

Tactics

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Modern Benoni: 64 Times Typical Tactics and New Ideas (Part 2)

A65 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4

ECO	White	Black	Place	Year
6...Be7	Kirwald	Beisser	Corr.	1967
6...g6 7.Bg5	Hulmes	Subramanian	US Open	1968
6...g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2	Bousios	Ilandzis	Athens	1979
	Ferencz	Idziak	Corr.	1992
	Nielsen	Bergmann	Vejle	1971
	Artamonov	Razumov	Corr. 19	7/78
6...g6 7.Bf4	Borrel	Darga	Spain	1965
6...g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Bg5	Armas,J.	Cordoba	Santa Catalina	1987

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ECO	White	Black	Place	Year
7...Qe7	Shamkovich	Zheliandinov	USSR	1959
7...Bg7 8.e5 dxe5	Konc	Markovic	Odzaci	1978
	Hansen, Cu.	Turk	Vejle	1978
	Lputian	Magerramov	Riga	1980
7...Bg7 8.e5 Nfd7	Schreiber	Montecatine	Corr.	1985
	Smirnov	Kapengut	Minsk	1979
	Lotti	Alberti	Italy	1985
	Littlewood	Povah	England	1975

Kirwald C.-Beisser G., Corr. 1967

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 Be7?! 7.f4 Nbd7?

Black should play 7...0-0, and if 8.e5 Nfd7.

8.e5! Ng8

If 8...dxe5? 9.d6 Bf8 10.Nb5.

9.Qa4!

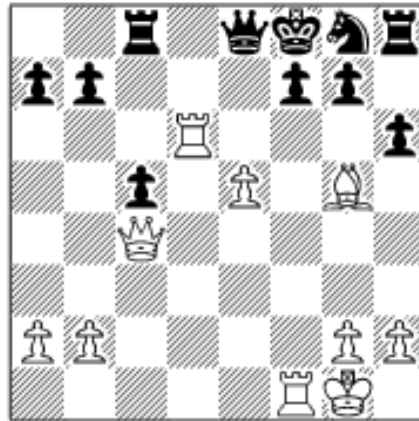
Threatening 10.e6.

9...Kf8 10.Nf3 Nb6 11.Qc2 dxe5

Black's position is clearly worse, but opening the f-file is fatal.

Relatively better is 11...g6.

**12.fxe5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Bc4 Qc6 15.0-0 Be6 16.Ng5 Bxg5
17.Bxg5 Rc8 18.Rad1 Qe8 19.Rd6 Bxc4 20.Qxc4 h6**



This should be easy!. One, two, and White wins.

21.Re6! Qd7 22.Re7! 1-0

Hulmes-S. Subramanian, US Open 1968

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0?

Almost as a rule, castling long in Modern Benoni is a bad idea. Instead 10.Nge2!? or 10.f3 h6 13.Be3 are the playable options.

10...a6 11.Kb1 b5 12.f3 Nbd7 13.Rc1 Rb8 14.h4 c4 15.Be2 b4 16.Nd1 c3 17.Qf4 Qa5 18.Qxd6 Rb6 19.Qc7 b3! 20.Nxc3



First move is a necessary prelude to the second move, which makes Black's attack irresistible. Can you see these two moves?

20...Nxd5! 21.exd5 Nc5! 22.a3

Or 22.g4 bxa2+ and Black wins.

22...Bf5+ 23.Ka1 Qxa3+! 24.bxa3 Bxc3+ 25.Rxc3 b2+ 0-1

H. Bousios-S. Ilandzis, Athens 1979

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bf4?!

Usual is 10.Ng3 Na6 11.h3.

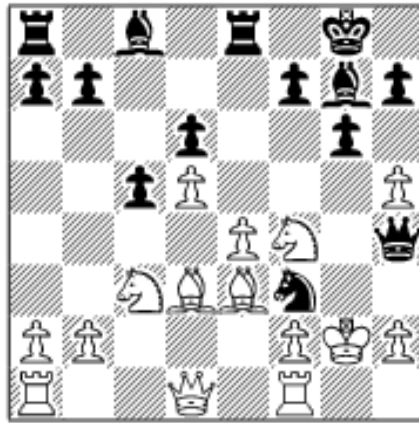
10...Nh5! 11.Be3 Nd7 12.g4?

Don't move the pawns in front of your King if is not necessary!.
12.Ng3=

12...Ne5! 13.gxh5

If 13.f3 Bxg4 14.fxg4 Nxg4 with a powerful attack.

13...Nf3+ 14.Kg2 Qh4 15.Nf4



For the sacrificed piece Black has an attack, and a winning shot too!

15...Bh3+! 16.Kh1

Or 16.Nxh3 Qg4+ 17.Kh1 Qxh3 18.Bf4 Be5 19.Qc1 Nxh2 and Black wins.

16...Bg4! 17.h3 Bxh3 0-1

L. Ferencz-M. Idziak Corr. 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3

Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Ng3 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5 13.Bc2!?

A very interesting plan for the advance f2-f4. ECO gives only 13.Be2 Qh4 14.Qe1 c4 unclear.

13...Qh4 14.Qe2 Nbd7 15.Bd2 b6



How to carry out the planned "f2-f4" and "e4-e5"?

16.f4!

Feasible immediately because of a tactical detail – if now 16...Qxg3 17.Be1!, and Black loses the Queen.

16...Nc4 17.Qxc4 Qxg3 18.e5! dxe5 19.f5!

Threatening to win the Queen by

20.Ne4 Qh4 21.Bg5 Qh5 22.Bd1.

19...e4 20.Nxe4 Qh4 21.fxg6

But not 22.Bg5? Rxe4.

21...Bd4+? 22.Qxd4! 1-0

For if 22...cxd4 23.gxf7+ Kf8 24.fxe8=Q+ Kxe8 25.Bg5 Qh5 26.Nd6#

GM Pe. Nielsen-J. Bergmann Vejle 1971

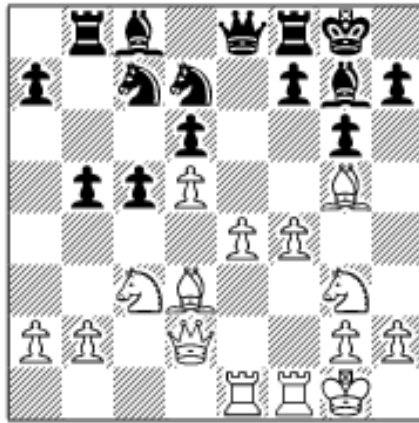
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Na6 10.Bg5!?

Initiating a very interesting and forgotten plan for a quick assault against Black's King's wing.

10...Nc7?!

Worthy of consideration – and probably necessary – is 10...h6!?

11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Rae1! b5 13.f4 Qe8 14.Ng3 Nd7



White has decisive tactical shot.
Pay attention to Black's Queen!

**15.Nf5! gxf5 16.exf5 Bd4+
17.Kh1 Ne5 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Bf6
Bxf6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Qh6 1-0**

If 21...Bg7 22.Qh5 (intending
23.f6) Bf6 23.Ne4.

*Artamonov-Razumov Corr.
1977/78*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3
g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.Nge2 e6**

8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 b6?

A waste of time. Black's best is 10...Nbd7 11.h3 Qc7 12.Ng3 Re8
13.f4 c4! 14.Bc2 Rb8 with chances for both sides.

11.h3 Nbd7 12.f4 Re8 13.Ng3 h5?



Do you know White's most typical
attacking idea in the Modern
Benoni?

14.e5! dxe5 15.f5!

That's it! The most typical
attacking idea is here especially
very effective because of the
already weakened position of
Black's fianchetto.

15...gxf5 16.Bxf5!

But not 16.Nxf5 e4!

**16...Nf8 17.Bg5 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 N8h7 19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.Qc1! Kh8
21.Bxf6+ 1-0**

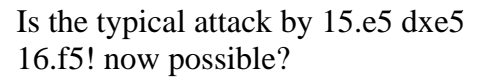
For if 21...Nxf6 22.Qh6+ Nh7 23.Rxf7 and wins.

Borrel-GM Klaus Darga Spain 1965

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bf4 a6
8.a4 Bg7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.Nge2**

Better is 10.Qd2!?

10...Nh5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Ng3 Nh6 13.f4 Rb8 14.0-0 Re8



Before launching any tactical action, consider carefully all the details of the position! Here the attack runs into a surprising tactical refutation.

If 16.Qxg4 Nxe5 17.Qe2 Nxd3

16...Qh4 17.h3 Nxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxe5!

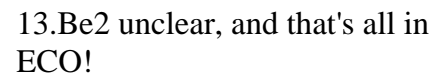
**19.fxe5 Qxg3 20.e6 fxe6 21.Ne4 Qe5 22.dxe6 Bxe6 23.Qf1 c4
24.Bc2 Rf8 25.Re1 Qxb2 0-1**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Bg5 h6

Also possible is 8...0-0 9.Nge2 Re8!? and now 10.Ng3? Nxe4!
11.Ncxe4 (If 11.Bxd8 Nxc3+ and Black wins a piece) Qxg5 12.Bb5
Bd7 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.0-0 Qe7 15.Qb3 f5 16.Nf2 b6 17.Rad1 Bd4
18.Rd2 Nf6 19.Ne2 Be3 20.Rd3 Rac8 21.Qd1 c4 22.Rc3 Rc5 0-1
Arlandi–Yap, Roma 1985, while 10.Qd2 h6! 11.Be3 Nbd7 transposes
into the game.

If 11.Bxh6? Nxe4! and 12...Qh4+ with better chances for Black.

11...Nbd7 12.Nc1 Nh5! 13.g4?



White's last move 13.g4 is a shot in the dark. Can you find how to punish him? It is a long, but forced combination.

A well calculated piece sacrifice.

**15.Bf2 Qf6 16.gxh5 Nxf3+
17.Bxf3 Qxf3 18.Rf1 Bxc3**

19.Qxc3 Rxe4+ 20.Kd2 Qf4+ 0-1

GM Leonid Shamkovich-Zheliandinov USSR 1959

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Qe7?
8.Nf3 Nbd7**

If 8...Nxe4?!, then 9.Qa4+ winning a piece. Another option is 8...Bg4 9.Bb5+!? (a new idea, instead of ECO's 9.h3) Nfd7 (If 9...Nbd7 10.0-0 Bg7 11.e5!) 10.0-0 a6 11.Be2 b5? (Decisive waste of time) 12.e5! Bxf3 13.Bxf3 dxe5? 14.d6 1-0 Tataev–Frenzel, Moscow 1990.



9.e5!

This typical pawn sacrifice is here sharper and seems to be stronger than the positional 9.Bd3.

9...dxe5 10.fxe5 Nxe5 11.Bb5+ Ned7+ 12.Kf2! Ng4+ 13.Kg3 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 15.Bf4 Qf6 16.Qe2+ Be7

If 16...Qe7 17.Qf3, or 16...Kd8 17.Ne4 Qe7 18.Bc7+! and wins.

17.d6 g5 18.Be5 Bxd6 19.Bxd6+ Kd8 20.Bc7+! 1-0

V. Konc-M. Markovic Odzaci 1978

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Nh5? 10.Bb5+ Kf8

Instead of ECO's 10...Bd7 11.Nf3 with advantage for White.

11.Nf3 Bg4 12.0-0! Bxe5 13.Nxe5!

A well calculated queen sacrifice.

13...Bxd1 14.Bh6+ Kg8 15.Nxf7 Qe7

On 15...Qc8, White has many options that win, including the spectacular 16.d6 Bg4 17.Nd8!



Black is threatening to return the Queen with 16...Qxf7 and thereby refuting White's combination. How should White convince him that his position is already lost?

16.d6! Qxf7 17.Bc4! 1-0

GM Cu. Hansen-H. Turk Vejle 1978

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Ng4? 10.Bb5+!?

ECO shows only 10.e6 with attack

10...Kf8 11.Nf3 Nxe5 12.0-0 Bg4?



This typical tactical idea from previous example is again possible. And very attractive too!

13.Nxe5! Bxd1 14.Nxf7 Qa5

Or 14...Qh4 15.Bg5 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Kg8 17.Raxd1 Qg4 18.Nh6+ Bxh6 19.Bxh6 Nd7 (Or 19...Na6 20.h3 Qh5 21.Bd7 Nc7 22.d6 and wins) 20.h3 Qh5 21.Bxd7 Qxh6 22.Be6+ Kg7 23.Rf7+ Kg8 24.Ne4 1-0
Scanavino-Cuasnicu, Argentina

(ch jr) 1960

15.Nh6+! Ke7 16.Bg5+ Kd6 17.Bf4+ Ke7 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Nf7+ Kc8 20.Nd6+ Kc7 21.Nc4+ 1-0.

GM S. Lputian-GM E. Magerramov Riga 1980

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Nfd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.dxe6 Qe7 12.Be2!?

An unnoticed novelty! The theoretical line is a game between same opponents from 1979: 12.Nd5 Qxe6+ 13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Bxe2 0-0! 15.Nc7 Nc6 16.Nxa8 Nb4, unclear.

12...Nb6

On 12...Qxe6 Black must reckon with 13.Nb5.

13.Bf4! Bxe6 14.Nf3 Bc4 15.0-0 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 0-0 17.Bd6 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Rd8 19.Nf4!

Threatening to trap the Queen by 20.Re1 Qf2 21.Re2.

19...Qe4?

Perhaps 19...Qe8 offers more defensive chances.

20.Ng5 Qc6



Many open files in the center always favor the better developed side! Here only one (but the right!) move seals Black's doom.

21.Qb3+! 1-0

For if 21...c4 22.Qh3! and wins.

*K. Schreiber-R. Montecatine
Corr. 1985*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 Nfd7 9.exd6 0-0 10.Nf3 Nf6

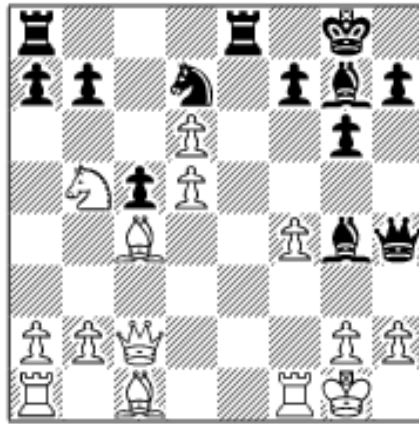
11.Bc4?

11.Be2 a6 12.a4 Qxd6=

11...Re8+ 12.Ne5 Ng4 13.0-0 Qh4!

If 13...Nxe5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Bf4, unclear.

14.Nxg4 Bxg4 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Nb5?



If you are a tactician, you should believe in the relative value of the pieces! After this hint, what is Black's best attacking continuation?

16...a6!!

Sacrificing the exchange, Black secures the d4-square for his dark-square Bishop, an attacking piece for the attack.

17.Nc7 b5 18.Nxe8

If 18.Nxa8 bxc4 19.Nc7 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Re2 21.Qxc4 Rxc2 22.Kxg2 Qh3+ 23.Kh1 Bf3+ and mate next move.

18...Rxe8 19.Bd3 c4 20.Be4 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Bf3 Nh5! 0-1

There is no defense against the mating threat 23...Ng3+.

V. Smirnov-IM A. Kapengut Minsk 1979

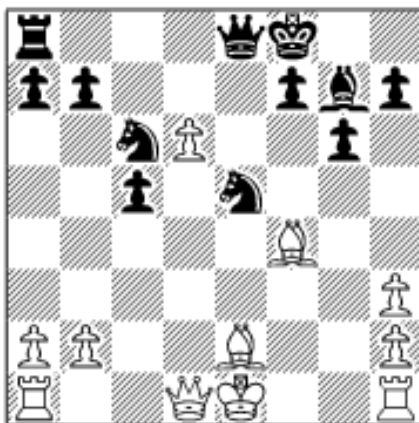
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Nb5 dxe5 10.Nd6+ Ke7

Considered better than 10...Kf8.

11.Nb5?! Re8! 12.d6+ Kf8 13.Nc7 exf4+ 14.Nxe8 Qxe8+!?

This forgotten novelty looks better than ECO's 14...Qh4+ 15.Kd2 Ke8, unclear–Hartston.

15.Be2 Ne5 16.Bxf4 Nbc6 17.Nh3 Bxh3 18.gxh3



Prove that Black has more than enough compensation for the sacrificed exchange!.

18...Nf3+ 19.Kf2 Qe4! 20.Bxf3 Qxf4 21.Kg2 Nd4 22.Rc1

Or 22.Re1 Be5!

22...Nf5! 0-1

F. Lotti-Alberti Italy 1985

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Nb5 dxe5 10.Nd6+ Ke7 11.Nxc8+ Qxc8 12.d6+ Kf8 13.Nf3 e4

Probably the alternative 13...Nc6 is to be preferred.

14.Ng5 h6 15.Nxf7!? Kxf7 16.Bc4+ Kf8 17.f5 Nc6

According to Larsen and ECO, Black stands better. This assessment and also the whole variation with 13...e4 is questionable.

18.fxg6 Nce5

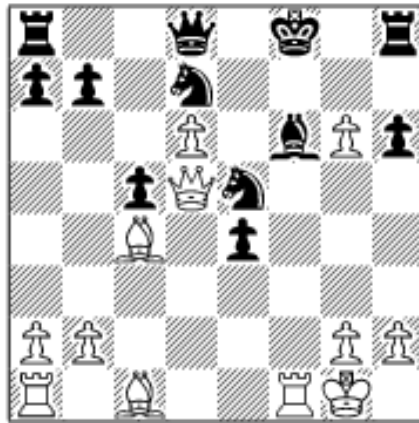
Or 18...Nf6 19.0-0 Nd4 20.Be3 Qc6 21.b4! Qxd6 22.bxc5 Qxc5 23.Bxd4 Qxc4 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Qd6+ 1-0 Lotti-La Rosa, Corr. 1986

19.0-0+ Bf6

After 19...Ke8 20.Qd5 Nb6 21.Bb5+ Kd8 22.Qxe4 a6 23.Bf4 White has very strong attacking position.

20.Qd5 Qd8??

Obligatory were 20...Kg7.



Mate in three!

21.Bxh6+! Ke8 22.Qf7+! 1-0

*J. Littlewood-IM N. Povah
England 1975*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3
exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7
8.e5 Nfd7 9.Ne4 dxe5 10.Nd6+
Ke7 11.Nxc8+ Qxc8 12.Nf3 Re8
13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Bb5 Nbd7
15.0-0 a6?**

Correct is 15...Kf8 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.Bf4 with sharp and unclear position.

16.Nxe5 Bxe5



The first tactical idea that should come into your mind in such positions is "the kamikaze pawn!"

17.d6+! Kf8

If 17...Bxd6, 18.Qd5 (ECO), and probably also 18.Re1+!, should win.

**18.Qd5 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Nf6
20.Bh6+ Kg8 21.Rxf6! Bxf6
22.d7 axb5 23.dxc8=Q Raxc8
24.Qxb7 Bxb2 25.Rf1 1-0**



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