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Winning in the Chess Opening

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Preface

This is an updated and revised edition of the Russian book *Pobeda v debyute. 700 primerov bystrykh pobed* (Victory in the Opening. 700 Examples of Quick Wins, Moscow 2016).

The main task of any chess player in the opening is to ensure the proper orchestration of his forces. That is the key idea of the present book.

The games, which are all less than 20 moves long, are sorted by opening. This makes it possible to use the book as a practical opening manual. After all, each opening has its own intrinsic set-ups of pieces and pawns, its typical vulnerable points and weaknesses, favourite deployment plans, and also typical mistakes.

The game notes offer brief up-to-date recommendations about the opening at hand. The reader will also improve his understanding of general opening principles while studying these practical examples.

Winning in the Chess Opening features games by players of different levels, from World Champions to pure amateurs. Quite understandably, the nature of the games and the mistakes made are not identical. You will see magnificent works of art along with games decided by errors or even blunders. However, the way the opponents utilise the latter is, though often simple, nonetheless instructive. In our opinion, such diversity is justified as it increases the practical value of the book.

From time to time, the commentaries may include conventional symbols along with the text, thus making it possible to give all the necessary information while keeping the size of the book within reasonable bounds.

We hope that this work proves useful for every aspiring chess player.

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February 2018

CHAPTER 2

Semi-Open Games

Minor openings after 1.e4

There are a lot of established openings for Black after 1.e4, but some other moves, even if rarely employed, are seen from time to time, even in top-level chess. One notable example is 1.e4 a6!?, used by Tony Miles to beat the then World Champion Anatoly Karpov in Skara 1980.

Still, White can hope for a certain opening advantage, with correct play, against each of them.

Game 214 B00

Bojan Vuckovic

Uros Petakov

Serbia tt 2014 (5)

1.e4 a6!?

This rare move is actually quite playable, often leading to known openings with a transposition of moves.

2.d4 b5 3.a4

After 3.♘f3 ♙b7 4.♙d3 ♘f6?! (it was safer to start with 4...e6) 5.♖e2 (5.e5 ♘d5 6.♘g5 e6 7.♗f3 would have been rather annoying for Black) 5... e6 6.a4 c5 7.dxc5 ♙xc5 8.♘bd2 b4 9.e5 ♘d5 10.♘e4 ♙e7 11.0-0 ♘c6 12.♙d2 ♗c7, Black achieved an equal Sicilian-like position in the famous encounter Karpov-Miles, Skara 1980, and even managed to win in the end.

3...♙b7

There is nothing wrong with 3...b4.

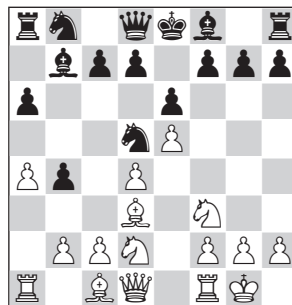
4.♘d2

4.axb5!? is another promising alternative, e.g. 4...♙xe4 5.d5! (5.bxa6 can be met by 5...♘xa6, because g2 is potentially en prise) 5... e6 6.♘c3 ♙b4 7.♗d4 ♙xc3+ 8.♗xc3, attacking g7.

4...♘f6 5.e5 ♘d5 6.♘gf3

6.axb5 axb5 7.♖xa8 ♙xa8 8.♙xb5? is a typical error, which would be punished by 8...♘e3!.

6...b4 7.♙d3 e6 8.0-0



8...♘f4?!

Premature activity.

He should have developed first with 8...♙e7.

9. ♖e4 ♜c8 10. ♘g5 f5?

White's threat to attack everything with the queen sortie is best parried by 10...♘c6, and if 11. ♗f3? nonetheless, then 11...♘xd4!.

11. exf6 gxf6 12. ♗f3 fxf5

Or 12...♖xe4 13. ♘gxe4, or 12...d5 13. ♗xf4 fxf5 14. ♗f6.

13. ♖xb7 g4 14. ♗e4! d5 15. ♗xf4 ♗xb7 16. ♗f6

Black resigned on account of 16...♖g8 17. ♗xe6+.

Owen Defence

1.e4 b6

Game 215 B00

Guido den Broeder

Wolfgang Wegener

ICCF-Cup5 cr 1981

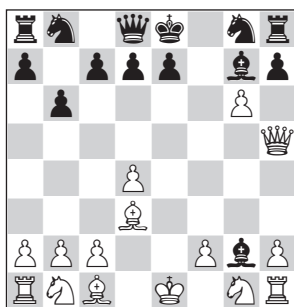
1.e4 b6

The Owen Defence is also playable, although it does not bring equality if White knows what to do.

2.d4 ♖b7 3. ♖d3 f5?

This almost loses by force, as White brilliantly proves in the present postal game.

4. exf5! ♖xg2 5. ♗h5+ g6 6. fxf6 ♖g7



If 6...♘f6, then 7.gxh7+! ♘xh5 8. ♖g6#.

7. ♗f5!!

The key move. There is the small matter of the mate threat on f7.

7...♘f6 8. ♖h6!!

An absolutely brilliant follow-up.

8...♖xh6

Or 8...0-0 9.gxh7+ ♖h8 10. ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 11. ♗g6+ ♖h8 12. ♗xg2 (Della Morte-Lopez, Villa Martelli 2000).

9.gxh7

The triple attack on g6 can only be reduced to a double attack, which is fatal for Black anyway.

9...♖xh1 10. ♗g6+ ♖f8 11. ♗xh6+ ♖f7 12. ♘h3 ♗f8 13. ♖g6+!

13. ♗g6+ is sufficient, but it prolongs the game considerably: 13...♖e6 14. ♘c3 d5 (14...♖d6!) 15.0-0-0 ♖e4 16. ♘g5+ ♖d7 17. ♘cxe4 dxe4 18. ♗f5+ ♖c6 19. ♖xe4+ etc., as in Belov-Nagibin, Moscow 2006.

13...♖e6 14. ♗f4 d5 15. ♖f5+ ♖f7 16. ♘g5+ ♖e8 17. ♗xc7 1-0

Game 216 B00

Ju Wenjun

Salome Melia

Riadh Wch blitz W 2017 (4)

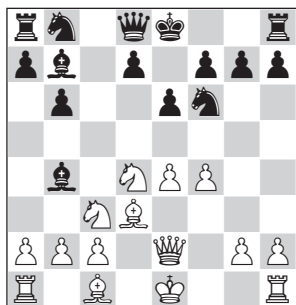
1.f4 b6 2.e4 ♖b7

After f2-f4 Black has a safer version of the 1...b6 opening.

3.♖c3 c5 4.♗f3 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♗xd4

A typical Sicilian position has arisen.

6...♙b4 7.♙d3 ♘f6 8.♚e2



8...d5?!

She should have started with 8...♗c6 9.♙e3 and only then 9...d5 10.e5 ♗e4, with a roughly equal game.

9.e5 ♗e4

After 9...♗fd7 10.♙e3, White would obtain a clear edge thanks to her strong blockading knight on d4.

10.♙xe4 ♙xc3+

The point is that 10...dxe4 is impossible here due to the reply 11.♚b5+.

11.bxc3 dxe4 12.♙a3

This version of the French Defence looks like an absolutely terrible idea for Black.

12...♚d7 13.♙d1 ♚a4 14.♗b5 ♙d5 15.c4!

It's all over, as the bishop can't leave the d5-square because of mate by ♗c7.

15...a6 16.♗c7+ ♗d8 17.♗xa8 ♚xa3

18.cxd5 ♚a5+ 19.♚d2 ♚xd2+

20.♙xd2 exd5 21.♗xb6

Black resigned.

Nimzowitsch Defence

1.e4 ♗c6

One of the creative finds of grand maestro Aron Nimzowitsch (1886-1935), the famous chess pioneer. Black tries to enforce piece play from the first moves. According to our latest understanding, the Nimzowitsch Defence is hardly sufficient to give Black full-fledged counterplay, yet it is played from time to time, at least at master level, mainly because its theory has not been developed to great depth.

Game 217 B00

Dennis Drollinger 2208

Elmar Klotz 1640

St Ingbert 1988 (1)

1.e4 ♗c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 dxe4 4.d5
♗e5 5.♙f4 ♗g6 6.♙g3 a6

Better is 6...c6 7.dxc6 ♚xd1+ 8.♙xd1
bxc6 9.♗xe4.

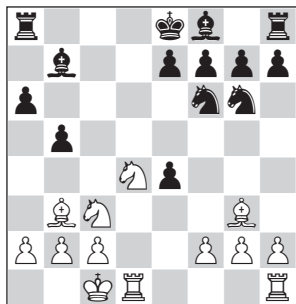
7.♙c4 ♗f6 8.♗ge2 b5 9.♙b3 ♙b7

10.♚d4 c6 11.dxc6 ♙xc6 12.0-0-0

♚xd4 13.♗xd4 ♙b7

13...♙d7 loses to 14.♗d5 ♗xd5

15.♙xd5 ♙d8 16.♗c6 ♙c8 17.♗b8!.



14. Ndx5!? axb5 15. Nxb5 Bc8?
 15...e5! 16. Nc7+ Qe7 17. Nxa8 Qxa8
 was necessary, with an unclear
 game.
16. Nc7+ Bxc7 17. Qxc7 e5 18. Bd8+
 Qe7 19. Bhd1 Nf4 20. Bb8
 Black resigned.

Game 218 B00

Hans Tomson

Victor Panus 2140

cr 1991/94

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3. Nc3 e5?! 4. Qb5
 Modern theory considers the
 variation 4.dxe5 d4 5. Nd5 to be
 strongest.

4...dxe4!? 5.d5 a6 6. Qa4 b5 7. Nxb5!?
 The cold-hearted 7. Qb3 Nd4, which
 leads to complex play, is another
 option.

7...axb5 8. Qxb5 Nge7 9.dxc6 Bxd1+
10. Qxd1 Nf5 11.c3

Or 11. Qe3 Nxe3+ 12.fxe3 Qc5
 13.Qe2 Qg4+ 14.Qf2 f5, with
 compensation.

11...Qc5 12.f3

12.Qe1!? is an alternative that
 deserves attention.

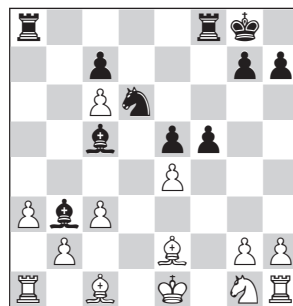
12...Nd6! 13.Qe2

If 13.c4, then 13...Qe6.

13...Qe6 14.a3

14.Qc2 Qxa2! and 14.fxe4 Nxe4
 are both poor for White, but 14.b4
 Qb6 15.Qb2 Qxa2 16.Qc2 0-0 is a
 possible choice, with double-edged
 play.

14...Qb3+ 15.Qe1 0-0 16.fxe4 f5!



17. Nf3?

White has brought things almost
 to the boil with his imprecise play,
 but he might still have retained
 adequate chances to play on, thanks
 to his extra material, by means of
 17.exf5 e4! 18.g4!? g6! 19.Qh6 Bf7,
 when an exciting struggle will
 follow.

17...fxe4 18. Nxe5 Qf2+ 19. Qd2 e3+
20. Qd3 Bf5

And now the only move, 21.Nf3,
 loses to 21...Bd5+! 22.Nd4 Qc4+
 23.Qc2 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Qe2 and
 25...Ba6.

White resigned.

Game 219 B00

John Foulger

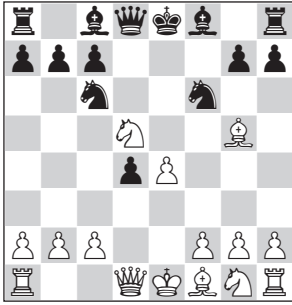
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Frederic Dijon

1920

Orange 1994 (8)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3. Nc3 e5?! 4.dxe5
d4 5. Nd5 f5 6.exf6 Nxf6 7. Ng5



7...♟xd5?

Spectacular but wrong.

8.♟xd8 ♟b4+ 9.♟e2?

9.c3! dxc3 10.exd5 cxb2+ 11.♟e2 bxa1♙ 12.♙xa1 ♟xd8 13.♙xg7 wins.

9...♟f4+ 10.♟f3 0-0 11.♟h4 ♟d6

12.g4 ♟e5+ 13.♟g3 ♟h5+



14.gxh5??

After 14.♟h3 ♟f4+ 15.♟g3 ♟h5+ it's a perpetual.

14...♟f3+!

If 15.e5, then 15...♟xe5 mates.

White resigned.

Game 220 B00

Mikhail Saltaev 2495

Nikolay Vlassov 2465

Moscow 1995 (10)

1.e4 ♟c6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 ♟xe5

4.♟c3

Or 4.♟f3 ♟b4+ 5.c3 ♟xf3+ 6.♙xf3 ♟c5 7.b4 ♟b6 8.♟d2 ♟e7 9.a4 c6 10.♟c4 ♟c7 11.e5 0-0 12.♟g5 with the initiative for White (Gild. Garcia-Miles, Linares 1994).

4...♟c5

If 4...♟b4, then 5.♙d4 ♟xc3+ 6.♙xc3.

5.♟f4 ♟g6 6.♟g3 d6

If 6...♟f6?! 7.e5 ♙e7 8.♙e2 ♟g8

9.♟d5 ♙d8 10.e6 White has a nice attack.

7.♙d2 ♟f6 8.0-0 0-0 9.e5

9.♟c4 is equally good for White.

9...♟h5 10.♟e4 ♟xg3 11.hxg3 ♟b6

12.♟f3?!

Also strong is 12.exd6.

12...♟g4

12...♟f5? won't do on account of 13.♟f6+ (but not 13.♟d3 dxe5) 13...

gxf6 14.exd6 cxd6 15.♙h6 ♟e7

16.♟d3 ♙d7 17.g4.

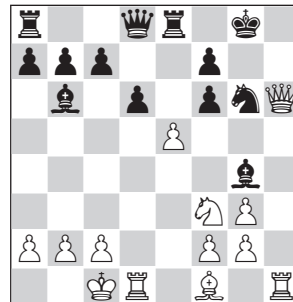
13.♟f6+!?

Alternatively, 13.exd6 ♙e8 14.♙b4 a5 15.♙a4.

13...gxf6 14.♙h6 ♙e8 15.♙xh7+

♟f8 16.♙h6+ ♟g8?

Better was 16...♟e7 17.exd6+ (17.exf6+ ♟d7 18.♟b5+ c6) 17...cxd6 followed by 18...♟e5.



17.♟c4! ♟e6 18.♟h4 d5

If 18...♖xh4, then 19.♗xh4, and mate on h8 cannot be prevented.

19.♖xg6

If 19...fxg6, then 20.♖h8+ ♕f7 21.♗h7#.

Black resigned.

Game 221 B00

Vladimir Liberzon 2445

Paul Fenn

Barcelona 1993 (2)

1.e4 ♖c6 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 ♖g4 4.♗e3

4.d5 is strong here, e.g. 4...♗b8 (or 4...♗e5? 5.♗xe5 ♗xd1 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 ♖a5+ 8.♗c3 0-0-0 9.♗c4! ♖c7 10.♗d5 ♗xc2 11.♗xc7 ♕xc7 12.cxb7) 5.♗c3 ♗f6 6.♗e3 g6 7.♖d2! ♗xf3 8.gxf3 ♗g7 9.♗c4 0-0 10.0-0-0 ♗bd7 11.h4! ♗h5 12.f4 and White has a powerful attack (Votava-Blatny, Czechia tt 1993/94).

4...♗f6 5.♗c3!?

Also possible is 5.♗bd2 e5 6.d5 ♗e7 7.h3.

5...e6?!

Better was 5...e5.

6.d5! ♗e5

Or 6...exd5 7.exd5 ♗e5 8.♗b5+ with advantage to White.

7.dxe6 ♗xf3+

White also keeps the better prospects after 7...fxe6 8.♗e2 ♗xf3+ 9.♗xf3.

8.gxf3 ♗xe6 9.♖d2 c6 10.f4 ♗g4

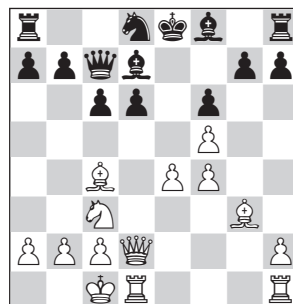
11.f5 ♗d7 12.♗f4 ♗e5 13.0-0-0

♖c7

13...♗e7 14.♗g3 f6 15.f4 ♗f7 16.♗c4 brings no relief.

14.♗g3! f6 15.f4 ♗f7 16.♗c4 ♗d8?

16...♗h6 17.♗he1 0-0-0 would have allowed him to hold on some way or other.



17.e5! ♗xf5

17...d5 loses as well: 18.e6 ♗c8 19.♗xd5! cxd5 20.♗xd5 ♖d6 (20...♖c6? 21.♗xf6+) 21.♖c3 ♗c6 22.♗xf6+

18.exd6 ♖d7 19.♗he1+ ♗e6

20.♗xe6 ♗xe6 21.f5

Black resigned.

Scandinavian Defence

1.e4 d5

It was not until the early 20th century that this rather old opening made its way into the master games. It happened through the efforts of Scandinavian chess players, primarily of Stockholm origin, who published the respective analyses, while the German maestro Jacques Mieses authored the first book on the Scandinavian in 1918.

In more recent times, the Scandinavian has changed considerably, and a number of new concepts have been introduced. Nonetheless, the general evaluation of this opening as being beneficial for White, because of his numerous active possibilities, has not changed much. The early queen sortie makes it possible for White to develop with tempo, which, coupled with the fact that Black does not have any strongholds in the centre, provides White with a long-lasting initiative and the overall better position.

The Scandinavian Defence is an occasional weapon of several top players, such as Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand. Grandmaster Sergei Tiviakov is a renowned expert in the Scandinavian and the 3...♖d6 line in particular.

Game 222 B01

Paul Keres

Faltweber

cr 1932

1.e4 d5 2.♟f3?! dxe4 3.♟g5 ♟f5

4.♟c3 ♟f6 5.♟c4

5.♖e2 is best met with 5...♟c6

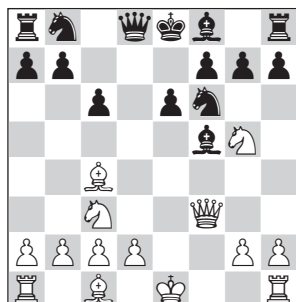
6.♖b5 ♖c8.

5...e6 6.f3 exf3

Or 6...♖d4 7.♖e2.

7.♖xf3 c6?

Black should have calmly retreated with the bishop: 7...♟g6 8.♖xb7 ♟bd7



8.♟xf7! ♟xf7 9.♖xf5 ♖e7 10.♟e4

h6 11.♟c5 g6

11...b6 loses to 12.♖xe6+ ♟e8 13.0-0.

12.♖xe6+

But not 12.♟xe6+? ♟g7 13.♖f2 ♟bd7.

12...♟e8 13.0-0 b5

13...♟bd7 would not save Black either.

14.♖c8+ ♖d8 15.♖e1+ ♟e7

Black is also mated in the event of 15...♟e4 16.♖xe4+ ♟e7 17.♖xe7+ ♟xe7 18.♖e6+ ♟f8 19.♖f7#.

16.♖xe7+ ♟xe7 17.♖e6+ ♟f8

18.♖f7#

Game 223 B01

Robert James Fischer

Karl Robatsch

Varna ol 1962 (4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♟c3 ♖d8

4.d4 g6 5.♟f4

Also good is 5.♟f3 ♟g7 6.h3.

5...♟g7

The logical 5...♟h6 (planning ...♟f5 so as to control the d4-square) will be strongly met by 6.♟e5! f6 7.♟f4.

6.♖d2 ♟f6

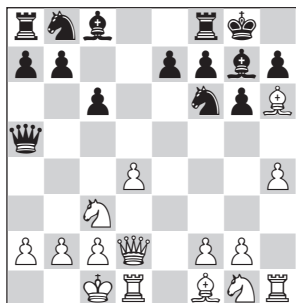
After 6...♖xd4 7.♖xd4 ♟xd4 8.♟b5 ♟b6 9.♟xc7+ ♟xc7 10.♟xc7 White

is for preference. Poor is 6...♙xd4?
7.0-0-0 ♘c6 8.♙b5 ♙d7 9.♘d5! e5
10.♘f3.

7.0-0-0 c6 8.♙h6 0-0?

Coming under fire immediately.
Better was 8...♙xh6 9.♖xh6 ♙f5
followed by ...0-0-0.

9.h4 ♖a5



10.h5! gxh5

Or 10...♘xh5 11.♙e2 ♘f6 12.♙xg7
♙xg7 13.♖h6+ ♙g8 14.g4! ♜d8 15.g5
♘h5 16.♙xh5 gxh5 17.♝xh5 ♙f5
18.g6!.

11.♙d3 ♘bd7

If 11...♙f5?, then 12.♖g5.

12.♘ge2 ♜d8 13.g4! ♘f8

Or 13...♘xg4 14.♜dg1 and 15.f3.

14.gxh5 ♘e6 15.♜dg1 ♙h8

16.♙xg7+ ♘xg7 17.♖h6 ♜g8

17...♘e6 18.♘f4!

18.♜g5 ♖d8

18...♘f5 19.♜xg8+ ♘xg8 20.♖f8 wins.

19.♜hg1 ♘f5

A bit more resilient is 19...♖f8
20.d5! ♙d7 21.d6! ♘f5 22.♖xf8
♜axf8 (22...♜gxf8 23.♙xf5 h6
24.dxe7 ♜fb8 25.♜g7 ♙xf5 26.♜xf7)
23.♙xf5 ♜xg5 24.♜xg5 h6 25.dxe7
♜b8 26.♜g3! ♙xf5 27.♜f3.

20.♙xf5

Black resigned.

Game 224 B01

Lennard Löwe

2008

Oleg Boguslavsky

2493

Frankfurt 2011 (2)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♖d6

A trendy line.

4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 c6 6.♘e5 ♘bd7

7.♙f4 ♘d5 8.♙g3

Also good is 8.♘xd5 ♖xd5 9.♘f3!.

8...♘xc3 9.bxc3 ♖a3!?

The standard continuation is

9...♘xe5.

10.♖f3

10.♖d2!? is probably stronger.

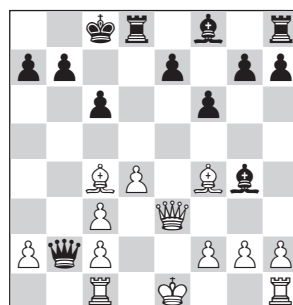
10...♘xe5 11.♙xe5 ♙g4! 12.♖e3 f6

13.♙f4?

Better was 13.♙g3.

13...♖b2 14.♜c1 0-0-0 15.♙c4?

White should have played 15.♙e2
♙xe2 16.♖e6+ ♜d7 17.♘xe2, with
chances for both sides.



15...e5! 16.♙g3 ♙b4! 17.cxb4?

Relatively better was 17.0-0, keeping
some chances of salvation.

17...♖xb4+ 18.c3 ♖xc4 19.dxe5?

♜d3

Now 20.♖f4? won't do on account of
20...♜d1+ 21.♜xd1 ♖e2#. However,
other moves lose as well.

White resigned.

Game 225 B01

Dusan Baric**Branko Hrelja**

Bled 1992 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♗a5**4.♘f3**

4.d4 is more popular.

4...♙g4

4...♘c6 5.♙b5 ♙d7 6.0-0 a6 7.♙c4 e6 8.d4 0-0-0 is not bad here, with approximate equality.

5.h3 ♙h5 6.♙c4 ♘f6 7.g4 ♙g6 8.d3! h6?

Stronger is 8...c6 9.♙d2 ♗c7.

9.♙d2 c6

Now this comes too late.

10.♘d5 ♗d8 11.♘f4! ♙h7 12.♘e5 e6?

Black could stay in the game with 12...♙g8 13.♗e2 ♘bd7 (but not 13...e6 14.♘xe6! fxe6 15.♘g6 ♖h7 16.♘xf8 ♙xf8 17.♙b4+!) 14.0-0-0 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5.

13.♗e2 ♘d5

Otherwise, 14.♘xf7 is strong.

**14.♘xf7**

Still! The simple 14.♘xd5 cxd5 15.♙b5+ ♗e7 16.♗f3 also wins.

14...♗xf4

14...♗xf7 15.♗xe6#

15.♙xf4 ♗f6 16.♘xh8 ♗xf4**17.♗xe6+ ♙e7 18.♗c8+**

Black resigned because of 18...♙d8

19.♙f7+ ♗e7 20.♗e6+ ♗f8 21.♗e8#.

Game 226 B01

Alexander Alekhine**A. Schroeder**

New York sim 1929

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♗a5**4.♘f3 ♙g4**

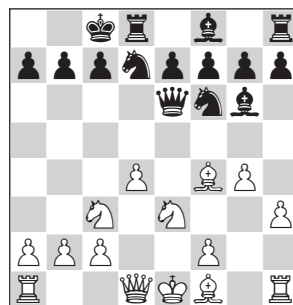
It's better to play 4...c6 at once to provide a retreat for the queen.

5.h3 ♙h5 6.d4 ♘f6 7.g4 ♙g6 8.♘e5 ♘bd7 9.♘c4 ♗a6

But not 9...♗b4? 10.a3.

10.♙f4 ♗e6+ 11.♘e3 0-0-0?

Black had to choose between 11...c6 and 11...♘b6.

**12.d5 ♗b6 13.♘c4 ♗b4 14.a3 ♗c5****15.♙e3**

Black resigned.

Game 227 B01

Eric Prié

2470

D. Rodriguez

1630

Réunion 1997 (1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♘c3 ♗a5**4.d4 ♙f5?**

Emanuel Lasker insisted that the knights be developed prior to the bishops. Correct is 4...♘f6.



5.♖f3! c6

5...♘c6 6.♙b5 could hardly suit Black, but it was maybe better to retreat with the bishop on c8.

6.b4 ♖xb4 7.♞b1 ♖a5

If 7...♗xd4, then 8.♗xf5 ♗xc3+ 9.♙d2 e6 10.♗xf7+! ♘xf7 11.♞xb7+ ♙e7 12.♙xc3, and White is much better.

8.♞xb7 ♙e4 9.♗g3 ♘d7 10.♙d2 ♙g6 11.d5 ♞c8 12.dxc6 ♖e5+ 13.♙e2!

Black resigned due to the following sample line: 13...♞xc6 14.♗xe5 ♘xe5 15.♞b8+ ♘d7 16.♞xf8

Game 228 B01
Daniel Gutierrez Oliveras 2296
Francisco Martin Perez 1829
Las Palmas 2015 (9)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♗xd5 3.♘c3 ♖a5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♙d2

A possible, albeit too unambitious, a move. Black will withdraw the queen sooner or later anyway, when the bishop will be quite passive on d2.

5...c6 6.♙c4 ♖d8

More popular, and more natural, is 6...♗c7 or 6...♗b6 7.♘f3 ♙f5. 7...♗xb2?! 8.♞b1 ♖a3 9.♗e2 is dubious, as Black's extra pawn does not compensate for his development lag.

7.♘f3 ♙f5 8.♘e5!?

Played quite aggressively. White prepares to castle queenside and start an onslaught on the kingside, thus making use of the bishop's shaky position on f5. Also possible is 8.♗e2, following the same idea, but with the d4-pawn still alive, e.g. 8...e6 9.0-0-0.

8...e6 9.♗e2 ♙e7?

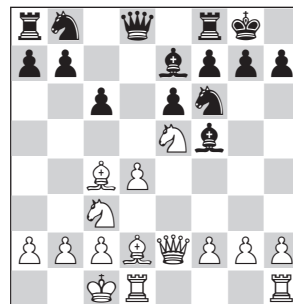
The principal reply is 9...♗xd4 10.0-0-0 ♘bd7 11.♘d7 ♘xd7 12.♙e3: White has powerful initiative for just a pawn. However, Black's position is solid enough.

10.0-0-0

The immediate 10.g4 is good too.

10...0-0?

This natural move is losing, as is 10...h6? 11.g4 ♙h7 12.♘xf7!. He should have secured the e4- and d5-squares for his bishop by means of 10...b5!? 11.♙b3 a5! 12.a4 b4.



11.g4 ♙g6 12.h4 ♖xd4

It's already too late for 12...b5
13.♙b3 b4 14.h5! and White's attack
should prove lethal.

**13.h5 ♖e4 14.♙f4 ♙d3 15.♚f3
♚xc4 16.♜xc4 ♙xc4 17.h6 g6
18.♙g5**

Black resigned.

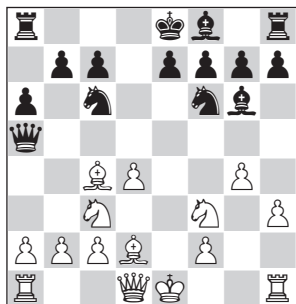
Game 229 B01

David Glueck 2332

Hugh Myers 2187

St Paul 1982 (5)

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♚xd5 3.♜c3 ♚a5
4.d4 ♜f6 5.♜f3 ♙g4 6.♙e2 ♜c6 7.h3
♙h5 8.g4 ♙g6 9.♙d2 a6 10.♙c4**



10...♜xd4?

Winning a pawn but coming under
severe fire. It was better to confine
himself to 10...♚b4 or 10...♚b6

11.♜a4 ♚a7 12.♙e3 ♜d8!.

11.♜xd4 ♚c5 12.♚e2 ♚xd4

**13.0-0-0 ♜e4 14.♜d5 ♚c5 15.♙b4
♚c6 16.h4 f6?**

Equally hopeless was 16...♜xf2

17.♜xe7 ♚e4 18.♚xf2 ♙xe7 19.♜he1.

Black could have retained feeble
chances for a draw with 16...0-0-0

17.h5 e6 18.♙xf8 exd5.

17.h5 ♜xf2 18.hxg6 ♜xh1 19.♜xc7+!

If 19...♚xc7, then 20.♙f7#. Black
resigned.

Game 230 B01

Sergey Rublevsky 2657

Valery Popov 2545

St Petersburg 2001 (9)

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♚xd5 3.♜c3 ♚a5
4.♜f3 ♜f6 5.d4 c6 6.♙c4 ♙f5
7.♙d2 e6 8.♜d5 ♚d8 9.♜xf6+ ♚xf6
10.♚e2 ♜d7**

After 10...♙g4 11.d5 ♙xf3 12.gxf3
cxd5 13.♙xd5 ♜d7 14.0-0-0 ♙a3
15.c3 0-0 16.♙e4 ♙c5 17.♜hg1!

White has an edge.

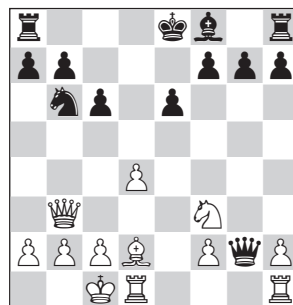
11.0-0-0 ♜b6 12.♙d3 ♙xd3

13.♚xd3 ♚g6

Preferable was 13...♙d6.

14.♚b3 ♚xg2?

Black had to complete his
development first.



15.♜hg1 ♚h3

Or 15...♚xf2 16.♚d3.

16.♜g3 ♚f5 17.♜e5 ♙e7 18.♜f3

♚e4 19.♜xf7 ♚d5

If 19...♚xd4, then 20.♜xe7+ ♙xe7
21.♙g5+ and wins.

20.c4

Black resigned.