OPENING REPORT

Database: Sic English Attack (6,480 games)

Report: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 (6480 games)

ECO: B90q [Sicilian: Najdorf, 6.Be3] Generated by Scid 3.6.25, 2009.02.25

1. STATISTICS AND HISTORY

1.1 Statistics

| | Games | 1-0 | =-= | 0-1 | Score |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| All report games | 6480 | 2194 | 2844 | 1442 | 55.8% |

1.2 Oldest games

- 1: 1-0(40) Byrne 2510 Balashov 2570, ? 1971
- 2: 0-1(40) Byrne 2510 Korchnoi 2670, Moscow RUS 1971.11
- 3: =-=(41) Mecking 2570 Evans 2545, ? 1972
- 4: 1-0(31) Beliavsky 2500 Bronstein 2590, Vilnius 1975
- 5: 1-0(29) Razuvaev 2515 Szabo 2545, Amsterdam NED 1975

1.3 Newest games

- 1: =-=(63) Smirnov 2579 Sjugirov 2562, Moscow RUS 2009.02.23
- 2: =-=(60) Petrosian 2623 Sjugirov 2562, Moscow RUS 2009.02.21
- 3: =-=(42) Dominguez Perez 2717 Anand 2791, Linares ESP 2009.02.21 [70]
- 4: 0-1(58) Yemelin 2578 Bogner 2467, Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2009.02.19
- 5: 1-0(40) Petrosian 2623 Zherebukh 2558, Moscow RUS 2009.02.19

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

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: 65 1992-2007 58% 2751 Shirov, Alexei [1,4,14,15,16,18,21,36,...]
- 2: 41 1994-2008 61% 2700 Bologan, Viktor [9,22,23,28,32,34,35,36,...]
- 3: 40 1995-2008 58% 2765 Svidler, Peter [2,5,8,20,21,22,38,48,...]
 4: 40 1993-2009 46% 2755 Leko, Peter [1,7,13,15,22,23,28,30,...]
- 5: 38 1993-2008 78% 2803 Anand, Viswanathan [4,9,10,11,12,15,17,18,...]
- 6: 33 1989-2006 71% 2746 Adams, Michael [1,2,17,18,19,27,28,41,...]

1.6 Most frequent players (Black)

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1: 53 1989-2008 42% 2736 Gelfand, Boris [2,12,15,21,22,23,24,26,...]
2: 39 1994-2008 44% 2801 Topalov, Veselin [2,10,14,15,17,21,24,27,...]
3: 35 1995-2004 61% 2851 Kasparov, Garry [4,6,11,14,15,16,17,18,...]
4: 34 1995-2009 56% 2700 Van Wely, Loek [17,18,34,39,41,44,46,57,...]
5: 26 1996-2008 54% 2627 Kempinski, Robert [24]
6: 25 2004-2008 46% 2714 Bu Xiangzhi [30,36,41,46,47,49,50,51,...]
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2. RATINGS AND PERFORMANCE

2.1 Average ratings and performance

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White rating: 2602 (2000 games); White performance: 2636 (56% vs 2593) Black rating: 2593 (2000 games); Black performance: 2559 (44% vs 2602)
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2.2 Games with highest average rating

- 1: =-=(19) Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Frankfurt GER 2000 [97]
- 2: =-=(27) Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Sarajevo 2000 [18]
- 3: =-=(36) Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Linares ESP 2000 [4]
- 4: =-=(29) Shirov 2750 Kasparov 2850, ? 2000 [18]
- 5: =-=(39) Anand 2757 Kasparov 2838, Linares ESP 2002 [101]
- 6: 1-0(45) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, ? 2002 [17]
- 7: 1-0(39) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, Frankfurt rapid 1998 [17]
- 8: =-=(24) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, Linares 1998 [11]

3. RESULT TRENDS

3.1 Result lengths and frequencies

| | Score Game length | | | Game length | | | Y |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 1-0 | =-= | 0-1 | 1-0 | =-= | 0-1 |
| Report games | 55.8% | 43 | 37 | 43 | 33.8% | 43.8% | 22.2% |
| All games | 55.8% | 43 | 37 | 43 | 33.8% | 43.8% | 22.2% |

3.2 Shortest wins (White)

- 1: 1-0(13) Anand 2770 Topalov 2740, ? 1998 [10]
- 2: 1-0(16) Akopian 2690 Kramnik 2775, ? 2004 [23]
- 3: 1-0(16) Toro Solis de Ovando 2592 Rinaldi 2505, CADAP 1999
- 4: 1-0(16) Hofstetter 2525 Delgado 2535, ? 2004
- 5: 1-0(17) Shirov 2726 Ivanchuk 2714, Monte Carlo MNC 1999 [70]

3.3 Shortest wins (Black)

- 1: 0-1(12) Svidler 2585 Van Wely 2575, Groningen NED 1995
- 2: 0-1(12) Tkaczyk 2508 Cardelli 2570, ICCF Email 2002
- 3: 0-1(14) Van Kempen 2560 Kokkila 2625, ? 1997
- 4: 0-1(15) Kotronias Vasilios 2545 Istratescu 2505, ? 1994
- 5: 0-1(16) Huebner R 2600 Hjartarson J 2610, ? 1988

4. MOVES AND THEMES

4.1 Move orders reaching the report position

There were 21 move orders reaching this position. The top 10 are:
1: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 (6066)
2: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 (268)
3: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 (29)
4: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 (27)
5: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 (19)
6: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be3 (18)
7: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be3 (12)
8: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be3 (11)
9: 1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 (10)
10: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Be3 (5)

4.2 Moves from the report position

| | Move | ECO | Frequ | ıency | Score | AvElo | Perf | AvYear | %Draws |
|-----|------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| 1: | e5 | B90k | 5215: | 80.4% | 55.3% | 2481 | 2450 | 2002 | 43% |
| 2: | Ng4 | B90h | 1151: | 17.7% | 56.5% | 2490 | 2441 | 2001 | 49% |
| 3: | Nc6 | | 46: | 0.7% | 66.3% | 2478 | 2382 | 1997 | 41% |
| 4: | Nbd7 | | 42: | 0.6% | 64.2% | 2460 | 2373 | 1997 | 19% |
| 5: | Qc7 | | 12: | 0.1% | 91.6% | 2456 | 2039 | 1989 | 17% |
| 6: | b5 | | 10: | 0.1% | 55.0% | 2413 | 2405 | 1998 | 50% |
| 7: | e6 | B80e | 2: | 0.0% | 50.0% | | | 2006 | 0% |
| 8: | b6 | | 1: | 0.0% | 50.0% | | | 1994 | 100% |
| 9: | Bd7 | | 1: | 0.0% | 100.0% | | | 1991 | 0% |
| ТОТ | ΔΤ.: | | 6480:1 | 100 0% | 55 8% | 2482 | 2443 | 2002 | 44% |

4.3 Positional Themes

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

| Same-side castling: | 24% | White Isolated Queen Pawn: | 2% |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Opposite castling: | 41% | Black Isolated Queen Pawn: | 15% |
| Kingside pawn storm: | 7% | White Pawn on 5/6/7th rank: | 70% |
| Queens exchanged: | 51% | Black Pawn on 2/3/4th rank: | 48% |
| Only one side has Bishop pair: | 27% | Open c/d/e file: | 24% |

4.4 Endgames

Material at the end of each game:

| | P | $_{ m BN}$ | R | R,BN | Q | Q,BN | Q,RÇ | ,R,BN |
|--------------|----|------------|----|------|----|------|------|-------|
| Report games | 1% | 7% | 9% | 25% | 2% | 4% | 6% | 46% |
| All games | 1% | 7% | 9% | 25% | 2% | 4% | 6% | 46% |

5. THEORY TABLE

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3: +2194 =2844 -1442 (3616/6480: 56%)

| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------|---------|-----|-----|
| 1 | Be3 | Bc1 | f3[2] | g4[4] | Nb3 | Qe2[5] | Ве3 | 000 | 24: |

| | Ng4[1] | Nf6 | Qb6[3] | Nc6 | е6 | Qc7 | b5 | Nd7[6] | 50% |
|----|--------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 2 | • • • | Bg5 h6[7] | Bh4[8] g5 | Bg3 Bg7[9] | Qd2[10] Nc6 | Nb3 f5[11] | ef5 Bf5 | Bd3[12] Qd7[13] | 18: 69% |
| 3 | | | | | Be2 h5 | Bg4[14] Bg4[15] | f3 Bd7 | Bf2[16] Nc6[17] | 30: 47% |
| 4 | | | | | h3 Ne5[18] | Nf5[19] Bf5 | ef5 Nbc6[20] | Nd5 e6[21] | 31: 61% |
| 5 | | | | | | f3 Nbc6 | Bf2 Be6[22] | Qd2 Nd4[23] | 18: 69% |
| 6 | e5 | Nf3[24] Qc7[25] | a4[26] Be7[27] | a5[28] 00[29] | Be2 Qc6[30] | Qd3 h6 | 00 Be6 | Rfd1 Ng4[31] | 27: 65% |
| 7 | | Be7 | Bc4[32] OO[33] | OO[34] Be6[35] | Bb3[36] Nc6[37] | Qe2[38] Na5 | Rfd1 Nb3 | cb3[39] Qe8[40] | 34: 59% |
| 8 | | | | NC6 | Re1[41] b5[42] | Bf1 Rb8 | Bg5 Ng4 | Bc1[43] Qb6[44] | 27: 69% |
| 9 | | Nb3 Be7[45] | f3[46] Be6 | Qd2 00[47] | 000 Nbd7[48] | g4 b5[49] | g5[50] b4 | Ne2 Ne8[51] | 27: 59% |
| 10 | | | | | a5 | Qe1[52] Qc8[53] | a4[54] Nc6[55] | g4 Nb4[56] | 12: 67% |
| 11 | | Be6 | Qd2[57] Be7[58] | f3[59] OO | 000 Nbd7[60] | g4 b5[61] | g5[62] b4 | Ne2 Ne8[63] | 28: 70% |
| 12 | | | Nbd7 | 000[64] Be7[65] | f4[66] Ng4[67] | g3 Ne3 | Qe3 b5[68] | Kb1 Qb6[69] | 20: 45% |
| 13 | | | | f3 b5[70] | a4[71] b4 | Nd5 Bd5 | ed5 Nb6 | Bb6 Qb6[72] | 34: 66% |
| 14 | | | f3 h5 | Qd2[73] Nbd7 | 000[74] Be7[75] | Kb1[76] Qc7[77] | h3 b5 | Bd3 h4[78] | 21: 48% |
| 15 | | | Be7 | Qd2[79] Nbd7[80] | g4[81] h6[82] | 000[83] b5 | Kb1[84] Nb6 | Na5[85] Qc7[86] | 21: 38% |
| 16 | | | | | 000[87] Nbd7[88] | g4 b5[89] | g5[90] b4 | Ne2 Ne8[91] | 34: 53% |
| 17 | | | Nbd7 | Qd2 b5[92] | 000[93] Be7[94] | g4[95] b4 | Nd5 Bd5 | ed5 Nb6[96] | 27: 65% |
| 18 | | | | | a4 b4 | Nd5 Bd5 | ed5 Nb6 | Bb6 Qb6[97] | 14: 64% |
| 19 | | | | g4 b5[98] | g5[99] b4[100] | Nd5[101] Nd5 | ed5 Bf5 | Bd3 Bd3[102] | 29: 57% |
| 20 | | | | | g5[103] | Qd2 | 000[105] | Rg1[107] | 24: |

Generated from the 500 highest-rated games.

- [*1*] 6...Nc6 7.f3 e5 8.Nb3 Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Ne7 11.c4 q6 12.Bd3 Bq7 13.00 00 14.Nd2 Nh5 15.Re1 b5 16.b3 Rb8 17.a4 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Nf4 19.Ne4 Nf5 20.Bf2 Nd4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.g3 Nh5 23.Ra2 a5 =-=(28) Shirov 2740 - Shabalov 2600, North Bay 1994;
- 14.Nc1 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Bxb5 Rb8 17.Bc4 Rxb2 18.Nb3 Nf5 19.Bc1 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Rf2 21.Bd2 Rc8 22.Rc1 e4 23.Rxf2 Qxf2 =-=(29) Lutz 2613 - Smirin 2670, Plovdiv BUL 2003;
- 7...d5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 11.Bd3 e5 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.000 Be6 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Qf2 Qa5 16.b3 f5 17.Qe1 Qc7 18.Bd4 Bd6 19.f4 000 20.fxe5 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Qg3 Rd7 23.Be2 Rc7 =-=(54) Adams 2730 - Svidler 2685, ? 2001;
- 7.Qd2 Nxd4 8.Bxd4 e5 9.Be3 Be6 10.000 Qa5 11.a3 Rc8 12.f3 Rxc3 13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Bxa3+ 17.Kb1 Nb6 18.Bd3 Na4 =-= Leko 2665 -Lautier 2625, Tilburg NED 1998.
- 6...Nbd7 7.f3 g6 8.Qd2 b5 9.a4 bxa4 10.Nxa4 Bg7 11.Be2 Bb7 12.c4 00 13.00 Nc5 14.b4 e5 15.bxc5 exd4 16.Bg5 Re8 17.cxd6 Qxd6 18.c5 Qc6 19.Bc4 Bc8 20.Nb6 Ra7 21.Rfc1 Nd7 22.Bd5 Qc7 23.Nc4 Qxc5 1-0(34) Kasparov 2850 - Georgiev 2675, Sarajevo 2000;
 - 1-0(36) Kasparov 2850 Georgiev 2675, ? 2000;
- 7.g4 d5 8.exd5 Nb6 9.Bg2 Bxg4 10.Qd3 Rc8 11.00 Nc4 12.Bg5 Nxb2 13.Qg3 Qc7 14.Qh4 Qxc3 15.Bxf6 h5 16.Bg5 Qxd4 17.h3 Nc4 18.c3 Qd3 19.hxg4 Ne5 20.d6 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 Oxf3 22.dxe7 Bxe7 23.Rfe1 f6 0-1(40) Shirov 2690 - Ivanchuk 2740, Linares ESP 1997.
- [*2*] 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Bg7 12.Be2 h5 13.Bxg4 hxg4 14.00 Nc6 15.Nf5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Qxg4 f6 18.Qf3 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.h3 d5 21.Ng3 dxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23.Nxe4 Bf5 =-=(33) Adams 2708 - Anand 2771, Dortmund GER 1999;
- 14.Qd2 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 f6 16.000 Be6 17.Nd5 Nc6 18.Qe3 Rc8 19.Nb6 Rc7 20.Nd5 Rc8 21.Nb6 Rc7 22.Nd5 =-= Movsesian 2666 - Shirov 2746, Germany 2000;
- 13...Bxg4 14.f3 Bd7 15.Bf2 Nc6 16.00 e6 17.Nde2 Qc7 18.Qd2 g4 19.f4 h4 20.Be3 b5 21.Rad1 Bf8 22.e5 dxe5 23.Ne4 OOO 0-1(38) Topalov 2725 - Anand 2765, ? 1997;
- 12.h3 Nf6 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxe5 00 17.q4 a5 18.h4 Bxg4 19.f3 Bf5 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Qe3 a4 22.Qxg5 Bg6 23.Bd3 a3 0-1(41) Dominguez Perez 2717 - Karjakin 2706, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009;
- 12...Ne5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Oa5 15.Od5 Nbc6 16.Oxa5 Nxa5 17.Nd5 Rc8 18.f6 Bxf6 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.000 Ke7 21.f4 gxf4 22.Bxf4 h5 23.h4 Nac6 =-=(62) Hracek 2612 - Georgiev 2661, Novi Sad YUG 2000;
- 9.Bc1 Nf6 10.Be3 Nq4 11.Bc1 =-= Iordachescu 2632 Sutovsky 2697, Calvia ESP 2004;
- 8...e5 9.Nf3 Be7 10.Bc4 00 11.00 Nc6 12.Qe2 Na5 13.Bd5 Bd7 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.h3 b5 16.a3 h6 17.Rac1 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Nd2 Rc8 20.Nf1 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Nxe4 22.Qe1 Qa8 23.f3 Nf6 0-1(64) Spasov 2588 - Gelfand 2733, Calatrava 2007.
- 8.Rg1 b5 9.g4 Bb7 10.f3 g6 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bh3 h6 14.gxh6 e5 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.Nb3 Be7 17.Qd2 Bh4+ 18.Bf2 Bxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Nf4 20.000 Rc8 21.Qb6 Qc7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.Na5 b4 0-1(36) Svidler 2713 - Topalov 2700, Frankfurt GER 1999.
- 8.a4 q6 9.Be2 Bq7 10.00 Nc6 11.Be3 00 12.Qd2 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Rc8 14.f3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Be6 16.a5 Bc4 17.Ra4 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nd7 19.Bxq7 Kxq7 20.Nd5 Rc6 21.Qd2 Nf6 22.Nxf6 exf6 23.Rd4 Qc7 =-=(25) Ivanchuk 2709 - Gelfand 2692, Monaco MNC 2000.
- 8.Qe2 e6 9.g4 Nc6 10.Nb3 b5 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.00 Be7 13.a3 g5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Bxg5 Nh5 17.gxh5 Bxg5 18.Qg4 Be7 19.Qg7 Rf8 20.Ne4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4

- 22.Rxd4 Rd8 23.Qg3 Qxg3 =-=(46) Motylev 2676 Vallejo Pons 2702, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
- [*3*] 8...e5 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qd2 h5 12.Na4 Nbd7 13.c4 00 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Nc3 Rc8 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.Be2 b5 18.00 Nb6 19.Na5 bxc4 20.Nxb6 Bxb6 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Bxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Qxb2 1-0(83) Timman 2655 Georgiev 2677, Saint Vincent ITA 2000.
- [*4*] 9.Nb3 e6 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.000 b5 13.g4 Ne5 14.g5 Nfd7 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bd4 Ndb6 17.h4 Bb7 18.h5 e5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Be7 21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.Rh3 00 23.Qe4 Qf2 =-=(36) Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Linares ESP 2000;
- 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.000 Ne5 13.Kb1 Be7 14.Nd4 00 15.g4 b5 16.Qg2 b4 17.Nce2 Bb7 18.g5 Nfd7 19.h4 Qb6 20.Bc1 Nc5 21.h5 a5 22.Nf4 a4 23.g6 b3 1-0(38) Anand 2788 Grischuk 2720, Mainz 2005.
- [*5*] 11.Bf4 Qc7 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Be2 Be7 14.Bg3 b5 15.g5 Nfd7 16.h4 Nb6 17.Qd4 00 18.000 Rd8 19.a3 Nec4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Nd2 e5 22.Qe3 Be6 23.Kb1 Rab8 0-1(38) Svidler 2750 Grischuk 2710, Moscow 2006.
- [*6*] 14.Qf2 Rb8 15.f4 Na5 16.Ba7 Ra8 17.Bd4 Bb7 18.Nxa5 Qxa5 19.Kb1 Rc8 20.Bg2 b4 21.Ne2 Nf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Ng3 Qc5 =-=(39) Grischuk 2704 Kasparov 2813, Moscow 2004;
- 14...Be7 15.g5 Nce5 16.a3 Rb8 17.Rg1 Nb6 18.f4 Nec4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Bd4 OO 21.Bf6 Bb7 22.Rd3 Rfc8 23.Rh3 Kf8 1-0(31) Grischuk 2710 Ponomariov 2700, Wijk aan Zee 2005;
- 14...b4 15.Na4 Rb8 16.f4 Nd8 17.Nd2 Bb7 18.Nb6 Nc5 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Nbc4 Be7 21.g5 OO 22.Rg1 f5 23.e5 Nc6 1-0(50) Kasimdzhanov 2653 Xu Jun 2643, Hyderabad 2002.
- [*7*] 7...Nc6 8.h3 Qa5 9.Bh4 Nf6 10.Nb3 Qh5 11.Qxh5 Nxh5 12.Nd5 Rb8 13.g4 Nf6 14.Bg2 h5 15.f3 Nxd5 16.exd5 Ne5 17.000 g6 18.Nd2 hxg4 19.hxg4 f5 20.Bg3 Rxh1 21.Rxh1 Nf7 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Bh3 Bxh3 =-=(29) Leko 2741 Mamedyarov 2742, Moscow 2008;
- 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Qe2 e6 12.000 Be7 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Qc7 15.Bf4 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qa5 17.f4 00 18.Qe1 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Bd3 Bd7 21.Rf1 Rc8 22.g4 b5 23.g5 Ne8 1-0(42) Polgar 2686 Milov 2602, Moscow 2001;
- 8...Qb6 9.hxg4 Qxd4 10.Bd3 e6 11.Be3 Qb4 12.a3 Qxb2 13.Na4 Qf6 14.g5 Qd8 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.f4 Be7 17.Qf3 e5 18.Nd5 exf4 19.Bb6 Qd7 20.g6 Qg4 21.Rxh7 Rxh7 22.gxh7 Qh4+ 23.Kd2 Qxh7 1-0(35) Ponomariov 2684 Baklan 2599, Kramatorsk UKR 2001.
- [*8*] 8.Bcl Nf6 9.Bc4 e6 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.Be3 Be7 12.f4 00 13.Qf3 e5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.fxe5 Ng4 16.e6 Ne5 17.Qh3 Bh4+ 18.g3 Bg5 19.Bxg5 Nf3+ 20.Ke2 Nxg5 21.exf7+ Kh8 22.Qh5 d5 23.h4 Nxf7 =-=(38) Morozevich 2732 Kramnik 2777, Monte Carlo 2004;
- 13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 b5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.e5 Bh4+ 17.g3 Rb8 18.000 Be7 19.exd6 Bxd6 20.Ne4 Bb7 21.Qe3 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rb6 23.h4 =-= Svidler 2735 Ponomariov 2700, Wijk aan Zee 2005.
- [*9*] 9...Nc6 10.h3 Nge5 11.f3 Bg7 12.Bf2 Ng6 13.Nd5 Rb8 14.Qd2 e6 15.Nc3 Be5 16.000 Qf6 17.Nb3 b5 18.Kb1 Bb7 19.Be2 00 20.h4 Nxh4 21.g3 Nxf3 22.Bxf3 Qxf3 23.Rxh6 Bg7 0-1(49) Bologan 2659 Dominguez 2655, Barcelona ESP 2006;
- 10.Be2 h5 11.h3 Nge5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.Bxh5 Qb6 15.Rb1 a5 16.00 Rh6 17.Qf3 Rf6 18.Qg3 Bh6 19.Bg4 Rf4 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.b3 g4 22.hxg4 Bg5 23.Ne2 Kf8 1-0(31) Anand 2710 Polgar 2595, Monte Carlo 1993.

- [*10*] 10.Bc4 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.h4 Qb6 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.hxg5 000 15.Qd2 hxg5 16.Rxh8 Rxh8 17.000 Ne5 18.f3 Qa5 19.Kb1 Bf6 20.Qe3 Kb7 21.Bf2 Rb8 22.g3 Kc8 23.Qe2 Ng6 1-0(78) Anand 2770 Topalov 2740, Linares 1998;
- 12...Qa5 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Rxh8+ Bxh8 17.Kf1 Ne5 18.Qe2 Kd7 19.Nd1 Rb8 20.c3 Qa4 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.g3 Bf6 23.Kg2 a5 1-0(53) Ponomariov 2616 Topalov 2690, Las Vegas, NV USA 1999;
- 12.Qf3 Rf8 13.Bb3 Ne5 14.Qe3 Rb8 15.00 Qb6 16.Qe2 Rh8 17.Kh1 h5 18.f4 gxf4 19.Bxf4 Bg4 20.Qd2 Be6 21.Rad1 Qa5 22.Qe1 h4 23.h3 Nc4 =-=(36) Anand 2770 Topalov 2740, Monte Carlo MNC 1998;
 - 1-0 Anand 2770 Topalov 2740, ? 1998.
- [*11*] 11...Nge5 12.f3 b5 13.Bf2 Rb8 14.Nd4 b4 15.Nd1 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 d5 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.c3 OO 19.Be2 Rd8 20.Qe3 Bb7 21.Nf2 bxc3 22.Bxc3 Qe6 23.Kf1 Bd5 0-1(39) Ivanchuk 2710 Kasparov 2810, ? 1999;
 - 0-1(31) Ivanchuk 2714 Kasparov 2812, Linares 1999;
- 14...Bd7 15.Be2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Rb1 Rg8 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.h3 h5 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Qb6 22.Qxb6 Rxb6 23.b4 cxb3 =-=(24) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, Linares 1998.
- 11...Be6 12.h4 gxh4 13.Bxh4 Rc8 14.000 Nb4 15.Kb1 Qb6 16.f3 a5 17.fxg4 Rxc3 18.bxc3 Nxa2 19.Bf2 Qc6 20.Kxa2 a4 21.Bd4 axb3+ 22.cxb3 Qa4+ 23.Kb2 Qxb3+ 1-0(35) Shirov 2670 Oll Lembit 2585, ? 1993.
- [*12*] 13.h4 Qd7 14.000 Nb4 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.a3 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Qa4 18.Kb2 Nd5 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Qxg5 Bxd4 21.Rxh8+ Bxh8 22.Qh5+ Kd8 23.Qxh8+ Kd7 1-0(37) Anand 2765 Gelfand 2695, Biel 1997.
- [*13*] 14.00 00 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Qe2 Nge5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.Nd5 e6 19.Ne3 Qf7 20.c3 d5 21.h4 Rde8 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Nd4 Qg6 1-0(40) Leko 2630 Svidler 2650, ? 1996;
 - 1-0(39) Leko 2630 Svidler 2650, Tilburg 1996.
- [*14*] 11.h4 gxh4 12.Rxh4 Nc6 13.Nb3 Be6 14.Qd2 Qb6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nce5 17.c3 Ng6 18.Rh3 h4 19.Bxg4 hxg3 20.Rxh8+ Bxh8 21.Qe3 gxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qxe3+ 23.Kxe3 Ne5 0-1(64) Topalov 2750 Kasparov 2785, Geneva rapid 1996;
- 17.000 Rc8 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rh3 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.f3 Ne5 22.Bf2 Qb5 23.Qe2 Rb4 0-1(52) Morozevich 2721 Grischuk 2717, Moscow 2006;
- 14...Rc8 15.000 Qb6 16.f3 Qe3 17.Bf4 Qxd2+ 18.Rxd2 Nge5 19.Be3 Bf6 20.Rh1 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Na4 b5 23.Nb6 Rb8 =-=(54) Morozevich 2707 Polgar 2735, San Luis ARG 2005;
- 12.Bxh4 Nc6 13.Nb3 Be6 14.Qd2 Qb6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nce5 17.Bg3 Kf8 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Qe2 Qb4+ 21.c3 Qc4 22.Bxe5 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 Bxe5 0-1(44) Morozevich 2721 Grischuk 2717, Moscow 2006.
- 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 h4 13.Bxh4 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Bxg5 Nxh2 16.Kd2 Nd7 17.Kc1 Qxc3 18.Rb1 Nc5 19.Qd5 Rc8 20.Bd2 Qg7 21.Be3 Rh7 22.g3 b5 23.Qd4 Qg8 1-0(35) Shirov 2734 Polgar 2671, Prague CZE 1999;
- 13.00 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Re1 Kf8 16.h3 Qc7 17.Qd4 1-0 Shirov 2725 Polgar 2675, ? 1999;
- 12...Qa5 13.00 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxf5 15.Rb1 Nd7 16.Rxb7 Ngf6 17.Re1 Kf8 18.h3 Re8 19.Bxa6 h4 20.Bd3 Qd5 21.Rb5 Nc5 22.Bh2 Rg8 23.Rb4 Nxd3 1-0(41) Kasparov 2825 Topalov 2740, ? 1998;
 - 1-0(39) Kasparov 2825 Topalov 2740, Sofia rapid m 1998.
- [*15*] 11...hxg4 12.00 Nc6 13.Nf5 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Qxg4 f6 16.Rab1 Qxc3 17.Rfd1 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.g3 b5 20.c4 bxc4 21.Qf3 c3 22.Rbc1 Bb7 23.Qxc3 Bxe4 =-=(44) Shirov 2725 Kasparov 2810, ? 1999;
- 16.Qf3 Ne5 17.Qe3 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rc8 19.Qa7 Kf7 20.Qxb7 Rxc3 21.Rfd1 Qb5 22.Qa7 Nc6 23.Qd7 Nd4 =-=(36) Leko 2694 Lutz 2610, Frankfurt GER 1999;

- 15.Ne3 Be6 16.Rb1 b5 17.Nd5 Rc8 18.c4 Ne5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qd3 b4 22.Rfd1 f6 23.Rxb4 Bxd5 0-1(39) Leko 2713 Gelfand 2703, Monte Carlo 2002;
- 12...e6 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Bxd6 Ne5 15.Ncb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 f6 17.Rfd1 Kf7 18.Qe2 Bd7 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Nd6+ Kg6 21.Rd3 Qf6 22.Qxg4 Qf4 23.h3 Qxg4 0-1(50) Shirov 2725 Kasparov 2810, ? 1999;
- 13.Nde2 Be5 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Rad1 b5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Ng3 Ra7 18.a4 Rd7 19.axb5 Qf6 20.Rfe1 Qh6 21.Nf1 Nf3+ 22.gxf3 gxf3 23.Ne2 e5 1-0(52) Almasi 2665 Georgiev 2659, Germany 1999;
- 12...Bxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Nd5 Nc6 15.Qe3 Be6 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.c4 Kf7 18.c5 dxc5 19.Qxc5 Qg8 20.f4 gxf3 21.Rxf3 Rd8 22.Raf1 Qg6 23.Nd5 Qxe4 0-1(36) Shirov 2710 Salov 2680, Wijk aan Zee NED 1998;
- 12.Nd5 Nc6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Bd4 17.Qxa5 Nxa5 18.Nc7+ Kd7 19.Nxa8 Rxa8 20.Kd1 Bc3 21.h4 gxh3 22.Rxh3 Rc8 23.f4 gxf4 =-=(51) Anand 2771 Topalov 2690, Dortmund GER 1999;
- 13...Qa5+ 14.c3 Bxf5 15.exf5 000 16.00 Be5 17.b4 Qa3 18.Qxg4 f6 19.Rfb1 Kb8 20.b5 axb5 21.Rxb5 Rd7 22.Qc4 Na7 23.Rb3 Qc5 1-0(63) Delchev 2669 Karjakin 2658, Benidorm ESP 2005;
- 12.Qd2 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Nd5 Nc6 15.Qb6 Qxb6 16.Nxb6 Rb8 17.c4 Be6 18.c5 Rd8 19.cxd6 exd6 20.Ke2 f5 21.exf5 Nd4+ 22.Kd3 Nxf5 23.Rhe1 Kf7 =-=(46) Socko 2615 Shirov 2705, Germany 2006.
- [*16*] 13.00 Nc6 14.Bf2 e6 15.Nce2 Ne5 16.b3 g4 17.f4 h4 18.Be3 h3 19.g3 Nc6 20.Qd3 00 21.Rad1 f5 22.c4 Qa5 23.Nc3 Rae8 0-1(38) Shirov 2690 Kasparov 2795, Linares ESP 1997.
- [*17*] 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.000 Rc8 16.Kb1 Be6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bd4 f6 19.b3 g4 20.Rhe1 c5 21.Bf2 Bh6 22.Be3 Bg7 23.Bf2 Bh6 =-=(24) Adams 2716 Topalov 2700, Linares ESP 1999;
 - =-= Adams 2715 Topalov 2700, ? 1999;
- 15...h4 16.Kb1 Rg8 17.g3 000 18.Qe2 Be6 19.gxh4 gxh4 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qc4 Bxc3 22.Qxe6+ Kb8 23.bxc3 Rg5 =-=(30) Short 2670 Ivanchuk 2730, Elista RUS 1998;
- 15.Rd1 Rc8 16.00 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qc5 19.Rf2 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Be6 21.Nd5 f6 22.Rfd2 b5 23.a4 h4 =-=(32) Almasi 2650 Topalov 2700, Elista RUS 1998;
- 14...Ne5 15.b3 e6 16.Nde2 Rc8 17.Bd4 b5 18.Nd1 Rg8 19.Ne3 a5 20.000 a4 21.Kb1 axb3 22.cxb3 Ra8 23.Bc3 Ra6 1-0(39) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, Frankfurt rapid 1998;
 - 1-0(45) Anand 2770 Kasparov 2825, ? 2002;
- 15.00 g4 16.f4 Nc4 17.Qe2 Rc8 18.b3 Na3 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nb4 Qa5 21.Qe1 h4 22.Be3 h3 23.g3 Nb5 1-0(54) Anand 2750 Kasparov 2785, Geneve 1996;
- 15...e6 16.b3 Ng6 17.Rad1 g4 18.f4 h4 19.Nde2 h3 20.g3 Rc8 21.e5 d5 22.Nd4 00 23.Qd3 f5 0-1(55) Anand 2735 Kasparov 2785, Geneve 1996.
- 14.00 e6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bd4 Be5 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.a4 00 20.b3 Rfd8 21.Qe3 Qf4 22.Qxf4 gxf4 23.Rfd1 h4 0-1(45) Short 2690 Topalov 2725, Novgorod RUS 1997;
- 15.Nce2 Ne5 16.Qd2 b5 17.b3 Ng6 18.Rad1 Rc8 19.c3 Be5 20.Nc2 Nf4 21.Nxf4 gxf4 22.Bd4 a5 23.Ne1 Qf6 =-=(36) Polgar 2670 Sutovsky 2590, Hoogeveen 1997.
- 14.Nd5 Rb8 15.00 e6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Ne3 d5 18.Rb1 00 19.c4 d4 20.Nc2 e5 21.Ne1 f5 22.Nd3 g4 23.Nc5 gxf3 0-1(40) Smirin 2625 Kasparov 2785, Yerevan ARM 1996.
- 13...e6 14.Nb3 Be5 15.Bd4 Nc6 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Qd2 Qf6 18.Nc5 000 19.N3a4 Be8 20.Nd3 g4 21.00 Kb8 22.Nb6 gxf3 23.Rxf3 Qg6 0-1(60) Almasi 2655 Van Wely 2605, Tilburg NED 1996.

- [*18*] 10...Nf6 11.Qf3 Qb6 12.000 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Be2 Nd7 15.Nd5 Ne5 16.Qa3
 Rb8 17.h4 Be6 18.hxg5 Rc8 19.Rd2 hxg5 20.Rxh8+ Bxh8 21.Qe3 Qa4 22.a3 Bxd5
 23.exd5 Bf6 =-=(28) Anand 2794 Shirov 2706, Villarrobledo ESP 2001;
- 17.Rd4 b5 18.Rhd1 Qb7 19.f4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Be6 21.Qg3 Ng6 22.R4d2 00 23.Be3 Kh7 0-1(47) Ivanchuk 2741 Shirov 2720, Monte Carlo (Monaco) 2003;
- 16.Qb3 Be6 17.h4 Rc8 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Kb1 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.f3 Bxd5 =-=(37) Adams 2746 Shirov 2718, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001;
- 14...Qc5 15.Rhe1 Be6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bd3 e4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 000 20.a3 Rd5 21.Qb4 Rhd8 22.Qxc5+ Rxc5 23.Be2 Bf5 =-=(25) Lutz 2640 Polgar 2715, Budapest HUN 2003;
- 15...00 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.h4 gxh4 19.Bxh4 Nf6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Nd5 f5 22.Bxf5 Bxf5 23.Qxf5 Rad8 =-=(39) Voss 2651 Valent 2605, ICCF 2003;
- 14.e5 Qxf3 15.gxf3 dxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd7 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg7 Rh7 19.Be5 f6 20.Rxd5 Bc6 21.Rd3 fxe5 22.h4 gxh4 23.Rxh4 Rd8 =-=(29) Shirov 2750 Kasparov 2850, ? 2000;
 - =-=(27) Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Sarajevo 2000;
- 17.h4 Bc6 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Be2 Bg7 21.f4 =-= Stefansson 2569 Shirov 2723, Reykjavik ISL 2003;
 - =-= Tiviakov 2597 Van Wely 2700, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001;
- 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5 00 15.h4 g4 16.g3 Qb6 17.000 Be6 18.Bg2 Rfd8 19.Rhe1 h5 20.b3 Rac8 21.Na4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qb5 23.Bf1 Bc4 0-1(40) Ponomariov 2740 Polgar 2685, ? 2002;
 - 0-1(38) Ponomariov 2743 Polgar 2685, Benidorm 2002;
- 11.Be2 Qb6 12.Nb3 Nc6 13.00 Ne5 14.Kh1 Ng6 15.f3 Be6 16.Bf2 Qc7 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Re1 Nh5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nhf4 21.Bf1 Qd7 22.c4 h5 23.Rc1 Be5 0-1(39) Smirin 2685 Ivanchuk 2711, Moscow 2002;
- 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Ne5 15.h4 Bf5 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Rxh8+ Bxh8 18.Qd2 Bf6 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Qxg5 Bg6 21.Bd3 Bxb2 22.Rd1 Qb4+ 23.Kf1 Bf6 0-1(54) Khairullin 2586 Jakovenko 2708, Dresden 2007;
- 11.Bc4 Qb6 12.00 00 13.Nde2 Qxb2 14.Bb3 Qa3 15.f4 Nc6 16.Kh1 Be6 17.Qd3 Rac8 18.fxg5 hxg5 19.Nd5 Rfe8 20.Rad1 Nb4 21.Qf3 Nbxd5 22.exd5 Bd7 23.c3 a5 1-0(44) Kasparov 2850 Polgar 2655, Wijk aan Zee 2000;
- 12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Qxd4 14.Nxd6+ exd6 15.Qe2+ Be6 16.Bxe6 OO 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Bd5 Nc6 19.c3 Rad8 20.Rfe1 Qg6 21.a4 Kh7 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qxa6 d5 1-0(41) Ivanchuk 2717 Shirov 2718, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001.
- [*19*] 11.Be2 Nbc6 12.Nb3 b5 13.Nd5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Nd2 Bxb2 16.Rb1 Be5
 17.Nxc4 Bxg3 18.fxg3 Be6 19.00 Rb8 20.Rb3 Rb5 21.Kh2 00 22.Nce3 Ne5 23.c4 Rc5 10(31) Adams 2718 Vallejo Pons 2674, Linares (Spain) 2005;
 - 1-0(34) Adams 2741 Vallejo Pons 2686, Linares ESP 2005.
- [*20*] 12...Qa5 13.Qd5 Nbc6 14.Qxa5 Nxa5 15.Nd5 Rc8 16.000 e6 17.Ne3 Ke7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rhf1 d5 20.f4 gxf4 21.Bxf4 Nac4 22.Bg5+ Kd6 23.Bxc4 Nxc4 =-=(31) Svidler 2684 Georgiev 2650, Las Vegas, NV USA 1999;
- 16...Nd7 17.h4 Nc6 18.c3 Nf6 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.f3 g4 21.h5 gxf3 22.gxf3 00 23.Bg2 Nb8 1-0(53) Smirin 2662 Sakaev 2664, Togliatti 2003;
- 13...Qb4 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Nbc6 16.Nd5 Rd8 17.000 e6 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Nb6 Ke7 20.Be2 Nf7 21.Bh5 Be5 22.Bxe5 Nfxe5 23.f3 Rdf8 =-=(68) Bacrot 2705 Adly 2586, Germany 2008.
- 12...Nbd7 13.Nd5 Nb6 14.c3 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qd7 16.Be2 Qc6 17.000 Qxd5 18.Rxd5 Rc8 19.h4 Nd7 20.f3 =-= Predojevic 2628 Sakaev 2634, Zlatibor 2007;
- 19...Bf6 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Rxh8+ Bxh8 22.Rd1 Bf6 23.Rh1 Kd7 =-=(42) Amonatov 2650 Khismatullin 2613, Zvenigorod, Russia 2008;
- 13...e6 14.Ne3 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa5+ 16.c3 Qxa2 17.Be2 Rd8 18.00 Ke7 19.Bc4 Qa5 20.b4 Qc7 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Kxe6 23.f4 gxf4 1-0(46) Balabaev 2679 Ohtake 2596, ICCF 2002.

- [*21*] 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.Ne3 Qa5+ 16.c3 Nf3+ 17.Qxf3 Bxc3+ 18.Kd1 Qa4+ 19.Nc2 Bxb2 20.Rc1 Bxc1 21.Qf6 Kd7 22.Kxc1 Qxa2 23.Bd3 Rac8 1-0(42) Svidler 2735 Grischuk 2726, Mexico City 2007;
 - 1-0(42) Svidler 2735 Grischuk 2726, ? 2007;
- 16...d5 17.Be2 00 18.00 Rad8 19.Qb3 b5 20.Rad1 Qb6 21.Rfe1 Qc5 22.Qc2 b4 23.cxb4 Qxb4 1-0(45) Anand 2769 Gelfand 2692, Haifa ISR 2000;
- 15...00 16.Be2 Qe7 17.00 Rad8 18.Bh5 b5 19.a4 b4 20.a5 d5 21.Re1 Kh8 22.Qe2 Qa7 23.Rad1 Nd4 1-0(39) Svidler 2765 Grischuk 2717, Monte Carlo MNC 2006;
- 18...Kh8 19.Rel d5 20.a4 Nc4 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Qg4 Qb4 23.Qxe6 Rd2 1-0(38) Kasimdzhanov 2670 Anand 2788, San Luis ARG 2005;
- 16...d5 17.00 Ng6 18.c4 Nd4 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Bg4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Qd3 Qd6 23.Rad1 Raf8 1-0(40) Shirov 2751 Gelfand 2692, Monaco MNC 2000.
- 14.Ne3 Qa5+ 15.c3 Nf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bxc3+ 17.Kdl Qa4+ 18.Nc2 Bxb2 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.axb3 Bxal 22.Nxal Ke7 23.Bd3 Rac8 0-1(44) Svidler 2738 Topalov 2788, San Luis ARG 2005.
- 13...00 14.Be2 e6 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Ne3 d5 17.00 Qb6 18.Ng4 Rf5 19.c3 Qxb2 20.Rb1 Qxc3 21.Rxb7 Rf7 22.Qb1 Rxb7 23.Qxb7 Re8 1-0(38) Shirov 2734 Polgar 2671, Prague CZE 1999.
- [*22*] 12...Ng6 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.000 Bd7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.g3 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Qe5 19.Qf2 Rxc3 20.bxc3 Qxc3 21.Rd3 Qa5 22.Qe3 Be6 23.Ra3 Qb4+ 1-0(59) Svidler 2738 Polgar 2735, San Luis ARG 2005;
- 14...Be6 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.Nd5 Qxd2 17.Rxd2 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 h5 20.Rb4 Bxd5 21.exd5 Rc7 22.Bd3 Rh6 23.c3 Nf4 =-=(55) Kobalia 2621 Gelfand 2693, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 14.Nd5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Kc6 19.a4 Be6 20.Ra3 Rxa8 21.Rd3 Kc5 22.b4+ Kxb4 23.Rxd4+ Kc5 1-0(77) Karjakin 2686 Grischuk 2717, Sochi 2007;
- 21...Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3 h5 23.Rc3+ Kd7 = -=(33) Akopian 2679 Grischuk 2719, Elista RUS 2008.
- 12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Be6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.a3 00 16.h4 Ng6 17.b4 Qc7 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.000 Rh8 21.Rxh8 Rxh8 22.Kb2 f6 23.g3 Ne5 =-=(40) Anand 2755 Ponomariov 2743, Mainz 2002;
- 14...Bf6 15.000 Rc8 16.Kb1 Rg8 17.Be2 Nd7 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.h4 Qb6 20.hxg5 hxg5 21.a3 Kf8 22.Bd3 Qc5 23.g3 b5 1-0(59) Leko 2741 Morozevich 2747, Moscow 2006.
- 12...Na5 13.Nd5 e6 14.Nf5 exd5 15.Nxg7+ Kf8 16.Nf5 dxe4 17.Qxd6+ Qxd6 18.Nxd6 exf3 19.000 Be6 20.gxf3 Nxf3 21.Bg2 Nh4 22.Bxh4 gxh4 23.Nxb7 Nc4 0-1(51) Bologan 2669 Sakaev 2669, chessassistantclub.com INT 2004.
- [*23*] 14.Bxd4 Qa5 15.a3 Rg8 16.h4 Rc8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.000 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Rxc4 21.Qa7 Qc7 22.Kb1 Rc5 23.Nd5 Bxd5 =-=(34) Kasparov 2845 Polgar 2675, ? 2001;
 - =-=(27) Kasparov 2849 Polgar 2676, Linares 2001;
- 20.Bb5+ axb5 21.Qxd4 Rc4 22.Qd2 Kd7 23.Na2 Qxd2+ 1-0(81) Bologan 2641 Xu Jun 2668, Beijing CHN 2000;
- 15...00 16.h4 Ng6 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.b4 Qc7 19.Ne2 f6 20.Bb2 Bf7 21.Nd4 d5 22.exd5 Qe5+ 23.Be2 Qxd5 1-0(34) Akopian 2680 Kramnik 2775, ? 2004;
 - 1-0(32) Akopian 2693 Kramnik 2777, Wijk aan Zee NED 2004;
 - 1-0 Akopian 2690 Kramnik 2775, ? 2004.
- 13...Rc8 14.000 Qa5 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.a3 Bxb3 17.cxb3 Na5 18.Qc2 Ng6 19.Kb1 b5 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.b4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Qd2 00 1-0(30) Topalov 2690 Gelfand 2710, ? 1999;
 - 1-0(43) Topalov 2690 Gelfand 2713, Bugojno BIH 1999;
- 16.Kbl Na5 17.Bd4 Nac6 18.Be3 Na5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Nxa5 Bc4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.Qf2 Be5 =-=(35) Leko 2749 Gelfand 2733, Monte Carlo 2007.

- 13...Qa5 14.Nb3 Bxb3 15.cxb3 Nb4 16.a3 Ng6 17.Rd1 Nc6 18.Nd5 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 OO 20.b4 b5 21.Nc7 Rab8 22.Nxa6 Rb7 23.Rd5 Na7 =-=(37) Leko 2725 Kasparov 2851, Linares 2000;
- 14.h4 Rc8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Rxh8+ Bxh8 18.Nd1 Qa4 19.b3 Qa5 20.c3 Kd7 21.Rb1 Qd8 22.Qxg5 Bf6 23.Qe3 Qh8 0-1(52) Sadvakasov 2631 Sutovsky 2697, Calvia ESP 2004.
- [*24*] 7.Nde2 Be6 8.f4 Nbd7 9.f5 Bc4 10.Nc1 d5 11.Bxc4 dxc4 12.Qf3 b5 13.Nle2 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nf6 16.000 Bd6 17.g4 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Kb1 bxa2+ 20.Ka1 e4 21.Qg2 Be5 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 00 =-=(32) Nisipeanu 2668 Topalov 2769, Vitoria ESP 2007;
- 11.exd5 Bxf1 12.Rxf1 Nb6 13.Qf3 Nbxd5 14.N1e2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qc7 16.000 Rc8 17.Kb1 Bc5 18.Qf3 Qc6 19.Ng3 Bd4 20.Qxc6+ Rxc6 21.Nce4 Ng4 22.c3 Bb6 23.Rfe1 f6 1-0(50) Nisipeanu 2689 Kempinski 2590, Dresden 2007;
- 10...Bxf1 11.Rxf1 d5 12.Nxd5 Nxe4 13.Nb3 Ndf6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Qxd8+ Rxd8 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.c3 Bg5 19.Nc5 Ke7 20.Ne4 f6 21.Ke2 h5 22.Rad1 h4 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 1-0(43) Nisipeanu 2695 Gelfand 2727, Turin ITA 2006;
- 11...Rc8 12.Nb3 b5 13.a3 Be7 14.Qd3 Qc7 15.000 Qc4 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 00 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.Na5 Rc7 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Rfc8 23.c3 h5 1-0(72) Nisipeanu 2695 Areshchenko 2660, Foros 2006;
- 8...g6 9.h3 h5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.000+ Nbd7 13.Ng1 Rc8 14.Bd3 Bh6 15.Bxh6 Rxh6 16.Nf3 Ke7 17.Ng5 h4 18.Be2 Rc5 19.Rhf1 Rh8 20.Rd3 Rhc8 21.Kd2 b5 22.a3 a5 23.b4 axb4 0-1(54) Nisipeanu 2693 Topalov 2772, Sofia 2007;
- 10.g3 Nbd7 11.Bg2 b5 12.b3 Nc5 13.00 Bh6 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bd7 17.Nd5 Bc6 18.Nec3 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Rb8 20.Qe2 e4 21.Rad1 Kf8 22.Nxf6 Qxf6 23.Qxe4 h4 =-=(40) Nisipeanu 2693 Dominguez 2678, Foros 2007;
- 8...Qc7 9.f5 Bc4 10.Nc1 Nbd7 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Qd3 Rc8 13.Nb3 Qxd3 14.cxd3 d5 =-= Fedorov 2617 Gashimov 2644, Abudhabi UAE 2006;
- 7...Nbd7 8.Ng3 g6 9.a4 Qc7 10.Qd3 Nc5 11.Qc4 Be6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Rc8 14.b4 Ncd7 15.Qxc7 Rxc7 16.c4 h5 17.f3 a5 18.bxa5 Bh6 19.Bb6 Nxb6 20.axb6 Rc5 21.Bd3 Be3 22.a5 Bd4 23.Ra3 Rxa5 =-=(46) Nisipeanu 2693 Topalov 2801, Bucharest ROM 2006;
- 8...Qc7 9.Nh5 Nxh5 10.Nd5 Qa5+ 11.b4 Qd8 12.Qxh5 Nf6 13.Qh4 Nxd5 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.exd5 Kc7 16.a4 b6 17.a5 b5 18.c4 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Bd7 20.Kd2 Be7 21.Rhc1 Kb7 22.b5 Bxb5 23.Bxb5 axb5 1-0(25) Nisipeanu 2693 Bologan 2661, Asnieres sur Seine FRA 2006;
- 7...Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 Be6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Ng3 g6 13.Bc4 Rc8 14.00 00 15.a4 Nb4 16.Qb3 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qb6 19.Qa2 Rc5 20.Rfd1 Rfc8 21.Rd3 Rc4 22.a5 Qc6 23.Rd5 Bf4 =-=(24) Nisipeanu 2696 Ivanchuk 2734, Olite ESP 2006.
- [*25*] 7...Be6 8.Ng5 Nc6 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.Bc4 Qd7 11.a4 Be7 12.00 Rc8 13.Qe2 00 14.Rad1 Bd8 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Bb6+ 17.Kh1 Bd4 18.Bb3 Kh8 19.h3 Be5 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Rd4 Qe7 22.Rfd1 Nfg4 23.Kg1 Rf2 0-1(29) Karjakin 2732 Anand 2799, Nice 2008.
- [*26*] 8.Be2 Be7 9.a4 00 10.00 b6 11.Qd3 Nbd7 12.Qc4 Qxc4 13.Bxc4 Bb7 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Rc7 16.f3 Rfc8 17.b3 h5 18.Bf2 Kf8 19.Nf1 g6 20.Ne3 Ke8 21.Kf1 Bf8 22.Rd2 Be7 23.Rad1 Ra8 1-0(61) Short 2695 Gelfand 2665, Novgorod RUS 1996.
- 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.a4 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nc5 12.Nd2 Be6 13.Be2 000 14.00 h5 15.h4 Bh6 16.Ra3 g4 17.Bd3 Kb8 18.Re1 Bf4 19.Nf1 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Ne3 Bc6 23.b4 Nxd3 1-0(54) Topalov 2735 Karjakin 2562, Benidorm 2003.
- [*27*] 8...h6 9.a5 Be6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bg4 12.Ra4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nd7 14.Bd3 g6 15.Qg3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.f4 exf4 18.Qxf4 Qxf4 19.Rxf4 Bd6 20.Re4+ Kf8 21.O0 Kg7 22.Rfe1 Rhd8 23.Bc4 Rd7 =-=(45) Polgar 2707 Topalov 2780, Wijk aan Zee NED 2008.

- 8...Be6 9.a5 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Bc4 11.Bxc4 Qxc4 12.Ra4 Qc6 13.00 Be7 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rd1 00 16.h3 Rfe8 17.Nf3 Bf8 18.Nh2 h6 19.Ng4 Re6 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.Rd2 Be7 22.Rb4 Bd8 23.Bb6 Bxb6 =-=(35) Adams 2590 Anand 2670, Roquebrune 1992.
- [*28*] 9.Be2 00 10.a5 Nc6 11.Bb6 Qb8 12.Nd5 Nxe4 13.Bc7 Qa7 14.Bb6 Qb8 15.Bc7 Qa7 16.Bb6 =-= Leko 2751 Ivanchuk 2779, Mukachevo UKR 2009;
- 11...Qd7 12.Nd2 d5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.00 Bf5 16.Nc4 Nd4 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Bc5 19.Rfe1 Rae8 20.Ne3 Qd6 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.c3 Ne6 23.b4 Nf4 =- =(46) Harikrishna 2645 Volokitin 2671, Lausanne SUI 2005;
- 10.00 b6 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.Nh4 g6 13.g3 Bb7 14.Ng2 Rfe8 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Ne3 Qb8 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Re1 Rc5 19.Qd3 Rec8 20.Rad1 Bf8 21.h4 h5 22.Bg2 Qc7 23.Re2 Qd7 =-=(27) Adams 2670 Svidler 2690, Dortmund 1998;
- 10...Nbd7 11.Nd2 Nc5 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Bf3 h6 14.Be3 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Nh7 16.Rfd1 Bg5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Nc4 Rd4 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Re8 21.c3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 e4 23.d6 Qd8 1-0(32) Bologan 2645 Naiditsch 2664, Venacu 2006.
- [*29*] 9...Nc6 10.Bb6 Qd7 11.Nd2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Nc4 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 00 16.c3 Be6 17.Be2 f6 18.00 Bd8 19.b4 Bxb6 20.Nxb6 Rad8 21.Bf3 Kf7 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.f3 Ke7 1-0(36) Socko 2610 Areshchenko 2653, Germany 2005.
- [*30*] 10...Nbd7 11.00 Nc5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 f5 14.Nd2 Nd7 15.f3 b6 16.c4 bxa5 17.Nb3 Rb8 18.Ra2 Nc5 19.Nxa5 Bd7 20.Bd2 Qb6 21.Kh1 Nb3 22.Nxb3 Qxb3 23.Qxb3 Rxb3 1-0(44) Leko 2749 Vallejo Pons 2679, Monte Carlo 2007;
- 11...b5 12.axb6 Nxb6 13.Nd2 a5 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Nc4 Qc5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxd5 18.exd5 Ba6 19.Rfe1 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Rfc8 21.b3 Bd8 22.Ra4 f5 23.f3 Kf7 0-1(49) Almasi 2667 Naiditsch 2638, Heviz HUN 2008.
- 10...Be6 11.00 Rc8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bg4 14.c4 Nd7 15.Nd2 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 f5 17.f3 Nf6 18.b4 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Qe8 20.Qd3 Qh5 21.c5 Rd8 22.Nc4 Rac8 23.Rac1 e4 =- =(84) Leko 2749 Topalov 2783, Morelia/Linares 2007;
- 11...Nbd7 12.Ng5 Qc6 13.Qb1 d5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.c4 Bxg5 17.cxd5 Qh6 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Qc1 Qd8 20.d6 Nf6 21.Qc7 Qxc7 22.dxc7 Rac8 23.Rfc1 Rfe8 1-0(37) Jakovenko 2667 Bu Xiangzhi 2664, Ergun 2006.
- 10...Nc6 11.Bb6 Qd7 12.Nd2 Nb4 13.Nc4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bf3 Bb4+ 17.Kf1 Nxb6 18.Nxb6 Qxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rb8 20.Rd5 Re8 21.c3 Bf8 22.Nxc8 Rbxc8 23.Be4 Rc7 1-0(48) Zhang Zhong 2603 Sakaev 2664, Moscow 2004.
- [*31*] 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Qc8 16.Bb6 f5 17.Nd2 e4 18.Qa3 Ne5 19.c4 Nbd7 20.Bd4 Bf6 21.b4 Ng6 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.c5 Nf4 =-=(43) Nunn 2615 Gelfand 2665, Wijk aan Zee NED 1992;
 - =-=(43) Nunn John D M 2615 Gelfand 2665, ? 1992.
- [*32*] 8.a4 00 9.Bc4 Nc6 10.00 Be6 11.Nd2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Rfd1 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Rac8 17.c3 Nd4 18.Qd3 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Nxf5 20.Bb6 Rc6 21.a5 Nd6 22.Re1 f6 23.f4 Nc8 =-=(68) Bologan 2700 Areshchenko 2595, Sochi RUS 2005.
- [*33*] 8...Be6 9.Bb3 00 10.00 Nc6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Nxb3 13.axb3 Nd7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Rxd5 Qc7 16.Rda5 Rac8 17.c3 Qc6 18.Qc2 Bd8 19.R5a4 Bb6 20.Bxb6 Nxb6 21.Ra5 f6 22.b4 Qc4 23.Nd2 Qe2 1-0(63) Ivanchuk 2741 Bologan 2659, Barcelona ESP 2006.
- 8...Nc6 9.00 00 10.Re1 h6 11.a3 Be6 12.Nd5 b5 13.Ba2 Rc8 14.Nd2 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb8 16.c4 Nbd7 17.b4 Nb6 18.Rc1 bxc4 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Nxc4 Qb5 21.Na5 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Bd8 23.Nc6 Qb7 1-0(41) Short 2655 Anand 2710, Monte Carlo 1993.
- [*34*] 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.a3 b5 11.Bd5 Qc7 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.00 Rac8 15.Rfd1
 Nd4 16.h3 g6 17.Rac1 Bg7 18.Qe3 Qb8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Ne2
 Bh6 23.Rb1 Qxc2 =-=(109) Carlsen 2690 Van Wely 2683, Wijk aan Zee 2007;

- 11...Bb7 12.00 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Bg5 b4 15.Na4 bxa3 16.Qxa3 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nd4 18.Bxe7 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Qxe7 20.Rac1 e4 21.Qe3 f5 22.f4 g5 23.c4 gxf4 1-0(50) Bologan 2645 Ponomariov 2721, ? 2006;
- 9...Be6 10.000 Bxc4 11.Qxc4 b5 12.Qd3 Nbd7 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.f3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Qe2 Rfd8 18.Nf1 Rxd1+ 19.Nxd1 c4 20.Nfe3 Bb4 21.Nf2 Qb6 22.Nfg4 Nxg4 23.fxg4 c3 =-=(54) Timman 2629 Van Wely 2700, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001.
- [*35*] 9...Qc7 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.Ng5 Bc4 13.f4 Nbd7 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Rf5 Bb4 16.Rd1 Rd8 17.Qe1 h6 18.Nf3 Be6 19.Qg3 Bxf5 20.exf5 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Re1 Nxb3 23.axb3 b5 0-1(26) Ivanchuk 2740 Anand 2803, León ESP 2008.
- 9...Nbd7 10.a4 b6 11.Nh4 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qe2 Bg4 14.f3 Qd4+ 15.Kh1 Be6 16.Bxa6 g6 17.g3 Ne8 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.c3 Bc4 20.Bxc4 Qd7 21.Bb5 Qc8 22.Ng2 Nd6 23.Ne3 h5 1-0(58) Bologan 2683 Inarkiev 2602, Moscow 2005.
- [*36*] 10.Qe2 b5 11.Bb3 h6 12.Nh4 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bd7 15.Nf3 Qc7 16.Rfc1 Bg4 17.Qc4 Qxc4 18.Bxc4 Nd7 19.a3 bxa3 20.Rxa3 Rfb8 21.b3 Nf6 22.Nd2 Bc8 23.Nb1 Bd8 1-0(54) Neumann 2667 Costa 2688, ICCF 2006;
- 12...Nbd7 13.Rad1 b4 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Ng6 Rfe8 16.Nxe7+ Rxe7 17.Rxd6 Qb5 18.Qd3 Ne8 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Nb6 Rdd8 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 23.Bd2 Nd6 1-0(55) Timofeev 2657 Bu Xiangzhi 2664, Taiyuan 2006;
- 12.Rfd1 Nbd7 13.a3 Qe8 14.Ne1 Rc8 15.f3 Nc5 16.Ba2 Bxa2 17.Rxa2 Ne6 18.Nd3 a5 19.Nc1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Nxb5 d5 22.e5 d3 23.Qxd3 Bc5+ =-=(41) Short 2645 Kasparov 2795, ? 1995;
- 12.a3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5 Nb8 17.Re1 Nd7 18.Bc1 Rac8 19.c3 Rfd8 20.h3 Qc4 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.Rdd1 Bf8 23.Nd2 Qe6 0-1(66) Jakovenko 2667 Bu Xiangzhi 2664, Taiyuan 2006;
- 11...Bxb3 12.axb3 Nbd7 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Bg5 Rfc8 15.Ne1 Qb7 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5 Rc5 19.Rad1 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Rc8 21.c3 b4 22.c4 g6 23.g3 Rc5 1-0(61) Polgar 2670 Anand 2770, ? 1998;
- 11...b4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bg4 14.Qc4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 a5 16.a3 bxa3 17.Rxa3 Nd7 18.f4 f5 19.Ba4 Bf6 20.c3 Rb8 21.Ra2 exf4 22.Bxf4 Nb6 23.Qe2 Nxa4 =- =(43) Neumann 2667 Chytilek 2598, ICCF 2006;
- 10...Nc6 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Bb3 h6 13.Nh4 Kh7 14.Nf5 Na5 15.Bd5 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Bg5 19.Rb1 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 b5 21.Qa7 Nc4 22.Qxa6 Qg5 23.Ng3 f5 =-=(46) Timofeev 2646 Najer 2653, Sochi RUS 2006;
- 14...Bd5 15.Nxd5 b5 16.Ng3 h5 17.Nf1 Qd7 18.Qg4 Qxg4 =-= Timofeev 2646 Najer 2653, ? 2006;
- 11...Qc7 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Bg5 Nxb3 14.axb3 Nh5 15.Nxe5 Bxg5 16.Qxh5 Bf6 17.Nf3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.Nd4 Rfe8 20.Qa5 Qc5 21.Qd2 Bd7 22.Re1 Re5 23.f4 Re7 0-1(61) Bologan 2682 Efimenko 2637, Khanty Mansiysk 2005.
- 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Na4 Ng4 12.Qd3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 b5 14.Nb6 Ra7 15.Nd5 Rb7 16.Qd2 Nc6 17.Rad1 Rd7 18.Qc3 Nb8 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Rd3 h6 21.Rfd1 Rfd8 22.h4 Kh7 23.Rld2 Qf8 1-0(41) Ivanchuk 2750 Topalov 2783, Morelia/Linares 2007;
- 12...Nc6 13.Qb3 Rf6 14.Bg5 Na5 15.Qb6 Rf7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.b3 Rc8 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rad1 b5 20.Nc5 Nc6 21.Nd3 Nf6 22.Rfe1 h6 23.c3 Kf8 =-=(62) Inarkiev 2669 Morozevich 2787, Moscow RUS 2008.
- 10.Qd3 Nc6 11.a3 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Na4 Nd7 14.b4 Nc6 15.c4 Qe8 16.Nd2 Kh8 17.Nb3 Qg6 18.Nb6 Nxb6 19.Bxb6 Rac8 20.Rad1 Rf7 21.f3 h6 22.b5 Nb8 23.a4 Bf8 =- =(31) Shirov 2740 Gavrikov 2600, Horgen 1994.
- [*37*] 10...b5 11.Qe2 h6 12.a3 Nbd7 13.Nh4 Re8 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Qf3 Kh7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Nf6 20.Rd2 Re6 21.g4 Qb7 22.Ng3 Rc8 23.h4 q6 1-0(51) Kramnik 2777 Topalov 2735, Cap d'Aqde 2003.
- 10...Re8 11.Nh4 g6 12.Nf3 Nbd7 13.Qe2 b5 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Bg5 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Nf6 20.Rdd1 h6 21.Nf3 Qc6 22.Qd2 Nxe4 23.Qxh6 Qxc2 1-0(43) Anand 2765 Lautier 2630, Monaco MNC 1997.

- [*38*] 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.c3 Na5 15.Re1 Rc8 16.h3 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Re2 Rc6 20.Qd3 Qc7 21.Rd1 Nc4 22.b3 Nb6 23.c4 Nc8 1-0(49) Anand 2792 Leko 2740, Wijk aan Zee 2006;
- 16...b5 17.Nh2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.b4 cxb3 20.axb3 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Rxc3 =-= Svidler 2765 Leko 2740, Morelia/Linares 2006;
- 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.b3 Na3 17.Ne3 Nxc2 18.Qxc2 Rc8 19.Rfd1 Rc6 20.Rac1 b5 =-= Carlsen 2690 Anand 2779, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 13...Bxd5 14.Bxd5 Nf6 15.c3 Rac8 16.Rel Nb8 17.Bb3 Nbd7 18.Nd2 Nc5 19.Bc2 Rfd8 20.Qe2 b5 21.Qf3 Ne6 22.Bb3 Nc5 23.Nf1 g6 =-=(24) Almasi 2672 Berkes 2601, Paks HUN 2006;
- 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Rad1 Rad8 15.Qe3 Nxb3 16.axb3 f5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Ng5 Nd4 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.c3 =-= Predojevic 2549 Shirov 2714, Sarajevo 2005;
- 11...Na5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bg5 15.Qd3 Bh6 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Nd2 b5 18.c3 Kh8 19.b4 Ra8 20.Nb3 f5 21.Na5 Rc8 22.Qh3 Rf7 23.Rfe1 Qe8 0-1(35) Ivanchuk 2700 Kasparov 2805, New York 1995.
- [*39*] 13.axb3 Qe8 14.Bg5 Nh5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd2 Rad8 17.Qg5 Nf6 18.Rd3 h6 =-= Nisipeanu 2689 Van Wely 2683, Netherlands 2007;
- 13...Qc7 14.Bg5 Nh5 15.Nxe5 Bxg5 16.Qxh5 Bf6 17.Nf3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.Nd4 Rac8 20.Qa5 Qxa5 21.Rxa5 Rc3 22.f3 Rd8 23.Rd2 Kf8 0-1(60) Efimenko 2680 Najer 2682, Germany 2008.
- [*40*] 14.Nel Ng4 15.Nc2 f5 16.f3 Nxe3 17.Nxe3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Rd8 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.Qd3 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Rxd5 Kf7 23.Rad1 Ke6 0-1(50) Carlsen 2698 Karjakin 2672, Cap d'Agde 2006;
- 14...h6 15.Nc2 Qd7 16.Nb4 Rfc8 17.f3 Bd8 18.Rd3 a5 19.Nbd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 a4 21.bxa4 Rxa4 22.b3 Ra6 23.Rad1 Ra5 1-0(45) Carlsen 2675 Nunn 2617, Amsterdam NED 2006.
- 13...Qb8 14.Bg5 b5 15.Rd3 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rad1 Be7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Qc7 20.Ne1 Rac8 21.g3 f5 22.exf5 Rxf5 23.Qe4 Rcf8 =-=(37) Leko 2753 Shirov 2755, Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2008.
- 13...Nd7 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rfc8 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Rxc8 Rxc8 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.bxc4 Nc5 21.b3 Rc6 22.Qc2 h6 23.g3 Qc7 =-=(39) Carlsen 2733 Ivanchuk 2751, Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2008.
- [*41*] 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Bb3 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Qe2 Nc5 15.Rad1 Kh8 16.h3 f5 17.Nc3 Qd7 18.Rd2 Bxb3 19.axb3 Ne6 20.Nd5 Rae8 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.c3 e4 23.Nh2 Qf7 1-0(74) Vachier Lagrave 2716 Bu Xiangzhi 2704, Cap Agde FRA 2008;
- 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.c3 Bg6 19.Nh2 e4 20.Qe3 a5 21.Bc2 Ne5 22.Nf4 Bf5 23.Rd4 Ra6 =-=(75) Fedorchuk 2603 Najer 2682, Germany 2008;
- 14...Na5 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Rd2 b5 17.Rfd1 Nc5 18.h3 Naxb3 19.axb3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Ne3 Ne4 22.Rd5 Qf6 23.Nxf5 Qxf5 =-=(36) Leko 2753 Van Wely 2681, Niza FRA 2008;
- 13...Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Nf6 15.Qd3 Rad8 16.Rfel Na5 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.c3 h6
 19.Rad1 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Nc4 21.b3 Na5 22.Re3 Nc6 23.Qd2 Rfe8 1-0(38) Almasi 2663 Bu Xiangzhi 2714, Beijing CHN 2008;
- 14.Bxd5 Nf6 15.c3 Rac8 16.Qd3 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Nd8 18.Rad1 Rc6 19.Ne1 Ne6 20.Nd3 Rfc8 21.Nb4 Rc4 22.Qd3 Nf4 23.Qxd6 Qxd6 1-0(50) Asrian 2630 Areshchenko 2650, Dagomys 2008;
- 12.Qd2 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Nd4 14.f4 Nf6 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.Rxf3 Bxb3 17.axb3 exf4 18.Qxf4 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Rae8 20.Rd1 Re6 21.Rfd3 Qc7 22.h3 =-= Adams 2720 Granda Zuniga 2631, Turin ITA 2006;
- 11...Na5 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Bg5 14.Qd3 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Kh8 16.Nc3 Be7 17.Nd5 Bg5 18.Kh1 Bh6 19.Nc3 Nxb3 20.axb3 Qb6 21.Kg1 Rc6 22.Qe2 Qc7 23.Ne1 f5 1-0(42) Anand 2725 Gelfand 2700, Dos Hermanas ESP 1996;

- 12.Qd3 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Nxb3 14.axb3 Rc6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Rxc2 =-= Kotronias 2590 Gelfand 2670, Chalkidiki 1993.
- 10.Bb3 Na5 11.Bg5 b5 12.Qd3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bb7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Rc8 16.Rfd1 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Rxc2 18.Rxa6 Rxb2 19.Qxb5 Qc8 20.Raxd6 Qc2 21.R6d2 Qxb3 22.Qe2 Rxd2 23.Rxd2 Rc8 =-=(39) Leko 2747 Kasimdzhanov 2672, ? 0;
 - =-=(40) Leko 2747 Kasimdzhanov 2672, Elista RUS 2008;
- 10...Be6 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Qe2 Nc5 15.Rad1 b5 16.Ne3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qc7 18.Rd3 Nb4 19.Rd2 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Rad8 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Rfe8 23.c3 Nc6 0-1(53) Polgar 2707 Anand 2799, Wijk aan Zee NED 2008;
- 10...h6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Nxb3 13.axb3 Qe8 14.Nd2 b5 15.Nxb5 Bg4 16.f3 Qxb5 17.Qxb5 axb5 18.fxg4 Nxg4 19.Nf1 Nf6 20.Ng3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Rc8 22.c3 d5 23.Nf5 Bf8 =-=(128) Movsesian 2618 Areshchenko 2660, Sochi RUS 2006.
- 10.Qe2 Na5 11.Bd5 Be6 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Ng5 Qc8 15.Na4 Qc4 16.Qxc4 Nxc4 17.Bc1 Rfc8 18.Nxe6 Nxe4 19.Rfe1 Nf6 20.f4 h6 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.b3 b5 23.bxc4 bxa4 =-=(59) Almasi 2663 Bu Xiangzhi 2714, Beijing CHN 2008;
- 10...Be6 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Bd5 Qd7 13.a3 Bd8 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qd3 Bc7 16.h3 Rcd8 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Rxf6 19.Nh2 Rdf8 20.f3 Rg6 21.Kh1 Qe7 22.Qd2 Qh4 23.Rf1 h5 1-0(70) Kasimdzhanov 2679 Nepomniachtchi 2602, Mainz 2008.
- 10.Qd3 Bg4 11.a3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nd7 13.b4 Nd4 14.Kg2 Rc8 15.Ba2 Bg5 16.f4 Bh6 17.fxe5 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nb5 19.Rxf7 Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qd5+ Kg6 22.Qe6+ Kh5 23.Nd5 dxe5 1-0(26) GM Socko 2646 GM Shirov 2739, Crete 2007.
- 10.h3 b5 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Bg5 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bb7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 g6 16.Qd3 Bg7 17.c4 bxc4 18.bxc4 f5 19.Rfel Kh8 20.Radl fxe4 21.Rxe4 a5 22.Rg4 Bc8 23.Rg3 Bf5 1-0(31) Shirov 2709 Bologan 2661, Poikovsky RUS 2006.
- 10.a3 Be6 11.Qd3 b5 12.Ba2 Na5 13.Bg5 Nc4 14.Rab1 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Rc6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qc7 19.Qd3 g6 20.c3 Kg7 21.Qe2 a5 22.Rd5 Rb8 23.Rc1 Be7 =-=(53) Timofeev 2650 Bu Xiangzhi 2685, Nizhniy Novgorod 2007.
- [*42*] 10...Be6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Bf1 Rb8 13.c4 Nxe4 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.Rad1 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Nb4 17.Qd2 Nxa2 18.b3 Ne4 19.Qxa2 Nc3 20.Qxa6 Nxd1 21.Rxd1 Qd7 22.Rc1 b4 23.Rc6 Qf5 1-0(47) Movsesian 2695 Nepomniachtchi 2634, Dagomys 2008;
- 11...Bxd5 12.exd5 b5 13.Bxb5 axb5 14.dxc6 Qc7 15.c3 Qxc6 16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.Qb3 Ne4 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 Rxa2 22.Rxd6 f6 23.Rd5 Rc7 =-=(93) Kulaots 2556 Dominguez 2719, Dresden GER 2008.
- 10...Na5 11.Bf1 Be6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 b5 14.b3 Ng4 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.h3 Nxf2 17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.Kxf2 Qb6+ 19.Kg3 f5 20.Kh2 Bf6 21.c3 b4 22.Nd2 bxc3 23.Nc4 Qc5 1-0(48) Topalov 2640 Gelfand 2685, ? 1994.
- 10...h6 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Nb4 13.Bb3 Be6 14.c3 Nc6 15.Nd2 b5 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.a4 Qd7 18.Qe2 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Kh8 21.Qd3 d5 22.Nf3 Bf6 23.Bc5 Rfe8 =-=(33) Vachier Lagrave 2634 Areshchenko 2638, Heraklio 2007.
- [*43*] 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Nd5 h6 15.h3 Nf6 16.c4 Qd7 17.b3 Bd8 18.Rc1 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Ne7 20.Bd3 Bb6 21.Nh4 g5 22.Nf3 Rfc8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 =-=(25) Anand 2779 Topalov 2783, Morelia/Linares 2007.
- 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.a3 Bb7 15.Qd2 Qc7 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.h3 Nf6 18.Qe3 Bc6 19.Bd3 Re8 =-= Short 2645 Ehlvest 2630, Horgen SUI 1995.
- [*44*] 14.Qd2 Nf6 15.h3 Re8 16.Qd1 h6 17.b3 Bf8 18.a4 b4 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Na5 21.Be3 Qc7 22.Nd2 f5 23.Nc4 Be7 1-0(35) Karjakin 2686 Van Wely 2674, Foros 2007;
- 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Na5 17.a4 Nc4 18.Qb4 Qb7 19.a5 Bf6 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qxd5 22.Red1 Qc6 23.b3 Bg4 1-0(43) Timofeev 2664 Efimenko 2638, Moscow RUS 2008.
- 13...Nf6 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bc1 Nf6 16.a4 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qc7 19.Be3 Na5 20.Qd1 Bb7 21.Nd2 f5 22.exf5 d5 23.f3 Rxf5 =-=(53) Karjakin 2730 Nakamura 2704, Dresden GER 2008;

- 14.a4 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Na5 17.Bd2 f5 18.c3 b3 19.c4 Bf6 20.Bc3 Qb6 21.c5 Qxc5 22.Rc1 Qb6 23.Qd2 Bd8 =-=(41) Vachier Lagrave 2637 Bologan 2663, FRA 2008.
- [*45*] 7...Nbd7 8.f3 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Rb8 12.Bc4 Qf6 13.Na5 Be7 14.Ba7 00 15.Bxb8 Nxb8 16.00 Qh6 17.Nb3 Bg5 18.g3 Be3+ 19.Kh1 Nd7 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.Rael Ba7 22.Qd2 Qg6 23.Qxd6 Bh3 1-0(35) Tiviakov 2640 Gelfand 2675, Elista RUS 1998.
- 7...Qc7 8.Qd2 Be7 9.000 00 10.f3 Be6 11.g4 Rc8 12.h4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bg2 Nc6 16.Kb1 Nb4 17.c3 Rd8 18.Qf2 Nxa2 19.Bb6 Qc4 20.Bxd8 Qxb3 21.Ba5 Be6 22.f4 exf4 23.Qf3 Rb8 =-=(30) Shirov 2690 Ljubojevic 2570, Monaco MNC 1997.
- [*46*] 8.Qd2 00 9.000 b5 10.f3 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Qc7 13.g4 Rc8 14.Kb1 b4 15.g5 Nfd7 16.h4 a5 17.Bh3 a4 18.Nc1 Na6 19.h5 Rcb8 20.g6 Bf6 21.gxf7+ Kxf7 22.Be6+ Kf8 23.b3 Ndc5 1-0(35) Topalov 2783 Van Wely 2683, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 10.Kb1 Nbd7 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bb7 13.c4 bxc4 14.Bxc4 a5 15.a4 Nf6 16.Rc1 =-= Ni Hua 2710 Ghaem Maghami 2599, Beijing 2008;
- 9...Ng4 10.Kb1 Be6 11.g3 Nc6 12.f4 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Rc8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 exf4 16.gxf4 Nb8 17.Bd3 Nd7 18.Qe4 g6 19.h4 Bf6 20.h5 Bg7 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.c3 Qf6 23.Nd4 Rfe8 1-0(34) Jakovenko 2737 Kasimdzhanov 2672, Elista RUS 2008;
- 10.Nd5 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Nc6 12.g3 Be6 13.h4 Re8 14.Bh3 Bf8 15.Kb1 b5 16.Qe2 Rb8 17.Nd2 Ne7 18.Qf3 Qd7 19.g4 Rec8 20.Nf1 b4 21.Ng3 a5 22.Nf5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Nxf5 =-=(53) Motylev 2645 Bu Xiangzhi 2692, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 9...a5 10.Kb1 a4 11.Nc1 a3 12.b3 Be6 13.h3 Ra5 14.g4 d5 15.g5 d4 16.gxf6 Bxf6 17.Qe1 Nd7 18.Nd5 Rxd5 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Rg1 Qc7 21.Bg5 Rc8 22.c4 dxc3 23.Rxd5 c2+ 0-1(31) Ivanchuk 2786 Shirov 2726, Motril ESP 2008;
- 8...Be6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Nc6 11.000 Ne5 12.Nd4 Rc8 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.g3 Qa5 15.Kb1 Rxc3 16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17.bxc3 Nxe4 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Re1 Nxc3+ 20.Kb2 Na4+ 21.Kb1 Nc3+ 22.Kb2 Na4+ 23.Kb1 Bf6 =-=(81) Lautier 2675 Sutovsky 2660, Moscow 2002.
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- 10...b5 11.a4 bxa4 12.Rxa4 Nb6 13.Rxa6 Rxa6 14.Bxa6 OO 15.OO Qc7 16.Qf2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Ra1 Rb8 19.Ra7 Bf8 20.Qf1 Qc8 21.g5 Bc4 22.Qf2 Nd7 23.h4 Be6 0-1(54) Karjakin 2645 Bu Xiangzhi 2632, Tiayuan 2005.
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- [*48*] 10...b5 11.g4 b4 12.Na4 d5 13.Bc5 d4 14.Qxb4 Nc6 15.Bxe7 Qe8 16.Qa3 Nxe7 17.Nbc5 Ng6 18.c3 Nd7 19.cxd4 exd4 20.Kb1 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Qc6 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rxd4 Ne5 1-0(27) Kasparov 2820 Ricardi 2575, Buenos Aires simul 1997;
- 12...a5 13.Nb6 a4 14.Nc5 b3 15.axb3 Qxb6 16.Nxe6 axb3 17.Qc3 Qb7 18.Nxf8 bxc2 19.Kxc2 Nc6 20.Bc4 Bxf8 21.Kb1 Ra4 22.g5 d5 23.exd5 Na5 1-0(24) Svidler 2635 Hansen 2635, ? 1995;
- 11...Nbd7 12.Rg1 Nb6 13.Na5 Qc7 14.g5 Nfd7 15.Kb1 Rac8 16.h4 f5 17.Bh3 b4 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Qxa5 20.dxe6 Nb6 21.Qd3 Nc4 22.Bc1 g6 23.h5 Qb6 =-=(36) Dominguez 2695 Amonatov 2649, Havana 2008.
- 10...Qc7 11.g4 Rc8 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nd7 15.Bh3 a5 16.Kb1 a4 17.Nc1 a3 18.b3 Nf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.h4 Bf8 22.Ne2 Qf5 23.Rhe1 Rc7 =-=(27) Adams 2745 Vallejo Pons 2635, Bled 2002;
- 13.Kbl Nd7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 g6 16.Rgl Nf4 17.h4 Bf8 18.Na5 Bg7 19.c4 Nc5 20.Rcl Qd7 21.Qc2 Na4 22.Qb3 Re8 23.Rhl Re7 0-1(50) Dominguez 2608 Sutovsky 2657, Bled 2002.

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- 16.Na5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxa5 18.c4 Rab8 19.Bd3 Qa4 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Rc1 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4 23.h4 Bd8 =-=(24) Ponomariov 2673 Sutovsky 2604, Ohrid MKD 2001; 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Ne5 17.Nd4 Qc5 18.h4 b4 19.Nd5 Bxd5

20.exd5 a5 21.Bg2 Rfc8 22.Nc6 Bf8 23.h5 g6 1-0(27) Svidler 2735 - Bu Xiangzhi 2615, ICC INT 2004.

- 11...Rc8 12.Kb1 b5 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Na5 Qc7 17.Rg1 g6 18.h4 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxa5 20.c4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Qxb5 Qa7 =-=(35) Bologan 2672 Vallejo Pons 2662, Selfoss ISL 2003.
- [*50*] 12.Rg1 b4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Qxb4 Rfc8 15.Qd2 a5 16.g5 Nh5 17.Kb1 Rcb8 18.Nc1 Rb4 19.Nc3 Rab8 20.b3 Nb6 21.Ka1 d5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 0-1(84) Carlsen 2714 Bu Xiangzhi 2692, Bilbao ESP 2007;
- 13...g5 14.Kb1 Rb8 15.h4 Qc7 16.Rg2 h5 17.Qxb4 Rfc8 18.Qd2 a5 19.hxg5 Rb4 20.Nc3 Nb6 21.Ka1 d5 22.exd5 Bxd5 23.Be2 a4 0-1(29) Carlsen 2710 Bu Xiangzhi 2685, ? 2007;
- 12...Nb6 13.g5 Nh5 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Be2 Nf6 17.gxf6 Bxf6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Be5 20.Rdd1 f3 21.Bxf3 Bxh2 22.Rg2 Bf4+ 23.Kb1 g6 1-0(31) Inarkiev 2675 Nepomniachtchi 2602, Novokuznetsk 2008.
- [*51*] 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4 16.fxe6 axb3 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Kb1 bxc2+ 19.Kxc2 Nb6 20.Nc1 d5 21.exd5 Nd6 22.Kb1 Rf3 23.h4 Na4 1-0(32) Topalov 2757 Vallejo Pons 2686, Linares ESP 2005;
- 16.Nbd4 exd4 17.Nxd4 b3 18.Kb1 bxc2+ 19.Nxc2 Bxa2+ 20.Kxa2 Ne5 21.Nb4 Qb8 22.Qc3 Nc7 23.Bf4 Rc8 =-=(32) Motylev 2645 Bu Xiangzhi 2692, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 15...Bxb3 16.cxb3 a4 17.bxa4 Rxa4 18.f6 gxf6 19.Kb1 Qa8 20.Nc1 Nc5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.gxf6 Nxf6 23.Bc4 Kh8 =-=(41) Svidler 2738 Bu Xiangzhi 2710, Ningpo CHN 2008;
- 15.Kb1 a4 16.Nbc1 exf4 17.Nxf4 Bxg5 18.Nxe6 Bxe3 19.Nxd8 Bxd2 20.Rxd2 Rxd8 21.Rd4 Nef6 22.Rxb4 Nc5 23.Bg2 Rfe8 1-0(63) Almasi 2631 Vallejo Pons 2666, Tripoli 2004.
- [*52*] 11.Bb5 Na6 12.Qe2 Qb8 13.Kb1 Nc7 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ba4 Na6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qc7 19.c3 =-= Leko 2722 Vallejo Pons 2663, Linares 2004;
- 13...Rc8 14.Na4 Bd8 15.Rd2 Nc7 16.Bd3 Nd7 17.c4 Na6 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Bf6 20.c5 Bxb3 21.axb3 Naxc5 22.Bc4 Ne5 23.Nb6 a4 1-0(37) Sadvakasov 2596 Bu Xiangzhi 2671, Doha QAT 2006;
- 12...a4 13.Bxa4 Qb8 14.g4 Rc8 15.g5 Nh5 16.Bb5 Nc7 17.Kb1 Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Bc4 19.Qd7 Rc7 20.Qg4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Be6 22.Qg1 Rxc3 23.bxc3 exf4 0-1(36) Karjakin 2732 Bu Xiangzhi 2708, Dagomys-Sochi 2008;
- 12.Kb1 Nc7 13.Bb6 Qb8 14.Ba4 d5 15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.exd5 Rfd8 17.dxe6 Rxd2 18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Nxd2 Rd8 20.a3 Kg6 21.Bb5 Bxa3 22.Bd3+ Rxd3 23.cxd3 Bb4 =-=(35) Svidler 2750 Najer 2648, Moscow 2006.
- 11.a4 Na6 12.g4 Nb4 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.g5 Nd7 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Ne5 17.Nd4 Bg4 18.Be2 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxd1 20.Bb3 Bh5 21.Nf5 Rfe8 22.Qd4 Bf8 23.Bxd6 Qd8 1-0(32) Dominguez 2695 Wojtaszek 2625, Havana 2008;
- 11...Nc6 12.g4 Nb4 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.h4 d5 15.g5 Nh5 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Na1 Ng3 18.Bh3 Bxh3 19.Rxh3 Nf5 20.f4 Bd6 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bf4 Re8 23.d6 Qd7 1-0(41) Inarkiev 2628 Najer 2648, Moscow RUS 2006.
- [*53*] 11...Qc7 12.Bb5 Nbd7 13.Qf2 Rfc8 14.Kb1 Bc4 15.g4 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Qc6 17.a4 Ne8 18.Rd3 Qc4 19.Nc3 Nc7 20.Bb6 Nxb6 21.Qxb6 Qb4 22.Qxb4 axb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 1-0(55) Cheparinov 2695 Bu Xiangzhi 2708, Sofia BUL 2008.

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 - 0-1(37) Leko 2749 Svidler 2728, Morelia/Linares 2007.
- [*55*] 12...Na6 13.Kbl Nc7 14.g4 Rd8 15.Bb6 Nd7 16.Be3 Nf6 17.Bb6 Nd7 18.Bf2 b6 19.Bd3 Qb7 20.Qe2 Nc5 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Nb5 Rdb8 23.c4 Bd7 1-0(47) Svidler 2750 Bu Xianqzhi 2671, Deutschland 2007.
- [*56*] 14.g5 Nh5 15.Kb1 Qc7 16.Qf2 Nf4 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.N3d4 Bd7 20.Rg1 g6 21.Bc4 Qc8 22.Bb3 Qc5 23.Qd2 Qe5 1-0(31) Anand 2766 Vallejo Pons 2663, Monte Carlo 2004.
- 14.Kbl Ne8 15.Qf2 b5 16.Nxb5 d5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Nc3 Bxb3 19.cxb3 Qe6 20.Bc4 Qg6+ 21.Ne4 Nf6 22.Qg2 Rad8 23.Bd2 Nxe4 1-0(62) Karjakin 2635 Dominguez 2658, Dos Hermanas ESP 2005.
- [*57*] 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 Nc6 10.Qe2 a5 11.Nb5 Be7 12.N3d4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 OO
 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.000 Qb6 16.g3 a4 17.Bh3 e5 18.Bg5 a3 19.b3 Kh8 20.Rhf1 Qb4
 21.Qc4 Qxc4 22.bxc4 Ra4 23.Be6 Rb4 1-0(61) Shirov 2710 Gelfand 2685, Paris 1992;
 - 1-0(62) Shirov 2710 Gelfand 2685, ? 1992;
- 12.N5d4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 00 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.000 Qb6 16.g3 a4 17.Bh3 e5 18.Bg5 a3 19.b3 Kh8 20.Rhf1 Qb4 21.Qc4 Qxc4 22.bxc4 Ra4 23.Be6 Rb4 1-0(62) Chirov 2710 Guelfand 2685, ? 1992;
- 11.000 Bg4 12.Qb5 Bxd1 13.Qxb7 Bg4 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxc6 Rc8 16.Nxa5 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 Qd7 18.Na5 Rxc3 19.bxc3 Qxb7 20.Nxb7 Nxe4 21.Re1 d5 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Bxd6 Kd7 =-=(64) Shirov 2670 Gelfand 2690, Biel SUI 1993;
- 10...Rc8 11.h3 g6 12.g4 h5 13.g5 Nd7 14.000 Be7 15.Rg1 Nce5 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 00 18.h4 Nb6 19.Rd1 Nbc4 20.Bh3 Rc6 21.Rg3 Qb6 22.c3 Re8 23.Nd4 Rc5 =- =(33) Sirovs 2685 Ivanchuk 2705, Lucerne SUI 1993;
- 15.Kbl Nce5 16.Qd2 00 17.h4 Nb6 18.Bh3 Nec4 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bxe6 Nxb2 21.Kxb2 fxe6 22.Ne2 Na4+ 23.Kbl e5 0-1(48) Wang Hao 2665 Efimenko 2638, Gibraltar 2008;
- 12.Qd2 Nh5 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.000 Ng3 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Rg1 Bg7 17.Bf4 Be5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nb4 21.Kb1 00 22.d6 Qb6 23.d7 Rxc2 =-=(44) Svidler 2746 Morozevich 2774, Dagomys RUS 2008;
- 10...Ne5 11.h3 g6 12.Qd2 Nh5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.000 Rd8 16.Qe3 00 17.g4 Nf6 18.g5 Nfd7 19.Nd4 Rc8 20.h4 Rc5 21.Nb3 Rc6 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Rc7 1-0(42) Svidler 2732 Van Wely 2680, Kemer 2007;
- 10...Be7 11.h3 Nd7 12.000 Nce5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 00 15.h4 Rc8 16.g4 Qc7 17.g5 Nb6 18.Rd4 a5 19.Rh3 a4 20.Na1 f6 21.Rc3 Nc6 22.Rd1 fxg5 23.Bxg5 Rce8 0-1(52) Shirov 2685 Gelfand 2670, ? 1993;
- 10.Qd2 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxd5 14.000 000 15.g3 Bd6 16.Bh3+ Kc7 17.Rhf1 Bxf4+ 18.Rxf4 =-= Shirov 2709 Ponomariov 2723, Poikovsky RUS 2006;
- 15.Be2 g6 16.Rhg1 Be7 17.g3 Rhe8 18.Rgf1 f5 19.Bf3 =-= Yudasin 2610 Gelfand 2690, Biel SUI 1993;
- 10...Be7 11.000 Ne5 12.Nd4 00 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 b5 15.Kb1 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qc7 18.g4 Rfc8 19.Rd2 a5 20.g5 a4 21.f6 Ra5 22.Qe4 Bf8 23.h4 a3 =- =(42) Karjakin 2706 Van Wely 2625, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
- [*58*] 8...b5 9.000 Nbd7 10.f4 Be7 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.f5 Bc4 13.g4 Nxg4 14.Rg1 Nxe3
 15.Qxe3 g6 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.Qh3 Qd7 19.Nf1 gxf5 20.Ne3 Nxe4 21.Ncd5
 Nf2 22.Qh5 Nxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc5 1-0(32) Morozevich 2732 Topalov 2735, Monte Carlo 2004.

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 - 1-0(29) Ivanchuk 2702 Wahls 2582, Las Vegas, NV USA 1999;
- 9...exf4 10.Bxf4 00 11.000 Nh5 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Kb1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nd7 16.Be3 Bf6 17.Nd5 Be5 18.Bc4 b5 19.Bg5 Nf6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Rhe1 Rad8 =-=(44) Topalov 2813 Polgar 2710, Bilbao 2006.
- 9.000 00 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nh5 12.g3 Nc6 13.Kb1 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Rc8 15.Nd5 Bf6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Nc1 Rfd8 18.Rg1 Ne7 19.Ne2 d5 20.e5 Qh6 21.Ng3 Kh8 22.Bd3 Bg4 23.Rdf1 Bh3 =-=(56) GM Morozevich 2755 GM Van Wely 2680, Antalya/Kemer 2007;
- 11...Ne8 12.Be2 Nc6 13.g4 Bf6 14.g5 Be5 15.h4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Qb6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Ne5 20.h5 Qd8 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.Nf5 b5 23.Rdf1 Nc7 1-0(32) Ponomariov 2723 Karjakin 2678, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 9...Nbd7 10.f4 Ng4 11.g3 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 b5 13.Kb1 Nf6 14.Be2 Qb8 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qc7 17.g4 OO 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bg4 a5 21.Rhe1 Bd6 22.Qd3 a4 23.Nc1 a3 0-1(42) Ponomariov 2705 Van Wely 2680, Hoogeveen 2007.
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- 12...d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bg2 Be6 16.h3 Nc6 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Qb6 19.Be3 Qc7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Rd8 22.Qf2 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 1-0(27) Adams 2725 Nunn 2617, playchess.com INT 2003.
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- 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Rac8 17.Nd4 Nb6 18.Bd3 Qc5 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Nf5 Rce8 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 =-= Grischuk 2719 Areshchenko 2660, Foros 2006.
- [*62*] 12.Rg1 Nb6 13.Na5 Qc7 14.g5 Nfd7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxa5 18.Bd3 Qc7 19.g6 Nf6 20.gxf7+ Kh8 21.Rxg7 Kxg7 22.Rg1+ Kh8 23.Bh6 Ng4 1-0(25) Anand 2779 Van Wely 2683, Monte Carlo 2007.
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- 15...Nb6 16.Ng3 a4 17.Nc1 d5 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.exd5 Rd8 20.Bc4 Nc7 21.dxe6 Rxd2 22.exf7+ Kh8 23.Rxd2 Qc6 1-0(85) Morozevich 2731 Volokitin 2662, Biel SUI 2006.
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- 10...Qc7 11.Be2 Rc8 12.Kb1 Be7 13.Rhe1 OO 14.a3 Rfd8 15.g4 Nc5 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Nxb3 18.cxb3 Ne4 19.Qd3 exf4 20.Bd4 Nc5 21.Qf3 Bh4 22.Rf1 Re8 23.b4 Nb3 =-=(41) Ye 2670 Zhang Zhong 2630, ? 2001;
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- 9...Qc7 10.000 b5 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.h3 h5 13.Bd3 Be7 14.Rhe1 Nb6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Nd5 Qb7 17.Na5 Qa7 18.Nxe7 Qxe7 19.f5 Bd7 20.c4 h4 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Bc2 00 23.Qxd6 Qd8 1-0(42) Svidler 2750 Khismatullin 2583, Moscow 2006.
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- 11...Be7 12.f5 Bc4 13.g4 h6 14.a3 Nxg4 15.Rg1 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Bg5 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rdxf1 Nb6 19.h4 Bf6 20.Nd2 Qc7 21.Qd3 Ke7 22.Nd5+ Nxd5 23.exd5 h5 0-1(48) Grischuk 2719 Alekseev 2640, Sochi RUS 2006;
- 10...Qc7 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.a3 Be7 13.f5 Bc4 14.g4 Nxg4 15.Rg1 h5 16.h3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Rh7 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Nd2 Nf6 20.Nf3 Rb8 21.Ka2 Qb6 22.Qc1 Qb7 23.Ng5 Rh8 1-0(38) Nisipeanu 2668 Ivanchuk 2787, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 10...Be7 11.Kb1 00 12.f5 Bc4 13.g4 Nxg4 14.Rg1 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxb3 16.Qh6 Bxc2+ 17.Kxc2 Bf6 18.Rxd6 Kh8 19.Qd2 Ra7 20.Kb1 Qc7 21.Rd3 Nb6 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Rd8 0-1(37) Nisipeanu 2668 Karjakin 2694, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007;
- 10.f3 Be7 11.g4 OO 12.g5 b4 13.Ne2 Ne8 14.h4 a5 15.Kb1 Nb6 16.Ng3 a4 17.Nc1 d5 18.Bxb6 Qxb6 19.exd5 Rd8 20.Bc4 Nc7 21.dxe6 Rxd2 22.exf7+ Kh8 23.Rxd2 Nb5 0-1(63) Karjakin 2678 Anand 2779, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 12.Qf2 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 a5 15.g5 Nh5 16.Rg1 a4 17.Nd2 Qc7 18.Kb1 Rfc8 19.Ne4 b3 20.c4 bxa2+ 21.Ka1 Nf4 22.c5 a3 23.b3 Qb8 0-1(48) Dzhumaev 2540 Karjakin 2730, Al Ain 2008.
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- 10...b5 11.g4 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Na5 Nbxd5 15.Nc6 Qc7 16.Nxb4 Nxb4 17.Qxb4 00 18.g5 Rfc8 19.Qa4 Rab8 20.Bd3 Nd7 21.Qe4 g6 22.Bxa6 Rb4 23.Qd3 Rcb8 0-1(32) Svidler 2728 Karjakin 2678, Wijk aan Zee 2007.
- 10.h3 b5 11.g4 00 12.Kb1 Qc7 13.Bg2 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.f4 Bc4 16.g5 Nh5 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Bd6 20.Na5 f5 21.gxf6 Rxf6 22.Rhf1 Re8 23.Rxf6 Nxf6 =-=(32) Anand 2779 Ivanchuk 2750, Morelia/Linares 2007.
- [*67*] 10...b5 11.f5 Bc4 12.Kb1 00 13.Rg1 Bxf1 14.Rdxf1 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.g4 a4 17.Nc1 Nxd5 18.exd5 Qa5 19.g5 b3 20.cxb3 Qxd2 21.Bxd2 f6 22.bxa4 Rxa4 23.Ne2 Rh4 1-0(45) Nepomniachtchi 2616 Najer 2682, Serpukhov 2008;
- 12.g4 Nxg4 13.Rg1 Ndf6 14.Be2 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 00 17.Rd3 b4 18.Qg2 g6 19.Ne2 Kh8 20.Rh3 Rg8 21.Ng3 gxf5 22.exf5 Rc8 23.Kb1 Qc7 0-1(30) Nepomniachtchi 2602 Najer 2670, Novokuznetsk 2008;
- 11.a3 00 12.f5 Bxb3 13.cxb3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Ncxe4 15.Nxe4 Rc8 16.Nc3 d5 17.Kb1 d4 18.Qe2 Qc7 19.Bd2 e4 20.Rc1 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Qf4 22.g3 Qxf5 23.Bg2 Qe6 =- =(24) Almasi 2691 Berkes 2606, Hungary 2008.
- [*68*] 12...Nf6 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.Be2 h6 15.g4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Nd7 17.Nd4 Bf6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Ke7 21.Rhd1 Rad8 22.Bc4 Nc5 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 =-=(29) Nisipeanu 2668 Ivanchuk 2787, Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007;
- 14.f5 Bd7 15.g4 Nxg4 16.Qg3 Nf6 17.Qxg7 Rg8 18.Qh6 000 19.Qe3 Kb8 20.Be2 Rc8 21.Ka1 Rg2 22.Rc1 d5 23.exd5 Bb4 =-=(88) Cheparinov 2687 Kuzubov 2578, Palma de Mallorca ESP 2008.
- [*69*] 14.Qel b4 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 00 17.Bh3 Nc5 18.fxe5 Nxb3 19.axb3 dxe5
 20.Qxe5 Bf6 21.Qf4 Ra7 22.d6 a5 23.d7 a4 1-0(42) Nisipeanu 2684 Van Wely 2677,
 Foros 2008.
- 14.Qe2 b4 15.Na4 Qc6 16.f5 Bxf5 17.exf5 Qxa4 18.Bg2 00 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.g4 Qc6 21.Na5 Qc7 22.Nc4 a5 23.Nxd6 Bxd6 1-0(48) Nepomniashchy 2634 Van Wely 2677, Dortmund GER 2008.

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 - =-=(34) Leko 2665 Sadler 2660, Tilburg NED 1998;
- 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.g3 OO 16.Bh3 Ra8 17.Rhel a5 18.a4 Qc7 19.Bfl Rfc8 20.Bb5 Bf8 21.f4 exf4 22.gxf4 Qb6 23.Re2 Ne8 1-0(32) Shirov 2710 Svidler 2690, ? 1998;
- 10...Be7 11.Kb1 b5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Na5 Rc8 16.Nc6 Nxd5 17.Nxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Nc6 20.Rd2 Ke7 21.Bd3 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 g6 23.a4 Rb8 =-=(42) Dominguez Perez 2717 Anand 2791, Linares ESP 2009;
- 10...Qc7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb6 13.Qa5 Rc8 14.c3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Rhe1 Be7 17.Bg5 OO 18.Bxf6 Qf4+ 19.Nd2 Qxf6 20.Qb6 Rb8 21.Qe3 Qg6 22.g3 Rfe8 23.Qe4 f5 =-=(34) Shirov 2700 Ljubojevic 2565, Belgrade YUG 1997;
- 10.a4 Nb6 11.a5 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Na4 Rb8 14.Nb6 Be6 15.000 Be7 16.Qc3 Nd7 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Qc7 19.Bb4 Qxc3 20.bxc3 Rd8 21.Rd3 Rh6 22.Rhd1 Rg6 23.g3 Rf6 1-0(61) Shirov 2720 Polgar 2670, ? 1999;
 - 1-0(73) Shirov 2734 Polgar 2671, Prague CZE 1999;
- 10...Be7 11.Be2 00 12.00 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Nb6 14.a5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Bb6 Qc6 17.Nc1 Nd7 18.Be3 f5 19.Nd3 fxe4 20.Nb4 Qc4 21.Nxe4 Nf6 22.Nxd6 Bxd6 23.Qxd6 e4 1-0(42) Anand 2779 Svidler 2728, Monte Carlo 2007;
- 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Be2 a5 13.00 Be7 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Bg6 16.Ra4 b6 17.Nd4 00 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.Bb5 Bf6 20.Re1 Be5 21.c4 f6 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Bxb6 Qc8 1-0(64) Neumann Joachim (GER) 2693 Maliangkay Rudolf J (NED) 2618, ? 1998;
- 12...Be7 13.00 00 14.Na5 Qc8 15.Rac1 Bg6 16.b4 Bd8 17.Nb3 a5 18.bxa5 Nc5 19.Rfd1 b6 20.Bb5 f6 21.axb6 Bxb6 22.Bc6 Rxa2 23.Nxc5 Bxc5 1-0(49) Ivanchuk 2740 Ljubojevic 2565, ? 1998;
- 10. Be2 Rc8 11.00 Be7 12. a4 00 13. Rfd1 Qc7 14. a5 Rfd8 15. Qe1 Qc6 16. Bg5 d5 17. Nxd5 Bxd5 18. exd5 Nxd5 19. Bxe7 Nxe7 20. Bd3 Qc7 21. Qf2 Nf6 22. Qb6 Qb8 23. c4 Nd7 =-=(32) Costa 2689 Gozman 2590, ICCF Email 2004.
- 9...Be7 10.g4 h6 11.000 b5 12.h4 Nb6 13.Qf2 Rb8 14.Kb1 b4 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Qxb6 Rxb6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Bd3 h5 20.g5 f5 21.gxf6 Bxf6 22.Na5 Bb5 23.Be4 Ke7 =-=(35) Almasi 2655 Lautier 2620, Tilburg NED 1996;
- 13...Nfd7 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qb6 18.Qg3 a5 19.f4 a4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Nd2 Qa6 22.Ne4 a3 23.b3 Rc8 1-0(53) Costa 2689 Geist 2575, ICCF Email 2004;
- 12.Kbl Nb6 13.Qf2 Rb8 14.Nc5 b4 15.Ne2 Nc4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Ng3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Nd7 19.Bxa6 Nc5 20.Bc4 Bg5 21.Qe2 Ra8 22.Qe1 Rb8 23.Ne2 Bh4 1-0(55) Shirov 2700 Gelfand 2695, Belgrade YUG 1997;
- 13...Nfd7 14.h4 Qc7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qb6 18.Qe1 a5 19.f4 a4 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Nd2 c3 22.Nc4 Qc7 23.Qxc3 Rc8 =-=(29) Nyvlt 2635 Costa 2688, ICCF 2006;
- 11.h4 b5 12.000 Nb6 13.Qf2 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nc4 17.f4 a5 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nd2 Nxb2 20.Bd3 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Nf6 22.Ne4 Nxd5 23.Rhg1 b4 0-1(30) Adams 2680 Gelfand 2695, ? 1989;
- 10...00 11.000 b5 12.Rg1 Nb6 13.Na5 Rc8 14.g5 Ne8 15.a3 Qc7 16.Kb1 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bh3 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qd7 Qxd7 22.Rxd7 Rc7 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 =-=(29) Leko 2751 Svidler 2735, Mexico City 2007;
- 11...Qc7 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Rg1 a5 17.a3 a4 18.Nc5 dxc5 19.d6 Bxd6 20.Qxd6 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Bb5 g6 23.Rge1 Ra5 1-0(26) Shirov 2746 Gelfand 2681, New Delhi IND 2000;
- 11.g5 Nh5 12.000 Qc7 13.Kb1 Rfc8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Bh3 Re8 19.Qxf4 Bf8 20.Rd3 g6 21.Rc3 Nxd5 =-= Shirov 2746 Gelfand 2681, New Delhi IND 2000;
- 10.000 00 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Nc6 Qc7 18.Kb1 Nb6 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.c3 Rae8 21.Rg1 Re3 22.Rg4 Rxf3 23.Bd3 Qf7 =-=(39) Bologan 2666 Efimenko 2648, Sochi 2006.

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- 13...Qc7 14.N5a4 Rb8 15.g4 Qc6 16.g5 Nd7 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Rb4 19.b3 cxb3 20.axb3 Rxa4 21.Nxa4 Bxb3 22.Nb2 Be7 23.Kb1 Be6 0-1(46) Tiviakov 2655 Van Wely 2635, ? 1998;
- 11...Nfd7 12.f4 Rc8 13.f5 Bc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Qd2 Qc8 16.Na5 Rc7 17.g4 Be7 18.g5 Rxc3 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.exd5 Ba3+ 22.Kb1 Na4 23.c4 Nc3+ 1-0(52) Svidler 2733 Gelfand 2714, Moskau 2004;
- 10...Be7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb6 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Na5 Rc8 15.Nc6 Nxd5 16.Nxe7 Nxe7 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Nc6 19.c3 Ke7 20.Rd1 f5 21.Bd3 g6 22.Rhe1 Rhd8 23.Bf1 Rxd1+ 0-1(45) Leko 2753 Anand 2799, Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2008;
- 11.g4 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Na5 Nbxd5 15.Nc4 h6 16.h4 Nxe3 17.Nxe3 d5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Bf6 21.Ra5 Ke7 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Bxa6 Rd8 1-0(57) Dominguez 2695 Predojevic 2651, Sarajevo BIH 2008;
- 10...Rc8 11.g4 Nb6 12.g5 b4 13.Na4 Nxe4 14.fxe4 Nxa4 15.Qxb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 Bd7 17.Qa5 Qc6 18.Bxa6 Rb8 19.Rd5 Be7 20.Ba7 Ra8 21.Bb5 Qb7 22.Qxa4 Rxa7 23.Na5 Qc7 1-0(36) Dominguez Perez 2717 Morozevich 2771, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
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- 22.Qxf3 Ng4 23.Nc6 Qxb2 = -=(32) Shirov 2718 Gelfand 2712, Monaco MNC 2001;
- 19...Qd7 20.b3 Qc7 21.Kfl Qc5 22.Qel OO 23.Nxb4 Rbe8 0-1(29) Pinkovetsky 2625 Van der Hoeven 2640, ICCF Email 2004;
- 16.Nc1 h5 17.Nd3 Rb8 18.Ra4 Bh6 19.Qxb4 Qc7 20.Qc3 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 Qxc3+ 22.bxc3 Rb1+ 23.Ke2 Rxh1 0-1(58) Ivanchuk 2717 Gelfand 2703, Monte Carlo 2002; 15...Be7 16.Ra4 Rb8 17.Qd3 Ra8 18.Qd2 Rb8 19.Nc1 Bd8 20.b3 OO 21.Na2 e4 22.Nxb4 Re8 23.Qc3 Nxd5 =-=(28) Shirov 2715 Ponomariov 2723, Wijk aan Zee Netherlands 2007;
- 23.Kdl e3 =-=(47) Shirov 2715 Ponomariov 2723, Wijk aan Zee 2007; 20.Nd3 Nxd5 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Qxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxd5 OO 1-0(54) Tiviakov 2655 De Firmian 2605, ? 1995.
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- 14...Bg5 15.Bf2 Rc8 16.h4 Bf4 17.Rhe1 OO 18.g3 Bh6 19.g4 hxg4 20.fxg4 Bf4 21.Nd2 Bxd2 22.Rxd2 Qa5 23.c3 Nf6 =-=(71) Adams 2716 Svidler 2713, Linares ESP 1999;
- 9...Bxd5 10.exd5 Nbd7 11.Qd2 g6 12.000 Nb6 13.Qa5 Bh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.Qb4 Kf8 17.c4 Kg7 18.g3 Rh8 19.Rc1 Qc7 20.Bh3 Rce8 21.Rhd1 Re7 22.a3 Rd8 23.Nd2 Nbd7 1-0(40) Anand 2799 Topalov 2780, Wijk aan Zee 2008;
- 12.Na5 Qc7 13.Be2 Bg7 14.000 Rc8 15.Kb1 00 16.Rc1 e4 17.f4 Nc5 18.Nb3 Na4 19.c3 Rfe8 20.Rhf1 Nb6 21.c4 Ng4 22.f5 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Nd7 1-0(31) Anand 2782 Kramnik 2770, Dortmund 2004.
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- 9...g6 10.00 Nbd7 11.a4 h4 12.Nc1 Rc8 13.Nd3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.b3 Bh6 17.Bxh6 Rxh6 18.c4 Be6 19.a5 Bf5 20.Qd2 g5 21.Qe3 Bxd3 22.Bxd3 Qe7 23.Bf5 Qc5 1-0(38) Karjakin 2635 Nakamura 2657, playchess.com INT 2005.
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- 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nd2 Be6 14.00 Be7 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Nf1 h4 17.h3 Qc6 18.Bg5 Ng4 19.fxg4 Bxg5 20.Nd5 Rc8 21.c3 Qc5 22.Nfe3 g6 23.Rd3 Bxd5 0-1(41) Movsesian 2650 Gelfand 2690, Malmo 1999;
- 10...Be7 11.Be2 Nb6 12.00 d5 13.a5 d4 14.axb6 dxe3 15.Qxe3 Nd7 16.Na4 Rc8 17.Na5 Bg5 18.Qd3 Rb8 19.Rfd1 00 20.Kh1 Qf6 21.c4 h4 22.c5 Qh6 23.c6 bxc6 1-0(37) Anand 2786 Topalov 2772, Leon 2007;
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- 10...Rc8 11.a5 Qc7 12.Be2 Be7 13.00 00 14.Rfc1 Qc6 15.Rd1 Rfd8 16.Rac1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Bg5 Nc5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qd5 Qb4 21.Na2 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb4 23.Ral Bg5 =-=(27) Almasi 2675 Areshchenko 2647, Lugo ESP 2007.
- 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 g6 12.000 Nb6 13.Qa5 Bh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.h4 Kf8 16.g3 Kg7 17.Kb1 Rh8 18.c4 Re8 19.Be2 Rc8 20.Rc1 e4 21.f4 e3 22.Rhg1 Ne4 23.Ka1 Nd7 =- (62) Leko 2751 Ivanchuk 2779, Mukachevo UKR 2009.
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 16.Rhe1 Nd7 17.g3 Kd8 18.Re4 Nc5 19.Rb4 Qc7 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.d6 Bxd6 22.Rb3 Ke7
 23.Be4 b5 0-1(41) Timman 2670 De Firmian 2610, Malmo SWE 1999;
- 12.Bd3 b5 13.h3 h4 14.f4 Qc7 15.Rhe1 Bc4 16.a3 Nb6 17.Bxb6 Qxb6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bxb3 20.cxb3 Bf6 21.Bf5 Rd8 22.Rc1 OO 23.Rc6 Qa7 =-=(56) Lutz 2613 Georgiev 2651, Plovdiv BUL 2003.
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- 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb6 13.Qa5 Rc8 14.c3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Rhe1 Be7 17.Bg5 00 18.Bxf6 Qf4+ 19.Nd2 Qxf6 20.Qb6 Rb8 21.Qe3 Qg6 22.g3 Rfe8 0-1 Shirov 2700 Ljubojevic 2565, ? 1997.
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 18.Nd2 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 a5 20.b3 a4 21.Bc4 axb3 22.cxb3 Bd7 23.Nf3 OO =-=(38)
 Svidler 2728 Topalov 2783, Morelia/Linares 2007.
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 20.Nxc4 bxc4 21.Be4 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Nf6 23.Qf3 Qc7 =-=(54) Karjakin 2678 Topalov
 2783, Wijk aan Zee 2007.
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 16.Bg5 Qc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Qd3 Re4+ 19.fxe4 0-1 Shirov 2700 Kasparov 2820, ?
 1997.

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- 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.Bd3 b5 13.h3 h4 14.f4 Qc7 15.Rhe1 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Rh5 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Be2 Rf5 21.Bf3 Rd8 22.Qe2 Qc7 23.Rd3 Kf8 =- =(26) Kramnik 2807 Anand 2753, Monte Carlo 2003;
- 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 g6 16.g3 Qc7 17.f4 f5 18.h3 Qc4 19.Qd2 Kf7 20.Qg2 Bf6 21.Rhf1 e4 22.Rfe1 a5 23.Qe2 Qxe2 =-= Zhang Zhong 2636 Short 2677, Beijing 2000;
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 - 0-1(37) Morozevich 2758 Sadler 2626, Reykjavik ISL 1999;
- 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.00 Qc7 14.c4 b6 15.f4 g6 16.Rad1 a5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxf5 gxf5 19.Nd4 Ng4 20.Nc6 Rg8 21.Rf1 Ne5 22.Rxf5 Nxc6 23.dxc6 000 1-0(30) Topalov 2733 Zhang Zhong 2657, Moscow 2001;
- 13...00 14.c4 Qc7 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Bg6 17.Rac1 Qb6+ 18.Be3 Bg5 19.Bxb6 Bxd2 20.Nxd2 Nxb6 21.Bf3 Nd7 22.Be4 Ne5 23.Bxg6 Nxg6 =-=(42) Ponomariov 2743 Karjakin 2527, Benidorm ESP 2002.
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 - 23...Ke7 =-=(26) Shirov 2710 Ljubojevic 2580, ? 1995.
- [*81*] 10.000 00 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.Rg1 f4 16.Bf2 Bxg5 17.Bh3 Be7 18.Na5 Qe8 19.Nc6 Kh8 20.Qa5 Bd8 21.Qa3 Bc7 22.Be6 Nhf6 23.Rg5 Nb8 =-=(27) Kasimdzhanov 2673 Areshchenko 2660, Sochi RUS 2006.
- [*82*] 10...00 11.000 Qc7 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5 14.Rg1 Nb6 15.Qf2 Bd8 16.h4 g6 17.Rd2 Qc6 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Nxf4 20.Qxf4 Qe8 21.Nd4 Rxc3 22.bxc3 Na4 23.Rg3 Ba5 =-=(58) Topalov 2740 Kasparov 2825, Leon 1998;
 - =-=(40) Topalov 2740 Kasparov 2825, Advanced Chess 1998;
- 11...b5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf6 Rxf6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Nc6 Qf8 18.Kb1 Bd8 19.Nxd8 Qxd8 20.c4 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Nb6 22.Bb3 a5 23.a3 Qd7 0-1(53) Sakai 2637 Toro Solis de Ovando 2634, ICCF 2004;
- 11.g5 Nh5 12.000 Nb6 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Rg1 g6 15.Na5 Qc7 16.Qf2 Bd8 17.Nb3 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Rd2 f5 20.gxf6 Nxf6 21.f4 exf4 22.Qxf4 Nd5 23.Qxf8+ Kxf8 =- =(46) Shirov 2710 Ftacnik 2612, Germany 2006.
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- 12...b4 13.Na4 d5 14.g5 d4 15.Bxd4 Bxb3 16.gxf6 Bxf6 17.axb3 exd4 18.000 Ne5 19.f4 Nf3 20.Qg2 Nxg1 21.e5 00 22.Bd3 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qxh4 1-0(39) Anand 2715 Kamsky 2695, Linares 1994.
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- 15...Rcb8 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Ne5 19.Nd4 Bf8 20.h5 Re8 21.g6 h6 22.Nd5 Qb7 23.gxf7+ Nxf7 =-=(38) Karjakin 2679 Nunn 2617, Amsterdam NED 2006:
- 14...Qd8 15.h4 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Qc7 17.Bh3 Bxh3 18.Rxh3 a5 19.Rh2 g6 20.Rd5 a4 21.Nc1 Qxc3 22.a3 Nf4 23.Na2 Qc4 =-=(27) Movsesian 2627 Sakaev 2630, Herceg Novi YUG 2001;
- 14.Rg1 Nb6 15.Qf2 Bd8 16.h4 g6 17.Rg2 Qc6 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Nxf4 20.Qxf4 Be7 21.h5 Bf8 22.Nd4 Qe8 23.Rf2 Rxc3 1-0(45) Oosterom 2725 Hefka 2574, TCCF 2003;
- 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Rg1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Rg4 Qc7 19.Qd3 g6 20.Nd2 b5 21.Rdg1 Rf8 22.Ne4 f5 23.gxf6 Bxf6 =-=(27) Gelfand 2701 Ftacnik 2566, Leon ESP 2001;
- 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nd7 15.Bh3 g6 16.Kb1 Bf8 17.Qc1 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Nd2 Bg7 20.Ne4 Be5 21.Rd2 Qd8 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.h4 Rc7 1-0(42) Adams 2720 Zhang Zhong 2639, Wijk aan Zee 2004;
- 12.Kbl d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Be2 a5 16.Bb6 Qxb6 17.Qxd5 Qc7 18.Bd3 a4 19.Nd2 a3 20.Bc4 axb2 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.c3 Ra3 23.Bb3 Qxc3 0-1(43) Movsesian 2624 Sutovsky 2660, Kaskady 2002;
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- 13.Kbl Rfc8 14.Qf2 b5 15.Rgl g6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bf8 18.Bh3 a5 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Nd2 b4 21.Ne4 a4 22.Rd3 Rc4 23.Rcl Rac8 0-1(54) Bologan 2627 Vallejo Pons 2635, Bled 2002.
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- 11.a4 Nc6 12.g4 Nb4 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.g5 Nh5 15.Rg1 d5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Rad8 19.Bb5 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Rd8 21.Rgd1 Rxd5 22.Rxd5 Bd6 23.Nxa5 Nf4 1-0(40) Nimtz 2641 Soltau 2624, ICCF 2007.
- 10...b5 11.g4 b4 12.Na4 a5 13.Nb6 a4 14.Nc5 b3 15.axb3 Qxb6 16.Nxe6 axb3 17.Qc3 Qb7 18.Nxf8 bxc2 19.Kxc2 Nc6 20.Bc4 Bxf8 21.Kb1 Ra4 22.g5 d5 23.exd5 Na5 1-0(36) Svidler 2635 Hansen 2635, Groningen 1995.
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- 19...Qd8 20.Rhg1 bxc4 21.Bxc4 a5 22.Rc1 Qd7 23.Qxa5 Qf5+ 1-0(36) Akopian 2700 Najer 2605, Moscow 2007;
- 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qb7 Qd8 20.Be4 Bxg5 21.Bc5 dxc5 22.Rxd8 Raxd8 23.Qxa6 b4 1-0(55) Nimtz 2641 Toth 2617, ICCF 2007;

- 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.h4 b5 14.Bh3 Nb6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.g5 Nh5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxc8 Bxb3 19.Bg4 Bxa2+ 20.Kxa2 Nf4 21.Qc3 a5 22.Bd7 a4 23.Qc6 Qa7 =-=(49) Schoen 2664 Oosterom 2725, ICCF 2003;
- 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Bh3 Re8 19.Qxf4 Bf8 20.Rd2 Re5 21.Rhd1 Rae8 22.Qh4 g6 23.Bf1 Rf5 0-1(55) Tiviakov 2597 Morozevich 2745, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001;
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- 12.Kb1 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nb6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.h4 a5 17.Nc1 Rfc8 18.Bd3 a4 19.g5 Nh5 20.Bf5 Rc5 21.Ne2 g6 22.Be4 Rac8 23.Rc1 Rc3 =-=(62) Sadvakasov 2595 Bologan 2673, Skanderborg, Denmark 2003.
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 - 23.Rh3 Rxe4 =-=(35) Svidler 2736 Van Wely 2674, Foros 2007;
 - 23.Qg2 Qa8 0-1(40) Shirov 2715 Van Wely 2683, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 22...Ra5 23.Qc3 Qa8 0-1(37) Karjakin 2660 Anand 2792, Wijk aan Zee NED 2006;
 - 22.Qg2 Qc8 23.Bf4 Kh8 1-0(58) Wunderlich 2618 Nimtz 2641, ICCF 2007;
- 21...d5 22.Qxd5 Bxa3 23.Qxd7 Qa5 1-0(71) Harikrishna 2674 Volokitin 2645, Cap d'Agde 2006;
 - =-=(28) Harikrishna 2680 Karjakin 2661, Foros 2006;
- 14...exf4 15.Bxf4 Nc5 16.Qe3 Nxb3+ 17.cxb3 d5 18.Kb1 Nd6 19.exd5 Bf5+ 20.Ka1 Re8 21.Nd4 Bg4 22.Rc1 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Rxe3 1-0(78) Voss 2641 Hertel 2655, ICCF Email 2004;
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 16.exd5 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qc7 18.Bd3 a5 19.g5 a4 20.gxh6 gxh6 21.Nd2 a3 22.b3 Nb2
 23.Bxb2 axb2 1-0(37) Oosterom 2779 Raykin 2590, ICCF 2006;
- 14...Qc7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nc4 17.Bc1 a5 18.Bd3 a4 19.Nd2 Rb8 20.Ne4 b4 21.Qe2 Rc8 22.g5 a3 23.b3 Nb2 1-0(57) Svidler 2690 Savchenko 2595, Maikop RUS 1998;
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- 10...00 11.000 b5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf6 Rxf6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Nc6 Qf8 18.Rg1 Bd8 19.Nxd8 Qxd8 20.Rg4 Qf8 21.Kb1 Rc8 22.h4 Rf7 23.Bxf4 exf4 =-=(51) Nimtz 2634 Toro Solis de Ovando 2636, ICCF 2003;

- 10.000 Rc8 11.g4 Nb6 12.Kb1 00 13.h4 a5 14.g5 Nh5 15.Nxa5 Ra8 16.Nb3 Ng3 17.Bxb6 Qxb6 18.Rh2 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 Qa6 20.Rd1 b5 21.Nc1 Bc4 22.b3 Rfb8 23.Nd5 Bxd5 1-0(56) Ponomariov 2700 Polgar 2728, Wijk aan Zee 2005.
- 9...h5 10.000 Qc7 11.Kb1 Be7 12.Bd3 b5 13.h3 h4 14.f4 Rb8 15.Rhe1 Nb6 16.Qf2 Nc4 17.Bc1 a5 18.Rf1 a4 19.Nd2 Na3+ 20.bxa3 Qxc3 21.Bb2 Qc7 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Nf3 b4 1-0(27) Kasimdzhanov 2690 Gelfand 2736, Moscow 2007.
- 9...Rc8 10.g4 Be7 11.000 Nb6 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g5 Nh5 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Qc7 17.Na5 Rxc2 18.Rc1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Qd7 20.Nxb7 00 21.Na5 Nf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Nc6 g6 =-=(54) Svidler 2690 Dvoirys 2585, St Petersburg RUS 1998.
- [*93*] 10.g4 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Nd5 Rc8 13.Nxb6 Nxb6 14.Qa5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Qxd8+ Kxd8 17.Na5 h6 18.gxh6 g6 19.000 Kc7 20.b3 Bxh6 21.Bxh6 Rxh6 22.bxc4 g5 23.Rhg1 Kb6 =-=(64) Adams 2715 Kasparov 2851, Internet 2000;
- 13.000 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nc4 15.Qf2 Be7 16.h4 h6 17.gxh6 gxh6 18.Kb1 Bxh4 19.Qe2 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Bg5 21.Qe1 00 22.Bd3 f5 23.Qg1 Kh7 1-0(45) Polgar 2665 Gelfand 2665, ? 1996;
- 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 Rc8 14.Na5 Qc7 15.Bxb6 Nxb6 16.Bh3 Ra8 17.Nc6 g6 18.f4 h6 19.f5 hxg5 20.Qd3 Rxh3 21.Qxh3 Nxd5 22.fxg6 Qxc6 23.gxf7+ Ke7 0-1(27) Shirov 2690 Gelfand 2700, Madrid ESP 1996;
- 11.000 Be7 12.Qf2 Nfd7 13.Kb1 Qc7 14.h4 00 15.g5 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bf5 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.cxd3 a5 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Rc6 a4 22.Nd2 Qb5 23.Qe2 b3 0-1(41) Svidler 2713 Kasparov 2812, Wijk aan Zee 1999;
- 10...b4 11.Ne2 a5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 a4 15.Nc1 Qa5 16.f4 g6 17.Nd3 Bg7 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Nxb4 a3 21.b3 Nc5 22.000 Rc8 23.Bc4 Ne4 1-0(44) Karjakin 2732 Efimenko 2660, Dagomys 2008.
- [*94*] 10...h5 11.Kb1 Be7 12.h3 h4 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.f4 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Bf5 Nf6 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Bg5 Rd8 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qxb4 g6 22.Bd3 Bxg2 23.Rhg1 Bxh3 0-1(34) Akopian 2673 Gelfand 2723, Yerevan 2008;
- 11...Qc7 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Na5 g6 16.Qb4 Nd7 17.Nc6 Bg7 18.Bd3 Qc5 19.Qa5 Qb6 20.Qb4 Qc5 21.Qh4 Bf6 22.Qh3 Rh6 23.Rhe1 Qf2 1-0(45) Grischuk 2732 Inarkiev 2582, Krasnoyarsk RUS 2003;
- 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 g6 13.Kb1 Nb6 14.Qc3 Be7 15.Qc6+ Nbd7 16.Bb6 Qxb6 17.Qxa8+ Nb8 18.Na5 Nd7 19.Nc6 Bg5 20.Qa7 Nxc6 21.Qxb6 Nxb6 22.dxc6 Ke7 23.Rd3 Rc8 1-0(37) Kramnik 2777 Topalov 2735, Linares 2004.
- 10...Rc8 11.Kb1 Be7 12.g4 Nb6 13.g5 Nh5 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 00 18.Rhd1 Qc8 19.Qg2 f5 20.gxf6 Rxf6 21.c3 Rg6 22.Qf1 Nf6 23.R5d2 Qe6 =-=(69) Ivanchuk 2729 Gelfand 2723, Monte Carlo 2006;
- 16.Rhg1 Qb8 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.Nd2 Rc8 19.Nf1 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 00 21.Ng3 Nxg3 22.hxg3 f6 23.gxf6 Bxf6 1-0(34) Adams 2740 Hansen 2551, Calvia ESP 2004;
- 11.g4 Nb6 12.g5 b4 13.Nb1 Nfd7 14.Bxa6 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Qd3 Qa8 17.Nld2 Rc6 18.Kb1 Be7 19.Rc1 Nc5 20.Qe2 Na4 21.Rcd1 OO 22.Nc1 Nc3+ 23.bxc3 0-1(28) Leko 2741 Morozevich 2774, Yerevan 2008.
- 10...Qc7 11.g4 Nb6 12.g5 Nfd7 13.Na5 Rc8 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxa5 18.Bd3 Qc7 19.h4 Qc6 20.Be4 Qxd5 21.Bxd5 Rc7 22.h5 h6 23.g6 fxg6 1-0(49) Kramnik 2777 Gelfand 2709, Monte Carlo 2004.
- 10...Nb6 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Na5 Nd7 14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Nb4 Qb7 16.Nbd5 Rb8 17.b3 cxb3 18.cxb3 Be7 19.Kb2 Bd8 20.Rd3 OO 21.g4 Kh8 22.Rc1 Ba5 23.Rc2 Rfc8 =-=(56) Bologan 2700 Gelfand 2724, Merida 2005.
- [*95*] 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb6 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Na5 OO 15.Nc6 Bd8 16.Bd3 a5 17.Kb1 b4 18.Rhe1 =-= Dominguez 2678 Karjakin 2686, Foros 2007.
- 11.Qf2 Qb8 12.g4 b4 13.Ne2 a5 14.Kb1 a4 15.Nbc1 b3 16.cxb3 axb3 17.a3 d5 18.g5 Bxa3 19.gxf6 Bxb2 20.Kxb2 Qb4 21.Ba7 OO 22.Bh3 Bxh3 23.Nxb3 d4 0-1(30) Movsesian 2659 Lutz 2640, Budapest 2003.

- [*96*] 14.Qxb4 Nfxd5 15.Bxb6 Nxb6 16.f4 00 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Rxd8 Bxb4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.a3 Be7 21.Na5 Bg5+ 22.Kb1 e4 23.Be2 Nd5 =-=(46) Anand 2779 Sutovsky 2607, Rishon Le Ziyyon 2006;
- 16...Qc7 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Qe4 00 19.h4 a5 20.a4 g6 21.Bb5 f5 22.Qg2 f4 23.Nd2 Bb4 =-=(35) Ponomariov 2704 Bu 2637, Beer Sheva ISR 2005.
- 14.Na5 Nfxd5 15.Nc6 Qc7 16.Nxb4 Nxb4 17.Qxb4 Rc8 18.Bd3 Nc4 19.Qa4+ Qc6 20.Qxc6+ Rxc6 21.Bf2 h5 22.h4 hxg4 23.Be4 Rc7 =-=(75) Karjakin 2679 Ponomariov 2721, Tomsk RUS 2006.
- 19...00 20.Nxb4 e4 21.00 Qd7 22.Nc6 Rxb2 23.fxe4 Ng4 1-0(75) Gelfand 2703 Topalov 2735, Cap d'Agde 2003;
- 19...Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Nxb4 Qb5 22.Qxb5+ Rxb5 23.Nxa6 Rxb2 =-=(38) Voss 2692 Murray 2611, ICCF 2006;
- 18.Nd3 Bh6 19.Qxb4 Qc7 20.Qa3 OO 21.Nf2 Bc1 22.Nd3 Be3 23.Kd1 Rfc8 1-0(47) Polgar 2676 Shirov 2718, Linares 2001;
- 17.Qd3 Ra8 18.Qd2 Rb8 19.Nc1 h5 20.Nd3 Bh6 21.Qe2 Qc7 22.00 Bc1 23.Re1 Bh6 =-=(35) Shirov 2736 Kasparov 2831, Linares (Spain) 2004;
- 21...00 22.Nxb4 Qd7 23.Nc6 Rxb2 =-=(35) Shirov 2736 Kasparov 2831, Linares 2004;
 - 19.Qd3 Ra8 =-= Shirov 2751 Kasparov 2851, Frankfurt GER 2000;
- 15...Be7 16.Ra4 Rb8 17.Nc1 Bd8 18.Nd3 Bxa5 19.Rxa5 Qc7 20.Rxa6 Qxc4 21.Rxd6 00 22.00 Nxd5 23.Re1 f6 =-= Shirov 2685 Gelfand 2665, ? 1996;
 - =-=(53) Shirov 2685 Gelfand 2665, Vienna AUT 1996;
 - =-=(57) Shirov 2685 Gelfand 2665, ? 1996;
- 18...Nxd5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Bxd5 Rc8 22.Bb3 00 23.Ke2 Be7 1-0(51) Malakhov 2670 Ye Jiangchuan 2667, Hyderabad 2002;
- 17.Qd3 Ra8 18.Qd2 Rb8 19.Nc1 Bd8 20.b3 00 21.Na2 e4 22.Kd1 exf3 23.gxf3 Nd7 =-=(33) Shirov 2720 Ponomariov 2703, Moscow RUS 2006;
- 15...Rc8 16.Qd3 Rxc4 17.Qxc4 Nxd5 18.Qe2 Be7 19.000 Nf4 20.Qd2 00 21.g3 Ne6 22.f4 Rc8 23.Kb1 g6 1-0(75) Shirov 2751 Topalov 2702, Monaco MNC 2000.
- [*98*] 9...h6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.000 b5 12.h4 Nb6 13.Qf2 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qb6 18.Qe1 a5 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Nxa5 c3 21.Nc6 cxb2 22.Be3 Qa6 23.Qb4 Rxc6 1-0(41) Kasparov 2825 Huzman 2610, Tel Aviv 1998;
- 13...Rb8 14.Nc5 b4 15.Nb1 Bc4 16.Nxa6 Bxa6 17.Bxa6 00 18.g5 Nh5 19.gxh6 g6 20.Nd2 d5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Nb3 Qd6 23.Bc4 Nhf6 1-0(33) Shirov 2710 Sadler 2650, ? 1998;
- 12.Kb1 Nb6 13.Qf2 Rb8 14.Nc5 b4 15.N3a4 Nxa4 16.Nxa4 Qc7 17.b3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Bc1 Nc3+ 20.Nxc3 bxc3 21.f4 a5 22.f5 Bd7 23.Bd3 a4 0-1(88) Topalov 2670 Lautier 2645, Belgrade 1995;
- 10...b5 11.000 Nb6 12.Qf2 Nfd7 13.Kb1 g6 14.h4 h5 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qc7 17.f4 Nc4 18.gxh5 Rxh5 19.Be2 Rf5 20.h5 gxh5 21.Bc1 Nf6 22.Bd3 e4 23.Qe2 Qe7 1-0(70) Kasparov 2825 Ivanchuk 2740, Frankfurt 1998;
 - 1-0(72) Kasparov 2825 Ivanchuk 2740, ? 2002;
- 10.h4 b5 11.Rg1 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Qd3 Nfxd5 15.000 Be7 16.g5 hxg5 17.hxg5 g6 18.f4 Qc7 19.Bxb6 Nxb6 20.f5 gxf5 21.Qxf5 Qd7 22.Qf2 Qc7 23.g6 fxg6 =-=(48) Shirov 2690 Lautier 2630, Monaco MNC 1997.
- 9...Be7 10.Qd2 00 11.g5 Nh5 12.000 b5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Nc6 Qc7 18.c4 Nb8 19.Qa5 Rc8 20.Kb1 bxc4 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.Bxc4 Kf8 23.Na5 Nd7 1-0(43) Svidler 2743 Ponomariov 2738, Sofia 2006;
- 11.000 Qc7 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nb6 16.Rg1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Na5 Qc7 19.b3 Rab8 20.Nc4 Rf8 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.d6 Bxd6 23.Qxd6 Rbc8 =-=(59) Smirin 2683 Ftacnik 2603, Bled SLO 2002;

- 10...Nb6 11.000 00 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h4 Nfd7 14.h5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.g5 f5 17.exf5 Rxf5 18.Nd5 b6 19.g6 Qe8 20.Rdg1 Bd8 21.Bh6 Kh8 22.gxh7 Rf7 23.Rg6 Bxd5 1-0(29) Oosterom 2779 Zagorskis 2539, ICCF 2006.
- [*99*] 10.Qd2 Nb6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 g6 13.000 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Nd4 exd4 16.Bxd4 f6 17.gxf6 Bh6 18.f7+ Kxf7 19.Be3 Bg4 20.Qd5+ Kg7 21.Bd4+ Nf6 22.Qb7+ Qd7 23.Qxd7+ Bxd7 0-1(45) Leko 2690 Shirov 2725, ? 1999;
 - 0-1(44) Leko 2694 Shirov 2726, Sarajevo BIH 1999;
- 11.Na5 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.g5 Nfd7 14.c3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Qe3 Qc7 18.Ng3 OO 19.Nb3 Nca4 20.Rc1 Rfd8 21.Be2 Nc4 22.Qf2 Qe7 23.h4 Qa3 0-1(40) Svidler 2690 Kasparov 2825, Internet ICC 1998.
- [*100*] 10...Nh5 11.Qd2 Be7 12.000 Nb6 13.Kb1 00 14.Nd5 Re8 =-= Shirov 2690 Gelfand 2700, ? 1996;
- 14...Bxd5 15.exd5 Qc7 16.Na5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxa5 18.f4 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Bd3 Rae8 21.h4 Bd8 22.Qf5 g6 23.Qxf4 Re5 =-=(27) Shirov 2685 Gelfand 2665, ? 1996;
- 12...00 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf6 Rxf6 16.Na5 Nf4 17.Nc6 Qf8 18.Kb1 Bd8 19.Nxd8 Qxd8 20.c4 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Nb6 22.Bb3 a5 23.a3 Rf7 1-0(37) Svidler 2723 Hracek 2584, Rethymnon GRE 2003;
- 11...Nb6 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bd7 14.Na5 Rc8 15.000 Be7 16.Kb1 00 17.c4 Nf4 18.h4 Re8 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Nc6 Qb6 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Qxf4 Bxc6 23.dxc6 Rxc6 1-0(45) Adams 2715 Svidler 2710, ? 1998;
 - 1-0(44) Adams 2715 Svidler 2710, Tilburg NED 1998;
- 11.a4 bxa4 12.Rxa4 Be7 13.Nd5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 Qxg5 15.Nc7+ Ke7 16.Nxa8 Qh4+ 17.Kd2 Qg5+ 18.Ke1 Qh4+ 19.Kd2 Qg5+ 20.Ke1 =-= Topalov 2700 Gelfand 2700, Madrid ESP 1996.
- [*101*] 11.Ne2 Nh5 12.Qd2 a5 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 a4 15.Nc1 Qa5 16.Nd3 d5 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Bg2 Qb5 19.Bh3 Bxh3 20.Rxh3 Be7 21.Rh4 f5 22.000 b3 23.a3 Rc8 =- =(39) Anand 2757 Kasparov 2838, Linares ESP 2002;
- 16.Bh3 Bxh3 17.Rxh3 Nb6 18.b3 d5 19.Nd3 Bd6 20.Rd1 d4 21.Bg1 axb3 22.axb3 Rc8 23.Qh2 Qa2 0-1(38) Morovic Fernandez 2608 Shirov 2746, Barcelona ESP 2000;
- 12...Be7 13.Ng3 Nf4 14.h4 h6 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Nh5 Bxb3 17.axb3 g6 18.Nxf4 hxg5 19.Nd5 Rxh4 20.Rxh4 gxh4 21.000 Nf6 22.Bc4 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 Bg5+ 1-0(35) Adams 2715 Svidler 2710, ? 1999;
- 12...h6 13.gxh6 g6 14.000 a5 15.Kb1 Nhf6 16.Ned4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Qc7 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bh3 Kf7 20.Rhg1 Ne5 21.Qg2 Rg8 22.f4 Nc4 23.Bd4 e5 0-1(37) Spasov 2591 Ponomariov 2743, Bled SLO 2002.
- [*102*] 14.Qxd3 Be7 15.h4 00 16.000 a5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Kb1 Qc8 19.f4 Qa6 20.Qxa6 Rxa6 21.Nc4 Rc8 22.b3 Bd8 23.Rhe1 Kf7 =-=(40) Ponomariov 2743 Anand 2755, Mainz 2002;
- 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.h5 Qc8 20.h6 g6 21.Rhg1 Kh8 22.f4 Ng4 23.fxe5 Nxe5 =- =(41) Shirov 2726 Svidler 2713, Wijk aan Zee NED 1999;
- 17.Kb1 f5 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Nc4 a4 20.Rhf1 g6 21.b3 Rfe8 22.f4 Bf8 23.h5 exf4 =-=(40) Anand 2803 Bu Xiangzhi 2640, Turin ITA 2006;
- 15...a5 16.a3 a4 17.Nd2 Rb8 18.axb4 Rxb4 19.Qa3 Qb8 20.c3 Rxb2 21.Qxa4 Rb7 22.Ke2 Rc7 23.Rhb1 Qc8 1-0(46) Topalov 2780 Ivanchuk 2751, Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2008;
- 15.Rg1 00 16.000 a5 17.Nd2 f5 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.Kb1 Nh5 20.Rg4 Qd7 21.Rc4 Qf5 22.Qxf5 Rxf5 23.Rc7 Bf8 =-=(28) Leko 2694 Kasparov 2812, Linares 1999;
- 19.f4 Nd7 20.Rg4 Rf7 21.Rdg1 exf4 22.Bxf4 Nc5 23.Qg3 Bf8 =-=(50) Adams 2731 Svidler 2686, Moscow 2001;
- 17.Kbl f5 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.f4 e4 20.Qe2 Qc8 21.Rg5 h6 22.Rg6 Rf7 23.Nd4 Nxd5 0-1(45) Ivanchuk 2748 Bu Xiangzhi 2637, Stepanakert ARM 2005.

- [*103*] 10.Qd2 d5 11.000 d4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Be7 14.Qe3 Nbd7 15.h3 Qa5 16.f4 Bxa2 17.g5 Nh5 18.h4 Rg8 19.Bh3 Nc5 20.Bg4 g6 21.Nxa2 Qxa2 22.Bxc5 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Rd8+ 1-0(33) Topalov 2702 Ivanchuk 2709, Monaco MNC 2000;
- 11.g5 d4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Bxd4 Nh5 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.000 Qxg5+ 17.Kb1 Be7 18.Be3 Qh4 19.Qxh4 Bxh4 20.Nd5 Bd8 21.Rd4 Rc8 22.b3 Be2 23.f4 Nf6 0-1(29) Bologan 2673 Sutovsky 2646, Pamplona 2003.
- [*104*] 11...Rc8 12.000 Be7 13.Kb1 00 14.Rg1 Qc7 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Na4 b5 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 f5 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Rd3 b4 23.Qg2 Rf7 =-=(33) Leko 2741 Svidler 2727, Dortmund 2004;
- 16...Qxc4 17.f4 Nxf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Rfe8 20.h4 Bf8 21.h5 g6 22.h6 Qb4 23.Qf6 Qb6 =-=(87) Karjakin 2591 Kramnik 2770, Dortmund 2004;
- 14...g6 15.h4 Qc7 16.Rg2 f6 17.Qf2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Bb6 Qd7 20.Nc5 Qc6 21.Nd3 Bxd3 22.cxd3 Nf4 23.Rg4 fxg5 0-1(38) Svidler 2732 Morozevich 2755, Moscow RUS 2007;
- 14.Na5 Nf4 15.Nxb7 Qc7 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Nxd6 Rcd8 18.e5 Nd7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxd6 22.Qe4 Rfe8 23.Qc4 Qb7 =-=(59) Anand 2753 Gelfand 2700, Monte Carlo 2003;
- 13.Bd3 g6 14.h4 00 15.Kb1 f6 16.gxf6 Rxf6 17.Qf2 Nd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rf7 20.Nd2 Ndf6 21.c4 Ng4 22.Qg1 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Bxh4 1-0(49) Polgar 2718 Anand 2774, Mainz 2003.
- [*105*] 12.Qf2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Rg1 00 15.000 Rc8 16.Kb1 g6 17.Na4 Be6 18.Nb6 Rc7 19.Qd2 Rc6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Qc8 22.Rd2 Bd8 23.Nc1 =-= Adams 2741 Grischuk 2710, Wijk aan Zee 2005;
- 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 g6 18.Rd3 f5 19.gxf6 Rxf6 20.Kb1 Qd7 21.Nc1 Rf7 22.Qg2 Rcf8 23.Rf1 Nf4 =-=(37) Adams 2719 Naiditsch 2612, Dortmund 2005; 14.h4 OO 15.Na4 f5 16.Nb6 Bxb3 17.axb3 fxe4 18.Nxa8 Qxa8 19.Qd2 b5 20.fxe4 Ng3 21.Rg1 Nxe4 22.Qd3 d5 23.Rxa6 Qxa6 =-=(41) Leko 2722 Kasparov 2831, Linares 2004.
- [*106*] 12...00 13.Rg1 Rc8 14.Kb1 g6 15.h4 Qc7 16.Qf2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Na5 Qc7 19.Bb6 Qd7 20.Qd2 f6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.gxf6 Nxf6 =-=(27) Akopian 2700 Efimenko 2616, Moscow 2007;
- 20...Nf4 21.Rh1 f5 22.gxf6 Rxf6 23.Be3 Rcf8 =-=(64) Nunn 2617 Karjakin 2679, Amsterdam NED 2006;
- 14...Qc7 15.Qf2 Bd8 16.h4 g6 17.Qd2 Be7 18.Qh2 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.Na4 b5 21.Nb6 Rb8 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 f6 =-=(50) Leko 2722 Topalov 2735, Linares 2004;
- 15.h4 g6 16.Qf2 Bd8 17.Rg2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Qd2 f6 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 fxg5 22.Bxg5 Bc7 23.Rd1 Bxb3 1-0(36) Akopian 2703 Efimenko 2620, Sochi RUS 2005;
- 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Rg1 g6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Bd3 Qd7 18.Qb4 Rc7 19.Bb6 Rcc8 20.Be4 f6 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Nd2 Rf7 23.Be3 b5 =-=(40) Ponomariov 2738 Ivanchuk 2731, Foros 2006;
- 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bc1 b5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 f6 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.c3 Bh4 21.Qc2 Rxf3 22.Qe4 Rf2 23.Nd2 Nxd2+ 1-0(43) Spasov 2543 Grischuk 2732, Plovdiv BUL 2003;
- $13...Qc7\ 14.Rg1\ g6\ 15.h4\ Rac8\ 16.f4\ exf4\ 17.Bxf4\ Nxf4\ 18.Qxf4\ Na4\ 19.Rg3\ Nxc3+\ 20.Rxc3\ Qb6\ 21.Re3\ f6\ 22.Qg3\ fxg5\ 23.hxg5\ Qc7\ =-=(49)\ Wang\ Hao\ 2643\ -\ Ponomariov\ 2705,\ Khanty\ Mansiysk\ 2007.$
- [*107*] 13.Kb1 00 14.Rg1 g6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Na4 Be6 18.Nb6 Rc7 19.h4 Qe8 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 f6 22.Nd2 fxg5 23.hxg5 Nf4 =-=(40) Leko 2722 Akopian 2693, Wijk aan Zee NED 2004.

[*108*] 14.Kb1 g6 15.h4 Qc7 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Na4 19.Rg3 Nxc3+ 20.Rxc3 Qb6 21.Re3 f6 22.Qg3 fxg5 23.hxg5 Rf7 =-=(69) Inarkiev 2602 - Akopian 2693, Moscow RUS 2005;

=-=(61) Inarkiev 2602 - Akopian 2693, ? 2005;

15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qd7 19.Nd2 Qh3 20.c4 b5 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Qxb5 Qf5+ 23.Ne4 Qxf3 1-0(42) Smirin 2656 - Lutz 2631, Biel SUI 2003:

14...Qc7 15.h4 g6 16.Qf2 Bd8 17.Rg2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Qd2 f6 20.Nd5 Qf7 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.gxf6 Bxb3 23.axb3 Qxf6 1-0(49) Oosterom 2779 - Jedrzejowski 2530, ICCF 2006.

14.Qf2 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 f5 18.gxf6 Rxf6 19.Qe2 Rc8 20.Kb1 Qd7 21.Rdd1 Qh3 22.Nd2 Nf4 23.Bxf4 Rxf4 1-0(35) Shirov 2723 - Sutovsky 2651, Reykjavik ISL 2003.

13...g6 14.Kb1 00 15.h4 Qc7 16.Qf2 Bd8 17.Nc1 f6 18.gxf6 Rxf6 19.Rh1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.Nd3 Qf7 22.Ne1 Ba5 23.Nd5 Bxd5 =-=(29) Anand 2766 - Topalov 2735, Bastia 2003.