 28.Na4

Qd8 29.Nc5 Bh4 30.Qh3 Rxc5 31.dxc5 Bxg3+  
32.Kxg3 Rb8 33.Rh1 Rb3 34.Ng4 Kf7 35.Qh8  
Qc8 36.Bf3 Rxe3 37.Nf6 Rb3 38.Qg8+ 1-0

**(38) Leotard,Christophe -  
Michel,Jacques [A34]**

FRA-ch60 corr France, 1995

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3  
Nc6 6.Bg2 Nc7 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 Bd7  
10.Nc4 f6 11.f4 b5 12.Ne3 Rc8 13.a4 b4  
14.Ncd5 0-0 15.Nc4 Nxd5 16.Bxd5+ Kh8  
17.e4 exf4 18.gxf4 Nd4 19.Be3 Bc6 20.Bxc6  
Nxc6 21.f5 Ne5 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.b3 Bg5  
24.Bxg5 Qxg5+ 25.Kh1 Rc7 26.Rg1 Qh4  
27.Rg3 Rd8 28.Qe2 Rd4 29.Rf1 Rd6 30.Rfg1  
Rcd7 31.Rc1 Rc7 32.Qg2 Qd8 33.Rg1 Qf8  
34.Rh3 Rcd7 35.Qc2 Qa8 36.Rg4 Rc7  
37.Rgh4 h6 38.Rg4 Qc6 39.Rf3 Rf6 40.Qc4  
Qa6 41.Qxa6 Rxa6 42.Rg6 Rf6 43.Kg1 Kh7  
44.Rfg3 Rxg6 45.fxg6+ Kg8 46.Kf2 Rc6  
47.Ke3 Kf8 48.Rf3+ Ke8 49.Rf5 Re6 50.Kf3  
Re7 51.a5 Re6 52.h4 Kd7 53.Rf7+ Re7 54.Kg4  
Ke6 55.Rxe7+ Kxe7 56.Kf5 Kd6 57.a6 h5  
58.Kg5 Ke6 59.Kxh5 Kf6 60.Kg4 Kxg6 61.h5+  
Kh6 62.Kf5 1-0

**(40) Theon,Pierre - Leotard,Christophe  
[B21]**

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1.e4 c5 2.f4 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.e5  
Nc6 6.Qd3 Nh5 7.Be2 d6 8.Bxh5 Bf5 9.Qb3  
gxh5 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.0-0 d5 12.Na3 Rg8  
13.Nb5 a6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Be4 16.Rf2  
Qg4 17.Nf3 Rc8 18.Kf1 b5 19.a4 b4 20.Ne1 a5  
21.Be3 Rc4 22.Bb6 Qc8 23.Qe3 Rc6 24.Bd4  
Qa6+ 25.Qe2 Qxe2+ 26.Rxe2 h4 27.c3 e6  
28.h3 Rc4 0-1

**(41) Wagner,Bruno -  
Leotard,Christophe [A48]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0  
5.e4 d6 6.c3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.a4  
Na5 10.Ba2 Qd3 11.Ne5 Qd6 12.f4 Be6  
13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Nef3 Nc4  
16.Qe2 Nxb2 17.Ne5 h6 18.Ndf3 Nd3 19.Nxd3  
Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.Bxe7  
Rdc8 23.f5 Bxc3 24.Rad1 Nxa4 25.Ng5 hxg5  
0-1

**(42) Vigneron, Michel -  
Leotard, Christophe [A48]**

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[*Heemsoth*]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.c3  
d6 6.e4 Nc6 7.Bc4 e5?! [7...Nh5 8.Be3 e5=]  
8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 [10.Bxe5  
Nxe4 11.Bxg7 Re8 12.Nxe4 Rxe4+ 13.Be2  
Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Kxg7 15.f3 Re8 16.Kf2=]  
10...Qe7 11.f3 Nh5 12.0-0 Nf4 13.Qb3?  
[13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qb3 b6 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Nf1  
Rad8=] 13...Qg5! 14.Bxf4 Qxf4 15.Rfd1 Qe3+  
16.Kh1 Qf2! 17.Nf1 Bh6! 18.Ng3 c6 19.Qa3?  
[19.a4!] 19...b5 20.Bb3 [20.Bd3? Bh3! 21.Rg1  
Rfd8+] 20...a5 21.Rf1 [21.Qd6? Bh3 22.Rg1  
Rad8 23.Qxc6 Rd2-+] 21...Qb6 22.Qd6 a4  
23.Bc2 Be6! 24.Qxe5 Bc4 25.Rfd1 Qf2 26.Bd3  
Bxd3 27.Rxd3 Qxb2 28.Rdd1 b4 29.Rab1 Rfd8!  
30.Qe8+ [30.Qf6 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Qxc3+]  
30...Bf8 31.Qxc6 Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 bxc3 33.Rg1  
[33.Qxa8 c2!-+] 33...Ra5 34.Qc4 c2 35.Ne2  
Rc5 0-1

**(43) Del Gobbo, Michel -  
Leotard, Christophe [A48]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0  
5.e4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 c5  
9.c3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qa5 11.Nf3 Rd8 12.Qc2 h6  
13.Be3 Nc6 14.0-0 e5 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Rad1  
Be6 17.Qa4 Na5 18.Rfe1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Nc4  
20.Bc1 f5 21.Bb1 a6 22.Qc2 e4 23.Nd4 Bf7  
24.f3 exf3 25.Nxf3 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Kh1  
Qb6 28.a3 Bd5 29.Ba2 Qe6 30.Qf2 b5 31.Bb3  
Nd6 32.Bxd5 Qxd5 33.Qd2 Qxd2 34.Nxd2 Kf7  
35.Kg1 Ke6 36.Kf2 Kd5 37.Ke2 a5 38.Nf3 g5  
39.h4 g4 40.Nd4 h5 41.Kd3 a4 42.Nxb5 Nxb5  
43.c4+ Kc5 44.cxb5 Kxb5 45.Kc2 Kc4 0-1

**(46) Negre, Albert - Leotard, Christophe  
[B33]**

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6  
gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.c3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2  
Be6 14.Nce3 Ne7 15.g3 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 0-0  
17.Bg2 a5 18.0-0 f5 19.Qh5 b4 20.Rad1 bxc3  
21.Nxc3 Rb8 22.b3 e4 23.Ne2 d5 24.Nf4 Qd7

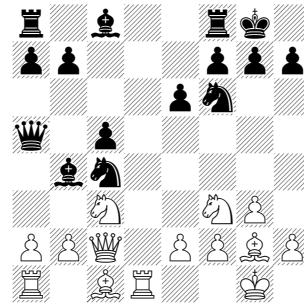
25.Bh3 d4 26.Rfe1 Qe8 27.Qe2 a4 28.Qa6  
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32.Bxb3 Be5 33.Qh6 Qf6 34.Qxf6+ Rxf6  
35.Nd3 Bd6 36.Nb2 d3 37.Nc4 Bc5 38.Rec1  
Bd4 39.Ne3 f4 40.Nd5 Rd6 41.Nxf4 d2 42.Rf1  
e3 43.fxe3 Bxe3+ 44.Kh1 Bc6+ 45.Ng2 Bc5  
46.h4 Re8 47.Bd1 Re1 48.Rb8+ Kg7 49.Rbf8  
Rd8 50.R8f7+ Kg8 51.Bb3 Rd3 0-1

**(48) Leotard, Christophe -  
Raimondi, Marthe [A17]**

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[*Le Courier des Echecs 472*]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2  
d5 6.Qb3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Na5? An unwise  
pawn-grab. [8...h6 Kasparov-Anand, New  
York-m 1995] 9.Qc2 dxc4 10.dxc4 Nxc4  
11.Rd1 Qa5 It's pure analysis from here.



12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxc4 f5 14.a3 Qa4 15.Be3 b5  
16.Qa2 Bc3 17.bxc3 Nxc3 18.Qd2 Nxd1  
19.Bxc5 Nxf2 20.Ng5 Ne4 21.Bxe4 fxe4  
22.Bxf8 Qc4 23.Bb4 Bb7 24.Qd7 Bd5 25.Rf1  
Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nd8 Qd4+ 28.Kg2 h6  
29.Rf8+ [29.Rf8+ Kh7 30.Nxe6 e3+ 31.Kg1]  
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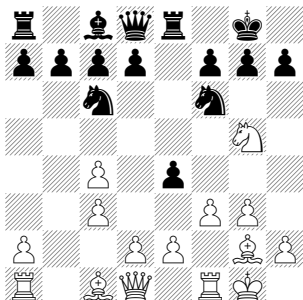
**(49) Leotard, Christophe -  
Vigneron, Michel [A29]**

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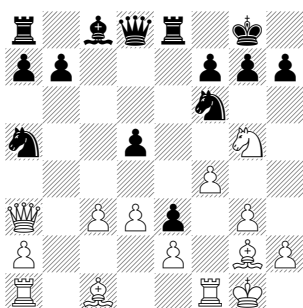
[*Leotard; Harding*]

Christophe L'otard won the French CC  
Championship for three successive years  
(1995-97). In 1994 he began international  
competition, winning four successive  
tournaments of increasing strength,  
culminating in the Paul Keres-85 where he  
finished ahead of three former world  
champions. He will be playing in one of the  
next world championship finals. Michel

Vigneron finished second in the 1993 French championship and currently has an ICCF rating of 2342. 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 Diagram

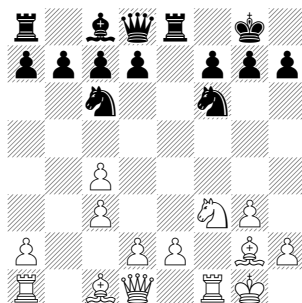


9...exf3 [9...e3!? was played against Leotard in another tense game from the same event 10.d3! (10.dxe3 Na5) 10...d5 11.Qb3 (11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Ne4?! f5 13.Qb3 Be6! 14.Nc5 (14.Qxb7 fxe4) 14...Bf7!c) 11...Na5 12.Qa3 c6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.f4 Diagram



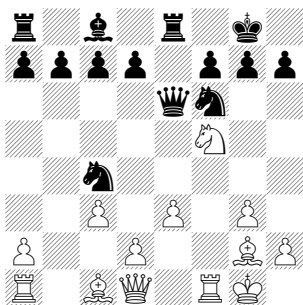
14...Bg4 This recent move seems preferable to Karpov's choice 14...Nc6 said Ljotard in his notes written after the game, but by now a huge amount of games have been played with both moves and it's still not clear which of them is best. (14...Nc6 15.Rb1 Qc7 (15...Rb8; 15...Bg4!?) 16.Bb2 Bg4 17.Rfe1± h6 (17...Rad8!? 18.c4 dxc4 19.dxc4 b6) 18.Nf3 Bxf3 (Δ18...Rad8 19.c4 d4) 19.Bxf3 Rad8 20.Ba1 b6 21.Rec1 Qe7 (Δ21...h5) 22.Qxe7 Nxe7 23.c4 Rd7 24.c5± Rc8 25.cxb6 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 axb6 27.Bd4) 15.Nf3! Nc6 16.h3 Theory in the mid–1990s ended with this recommendation by Illescas. 16...Bd7 (16...Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Qd7! 18.Kh2 h5 19.Bb2 h4 20.g4 Qc7 21.Bg2 Rad8 22.Rac1 Nh7!) 17.Rb1?! I wanted to retain the option Ne1–c2, Bxe3 but White has no time for such

manoeuvres. It was necessary to prepare to push c3–c4 by playing 17 Bb2. (17.Ne1 Qc8 18.Kh2 a5 19.Nc2 b5 20.Qc5!? Qd8 21.f5!?± Rc8 22.Qd6 Ne5!? 23.Nd4 h5!?) 17...Qc7 18.Bb2 Nh5! The start of a dangerous attack. 19.Kh2 Re6! 20.c4! Nxc3 21.Kxc3 Rg6+ 22.Kh2 Qxf4+ 23.Kh1 Qh6 24.Nh2! This key move is difficult to find but is the only way to keep an advantage. Defensively, the N becomes an efficient rampart; offensively, lines are opened for the f1–R and the g2–B. 24...Rxc2! 25.Kxc2 Bxc3+ 26.Kh1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 d4? Black spoils a good defence. (27...dxc4 28.Rg1 f6 29.Qd6 Kh8 30.Qd7 cxd3 31.Qxb7 Rd8 Δ32.Qxc6 d2) 28.Qc5+- Rd8 29.Qf5 Qe6 30.Rf4 Qxf5 31.Rxf5 f6 32.Nf3 1–0 Ljotard-G.Hervet, France corr ch-61 1996] 10.Nxf3 Diagram



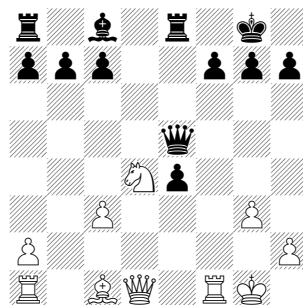
10...Qe7 [10...d5 11.d4 (11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Nd4 Qh5 13.Nxc6 bxc6) 11...Ne4 12.Qc2 dxc4 (12...Bf5 13.Nh4±) 13.Rb1 f5 14.g4!? fxg4 (14...Qe7?! 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Ng5! g6 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Bxe4 Rxe4 20.Rxb7; 14...Nd6!? 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.Nh4 Nf7c) 15.Ne5 Nd6 (15...Nxe5? 16.Bxe4 Ng6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qxg6±) 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.e4∞ (17.Bxc6 Bd7 18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.Bxa8 Qxa8c) 17...Be6 18.e5 Nf7 19.Bxc6 Bd5 20.Bxe8 Qxe8 21.Qf5 Be6 22.Qe4 Rd8 23.Rb2 Qd7 24.Qb1 g3 25.hxg3 Bh3 26.Rf4 Be6 27.Rb8 Qe8 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Rf2 c5 30.Rb2; 10...d6 11.d3 h6 12.Rb1 Rb8 13.e4 b6 14.h3 Bb7 15.Kh2 Ne7 16.Nh4 c5? (Δ16...Nd7) 17.Bxh6!+- ] 11.e3 Ne5 [11...d6 12.d3 d5 (12...Bg4 13.h3 Bd7 14.e4 h6 15.Rb1 Rab8 16.Nh4± Smyslov-Peev, Cienfuegos 1973; 12...Bf5 13.Rb1 Rab8 14.e4 Be6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bg4 17.Qe1 h6 18.h3 Bh5 19.g4 Bg6 20.g5 hxg5 21.Bxg5±) 13.cxd5 (13.Nd4 Bg4=) 13...Nxd5 14.Qb3± Be6 (14...Nxe3 15.Re1

Be6 16.Rxe3 Bxb3 17.Rxe7 Rxe7 18.axb3±) ]  
**12.Nd4!** A brilliant gambit invented by Kasparov (4th game of his Seville match v Karpov). Before convincing myself of the necessity for this move, I had to overcome two major obstacles: [12.Nxe5 Qxe5 gives nothing after, for example, 13.Rb1 (13.d4 Qe6!) 13...Rb8 14.d3 d6 ] **12...Nxc4** 2. Trying to find what Kasparov had seen after the sacrifice of the pawn, not an easy matter! [12...Nd3 13.Qe2 Nxc1 14.Raxc1 d6 15.Rf4 c6 16.Rcf1 Qe5 (16...Rf8 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5±) 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Rxf5 Qe6 20.Qd4± Re7 21.Qh4 (21.Rxf6!?) 21...Nd7 22.Bh3 Nf8 23.R5f3 (23.Rb5!/? Ng6 24.Bxe6 Nxh4 25.Rxf7! Rxf7! 26.Bxf7+ Kf8 27.Rxb7 Nf3+ 28.Kg2 Nxd2) 23...Qe5 24.d4 Qe4 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxf7 Rxe3 27.d5! Rae8 (27...Rxc3?? 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Be6+; 27...cxd5 28.Bg2) 28.c5! dxc5 29.d6 Rd8 (29...Rd3 30.Rxf8+!) 30.Re7!] **13.Nf5!** [Vigneron proposed the conditional 13.e4 d6 14.d3 c5 based perhaps on the notes by Dorfman which gave 15.Nc2 "followed by Bg5 and Ne3±". (R&C give "followed by Bg5 and Ne3-d5 or f5 gives White a strong initiative". Leotard looked at 15...Bg4 16.Qe1 Ne5 17.Bg5 Nxd3 18.Qe3 Ne5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qh6 Ng6 21.Ne3 Be6 22.Nf5 Qf8 and Black has no problems. (22...Bxf5 23.exf5 Nf8 24.Rf4+-) ] **13...Qe6!?** Diagram



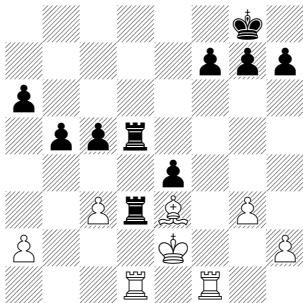
It seems that Vigneron had also become suspicious of the analysis published on the Kasparov game and he finds a new idea of his own. Here I cannot do better than quote Christophe Ljotard's account of how he analysed the alternative. "In apparent delirium, all the analyses give... [13...Qe5?! 14.d3?? a) 14.e4! Δd5 (14...Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qxe4 16.d3 Qe5 17.dxc4+-; 14...d6 15.d4 Qb5 16.Nh6+

Kf8 17.a4! Qa5 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Qf1+- ) 15.d4 Qe6 16.exd5 Qe2 a1) 16...Qa6 17.Nh6+; a2) 16...Nxd5 17.Qg4 g6 18.Nh6+ Kg7 19.Qh4! f5 (19...Nxc3 20.Rxf7+ Qxf7 21.Nxf7 Re1+ 22.Bf1+-) 20.Nxf5+! gxf5 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Bh6+ Kf7 23.Qh5+ Ke7 24.Rae1+ Be6 25.Rxf5+-; a3) RR16...Qb6 17.Nh6+ gxh6 18.Qf3 Bg4 19.Qxf6 Qxf6 20.Rxf6 Ne3 (20...Kg7 21.Rf2 Re1+ 22.Rf1) 21.Bxe3 Rxe3 22.Rb1 ; 17.Nh6+ Kf8 18.Qb3! Re7! 19.Bg5 Nd2 20.Qa3 Nxf1 21.Rxf1 a5! 22.Nxf7! Kxf7 23.Bf3! Qc2 24.Bxf6 Re8 25.Be5±; b) 14.d4 Qe6 (RR14...Qa5 15.Qd3 d5 16.Nh6+ Kf8 17.Qxh7) 15.e4 Nxe4! b1) 15...d6 16.Rf4?! (16.d5 was Ljotard's intention; he gives no continuation but Black must either retreat 16...Qd7, with an obviously bad game, or play a dubious piece sacrifice for three pawns by Δ16...Qe5 17.Bf4 Qxc3 18.Rc1 Nb2 19.Rxc3 Nxd1 20.Rxd1 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Ne3+-) 16...b6?? 17.Bh3+- Kh8 18.Nxg7 Qxh3 19.Nxe8 ; b2) 15...d5 16.exd5; 16.Qg4 Qg6 17.Qh4 thinking for a moment that White was winning (17...Qf6 18.Qg5±) until I discovered 17...d5! 18.Ne7+ Rxe7 19.Qxe7 Be6 and I am not far from preferring Black.; c) RR14.Qf3 d5 15.Nh6+ Kf8 16.Qxd5 Nd6 (Δ16...Nxd5?? 17.Rxf7#) ; when White has nothing after 14...Nd6 (14...Qxc3 isn't clear. 15.Rb1± Nd6 (15...Ne5) 16.Nxg7 Kxg7 17.Bb2) 15.-- ; RR13...Qc5 ] **14.d3 Ne5 15.e4 d5 16.d4 Nxe4!** Black seizes his only practical chance. [16...Nc4 ] **17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Nd4** Diagram



**19...b6** With three pawns for a piece, Black has nominal material equality but this is a questionable choice. Black should immediately profit from the disappearance of the g2-B by (line) but obviously he preferred to exchange the B for the strong d4-N. [19...Bh3 when

there could follow 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.Rf2 Rad8  
 22.Qb3 Rd7 23.Qc4 c6 24.Re1±] **20.Qb3 Be6**  
**21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.Be3 Rd8 23.Rad1 Rd3**  
**24.Qc4!** Preparing a queen exchange. **24...b5**  
 [24...Rxe3?? 25.Rd8+ followed by mate, or;  
 24...c6 25.Rxd3 exd3 26.Rf3 △♙xd3] **25.Qc5**  
**a6 26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Kf2 Red5 28.Ke2 c5**  
 Diagram



Black would have no problems if permitted to play ...c4, when his control of d3 would be entrenched and all his main pawns would be on light squares, safe from the B. **29.c4!! bxc4** There is no alternative because if the Rs are exchanged then Black has only his K left and would lose very soon have only two pawns for the B. If the R retreats, evidently the c5-pawn is lost. Black now has four pawns for the piece but White takes the initiative on the b-file and the black pawns on the queenside are isolated and weak. [29...Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Rxd1 31.Kxd1 bxc4 32.Bxc5 f5 33.Kc2 Kf7 34.Kc3; 29...Rh5 30.Rxd3 Rxh2+ 31.Rf2 exd3+ 32.Kxd3 Rh5 (32...Rh3 33.Rg2) 33.a3 ] **30.Rb1 f5 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Rb7+! Kg8** [32...Kg6 33.Rb6+ Kf7 a) 33...Rd6 34.Rxd6+ Rxd6 35.Bxc5 (35.Rc1!?) ; b) 33...Kh5 34.Rf4; 34.Rxa6 Rc3 35.Rc1 Rxc1 36.Bxc1 c3 37.Ra7+ Ke6 38.Rxg7 c2 39.Bd2 c4 40.Rc7+- (40.Rxh7? c3= 41.Be3? Rd1 (41...Rd3) ) ] **33.Rc1 Ra3** [33...c3 34.Rb3 (34.Rc2 ) 34...c4 (34...R5d4 35.Rbxc3 (35.Bxd4 cxd4) ) 35.Rbxc3 Rxc3 36.Rxc3] **34.Rc2 c3 35.Rb3! Rxb3 36.axb3 Rd3 37.Bxc5 g5** The last hope for Black is to set up a passed pawn pair on the kingside. **38.Bb4! f4 39.Rxc3 f3+ 40.Ke1 Rxc3 41.Bxc3 g4 42.Bd4 Kf7 43.Kd2 Ke6 44.Kc3 Kd6 45.Kb4 Kd5 46.Be3 Kc6 47.Ka5** Ljotard concluded: "Looking for Black's error in this game, it seems that only his choice of opening is the cause of his defeat." [47.Ka5 Kb7 48.b4 h6 49.Bf2 h5

50.Be3 and Black is in zugzwang.] 1-0

## (50) Leotard, Christophe - Hervet, Gilles [A29]

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[Leotard]

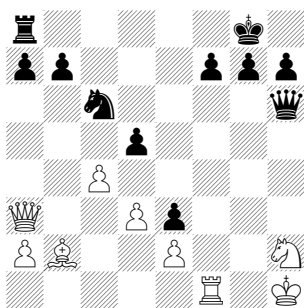
**1.c4** Myers Leotard **1...e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4** Leotard: 'A very tense line.' **5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 e3 '!?'** Leotard. Leotard: 'Now we enter the private domain of Karpov and Kasparov (the way of correspondence play!) and to be more precise, the second game of the fabulous match between these opponents in Seville, 1987.' **10.d3** Leotard: 'Kasparov took no fewer than 83 minutes for this move (a record).' **10...d5 11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qa3 c6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.f4 Bg4** Leotard: 'This recent move seems preferable to Karpov's choice 14...♘c6.' **15.Nf3!** Myers: Almost a TN, but an English correspondence game from 1995, probably not completed when this game started up, takes precedence. 'N!' Leotard. **15...Nc6 16.h3** Leotard: 'Theory ends with this interesting recommendation by Illescas.' **16...Bd7** [16...Bxf3? 17.Rxf3 d4 18.Bb2±; 16...Bf5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.fxe5+-] **17.Rb1 '?!'** Leotard. Leotard: 'I wanted to retain the option ♖e1-c2, ♙xe3 but White has no time for such manoeuvres. It was necessary to prepare to push c3-c4 by playing 17 ♙b2.' **17...Qc7 18.Bb2** [18.Ne1 Ne7 19.Rf3 a) 19.Bxe3 Nf5 20.Bf2 Ne3 21.Bxe3 Rxe3 22.Nf3 (22.Kf2 Rae8 23.Rb2 b5 24.Nf3 a5 25.Ne5 R8xe5 26.fxe5 Qxe5 27.g4 Bxg4 28.hxg4 Nxg4+ 29.Ke1 Rxd3 30.Rf3 Ne3 31.exd3 Nc2+ 32.Kd1 Nxa3 33.Re2 Qb8 34.Rfe3 Kf8 35.Bxd5 g6 36.Re7 Kg7 37.Rxf7+ Kh6 38.Be4 Qg3 39.Rg2 Qh4 ½-½ Balleer, D-Kosmol, H/corr GER 2001/) 22...Nh5 23.Kf2 Rae8 24.Rfe1 b5 25.Qb4 g6 26.Qd4 a6 27.a4 bxa4 28.Ne5 R3xe5 29.fxe5 Rxe5 30.g4 Nf4 31.e3 Nxg2 32.Kxg2 Bb5 33.Rf1 a3 34.Ra1 Qe7 35.Rf3 h6 36.Ra2 a5 37.Raf2 Be8 38.Kg1 h5 39.Kg2 Rg5 40.Rf4 Re5 41.gxh5 Rxh5 42.h4 Re5 43.Re2 Bd7 44.Kf3 Bf5 45.Kf2 f6 46.Kg1 Kh7 47.h5 gxh5 48.Ref2 ½-½ Basson, H-Sherwood, R/corr IECG 2009/; b) 19.g4 b5 (19...Ng6 20.Qb4 b6 21.Qd4 h6 22.Nc2 Rac8 23.Rb3 Nh4 24.Nxe3 Nxg2



25.Kxg2 Bc6 26.Rf2 Bd7 27.Kg1 Qc6 28.g5  
 hxg5 29.fxg5 Nh7 30.Nxd5 Bxh3 31.c4 Qg6  
 32.Rb5 Qh5 33.Bb2 Qg4+ 34.Kh2 Qxd4  
 35.Bxd4 Bd7 36.Rb1 1-0  
 Jacquier,L-Clark,R/corr ICCF 2008/) 20.Bxe3  
 Nf5 21.Qc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Ng3 23.e3 Nxf1  
 24.Kxf1 Bc6 25.Bd4 Nd7 26.h4 Nf8 27.f5 Nd7  
 28.Ke2 Rac8 29.g5 Ne5 30.f6 gxf6 31.Bh3  
 Rcd8 32.gxf6 a6 33.Nf3 Nxf3 34.Kxf3 Bd7  
 35.Rg1+ Kh8 36.Bf1 a5 37.Rg7 Be6 38.a3 Rg8  
 39.Kf4 Rb8 40.Be5 Rb7 41.Kg5 b4 42.cxb4  
 axb4 43.axb4 Rxb4 44.Be2 Rxc7+ ½-½  
 Anreiter,A-Florea,M/corr ICCF 2007/; 19...d4  
 20.cxd4 Nf5 21.Qc5 Qd8 22.g4 Rc8 23.Qxa7  
 Nh4 24.Rg3 Nxc2 25.Nxc2 Nd5 26.Bxe3 Bc6  
 27.Rb2 Nc3 28.Rc2 Nd1 29.Rd2 Bxc2 30.Rxd1  
 Bc6 31.d5 Qxd5 32.Kf2 Qd8 33.g5 Qd7 34.Rc1  
 Ra8 35.Qd4 Qe6 36.Rc2 Ra4 37.Qc5 Bd5  
 38.a3 Ra6 39.Qb4 Bc6 40.Rc5 Qd7 41.Qc3  
 Ra4 42.h4 Qd6 43.Qc1 Qg6 44.Rc4 Raa8  
 45.Qc3 Rad8 46.Bc1 Bd5 47.Bb2 Bxc4 48.h5  
 Qb6+ 49.Kf1 f6 50.Qxc4+ Qe6 51.Qxe6+ Rxe6  
 52.gxf6 g6 53.hxg6 hxg6 54.f5 Rb6 55.Be5 g5  
 56.Rxc7+ Kf8 57.Rg7 Rb5 58.d4 b6 59.Rh7  
 Rbd5 60.Rb7 Rb5 61.Ke1 Ke8 62.Re7+ Kf8  
 63.Rh7 Kg8 64.Rc7 Kf8 65.e4 Ra5 66.Bf4 Kg8  
 67.Bh6 1-0 Papin,V-Khmelniker,I/Z̄rich SUI  
 2010/; 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Re6 20.g4 h6  
 21.Qb2 Rb6 22.Qa1 Rc6 23.Rf3 Re8 24.Bf1  
 Rc2 25.Bxe3 h5 26.gxh5 Nxh5 27.Rc1 Rxc1  
 28.Bxc1 Re6 29.Be3 Rg6+ 30.Bg2 Ng3  
 31.Qb2 Nf5 32.Bf2 Rb6 33.Qd2 Bc6 34.e3  
 Rb1+ 35.Kh2 Qb6 36.e4 Nxd4 37.Rg3 Rb2  
 38.Qe1 dxe4 39.dxe4 Qb4 40.Qxb4 Rxb4  
 41.a3 Rc4 42.f5 a6 43.Bf1 Rc2 44.Kg1 Rd2  
 45.Be3 Ne2+ 46.Bxe2 Rxe2 47.e5 Bd7 48.Bh6  
 Kh7 49.Bxc7 Bxf5 50.Bf6 Be6 51.h4 b5  
 52.Rg7+ Kh6 53.Rg2 Re4 54.Rg8 Ra4 55.Be7  
 Kh7 ½-½ Ciesielski,S-Hernaes  
 Fernandez,C/corr ICCF 2006/; 18.Kh2 Rac8  
 19.Bb2 b5 20.Rfc1 Qb6 21.Ba1 a5 22.c4 dxc4  
 23.dxc4 b4 24.Qd3 Qc5 25.Bxf6 Bf5 26.Qd5  
 Qxd5 27.cxd5 Bxb1 28.Rxb1 gxf6 29.dxc6  
 Rxc6 30.Ng1 Rc5 31.a3 Rb8 32.axb4 axb4  
 33.Be4 b3 34.Rb2 Re8 35.Bd3 Rc3 36.Nf3 Ra8  
 37.Bb1 Rd8 38.h4 h5 39.Kh3 Rd1 40.Bd3  
 Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Rd1 42.Bb5 Rd8 43.Rb1 Kf8  
 44.Bd3 Rxd3 45.exd3 Rc2+ 46.Kh3 Rf2  
 47.Ne1 Rf1 48.g4 Rxf4 49.gxh5 Rf1 50.h6 f5  
 51.d4 f4 52.Rxb3 Kg8 53.Nc2 f5 54.Rc3 Rc1

55.Kg2 e2 56.Rf3 Rxc2 57.Kf2 Rc6 58.Kxe2  
 Rxh6 59.Rxf4 Rh5 ½-½ Vrkoc,D-Drake Diez de  
 Rivera,P/corr ICCF 2006/; 18.Qb3 b5 19.Ba3  
 a5 20.Bc5 Rac8 21.Rfc1 Rb8 22.Qa3 Qd8  
 23.Bd6 Rb6 24.Qc5 Re6 25.Kh2 Be8 26.Be5  
 Nd7 27.Qxd5 Ne7 28.Qb3 Nxe5 29.Nxe5 h5  
 30.h4 Nf5 31.Be4 Nxh4 32.c4 Ng6 33.c5 Nxe5  
 34.cxb6 Ng4+ 35.Kg2 Rxb6 36.Qc3 Nf6  
 37.Qc8 Qd4 38.Bf3 h4 39.Rc5 Rb8 40.Qxb8  
 Qxc5 41.g4 Kf8 42.Qd8 1-0  
 Martinez,J-Kabachev,A/corr IECG 2008/]  
**18...Nh5!?** '!' Leotard. Leotard: 'The start of  
 a dangerous attack.' [18...Rac8 19.Rfc1  
 (19.c4 dxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.dxc4 b6 22.c5  
 bxc5 23.Qxc5 Ne5 24.Qxc7 Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3  
 Rxc7 26.Kg2 Be6 27.a4 Rec8 28.Rfd1 Rc2  
 29.Rd3 Re8 30.Rxe3 Bxh3+ 31.Kf2 Rxe3  
 32.Kxe3 Ra2 33.Rb5 Ra3+ 34.Kf2 a6 1-0  
 Musitani,C-Overton,D/corr ICCF 2006/)  
 19...Qa5 20.c4 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Qxa3 22.Bxa3 b6  
 23.Rbc1 Nd5 24.Bb2 Nce7 25.Ne5 Be6 26.a3  
 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 Rd8 28.Nc6 Nxc6 29.Rxc6 Kf8  
 30.Kh2 g6 31.Bf3 Ke7 32.Bg4 f5 33.Bf3 Kd7  
 34.Rc1 h5 35.h4 Rc8 ½-½ Taylor,W-Vivante  
 Sowter,J/cor ENG 1995/; 18...Rad8 19.c4  
 dxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.dxc4 Bf5 22.Rb5 Be4  
 23.Qb2 Bxf3 24.Rxb7 Rd2 25.Rxc7 Rxb2  
 26.Bxf3 Nd4 27.Kg2 Nxe2 28.Bxe2 Rxe2+  
 29.Kf3 Rxa2 30.c5 a5 31.c6 Re6 32.Rc8+ Kg7  
 33.c7 Rc2 34.Re1 e2 35.Kf2 Re4 36.Ra8 Rxc7  
 37.Rxa5 Rc3 38.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Rxc3  
 40.Rh5 Kg6 41.Rh4 h5 42.Kf2 Ra3 43.Kg2 Kf5  
 44.Kf2 Ke4 45.f5+ Kxf5 46.Rxh5+ Kf4 47.Rh4+  
 Ke5 48.Rh7 Ra7 49.Kf3 f5 50.h4 Ra3+ 51.Kf2  
 Ra7 ½-½ Schorra,H-Rieseler,W/corr GER  
 1997/; 18...Qc8 19.g4 h5 20.g5 Nh7 21.Kh2  
 Qc7 22.Ng1 Nxc2 23.Qc5 Rad8 24.Qxd5 Nxh3  
 25.Nxh3 Bxh3 26.Qxh5 Bxc2 27.Kxc2 Rd6  
 28.c4 Rh6 29.Qf5 Ree6 30.Kf3 Ne7 31.Qb5  
 Ng6 32.Kg3 Nh4 0-1  
 Hirtreiter,M-Kolander,R/corr GER 1998/]  
**19.Kh2 Re6!** [19...Ne7!?! Leotard: 'is  
 insufficient because of' 20.c4! Nxc3! 21.Kxc3  
 Nf5+ 22.Kh2 Qxf4+ 23.Kg1 Ng3 24.Rfe1 Nh5  
 25.Be5?! (25.Kh1 Ng3+ 26.Kg1 Nh5 27.Kh1  
 Ng3+ 28.Kg1 Nh5= Myers) 25...Rxe5 26.Qd6!  
 Re6 27.Qxd7 Qg3! 28.Ng5 Qxc5 29.Qxd5 Re5!  
 '!?' Leotard. (29...Qxd5 30.Bxd5 with a  
 favourable endgame for White after the fall of  
 the b-pawn.) 30.Qxb7 Rf8 31.Rf1 h6!?

(31...Nf4 32.Kh2 Leotard '±' Leotard. 32...f5 33.Rg1 Qf6 34.Bf3 Re7 35.Qb2=) 32.Qf3 Ng3 33.Rfe1 h5 34.Kh2 h4 35.Qg4 Qf6 36.Qf3 Qh6 37.Qc6 Qg5 38.Kg1 Rf5 39.Rb5 Rxb5 40.cxb5 Qf4 41.Qf3 Qb4 42.Rd1 Re8-- Myers] **20.c4!** Leotard: 'This is the only move to achieve a favourable clarification.' **20...Nxc3** [20...Rg6!? 21.Ne5 Leotard 21...Rxc3 22.cxd5 Qd8 23.Nxd7 Qh4 24.Qc5 Rxc2+ 25.Kxc2 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Qh3+= Myers] **21.Kxc3** Leotard: 'His majesty takes the air!' **21...Rg6+ 22.Kh2 Qxf4+ 23.Kh1 Qh6 24.Nh2!** Leotard: 'This key move is difficult to find but is the only way to keep an advantage. Defensively, the ♘ becomes an efficient rampart; offensively, lines are opened for the f1-♙ and the g2-♙.' [24.Kh2? Rxc2+ Leotard 25.Kxc2 Bxh3+ 26.Kg3 Qh5 27.Kf4 Re8 28.Rg1 Qh6+ 29.Rg5 f6 30.Bxf6 Qxf6+ 31.Kg3 Bc8+ Myers; 24.Ng1!? Qg5 25.Bxd5 Bxh3 26.Nxh3 Qg3 27.Bxf7+ Kh8 28.Bxc6 Qxh3+ 29.Kg1 Qg3+= Leotard; 24.Rg1!? dxc4!? 25.Nh2!? Leotard 25...Re8! 26.Rbd1 Ne7 27.dxc4 Nf5 28.Bd5 Bc6 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Qxa7 Qxh3 31.Be5 Qh5 32.Qc7 Qxe2 33.Rd8 Rxc1+ 34.Kxc1 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qe1+ 36.Kg2 Qe2+=; 24.h4!? dxc4 25.dxc4 Qf4 Leotard 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Qe1 Qxc4 28.Ng5 Nd8 29.Rc1 Qxa2 30.Qb4 a5 31.Qd4 Bc6 32.Bxc6 Nxc6 33.Qd7 Rf8 34.Bd4 Rxc5 35.hxc5 Qxe2 36.Kg1 Qd3 37.Rcd1 Qe4 38.Rfe1 Qf3 39.Bxe3 Ne5 40.Qe7 Qg3+ 41.Kf1 Qf3+ 42.Kg1 Qg3+= Myers] **24...Rxc2** '!' Leotard. [24...Bxh3?! 25.Bxh3 Qxh3 26.Rg1 d4 27.Rxc2 hxc6 28.Qc5 Rd8 29.Qg5± Myers; 24...dxc4? Leotard: 'or 24...d4 would be met by' 25.Bd5! Leotard 25...Be6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Rf3 Rg6 28.Qc5 cxd3 29.Qc4± Myers] **25.Kxc2 Bxh3+ 26.Kh1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1** Leotard: '



' **27...d4** '?' Leotard. Leotard: 'Here the pawn

becomes a target. Having played very well until now, my opponent commits a serious error because' [27...dxc4 Leotard Leotard: 'would have enabled him to fight for a draw. M. Hervet rejected this move because of' 28.Rg1 f6 29.Qd6 Kh8 Leotard: 'The big problem is after which I don't see a clear continuation.' (29...Rd8 30.Qe6+ Kh8 31.Qf7± Leotard: 'Threatening ♖xc7'; 29...Rf8 Leotard: 'or' 30.Qe6+ Kh8 31.Qxc4±) 30.Qd7 Leotard: 'For example,' (30.d4? '!'?) Leotard. 30...Qh4! 31.Qd5 Rd8 32.Qf7 Rg8 33.Qxc4 Qe4+ 34.Nf3 Ne7= (34...Qf5) 30...cxd3 (30...Rb8? 31.dxc4 (31.d4) 31...a5 32.Qf7 Ne5 33.Bxe5 fxe5 34.Rf1±) 31.Qxb7 Rd8! Leotard: 'and a win, if it exists, I leave for the readers to seek...' 32.exd3 (32.Qxc6'△' Leotard. 32...d2 33.Bd4 Qf4 34.Qb7 g5=) 32...Ne5 Leotard 33.Qc7 Re8 34.Bxe5 fxe5 35.Re1 a5 36.Qc5 Rb8 37.Qxe3 Qxe3 38.Rxe3 Rb1+ 39.Kg2 Rb2+ 40.Kg3 Rxa2 41.d4 Kg8 42.dxe5 Kf8 43.Nf3+- Myers] **28.Qc5!** '+-' Leotard. **28...Rd8** [28...Qe6 29.Rf4 Rc8 30.Bxd4 b6 31.Qb5 Nxd4 32.Rxd4 h6 33.Re4+- Myers] **29.Qf5 Qe6 30.Rf4 Qxf5 31.Rxf5 f6 32.Nf3** Leotard: 'The d-pawn falls and the whole black edifice collapses.' 1-0

### (51) Leotard, Christophe - Hervet, Gilles [A26]

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[Leotard]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nc6 6.e4 h5 7.h4!? Nd4 8.Nce2 Ne6 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Ng5 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nxe6 Bxe6 13.Bg5 c6 14.Qd2 Qd7 15.b3 a6 16.Rac1 b5?! [16...Rac8=] 17.d4! bxc4 18.d5! cxd5 19.exd5 Bf5 [19...Bh3? 20.Bxh3 Qxh3 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Rxc4±] 20.Rxc4 Rec8 21.Rfc1 Qb7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6?! [22...Rxc4! 23.Rxc4 Bxf6 24.Rc6 Be7 25.Qc1 Rc8 26.Qc4 Bd7 27.Nc3!? Kg7! 28.b4 Bxc6 29.dxc6 Qa7 30.a4 Bd8 31.Nd5= (31.a5!?) ] 23.Rc6 Be7 24.R1c4! Bd7 25.Qc1!! [25.Nc3 Kg7!; 25.Qh6 Bf5!] 25...Bd8 [25...Bxc6? 26.dxc6+-] 26.Nc3! [26.Rxd6!? Bb5 27.Rcc6! Bxc6 (27...Bxe2? 28.Rxc6+) 28.dxc6+] 26...Qb8 [26...Kg7? 27.Rxd6 Be7 28.Rdc6!+-] 27.Qh6 Ra7?! [27...Be7 28.g4! Bxg4 (28...hxc4 29.h5) 29.Rxc4! hxc4 30.h5 Bf8 31.Qg5 Qb4 32.Ne4 Rxc6 (32...g3

33.fxg3) 33.dxc6 d5! 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Qxe5  
Qe7 36.h6+ Kh8 37.Qa1 d4! 38.c7 Rc8  
39.Qxd4 Qb4 40.Qa1 Bc5 41.Nd5+ Qd4  
42.Qxd4+ Bxd4 43.Bf1 Be5 44.Bxa6 Rxc7±]  
**28.Be4 Be7?! [28...Bxc6 29.dxc6 d5! 30.Nxd5**  
*(30.Bxd5 Qd6 31.g4!±) 30...Qd6 31.g4±]*  
**29.Bxg6!** [29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qxh5  
Bxc6 32.dxc6 Bf6 33.Nd5 Rf7 34.c7+-] **1-0**

**(52) Leotard, Christophe -  
Muller, Jerome [A29]**

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*[Leotard]*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bc5 5.Bg2  
d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 h6 8.a3 a5 9.e3 Bb6 10.b3  
Re8 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc2 Bg6  
14.Nd2 Nd7 15.Nd5 Nc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.dxe4  
Bc5 18.Qc3 Nb8! 19.b4 Ba7 20.Nf4! [20.c5  
dxc5 21.bxc5 Na6! 22.c6 Nc5 23.cxb7 Rb8ç]  
20...Bh7 21.c5 dxc5 22.bxc5 Nd7 23.Nd3 c6?  
[23...Qf6! ] 24.Rfd1 Qc7 25.a4! [25.Rd2 a4!?  
26.Qc4 Kf8 27.Bc3 f6 28.Rad1 Bg8 29.Qxa4  
Bxc5!] 25...Rad8 26.Ba3 Bg6 27.Nb2 Nf6  
28.f3! Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Nd7 30.h4! Re7 31.Bh3  
Kh7 32.Kg2 f6 33.Rd6 Bf7 34.Bf5+ Bg6! 35.Bh3  
Bf7 36.Nd3! Nf8 37.Bf5+ Kg8! [37...Bg6?  
38.Bxg6+ Nxg6 39.Nb2! Nf8 40.Nc4+-;  
37...Kh8 38.f4 exf4 39.Rxf6!! gxf6 (39...Kg8  
40.Rxh6!; 39...f3+ 40.Kf2!) 40.Qxf6+ Kg8  
41.Bb2+-] 38.f4!± exf4 39.exf4 Bb8 40.Bb2 b5  
41.e5! [41.Rxf6?! b4 (41...gxf6 42.Qxf6+-)  
42.Qd4 Ne6! 43.Bxe6 Bxe6 44.Rg6 Qd7!  
45.Qxd7 Bxd7 46.Bf6 Rf7 47.Be5 (47.Bd8 b3!)  
47...Bxe5 48.fxe5 (48.Nxe5 Rf6!) 48...Be8=]  
41...fxe5 42.Nxe5 Bd5+ 43.Rxd5! [43.Kh2 bxa4  
44.Rxh6? a3! 45.Ba1 Rxe5 46.fxe5 gxh6--+]  
43...b4 [43...cxd5 44.axb5+-] 44.Qc4 cxd5  
45.Qxd5+ Kh8 46.c6 [46.c6 b3 47.Bd3 Qd6  
48.Nf7+ Rxf7 49.Qxf7+-] **1-0**

**(54) Chery, Eric - Leotard, Christophe  
[D85]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4  
Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 b6  
10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qd3 e6 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qe3  
Rc8 14.Bh6 Nd7 15.e5 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bxh6  
17.Qxh6 Qc2 18.Bb5 Nf8 19.a4 Bxf3 20.gxf3  
Qa2 21.Rbc1 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Rd8 23.Rd1 Qb3

24.Rd3 Qb4 25.Qc7 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Qxd4  
27.Be8 Qf4 28.Qxa7 g5 29.Bb5 Qc1+ 30.Bf1  
Qa1 31.Qxb6 Qxa4 32.Qd8 Qf4 33.Bd3 h6 0-1

**(55) De Saint Germain, Gaston -  
Leotard, Christophe [B33]**

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6  
gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.c3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2  
Be6 14.Nce3 Ne7 15.a4 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 0-0  
17.Be2 bxa4 18.Rxa4 a5 19.0-0 Kh8 20.Qd2  
Rb8 21.Rb1 f5 22.c4 f4 23.Bd3 Qh4 24.Rxa5  
e4 25.Bxe4 f3 26.gxf3 Be5 27.Kf1 Qxh2 28.b4  
Bf5 29.Bxf5 Rxf5 30.Qd3 Rbf8 31.Rb3 Rg5  
32.Ke2 Bg3 33.Qd4+ Re5+ 34.Ne3 Qxf2+  
35.Kd1 Bf4 36.Rxe5 Qxf3+ 37.Kc2 Bxe5  
38.Qd5 Qf2+ 39.Qd2 Qg1 40.Qd1 Qh2+  
41.Kb1 Rf2 42.Kc1 Bg7 43.c5 Qe5 0-1

**(57) L'Henoret, Thierry -  
Leotard, Christophe [A36]**

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1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2  
e6 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 b6  
10.Rb1 Bb7 0-1

**(58) Leotard, Christophe -  
Bouchez, Dominique [A29]**

France-ch62 corr France, 1997

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 h6 8.Na4 Ba5 9.a3 Bb6  
10.b4 Bg4 11.h3 Be6 12.Bb2 Nd7 13.Rc1 a6  
14.Nxb6 Nxb6 15.c5 Nd5 16.e4 Nde7 17.d4  
exd4 18.Nxd4 dxc5 19.Nxe6 Qxd1 20.Rfxd1  
fxe6 21.bxc5 Rad8 22.Bf1 Kf7 23.Bc3 Ng8  
24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rb1 Rb8 26.Rd1 Nf6 27.Bxf6  
Kxf6 28.Rd7 Rc8 29.f4 e5 30.Bc4 Nd8 31.Kf2  
g6 32.Ke3 b5 33.Bb3 1-0

**(59) Leotard, Christophe - Druon, Roger  
[A34]**

France-ch62 corr France, 1997

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5  
Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nc7 7.0-0 g6 8.Na4 Ne6 9.d3 Bg7  
10.Ng5 Ncd4 11.Nxe6 Nxe6 12.Be3 Bd4  
13.Bh6 Rb8 14.e3 Bf6 15.Rc1 b6 16.Nc3 Bd7  
17.d4 cxd4 18.exd4 Bg7 19.Bxg7 Nxg7  
20.Qe2 0-0 21.Qa6 Nf5 22.Rfd1 Nd6 23.Qxa7

e6 24.Qa3 Nb5 25.Nxb5 Bxb5 26.d5 exd5  
27.Rxd5 Qe8 28.Qb4 Bc6 29.Rd6 Bxg2  
30.Kxg2 Qe5 31.Rcd1 Qa5 32.Qb3 Rb7 33.h4  
1-0

**(60) Leotard, Christophe - Lorin, Fabrice**

**[D32]** France-ch62 corr France, 1997

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4  
5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6 8.e3 Nf6  
9.Qb3 Bc5 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Be2 0-0-0 12.0-0  
g5 13.Bd2 g4 14.Nd4 h5 15.Rac1 Kb8 16.Rfd1  
h4 17.Bb5 g3 18.Bxc6 gxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Bg4  
20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qc7 22.Kg2 Qd7 23.Nce2  
Rdg8+ 24.Kf2 Qh3 25.Ba5 Qxh2+ 26.Ke1 Bd6  
27.Kd2 Ka8 28.Bc3 Re8 29.Rh1 Qe5 30.e4  
Nxe4+ 31.fxe4 Qxe4 32.Rh3 Bf8 33.Kd1 Bg7  
34.Qc2 Qd5 35.b3 Qg2 36.Qd3 Rd8 37.Kc2  
Bxd4 38.Bxd4 Rhe8 39.Re3 h3 40.Kb1 1-0

**(61) Leotard, Christophe -**

**Montroig, Marco [D32]**

France-ch62 corr France, 1997

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4  
5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6 8.e3 Nf6  
9.Qb3 Bc5 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Be2 g5 12.0-0  
0-0-0 13.Bd2 g4 14.Nd4 Rhg8 15.Rac1 Kb8  
16.Rfd1 h5 17.Bb5 Ne5 18.Bxd7 Nf3+ 19.Nxf3  
gxf3 20.g3 Qxd7 21.Qc4 Bd6 22.Nb5 h4  
23.Ba5 hxg3 24.Bxd8 gxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qxd8  
26.Qd4 1-0

**(63) Grimm, Karl Friedrich (2380) -**

**Leotard, Christophe (2575) [B30]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 1997

1.e4 Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001 1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6  
3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 '!?' Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001.  
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.0-0 Ng6 7.Nbd2 d6 8.Nc4  
Be7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.a3 [10.Ba5 Qd7 11.e5 d5  
12.Ne3 f6 Hracek-Polgar, J; Rimavska Sobota  
1991] 10...e5 Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001:  
'Huebner recommendation' [10...f5 ? 11.e5  
!\$16 Hubner-Abramovic; Biel 1993; 10...a5 ?  
11.Qe1 a4 12.Ba5 Qe8 13.Nb6 'with the idea'  
N:a4 \$16; Hubner] 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 f5  
13.Ra3 fxe4 '!?' Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001.  
[13...Be6 Grund-Onischuk; Viernheim 1995  
Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001: 'Grund-Onischuk,  
Viernheim 1995'] 14.dxe4 Bg4 ['with the idea'  
15..Nf4 15.B:f4 R:f4=] [14...Nf4 Grimm,

FS\_GER 1/2001 15.Bxf4 Rxf4⇒] 15.h3 Be6  
16.Na5 Qb6 17.c4 '!?' Grimm, FS\_GER  
1/2001. 17...c5 '!?' Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001.  
18.b5 a6 19.Rb3 axb5 20.Rxb5 Qc7 21.Qe2  
Bd7 22.Rb7 Qc8 23.Rb3 Rxa5 24.Bxa5 Nf4  
25.Qd1 ? '?' Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001.  
25...Ba4 26.Nd2 Bg5 27.Nf3 Bxb3 28.Qxb3  
Nxb3+ '!?' Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001. 29.gxh3  
Qxh3 30.Nd2 Qg4+ 31.Qg3 Qh5 32.Rb1 Bh4  
33.Qh3 Bxf2+ 34.Kh2 Qe2 35.Qg2 Rf4 '-+'  
Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001. 36.Rb8+ [36.Rb3  
h5 37.Rh3 Rg4 38.Qf1 Rxe4 39.Qg2 Rd4  
40.Bc3 Rxd2⊖ RR41.Bxd2 Grimm, FS\_GER  
1/2001 41...Qxd2 42.Rf3 Be3] 36...Kf7 37.Rb3  
g5⊖ 38.Rf3 Kg6 39.Rxf4 exf4 40.e5 '!?'  
Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001. 40...Qh5+ 41.Qh3  
Bg3+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Kh1 Qxe5 44.Nf1 Qe4+  
45.Kg1 Qd4+ 46.Kg2 Qe4+ 47.Kg1 Bh4 48.Nd2  
Qe1+ 49.Kg2 Qe2+ 50.Kh1 Be1 51.Qd7 Bg3  
52.Qh3 g4 53.Qg2 Qxg2+ 54.Kxg2 Be1 55.Kf1  
[55.Bc3 f3+ 56.Kf1 Bxd2 57.Bxd2 Kf5 58.Kf2  
Grimm, FS\_GER 1/2001 58...Ke4 59.Bh6 Kd4;  
55.Nb3 f3+ (55...Bxa5 56.Nxa5 Kf5 57.Nb7  
Ke5 58.Nd8 h5 59.Nf7+ Ke6 60.Nd8+-+)  
56.Kf1 Bxa5 57.Nxa5 Kf5 58.Nb3 Ke4 59.Kf2  
h5-+] 55...Bxd2 56.Bxd2 Kf5 0-1

**(64) Camilleri, Henry (2275) -**

**Leotard, Christophe (2575) [B33]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf5 d5 7.exd5 Bxf5 8.dxc6 bxc6  
9.Qf3 Qd7 10.Bg5 e4 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Bxf6  
Bxf6 13.Nxe4 0-0 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.Kd1 Rxe4  
0-1

**(66) John, Helmut (2410) -**

**Leotard, Christophe (2575) [D99]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3  
dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Bg4 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.Qb3  
Nb6 10.Rd1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 e6 12.d5 exd5  
13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Rxd5 Qf6 15.Bd4 Qf4  
16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Bg2 Nc6 18.Qxb7 Qc1+  
19.Rd1 Qc4 20.Bf1 Qe6 21.Qa6 Rab8 22.b3  
Rb6 23.Qc4 Qe5 24.Ke2 Rd8 25.Rxd8 Nxd8  
26.Bh3 Rc6 27.Qd3 Rd6 0-1

**(67) Khokhlov, Igor (2445) -**

**Leotard, Christophe (2575) [D77]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3  
dxc4 6.Na3 c3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Nc4 Nc6  
10.Nfe5 Nd5 11.Bb2 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5  
13.dxe5 Be6 14.Bc1 Nxc3 15.Qc2 Qa5 16.Bg5  
Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Rd4 18.a3 Re8 19.Bf6 b6  
20.Rfe1 Na2 21.e3 Rd2 22.Qe4 c4 23.Qf4  
Qxa3 24.Bc6 Rc8 25.Bb7 Rb8 26.e4 c3  
27.Bd5 Qf8 28.h4 Nb4 29.Bxe6 Nd3 30.Qe3  
fxe6 31.Rxa7 Nxe1 32.Qxc3 Qc5 0-1

**(69) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Conroy, Michael J (2510) [A89]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Nxe5  
dxe5 10.Qb3 Kh8 11.Rd1 h6 12.c5 g5 13.Bd2  
a6 14.Na4 Qe8 15.Ba5 Bd7 16.Nc3 b6  
17.cxb6 cxb6 18.Qxb6 e4 19.d6 Rb8 20.Qxa6  
Rxb2 21.Rab1 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 exd6 23.Qxd6 e3  
24.f4 gxf4 25.Qxf4 Nh5 26.Qd6 f4 27.Rb7 ffg3  
28.hxg3 Bg4 29.Re7 Qc8 30.Nd5 Qb8 31.Bc7  
Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Rf2 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Be5 Rfg2+  
35.Kxg2 Qe1 36.Nf6+ Kg6 37.Qe8+ Kg5  
38.Ne4+ Kf5 39.Qf7+ 1-0

**(70) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Eiben, Pavel (2200) [D41]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2  
Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.e4 Nb6  
10.d5 exd5 11.exd5 Nb4 12.Ne1 Nc4 13.a3  
Na6 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Nc2 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Nd6  
17.Bg2 Re8 18.Rb1 Bf6 19.Bf4 Be5 20.Bxe5  
Rxe5 21.Ne3 Re8 22.Qd3 b5 23.b3 Qf6  
24.Rbc1 Rac8 25.Rfd1 h5 26.Bh3 Rb8 27.Nf5  
Re5 28.Nxd6 Qxd6 29.Bg2 g6 30.f4 Re7 31.f5  
Qb6 32.Qd2 Qd6 33.Rf1 Rb6 34.fxg6 fxg6  
35.Qf2 Qd8 36.Rc3 Kg7 37.Kh1 Rc7 38.Re3  
Re7 39.Qb2+ Kg8 40.Ref3 Rg7 41.Qf2 Kh7  
42.Rf8 Qg5 43.Qe2 Nc7 44.Qe1 Rd6 45.h4  
Qg4 46.R8f7 Rd7 47.R7f4 Rde7 48.Qxe7 1-0

**(71) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Guizar, Clemente (2380) [A29]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 e3

10.d3 d5 11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qa3 c6 13.cxd5 cxd5  
14.f4 Bg4 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Qd7  
18.Kh2 h5 19.Bb2 h4 20.g4 Qc7 21.Bg2 Rad8  
22.Rac1 Nh7 23.Kh1 Nf8 24.f5 Nh7 25.Qa4  
Rd7 26.Rb1 Qd8 27.Qf4 a6 28.a4 Qe7 29.Ba1  
Rc8 30.c4 dxc4 31.Qxc4 Na7 32.Qf4 b5  
33.Rfc1 Rcd8 34.Bc3 Qg5 35.Qxg5 Nxc5  
36.Ba5 Rf8 37.axb5 Nxb5 38.Be1 Nd4 39.Rb2  
g6 40.Bxh4 Nh7 41.fxg6 fxg6 42.Rc5 Nf6  
43.Re5 Kg7 44.Bg5 Rh8 45.Kg1 Rc8 46.Bxe3  
Nb5 47.Re6 Nc7 48.Rc6 Re8 49.Bd4 Rxd4  
50.Rxc7+ Kh6 51.Rc6 Nd5 52.g5+ Kxg5  
53.Rc5 1-0

**(74) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Viksna, Talis (2470) [D20]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dxc4 4.e4 c5 5.d5  
exd5 6.Nxd5 Nf6 7.Bxc4 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 Be7  
9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Na6 11.Qe2 Qb6 12.Ne5  
Nc7 13.Bf4 Qf6 14.Bg3 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bd6  
16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.Qb5 b6 18.Re3 h5 19.Qc4 b5  
20.Qf4 g5 21.Qf3 h4 22.Ng4 Qxb2 23.Nh6+  
Kh8 24.Rf1 hxg3 25.Nxf5 Bf4 26.Qh5+ Kg8  
27.Rxg3 1-0

**(75) Osbun, Erik D (2445) -  
Leotard, Christophe (2575) [B33]**

W-ch22 sf03 corr ICCF corr, 15.12.1997

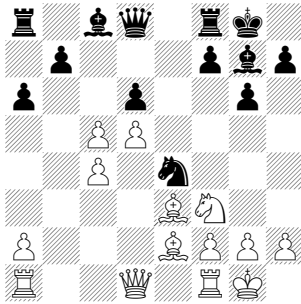
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6  
gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.c3 Bg7 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2  
0-0 14.Nce3 Be6 15.g3 f5 16.Bh3 Ne7 17.0-0  
Rb8 18.Qd2 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qd7 20.f4 e4  
21.Rad1 a5 22.a3 Kh8 23.Rfe1 Qf7 24.Bf1  
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28.Qd2 Rfc8 29.Be2 Rc5 30.Ne3 Rd8 31.Rc1  
d5 32.Nc2 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.Nd4 bxc3  
35.bxc3 Rdc8 36.Red1 Bd7 37.Qe3 Qf8 38.Bf1  
Ra5 39.Ne2 Ba4 40.Rd2 Rac5 41.Nd4 Bd7  
42.Rdd1 R8c7 43.Bh3 Qc8 44.Ne2 Bb5 45.c4  
Rxc4 46.Rxc4 Bxc4 47.Nd4 Rf7 0-1

**(77) Leotard, Christophe (2590) -  
Rotariu, Gheorghe S (2419) [A35]**

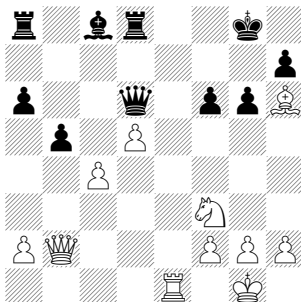
Amici Sumus A (GM) corr LADAC/CAPA, 1998  
[Leotard/Harding]

1.c4 Ljotard, with Gallic hyperbole, gives this  
move an exclamation mark and says "only

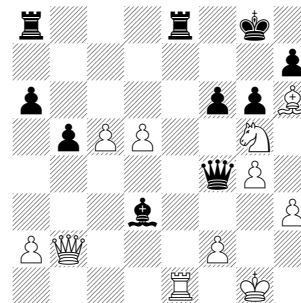
move". 1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Bg7  
 5.d4 d6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.exd4 Nf6 8.d5 Nb8 9.0-0  
 0-0 10.Be3 Na6 11.Nb5 Nc5!/? The game  
 leaves the books. [11...b6 12.Nfd4 Bb7 13.Bf3  
 Nd7 14.Qd2± Portisch-Petrosian, San Antonio  
 1972] 12.b4 a6 13.Nxd6 exd6 14.bxc5 Ne4  
 Diagram



15.cxd6 CL: "This is not the kind of decision  
 one takes lightly in CC. I already had this in  
 mind when I played 12 b4 and I had analysed it  
 as far as 31 c6. I don't like to engage in  
 variations, the outcome of which seem too  
 uncertain to me. Strangely, I often have the  
 occasion to sacrifice the exchange." [Here, the  
 decision is justified by the fact that after the  
 following variation, Black has no problems:  
 15.Bd4 Nxc5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd4+ Qf6  
 18.Qxf6+ Kxf6 The c8-B is better than its  
 opposite number on g2 and the c5-N is very  
 well placed.] 15...Nc3 [15...Bxa1 16.Qxa1 Re8  
 17.Bd3 Qxd6 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.c5↑] 16.Qd2  
 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Bxa1 18.Rxa1 Qxd6 [18...Re8  
 19.c5±] 19.Bh6! → Rd8 20.Qb2 f6 21.Re1!  
 Leotard comments: "I like in this game the way  
 the white moves are connected together  
 naturally and simply, so the rhythm of the  
 attack never weakens. It is important not to let  
 Black regain the e-file, by which route his  
 rooks could enter the game." 21...b5! Diagram



22.Ng5!! With the idea Ne4. [22.Nd2 Bf5 23.g4  
 Bd3 24.Re6 (24.Qb3 Bxc4 (24...bxc4  
 25.Qb7+-) 25.Nxc4 Qxd5+) 24...Qd7 25.Qxf6  
 Bxc4 26.Re7 (RR26.Nxc4 bxc4 27.f3 Qf7  
 28.Qe5 ) 26...Qxg4+ 27.Kh1 Qd1+ (27...Bxd5+  
 28.f3 Bxf3+ 29.Nxf3 Rd1+ 30.Ne1+-) 28.Kg2  
 Qg4+ 29.Kh1=] 22...Bf5 [22...Ra7! 23.Ne4 Re7  
 24.f3! (24.Nxf6+?? is a blunder because of the  
 back rank mate following 24...Qxf6 25.Qxf6  
 Rxe1#; 24.Qxf6 Qxf6 25.Nxf6+ Kf7 26.Rxe7+  
 Kxe7) 24...Rxe4 25.fxe4 bxc4 is the last hope  
 for Black, in view of the presence of opposite  
 coloured bishops.] 23.g4! White offers a pawn  
 and risks exposure of his K in order to keep up  
 the momentum of his attack. 23...Bd3?!  
 [23...Qf4 24.Qxf6! (24.gxf5 Re8 ) 24...Qxg4+  
 (3.98 Junior 7: 24...Rd7 25.gxf5 Qg4+ 26.Kh1  
 Qxf5 27.Qxa6 Rad8 28.cxb5 Qxd5+ 29.f3 Rd6  
 30.Qa4 R6d7 31.Re6 2.77/14 ) 25.Kh1 Rd7  
 26.Qe5+-; 23...Rd7 24.gxf5 fxe5 25.Re6±;  
 23...Re8! 24.Rxe8+ (24.Ne6 Bxe6 25.Qxf6 Ra7  
 26.dxe6 bxc4 ) 24...Rxe8 25.gxf5 Qe5  
 (25...Qf4 26.h3 Re5 (26...Qe5 ) 27.Qb4 Re8  
 28.d6 Re2 (28...Qxf5) 29.Qc5 Re1+ 30.Kg2  
 Qxc4 31.Qxc4+ bxc4 32.Nf3 Rd1 (32...Re8  
 33.Bd2 Rd8 34.Bb4 a5) ) 26.Qxe5 Rxe5  
 (26...fxe5? 27.f6) 27.Nf3 Rxf5 28.Nd4;  
 23...Bxg4?? 24.Ne4 Qe5 25.Nxf6+] 24.c5!  
 Black has no time to get organised and now  
 faces a choice of two ways to lose. He can  
 either let White's queen into f6 and be rapidly  
 mated, or else let the c-pawn live and be  
 strangled by the passed pawn duo. 24...Qf4□  
 [24...Qxd5 25.Re7+-; 24...Qxc5 25.Qxf6+-]  
 25.h3 White must protect against the check on  
 g4 before beginning the final assault. 25...Re8  
 Diagram



At last, Black challenges the open file but it is  
 but too late. Now White lets off the dynamite.  
 [25...Rxd5 26.Nxh7 Qxh6 27.Nxf6+ Kf7

28.Nxd5+-] **26.Ne4! Qxh6** [26...Rxe4 27.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 28.Kh2+- ] **27.Nxf6+ Kf7 28.Rxe8!**  
 [White could still make things hard for himself with the slip 28.Nxe8? Rxe8 29.Rxe8 Qxh3! 30.Re3 (30.Qe5 Qf1+) 30...Qxg4+ 31.Rg3 ] **28...Rxe8 29.Nxe8 Kxe8** [29...Qxh3 30.Nd6+ Kg8 31.Qd4+-] **30.Qe5+ Kf7 31.c6** The two passed pawns are too far advanced for Black to have any hope of escape. **31...Qc1+** [31...Qxh3 32.Qf4+ Kg7 33.c7+-] **32.Kh2** [32.Kg2? Qf1+ 33.Kg3 Qg1+ 34.Kf3 Qh1+ 35.Kg3=] **32...Qc2** [32...Qc5 33.Kg3 (33.Qe6+)] **33.Kg3** [33.Kg3 and Black resigned. There could have followed 33...Qc1 (or 33...h5 34.c7 h4+ 35.Kxh4 Qxf2+ 36.Kg5 Qd2+ 37.Qf4+) 34.Qe6+ Kg7 (34...Kf8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.d6 Qg1+ 37.Kh4+-) 35.Qe7+ Kg8 36.c7 Qg1+ 37.Kf4 Qxf2+ 38.Ke5+- and Black will soon run out of checks. The white K and passed pawns provide mutual protection and the black B is useless. (Based on the notes by Leotard in Le Courier des Echecs 501, translated by Tim Harding)] **1-0**

**(80) Leotard, Christophe (2590) - Diani, Jose Angel (2423) [A36]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 Bd7 9.h3 a6 10.b3 Rb8 11.Bb2 b5 12.Qd2 Qc8 13.Kh2 e5 14.Rac1 Ne7 15.f4 exf4 16.Nxf4 bxc4 17.dxc4 Bc6 18.e4 Ne8 19.Ncd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bd7 21.Rce1 Rb7 22.Re2 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Ng7 24.Qf6 Ne8 25.Qh4 Ng7 26.Ne6 fxe6 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.dxe6 Rc7 29.exd7 Rxd7 30.Bd5+ Kh8 31.g4 Qf4+ 32.Qg3 Qf8 33.Rf2 Qb8 34.Qf4 Rd8 35.h4 Re8 36.Qf7 Qd8 37.Rf6 a5 38.Kg3 a4 39.bxa4 Re3+ 40.Kf4 Re8 41.Kg5 1-0

**(81) Leotard, Christophe (2590) - Gudyev, Mladen (2546) [A29]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Be6 10.Rc1 f5 11.d3 Bf6 12.Nd2 Nd5 13.Na4 Nce7 14.Nc4 Nc6 15.Nc5 Bc8 16.b4 Kh8 17.b5 Nd4 18.e3 Nxb5 19.a4 1-0

**(84) Leotard, Christophe (2590) -**

**Ruefenacht, Matthias (2520) [A27]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 Bb4 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.e3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Nf4 0-0 10.h4 Qe8 11.Ba3 Qf7 12.d5 Ne5 13.c5 dxc5 14.Bxc5 Rd8 15.Bd4 Ng6 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.cxd4 b6 20.Bc4 Bb7 21.d6+ Kf8 22.dxc7 Rdc8 23.Kd2 Rxc7 24.Rhc1 Rac8 25.Bb3 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Kxc1 Ke7 28.Kb2 Ba6 29.Kc3 Bf1 30.Bc4 Bxg2 31.Kb4 Kd6 32.Kb5 Kc7 33.Ka6 Kb8 34.d5 f4 35.exf4 Bh3 36.d6 Bd7 37.Bf7 Bf5 38.Kb5 Kb7 39.Be8 Be6 40.a3 Bd5 41.Kb4 Kc8 42.Kc3 Kd8 43.Bb5 Be6 44.Bc6 Bd7 45.Bxe4 Bf5 46.Bxf5 gxf5 47.Kc4 Kd7 48.Kb5 Kxd6 49.Ka6 Kc5 50.Kxa7 b5 51.Kb7 1-0

**(85) Pietrobono, Alfredo Manuel (2544) - Leotard, Christophe (2590) [B33]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.c3 Bg7 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Nce3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.0-0 Ra7 17.Qh5 Raf7 18.g4 e4 19.Bc2 Ne5 20.Nf4 Bd7 21.Kh1 fxg4 22.Bxe4 Bf6 23.Bd5 Bg5 24.Nfg2 Kh8 25.Bxf7 Rxf7 26.h3 gxh3 27.f4 hxg2+ 28.Nxg2 Qf8 29.Qxg5 Bc6 30.Kh2 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 Bxf3 32.Rf1 Rg7 33.Qxg7+ Kxg7 34.Rxf3 Qf7 35.a3 Qh5+ 36.Kg3 Qg6+ 37.Kh3 Qc2 38.b4 Qb3 39.Rg3+ Kf7 40.Kg4 Qxa3 41.f5 d5 42.Rd3 a5 43.bxa5 b4 44.Rxd5 bxc3 45.Ne3 Qa4+ 46.Kf3 Qc6 47.Ke4 c2 48.Nxc2 Qxc2+ 49.Ke5 Qc7+ 50.Kd4 h5 51.Rc5 Qf4+ 0-1

**(86) Rinaldi, Carlos Alberto (2492) - Leotard, Christophe (2590) [D77]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.c4 dxc4 7.Na3 Nc6 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.b3 Bd5 10.Bb2 a5 11.Nfe5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 a4 13.f3 Nd5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qd2 Nb6 16.Qc2 Nxc4 0-1

**(87) Rodriguez, Guillermo (2438) - Leotard, Christophe (2590) [B31]**

Amici Sumus-A corr Argentina, 1998  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.dxc5

Qxc5 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.h3 Nd5  
13.c4 Nb6 14.Na3 Re8 15.Be3 Na4 16.Rab1  
Bf5 17.Nc2 e5 18.Rbc1 a5 19.Na3 Nc5  
20.Red1 Nd3 21.Rc3 Nf4 22.Qd2 Nxh3+  
23.Kh2 Bg4 24.Bh6 Nxf2 25.Qxf2 Bxh6 26.Rd5  
Qf6 27.Kg1 e4 28.Ne5 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Be6 0-1

**(91) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Maillard, William E (2470) [A13]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2  
Bxc3 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ba3 d6 9.Qb1  
Ng6 10.c5 Na6 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.d4 Rc8  
13.Rc1 Qd7 14.c4 Rfd8 15.Qb5 Qxb5 16.cxb5  
Nc7 17.Rab1 Ne8 18.Nh4 Bxg2 19.Nxg6  
Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Bb7 21.Ne7+ Kf8 22.Nc6 Bxc6  
23.bxc6 Nc7 24.e4 Ke8 25.d5 f6 26.Rd1 exd5  
27.exd5 Ke7 28.Kg2 Nb5 29.Rd3 Nc7 30.Kf3  
Kf7 31.h4 g6 32.Bc1 Ke7 33.Bf4 Kf7 34.Ke3  
Ke7 35.Kd4 Kf7 36.a4 h5 37.Rb3 Ke7 38.a5 b5  
39.a6 Kf7 40.Bd2 Rb8 41.Bb4 Ne8 42.Ba5 Ke7  
43.c7 Rc8 44.Rxb5 Ng7 45.Rb7 Nf5+ 46.Kc4  
1-0

**(92) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Mirkovic, Slobodan [A29]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 exf3  
10.Nxf3 d5 11.d4 Ne4 12.Qc2 dxc4 13.Rb1 f5  
14.g4 fxe4 15.Ne5 Nd6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.e4  
Be6 18.e5 Nf7 19.Bxc6 Bd5 20.Bxe8 Qxe8  
21.Qf5 Be6 22.Qe4 Rd8 23.Rb2 Qd7 24.Qb1  
g3 25.hxg3 Bh3 26.Rf4 Be6 27.Rb8 Qe8  
28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Rf2 c5 30.Rb2 1-0

**(93) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Sammut, Ronald (2185) [A30]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2  
Bb7 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 a6 9.Rd1 Be7  
10.b3 Nbd7 11.e4 Qc8 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Rd2 b5  
14.cxb5 axb5 15.Qb4 Qc5 16.Qxb5 Qxb5  
17.Nxb5 Nxe4 18.Rc2 Nef6 19.Nfd4 Bxg2  
20.Kxg2 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.a4 Bf8  
23.Rc1 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 d5 25.Nc6 Nc5 26.a5  
Nfd7 27.b4 Na6 28.Bd2 e5 29.Nba7 d4 30.b5  
Nc7 31.b6 Na6 32.Nb5 f6 33.Nc7 Nac5  
34.Bb4 Kf7 35.Bxc5 Bxc5 36.b7 d3 37.Kf1 d2

38.Ke2 Bxf2 39.Kxd2 Bc5 40.a6 g5 41.g4 h6  
42.Nb5 Ke6 43.a7 Bxa7 44.Nbxa7 Kd5 45.Ke3  
Kd6 46.b8Q+ Nxb8 47.Nxb8 Kc7 48.Nac6 1-0

**(94) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Terblanche, Dirk J (2116) [A30]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2  
Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 0-0 9.Rd1  
d6 10.b3 a6 11.Ba3 Ne8 12.Qd3 Nc6 13.Rac1  
Qc7 14.Nd5 exd5 15.cxd5 Qb8 16.dxc6 Bc8  
17.c7 Nxc7 18.Ne5 Nb5 19.Nc6 1-0

**(95) Leotard, Christophe (2575) -  
Vigfusson, Vigfus (2476) [D67]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 c6 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4  
Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Ne4 Qb4+ 12.Qd2  
Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 N5f6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Rhd1  
b6 16.Ke2 Bb7 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Bb3 Rfd8  
19.Ba4 Rd6 20.a3 Kf8 21.b4 Ke7 22.Bb3 Rdd8  
23.f3 Nd7 24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Rc3 f6 26.Rdc1  
Rdc7 27.f4 g5 28.g3 h5 29.Kf2 h4 30.gxh4  
gxf4 31.exf4 Kd6 32.h5 Rh8 33.Bd1 Bc8  
34.Bf3 Bd7 35.b5 c5 36.dxc5+ Rxc5 37.Rd3+  
Kc7 38.Rxc5+ bxc5 39.a4 Be8 40.Be2 Rh7  
41.Re3 Kd6 42.a5 e5 43.Rd3+ Kc7 44.Rd5  
Bxh5 45.Bd3 Rd7 46.Rxd7+ Kxd7 47.fxe5 fxe5  
48.Bc4 Kd6 49.h4 e4 50.Ke3 Bg6 51.Be2 Bf5  
52.h5 Bh7 53.Bc4 1-0

**(96) Luzardo Alvarez, Julio Cesar (2315)  
- Leotard, Christophe (2575) [D86]**

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4  
Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.0-0  
b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Qd2 Na5 12.Bd3 c5 13.Bh6  
e6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Qe7  
17.Ng3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rfd8 19.d5 exd5  
20.exd5 Qf6 21.Be4 Nc4 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Qg4  
Kg8 24.Nh5 Qe5 25.Ng3 Nd6 26.Re2 Rc4  
27.f4 Qf6 28.Qf3 Rc3 29.Bd3 Rxe2 30.Nxe2  
Ra3 31.Nc1 Qd4+ 32.Qf2 Qxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Ra5  
34.Rd2 Bxd5 35.g4 Be6 36.h3 Ra4 37.Kf3 Ra3  
38.Ke2 Kg7 39.Rb2 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.h4  
Kf6 42.Nb3 Nf5 43.Bxf5 Kxf5 44.Ke3 a5 0-1

**(99) Van Egmond, Rogier (2430) -**



### Leotard, Christophe (2575) [D85]

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.cxd5  
Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 b6  
10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qd3 e6 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qe3  
Rc8 14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nd7 16.Bb5 Nf6  
17.Rbc1 Qb8 18.Rxc8+ Qxc8 19.Rc1 Qb8  
20.Bd3 Ng4 21.Qd2 Nf6 22.Qe2 h6 23.Bd2  
Qd8 24.h4 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.h5 Nxh5  
27.e5 Qc6 28.Ne1 Bf8 29.Be3 Qc3 30.Nc2  
Bd5 31.g4 Ng7 32.Bxh6 Bxa2 33.Bd2 Qb2  
34.Qe3 Bb1 0-1

### (100) Volaks, Boleslavs (2465) -

#### Leotard, Christophe (2575) [B33]

CCOL13 prel4-04 corr ICCF, 1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6  
gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.c3 Bg7 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2  
0-0 14.Nce3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qh5 Qd7  
17.Bc2 Qf7 18.Qxf7+ Rxf7 19.0-0-0 f4 20.Nf1  
Rb8 21.Be4 b4 22.c4 b3 23.axb3 Rxb3 24.Nd2  
Rb8 25.Nf3 Bh6 26.Nc3 Nd4 27.Rhg1 Kh8  
28.Nxd4 f3+ 29.Kc2 exd4 30.Rxd4 fxd4  
31.Nd1 Bg7 32.Rd2 Bxc4 33.Bxg2 Bh6 34.Ne3  
Bb3+ 35.Kd3 d5 36.Ke2 Rg7 37.Kf1 Ba4  
38.Rd4 Bb5+ 39.Ke1 Re8 0-1

### (102) Computer Hiarcs 7.32 -

#### Leotard, Christophe [B33]

CC-GM versus computers match Europe  
Echecs website, 2000

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6  
10.Nd5 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Qf3 Nd4 13.Nc7+  
Qxc7 14.Qxa8+ Ke7 15.c3 b4 16.cxb4 Bh6  
17.Qxa6 Rb8 18.Bc4 Be4 19.f3 Ra8 20.fxe4  
Rxa6 21.0-0 Ne6 22.Bxa6 Qb6+ 23.Kh1 Qxa6  
24.Rae1 Qd3 25.Nb1 Qc2 26.Nc3 Nf4 27.Nd5+  
Nxd5 28.exd5 Qxb2 29.a4 Qxb4 30.Rb1 Qc4  
31.Rb7+ Kf8 32.Rbxf7+ Kg8 33.R7f3 Qxd5  
34.Ra3 e4 35.h3 e3 36.a5 e2 37.Re1 Qd2  
38.Raa1 Bg7 39.Rab1 Bd4 40.a6 Kg7 41.Rec1  
Kg6 42.Re1 Ba7 43.Ra1 d5 EE abandonne  
pour la machine dont la fonction d'evaluation  
est passee a -10. Les deux pions passes lies  
decident de la partie en quelques coups. 0-1

### (103) Leotard, Christophe - Computer

### Chess Tiger 12.0a [A29]

CC-GM versus computers match Europe  
Echecs website, 2000

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5  
Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e4 8.Ng1 Bf5 9.Qa4  
Qd5 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Rb5 Qe6 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4  
exf3 14.Nxf3 Qd7 15.Nh4 Nd8 16.Re5+ Be7  
17.Qxa7 Qxg4 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Bd5 Qc8  
20.Ba3 Ne6 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.0-0 Qd7 23.Qe3  
Rbe8 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Qg5+ Kd6 26.Rf4 c5  
27.Rxc5 e5 28.Rxe5 Rxe5 29.Rd4+ Kc6  
30.Qxe5 Re8 31.Rc4+ Kb6 32.Qc5+ Ka6  
33.Rd4 C'est gain de la dame apres:[33.Rd4  
Qb5 (33...Qc6 34.Rd6) 34.Qa3+ Qa5 (34...Kb6  
35.Rb4) 35.Ra4] 1-0

### (104) Leotard, Christophe - Computer Hiarcs 7.32 [A29]

CC-GM versus computers match Europe  
Echecs website, 2000

[Europe Echecs 499]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 Be6 8.Bg5 Bxc3 9.bxc3 h6  
10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Ne1 Rab8 12.Rb1 Rfd8 13.Nc2  
d5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Rxd5 16.Ne3 Rdd8  
17.Qa4 Qe6 The queen is not well placed here.  
18.Rb2! b6 19.Qe4! g6 20.f4 f5 21.Qa4 Re8  
22.Ng2 Qd6 23.e4 Qc5+ 24.Rbf2 Qxc3 25.exf5  
gxf5 26.Ne3 The computer cannot resist  
pawn-hunting but its king position is too  
enfeebled. 26...b5 [The computer now finds  
the variation 26...Qxd3? 27.Qxc6 Qxe3  
28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Kh8  
31.Re1+-] 27.Qd1 Ne7 28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Nxf5  
Nxf5 30.Rxf5 Qe3+ 31.Kh1 Re7 32.Qh5 c5  
33.Rf6 Rd8 34.Rxh6 Qd4 35.Rf5 Qa1+ 36.Kg2  
Qxa2+ 37.Kh3 Qa1 38.Rg5+ EE resigned for  
the computer. 1-0

### (108) Leotard, Christophe - Baumbach, Fritz [D37]

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001  
[Le Courier des Echecs 535]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0  
6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.b4 Nxb4!  
10.axb4 Bxb4 11.Qb3 a5 12.Nd2! [▲12.Be5  
Nd7 ] 12...d4 13.Ncb1 e5N [13...Ne4 ] 14.Bg5  
Bf5 15.Be2! Bxb1 16.Qxb1 h6 17.Bxf6 Bxd2+  
18.Kxd2 dxe3+ 19.Ke1 exf2+ 20.Kxf2 Qxf6+

21.Bf3! Qh4+ 22.g3 Qxc4 23.Rd1 Qc5+ 24.Kg2  
 Rad8 25.Qxb7 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qc2+ 27.Kg1 a4  
 28.Rf1 Qc5+ 29.Kg2 f5 30.Qa6 a3 31.Ra1 Qc2+  
 32.Kh3 Rd8 33.Qg6 Qb2 34.Qe6+!± Kh8  
 35.Ra2 Qb1 36.Rxa3 e4 37.Be2 Qb2 38.Ra2  
 Qf6 39.Qxf6 gxf6 40.Ra5 Rd2 41.Bh5+- Rf2  
 42.Ra8+ Kg7 43.Ra7+ Kg8 44.Rf7 f4 45.Rxf6  
 fxg3 46.Rg6+ Kh7 47.hxg3 Rf5 48.g4 Re5  
 49.Kg2 e3 50.Kf1 e2+ 51.Ke1 Re7 52.Rf6 Kg7  
 53.Rf2 Ra7 54.Kxe2 Ra2+ 55.Kf3 Ra3+ 56.Kg2  
 Ra7 57.Kg3 Ra3+ 58.Kh4 Ra7 59.Rd2 Rc7  
 60.Rd6 Ra7 61.Bg6 Ra1 62.Bf5 Rg1 63.Rg6+  
 Kh7 64.Kh3 Rf1 65.Kg3 [65.Kg3 Rh1 (65...h5  
 66.Rg5+ ; 65...Kh8 66.Rxh6+; 65...Rg1+  
 66.Kf2 Rh1 67.Kg2 ; 65...Ra1 ) 66.Kg2 Rh4  
 67.Be4 ] 1-0

**(111) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
 Palciauskas, Vytas Victor (2586) [A29]**

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001  
 [Ljotard]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2  
 0-0 6.0-0 Re8 7.Nd5 Bf8 8.d3 h6 9.b3!?  
 Nxd5!? 10.cxd5 Nd4 11.Nxd4N [11.Nd2;  
 11.e3] 11...exd4 12.e3 [12.e4 c6!] 12...Bc5  
 13.e4! c6 14.f4 cxd5 [14...d6 15.f5 (15.dxc6!?)  
 15...Qf6 (15...cxd5 16.f6 dxe4 17.fxg7±)  
 16.Qh5 cxd5 17.g4 dxe4 (17...g5 18.h4 gxh4  
 19.Bxh6 dxe4 20.g5+-) 18.g5 hxg5 19.Bxg5  
 Qe5 (19...g6 20.Qh4 Qh8 21.fxg6 fxg6  
 22.Qxh8+ Kxh8 23.Bxe4 Bf5 24.Bxf5 gxf5  
 25.Rxf5±) 20.Bxe4 d5 21.Rf4 dxe4 22.Rh4 f6  
 23.Bf4 Qe7 24.Qh8+ Kf7 25.Qh5+ Kg8=]  
 15.Qh5! d6 16.Qxd5 [16.exd5?! Qf6 17.f5 Bd7  
 18.g4 Re3!±] 16...a5!! [16...Qa5 17.Qh5! Qc3  
 (17...Bd7 18.f5 Bb5 19.Bxh6+-) 18.f5!! Qxd3  
 (18...Qxa1 19.Bxh6! Qxf1+ 20.Kxf1 gxh6 21.f6  
 d5 22.Qxh6 Bf8 23.Qg5+ Kh7 24.exd5 Bd7  
 25.Be4+ Rxe4 26.dxe4+-; 18...Bd7 19.Bxh6!  
 gxh6 20.Qxh6 d5 21.Rad1!+- ) 19.f6 Re5  
 20.Qh4 Qe2 21.fxg7 Qh5 22.Qd8+ Kxg7  
 23.Qf6+ Kh7 24.Bd2±; 16...Bg4 17.Rf2 Qd7  
 18.f5 Re5 19.Qc4 Rc8 20.Bf4±; 16...Qd7!?  
 17.f5 Re5 18.Qc4 b5 19.Qc2±] 17.Qh5! Ra6!  
 [17...a4 18.bxa4 Rxa4 19.f5 Qf6 20.g4 d5  
 21.g5 hxg5 22.Bxg5 g6 23.Qh4 Qh8 24.fxg6  
 fxg6 25.Qg3±; 17...d5 18.Bd2!↑ (18.f5 Ra6!)]  
 18.Bd2 [18.f5 d5!±] 18...Ba3! [18...d5  
 19.Rae1↑] 19.f5! Re5! [19...Bb2 20.Rab1 Bc3  
 21.Bxh6+-; 19...d5 20.exd5! Bb2 a) 20...Qf6

21.g4!; b) 20...Rf6 21.Be4 Bb2 (21...Bb4  
 22.Bxb4± (22.Bc1!?) ) 22.Rad1 Bc3 23.Bc1!±;  
 c) 20...Bb4 21.Bxb4±; 21.Rad1 Bc3 22.Bc1 b5  
 23.Be4 Bb7 24.f6! Rxf6 25.Rxf6 Qxf6 26.Rf1  
 g6 (26...Qe7 27.Bxh6) 27.Rxf6 gxh5 28.Bf4+-]  
 20.g4 [20.Bf4! f6! (20...Rc5 21.g4 d5 (21...f6  
 22.h4 Bd7 23.g5 Be8 24.Qg4±) 22.e5±) 21.g4  
 (21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Rac1 Bxc1 23.Rxc1=)  
 21...Qe8 22.Qh4 Rc5±] 20...Rc6 [20...d5  
 21.Bf4 Re8 22.e5±; 20...f6! 21.h4 Qe8  
 22.Qxe8+ Rxe8 23.g5±] 21.g5 Rc2 22.Bf4  
 [22.Rf2 Rxd2 23.Rxd2 Qxg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5  
 25.Rc2 Rc5 26.Rxc5 dxc5 27.Kf2±] 22...hxg5  
 23.Bxg5 f6 24.Bf4 Qe8! [24...Bd7 25.Rf3!  
 (25.Bxe5? dxe5 26.Rf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Qc7=)  
 25...Qe8 26.Qh4±; 24...Re7 25.Rf3 Qe8  
 26.Qh4 d5 27.Rh3 Rxg2+ (27...Kf8 28.Bf3+-)  
 28.Kxg2 dxe4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rg3 Qf7  
 31.dxe4+-] 25.Qh4 [25.Qd1? Qc6! 26.Bxe5  
 dxe5 27.Rf2 Rc3 28.Bf1 Bc1 29.Rg2 Be3+  
 30.Kh1= ] 25...Re7 [25...g5! 26.Qg4! a)  
 26.fxg6 Qxg6 27.Rf2 (27.Qg3 Kg7! 28.Bxe5  
 dxe5 29.Qxg6+ Kxg6=) 27...Rec5 (27...Rh5  
 28.Qxh5 Qxh5 29.Rxc2±) 28.Bxd6 (28.Raf1  
 Rxf2 29.Rxf2 Rh5 30.Qg3 Qxg3 31.Bxg3=)  
 28...Rc1+ 29.Rf1 (29.Rxc1? Rxc1+ 30.Rf1  
 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Bxd6+-) 29...Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Rc2  
 31.Qg3 Qxg3 32.Bxg3=; b) 26.Qh6 Qf7!  
 (26...gxg4? 27.Rxf4 Bc1 28.Rg4+ Bg5 29.Qxf6  
 Rxf5 30.Rxg5+ (30.exf5? Qe3+ 31.Kh1  
 Rc1+-) 30...Rxg5 31.Qxg5+ Kh7 32.Rf1+-)  
 27.Bxe5 (27.Bg3 Rec5±) 27...dxe5=; 26...Re7  
 (26...Kf8 27.Bxe5 dxe5 28.h4!±) 27.h4 Rg7  
 28.hxg5 fxg5 29.Bg3±] 26.Bf3! g5! 27.fxg6  
 Qxg6+ 28.Kh1 Rh7 29.Qe1 Rg7 30.Qxa5 Bg4  
 [30...Bh3 31.Rg1 Rxa2! (31...Bg2+ 32.Bxg2  
 (32.Rxg2? Rxg2 33.Bg3 Rxg3 34.hxg3 Qxg3)  
 32...Rxg2 33.Bg3 Rxg1+ 34.Rxg1 Qg4  
 35.Rf1+-) 32.Rab1 Rg2 (32...Bg2+ 33.Bxg2  
 Rxg2 34.Bg3 Rxg1+ 35.Rxg1+-) 33.Bg3 Rxg1+  
 34.Rxg1+-] 31.Bg3 [31.Bxg4?? Qxg4 32.Bg3  
 Rxh2+; 31.Bg2?? Rxg2] 31...Bc1? Avec la Ta1  
 enferмье, le contrôle de la deuxième rangйе  
 et de la diagonale c1-h6 , Vytas pose la touche  
 finale sur la toile qu'il a imaginйе depuis le  
 16иme coup. Mais, fort de ces considйrations  
 stratйgiques, il commet sa seule vйritable  
 erreur en oubliant une pйnomйnale pointe  
 tactique qui lui permettait de sauver un demi  
 point bien мйритй. [31...Kh7 32.Bxg4 Qxg4

33.Qf5+ Qxf5 34.Rxf5+-; 31...Bb4!? 32.Qd8+ (32.Qxb4 Qh5 33.Bxg4 (33.Bg2 Bh3) 33...Qxg4 34.Qe1 Re2+) 32...Kh7 33.Bg2±; 31...Rhx2+!! 32.Kxh2 Qh6+ 33.Kg1 Bh3 (33...Qh3 34.Kf2 Bxf3 35.Rg1+-; 33...Qe3+ 34.Kg2+-) 34.Qh5 a) 34.Qe1? Bb4 35.Qf2 Bd2!-+; b) 34.Bg4!? Rxd4! b1) 34...Bxg4 35.Qd8+ Kf7 (35...Kh7 36.Qxf6 Qh3 37.Kf2 Rc7 38.Qh4+ Qxh4 39.Bxh4+-) 36.Rxf6+ Qxf6 37.Rf1 Bf3 38.Qxf6+ Kxf6 39.Rxf3+ Ke6 40.Kg2±; b2) 34...Qe3+ 35.Kh2 Bxg4 (35...Rxd4 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qd7+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qe6+ Kh7 41.Qf7+ Rg7 42.Qh5+ Kg8 43.Qxh3 Rh7 44.Bh4+-) 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qxf6 Qxd3 38.Qh4+ Kg8 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Rf8 Qe2+ 41.Bf2+-; b3) 34...Bxf1 35.Qd8+ Kf7 (35...Kh7 36.Bf5+-) 36.Rxf1 Rxd4 37.Qd7+-; 35.Rf3 Rg7! (35...Bc1 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Qc7+ Rg7 38.Qxc1+-) 36.Re1 (36.Kf2 Bc1!; 36.Qxa3?? Qd2-+; 36.Raf1 Bc1!) 36...b6! b1) 36...Bc1 37.Qd5+ (37.Kf2 Bd2 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Rh1 Be1+! 40.Rxe1 (40.Kxe1 Qc1+) 40...Qd2+ 41.Re2 Qd1 42.Re1 Qd2+ 43.Re2=) 37...Kh7 38.Qxd4 Bf4 39.Qf2 Qh4 40.Ree3 Bxe3 41.Qxe3±; b2) 36...Kh7 37.Kf2 b6! 38.Qxa3 Qd2+ 39.Re2 Qd1 40.Re1 Qd2+ 41.Re2=; 37.Qa4 (37.Qxa3?? Qd2) 37...Qd2 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qh5+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7=; 34...Rxd4+ (34...Qxh5 35.Bxh5 Bxf1 (35...Rxd4+ 36.Kh2 Bxf1 37.Kxg3 Bxd3 38.Kf4±) 36.Kxf1 Rxd4 37.Rd1=) 35.Kh2 Qf4 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qf7+! Kh8 (37...Kxf7 38.Bh5+ Ke7 39.Rxf4±) 38.Qh5+ Kg8=] 32.Bg2± Qg5 33.e5! dxe5 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Qxf6 Qxf6 36.Rxf6 Bh5 37.Rb6! Bf4 38.Rxb7 Bg6 39.a4 Bxg3 40.hxg3 Rc3 [40...Bxd3 41.a5+-] 41.a5 Rxb7 [41...Bxd3 42.a6 Bxa6 43.Rxa6 Rxb7 44.Bxb7 Rxd4 45.Bd5+-] 42.Bxb7 Bxd3 43.Kg2 Rxb3 44.a6 Kg6 45.Bd5 [45.a7 Rxb7! 46.a8Q Be4+ 47.Kg1 (47.Kh3 Rh7+) 47...Rb1+ 48.Rxb1 Bxa8=] 45...Rb2+ 46.Kh3 Bxa6 47.Be4+ Kg7 48.Rxa6 Re2 49.Bf5 Vytas opinion : "I thought your move 17.Qh5! was very strong. During our game I looked at 31....Rhx2+ 32.Kxh2 Qh6+ 33.Kg1 Bh3 34.Bg4 Rxd4 35.Rf3 but did not correctly assess the underlying strength of the continuation 35....Rg7! So I spent considerable time looking at other 31st moves, because they all looked approximately equal at that

time. This is a good example that occasionally, in highly tactical situations, one has to look very deeply into the variations for the proper evaluation. I did not." 1-0

### (112) Leotard, Christophe (2610) - Seljodkin, Juri (2475) [B38]

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.e4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rab1 Qb6 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.Rc2 Qd8 18.Bf1 Qf8 19.a3 Rd8 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Ne6 22.Nd5 Ra3 23.Ra2 Rda8 24.Rxa3 Rxa3 25.Bf2 h6 26.f4 Qe8 27.Re1 Nf8 28.e5 dxe5 29.Qb2 Ra4 30.fxe5 Bxd5 31.cxd5 Ra8 32.Bc4 b5 33.Bb3 e6 34.d6 Qd8 35.Bd4 Nd7 36.Bc2 Nb6 37.Bd3 Nd5 38.Rc1 Ra4 39.Bxb5 Rxb4 40.Qxb4 Nxb4 41.d7 Nc6 42.Bxc6 Qg5 43.Ra1 Bf8 44.h4 1-0

### (114) Leotard, Christophe (2610) - Tsvetkov, Aleksei (2530) [A40]

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001

1.c4 e6 2.d4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 a5 4.Nf3 d6 5.g3 Ne7 6.Bg2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nd7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Rfd1 b6 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.e4 e5 13.Nc2 Ng6 14.b3 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bb7 16.f4 Nc5 17.Re1 Nf8 18.Rad1 f6 19.Nd5 Kh8 20.Nf5 Ng6 21.Qc3 Bc8 22.h4 Nf8 23.Nxg7 1-0

### (117) Olofsson, Dan (2540) - Leotard, Christophe (2610) [B33]

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001

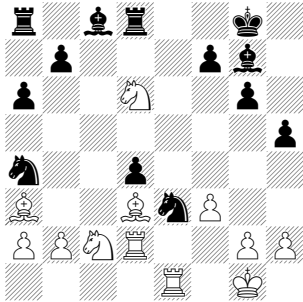
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Ra4 13.Nbc7+ Kd7 14.b4 Rxb4 15.0-0 Rg8 16.Nxb4 Nxb4 17.c3 Qxc7 18.cxb4 Qb7 19.b5 Qxe4 20.f3 Qc4 21.a4 Bh6 22.Kh1 Bb7 23.b6 Qh4 24.Qe1 Qxe1 25.Rfxe1 Bd2 26.Re2 Ba5 27.Rc1 Bc6 28.Rb2 Rb8 29.Rcb1 d5 30.Kg1 d4 31.Kf2 e4 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.g4 e3+ 34.Ke2 Bb7 35.Rd1 Ba6+ 36.Kf3 Bc3 37.Rc2 e2 38.Rxe2 Bxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Rxb6 40.Rf1 Rb2+ 41.Kd3 Ke6 42.h3 Rd2+ 43.Kc4 Ra2 0-1

### (119) Siewert, Wolfgang (2465) -

**Leotard, Christophe (2610) [A48]**

Paul Keres-85 2001-4 corr ICCF, 2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.c3  
 d6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 e5 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 Qe8  
 10.Qc2 Nh5 11.Ne1 d5 12.f3 c5 13.Bf2 exd4  
 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.exd4 Nf4 16.Nb1 Ne6 17.Nc3  
 Nxd4 18.Qd2 Nb6 19.Be3 h5 20.Rd1 Nf5  
 21.Bc5 d4 22.Nb5 Qe3+ 23.Rf2 Rd8 24.Nc2  
 Qxd2 25.Rfxd2 Na4 26.Ba3 Ne3 27.Re1 a6  
 28.Nd6 Diagram



28...Nxb2 29.Bxb2 Rxd6 30.Nxe3 dxe3 31.Rxe3  
 Bf5 32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.g4 hxg4 34.fxg4 Bxg4  
 35.Rf2 b5 36.Bc2 Ra7 37.Bb3 Rad7 38.Re8 a5  
 39.Kg2 a4 40.h3 Bxh3+ 41.Kxh3 axb3 42.Rb8  
 Rd3+ 43.Kg2 bxa2 44.Rxa2 Rd2+ 45.Rxd2  
 Rxd2+ 46.Kf3 Rb2 0-1

**(123) Leotard, Christophe (2644) -  
 Birarov, Vladimir (2487) [E32]**

W-ch20 q03 corr ICCF email, 02.07.2001

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3  
 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 b6 7.b4 Bb7 8.Bb2 d6 9.e3 Nbd7  
 10.d4 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.Bd3 Qe7 13.0-0 a5  
 14.Nd2 Qh4 15.f3 Nef6 16.d5 axb4 17.axb4  
 Qh6 18.Rae1 Rfe8 19.dxe6 Rxe6 20.Nb3 g6  
 21.c5 Ne5 22.Nd4 Re7 23.c6 Bc8 24.Qb3+ Kf8  
 25.Bc2 b5 26.e4 f4 27.Bd3 g5 28.Bxb5 Rb8  
 29.Be2 Nh5 30.Rf2 Nf6 31.Ba6 Bxa6 32.Nf5  
 Qh5 33.Nxe7 Kxe7 34.Bxe5 dxe5 35.Qa3 Bb5  
 36.Qa7 Qe8 37.Qxc7+ Kf8 38.Qd6+ Kf7 39.c7  
 Rc8 40.Rc2 g4 41.Rc5 1-0

**(124) Leotard, Christophe (2644) -  
 Boonet, Guido (2339) [D12]**

W-ch20 q03 corr ICCF email, 02.07.2001

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6  
 6.Nh4 Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Nxg6 hxg6  
 10.Bd2 Nbd7 11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Qc7 13.g3  
 a6 14.Be2 Rd8 15.e4 c5 16.Bf4 Qc8 17.d5 e5

18.Bd2 Nh5 19.Rg1 b5 20.Qc2 c4 21.a4 Qb8  
 22.Rg2 Nc5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra5 b4 25.Na4  
 Nb3 26.Ra6 Nxd2 27.Kxd2 Be7 28.Qxc4 0-0  
 29.Rb6 Qa7 30.Qa6 Qd7 31.Rb7 Bg5+ 32.Ke1  
 Qh3 33.Bf1 Ra8 34.Ra7 Rxa7 35.Qxa7 Nf6  
 36.Rc2 Qh5 37.Qf2 Qh6 38.Ke2 b3 39.Rc4  
 Bd2 40.Nc5 Ba5 41.Kd1 Bb6 42.Qd2 Qh5  
 43.g4 Qh4 44.Nxb3 Rd8 45.Rc6 Bg1 46.Rc2  
 Rb8 47.Na5 Bb6 48.Nc6 Ra8 49.d6 Nd7 50.g5  
 Bd8 51.Ne7+ Kf8 52.Bb5 Qh3 53.Rc3 Bxe7  
 54.dxe7+ Kxe7 55.Qd5 Ra7 56.Rd3 Qe6  
 57.Qxd7+ 1-0

**(126) Leotard, Christophe (2644) -  
 Konca, Damian (2522) [E69]**

W-ch20 q03 corr ICCF email, 02.07.2001

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.d4  
 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6  
 10.Re1 1-0

**(137) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
 Gozman, Alexandr (2590) [A16]**

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5  
 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qd4 Nf6 7.Qc4 Bg7 8.e4 0-0  
 9.e5 Ng4 10.d4 Be6 11.d5 Bf5 12.Bf4 Nd7  
 13.Qe2 f6 14.e6 Nde5 15.Rd1 Qd6 16.Nd4  
 Nd3+ 17.Rxd3 Qxf4 18.Rd2 Nh6 19.g3 Qe5  
 20.h3 g5 21.g4 Bg6 22.Qxe5 fxe5 23.Nde2  
 Kh8 24.Bg2 Ng8 25.Be4 Nf6 26.Bxg6 hxg6  
 27.h4 gxh4 28.Rxh4+ Kg8 29.g5 Nh7 30.Ne4  
 Rfd8 31.Rh3 c6 32.dxc6 Rxd2 33.Kxd2 bxc6  
 34.Rc3 Rc8 35.Ra3 Nf8 36.Rxa7 Nxe6 37.Rxe7  
 Nf4 38.Nxf4 exf4 39.b3 Kf8 40.Rb7 Be5 41.a4  
 Rd8+ 42.Ke2 1-0

**(138) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
 Lexa, Vaclav (2562) [E99]**

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4  
 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7  
 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Rc1 Ng6  
 14.c5 Nxc5 15.b4 Na6 16.Nb5 Bd7 17.Nxa7 h5  
 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Qc2 Rf7 20.Qxc7 Qxc7  
 21.Rxc7 g4 22.Nc6 Bf6 23.fxg4 hxg4 24.Nd3  
 Bd8 25.Nxd8 Rxd8 26.Rfc1 f3 27.g3 Bb5  
 28.Bb6 Rb8 29.Rc8+ Rxc8 30.Rxc8+ Rf8  
 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Nf2 Bd7 33.a4 Ke7 34.a5  
 Nf8 35.h3 1-0

**(139) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
Romanov, Sergey Aleks (2558) [D45]**

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.Nc3  
Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5 9.g5  
Nd5 10.Bd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.Nxd5 cxd5  
13.Bd3 g6 14.h4 Nc5 15.h5 Bg4 16.f4 Rc8  
17.Bc3 Qe7 18.Kf2 Nxd3+ 19.Qxd3 Bb4  
20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Bxb4 Qxb4 22.Kg3 Bf5  
23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.axb3 a6 25.Ra5 Rce8 26.Re1  
Be4 27.b4 h6 28.gxh6 Kh7 29.b5 Rf6 30.bxa6  
Rxa6 31.Rc5 Kxh6 32.Rc7 g5 33.f5 Rf6 34.Rf1  
1-0

**(140) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
Stull, Norbert (2602) [D11]**

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Bf5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Qb3  
Qb6 6.c5 Qxb3 7.axb3 Nf6 8.Bf4 Na6 9.Rxa6  
bxa6 10.e3 Nh5 11.Bc7 Be4 12.Nxe4 dxe4  
13.Nd2 Nf6 14.Bxa6 Nd5 15.Bg3 Nb4 16.Bc4  
a5 17.Ke2 Be7 18.Nxe4 Kd7 19.Ra1 g5 20.Be5  
Rh8 21.Nc3 Bd8 22.g4 Bc7 23.Bxc7 Kxc7  
24.Ne4 h6 25.h4 gxh4 26.Rh1 Kd7 27.Rxh4  
Rh8 28.Nd6 Ke7 29.f4 Nd5 30.Kf3 Nf6 31.e4  
h5 32.g5 Ne8 33.Nxe8 Rxe8 34.f5 Rc8 35.f6+  
Kd7 36.Kf4 Rb8 37.d5 cxd5 38.exd5 1-0

**(141) Leotard, Christophe (2655) -  
Voss, Maximilian (2641) [E99]**

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4  
0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7  
10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Rc1 Ng6  
14.c5 Nxc5 15.b4 Na6 16.Nb5 Bd7 17.Nxa7  
Qb8 18.Nb5 h5 19.a4 Rf7 20.Nd3 Bh6 21.Rc3  
Rg7 22.Na3 b6 23.Nc4 Qd8 24.b5 Nc5  
25.Nxc5 bxc5 26.Ra3 Nf8 27.Qb3 g4 28.fxg4  
Bxg4 29.Bf3 Qg5 30.Kh1 Qg6 31.Rg1 Bg5  
32.b6 cxb6 33.Qxb6 Be7 34.a5 Nh7 35.a6 Bf8  
36.a7 Ng5 37.Nd2 Bc8 38.Qb8 Rgxa7 39.Qxa7  
Rxa7 40.Rxa7 c4 41.Rc7 Qe8 42.Bh4 Qd8  
43.Rxc4 Bd7 44.Rb1 Be7 45.Bxh5 Kg7  
46.Bxg5 Bxg5 47.Rb7 Kh6 48.Rcc7 Kxh5  
49.Rxd7 Qa5 50.Rh7+ Kg6 51.Rbg7+ Kf6  
52.h4 1-0