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The Hungarian player has been faced to Markus Ragger's iron defence and lost the game with white, despite the attacking style we all admire. Bad times for romantic players, as Romanov also lost with white against Paco Vallejo, allowing the Spanish top grand master to reach the second group, more consequent today after several wins in the auditorium. Vladimir Potkin kept control of the lead after a solid draw with Dieter Nisipeanu, and will try to do the same tomorrow, just before the rest day. But let's see a part of this bloody Sunday in Aix-Les-Bains:



Romanov,EVallejo Pons,Fg 2624g 2707

ECO A11

1.c4 c6 2.②f3 d5 3.e3 ②f6 4.②c3 e6 5.營c2 黛d6 6.b3 0-0 7.黛b2 c5 This position occured twice in chess databases. 8.cxd5 exd5 9.②g5!?

Trying to exploit the weakening of c5 pawn. The threat is obviously 2xd5. 9.d4 cxd4 10.2xd4 2c6 11.2xc6 bxc6 was played in Yagupov - Geller, 2002 and should be equal. but Romanov decides to raise all-in. **9...g6**

Garry Kasparov climbed the scene as soon as he arrived in Aix-les-Bains, but it was already too late for his former colleague Judit Polgar. The Hungarian player was faced by Markus Ragger's iron defence and lost the game with white, despite the attacking style we all admire.

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10.h4

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In a direct style, and before achieving development, white looks for a quick knock-out. 10...④c6 11.皇d3

11.a3 was not in the spirit of the position, and good for black.

11...②b4 12.營b1 ②xd3+ 13.營xd3 盒f5 14. ②xd5!?

The only way to keep attacking.

14...ዿੈxd3 15.থିxf6+ ✿h8



This position looks promising for white, but let's remind our readers that the price for this scary attack is a queen !

16.h5?

A bit too much, unfortunately for romantic games amateurs [Better was 16. 2 fxh7+ f6 only move 17. 2 xf6 2 xf6! With this move, Black can hold that game. Maybe Romanov missed this defense when he went into this variation (17...2 xf6 18. 2 f7+ 2 g7 19. 2 xd8 should be much better for white) 18. 2 xf6+ 2 xf6 19. f4 2 g7∓. **16...2 \text{ e7}!**

Simple but accurate. Both players are already in zeitnot.

And black won few moves later. A very pleasant game played by Romanov and Vallejo, like in the good old times! **0-1**

The **traditionnal football** match with the usual " world stars" will be organized to morrow **Tuesday 29th** at **4 pm**, at the stadium the Hippodrome.

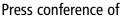
> All of you are invited to participate or to watch *"the game of the year"* !

Meeting point : Front of Astoria Hotel at **3.45 pm** (opposite of the park)

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GARRY **K**ASPAROV

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