

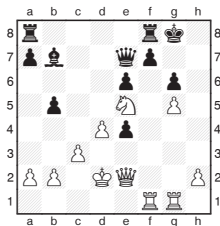
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## World blitz left out in the cold

I enjoyed playing, albeit not very successfully, in the Scottish Blitz championships sponsored by Walkers Shortbread, expertly arranged by youthful organiser Jonathan Edwards, who attracted 100 players to the event. Arkady Naiditsch was the deserved overall winner but Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant was the star of the show defeating your columnist and the Champion in the last two rounds.

Here is some action from the World Blitz championship where in contrast only 60 participants made the trip to Siberia.



**D. Andreikin - A. Moiseenko**

FIDE World Blitz 2013  
Khanty-Mansiysk

White's attack is arriving first so he takes direct action.

**21.Rf1-f6**                    **b5-b4**  
**22.Ne5xg6**                    **b4xc3+**  
**23.b2xc3**

A natural recapture in a blitz game, but 23.Kd2-e3 was best. The king is very secure here 23...f7xg6 24.Rf6xg6+ Kg8-f7 25.Qe2-h5.

**23...**                            **e4-e3+**

After 23...f7xg6 24.Rf6xg6+ Kg8-f7 25.Qe2-h5 e4-e3+ 26.Kd2xe3 Qe7-a3

Black has created some counterplay and his king is making a run for safety.

**24.Qe2xe3**                    **f7xg6**  
**25.Rf6xg6+**                    **Kg8-f7**  
**26.Rg6-f6+**

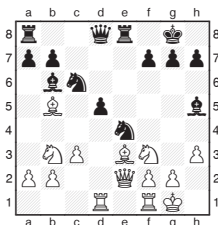
The most clinical finish was 26.Rg6-h6 Rf8-h8 27.g5-g6+.

**26...**                            **Kf7-g7**

The retreat 26...Kf7-g8 was a better try, but 27.Rg1-f1 and 27.Rf6-g6+ Kg8-f7 28.Rg6-h6 both win.

**27.Qe3-e5**                    **Qe7-a3**  
**28.Rf6-h6+**                    **Kg7-f7**  
**29.Qe5xe6+**

**1-0**



**E. Najer - F. Vallejo Pons**  
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**15.Rf1-e1**                    **Ne4-g3**

Taking advantage of the unpleasant pins.

**16.Qe2-d3**                    **Bh5xf3**  
**17.g2xf3**                    **Re8xe3**  
**18.f2xe3**

18.Re1xe3 Qd8-g5 also looks dangerous.

**18...**                            **Qd8-h4**

**19.Kg1-h2**  
19.Qd3-c2 was the best defence.

**19...**                            **Bb6-c7**

After 19...Nc6-e5 20.Qd3xd5 Ng3-f5, White can't counter all the threats.

**20.f3-f4**                    **Ng3-e4**  
**21.Re1-g1**                    **Ne4-f2**  
**22.Qd3-f5**

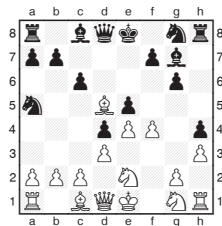
22.Qd3-f1 gave more hope. Now Vallejo wins White's queen.

**22...**                            **Nc6-e7**  
**23.Qf5-d7**                    **Ra8-d8**  
**24.Rg1xg7+**                    **Kg8xg7**  
**25.Rd1-g1+**                    **Kg7-h8**

**0-1**

In another blitz event to decide the drawing of lots for the Tal Memorial, the

Russian Champion won this nice game.



**D. Andreikin - S. Mamedyarov**

Tal Memorial Blitz Moscow 2013

**11.Bd5xf7+**                    **Ke8xf7**  
**12.f4xe5**                    **c6-c5**

White's enterprising sacrifice nets two pawns as well as exposing Black's king as 12...Bg7xe5 13.b2-b4 regains the piece.

**13.Ng1-f3**                    **Na5-c6**  
**14.0-0**                    **Kf7-e8**

**15.Bc1-g5**  
15.Ne2-f4 Ng8-e7 16.Nf3-g5 was also tempting.

**15...**                            **Qd8-c7**  
**16.Ne2-f4**                    **Nc6xe5**  
**17.Nf4-d5**                    **Qc7-d6**  
**18.b2-b4**                    **Bc8-e6**

It wasn't easy to choose between this and 18...c5xb4 19.Nf3xd4.

**19.b4xc5**                    **Qd6xc5**  
**20.Bg5-f4**

20.Ra1-b1 inviting another piece to the party was better.

**20...**                            **Be6xd5**

This fatally opens lines in the centre. The surprising 20...Rh8-h5 was good.

**21.e4xd5**                    **Ne5xf3+**  
**22.Qd1xf3**                    **Ng8-f6**  
Or 22...Ng8-e7 23.d5-d6.

**23.Ra1-e1+**                    **Ke8-d7**  
23...Ke8-f7 24.Bf4-e5 is decisive.

**24.d5-d6**                    **Qc5-d5**

Not 24...Ra8-e8 25.Qf3xb7+, but the rest is straightforward.

**25.Re1-e7+**                    **Kd7-c6**  
**26.Re7-c7+**                    **Kc6-b6**  
**27.Rc7xg7**                    **Qd5xf3**  
**28.Rf1xf3**                    **Rh8-e8**  
**29.d6-d7**                    **Re8-e1+**  
**30.Kg1-f2**                    **Re1-c1**  
**31.Bf4xc1**

**1-0**