OPENING REPORT Database: Reti_Barcza (5,625 games) Report: 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 (5625 games) ECO: A07 [Reti: KIA] Generated by Scid 3.7.1, 2009.03.07 1. STATISTICS AND HISTORY ______ 1.1 Statistics Games 1-0 =-= 0-1 Score All report games 5625 1785 2394 1446 53.0% 1.2 Oldest games 1: 0-1(31) Mieses 2580 - Teichmann 2615, ? 1910 [19] 2: =-=(53) Steiner 2545 - Seitz 2360, ? 1924 3: 1-0(71) Hoenlinger 2620 - Mueller 2380, ? 1932 4: 1-0(42) Lisitsin 2600 - Kan 2640, ? 1937 [142] 5: 0-1(40) Gereben Erno (SUI) 2370 - Ragozin Viacheslav V (RUS) 2600, Budapest (Hungary) 1949 1.3 Newest games 1: 1-0(38) Romanov 2576 - Robson 2455, Moscow RUS 2009.02.25 2: =-=(12) Zhigalko 2587 - Potkin 2613, Moscow RUS 2009.02.25 [29] 3: =-=(37) Jones 2540 - Wells 2513, Bunratty IRL 2009.02.22 4: 1-0(35) Harikrishna 2673 - Feller 2525, Nancy FRA 2009.02.19 [13] 5: 1-0(35) Markos 2568 - Lipka 2431, ? 2009.02.08 1.4 Current popularity 1800-99 1900-49 1950-69 1970-79 1980-89 1990-99 2000-09 Year Once every X games --- 1 1 1 1 1 1 Frequency in all years: once every 1 games In the 10 years to today: once every 1 games (no change from all years) In the 5 years to today: once every 1 games (no change from all years) In the 1 year to today: once every 1 games (no change from all years) 1.5 Most frequent players (White)

1: 49 1980-2009 71% 2670 Vaganian, Rafael A [1,19,33,36,39,52,54,61,...]

3: 28 1999-2008 75% 2723 Movsesian, Sergei [12,14,16,19,32,41,42,90,...]
4: 28 1993-2008 55% 2610 Markowski, Tomasz [21,22,23,35,42,50,74,90,...]

6: 23 1987-2007 67% 2617 Hickl, Joerg [7,12,14,50,59,61,96,97,...]

2: 30 1987-2002 52% 2595 Damljanovic, Branko

5: 28 1975-2008 48% 2535 Gutman, Lev [40,113,128]

[10,15,27,46,48,58,75,82,...]

1.6 Most frequent players (Black)

- 1: 20 1986-2008 45% 2552 Hector, Jonny [70,124,128] 2: 18 1995-2008 56% 2649 Korneev, Oleg [14,15,23,26,61,77,104,116] 3: 16 1992-2009 50% 2698 Dreev, Alexey [48,64,73,78,100,102,105,116,...] 4: 16 1977-2007 53% 2654 Beliavsky, Alexander G
- [1,40,82,104,105,112,122,127,...]
 - 5: 16 1995-2007 56% 2597 Pavasovic, Dusko [60,78,79,91,92]
 - 6: 15 1986-2000 70% 2640 Chernin, Alexander M [50,53,61,95,96,122]

2. RATINGS AND PERFORMANCE

2.1 Average ratings and performance

White rating: 2505 (2000 games); White performance: 2530 (52% vs 2516) Black rating: 2516 (2000 games); Black performance: 2491 (48% vs 2505)

2.2 Games with highest average rating

- 1: 0-1(38) Morozevich 2755 Kramnik 2785, Moscow RUS 2007 [122]
- 2: 0-1(52) Azmaiparashvili 2702 Kasparov 2830, Crete GRE 2003 [89]
- 3: 1-0(62) Karpov 2745 Anand 2765, Lausanne SUI 1998 [43]
- 4: 0-1(37) Morozevich 2741 Kramnik 2766, Monte Carlo 2007 [27]
- 5: 1-0(38) Morozevich 2755 Bacrot 2695, Moscow RUS 2007 [51]
- 6: 1-0(43) Movsesian 2723 Grischuk 2728, Moscow RUS 2008 [42]
- 7: 0-1(45) Kasimdzhanov 2690 Morozevich 2755, Moscow RUS 2007 [43]
- 8: 1-0(16) Morozevich 2755 Rublevsky 2676, Moscow RUS 2007 [57]

3. RESULT TRENDS

3.1 Result lengths and frequencies

	Score	Game length			Frequency			
		1-0	=-=	0-1	1-0	=-=	0-1	
Report games	53.0%	44	34	43	31.7%	42.5%	25.7%	
All games	53.0%	44	36	44	31.7%	42.5%	25.7%	

3.2 Shortest wins (White)

- 1: 1-0(10) Movsziszian 2527 Sanchez 2492, La Roda ESP 2008
- 2: 1-0(10) Bang 2631 Knol 2311, ICCF 2006
- 3: 1-0(15) Maiwald 2467 Varga 2518, Budapest HUN 1999
- 4: 1-0(16) Morozevich 2755 Rublevsky 2676, Moscow RUS 2007 [57]
- 5: 1-0(16) Gulkov 2349 Savchenko 2568, Internet 2006

3.3 Shortest wins (Black)

- 1: 0-1(15) Vaganian R 2640 Kramnik 2715, ? 1995 [94]
- 2: 0-1(15) Movsesian 2655 Khenkin 2630, ? 1999 [144]
- 3: 0-1(15) Marin M 2530 Korneev O 2565, ? 1996 [61]
- 4: 0-1(15) Huebner R 2595 Farago 2475, ? 1988
- 5: 0-1(15) Drasko M 2505 Velikov P 2460, ? 1993

4. MOVES AND THEMES

4.1 Move orders reaching the report position

There were 2 move orders reaching this position:

- 1: 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 (5163)
- 2: 1.g3 d5 2.Nf3 (462)

4.2 Moves from the report position

	Move	ECO	Frequ	uency	Score	AvElo	Perf	AvYear	%Draws
1:	Сб	A07	2234:	39.7%	52.5%	2412	2388	1997	43%
2:	Nf6	A07	1688:	30.0%	55.5%	2376	2350	1996	42%
3:	Bg4	A07	984:	17.4%	51.8%	2441	2412	1998	42%
4:	g6	A07	385:	6.8%	47.9%	2411	2414	1992	43%
5:	Nc6	A07	179:	3.1%	47.4%	2393	2396	1996	40%
6:	Bf5		57:	1.0%	62.2%	2362	2292	1991	37%
7:	e6		46:	0.8%	58.6%	2366	2313	1995	30%
8:	Nd7		19:	0.3%	63.1%	2341	2291	1984	32%
9:	b6		17:	0.3%	50.0%	2449	2431	1992	65%
10:	c5	A08	11:	0.1%	45.4%	2425	2443	1995	55%
11:	h6		2:	0.0%	75.0%			1990	50%
12:	h5		1:	0.0%	100.0%			2003	0%
13:	e5		1:	0.0%	0.0%			1997	0%
14:	f5		1:	0.0%	0.0%			1989	0%
TOTA	AL:		5625:	100.0%	53.0%	2405	2384	1996	43%

4.3 Positional Themes

Frequency of themes in the first 20 moves of each game:

Same-side castling:	85%	White Isolated Queen Pawn:	5%
Opposite castling:	4%	Black Isolated Queen Pawn:	2%
Kingside pawn storm:	7%	White Pawn on 5/6/7th rank:	33%
Queens exchanged:	40%	Black Pawn on 2/3/4th rank:	31%
Only one side has Bishop pair:	4%	Open c/d/e file:	58%

4.4 Endgames

Material at the end of each game:

	P	$_{ m BN}$	R	R,BN	Q	Q,BN	Q,R	Q,R,BN
Report games	1%	13%	7%	23%	2%	7%	3%	44%
All games	1%	13%	7%	23%	2%	7%	3%	44%

5. THEORY TABLE

1	.Nf3 d5 2	2.g3: +17	85 = 2394	-1446 (2	982/5625:	53%)			
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	g3 Nc6[1]	Bg2 e5[2]	d3[3] Nf6[4]	00 Be7	b3[5] 00	Bb2 d4[6]	с3 Вg4	h3 Bh5[7]	14: 57%

2	 g6	Bg2[8] Bg7	00[9] e5[10]	d3[11] Ne7[12]	e4[13] 00[14]	Nbd2[15] d4[16]	h4[17] Bg4	Qe1 c5[18]	35: 63%
3	 Nf6	Bg2 Bf5[19]	00[20] e6	d3[21] Be7[22]	Nbd2[23] h6[24]	Ne5[25] OO	e4 Bh7	Qe2 c5[26]	29: 60%
4	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 c6	OO[27] Bf5[28]	d3[29] h6[30]	Nbd2[31] e6	Qe1 Be7[32]	e4 Bh7	Qe2[33] OO[34]	27: 56%
5				 еб	Nbd2[35] Be7[36]	Qe1[37] h6[38]	e4 Bh7	Ne5 Nbd7[39]	15: 57%
6			 Bg4	d3[40] Nbd7[41]	Nbd2[42] e5[43]	h3[44] Bh5	e4[45] de4[46]	de4 Bc5[47]	31: 53%
7	 Bg4	Bg2[48] c6[49]	d3[50] Nd7[51]	OO e6[52]	b3[53] Qf6	d4 Bd6	c4 Qe7	Nc3 f5[54]	33: 52%
8		 Nd7	d3[55] c6[56]	00[57] Ngf6[58]	h3[59] Bh5	c4 e6	Be3 Bd6	Qb3 Qb8[60]	15: 43%
9	• • • •		c4 e6[61]	Qb3[62] Nc5	Qc2[63] c6[64]	d3 Nf6[65]	OO Be7[66]	Be3[67] Bf3[68]	24: 35%
10	• • • •			cd5 ed5	00[69] Ngf6[70]	d3[71] Bc5[72]	Nc3[73] OO	Qb3 Nb6[74]	21: 60%
11			00 Ngf6[75]	d3[76] c6[77]	Nbd2[78] e5	e4 de4	de4 Be7[79]	Nc4[80] OO[81]	24: 56%
12	• • • •		 e6	d3[82] Bd6[83]	Nbd2[84] Ne7	e4[85] 00	h3[86] Bh5	Qe1[87] Nc6[88]	20: 43%
13			 c6	d3[89] Ngf6[90]	Nbd2[91] e5	e4 de4	de4[92] Be7[93]	Nc4[94] OO[95]	21: 50%
14	 c6	Bg2[96] Bf5[97]	OO[98] e6[99]	d3 h6[100]	c4[101] dc4	dc4 Qd1[102]	Rd1 Nf6	Nc3 Bc2[103]	23: 57%
15	• • • •	 Nf6		d3[106] Nbd7[107]			Bg2 Bg7	e4 00[112]	35: 53%
16	• • • •	 Bg4	b3[113] Nd7[114]	Bb2 Ngf6[115]	00[116]]e6[117]	d3 Bd6[118]	Nbd2 00	h3[119] Bf3[120]	35: 56%
17			d3 Nd7[121]	OO[122] e6[123]	Nbd2[124 Bd6]h3[125] Bh5	Qe1 Ne7	b3 00[126]	28: 57%
18	• • • •		OO Nd7[127]	d3[128] e5	e4[129] de4[130]	de4 Ngf6[131	h3[132]]Bh5	Qe1[133] Bc5[134]	
19	• • •	• • •	• • •	 еб	Nbd2[135 Bd6[136]		h3[138] Bh5	Rel[139] f6[140]	17: 56%
20				 Ngf6	Nbd2[141 e5[142]]e4[143] Bd6[144]	h3 Bh5	ed5[145] cd5[146]	

Generated from the 500 highest-rated games.

- [*1*] 2...b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.c4 dxc4 5.00 e6 6.Na3 Bxa3 7.bxa3 Nf6 8.Qa4+ Nbd7 9.Qxc4 00 10.Bb2 c5 11.a4 Qe7 12.d3 Rfe8 13.Rfb1 e5 14.e4 a5 15.Nd2 Ba6 16.Qb3 Rad8 17.Nc4 Qe6 18.Bc3 Rb8 19.Rd1 Rb7 =-=(41) Romanishin 2580 Beliavsky 2590, Tashkent 1980;
- 4.00 Nf6 5.d3 Nbd7 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 e6 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Qc2 00 10.Bf4 Qe7 11.Rad1 e5 12.Bg5 e4 13.Nh4 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe6 15.Qd2 Ne5 16.b3 Rfe8 17.Qf4 Nh5 18.Qf5 Qc6 19.Rd5 Qe6 =-=(42) Romanishin 2580 Beliavsky 2590, Vilnius 1980;
- 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+ Nd7 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.00 e6 7.Qxc4 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.d4 c5 10.Rd1 00 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qf4 Qxf4 14.Bxf4 Rfd8 15.Ne1 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 e5 17.Bd2 a6 18.Nd3 Bd4 19.e3 Bc5 0-1(74) Miles 2590 Beliavsky 2620, Tilburg NED 1981.
- 2...c5 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e5 5.00 Bg4 6.Bb2 d4 7.d3 f5 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.h3 Bh5 10.c3 Bd6 11.cxd4 cxd4 12.Rc1 00 13.Nc4 Re8 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rc4 Rac8 16.Qd2 Bf7 17.Rc2 Bd5 18.Rfc1 Rcd8 19.Nh4 Bxg2 1-0(37) Henrichs 2498 Hansen 2619, Hammerfest 1982.
- 2...e6 3.Bg2 Bd6 4.00 Ne7 5.c4 c6 6.Qc2 e5 7.d3 a6 8.b3 f6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.e4 00 11.d4 Nd7 12.Bb2 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nd4 Bg4 16.h3 c5 17.hxg4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bc7 19.Rad1 Qc8 1-0(25) Vaganian 2625 Semkov 2470, Saint John 1988.
- [*2*] 3...Nf6 4.d3 e5 5.Nbd2 Bf5 6.c4 Bc5 7.a3 Ng4 8.00 Qd6 9.b4 Bd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nf3 Nce5 12.Nxd4 Qg6 13.Nxf5 Qxf5 14.Bb2 Qh5 15.h3 000 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.e3 Qf5 18.cxd5 g5 19.d4 Ng6 1-0(31) Gonzales Mestres 2552 Gonzales Mestres 2552, Gijon 2000.
- [*3*] 4.00 e4 5.Ne1 f5 6.d3 Be6 7.c4 dxc4 8.Nc3 cxd3 9.exd3 Nf6 10.Qa4 Qd4
 11.Qxd4 Nxd4 12.Be3 000 13.dxe4 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Bc4 15.Bxd4 Rxd4 16.Nc2 Rxe4
 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 0-1 Sorensen Bent DEN 2530 Fries Nielsen Jens Ove DEN 2600, ?
 1997;
- 4...Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.c3 OO 7.Qc2 Bf5 8.Nh4 Be6 9.e4 a5 10.Nd2 =-= Rustemov 2553 Vaulin 2540, Bydgoszcz POL 2000.
- [*4*] 4...f6 5.c3 a5 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.00 Bb6 8.c4 d4 9.Rb1 Nge7 10.b3 Ng6 11.a3 Bc5 12.Ne1 h5 13.Nc2 h4 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Be7 16.b5 Nb8 17.e3 hxg3 18.hxg3 dxe3 19.Nxe3 Nd7 1-0(38) Ribli 2595 Mariotti 2490, Leningrad 1977;
- 5.00 Be6 6.a3 Qd7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 000 9.Qxd7+ =-= Georgiev 2552 Miladinovic 2533, Cutro 2003.
- [*5*] 6.c4 00 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.a3 Be6 9.b4 Bf6 10.Bb2 e4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.dxe4 Ne3 13.fxe3 Qxa1 14.b5 Ne5 15.Qc2 Nc4 16.Qc1 Rad8 17.Kf2 Rd7 18.Nc3 Qxc1 19.Rxc1 Rfd8 =-=(45) Hodgson 2570 Short 2660, England 1991.
- 6.c3 00 7.Qc2 Bf5 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nh4 exd3 10.exd3 Be6 11.d4 Qd7 12.f4 Bh3 13.Bxh3 Qxh3 14.f5 Rfe8 15.Ndf3 Bd6 16.Qg2 Qg4 17.Bd2 h6 18.Kh1 Re7 19.Ng1 Qe4 0-1(51) Fridman 2621 Godena 2527, Istanbul 2003.
- [*6*] 7...e4 8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Qc1 Be6 10.Nbd2 Bf6 11.c3 Re8 12.Rd1 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Qc8 14.e3 a6 15.Qf1 =-= Badea 2545 Komarov 2580, Sovata 1998.
- [*7*] 10.a3 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Rfe8 12.b4 a6 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Kh2 Bf8 15.cxd4 exd4
 16.Nb3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nd5 18.Rc1 Ne5 19.Bg2 Nc3 1-0(74) Hickl 2570 Huebner 2625,
 playchess.com INT 2003.

- [*8*] 3.c4 Bg7 4.Qa4+ c6 5.Bg2 e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.00 Nbd7 9.d4 00 10.Bf4 Re8 11.Qb3 Nb6 12.a4 a5 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Rac1 Nc4 15.Ne5 g5 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Qd6 18.Rf1 Rxe5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 =-=(61) Markowski T 2565 Van Wely 2640, ? 2000.
- [*9*] 4.c4 d4 5.e3 Nc6 6.00 Nh6 7.exd4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.Nc3 Nf5 10.d3 00 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 Bg7 13.Re1 c6 14.Be5 f6 15.Bf4 e5 16.Bc1 Nd4 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 g5 19.Be3 f5 =-=(46) Loginov 2513 Kharlov 2656, Kazan RUS 2001.
- [*10*] 4...Nf6 5.d3 00 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.c3 a5 8.e4 e5 9.a4 Re8 10.Qc2 h6 11.h3 Be6 12.Re1 Qd7 13.Kh2 Rad8 14.Bf1 Qc8 15.b3 Qa8 16.Bb2 Qa7 17.Re2 Kh7 18.Rae1 Nd7 19.exd5 Bxd5 1-0(33) Malakhov 2593 Galkin 2566, Lausanne SUI 2000;
- 1-0(33) Malakhov 2605 Galkin Alexander (RUS) 2587, Lausanne (Switzerland) 2000;
- 9.Rel Re8 10.a4 h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 b6 13.Qb3 Bb7 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.Re2 Qf5 16.Rael Qxd3 17.Bcl Qf5 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 e4 0-1(50) Sorensen Bent (DEN) 2465 Normantas Valentinas P (LTU) 2640, ? 1986;
- 8.a4 b6 9.Rel Bb7 10.Qc2 h6 11.e4 e5 12.Nf1 Qd7 13.Ne3 Rad8 14.Rdl Qe6 15.h3 dxe4 16.dxe4 Rxdl+ 17.Nxdl Nb8 18.Nd2 Rd8 19.Ne3 =-= Balashov 2600 Razuvaev 2515, Vilnius 1980;
- 7.c4 e5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.a3 h6 10.Qc2 a5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne4 Rd8 13.Bd2 f5 14.Nc5 Qf7 15.Rab1 b6 16.Na4 Nde7 17.Ne1 Bb7 18.Nc3 Rd7 19.b4 axb4 0-1(59) Damljanovic 2585 Gelfand 2665, Belgrade YUG 1991;
- 7.e4 e5 8.c3 a5 9.Re1 h6 10.Qc2 Re8 11.b3 Be6 12.Bb2 Qd7 13.a3 Bh3 14.b4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nh5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd7 18.b5 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 =-=(26) Gufeld 2515 Balashov 2600, Moscow RUS 1981;
- 6.c3 Re8 7.Qc2 e5 8.e4 h6 9.Nbd2 c5 10.Re1 Nc6 11.a3 Be6 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 d4 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.a4 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd7 17.Nfd2 b6 18.Ne3 Nb4 19.Qb1 Rcd8 1-0(78) Damljanovic 2569 Van Wely 2714, Leon ESP 2001;
- 5...Nc6 6.Qel e5 7.e4 00 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.a3 a5 10.a4 h6 11.Qe2 Be6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Rel Rad8 14.Nfl Bh3 15.N3d2 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qc8 17.Qf3 Qg4 18.Qxg4 Nxg4 19.Nb3 f5 1-0(41) Kobalia 2643 Galkin 2600, ACPOChess.com INT 2006;
- 5.c4 c5 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Ne5 Qd6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nc4 Qe6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.dxc3 00 12.Nb6 axb6 13.Qxa8 Qxe2 14.Qa4 Be6 15.Qd1 Qc4 16.Bf4 b5 17.Re1 b4 18.Bf1 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 =-=(26) Speelman 2604 Ribli 2569, Germany 2000.
- [*11*] 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.d3 Ne7 8.e4 OO 9.Nc3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nbc6 11.Qb3 Be6 12.Qxb7 Qa5 13.b4 Qxb4 14.Qxb4 Nxb4 15.Bd2 Rab8 16.a4 a6 17.a5 Nec6 18.Rfc1 Nd3 19.Rcb1 Nc5 0-1(38) Hera 2526 Predojevic 2641, Nova Gorica 2008;
- 8.Nc3 00 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bd2 Be6 11.a4 a5 12.b4 axb4 13.Na2 Nec6 14.Nxb4 Na6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.d4 e4 17.Ne1 f5 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Nc2 c5 =-=(108) Hodgson 2570 Agdestein 2590, Hastings 1991.
- [*12*] 5...Nc6 6.Nbd2 Nge7 7.c4 00 8.Rb1 a5 9.b3 h6 10.a3 Be6 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Bb2 Re8 13.Re1 Nc8 14.e4 Be6 15.Nc4 a4 16.b4 Nd6 17.Rc1 Nb5 18.h4 Ncd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 1-0(38) Hillarp Persson 2524 Khenkin 2602, Malmo 2006;
- 7.e4 00 8.c3 a5 9.a4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qd3 11.Re1 Rd8 12.Bf1 Qd6 13.Qe2 Qe6 14.Nc4 f6 15.Be3 Qf7 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Na3 g5 18.Qb5 b6 19.Bc4 Bxc4 =-=(43) Spasov 2554 Schuster 2525, ICCF 2003;
- 6...Nf6 7.c3 00 8.e4 a5 9.a4 dxe4 10.dxe4 b6 11.b4 axb4 12.cxb4 Nxb4 13.Ba3 c5 14.Bxb4 cxb4 15.Nxe5 Bb7 16.Rb1 Qe7 17.Nec4 Nd7 18.Ne3 Bc3 19.Nd5 Qd8 =-=(22) Sorensen Bent (DEN) 2540 Idema Dr Abram A (NED) 2545, ? 1991;
- 6.Nc3 d4 7.Nb1 Nge7 8.c3 00 9.cxd4 exd4 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Ne4 b6 12.Neg5 Bf5 13.Nh3 h6 14.Nf4 g5 15.Nh5 Bh8 16.h3 Bg6 17.g4 Qd7 18.Ng3 Bg7 19.Bd2 Rad8 1-0(73) Movsesian 2624 Khenkin 2587, Kaskady 2002;

- 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bg4 9.c3 Nf6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nbd2 h6 12.b4 000 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Bf1 Nb6 15.a4 a5 16.Rdc1 Nb8 17.Rc2 Na6 18.bxa5 Nd7 19.Ba3 Ndc5 =- (25) Hickl 2575 Romanishin 2572, Baden SUI 1999.
- [*13*] 6.Nbd2 00 7.e4 Nbc6 8.c3 a5 9.Rel Re8 10.Nfl h6 11.Ne3 Be6 12.Bd2 Qd7 13.c4 dxe4 14.dxe4 f5 15.Bc3 Nd4 16.Nd5 fxe4 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rxe4 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Qxd5 1-0(35) Harikrishna 2673 Feller 2525, Nancy FRA 2009;
- 9.a4 h6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.Qb3 Bf5 13.Qxb7 Nde7 14.Qb5 Qxd3 15.Re1 Bd7 16.Ncxe5 Qd6 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Bf4 Rab8 19.Rad1 Qg4 1-0(28) Polugaevsky 2630 Sveshnikov 2480, Sochi 1974;
- 8...dxe4 9.dxe4 b6 10.Qe2 Qd7 11.b4 Rd8 12.a4 Qd3 13.Qxd3 Rxd3 14.Ba3 Bf6 15.Rfc1 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Nc8 18.Bf1 Rd8 19.Re1 Nd6 =-=(53) Smyslov Vassily (RUS) 2620 Khasin Abram (RUS) 2480, Moscow (Russia) 1961;
- 7...dxe4 8.dxe4 b6 9.b3 a5 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.Re1 Nec6 12.Nf1 Nd7 13.Ne3 Re8 14.Nd5 Nc5 15.a3 Ne6 16.b4 =-= Radjabov 2650 Azmaiparashvili 2693, Plovdiv BUL 2003.
- [*14*] 6...Nbc6 7.Nbd2 00 8.b3 h6 9.Bb2 Be6 10.exd5 Bxd5 11.Re1 f6 12.a3 Nf5 13.b4 Qd7 14.b5 Ncd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.a4 a6 17.Bxd5+ Qxd5 18.Qf3 Rfe8 19.Qxd5+ 1-0 Hickl 2570 Dautov 2604, playchess.com INT 2003;
- 7.Nc3 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bg4 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 c5 12.c3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 00 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rad8 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 b6 18.Nd2 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Qd7 =-=(55) Campora 2545 Korneev 2565, Elgoibar 1996.
- 6...d4 7.Nh4 c5 8.f4 exf4 9.gxf4 Nbc6 10.c4 dxc3 11.bxc3 c4 12.dxc4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Bg4 14.Nf3 00 15.Ba3 Rfe8 16.h3 Be6 17.Nbd2 Bxc3 18.Rac1 Bg7 19.Ng5 Bd4+ 1-0(83) Movsesian 2695 Volkov 2633, Plovdiv 2008.
- [*15*] 7.c3 a5 8.a4 Nbc6 9.Na3 h6 10.Nb5 Be6 11.Be3 b6 12.d4 exd4 =-= Movsziszian 2527 Khamrakulov 2589, Sevilla 2008;
- 7...Nbc6 8.b4 a6 9.Bb2 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Qd7 11.a3 Rad8 12.Re1 d4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd1 16.Rexd1 Rxd4 17.Nb3 Rd6 18.Rac1 Nc6 19.Rc4 Rb8 =- =(50) Ionescu 2525 Korneev 2590, Berga 1996;
- 7...h6 8.Nbd2 Nbc6 9.b4 a6 10.Bb2 dxe4 11.dxe4 Be6 12.Qc2 Nc8 13.a3 Nd6 14.c4 Qe7 15.Rfe1 Rad8 16.Bf1 g5 17.Bd3 g4 18.Nh4 Qg5 19.Rad1 Rd7 1-0(44) Lupu 2500 Korneev 2590, Badalona 1996.
- 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne2 c5 9.Nd2 Nbc6 10.f4 f5 11.h3 Qc7 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Ne4 b6 14.fxe5 Bb7 15.e6 Ne3 16.Bxe3 dxe3 17.c3 Rxf1+ 18.Qxf1 Rf8 19.Nf4 Ne7 0-1(30) Nisipeanu 2584 Krasenkow 2647, Batumi GEO 1999;
- 7...c5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Rel Qd6 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Ne4 f5 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.f4 Bd7 15.Be3 b6 16.Nb5 Qd8 17.c3 Kh8 18.a4 a6 19.Nd6 exf4 =-=(45) Damljanovic 2548 Nikolic 2653, Neum 2002;
- 7...c6 8.Bd2 h6 9.b4 Be6 10.Re1 Nd7 11.a4 Rc8 12.a5 a6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Rb1 Rfd8 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.c4 dxc4 17.dxc4 Ng8 18.c5 Ngf6 19.Bc3 Ne8 =-=(56) Norwood 2530 Tukmakov 2570, Reykjavik 1990.
- [*16*] 7...Nbc6 8.Rel h6 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nc4 Re8 11.Bd2 a5 12.a4 Bf5 13.Qc1 Kh7 14.h3 f6 15.Kh2 Qd7 16.Qdl Be6 17.Qe2 Bf5 18.Nh4 Be6 19.Nf3 Bf5 =-=(20) Movsesian 2670 Vallejo Pons 2660, Pamplona ESP 2007;
- 9.c3 a5 10.a4 Be6 11.Qe2 Re8 12.h4 d4 13.Nf1 Qd7 14.N1h2 Rad8 15.Bf1 f5 16.Qc2 Rf8 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nd2 Bd5 19.Ne4 Nd6 =-=(43) Petrosian 2645 Suetin 2525, Sochi 1977.
- [*17*] 8.a4 Nec6 9.Nc4 Bg4 10.Qe1 Na6 11.Bd2 Qe7 12.Rb1 Nc5 13.Ra1 Na6 14.Nh4 Nab4 15.Na3 Bf6 16.f4 a5 17.h3 Bd7 18.f5 Nd8 19.Bh6 Re8 1-0(36) Stein Leonid Z (RUS) 2605 Sakharov Yuri N (RUS) 2490, Kiev (Ukraine) 1957.

- [*18*] 10.Nh2 Be6 11.f4 Nbc6 12.h5 Rc8 13.a3 f6 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.Ndf3 b5 17.Bd2 c4 18.Rf2 exf4 19.gxf4 f5 1-0(44) Van Wely 2675 Arlandi 2456, ? 2003.
- [*19*] 3...e6 4.00 Be7 5.d3 00 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.c3 a5 11.Qb5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Rb8 13.Rd1 Qe8 14.Kg2 b6 15.a3 Ra8 16.Nc4 Bc5 17.Bg5 a4 18.Bxf6 qxf6 19.Bq4 Ne7 1-0(39) Vaganian 2615 Pushkov 2485, Rostov 1993;
- 6...Nbd7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nc5 9.e5 Nd5 10.b3 a5 11.a3 f5 12.Bb2 Bd7 13.Nd4 Qe8 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.c4 Nb6 16.Bc3 Ra8 17.f4 Qc8 18.g4 c6 19.Kh1 Be8 1-0(40) Minasian 2570 Ziatdinov 2515, New York, NY USA 1998;
- 5...b6 6.c3 Bb7 7.a4 OO 8.Qc2 c5 9.Rel Nbd7 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.e4 c4 13.dxc4 dxe4 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Re3 Rc8 16.b4 Nd3 17.Nxe4 Nxb4 18.cxb4 Qxd4 19.Bb2 Qxc4 0-1(65) Dableo 2425 Onischuk 2668, Manila PHI 2006;
- 4.d3 Be7 5.00 00 6.Nc3 b6 7.e4 Bb7 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.f4 dxe4 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Qe1 Rad8 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.dxe4 Qc6 15.c3 Rd3 16.Qe2 Rfd8 17.f5 exf5 18.Rxf5 Qc4 19.Qg4 h5 0-1(31) Mieses 2580 Teichmann 2615, ? 1910.
- 3...g6 4.00 Bg7 5.d3 00 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 e5 8.Re1 Re8 9.c3 a5 10.Qc2 h6 11.b3 b6 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.a3 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qe7 15.Nc4 Ba6 16.Ne3 Rad8 17.Rad1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Nd5 Nxd5 =-=(38) Movsesian 2642 Pert 2525, Dresden 2007;
- 8...h6 9.c3 dxe4 10.dxe4 a5 11.Qc2 Be6 12.b3 Nd7 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Nf1 Na7 15.Rad1 Nb5 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.a4 Na7 18.Ne3 c6 19.Nd2 b5 1-0(32) Kengis 2570 Levin 2515, Bad Woerishofen 2002;
- 6...d4 7.Nc4 Nc6 8.e4 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Nd5 10.Bd2 Nb6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Qc1 e5 13.Re1 Re8 14.Bc3 Bf5 15.Nd2 Qd7 16.a3 Bh3 17.Bh1 Be6 18.Qd1 Rad8 19.Bg2 =-= Movsesian 2637 Schlosser 2554, Feugen AUT 2006.
- 3...Bg4 4.00 Bxf3 5.Bxf3 e5 6.d3 Be7 7.Nd2 00 8.e4 c6 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Bg2 Qc8 11.Bh3 h6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 f6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qg4+ Kh7 16.Qxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxd7 f5 18.Rxe5 Rf7 19.Bxf5+ Kh8 1-0(26) Bryant 2560 Craig 2560, ? 1994;
- 4...c6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 OO 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 a5 11.a4 Qc7 12.e3 e5 13.Nh4 Rfe8 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.g4 g6 16.Ng3 h6 17.h4 Bd6 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Nh7 1-0(39) Akopian 2625 Yegiazarian 2460, Erevan ARM 1995;
- 4.d3 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Qe2 e5 10.Nc4 =-= Baklan 2600 Miroshnichenko 2571, Noyabrsk RUS 2003.
- 3...b5 4.a4 b4 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.00 c5 8.e4 Nc6 9.Re1 a5 10.b3 00 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Ne5 Nd4 13.f4 Rc8 14.g4 Bd6 15.c3 bxc3 16.Bxc3 g5 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.fxg5 Bxe5 19.gxf6 Bxf6 1-0(35) Vaganian 2596 Popov 2541, Moscu RUS 2009.
- 3...Nbd7 4.00 Nb6 5.d3 Bf5 6.h3 Qd7 7.Kh2 e6 8.Ne5 Qc8 9.b3 Bd6 10.f4 Nfd7 11.Bb2 f6 12.e4 Bxe5 13.fxe5 Bg6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rxf6 d4 17.e5 c6 18.Qg4 Bf5 19.Qg7 Qd7 1-0(23) Bryant 2560 Maley 2560, ? 1994.
- [*20*] 4.c4 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qb3 Bc8 7.d3 Be7 8.Nc3 Na6 9.00 00 10.d4 c6 11.Bf4
 Nc7 12.Rad1 Ne6 13.Bc1 Qb6 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Rfe1 Rad8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4
 18.Rxe4 Bf6 19.Be3 Nc7 =-=(26) Tal 2705 Petrosian 2435, Erevan ARM 1980;
 =-=(27) Tal 2640 Petrosian 2585, ? 1980;
- 5.00 Be7 6.b3 00 7.Bb2 h6 8.d3 Bh7 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.a3 a5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Bh3 Re8 14.Rfe1 Nf8 15.Rac1 Ne6 16.Qb1 Bf6 17.Qa1 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Qd6 19.Rb1 Nc5 1-0(54) Spraggett 2575 Jussupow 2610, Quebec CAN 1989;
- 5...Nbd7 6.Nc3 c6 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 OO 9.Nh4 d4 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.Nb1 Qb6 12.d3 Rfe8 13.Nd2 Ne5 14.a3 c5 15.Nf3 Neg4 16.b4 Rad8 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Bc1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nh5 =-=(59) Sandor 2560 Koberl 2560, ? 1950.
- 4.d3 e6 5.00 Bc5 6.Qe1 Nc6 7.a3 a5 8.b3 00 9.Bb2 Re8 10.c4 dxc4 11.Qc3 e5 12.Qxc4 Bd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Qc2 Bd5 17.Nd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nd5 19.Rac1 Ra6 1-0(53) Bern Ivar (NOR) 2560 Binham Timothy (FIN) 2569, ? 1991.
- 4.b3 e6 5.Bb2 h6 6.00 Bc5 7.d3 00 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.a3 a5 10.Qe1 Rd8 11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Bh7 13.e5 Ne8 14.Ne4 Nc6 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Rd7 17.Nd2 Rad8 18.Ne4 Qb5 19.Qe3 Bxe4 1-0(43) Minasian 2597 Guliev 2481, Warsaw POL 2005.

- [*21*] 5.c4 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nc3 c6 8.d3 Be7 9.Qc2 OO 10.e4 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5 13.Bg2 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qd3 15.Qb3 Nfd7 16.Be3 Nc5 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Qh5 f6 19.Rab1 g6 =-=(106) Markowski 2605 Naiditsch 2571, ? 2004.
- 5.b3 Be7 6.Bb2 OO 7.d3 c5 8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.e3 Nd7 10.e4 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Bf6 13.c3 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Be7 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rc8 17.Qe2 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Nd5 19.Rac1 b6 =-=(34) Rashkovsky Nukhim 2530 Smagin Sergey 2580, ? 1984.
- [*22*] 5...Nbd7 6.c4 h6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 c6 9.Qc2 Be7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Bh7 12.h3 OO 13.Be3 Bc5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rfe8 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 0-1(46) Markowski 2561 Naiditsch 2676, Ajaccio FRA 2006;
- 6.Nfd2 Bc5 7.Nc3 00 8.e4 Bg4 9.Qe1 c6 10.h3 Bh5 11.Kh1 dxe4 12.Ncxe4 Be7 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Nc4 Nd5 15.Qe5 Bg6 16.Qe2 Qc7 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Bd2 Bf8 19.Ne5 Bf5 =-=(32) Badea 2530 Hracek 2615, Krynica POL 1998.
- 5...h6 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.c3 Qc7 12.Re1 OO 13.Nf1 b5 14.h4 d4 15.Bf4 Rad8 16.Rad1 Nb6 17.cxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Rxd4 19.Be3 Rd7 0-1(65) Terry 2560 Banner 2560, ? 1994.
- [*23*] 6.b3 h6 7.Bb2 00 8.c4 Bh7 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bb2 Bf6 13.Qc2 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 Qf6 15.Qxf6 Nxf6 =-= Gulko 2620 Jussupow 2680, Horgen SUI 1995.
- 6.Nfd2 h6 7.e4 Bh7 8.Qe2 00 9.f4 c5 10.g4 Nc6 11.c3 c4 12.dxc4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Bxe4+ 16.Qxe4 Qh4 17.b4 Be7 18.Qg2 Qf6 19.a3 Rad8 =- = (47) Movsziszian 2531 Korneev 2587, Granada 2007.
- 6.c4 00 7.Qb3 Qc8 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 c6 10.Rel Na6 11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.e5 Nfd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.a3 Na6 18.h4 Nc5 19.Bg5 Bxg5 =- =(66) Markowski 2595 Harikrishna 2514, Calcutta IND 2001.
- [*24*] 6...00 7.b3 h6 8.Bb2 Bh7 9.e3 c5 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Ndf3 Bf6 12.c4 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7 14.d4 dxc4 15.Ng4 Nd7 16.Rc1 Be7 17.Rxc4 h5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rad8 =-=(46) Norwood 2525 Jussupow 2665, GER 1994.
- [*25*] 7.e3 00 8.Qe2 Bh7 9.e4 c5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.e5 Ne8 13.f4 Nc7 14.Bh3 c4 15.g4 cxd3 16.cxd3 =-= Marin 2545 Arencibia Rodriguez 2560, La Pobla de Lillet 1997.
- [*26*] 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Kh1 Rad8 13.e5 Ne8 14.Nf3 Nc7 15.Be3 d4
 16.Bg1 Nd5 17.Nd2 b5 18.Ne4 a5 19.g4 a4 =-=(47) Giorgadze 2590 Korneev 2540,
 Zaragoza 1995.
- [*27*] 4.d3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 e6 8.00 Bd6 9.e4 Qc7 10.Qe2 000 11.Nd2 Kb8 12.a4 g5 13.d4 dxe4 14.a5 a6 15.Nc4 h6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Rd1 e5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Be3 Rhe8 0-1(37) Morozevich 2741 Kramnik 2766, Monte Carlo 2007;
- 5...Bh5 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 e6 8.c3 h6 9.b4 g5 10.Be3 Bg7 11.Nb3 00 12.h4 g4 13.Nh2 b6 14.c4 Rc8 15.00 Qe7 16.a3 Rfd8 17.c5 e5 18.Qc1 Kh7 19.a4 Qe6 =- =(35) Ufimtsev 2579 Rusakov Yakov Davidovich RUS 2506, ? 1988;
- 5.00 Nbd7 6.Qe1 e5 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 a5 10.a4 Bc5 11.Nbd2 00 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Nh4 Rfe8 14.Bg5 b6 15.Kh1 Qa7 16.Nf5 Rad8 17.c3 Qa6 18.b3 Bf8 19.f3 h6 1-0(50) Minasian 2598 Grischuk 2581, Ubeda ESP 2000;
- 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.OO a5 9.a3 OO 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 =-= Minasian Artashes (ARM) 2557 Anastasian Ashot (ARM) 2559, Yerevan (Armenia) 2009;
- 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nh4 e5 9.c4 Bc5 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.e3 00 12.00 d4 13.exd4 Bxd4 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.b4 a5 16.b5 e4 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Qc2 Re8 0-1(129) Bradford 2453 Georgiev 2661, Gibraltar 2007;

- 4...Bf5 5.00 h6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Nxc4 e6 9.Bd2 Be7 10.b4 00 11.a3 Nb6 12.Na5 Qd7 13.Nc3 e5 14.Re1 Bh3 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rc1 Nbd5 17.Nc4 Qe6 18.e4 Nb6 19.Na5 Rfd8 1-0(55) Damljanovic 2515 Anand 2610, Manila PHI 1990;
 - 1-0(56) Damljanovic 2515 Anand 2610, ? 1990.
- 4.b3 a5 5.c4 Bf5 6.Na3 e6 7.00 Bc5 8.d3 00 9.Nc2 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Qe7 11.Qd2 h6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nfd4 Bh7 14.Ne3 Rfe8 15.Bh3 Ne5 16.Rac1 Bb4 17.Qc2 h5 18.Qb1 Neg4 19.Bxg4 hxg4 1-0(34) Lobron 2565 Nikolic 2635, Brussels SWIFT 1992;
 - 1-0(33) Lobron 2565 Nikolic 2635, Brussels SWIFT rapid 1992;
 - 1-0(59) Lobron 2625 Nikolic 2625, Brussels BEL 1992;
- 4...Bf5 5.Bb2 e6 6.00 Be7 7.d3 h6 8.Nbd2 00 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Bh7 11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.e5 Ne8 15.Ne4 Nc5 16.Nfd2 Rd7 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Rad8 =-=(23) Andersson 2535 Smyslov 2620, Las Palmas ESP 1972;
- 6...h6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nfd2 OO 9.e4 Bh7 10.Qe2 a5 11.a4 Na6 12.e5 Nd7 13.f4 b5 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Nf3 Nc5 16.axb5 cxb5 17.d4 Nxc2 18.dxc5 Bxc5+ 19.Kh1 d4 0-1(36) Quinteros 2465 Polugaevsky 2640, Mar del Plata 1971;
- 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 Bh7 8.a3 a5 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.e4 00 11.Qe2 Nfd7 12.Ng4 Re8 13.f4 f5 14.Ne3 e5 15.fxe5 Bf8 16.e6 Rxe6 17.exd5 Re8 18.000 Nf6 19.Qf3 Nbd7 1-0(41) Hort 2570 Campora 2545, Amsterdam 1987;
- 4...Bg4 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.d3 e6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Bd6 9.Nd2 Qe7 10.00 h5 11.e3 000 12.Bg2 Kb8 13.c4 h4 14.g4 Nc5 15.Qe2 dxc4 16.dxc4 e5 17.Rab1 a5 18.a3 Na6 19.c5 Bxc5 =-=(75) Agdestein 2583 Stellwagen 2616, Amsterdam NED 2008.
- [*28*] 4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 OO 7.d3 Bg4 8.Nbd2 Ne8 9.Bxg7 Nxg7 10.c4 Qd6 11.d4 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.e4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Nfe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Be6 17.Qc3 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Ne8 19.Nd3 Nd6 1-0(52) Akopian 2620 Burmakin 2535, Ubeda 1996;
- 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nbd2 OO 7.e4 a5 8.Re1 a4 9.a3 Na6 10.e5 Ne8 11.d4 c5 12.c3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb8 14.Nb1 Nc6 15.Nc3 Qa5 16.Be3 Nc7 17.Qd2 Bg4 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 e6 0-1(37) Miroshnichenko 2525 Nielsen 2626, Panormo 2002.
- [*29*] 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 a5 8.Nbd2 00 9.a3 h6 10.Qe1 Bh7 11.e4 c5 12.a4
 Nc6 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.Rab1 Qa6 15.e5 Nd7 16.h4 b5 17.axb5 Qxb5 18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Nf1 a4
 0-1(45) Rahman 2497 Jakovenko 2710, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 7...00 8.Nbd2 h6 9.Re1 a5 10.a3 Nbd7 11.e4 Bh7 12.Qe2 Qb6 =-= Zhigalko 2587 Potkin 2613, Moscow RUS 2009;
- 7...h6 8.Nbd2 00 9.Qel Bh7 10.e4 a5 11.Qe2 Na6 12.a4 Nb4 13.Nel Nd7 14.Khl Re8 15.f4 Nc5 16.e5 Qb6 17.Ndf3 Nd7 18.Nd4 c5 19.Nb5 Rac8 =-=(26) Miles 2590 Sveshnikov 2535, Wijk aan Zee NED 1981;
- 6...Bd6 7.d3 00 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nxe4 11.Nd4 Nxd2 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Qxd2 Be5 14.Bxe5 Qxe5 15.Rfe1 Qc5 16.b4 Qb6 17.Rab1 a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Qxa5 Rxa5 =-=(48) Pigusov 2575 Sveshnikov 2570, St Petersburg RUS 1993;
- 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 Qc7 7.d3 e5 8.Nbd2 h6 9.Nh4 Bh7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Bc5 12.Qe2 00 13.a4 Rfe8 14.Rad1 Bd4 15.c3 Bc5 16.b4 Bf8 17.a5 c5 18.Rc1 a6 19.Rfe1 b6 =-=(37) Akopian 2620 Barua 2520, Linares 1996;
- 6...e6 7.d3 Bc5 8.Nbd2 OO 9.c4 a5 10.a3 Qe7 11.Qc2 Rfe8 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bg6 14.Nh4 e5 15.h3 Nf8 16.Nf5 Qc7 17.Bc3 Qb6 18.Qb2 N6d7 19.b4 axb4 =- (79) Ruck 2572 Miroshnichenko 2548, Panormo GRE 2002.
- [*30*] 5...Nbd7 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bg4 10.Nc4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qc7 12.Qc3 e5 13.b4 00 14.Bb2 Rfe8 15.Rad1 Bf8 16.Rd2 Nb6 17.Rfd1 Na4 18.Qb3 Nxb2 19.Qxb2 b5 0-1(62) Benko Pal C (USA) 2525 Stein Leonid Z (RUS) 2605, Amsterdam (Netherlands) 1964.
- [*31*] 6.c4 dxc4 7.Ne5 Be6 8.Nxc4 Bxc4 9.dxc4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 e6 11.Nc3 Nbd7
 12.Rb1 a5 13.Na4 Be7 14.h3 Nc5 15.b3 OO 16.Be3 Nfd7 17.Rd2 Rfd8 18.Rbd1 Nxa4
 19.Rxd7 Nc3 1-0(30) Kengis 2581 Vysochin 2551, Cairo 2003.

- [*32*] 7...Bh7 8.e4 Be7 9.Qe2 OO 10.Re1 a5 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Nf1 c5 13.h4 Nc6 14.N1h2 Rc8 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.c3 a4 17.Rad1 d4 18.c4 Qa6 19.a3 b5 0-1(76) Movsesian 2658 Ghaem Maghami 2581, ACPOChess.com INT 2006.
- [*33*] 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.f4 00 12.Kh1 Kh8 13.g4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.Ng3 Bg8 16.Qe2 fxg4 17.Qxg4 Nf6 18.Qh3 Nd5 19.Bd2 Bd6 1-0(47) Vaganian 2585 Thorhallsson 2500, New York, NY USA 1997.
- [*34*] 10.b3 a5 11.Bb2 a4 12.c4 axb3 13.axb3 Rxal 14.Rxal =-= Fontaine 2521 Golod 2571, Las Vegas, NV USA 2006.
- [*35*] 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Nbd7 11.h3 Bc5 12.Nd2 OOO 13.Nb3 Bb6 14.Kf1 Nc5 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Ke2 e5 18.Bg5 Kc7 19.Rf1 a5 =-=(67) Roiz 2659 Laznicka 2578, Plovdiv BUL 2008;
- 8...Nbd7 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.c4 N5f6 11.d4 Qa5 12.Be3 000 13.Qe2 Qh5 14.Qxh5 Rxh5 15.h3 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.b3 Ne5 19.Nc3 Rd3 =-=(26) Markowski 2573 Laznicka 2594, Polanica 2007;
- 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Qe1 Nfd7 10.f4 Bxh4 11.gxh4 00 12.e4 Re8 13.Qg3 f5 =-= Kalinitschew 2489 Potkin 2612, Germany 2007.
- 6.Nc3 h6 7.Nd2 Bh7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Nbd7 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Qe2 Be7 12.a4 00 13.b3 e5 14.Bb2 Bc5 15.Nd1 Rfe8 16.Kh1 b6 17.f3 a6 18.Nf2 b5 19.Nd2 Bd6 =-=(89) Kengis 2570 Haba 2515, Swidnica 2000;
- 7...Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.Kh1 a5 10.Qe2 a4 11.a3 b5 12.f4 Na6 13.Nf3 OO 14.e5 Nd7 15.f5 Bxf5 16.Nd4 Qc7 17.Nxf5 exf5 18.Rxf5 g6 19.Rf1 Qxe5 1-0(31) Kengis 2580 Haba 2505, Germany 1995;
- 6...Be7 7.Nd2 d4 8.Nce4 00 9.c3 Bxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 e5 12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 dxc3 16.bxc3 b5 17.d4 Nd7 18.Bc2 Ra3 19.Bd2 Nb6 =-=(25) Kveinys 2531 Burmakin 2549, Zuerich 2004.
- 6.Qel h6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.e5 Ng8 12.Qe2 Bd8 13.b3 Ne7 14.Ba3 Nf5 15.Nf3 Be7 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.d4 OO 18.c4 Be4 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 =-= Markus 2586 Landa 2678, Hungary 2008;
- 9.Qe2 00 10.Re1 a5 =-= Fominyh 2520 Landa 2614, Krasnoyarsk RUS 2003. 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.c4 Bd6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qb3 Qb8 10.Nc3 00 11.Bd4 Re8 12.Rae1 h6 13.Nh4 Be6 14.f4 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qa3 Qd6 17.Na4 b6 18.Nxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Qxc5 bxc5 =-=(44) Benjamin 2620 Van der Sterren 2605, Amsterdam NED 1994.
- [*36*] 6...h6 7.Qel Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.f4 00 12.Kh1 a5 13.g4 a4 14.a3 Kh8 15.f5 exf5 16.gxf5 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf6 18.Bd2 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bf6 =-=(76) Vaganian 2601 Riazantsev 2593, Canada de Calatrava ESP 2006;
- 9.Qe2 00 10.Re1 a5 11.a4 Na6 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nb3 Rc8 14.Nbd4 Bd6 15.Bh3 Re8 16.Bf4 Bxf4 17.gxf4 Nb4 18.Rad1 Nd7 19.c3 Nc6 =-=(36) Speelman 2620 Sadler 2565, Hastings ENG 1995.
- 6...Nbd7 7.Qe1 Nc5 8.Nh4 h6 9.Nxf5 exf5 10.e4 fxe4 11.dxe4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Ncxe4 13.Bxe4 Be7 14.Bg2 OO 15.Bf4 Re8 16.Rd1 Qb6 17.Qc3 Bb4 18.Qb3 Bc5 19.Bf3 Rad8 =-=(20) Giorgadze 2609 Milov 2633, Frankfurt GER 1999.
- [*37*] 7.b3 00 8.Bb2 h6 9.Qe1 a5 10.e4 Bh7 11.a3 c5 12.a4 Nc6 13.Qe2 Re8
 14.Rfe1 Rc8 15.Ne5 Nd4 16.Qd1 Qc7 17.f4 Bf8 18.Rc1 Rcd8 19.exd5 exd5 1-0(47)
 Malakhov 2676 Potkin 2591, Krasnoyarsk 2007.
- [*38*] 7...00 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Na6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Nf3 Nac5 14.h4 a5 15.Qe2 Qb6 16.Re1 Qa6 17.Qe3 Nb6 18.Bf1 Nd5 19.Qd4 b5 0-1(39) Rubinetti 2450 Nikolic 2635, Buenos Aires 1992.
- [*39*] 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.f4 00 12.Kh1 a5 13.g4 a4 14.f5 a3 15.b3 Re8 16.Rb1 exf5 17.gxf5 Qa5 18.exd5 cxd5 19.Qg3 Bb4 1-0(35) Vaganian 2590 Sveshnikov 2570, Sochi 1980.

- [*40*] 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Qc7 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Kh1 a5 15.a3 Rad8 16.Ne3 =-= Kacheishvili 2573 Grischuk 2601, Istanbul TUR 2000;
- 13.Khl Rad8 14.a3 a5 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Nf3 b5 17.Bc3 Ra8 18.g4 Bg6 19.Ng3 a4 0-1(43) Minasian 2584 Gareev 2525, Calvia ESP 2004;
- 10...dxe4 11.dxe4 Be5 12.c3 Bc7 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Qc2 a5 15.Nd4 Qb8 16.Rae1 a4 17.b4 Bg6 18.c4 Qa7 19.c5 Rad8 0-1(41) Akopian 2655 Beliavsky 2650, Linares 1995;
- 9.Qc1 e5 10.e4 Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 dxe4 13.dxe4 b5 14.Bg2 Nc5 15.Qe1 Qe7 16.Rd1 a5 17.Nf3 a4 18.Nh4 g6 19.Rd2 axb3 =-=(41) Spassky 2690 Smyslov 2620, ? 1959;
- 5...e6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.d3 a5 8.a3 Bc5 9.Nbd2 OO 10.e4 e5 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Re8 13.Rfe1 d4 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Nf3 Bf8 16.Qd2 Nc5 17.h4 g6 18.Bh3 Rad8 19.Qd1 Bh6 =-=(55) Slobodjan 2550 Rustemov 2573, Germany 1999;
- 7...Bd6 8.Nbd2 00 9.e4 Qc7 10.Qe1 e5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Rfe8 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Qe3 Bg6 15.g4 Rad8 16.Rad1 Qa5 17.a3 Qc5 18.Qxc5 Bxc5 19.Rfe1 Bxf5 =-=(48) Tregubov 2515 Zvjaginsev 2585, Wijk aan Zee NED 1995.
- 5.h3 Bh5 6.d3 Nbd7 7.Qe1 e5 8.e4 Bd6 9.Nh4 OO 10.f4 exf4 11.gxf4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Re8 14.Nf5 Bc5+ 15.Kh2 Nf6 16.Qc3 Rxe4 17.Qxc5 Re2+ 18.Kg1 Qd7 19.Nc3 b6 1-0(62) Amin 2535 Ganguly 2586, Abu Dhabi 2007.
- 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.c4 Nbd7 7.d4 e6 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Qb3 00 11.Nf3 dxc4 12.Qxc4 Rfd8 13.Rd1 Qd5 14.Ne5 Qxe5 15.dxe5 Rxd1+ 16.Bf1 Bh3 17.Bd2 Rxa1 18.Bc1 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Nd5 0-1(36) Gutman 2497 Baramidze 2593, Nürnberg 2008.
- [*41*] 5...e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 OO 9.Rel Nbd7 10.e5 Ne8 11.Nfl c5 12.Bf4 b5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Qd2 c4 15.Ng3 cxd3 16.cxd3 Nc5 17.Bfl d4 18.h4 h6 19.h5 Bh7 1-0(53) Movsesian 2647 Acs 2548, Tripoli 2004;
- 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.f4 f5 13.gxf5 exf5 14.exd5 Re8 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Qf3 Rac8 18.c3 c5 19.Bd2 Bf7 =-=(62) Minasian 2581 Acs 2530, Yerevan ARM 2001;
- 8.b3 00 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.e4 Ne8 11.Qe1 Nc7 12.Nh2 dxe4 13.dxe4 e5 14.Nc4 f6 15.Ng4 Ne6 16.Nge3 a5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.a3 b5 19.Nce3 Re8 1-0(64) Almasi 2672 Acs 2560, Hungary 2003;
- 6...Nbd7 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 Be7 9.Re1 OO 10.e5 Ne8 11.Nf1 Nc7 12.Bf4 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.d4 e5 15.dxe5 Be7 16.Bd2 Ne6 17.g4 Bg6 18.Ng3 Qb6 19.Be3 Qc7 1-0(51) Movsesian 2647 Acs 2548, Tripoli LBA 2004;
- 8.Qe1 Bd6 9.e4 Qc7 10.Nh2 g5 11.d4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qe3 h6 15.c4 000 16.c5 Be7 17.b4 Nd5 18.Qa3 a6 19.Qb3 Bf6 =-=(36) Scekic 2405 Kamsky 2717, New York, NY USA 2004;
- 6.Qel Nbd7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Nc4 Qe7 11.Ne3 h5 12.a3 000 13.b4 Bd6 14.Nh4 g6 15.c4 Nh7 16.h3 Be6 17.Qc3 Kb8 18.Rd1 Bc7 19.Bb2 Ng5 1-0(37) Korchnoi 2635 Flear 2485, Lugano 1986.
- [*42*] 6.h3 Bh5 7.Qe1 e5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 a5 10.a4 Bc5 11.Nbd2 00 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Bd2 b6 14.Nh4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Bg6 16.Bg5 b5 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Nxa5 Bb6 1-0(36) Movsesian 2670 Alavkin 2442, St. Petersburg RUS 2007;
 - =-= Minasian 2576 Vaganian 2662, Moscow RUS 2002;
- 8...Bd6 9.exd5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxd5 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 00 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Bg2 Rae8 15.a4 Kh8 16.a5 f5 17.c4 f4 18.Be4 Nc5 19.Bd2 Qe7 1-0(43) Movsesian 2723 Grischuk 2728, Moscow RUS 2008;
- 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 Bc5 10.d4 Bd6 11.Nh4 00 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Bg5 Bg6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.h4 Nf8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Be7 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.dxc5 Ne6 =-=(50) Malakhov 2670 Karjakin 2658, Benidorm ESP 2005;
- 6...Bxf3 7.exf3 g6 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nd2 OO 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qe2 Nf8 13.Ne5 N6d7 14.c3 Rad8 15.Bd2 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Be3 a6 18.h4 f5 19.Bb6 Rc8 =- (21) Markowski 2573 Buhmann 2583, Polanica 2007.

- [*43*] 6...e6 7.e4 Be7 8.Qe2 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.Re1 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.b3 Qc7 13.Bb2 Rfe8 14.Qf1 Rad8 15.a3 b5 16.Bc3 Bf8 17.Nh4 Nc5 18.Bf3 Bg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 1-0(62) Karpov 2745 Anand 2765, Lausanne SUI 1998;
- 7.Qel Be7 8.e4 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.e5 Ne8 11.Nh2 Nc7 12.Kh1 f6 13.Ndf3 f5 14.Bd2 c5 15.c4 Nb8 16.Ba5 b6 17.Bc3 Nc6 18.b3 Qd7 19.Rc1 Rad8 0-1(45) Kasimdzhanov 2690 Morozevich 2755, Moscow RUS 2007;
- 7.h3 Bh5 8.e3 Be7 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nh4 OO 11.f4 Ne8 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Nf3 Nd6 14.Nd4 Kf7 15.e4 Nb5 16.Nxb5 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qxb5 18.c4 Qc5 19.cxd5 cxd5 =-=(61) Georgiev 2595 Huebner 2595, Wijk aan Zee NED 1988.
- [*44*] 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe1 00 11.Nc4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qe7 13.Qe2 Qe6 14.Kg2 h5 15.a4 Rfe8 16.Bd2 g6 17.b4 Be7 18.a5 Kg7 19.Rfd1 b5 0-1(56) Larsen 2565 Vaganian 2625, Naestved DEN 1985;
- 13.Kh2 Qe6 14.Qe2 b5 15.Ne3 Nb6 16.Nf5 g6 17.Nh6+ Kg7 18.Bg5 Be7 19.h4 Rfd8 =-=(64) Navara 2604 Haba 2524, Czechia 2004;
- 7...Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe1 OO 10.Nh4 Re8 11.Nb3 a5 12.a4 Bb4 13.Bd2 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qc7 16.Qc3 Nf8 17.Rfe1 Ne6 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Nd7 =-=(31) Markus 2575 Hera 2526, Nova Gorica 2008.
- 7.c4 d4 8.Rb1 Be7 9.b4 OO 10.h3 Be6 11.b5 Qc7 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.Qa4 Rfc8 15.Ba3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Rb2 Be7 18.Nge4 Nd7 19.c5 Be6 0-1(62) Lukez 2569 Ludwig 2581, corr 2004.
- [*45*] 8.Nh4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.c4 dxc4 11.dxc4 a5 12.a4 00 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.Bg5 Bg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.b3 Rad8 19.Bc1 Rxd1 =-=(29) Romanishin 2590 Dolmatov 2575, Frunze KGZ 1981.
- [*46*] 8...Bd6 9.Qe1 00 10.Nb3 Re8 11.Nh4 Bf8 12.a4 dxe4 13.dxe4 a5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Bc3 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Nf3 Bd4 18.Bxd4 Bxf3 19.Bc3 Bxg2 =-=(55) Damljanovic 2565 Georgiev 2595, Reggio Emilia 1988;
- 10.Nh4 Re8 11.f4 exf4 12.gxf4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Nd5 14.Nc4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 N7b6 16.Ne5 Nb4 17.Nf5 Bg6 18.Qc3 Bf8 19.Ng3 Qc7 =-=(42) Georgiev 2595 Torre 2545, Saint John 1988.
- [*47*] 10.Qe1 00 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Qc7 13.Nh4 Bf8 14.Bg5 Bg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Qe2 Nc5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.h4 Bh6 19.b4 Ne6 =-=(52) Kindermann 2515 Gelfand 2700, Munich GER 1991.
 - 10.c3 00 11.Qc2 a5 12.a4 =-= Stevic 2541 Gyimesi 2618, Rabac 2004.
- [*48*] 3.Ne5 Bf5 4.c4 Nd7 5.Nxd7 Qxd7 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Rg1 Bxb1 8.Bg2 Be4 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Bxe4 Qd7 11.b3 Nf6 12.Bf3 g6 13.Bb2 Bg7 14.000 00 15.Qd4 Qc7 16.Qb4 Qd7 17.Qd4 Qc7 18.Qf4 Qd7 =-= Hodgson 2570 Sherbakov 2545, Leeuwarden NED 1994;
- 8...Qf5 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Qxd7+ Kxd7 11.Rxb1 c6 12.b4 a6 13.a4 e6 14.b5 axb5 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Rxb5 Ra7 17.Bb2 Nf6 18.Bd4 b6 19.e3 Bc5 1-0(47) Alburt 2530 Dlugy 2565, Jacksonville 1990;
- 6.Qb3 Qc6 7.Qb5 Qxb5 8.cxb5 e5 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.d3 h6 11.Nc3 000 12.Bd2 Bc5 13.Rc1 Bd4 =-= Salov 2680 Dreev 2630, Elista RUS 1998;
- 6.Bg2 Be4 7.f3 Bxb1 8.Rxb1 dxc4 9.Qc2 h5 10.f4 c6 11.Qxc4 h4 12.g4 h3 13.Bf3 Nf6 14.b4 Rc8 15.f5 e6 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Rb3 Bd6 18.g5 Nd5 19.Bg4 Qe7 0-1(28) Dizdarevic 2530 Vaganian 2630, Belgrade YUG 1999;
- 4.d4 Nd7 5.Bg2 e6 6.c4 c6 7.00 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.b3 00 10.Bb2 Re8 11.h3 h6 12.a3 Bh7 13.f4 a5 14.e3 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Kh2 Nf8 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bg6 0-1(40) Karlsson 2564 Popov 2613, Sweden 2002;
- 5.Nd3 e6 6.Bg2 Ngf6 7.c3 c5 8.dxc5 Nxc5 9.00 Nxd3 10.exd3 Be7 11.Na3 00 12.Nc2 Qb6 13.Nd4 Bg6 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Re1 Bf6 16.d4 Qc6 17.a4 a6 18.a5 Rfe8 19.h4 Bd8 =-=(32) Romanishin 2595 Bagirov 2500, Helsinki FIN 1992;

- 4.Bg2 f6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.c4 d4 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.h3 Bd7 9.e4 g6 10.d3 e5 11.00 Nh6 12.Na3 Nf7 13.Nc2 a5 14.Bd2 Be7 15.Nf3 00 16.Nh2 Kg7 17.f4 Qc8 18.h4 Rb8 19.a4 Ra8 1-0(32) Romanishin 2575 Sulypa 2513, Lvov 2001;
- 3...Bh5 4.d4 Nd7 5.Bg2 e6 6.c4 c6 7.Qb3 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Qb6 9.Nc3 Qxb3 10.axb3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Be3 a6 13.h3 Nd7 14.Rc1 Bc5 15.Nd1 d4 16.Bd2 Be7 17.b4 OO 18.Be4 e5 19.f3 a5 =-=(41) Dizdarevic 2526 Shirov 2704, Sarajevo BIH 2002
- 3.b3 Bxf3 4.exf3 Nf6 5.Bb2 e6 6.f4 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.00 00 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Nd2 a5 11.a4 c6 12.Nf3 b5 13.Ne5 Qb6 14.Qe2 b4 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.g4 Rfd8 17.f5 exf5 18.gxf5 Nh5 19.fxg6 hxg6 =-=(43) Damljanovic 2574 Khenkin 2609, Herceg Novi YUG 2001;
- 5.f4 g6 6.Bh3 Bg7 7.Bb2 e6 8.00 00 9.Rel c5 10.d3 Nfd7 11.Qcl Nc6 12.Nd2 Bxb2 13.Qxb2 Qf6 14.Qxf6 Nxf6 15.Bg2 b5 16.c3 a5 17.a4 b4 18.c4 Nd4 19.Rab1 Rac8 0-1(49) Beikert 2449 Bacrot 2664, Evry FRA 2004.
- [*49*] 3...e6 4.00 Nd7 5.d3 Bd6 6.Nbd2 Ne7 7.c4 c6 8.d4 00 9.b3 a5 10.Bb2 a4 11.c5 Bc7 12.b4 Qb8 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nh4 f5 16.e3 e5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Ndf3 Qf6 1-0(39) Zhang Zhong 2649 Gurevich 2634, Beijing 2008;
- 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 c6 9.Qe2 OO 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nf1 Rae8 13.c3 Qc7 14.Re1 f6 15.h4 Bf7 16.h5 Bf4 17.N3h2 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 e5 19.Qe3 Qb6 =-=(96) Istratescu 2561 Gurevich 2688, Ohrid MKD 2001;
- 5...Ngf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Qe1 00 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 c6 10.Nc4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 b5 12.Na5 Ne5 13.Bg2 Bc5 14.Nb7 Qe7 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Qe2 Rfd8 17.b3 Qc3 18.Rb1 Qa5 19.a4 bxa4 1-0(39) Stein 2669 Mikenas 2524, Riga 1970;
- 5.h3 Bh5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.e4 c6 9.d4 OO 10.c3 a5 11.Re1 Qb6 12.c4 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 dxc4 14.Qc2 e5 15.Be3 Qa6 16.Red1 Rfd8 17.a4 b5 18.Kh2 Ng6 19.dxe5 Ndxe5 0-1(26) Anastasian 2561 Gurevich 2635, Istanbul TUR 2003;
- 4...Nf6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.d3 00 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.a3 Rfd8 11.Qe1 =-= Lombardy 2515 Keres 2565, Tallinn 1975.
- 3...Nf6 4.00 c6 5.d3 Nbd7 6.Qe1 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Ba7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qe7 16.Nh4 Rad8 17.f4 exf4 18.gxf4 Nd5 19.Qg3 Ne3 0-1(27) Omar Sharif 2600 Esordiente 2655, ? 2002.
- [*50*] 4.b3 Nd7 5.Bb2 Ngf6 6.00 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Nbd2 00 9.Rel Re8 10.c4 Bxf3 11.exf3 c5 12.f4 e6 13.Rcl b6 14.Nfl Rc8 15.Ne3 cxd4 16.Bxd4 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Qe7 18.Qe2 Red8 19.Redl Ne8 1-0(36) Ribli 2610 Smyslov 2600, Tilburg NED 1984;
- 6...e6 7.d3 Bc5 8.Nbd2 OO 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 e5 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qe7 13.Rad1 b5 14.h4 a5 15.c3 Nb6 16.Rfe1 Qe6 17.Qf5 Ng4 18.Re2 Rad8 19.Bf3 Rd3 0-1(28) Ribli 2605 Tal 2565, Montpellier 1985;
- 6.d3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Bd6 9.c4 Qe7 10.a3 h5 11.h3 Be5 12.d4 Bd6 13.e3 e5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.00 Rd8 18.Bg2 00 19.Nf3 Nxf3+1-0(41) Hickl 2608 Bellini 2472, Switzerland 2006;
- 5...e6 6.d3 Ngf6 7.00 Bc5 8.Nbd2 00 9.a3 a5 10.h3 Bh5 11.e4 b5 12.Qe2 Ne8 13.Kh1 Nc7 14.Qe1 Bb6 15.Rb1 c5 16.Ng1 f6 17.f4 a4 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4 d4 0-1(34) Markowski 2495 Chernin 2630, London ENG 1994;
- 6.00 Ngf6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 Be5 11.c3 Bc7 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Rfe1 e5 14.c4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Nc5 16.Re3 a5 17.a3 Na6 18.c5 Nd7 19.Rc3 f6 =- (51) Hickl 2565 Hertneck 2525, Bad Wiessee 1997;
- 4...e6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.00 Be7 7.d3 00 8.Nbd2 a5 9.a3 Nbd7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Re8 14.Qe2 Bc5 15.Rad1 b5 16.c3 Qe7 17.b4 Bb6 18.Ra1 h5 19.Nf3 Bc7 =-=(66) Kunte 2455 Short 2697, Dhaka BAN 1999.
- 4.00 Nd7 5.d3 Ngf6 6.Nbd2 e5 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 Bd6 9.exd5 cxd5 10.c4 00 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 N5b6 13.Ne4 Be7 14.a4 Kh8 15.a5 f5 16.Neg5 Nc5 17.Qc3 Nd5 18.Qc4 e4 19.dxe4 fxe4 =-=(34) Ivanisevic 2547 Kacheishvili 2583, Leon ESP 2001;
 - 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.dxe4 =-= Kruppa 2540 Timoscenko 2560, ? 1998;

- 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 00 11.a4 a5 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.Kg2 Rfd8 14.Qe2 Nf8 15.c3 h6 16.h4 Qc7 17.Ne3 Qb6 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.Ne3 Qb6 1-0(41) Aronian 2515 Rozentalis 2585, ? 1999;
 - 1-0(39) Aronian 2518 Rozentalis 2586, Las Vegas, NV USA 1999;
- 5...e5 6.Nbd2 Ngf6 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bc5 10.Qe1 00 11.Nc4 b5 12.Ncxe5 Re8 13.Bf4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 g5 15.Nxc6 Qb6 16.Bxg5 Qxc6 17.e5 Bf3 18.Bxf6 Bxg2 19.Qd2 Be4 0-1(25) Seeman 2446 Sakaev 2645, Dos Hermanas 2003.
- [*51*] 4...e6 5.h3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Ne5 Nd7 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Qe2 f5 11.Nd2
 Ngf6 12.e4 Qe7 13.Nb3 000 14.Bd2 fxg4 15.hxg4 Rxh1+ 16.Bxh1 Rh8 17.000 Rh2 18.d4
 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 1-0(38) Morozevich 2755 Bacrot 2695, Moscow RUS 2007;
- 6.Nbd2 Nd7 7.b3 Ngf6 8.Bb2 Bd6 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nh4 Be5 11.c3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Bd6 13.a3 OO 14.e3 Ne5 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 16.Nf3 e5 17.c4 e4 18.dxe4 dxe4 19.Nd2 Be5 =- =(26) Roiz 2644 Bacrot 2695, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007.
- [*52*] 5...e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Ngf6 8.Qe1 Qc7 9.a4 a5 10.Bd2 Bc5 11.Na3 00 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nc4 b6 14.Nh4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Nf8 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Qa7 18.Ne5 Rac8 19.Nd3 Be7 0-1(72) Vaganian 2615 Mueller 2485, Germany 1996.
- [*53*] 6.e4 Bd6 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.h3 Bh5 9.b3 OO 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Qe2 Bc7 12.Rad1 Qb8 13.c4 b5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Rc1 Bb6 16.Kh1 f6 17.Rc2 e5 18.Ba3 d4 19.Rfc1 Ba5 =- =(52) Ubilava 2520 Chernin 2640, Villarrobledo ESP 1997.
- 6.h3 Bh5 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.e4 Ne7 9.Qe1 OO 10.d4 c5 11.c4 cxd4 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e5 Bc7 14.e6 Nc5 15.Nxd4 Nxe6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Bf7 18.Qg4 Qc8 19.Qd1 Bb6 =-=(29) Pigusov 2550 Hodgson 2545, Cappelle la Grande FRA 1992.
- [*54*] 10.Qc2 Ngf6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.exf3 00 14.Qxf5 Ne8 15.Qd3 g5 16.Qe3 h6 17.Qxe7 Bxe7 18.f4 Bf6 19.Ne2 Ng7 1-0(58) Vaganian 2615 Minasian 2580, Erevan ARM 1996.
- [*55*] 4.d4 e6 5.00 c6 6.Bf4 Be7 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Nf6 9.Nd2 00 10.h3 Bh5
 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.c3 Qb6 13.g4 Bg6 14.Qb3 c5 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.e3 h5 17.f4 Bd3
 18.Rfc1 hxg4 19.hxg4 g5 =-=(44) Fridman 2424 Van Wely 2679, Netherlands 2007;
 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.e4 Ne7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Re1 00 10.c3 Bc7 11.a4 c5 12.exd5 Nxd5
 13.Nc4 Rc8 14.Qb3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Qf6 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Ne3 Qe6 19.Qxd5
- Qxh3 1-0(38) Kengis 2575 Yakovich 2525, Bern 1992;
 5...Bd6 6.Nbd2 c6 7.e4 Ne7 8.Rel OO 9.c3 Bh5 10.Qb3 Rb8 11.c4 a5 12.h3
 Bc7 13.Qe3 Re8 14.b3 h6 15.Ba3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Nf6 17.e5 Nf5 18.Qd3 Nd7 19.Racl Ne7 1-0(93) Kunin 2532 Malakhatko 2612, Tromsoe 2008.
- [*56*] 4...e6 5.00 Bd6 6.Nbd2 Ne7 7.b3 00 8.Bb2 c6 9.e4 e5 10.Qe2 d4 11.h3 Bh5 12.h4 f6 13.c3 c5 14.Bh3 Nc6 15.Rfc1 Kh8 16.Qf1 Qe7 17.Bf5 Rfd8 18.Qh3 Nf8 19.cxd4 cxd4 0-1(36) Maiwald 2543 Morovic Fernandez 2583, Havana CUB 2004;
- 10.Rel b5 11.Nfl b4 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.h3 Bh5 14.c4 N5b6 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qc3 Nc5 17.Nd4 Bg6 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Nxc6 Qe8 0-1(27) Maiwald Jens Uwe 2540 Morovic Fernandez Ivan 2580, ? 2004;
- 5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.Qc2 h6 8.b3 Ngf6 9.Bb2 00 10.00 Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 a5 13.d4 e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Rac1 Qb6 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Bg2 a4 19.bxa4 Qa6 0-1(39) Florean 2441 Gurevich 2667, Pardubice CZE 2000;
- 6.h3 Bh5 7.e4 c6 8.00 Ne7 9.b3 00 10.Bb2 a5 11.a3 f6 12.Qe1 e5 13.d4 Qc7 14.c4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 exd4 16.exd5 c5 17.Qe6+ Kh8 18.Ne4 Nc8 19.Bg2 Ra6 1-0(43) McNab 2416 Sokolov 2666, London 2007.
- [*57*] 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.e4 Bd6 8.00 Ne7 9.Qe2 00 10.Re1 Kh8 11.Nf1 Qb6
 12.g4 Bg6 13.e5 Bc7 14.h4 h6 15.h5 Bh7 16.Ng3 f6 17.Be3 c5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.g5
 Ng4 0-1(27) Todorcevic 2470 Shirov 2655, Oviedo 1992;

- 6.00 Bd6 7.e4 Ne7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe1 00 10.Nh2 e5 11.f4 exf4 12.gxf4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Re8 14.e5 Nf5 15.Ne4 Bc7 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.Qc3 Ba5 19.Qb3 Qb6+ 0-1(62) Starosek 2488 Kharlov 2591, chessassistantclub.com INT 2004;
- 5...e5 6.h3 Bh5 7.00 Ngf6 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nh4 Bd6 10.e3 00 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.c4 Nc5 13.g5 Nh5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.h4 Nxd3 16.Bxd5 Bb4 17.e4 Qd7 18.Qf3 Nxc1 19.Nc4 Nd3 0-1(48) Smirin 2659 Hracek 2605, Sibenik CRO 2006.
- 5.h3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Nh4 e6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Ne7 11.Nd2 g5 12.Nf3 Ng6 13.Bd2 Nde5 14.000 Qf6 15.Bc3 Nxf3 16.Bxf6 1-0 Morozevich 2755 Rublevsky 2676, Moscow RUS 2007.
- 5.Nc3 Ngf6 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 e5 8.00 a5 9.e3 Bc5 10.Bg2 00 11.g4 a4 12.Ne2 Ne8 13.Ng3 Nd6 14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Bd2 =-= Zubov 2521 Borovikov 2571, Simferopol UKR 2003.
- [*58*] 5...e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Ngf6 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Bc5 12.h4 00 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Rd1 a5 15.Bc1 Nc5 16.Nh2 Qe7 17.Qe2 Qe6 18.Bf3 Be7 19.b3 h6 =-=(52) Damljanovic 2550 Goldin 2555, ? 1993.
- [*59*] 6.Nbd2 e5 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Be7 10.b3 00 11.Bb2 Re8 12.a3 Bf8 13.Rel Qc7 14.Qcl Rad8 15.Bc3 b5 16.Nh4 Nc5 17.Qb2 Nfd7 18.Nf5 f6 19.Nf1 Ne6 =- =(22) Hickl 2575 Van der Sterren 2515, Germany 1997.
- [*60*] 10.Nc3 00 11.Rac1 Bxf3 12.exf3 Bc5 13.Ne2 a5 14.f4 Qa7 15.Bd2 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.Bc3 dxc4 18.dxc4 Bb4 19.Bd4 Bc5 =-=(21) Pigusov 2584 Pavasovic 2515, Dubai UAE 2001.
- [*61*] 4...dxc4 5.Na3 c6 6.Nxc4 Ngf6 7.b4 e6 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Be7 10.Bb2 00 11.a3 Nd5 12.00 Rc8 13.Rac1 a6 14.e4 N5f6 15.d4 Re8 16.Rfd1 Bf8 17.Rc2 Qc7 18.Bg2 Qb8 19.Bc1 h6 1-0(67) Marin 2545 Korneev 2590, Sitges 1996;
 - 0-1 Marin M 2530 Korneev O 2565, ? 1996;
- 6...g6 7.b4 Bg7 8.Rb1 Be6 9.Na5 Bxa2 10.Bb2 Ngf6 11.Ra1 Bd5 12.00 b6 13.Nb3 00 14.d3 Ne8 15.Qc2 e5 16.Nbd2 c5 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Ra3 Nc7 19.Rfa1 a6 =- =(40) Vaganian 2623 Chernin 2572, Neum BIH 2000;
- 5...g6 6.Nxc4 Bg7 7.Qb3 Be6 8.Ng5 Bxc4 9.Qxc4 e6 10.d3 c6 11.Ne4 Nb6 12.Qc5 Nc8 13.00 Nge7 14.Bg5 f5 15.Nd2 h6 16.Be3 00 17.Nf3 Nd5 18.Bd4 Qd6 19.Rac1 Re8 =-=(27) Hickl 2608 Huebner 2615, Switzerland 2006.
- [*62*] 5.Qa4 c6 6.cxd5 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 exd5 8.d4 Bd6 9.Qc2 Qf6 10.Be3 Ne7 11.Bg4 Qg6 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Qb3 Rhb8 14.Nd2 Nf5 15.Nf3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Qe4 17.Qb3 Ke8 18.OO Kf8 19.Rfe1 a5 =-=(61) Korchnoi 2615 Ivanchuk 2695, New York 1994;
- 9.Nc3 Ngf6 10.Qc2 00 11.00 Re8 12.b3 Nf8 13.Bb2 Ne6 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.Bc1 Rad8 16.Bg2 h6 17.h4 Qc8 18.a3 a5 19.Bb2 Qc7 =-=(25) Giorgadze 2590 Rublevsky 2610, St Petersburg 1996;
- 8.d3 Ngf6 9.Bg2 Bd6 10.Nd2 OO 11.Nf3 Re8 12.e3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.OO Qd7 15.Rb1 h5 16.e4 dxe4 17.dxe4 h4 18.Bg5 hxg3 19.hxg3 Qg4 0-1(52) Badea 2509 Nisipeanu 2692, Tusnad 2004.
- 5.d4 c6 6.00 Bd6 7.Qb3 Rb8 8.Nc3 Ngf6 9.Re1 00 10.e4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.exd5 exd4 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Bf4 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Ne5 16.Bg2 Qd6 17.c5 Qxc5 18.Rxe5 Rxe5 19.dxc6 Qa5 =-=(25) Salov 2665 Kramnik 2740, Dos Hermanas ESP 1997;
- 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 f5 8.Nbd2 Qf6 9.Qc2 Nh6 10.000 00 11.Kb1 a5 12.a3 Rfc8 13.Ka2 Bh5 14.Rc1 Qd8 15.h3 Bg6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 f4 18.Qd1 Bc5 19.gxf4 Bxf2 0-1(37) Meyer 2465 Shabalov 2645, Washington USA 1998.
- 5.b3 Ngf6 6.00 Bd6 7.d4 00 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Ne4 10.Qc1 c6 11.Nc2 Qe7 12.Qb2 a5 13.Ne3 Bh5 14.a3 f5 15.Nc2 Nd6 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nce1 a4 18.bxa4 Nc4 19.Qa2 f4 0-1(28) Neubauer 2468 Kobalia 2614, Port Erin IOM 2005;
- 18.b4 Nc4 19.Qa2 f4 0-1(36) Neubauer 2468 Kobalia 2614, Port Erin IOM 2005.

- 5.00 Bxf3 6.exf3 dxc4 7.Qa4 c6 8.Qxc4 Nb6 9.Qb3 Ne7 10.Nc3 Nf5 11.Ne2 Be7 12.Rd1 00 13.d4 Bf6 14.Be3 Qd5 15.Qd3 Rad8 16.f4 Qc4 17.g4 Qxd3 18.Rxd3 =-= Khalifman 2625 Yakovich 2525, Moscow RUS 1992;
- 6.Bxf3 Ne5 7.Qb3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 Nf6 9.b3 Be7 10.Bb2 00 11.d3 c6 12.Nc3 =-= Ruck 2534 Galkin 2590, Dresden 2007.
- [*63*] 6.Qe3 Be7 7.d4 Nd7 8.Qb3 Ngf6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.cxd5 exd5
 12.Qxb7 Nxe5 13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Bxd5 000 15.Nc3 Bb4 16.Bb3 Rhe8 17.Be3 Bh3 18.Rd1
 Rxd1+ 19.Kxd1 Ng4 0-1(41) Maletin 2567 Rublevsky 2679, Krasnoyarsk 2007.
- [*64*] 6...Nf6 7.00 c6 8.d3 Ncd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3 Bc5 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Bxb6 13.Na4 Bc7 14.Be3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Ke7 16.Rac1 Be5 17.Rb1 Rhc8 18.b4 b6 19.Bd2 Rc7 0-1(45) Goldin 2595 Rublevsky 2650, Niksic 1997;
- 8...Bd6 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 a5 12.b3 Ncd7 13.a3 b5 14.Bb2 bxc4 15.bxc4 Qb6 16.Rab1 Qa6 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.e3 Rab8 19.Bf1 dxc4 =-=(21) Wojtkiewicz 2581 Sadvakasov 2509, Los Angeles, CA USA 2000;
- 7...Be7 8.d3 00 9.Be3 Ncd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qb3 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Qb4 b6 14.Nc3 Re8 15.h3 Bc8 16.Qh4 Ne6 17.Rac1 Bb7 18.d4 h6 19.e3 Qd6 =-=(30) Filippov 2552 Vitiugov 2592, Sochi 2007;
- 7.d4 Bf5 8.Qd1 Ncd7 9.Qb3 Qc8 10.Nc3 c6 11.Bf4 Nb6 12.Ne5 Ng4 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Rc1 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bh3 16.OO Bxg2 17.Kxg2 f6 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bd2 Qd7 0-1(33) Salov 2680 Dreev 2630, Elista 1998;
- 7.d3 Be7 8.00 00 9.b3 a5 10.Nbd2 c6 11.Bb2 Nfd7 12.a3 b5 13.Rab1 b4 14.Ral Qc7 15.Rfc1 Qb7 16.Qd1 Bf5 17.Ra2 Bxd3 18.axb4 axb4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 =-=(55) Dizdarevic 2501 Dreev 2685, Sarajevo BIH 2001.
- [*65*] 7...Bd6 8.00 Ne7 9.e4 Rc8 10.Be3 b6 11.Bxc5 bxc5 12.cxd5 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 cxd5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Re1+ Be7 17.Nc3 d4 18.Nb5 Qd7 19.Na3 00 =- =(44) Kengis 2560 Jaracz 2525, ? 2002.
- [*66*] 8...a5 9.b3 Bd6 10.Bb2 00 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Rfe1 Rc8 13.Ne5 Bh5 14.d4 Ncd7
 15.e4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Re3 Bg6 =-=(61) Burmakin
 Vladimir (RUS) 2581 Korneev Oleg (AND) 2565, ? 2007.
- [*67*] 9.Nbd2 a5 10.b3 00 11.Bb2 Rc8 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Ne5 Nfd7 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.d4 Na6 17.e4 Nb4 18.Qb1 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 =-=(22) Kengis 2572 Gabriel 2545, Germany 2002.
- [*68*] 10.Bxf3 d4 11.Bc1 a5 12.Nd2 e5 13.Bg2 00 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.e3 e4 16.Ne1 Rad8 17.exd4 exd3 18.Qc3 Nfe4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 =-=(22) Kengis 2589 Bareev 2702, Germany 2001.
- 9...Ncd7 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd2 e5 13.e4 N5b6 14.Be3 00 15.Nbd2 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Qc3 Nbd7 18.b4 Ne6 19.h3 Bxf3 =-=(34) Pigusov 2570 Ibragimov 2545, Elista RUS 1996.
- [*69*] 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 c6 8.00 Ngf6 9.d3 Bc5 10.Nc3 00 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.a3 Qe7 14.Bd2 Bb6 15.Rael Nc5 16.e3 Ne6 17.Ne2 Qd7 18.Kh2 a5 19.f4 Rcd8 1-0(32) Anastasian 2561 Avrukh 2586, ? 2003;
- 9...Bd6 10.e4 00 11.Nc3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Be5 13.Bg2 Re8 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Ne2 Bd6 17.f3 Nd5 18.Bf2 Nb4 19.Qc3 a5 =-=(39) Giorgadze 2601 Ivanov 2538, Saint Vincent 2005;
- 8.d3 Ngf6 9.00 Bc5 10.Nc3 00 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qc2 Bd4 13.Bd2 Rfe8 14.e3 Be5 15.d4 Bd6 16.b4 a6 17.Rab1 Qc7 18.Kg2 Nb6 19.e4 dxe4 1-0(95) Malakhov 2647 Komarov 2537, Valle d'Aosta ITA 2002;
- 7...Ngf6 8.00 c6 9.d3 Bc5 10.e3 00 11.Bg2 Re8 12.Nd2 a5 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Qc2 a4 15.a3 Bb6 16.Bd2 Ba5 17.Bc3 Qc5 18.Rfc1 Qd6 19.Nd4 g6 =-=(67) Roiz 2644 Pavasovic 2597, Heraklion GRE 2007;

- 6...Bh5 7.00 Bd6 8.Qb3 Ngf6 9.Qxb7 00 10.Qb3 Re8 11.Nc3 Rb8 12.Qc2 c5 13.d3 h6 14.Nh4 Rb4 15.Nf5 Be5 16.a3 Rb6 17.e4 Bg6 18.Na4 Ra6 19.f4 Bb8 0-1(38) Gelfand 2737 Van Wely 2681, Niza FRA 2008;
- 7...Ngf6 8.d3 Be7 9.Qc2 OO 10.Nc3 c6 11.e4 Nc5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nfd7 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Be3 f6 18.Nb5 Rd8 19.Nd6 Qc7 0-1(73) Roiz 2680 Rublevsky 2699, Palma de Mallorca ESP 2008.
- 6.Nc3 c6 7.d4 Ngf6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Bd6 10.Qd3 Qe7 11.Bf4 00 12.Qe3 Qxe3 13.Bxe3 Rfe8 14.Bf4 Bxf4 15.gxf4 Re7 16.e3 Ne8 17.000 Nd6 =-= Dorfman 2599 Vaisser 2580, Val d'Isere 2004;
- 7.d3 Bd6 8.Qc2 Ne7 9.e4 00 10.00 Rc8 11.Be3 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Ne5 Bh5 14.f4 f6 15.Nf3 Qb6 16.Kh1 dxe4 17.dxe4 Rcd8 18.Rad1 =-= Pigusov 2575 Popov 2505, St Petersburg RUS 1998.
- 6.Qb3 Nc5 7.Qc2 c6 8.d3 Bd6 9.00 Ne7 10.e4 Ne6 11.Nc3 00 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 Qa5 14.a3 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bb8 16.Nfd2 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Qh5 18.Rae1 Nf5 19.f3 Bh3 =-=(27) Kengis 2572 Sadvakasov 2568, Liepaja LAT 2001.
- 6.d3 c6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Ngf6 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.Bf4 00 11.00 Re8 12.Nd2 Bb6 13.Nb3 Ne5 14.Bg2 Ng6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bc1 Qd6 17.d4 Ne4 18.e3 h5 19.Nd2 Nf6 =-=(28) Lalic 2548 Komarov 2568, Yugoslavia 2000.
- [*70*] 6...Bd6 7.Qb3 Nb6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.h3 Bd7 10.d3 OO 11.a4 a5 12.Be3 Ra6 13.Bd4 Re8 14.e4 dxe4 15.Ng5 Rf8 16.dxe4 c5 17.Be3 h6 18.Rfd1 Qb8 19.Nf3 Be6 1-0(34) Timman 2616 Hector 2514, Malmo 2006.
- [*71*] 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nc3 c6 9.d3 Bc5 10.d4 Bd6 11.Nh4 00 12.Qd3 Bg6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rac1 Re6 16.h4 Qf8 17.Bh3 Ree8 18.Kg2 Be7 19.Rh1 Nb6 1-0(75) Malakhov 2664 Yakovich 2585, Moscow 2005;
- 7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.d3 Bc5 10.Bg2 00 11.e3 Re8 12.Qc2 a5 13.Nd2 Qb6 14.Nf3 Bb4 15.a3 Bd6 16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rab1 h6 19.Kh2 Nd7 1-0(38) Roiz 2590 Landa 2600, Sochi 2006.
- [*72*] 7...Bd6 8.Qc2 00 9.Nc3 c6 10.e4 Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nb6 13.Bg2 Bf8 14.b3 Bc5 15.Ne2 Bd6 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.Nd4 g6 18.Rae1 dxe4 19.dxe4 Nfd7 =-=(24) Ionov 2517 Kobalia 2647, Tomsk RUS 2006;
- 10...dxe4 11.dxe4 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Re8 13.Bg2 Bb4 14.Na4 Qe7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Rel Nc5 17.Nc3 Be5 18.Be3 Ng4 19.Nd5 cxd5 =-=(47) Pedersen 2471 Gurevich 2667, Andorra 2004.
- [*73*] 8.Nbd2 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.a4 a5 12.Nfd4 Nc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Qc2 Re8 16.e3 Bg6 17.Nd2 c5 18.Qb3 Rc8 19.Ra3 c4 1-0(35) Minasian 2595 Shirov 2746, Montecatini Terme ITA 2000;
- 11...a6 12.a5 Ba7 13.Bd2 Re8 14.Bc3 Qe7 15.e3 c5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nh4 Rad8 18.Rel Qd6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 =-=(60) Anastasian 2545 Dreev 2640, Lucerne SUI 1997.
- 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 00 10.Nd2 Re8 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.a4 a6 14.Bc3 h5 15.a5 Ba7 16.Ra4 Ne5 17.Bg2 Qd7 18.Rh4 c5 19.e3 d4 =-=(29) Anastasian 2550 Rublevsky 2645, Yerevan ARM 1996.
- 8.a3 a5 9.Nc3 00 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 c6 12.Qc2 Qb8 13.Bf4 Qa7 14.Rad1 Rfe8 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Nf8 17.Kg2 Ng6 18.Bg5 Bd4 19.Ne2 Be5 1-0(50) Anastasian 2545 Dreev 2640, Kazan 1997.
- [*74*] 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nb5 Bd6 14.Rac1 c6 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Nd4 Rae8 17.e3 Bh5 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qc3 Na4 =-=(23) Markowski 2548 Vaganian 2650, Germany 2002.
- 9...Re8 10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qa6 Ne5 12.Bg5 Rxb2 13.Nxe5 Rxe5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Na4 Re6 16.Qa5 Bb6 17.Qxd5 Rd6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Nxb2 Qd4 0-1(30) Wojtkiewicz 2575 Khenkin 2550, Krynica POL 1997.

- [*75*] 4...e5 5.d3 Ngf6 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 00 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qe7 11.c3 a5 12.a4 Rfd8 13.Qe2 Bb6 14.Nc4 Qe6 15.Nxb6 Nxb6 16.f4 Qc4 17.Qxc4 Nxc4 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Bf4 Nfd7 =-=(47) Stein Leonid Z (RUS) 2605 Balashov Yuri S (RUS) 2570, Moscow (Russia) 1969;
- 7...00 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe2 Re8 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.a4 a5 12.Bd2 c6 13.Qe1 Nf8 14.Nh4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Ne6 16.Kh2 c5 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Qc3 Be2 19.Rfe1 Ba6 0-1(34) Landenbergue 2451 Fressinet 2656, France 2008;
- 6...Be7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 00 9.Qe2 c6 10.a4 a5 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2 Bb4 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Rad1 Bh5 15.h3 Rac8 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nh4 b5 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Ne3 Qc6 =- =(68) Delchev 2548 Godena 2552, Cannes 1999;
- 6.Qel Be7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 00 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nc4 Bf8 12.a4 c6 13.Nh4 Nc5 14.b3 b5 15.Na5 Qc7 16.axb5 cxb5 17.Bg5 Nfd7 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Be3 Qxc2 =-=(78) Akopian 2646 Rublevsky 2660, Bastia FRA 1999;
- 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 c6 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.b3 00 11.Bb2 Rfe8 12.e3 Bf8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nh4 Nc5 15.b4 Ne6 16.a3 a5 17.c5 Rad8 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 0-1(83) Damljanovic 2548 Fressinet 2606, Yugoslavia 2002;
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- [*77*] 5...e5 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 c6 8.Qc2 Bc5 9.Nc3 00 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qe7 12.Kh2 Rfe8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.e3 e4 16.Bg2 h5 17.Rfd1 Qe6 18.Ne2 Rad8 19.Kg1 g6 =-=(27) Petrosian 2645 Portisch 2635, Milan 1975;
- 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.b3 00 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Rfe8 13.e3 Rad8 14.Bb2 Nf8 15.Na4 N6d7 16.g4 Be7 17.Nf5 Bg6 18.Rad1 Ne6 19.Nxe7+ Rxe7 1-0(65) Damljanovic 2559 Short 2687, Istanbul TUR 2000;
- 7...Bc5 8.Nc3 c6 9.Qc2 00 10.Na4 Bd4 11.Rd1 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qe7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.c5 Rfd8 16.e3 e4 17.Bg2 Be5 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rd5 =-=(22) Tratar 2503 Korneev 2638, Trieste 2006;
- 6.Nbd2 c6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Be7 9.Nc4 OO 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe1 Qc7 12.Nh4 Rfe8 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Bd2 Nc5 15.f3 Nfd7 16.Rd1 b5 17.Ba5 Nb6 18.Nce3 Nb7 19.c4 Red8 1-0(48) Vaganian 2623 Van den Doel 2609, Belgium 2003;
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- 6...Be7 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe1 c6 11.a4 Re8 12.Nc4 Bf8 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.a5 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 b5 16.axb6 axb6 17.Qc3 Be7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 1-0(54) Vaganian 2642 Rublevsky 2686, Mainz GER 2004.
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- 9...a4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Bc5 12.Nh4 OO 13.Nf5 Re8 14.Qe2 Qb6 15.c3 Nf8 16.Qf3 Re6 17.h4 Ne8 18.h5 h6 19.Rd1 Rd8 =-=(64) Zhang Zhong 2603 Dreev 2690, Taiyuan 2004;

- 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bc5 10.Nbd2 00 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Qc7 13.Nh4 b5 14.Ne3 a6 15.Nef5 Bf8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bd2 Nc5 18.b3 bxa4 19.Ba5 Qc8 1-0(48) Kozul 2610 Pavasovic 2567, Sibenik CRO 2007.
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- [*80*] 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe2 00 11.b3 Qc7 12.Bb2 =-= Giorgadze 2595 Rublevsky 2645, Krasnodar RUS 1997.
- [*81*] 10.Qe1 Qc7 11.Ne3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Rfe8 13.a4 Nc5 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Bg5 Nfd7 16.Qe2 Ne6 17.Be3 g6 18.Nh6+ Kg7 19.Bg4 Nd4 =-=(40) Vaganian 2615 Rublevsky 2610, Moscow RUS 1996;
- 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Bg5 g6 15.Nh6+ Kg7 16.Rd1 Be7 17.Qe3 Ng8 18.h4 Nf8 19.Bg4 Qb6 0-1(40) Nalbandian 2508 Rublevsky 2645, Warsaw POL 2005.
- 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe1 Qc7 12.a4 Ne8 13.Bd2 f6 14.Bb4 Nd6 15.Ne3 Rfe8 16.Qc3 Bf7 17.Nh4 Rad8 18.Rfd1 c5 19.Ba3 b6 =-=(23) Bu Xiangzhi 2620 Rublevsky 2686, Moscow 2004.
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- 5...Ngf6 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.d3 00 8.Nbd2 c5 9.Qe1 Bc7 10.a3 Rb8 11.e4 d4 12.h3 Bh5 13.b4 e5 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nfd2 Ne8 16.c3 f6 17.a4 Bf7 18.Qe2 Nd6 19.Rfc1 Re8 =- (40) Damljanovic 2559 Beliavsky 2654, Belgrade YUG 2000;
- 6...a5 7.a3 c6 8.d3 Bc5 9.Nbd2 OO 10.e4 Qc7 11.e5 Ne8 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qe2 Kh8 14.Rae1 f5 15.c4 Qb6 16.d4 Be7 17.Rc1 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Nc7 19.Qc2 Nd5 0-1(38) Speelman 2511 Sokolov 2666, London 2007.
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- [*83*] 5...Ngf6 6.c4 Bc5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 OO 9.a3 Re8 10.b4 Bf8 11.Bb2 a5 12.b5 Nb6 13.Re1 a4 14.e3 g6 15.Qc2 Bg7 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Nce2 Rac8 18.Rac1 h5 19.Bc3 h4 =-=(74) Navara 2646 Shirov 2710, Prague CZE 2005;
- 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.e4 Ne5 8.Qe2 OO 9.Nb3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Be7 12.Re1 c6 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Bc1 Nxb3 17.axb3 Bg5 18.d4 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Qf6 =-=(22) Danailov 2470 Topalov 2707, Villarrobledo ESP 2000.
- 5...c6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.e4 Ne7 8.Qe1 OO 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nh4 Ng6 11.Nxg6 Bxg6 12.f4 f5 13.Nf3 Qb6+ 14.Kh2 Rae8 15.e5 Be7 16.a4 a6 17.a5 Qc7 18.Nd4 Bf7 19.c4 dxc4 =- =(60) Nalbandian 2508 Kharlov 2628, Warsaw POL 2005.
- [*84*] 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 c6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qa4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nc6 11.Bg2 OO 12.Bd2 a6 13.a3 Nc5 14.Qd1 Nd4 15.Be3 Ncb3 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.e3 Nc6 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Qa2 Be5 1-0(72) Gdanski 2544 Kharlov 2628, Warsaw POL 2005.
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- 8.Rel c5 9.h3 Bh5 10.c3 Nc6 11.exd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb6 13.a4 Na5 14.Qc2 c4 15.dxc4 Bg6 16.Qd1 dxc4 17.Nd4 Bd3 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Bg5 Qd7 1-0(32) Ghaem Maghami 2558 Gustafsson 2579, playchess.com INT 2004.
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 - 0-1(56) Damljanovic 2540 Shirov 2700, Villarrobledo ESP 1997.
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 Bh5 13.Nh4 Bc5 14.Kh1 Nf8 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.dxe4 f6 19.Qg3
 Bg6 =-=(31) Damljanovic 2570 Hodgson 2625, Belgrade YUG 1993;
- 6...Be7 7.Bb2 Bf6 8.d4 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Ne7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Bxe4 00 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.c4 c5 14.Qc2 Ng6 15.d5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Nf6 18.Bg2 Rad8 19.Rae1 b6 =-=(24) Vaganian 2590 Campora 2550, Manila PHI 1992;
- 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.e4 Ne7 8.Qe1 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nh2 f5 11.Nb3 fxe4 12.dxe4 Bb6 13.Be3 Bf7 14.Rd1 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qb6 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 17.Qc3 a5 18.a3 a4 19.Nd4 e5 1-0(34) Moskvin 2691 Ovetchkin 2548, Internet 2006;
- 6...Bd6 7.b3 Ne7 8.Bb2 OO 9.e4 c5 10.Qe1 Nc6 11.a3 Re8 12.h3 Bh5 13.c4 Nde5 14.Qb1 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 dxc4 16.dxc4 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Be5 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Bg2 Re7 1-0(68) Schwartzman 2495 Hodgson 2615, ? 1995;
- 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 Ngf6 8.b3 a5 9.a3 Bd6 10.Bb2 00 11.Nd2 b5 12.e3 b4 13.Ra2 Qb8 14.Qa1 Be5 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Nxf3+ 18.Nxf3 Qxa8 19.Qd4 Qb8 1-0(36) Markowski 2598 Dizdar 2548, Plovdiv 2008.
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- 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Ngf6 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 00 11.a4 a5 12.Qe2 Nc5 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.b3 Ne6 15.Bb2 Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.e5 Nd5 18.Qe4 Nb4 19.Rad1 Rad8 1-0(52) Akopian 2646 Kharlov 2615, Bastia FRA 1999.
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- 6.Qe1 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Be7 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Nc4 Be6 11.Qe2 b5 12.Ncd2 00 13.h3 h6 14.Nh4 Rfe8 15.Re1 =-= Slobodjan 2550 Beim 2559, Germany 1999.
- 6.b3 e5 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qe7 10.Bg2 OO 11.c4 Rad8 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.a3 f5 14.e4 fxe4 15.dxe4 Nc7 16.b4 Ne6 17.Nd2 Bc7 18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Nf3 Ng5 1-0(61) Komljenovic 2499 Kharlov 2600, Malaga ESP 1999.
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- 4.Bb2 Bxf3 5.exf3 Nd7 6.f4 Ngf6 7.f5 g6 8.Bh3 Bg7 9.00 gxf5 10.Bxf5 e6 11.Bh3 h5 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.Nc3 000 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.f4 Rdg8 16.Nd1 Ng4 17.Bxg7 Rxg7 18.Ne3 Ndf6 19.Ng2 Ne4 1-0(59) Timman 2635 Lobron 2580, ? 1994;
- 4...Nd7 5.d3 Ngf6 6.Nbd2 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nh4 Bd6 10.e3 00 11.Qe2 Ne8 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.h4 a5 14.g5 Qe7 15.a4 Nc7 16.Bh3 b5 17.h5 Qxg5 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.hxg6 h6 1-0(35) Korchnoi 2645 Waitzkin 2435, New York, NY USA 1996;
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- 6.Nc3 OO 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 11.a4 a5 12.Qe2 Na6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Nb1 Nc5 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Bf8 17.Qc4 Ne6 18.c3 Qc7 19.Nb3 b6 =- =(44) Markowski 2549 Krasenkow 2651, Warsaw POL 2002;

- 4.c4 dxc4 5.Na3 Qd5 6.OO Bg7 7.Qa4 Nf6 8.Qxc4 OO 9.d3 Qxc4 10.Nxc4 Nbd7 11.Bd2 Nd5 12.Rab1 N7b6 13.Na5 e5 14.Rfc1 h6 15.Be1 f5 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Ndb3 Na4 18.e4 Nc7 19.exf5 Bxf5 =-=(23) Markowski 2548 Krasenkow 2573, Glogow POL 2001;
- 6.Qa4 b5 7.Qa5 a6 8.b3 Bg7 9.bxc4 bxc4 10.Qc7 Bxa1 11.Qxc8+ Qd8 12.Qb7 Nd7 13.Nxc4 Bg7 14.00 Nh6 15.Nfe5 Bxe5 16.Bxc6 Rb8 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Nxe5+ Ke6 0-1(47) Stryjecki 2442 Krasenkow 2651, Warsaw POL 2002.
- 3...Nd7 4.00 Ngf6 5.d3 e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Nxe4 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bxe4 Bd6 11.Nc3 Kc7 12.Bg2 Bf5 13.Ne4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Rhe8 15.Rd1 h6 16.h3 Bc5 17.Kf1 Re7 =-= Spraggett 2575 Jussupow 2610, Quebec CAN 1989;
- 4.d4 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 Nh6 7.00 00 8.c4 Nb6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.Qc2 Nf5 12.Ne4 Qc7 13.Nc5 Nd7 14.Nd3 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Nd6 16.Nd2 Nfe8 17.Rac1 Qd8 18.Nc5 Nc7 19.Nf3 Ne6 1-0(60) Barcza 2560 Bely 2560, ? 1950.
- 3...e6 4.00 Be7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.e4 Qc7 8.Qe2 dxe4 9.dxe4 e5 10.a4 a5 11.Nc4 b6 12.b3 Ba6 13.Bb2 00 14.Rfd1 Bc5 15.Bh3 Rfe8 16.Rd2 Bb4 17.Rdd1 Bc5 18.Rd2 Bb4 19.Rdd1 Rad8 1-0(39) Vaganian 2590 Radjabov 2751, Almaty 2008.
- [*98*] 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 e6 6.00 Be7 7.Qe1 h6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Qe2 00 10.Kh1 a5 11.a4 Na6 12.Ne5 Nc5 13.f3 Bd6 14.Ng4 Nxg4 15.fxg4 Qc7 16.Re1 f6 17.d4 Nd7 18.b3 Bg6 19.Bb2 Rae8 =-=(39) Barcza 2490 Spassky 2690, ? 1964.
- [*99*] 4...Nf6 5.d3 e6 6.b3 h6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Bc5 9.Qe1 00 10.e4 Bh7 11.Qe2
 Qe7 12.Kh1 Ba3 13.Bxa3 Qxa3 14.Nh4 Qb2 15.Rac1 Qxa2 16.f4 Qa6 17.e5 Ne8 18.f5
 Qb6 19.Bh3 c5 1-0(31) Babula 2565 Rogers 2618, Prague CZE 1999;
- 6.Nfd2 h6 7.e4 Bh7 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Nc3 00 10.Kh1 a5 11.f4 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Nd1 c5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.b3 Rc8 17.Nf2 c4 18.dxc4 dxc4 19.Be3 Nb6 =-=(44) Kengis 2572 Markowski 2548, Germany 2002;
- 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Qe1 h6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Qe2 00 10.b3 a5 11.a3 c5 12.a4 Nc6 13.Bb2 Re8 14.Ne5 Nd4 15.Qd1 Qc7 16.Nef3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Red8 18.Re1 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 c4 0-1(30) Hug 2440 Spassky 2655, Bath ENG 1973.
- [*100*] 5...Nf6 6.b3 a5 7.a3 a4 8.b4 c5 9.b5 Nbd7 10.c4 Nb6 11.Nbd2 Be7 12.Qe1 h6 13.e4 Bh7 14.Bb2 OO 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Rad1 Nfd7 17.e5 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.Nf1 Nf8 1-0(40) Psakhis 2545 Dreev 2698, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 6.Nc3 h6 7.Nd2 d4 8.Nce4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Be7 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nd7 12.a4 a5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Qb3 OO 15.Rfb1 Rfb8 16.Bb6 Qc8 17.Qc4 Nxb6 18.Rxb6 Qc7 19.Rab1 Bxe4 =-=(22) Sepp 2457 Dreev 2688, Tallinn EST 2009.
- [*101*] 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 OO 10.f4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Nbd7 12.Nd3 Nc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.a4 Rad8 16.Nb3 Be7 17.Bd2 c5 18.Bc3 c4 19.Nd2 a5 1-0(47) Bu Xiangzhi 2620 Xu 2617, ? 2004;
- 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Qe1 00 10.e4 Bh7 11.a4 a5 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.Kh1 Rac8 14.Ng1 Bc5 15.f4 Rfd8 16.Ngf3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Ng4 18.Nc4 Qa7 19.Ng5 Nf2+ =-=(37) Babula 2565 Movsesian 2650, Prague CZE 1999.
- [*102*] 7...Nd7 8.Nc3 Ngf6 9.Bf4 Be7 10.Re1 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Qc1 =-= Khalifman 2622 Dreev 2666, Tomsk RUS 2006.
- [*103*] 10.Rel Bh7 11.a3 Nbd7 12.b4 Be7 13.c5 a5 14.Bb2 00 15.Nd2 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 axb4 19.axb4 Rxal =-=(26) Ivanchuk 2709 Xu Jun 2643, Bled 2002.
- [*104*] 4.b3 Bg4 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.d3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.00 00 9.e4 e5 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.a4 Bc7 14.b4 Ne6 15.Nf5 Bg6 16.Ne3 Qd7 17.a5 Rad8 18.h4 a6 19.Qd1 Qe7 0-1(41) Chatalbashev 2525 Korneev 2606, Cutro 2003;
- 7...Bc5 8.00 00 9.a3 a5 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 b5 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Nf1 Nf8 17.a4 Rab8 18.Ne3 Ne6 19.axb5 cxb5 =-=(39) Larsen 2565 Beliavsky 2565, London ENG 1984;

- 4...Bf5 5.Bb2 e6 6.d3 Be7 7.Nbd2 OO 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Ne8 11.Nhf3 Bg6 12.e4 Nd7 13.Qe2 a5 14.a4 Nc7 15.OO f5 16.Rael fxe4 17.dxe4 Bf6 18.Ba3 Be7 19.Bb2 Bb4 0-1(49) Bagirov 2525 Sveshnikov 2585, ? 1994.
- 4.d3 Bf5 5.Nh4 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.c3 e5 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.c4 d4 11.00 Nbd7 12.f4 Nc5 13.Qd1 exf4 14.Bxf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.b4 Ne6 17.Nd2 Nf4 18.Rf3 Nxg2 19.c5 Qe7 =-=(25) Speelman 2605 Sadler 2650, Torquay ENG 1998;
- 5...Bg6 6.Nd2 e5 7.c4 Nbd7 8.00 Bd6 9.Rb1 a5 10.a3 00 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 b5 14.e4 dxc4 15.dxc4 Re8 16.Qe2 Qb8 17.Rd1 Ra4 18.c5 Bc7 19.Nf3 Nf8 =-=(86) Inarkiev 2595 Dominguez 2612, Tripoli 2004.
- [*105*] 4...Bf5 5.d3 h6 6.b3 e6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Bh7 9.Re1 a5 10.a4 Bb4 11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 00 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Red1 e5 15.Ne1 Rfe8 16.Nc4 Bf8 17.f3 b5 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Na3 Rab8 =-=(35) Malakhov 2637 Movsesian 2627, Panormo GRE 2001;
- 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Nbd7 9.Nc3 e5 10.b3 Bb4 11.Bb2 a5 12.Nd2 000 13.Nde4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf6 15.Nxf6 gxf6 16.e4 Be6 17.Bf3 Bd2 18.Kf1 Rd7 19.h4 Rhd8 =-=(20) Roiz 2644 Akobian 2585, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Qe1 Bh7 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Be7 11.Nb3 00 =-= Hjartarson 2570 Petursson 2585, Copenhagen DEN 1996;
- 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nd2 d4 8.Nce4 Be7 9.c3 Bxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Na6 12.Qa4 00 13.cxd4 Qd7 14.Bd2 Nc7 15.e3 a5 16.Rac1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.f4 Rfe8 19.Rf2 Bd6 1-0(21) Movsziszian 2527 Burmakin 2611, Sevilla ESP 2008;
- 5...e6 6.Qel h6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.f4 00 12.Khl dxe4 13.dxe4 Nc5 14.Qe3 Qd7 15.a4 Rfd8 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 Bc5 18.g4 Qe7 19.f5 h5 =-=(38) Vaganian 2670 Dominguez 2661, Poikovsky RUS 2005;
- 6.Nbd2 h6 7.Qe1 Bh7 8.e4 Be7 9.e5 Nfd7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nf1 g5 13.h3 Qc7 14.a3 000 15.b4 cxb4 16.axb4 Bxb4 17.Bd2 Bc5 18.c3 Bb6 19.d4 Kb8 1-0(41) Vaganian 2550 Beliavsky 2570, Moscow 1983;
- 5...Nbd7 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Qe1 h6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.b3 dxe4 11.dxe4 Nc5 12.Nd4 Be7 13.Bb2 OO 14.f4 a5 15.Kh1 a4 16.f5 exf5 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.Rxf5 Ne6 19.Nc4 axb3 1-0(34) Vaganian 2615 Dreev 2570, Tilburg 1993;
- 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.d3 h6 8.Nbd2 Bc5 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bh7 11.Qe2 00 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.c4 N5b6 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Ba3 Nc8 17.Rad1 Rd8 18.c5 Rb8 19.b4 Bf8 1-0(28) Navara 2616 Manik 2502, Czechia 2005;
- 7...Bc5 8.Nbd2 00 9.c4 a5 10.a3 Qe7 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Ne8 14.Ndf3 Bg6 15.e3 Bd6 16.Qc2 e5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.e4 Nc7 19.Nxg6 hxg6 =-=(24) Drasko 2464 Nikolic 2648, Neum 2004;
- 6...Bd6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Ba3 9.Qc1 Bxb2 10.Qxb2 OO 11.c4 Nbd7 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc2 Rxc2 15.Qxc2 Nb6 16.Rc1 Rc8 17.Qb2 Rxc1+ 18.Qxc1 Ne8 19.h3 e5 =-=(36) Gulko 2595 Sveshnikov 2560, Moscow RUS 1995;
- 7...00 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nxe4 11.Nh4 Nxd2 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Qxd2 Be5 14.Rfe1 f6 15.Rad1 Na6 16.Qf4 Qc5 17.Bxe5 fxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxc2 19.Rde1 Rad8 =-=(41) Minasian 2571 Sulskis 2578, Los Angeles 2003;
- 6...Be7 7.d3 00 8.Nbd2 a5 9.a4 h6 10.e3 Bh7 11.Qe2 Na6 12.e4 Nb4 13.e5 Nd7 14.Ne1 b5 15.c3 Na6 16.axb5 cxb5 17.d4 Nc7 18.f4 a4 19.b4 Nb6 0-1(36) Vladimirov 2575 Sveshnikov 2540, Moscow RUS 1991.
- 4...g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nbd2 OO 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Qe2 e5 12.a4 a5 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Be3 Rfd8 15.Rfd1 Nf8 16.h4 Ne6 17.Bh3 Re8 18.Qc4 Rad8 19.Rxd8 Qxd8 1-0(66) Kacheishvili 2605 Gagunashvili 2555, Dubai UAE 2006.
- 4...h6 5.d3 Bf5 6.b3 e6 7.Bb2 Be7 8.Nbd2 OO 9.Qe1 Bh7 10.e4 a5 11.a4 Na6 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.Kh1 Nb4 14.e5 Nd7 15.Ne1 Qa6 16.f4 Nc5 17.Bd4 Nd7 18.Bb2 c5 19.c4 Nb6 0-1(46) Movsziszian 2507 Granda Zuniga 2634, Balaguer ESP 2006.
- [*106*] 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Nbd7 7.d3 e5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qc7 10.Qe2 000 11.Nd2 h5 12.h4 g6 13.Nc4 Nb6 14.Bg5 Be7 15.a4 Ne8 16.Nxb6+ axb6 17.Be3 Bc5 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.a5 Nd6 =-=(57) Anastasian 2561 Volkov 2634, Dubai UAE 2003;

- 7.d4 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Bg2 Qc7 10.Qd4 Bd6 11.Nd2 OO 12.c4 Rfe8 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nb3 Nc4 15.Qd3 Be5 16.Rb1 Rad8 17.Nd2 Bd6 18.b3 Ne5 19.Qf5 Qa5 1-0(34) Babujian Levon (ARM) 2518 Pashikian Arman (ARM) 2621, Yerevan (Armenia) 2009.
- [*107*] 5...e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 Bh5 8.Qe1 Nbd7 9.e4 00 10.Nb3 a5 11.a4 dxe4 12.dxe4 e5 13.Bd2 b6 14.Nh4 Re8 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.g4 Bg6 17.Rd1 Qc7 18.Be3 Red8 19.Qe2 Ne8 =-=(45) Almasi 2630 Acs 2514, Hungary 2001;
- 7.e4 00 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 dxe4 11.dxe4 Nbd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.f4 f6 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.Nb3 Nc5 17.Bd2 Bf7 18.Rael Na4 19.Bc1 c5 =-=(41) Amin 2561 Pashikian 2534, Yerevan ARM 2007.
- [*108*] 6.Qe1 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Qc7 13.Nh4 Rad8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 Nh7 16.Kh1 Nb6 17.Ne3 Ng5 18.Ba5 Ne6 19.b4 Bxe3 =- (55) Aronian 2551 Hracek 2612, Germany 2001;
- 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.a4 Rfe8 12.Ne3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 g6 14.a5 Nf8 15.b4 Be7 16.c3 b5 17.axb6 axb6 18.Bd2 Qd7 19.Qe2 Red8 =-=(46) Kozul 2587 Burmakin 2575, Nova Gorica 2003;
- 8...Be7 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nh4 Re8 12.Nc4 Bf8 13.a4 a5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Bc3 Qc7 16.Nf5 Rad8 17.b3 Nc5 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Bxa5 Qa6 =-=(35) Minasian 2600 Georgiev 2650, Batumi GEO 1999.
- 6.Nbd2 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Qe1 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.b4 Be7 13.Bb2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 b5 15.Ne3 a5 16.a3 Rfc8 17.c4 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Bxa1 bxc4 =-=(64) Georgiev 2661 Al Sayed 2460, Gibraltar 2007;
- 7...Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe1 OO 10.Nh4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Re8 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.a4 Nc5 14.b4 Ne6 15.c3 a5 16.bxa5 Qd3 17.Nb2 Qa6 18.Qe3 Bxa5 19.Re1 Nd4 =-=(51) Barcza 2560 Saborido 2560, ? 1961;
- 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nh4 Bc5 9.c4 OO 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.g5 dxc4 14.dxc4 Ne8 15.Qd3 Qe7 16.Rd1 Rd8 17.Be3 Nc7 18.h4 Ne6 19.Qe4 Bxe3 0-1(50) Ubilava 2530 Sturua 2565, Protvino 1993.
- [*109*] 6...Bh5 7.Qe1 e5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bc5 10.Nbd2 00 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Qc7 13.Nh4 =-= Movsesian 2631 Almasi 2630, Austria 2002.
- [*110*] 7.exf3 e6 8.f4 Bc5 9.Nd2 OO 10.Nf3 Ne8 11.h4 Nd6 12.a4 a5 13.Rel Nf5 14.d4 Ba7 15.c3 c5 16.Bh3 Nd6 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.dxc5 Bxc5 =-=(58) Dzindzichashvili 2540 Smagin 2540, ? 1989.
- [*111*] 7...e6 8.Bg2 Qc7 9.c4 dxc4 10.dxc4 Be7 11.Nc3 OO 12.Qc2 Rfd8 13.Na4 Nc5 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Nc3 Qb4 16.b3 e5 17.Qb2 Ne6 18.a3 Qa5 19.b4 Qc7 =-=(42) Korchnoi 2660 Petrosian 2640, Wijk aan Zee NED 1971;
- 8.Nd2 Bd6 9.e4 Qb6 10.a4 a5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Kg2 OO 13.Nb3 d4 14.Kg1 Rfc8 15.Re1 Rc7 16.Bd2 Bb4 17.Re2 Rac8 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 =-=(40) Markowski 2606 Bobras 2561, Dresden 2008.
- [*112*] 10.Qe2 e5 11.Nd2 Nc5 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.c3 Re8 14.a4 h5 15.h4 Qb6 16.Qc2 Rad8 17.a5 Qc7 18.Bh3 c5 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 =-=(21) Movsesian 2670 Beliavsky 2646, Pamplona ESP 2007.
- 10.f4 e6 11.Kh2 b5 12.Qe2 a5 13.a4 Nb6 14.e5 Nfd7 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Nc3 b4 17.Nb5 Nc8 18.c4 Ne7 19.Be3 Qb8 1-0(36) Movsesian 2695 Rusev 2516, Plovdiv BUL 2008.
- [*113*] 4.Ne5 Bh5 5.d4 Nd7 6.00 e6 7.c4 Bd6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Qa4 Bg4 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Be7 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 =- Karlsson 2520 Rozentalis 2605, Tilburg NED 1994;
- 10...Ne7 11.Qa4 00 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rfe1 f5 15.e3 g5 16.Qc2 Kh8 17.a3 a5 18.Na4 Qg7 19.Nc5 Rae8 =-=(41) Karlsson 2520 Rozentalis 2605, Tilburg NED 1994;

- 6.Nd3 Bg6 7.00 Ngf6 8.Bf4 Qb6 9.c3 e6 10.Qb3 Be4 11.Nd2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Be7 13.a4 Nh5 14.Be3 00 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.b4 Ra7 17.Nb3 Rfa8 18.a5 Bd8 19.Rfb1 bxa5 0-1(46) Romanishin 2565 Slobodjan 2550, Berlin 1999;
- 4...Bf5 5.c4 Nd7 6.d4 e6 7.00 Ngf6 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Nf3 00 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.c5 Be4 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nd7 15.Nd3 Bg5 16.e3 Bxf4 17.exf4 Qf6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Qq6 1-0(41) Gutman 2527 Lutz 2609, Porz 2001;
- 5.d4 Nd7 6.Nd3 Ngf6 7.00 e6 8.Nd2 Be7 9.c4 00 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Nf3 c5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Qxb6 Bxb6 16.Bf4 Rfe8 17.e3 Rac8 18.Be5 Ne4 19.Bd4 Bxd4 =-=(40) Nasybullin 2605 Iotov 2500, ICCF 2007.
- 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4 e6 6.00 Nd7 7.d4 dxc4 8.Qc2 Nb6 9.Nbd2 Bg6 10.Qc3 Nf6 11.Ne5 Nfd5 12.Qf3 Qf6 13.Ndxc4 Qxf3 14.Bxf3 Nxc4 15.Nxc4 f6 16.a3 000 17.e4 Nb6 18.Nxb6+ axb6 19.Be3 Bd6 =-=(100) Minasian 2555 Motylev 2634, Dubai UAE 2003.
- 4.c3 Nd7 5.Qb3 Qb6 6.d3 e6 7.Be3 Bc5 8.Bxc5 Nxc5 9.Qc2 Nf6 10.Nbd2 a5 11.00 00 12.a4 Rfe8 13.Rfb1 Na6 14.b4 axb4 15.cxb4 Qc7 16.e4 dxe4 17.dxe4 e5 18.h3 Bh5 19.Nh4 Rad8 =-=(39) Gutman 2533 Savchenko 2579, Darmstadt GER 2001.
- 4.c4 Bxf3 5.Bxf3 Nf6 6.OO d4 7.e4 e5 8.d3 a5 9.Bg2 h5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nd2 Nfd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.h4 g6 14.Nf3 Na6 15.Bh3 Nac5 16.Qd2 Kf8 17.Ne1 Kg7 18.Ng2 Rhb8 19.f4 b5 1-0(54) Romanishin 2567 Sulskis 2521, Koszalin POL 1999.
- [*114*] 4...Nf6 5.Bb2 e6 6.d3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Ba3 10.Bxa3 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxa3 12.00 Qd6 13.c4 00 14.Rfc1 Rfe8 15.b4 a6 16.Qb2 h6 17.Rab1 e5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Nd2 Nf8 =-=(49) Hickl 2537 Bacrot 2729, Mainz GER 2005;
- 6.00 Be7 7.c4 00 8.d4 a5 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Nd2 Qb6 11.Qc2 Bf5 12.e4 Bg6 13.Qc1 dxe4 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rfd8 16.Rd1 a4 17.c5 Qa7 18.b4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Nf6 =-=(36) Vukic 2515 Damljanovic 2595, Cetinje 1992;
- 5...Nbd7 6.00 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Qe1 00 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.Nd2 b5 13.Bg2 Qe7 14.a4 a6 15.Qe2 Nc5 16.Rfd1 Nfd7 17.Bh3 Rfd8 18.Bc3 Ne6 19.Nf3 Bc7 =-=(39) Podgaets 2500 Taimanov 2580, Riga 1975.
- [*115*] 5...e6 6.00 Ngf6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.a3 00 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 a5 12.e3 Rfe8 13.Qe2 Rac8 14.e4 e5 15.Nh4 g6 16.Nf3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nc5 18.Nd2 b5 19.Rfd1 h5 =-=(49) Larsen 2535 Speelman 2630, Roquebrune 1992;
- 7...Bb4 8.a3 Ba5 9.Nbd2 OO 10.c4 Qe7 11.h3 Bh5 12.b4 Bc7 13.Qb3 a6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.a4 c5 16.bxc5 Nxc5 17.Qa2 Ba5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Ba3 Qc7 0-1(27) Ribli 2525 Larsen 2630, Las Palmas 1974;
- 7...Bc5 8.Nbd2 00 9.e4 a5 10.a3 dxe4 11.dxe4 e5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Re8 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Nc4 Rad8 16.Bc3 b6 17.Qf5 Ra8 18.g4 h6 19.Rd3 b5 =-=(20) Radjabov 2628 Gausel 2511, Bled SLO 2002;
- 6.d3 Ngf6 7.Nbd2 Bc5 8.a3 a5 9.00 00 10.e4 b5 11.Qe2 Ba7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Kh1 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 a4 15.b4 c5 16.bxc5 Bxc5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Ne5 Ra6 19.c4 bxc4 1-0(41) Ribli 2605 Stangl 2535, Altensteig GER 1994.
- 5...Bxf3 6.Bxf3 e5 7.d3 Ngf6 8.00 h5 9.c4 d4 10.Rel Bc5 11.Na3 Bb4 12.Rf1 Nf8 13.Nc2 Be7 14.e3 Ne6 15.exd4 exd4 16.Rel Qd7 17.Qd2 h4 18.Rad1 Rd8 19.b4 Kf8 1-0(58) Hickl 2537 Sokolov 2691, Mainz GER 2005.
- 5...Qc7 6.c4 dxc4 7.bxc4 e5 8.00 Ngf6 9.d3 e4 10.dxe4 Nxe4 11.Nbd2 Nec5 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.Qc2 Be7 14.Rad1 Bxf3 15.exf3 00 16.f4 Rfe8 17.Bh3 Bf6 18.Ba3 Rad8 19.Bd6 Qc8 =-=(36) Kengis 2560 Nenashev 2580, Lucerne SUI 1993.
- 5...Qb8 6.d4 e6 7.Nbd2 Ngf6 8.00 Be7 9.c4 00 10.Re1 a5 11.a3 Rd8 12.Qc1 h6 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bf5 16.Re3 Bf6 17.Bc3 b5 18.c5 Qc7 19.b4 axb4 =- (35) Vukic 2504 Berkes 2589, Zenica 2006.
- [*116*] 6.d3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.00 00 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Qb6 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.Kh1 Rad8 15.Ne3 Bg6 16.g4 Nc5 17.Rb1 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Ncxe4 19.dxe4 Bb4 0-1(39) Ftacnik 2610 Adianto 2605, Jakarta INA 1996;
- 9.Qe1 e5 10.e4 Re8 11.a3 a5 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nh4 Qc7 14.Nf5 Bc5 15.Kh1 Rad8 16.Nf3 b5 17.N3h4 Bf8 18.Bc3 Ra8 19.g4 Bg6 =-=(58) Damljanovic 2560 Dreev 2645, Tilburg NED 1994;

- 7...a5 8.a3 Bc5 9.00 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.e4 b5 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.Rae1 Rac8 14.Kh1 Qa7 15.g4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Bg6 18.Qe2 Rfe8 19.h4 f6 =-=(28) Rustemov 2625 Gausel 2480, Skelleftea SWE 2001;
- 6...a5 7.a3 e6 8.Nbd2 Qb6 9.00 a4 10.b4 c5 11.c3 Be7 12.Qb1 00 13.Ra2 Rfc8 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 e5 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Ra1 Bb3 19.Nd2 c4 0-1(42) Damljanovic 2585 Bareev 2635, Oviedo 1992;
- 7.a4 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e5 9.00 Bb4 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 00 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.h4 b5 16.Nf1 Bf8 17.Bc3 Bb4 18.Bb2 Bf8 19.Ne3 bxa4 1-0(52) Tkachiev 2620 Prie 2480, FRA 1996.
- 6.h3 Bh5 7.00 e6 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nbd2 00 10.Qe1 e5 11.e4 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.Kh1 Bg6 15.Nh4 Bh5 16.Bf3 Ba5 17.Bxh5 Nxh5 18.Rd1 Nf4 19.Qe3 Bb6 1-0(72) Komljenovic 2512 Korneev 2600, Coria del Rio ESP 2001.
- 6.d4 g6 7.00 Bg7 8.Nbd2 00 9.c4 a5 10.a3 Qb6 11.Rc1 Rfd8 12.h3 Bf5 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Kh2 Qa6 16.f4 a4 17.b4 dxc4 18.e4 b5 19.g4 Bxg4 1-0(36) Shabalov 2535 Yakovich 2560, Gausdal 1991.
- [*117*] 6...Bxf3 7.Bxf3 e5 8.d3 Bc5 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 00 11.Nd2 b5 12.a3 a5 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bg2 Nf8 16.Bh3 Ne6 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.h3 Bd4 19.c3 Bb6 1-0(41) Schmidt Wlodzimierz 2485 Smejkal 2615, ? 1976;
- 9.e3 00 10.a3 a5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Bg2 b5 13.e4 d4 14.c3 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Bd6 16.Qc2 Qe7 =-= Sunye Neto 2531 Morovic Fernandez 2554, Pinamar ARG 2002;
- 7.exf3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.Nd2 OO 10.f4 e6 11.Nf3 c5 12.Ne5 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.f4 Rc8 16.c3 Nb8 17.Qf3 Nc6 18.Bf2 Re8 19.Rfd1 Qc7 0-1(50) Ponomariov 2695 Vallejo Pons 2677, Albox ESP 2005.
- 6...a5 7.a3 e6 8.d3 Bd6 9.e4 Ne5 10.Nbd2 dxe4 11.dxe4 Qc7 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Qe3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 00 15.Rad1 b5 16.Be2 Qe7 17.a4 Rb8 18.Ra1 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 Bc7 0-1(83) Rustemov 2575 Volkov 2545, St Petersburg RUS 1998.
- [*118*] 7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Bd6 9.Nd2 Qe7 10.a3 h5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bg2 h4 15.Qf3 000 16.Rfe1 hxg3 17.hxg3 Bc7 18.b4 Bb6 19.Rad1 a6 1-0(32) Ribli 2585 Nikolac 2495, Amsterdam NED 1978.
- 7...Be7 8.Nbd2 00 9.e4 a5 10.a3 a4 11.b4 c5 12.e5 Ne8 13.b5 f6 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qe1 Nc7 16.Rb1 f5 17.c4 Nb6 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Rad8 =-=(53) Tregubov 2525 Ibragimov 2555, Kstovo RUS 1997.
- [*119*] 9.e4 Qe7 10.a3 dxe4 11.dxe4 Be5 12.c3 Rfd8 13.Qc2 Bc7 14.a4 Bh5 15.Rfe1 Bg6 16.Nc4 b5 17.Ba3 Qe8 18.Nb2 Bb6 19.c4 Nxe4 =-=(36) Vaganian 2585 Smagin 2550, Germany 1991.
- 9.Qel Re8 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 e5 12.e4 a5 13.a3 Qc7 14.Nh4 dxe4 15.dxe4 a4 16.b4 c5 17.c3 g6 18.Qe2 Nb6 19.Nf3 Rac8 =-=(31) Tukmakov 2585 Ibragimov 2520, Bled 1995.
- [*120*] 10.Nxf3 Qc7 11.c4 dxc4 12.bxc4 e5 13.Qc2 Rfe8 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.e3 Bf8 16.Rad1 g6 17.d4 Bg7 18.c5 Nd5 19.Ne4 exd4 1-0(73) Minasian 2585 Dizdar 2531, Dubai 2004;
- 10...Qe7 11.a4 a5 12.Re1 e5 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 Bb4 15.Re2 Rfd8 16.Qc1 Ne8 17.Kh1 Nc7 18.Qf1 Bd6 19.Rd2 Ne6 =-=(23) Arencibia 2521 Wojtkiewicz 2567, Merida MEX 2002.
- [*121*] 4...e6 5.00 Nd7 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 Ne7 9.d4 00 10.Re1 b5 11.c3 Qb6 12.Nb3 Rae8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 Qb8 15.a4 b4 16.c4 dxc4 17.Na5 c5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Nxc4 cxd4 0-1(46) Sunye Neto 2525 Granda Zuniga 2620, Sao Paulo BRA 1995;
- 5...Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.e4 OO 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe1 Qb6 10.Kh1 Nbd7 11.Nh4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Ne8 13.Nhf3 Qc5 14.c3 e5 15.Nb3 Qb5 16.Nfd2 a5 17.a4 Qa6 18.Qe3 Nd6 19.q4 Bq6 =-=(53) Vaganian 2625 Vasiukov 2505, Erevan ARM 1994;

- 5.Nbd2 Nd7 6.00 Bd6 7.e4 Ne7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Re1 00 10.g4 Bg6 11.e5 Bc7 12.Nf1 c5 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.Bh4 Nc6 15.Bg3 Qb8 16.Qe2 a5 17.h4 f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.h5 Bf7 =-=(113) Ljubojevic 2595 Illescas Cordoba 2625, Linares 1993;
- 6...Ngf6 7.b3 a5 8.a3 Bd6 9.Bb2 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.e4 e5 12.Qe1 dxe4 13.dxe4 b5 14.Nh4 =-= Pigusov 2623 Gelashvili 2547, Dubai UAE 2002;
- 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c4 e5 10.00 Qe7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 00 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.e3 Ba3 =-= Smejkal 2570 Tal 2655, Sochi RUS 1973.
- [*122*] 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.00 Bd6 8.e4 Ne7 9.Qe2 00 10.Re1 Re8 11.g4 Bg6 12.e5 Bc7 13.Nf1 c5 14.Bg5 Qb8 15.Bh4 Nc6 16.Bg3 b5 17.h4 h5 18.Bh3 Qb6 19.Rad1 b4 =-=(70) Ljubojevic 2565 Chernin 2640, Villarrobledo ESP 1997;
- 10...c5 11.Nf1 Nc6 12.c3 d4 13.g4 Bg6 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.N3d2 Qc7 16.a3 f5 17.Nc4 fxg4 18.Qxg4 Nc5 19.Bg5 Bf4 0-1(29) Todorcevic 2460 Beliavsky 2650, Jugoslavija 1995;
- 9.d4 00 10.c4 Bc7 11.a3 Bb6 12.c5 Bc7 13.e5 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Rel Qf8 16.g4 Bg6 17.Qe2 h6 18.h4 e5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 =-=(24) Hodgson 2580 Shabalov 2540, Dublin 1992;
- 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 Ngf6 9.00 00 10.e4 Ne8 11.Qe1 Nc7 12.e5 Bc5 13.Nh2 a5 14.Kh1 a4 15.a3 Nb5 16.g4 Bg6 17.f4 Bd4 18.Bxd4 Nxd4 19.Qd1 f6 0-1(65) Smejkal 2510 Vasiukov 2570, Varna BUL 1971;
- 6.00 Bd6 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 Ne7 9.Qe1 00 10.Nh2 e5 11.Nb3 Bg6 12.Qe2 f5 13.Bg5 fxe4 14.dxe4 d4 15.Nf3 Bh5 16.g4 Be8 17.Nh4 Qc7 18.c3 dxc3 19.bxc3 Ng6 1-0(41) Damljanovic 2595 Smagin 2550, ? 1992;
- 7.c4 Ngf6 8.b3 a5 9.Bb2 a4 10.bxa4 Qa5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.e4 00 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Nxf3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Be7 16.Qe2 Qxa4 17.Rfd1 Nc5 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nd4 Nb6 1-0(49) Stein 2620 Nei 2500, Parnu EST 1971;
- 7.b3 Ne7 8.Bb2 OO 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 c5 11.Qe1 Nc6 12.Nh2 Nd4 13.Bxd4 cxd4 14.exd5 exd5 15.Bxd5 Qc7 16.Nc4 Rae8 17.Qd2 Re2 18.Qg5 Bg6 19.Nf3 Be7 =-=(59) Ljubojevic 2590 Van der Wiel 2530, Amsterdam NED 1991;
- 5...Ngf6 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nh4 e6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.00 000 12.f4 h6 13.Nxg6 fxg6 14.Nf3 e5 15.Nh4 exf4 16.exf4 Rhe8 17.Qf2 Bc5 18.d4 Bb6 19.b4 Ne4 0-1(38) Morozevich 2755 Kramnik 2785, Moscow RUS 2007;
- 6.00 e6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Nxf3 Bd6 9.e4 00 10.Rel e5 11.Nh4 Re8 12.Nf5 Bf8 13.exd5 cxd5 14.c4 dxc4 15.dxc4 e4 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Re6 18.Qd4 Qe7 19.Bg5 h6 1-0(43) Ljubojevic 2600 Polgar 2550, Monte Carlo 1994.
- 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Ngf6 9.Qe2 Bc5 10.Nd2 OO 11.Nc4 a5 12.a4 Re8 13.OO Qc7 14.Kg2 h6 15.Bd2 Nf8 16.Qe1 b6 17.h4 Ne6 18.c3 Red8 19.Qc1 Rd7 =-=(22) Panno 2505 Yusupov 2600, Lucerne SUI 1985;
- 7.Nd2 Ngf6 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bc5 10.00 Qe7 11.c3 00 12.b4 Bb6 13.a4 Rfd8 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Be2 c5 16.b5 Ne8 17.Nc4 Nd6 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Nxc4 1-0(37) Botvinnik 2700 Szilagyi P 2400, ? 1966.
- 5.c4 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 dxc4 7.dxc4 Ne5 8.Qb3 Qa5+ 9.Nd2 000 10.Bg2 e6 11.Qc2 Bb4 12.a3 Ne7 13.Rb1 Bxd2+ 14.Bxd2 Qc7 15.Bc3 Nf5 16.Qe4 Nd7 17.00 Nf6 18.Qc2 h5 19.b4 h4 =-=(43) Khasin 2455 Anand 2670, Calcutta 1992.
- 5.b3 e5 6.Bb2 Qa5+ 7.Nbd2 Ba3 8.Qc1 Bxb2 9.Qxb2 Qc7 10.c4 Qd6 11.00 Ngf6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.e4 00 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Rael Qxd3 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Rae8 18.Nc4 Bf3 19.Rfe1 Bxg2 =-=(43) Damljanovic 2560 Smagin 2550, Cacak YUG 1991.
- [*123*] 5...Ngf6 6.Nbd2 e5 7.e4 Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.c4 00 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 N5f6 13.Nc4 Bc7 14.Be3 b6 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.d4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 e4 18.Bg2 Re8 19.Rac1 h6 1-0(40) Vaganian 2625 Torre 2520, Moscow RUS 1994;
 - 1-0(43) Vaganian 2645 Torre 2520, Moscow RUS 1994;
- 9.b3 00 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Re1 a5 12.a3 b5 13.Nf1 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nc5 15.Nld2 Qc7 16.Qc1 Nfd7 17.Nh4 Ne6 18.Ndf3 f6 19.Nf5 Bf8 0-1(36) Sturua 2545 Kramnik 2625, Moscow 1992;

- 6.Qel e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Ba7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Qe7 16.Nh4 Qb4 17.Ra3 Rfd8 18.c3 Qf8 19.Re1 Ne8 1-0(65) Smejkal 2555 Boensch 2560, Altensteig 1991.
- 5...e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Bc5 8.Qe1 a5 9.a4 Ne7 10.Na3 f6 11.Nc4 Be6 12.Qe2 b5 13.Ne3 Qb6 14.axb5 Qxb5 15.Re1 Qxe2 16.Rxe2 Nb6 17.Re1 Kd7 18.Bf1 Kc7 19.Nd2 a4 =-=(56) Vaganian 2615 Bareev 2670, Moscow RUS 1992;
- 6.h3 Bh5 7.c4 d4 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Ngf6 10.Nc3 Bd6 11.g4 Bg6 12.d4 00 13.d5 Bb4 14.Nh4 Nb6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Na4 e4 19.a3 Ba5 1-0(44) Pigusov 2584 Motylev 2601, Tomsk RUS 2001.
- [*124*] 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 Ne7 8.Bxg7 Rg8 9.Bb2 Ng6 10.e4 h5 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 h4 13.exd5 cxd5 14.d4 Nf6 15.Nd2 Nh7 16.Rael Ng5 17.Qxd5 Nxh3+ 18.Kh1 hxg3 19.Rxe6+ Be7 1-0(38) Vaganian 2590 Hector 2535, Neu Isenburg 1992.
- [*125*] 7.b3 Ngf6 8.Bb2 00 9.e4 Qe7 10.a4 Rfd8 11.Qe2 dxe4 12.dxe4 Be5 13.Ba3 Bd6 14.Bb2 Be5 15.Ba3 Bd6 16.Bb2 =-= Dvoretzky 2485 Keres 2600, ? 1973.
- [*126*] 10.Bb2 a5 11.a4 b5 12.e4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 c5 14.Nh4 Nb6 15.Ra1 Nc6 16.f4 Be7 17.Nhf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 a4 19.exd5 exd5 =-=(29) Portisch Lajos 2610 Smyslov Vassily 2680, ? 1970;
- 17.Ndf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 a4 19.exd5 exd5 =-=(29) Portisch Lajos (HUN) 2630 Smyslov Vassily (RUS) 2620, Hastings (England) 1970.
- [*127*] 4...e6 5.d3 Bd6 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 OO 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qb3 Nd7 10.Nb5 Bc5 11.Qa4 Bh5 12.Qh4 Bg6 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bb2 a6 15.Nc3 f6 16.e4 d4 17.Na4 e5 18.Nxb6 Nxb6 19.a4 Be8 =-=(55) Markowski 2540 Beliavsky 2620, Polanica Zdroj POL 1996;
- 8.Qb3 Nd7 9.d4 Qb6 10.e4 Qxb3 11.axb3 a6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Be3 f6 14.Nd2 Bf7 15.f4 Rad8 16.Bf2 Bb8 17.Rfe1 Rfe8 18.Rad1 h5 19.e5 Nf8 0-1(47) Hulak 2540 Nogueiras 2565, Wijk aan Zee NED 1987.
- 4...Nf6 5.d3 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 OO 9.Nbd2 a5 10.Kh1 Na6 11.a3 Nc5 12.Nh2 dxe4 13.dxe4 e5 14.Nc4 Re8 15.f3 Nfd7 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc3 f6 18.Ne3 Bf8 19.Nhg4 Bf7 =-=(24) Movsesian 2624 Meduna 2474, CZE 2002;
- 5...Nbd7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.h3 Be6 10.Ng5 OO 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.a4 a5 13.Qe2 Qe8 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Rfd1 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qb4 18.Ra3 Rfd8 19.c3 Qe7 =-=(54) Lazic 2528 Saric 2558, Neum BIH 2008.
- [*128*] 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 f5 7.c4 Bd6 8.b4 a6 9.Rb1 Ngf6 10.a4 00 11.c5 Bc7 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Bb2 f4 14.Ne5 fxg3 15.hxg3 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qg5 17.Nd4 Bxe5 18.f4 Bxd4+ 19.Qxd4 Qg6 0-1(40) Van der Werf 2430 Sokolov 2650, NLD-ch 1994;
 - 0-1(41) Van der Werf 2430 Sokolov 2650, ? 1994;
 - 0-1(40) Van der Werf 2430 Sokolov 2650, Amsterdam NED 1994;
- 8.Qb3 Rb8 9.Re1 Qf6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Qa4 Ne7 12.Ne5 b5 13.Qa6 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nf3 Bxf3 16.exf3 N5c6 17.f4 Kf7 18.Qa3 Rhc8 19.Be3 Nd4 0-1(31) Schebler 2484 Vaganian 2667, Belgium 2002;
- 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qd3 Nh6 11.Nb3 Qf6 12.Bg5 Qe6 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.dxc5 Bxf3 15.exf3 00 16.Rfe1 Qg6 17.Bf4 Rbc8 18.Qa3 b6 19.b4 Rf7 1-0(47) Kengis 2575 Hector 2535, Haninge SWE 1992;
- 7...Nh6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Ng5 Qxb3 10.axb3 Ke7 11.f3 Bh5 12.e4 Nf7 13.Nh3 Nd8 14.Re1 Kf6 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.Nd3 g5 17.b4 Kg6 18.b3 Bg7 19.Bb2 Kh6 =-=(26) Dizdarevic 2500 Tukmakov 2600, Makarska Tucepi 1995;
- 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 Ngf6 9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Ndf3 00 11.c4 Qe7 12.Qc1 Ne4 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Ne5 Qe7 15.f3 Nf6 16.e3 =-= Rukavina 2470 Timman 2650, ? 1985.
- 5.b3 e5 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.d3 Ngf6 8.Nbd2 OO 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nh4 Re8 11.Nf5 Bf8 12.Qe1 a5 13.a3 Bg6 14.Nh4 Qb6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.e3 Rad8 17.Qe2 Bc5 18.c3 Bd6 19.b4 c5 =- (42) Lobron 2570 Kramnik 2710, Munich 1994;

- 6.d3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Qc7 8.Qe1 Bc5 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 00 11.a4 a5 12.Na3 Rfe8 13.Nc4 b6 14.h3 Bh5 15.Nh4 Nf8 16.Nf5 N6d7 17.Ba3 Bxa3 18.Nxa3 Nc5 19.Nc4 f6 =- =(59) Gutman 2488 Khenkin 2622, Frankfurt GER 2000.
- 5.c4 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Ne5 7.Qb3 Nxf3+ 8.exf3 Qd7 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.d3 e6 11.f4 Ne7 12.Nd2 Nf5 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Be3 OO 15.Rac1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Rac8 17.Kg2 Bc5 18.Ne5 Qe7 19.d4 Bd6 =-=(22) Bareev 2635 Sadler 2515, Hastings ENG 1992.
- [*129*] 6.h3 Bh5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Bd2 f6 12.b4 Bb6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Ba7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.fxe3 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Rd8 19.Rf2 Nc8 =-=(41) Minasian 2585 Smeets 2531, Justiniano Hotel Belek, Turke 2004;
- 7.c4 dxc4 8.dxc4 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Nh4 00 11.a3 Re8 12.b4 a5 13.Rb1 axb4 14.axb4 Qc7 15.Qb3 Nf8 16.Be3 =-= Kotsur 2600 Guliev 2510, Abudhabi UAE 2001.
- 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 Ngf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Qc2 00 10.b3 Re8 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.g4 Nfd7 14.Nf5 Bg6 15.Bb2 Bf8 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Qd2 Nf6 18.Nh4 a5 19.Nxg6 hxg6 1-0(94) Markowski 2525 Beliavsky 2645, Koszalin POL 1998;
- 6...d4 7.e3 dxe3 8.Bxe3 Ngf6 9.Nc3 Bc5 10.Qb3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Rfe1 00 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.Rxe5 Nxd3 17.Re7 Nc5 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.b4 Kf8 =-= Markowski 2557 Wojtkiewicz 2567, Suwalki POL 1999.
- 6.Nbd2 Ngf6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 h6 9.h3 Be6 10.Qe2 Bc5 11.b3 Qc7 12.Bb2 Nh7 13.Nc4 Ng5 14.Nfxe5 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Nxe5 17.Qc5 Nd7 18.Qe3 OO 19.Qf4 Ob6 1-0(57) Movsesian 2659 Sokolov 2656, Batumi GEO 1999;
- 7...Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.c4 00 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.Qb3 Nc5 14.Qa3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Ne6 16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Nd4 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Qxa7 Nc2 =-=(50) Harikrishna 2612 Berkes 2630, Kochin IND 2004.
- [*130*] 6...Bd6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nc3 =-= Kuzmin 2530 Dreev 2590, Moscow 1992.
- [*131*] 7...Bc5 8.Nbd2 f6 9.c3 a5 10.Qe2 Ne7 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.a4 Be6 13.Qf1 Nb6 14.Bh3 Qc8 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Ne1 OO 17.Nd3 Bd6 18.b3 Rad8 19.Qe2 Nec8 1-0(79) Movsesian 2661 Goloshchapov 2528, Ohrid MKD 2001;
- 8...Ne7 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.Be3 Rd8 11.Qe1 f6 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Qb4 b6 14.a4 Nb7 15.a5 b5 16.Ne3 Be6 17.c4 Qd6 18.Qc3 b4 19.Qb3 Qc5 1-0(31) Beliavsky 2625 Smeets 2532, Amsterdam 2006.
- [*132*] 8.Qe1 Bd6 9.a4 00 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Bc7 13.Nc4 Nc5 14.Nf5 Bg6 15.Bd2 b5 16.Na5 bxa4 17.Rd1 Ncxe4 18.Bb4 Qc8 19.Ne7+ Rxe7 0-1(23) Vaganian 2590 Gelfand 2719, Almaty 2008.
- 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Qe1 00 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Ne3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 g6 13.a4 Nc5 14.Ng4 Ne6 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Bh6 Rfd8 17.h4 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Ndxf8 19.a5 h5 =-=(22) Markus 2572 Postny 2661, Aghios Kirykos, Ikaria island 2008.
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- 9.Nbd2 00 10.h3 Be6 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.a4 Rfd8 14.Nb3 Qc4 15.Qc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Be7 17.Be3 b6 18.Rfb1 Nc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 =-=(31) Markus 2616 Solak 2595, Murska Sobota 2008;
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- 7.h3 Bh5 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bc5 10.Nbd2 OO 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Nb6 13.Na5 Rb8 14.Nh4 Nc8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nd6 17.Nb3 Bb6 18.Bb4 Bc7 19.Kh1 Nd7 1-0(69) Movsesian 2637 Mkrtchian 2468, Solin, CRO 2006.
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