

Slav Defence (D15)

Main Line - A White's Repertory with 5.e3

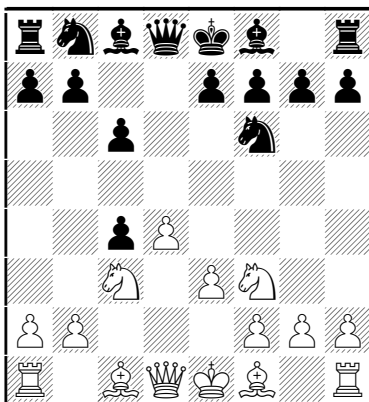
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Most **1.d4** chess players nowadays are obliged to face the Slav Defence in a regular base, as the later has become a valuable and valid weapon on Black's hands. White players even find it difficult to prove even a tiny advantage, despite the numerous analyses which is spread all around printed and electronically surveys, not to mention the tiring personal work which every serious player has invested.

As a **1.d4** player myself I faced the same problems, which were described above. After a lot of research for many years, I came to the natural conclusion: Slav Defence is quite respectful! But as I do not intend as White to give-up my first move choice, I had to create a well-researched repertory against this 'mighty' defence.

In this survey we will examine the 'ancient' type of the Slav Defence, the one that Black captures the white c4-pawn in his fourth move. My proposed line to face this system is without pushing the a-pawn too early and more specific with **5.e3**.

So, after the indicated moves **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 (D)**



we are coming to the start of our analyses.

The first question must be simple: What White aims for? Well, firstly he does not want to weaken the b4-square (which is a reality after the vastly played **5.a4**). Then he aims (in general) for a slight (even tiny in most cases) but stable advantage, with about no risk (is there really anything like that?) to loose. White will recapture his temporally sacrificed pawn, but in the meantime he will 'loose some time' in order to do that.

But let's see how the theory of the **5.e3** system is developed:

A) 5...Be6: This seems to be one of Black's favourite systems, as many games have been played. White must be aggressive in order to win back his pawn and getting the advantage in the same time. Well, I think that White should be satisfied. See game **Timman,J-Ljubojevic,L/Hilversum 1987**.

B) 5...Bg4: This transposes usually to the Queen's Gambit Accepted, but I think that this version is a little bit passive for Black and White can enjoy the advantage. See game **Romanishin,O-Bogosavljevic,B/Split 2007**.

C) 5...Bf5: A none advised line. Black tries to continue as he should do after **5.a4** but White did not played this move! See the notes in the game **Romanishin,O-Bogosavljevic,B/Split 2007**.

D) 5...e6: The same as in the previous note applies for the text-move also. See again the notes in the game **Romanishin,O-Bogosavljevic,B/Split 2007**.

E) 5...b5: This must be considered Black's main continuation. After **6.a4** Black has a choice:

E1) 6...Nd5: A tricky move which includes motives seen in the Queen's Gambit Accepted. Black wishes to keep his extra pawn, but White, by some delicate play, can prove an advantage. See game **Evdokimov,A-**

Shen,Y/Moscow 2006.

E2) 6...Qa5: Too optimistic and probably a suspicious move. See game **Grivas,E-Siebrecht,S/Budapest 1994.**

E3) 6...b4: The natural follow-up for Black. Now it is White who has the choice:

E31) 7.Ne2: White's aims to place his e2-knight to g3 or to f4, but in general I am not quite fond of this idea. Black faces no problems. See the notes in the game **Nikolic,P-Atalik,S/Bled 2002.**

E32) 7.Na2: By attacking simultaneously two pawns White regains his sacrificed pawn at once, without loosing any time. But on the other hand the a2-knight is somewhat misplaced and White will need some valuable time to place it properly (on b3 probably). So, Black has enough time in his disposal to equalize. See game **Nikolic,P-Atalik,S/Bled 2002.**

E33) 7.Nb1: This is my choice. Black can choose from:

E331) 7...Bg4: Although there do not exist many examples, White seem to stabilize a slight advantage. See the notes in the game **Kasparov,G-Hutt,A/Cordoba 1992.**

E332) 7...e6: A solid alternative. White should prove extremely accurate (as there are a lot of transpositions in the air) to present an opening advantage, but he seems that he can do it. See game **Kasparov,G-Hutt,A/Cordoba 1992.**

E333) 7...Ba6: I believe that Black should try to keep his c4-pawn pawn as long as it is possible in order to 'gain' time to develop harmoniously, so I consider the text-move to be the main line for him. White should be careful on his choice:

E3331) 8.Qc2: This only brings headaches to White and should be avoided. See game **Timman,J-Kasparov,G/Prague 1998.**

E3332) 8.Nbd2: The text-move comes too early and allows Black to equalize. See game **Shirov,A- Granda Zuniga,J/Moscow 1994.**

E3333) 8.Be2: Best (again in my opinion of course). Now Black has to make his 'final' choice:

E33331) 8...c5: Most experts consider this to be the best Black's option and according to the existing games and their results, they have a strong point about their preference. But I think

that I also have a strong point, according to the unplayed analysis that I do present. See game **Sadler,M-Bareev,E/Hastings 1992.**

E33332) 8...e6: The vast majority of Black players prefer the text-move, which is a flexible one and waits from White to show his hand:

E333321) 9.Nbd2: It seems that it is too early for the text-move, as Black can equalise without 'much' trouble. But still he must have done his homework as the slightest inaccuracy can be proven deadly. See game **Grivas,E-Solak,D/Kallithea 2007.**

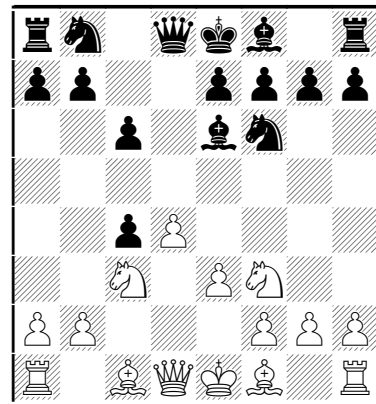
E333322) 9.0-0: The correct follow-up if White wants to fight for his rights of the first move. The arising positions seem simple at a first glance but they contain more poison than someone expects. See game **Salov,V-Huebner,R/Dortmund 1992.**

□ **Timman,Jan**

■ **Ljubojevic,Ljubomir**

D25 Hilversum KRO m (1) 1987

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 Be6 (D)



6.Ng5!

The alternatives do not seem to offer White much:

a) 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 g6 (7...b5 8.Nd2 g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.0-0 += Kholmov,R-Kupreichik,V/USSR 1969) 8.e4! (8.Be2 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a4 [10.Nd2 Qc7 11.b4?! a5 12.b5 c5 += Ruiz Escobar,R-Conquest,S/Pamplona 2004] 10...a5 11.b3 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 = Babu,N-Dreev,A/New Delhi 2007) 8...Bg7

(8...Nb6 9.Ne5 Bg7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Qc8 12.Be3 += Trtanj,T-Varga,P/Kostrena 2004) 9.Be2 b5 (9...Bxc4?! 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.0-0 += Stoeber,M-Lotzien,H/Dueren 1993) 10.Ne3 b4 11.d5 cxd5 12.exd5 Bg4! 13.Bxg4 Nxb4 14.Ne4 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Nb6 oo.

b) 6.a4 and now:

b1) 6...h6?! 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Nxc4 Bf5 9.f3! (9.Qb3?! Qc7 10.f3 e5 11.dxe5 [11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Be6 =] 11...Nc5 12.Qa2 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Bb5+ Bd7 17.b4 Ne6 = Topalov,V-Sokolov,I/Sarajevo 1999) 9...Qc7 10.e4 Bg6 11.Qb3 +/-.

b2) 6...Bd5?! 7.Nd2 (7.Ne5 e6 8.f3 c5 oo Haimovich,T-Bykhovskiy,A/Herzliya 1998) 7...g6 8.e4 Be6 9.Nxc4 Bg7 10.f3 0-0 11.Be3 a5 12.Be2 Na6 13.0-0 Nb4 14.Rc1 +/- Lautier,J-Kazhgaleyev,M/Aix En Provence 2004.

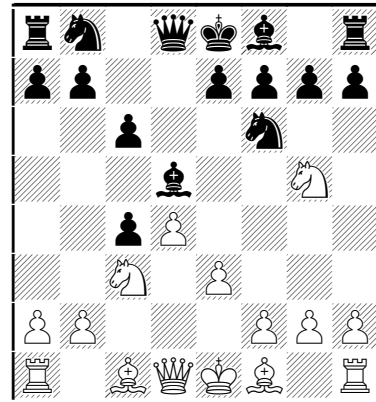
b3) 6...c5?! 7.Ng5 Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.d5 h6 10.Nh3 g5 11.Bxc4 Nbd7 12.e4 a6 13.Be3 Bg7 14.Nf2 +/- Levitt,J-Baburin,A/Birmingham 2001.

b4) 6...Na6?! 7.Ne5 c5 (7...g6 8.Bxc4 Bxc4 9.Nxc4 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4 Qc8 12.Qe2 += Grivas,E-Moutousis,K/Athens 2001) 8.Nxc4 (8.a5 cxd4 9.exd4 Rc8 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.Be3 += Richardson,J-Ledger,A/England 1997) 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nb4 10.a5! (10.Be3 Bf5 [10...g6 11.Be2 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 = Glenne,B-Johansen,T/Asker 2000; 10...Rc8?! 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Bb5 a6 13.Bxd7+ Bxd7 14.0-0 += Grooten,H-Comp Zarkov 3.0/The Hague 1994] 11.Rc1 e6 12.Ne5 a6 13.Be2 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 = Herde,D-Schoenrock,R/Rostock 2004) 10...Rc8 (10...Nfd5 11.a6! bxa6 12.Ne5 Nb6 13.Rxa6! +/- Romsdal,T-Johansen,T/Gausdal 2002; 10...Qxd4 11.Qa4+ Nc6 12.a6 +/-) 11.Qa4+ Nc6 12.Be3 +/-.

b5) 6...g6! 7.Ng5 (7.a5 Bg7 8.Qa4 0-0 9.Bxc4 Bxc4 ½-½ Navrotescu,C-Rausis,I/Cairo 2000) 7...Bd5 8.e4 (8.f3 h6 9.Nh3 g5 10.e4 Be6 11.Nf2 Bg7 12.a5 Na6 oo Horvath,J-Varga,Z/Budapest 2000) 8...h6 9.exd5 hxg5 10.Bxc4 (10.dxc6 Nxc6 11.d5 Na5 oo Vallejo Pons,F-Fontaine,R/Port Barcares 2005) 10...cxd5 (10...Nxd5? 11.Qb3! [11.Bxg5? Bg7 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5+ Nc6 += Vaisser,A-Landa,K/Internet 2004] 11...e6 12.Qxb7 +/-) 11.Bb5+ Nc6 12.Bxg5 Bg7 13.Qd2 (13.h4?! a6

14.Bxc6+ bxc6 += Bacrot,E-Landa,K/Internet 2004) 13...Rc8=.

6...Bd5?! (D)



Instead of the text-move which has many drawbacks, Black has tried many more alternatives:

a) 6...Qd7!? 7.e4 (7.h3 h6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.e4 b5 10.d5 Bd7 11.Be2 e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Qc2 Bc5 += Strumpf,E-Sturm,T/Schoeneck 1996; 7.Nxe6 Qxe6 8.Qe2 Nbd7 [8...b5?! 9.a4 Nd5 10.Qf3 Nb4 {10...b4 11.Ne4 +/- ; 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qf6 12.Be2! +/-} 11.Nxb5 N8a6 12.Na3 +/-] 9.Qxc4 Qxc4 10.Bxc4 e5 11.0-0 exd4 12.exd4 Nb6 13.Re1+ += Boleslavsky,I-Kupreichik,V/Minsk 1970; 7.Be2 b5 [7...g6? 8.Nxe6 {8.e4 b5 9.0-0 Bg7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nce4 Bf5 {11...Na6? 12.Nxe6 fxe6 -12...Qxe6 13.Bg4 f5 14.exf6 Qxe4 15.fxg7 Rg8 16.Bh6 +- 13.b3 +/-} 12.Nc5 Qc8 13.g4 Bd7 14.a4 =/oo Korotylev,A-Kharlov,A/Tomsk 2004} 8...Qxe6 9.Qa4 b5 10.Qa5 Nd5 11.a4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 a6 13.Bf3 +/- Costa,P-Bladyko,P/IECC 2002] 8.Nxe6 Qxe6 9.Bf3 a6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.b3 =/oo Jordaan,W-Laliga,O/IECC 2003) 7...h6 (7...b5?! 8.f3 [8.Be2 Bg4 9.e5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nd5 11.e6 +/-] 8...Na6 [8...g6 9.a4! b4 10.Ne2 Na6 11.Nxe6 Qxe6 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.Bxc4 +/- Borges Mateos,J-Arbunic Castro,G/Alicante 2000] 9.b3 Nb4 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.bxc4 bxc4 12.Qa4 +/- Borges Mateos,J-Stefanova,A/Madrid 1997) 8.Nxe6 Qxe6 9.e5! (9.f3 Nbd7 10.a4 a5 11.Be3 Nb6 12.Be2 Nfd5 13.Qd2 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 g6 15.0-0 Bg7 16.f4 0-0-0 17.Rad1 f5 18.e5 Kb8 += Rodshtein,M-

Lubczynski,R/Internet 2006) 9...Nbd7 (9...Nfd7 10.Be2 Nb6 11.0-0 +/- ; 9...Nd5 10.Bxc4 Qd7 [10...Nxc3 11.Qb3 Nd5 12.Qxb7] 11.0-0 e6 12.Ne4! [12.Nxd5?! cxd5 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Be3 g6 =+) 12...Nb6 13.b3 +/- Gelfand,B-Zilberman,Y/Tel Aviv 1999) 10.Be2 (10.Qe2!? Nd5 11.Qxc4 +=) 10...Nd5 11.0-0 h5 (11...N7b6 12.Ne4 Qc8 13.Bd2 e6 14.Rc1 Be7 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Rxc4 0-0 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Rfc1 Qd7 19.Qh3 += Christensen,J-Brusila,H/BFCC 2000) 12.Ne4! =/oo. Probably this (or the e) note) is the line that Black should choose when he opts for 5...Be6.

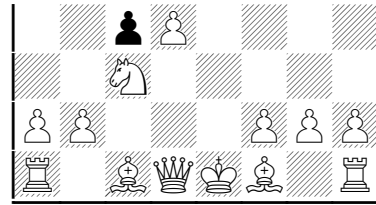
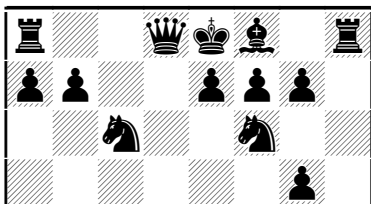
b) 6...Bg4? 7.f3 Bh5 (7...Bc8 8.Bxc4 e6 9.0-0 h6 10.Nge4 Nd5 11.Nf2 +/- Robatsch,K-Kaspert,G/Austria 1999) 8.Bxc4 e6 9.e4! Nbd7 (9...Be7?! 10.Bxe6! [10.Be3? Nd5! 11.exd5 exd5 12.Nxf7 Bxf7 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.Qc2 Nf8 15.0-0-0 Bg6 16.Rhe1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 1/2-1/2 Nielsen,P-Rasmussen,K/Copenhagen 2004; 10.Nh3!? +/-) 10...fxe6 11.Nxe6 Qb6 12.Nxg7+ Kf7 13.Nf5 +/-) 10.Be3 Be7 11.Bxe6! (11.Qd2 h6 12.Nh3 Bg6 13.Nf4 +/-; 11.Nh3?! Bg6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 += Golz,W-Hennings,A/Colditz 1967) 11...fxe6 12.Nxe6 Qb6 13.Nxg7+ Kf7 14.Nxh5 Nxh5 (14...Qxb2 15.Na4 Qxg2 16.Qb3+ Kf8 17.Bh6+ Ke8 18.Ng7+ Kd8 19.0-0-0 +) 15.Qe2 +/-.

c) 6...b5? 7.Nxe6 fxe6 8.a4 +/-.

d) 6...Qd6? 7.e4 h6 8.e5 Qd7 9.Nxe6 Qxe6 10.Be2 Nd5 11.Bxc4! +/- (11.Ne4?! Qg6! (11...Nd7 12.Bxc4 N7b6 13.Bb3 += Muir,A-Gilfillan,A/Hamilton 1987).

e) 6...Bf5 7.Bxc4 e6 8.e4 Bg6 9.f3 Be7 10.0-0 (10.Nh3 0-0 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Bb3 Qa5 13.0-0 Rad8 14.Qe2 += Roussel Roozmon,T-Milicevic,G/Toronto 2006) 10...0-0 11.Nh3 Qb6 12.Na4 Qb4 13.Bb3 Rd8 14.Be3 e5 15.a3 Qb5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nc3 Qa6 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 += Kavalek,L-Soltis,A/Pasadena 1978.

7.e4 h6 8.exd5 hxg5 9.dxc6 Nxc6 (D)

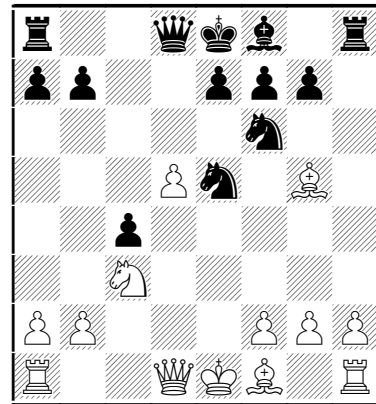


10.d5!

Not much for White is 10.Bxg5?! Qxd4 11.Qxd4 Nxd4 12.0-0-0 Nc6 (12...0-0-0 13.Bxc4 e6 14.Be3 +=) 13.Bxc4 e6 14.h3 a6 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.Kb1 Bc5 18.Bg5 Nbd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bf3 Bxf2 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rxd5 f6 1/2-1/2 Tregubov,P-Kirov,N/Cetinje 1996.

10...Ne5 11.Bxg5 (D)

White just gets only a slight advantage after 11.Qd4 Nfd7 (11...Qd6 12.Bxg5 +/-) 12.Bxg5 Qb6! (12...g6 13.f4 Rh5 14.h4 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 cxd3 16.g4 Rh7 17.0-0-0 +/- ; 12...f6 13.Be3 e6 [13...g5 14.Bxc4! {14.Be2 Bg7 15.f4 gxf4 16.Qxf4 += Akopian,V-Kirov,N/Palma de Mallorca 1989} 14...Rh4 15.f4 gxf4 16.Be2 Qb6 17.0-0-0 +/-] 14.f4 Bc5 15.Qd2 Ng4 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc4 +/-) 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Rd1 0-0-0 15.Be2 +=.



11...Qb6

This looks like too optimistic, but nothing seems to completely satisfy Black:

a) 11...a6 12.Qd4 Qc7 (12...Qd6 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Rxh2 15.Rxh2 Qxh2 16.0-0-0 Qd6 17.Bf4 Qd7 [1/2-1/2 Gofshtein,L-Lalic,B/Neum 2000] 18.Be5 Ng4 19.Bd4 +/-) 13.Bf4 Nfd7 14.Bxc4 (the untested 14.0-0-0!? g6 15.Kb1

Bg7 16.Ne4 looks strong for White) 14...g5 (14...Rh4 15.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Be2 +/- Tobak,A-Bliumberg,V/Odessa 2000) 15.Bg3 Bg7 16.Bb3 (16.Be2 f5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qd3 0-0-0!? [18...Rc8? 19.Rc1 Rf8 20.g3 Nc5 21.Bh5+ Kd8 22.Qe2 Ne4 {22...g4 23.0-0 Qd6 {1/2-1/2 McCambridge,V-Kirov,N/Hamburg 1981} 24.Rfd1 +/-} 23.0-0 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Qd6 25.c4 Rh8 26.c5 +- Levin,E-Khamitskiy,S/Peterhof 2007] 19.0-0-0 Kb8 20.Kb1 Qb6 21.f3 [21.f4 Nc5 22.Qc2 gxf4 23.Bf3] 21...Rc8 22.Rc1 Nf6 23.Rc2 e6 24.dxe6 Qxe6 =/oo) 16...f5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qd2 +=.

b) 11...Qc7 12.Qd4 e6 (12...0-0-0 13.0-0-0 [13.Qxa7! Nxd5 14.0-0-0 Nb6 15.Rxd8+ Kxd8 16.Be3 +/-] 13...a6 14.Bf4 Nfd7 15.Kb1 f6 16.Be2 g5 17.Bg3 f5 18.f4 gxf4 19.Qxf4 Bg7 20.Qxf5 +/- Lerner,K-Starostits,I/Bydgoszcz 2000; 12...a6 transposes to the previous a) note) 13.0-0-0 Nxd5 (13...Bc5 14.Nb5! 0-0-0 15.Nxc7 Bxd4 16.Rxd4 Kxc7 17.Bxc4 +/-) 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Qxd5! (15.Re1 f6 16.Qxd5 Qd7 17.Rxe5+ fxe5 18.Qxe5+ Be7 19.Bxc4 Rc8 20.b3 =/oo Atalik,S-Varga,Z/Romania 1994) 15...Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.f4 Ng4 18.Qb5+ Kf8 19.Bxc4 +/-.

c) 11...Qa5 12.Qd4 Nd3+ (12...Nfd7 13.Bf4 Nd3+ 14.Bxd3 cxd3 15.Qxd3 Qb4 16.Bg3 +/-) 13.Bxd3 cxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0-0 15.Qc4+ Qc7 16.Qxc7+ Kxc7 17.Bf4+ Kb6 18.Be3+ Ka6 19.Rd1 +/- Hanko,P-Taus,M/Litomysl 1995.

d) 11...Rc8 12.Qd4 Qd6 (12...Nfd7 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 +/-) 13.0-0-0 (13.Qxa7! Nfd7 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.Be3 Ncd3+ 16.Kb1 Qb4 17.Qa4+ +/-) 13...a6 14.Bf4 Nfd7 15.Re1 f6 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.f4 +/- Brameyer,H-Muse,D/Germany 2000.

e) 11...g6 12.Qd4! (12.Bxc4?! Nxc4 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxc4 Rc8 15.Qd3 Bg7 16.0-0 Rh5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rad1 Kf8 =/oo Krush,I-Mikhalevski,V/Schaumburg 2006) 12...Qd6 13.f4 Neg4 14.Be2! Qb6 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Bxc4 +/-.

12.Be3!

Better than 12.Bxc4 Qxb2 (12...Nxc4?! 13.Qa4+ Nd7 14.Qxc4 +/-) 13.Bb5+ Kd8 (13...Nfd7 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.f4 Rxc3 17.fxe5 +/-) 14.Bd2 Ne4 (14...Rc8 15.Rb1 Qa3 16.Rb3 Qd6 17.h3 a6 18.Be2 b5 19.0-0 +/-)

15.Nxe4 Qxb5 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ (16...Qxd5 17.Rd1 Qc6 18.Ng5 f6 19.f4 fxg5 20.fxe5 +/- ; 16...Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Qxd5 18.Rd1 Ke8 19.Bb4 Rd8 20.Nd6+ Rxd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd3 +/-) 17.Kxe2 += Graf,A-Jacimovic,D/Skopje 2002.

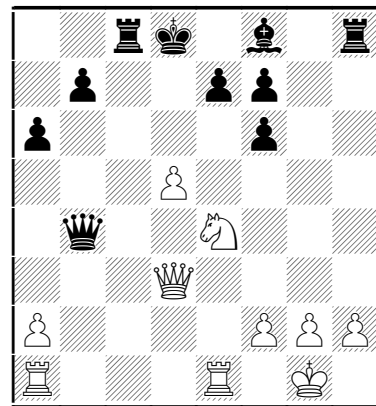
12...Qxb2 13.Bd4 Nd3+

Or 13...Nfd7 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Rxb7 +/-.

14.Bxd3 cxd3 15.0-0 Qb4

15...Qc2 is not helping: 16.Qf3! (16.Rc1? Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Rc8 =) 16...d2 17.d6 0-0-0 18.Rab1 Rd7 19.Rxb7! Rxb7 20.Qc6+ Kb8 21.Bxf6 exd6 (21...Rb1 22.Qc7+ Ka8 23.Qc8+ Rb8 24.Qc6+ Rb7 25.d7; 21...exf6 22.Qe8#) 22.Qe8+ Kc7 23.Nd5#.

16.Qxd3 a6 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Ne4 Kd8 (D)



White has got a clear advantage and with some delicate moves he crowns his efforts.

20.d6! e6

20...exd6 21.Rab1 Qc4 22.Qd2 Qc6 23.Nxf6 Bh6 24.Qd4 +.

21.Rab1! Qa5 22.Qd4! Bg7

22...e5 23.Qa7 +.

23.Red1?!

23.Qa7! +.

23...Rh5?!

23...b6 24.Rxb6 Qe5 25.Qxe5 fxe5 26.Ng5.

24.Qa7! Rb5 25.d7

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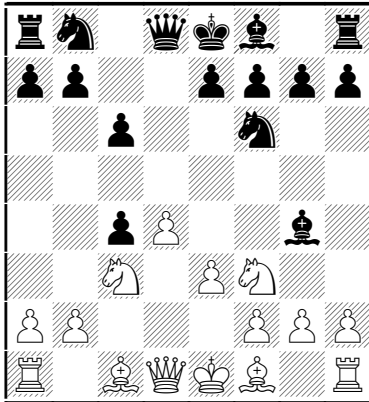
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3

Bg4 (D)



Two 'passive' Black's choices are:

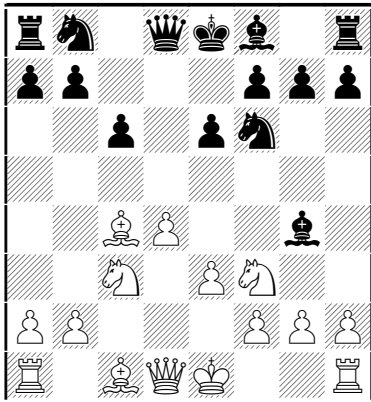
a) 5...Bf5 6.Bxc4 e6 (6...b5?! 7.Bd3! [7.Bb3 e6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Bd6 10.Rc1 += Araujo Barbosa,S-Paravato,J/Brazil 1995] 7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.a4 b4 10.Ne4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 a5 12.Qc2 Ra6 13.Ne5+/- Aydogdu,A-Ozoy,A/Izmir 2006) 7.0-0 Nbd7 (7...Be7 8.Qe2 [8.Re1 Bg6 9.e4 0-0 10.Ne5 {10.d5? b5 11.Bb3 exd5 12.exd5 b4 13.Na4 Nxd5 14.Ne5 Bf6 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Bxd5 Rc8 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Rc1 Rfd8 19.Rc5 Qa6 20.Qb3 Nd4! 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qf3 h5 24.Rd1 Bf6 25.Bb3 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Qf5 27.h3 h4 28.Qe1 Bd4 29.Qd2 Qb1+ 30.Qd1 Qxd1+ 31.Bxd1 Bd3 0-1 Strohhaeker,R-Kuzubov,Y/Neuhausen 2007] 10...Qb6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Bb3 +/-] 8...0-0 9.Ne5 [9.e4 Bg4 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.Bg5 b5 12.Bd3 b4 13.Na4 Qa5 14.e5 Qxa4 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qe3 +/- Komarov,D-Gentilleau,J/Hyeres 1992] 9...Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.e4 Re8 13.Be3 Bb4 14.f3 Qa5 15.Rac1 +/- Peralta,F-Lopez Martinez,J/Spain 2003) 8.Qe2 (8.Nh4 Bg6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.e4 Qc7 11.h3 [11.g3?! 0-0-0 oo Shvedchikov,A-Paraguay,M/Kuala Lumpur 2006; 11.f4 Qa5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Be2 Be7 15.a3 a6 16.Rf3 Rc8 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Be1 Rc6 19.b4 Rc7 20.a4 Qa7 21.a5 += Hossain,M-Mohammad,A/Dhaka 2007] 11...Bb4 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 Nf8 15.Be3 Ne6 16.Rc1 += Hernandez,R-Ramirez,P/Havana 1970; 8.Bd3?! Bxd3 [8...Bg6 9.e4 +/- Shahtahtinsky,A-Trikaliotis,G/Athens 1997; 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5

10.e4 Be7 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Re1 += Fabrega,E-Tempone,M/Buenos Aires 1992] 9.Qxd3 Bb4 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Ne4 Bxd2 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.Qxd2 ½-½ Horak,V-Korinek,O/Czech Rep. 2004) 8...Bg6 9.e4 b5 10.Bd3 Be7 11.Bf4 b4 12.Na4 Qa5 13.b3 0-0 14.Rac1 c5 15.dxc5 (15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Ba6 Rcd8 = Timman,J-Ljubojevic,L/Brussels 1987) 15...Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Ne5 +=.

b) 5...e6 6.Bxc4 b5 (6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 [8.Qc2 h6 9.b3 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Ne4 Nbd7 12.Bb2 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Ne5 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 f5 16.Qf3 Qc7 17.Qe2 += Karelin,S-Kuznetsov,S/Tula 2002] 8...Nbd7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Re1 Re8 11.Ne4 +/- Tukmakov,V-Mikhalchishin,A/Tbilisi Ch-URS 1978) 7.Bd3 Bb7 (7...a6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.e4 [½-½ Dimitrov,V-Janev,E/Pontevedra 2003] 9...c5 10.dxc5 [10.d5?! exd5 11.exd5 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Bg5 Nbd7 15.Rad1 Bd6 oo Heinrich,M-Hagen,W/Bad Woerishofen 1995] 10...Bxc5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Bg5 +/- 0-0 14.Nd6 Bxg5 15.Nxb7 Qe7 16.Be4 Bh6 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Qxd5 Ra7 19.Nd6 Nd7 20.Nf5 Qe6 21.Qxe6 fxe6 22.Nxh6+ gxh6 23.Rac1 Kf7 24.Rfel Ke7 25.Rc6 1-0 Avrukh,B-Santamaria,V/Andorra 2003) 8.e4 a6 (8...Be7 9.0-0 b4 10.Na4 0-0 11.Qc2 Nfd7 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.Qxc5 a5 15.Rfd1 +/- Cifuentes Parada,R-Sanz Navarro,A/Zaragoza 1999; 8...b4 9.Na4 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bg5 c5 12.Nxc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 Rc8 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.Qxd8+ Bxd8 16.c6 Bxc6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Bb6 20.Rc8+ Ne8 21.e5 +/- Gutman,G-Kuchar,J/Pardubice 2006) 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ne4 (10.a4! is untested but seems to be on the right track: 10...c5 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.axb5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 axb5 14.Rb1 b4 15.0-0 +/-) 10...Nd7 (10...Nb4 11.Bb1 c5 12.0-0 [12.a3?! N4c6 13.Bg5 Qd5 14.Nc3 Qd7 15.d5?! exd5 16.Nxd5 Nd4! 17.Nxd4 Qxd5 =+ Haug,F-Fedin,V/Alta 2003] 12...cxd4 13.Bg5 Qd5 14.Re1 h6 15.Bh4 d3 16.a3 Nc2 17.Bxc2 dxc2 18.Qxc2 Nd7 19.Rad1 +/-) 11.0-0 c5 (11...h6?! 12.a4 [12.Qe2 Rc8 13.a4 Be7 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Ng3 +/- Re8 16.Qe4 Nf8 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qh3 Bg5 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Qh5 Nf4 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Ne2 1-0 San Emeterio Cabanes,J-Gomez Olivares,A/Formigal 2002] 12...Qb6 13.Bd2 g5 14.Be3 Be7 15.Nfd2 c5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.dxc5 Nxc5

19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Ne4 +/- Hellsten,J-Eriksson,B/Sweden 2002) 12.Bg5 (12.Re1 cxd4 13.a4 Qb6) 12...Qb6 13.a4 c4 14.Bb1 b4 15.a5 Qc6 16.Qe2 h6 17.Bd2 += Corsi Ferrari,A-Fernandez,J/Mar del Plata 1996.

6.Bxc4 e6 (D)



7.h3

7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Be2 Bd6 9.e4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5 11.Be3 exd4 12.Bxd4 Qb8 13.g3 0-0 14.Bg2 += Evdokimov,A-Kuligin,E/Sochi 2006.

7...Bh5

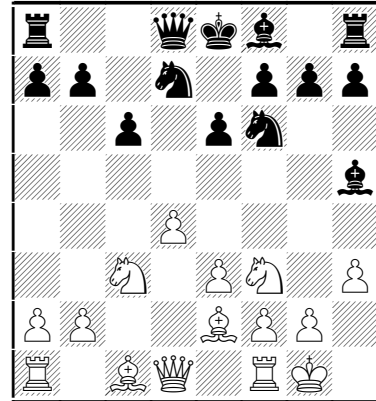
7...Bxf3 fails to solve Black's problems: 8.Qxf3 Be7 (8...Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 [9...Bd6 10.e4 Bc7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Qg3 +/- Fischvogt,E-Dorr,C/Las Vegas 1995] 10.Rd1 [10.e4?! Nb6 11.Qd3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 += 1/2-1/2 Etcheverry,E-Bauza,L/Uruguay 1961] 10...0-0 11.e4 transposes to 8...Be7) 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.e4 b5 (11...Qa5 12.Be3 [12.Qe2 Rfe8 13.Bd2 Qh5 14.Qxh5 Nxf5 15.g4 Nhf6 16.g5 Nh5 17.Be2 g6 18.Rac1 Nb6 19.Be3 Ng7 20.Kg2 +/- Stangl,M-Dresen,U/Germany tt 1990] 12...Qh5 13.Qxh5 Nxf5 14.f4 +/- Winants,L-Meulders,R/Lyon 1990) 12.Bb3 b4 13.Na4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Qf5 Nfd7 16.Bf4 g6 17.Qxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxd8 Rfxd8 19.Bxe5 Rd2 20.Rc1 Re2 21.f3 Rd8 22.Bf4 g5 1-0 Cifuentes Parada,R-Kanefsch,G/Buenos Aires 1991.

8.0-0

Probably is too early for 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxg6 (10.Qb3 Qc7 11.f4? Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7! 13.e4 b5 14.Be2 b4 15.f5 bxc3 16.fxg6 hxg6 -/+ Karagodin,V-Akhmedzhanov,K/Briansk 1995) 10...hxg6

11.Bf1 (11.Bd2!? a6 12.Qf3 b5 13.Bf1 Nd5 14.Bg2 Bb4 15.Rc1 += Hellsten,J-Oliwa,M/Limhamn 1998) 11...e5 12.Bg2 exd4 13.exd4 Nb6 14.0-0 Bd6 15.Re1+ Kf8 16.Bg5 Qc7 oo Dobos,J-Rogers,I/Budapest 1991.

8...Nbd7 9.Be2 (D)



9...Bd6?!

I think that preferable is 9...Be7 10.e4 0-0 (10...Bg6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Bb4 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.a3 Bf8 16.Qd2 += Zakharevich,I-Kharlov,A/Ekaterinburg 1997; 10...Qc7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Bg6 13.Bd3 0-0 [13...e5?! 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.f4 Qc7 17.Qf3 +/- Cacco,C-Quaranta,C/Campodarsego 2006] 14.Qb3 +=) 11.Be3 (11.Bf4!? Bg6 12.Bd3 Nb6 13.Qe2 Qd7 14.Rad1 += Naumkin,I-Cacco,C/Campodarsego 2006) 11...Rc8 (11...Re8 12.Qc2 [12.Nd2?! Bxe2 13.Qxe2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nb3 Qd3 Mendes,D-Rosa,J/Sao Paulo 2000] 12...Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Rac1 += ; 11...Bb4 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Ng5 [14.Qb3 Qb6 15.g4 Bg6 16.Nh4 Nb8 17.Nxg6 fxxg6 18.a3 Bc5 19.Qc3 += Eljanov,P-Fominyh,A/Ubeda 2001] 14...Bxe2 15.Qc2 g6 16.Qxe2 Qb6 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Qg4 Rfc8 19.Qf4 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 += Kharitonov,A-Deviatkin,A/Moscow 2001) 12.Rc1 (12.Qb3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 += 1/2-1/2 Treppner,G-Zach,A/Pang 1983) 12...Bg6 13.Bd3 a6 14.Qe2 c5 15.Rfd1 cxd4 16.Bxd4 += Ribli,Z-Smyslov,V/Subotica IZ 1987.

10.e4 Bxf3

Of course not 10...e5? due to 11.dxe5 (11.Nxe5? Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bxe5

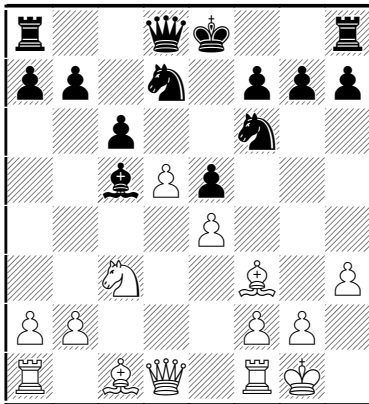
14.f4 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 0–0
18.Nd6 Bc5 19.Nf5 Ne7 20.Nxe7+ Bxe7
21.Be3 ½–½ Petri,C-Frombach,R/Ruhrgebiet
1998) 11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe2 13.Nxf7 Bxd1
14.Nxd8 +/-.

11.Bxf3 e5 12.d5

Also possible is 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Be2 Ng6
(13...h5 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Qxd8+ Rxd8 16.Be3
b6 17.f4 Ng6 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Rxd5
20.Rac1 +/- Dubinka,I-Aniskovitch,A/Alushta
1999) 14.f4 Bc5+ 15.Kh2 +=.

12...Bc5 (D)

12...c5?! 13.Nb5 Bb8 14.a4 0–0 15.Bd2 Ne8
16.Qb3 a6 17.Na3 Nd6 18.Rfc1 f5 19.Nc4
Nxe4 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Qxb7 Ra7 22.Qc6 +/-
Iljin,A-Vitiugov,N/Smolensk 2001.



13.Bg4?!

The simple 13.Bg5 0–0 14.Rc1 Qc7 15.dxc6
bxc6 16.Qc2 should quarantine White a
pleasant advantage due to his bishop-pair and
his more healthy pawn-structure.

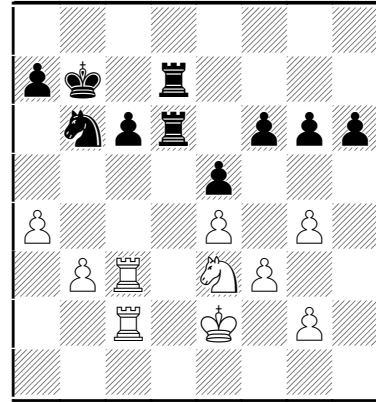
13...Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Qf6 15.Bg5 Qg6 16.Rad1
Nb6 17.Rd3 h6 18.Be3 Qxc4 19.hxc4 Bxe3
20.Rxe3 Ke7!

20...cxd5?! 21.exd5 Nc4 22.Re2.

21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Rc1 Rhd8 23.Re2 Rd6 24.f3
Rad8 25.Kf2

White can present a better pawn-structure but
Black is active enough to keep the balance. But
of course is more pleasant to have White's
position, as objectively he risks nearly nothing.

25...Nd7 26.Nd1 g6 27.Ne3 Nb6 28.b3 f6
29.Rc5 Kd7 30.Ra5 Ra8 31.Rc2 Kc7 32.Ke2
Kb7 33.Rac5 Rad8 34.R5c3 R8d7 35.a4 (D)



35...Rd8?

Black's only move was 35...a6!.

36.a5 Nc8 37.a6+! Kxa6

Or 37...Kc7 38.b4 Ne7 39.b5 Rc8 40.Nd5+ +/-.

38.Rxc6+ Nb6 39.Nd5 +/- f5

39...Rxc6 40.Rxc6 Kb7 41.Rxf6 Nxd5 42.exd5
Rxd5 43.Rxg6 Rb5 44.Rxh6 Rxb3 45.Re6 Rb5
46.g5 +.

40.Nxb6 axb6 41.Rxd6 Rxd6 42.exf5 h5

43.Ke3

43.gxh5 gxh5 44.g4 +/-.

43...hxg4 44.fxg4 gxf5 45.gxf5 Rd4 46.f6

1–0

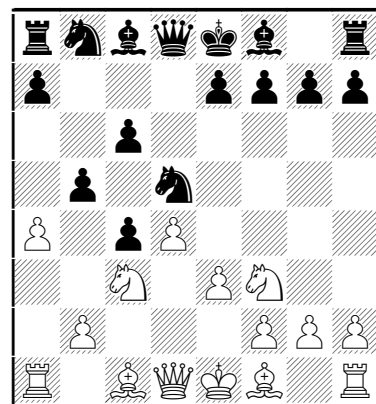
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5

6.a4 Nd5 (D)



7.Ne5

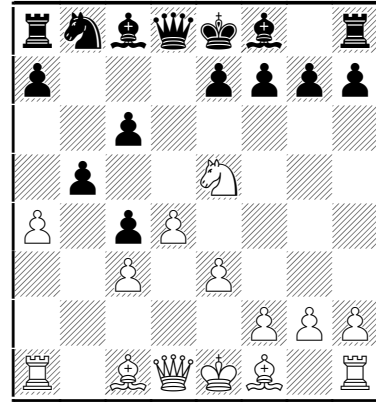
White can also try the immediate 7.axb5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 cxb5 9.Ne5 Bb7! (9...Qd5?! transposes to the game) 10.Rb1 and now:

a) 10...Qd5 11.f3 f5 (11...Bc6 12.e4 Qd6 13.f4! [13.Bf4?! Nd7! {13...Qf6? 14.Qd2 a6 15.Nxc4! /15.Be2 Nd7 16.Ng4 Qg6 17.d5 Bb7 18.0-0 Rc8 19.Ne5 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 += Krush,I-Roy,M/Montreal 2007} 15...bxc4 16.Bxb8 +/-) 14.Qd2 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qg6 oo) 13...e6 14.Be2 Nd7 15.Bf3 Nb6 16.0-0 Be7 17.f5 +/- Gislason,G-Sigfusson,S/Reykjavik 1990)

12.Qc2 e6 13.e4! (13.Qb2 Nc6! [13...Ba6 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Qxb8+ Rxb8 16.Rxb8+ Ke7 17.e4 fxe4 18.Bg5+ Kd6 19.Rd8+ {19.Nf7+? Kc7 20.Bf4+ Bd6 21.Bxd6+ Qxd6 22.Rxh8 Qf4 23.0-0 e3 24.Nd8 Bc8 25.g3 Qf5 26.Nc6 Qc2 27.Re1 Qxc3 28.Kf1 Qd3+ 0-1 Vait,A-Bogoljubow,E/Vilnius 1912} 19...Kc7 20.Rxd5 exd5 21.fxe4 += ; 13...Bd6? 14.Qxb5+ Qxb5 15.Rxb5 Ba6 16.Nxc4 +- Rubinstein,A-Alapin,S/Bad Pistyan 1912] 14.Qxb5 Qxb5 15.Rxb5 Ba6 16.Rb1 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Be7 =) 13...fxe4 14.fxe4 Qxe4+ 15.Qxe4 Bxe4 16.Rxb5 +=.

b) 10...a6 11.Bxc4 e6 12.0-0 (12.Qg4 Qc7 13.Be2 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.0-0 f5 16.Qh3 Kf7 17.c4 += Borik,O-Campora,D/Dortmund 1981) 12...Nc6! (12...Nd7? 13.Rxb5! [13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Be2 Rc8 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Bd3 e5 17.Qc2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qg4+ 1/2-1/2 Saemisch,F-Treybal,K/Bad Pistyan 1922] 13...axb5 14.Bxb5 Bd6 [14...Bc8? 15.Qf3 f6 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Qxh8 +/-] 15.Bxd7+ [15.Nxd7? Ra5 16.Nf6+ Ke7 0-1 Iotov,V-Bratanov,Z/Plovdiv 2004] 15...Kf8 [15...Ke7? 16.Nc6+ Bxc6 17.Bxc6 Rc8 18.d5! exd5 19.Bxd5 Rxc3 20.Bb2 Rc5 21.e4 Bxh2+ 22.Kh1 Qb6 23.Qd4 Rb5 {23...Qh6 24.Qxg7 Qxg7 25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Bd4 +/-} 24.Qxg7 Rxb2 25.Qxf7+! Kd8 26.Kxh2 Qd6+ 27.Kg1 Qe7 28.Qh5! Rf8 29.Ra1 Rb8 30.Bc6 Qf7 31.Rd1+ Kc7 32.Qe5+ Kxc6 33.Rc1+ Kb7 34.Qb5+ Ka8 35.Ra1+ Qa7 36.Qd5+ Rb7 37.Rxa7+ Kxa7 38.Qc5+ Ka6 39.Qxf8 1-0 Portisch,L-Forintos,G/Budapest 1958] 16.c4 [16.f4 =/oo] 16...Qc7 17.Bb5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Qd7 +/-) 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bd3 +=.

7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 (D)



8...Qd5?!

I am not very fond of the text-move. I would rather prefer any of the two main alternatives:

a) 8...Be6 9.axb5 cxb5 10.Qf3 Nd7 (10...Bd5 11.e4 f6 12.exd5 fxe5 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qxe5 Rg8 15.d6 a6 16.Qd5 1-0 Naumkin,I-Caleffi,C/Cattolica 1993) 11.Nc6 Qc7 12.d5 Ne5 13.Qg3 (13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.dxe6 Qxc3+ 15.Ke2 Qd3+ 1/2-1/2 Danek,P-Kujovic,M/Bratislava 1998; 13.Qh5!? Bxd5 [13...Nxc6 14.dxe6 g6 15.Qxb5 +/-] 14.Nxe5 e6 15.Nf3 Bc5 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.Be2 +=) 13...Nd3+! (13...Bxd5?! 14.Nxe5 +/- Alexandrova,O-Jadvizhena,N/Kramatorsk 2001) 14.Bxd3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 (15.fxg3 Bxd5 16.Nb4 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bb7 oo Harika,D-Kavitha,J/Bikaner 2004) 15...Bxd5 16.Nb4 Bxg2 17.Rh2 Bb7 18.Na6! (18.Bf1 oo Paulsen,D-Derikum,A/Germany tt 1990) 18...cxd3 (18...Bxa6 19.Be4) 19.Nc7+ Kd7 20.Nxa8 a6 21.c4 e6 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Bd2 Bc5 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Nb6+ Bxb6 26.Rxc8 Bxc8 27.Rxh7 +=.

b) 8...Bb7 9.Rb1 (9.Qf3 Qd5 10.e4 Qe6 11.Rb1 += Ivanov,V-Dragomarezkij,E/Moscow 1992) 9...Nd7 (9...a6?! 10.Qf3! Qd5 11.e4 Qe6 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Rxb7 f6 [13...g6 14.0-0 Bg7 15.Ba3 +- Dimitrov,V-Lopez,A/Ortigueira 2005] 14.Qg4 Qxg4 15.Nxg4 Nd7 16.Ne3 c5 17.Nxc4 +/- Shikeroov,S-Peshev,S/Sofia 1992) 10.Nxc4 a6 (10...Qc7 11.Nd2 [11.axb5!? cxb5 12.Rxb5 Ba6 13.Rb4 +/-] 11...bxa4 12.Qxa4 e6 13.Ba3 Nb6 14.Qa5 Bxa3 15.Qxa3 Qe7 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.Nb3 +/- Euwe,M-Tartakower,S/Bad Pistyan 1922; 10...bxc4

11.Rxb7 Nb6 12.a5 Qc8 13.a6 Rb8 [13...e6 14.Qf3 Be7 15.Be2 f6 16.Qg3 Kf7 17.Rxe7+ Kxe7 18.Qxg7+ Kd6 19.Ba3+ c5 20.dxc5+ Kc6 21.cxb6 axb6 22.Bf3+ 1-0 Worek, J-Gosciniak, A/Krynica 2001] 14.Rxa7 Ra8 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.Qf3 e6 17.Be2 Bd6 18.0-0 +/- Fonrobert, G-Camara, H/Sao Paulo 1967) 11.e4 Qc7 12.Qb3 Rb8 13.Ne3 Nb6 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Bd3 +=.

9.axb5

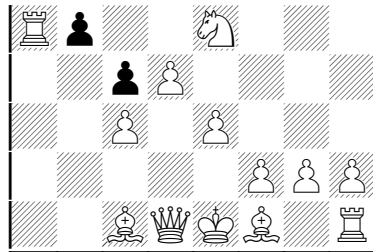
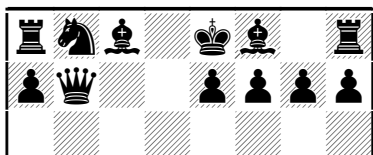
Not bad also is 9.Be2 Bf5 10.f3 (10.Ba3 f6 11.Nf3 Be4 12.0-0 a5 oo Mascaro March, P-Pons Boscana, G/Palma de Mallorca 2001) 10...Qd8 11.e4 Bc8 12.f4 Gadjily, R-Alavi Moghaddam, S/Dubai 2001, with excellent compensation for the sacrificed pawn.

9...cxb5 10.Ra5!

Also good seems to be 10.Be2 Bf5 11.Ra5! a6 (11...f6 12.Nxc4 a6 13.Nd2 +/- Solana Suarez, E-Ferrer Duran, M/Ponferrada 1992; 11...Nc6 12.Rxb5! [12.Bxc4? Qxg2 13.Bxf7+ Kd8 14.Nxc6+ Kc7 15.Rf1 Bh3 oo Zachaus, M-Buchmann, N/Germany 1996] 12...Qxb5 13.Bxc4 Qb6 14.Bxf7+ Kd8 15.Bd5 Rc8 16.Nf7+ Ke8 17.Nxh8 e6 18.Bf3 Bb1 19.0-0 Bd6 20.Bxc6+ Qxc6 21.Qh5+ Kd7 22.Qf7+ Be7 23.Ba3 1-0 Lou Hongyu-Sun Furong/Suzhou 2001; 11...Qb7 12.Bf3 Be4 13.Rxb5! Bxf3 14.Qa4! Bc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Rxb8+ Kd7 17.Rb7+ 1-0 Ovchinnikova, J-Panjikov, A/Omsk/Perm 1998) 12.Bxc4 Qxg2 13.Bxf7+ Kd8 14.Ke2! (14.Qf3?! Qxf3 15.Nxf3 Be4 16.Ke2 = Johannessen, L-Kujovic, M/Rimavska Sobota 1996) 14...Nd7 (14...Be4 15.Rg1 Qxh2 16.Rg4! +/- ; 14...Bg4+ 15.Nxg4 Qxg4+ 16.f3 Qg2+ 17.Kd3 +/-) 15.Rg1 Qb7 16.Ba3 +/- Raicevic, V-Rukavina, J/Sombor 1974.

10...Qb7 (D)

10...Nc6 11.Rxb5! Qxb5 12.Bxc4 Qb6 13.Qa4 Bb7 14.Nxf7 Rg8 (14...Qa5 15.Qb3 Rg8 16.Qxb7 Qxc3+ 17.Bd2 Qxc4 18.Ne5! Nxe5 19.Qxa8+ Kf7 20.dxe5 +/-) 15.Ne5 Rh8 16.Be6! +/-.



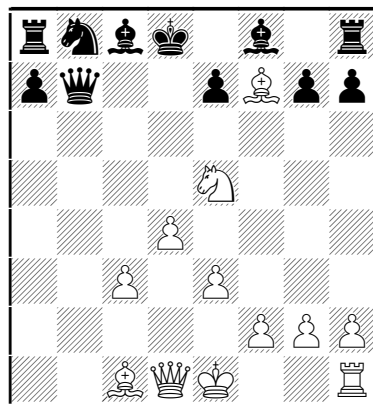
11.Rxb5!

Otherwise there is no meaning in White's 10th move. Bad is 11.Ba3? a6 12.Be2 Qc7 13.Bb4 Bb7 14.Bf3 e6 +/- Pham Thi Hoa-Nguyen T Thu, H/Vung Tau 2005.

11...Qxb5 12.Bxc4 Qb7

12...Qb6 13.Bxf7+ Kd8 14.Bd5 Bb7 15.Nf7+ Kc7 16.e4 Bxd5 17.exd5 Rg8 18.Bf4+ Kb7 19.0-0 Nd7 20.Qa4 Kc8 21.c4 +/- ; 12...Qa5 13.Bxf7+ Kd8 14.Qb3 e6 15.Bxe6! (15.0-0 Qb6) 15...Bxe6 16.Qxe6 Qxc3+ 17.Bd2 Qa1+ 18.Ke2 Qa6+ 19.Qxa6 Nxa6 20.Nf7+ Ke8 21.Nxh8 g6 22.Rc1 Bg7 23.Rc6 +/-.

13.Bxf7+ Kd8 (D)



14.Bc4?

A bad move which allows Black to stay into the game. Strong is 14.Bh5! Be6 (14...Nc6 15.Bf3 Bd7 16.Nf7+ Ke8 17.Nxh8 g6 18.Bd5! e6 19.Qf3 +/-) 15.Bf3 Bd5 16.Nf7+ Ke8 17.Nxh8 (17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Nxh8 Qxg2 19.Rf1 Qd5! 20.Qc2 g6 21.c4 Qf3 22.d5 Nd7 oo) 17...Bxf3 18.gxf3 g6 19.h4! Bg7 20.h5 g5 (20...Bxh8 21.hxg6 h5 22.Rxh5 Bf6 23.e4 +/-) 21.Qd3 (21.Ng6!? hxg6 22.h6 Bh8 23.e4 g4 24.Qd3 gxf3 25.e5 +/-) 21...Qxf3 22.Rg1 Bxh8

23.Rxg5 Bf6 24.Rg8+ Kd7 25.Qb5+ (25.Qxh7 +/-) 25...Kc7 26.Qa5+ Kb7 27.Qb5+ Kc7 28.Qc5+ Kb7 29.Qc8+ Kb6 30.Ba3! +/- Foguelman,A-Johannessen,S/Belgrade 1962.

14...Qxg2 15.Rf1 Kc7! oo 16.Nf7

16.Qa4!? Nc6 17.Nf7 Rg8 18.d5 Bd7 19.dxc6 Qxc6 oo.

16...Rg8 17.Qa4 a5! 18.Ne5

18.Qb5 Qc6!.

18...e6! 19.Qe8 Nd7 20.Qxe6?

A blunder. Unclear was 20.Qf7! Bd6 (20...Rh8? 21.Bxe6 Ra7 22.Bxd7 Kb8 23.Qe8 +/-) 21.Qxg8 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bxe5.

20...Nxe5 21.Qxg8

21.Qxe5+ Bd6 22.Qd5 Bb7 -+.

21...Nxc4 22.Qxc4+ Qc6 -+ 23.Qf7+ Bd7

24.c4 Bb4+ 25.Bd2 Rf8 26.Qxg7 Qxc4

27.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 28.Ke2 Qb2+ 29.Kd3 Rf5!

30.Rg1 Qb3+

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□ Grivas,Efstratios

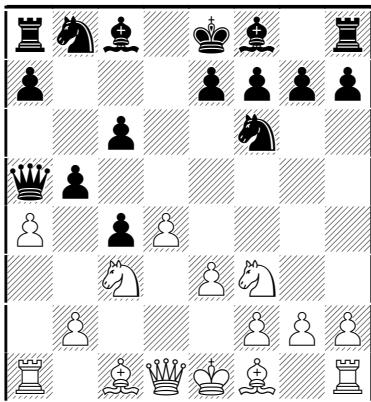
■ Siebrecht,Sebastian

D15 Budapest 1994

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5

6.a4 Qa5?! (D)

A dubious move. 6...b4 is more natural, when White can choose between 7.Na2 and 7.Nb1.



7.Bd2 b4

7...Qb6 8.axb5 cxb5 9.b3! would also leave White better.

8.Na2 e6 9.Bxc4

White is now targeting the black b4-pawn. Black will have to spend precious time eliminating one of the white pieces attacking

this pawn. 9.Qc2!? Ba6 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.Qxc4 += Kecskes,G-Shurygin,S/Budapest 1994.

9...Ne4 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nc1!

White improves the placement of his knight, setting his sights on the important squares e5, c5 and a5.

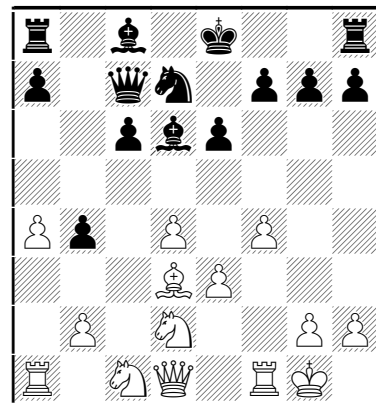
11...Bd6 12.Bd3!

Less accurate is 12.Nb3?! Qh5! 13.Bd3 Ng5!, when Black has a satisfactory game.

12...Nxd2 13.Nxd2 Qc7

This move shows the futility of 6...Qa5. It is true that Black now 'wins a tempo', but the queen is exposed on the semi-open c-file and will have to move again soon, thus returning the tempo...

14.f4! (D)



14...c5?!

Black should have resigned himself to an inferior position by 14...0-0 15.Ncb3 Bb7 16.Rc1. In his efforts to achieve equality by drastic means, Black neglects the safety of his king. Naturally, opening up the position can in no way be to his benefit!

15.Ncb3 cxd4

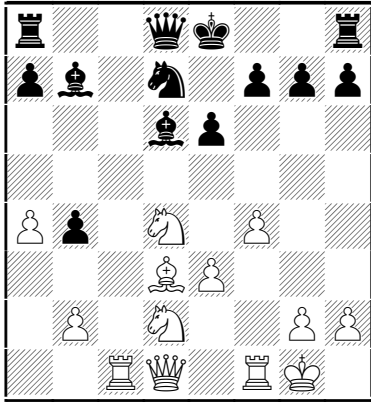
Practically forced. After 15...0-0? 16.Rc1 White's advantage is decisive.

16.Nxd4 Bb7

Again after 16...0-0? 17.Rc1 Qb8 (17...Qd8 loses immediately to 18.Be4) 18.Be4 Bb7 19.Qf3! Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Be7 21.Nc6 Qe8 22.Rc2! White has a large advantage.

17.Rc1! Qd8 (D)

Other moves would meet the same fate: 17...Nc5? 18.Be4 a6 19.N4b3; 17...Qb8 18.Bb5!.



It is clear that Black needs just one move (...0-0) to solve his problems almost in their entirety. Indeed, his position is free of static weaknesses, thus White is obliged to act immediately if he wishes to benefit from his promising position.

18.Be4! Bxe4

18...Rb8 is no better: 19.Qf3! Ba8 20.Bxa8 Rxa8 21.Nc6.

19.Nxe4 Be7 20.Nc6 Qb6 21.Nd6+ Kf8 22.Nxf7!

A conclusive small combination, the direct result of White's positional and tactical superiority.

22...Kxf7 23.Qxd7 Rhe8

23...Qxe3+ 24.Kh1 Rhe8 25.Ne5+ Kf8 26.Qxe6 is also losing.

24.f5!

Opening more lines towards the black king.

24...Qxe3+

Of course if 24...exf5? White mates with 25.Rxf5+ Kg6 26.Ne5+ Kh6 27.Rh5+!.

25.Kh1 exf5 26.Rce1

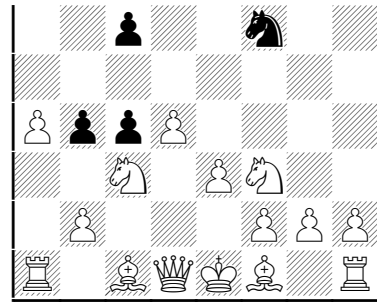
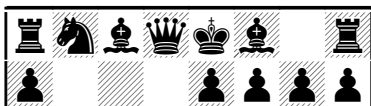
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□ **Nikolic, Predrag**

■ **Atalik, Suat**

D15 Bled tt 2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 (D)



7.Na2

Instead of the moves 7.Na2 or 7.Nb1, White's other option is 7.Ne2 and now:

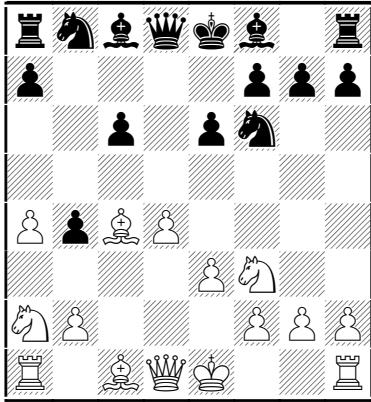
a) 7...Ba6 8.Ng3 Qd5 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.b3 e5 (10...c5 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.e4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qb7 14.e5 Nd5 15.e6 fxe6 16.0-0 Nc3 17.Qxe6 Qd5 18.Qe3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 =/oo Campos

Moreno, J-Franco Ocampos, Z/Mallorca 2000) 11.0-0 (11.e4!? Qa5 [11...Nxe4? 12.bxc4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Nxe4 c5 15.Ned2 +/-] 12.0-0 =/oo) 11...exd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Bb2 (13.Bf3 Qe5) 13...c3 14.Bxa6 cxb2 15.Rb1 Bxd4 16.exd4 0-0 = Bosboom, M-Middelburg, T/Wijk aan Zee 1999.

b) 7...c5 8.Nf4 (8.Ng3?! Ba6 9.Ne5 [9.dxc5? Qxd1+ {9...Qa5? 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nxc5 12.Nd4 e6 13.Bf3 Bb7 oo Wemmers, X-Willemze, J/Hilversum 2006} 10.Kxd1 e6 11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Nxc5 -/+] 9...cxd4 10.exd4 e6 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nc6 -/+) 8...Ba6 9.Ne5 cxd4 10.exd4 e6 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nc6 13.Be3 =.

c) 7...e6 8.Ng3 (8.Nf4 Ba6 9.Ne5 Be7 [9...Bd6 10.Nxc4 Bxf4 11.exf4 0-0 = Bosboom, M-Sokolov, I/Leeuwarden 2004] 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nbd7 12.Qf3 0-0 13.e4 Nb6 14.Ne5 Qxd4 15.Nxc6 Qd7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 = Shamkovich, L-Lazarev, E/Moscow 1966) 8...Ba6 (8...c3 9.bxc3 bxc3 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Ba6 12.e4 Bb4 13.Bg5! =/oo Tyomkin, D-Lesiege, A/Montreal 2000; 8...c5 9.Bxc4 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Re1 Qc7 12.b3 h5 13.h3 h4 14.Nf1 Ne4 oo Krush, I-Kachiani Gersinska, K/Turin OL 2006) 9.Ne5 c5 (9...Qd5!? 10.Be2 Qxg2 11.Bf3 Qh3 12.Nxc6 Nd5! oo) 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Nxc4 cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.Ne3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Bd6 15.d5 oo Gormally, D-Summerscale, A/York 1999.

7...e6 8.Bxc4 (D)



8...Bb7

Black can also choose 8...Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Bd2 (10.Qe2 0-0 11.e4 Bb7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bd2 a5 14.Nc1 N5b6 15.Bd3 c5 = Graf,A-Motwani,P/Bled OL 2002) 10...a5 11.Nc1 Bb7 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Qe2 c5 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.Bb5 ½-½ Lautier,J-Van Wely,L/Khanty Mansyisk 2005 but he should avoid 8...Ba6?! 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ne5 Qb6 12.Qf3 Rc8 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.e4 += Tukmakov,V-Kilpi,T/Helsinki 1992.

9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 c5

Also good is 10...Be7 11.Ba6 (11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 c5 13.Rac1 Qa5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 = Szabo,L-Marovic,D/Amsterdam 1973) 11...Qb6 (11...Bxa6 12.Qxa6 Qb6 13.Qc4 0-0 14.Bd2 a5 15.Nc1 c5 16.Nb3 Rfc8 = Serper,G-Bacrot,E/Cap d'Agde 2000) 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Nc1 c5 15.Nb3 Ne4 = Serper,G-Bacrot,E/Cap d'Agde 2000.

11.Bd2

11.Ba6 Qb6 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.a5 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5 = ; 11.b3 Bd6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Nc1 Bd6 =.

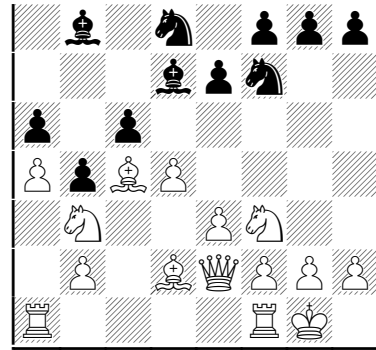
11...a5 12.Nc1

12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Nc1 Bd6 14.Nb3 0-0 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.Be1 Rfd8 = Komarov,D-Neron de Surgy,G/Clichy 1997.

12...Bd6

GM Robert Byrne's recipe.

13.Nb3 0-0 (D)



14.Rfc1?!

White had to accept an equal position with 14.Rfd1 Qe7 (14...Qb8 15.h3 Rc8 16.Rac1 Ne4 17.Bb5 Ndf6 = Andersson,U-Byrne,R/Biel IZ 1976; 14...Qb6 15.Be1 Rfd8 16.Bb5 cxd4 17.Nfxd4 Ne5 18.f3 Ng6 = Hillarp Persson,T-Cramling,P/Gothenburg 2006) 15.dxc5 (15.Be1 Rfd8 16.Rac1 cxd4 17.Nfxd4 Nc5 18.Bb5 Nxb3 19.Nxb3 Bc7 = Iotov,V-Atalik,S/Dresden 2007) 15...Nxc5 16.Nfd4 Rfd8 17.Be1 (17.f3?! Nxb3 18.Nxb3 Qc7 19.h3 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Be5 +/-) 17...Nxb3 18.Bxb3 (18.Nxb3 Bc7) 18...Rac8 19.Rac1 (19.f3 Qc7) 19...Be5 20.Qb5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bxd4 22.exd4 Ra8 (22...Bd5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rc8+ Rd8 25.Qb8 Rxc8 26.Qxc8+ Qe8) 23.f3 Bd5 24.Bd1 =.

14...Qe7!?

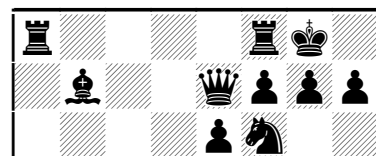
Black tries for something more than equality. 14...Qb6 15.Be1 Rac8 16.Bb5 cxd4 17.Nfxd4 Nc5! (17...Bb8? 18.Bxd7! Nxd7 19.Qb5 e5 20.Nf5 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Qe6 22.Qxb7 Qxf5 23.e4 Qe6 24.Nxa5 Nf6 25.Qxb4 Bd6 26.Qc4 1-0 Lechtynsky,J-Pacl,V/Karvina 1980) 18.Nxc5 Rxc5 =.

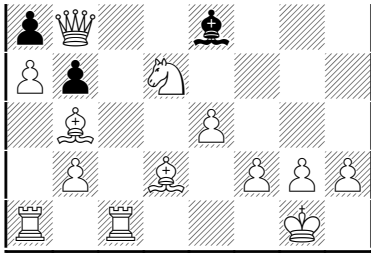
15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nfd4 Nxb3! 17.Bxb3

After 17.Nxb3 Bc7! Black can create attacking chances to the weak white kingside.

17...Be5 18.Qb5 (D)

White has to force exchanges since the threat of 18...Qd6 is too strong: 18.f3? Qd6; 18.Be1? Qd6 19.h3 Bxd4 20.exd4 Qxd4 +/-.





18...Bxd4?!

Black should continue with 18...Nd5! 19.Rab1! (19.Bxd5? Bxd5 20.Qd3 [20.Nc6 Qg5! 21.e4 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Bxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Qxd2 +] 20...Rad8; 19.f3 Qf6!; 19.Bd1 Ba6 20.Qc5 Qf6 21.Bf3 Rfd8 22.Bxd5 [22.Nc6 Bxb2 23.Nxd8 Qxd8 24.Rab1 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.Qa7 Rxc1+ 27.Bxc1 Qc7 28.Qa8+ {28.Qxc7 Nxc7 29.Bb2 f6 -/+} 28...Qc8 29.Bxd5 {29.Qxc8+ Bxc8 30.Bb2 Bd7 31.Bd1 Nb6 -+} 29...exd5 30.Qxc8+ Bxc8 31.Bb2 Bd7 32.Bd4 Bxa4 33.Bb6 b3 34.Bd4 Bb5 35.f3 f6 -/+} 22...Rxd5 23.Qc6 Rdd8 24.Qe4 Bxd4 25.exd4 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Rxd4 27.Be3 Rd5 -/+ ; 19.Nc6? Bxc6 20.Rxc6 Bxb2 -/+) 19...Ba6 20.Qc5 Bd6 (20...Qf6 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.f4 [22.Qxd5 Bd3 23.Ra1 Rfd8 24.Qb3 Be4 25.f3 Bd5 26.Qd3 Qh4 27.f4 Qg4 28.Qf1 Bf6 =/oo] 22...Bxd4 23.Qxd4 =+) 21.Qc2 Rac8 22.Qe4 Bb7 23.Bc2 g6 =+.

19.exd4 Bd5 20.Bd1?!

20.Bc2!? Rfb8 21.Qe2 Rc8 22.Bd3 Qb7 =.

20...Ne4 21.Be3 Nd6 22.Qd3 Nf5 23.Rc5! Rfd8 24.Rac1 Qf6 25.Rc7 Qg6?!

25...Nh4 26.f3 Nf5 27.Bf2 = ; 25...e5! 26.dxe5 Qxe5 27.R1c5 Qe6 (27...Nxe3 28.fxe3 Qe6 [28...Qg5 29.Bg4! Qxg4 30.Rxd5 +=] 29.Bc2 g6 30.e4 Ba2 31.Qe3 =) 28.Bc2 Be4 (28...b3 29.Qxf5 bxc2 30.Qxe6 [30.Qxc2? Bb3] 30...Bxe6 31.h3 Bb3 32.Rc3 Rab8 33.R7c5 =) 29.Qe2 Bxc2 30.Rxc2 Nxe3 31.fxe3 =+.

26.g3!

26.f3? e5! 27.dxe5 Bxf3 28.Bxf3 Rxd3 29.Bxa8 (29.Rc8+ Rd8 30.Bxa8 Rf8 31.Rxf8+ [31.Be4 Qe6] 31...Kxf8 32.Rc8+ Ke7 33.Rc7+ Kd8 34.Rc6 Nxe3! 35.Rxg6 hxg6 -+) 29...h5 30.R7c6 Qg4 +.

26...Nxe3?

26...Qf6 27.Bh5 g6 28.Bg4 = (28.Be2 Kg7 29.Qd2 Be4 30.R1c4 Nxe3 31.Qxe3 Bd5 32.R4c5 =) ; 26...h6 27.R1c5 Qf6 oo.

27.Qxg6 hxg6 28.fxe3 e5 29.Kf2?

29.dxe5 Be6 30.Bf3 Ra6 (30...Rab8 31.R7c5 b3 32.Rxa5 Rd2 33.Rb1 +/-) 31.h4 Rd2 32.R1c2 +/-.

29...exd4?!

29...Be6! 30.Bf3 Rab8! (30...Ra6? 31.d5! Bd7 [31...Bxd5? 32.Rc8 Rad6 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Rd1 +] 32.b3 Kf8 33.Be2 Rf6+ [33...Rd6 34.e4 Ra8 35.Bb5] 34.Ke1 Rd6 35.e4 Ra8 36.Bb5 +/-) 31.R1c5 (31.Rd1 Bb3 32.Rd2 Bxa4 33.Ra7 exd4 34.exd4 Rb5 35.d5 Rc5 =) 31...exd4 32.Rxa5 (32.exd4? Rxd4 33.Ke3 Rbd8) 32...d3! 33.Bd1 b3! (33...Ra8? 34.Rxa8 Rxa8 35.b3) 34.e4 (34.Rac5 d2! oo) 34...Rbc8 (34...d2 35.Ke3 Rb4 36.Raa7 Rdd4 37.Rc3 Rxa4 38.Rxa4 Rxa4 39.Rd3 Ra2 40.Rxd2 +=) 35.Rac5 Rxc7 36.Rxc7 Ra8 37.Rc3 Rxa4 38.Rxd3 Rxe4 39.Bxb3 Rb4 40.Bxe6 Rxb2+ 41.Kf3 fxe6 =.

30.exd4 += Be6?

30...Ra6? 31.Rc8 Rf6+ 32.Ke3 Re6+ 33.Kd2 Ree8 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Rc5 Be6 36.Kd3 +- ; 30...Kh7 31.Re7! (31.R1c5 Ra6 32.Be2 Rf6+ 33.Ke1 Bb3 34.Rxa5 Rxd4 35.Re7 Rc6 36.Re3 Rc2! 37.Bd1 Rc1 38.Rxb3 Rcxdl+ 39.Ke2 =; 31.Be2 Rd6 32.R1c5 Re8 33.Rxa5 Rf6+ 34.Ke1 Rfe6 35.Rxd5 Rxe2+ 36.Kd1 Rxb2 oo) 31...Ra6 32.Rc5 Rad6 33.Ke3 Be6 34.Bc2 Rxd4 35.Rh5+ Kg8 36.Rxa5 Rd2 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Kxd2 Bc4 39.Rc5 Ba6 40.Rc6 Re2+ 41.Kd1 b3 42.Bxb3 Rxb2 43.Bc2 += ; 30...Re8 31.Rd7! (31.R1c5 Rad8 32.Rxa5 Ba2 33.d5 Bxd5 =) 31...Be6 32.Rd6 Kf8 33.Bf3 Ke7 34.Rb6! (34.Rdc6? Rac8 35.Rc7+ Kf6 36.R7c5 Rxc5 37.Rxc5 Rc8 38.Ke3 Rxc5 39.dxc5 Ke5 40.h4 [40.Bc6 g5 41.h4 gxh4 42.gxh4 f5] 40...Bd5 41.Bd1 [41.Be2 Bb3] 41...Bc6 42.Bb3 f6 43.Kd3 Be4+ 44.Ke3 Bc6 =) 34...Rad8 35.Rc7+ Kf8 36.Bc6 Re7 37.Rxe7 Kxe7 38.Ke3 +=.

31.Bf3 +/- Rab8

31...Ra6 32.d5! (32.R1c6? Rxc6 33.Rxc6 Rxd4 34.Ke3 Rd7 35.Ra6 Bc4 36.Ra8+ Kh7 37.Rxa5 Rd3+ 38.Kf4 Rd2 39.b3 Bxb3 40.Rb5 Bxa4 41.Rxb4 Bd7 =+) 32...Bd7 (32...Bxd5? 33.Rc8 Rad6 34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35.Rd1 -+) 33.Bd1! Kf8 34.R1c5 Ke7 35.R5c6! +/- ; 31...Rac8 32.Ke3 +/-.

32.Ke3 Bb3

32...Rb6 33.R1c6 Rxc6 34.Bxc6 Rd6 35.Bb5 +-.

33.R1c5 Re8+

33...Bxa4 34.Rxa5 Bb3 35.Raa7 Rd6 36.Rab7 Re8+ 37.Re7 +/-.

34.Kd3 Bxa4

34...Re1 35.Rxa5 Rbe8 36.Ra8 R1e3+ 37.Kd2 +/-.

35.Rxa5?!

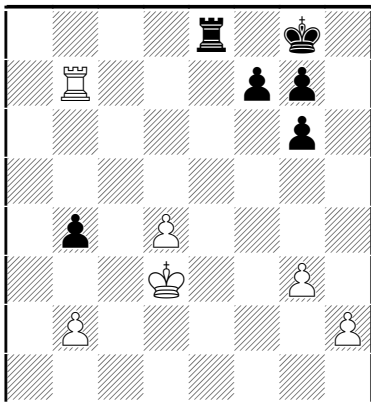
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35...Bb5+?

Black had to go for 35...Bb3 36.Raa7 +/-.

36.Rxb5! Rxb5 37.Bc6 Rbb8

37...Reb8 38.Bxb5 Rxb5 39.Kc4 +/-.

38.Bxe8 Rxe8 39.Rb7 +- (D)**39...f5**

39...Re1 40.Rb8+ Kh7 41.Rxb4 +/-.

40.Rxb4 g5 41.Rb5 g6

41...Rf8 42.b4 (42.Ke3? f4+ 43.gxf4 gxf4+ 44.Kf3 Rd8 45.d5 g5 46.Kg4 Kf7! +/-) 42...f4 43.g4! g6 (43...f3 44.Rf5 Rb8 45.b5 g6 46.Rc5 Rf8 47.Rc1 +/-) 44.Ke2! +/-.

42.b4 Kf7 43.Re5! Rb8

43...Rh8 44.Re2 Rb8 45.Rb2 +/-.

44.b5 Kf6 45.Rc5 f4

45...g4 46.Rc6+ Kg5 47.b6 +/-.

46.Ke4 Re8+ 47.Re5 Rh8 48.gxf4

48.b6! Rxh2 49.Rb5 (49.gxf4 Rb2 50.fxg5+ Kf7 51.Kd5 Rxb6 52.Kc5 Ra6 53.d5 +/-) 49...Re2+ 50.Kf3 Re3+ 51.Kf2 Re8 52.b7 Rb8

53.Kf3 Ke6 54.gxf4 gxf4 55.Kxf4 Kd6 56.Kg5 Kc6 57.Rb4 Rxb7 58.d5+! Kc7 59.d6+ Kc6 60.Rxb7 Kxb7 61.Kf6 +/-.

48...gxf4 49.b6 f3 50.Kxf3

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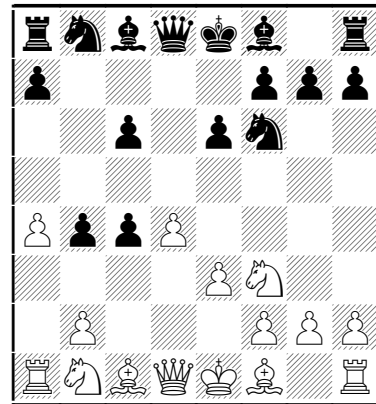
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□ Kasparov, Garry

■ Hutt, Alejandro

D15 Cordoba sim 1992

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 e6 (D)



Another, not very often played, option for Black is 7...Bg4 but it seems that the black lightsquared bishop is 'missing' from the queenside: 8.Bxc4 (8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 Rc8 11.Nbd2 c3 [11...Bxf3?! 12.gxf3 g6 13.Nxc4 += Ribli,Z-Huebner,R/Tilburg 1980] 12.bxc3 bxc3 13.Nb3 e5 oo) 8...e6 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 (11.Qe2 Nbd7 12.h3 Bh5 13.e4 c5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.e5 Nd5 oo Brandenburg,K-Odendahl,R/Germany 1986) 11...Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 c5 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Nb3 +=.

8.Bxc4 Be7

There do exist various move-order, which easily can transpose:

a) 8...Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 (9...c5 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Nb3 a6 12.Qe2! [12.Bd2 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 Bd6 14.Qe2 Qe7 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.h3 g6 17.Ba2

Rfc8 18.Nb3 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Bd5 = Ribli,Z-Onat,I/Luzern OL 1982) 12...Bd6 13.Rd1 +=) 10.a5 Rc8 11.Nbd2 c5 12.b3 g6 (12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Be7 14.Bxe6!; 12...Be7 13.Bb2 +=) 13.dxc5 Rxc5 14.a6! (14.Bb2 Rxa5 15.Rxa5 Qxa5 16.Qa1 Qxa1 17.Rxa1 Bc5 18.Ne1 Ke7 19.Nd3 Rd8 =) 14...Ba8 15.Bb2 += Akopian,V-Ivanov,I/Los Angeles 1991.

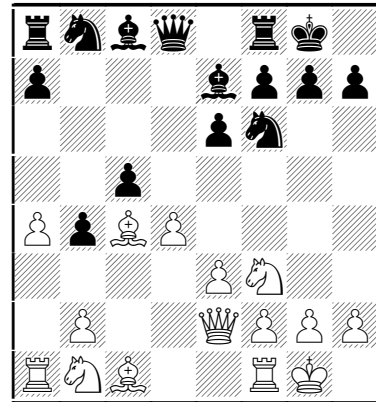
b) 8...a5 9.0-0 (9.Qe2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.e4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Ne4 Qb6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd3 += Hansen,L-Jelling,E/Copenhagen 1995; 9.Nbd2 c5 [9...Nbd7 10.Nb3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.e4 c5 14.e5 Nd5 15.dxc5 Rc8 16.Bd3 += Hellsten,J-Ronneland,D/Copenhagen 1995] 10.Qe2 Nc6 [10...Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nb3 +=] 11.Bb5 [11.0-0!? cxd4 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Nf3 =/oo] 11...Bd7 12.dxc5 [12.Ne5!? Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bxb5 14.axb5 Nd7 15.Nc4 +=] 12...Bxc5 [12...Rc8 13.Nb3 Nb8 14.0-0 +/- Meyer,E-Shamkovich,L/USA 1977] 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.0-0 0-0 15.e4 +=) 9...Be7 (9...Ba6 10.Nbd2 Be7 [10...Bd6?! 11.Qe2 Qc8 12.e4 Be7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 h6 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Rfc1 +/- Nesterets,A-Ipatov,A/Alushta 2006] 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.e4 Nbd7 14.Nb3 Qb6 15.Bg5 += ; 9...Nbd7 10.Nbd2 c5?! [10...Bb7 11.e4 c5?! 12.Bb5 {12.Re1 Be7 13.e5 Nd5 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Nexg5 h6 17.Ne4 N5b6 18.Bb5 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 c4 20.Rc1 += Tseitlin,M-Chekhov,V/Moscow 1982} 12...cxd4 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nxd4 Bc5 15.Nc4 +/-] 11.Nb3 Bb7 12.Bb5 Qc7 13.Ne5 Rd8 14.Nc4 Bd5 15.Nbxa5 cxd4 16.Qxd4 Bc5 17.Qf4 +/- Komarov,D-Trichkov,V/Dortmund 1992) 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.e4 c5 (11...Nbd7 12.Re1 Ba6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Ne4 h6 16.Qd3 += Sadler,M-Janovsky,S/Hastings 1990) 12.e5 Nd5 13.dxc5 Ba6 (13...Bxc5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bg5! +=) 14.Qc2 Qc7 (14...Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Nd7 16.c6 Rc8 17.Qg4 Rxc6 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Qxd5 Rc5 22.Qd3 Nxe5 23.Qxd8 Rxd8 24.Nb3 +=) 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Re1 Nd7 17.Nb3 Bc4 (17...Nxc5 18.Be3 Bd3 19.Qc1 Rac8 20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.Qd2 Bc4 22.Nxc5 Qxc5 23.Nd4 +/-) 18.c6! Bxb3 19.Qxb3 Qxc6 20.Be3 += Pinter,J-Romero Holmes,A/Leon 1989.

9.0-0

9.Qe2 0-0 10.e4 Nbd7 (10...Bb7 11.0-0 c5 transposes) 11.0-0 c5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nbd2

(13.Bxd5? exd5 14.e6 Nb8! [14...fxe6? 15.Qxe6+ Kh8 16.Re1 +/- Boensch,U-Tischbierek,R/Halle 1987] 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.dxc5 Bxc5 -/+ ; 13.Bd3 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Nc6 Qc7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bc4 Bb7 18.Be3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 =) 13...Bb7 14.Nb3 cxd4 15.Rd1 += transposes to Pujos,S-Demanghon,J/France 2004.

9...0-0 10.Qe2 c5 (D)



11.dxc5?!

The text-move is not helping White in his efforts to gain some advantage. His other options are:

a) 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 (12.exd4 Bb7 13.Nb3 Nbd7 14.Bg5 Nd5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Na5 N7f6 = Vitartaite,A-Kasparavicius,L/Vilnius 1996) 12...Bb7 13.b3 Nc6 14.Bb2 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 =.

b) 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nbd7 13.e4 (13.a5 Rc8 14.b3 Qc7 15.Bb2 Rfd8 1/2-1/2 Podkrižnik,G-Doric,N/Bled 1996) 13...cxd4 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nb3 Nc5 16.Rxd4 Rc8 17.Rg4 Kh8 18.Bd2 += Pujos,S-Demanghon,J/France 2004.

c) 11.e4 Bb7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Qe4 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8 16.Nbd2 += Makarov,M-Kulikov,A/Nizhnij Novgorod 1999.

11...Bb7 12.Nbd2 Nbd7 13.Rd1

13.b3 Nxc5 14.Bb2 Nd5 15.Rac1 (15.Rfd1? Nc3 [15...Bf6 16.Nf1 Qe7 17.Ng3 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Nc3 -/+ Budo,A-Yudovich,M/Tbilisi 1937] 16.Bxc3 bxc3 17.Nb1 Qa5 18.Qc2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bf6 20.Rc1 Rfd8 -/+) 15...Rc8 16.Nd4 =.

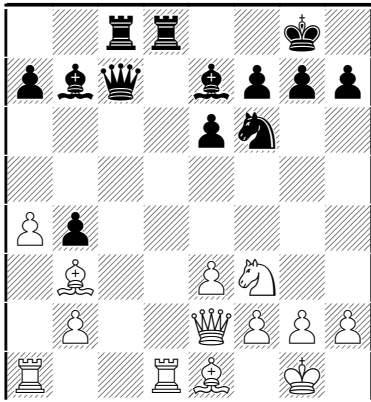
13...Qc7 14.Nb3

14.b3 Nxc5 (14...Ne5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Ra2 Qxc5 17.Bb2 Qc6 = Federau,J-Kues,H/Germany tt 1997) 15.Bb2 Bd6 16.Rac1 Rfd8 =.

14...Nxc5 15.Bd2 Nxb3 16.Bxb3 Rfd8 17.Be1?!

17.Rac1 Qa5 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.axb5 =.

17...Rac8! =+ (D)



Although Black stands slightly better, the position is not easy to handle for both sides, as this was a simultaneous game. This explains the various inaccuracies that both sides committed from now on.

18.Nd4 Kf8?!

18...Kh8 19.Nb5 Qa5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rc1 Rd7 =+.

19.f3

19.Bxe6!? Rxd4 20.Rxd4 fxe6 21.Bxb4 oo.

19...Bd6?

19...Bd5 20.e4 Bc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.Nb3 Rdc8 =.

20.h3?

20.Bxe6! Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Rb8 22.Rac1 Qe5 23.Bxb4+ Kg8 24.Rc5 +/-.

20...Qb8

20...Qe7 21.Rac1 Bc5 22.Bf2 (22.Rxc5 Qxc5 23.Bxe6 Ra8) 22...Kg8 =.

21.Bf2 Be5?

21...Nd5! 22.Rac1 =.

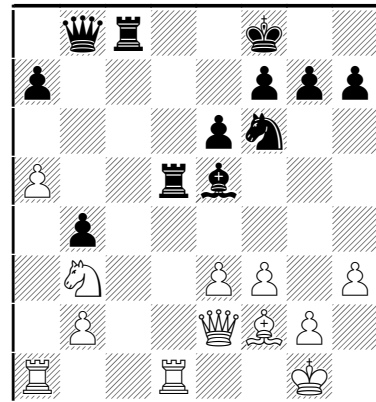
22.a5?

22.Bxe6! fxe6 (22...Rxd4 23.Bxc8 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Qxc8 25.Qb5 +/-) 23.Nxe6+ Kg8 24.Nxd8 Rxd8 25.Qc4 +/-.

22...Bd5?!

22...Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.exd4 Bd5 =+.

23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Nb3 (D)



24...Qb5?

24...Rcd8 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 =.

25.Qxb5 Rxb5 26.Rac1! Rbb8

26...Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Bxb2 28.Rc8+ Ke7 29.e4 a6 30.Rc7+ Ke8 31.Rc6 +/-.

27.e4 Bxb2 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Bxa7 h6

29...Rc3 30.Nd4 e5 31.Nb5 Rc6 32.Be3 +/- ; 29...Ke8 30.Bf2 Ra8 31.Rd6 +/-.

30.Bb6 Ra8?

30...Ke8 31.a6 Nd7 32.Be3 +/-.

31.Rd8+! Rxd8 32.Bxd8 Be5 33.a6 Bb8 34.Bb6

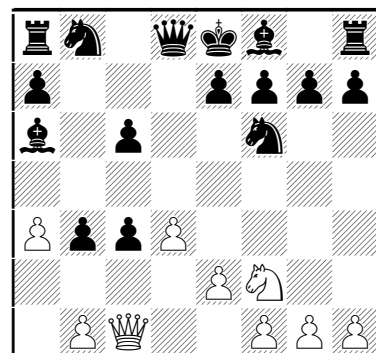
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■ **Kasparov,Garry**

D15 Prague m (2) 1998

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 Ba6 8.Qc2?! (D)





8...b3!

Best. White should not feel unhappy after the natural 8...e6 9.Bxc4 (9.Nbd2!? Nbd7 [9...Be7 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nbd7 12.0-0 += Pinter,J-Marovic,D/Rome 1982] 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Be7 13.b3 Rc8 14.Rd1 [14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Rac1 Rfd8 17.Qb1 Be4 18.Qa1 Qb7 19.a5 += Pinter,J-Velikov,P/Baile Herculanu 1982] 14...Rc7 15.dxc5 Qa8 16.Nd4 Rxc5 17.f3 0-0 18.e4 += Lputian,S-Bareev,E/Minsk Ch-URS 1987) 9...Bxc4 10.Qxc4 Qd5 11.Nbd2 and now:

a) 11...Nbd7 12.Qe2 Ne4 (12...Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.e4 Qh5 15.Nb3 c5 = Adamski,J-Sygulski,B/Gdynia 1985) 13.Nxe4 Qxe4 14.0-0 Be7 15.Bd2 (15.b3 0-0 16.Bb2 c5 17.Rac1 Rfc8! [17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Qb7 19.h3 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Bf6 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.axb5 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Rc3 24.Nc6 Ra8 25.Ra1 Nf6 26.Rxa7 Re8 27.Rc7 Nd5 28.Rxd5 exd5 29.b6 1-0 Sosonko,G-Hermann,M/Bad Lauterberg 1977] 18.Qb5 Nf6 =) 15...0-0 16.Rfc1 a5 (16...c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Rc4 Qd3 = Landau,S-Euwe,M/Amsterdam 1939) 17.Be1 c5 18.Qb5 Ra7 (18...Qd5?! 19.e4! += Stahlberg,G-Euwe,M/Stockholm 1937) 19.dxc5 Rb8 20.Qc4 Qxc4 21.Rxc4 Nxc5 =.

b) 11...c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Nb3 Nd7 15.Ke2 a5 (15...0-0 16.Bd2 Rfc8 17.Rhc1 a5 18.Rc2 Bb6 19.Rac1 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 f6 21.e4 Ne7 22.Nfd4 e5 23.Nf5 Nxf5 24.exf5 g6 ½-½ Andersson,U-Smyslov,V/Buenos Aires 1978) 16.Bd2 Bb6 17.Rhc1 Ke7 18.Rc2 Rhc8 19.Rac1 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 N5f6 = Andersson,U-Torre,E/Tilburg 1982.

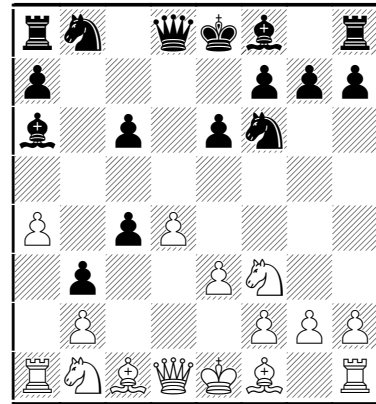
c) 11...Qxc4 12.Nxc4 Nbd7 13.Ke2 c5 14.Bd2 Be7 15.Rac1 0-0 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Na5 Rfc8 = Sosonko,G-Bohm,H/Wijk aan Zee 1976.

d) 11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 c5 (13...Ne4!?! 14.Nxe4 Qxe4 15.Bd2?! Nd7 =) 14.b3 cxd4 ½-½ Sosonko,G-Hort,V/Tilburg 1978.

It must be noted that 8...Qd5?! fails to satisfy: 9.Nbd2 c3 10.bxc3 bxc3 (10...Bxf1 11.Nxf1 bxc3 12.Qxc3 Ne4 13.Qc2 e6 14.N1d2 Bb4 15.0-0 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 Bxd2 17.Nxd2 Nd7 18.Rfc1 Rc8 19.Nb3 +/- Schoepper,O-Petzold,K/Germany 1995) 11.Qxc3 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 (½-½ Goldenberg,R-

Kovarcik,T/Bescanon 1999) 12...e6 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 a5 15.Rc1 Na6 16.Nc4 +/- Agdamus,J-Vazzoler,H/Brazil 2003.

9.Qd1 e6 (D)



10.Be2

White's alternatives are:

a) 10.Nbd2 Qd5! (10...Bb4 11.Be2 Ne4 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Bxd2 0-0 14.Bb4 c5 [14...Re8 15.Ne5 +/-] 15.Bxc5 [15.dxc5 Nc6 16.Ba3 Qc8 oo] 15...Nxc5 16.dxc5 Nc6 [16...Qxd1? 17.Rfxd1 c3 18.Bb5! +/- Ribli,Z-Portisch,L/Hungary 1979] 17.Qd6 oo) 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Nb1 Ne4 (13...Bb4 14.Nfd2 0-0 15.Nxb3 e5 +/- Karsa,L-Gyurkovics,M/Hungary 1995) 14.Nfd2 Ndf6 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Be7 -/+ (16...b2! 17.Rb1 Ba3 -+) 17.Bb2 0-0 -/+ ½-½ Adorjan,A-Torre,E/Toluca IZ 1982.

b) 10.Ne5 c5! (10...Qd5 11.Bd2 [11.f3 c5 12.Nc3 Qb7 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 = Beilfuss,W-Seegers,H/Germany 1986] 11...Ne4 12.Qf3 f6 13.Nxc4 Bxc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.Qxe4 Na6 16.Bc3 Nb4 oo Guseva,O-Mashinskaya,I/Serpukhov 2004) 11.Nc3 (11.Nxc4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 [12.exd4 Nc6 13.Be3 Bb4+ 14.Nc3 Rb8 =+] 12...Nc6 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Bxa6 0-0 16.Bc4 Na5 [16...Nb4 17.Bxb3 Nd3+ 18.Ke2 Ne4 19.f3 Nef2 20.Rf1 oo] 17.Be2 Bb4+ +/- ; 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 cxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 -/+ Sharevich,A-Nielsen,P/Internet 2004) 11...cxd4 12.exd4 (12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 -/+) 12...Qc7 13.Qf3 Bb7 14.Qe2 Bd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxc4 Bb4 +=+.

10...c5!

Accurate play by Black. The alternatives were

not so bad for White:

a) 10...Qb6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nfd2 (12.Nbd2 c3! 13.a5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qb4 +/- Netusil,M-Vavra,P/Czech Rep. 1993) 12...Qb4 13.Qe1! c5 14.Nxc4 cxd4 15.exd4 Rc8 =.

b) 10...Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Qa5 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Bxc4 oo Annakov,B-Gazarian,A/Moscow 1996.

c) 10...Nbd7?! 11.0-0 Bb4 12.Nbd2 c3 13.Bxa6 cxd2 14.Bxd2 Qb6 15.Bxb4 Qxb4 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Ra3 Ke7 18.Nxb3 +/- Riazantsev,A-Petuchovskis,E/Rimavska Sobota 1996.

d) 10...Qd5 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Nfd2 Bb4 13.Nxb3 cxb3 14.Bxa6 0-0 15.Nd2 Bxd2 16.Bxd2 += Otterstaetter,S-Schulze,U/Bad Wildbad 2000.

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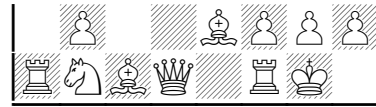
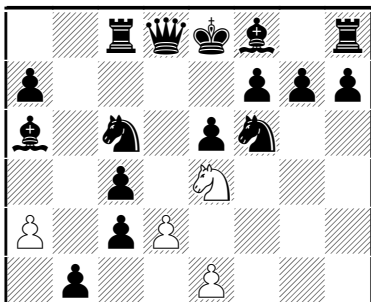
11.Ne5 cxd4 12.Qxd4 (12.exd4 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 0-0 += Gelpke,P-Ree,H/Hilversum 1985) 12...Qxd4 13.exd4 Nd5 (13...Nbd7 14.Nxc4 Rc8 15.Nbd2 Rc7 +=) 14.Bd2 Bb4 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Nxc4 Ke7 +=.

11...Nc6 12.Ne5

12.Nc3 cxd4 (12...Nb4 13.Nb5 Nc2 14.Rb1 oo) 13.exd4 Nb4! (13...Bb4 14.Nb5 Na5 15.Bxc4 0-0 oo [15...Nxc4 16.Qxb3 Bxb5 17.axb5 Nd2 18.Nxd2 Qxd4 19.Nc4 Rc8 20.Qxb4 Rxc4 21.Qa3 +/- Csonkics,T-Fang,J/Budapest 1998]; 13...Qb6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Nd2 Na5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Re1 Be7 18.Bf3 Qd6 19.Nb1 0-0 20.Nc3 Bb7 += Makarczyk,K-Alexandrescu,G/Bucharest 1951) 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Ne5 (15.Nb5 Nc2 16.Rc1 Bxb5 17.axb5 Qd5 +/-) 15...Nc2 16.Rc1 Rc8 +/- ; 12.Na3 cxd4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 dxe3 15.Bxe3 Qxd1 16.Rfxd1 Nd5 +=.

12...Rc8 (D)

12...Nxe5? 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.f4 Be7 15.Nd2 +=.



13.Na3?

White cannot be also satisfied with 13.Nxc4?! cxd4 14.Nd6+ (14.Qxb3? Na5 15.Nxa5 Bxe2 -+) 14...Bxd6 15.Bxa6 Rc7 16.Qxb3 0-0 +/- 17.Na3 Bxh2+! 18.Kxh2 Ng4+ 19.Kg3 Qg5 20.f4 Qg6 21.Bd3 (21.Rg1 dxe3 -+) 21...f5 22.Kf3 Rb8 23.Qd1 Nh2+ 24.Kf2 dxe3+ 25.Kg1 (25.Bxe3 Rxb2+ 26.Nc2 Nb4) 25...Qg3 26.Be2 Rd8 27.Qe1 Nxf1 28.Qxf1 Nd4 + but he is obliged to go for 13.Bxc4! Bxc4 14.Nxc4 cxd4 15.Qxb3 Bc5! (15...Qd5 16.Rd1! Rb8 [16...Bb4 17.Nc3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rb8 19.Qa2 Ne4 20.Bb2 Rxb2 21.Qxb2 Qxc4 22.cxd4 Nc3 23.Rd2 +/- ; 16...Ne4 17.Nc3] 17.Qd3 Nb4 18.Qb3 =) 16.Qb5 Nd7 +=.

13...cxd4 14.Naxc4

14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.Naxc4 Qd5 +/-.

14...Qd5!!

A really strong move. The alternatives are not so clear: 14...Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Rc5! (16...Qd5? 17.Qb5+ Qxb5 18.axb5 oo) 17.exd4 (17.f4 d3! 18.Nxd3 Rc2 19.Bd2 Ne4 20.Rfd1 Qd5 +/-) 17...Qxd4 18.Nf3 Qc4 19.Qxc4 Rxc4 20.Be3 =/oo ; 14...d3 15.Bxd3 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 += (17.Nxd3 Rc2 +/-).

15.Bf3

15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bxa6 Qxe5 17.f4 Qc5 18.Bxc8 (18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Be3 Qc6 20.Bxc8 Nc2 21.Rc1 Bc5 -+) 18...dxe3 19.Kh1 0-0 20.Ba6 Nd5 +/- ; 15.Nb6 Bxe2 16.Nxd5 Bxd1 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Nxc6 Be2 19.Re1 d3 -+.

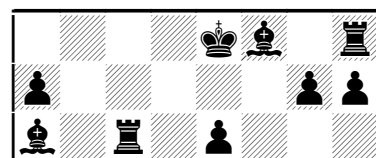
15...Ne4 16.Nxc6 Rxc6

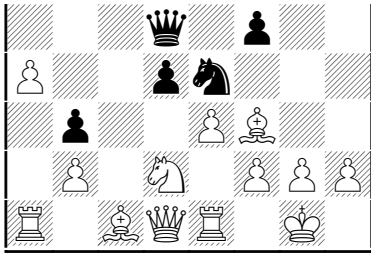
16...Bxc4?! 17.Nxa7 Ra8 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.exd4 Bxf1 20.Bxe4 Rxa7 21.Kxf1 Bb4 22.Bd3 Ke7 23.Bc4 is not that clear.

17.Nd2

17.Na5 Rb6 +/-.

17...f5 18.Re1 (D)





18...d3!

This is the killer and not the naive 18...dxe3?
 19.Rxe3 Bc5 20.Rxe4! fxe4 21.Bxe4 Bxf2+
 22.Kh1! (22.Kxf2 0-0+ 23.Kg1 Qd4+ 24.Kh1
 Rd6 25.Qg1 Qf2 -/+) 22...Qc5 23.Nxb3 Rd6
 24.Qf3 Qc4 25.Bf4 Rb6 26.Rc1 Qxb3 27.Bc6+
 Kf7 28.Be3+ Kg8 29.Qxf2 oo.

19.Nxb3 e5! 20.Bd2 Rb6 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Nc1
 22.Na5 Bb4 23.Nb3 Be7.

22...Rxb2 23.Bc3 d2 24.Rf1

24.Bxb2 dxe1Q+ 25.Qxe1 Bb4! -+.

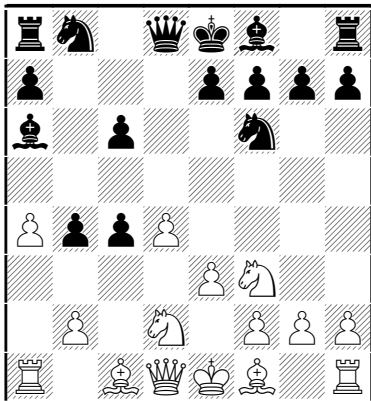
24...Bxf1 25.Bxb2 Bc4 26.Ne2 Bb3 27.Nc3
Bxd1 28.Nxd5 Bb3 29.Nc3 Bb4 30.Nd1 0-0
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■ **Granda Zuniga,Julio**

D15 Moscow OL 1994

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e3 b5
6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 Ba6 8.Nbd2 (D)



8...c3! 9.bxc3 Bxf1

The text-move is better than 9...bxc3?! 10.Nc4!
 (10.Nb1 Bxf1 11.Kxf1 e6 12.Nxc3 Bb4 13.Qc2
 0-0 14.Ke2 c5 15.Ba3 Nbd7 = Zegarac,B-
 Varga,P/Bajmok 2001) 10...e6 11.Be2 Bxc4

12.Bxc4 Bb4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qb3 Ba5 15.Ba3
 Re8 16.Ne5 += Khurtsidze,N-
 Skembris,S/Athens 1999.

10.Nxf1 bxc3 11.Ng3

The alternatives are not really helpful:

a) 11.Qc2 Qa5 12.Ng3 e6 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Ne2
 Bb4 15.Ba3 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Nxc5
 18.Qxc3 Qxc3 19.Nxc3 (½-½ Nikolaevsky,Y-
 Platonov,I/Leningrad Ch-URS 1971) 19...Rb8
 20.Rab1 Rxb1 (20...0-0 21.Nd4 Rfc8 22.Nc6
 += Sosonko,G-Komarov,D/St Petersburg 1997)
 21.Rxb1 Ke7 =.

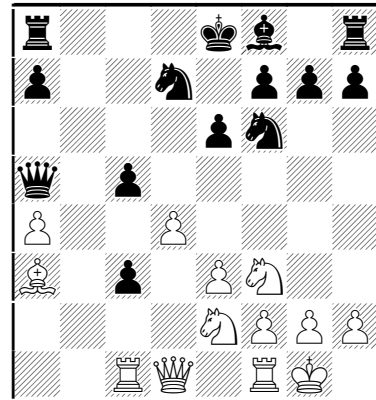
b) 11.Ba3 Nbd7 12.Ng3 c5 transposes
 (12...g6?! 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Qxc3
 Rc8 16.Qc4 += Moen,A-
 Hryhorenko,N/Pardubice 2006).

c) 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qxc3 e6 13.N1d2 Bb4
 14.Qc2 0-0 15.0-0 c5 16.Nc4 Qa6 17.Nce5 =
 Khurtsidze,N-Cramling,P/Shenyang 2000
 (17.Bb2 Nbd7 =).

11...e6 12.0-0

Or 12.a5 Nbd7 13.0-0 Bb4 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Ba3
 Qxa5 16.Bxb4 (16.Qxa5 Bxa5 17.Bd6 Rb5
 18.e4 Nb6 19.Ne5 Bb4 20.Bxb4 Rxb4 21.Rfc1
 Rxd4 22.Rxc3 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Rxe4 24.Nxc6
 0-0 -/+ Cramling,P-Piket,J/Hamburg 1991)
 16...Qxb4 17.Qxb4 Rxb4 18.Rxa7 =.

12...c5 13.Ba3 Nbd7 14.Rc1 Qa5 15.Ne2 (D)



15...Be7?!

Black can equalize with the simple 15...cxd4
 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Qxd4 Ng6 18.Qxc3 Qxc3
 19.Rxc3 0-0 20.Rb1 Rab8 = Zhigalko,S-
 Karakehajov,K/Instanbul 2005.

16.Nxc3 cxd4 17.Bxe7 dxc3

17...Kxe7? 18.Nb5 Rhc8 19.Qxd4 +/-.

18.Ba3 Rc8 19.Qd6 Nc5 20.Qe5 Nb3 21.Qxa5
Nxa5 22.Bb4 Nc6 23.Bxc3 0-0 24.Bxf6?!

White should have tried 24.Rfd1! Rfd8 25.Nd4
+.=.

24...gxf6 25.g4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 fxe5

Now it's an easy draw.

27.Kg2 a5 28.Kf3 Kg7 29.Ke4 Rb8 30.Rc4
Rfc8 31.Rfc1 Rb4 32.Kd3

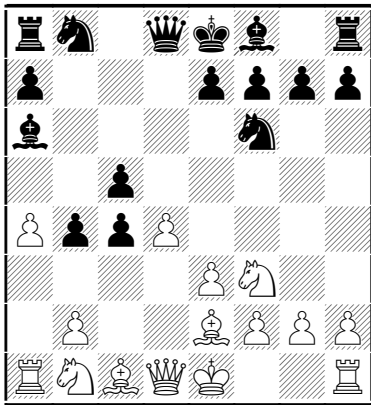
½-½

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D15 Hastings 1992

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e3 b5
6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 Ba6 8.Be2 c5 (D)



9.0-0?!

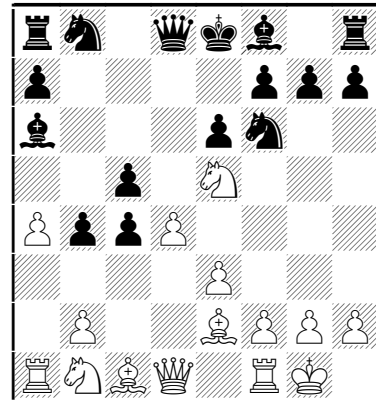
I think that White should take a serious look at
two other options (although the first one is not
giving White anything to be proud of, but it is
quite tricky):

a) 9.Ne5 and now:

a1) 9...Nbd7? 10.Nd2! (10.Nxc4?! e6 11.0-0
cxd4 12.exd4 Qc7 13.b3 Be7 14.a5 0-0
15.Nbd2 Rfd8 16.Bb2 Rac8 =+ Cramling,P-
Hellsten,J/Sweden 1994) 10...cxd4 (10...Nxe5
11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Nxc4 e6 [12...Bxc4 13.Bxc4
Nxe5 14.Bb5+ Nd7 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.0-0 +/-]
13.f4 +/-) 11.exd4 Bb7 (11...Rc8 12.Ndxc4
Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qxd4 [14...Qd5
15.0-0 e6 16.Qb5+ Nd7 {16...Qxb5 17.axb5
Rc7 18.Bd2 Nd5 19.Rfc1 +/-} 17.Bf4 Be7
18.Rfc1 +/-} 15.0-0 Rc5 [15...e6 16.Rd1 Qb6
17.a5 Qb7 18.a6 Qb6 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Bxf6
Bxf6 {20...gxf6 21.Nd7 Qc6 22.Qg4! +/-}
21.Nc4 Rxc4 22.Qxc4 0-0 23.Rd2 +/-} 16.Nd3

Rd5 17.Nf4 Rd7 18.Be3 Qe4 19.Rfd1 +/-)
12.Bxc4 e6 13.Qe2 Nxe5 (13...Bd5 14.Bxd5
Nxd5 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Qg4 Kf8 17.0-0 +=)
14.dxe5 Nd7 15.0-0 Be7 16.Nb3 0-0 17.Rd1
Qc7 18.Bf4 +=.

a2) 9...e6! 10.0-0 (D) (10.Nd2? c3 11.bxc3
bxc3 12.Ndc4 cxd4 13.exd4 Nbd7 -/+ ; 10.Bf3?
Nd5 11.e4 Nf6 -/+ Renman,N-
Akesson,J/Malmo 2003; 10.a5?! Nbd7
11.Nxc4 Bb7 12.0-0 Be7 13.b3 cxd4 14.exd4
0-0 15.Be3 Nd5 16.Bf3 Rc8 =+ Kallio,H-
Akesson,J/Copenhagen 2002)



and now:

a21) 10...Qc7 11.Bxc4 (11.Nxc4 cxd4 12.Qxd4
Be7 13.b3 Nc6 14.Qd1 0-0 15.Bb2 Rfd8³
Siegel,G-Costa,J/Switzerland 1993) 11...Bxc4
12.Nxc4 Nc6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nbd2 Rd8
15.Qe2 0-0 16.b3 Nd5 17.Bb2 =.

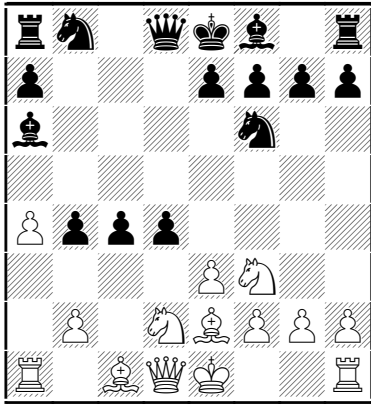
a22) 10...Be7 11.Nd2 (11.dxc5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1
Nbd7 13.Nxc4 Nxc5 14.Nbd2 0-0 =+ Olsen,H-
Hillarp Persson,T/Gentofte 1999) 11...c3
(11...cxd4 12.Ndxc4 0-0 [12...dxe3 13.Qxd8+
Bxd8 14.Bxe3 {14.Bf3 Nd5 15.Nd6+ Ke7
16.Re1 exf2+ 17.Kxf2 Bb6+ 18.Kg3 oo}
14...Bc7 15.Bf3 Nd5 16.Rfd1 f6 {16...Bb7
17.Bc5 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Ne3 0-0-0
20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxd5 Rxd5 22.Rxd5 exd5
23.Rd1 Rd8 24.Bxa7 Be5 25.Bd4 +=} 17.Rxd5
exd5 18.Bxd5 Nd7 19.Bxa8 Nxe5 20.Nxe5
Bxe5 21.Bc5 Kf7 22.Bd5+ Kg6 23.Bxb4 Bxb2
=] 13.exd4 Bb7 14.a5 Nbd7 15.Bf4 =) 12.bxc3
bxc3 13.Ndf3 0-0 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Nc6 Qc7
16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Qd3 Nb4 18.Qxc3 cxd4
19.Nxd4 Rfc8 20.Qb3 a5 21.Ba3 =.

a23) 10...cxd4 11.exd4 Be7 12.Bg5 (12.Nd2?

c3 13.bxc3 bxc3 14.Ndf3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 0-0 -/+)
 12...Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxc4 Bxc4
 15.Nxc4 Nc6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 (16...Rc8 17.Nxc6
 Rxc6 18.Nd2 0-0 19.Nb3 =) 17.dxe5 0-0
 (17...Qg5 18.f4!) 18.Qd4! (18.Nd2 Rfd8
 19.Qb3 Qc7 20.Nf3 Rac8 =+) 18...Rfd8
 19.Nd2 =.

b) 9.Nbd2!? cxd4 (D)

(9...c3 10.bxc3 bxc3 11.Nb1 Qa5 [11...cxd4
 12.Nxd4 e5 13.Nb5 Qxd1+ 14.Kxd1 is
 analysed below] 12.0-0 e6 transposes to 8...e6)



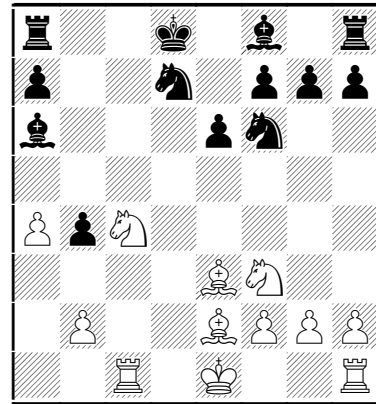
and now:

a) 10.exd4 c3 11.bxc3 bxc3 12.Nb1 Bxe2
 13.Qxe2 e6 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Nxc3 Bb4 16.Nb5
 0-0 17.Bg5 [17.Ne5 a6 18.Nc6? {18.Ba3 =}
 18...Qb6 19.Nxb4 axb5 20.Qd1 bxa4 21.Rxa4
 Rxa4 22.Qxa4 Qxd4 -/+ Grivas,E-
 Popov,V/Panormo rap 2002) 17...a6 18.Na3
 Nb6 19.Nc4 =.

b) 10.Nxd4 c3 (10...Qc8 11.0-0 c3 12.bxc3
 bxc3 13.N2f3 e6 [13...Nbd7 14.Ba3 Bb7
 15.Rc1 a6 16.Qb3 Ne4 17.Bc4] 14.Qc2 Bb4
 15.Bb5+ Bxb5 16.axb5 a5 17.Ba3 Qb7 18.Rfb1
 +=) 11.bxc3 bxc3 12.Nb1 e5 13.Nb5 Qxd1+
 14.Kxd1 Bxb5 15.axb5 Nbd7 16.Nxc3 +=.

c) 10.Nxc4!? dxe3 (accepting the pawn offer
 seems to be too dangerous but actually is
 playable. The main alternative is 10...e6
 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Nb5 Qxd1+ 13.Bxd1 0-0
 14.Bf3 Nd5 15.e4 [15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Bd2 Nc6
 {16...Bf8 17.Rc1! Rxc1+ 18.Bxc1 +=}
 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.0-0 Bb6
 20.Rxc6 Rxc6 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Bxb4 Rc4
 23.Bd6 Rxa4 24.Nc3 Bxf1 25.Nxa4 Bb5 =]
 15...Ne7 [15...Nf6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne3 Bxb5

18.axb5 Nd7 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Bxd5 Rae8
 21.0-0 Nxe5 22.Be3 +=] 16.Be3 Nd7
 [16...Bxe3 17.Nxe3 Bxb5 18.axb5 Nd7 19.Ke2
 Ne5 20.Ra5 +=] 17.0-0 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Ne5
 [18...Nc5 19.Rfd1 Nb3 20.Nc7 Nxa1 21.Nxa8
 Rxa8 22.Rxa1 Rd8 23.Rc1 Rd7 24.e5 +=]
 19.Rfc1 +=) 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bxe3 Nbd7
 (12...Nd5? 13.Nce5 Bxe2 14.Nxf7+ Ke8
 15.N3e5! Nxe3 16.fxe3 Nd7 [16...Bh5
 17.Nxh8 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.0-0 +/-]
 17.Kxe2 g6 18.Nxd7 Kxf7 19.Rhf1+ Ke8
 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Rc1 +/-)
 13.Rc1! (13.Rd1? e6 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Nce5
 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Ke8; 13.Nce5 Bxe2 14.Kxe2
 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Ke8 16.Rhc1 Nd5 [16...a5?
 17.Rc6 +/-] 17.Bxa7 f6 18.Nc6 Kd7 19.Rc4 e5
 =) 13...e6 (D)



This is the critical position. White surely has
 enough compensation for the sacrificed pawn,
 but the question is how much is that
 compensation:

a) 14.Nce5 Bxe2 15.Kxe2 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Ke8
 17.Bxa7 Nd5 18.a5 f6 19.Nc6 Bd6 20.Bc5 =.

b) 14.0-0 Nd5 (14...Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5
 16.Nfe5 Ke7 17.Nc6+ Kf8 18.Nxb4 Bxc4
 19.Rxc4 Nxa4 20.Ra1 Nb6 21.Rc7 =/oo)
 15.Rfd1 (15.Nd4!? Nxe3 16.fxe3 =/oo)
 15...Bc5 16.Bd4 =/oo.

c) 14.Bd4 Be7 15.0-0 (15.Nfe5 Ke8 16.Nxd7
 Nxd7 17.Bxg7 Rg8 18.Bd4 Nc5 [18...Bb7
 19.Bf1!] 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nd6+ Bxd6
 21.Bxa6 Be5 22.b3 Bc3+ 23.Ke2 Rd8 24.Kf3
 =) 15...Nd5 16.Rfd1 =/oo.

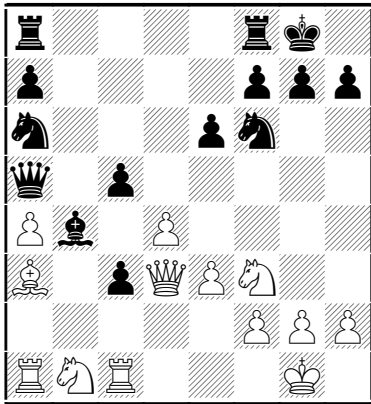
9...Nc6

9...cxd4! seems to fully satisfy Black: 10.Qxd4

11.Nb1 Bb4!

Best, as now Black's darksquared bishop can be developed in a much better square, also protecting his extra pawn. Not accurate is 11...Bxe2?! 12.Qxe2 Nbd7 (12...Bb4 13.Qc4 Qa5 14.Ba3) 13.0-0! (13.Nxc3 Bb4 14.Bd2 Qa5 15.Qd3 [15.Nb1 Rb8 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rc1 c5 = Blees,A-Hector,J/Katerini 1992] 15...0-0 16.0-0 Rfd8 17.Ne4 c5 =) 13...Be7 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Nxc3 c5 16.Rfd1 cxd4 17.Nxd4 += Kapnisis,S-Kokolias,K/Kavala 2004.

12.0-0 c5 13.Ba3 0-0 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Qd3 Qa5 16.Rc1 (D)



16...Rfc8

Black's alternatives are:

a) 16...Nd5 17.Qb5 Qb6 (17...Rab8 18.Bxb4 Rxb5 [18...Qxb5 19.axb5 cxb4 20.Rxa6 Rxb5 21.Rxa7 h6 {21...b3? 22.e4 +-} 22.Ne5 +=] 19.Bxa5 Rxa5 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.Rxc3 Rb8 22.Kf1 =) 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Bxb4 Nxb4 20.Rxc3 Rac8 21.Na3 (21.Nbd2 Nxa4) 21...Rfd8 22.a5 oo.

b) 16...Rac8 17.Qb5 Nd5 18.Bxb4 Qxb5 19.axb5 Naxb4 20.Nxc3 Nxc3 21.Rxc3 cxd4 22.Rb3 a5 23.bxa6 (23.g3!? dxe3 [23...Ra8 24.Nxd4 +=] 24.Rxa5 exf2+ 25.Kxf2 =/oo) 23...Nxa6 24.Nxd4 Nc5 =.

c) 16...Rfd8 17.Nxc3 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 e5 20.Qf5! (20.Qb5? Qxb5 21.Ndxb5 Nc5 -/+) 20...Qc5 (20...Rac8 21.Nde2 Nd5 22.Qb1 =) 21.Ndb5 Nb4 (21...e4 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nd4 =) 22.h3 (22.Rb3 Nd3 23.Rcb1 a6 24.Na3 Rac8 25.h3 e4 26.Qxc5 Nxc5 27.Rb6 Kf8 -/+) 22...a6 23.Ne2! Qe7 24.Nc7 (24.Nbc3 Nd3 25.Rca1 Rab8 26.Ne4 Nxe4

27.Qxe4 Rb4 28.Qc6 Rb2 29.Qxa6 e4 30.Nf4 Nxf2 31.R3a2 Rxa2 32.Rxa2 oo) 24...Ra7 (24...Nbd5 25.Nxa8 Qxa3 26.Nc7 Nxc7 27.Rxc7 Qxa4 28.Rc8 Re8 29.Nc3 =) 25.Rb3 Na2 26.Ra1 Rxc7 27.Rxa2 =.

17.Nxc3 cxd4

Another Black's option is 17...Bxa3 18.Rxa3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Rab8 and it must be 'better' as White must be on the alert in order to keep the equilibrium: 20.Rb3!? (20.Qd1 Nb4 21.Ncb5?! [21.Na2 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Nxa2 23.Rxa2 =] 21...a6 22.Nc3?! [22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Nd6 Rc7 =+] 22...Rd8 23.Qf3 Nd3 24.Rca1 Ne5 25.Qd1 Rbc8 -/+ Socko,M-Zhukova,N/Groningen 1998) 20...Qxa4 (20...Nb4 21.Qd1 a6 22.Rcb1 oo) 21.Qf1 Qa5 (21...Qc4 22.Nce2 Qd5 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.Nc6 Re8 25.Nf4 Qd2 26.Rd1 Qc2 27.Rc1 Qa4 28.Nxa7 =) 22.Ncb5 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 h6 24.Rb1! Nb4 25.Ra1 =.

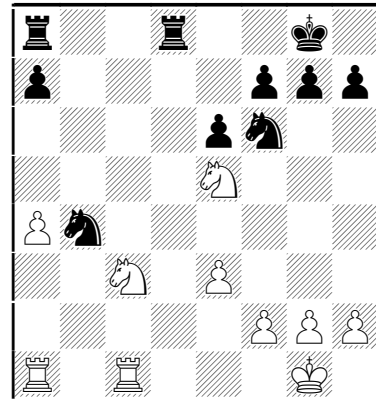
18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Qxd4 Rd8

Equally good is 19...Qc5 20.Qxc5 Rxc5 21.Nb5 Ne4 22.Rxc5 Nxc5 23.Ne5 f6 24.Nc4 Nc6 =.

20.Qe5 Qxe5

Or 20...Nfd5 21.Nxd5 Rxd5 22.Qc3 Rad8 23.Rab1 Nd3 24.Qxa5 Rxa5 25.Rd1 h6 26.Ne1 Rad5 =.

21.Nxe5 (D)



21...Rac8?!

Black could keep an equal game by exchanging the strong e5-knight with his 'useless' f6-knight: 21...Nd7! 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.Ne4 Nd3 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 Kf8 = but not by exchanging his other knight with 21...Nd3?! 22.Nxd3 Rxd3 23.Nb5 Kf8 24.Rc7 a6 25.Nd4

Nd5 26.Rb7 +=.

22.Nb5! a6?

A terrible mistake. Black could not defend also with 22...Nfd5? 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nxf7 a6 25.Nbd6 Rc2 26.Ng5 +/- but he should do it with 22...Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Nfd5! (23...a6? 24.Nd6 +/-) 24.Kf1! += (24.Nxa7?! Nc3 25.Kf1 Nxa4 26.Rc7 f6 27.Nac6 Nxc6 28.Nxc6 Rd1+ 29.Ke2 Nc3+ 30.Kf3 Nd5 =).

23.Nd6! Nc2?

Black was shocked and he did not find the most stubborn defence with 23...Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Na2 25.Rc6 (25.Rc4? Ne4!!) 25...Ne8 26.Nexf7 Rb8 27.Kf1 Nb4 28.Rc1 +/-.

24.Nxc8 Nxa1 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Rxa1!

Simple and effective. Black was only counting on 26.N7c6? Nb3 although White still keeps some advantage: 27.Nxd8 Nxc1 28.Ndx7.

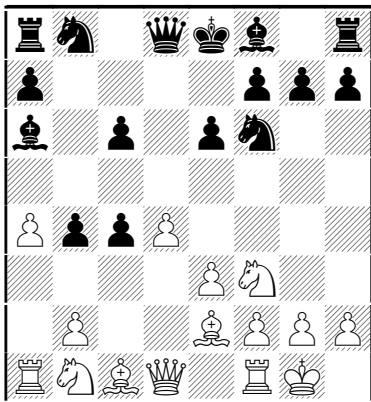
26...Kxe7 27.Nc6+ Kd7 28.Nxd8 Kxd8 29.Kf1 Kc7 30.Rb1 Ne4 31.Rb4 1-0

□ Salov,Valery

■ Huebner,Robert

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 Ba6 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 (D)



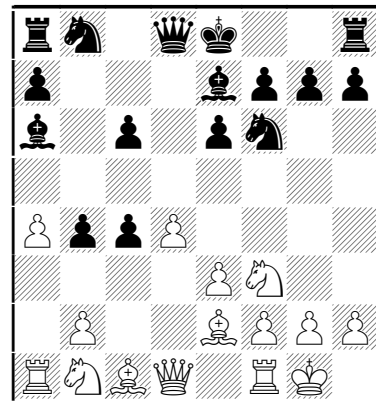
9...c5

The text-move is not Black's only option:

a) 9...Qd5 10.Nbd2 c3 11.bxc3 bxc3 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Nb1 Ne4 14.Ne1 Bb4 15.Nc2 0-0 16.f3 Nf6 17.Nxb4 Nxb4 18.Nxc3 += Izeta Txabarri,F-Eslon,J/Albacete 1992.

b) 9...Nbd7 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.b3 (11.Bxc4 Bxc4

12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Qe2 c5 14.Bd2 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Rac1 Qb7 17.Be1 Rfd8 18.Na5 Qb6 19.Qb5 += Dyachkov,S-Kavalerov,A/St Petersburg 1994) 11...c5 12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Bb2 Rc8 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Nfe5 cxd4 (15...Nxe5?! 16.dxe5! Nd5 17.f4 Ba6 18.Qe1! +/- Akopian,V-Savchenko,S/Tbilisi 1989) 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxd4 +=. c) 9...Be7 (D)



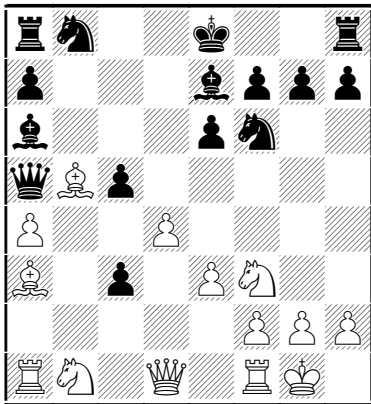
and now:

c1) 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nd2 (11.Nxc4 Nbd7 12.b3 c5 13.Bb2 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc5 15.Nbd2 Rc8 =) 11...c5 12.Ndxc4 Bb7 13.a5 Na6 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.b3 Rfd8 16.Bb2 Rac8 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.Qe2 += Agrest,E-Engqvist,T/Stockholm 1998.

c2) 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Bxc4 (11.Ne5 c5 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Nxc4 Qxc5 14.b3 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Na5 16.Bb2 = Gorelov,S-Nedochetov,M/Moscow 1996) 11...Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Qd5 13.Nbd2 Nbd7 14.b3 c5 15.Bb2 cxd4 16.Qxd4 (16.Nxd4 Rfc8 17.Qe2 Nc5 18.f3 Rd8 19.e4 Qb7 = Shabalov,A-Kreiman,B/Seattle 2002) 16...Nc5 17.Rfd1 Qb7 = Stoczek,J-Hasangatin,R/Czech Rep. 2002.

c3) 10.Nbd2 c3 (10...0-0 11.Nxc4 c5 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 Nd5 14.dxc5 [14.Rc1?! cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bf6 17.Bf3 {17.Ne5? Nc3! 18.Bxc3 Qxd1 19.Bxd1 Bxf1 20.Bxb4 Rfc8 21.Nc6 Ba6 22.Bf3 Bb7 23.Ba5 Bxc6 0-1 Savchenko,S-Videki,S/Norresundby 1992} 17...Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc3 19.Rxc3 bxc3 20.Bxa8 Qxd4 21.exd4 Rxa8 22.Rc1 Rd8 23.Rxc3 Rxd4 =] 14...Bxc5 15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Nce5 Bxe2 [16...Nc3? 17.Bxa6 Nxd1 18.Rfxd1 Qa5 19.Bxc8 Rxc8 20.Bd4 +/-] 17.Qxe2 Nxe5

18.Nxe5 += Zielinska,M-Kludacz,M/Sopot 1998) 11.bxc3 bxc3 12.Nb1 (12.Nc4 0-0 13.Qc2 Nbd7 14.Rd1 c5 15.Ba3 Qc7 =) 12...Qa5! (12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nbd7 [13...Qa5 14.Qc2 {14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Nbd7 16.Nxc3 0-0 17.Rb3 +=} 14...Bb4 15.Ba3 c5! 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc3 {17.Nxc3 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 0-0 =} 17...Qxc3 18.Nxc3 Bxa3 19.Rxa3 Ke7! 20.Rb3 {½-½ Agrest,E-Sapis,W/Rewal 1992} 20...Nbd7 21.Rb7 Rbh8 22.Rfb1 Rxb7 23.Rxb7 Rb8 24.Rxa7 Rb3 25.Rc7 Ne4 26.Ne2 Nec5 =] 14.Nxc3 c5 15.Rd1! [15.e4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rc8 17.Ncb5 Bc5 18.e5!? Nd5 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6 0-0 oo Tisdall,J-Petursson,M/Ostersund zt 1992] 15...cxd4 [15...Rc8?! 16.d5 +/-] 16.Nxd4 Qc8 [16...Rc8? 17.Ncb5 Bc5 {17...a6? 18.Na7} 18.Nb3! +/-] 17.Ba3! Bxa3 [17...Qxc3?! 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Rdc1 +/-] 18.Rxa3 +=) 13.Ba3 c5 (13...Bxa3 14.Rxa3 0-0 15.Nxc3 Nbd7 16.Bxa6 Qxa6 17.e4 += Knaak,R-Hertneck,G/Germany tt 1990) 14.Bb5+! (D)



This is my proposal, which was never played or mentioned before. I thought about it during my game with Suat Soylu back in 1993, but I did not had the guts to try it. After that I did analysed it, nobody tried this position against me! The alternatives do not seem to offer White much:

- a) 14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 cxd4 16.exd4 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 0-0 18.Qf3 Qd5 (18...c2 19.Qxa8 Qb4 20.Ra1 Qxd4 21.Na3 Qxe5 22.Nxc2 += Hellsten,J-Hector,J/Orebro 2000) 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxc3 f6 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Nf3 =.
 b) 14.Re1 0-0 15.Qc2 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 Nc6 ½-½

De Boer,G-Van der Werf,M/Wijk aan Zee 1993.

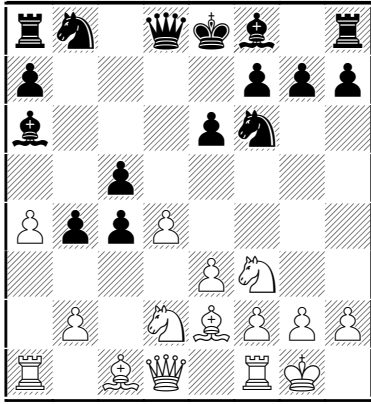
c) 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Qd3 (15.Ne5 Rc8 16.Qb3 [16.Qd3? cxd4 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qxd4 Nb4 -/+ ; 16.Nc4 Qd8 {16...Qc7? 17.Nxc3 cxd4 18.Nb5 Qxc4 19.Rc1 +/-} 17.Qb3 0-0 18.Rd1 Rb8 19.Qxc3 Nb4 +=] 16...cxd4 17.Qb7 [17.Bxe7 Kxe7 {17...Qxe5!? 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qb7 0-0! 20.Qxa6 c2 21.Na3 d3! +/-} 18.Qb7+ Qc7 19.Qxa6 Qxe5 20.Qxa7+ Rc7 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.exd4 Nd5 +/-] 17...Rc7 18.Qa8+ Bd8 19.Bd6 Qd5! 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Bxc7 Bxc7 22.exd4 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Ke7 -/+ Nikolic,P-Bareev,E/Pula tt 1997; 15.Qb3 Nd5 [15...Rb8 16.Qxc3 =] 16.e4 Nf4 17.Nxc3 Rb8! [17...Qxc3? 18.Qb5+ Kf8 19.Qxa6 Nh3+ 20.gxh3 Qxf3 21.Qc6 +/-] 18.Qc4 0-0 [18...Qxc3 19.Qxa6 Nh3+ 20.gxh3 Qxf3 21.Qc6+ +/-] 19.Rfc1 Nb4 20.Ne2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Rfc8 =) 15...Nd5 (½-½ Grivas,E-Soylu,S/Zouberi zt 1993) 16.Rc1 Nab4 17.Qc4 c2 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Na3 0-0 20.Nxc2 Nd5 21.dxc5 Qxc5 ½-½ Olsen,H-Kasparov,G/Torshavn 2001.

Now (after 14.Bb5+!) Black can choose in-between:

c31) 14...Nbd7 15.dxc5 Bxb5 16.axb5 c2 (16...Qxb5 17.Nxc3 Qb7 18.Qa4 +/- ; 16...Nxc5 17.Nd4 Nd5 [17...Qc7 18.Nxc3 0-0 19.Qf3 +/-] 18.Nc6 Qxb5 19.Nxe7 Nxe7 [19...Kxe7 20.Qd4 Rac8 21.e4 Nb6 22.Nxc3 Qc4 23.Qxg7 +/-] 20.Nxc3 Qc4 21.Ne2! Rd8 22.Nd4 e5 23.Rc1 Qd3 24.Bxc5 Qxd1 25.Rfxd1 exd4 26.Bxd4 +/-) 17.Qxc2 Bxc5 18.Rc1 0-0 19.Bxc5 Qxa1 20.Bxf8 Nxf8 21.Nbd2 Qa5 22.Nd4 +/-.

c32) 14...Bxb5 15.axb5 Nbd7 (15...Qxb5? 16.Nxc3 Qb7 [16...Qa5 17.Na4 cxd4 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Nxd4 Rd8 20.Qc2+/-] 17.Bxc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Qc6 [18...0-0 19.Qd6 +/-] 19.Ne5! [19.Nd4 Qxc5 20.Qf3 Nd5 21.Rfc1 0-0 22.Nxd5 Qxd5 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.Rc5 +=] 19...Qxc5 20.Qa4+ Kf8 [20...Nbd7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Ne4 +/-] 21.Ne4! Qxe5 22.Qb4+ Kg8 23.Qb7 +/-) 16.Qb3 cxd4 (16...Ne4 17.Qc4 Rc8 18.dxc5 Nexc5 19.Nxc3 0-0 [19...Nb6?! 20.Qd4 Bf6 21.Bxc5 Bxd4 22.Rxa5 Bxc3 {22...Bxc5 23.Ne4 +/-} 23.Bxb6 axb6 24.Ra6 Ba5 25.Nd4 +/-] 20.Rfd1 +=) 17.Nxd4 Bxa3 18.Nxc3 0-0 19.Rxa3 +=.

10.Nbd2 (D)



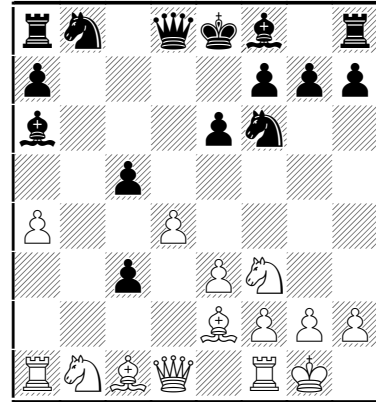
It is too early for 10.Ne5: 10...cxd4 (10...Be7!? 11.Nd2 [11.dxc5?! Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nbd7 13.Nxc4 Nxc5 14.Nbd2 0-0 =+ Olsen,H-Hillarp Persson,T/Gentofte 1999] 11...c3 12.bxc3 bxc3 13.Ndf3 0-0 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Qd3 Nb4 16.Qxc3 Nfd5 =) 11.Bf3 (11.exd4? Bd6 12.Nd2 c3 13.bxc3 bxc3 14.Ndc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nbd7 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Nd5 -/+ ½-½ Abramovic,B-Matulovic,M/Niksic 1996) 11...Nd5 12.Qxd4 Nd7 13.Nxc4 (13.Nxf7? Kxf7 14.Bxd5 exd5 15.Qxd5+ Ke7 -/+ Burgess,G-Ferguson,M/England 1998) 13...Rc8 14.Nbd2 oo.

10...c3!?

The principal continuation for Black. The main alternative is 10...Nc6 11.Nxc4 (11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bxc4 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qxd1 [13...Qe7 14.b3 Nd5 15.Bb2 0-0 16.Rc1 Rac8 17.Qc2 f6 18.Rfd1 =+ Olsen,H-Engqvist,T/Gausdal 1992] 14.Rxd1 Ke7 15.b3! [15.Kf1 Rhd8 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Ke2 Rd5 18.Bd2 e5 19.Be1 e4 20.Nfd2 Ke6 21.Rc1 Ne5 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Nb3 Nd7= 24.a5 a6 25.Nxc5+ ½-½ Franco Ocampos,Z-Smyslov,V/Barcelona 1990] 15...Rhd8 16.Bb2 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Rd8 18.Rxd8 Kxd8 19.Ng5 +=) 11...Be7 (11...cxd4 12.Qc2 Qc8 13.exd4 Na5 14.b3 Be7 15.Bd3 += Bxc4? 16.bxc4 0-0 17.Bb2 h6 18.Ne5 Nc6 19.f4 +/- Savchenko,S-Mnatsakanian,E/Berlin 1991) 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nd6+ Qxd6 14.Bxa6 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Na5 16.Rb1 Ke7 17.Bd2 Rhd8 18.Be1 Rab8 19.Rxd8 Kxd8 20.Ne5 += Horvath,C-Videki,S/Balatonbereny 1992.

It must be mentioned that 10...Qd5 is an

interesting option: 11.Qc2 (11.e4!? Qb7 ½-½ Karnaukh,A-Perun,S/Kiev 2006; 11.Ne5 cxd4! 12.Ndxc4 [12.Bf3 Qxe5 13.exd4 Qxd4 14.Bxa8 Be7 =/oo] 12...dxe3 13.Bxe3 Bb7) 11...Nc6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc4 0-0 14.b3 Rfd8 15.Rd1 Qf5 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Bb2 +=. **11.bxc3 bxc3 12.Nb1 (D)**



12...Nd5?

Black should stick with the well-known 12...Qa5! 13.Ba3 and now:

a) 13...Nbd7 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Nxc3 Be7 16.e4 (16.Nd2 Rc8 17.Nce4 0-0 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Ne4 Rfd8) 16...0-0 17.e5 +/-.

b) 13...Nfd7 14.Bb5! Bxb5 15.axb5 Qxb5 16.Nxc3 Qc6 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Nd4 Qb7 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Rb1 Qc8 21.Na4! +/-.

c) 13...Nd5 14.Bb5+ (14.Ne5 cxd4 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.exd4 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd7 18.Na3 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Qxa4 20.Rfb1 =/oo Olsen,H-Haba,P/Bled 2002) 14...Bxb5 (14...Nd7 15.e4) 15.axb5 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qb4 18.e4 Nf6 19.Rb3! Qd6 (19...Qa5? 20.b6! +/-) 20.Nxc3 +/-.

d) 13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nbd7 15.Rc1 cxd4 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Nxd4 N8d7 18.Nxc3 0-0 19.Nc6 +/-.

e) 13...Be7 transposes to the already mentioned 14.Bb5+! but this might be the best try for Black.

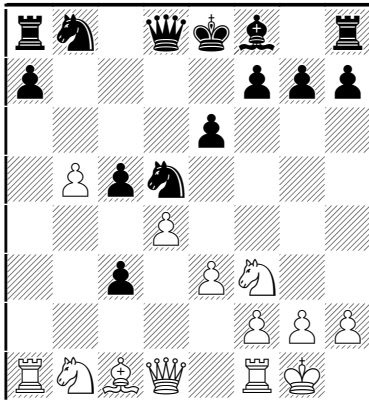
Other tries for Black are 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb4! (13...e5? 14.Nb5 Qxd1 15.Bxd1 +/-) 14.Ba3! (14.Bb5+ Bxb5 15.axb5 0-0 16.Qb3 a5 17.Nxc3 e5 18.Nc2 Bxc3 [18...Be7 19.Rd1 Nbd7 20.Ba3 +=] 19.Qxc3 Nbd7 = Halkias,S-Gurevich,M/Istanbul 2003) 14...Bxa3 15.Rxa3

e5 16.Nb5 Qxd1 17.Bxd1 0-0 18.N1xc3 Nbd7 19.Bf3 += and 12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qa5 (13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 Be7 15.Nxc3 0-0 16.Qf3! Nbd7 17.Nc6 Qe8 18.Nb5 +/- ; 13...Nd5 14.dxc5 [14.e4!? Nb4 15.d5! exd5 16.exd5+ Be7 17.Bg5 c2 18.Nc3 Kf8 {18...f6 19.Bf4 +/- } 19.Rfe1 =/oo) 14...Bxc5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Nxc3 +=) 14.Ba3 cxd4 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Nxd4 Nbd7 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Qb5 +=.

13.Bb5+!

A common motive. Bad is 13.e4? c2 14.Qxc2 Nb4 15.Qd1 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 cxd4 oo.

13...Bxb5 14.axb5 (D)

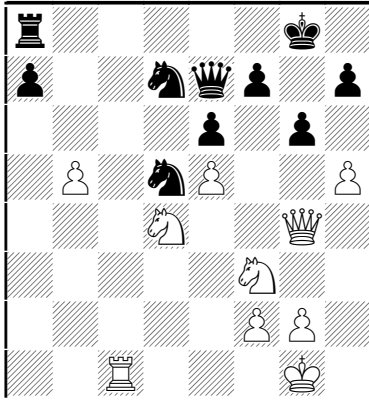


26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Qh4! (27.Qh3? Qe8 28.Ng5 Rxd4 29.Rf3 Nf4 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qf6+ Kf8 33.Rxf4 Rxf4 34.Qxf4 Nd7 oo) 27...Qe8 28.Ng5 +/-.

24...Qxe7 25.Rfc1 Rxc1+

25...Nc3? 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Qe4 +- ; 25...Qc7 26.Qg5 Nd7 27.h5 +/-.

26.Rxc1 Nd7 27.h5 (D)



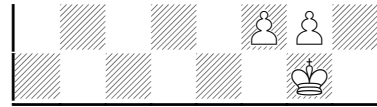
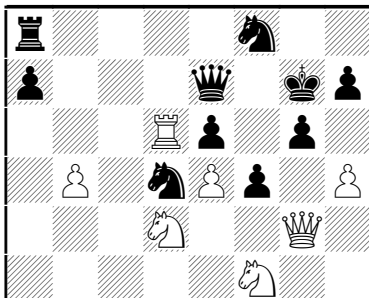
27...Kg7?

The decisive mistake. Black should fight with 27...a6! 28.Ra1! (28.bxa6 Rxa6 29.Rc8+ Nf8 +=) 28...Nc7 29.Qe4 Qe8 30.Qc6 axb5 31.Rxa8 Nxa8 32.Nxb5 Nab6 33.Nd6 Qa8 34.Qc1 +/- . Other tries for Black leads to the same negative result: 27...f5 28.Qg3! (28.exf6? N7xf6 29.Qxe6+ Qxe6 30.Nxe6 Nxb5 +=) 28...Nf8 29.Rc6 +/- ; 27...a5 28.Nc6 Qa3 29.Rd1 Nf8 (29...Qb3 30.Rxd5! +-) 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Ng5 +- Qb3 32.Rxd5! exd5 33.Qf4 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qh5+ 35.Kg3 Qh6 36.Ne7+ Kh8 37.Nxf7+ Kg7 38.Qf6+ Kh7 39.Qh8#.

28.Rc6! Nf8

28...Rb8 29.Ra6 +/-.

29.Rd6! f5 (D)



Alternatives are: 29...Qc7 30.h6+! Kg8 (30...Kxh6 31.Qg5+ Kg7 32.Rxd5! exd5 33.Nf5+ Kg8 34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Qf6+ Kh6 36.Nf5+ Kh5 37.Qg5#) 31.Ng5! (31.Qg5? f6!) 31...a6 32.bxa6 Qc4 33.Kh2! Rxa6 34.Qf3 +- ; 29...Rc8 30.Rxd5 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 exd5 32.Nf5+ +- ; 29...Qb7 30.Ng5 Rc8 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Ngxe6+! fxe6 33.Nxe6+ Nxe6 34.Qxe6 +-.

30.Qg5! Rb8

30...Qxg5 31.Nxg5 Nc7 32.Rc6 Rc8 33.Rxc7+! +-.

31.h6+ Kf7

31...Kg8 32.Qxe7 (32.Nc6 Qxg5 33.Nxg5 Rxb5?! 34.Rxd5! exd5 35.Ne7+ Kh8 36.Nf7#) 32...Nxe7 33.Nxe6 Nxe6 34.Rxe6 Nd5 35.Rd6 Nc7 36.Rd7 Nxb5 37.Ng5 +-.

32.Rxd5!

A strategical advantage often leads to tactical solutions!

32...exd5 33.Qxe7+ Kxe7 34.Nc6+

I must note that I was lucky to watch live this game 15 years ago and I remember that I was really impressed by it.

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