OPENING REPORT Database: Chebanenko Slav (7,990 games) Report: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 (7990 games) ECO: D15d [Slav: Chameleon Variation] Generated by Scid 3.6.25, 2009.02.22 1. STATISTICS AND HISTORY ______ 1.1 Statistics Games 1-0 =-= 0-1 Score All report games 7990 2963 3019 2008 55.9% 1.2 Oldest games 1: 1-0(32) Tukmakov 2580 - Bagirov 2500, Moscow RUS 1983 2: 1-0(59) Bronstein 2490 - Bagirov 2500, Minsk 1983 3: =-=(28) Polugaevsky 2625 - Rivas Pastor 2480, Linares 1985 4: 1-0(40) Garcia Palermo 2520 - Rivas Pastor 2480, Benasque ESP 1985 5: =-=(27) Polugaevsky Lev A 2600 - Rivas Pastor Manuel 2480, ? 1985 1.3 Newest games 1: 0-1(38) Dyachkov 2553 - Volkov 2627, Moscow RUS 2009.02.17 2: 0-1(45) Jianu 2544 - Nanu 2506, Eforie Nord ROM 2009.02.08 3: =-=(38) Kempinski 2613 - Neuman 2444, ? 2009.02.08 4: =-=(24) Ajrapetjan 2490 - Burmakin 2623, Moscu RUS 2009.02.03 5: 0-1(42) Ftacnik 2571 - Buhmann 2541, Berlin GER 2009.02.01 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: 38 1992-2008 61% 2690 Beliavsky, Alexander G [1,18,23,30,33,39,59,65,...] 2: 34 1992-2007 62% 2700 Van Wely, Loek [16,20,48,70,72,79,80,98,...] 3: 23 1992-2007 65% 2677 Sakaev, Konstantin

4: 21 1990-2008 69% 2733 Gelfand, Boris [1,31,38,47,59,68,69,73,...]

6: 20 1995-2008 40% 2706 Sokolov, Ivan [10,11,30,37,49,57,60,73,...]

5: 21 1997-2008 55% 2624 Gyimesi, Zoltan [36,52,109,134]

[24,27,48,94,107,116,123,133,...]

1.6 Most frequent players (Black)

2. RATINGS AND PERFORMANCE

2.1 Average ratings and performance

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White rating: 2574 (1986 games); White performance: 2607 (57% vs 2557) Black rating: 2557 (1984 games); Black performance: 2524 (43% vs 2574)
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2.2 Games with highest average rating

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1: =-=(61) Kramnik 2809 - Kasparov 2838, ? 2001 [79]
2: =-=(62) Kramnik 2802 - Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2001 [79]
3: =-=(36) Topalov 2735 - Kasparov 2830, Linares 2004 [122]
4: =-=(76) Gelfand 2710 - Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2002 [79]
5: =-=(64) Ivanchuk 2711 - Kasparov 2838, Prague 2002 [47]
6: =-=(45) Ivanchuk 2711 - Kasparov 2838, Prague 2002 [39]
7: =-=(21) Khalifman 2698 - Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2002 [39]
8: 0-1(32) Ivanchuk 2729 - Topalov 2801, Monte Carlo MNC 2006 [70]
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3. RESULT TRENDS

3.1 Result lengths and frequencies

	Score	Game length			Frequency		
		1-0	=-=	0-1	1-0	=-=	0-1
Report games	55.9%	44	36	44	37.0%	37.7%	25.1%
All games	55.9%	41	36	41	37.0%	37.7%	25.1%

3.2 Shortest wins (White)

- 1: 1-0(12) Azmaiparashvili 2625 Epishin 2675, Bourgas BUL 1994 [60]
- 2: 1-0(15) Grischuk 2719 Sasikiran 2694, Almaty KAZ 2008 [24]
- 3: 1-0(15) Halkias Stelios GRE 2548 Mateuta Gabriel ROM 2465, ? 2005
- 4: 1-0(15) Rogers 2570 Engqvist 2415, Gausdal NOR 1995
- 5: 1-0(15) Cebalo 2570 Jukic B 2415, ? 1995

3.3 Shortest wins (Black)

- 1: 0-1(10) Shipov 2593 Volkov 2630, playchess.com INT 2004 [124]
- 2: 0-1(12) Elwert 2690 Maier 2370, ? 2003
- 3: 0-1(14) Sturua 2536 Atalik 2575, Bled SLO 2002
- 4: 0-1(15) Van Wely 2647 Topalov 2801, ? 2006 [70]
- 5: 0-1(15) Gavrikov 2580 Nikolic 2625, ? 1994

4. MOVES AND THEMES

4.1 Move orders reaching the report position

There were 52 move orders reaching this position. The top 10 are:

- 1: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 (3914)
- 2: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 (1427)
- 3: 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6 (772)
- 4: 1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6 (409)
- 5: 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 a6 (208)
- 6: 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 a6 (197)
- 7: 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 (175)
- 8: 1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 (125)
- 9: 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 a6 (109)
- 10: 1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 (96)

4.2 Moves from the report position

	Move	ECO	Frequ	uency	Score	AvElo	Perf	AvYear	%Draws
1:	c5	D15j	2644:	33.0%	57.1%	2383	2413	2003	38%
2:	e3	D15g	2005:	25.0%	54.2%	2315	2333	2003	39%
3:	a4	D151	1446:	18.0%	57.6%	2383	2414	2003	39%
4:	cxd5		499:	6.2%	47.2%	2252	2254	2002	36%
5:	Ne5	D15f	434:	5.4%	61.0%	2417	2464	2001	43%
6:	Bg5	D15e	316:	3.9%	52.5%	2323	2318	2001	28%
7:	g3		218:	2.7%	61.2%	2411	2438	2002	30%
8:	h3		115:	1.4%	63.9%	2490	2517	2004	41%
9:	Qb3		109:	1.3%	55.5%	2348	2386	1999	38%
10:	Bf4		78:	0.9%	50.0%	2105	2127	2002	23%
11:	Qc2		57:	0.7%	50.8%	2383	2360	2002	25%
12:	b3		54:	0.6%	55.5%	2253	2290	2003	33%
13:	Bd2		6:	0.0%	75.0%			2007	50%
14:	a3		4:	0.0%	25.0%			2004	0%
15:	Qd3		2:	0.0%	75.0%			2004	50%
16:	e4		1:	0.0%	0.0%			2007	0%
17:	h4		1:	0.0%	100.0%			2009	0%
18:	Qa4		1:	0.0%	100.0%			2006	0%
TOTAL:		7990:	100.0%	55.9%	2358	2382	2003	38%	

4.3 Positional Themes

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

Same-side castling:	66%	White Isolated Queen Pawn:	11%
Opposite castling:	3%	Black Isolated Queen Pawn:	5%
Kingside pawn storm:	11%	White Pawn on 5/6/7th rank:	67%
Queens exchanged:	39%	Black Pawn on 2/3/4th rank:	35%
Only one side has Bishop pair:	5%	Open c/d/e file:	52%

4.4 Endgames

Material at the end of each game:

	P	BN	R	R,BN	Q	Q,BN	Q,R Ç	,R,BN
Report games	2%	11%	9%	24%	3%	6%	4%	42%
All damed	22	112	92	242	32	62	12	422

5. THEORY TABLE

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6: +2963 =3019 -2008 (4472.5/7990: 56%)									
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Bg5[1] Ne4[2]	Bf4[3] Nc3	bc3 dc4	g3[4] b5[5]	Bg2 Bb7	Ne5 Qc8[6]	Rb1 Nd7	Nc4 bc4[7]	30: 52%
2	h3 e6[8]	cd5[9] cd5[10]	Bf4 Bd6[11]	e3[12] 00[13]	Bd3 Nc6	00 b5	Bg5 h6	Bf6 Qf6[14]	12: 46%
3	cd5 cd5	Bg5[15] Ne4[16]	Bh4[17] Qa5[18]	Qb3[19] e6	e3[20] Bb4	Rc1[21] Bd7	a3 Bc3	bc3[22] Bb5[23]	17: 53%
4	g3 dc4[24]	a4[25] g6[26]	Bg2[27] Bg7	a5[28] 00	00 Nd5	Ne4 Bf5	Nfd2 Be4	Ne4 Nd7[29]	18: 50%
5	Ne5 Nbd7[30]	Bf4[31] dc4[32]	Nc4 b5	Ne5 Bb7	e3[33] e6	Qf3[34] Ra7[35]	Bd3[36] c5	Qh3 Be7[37]	19: 50%
6	e3 b5[38]	c5[39] g6[40]	Bd3[41] Bg7[42]	h3[43] OO[44]	00 Nbd7[45]	Re1 Re8	e4 b4	Na4 de4[46]	38: 61%
7		b3 Bg4[47]	Be2[48] e6[49]	00[50] Nbd7[51]	h3[52] Bh5[53]	Ne5[54] Be2	Ne2 Bd6	Bb2 Rc8[55]	39: 50%
8	a4 e6[56]	Bf4[57] dc4[58]	e3 Nd5	Bc4 Nf4	ef4 Be7	00 Nd7	a5 00	Re1 b5[59]	19: 50%
9		g3 dc4[60]	Bg2[61] c5	dc5[62] Qd1	Nd1 Nc6[63]	Ne3[64] Bc5	Nc4 Ke7[65]	00 Nd5[66]	25: 76%
10		Bg5 h6[67]	Bh4[68] dc4	e3[69] b5[70]	ab5[71] cb5	Bf6 gf6	Nb5 ab5	Ra8 Bb4[72]	15: 40%
11		 a5	e3[73] Be7[74]	Be2[75] OO[76]	OO Na6	Qb3[77] Nb4	Rfd1[78] b6	Na2[79] Na2[80]	24: 65%
12	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 Nbd7	cd5[81] ed5[82]	e3[83] a5[84]	Bd3 Be7	Qc2[85] OO	00[86] h6[87]	Bf4 Nh5[88]	29: 48%
13			e3 Qa5[89]	Nd2[90] Bb4	Qc2[91] c5	Be2[92] cd4	ed4 dc4	Bf6 Nf6[93]	14: 54%
14	c5 Bg4[94]	Ne5[95] Bh5[96]	Qb3 Ra7	Bg5[97] Nbd7[98]	f4 h6	Bf6 gf6	Nd7 Qd7	e3 Rg8[99]	22: 55%
15	 Bf5	Bf4[100] Nbd7[101		h3[104] Bg7	Be2[105] Be4[106]		Bg3[107] ed4	ed4 00[108]	22: 43%
16			 e6		Nd2[111] Bg6[112]		b4 Re8[114]	Bg3 Qc8[115]	34: 47%

17	 Nbd7	 Bg5[118] h6[119]		~		Ne4 Ne4	Qe4 Nf6[124]	38: 61%
18		 e3 g6[125]	Bd3[126] Bg7[127]		Bg5[130] Re8[131]		Bh4 g5[134]	32: 61%
19	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Rc1[136]]g6[137]		_	- -	Bf4[141] Qd8[142]	
20			Qc2 g6[143]	g3[144] e5[145]	de5 Ng4		ef7 Kf7[147]	18: 64%

Generated from the 500 highest-rated games.

[*1*] 5.Qb3 e6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.Qxc4 b5 8.Qd3 c5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.e3 Bb7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Qxd8+ =-= Gulko 2635 - Shirov 2670, Biel SUI 1993;

12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Be4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 f5 16.Qd3 Nb6 0-1 Akopian 2615 - Khalifman Alexander V 2630, ? 1993;

11.Be2 cxd4 12.exd4 Bg7 13.00 Nc6 14.a4 Nb4 15.Qd2 bxa4 16.Nxa4 a5 17.Bb5+ Ke7 18.Be2 Qd6 19.Nc5 Bd5 20.Ra3 Nc6 21.Na4 f5 22.Rd1 Rab8 0-1(51) Ehlvest 2625 - Khalifman 2630, Rakvere EST 1993;

9.a4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 b4 11.Ne4 Bb7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rd1 Be7 14.Qf3 b3 15.e3 Qa5+ 16.Ke2 Kf8 17.Qf4 Qe5 18.f3 Qxf4 19.exf4 Kg7 20.f5 Nc6 21.fxe6 Nxd4+ 22.Rxd4 Rhd8 =-=(53) Lautier 2625 - Bareev 2685, Linares 1994;

8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Qa5 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.e4 c5 12.e5 Ng4 13.h3 cxd4 14.Nd5 exd5 15.hxg4 Qe6 16.Be2 Nc5 17.Nxd4 Qxe5 18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.Bxe3 Na4 20.Nf5 Nxb2 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Rd2 Nc4 0-1(40) Pelletier 2583 - Morozevich 2731, Biel 2006;

6...Be7 7.e3 00 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.a4 b4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nb1 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nbd2 Bb7 16.Nc4 Bd5 17.00 Ne4 18.Qc2 Rc8 19.Bd3 f5 20.Qe2 a5 21.Nce5 Bd6 22.Bc4 Bxe5 1-0(62) Korchnoi 2635 - Short 2690, Wijk aan Zee NED 1997;

6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.e3 Be7 9.Bd3 b5 10.00 Bb7 11.Rfc1 00 12.a4 b4 13.Nb1 Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nbd2 e5 16.Bf5 e4 17.Ne1 Na5 18.Qd1 Nb6 19.Rc5 Nac4 20.a5 Nxb2 21.Qb3 N6c4 22.Nxc4 Nxc4 0-1(47) Bareev 2670 - Shirov 2670, ? 1993; 0-1(46) Bareev 2660 - Shirov 2685, Tilburg NED 1993;

7...Be7 8.e3 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.00 00 12.Rac1 Na5 13.Qd1 b5 14.Ne2 Nc4 15.Bb1 Bb7 16.Nf4 Qe7 17.b3 Nd6 18.Ne5 Rfc8 19.Qd2 Ne4 20.Qd3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 =-=(57) Piket 2670 - Shirov 2710, Aruba NED 1995.

5.Qc2 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.a4 Bb7 8.e5 Nd5 9.e6 fxe6 10.Ne4 e5 11.Nc5 Bc8 12.Be2 exd4 13.Nxd4 Qd6 14.Ne4 Qe5 15.Nf3 Qf5 16.OO e5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.Nh4 Nb4 19.Qb1 Qe6 20.Ng5 Qf6 21.Nxh7 Qxh4 22.Qg6+ Kd7 1-0(29) Bareev 2725 - Georgiev 2650, ? 2002;

1-0(27) Bareev 2726 - Georgiev 2654, Halkidiki GRE 2002;

7...e6 8.axb5 cxb5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nxb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Bb7 12.Ra7 Nb4 13.Qd1 Be4 14.Be2 N8c6 15.Rxf7 Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Ke8 17.Nxe4 Qxd4 18.Nc3 Bc5 19.OO Rf8 20.Nxb5 Qxd1 21.Rxd1 Rxf2 22.Nd6+ Ke7 =-=(43) Gelfand 2700 - Bacrot 2650, Albert 2002;

5...g6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.Bxf6 exf6 9.g3 Bb4 10.Bg2 OO 11.OO Re8 12.e3 Bf5 13.Qb3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Be4 15.Rfc1 Qb6 16.Nd2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rad8 18.Nb3 h5 19.Nc5 Rd6 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.axb3 Nd8 22.b4 Re7 =-=(80) Ivanchuk 2700 - Nikolic 2645, Monaco MNC 1995;

9.e3 Be6 10.Be2 Bd6 11.00 00 12.Rfc1 Rc8 13.Qd1 Qe7 14.Ne1 Rfd8 15.Bf3 Bb8 16.Nd3 h5 17.Rab1 h4 18.b4 Qc7 19.g3 hxg3 20.hxg3 b5 21.Nf4 Kg7 22.Ncxd5 Bxd5 1-0(37) Ivanchuk 2700 - Speelman 2610, New York, NY USA 1995.

- 5.Bd2 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.g3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Nf8 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.Nxe6 Nxe6 14.e3 c5 15.d5 Nd4 =-= Harikrishna 2664 Kamsky 2718, Montreal CAN 2007;
- 7...00 8.Bg2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Qb6 10.00 Bf5 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Qd3 Rd8 13.e3 a5 14.Nf3 a4 15.Ng5 Qa6 16.Qxa6 Rxa6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rfd1 Nbd7 19.e4 e5 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 Nb6 22.Be3 Nc4 =-=(51) Harikrishna 2650 Bacrot 2709, Lugo ESP 2007;
- 5...e6 6.c5 Nbd7 7.b4 Ne4 8.e3 Nxd2 9.Qxd2 g6 10.Be2 Bg7 11.00 00 12.e4 a5 13.b5 dxe4 14.Nxe4 e5 15.Rad1 exd4 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Nxd4 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Ne6 fxe6 21.Qxd7 Qxd7 22.Rxd7 a4 1-0(34) Sasikiran 2675 Fressinet 2640, ACPOChess.com INT 2006.
- 5.b3 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bf5 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.g4 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Be6 12.f4 f5 13.Bd3 Qd7 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Rg1 e6 16.gxf5 exf5 17.Qc2 Be6 18.000 Qf7 19.Kb1 g6 20.h4 Be7 21.h5 000 22.Ba5 Rd5 =-=(40) Beliavsky 2667 Huebner 2604, Erfurt 2004.
- 5.Qd3 e6 6.e4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nbd7 8.Bd2 c5 9.000 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qf4 Bd6 13.Qh4 Qc7 14.Bc3 Be7 15.Qg3 Qxg3 16.hxg3 Bc5 17.Bd4 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Bd7 19.g4 Bc6 20.Ne5 Nd7 21.Nxd7 Bxd7 22.g5 e5 =-=(49) Vescovi 2619 Wang Yue 2626, Taiyuan 2006.
- [*2*] 5...dxc4 6.a4 Be6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.d5 cxd5 9.exd5 Bg4 10.Bxc4 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Ne5 12.Qe2 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 h6 14.Bf4 g6 15.00 Bg7 16.Be5 00 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.Qd4 Ne8 19.Qf4 Kh7 20.h4 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nd6 22.Rae1 Rc4 =-=(40) Timman 2635 Salov 2710, Sanghi Nagar 1994;
- 6...Bf5 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bxc4 Nxg5 9.Nxg5 e6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.00 Bd6 12.Bd3 00 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.d5 c5 15.Qc2 g6 16.a5 Nf6 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.g3 Rad8 19.Qa4 Rd7 20.e4 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rdd8 =-= Ivanov 2556 Khalifman 2678, Krasnoyarsk RUS 2003.
- [*3*] 6.h4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.g3 b5 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.00 Nd7 11.e4 h6 12.Bf4 e6 13.g4 Be7 14.a4 Nb6 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Bd6 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxg5 19.Qb1 Nd7 20.Bd6 Nf6 21.d5 000 22.axb5 cxb5 =-=(29) Dreev 2694 Malakhov 2670, Khanty Mansyisk RUS 2005;
- 10...h6 11.Bf4 e6 12.Ne5 Be7 13.Qb1 00 14.Nxc4 Ra7 15.Ne5 c5 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Qe4 Qd5 18.Qxd5 exd5 19.dxc5 Rc8 20.Nd3 Bxc5 21.a4 Be7 22.axb5 axb5 =- (27) Khalifman 2678 Jakovenko 2564, Krasnoyarsk RUS 2003.
- [*4*] 8.Ne5 b5 9.g3 f6 10.Nf3 e6 11.Bg2 Be7 12.00 00 13.a4 Bb7 14.Qb1 Qc8 15.e4 Nd7 16.h4 Re8 17.h5 Bf8 18.e5 c5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Qxb5 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Rxa1 1-0(92) Piket 2580 Gelfand 2675, Wijk aan Zee NED 1998.
- [*6*] 10...f6 11.Nxc4 g5 12.Be3 bxc4 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.h4 Nd7 15.hxg5 fxg5 16.Bxg5 000 17.00 Rg8 18.Qd2 h6 19.Be3 e5 20.Qc2 Bd6 21.Rxb7 Kxb7 22.Rb1+ Ka7 =-=(59) Anand 2765 Shirov 2690, Monaco MNC 1997.
- 10...e6 11.Rb1 Qc8 12.00 Nd7 13.e4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 f6 15.Bf4 Ba3 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qh6 Qd7 18.Bc1 Bf8 19.Qf4 Be7 20.Qh6 Bf8 21.Qf4 Be7 22.Qh6 Bf8 =-= Khalifman 2616 Nikolic 2633, Porz GER 1999.
- [*7*] 13.00 e6 14.Qa4 Ra7 15.Be3 c5 16.Bf4 Be7 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Rfd1 Ke7 19.Rxd7+ Qxd7 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.Bxb7 f6 22.Bf3 e5 0-1(58) Shirov 2700 Movsesian 2620, ? 2002;
 - 0-1(55) Shirov 2704 Movsesian 2624, Sarajevo BIH 2002.

- [*8*] 5...dxc4 6.a4 e6 7.e3 c5 8.Bxc4 Nc6 9.00 cxd4 10.exd4 Be7 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 00 14.Be3 Bf5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Rc1 Be4 17.Ne5 Bf6 18.Nxc6 Qc7 19.Bd4 Bxc6 20.Bxf6 Qd7 21.Qb3 gxf6 22.Qg3+ Kh8 =-=(54) Berkes 2630 Illescas Cordoba 2626, Calvia ESP 2004.
- [*9*] 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 c5 10.a4 b4 11.Ne4 Bb7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.dxc5 Qc7 14.e4 Bxc5 15.00 00 16.Be3 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Nd7 18.Qe2 Qb6 19.Bf4 a5 20.Nd2 Qa7 21.Nb3 Bb6 22.Be3 Ne5 0-1(52) Ivanisevic 2614 Roiz 2616, Valjevo 2007;
- 12.00 Rc8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qe2 Ra8 15.e4 cxd4 16.Bg5 Qg6 17.e5 Qh5 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Qxe4 Rb8 20.Rac1 h6 21.Qxd4 hxg5 22.Rfd1 Rd8 1-0(23) Ivanisevic 2588 Fressinet 2625, Cannes 2006;
- 7...Bd6 8.b3 e5 9.Bb2 e4 10.Nd2 Nf8 11.000 Ne6 12.Be2 00 13.g4 Re8 14.Rdg1 Nc7 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4 f5 17.f3 Nf8 18.c5 Be7 19.f4 Be6 20.Bh5 Bf7 21.Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.Nf1 Qc8 =-=(49) Ivanisevic 2649 Morozevich 2774, Neum, BIH 2008;
- 6...c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.00 Bd6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.Qe2 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 00 15.Bf4 Re8 16.Qc2 h6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Qxc6 Be6 19.Rfd1 Qa5 20.Nd4 Rac8 21.Qf3 Bf6 22.Bd2 Qb6 =-=(27) Eingorn 2604 Georgiev 2654, Halkidiki GRE 2002.
- 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 Be7 8.c5 b6 9.cxb6 Qxb6 10.Qb3 Qa5 11.Qa4 Qxa4 12.Nxa4 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Bd3 Ne4 16.Bf4 f6 17.Bc7 Kd7 18.Ba5 Bb7 19.Ke2 Nd6 20.Rhc1 Rhc8 21.b4 Ba7 22.a4 e5 =-=(57) Navara 2663 Movsesian 2645, Prague CZE 2005.
- 6.c5 b6 7.cxb6 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Nxb6 9.e3 c5 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Bd3 Be7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Na4 Bd6 14.Qb3 Nxa4 15.Qxa4+ Ke7 16.Rc1 Rc8 17.00 Qb6 18.Rc3 Rxc3 19.bxc3 Qc7 20.Rb1 Ba8 21.Qd4 Rd8 22.Rb6 a5 =-=(45) Bauer 2585 Jakovenko 2671, Pamplona 2006.
- [*10*] 6...exd5 7.Bf4 Bf5 8.Qb3 Ra7 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Ne4 11.00 Be7 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 =-= Sokolov 2658 Ehlvest 2626, Reykjavik ISL 2001.
- [*11*] 7...Nc6 8.e3 Bd6 9.Bd3 00 10.00 Bxf4 11.exf4 Bd7 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Rad1 b5 14.Bb1 b4 15.Ne2 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 Qa5 18.Nxe4 Qxa2 19.Nc5 Rfd8 20.Nb7 Rf8 21.Nc5 Rfd8 22.Nb7 Rf8 =-=(23) Sokolov 2611 Dreev 2676, Neum BIH 2000.
- [*12*] 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.e3 Nc6 10.Bd3 b5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.00 00 13.Ne2 Rac8 14.Nf4 h6 15.Be2 Nd7 16.Qd2 b4 17.Nd3 a5 18.Nc5 Nxc5 19.Rxc5 e5 20.Rb5 Ba6 21.dxe5 Qe6 22.Rb6 Bxe2 =-=(28) Graf 2646 Dautov 2623, Deutschland 2005.
- [*13*] 8...Bxf4 9.exf4 00 10.Bd3 b5 11.00 Bb7 12.a4 b4 13.Na2 Nc6 14.g3 Qb6 15.Nc1 Na5 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 a5 18.Rfc1 Rfc8 19.Bb5 Ne4 20.Qe3 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Qxa6 22.Ne5 f6 =-=(44) Sasikiran 2675 Volkov 2634, ACPOChess.com INT 2006.
- [*14*] 13.Rcl Bb7 14.Bb1 Qe7 15.Ne2 Rfc8 16.Nf4 g6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Nb4 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.a3 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Nd3 0-1 Timman 2594 Ponomariov 2734, Wijk aan Zee 2003.
- [*15*] 6.Qb3 Nc6 7.Bg5 e6 8.e3 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.00 00 12.Rac1 b5
 13.Bb1 Bd7 14.Qc2 g6 15.Qd2 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Rc7 17.Qe1 b4 18.Ne2 a5 19.Qd2 Rfc8
 20.Ne1 a4 21.Nd3 Na5 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 0-1(48) Ivanchuk 2729 Topalov 2801,
 Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2006.
- 6.Ne5 Nc6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.b3 e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bb4 13.Nc3 d4 14.Rc1 Bf5 15.e4 Bg6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Bf4 dxc3 18.Qe2 c2+ 19.Kf1 Rd8 20.f3 OO 21.Rxc2 Rfe8 22.g3 a5 1-0(62) Graf 2643 Dautov 2610, Germany 2004.
- [*16*] 6...Nc6 7.e3 Bg4 8.Bd3 e6 9.h3 Bh5 10.a3 Be7 11.Rc1 OO 12.g4 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Qd3 Rc8 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.h4 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 d4 20.Ne2

- Rxc1+ 21.Nxc1 Bc7 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 1-0(69) Van Wely 2681 Volkov 2642, Panormo GRE 2002;
- 7...e6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.00 00 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.f4 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qh5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Be7 16.Rf3 f5 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Rg3 Bb4 19.Bb1 Be8 20.Qd1 Qb6 21.Nxd5 1-0 Van Wely 2670 Anastasian 2574, Ohrid MKD 2001.
- [*17*] 7.Qb3 Nxg5 8.Nxg5 e6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.e3 b5 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.00 Be7 13.a3 Na5 14.Qc2 g6 15.e4 00 16.exd5 exd5 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.Ne5 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.Qb3 Rc7 21.Rad1 Qd7 22.Be2 Rfc8 =-=(29) Ljubojevic 2565 Shirov 2710, Monte Carlo MNC 1998.
- 7.Bf4 Nc6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Na5 11.Qb2 e6 12.Be2 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qb4 Qxb4 15.cxb4 Nc6 =-= Ftacnik 2585 Sakaev 2657, Germany 2004.
- 7.Rc1 Nxg5 8.Nxg5 e6 9.f4 Nc6 10.e3 Be7 11.h4 h6 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.Kf2 Na5 15.Qe2 Nc4 16.g3 b5 17.Rc2 Qa5 18.Rhc1 OO 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.a3 Bc6 21.Ne5 Qb6 22.Rd1 Qb7 0-1(37) Graf 2630 Dautov 2604, playchess.com INT 2003.
- [*18*] 7...Nc6 8.e3 Qa5 9.Qb3 Qb4 10.Qxb4 Nxb4 11.Rc1 Bf5 12.a3 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 Nc6 14.Kd2 e6 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Kxd3 f6 17.Bg3 Kd7 18.Rhc1 Bd6 =-= Bacrot 2653 Georgiev 2658, Bled SLO 2002;
- 14.Be2 f6 15.00 e6 16.Nd2 Kd7 17.Nb3 Bd6 18.Nc5+ Bxc5 19.dxc5 Rad8 20.Rb3 Kc7 21.g4 Bc2 =-= Beliavsky 2659 Movsesian 2627, Herceg Novi YUG 2001;
- 8...Bg4 9.Be2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qd7 11.00 e6 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Bd6 14.c4 00 15.Rab1 b5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nb3 Rfc8 18.Bg3 Ba3 19.Rfd1 Ne7 20.Rd3 Rc4 21.Nd2 Ra4 22.Rc3 Rc8 =-=(46) Kozul 2640 Rustemov 2602, Izmir 2004.
- 7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.e3 Qa5 10.Qb3 Bd7 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.00 Nd8 13.Rfc1 e6 14.a4 Bd6 15.Bxd8 Kxd8 16.Qxb7 Rxc3 17.Bxa6 Ke7 18.Bb5 Bc7 19.Qa6 f6 20.Qxa5 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Bxa5 22.Kf1 Rc8 1-0(39) Pia Cramling 2631 Sune Berg Hansen 2608, Malmoe 1999.
- [*19*] 8.e3 e6 9.Nd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nc6 11.Qb3 Ba3 12.Bd3 b5 13.00 00 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Ra7 16.Rfe1 Ne7 17.Bg5 Bb7 18.Bd2 Bd5 19.Qd1 Qb6 20.Qh5 f5 21.Ng5 h6 22.Nh3 Rc7 0-1(51) Bang 2658 Elwert 2687, ICCF 2002.
- [*20*] 9.a3 Nc6 10.e3 Bb4 11.Rc1 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 00 13.Bd3 b5 14.00 Nd6 15.Ra1 Bd7 16.a4 Qb6 17.Nd2 Rfc8 18.Qb1 h6 19.Nb3 Nb7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qb2 Nca5 22.Be7 Nxb3 =-=(34) Van Wely 2697 Almasi 2644, Monte Carlo 2002;
- 9...Bd7 10.e3 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.c4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Na5 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Ne5 Ba4 17.Bh5 g6 18.Bd1 Bxd1 19.Kxd1 Be7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Kxc1 Rc8+ =-=(28) Van Wely 2642 Sokolov 2647, Leeuwarden 2002.
- [*21*] 10.Bd3 Nxc3 11.a3 Nc6 12.00 Qa4 13.Qxa4 Nxa4 14.axb4 Nxb2 15.Be2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.b5 Na7 18.bxa6 b5 19.Nd2 e5 20.d5 h5 21.Ne4 Rh6 22.Nc5 b4 =- =(66) Ljubojevic 2557 Bacrot 2653, Bled SLO 2002.
- [*22*] =-= Kasimdzhanov 2706 Azmaiparashvili 2674, Moscow RUS 2001.
- [*23*] 13.Ne5 Nc6 14.Nd3 OO 15.f3 Nd6 16.Nc5 b6 17.Bg3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Nc4 19.Nb7 Qb5 20.Qxb5 axb5 21.e4 =-= Beliavsky 2661 Khalifman 2698, Moscow 2002.
- [*24*] 5...b5 6.c5 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.00 00 9.Ne5 Be6 10.h3 Qc8 11.Kh2 Nfd7 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Nfd7 14.f4 f5 15.Be3 a5 16.g4 Nf6 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Bf2 Qe6 19.Bh4 Nbd7 20.e3 h6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Ne2 Ne4 1-0(65) Sakaev 2664 Najer 2606, ? 2003;
- 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 b4 11.Nb1 a5 12.a3 Ba6 13.axb4 axb4 14.Ra4 Bb5 15.Rxb4 Qa5 16.Bd2 Ne4 17.Re1 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 e5 19.Na3 Ba6 20.Nc2 Qc7 21.Rc1 e4 22.Nh2 f5 =-=(42) Khalifman 2653 Volkov 2614, Moscow RUS 2005;

- 9.Bf4 Bf5 10.Ne5 Qc8 11.Re1 Rd8 12.f3 Bh3 13.Bxh3 Qxh3 14.e3 Qc8 15.g4 Nbd7 16.Nd3 a5 17.Bg3 Nf8 18.Qe2 Re8 19.h3 N6d7 20.Qh2 =-= Romanishin 2590 Epishin 2675, Reggio Emilia ITA 1994;
- 8...a5 9.Ne5 00 10.Bf4 Be6 11.Qc1 Re8 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Rd1 Nfd7 14.Nf3 Nf6 15.h3 Qc8 16.Ng5 Bg7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Re1 h6 19.Nxe6+ Qxe6 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 Qd7 1-0(57) Sasikiran 2676 Burmakin 2581, Mainz 2007;
- 8.Ne5 00 9.00 Be6 10.h3 Qc8 11.g4 h5 12.f3 Nh7 13.gxh5 gxh5 14.Kh2 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Rg1 Kh8 17.e3 Rg8 18.f4 Nf6 19.Qe1 Bh6 20.Qh4 Rg7 21.Bd2 Rag8 22.Ne2 Rh7 0-1(42) Korchnoi 2635 Shirov 2685, Groningen NED 1996;
- 6...Bf5 7.Bg2 g6 8.00 Bg7 9.Bf4 00 10.Ne5 a5 11.f3 Be6 12.e4 Qc8 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Qd2 Ra7 15.Rad1 a4 16.a3 Nh5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Bh6 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.dxe5 Rd7 22.Qc2 Rxd1+ =-=(34) Sasikiran 2675 Volkov 2634, ACPOChess.com INT 2006.
- 5...e6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.Qd3 b5 8.c5 b4 9.Na4 a5 10.a3 Ba6 11.Qc2 Be7 12.axb4 axb4 13.00 00 14.Bf4 Ne4 15.Rfe1 f6 1-0 Grischuk 2719 Sasikiran 2694, Almaty KAZ 2008;
- 6...b5 7.c5 Nbd7 8.00 Be7 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Qxa5 11.Qb3 00 12.a4 b4 13.Nd1 Ba6 14.Qb2 Ne4 15.Rel Ndxc5 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bf4 Nxa4 19.Qc2 c5 20.Nb2 b3 21.Qxb3 Qb6 22.Qxb6 Nxb6 0-1(70) Moiseenko 2618 Rustemov 2604, bereg.ru INT 2003;
- 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.OO Be7 9.Bf4 OO 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Ne5 Be8 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Rfd1 b5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.a3 b4 16.axb4 Bxb4 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Rc2 h6 20.Bf4 Bd7 21.Rdc1 Rc4 22.e4 Rxd4 =-=(32) Sasikiran 2694 Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son 2567, Beijing CHN 2008.
- 5...g6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Ne5 00 9.00 b5 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Qb3 Ne4 12.Bf4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 e6 14.a4 Qb6 15.Rab1 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4 Bc6 18.axb5 Bxb5 19.Rfe1 Rac8 20.e4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Qa5 22.Bd6 Rfe8 0-1(48) Kramnik 2788 Kamsky 2723, Moscow RUS 2008;
- 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.00 00 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Ne5 e6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nfd7 12.f4 Nc6 13.Bf2 Ne7 14.Rc1 Nf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.Bg2 Ne7 18.Qb3 Ned5 19.Rfe1 b5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rc5 Qd6 22.Nxg6 fxg6 1-0(34) Sasikiran 2670 Malakhov 2694, Moscow 2006.
- [*25*] 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 b5 8.Nd2 Bb7 9.Bg2 e6 10.00 Be7 11.e4 00 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Bf1 b4 16.Nf3 a5 17.Bd3 Qb6 18.Bg5 Rfe8 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Qe2 h6 21.Rad1 Nf8 22.h4 Rec7 =-=(59) Grischuk 2716 Wang Yue 2689, Baku/Azerbaijan 2008.
- 6.Bg2 b5 7.00 e6 8.e4 Be7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ne4 h6 11.Nh4 Nd7 12.Qh5 Qb6 13.Rd1 Rf8 14.Qg4 g5 15.Nf3 Bb7 16.h4 c5 17.hxg5 000 18.gxh6 cxd4 19.Bg5 f5 20.exf6 N5xf6 21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.Qh3 d3 =-=(46) Ivanisevic 2658 Nyback 2634, Dresden GER 2008.
- [*26*] 6...e6 7.Bg2 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Bxc5 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nd2 c3 12.bxc3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nc5 14.00 Bd7 15.Rfb1 Rb8 16.a5 Ke7 17.Rb4 Rhc8 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 Bc6 20.Rab1 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Rc7 22.Rb4 Nd7 =-=(74) Onischuk 2644 Volkov 2632, Kallithea GRE 2008;
- 9...Nc6 10.Ne3 c3 11.bxc3 Bxc5 12.00 00 13.Nc4 Nd5 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.Rfb1 f6 16.e4 Nde7 17.Nb6 Bxb6 18.Rxb6 e5 19.Be3 Na5 20.Nd2 Nec6 21.Rb2 Be6 22.f4 Rd7 1-0(86) Sasikiran 2694 Matamoros Franco 2525, Beijing CHN 2008.
- [*27*] 7.a5 Bg7 8.Bg2 =-= Sakaev 2664 Kobalia 2639, Istanbul 2003.
- [*28*] 8.00 00 9.e3 a5 10.Ne5 Na6 11.Nxc4 Nb4 12.Qe2 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Rd1 c5 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.Nb6 Rad8 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.e4 Rd3 19.Bf1 Ng4 20.Nbd5 Qxc5+ 21.Kg2 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 0-1(33) Timman 2620 Sokolov 2665, Amsterdam NED 1996.

- [*29*] 13.f4 Rc8 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Ra4 b5 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Be3 Nf6 18.Kh1 Nbd5 19.Bc1 Ng4 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.e4 Nf6 22.exd5 Qb5 0-1(35) Korchnoi 2635 Sokolov 2670, Groningen NED 1996.
- [*30*] 5...e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e4 Be6 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.00 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 000 15.Qe2 Bc5 16.Rab1 Rd7 17.Be4 Rc7 18.Kh1 g5 19.Rfd1 Rd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.f4 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 gxf4 0-1(38) Sokolov 2658 Sasikiran 2684, Sibenik CRO 2008;
- 6...cxd5 7.Bf4 b5 8.e3 Be7 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.00 Nbd7 11.a4 b4 12.Nb1 00 13.a5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nd2 e5 17.Nb3 Bc8 18.Be2 Re8 19.Rc1 h6 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.Qb3 Bg4 1-0(52) Beliavsky Kallai, ? 1996;
- 6.Bf4 dxc4 7.Nxc4 b5 8.Ne5 Bb7 9.e3 c5 10.dxc5 Qxd1+ 11.Rxd1 Bxc5 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.00 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ke7 15.g3 Rhd8 16.a3 Ne8 17.Nb1 Rxd1 =-= Timofeev 2664 Movsesian 2695, Sarajevo BIH 2008;
 - =-= Pelletier 2589 Postny 2622, France 2006.
- 5...g6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 00 9.00 b5 10.Qb3 Bb7 11.Bg5 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd5 Qe6 14.Bxe4 Rd8 15.Nf6+ Bxf6 16.Qxe6 fxe6 17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Bg2 Rxd4 19.Nd3 Rc7 20.Rac1 Rdc4 21.b3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 1-0(48) Korchnoi 2635 Epishin 2635, Madrid ESP 1995.
- 5...b5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bf4 e6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Bd6 11.00 00 12.f4 Bb7 13.Rf3 g6 14.Rh3 Bxe5 15.fxe5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qe1 Rc8 18.a3 f5 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Rh4 g5 21.Qg3 Qf2+ 22.Qxf2 Rxf2 =-=(69) Dautov 2615 Movsesian 2635, ? 1997.
- [*31*] 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bf4 e6 8.e3 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.00 Be7 11.a4 b4 12.Na2 00 13.Nc1 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.Qe2 Qb6 17.a5 Qa7 18.Rfc1 Qa8 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qg4 Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Rc8 22.Ra1 Qb8 1-0(39) Gelfand 2670 Shirov 2685, Chalkidiki 1993.
- 6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.Qb3 Bc8 8.Bf4 g6 9.e3 Bg7 10.Be2 OO 11.OO dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Be2 Be6 14.Qc2 Qb6 15.a4 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nd7 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Ne4 e5 22.dxe5 Nxe5 0-1(40) Ruck 2571 Movsesian 2654, Panormo GRE 2002.
- [*32*] 6...Nxe5 7.dxe5 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.000+ Ke8 11.f3 c5 12.fxe4 Bd7 13.e3 e6 14.Bd3 Be7 15.h4 h6 16.g4 Bc6 17.Bc2 Rd8 18.h5 Rd7 19.Rhf1 Bd8 20.a3 a5 21.b3 Bc7 22.Kb2 Rxd1 =-=(35) Georgiev 2659 Movsesian 2650, Germany 1999;
- 10.g3 Bf5 11.000+ Kc8 12.h4 h5 13.Bh3 Bxh3 14.Rxh3 e6 15.Be3 Kc7 16.Rd4 Bc5 17.Rxe4 Bxe3+ 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Rd3 b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Kc2 Rd5 22.f4 Ra8 =- =(37) Ftacnik 2585 Movsesian 2650, Prague CZE 1999.
- 6...e6 7.e3 Nxe5 8.Bxe5 Bd6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.c5 Qe7 11.f4 00 12.Bd3 b6 13.cxb6 c5 14.00 cxd4 15.exd4 Qb4 16.Rf2 Bd7 17.Rc1 g6 18.Bb1 Rac8 19.Qd2 Qxb6 20.h3 Rc4 21.Rd1 Rfc8 22.Qe3 Ba4 0-1(46) Gavrikov 2600 Nikolic 2625, ? 1994.
- [*33*] 9.e4 e6 10.f3 c5 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd7+ Nxd7 14.000 Ke7 15.Kb1 Rhd8 16.Bd3 f6 17.e5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 fxe5 19.Bxh7 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rh8 21.Be4 b4 22.Bxb7 =-= Korchnoi 2635 Shirov 2685, Vienna AUT 1996;
- 11...Nxd7 12.Be3 Be7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Rd1 00 16.a3 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Rc8 18.Be2 Kf8 19.Kc2 Na4 20.Bd2 Bd6 21.h3 Ke7 22.Rd1 Nxc3 =-=(63) Beliavsky 2620 Shirov 2685, Yerevan ARM 1996.
- [*34*] 10.Be2 c5 11.Bf3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.00 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 00 16.Nc6 Qb6 17.Rac1 Nd5 18.Qg3 Rfc8 19.Bh6 g6 20.Qd6 Qb7 21.b3 N7f6 22.Rfe1 Qc7 =-=(72) Sasikiran 2652 Dorfman 2592, playchess.com INT 2005;
- 11.00 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Be7 14.Bf3 Qb8 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.f4 00 17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rac8 19.Rac1 Rc4 20.b3 Rcc8 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.fxe4 Rfd8 =-=(25) Atalik 2598 Chernin 2619, Bled SLO 1999;

- 10...Nxe5 11.Bxe5 c5 12.Bf3 Ra7 13.00 Nd7 14.Bg3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Be7 16.d5 00 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Qc6 Qb6 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.Rfd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.a4 bxa4 =- =(89) Azmaiparashvili 2693 Jakovenko 2564, Dos Hermanas 2004.
- [*35*] 10...Qb6 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Bd3 c5 13.Be4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Qa5+ 15.Ke2 Rc8 16.Rhd1 Qb4 17.Kf1 c4 18.Qg3 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.d5 exd5 21.Rxd5 c3 22.Qg4 Qc4+ 1-0(45) Riazantsev 2629 Movsesian 2637, Moscow 2007.
- [*36*] 11.Qh3 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Be2 Be7 14.00 00 15.Bf3 =-= Gyimesi 2610 Movsesian 2670, Germany GER 2008.
- [*37*] 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.exd4 Nb6 15.00 b4 16.Ne2 00 17.Ng4 g6 18.Nh6+ Kg7 19.Be5 Nd5 20.f4 Bd6 21.Ng3 Bc6 22.f5 Bxe5 0-1(55) Sokolov 2690 Movsesian 2695, Sarajevo BIH 2008.
- [*38*] 5...g6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Be2 e6 9.00 Bd6 10.f4 b5 11.Bd2 Bb7 12.Be1 00 13.Bh4 Be7 14.a4 b4 15.Nb1 a5 16.Nd2 Ne4 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Bb5 Qd8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nb3 Rfc8 21.Qe2 Bc6 22.Ba6 Bb7 =-=(43) Morozevich 2755 Kamsky 2724, Kemer 2007;
- 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 00 8.Rc1 Bg4 9.Be2 e6 10.00 Nbd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qe7 13.Qe2 Rfd8 14.g3 Rac8 15.Rfd1 b5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Nb6 18.Bg2 bxc4 19.bxc4 Qb4 20.Nb1 Qa4 21.Ba3 =-= Vallejo Pons 2674 Kamsky 2690, Khanty Mansiysk 2005.
- 5...Bf5 6.Qb3 Ra7 7.Nh4 Be6 8.Bd2 g6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Be2 00 11.00 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 b5 14.Qe2 Nbd7 15.e4 e6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 a5 18.Rac1 Qa8 19.Nd6 a4 20.Ng5 c5 21.dxc5 Nxe5 22.Nxb5 Rb7 0-1(72) Gelfand 2720 Kamsky 2723, Moscow RUS 2008.
- [*39*] 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Ne5 e6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.00 Bb7 10.Bd2 00 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.f4 Rc8 13.Qe2 Qb6 =-= Piket 2640 Sokolov 2625, Moscow RUS 1994;
- 8...Bd6 9.00 Bb7 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Bd2 00 12.Qe2 Ne4 13.a4 b4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4 Nb6 =-= Jussupow 2607 Dautov 2623, Switzerland 2007;
- 8...Bb7 9.00 Bd6 10.Bd2 00 11.Qb1 Nbd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 h6 14.a3 Qe7 15.Rc1 bxa3 16.bxa3 Rab8 17.Bb4 Ba8 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qc2 a5 20.Qc7 Qxc7 21.Rxc7 Rb7 22.Rac1 Nxe5 0-1(48) Granda Zuniga 2605 Sokolov 2610, Elenite 1993;
- 8.Bd2 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.00 Nbd7 11.f4 00 12.Be1 Ne4 13.Qh5 Ndf6 14.Qh3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.a4 Qc7 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Bxb5 Nxc3 20.Bd3 Ne4 21.Qh5 f6 22.Nf3 Qd7 =-=(45) Ivanchuk 2711 Kasparov 2838, Prague 2002;
- 9.Rc1 00 10.Be2 Bb7 11.00 Nfd7 12.Nd3 Qe7 13.b4 Nb6 14.Nc5 Nc4 15.a4 Bc6 16.Nxa6 Rxa6 17.axb5 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Nxd2 19.Qxd2 Bxb4 20.Qb2 Bd6 21.Nxd6 =-= Khalifman 2698 Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2002;
- 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.e4 e6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.exd5 exd5 12.Qe2+ Kf8 13.Nxd5 Nc6 14.Qe4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd6 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.000 g6 18.Qe3 Nxd4 19.Be4 Rc8+ 20.Kb1 Nf5 21.Qa7 Kg7 =-= Mecking 2575 Dreev 2650, ? 1994;
 - =-= Mecking 2575 Dreev 2645, Tilburg NED 1994;
- 8.Bd2 e6 9.Ne2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nc6 11.a4 b4 12.a5 Qd7 13.Qa4 Qb7 14.00 Be7 15.Rfc1 Rc8 16.Rc2 00 17.Rac1 Na7 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rxc8+ Nxc8 20.Nc1 Na7 21.Qd1 Ne8 22.Nb3 Nc7 1-0(42) Karpov 2715 Gavrikov 2545, Mazatlan 1988;
- 7.Bd2 e6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Qb1 Be7 10.00 00 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Be1 h6 13.a3 Qb6 14.Bf1 Rfc8 15.Nd2 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nb3 Nc4 18.Rd1 Re8 19.Nd4 Rad8 20.a4 b4 21.Nce2 Ne4 22.b3 Na5 =-=(30) Beliavsky 2640 Movsesian 2668, Germany 2000;
- 9.00 Nbd7 10.Ne2 Ne4 11.a4 b4 12.a5 Bd6 13.Be1 00 14.Nd2 Qb8 15.Kh1 Bc6 16.Nb3 Bb5 17.f3 Nef6 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.Nxg3 Rc8 20.e4 Bc4 21.e5 Ne8 22.f4 Qb5 1-0(35) Beliavsky 2639 Laznicka 2593, Austria 2007;
- 8.Rc1 Bb7 9.Be2 Bd6 10.a3 00 11.00 Nbd7 12.Na2 Re8 13.Qe1 Bc7 14.Nb4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nd3 d4 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.exd4 =-= Jussupow 2655 Dreev 2650, Dortmund GER 1994;

- 7.Ne2 e6 8.Nf4 Bd6 9.Nd3 00 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.00 a5 12.Bd2 b4 13.Rc1 Ba6 14.Nc5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Ne4 16.Nb7 Qb6 17.Nxd6 Nxd6 18.Qd3 Rfc8 19.b3 Qb5 20.Qxb5 Nxb5 21.Rfd1 Nf6 22.Kf1 Ne4 =-=(42) Beliavsky 2654 Dautov 2606, Germany 2001.
- 6.cxb5 cxb5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.00 e6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.f4 Be7 11.Bd2 00 12.Qf3 b4 13.Na4 Ne4 14.Qd1 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Bc6 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rc1 Bb5 18.Rf4 Rc8 19.Nc5 =-= Karpov 2730 Hort 2545, Biel 1990.
- [*40*] 6...Nbd7 7.Bd2 a5 8.a3 Qc7 9.b4 e5 10.bxa5 e4 11.Ng1 Rxa5 12.Nge2 h5 13.Nc1 Be7 14.Nb3 Ra8 15.h3 OO 16.Be2 h4 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 Bb7 19.Ra2 Nh7 20.Qc2 f5 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Na2 Bg5 =-=(53) Bareev 2675 Jakovenko 2644, Moscow RUS 2005;
- 10.Nxb5 cxb5 11.Bxb5 exd4 12.exd4 Be7 13.00 00 14.Bg5 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Bd8 17.Bd3 Ne4 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.b5 Ndxc5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Qe5 Nd6 22.Rb1 Re8 =-=(35) Belov 2617 Jakovenko 2608, Sochi 2005;
- 8.Rcl Ba6 9.a3 Qc7 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 g6 12.Bd3 Bg7 13.00 00 14.Ne2 Bb7 15.h3 Ra3 16.Bc3 Rfa8 17.Bb2 R3a6 18.Qb3 Ne8 19.Rfel e5 20.e4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Ndf6 22.Ng3 exd4 1-0(37) Morozevich 2774 Movsesian 2695, Sarajevo BIH 2008;
- 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.e6 Nxc5 11.exf7+ Kxf7 12.Bc2 g6 13.00 Bg7 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Nd4 Qd6 16.b4 Ne6 17.Rb1 Nxd4 18.exd4 a5 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.Bb3 Bf5 21.Ra1 Be4 22.Be3 Qd7 =-=(49) Aronian 2757 Movsesian 2732, Nanjing CHN 2008;
- 7.b4 a5 8.bxa5 Qxa5 9.Bd2 b4 10.Ne2 Ne4 11.Nc1 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 e5 13.Nb3 Qa4 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxb3 16.axb3 Rxa1+ 17.Ke2 Bxc5 18.Qc2 Ra5 19.f4 f6 20.e6 Bxe6 21.Kf3 f5 22.Bd3 OO =-=(46) Wang 2625 Jakovenko 2665, ? 2006;
- 7.h3 Qc7 8.g4 g6 9.a3 Bg7 10.b4 e5 11.a4 e4 12.Nd2 Rb8 13.Bb2 OO 14.Be2 Ne8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Qb3 Qd8 17.000 Qh4 18.Rdf1 Nc7 19.Kb1 Kh8 20.Bd1 f5 21.f4 exf3 22.Nxf3 Qe7 1-0(40) Kobalia 2634 Jakovenko 2596, ? 2005.
- 6...Bg4 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.Be2 g6 9.a4 Bg7 10.Qa3 00 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxc6 Qc7 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxe2 b4 15.Qb3 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Qxe7 17.Qxb4 Rfb8 18.Qa3 Ne4 19.c6 Qc7 20.00 Qxc6 21.Qd3 Rb7 22.Rd1 Rd7 1-0(89) Shipov 2588 Volkov 2628, ChessAssistantClub INT 2004;
- 8.a4 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e5 10.Qa3 Rc8 11.axb5 axb5 12.Bh3 Be7 13.dxe5 Nxc5 14.Nxb5 Nfd7 15.Nd4 Nxe5 16.Ke2 Rb8 17.Qa5 Ncd3 18.f4 Qxa5 19.Rxa5 Nc4 20.Ra2 Nb4 21.Ra4 Bf6 22.b3 c5 1-0(43) Nisipeanu 2690 Sanduleac 2518, Predeal 2006;
- 7.h3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 g6 9.f4 Nh5 10.Be2 Ng7 11.Qb3 Nd7 12.a4 Ne6 13.Na2 Qc8 14.Nb4 a5 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.axb5 Nexc5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Bd2 Bg7 19.00 00 20.Rfc1 Qb6 21.Rc6 Qd8 22.b6 Nf6 1-0(38) Bacrot 2715 Volkov 2612, Mulhouse 2005.
- [*41*] 7.Ne5 Bg7 8.Be2 OO 9.OO Be6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Bd2 Ne4 12.Nd3 a5 13.Be1 Nd7 14.Bh4 =-= Eljanov 2655 Malakhov 2694, Moscow 2006;
- 9...Nfd7 10.f4 f5 11.Nd3 a5 12.Bd2 Nf6 13.Be1 Be6 14.b4 a4 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ra2 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Be8 19.g4 e6 20.Bd3 Ra7 21.Rg2 Kh8 22.Be1 Qc8 =- (57) Carlsen 2570 Malakhov 2670, Khanty Mansiysk 2005.
- 7.b4 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 a5 10.bxa5 Bg7 11.f4 Qxa5 12.Bd2 b4 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Bg2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Nd7 16.00 00 17.Rab1 Qxa2 18.Rb2 Qa6 19.Rxb4 Rfb8 20.Bf3 Rxb4 21.Qxb4 h6 22.Rb1 Rb8 =-=(29) Kamsky 2705 Bacrot 2709, Elista 2007.
- 7.Bd2 Bg7 8.b4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nbd7 11.f4 00 12.a4 e6 13.Bg2 Ne8 14.00 Nc7 15.Ra2 Qe7 16.Qc2 Rfb8 17.Rfa1 Qd8 18.Ne2 Rb7 19.Nc1 bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nb8 21.Nb3 Nb5 22.R1a2 f5 =-=(24) Lputian 2619 Malakhov 2691, Sochi RUS 2006.
- 7.Qb3 a5 8.Qc2 Bg7 9.a4 b4 10.Nb1 00 11.Nbd2 Bf5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nbd7 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.00 e5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.h3 Nd7 19.Qc2 f5 20.Nd4 Rac8 21.Bd2 Qe4 22.Rac1 Qxc2 =-=(50) Shipov 2576 Malakhov 2694, Moscow 2006.
- 7.Be2 Bg7 8.00 00 9.b4 Bg4 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 e5 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Qa2 Ng4 15.g3 Qb7 16.Bd2 Nh6 17.Rfc1 exd4 18.exd4 Nf5 19.Ne2 Rfe8 20.Re1 Nf8 21.Bc3 Ne6 22.h4 =-= Jobava Savchenko, ? 2005.

- [*42*] 7...Bf5 8.Bxf5 gxf5 9.Ne5 a5 10.f3 Nfd7 11.Nd3 Bg7 12.Qc2 e6 13.Qf2 Nf6 14.Bd2 Nbd7 15.b4 a4 16.Ne2 Qc7 17.Qh4 000 18.000 Rdg8 19.Be1 Qd8 20.Bg3 h5 21.Bf4 Bh6 22.Rhg1 Ne8 =-=(57) Lautier 2680 Bacrot 2725, Khanty Mansiysk 2005.
- [*43*] 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Bg4 10.a4 b4 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Be4 00 13.Be3 Ra7 14.Qd2 a5 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 Rd7 18.Be3 Be6 19.00 Bd5 20.Bc2 Na6 21.b3 Be6 22.Rad1 Rfd8 =-=(40) Sarqissian 2676 Bacrot 2700, Wijk aan Zee NED 2008.
- 8.b4 Bg4 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Ne2 Qc7 11.a4 00 12.Ra2 Ra7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Rfa8 15.f4 e6 16.00 Ne8 17.Qc2 Qb7 18.Rfa1 Bf6 19.Qb3 Bd8 20.Qa3 Nc7 21.Bc3 bxa4 22.Qxa4 Nb5 1-0(61) Aronian 2693 Volkov 2634, Sochi 2005.
- [*44*] 8...Bf5 9.Bxf5 gxf5 10.Qc2 Qc8 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Nd3 Nd7 13.Ne2 Bf6 14.Bd2 Rg8 15.g3 e6 16.000 h5 17.Rdg1 Qc7 18.Nef4 Nxd2 19.Qxd2 h4 20.g4 e5 21.Ne2 e4 22.Ndf4 fxg4 0-1(60) Sasikiran 2690 Kamsky 2705, Sofia 2007.
- [*45*] 9...Bf5 10.Bxf5 gxf5 11.Ne5 Nfd7 12.Nd3 e5 13.a4 exd4 14.exd4 Bxd4 15.axb5 Nxc5 16.Ne2 Ne6 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Nf4 Nxb5 20.Qh5 Qf6 21.Rac1 Kh8 22.Bg5 Qg7 1-0(28) Radjabov 2729 Bacrot 2705, Cap d'Agde FRA 2006.
- [*46*] 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.Rxe4 a5 15.Bf4 Nf6 16.Re1 Nd5 17.Be5 Ba6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7
 19.b3 Qc7 20.Qd2 Bb5 21.Nb2 a4 22.bxa4 Bxa4 1-0(55) Ivanchuk 2750 Bacrot 2705,
 ? 2007;
 - 1-0(55) Ivanchuk 2750 Bacrot 2705, Odessa 2007.
- [*47*] 6...Bf5 7.Ne5 e6 8.Bd2 Nfd7 9.Nd3 Be7 10.Be2 dxc4 11.bxc4 Bxd3 12.Bxd3 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Qa4 00 16.Qxc4 c5 17.d5 Nd7 18.dxe6 Ne5 19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.Qd5 Nd3+ 21.Ke2 Nxf2 22.Rhf1 Qxd5 =-=(64) Ivanchuk 2711 Kasparov 2838, Prague 2002.
- 6...g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.00 00 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.f4 Qd6 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Rab8 13.g4 Rfd8 14.g5 Ne8 15.Qg2 bxc4 16.bxc4 e6 17.Rb1 Ba8 18.c5 Qe7 19.Bd2 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 Rb8 21.Rxb8 Nxb8 22.Na4 Bb7 1-0(33) Gelfand 2680 Hort 2545, Novi Sad YUG 1990.
- [*48*] 7.h3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nbd7 9.f4 e6 10.c5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bg2 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.fxe4 fxe4 15.Qc2 Qd5 16.a4 b4 17.Bd2 g5 18.Rf1 Rg8 19.fxg5 Rxg5 20.Bxb4 Be7 21.Ba5 Rg3 22.000 Rxe3 0-1(36) Vallejo Pons 2662 Sokolov 2693, Mainz 2003;
- 13...exf3 14.Bxf3 Rc8 15.a4 Nf6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra6 Qd7 18.Qd2 Be7 19.00 00 20.Qg2 Nd5 21.Bd2 Ra8 22.Rfa1 Qb7 =-=(39) Pelletier 2602 Bacrot 2645, Biel SUI 2003;
- 10...Ng8 11.Bb2 Ne7 12.a4 Nf5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na2 g6 15.Nb4 Qc8 16.Kd2 Be7 17.Bd3 OO 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Qa1 Qb7 20.Qa6 Qxa6 21.Nxa6 Ra8 22.Nb4 Bf6 =-=(34) Bareev 2670 Shirov 2670, Munich 1993;
- 10...Be7 11.Bd3 00 12.Qc2 g6 13.Bb2 Nh5 14.Ne2 a5 15.000 f5 16.Ng1 Bh4 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.Rhg1 Ng7 19.Rg2 Rfc8 20.Kb1 Rc7 21.a3 Nf8 =-= Sakaev 2664 Malakhov 2672, Togliatti 2003;
- 10...g6 11.Bb2 Bg7 12.Qc2 00 13.000 Qe7 14.Kb1 a5 15.Bd3 Nh5 16.Ne2 f5 17.Ng1 Nhf6 18.Nf3 Ne4 19.a3 h6 20.Rhg1 Kh7 21.Rg2 Bh8 22.Rdg1 Rg8 1-0(33) Sakaev 2647 Volkov 2642, Panormo GRE 2002;
- $8... = 6 \ 9.c5 \ Nbd7 \ 10.f4 \ a5 \ 11.Bd3 \ g6 \ 12.a3 \ Be7 \ 13.Bd2 \ Qb8 \ 14.b4 \ axb4$ $15.axb4 \ Rxa1 \ 16.Qxa1 \ Qb7 \ 17.Kd1 \ OO \ 18.Kc2 \ Ra8 \ 19.Qb2 \ Qa6 \ 20.Bc1 \ Ne8 \ 21.Kb1 \ Bh4$ $22.Rf1 \ Ndf6 \ = -= (44) \ Van \ Wely \ 2661 \ \ Dolmatov \ 2605, \ Rethymnon \ GRE \ 2003;$
- 8.Qxf3 e6 9.Bd2 Bb4 10.Rc1 00 11.Bd3 Nbd7 12.00 Re8 13.Qe2 dxc4 14.bxc4 e5 15.Ne4 Ba3 16.Nxf6+ Nxf6 17.Rcd1 exd4 18.Qf3 Bc5 19.Qxc6 Rc8 20.Qxa6 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Qc7 22.Ba5 Qe5 1-0(33) Polgar 2550 Kamsky 2695, Monte Carlo 1994;
- 10.Bd3 Qa5 11.Rc1 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qxa2 13.Qd1 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Ra1 Qb3 16.Qxb3 cxb3 17.Ke2 Nbd7 18.Rhb1 c5 19.Rxa6 Rxa6 20.Bxa6 OO 21.Rxb3 Rb8 22.Rxb8+ Nxb8 =-=(77) L'Ami 2610 Laznicka 2601, Liverpool ENG 2008.

- 7.Bd3 e6 8.00 Be7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 00 13.Bb2 bxc4 14.bxc4 Bg6 15.Rab1 Qc7 16.Rfc1 Rfb8 17.Nfg5 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Qd8 19.Qf3 e5 20.Ng3 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Nc5 =-=(65) Azmaiparashvili 2625 Miles 2600, Groningen NED 1994;
- 16.Rfd1 Rfb8 17.Nfg5 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Qd8 19.Qf3 e5 20.Ng3 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Nc5 =-=(65) Azmaiparashvili 2625 Miles 2590, ? 1994.
- [*49*] 7...Nbd7 8.00 e6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Qc7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.f3 Qb7 17.Nf4 Bxf4 18.exf4 Nh5 19.f5 exf5 20.Qd2 f4 21.Ba3 b4 22.Bxb4 Rhe8 =-=(32) Khalifman 2668 Malakhov 2695, Dagomys RUS 2004;
- 15...Nxd7 16.e4 dxe4 17.d5 00 18.dxe6 Nc5 19.Nf4 Ra7 20.Bd4 Bxf4 21.Bxc5 Bxc1 22.Bxa7 Qxa7 =-=(36) Gyimesi 2618 Movsesian 2646, Rabac 2004;
- 15.Nc6 Qb7 16.Qd3 OO 17.Rc2 Rac8 18.Rfc1 Nb8 19.Nxb8 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Rxb8 21.Qc6 Ne8 22.f3 b4 1-0(40) Onischuk 2652 Malakhov 2700, Poikovsky 2004;
- 12...bxc4 13.bxc4 00 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.Bal Qb4 17.c5 Bc7 18.Rb1 Qc4 19.Rb7 Rfc8 20.Qd2 Rab8 21.Rfb1 a5 22.Nc3 Qa6 =-=(30) Grachev 2610 Movsesian 2695, Dagomys 2008;
- 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Nd3 Ne4 16.Rfd1 Rfc8 17.c5 Be7 18.f3 Ng3 19.Nxg3 Qxg3 20.Bc3 e5 21.Qf2 Qg6 22.Rab1 Rab8 =-=(26) Georgiev 2625 Movsesian 2629, Calvia ESP 2004;
- 9...Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Be7 12.Bb2 Qb8 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rac1 00 15.Ne2 Qb7 =-= Jakovenko 2627 Rublevsky 2645, Kazan 2005;
- 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.a4 b4 14.Ne2 00 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Rfc1 Rac8 17.Rc2 Qb7 18.Rac1 Bd6 19.Be1 Nb6 20.Qd1 a5 21.Nf4 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Rc8 =-=(27) Acs 2522 -Bacrot 2705, Deutschland 2007;
- 10...Bb4 11.Bb2 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 00 13.Rfc1 bxc4 14.bxc4 Qe7 15.Rc2 =-= Radjabov 2670 Bacrot 2675, Tripoli LBA 2004;
- 9.Bb2 Be7 10.h3 Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 OO 13.Nd2 =-= Malaniuk 2610 Dreev 2645, Yerevan ARM 1996;
- 8.h3 Bf5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 Bg6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.a4 b4 16.e6 Qd6 17.f4 Be4 18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 g6 21.f5 Bg7 22.Ra2 Bc3+ =-=(35) Kramnik 2772 Sasikiran 2694, Dresden GER 2008;
- 9.00 e6 10.Bd3 Bb4 11.Bb2 00 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Qd3 g6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.a4 bxa4 17.Nxa4 Rfc8 18.Rfc1 Qd6 19.Rc2 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 a5 21.Qc6 Rb8 22.Rc1 Qxc6 =-=(25) Sokolov 2677 Movsesian 2659, Sarajevo 2003;
- 9.Nh4 Ne4 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Nxf5 e6 12.Ng3 Bb4+ 13.Kf1 Nxg3+ 14.fxg3 00 15.Bf3 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rb1 Qa5 19.Qe2 Nf6 20.Kg1 Bd6 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.Kh2 Qc7 =-=(86) Nikolic 2655 Illescas Cordoba 2635, Wijk aan Zee NED 1997.
- [*50*] 8.h3 Bh5 9.Bb2 Bd6 10.00 =-= Radjabov 2728 Morozevich 2731, Biel SUI 2006;
- 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bd6 12.00 00 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc1 Nbd7 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Ba5 Qb7 17.Nb4 Rac8 18.f3 Nb8 19.Qd2 Nfd7 20.Rfd1 h6 21.Kf2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 =-=(32) Karpov 2693 Sokolov 2695, Hoogeveen 2003;
- 9.00 Nbd7 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Bb2 Be7 15.Nd4 Qb6 16.Rc1 00 17.Rc6 Qb7 18.Qc2 Ra7 19.Rc1 Nxe5 20.Nxe6 Qxc6 21.Nxf8 Qxc2 22.Rxc2 Nc4 0-1(34) Krasenkow 2595 Epishin 2650, Brno 1994.
- [*51*] 8...Be7 9.Bb2 00 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Ra7 13.Nf4 Qb6 14.Rc1 Rc7 15.Rxc7 Qxc7 16.Qb1 Rc8 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.Rc2 Ne8 19.Nfd3 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 f6 21.Nf3 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Nxc6 =-=(55) Savchenko 2585 Bareev 2675, Kazan RUS 1995.
- 8...Bd6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 00 11.e4 Bb4 12.Qc2 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 dxe4 14.Bd1 Nbd7 15.Bc2 bxc4 16.bxc4 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4 Qe7 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Bxe4 Rab8 0-1(51) Kuzmin 2567 Nikolic 2671, Amsterdam 2004.

- [*53*] 9...Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Be7 12.Bd2 00 13.Rfc1 Qb8 14.a4 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Ra2 Qb7 17.Rac2 Rac8 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Be1 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Rb8 21.Nf4 Nb6 22.Qc6 Qxc6 =-=(38) Berkes 2601 Wang Yue 2626, Paks HUN 2006;
- 11...Bb4 12.Bb2 bxc4 13.bxc4 00 14.Rab1 Qe7 15.Ba1 a5 16.Na4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nxc5 Bxc5 21.Rfd1 Rfd8 22.Rdc1 Ba3 0-1(34) Riazantsev 2596 Volkov 2628, ChessAssistantClub INT 2004;
- 10.Bb2 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Be7 14.e4 00 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.exd5 exd5 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Rac1 Nb8 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Rc1 Qe6 21.Qc3 Bd6 22.a4 =-= Bu Xiangzhi 2708 Zhang Pengxiang 2640, Jiangsu Wuxi (China) 2008.
- 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bb4 11.Qc2 00 12.Bd2 bxc4 13.bxc4 Nb6 14.Nxd5 Nbxd5 15.cxd5 Bxd2 16.dxc6 Ba5 17.c7 Qxc7 18.Qxc7 Bxc7 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.Rfc1 Ra7 21.Rc6 Kf8 22.Rac1 Ne8 0-1(61) Mamedyarov 2722 Kamsky 2697, playchess.com INT 2006.
- [*54*] 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Qc7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.f3 Qb7 17.e4 dxe4 18.d5 Qxd5 19.fxe4 Qxd1 20.Rcxd1 Nxe4 21.Rxf7+ Kc6 22.Nd4+ Kb6 0-1(40) Sokolov 2684 Rustemov 2597, Germany 2003;
- 12...bxc4 13.bxc4 00 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Nd3 Rfc8 16.c5 Be7 17.Rfb1 Rcb8 18.Bc3 Qc8 19.Be1 Bd8 20.Rb3 Rb5 21.Rxb5 axb5 22.a4 Ne8 1-0(49) Najer 2614 Kobalia 2614, Kazan RUS 2005.
- [*55*] 13.a4 bxc4 14.bxc4 00 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Qd3 =-= Komarov 2595 Shirov 2685, Budapest HUN 1996.
- 12...Qc7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Qd2 OO 17.Qa5 Qxa5 18.Nxa5 Rfc8 19.f3 Kf8 20.Kf2 Ke8 21.g4 Bb4 22.Nc6 Bd2 =-=(60) Chuchelov 2591 Dautov 2617, Mainz GER 2002.
- [*56*] 5...g6 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.e3 00 8.Be2 c5 9.dxc5 Qa5 10.00 dxc4 11.Ne5 Qxc5 12.Nxc4 Nc6 13.a5 Be6 14.Na4 Qb4 15.Nab6 Rad8 16.Qa4 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Qxb4 Nxb4 19.Rad1 Rc5 20.b3 Nd5 21.Bf3 Rb5 22.Rd3 Nb4 0-1(61) Khalifman 2630 Sokolov 2640, Groningen NED 1993;
- 9.00 cxd4 10.exd4 Nc6 11.Ne5 Be6 12.c5 a5 13.Bf3 Nd7 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Ncxe5 16.dxe5 e6 17.Nf6+ Nxf6 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Bd6 Rfc8 20.Ra3 Bf8 21.Rb3 Bxd6 22.cxd6 Rc5 =-=(30) Yermolinsky 2554 Kamsky 2686, San Diego USA 2006;
- 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bf4 Nc6 8.e3 Bg7 9.h3 OO 10.Be2 Ne4 11.OO Nxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Nd2 Be6 14.Qb1 Rc8 15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Qb6 Qd8 17.Qb4 Re8 18.Bd3 Bf8 19.Qb2 Qd7 20.Rab1 Bf5 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Qb6 Qd8 0-1(50) Grischuk 2717 Nakamura 2651, playchess.com INT 2007.
- 5...Bf5 6.Qb3 Ra7 7.a5 e6 8.Qb6 Qxb6 9.axb6 Ra8 10.c5 Nbd7 11.e3 Be7 12.Be2 00 13.Nd2 e5 14.00 Rfe8 15.Nb3 Bf8 16.Bd2 Bc2 17.Na5 exd4 18.exd4 Nxc5 19.dxc5 d4 20.Bf3 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Ne4 22.Rfc1 Bd3 1-0(36) Gelfand 2712 Morozevich 2749, Astana 2001;
- 6...b6 7.g3 e6 8.Bg2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 b5 10.Qb3 b4 11.Nb1 Be7 12.00 00 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Rac1 c5 16.Ne5 cxd4 17.Nc6 Qe8 18.Nxd4 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Bg4 20.Qc4 h6 21.Be3 Nd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 1-0(60) Kaidanov 2640 Shabalov 2590, Long Beach, CA USA 1993;
- 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 h6 8.Qb3 Ra7 9.a5 Nbd7 10.00 Bd6 11.Nd2 Bc7 12.Qa3 Qe7 13.b4 Bd6 14.c5 Bc7 15.Bb2 00 16.Rae1 Re8 17.f3 e5 18.e4 exd4 19.exf5 Qxe1 20.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 21.Kf2 Re3 22.Qa1 dxc3 =-=(47) Beliavsky 2645 Volkov 2605, Belgrade YUG 1998.

- 5...Nbd7 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 Bb4 8.Qb3 Qa5 9.Nd2 b5 10.cxb5 axb5 11.Bc7 Qxc7 12.Qxb4 bxa4 13.Nxa4 c5 14.dxc5 00 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Nb3 Rfb8 17.Nb6 Nxb6 18.cxb6 Qd8 19.Qd4 Bc8 20.Be2 Rxb6 21.Nd2 Rab8 22.b3 Qd6 =-=(89) Shulman 2667 Ibragimov 2680, Stillwater USA 2007;
- 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.00 Nxf4 11.exf4 00 12.Qc2 Nf6 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.g3 Bd7 15.Ne4 Be8 16.Nfg5 g6 17.Bb3 b6 18.Qe2 Qe7 19.Rc1 a5 20.Rfd1 Rd8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Ne1 Qd7 =-=(31) Gustafsson 2588 Volkov 2640, Dresden 2007.
- 5...Bg4 6.Qb3 Ra7 7.Ne5 Be6 8.e3 g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.a5 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 00 13.00 Ne8 14.Rd1 Nd6 15.e4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 b5 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.Be3 Rb7 19.Na4 Qb5 20.Rdc1 Rd8 21.h3 h5 22.Ra2 e5 =-=(34) Onischuk 2650 Kamsky 2671, New York, NY USA 2006.
- [*57*] 6.e3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.00 Be7 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e4 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Ne1 Qb6 14.h3 Be6 15.Nf4 Bb3 16.Qe2 OO 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Bd2 h6 20.g3 Rac8 21.a5 Qd8 22.Qf1 Nd7 0-1(52) Sokolov 2690 Bacrot 2675, Albert FRA 2004;
- 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.00 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd6 11.Bf3 00 12.b3 Bc7 13.Bb2 Re8 14.Nce2 Ne5 15.Rc1 h5 16.Nf4 Bg4 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.Nf5 Rc8 19.Rc2 Qd7 20.Ng3 Bb8 21.Rd2 Rcd8 22.Qa1 g5 1-0(61) Harikrishna 2599 Epishin 2610, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 6...a5 7.Bd3 Na6 8.00 Nb4 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Be4 00 13.Ra3 g6 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Qe2 Qe7 16.h4 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Ng5 Bg7 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rg3 f5 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Rf3 Qc5 0-1(38) Sokolov 2706 Malakhov 2700, Montpellier FRA 2004.
- 6.a5 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e3 cxd4 11.Qxd4 c5 12.Qd1 Be7 13.e4 Nb4 14.Bd2 OO 15.Be2 Ra7 16.Be3 Rd7 17.Qb1 Nc6 18.Qa2 Nd4 19.Bd1 Rb7 20.OO Bd7 21.f3 Rb4 22.Rf2 Qc7 0-1(57) Azmaiparashvili 2625 Epishin 2675, Elenite 1994:
 - 1-0 Azmaiparashvili 2625 Epishin 2675, Bourgas BUL 1994.
- 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Bd6 10.Bd3 OO 11.OO b6 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.Bb1 Be7 14.Qc2 Nb4 15.Qb3 Nc6 16.h3 Rc8 17.Rfd1 Re8 18.Qc2 Nb4 19.Qe2 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Qe1 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Rxc3 =-=(30) Kasimdzhanov 2704 Bacrot 2653, Batumi GEO 2001.
- [*58*] 6...a5 7.e3 Na6 8.Be2 Be7 9.00 Nb4 10.Qb3 00 11.Na2 Na6 12.h3 Ne4
 13.Racl f5 14.Nc3 Nd6 15.Ne5 Nb4 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Na2 Nxa2 18.Qxa2 Be8 19.Qb3 Ra7
 20.f3 Kh8 21.Kh1 Bf6 22.Qc3 Nf7 =-=(94) Carlsen 2775 Kamsky 2723, Moscow RUS
 2008.
- 6...Bb4 7.e3 00 8.Be2 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.00 Nc6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qc2 Be7 14.Ne5 Nb4 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Rfc1 Qa5 17.Nf3 Rfc8 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.h3 Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Qc3 Qc5 =-=(46) Dao 2572 Bacrot 2653, Batumi GEO 2001.
- 6...Be7 7.e3 00 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.h3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nd5 11.Bg3 Qa5 12.Qc2 Bb4 13.00 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc3 15.Rab1 Bb4 16.Ng5 Qxg5 17.Rxb4 h6 18.Bd6 Re8 19.Ba2 a5 20.Rb3 e5 21.f4 exf4 22.Bxf4 Qe7 =-=(25) Stocek 2580 Movsesian 2635, Czech Rep CZE 2005.
- [*59*] 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Bd3 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qg3 Kf6 20.Nh7+ Kf7 21.Ng5+ Kf6 22.Rad1 Qe8 1-0(39) Carlsen 2775 Movsesian 2723, Moscow RUS 2008.
- [*60*] 6...a5 7.Bg2 Be7 8.00 00 9.Nd2 Na6 10.e4 Nb4 11.e5 Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Ndb1 Nb8 14.Na3 N8c6 15.Be3 b6 16.Re1 Ba6 17.Nab5 Na7 18.Qd2 Nxb5 19.axb5 Bc8 20.h4 h6 21.Bf4 Bd7 22.Bf1 Re8 1-0(72) Najer 2606 Malakhov 2672, Moscow RUS 2003;
- 15.Nab5 Bd7 16.Be3 Qb6 17.Qd2 Na7 18.Nxa7 Rxa7 19.Rfc1 Raa8 20.Bf1 Rfc8 21.Nb5 Rc6 22.Rc3 Rac8 1-0(46) Ruck 2523 Morozevich 2731, Mainz GER 2006;

- 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.b3 dxc4 12.bxc4 Nxc4 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.e4 Na6 15.Rd1 Nb4 16.Bf4 Nd7 17.h4 b6 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 c5 20.Nb5 Ba6 21.Bf1 c4 22.Bxc4 Nc5 =-=(48) Najer 2606 Malakhov 2672, ? 2003;
- 7...Nbd7 8.00 Bb4 9.e4 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxe4 11.Ba3 Ndf6 12.Ne5 Nd6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.c4 00 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 =-= Carlsen 2776 Kamsky 2725, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
- 6...Nbd7 7.Bg2 Bb4 8.00 00 9.Bf4 dxc4 10.Qc2 c5 11.Na2 a5 12.Nxb4 cxb4 13.Qxc4 b6 14.Rfc1 Ba6 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Qd1 Bb7 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Rc1 Qa8 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 Rc8 21.f3 h6 22.e4 Rxc1 1-0(40) Ivanchuk 2705 Shirov 2685, Tilburg NED 1993;
 - 1-0(40) Ivancsics 2710 Shirov 2705, ? 1993;
- 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bf4 b6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nb5 Ba6 13.Rfc1 Qe7 14.Qd1 Rac8 15.Na7 Rxc1 16.Rxc1 Ra8 17.Nc6 Qf8 18.Bf1 Bd6 19.Nfe5 Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 =-= Radjabov 2761 Karjakin 2706, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
- 6...b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.00 Be7 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.e4 dxc4 12.Qg4 c5 13.d5 00 14.dxe6 Ne5 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.Qe6 Qd6 17.Qxd6 Bxd6 18.f4 Nd3 19.e5 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bc7 21.e6 Rf5 22.g4 Rxf4 1-0(40) Kramnik 2710 Bareev 2660, Belgrade YUG 1993.
- 6...Be7 7.Bg2 00 8.00 a5 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.e4 Nb6 11.c5 Nbd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Re1 b6 14.cxb6 Nxb6 15.h4 Kh8 16.Bf4 Ba6 17.Qh5 Nc4 18.b3 Bb4 19.Rec1 Nb2 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 Nd3 22.Rc2 Bd6 =-=(46) Adianto 2572 Bu Xiangzhi 2692, Macau MAC 2007.
- 6...Bb4 7.Bg2 dxc4 8.Ne5 Nd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.axb5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 cxb5 12.e4 Ne7 13.h4 Nd7 14.Ng4 Bb7 15.00 h5 16.Ne3 Nf6 17.Qb1 Qd7 18.Bc1 00 19.Ba3 Rfd8 20.f4 Ng4 21.Nxg4 hxg4 22.Qe1 Re8 =-=(47) Huzman 2595 Volkov 2642, Panormo GRE 2002.
- [*61*] 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Bg2 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.a5 Bb4 11.00 00 12.Qa4 Qe7 13.Rfd1 Rb8 14.Qa2 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Qxe2 17.Nxb4 cxb4 18.Rd2 Qe7 19.Qxc4 Nf6 20.Rd4 b5 21.Qxb4 Qxb4 22.Rxb4 Bb7 1-0(70) Ponomariov 2722 Bacrot 2712, ? 2004;
- 8.Ne5 h6 9.Bg2 a5 10.00 Qe7 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 b5 13.Nxd7 Ra6 14.b4 Ra7 15.Nxe7 Rb7 16.h4 h5 17.g4 g6 18.Re1 Kxe7 1-0 Ponomariov 2720 Bacrot 2710, ? 2004.
- [*62*] 8.00 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nbd7 10.Nc2 Qc7 11.Qd4 Bc5 12.Qh4 Be7 13.Na3 Ne5 14.Bf4 h6 15.Bxe5 =-= Kramnik 2740 Gelfand 2700, Linares ESP 1997;
- 9...Bc5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Nc2 OO 12.a5 Nc6 13.Na4 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Rd8 15.Qe1 Nd4 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Rd1 e5 18.Nexc4 Bg4 19.Rd2 e4 20.h3 Be6 21.Qd1 Nc6 22.Qa4 Rxd2 =-=(45) Kamsky 2695 Bareev 2685, ? 1994;
- 9...Qc7 10.a5 Nbd7 11.Nc2 Bc5 12.Bf4 e5 13.Be3 OO 14.Na4 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Qxa5 16.Qd6 Qb5 17.Rfc1 a5 18.Nxc4 Ra6 19.Qc7 Qb4 20.Ne3 g6 21.Rc4 Qd2 22.Rc2 Qd4 1-0(39) Beliavsky 2665 Illescas Cordoba Miguel 2635, ? 1997;
- 8...Nc6 9.Ne5 Na5 10.dxc5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bxc5 12.Bf4 Ke7 13.Rac1 Ra7 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 b6 16.Bd2 f6 17.Bxa5 fxe5 18.Rxc4 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 bxa5 20.Rc5 Bd7 21.b3 Rb8 22.Rd3 Rb4 1-0(31) Bacrot 2705 Laznicka 2596, Deutschland 2006;
- 9.dxc5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bxc5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Ned2 c3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Nd4 f5 17.N4b3 Nxb3 18.Nxb3 e5 19.Bd5 00 20.Na5 Rb8 21.Rab1 Rd8 22.c4 Kg7 1-0(65) Beliavsky Hodgson Julian M, ? 1996.
- [*63*] 9...Bxc5 10.00 Nc6 11.Be3 Be7 12.Nd2 Na5 13.Bb6 Nb3 14.Nxb3 cxb3 15.Ne3 00 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.Rd3 Rac8 18.Rxb3 Bc6 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Rd1 Rfc8 21.Kg2 Kf8 22.Bd4 R6c7 =-=(88) Halkias 2665 Lputian 2625, ? 2000.
- [*64*] 10.Be3 Nd5 11.00 Nxe3 12.Nxe3 Bxc5 13.Nxc4 Ke7 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Nfe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bd6 17.Nxd7 Kxd7 18.Bxb7 Ra7 19.Bc6+ Ke7 20.b3 Rb8 21.Rb1 f5 22.e3 Rc7 1-0(61) Aronian 2724 Bacrot 2725, Khanty Mansyisk RUS 2005.

- [*65*] 11...Bd7 12.00 Ke7 13.b3 b5 14.Nce5 Rac8 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bb2 f6 18.Rfc1 Rc7 19.Ne1 Rhc8 20.Nd3 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 =-=(36) Gelfand 2701 Azmaiparashvili 2674, Moscow RUS 2001.
- [*66*] 13.Rd1 f6 14.Nfd2 Rd8 15.Nb3 Ba7 16.Nca5 Rb8 17.Nxc6+ bxc6 18.Na5 Bd7 19.b3 Bc5 20.Bd2 Bb4 21.Rac1 Rdc8 22.Bxb4+ Nxb4 1-0(58) Aronian 2750 Movsesian 2751. ? 0;
 - 1-0(58) Aronian 2750 Movsesian 2751, Wijk aan Zee NED 2009.
- 13.Nfe5 Nd4 14.Be3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Nf5 16.b4 Ba7 17.Rad1 f6 18.Bxb7 Bxb7 19.Rd7+ Ke8 20.Rxb7 fxe5 21.g4 Nxe3 22.Nd6+ Kd8 =-= Bareev 2670 Shirov 2670, Groningen NED 1993;
 - =-=(24) Bareev Shirov, ? 1993.
- 12...Bd7 13.Nfe5 Rac8 14.Nd3 Nd4 15.Bxb7 Rc7 16.Bf3 Nb3 17.Nxc5 Rxc5 18.Ra3 Nxc1 19.Rxc1 Rb8 20.e3 Rxb2 21.Nxb2 Rxc1+ 22.Kg2 Rc2 =-=(92) Gelfand 2713 Movsesian 2659, Batumi GEO 1999.
- [*67*] 6...Be7 7.e3 a5 8.Be2 Na6 9.00 00 10.Qb3 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.c5 Nb4 13.cxb6 h6 14.Bh4 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Ng4 Be7 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Bb5 Qxb6 19.Ne2 Rfc8 20.Nd4 Nc6 21.Qd1 f5 22.Qh5 Bxh4 =-=(43) Vaganian 2670 Bacrot 2715, Poikovsky RUS 2005;
- 10...Nb4 11.Rfd1 b6 12.Na2 Nxa2 13.Rxa2 Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rc1 Bb7 17.Qa3 Qxa3 18.Rxa3 f6 19.Bd3 Rfd8 20.h4 g6 21.Rac3 Kf7 22.h5 Rab8 =- (59) Cheparinov 2625 Karjakin 2660, Cuernavaca MEX 2006;
- 9...Nb4 10.Rc1 00 11.Qb3 b6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Na2 Bd7 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Nd3 Bxb5 18.axb5 Be7 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Qc2 Rb8 0-1(28) Grischuk 2705 Malakhov 2674, Moscow 2004;
- 7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 b6 9.00 Bb7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Qc2 Qb8 12.a5 b5 13.Rfc1 Bd6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bd5 16.Bh4 Bf4 17.Re1 Qc7 18.Qe2 Qb7 19.Bg5 Bc7 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Nfg5 Qb8 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 =-=(51) Bu Xiangzhi 2714 Nguyen Ngoc Truongson (VIE) 2567, Dresden (Germany) 2008.
- 6...Bb4 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 b6 10.00 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 dxc4 13.exf6 Qxd3 14.fxg7 Rg8 15.Qf3 Rxg7 16.Ne4 f5 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Ng3 1-0 Khalifman 2650 Hodgson 2615, Ischia ITA 1996;
- 7...Qa5 8.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Nd2 gxf6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Be2 f5 13.00 Nd7 14.a5 Qb4 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.Qc2 Ne4 17.Bxe4 fxe4 18.f3 Bf5 19.fxe4 Bg6 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.Nxb3 Bxe4 22.Nc5 00 =-=(82) Vaganian 2662 Volkov 2567, Moscow RUS 2002;
- 7.Qb3 Qa5 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.g3 Nd7 10.Bg2 f5 11.00 Be7 12.e3 Qb4 13.Qa2 Bf6 14.a5 Qe7 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Rfb1 00 17.b4 b5 18.axb6 Nxb6 19.Ne1 Bd7 20.Nd3 Bb5 21.Nc5 Bc4 22.Qc2 Kh8 =-=(35) Gagunashvili 2625 Milov 2676, Oak Brook 2007.
- [*68*] 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e3 Nd7 9.Bd3 a5 10.00 Bb4 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Qf4 13.c5 00 14.Rc1 Rb8 15.g3 Qc7 16.Bb1 b6 17.Qd3 f5 18.cxb6 Qxb6 19.Ned2 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 Qxb2 21.Qxa5 Qb4 22.Qxb4 Rxb4 =-=(60) Huzman 2590 Karjakin 2730, Kallithea GRE 2008;
- 8.g3 Bb4 9.Bg2 00 10.00 a5 11.Qb3 Nd7 12.e4 dxc4 13.Qxc4 e5 14.d5 Nb6 15.Qb3 Rd8 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Kh1 Rac8 18.h3 Qg6 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.Kh2 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 e4 0-1(63) Shulman 2616 Shabalov 2626, Las Vegas 2007.
- [*69*] 8.e4 g5 9.Bg3 b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Nc6
 14.Ne5 Na5 15.Rb8 Nxe4 16.f3 Nd6 17.h4 f6 18.hxg5 Nf5 19.Be1 Bxe1 20.Qxe1 fxe5
 21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.Qxa5 OO 0-1(32) Ivanchuk 2729 Topalov 2801, Monte Carlo MNC
 2006;
- 16.Rxb5 Bd2 17.Qc2 Nxg3+ 18.hxg3 Ba6 19.Qxd2 Bxb5 20.Qb4 Qb6 21.Ke3 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Qxc6 1-0(58) Berkes 2601 Wang 2610, Taiyuan CHN 2006.

- 8.a5 Bb4 9.Qa4 Qe7 10.e3 Bd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bxc4 c5 13.Qb3 Nc6 14.00 Nxa5 15.Rxa5 Bxa5 16.Qxb7 00 17.Ne4 Rfd8 18.Nxc5 Rab8 19.Qxa6 Bb4 20.Nd3 Qd6 21.Qa2 Bc6 22.b3 Bxf3 =-=(31) Shulman 2676 Yermolinsky 2568, Wheeling, IL 2008.
- [*70*] 8...Bb4 9.Ke2 Rg8 10.Ne5 Bc5 11.Qd2 Ra7 12.f4 Bxd4 13.Kf2 Bc5 14.g3 Bd4 15.Kg2 0-1 Van Wely 2647 Topalov 2801, ? 2006.
- [*71*] 9.Be2 Bb7 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.axb5 axb5 12.00 Be7 13.Bf3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Nd5 16.Rxa8+ Bxa8 17.Ra1 Bxh4 18.Rxa8+ Bd8 19.Kf1 Kd7 20.Ne4 Kc7 21.Nd6 Rf8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 =-=(57) Onischuk 2650 Najer 2652, Poikovsky RUS 2006.
- [*72*] 13.Ke2 Bb7 14.Ra1 f5 15.Ne5 Rg8 16.f4 Nc6 17.Nf3 Na5 18.Kf2 Nb3 19.Ra7 Be4 20.Ra2 e5 21.fxe5 f4 22.Be2 fxe3+ 0-1(43) Van Wely 2647 Topalov 2801, Wijk aan Zee NED 2006.
- [*73*] 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bb4+ 9.Nc3 c5 10.Be2 00 11.00 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Ndb5 h6 14.Bh4 Qe7 15.Qc1 Bxc3 16.Nxc3 Nd4 17.Ra3 Nf5 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Rd1 Bd7 21.Ng3 Bc6 22.Nxf5 exf5 =-=(44) Greenfeld 2547 Bacrot 2718, Bastia FRA 2004.
- 9...Nb4 10.Qb3 00 11.Na2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Kh8 13.Qc2 Rg8 14.b3 Qf8 15.Ne1 Bd6 16.g3 Nd3 17.d5 cxd5 18.Rc1 Nb4 19.Rd1 g6 20.Nxb4 axb4 21.f3 Ng4 22.Bxd5 f5 1-0(23) Van Wely Loek (NED) 2680 Prie Eric (FRA) 2532, Bastia (France) 2007;
- 11.Rac1 Kh8 12.Rfd1 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Na2 Bd7 15.Nxb4 Qxb4 16.Qxb4 axb4 17.Ne5 Be8 18.f3 Nd6 19.c5 Nf5 20.e4 f6 21.Ng4 Ne7 22.b3 Bh5 1-0(38) Van Wely 2679 Prie 2532, Bastia 2007;
- 8.Bd3 Nb4 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Bh4 e5 13.00 Be6 14.Re1 Qc7 15.Qb1 000 16.Bf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5+ Qd7 18.Qb1 Rhg8 19.Bg3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Bc5 21.Nb3 Ba7 22.c5 Nd3 0-1(76) Ponomariov 2705 Wang Hao 2643, Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007.
- [*75*] 8.Rc1 Na6 9.Be2 OO 10.OO Nb4 11.Qb3 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Na2 Nxa2 14.Qxa2
 Nf6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.c5 Be8 18.Rc3 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.Rb3 Rc7 21.Qb1
 h6 22.Rb6 e5 =-=(44) Sokolov 2691 Malakhov 2673, Merida ESP 2005;
- 11...h6 12.Bh4 b6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Ne5 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nd3 Ba6 17.Nxb4 Qxb4 18.Qxb4 axb4 19.Nb5 Rfc8 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.Nd6 Rc6 22.Bxa6 Rxd6 =- (29) Gelfand 2704 Bacrot 2653, Albert 2002;
- 9...Nb4 10.00 00 11.Qb3 b6 12.Na2 c5 13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Nxb4 axb4 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.cxd5 Bxd5 18.Bc4 Qa5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Qxa4 21.Qxa4 Rxa4 22.b3 Ra2 =-= Savchenko 2560 Bacrot 2664, Germany 2003;
- 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nb4 11.Bb1 Be6 12.00 Nd7 13.Bf4 00 14.Re1 Re8 15.e4 Nf8 16.Bg3 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bd5 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nd3 Ne6 20.Nfe5 f6 21.Nf3 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Nxd4 =-=(54) Mamedyarov 2674 Kasimdzhanov 2670, Baku AZE 2005;
- 8...00 9.Bd3 Na6 10.00 Nb4 11.Bb1 b6 12.Qe2 Ba6 13.b3 Nd7 14.Bf4 f5 15.Rfd1 Bf6 16.Na2 Qe7 17.Nxb4 Qxb4 18.Bd3 Rfc8 19.cxd5 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 cxd5 21.Rc2 Qa3 22.h3 Kf7 1-0(54) Gelfand 2710 Malakhov 2670, ? 2005.
- 8.Bd3 Na6 9.00 Nb4 10.Re1 00 11.e4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 f6 14.Bd2 Bd7 15.Bc3 Be8 16.Qe2 Bf7 17.Rad1 b6 18.Ng3 Re8 19.Qe4 Bf8 20.Qg4 Ra7 21.Nh5 Bg6 22.Ng3 Bf7 =-=(54) Kamsky 2726 Bacrot 2705, Baku AZE 2008;

- 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bxe4 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxc4 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.Nxc6 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nb8 17.Ne5 f6 18.Rhc1 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Kxd7 20.Ra3 f5 21.Bf3 g5 22.Rb3 Rb8 1-0(51) Grischuk 2717 Bacrot 2709, Odessa 2007;
- 9.Rcl Nb4 10.Bbl Nd7 11.Bf4 dxc4 12.e4 b6 13.00 Bb7 14.Nd2 Nd3 15.Bxd3 cxd3 16.Nc4 00 17.Qxd3 Ba6 18.Ne2 b5 19.axb5 cxb5 20.Nd2 e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Qxd8 Rfxd8 0-1(57) Sokolov 2696 Malakhov 2670, Khanty Mansiysk 2005;
- 8...Nbd7 9.00 00 10.Qe2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd5 12.Bf4 Nxf4 13.exf4 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nd5 15.g3 f5 16.Rfe1 Bf6 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Ne5 Re8 19.Na2 Re7 20.Nc1 Be8 21.Ncd3 h6 22.h4 Kh7 1-0(40) Gagunashvili 2563 Morozevich 2678, Moscow RUS 2003.
- [*76*] 8...Na6 9.00 00 10.Qb3 Nb4 11.Na2 Nxa2 12.Rxa2 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Qc5 Qxc5 17.dxc5 Rfd8 18.Ra3 Nb4 19.Nc4 Be8 20.Rc1 Kf8 21.Rb3 f6 22.Nxa5 Na2 =-=(63) Bareev 2698 Najer 2652, Poikovsky RUS 2006;
- 12...Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Raal b6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rfc1 Bb7 17.Ne1 Rab8 18.Qc3 g6 19.Nd3 Rfc8 20.Bf3 Ba6 21.Nf4 Nf6 22.Qe1 Kg7 =-=(55) Beliavsky 2625 Wang 2610, Amsterdam NED 2006;
- 11.Racl b6 12.cxd5 Nfxd5 13.Bf4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bd6 15.g3 Bb7 16.Bc4 c5 17.d5 Bxf4 18.Rcd1 b5 19.axb5 Bd6 20.Rd2 a4 21.Qd1 e5 22.Re1 a3 1-0(36) Nielsen 2668 Bacrot 2729, Dortmund 2005.
- [*77*] 10.Ne5 Nb4 11.Qb3 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd3 dxc4 14.Qxc4 e5 15.Nxb4 Qxb4 16.Rfd1 exd4 17.Rxd4 Qxb2 18.Rb1 Qa3 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nd6 Nf6 21.Qc5 Nd7 22.Qc3 Nf6 =-=(24) Kramnik 2809 Bacrot 2653, Paris FRA 2002.
- 10.Rc1 Nb4 11.h3 b6 12.cxd5 Nfxd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.e4 Nf6 16.Qe3 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Nd2 h6 19.Bf1 Rac8 20.Nc4 Ba6 21.Rd2 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 c5 1-0(57) Kasimdzhanov 2680 Zhang Pengxiang 2557, Mumbai 2003.
- [*78*] 11.Rac1 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Na2 Nxa2 14.Qxa2 Nf6 15.Qa3 Qxa3 16.bxa3 Nd7 17.Rb1 Re8 18.Nd2 Kf8 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf6 21.Nxf6 gxf6 22.Rfd1 Rb8 =-=(35) Nielsen 2668 Malakhov 2673, Sant Lluis ESP 2005.
- 11.Na2 Nxa2 12.Qxa2 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne5 Rd8 16.Bf3 Bd7 17.Qc5 Kf8 18.Nc4 b6 19.Qxe7+ Kxe7 20.e4 Nb4 21.Nxb6 Ra6 22.Nc4 Be8 =-=(24) Shulman 2677 Izoria 2659, Las Vegas USA 2008.
- [*79*] 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Na2 Nxa2 14.Qxa2 Nd7 15.Bf4 Bb7 16.Rac1 Bb4 17.Qb1 Qe7 18.Qf5 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qc2 Rab8 =-=(99) Wang Yue 2626 Malakhov 2690, ? 2006.
- [*80*] 13.Rxa2 Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rc1 Bb7 17.Qa3 Rfe8 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Ra3 Kf8 20.Bd3 g6 21.g4 Ree8 22.Rb3 Rec8 1-0(50) Grischuk 2709 Roiz 2611, Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006.
- [*81*] 7.a5 h6 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.c5 g6 10.Qc2 Bg7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qc2 e5 15.Bc4 Bf5 16.Qe2 Qe4 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe4 Bxe4 19.dxe5 Rd8 20.f3 Bd5 21.Rc1 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Rd5 =-=(62) Kramnik 2802 Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2001; =-=(61) Kramnik 2809 Kasparov 2838, ? 2001;
- 8.Bh4 dxc4 9.e3 b5 10.axb6 Nxb6 11.Ne5 c5 12.Be2 cxd4 13.Bh5 Ra7 14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Nxa7 dxc3 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nxc8 cxb2 18.Rxa6 Bb4+ 19.Ke2 c3 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Ra7 Rxc8 22.Rxc7+ Rxc7 0-1(40) Akobian 2671 Kacheishvili 2657, Las Vegas USA 2008;
- 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Qa4 Qd6 11.e3 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Bxb4 13.Ra4 Nd5 14.Kd2 c5 15.Ne5 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Ra1 cxd4 18.exd4 Bb7 19.Nxc4 Nxc4+ 20.Bxc4 Ke7 21.Rhc1 Bxg2 22.Bxa6 g5 0-1(64) Lafuente 2505 Ponomariov 2718, Villarrobledo 2008;
- 7...Bb4 8.Qa4 Be7 9.e3 OO 10.Be2 b5 11.axb6 Nxb6 12.Qc2 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.OO c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.Ra4 Be7 18.Bf4 Qc5 19.Ne5 Bb7 20.Rxc4 Qa5 21.Qb3 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 1-0(62) Bu Xiangzhi 2714 Movsesian 2732, Nanjing CHN 2008;

- 10...h6 11.Bh4 b5 12.axb6 Nxb6 13.Qa2 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.00 Nd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qxc4 =-= Rause 2708 Elwert 2687, ICCF Email 2002;
- 10.Qb3 h6 11.Bf4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Bg3 b5 14.axb6 N7xb6 15.Be2 c5 16.OO cxd4 17.Nxd4 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Qd5 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Rdb1 Ra7 22.Rb3 Bc5 1-0(57) Van Wely 2679 Nguyen 2530, Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007;
- 7...dxc4 8.e4 h6 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.Ne5 c5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.d5 Qxa4 14.Rxa4 exd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 000 17.Bxc4 Bd6 18.00 Rhe8 19.g3 Re4 20.b3 Rde8 21.Ra2 Rd4 22.Rc1 Kd7 =-=(76) Gelfand 2710 Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2002;
- 8.e3 h6 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Bxc4 Bb4 11.Qa4 Qe7 12.00 00 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Nd3 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Be2 Bd7 18.Ne4 Bxa4 19.Nxc5 Bc6 20.Rfc1 Rfc8 21.f3 Kf8 22.e4 Ke7 =-=(90) Dautov 2617 Morozevich 2707, Bled SLO 2002;
- 7...Be7 8.e3 00 9.Be2 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.00 f5 12.Ne1 Kh8 13.Na4 Rb8 14.b3 Nef6 15.Nc3 Rd8 16.Qc2 Nf8 17.Nd3 Bd7 18.Qb2 Be8 19.Qa3 Qxa3 20.Rxa3 N8d7 21.Rc1 Bf7 22.Na4 Kg8 =-=(41) Van Wely 2679 Nguyen 2530, Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007.
- 7.Qc2 h6 8.Bh4 Be7 9.e3 00 10.a5 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Be2 Bg4 16.00 Rac8 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.h3 Ne4 19.Qa4 Bh5 20.Rac1 Ng3 21.Bd3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxf3 =-=(34) Van Wely 2647 Ivanchuk 2729, Monte Carlo 2006;
- 8...Qa5 9.e3 Ne4 10.Bd3 f5 11.00 Bd6 12.c5 Bb8 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Nd2 00 15.f3 exf3 16.Nxf3 Rf7 17.Rf2 Nf8 18.b4 Qc7 19.Ne5 Rxf2 20.Qxf2 g5 21.Bg3 Qg7 22.Rf1 Bc7 1-0(24) Van Wely 2655 Karjakin 2645, Merida ESP 2005;
- 8...Bb4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 a5 11.Bd3 00 12.00 Re8 13.h3 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.Ne5 Be6 16.f4 c5 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Rad1 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Ne4 20.Be1 f6 21.Nf3 c4 22.Nc3 Bb4 0-1(48) Gustafsson 2611 Kobalia 2618, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 7...Qa5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.e3 Ne4 10.Bd3 Nxg5 11.Nxg5 g6 12.00 Be7 13.f4 Nf6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Qe2 Bc6 17.g4 Nd7 18.Nf3 Bb4 19.f5 exf5 20.gxf5 00 21.Qg2 Kg7 22.Ng5 Rce8 1-0(37) Ponomariov 2705 Kamsky 2714, Moscow 2007;
- 9.Bd2 Qd8 10.Bf4 b6 11.e3 Bb7 12.Bd3 Be7 13.h3 00 14.00 h6 15.Rfc1 Ra7 16.Qb3 Qa8 17.Rc2 Rc8 18.Rac1 Rc6 19.Na2 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 Ne8 21.Nb4 Nc5 22.dxc5 bxc5 =-=(108) Van Wely 2648 Postny 2571, Germany 2005;
- 9.Nd2 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.e3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nf6 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.00 Rc8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Ndxe4 Be7 18.Qe2 Kf8 19.Nxf6 Bxf6 20.Qf3 Kg7 21.Qxb7 Bc6 22.Qxa6 Qb4 0-1(41) Khenkin 2587 Volkov 2628, Stockholm 2005;
- 7...Be7 8.e3 00 9.a5 h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.b4 Nd7 15.Be2 Nc6 16.Rb1 Qe7 17.Qe4 Nf6 18.Qh4 e5 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 g6 21.Rb2 Rd8 22.00 Bf5 =-=(36) Van Wely 2687 Najer 2615, Minneapolis USA 2005.
- [*82*] 7...cxd5 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Bd6 10.Bd3 b6 11.00 Bb7 12.Qe2 00 13.Rac1 Qb8 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rc2 Rfc8 17.Rfc1 Qb4 18.Nd2 g6 19.b3 Kg7 20.Qd1 e5 21.Na2 Qd6 22.dxe5 Nxe5 0-1(41) Van Wely 2687 Shirov 2714, Koelln GER 2005;
- 12.Rc1 00 13.Rel Qb8 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Qb3 Rfc8 17.Rc2 Rc7 18.Rec1 Rac8 19.Ne2 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 =-= Pelletier 2603 Karjakin 2645, Mérida ESP 2005;
- 8...Be7 9.Bd3 b6 10.00 Bb7 11.Qc2 00 12.Rfc1 h6 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 f5 17.Ne2 Bd6 18.Nf4 Qf6 19.Be2 g5 20.Nd3 g4 21.Nh4 Rfc8 22.Qd1 a5 0-1(66) Ehlvest 2660 Shirov 2685, ? 1996;
 - 0-1(60) Ehlvest 2660 Shirov 2685, Vienna AUT 1996;
- 8...Qa5 9.Bd3 Ne4 10.00 Nxg5 11.Nxg5 Nf6 12.f4 Bb4 13.Rc1 00 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.Qh4 h6 16.Nf3 Rfc8 17.g4 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rxc3 19.g5 Rxd3 20.gxf6 Rxe3 21.Qg4 g6 22.Qh4 h5 1-0(29) Vaganian 2627 Shirov 2746, Istanbul TUR 2000;
- 8...b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Nd7 14.h4 Bg7 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Rxh8+ Bxh8 17.Qh5 Bg7 18.f4 Qe7 19.Ne2 000 20.Qh7 gxf4 21.exf4 Rh8 22.Rc1+ Kb8 =-=(50) Van Wely 2679 Nguyen 2530, Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007.

- [*83*] 8.Qc2 Be7 9.e3 a5 10.Bd3 OO 11.OO Re8 12.Rae1 Nf8 13.h3 Ne4 14.Bf4 Bb4 15.Rd1 Bf5 16.Ne5 Ng6 17.Bxe4 =-= Lastin 2636 Najer 2585, Moscow RUS 2003.
- [*84*] 8...Be7 9.Bd3 00 10.Qc2 Re8 11.00 Nf8 12.Rae1 Be6 13.Ne5 N6d7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.f4 f6 17.a5 Qc7 18.b4 Re7 19.Na4 Rae8 20.f5 Bf7 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Nc5 g5 =-=(76) Kramnik 2740 Gelfand 2700, Novgorod RUS 1997.
- [*85*] 10.00 00 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Rae1 Nf8 13.Ne5 Ng4 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.f4 f6 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bf7 19.Qf2 Qd6 20.Re2 Rae8 21.h4 Kh8 22.Qf3 Nd7 =-=(42) Ponomariov 2706 Movsesian 2667, Carlsbad 2007.
- [*86*] 11.h3 Re8 12.00 Nf8 13.Rael Be6 14.Ne5 N6d7 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Qb6 18.Re2 Rae8 19.Rfel Qb4 20.Na2 Qd6 21.Qd2 Qc7 22.Nc3 Nb6 =-=(23) Sokolov 2659 Movsesian 2661, Sarajevo BIH 2001.
- [*87*] 11...Re8 12.h3 Nf8 13.Rael Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.f3 exf3 18.Nxf3 Be6 19.e4 fxe4 20.Rxe4 Rad8 21.Qf2 Ng6 22.h4 Qf7 1-0(49) Rodshtein 2609 Milov 2681, Kallithea GRE 2008.
- [*88*] 13.Be5 Nhf6 14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Be5 Nhf6 16.Rfd1 Bb4 17.Bg3 Re8 18.h3 Nf8 19.Rab1 Qe7 20.Na2 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.b4 axb4 =-=(47) Piket 2649 Movsesian 2666, Germany 2001.
- [*89*] 7...Bb4 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.00 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.c5 Qa5 12.Qc2 00 13.Ne5 h6 14.Bh4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qb4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.exf6 e5 18.f4 e4 19.Qf2 Kh7 20.Be2 Qc3 21.Qh4 Qxe3+ 22.Rf2 Rg8 0-1(25) Shipov 2604 Malakhov 2672, Moscow 2003;
- 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 a5 11.00 00 12.Ne5 Re8 13.f4 Be7 14.h3 Nf8 15.Qc2 N6d7 16.Bg3 Bd6 17.Rael f6 18.Nf3 Bb4 19.Bh2 Nb6 20.g4 Be6 21.Qg2 Qd7 22.f5 Bf7 0-1(47) Huzman 2595 Movsesian 2651, Panormo GRE 2002;
- 8.Qc2 Qa5 9.Nd2 OO 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.OO a5 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Ng5 g6 16.Qe4 f6 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Rfc1 Rae8 19.Qc2 e5 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Bd3 Kg7 22.Ncd2 Be7 1-0(50) Beliavsky 2640 Hertneck 2571, Pula CRO 2000.
- 7...a5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.00 00 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bf4 b6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd5 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Rad1 N7f6 17.Ne5 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Qd6 19.Rfe1 Bf6 20.Qb3 Kh8 21.Bb1 Bd8 22.Qd3 f5 1-0(43) Najer 2602 Malakhov 2700, Sochi 2004.
- 7...Be7 8.Bd3 00 9.00 Re8 10.a5 h6 11.Bh4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 c5 13.Qe2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.Bb3 Ng6 16.Bg3 Bb4 17.Rfd1 Bd7 18.Qf3 Bxa5 19.Qxb7 Qb6 20.Qxb6 Bxb6 21.Bc4 e5 22.Nf3 a5 1-0(69) Beliavsky 2645 Sorokin 2570, Elista RUS 1998.
- [*90*] 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Ne4 10.00 Nxg5 11.Nxg5 Be7 12.f4 Nf6 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Ne5 Rd8 16.h3 h5 17.Nf3 Kf8 18.Ng5 Bd7 19.Rae1 Qb4 20.Na2 Qb6 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qxa5 =-=(52) Gelfand 2733 Kamsky 2705, ? 2007;
- 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Bd3 00 11.00 Re8 12.Qc2 Qd8 13.a5 Nf8 14.Nb3 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nc5 Be7 17.b4 Bd6 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.g3 Ne6 20.f4 Re7 21.N3a4 Nf8 22.Nb6 Rb8 =-=(47) Jakovenko 2671 Laznicka 2596, Pamplona 2006;
- 8...Nxd5 9.Qc2 Bb4 10.Rc1 N7b6 11.e4 Nf6 12.Bd2 c5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Bd3 Nc4 15.00 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Qh5 17.e5 Nd5 18.Be4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bc5 20.Rb1 00 21.Bxb7 Bxb7 22.Rxb7 Qg4 0-1(74) Lautier 2630 Piket 2640, Monaco MNC 1997.
- [*91*] 9.Rc1 c5 10.Be2 cxd4 11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qd8 14.00 00 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.Qb3 Rd8 18.Rfd1 Bd7 =-= Savchenko 2580 Bareev 2655, Azov 1996.
- [*92*] 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.dxc5 00 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bd3 h6 15.00 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Be4 Bd7 21.Qb3 Bc6 22.Qc4 Rac8 =-=(25) Vaganian 2640 Movsesian 2629, Germany 2005.

- 10.Bh4 00 11.Be2 cxd4 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Qd5 14.00 Qxd4 15.Bg3 Qa7 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Nb5 Qb7 19.Nc7 Ra7 20.Na5 Bxa5 21.Rxa5 Nbd5 22.Rxa6 Nxc7 0-1(61) Beliavsky 2640 Dautov Rustem 2600, ? 2000.
- [*93*] 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.Qb3 Bd6 15.a5 00 16.Qb6 Rd8 17.Bf3 Rb8 18.000 Nd5 19.Qxc7
 Bxc7 20.Rhe1 Nb4 21.Nb6 Bxb6 22.axb6 Rd6 1-0(51) Beliavsky 2665 Piket 2640,
 Madrid ESP 1997;
 - 1-0 Beliavsky 2665 PiketTJo 2640, ? 1997; 15.Bf3 =-= Piket 2640 - Sokolov 2615, Wijk aan Zee NED 1997.
- [*94*] 5...g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Bf4 00 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Be2 Ne8 10.Bh2 Nc7 11.00 Re8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf6 14.Nc3 Nfd5 15.Be5 Bh6 16.Bc4 Be6 17.Qb3 Nb5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Ne4 Rad8 20.a4 Na7 21.Neg5 Bf5 22.Bg3 f6 1-0(39) Sherbakov 2570 Shirov 2670, Moscow 1993;
- 10.00 Nc7 11.Bg3 Re8 12.Na4 f6 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Rfd1 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.e4 Qe7 17.Rac1 d4 18.Nb6 Nxc5 19.Qc2 Nd7 20.Nxa8 Nxa8 21.Qd2 c5 22.a4 b6 =-=(23) Giorgadze 2590 Epishin 2635, Moscow RUS 1995;
- 8...Bf5 9.Qb3 Ra7 10.Be2 Be4 11.00 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Rad1 Qc8 14.Rfe1 e6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 a5 17.Bf3 Ra6 18.a3 Rd8 19.Bg3 Ne8 20.Qc2 Ndf6 21.Na4 Nd7 22.h4 Nc7 1-0(48) Eljanov 2687 Kamsky 2726, Dagomys 2008;
- 8...b5 9.cxb6 Qxb6 10.Qb3 Qa7 11.Bd3 c5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qxd5 Be6 14.Qxc5 Qxc5 15.dxc5 Nc6 16.00 Rfd8 17.Be4 Rac8 18.Rad1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Bxb2 20.Rb1 Ba3 21.Nd4 Bxa2 22.Rb6 Nb4 1-0(41) Lautier 2666 Epishin 2658, Bastia FRA 2003;
- 6...Qc7 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bf4 Qd8 9.Bg2 00 10.00 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qc8 12.Rad1 Nbd7 13.Rfe1 Be4 14.Bf1 Bxf3 15.exf3 Re8 16.Na4 Nh5 17.Bc1 Qc7 18.f4 e6 19.Qc2 f5 20.b3 Nhf6 21.Nb2 Ne4 22.Be3 h5 0-1(77) Ivanchuk 2781 Kamsky 2723, Moscow RUS 2008;
- 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.e3 Nh5 8.Bg5 Bg4 9.Be2 Nd7 10.Qb3 Rb8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 00 13.00 Ndf6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Be3 Qc7 16.h3 Be6 17.Qb6 Qxb6 18.cxb6 Bg7 19.a4 Nf6 20.a5 Nd5 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.Rfc1 h6 =-=(54) Grischuk 2728 Kamsky 2723, Sochi 2008;
- 7...Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.00 00 10.Bg5 Re8 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Be2 Nhf6 13.Bf4 e5 14.Bg3 Qd8 15.b4 exd4 16.exd4 Nf8 17.Re1 Bf5 18.Nb3 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.f3 Re8 21.Qd2 Qd7 22.Bf1 h5 =-=(40) Nikolic 2650 Sokolov 2655, Dordrecht 2002;
- 7.h3 00 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Be2 Ne8 10.00 Nc7 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Rad1 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Rxe5 16.e4 Qe7 17.exd5 Bf5 18.Bd3 =-= Greenfeld 2600 Epishin 2650, Elenite 1994;
- 6...Nh5 7.Be5 Bg7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Be6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Nfg5 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Bd5 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.Nc3 h6 15.Nxd5 hxg5 16.Ne3 Rd8 17.Qb3 Qc7 18.g3 Nf6 19.Rd1 Qd7 20.Bc4 e6 21.Kg2 Kf8 22.h3 Nf5 0-1(45) Shirov 2741 Kamsky 2723, Moscow RUS 2008;
- 7...f6 8.Bg3 Bg7 9.e4 Nxg3 10.hxg3 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be6 12.Qc2 Qa5+ 13.Nc3 Bf7 14.000 b6 15.Nd2 b5 16.f4 Nd7 17.Bd3 f5 18.Nf3 Rb8 19.Kb1 b4 20.Qa4 Qxa4 21.Nxa4 Bd5 22.Bc2 Bxf3 =-=(28) Gelfand 2670 Shirov 2685, Chalkidiki 1993.
- [*95*] 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.Ne5 Be6 8.Na4 Nfd7 9.Bf4 g6 10.e3 Bg7 11.Be2 OO 12.h4 f6 13.Nd3 a5 14.g4 Na6 15.Bg3 Bf7 16.g5 Re8 17.000 Ra7 18.Bg4 Ndxc5 19.Ndxc5 Qxg4 20.Qb6 Raa8 21.gxf6 exf6 22.Qxb7 Nxc5 0-1(71) Huzman 2589 Sokolov 2677, Istanbul 2003;
- 7...Nbd7 8.Nxg4 Nxg4 9.Bg5 e5 10.e3 exd4 11.exd4 Nxc5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.000 00 14.Na4 Bxf2 15.h3 Qf5 16.hxg4 Qxg5+ 17.Kb1 Qxg4 18.Nc3 g6 19.Qc2 Bg3 20.Be2 Qg5 21.Rd4 h5 22.Bf3 Rae8 =-=(59) Ovetchkin 2558 Najer 2670, Novokuznetsk 2008;
- 6...Ra7 7.Bg5 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nbd7 9.f4 e6 10.e3 Be7 11.Bd3 Ng8 12.Rg1 f6 13.Bh4 f5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qc2 Ngf6 16.b4 OO 17.a4 b6 18.cxb6 Nxb6 19.a5 Nbd7 20.Na2 Nb8 21.Kf1 Nfd7 22.Rb1 Rf6 1-0(56) Huebner 2604 Sokolov 2695, Germany 2004.

- [*96*] 6...Bf5 7.f3 g6 8.e4 Be6 9.Be3 b6 10.Na4 Nfd7 11.cxb6 Bg7 12.Qc2 Nxb6 13.Nxc6 Qc7 14.Bf4 Qxf4 15.Nxb6 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Qd6 17.Nxa8 Nxc6 18.Rc1 Qb4+ 19.Kd1 00 20.d5 Bxd5 21.Qxb4 Nxb4 22.Nb6 =-= Sakaev 2665 Epishin 2610, St Petersburg 2004;
- 7...b6 8.e4 Be6 9.Na4 Nfd7 10.cxb6 Nxb6 11.Bd2 N6d7 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Nb6 Ra7 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Rc1 Qd8 18.Rc6 e6 19.Bxa6 Ra8 20.00 Be7 21.Bb7 Rb8 22.a4 e5 1-0(28) Mamedyarov 2657 Agrest 2601, Antalya 2004;
- 7...Nbd7 8.g4 Be6 9.Nd3 Nb8 10.Be3 Bc8 11.Bg2 e6 12.Qd2 Be7 13.Rc1 Nfd7 14.OO a5 15.Na4 b5 16.Nc3 b4 17.Nd1 Ba6 18.N1f2 Bc4 19.f4 Na6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Bxa2 22.Nd3 Qc7 1-0(52) Nielsen 2628 Agrest 2601, Malmoe/Copenhague 2004;
- 7.Qb3 Ra7 8.f3 g6 9.e4 Be6 10.Qa4 Bg7 11.Be2 00 12.Be3 b5 13.Qc2 Ne8 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.a4 Rb7 16.axb5 axb5 17.00 Nc7 18.f4 Be6 19.b4 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.h4 Nd7 22.h5 e6 0-1(35) Pelletier 2604 Sokolov 2695, Germany 2004.
- 6...Be6 7.Qb3 Ra7 8.Bf4 g6 9.e3 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Nd7 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Qb6 Qb8 15.Bd3 Bg7 16.f4 Bg4 17.Qb3 h5 18.Nb6 e6 19.Kd2 f5 20.Qc3 Bf6 21.Kc2 Qc7 =-= Akopian 2713 Sokolov 2673, Kemer 2007.
- [*97*] 8.e4 e6 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Be7 13.00 00 14.Rfe1 Bg6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Re2 Ng4 17.Qb6 Qa8 18.Bc7 Bf6 19.Bd6 Rd8 20.Na4 Nh6 21.Qa5 Qc8 22.h3 Qf5 =-=(35) Topalov 2735 Sokolov 2706, Wijk aan Zee 2004.
- 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.e3 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.Bg3 e5 12.Be2 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Be7 14.00 00 15.Qd3 Re8 16.b4 Bh4 17.a4 Bxg3 18.Nxg3 g6 19.e4 Nf6 20.dxe5 Rxe5 21.f4 Re8 22.e5 =-= Huebner 2615 Hodgson 2640, Germany 2001.
- [*98*] 8...Nfd7 9.g4 f6 10.gxh5 fxg5 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Bh3 e5 13.e3 Be7 14.000 exd4 15.exd4 Qc7 16.Kb1 b5 17.Rde1 Nf6 18.Be6 Qf4 19.Qd1 Kd8 20.Re5 Re8 21.Rhe1 Bf8 22.h6 Qxh2 =-=(92) Khalifman 2655 Miles 2600, Hastings ENG 1995.
- [*99*] 13.g3 e5 14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 e4 16.Kd2 f5 17.Nc3 Ra8 18.Na4 Rb8 19.Qd1 Qe6 20.b4 Be7 21.Qe2 Qg6 22.Nc3 Kf8 =-=(45) Radjabov 2610 Kasparov 2838, Moscow 2002.
- [*100*] 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.Bf4 Nbd7 8.h3 e6 9.Ne5 Be7 10.g4 Bg6 11.e3 Bd8 12.Be2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bc7 14.Na4 Ba5+ 15.Nc3 OO 16.h4 h6 17.OOO Nd7 18.Bd6 Re8 19.Rhg1 Bc7 20.h5 Bh7 21.g5 Bxd6 22.cxd6 Kh8 0-1(62) Sokolov 2670 Shirov 2685, Yerevan ARM 1996;
- 8...h6 9.e3 e6 10.Be2 Be7 11.00 00 12.Na4 Bd8 13.Ne5 =-= Lautier 2648 Movsesian 2659, Austria 1999;
- 7...e6 8.h3 Nbd7 9.e3 Be7 10.Be2 00 11.00 Re8 12.Na4 Bd8 13.Bd3 Bc7 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Qc2 g6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nb6 Bh2+ 19.Kxh2 Qc7+ 20.g3 Rad8 21.Kg2 h5 22.h4 Ng4 =-=(46) Van Wely 2605 Short 2695, Groningen NED 1996;
- 6...Ra7 7.Bf4 Nbd7 8.h3 h6 9.e3 g5 10.Bh2 Bg7 11.Ne5 OO 12.f3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.e4 dxe4 16.fxe4 Bg6 17.000 e5 18.Qc4 Qf6 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Qd4 Raa8 21.Qe3 Rad8 22.Be2 Qe7 0-1(35) Kramnik 2765 Shirov 2685, Vienna AUT 1996.
- 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Qb3 Qc8 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Bd2 e5 11.f4 exf4 12.exf4 Be7 13.000 Nf8 14.Bd3 Ne6 15.Ne2 Ng4 16.Rdf1 f5 17.h3 Nf6 18.g4 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Ba5 Qd7 21.Rd1 Bd8 22.Bd2 Be7 =-=(24) Sasikiran 2694 Movsesian 2732, Dresden GER 2008.
- 6.h3 Nbd7 7.Bf4 e6 8.e3 b6 9.b4 Ne4 10.Rc1 Be7 11.Be2 bxc5 12.bxc5 Qa5 13.Qa4 Bd8 14.Qb3 Bf6 15.OO Ndxc5 16.Qb2 OO 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bd6 Nd3 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Rfd1 Bb5 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Rc3 Be7 1-0(44) Harikrishna 2646 Illescas Cordoba 2633, Dos Hermanas 2005.

- 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Ne4 8.00 e6 9.Nd2 Nxd2 10.Bxd2 e5 11.Na4 Be7 12.dxe5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Bc3 00 16.Bf3 Qd7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Qxd7 Bxd7 19.Bxe4 =-= Jussupow 2617 Wang Hao 2610, Amsterdam NED 2006.
- [*101*] 6...e6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Be2 Qc8 10.g4 Bg6 11.g5 Ng8 12.h4 h6 13.gxh6 gxh6 14.h5 Bh7 15.Nf3 Bd8 16.Qd2 Bc7 17.000 Bf5 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qc7 21.Qd4 Ne7 22.Rhg1 000 1-0(52) Eljanov 2681 Kamsky 2724, Kemer 2007;
- 8.Be2 Be7 9.Nd2 Bg6 10.Rc1 Qc8 11.a3 00 12.g4 Ne8 13.h4 f6 14.h5 Bf7 15.Nf3 Nc7 16.Na4 Qd8 17.Bd3 e5 18.dxe5 Ne6 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Nxf4 21.exf4 Qc7 22.g5 Ne4 0-1(67) Kaidanov 2595 Milov 2665, Gibraltar 2007.
- [*102*] 7.h3 e6 8.e3 Be7 9.Bd3 Qc8 10.00 00 11.b4 b6 12.g4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 a5 14.a3 Re8 15.Rab1 axb4 16.axb4 bxc5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.g5 Nh5 19.dxc5 e5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.Rfc1 Re8 22.Bd6 Ne5 0-1(35) Jobava 2646 Bu Xiangzhi 2640, Turin ITA 2006;
- 7...b6 8.b4 Ne4 9.Rc1 b5 10.a4 g6 11.e3 Bg7 12.Be2 00 13.00 Re8 14.Bh2 e5 15.Re1 Qc8 16.Qb3 exd4 17.Nxd4 Ne5 18.Ra1 Nc4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Ra2 Bxd4 21.exd4 Qf5 22.f3 Bd3 1-0(40) Van Wely 2629 Chernin 2619, Castrop-Rauxel GER 1999;
- 7...h6 8.e3 e6 9.Be2 Be7 10.00 00 11.Nd2 Qc8 12.b4 Bd8 13.Nb3 Re8 14.Bd6 e5 15.a4 Bc7 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.b5 exd4 18.b6 Qc8 19.exd4 Nf8 20.Re1 Ng6 21.Bf1 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 0-1(33) Golod 2582 Nakamura 2640, ACPOChess.com INT 2006.
- [*104*] 8.Be2 Nh5 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Bg7 12.Qb3 b6 13.e4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4
 dxe4 15.Qe6 exf3 16.Bc4 Qc8 17.Qf7+ Kd8 18.Qxg7 Kc7 19.gxf3 bxc5 20.000 Qf8
 21.Rxh7 Rxh7 22.Qxh7 cxd4 =-=(60) Cheparinov 2696 Bacrot 2705, ? 0;
 =-=(61) Cheparinov 2696 Bacrot 2705, Elista RUS 2008;
- 8...Bg7 9.Nd2 00 10.g4 Be6 11.b4 Ne8 12.Nb3 f5 13.h3 Nc7 14.a4 fxg4 15.hxg4 Bf7 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.f4 e5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Bf4 Nc4 20.Bxc7 Qe7 21.Bf4 g5 22.Bd6 Nxd6 =-=(45) Akobian 2585 Roiz 2644, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007.
- 8.Nh4 Be6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.00 Nh5 11.Bg3 Bf6 12.f4 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bxh4 14.gxh4 Bf5 15.g4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nf6 17.g5 Nh5 18.Kf2 Qd7 19.Ne2 f6 20.Ng3 Ng7 21.Kg2 Rg8 22.b4 Qg4 =-=(35) Beliavsky 2619 Sasikiran 2694, Dresden GER 2008.
- [*105*] 9.g4 Be4 10.Bg2 00 11.00 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Nc7 15.Bg2 e5 16.dxe5 Ne6 17.Be3 Nxe5 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Ne4 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Nd7 22.f4 Nf6 1-0(47) Fressinet 2656 Svetushkin 2568, Plovdiv BUL 2008.
- [*106*] 9...Ne4 10.00 00 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.Qb3 Qxe5 16.Qxb7 Rfb8 17.Qxc6 Rc8 18.Qb7 Rcb8 19.Qc6 Rc8 20.Qb7 =-= Onischuk 2664 Ponomariov 2719, Dagomys 2008.
- [*107*] 11.dxe5 Nh5 12.Nf3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxf4 14.exf4 Nxc5 15.00 00 16.Re1 Kh8 17.g3 f6 18.Bg4 Qb6 19.Qd4 Rae8 20.Rad1 a5 21.a3 fxe5 22.fxe5 h5 =-=(39) Alekseev 2716 Kamsky 2714, Moscow 2007.
- [*108*] 13.f3 Bf5 14.Nxf5 gxf5 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Bf2 f4 17.000 Re8 18.Rhel Nf8 19.Bd3 Qf6 20.Na4 Ne6 21.Bc2 Ng3 22.Qd3 Qh6 0-1(41) Mamedyarov 2752 Kamsky 2714, Moscow 2007.

- [*109*] 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Be2 Bg6 10.b4 00 11.a4 b6 12.a5 b5 13.h4 h6 14.g4 Ne8 15.Bg3 f5 16.Qc2 Nef6 17.h5 Bh7 18.gxf5 exf5 19.Bf4 Ne4 20.Ndxe4 fxe4 21.Bg3 Bf5 22.000 =-= Jakovenko 2709 Movsesian 2723, Sabadell ESP 2008;
- 10...Qc8 11.a4 b6 12.Rc1 a5 13.cxb6 Bxb4 14.Na2 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Qb7 16.Qc3 Nxb6 17.Qxc6+ Qxc6 18.Rxc6 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Rxc4 Nd5 21.Bg3 OO 22.Rc5 Nb4 1-0(42) Inarkiev 2681 Popov 2595, Moscow 2008;
- 10.00 00 11.Rc1 Re8 12.Bg3 Qc8 13.b4 Bd8 14.a4 e5 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 exd4 17.exd4 Bc7 18.Re1 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Nf8 20.Ra1 Ne6 21.Ra4 Rxa4 22.Qxa4 Qa8 1-0(49) Grischuk 2728 Movsesian 2723, Moscow RUS 2008;
- 10...Qc8 11.b4 00 12.a4 b6 13.Qb3 Nh5 14.Bxh5 Bxh5 15.cxb6 Nxb6 16.a5 Nd7 17.Na4 Qb7 18.Rab1 Be2 19.Rfe1 Bb5 20.e4 Rfe8 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.bxc5 Qd7 =- =(31) Avrukh 2641 Kritz 2578, Biel SUI 2006;
- 10.g4 h6 11.h4 b6 12.b4 Ne4 13.Ncxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qc2 bxc5 16.bxc5 e5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qd5 19.Qc3 00 20.Rd1 Qxc5 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Rc1 Ba3 =-=(99) Aronian 2756 Bu Xiangzhi 2640, Turin ITA 2006;
- 10.h4 h5 11.Qb3 Qc8 12.e4 Nxe4 13.Ncxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.000 Nf6 16.Be5 Qd7 17.Rhe1 Kf8 18.Bc4 Rd8 19.Qg3 Rh6 20.f3 exf3 21.gxf3 Ne8 22.Bf4 Rh8 0-1(40) Beliavsky 2619 Movsesian 2732, St.Veit/G 2008;
- 9...h6 10.b4 00 11.00 Re8 12.h3 Qc8 13.Re1 Bd8 14.Bf1 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.e4 Nxe4 17.Ncxe4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf6 20.Rc1 Qf5 21.Qc2 Re7 22.Bg3 Rd8 1-0(70) Georgiev 2677 Movsesian 2668, Sarajevo BIH 2000;
- 12.Bg3 Qc8 13.Bf3 a5 14.b5 Bd3 15.Be2 Bg6 16.Rc1 Bd8 17.f4 Ne4 18.Ndxe4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.a4 f5 21.Qb3 Nf6 22.Bc4 Bc7 =-=(26) Piket 2633 Movsesian 2668, Breda 2000;
- 10.g4 Bg6 11.h4 b6 12.b4 bxc5 13.bxc5 Qa5 14.Rc1 e5 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Qd4 Nfd7 18.h5 Bh7 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.c6 f6 21.cxd7+ Qxd7 22.Bxe5 fxe5 1-0(52) Navara 2719 Zakhartsov 2548, Pardubice CZE 2006;
- 9...b6 10.cxb6 Qxb6 11.Na4 Qa5 12.a3 00 13.00 c5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.b4 Ne4 20.Qa4 Nd2 21.Rc6 Qb7 22.Rc7 Qb6 =-=(55) Inarkiev 2684 Wang Yue 2689, Baku/Azerbaijan 2008;
 - =-=(57) Inarkiev 2684 Wang Yue 2689, Baku 2008;
- 9...Qc8 10.g4 Bg6 11.g5 Ng8 12.h4 h6 13.gxh6 Nxh6 14.h5 Nf5 15.Rg1 Bh7 16.Nf3 Qd8 17.Qb3 b6 18.cxb6 Qxb6 19.Qxb6 Nxb6 20.Rc1 OO 21.h6 Rfc8 22.Bd3 g6 1-0(41) Gelfand 2692 Georgiev 2677, France 2000;
- 10.b4 Bd8 11.f3 Bc7 12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.e4 dxe4 14.fxe4 Bg6 15.00 00 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qb3 b6 19.Qc3 bxc5 20.bxc5 =-= Sakaev 2620 Georgiev 2675, Vrnjacka Banja 1998;
- 8...b6 9.cxb6 Nxb6 10.Rc1 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Na4 Qb4 13.Nxb6 Qxb6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.f3 Nd7 16.Qxb6 Rxb6 17.b3 Ke7 18.a3 a5 19.Kf2 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Be2 Nd7 22.Rc3 Be6 =-=(27) Alekseev 2708 Wang Yue 2704, Ningpo CHN 2008;
- 9.b4 Be7 10.Be2 00 11.00 Qc8 12.a3 a5 13.Bf3 Qb7 14.e4 dxe4 15.Ncxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Rb1 Rfd8 20.Bd6 Qa6 21.bxa5 bxc5 22.dxc5 Qxa5 =-=(23) Fressinet 2626 Wang Yue 2626, Paris 2006.
- 8.Bd3 Be7 9.h3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 00 11.00 Qc8 12.b4 b6 13.Rfc1 Qb7 14.Rab1 Rfe8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7 17.Bg3 =-= Vaganian 2594 Movsesian 2723, Mainz 2008;
- 9.00 00 10.b4 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Re8 12.a4 a5 13.b5 Bxc5 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.dxc5 e5 16.Bg3 e4 17.Qd4 exf3 18.gxf3 Qe7 19.Bd6 Qe6 20.Ne2 Qh3 21.Qf4 Ne4 22.Nd4 Nexc5 =-=(66) Vescovi 2619 Bu Xiangzhi 2664, Taiyuan 2006.
- [*110*] 8...Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.b4 Be7 11.00 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.Be5 Rh7 14.Nd2 Bg6 15.f4 g4 16.e4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qc2 f6 19.Qxe4 Nf8 20.Rad1 fxe5 21.dxe5 Qc7 22.f5 Rd8 0-1(50) Miton 2653 Jakovenko 2708, Torrelavega 2007;
- 11.h3 00 12.00 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Bf6 14.Bd6 Re8 15.e4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Be7 17.Bg3 Nf6 18.Bf3 Qd7 19.a4 Red8 20.Qb3 Nd5 21.Rfd1 Bf6 22.Bd6 Be7 =-=(32) Bareev 2701 Wang Yue 2598, Turin ITA 2006;

- 10.00 Be7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 00 13.b4 Bf6 14.Bg3 Re8 15.a4 e5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Qd4 Re8 19.b5 Qg5 20.f3 Bf5 21.Kf2 a5 22.Ra2 Re7 =-=(32) Harikrishna 2680 Wang Yue 2598, Turin ITA 2006;
- 9.00 Be7 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.b4 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.Bd6 Bxd6 14.cxd6 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nf6 16.a4 Qxd6 17.Rb1 h4 18.h3 Ke7 19.b5 cxb5 20.axb5 a5 21.b6 a4 22.Qe2 a3 0-1(29) Gagunashvili 2591 Bacrot 2707, Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006;
- 11.Nd2 Bg6 12.b4 OO 13.Nb3 Re8 14.Bg3 Bf6 15.f4 Qc8 16.a4 Bd8 17.Be1 Nf6 18.b5 Ne4 19.Qc1 f6 20.Ba5 Bxa5 21.Nxa5 Qc7 22.b6 Qd7 0-1(94) Jobava 2646 Milov 2625, San Marino SMR 2006;
- 9.Nd2 e5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 g6 12.b4 exd4 13.exd4 Bg7 14.Nb3 00 15.g4 Be6 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.f3 h5 18.gxh5 Nxh5 19.g4 Ng3 20.Rh3 Nxe2 21.Nxe2 f5 22.g5 f4 =-=(34) Nakamura 2699 Svidler 2723, Gjovik NOR 2009;
- 9.Bd3 Ndf6 10.00 Be7 11.Ne5 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.f3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Nd7 15.f4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 f5 17.b4 =-= Potkin 2580 Milov 2665, Morelia 2007.
- 8...h6 9.h3 Be7 10.b4 Bh7 11.a4 00 12.00 Ne4 13.Qb3 Bf6 14.Rfd1 Re8 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 f6 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Bd6 Qg6 20.f3 Bc2 21.Qb2 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Kh8 0-1(65) Piket 2635 Movsesian 2668, Dordrecht 2000.
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- [*112*] 9...h6 10.b4 Qc8 11.Rc1 Bd8 12.a4 00 13.00 Re8 14.b5 axb5 15.axb5 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Na4 Bc7 21.Qc2 Qd8 22.Rb1 Ne4 0-1(39) Nielsen 2646 Kamsky 2671, Turin ITA 2006;
 - 10.00 00 11.b4 Re8 =-= Babula 2594 Movsesian 2639, Czechia 2004.
- [*113*] 10.b4 Qc8 11.00 Bd8 12.Rc1 Bc7 13.Bxc7 Qxc7 14.f4 Ng8 15.e4 Ne7 16.f5 exf5 17.exd5 cxd5 18.b5 00 19.b6 Qd8 20.Nb3 Nf6 21.Na5 Rb8 22.a4 Ne4 1-0(40) Kramnik 2760 Topalov 2690, Dortmund GER 1999;
 - 1-0(41) Kramnik 2760 Topalov 2690, ? 1999.
- [*114*] 11...Qc8 12.a4 b6 13.a5 b5 14.g4 h6 15.Bg3 Ne4 16.Ndxe4 dxe4 17.f3 exf3 18.Bxf3 Nf6 19.e4 Rd8 20.Qd2 Ra7 21.Rad1 Rad7 22.Qe3 h5 0-1(53) Mamedyarov 2742 Buhmann 2561, Pardubice 2008.
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- 13.Rc1 Bd8 14.f4 b6 15.cxb6 Bxb6 16.Na4 Qb7 17.Qb3 Bd8 18.Rc3 Be7 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.bxc5 Qd7 21.Qb2 Bd8 22.Rb3 Ne4 0-1(39) Piket 2649 Sokolov 2611, Amsterdam NED 2000.
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- 12.a4 e5 13.Bg3 e4 14.Nd2 Ne6 15.Nb3 f5 16.Qd2 h5 17.b5 h4 18.Bd6 a5 19.Rab1 Nf6 20.Na1 g5 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Rb6 Bd7 1-0(49) Van Wely 2643 Dreev 2676, Neum BIH 2000;
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- 6...e6 7.Bf4 b6 8.cxb6 Qxb6 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.e3 =-= Lysyj 2576 Movsesian 2637, Moscow 2007.
- 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.00 00 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Rd1 b6 11.cxb6 Qxb6 12.Bf4 a5 13.Rac1 Ba6 14.Ne5 Rac8 15.e4 e6 16.Be3 Qb7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Qd2 Bf8 19.Rc2 f5 20.e5 Qb4 21.Qc1 a4 22.h4 Bc4 0-1(40) Maletin 2574 Movsesian 2695, Plovdiv BUL 2008;
- 11...Nxb6 12.Ne5 Bf5 13.Qb3 Rc8 14.Na4 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 Qb6 16.Nd3 Nd7 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Qxb2 19.Rc1 Qb5 20.Qc2 e5 21.Rb3 Qa5 22.Bh3 f5 =-=(43) Bocharov 2569 Wang Hao 2684, Dagomys 2008;
- 10...b5 11.cxb6 Nxb6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qb3 Ra7 14.e4 e6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Be3 Nfd7 17.Rac1 Ba8 18.Bf1 a5 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.e5 Rb7 21.Qc2 Rb8 22.b3 Rc8 =-=(66) Lysyj 2591 Malakhov 2690, Serpukhov 2007;
- 6...e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Qd4 Nxc5 9.h3 Nh6 10.g4 Ng8 11.Bg2 h5 12.g5 Ne7 13.00 Ng6 14.Rd1 Bf5 15.Qe3 Ne6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Be7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Nxe5 21.Bf4 Ng6 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 =-=(63) Lysyj 2578 Volkov 2659, Krasnoyarsk 2007.
- 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Bg7 9.e3 Nh5 10.Be5 f6 11.Nd2 OO 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Nb3 exd4 15.exd4 f5 16.Be2 f4 17.Qd3 fxg3 18.Qxg3 Qf6 19.OO Qf4 20.Qxf4 Rxf4 21.Rad1 Nf8 22.g3 Rf7 0-1(52) Avrukh 2620 Volkov 2630, Internet 2004.
- [*117*] 6...g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.e3 OO 9.Qc2 Ne8 10.Be2 e5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qe7 13.OO Qxc5 14.Qd2 Qe7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe5 17.Bg5 f6 18.Be3 Nd6 19.Nxd6 Bxd6 20.Rad1 Bb4 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Qd4 Bf5 =-=(33) Khalifman 2662 Bacrot 2715, Moscow RUS 2005;
- 9.Be2 Ne8 10.00 Nc7 11.Bg3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxc5 13.Rc1 N7e6 14.b4 Nd7 15.e4 d4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxe5 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Na4 Be6 20.Nb6 Rab8 21.Rc5 Rd2 22.Rxe5 Bxe5 =-=(43) Bareev 2675 Tukmakov 2565, Tilburg 1994;
- 7.e3 Nh5 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.Nd2 Nhf6 10.Be2 e5 11.00 00 12.b4 Re8 13.Nb3 Nf8 14.dxe5 Rxe5 15.Bh4 h5 16.Rc1 Re8 17.e4 dxe4 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxd8 Nc3 21.Rce1 Nxa2 22.Ba5 Be6 =-=(36) Sokolov 2645 Dreev 2650, ? 1995;
- 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.00 00 10.Bg5 Re8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Ndf6 13.Bc2 Be6 14.Re1 Nd5 15.Rxe6 fxe6 16.Qe2 Qd7 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Rf8 19.Re1 Rf7 20.Bh6 Rd8 21.a3 Ng7 22.g4 Nf6 =-=(86) Nielsen 2620 Nikolic 2661, Germany 2002.
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- 13...f6 14.gxf6 Rxf6 15.Bf4 Qf8 16.Bc7 Bh6 17.Qd3 g5 18.e4 e6 19.Rael Qg7 20.Bd6 g4 21.hxg4 hxg4 22.Nh2 Bf4 1-0(32) Sakaev 2665 Dolmatov 2573, St Petersburg RUS 2004;
- 13.h4 f6 14.Qd2 e5 15.gxf6 Qxf6 16.Radl Qe7 17.b4 exd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Ndf6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Bf5 22.Nf3 Ne4 =-=(29) Sakaev 2665 Malakhov 2695, Sochi 2004;
- 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 00 10.00 Re8 11.Qd2 Nhf6 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Bh6 Qc7 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Rfe1 e5 16.dxe5 Nxc5 17.e4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Bf5 20.Rh4 h5 21.h3 Qe7 22.Rd4 Rad8 1-0(53) Bu Xiangzhi 2607 Volkov Sergey Viktorovich RU 2612, ? 2005;
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- 7.Qd2 b6 8.e4 Nxf4 9.Qxf4 e6 10.exd5 exd5 11.b4 Be7 12.Bd3 00 13.00 a5 14.a3 g6 15.h4 Bb7 16.h5 Bf6 17.cxb6 axb4 18.axb4 Nxb6 19.Rxa8 Nxa8 20.Na4 Nc7 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.Ra1 g5 =-=(35) Krasenkow 2661 Movsesian 2642, Ostrava 2007;
- 15.Rfel Bb7 16.h4 Re8 17.h5 Qb8 18.Qd2 axb4 19.axb4 Rxal 20.Rxal Bf6 21.Na4 Qc7 22.cxb6 Nxb6 1-0(35) Krasenkow 2661 Laznicka 2608, Ostrava 2007;

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- 12...g6 13.Qf3 Rd8 14.Be3 Ng7 15.Bc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Ne6 17.00 Bg7 18.Rfd1 00 19.Rac1 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Nb6 Nxd4 22.Qg4 h5 0-1(38) Sasikiran 2670 Kasparov 2838, Bled SLO 2002.
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- 9...g5 10.Bg3 Bg7 11.e3 Nh5 12.Bd3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Bf5 e4 15.Bxd7+ Bxd7 16.Ne5 Be6 17.f4 exf3 18.gxf3 Qc7 19.f4 000 20.Qd2 f6 21.Nd3 Bg4 22.b4 h5 1-0(36) Korobov 2605 Wang Hao 2696, Beijing CHN 2008.
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- 12...Nf6 13.e3 Bf5 14.Bd3 e6 15.00 h5 16.f3 Bh6 17.Rael 00 18.Na4 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qc7 20.b4 Rad8 21.Nc3 Nd7 22.f4 Kh7 1-0(40) Eljanov 2692 Prie 2532, France 2008;
- 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.e4 g4 13.Nh4 e6 14.Qe2 Qg5 15.f4 gxf3 16.Nxf3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Qxg3+ 18.Kd2 =-= Eljanov 2686 Volkov 2640, Dresden 2007.
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- 10...Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Nf6 13.Qc2 Be6 14.000 g6 15.Bd3 Bg7 16.Rde1 Bd5 17.Ne5 Nd7 18.f4 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Bxg2 20.e6 Bxh1 21.exd7+ Qxd7 22.Rxh1 Qd5 =- =(50) Eljanov 2686 Laznicka 2608, Dresden 2007.
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- 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.00 Bd5 16.Rfe1 e6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Be7 19.Rac1 00 20.Qa4 f5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Qg4 Be5 =-=(36) Topalov 2735 Kasparov 2830, Linares 2004.

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- 11.Rc1 Bg7 12.Be2 00 13.00 a5 14.cxb6 Nxb6 15.b5 Bh3 16.Re1 Rfc8 17.Na4 Bd7 18.bxc6 Nxa4 19.Bb5 Bg4 20.Bxa4 Rab8 21.a3 Rb2 22.Re3 Qa7 =-=(32) Sakaev 2656 Jakovenko 2581, Moscow 2004;
- 10...a5 11.b5 Bb7 12.cxb6 Nxb6 13.bxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 e6 15.a3 Bd7 16.Nb5 Qd8 17.Bd3 Be7 18.00 00 19.Qe2 Rc8 20.Rfe1 Nc4 21.Nxc4 Bxb5 22.Ne5 Bxd3 1-0(39) Filippov 2561 Jakovenko 2675, Sochi 2006;
- 9...g6 10.Bd3 Qc7 11.g3 Bg7 12.Rc1 a5 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 bxc5 15.bxc5 Ra3 16.00 00 17.Nb1 Ra7 18.Re1 Re8 19.h4 Nf8 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nf3 Bg4 22.Nbd2 e5 =- =(60) Van Wely 2700 Piket 2632, Monaco MNC 2001;
- 8.cxb6 Nxf4 9.exf4 Qxb6 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.Na4 Qb4 12.b3 e6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.Bd3 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Ba3 16.Rc2 f6 17.h4 h5 18.g3 Kf7 19.Ke2 Rhc8 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.dxc5 a5 22.Re1 Ra8 1-0(47) Nielsen 2628 Najer 2606, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 10...e6 11.Bd3 Rb8 12.Rb1 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.00 Bd6 15.f5 Be7 16.Rfe1 Qd6 17.Bc2 00 18.b4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 exf5 21.Rd4 Qb6 22.Ne5 Be6 =-=(38) Kazhgaleyev 2596 Kobalia 2630, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 10.Bd3 Qxb2 11.Rc1 e6 12.00 Ba3 13.Rc2 Qb8 14.Ne2 00 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qd3+ Kg8 17.Qxa3 a5 18.Rxc6 Ba6 19.Rc2 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Qxf4 21.g3 Qg4 22.Kg2 Nb6 =-=(45) Shipov 2593 Kobalia 2643, Sochi 2004.
- 7...Nxf4 8.exf4 b6 9.cxb6 Qxb6 10.Bd3 Qxb2 11.Rc1 e6 12.00 Ba3 13.Qa4 Qb4 14.Qxb4 Bxb4 15.Na4 Bd6 16.f5 Bb7 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Rfe1 00 19.Rxe6 Bf4 20.Rb1 Rab8 21.g3 Bc7 22.Ng5 h6 1-0(25) Krasenkow 2676 Gurevich 2644, Sanxenxo 2004;
- 10.Qd2 e6 11.Rc1 Rb8 12.Na4 Qb4 13.Qxb4 Bxb4+ 14.Kd1 Bb7 15.a3 Bd6 16.g3 f6 17.Bh3 Kf7 18.Re1 Rhe8 19.Rc3 a5 20.Kc2 h6 21.Rce3 Nf8 22.Nc5 Bc8 1-0(72) Huzman 2581 Khalifman 2628, Bugojno 1999;
- 9...e6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.g3 c5 12.f5 Nxb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.00 00 15.Qc2 g6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxc5 gxf5 18.Rfd1 Bb7 19.Bf1 Qf6 20.Qd4 Kg7 21.Rac1 Rfd8 22.a3 Ne7 0-1(43) Nikolic 2584 Malakhov 2670, Khanty Mansiysk 2005;
- 8...Qc7 9.Qd2 g6 10.Bd3 Bh6 11.g3 f6 12.Qe2 b6 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.f5 gxf5 15.Nh4 00 16.Nxf5 Bxf5 17.Bxf5 e5 18.00 Kh8 19.Rad1 Qg7 20.Kh1 Qg5 21.Bh3 e4 22.f4 Qg6 0-1(44) Sasikiran 2633 Bareev 2724, Moscow RUS 2002;
- 8...b5 9.cxb6 e6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.f5 Nxb6 12.Qc2 exf5 13.Bxf5 Qe7+ 14.Kf1 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 g6 16.Qd3 OO 17.g3 a5 18.Kg2 a4 19.Rac1 Nc4 20.Rc2 Rfb8 21.Rel Qf6 22.Ree2 Rb4 =-=(41) Gyimesi 2628 Dautov 2595, Gothenburg SWE 2005.
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- 17...Qxf4 18.Nc6 Qc7 19.Rc1 Ra8 20.Nxe7 Qd8 21.Nc6 Qg5 22.Qb4 Ne5 1-0(26) Nikolic 2647 Stefansson 2567, Selfoss ISL 2003;
- 10.Qd2 b6 11.cxb6 Qxb6 12.Rc1 OO 13.Na4 Qa7 14.h5 a5 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.g3 Nf6 17.Nc5 Bf5 18.Bd3 e6 19.Ne5 Rac8 20.OO Ng4 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.Rc3 Rfe8 1-0(44) Rustemov 2585 Movsesian 2639, Moscow 2004;
- 9...Qc7 10.Qd2 Bg7 11.h5 Nf6 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Rxh8+ Bxh8 14.Ne5 Be6 15.f3 Nd7 16.000 Bg7 17.Bd3 g5 18.g3 gxf4 19.gxf4 000 20.Kb1 f6 21.Ng6 Re8 22.Re1 Bf7 1-0(51) Radjabov 2673 Riazantsev 2608, Warsaw POL 2005;
- 10.g3 Bg7 11.h5 b6 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Na4 Qb4 15.Qxb4 Rxb4 16.b3 c5 17.Rc1 c4 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rxh8+ Bxh8 21.Nxd7 cxb3 22.Ndc5 bxa2 =- =(31) Krasenkow 2676 Delchev 2601, Calvia ESP 2004;
- 8...Bg7 9.Bh2 Nhf6 10.Be2 Ng4 11.Bg3 h5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 00 14.00 Ndf6 15.Neg5 Nd5 16.Qb3 Nh6 17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Bc4 b5 19.cxb6 Nxb6 20.Rfe1 e6 21.Bf1 Nd5 22.Rac1 Ne7 1-0(91) Avrukh 2632 Burmakin 2615, Benidorm 2008;
- 11...e5 12.h5 e4 13.Nd2 Ngf6 14.b4 00 15.Nb3 Re8 16.a4 Nf8 17.b5 a5 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.Bxc7 =-= Shipov 2593 Volkov 2630, playchess.com INT 2004;

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 - 21...Rad8 22.Qc4 Nxa4 1-0(31) Malakhov 2695 Stefansson 2565, ? 2003;
- 9...Bg7 10.00 00 11.Rc1 Qc7 12.g3 Nf6 13.Qc2 Bh3 14.Rfe1 e6 15.Re3 Bf5 16.Kg2 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Nd7 18.Re2 Rae8 19.b4 Re7 20.Rce1 Rfe8 21.h4 h5 22.Rc2 Ra8 =-=(41) Gyimesi 2602 Tukmakov 2604, Pula CRO 2001.
- [*128*] 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nxg3 12.hxg3 e5 13.Bf5 e4 14.Bxd7+ Bxd7 15.Nd2 00 16.Qc2 f5 17.Ne2 Be8 18.000 Bg6 19.Qb3 Qc7 20.Rh2 Rae8 21.Rdh1 Re6 22.Qb4 Be8 0-1(66) Nyback 2587 Volkov 2628, playchess.com INT 2006.
- [*129*] 9...f6 10.h3 Nxf4 11.exf4 e5 12.f5 e4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 00 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Nd6 Bh6 17.Rfe1 Kg7 18.Re4 Nxc5 19.dxc5 gxf5 20.Re8 Qxe8 21.Nxe8+ Rxe8 22.g3 a5 1-0(29) Gelfand 2681 Movsesian 2666, Polanica Zdroj POL 2000;
- 10...e5 11.Bh2 e4 12.g4 exd3 13.gxh5 Nf8 14.e4 Bxh3 15.Rel Kf7 16.exd5 cxd5 17.Qb3 Qd7 18.Nxd5 Be6 19.Rxe6 Nxe6 20.Nc7 Rac8 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxb7+ Qe7 1-0(69) Yermolinsky 2596 Xu Jun 2668, New Delhi IND 2000.
- [*130*] 10.h3 Nxf4 11.exf4 b6 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.Na4 Qa7 14.Rc1 Bxd4 15.Bxg6 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 hxg6 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.f5 Qb8 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.Qg4 Rxf2 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Qh6+ Kg8 =-=(38) Topalov 2707 Georgiev 2676, ? 2001.
- [*131*] 10...Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nhxf6 12.Rel Re8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf8 16.h3 Be6 17.Nc3 Qc7 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Rad1 f6 20.Rd2 Bf7 21.Qe3 Kg7 22.Red1 Bd5 =- =(26) Onischuk 2628 Sakaev 2669, Ruschess.com INT 2005.
- [*132*] 11.Nd2 b6 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.Na4 Qa7 14.Nb3 e5 15.Be2 Nhf6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rc1 Qc7 18.Bf3 Qd6 19.Na5 exd4 20.exd4 Nb8 21.Nb6 Ra7 22.Bxd5 Bf5 =-=(26) Babula 2566 Nikolic 2652, Germany 2002.
- [*133*] 11...dxe4 12.Bxe4 Ndf6 13.Bc2 Be6 14.Re1 Nd5 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Rad8 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Nxd5 Rxd5 20.Qc3 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.h3 Ng7 =-=(34) Nikolic 2650 Dautov R 2630, ? 2001.
- [*134*] 13.Bg3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 e5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 e4 17.Re1 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Qxd5 19.Bxe4 Qxc5 20.Bh7+ Kf8 21.Rxe8+ Kxe8 22.Qb3 Kf8 =-=(37) Lautier 2677 Dorfman 2607, Aix les Bains 2003.
- [*135*] 7...g6 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Ndf6 10.Nxf6+ Nxf6 11.Bc4 Bg7 12.Qb3 00 13.00 Nd5 14.Rfe1 e6 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh4 b5 17.Bf1 g5 18.Bg3 g4 19.Nd2 f5 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf4 22.Qc3 Ng6 1-0(37) Sakaev 2677 Lastin 2588, Moscow 2005;
- 14.h3 Rb8 15.Rael Be6 16.Ng5 Bf5 17.g4 Bd7 18.Qg3 h6 19.Nf3 e6 20.Ne5 Be8 21.Bd3 b6 22.Nc4 bxc5 1-0(46) Gelfand 2693 De la Riva Aguado 2528, Pamplona 2004;
- 12.00 00 13.Qb3 Bg4 14.Ne5 Qxd4 15.Bc3 Qxc5 16.Rfe1 Nd5 17.Nxg4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 b5 19.Be2 Qxc3 20.Nh6+ 1-0 Lautier 2676 Malakhov 2700, Poikovsky 2004.
- 7...e5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qe7 10.e4 Qxe5 11.Be2 Nf6 12.exd5 Bxc5 13.00 00 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Re1 Qd4 17.Be3 Qxd1 18.Nxd1 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Nd5 20.Re2 Be6 21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.g3 Nb4 1-0(80) Bologan 2645 Morozevich 2731, Tomsk RUS 2006;

- 10.Be3 Qxe5 11.Bd4 Qg5 12.e3 Be7 13.h4 Qg6 14.Be2 Nf6 15.h5 Qxg2 16.Bf3 Qg5 17.Qe2 Qh6 18.Rg1 Rg8 19.000 Bf5 20.Be5 Nd7 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Nxd5 cxd5 =-=(26) Wojtaszek 2630 Morozevich 2747, Pamplona 2006;
- 9...Nf6 10.Be3 Be6 11.Rc1 g6 12.b4 h5 13.f3 Ng4 14.b5 axb5 15.Rc2 Ra6 16.Nxb5 Bf5 17.Rc4 Be4 18.Rb4 f5 19.Rb3 f4 20.Rb4 Bxf3 1-0 Bologan 2645 Morozevich 2731, ? 2006.
- [*136*] 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Bd2 Nhf6 10.Rc1 g6 11.h3 Qc7 12.g3 Bg7 13.Bg2 00 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.00 Nh5 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bd2 f5 18.Na4 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Bc3 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 Ng7 =-=(23) Gyimesi 2610 Movsesian 2670, Sibenik CRO 2007;
- 16.Bd2 f5 17.Na4 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Bc3 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 Ng7 =-=(25) Popov Valerij RUS 2591 Malakhov 2682, Ramenskoe Russia 2006;
- 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Bg2 Nh5 15.Bd2 e5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.e4 d4 19.Na4 Nxg3 20.fxg3 Bxg3+ 21.Kf1 Be6 22.Nb6 Rb8 0-1(53) Huzman 2585 Bareev 2683, Kitchener CAN 2006;
- 14...00 15.00 Nh5 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bd2 f5 18.Na4 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nb6 Rb8 21.Bc3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxc3 =-=(49) Bocharov 2577 Movsesian 2658, ACPOChess.com INT 2006;
- 10...h6 11.Qc2 g5 12.g3 Bg7 13.Bg2 00 14.00 Qc7 15.b4 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Rfe1 Re8 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.f4 Re8 20.e4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Qd8 0-1(66) Bocharov 2571 Najer 2677, Tomsk RUS 2006;
- 10.Qc2 g6 11.g3 Bg7 12.Bg2 00 13.00 b6 14.b4 Bb7 15.Rab1 Re8 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Na4 b5 18.Nc3 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 1-0(57) Sakaev 2634 Malakhov 2676, Krasnoyarsk 2007;
- 11.h3 Qc7 12.e4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe5 Qxe5+ 16.dxe5 Ne4 17.Be3 Be6 18.Nd4 Nxc5 19.Rc1 Nd7 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Ke2 Nxe5 22.Bd4 Nf7 =-=(26) Khenkin 2620 Volkov 2628, Fuegen 2006;
- 9...g6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Ndf6 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Bc4 Nd5 14.00 Bg7 15.Qb3 00 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.h3 a5 18.Re2 a4 19.Qa3 b5 20.cxb6 Nxb6 21.Bd3 Be6 22.Rxe6 fxe6 =-=(70) Nielsen 2628 Kobalia 2630, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 9.e3 b6 10.b4 Nxf4 11.exf4 Qc7 12.g3 g6 13.Rc1 Bg7 14.Be2 00 15.00 a5 16.b5 bxc5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Be6 20.Qxc5 Qxc5 21.Rxc5 Bxa2 22.Ne5 Bxe5 =-=(28) Sokolov 2689 Bacrot 2717, Wijk aan Zee 2006;
- 9...g6 10.h4 Nxf4 11.exf4 Bg7 12.h5 b6 13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.Qd2 Rb8 15.b3 Nf6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Ne5 Ng4 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Rc1 Nxe5 20.fxe5 OO 21.Bd3 Qd7 22.Rh4 e6 1-0(41) Paragua 2596 Movsesian 2635, Khanty Mansiysk 2005;
- 9.Qd2 Nxf4 10.Qxf4 Nf6 11.Ne5 g6 12.g4 Be6 13.h4 Qb8 14.Bh3 Bg7 15.Qe3 Ne4 16.f4 =-= Khalifman 2624 Malakhov 2679, Sochi 2007;
- 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bd2 Nhf6 11.Qc2 g6 12.h3 Qc7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe3 Be6 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Qg3 Bg7 19.Bd3 h5 20.h4 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 gxf5 0-1(35) Van Wely 2629 Hodgson 2605, Germany 1999.
- 8.h3 e5 9.b4 Qe7 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Na4 Ne4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qd4 Qf5 15.Qd3 Bf6 16.g4 Qe5 17.Rd1 a5 18.Bg2 axb4 19.Nb6 Ra3 20.Qc2 Rxe3 21.Nxc8 Rc3 22.Qb1 OO 0-1(24) Dreev 2645 Volkov 2605, Samara RUS 1998;
- 8...Ne4 9.Bf4 b6 10.cxb6 Qxb6 11.Qb3 e6 12.Nxe4 Qxb3 13.axb3 dxe4 14.Nd2 Bb4 15.000 f5 16.Nc4 a5 17.e3 Ba6 18.Kb1 Ke7 19.g4 g6 20.Rg1 Bb5 21.Rc1 a4 22.Ne5 Nxe5 0-1(73) Laznicka 2595 Volkov 2623, Moscow RUS 2008.
- 8.b4 g6 9.Qc1 h6 10.e3 Bg7 11.Bd3 00 12.00 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.Na4 Qh4 16.h3 Nxe5 17.Be2 Bxh3 18.gxh3 Qxh3 19.f4 Qg3+ 20.Kh1 d4 21.Qe1 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 dxe3 0-1(35) Krasenkow 2702 Movsesian 2666, Polanica Zdroj POL 2000.
- [*137*] 8...e5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Na4 Nxe5 12.Bc3 f6 13.Nb6 Rb8 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.g3 Qd7 16.h4 Qf7 17.Bh3 Nd7 18.b4 Rd8 19.f4 Be7 20.h5 g6 21.Qb3 Rg8 22.e4 gxh5 1-0(42) Topalov 2804 Bacrot 2708, Sofia BUL 2006.

- [*138*] 9...Bg7 10.Bf4 00 11.e3 Ne8 12.Be2 Nc7 13.00 Re8 14.Bg5 Ne6 15.Bh4 f5 16.Bg3 Bh6 17.Bh2 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.f4 Bf6 20.g4 Bh4 21.Rf3 e6 22.Bg3 h6 =- =(65) Roiz 2590 Najer 2653, Sochi RUS 2006;
- 10...Ne4 11.e3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Qc2 e5 14.Bh2 exd4 15.exd4 OO 16.Be2 b6 17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.OO Bf5 19.Qb3 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Bh6 21.Ra1 Na4 22.c4 Nc3 1-0(38) Wojtaszek 2630 Laznicka 2596, Deutschland 2007.
- [*139*] 10...e5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bf4 Nfd7 13.e4 g5 14.Bxg5 Ng6 15.exd5 Bg7 16.Qe2+ Kf8 17.d6 Qa5 18.Be3 b6 19.Bg2 bxc5 20.Bxc6 Rb8 21.dxc5 Nge5 22.Be4 Nxc5 =-=(38) Vallejo Pons 2650 Topalov 2801, Monte Carlo 2006.
- [*140*] 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.Bg2 Nh5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 OO 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nhf6 17.Nc3 Re8 18.OO Nf8 19.Qb3 Ne6 20.Be3 Nc7 21.Ne5 Nfd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 1-0(42) Topalov 2804 Kamsky 2671, Sofia 2006;
- 13...00 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 h6 16.Bd2 Nhf6 17.Nc3 Re8 18.00 e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.Na4 Bxh3 22.Bxh3 Rd5 =-=(66) Wojtaszek 2630 Laznicka 2596, Pamplona 2006;
- 12...00 13.00 Nh5 14.Bd2 f5 15.Qb3 e5 16.Ng5 exd4 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Ne6 Qe7 19.Nxf8 Nxf8 20.Bxd5+ Kh8 21.Bb4 Qe5 22.c6 bxc6 =-=(25) Berkes 2606 Bacrot 2695, Germany GER 2008.
- [*141*] 12.00 Ne4 13.Bf4 e5 14.dxe5 =-= Laznicka 2608 Malakhov 2679, Dresden 2007.
- [*142*] 13.00 Nh5 14.Bd2 f5 15.Na4 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nb6 Rb8 18.Bc3 Nf7 19.e3 Be6 20.b4 Qe8 21.a4 Nf6 22.Qe2 g5 1-0(63) Gagunashvili 2560 Nakamura 2664, Turin ITA 2006;
 - 1-0(63) Gagunashvili 2560 Nakamura 2664, ? 2006;
- 20.Nd4 Qe8 21.b4 Ng5 22.a4 Ne4 0-1(57) Jobava 2646 Kamsky 2671, Turin ITA 2006;
- 17.Bc3 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Ng7 20.e3 Be6 21.Bg2 Qe7 22.b4 Rae8 =- =(48) Vitiugov 2555 Malakhov 2690, Tomsk 2006;
- 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Ng5 Ndf6 17.Na4 h6 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nf3 Ne4 20.Qb4 Kh7 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.Bc3 Be6 =-=(50) Vallejo Pons 2664 Malakhov 2675, Pamplona 2008;
- 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2 f5 16.Na4 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bc3 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxc3 20.Rxc3 Ng7 21.e3 Be6 22.b4 Qf6 =-= Postny 2622 Movsesian 2642, France 2007.
- [*143*] 8...Qc7 9.e4 e5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.b4 Be7 12.Be2 OO 13.OO e4 14.Ne1 Nb8 15.Qc1 Be6 16.Nc2 Nc6 17.Rb1 Bd8 18.a4 Ne7 19.Bf4 Qd7 20.b5 Ba5 21.Rb3 Bg4 22.Bxg4 Nxg4 1-0(43) Alekseev 2708 Bacrot 2691, Biel SUI 2008;
- 11.000 Be7 12.g4 Nxc5 13.dxe5 Bxg4 14.exf6 Bxf3 15.fxg7 Rg8 16.Qxh7 Rxg7 17.Qxg7 Bxh1 18.Kb1 Ne6 19.Qg8+ Bf8 20.Bh3 Bf3 21.Re1 000 22.Bg5 Re8 1-0(36) Najer 2652 Savchenko 2569, Moscow 2006;
- 9...dxe4 10.Ng5 h6 11.Ngxe4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ exf6 14.Bc4 Be6 15.000 000 16.Rhe1 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 g6 18.Bc3 Bg7 19.d5 cxd5 20.Rxd5 Rxd5 21.Qxd5 Rd8 22.Qc4 Kb8 1-0(33) Lautier 2676 Jakovenko 2581, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 9.Bg5 e5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.e3 f5 12.g3 f4 13.exf4 exd4 14.Qe2+ Be7 15.Nxd4 Nxc5 16.000 00 17.Qh5 Bf6 18.Be2 b5 19.Qh6 Qd6 20.b4 Ne4 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Nf5 Bb2+ =-=(27) Aronian 2762 Arizmendi Martinez 2542, San Sebastian 2006.
- 8...e5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Na4 Qe7 11.Bg5 Qe6 12.e3 h6 13.Nd4 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qf6 15.h3 Nge5 16.Be2 g6 17.00 Bg7 18.b4 00 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Bg3 h5 21.Nc3 a5 22.a3 axb4 1-0(40) Lautier 2676 Volkov 2630, playchess.com INT 2004;
- 10...Be7 11.Qc3 00 12.Qd4 Nh6 13.e4 f6 14.exd5 fxe5 15.Qc4 cxd5 16.Qxd5+ Kh8 17.Bc4 Nxc5 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Nb6 Rb8 20.Nxe5 Bf6 21.Bf4 Be6 22.00 Rd4 0-1(57) Avrukh 2653 Erenburg Sergey (ISR) 2582, Caleta (England) 2005.

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- 14...Nd7 15.Be3 Bg7 16.e6 fxe6 17.000 Nf6 18.Bc4 Nd5 19.Bd4 00 20.Rhf1 Bd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ne5 Be8 0-1(65) Lugovoi 2552 Malakhov 2664, Moscow 2005;
- 9...Bg7 10.Bf4 00 11.e3 Ne8 12.Be2 Nc7 13.00 e5 14.dxe5 Ne6 15.b4 a5 16.b5 Ndxc5 17.Bg3 Bd7 18.Rfd1 Rc8 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Rac1 Qd7 21.Qb1 Rfd8 22.Bh4 Re8 1-0(58) Topalov 2757 Shirov 2713, Monte Carlo 2005.
- 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qc2 Be6 13.Be2 Bg7 14.00 00 15.Rad1 Bd5 16.Ne5 Nd7 17.f4 b6 18.Bc3 bxc5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.dxc5 Qe6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qc3+ Qf6 =-=(69) Krasenkow 2636 Bacrot 2717, Asnieres sur Seine 2006;
- 9...Nxe4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ng5 Bg7 12.Bc4 00 13.Qb3 e6 14.Nxe4 Bxd4 15.00 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Rad1 Qh4 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 b5 21.Be2 c5 22.Bf3 Ra7 0-1(32) Xu Jun 2617 Malakhov 2674, Moscow 2004.
- [*145*] 9...Bg7 10.Bg2 00 11.00 Re8 12.Rad1 b6 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.Qb3 Rc8 16.Na4 Nxa4 17.Qxa4 Qb6 18.Qb4 Qb5 19.Qxb5 cxb5 20.Rc1 Nd7 21.Nc6 Nb6 22.b3 Rc7 1-0(63) Sargissian 2658 Jakovenko 2691, Wijk aan Zee 2007;
- 12...Nf8 13.h3 h6 14.Qc1 Kh7 15.Ne5 Be6 16.Rfe1 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Bf4 f5 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.Qxc4 Qd5 21.Qxd5 cxd5 22.Bc1 Ne6 =-=(25) Fressinet 2654 Volkov 2648, Kemer 2007;
- 12...a5 13.h3 b6 14.cxb6 Qxb6 15.Rc1 Ba6 16.Rfel Qb7 17.b3 Rec8 18.e4 e6 19.e5 Ne8 20.Na4 Bb5 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 a4 1-0(40) Potkin 2593 Kobalia 2639, Sochi 2007.
- [*146*] 11.Na4 Ngxe5 12.Bc3 Bg7 13.000 00 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.e4 Be6 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.f4 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Qc3+ Qf6 21.Qxf6+ Nxf6 22.Bg2 Ne4 =-=(23) Miton 2653 Bacrot 2709, Lugo ESP 2007.
- [*147*] 13.e4 Bg7 14.Bg2 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 dxe4 16.Bxh8 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 exf3 18.Bxf3 Ngxf2 19.Qb3+ Ke7 20.Bg7 Bh3+ 21.Bg2 Qd7 22.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 0-1(27) Ivanchuk 2787 Bacrot 2695, Crete, Greece 2007;
- 14...Re8 15.00 Kg8 16.Bg5 Qa5 17.exd5 Bf5 18.Qd2 h6 19.Bf4 g5 20.Nd4 Bg6 21.Bd6 Rad8 22.Bxc5 Qxc5 =-=(44) Sargissian 2658 Laznicka 2593, Moscow 2007;
- 14.h3 Nf6 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Be3 Ncxe4 17.Ncxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.Bd3 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Qe7 21.Bg2 Qb4+ 22.Qd2 1-0 Aronian 2750 Bacrot 2695, Mainz 2007.