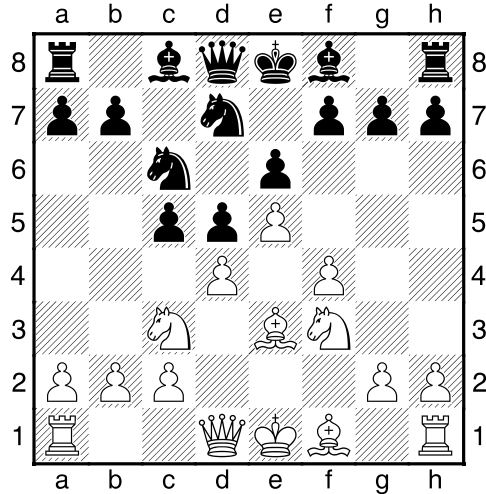


French 3.Nc3

Chapter 1

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 4...Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Bc4 c5 7.d5.

5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3



7...Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4

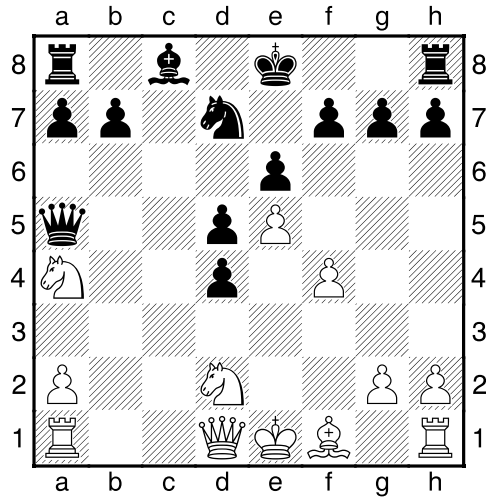
9...b5 10.Nxc5 Nxc5 11.dxc5 b4 12.a3 bxc3 13.b4.

9...c4 10.b4 Qc7 11.g3 Be7 12.Bh3 b5 13.Nc5 a5 14.a3 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxc5 17.dxc5 0-0 18.0-0.

10.b4! 10.Nxd4?! Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5.

10...Nxb4 10...Qc7 11.Nxd4.

11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2

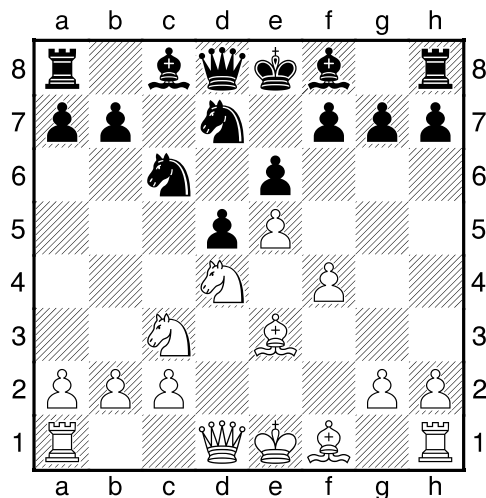


13...b6 13...g5 14.Rb1! (14.Nb2 gxf4 15.Nd3 b6 16.Kf2 Ba6 17.Nf3 Rc8 Anand-Dreev, 1991) 14...gxf4 (14...a6 15.Nb2) 15.Bb5 Rb8 (15...a6 16.Bxd7+ Bxd7 17.Nb6) 16.Nc5.

14.Bd3 Ba6 15.Nb2 Nc5 16.Bxa6 Qxa6 17.Qe2 with White's small, but steady advantage.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3

7...cxd4 8.Nxd4



8...Bc5 8...Qb6 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Bb5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bb4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rb3 Qa5 15.Qe3 with compensation for the Pawn.

9.Qd2 0-0

9...a6 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.Qf2 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.Bd3 b5 14.Qh4 h6 15.Ne2 Kramnik-Radjabov, 2003.;

9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 Qb6 12.Nb5 Qxd4 13.Nxd4 (White has a small but solid advantage, mainly due Black's inferior Bishop.) 13...Ke7 14.h4 (preventing Black's counter play with g7-g5.) 14...h5 15.Rh3 a6 16.Rc3

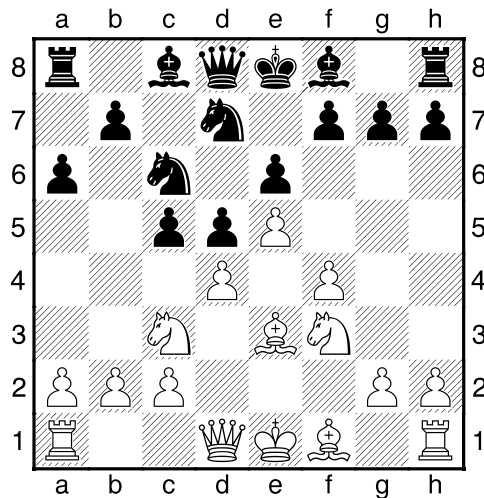
10.0-0-0 a6 11.Nb3 Bb4 11...Bxe3 12.Qxe3 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Na4 Qc7 15.g4 Bb7 16.Qh3 g6 17.Qh6 Nd8 18.Rhe1 Re8 19.Re3 Rc8 20.Rh3.

12.Bd3 b5 13.g4 Nb6 14.Qf2 Nc4 15.Ne4 Be7 If 15...Nxe3 16.Qxe3 dxe4 17.Qxe4; or 15...dxe4 16.Bxc4

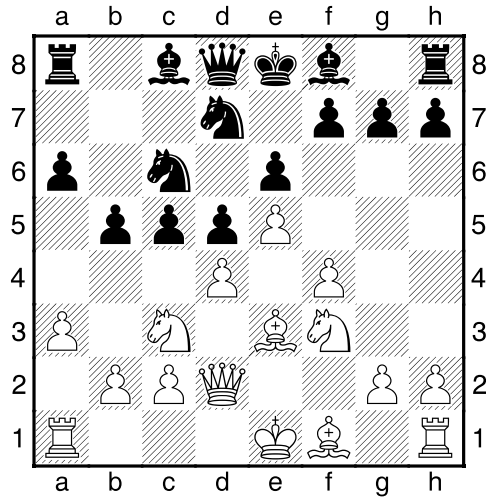
16.Bc5 with a small advantage for White.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3

7...a6



8.Qd2 b5 9.a3



9...Bb7

9...g5 10.fxc5 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ncxe5 12.Nf3;

9...Qa5 10.dxc5 (10.Be2 b4 11.Nd1 c4 12.a4 c3 Anand-Ivanchuk, 2005.) 10...Bxc5 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Nd4 (12.b4 Nxb4) 12...Qb6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.b4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Rc1 Bb7 17.c4 bxc4 18.Qe3 (18.Rxc4 Qb6 19.Be2 Rd8) ;

9...Qb6 10.Ne2 c4 11.g4 h5 12.gxh5 Rxh5 13.Ng3 Rh8 14.Bg2 (14.f5 exf5 15.Nxf5 Nf6! Kasparov-Radjabov 2003.) 14...g6 15.h4 with a nice position for White.

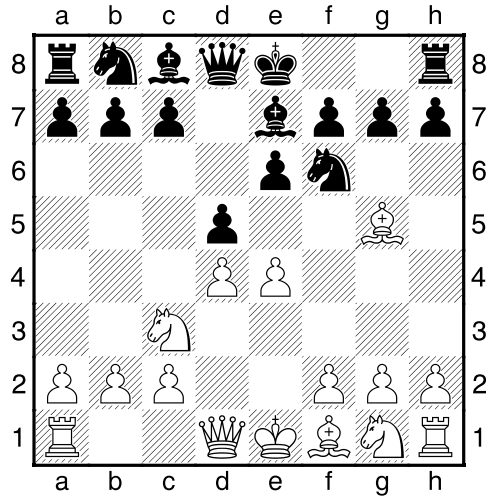
10.dxc5

10.Bd3 Qc7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nd1 cxd4 13.Nxd4 g5 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Bd4 gxf4 16.Qxf4 Rg8 17.Ne3 (17.Qxf7 Bc5 18.Be3) 17...f6 18.exf6 e5 19.f7 (19.Bxe5 d4) 19...Rxc6+ 0-1 Svidler - Morozevich, Monte Carlo 2007.

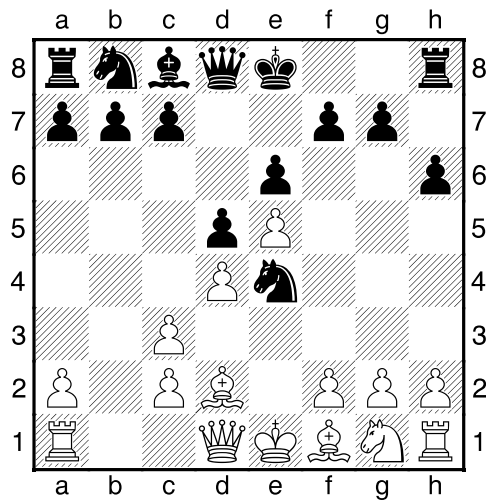
10...Bxc5 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Bd3 b4 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Qe3 d4 15.Nfxd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 bxa3 17.Rxa3 Rd8 18.Qe3 Qxb2 19.Qxc5? [Better was 19.0-0 Qxa3? 20.Bb5+] **19...Qb1+ 20.Kd2 Qxh1 21.Nc3 Qxh2 22.Ra4 Qxg2+ 23.Kc1 Rc8 24.Qb4 Qg1+ 25.Nd1 Bf3 26.Rxa6 Qc5 27.Qa4+ Kf8 28.Ra5 Qg1** 0-1 Svidler -Morozevich, Morelia/Linares 2007.

Chapter 2

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7



4...Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Ne4



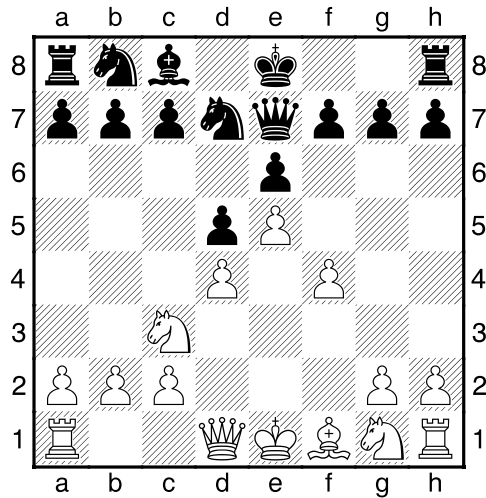
8.Qg4 g6 9.Bd3 Nxd2 10.Kxd2 Qe7 11.h4;

4...dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3.

5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7

6.h4 Bxg5 7.hxg5 Qxg5 8.Nh3 Qe7 9.Nf4 Nc6 (9...Nf8 10.Qg4 f5 11.exf6 gxf6 12.0-0-0 c6 13.Re1 Kd8 14.Rh6 Alekhine-Fahrni, 1914) 10.Qg4 (10.Nb5 Nb6) 10...g6 11.0-0-0 h5 12.Qf3 Nb6 13.g4 h4.

6...Qxe7 7.f4



7...a6 7...c5? 8.Nb5.

8.Nf3 c5 8...b5 9.Qd2 b4 10.Ne2 a5 11.a3 Nb6.

9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Qd2 Qxc5 10...Nxc5 is also ok.

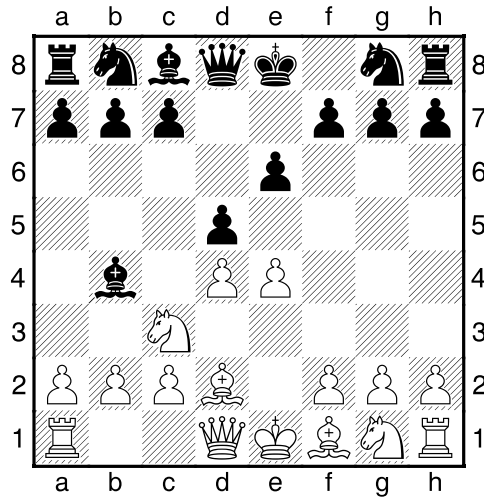
11.0-0-0 b5 12.Ne2 12.Bd3 b4 13.Ne2 a5 14.Kb1 Qb6.

12...b4 13.Ned4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Bd3 a5 16.Nf3 Ba6 17.f5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qe7
 plan Nc5-e4 **19.Rhf1 Rac8** Kovacevic-Tukmakov, 2002.

Chapter 3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4

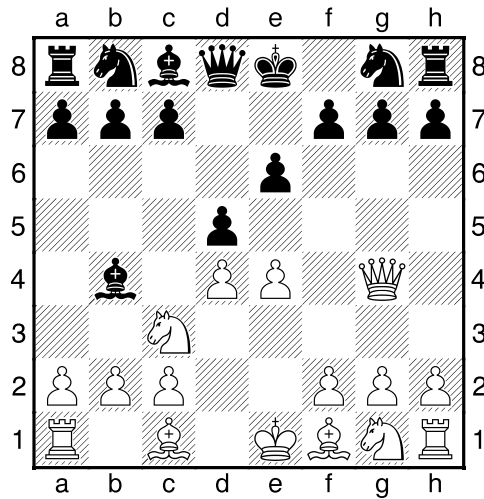
4.Bd2



4...dxe4 5.Qg4 (5.Nxe4 Qxd4)

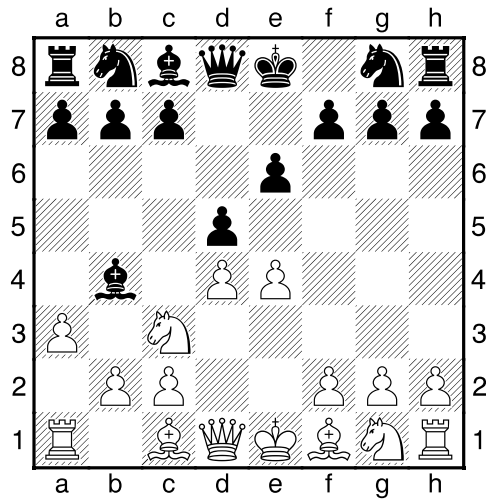
5...Qxd4 6.Nf3 Nh6 or 6...h5 7.Qf4 Qd6 8.Qxe4 Nf6.

4.Qg4



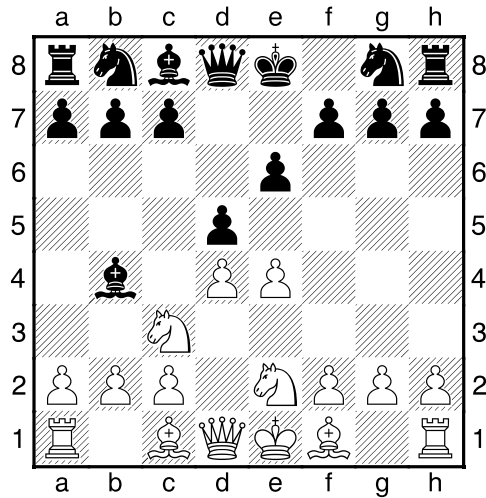
4...Nf6 5.Qxg7 Rg8 6.Qh6 Rg6 7.Qe3 c5;

4.a3



4...Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Nbd7 9.Ne2 b6.

4.Nge2



4...dxe4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Nxc3 Nc6 If 6...f5 7.Bf4 Nf6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0 with a plan of opening the file by f2-f3 next.

7.Bb5 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 a6 Also 10...f5 is playable.

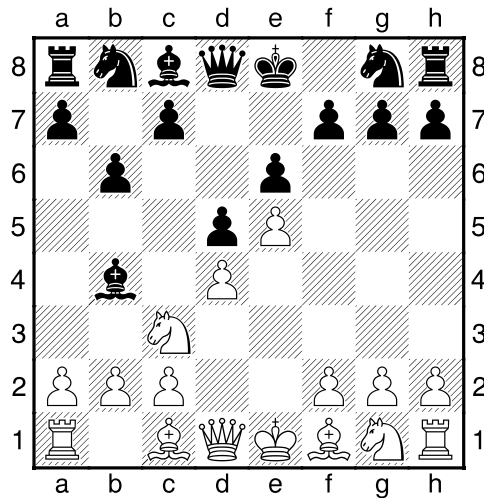
11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.Nxe4 e5.

4.exd5 exd5 would resemble the Exchange variation, discussed in Part 1 of this French DVD series.

Chapter 4

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 b6

4...Qd7 5.Qg4 f5 6.Qg3 b6 7.Nh3 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nf4 0-0-0 (9...Qf7 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.Qxg7) 10.h4 (10.Nxe6? Qxe6 11.Qxg7 Ne7) 10...g6 11.Bd2 Ne7 12.0-0-0.



5.a3

5.Qg4 Bf8 6.Bg5 (6.Nf3 Qd7 waiting for the f1 B to move 7.Be2 Ba6) 6...Qd7 (6...Ne7? 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Nxd5) 7.a4 (7.Nf3 h6 8.Be3 Ne7) 7...Nc6 (7...Ba6 8.Nb5 c6) 8.Bb5 a6 9.Be2 Nb4 (9...Nge7) ;

5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Qg4 0-0 7.Nf3 (7.Bh6 Ng6) 7...Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6.

5...Bf8 Inferior is 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.Qg4.

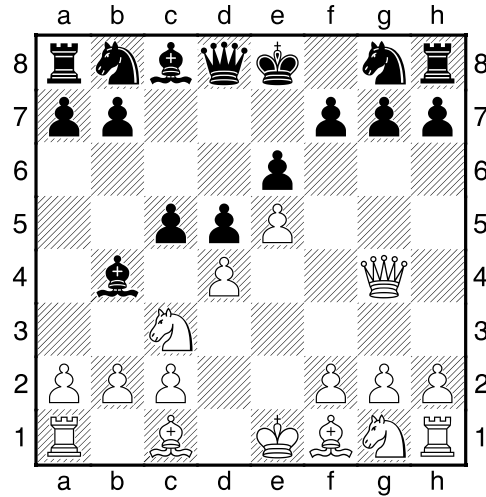
6.Nf3 Qd7 6...Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.Ne2 Qd7 9.0-0 c6 10.Nf4 Be7 11.Qd3 Nc7 12.Bd2 Leko-Vaganian, 2001.

7.Bb5 c6 8.Ba4 Ba6 9.Ne2 Bb5 10.Bb3 c5 11.c3 Nc6 12.0-0 Nge7 13.Re1 Atalik-Gurevich, 1998.

Chapter 5

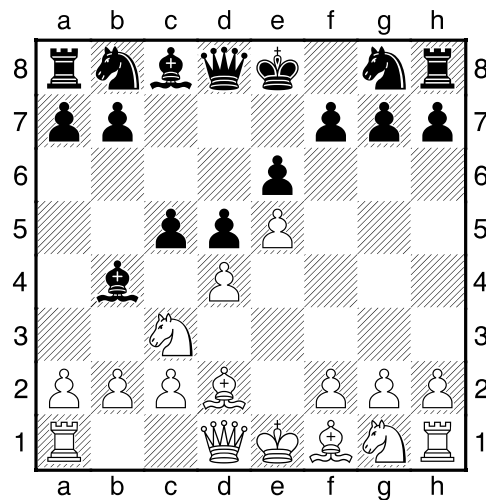
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5

5.Qg4



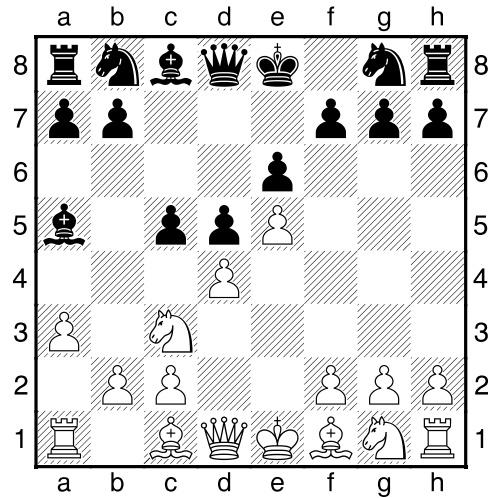
5...Ne7 6.dxc5 (6.Qxg7 Rg8 7.Qh6 (7.Qxh7 cxd4 8.a3 Qa5) 7...cxd4 8.a3 Bxc3+ (8...Qa5? 9.axb4 Qxa1 10.Nb5) 9.bxc3 Qc7) 6...Nbc6 (6...d4 7.a3) 7.Bd2 (7.Nf3 d4) 7...0-0;

5.Bd2



5...Ne7 (5...cxd4?! 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2) 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.c3 (8.dxc5 Nd7) 8...Nbc6 9.f4 a6 10.Nd6 cxd4 11.cxd4 f6.

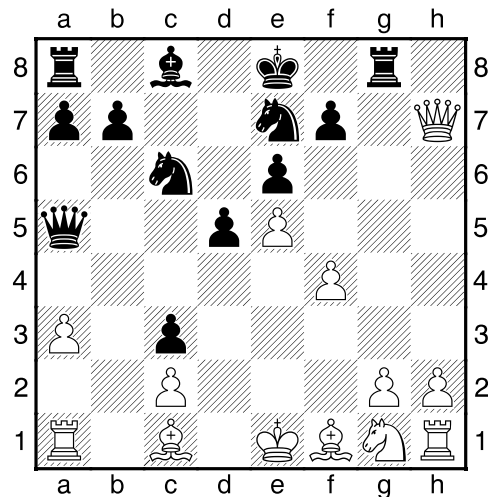
5.a3 Ba5



6.b4 6.dxc5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qc7.

6...cxd4 6...cxb4?! 7.Nb5.

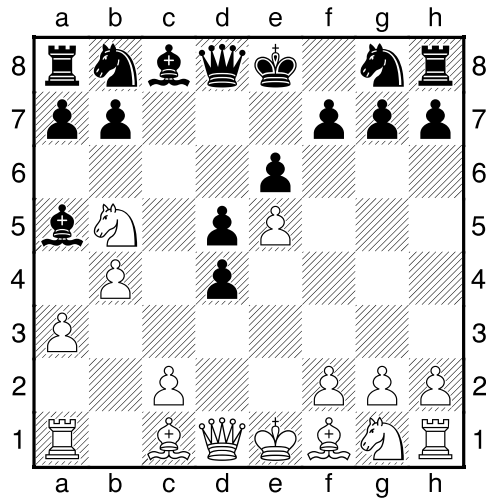
7.bxa5 dxc3 8.Qg4 Ne7 9.Qxg7 Rg8 10.Qxh7 Nbc6 11.f4 Qxa5



a) 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Ng5 0-0-0 14.Nxf7 Nf5 15.Nxd8 Qxd8 16.Qh3 Ncd4 17.Qxc3+ Kb8 18.g3 Qb6 19.Bd3 Rc8 20.Qb4 Bb5 21.Rb1 Nxc2+ 22.Bxc2 Rxc2 23.Bd2 Qe3+!! 24.Kd1 (24.Bxe3 Re2+) 24...Qd3 0-1 van der Weide-Werle, 2001

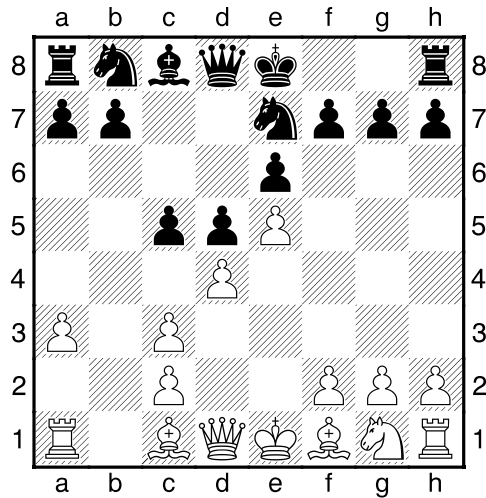
b) 12.Rb1 Bd7 13.Nf3 (13.Rxb7 Nd4 14.Qd3 Nef5 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bc6) 13...0-0-0 14.Qd3 a6 15.Ng5 (15.g3 Nf5 16.Bg2 Qc5 17.Rb3 d4 18.Ng5 Rxc5 19.fxc5 Qxe5+ 20.Kf2 Qc5 21.Re1 Nd6 22.Bf4 Nc4 23.Kg1 e5 24.Bc1 Nd6 25.Kh1 Be6 26.Rb1 Bf5 27.Qe2 e4 Tirard-Zontakh, 2001) 15...Rxc5 16.fxc5 Nf5 (16...Nxe5! 17.Qe3 d4 18.Qxd4 Bc6 19.Qb4 Qd5) Anand-Khalifman, 2000 .

7.Nb5!



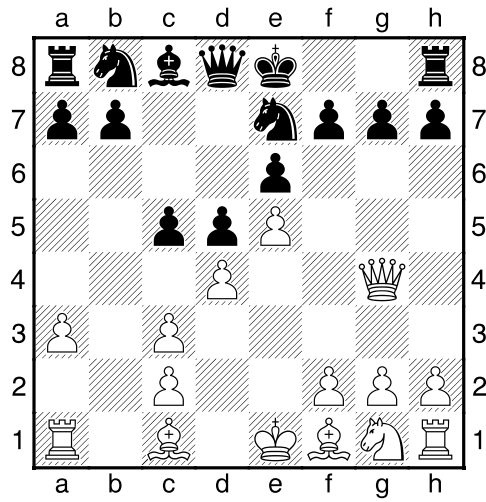
7...Bc7 8.f4 Bd7 9.Nf3 Ne7 [9...Bxb5 10.Bxb5+ Nd7 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Nxd4] 10.Nxc7+ Qxc7 11.Bd3 a6 12.0-0 with a slight advantage for White.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7

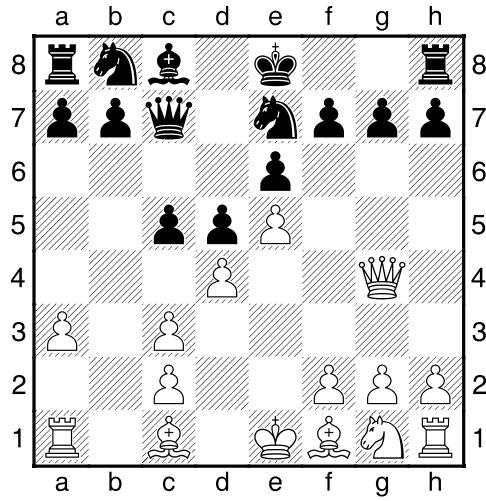


7.h4 Qa5 8.Bd2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Qa4 10.c3 (10.Bc3 b6; 10.Nf3 b6) 10...Qxd1+ 11.Rxd1 b6.

7.Qg4

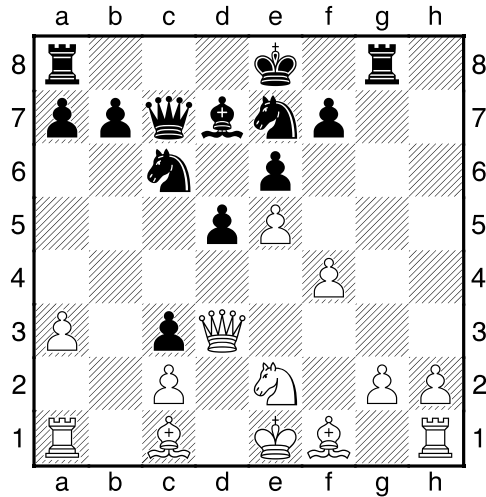


7...Qc7



8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 (11.cxd4? Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc3+)

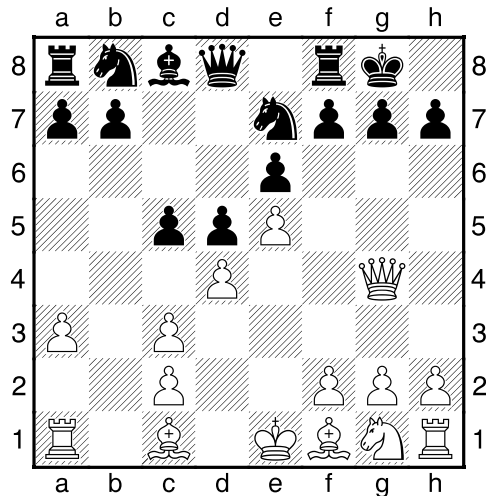
11...Bd7 12.Qd3 dxc3



13.Qxc3! (13.Nxc3 a6 14.Rb1 Na5 15.h4 Nf5 16.Rh3 0-0-0)

13...Nf5 14.Rb1 d4 15.Qd3 0-0-0 16.Rg1 (16.g3 Na5 17.Bg2 Bc6) 16...Na5 17.g4 Ba4 18.c3.

7...0-0



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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 f5 9.exf6 Rxf6 10.Bg5 Rf7 11.Qh5 h6 12.Bg6 Rf8 13.Nf3 Nbc6 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rae1 Qf6 17.Ne5 cxd4 18.f4 dxc3 19.g4 Qe7 20.Bd3 Qe8 21.Ng6 Bd7 22.g5 Rf7 23.gxh6 gxh6 24.Kh1 Ne7 25.Rg1 Nf5 26.Ne7+ Kf8 27.Nxf5 Rf6 28.Qg4 Qf7 29.Nd6 Rxf4 30.Nxf7 Rg4 31.Rxg4 Kxf7 32.Rh4 and White won soon.

8.Bd3 8.Nf3 Nbc6 9.Bd3 f5 10.exf6 Rxf6 11.Bg5 Rf7 12.Bxe7 Rxe7 13.Qh4 g6 14.0-0 c4 15.Be2 Bd7.

8...Qa5

8...Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 (9...h6? 10.Bxh6! gxh6 11.Qxh6 Nf5 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.0-0-0 f4 14.Nh3 Ne7 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.Rd3 Maus-Hubner 1989) 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 (11.Ng5 h6 12.Nxf7 Qxf7) 11...c4 (11...Nce7 12.h4 Bd7 13.Qg4) 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.Qg4 Qf7 14.Ng5 Qe8 15.h4 and White is better.

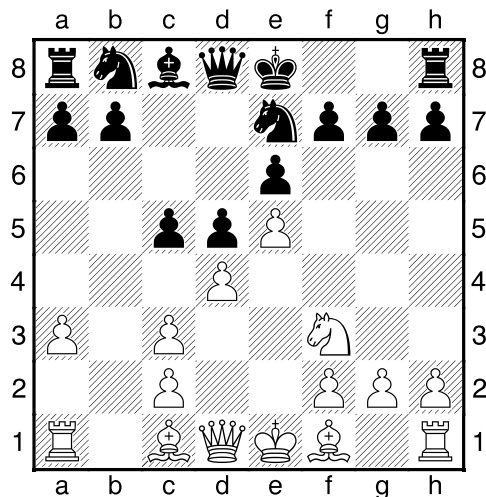
9.Bd2 Nbc6 10.Nf3 f5 11.exf6 Rxf6 12.Qh5 Nf5 13.c4 13.0-0 c4 14.Be2 Nd6; 13.Qe8+ Rf8.

13...Qa4 14.cxd5 Ncxd4 15.Ng5 h6 16.Ne4 Rf8 17.0-0 b6 18.Nc3 Qe8.

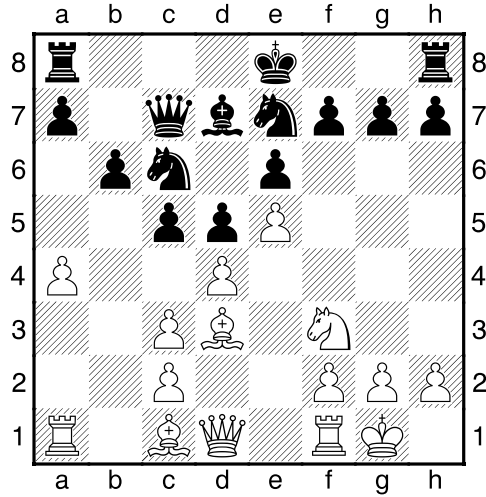
Chapter 6

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3

7.a4 Nbc6 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.Bb5 (10.c4 Qc7; 10.Bd3 c4 11.Be2 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.0-0 0-0-0) 10...Qc7 11.0-0 0-0.

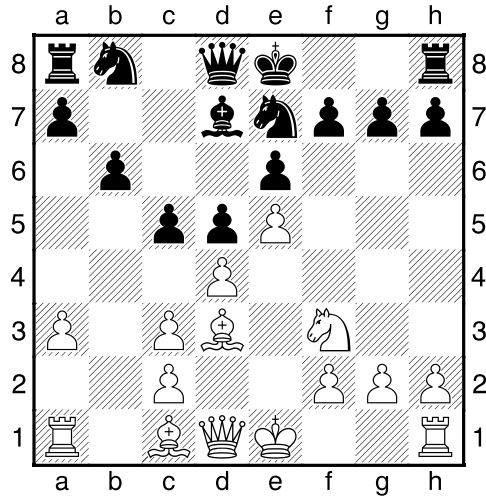


a) **7...Qc7** 8.a4 b6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bd3 Nbc6 11.0-0



11...h6 (11...0-0? 12.Bxh7+! Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg6 (13...Kg8 14.Qh5 Rfe8 15.Qh7+ Kf8 16.Qh8+ Ng8 17.Nh7+ Ke7 18.Bg5+ f6 19.Nxf6 gxf6 20.Bxf6+ Nxf6 21.Qxf6#) 14.Qg4 with a winning attack.) ;

b) 7...b6 8.Bb5+ (8.Ng5 h6 9.Qh5 g6 (9...Ng6? 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Bd3) 10.Qh3 Kf8 11.Bd3 Kg7 12.Nf3 Ba6) 8...Bd7 9.Bd3

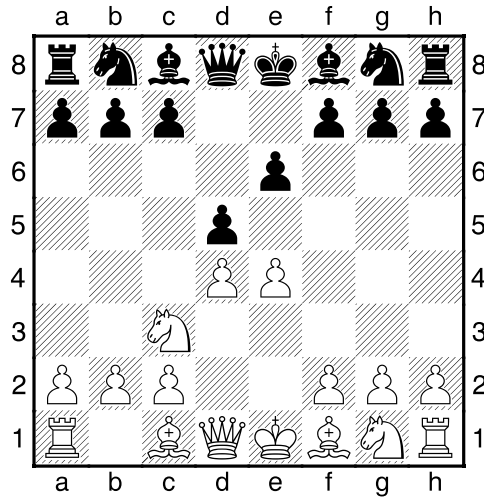


9...Ba4! 10.0-0 (10.h4 Qc7 11.h5 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qc3+ 13.Bd2 Qxd3 14.cxd3 Bxd1 15.Kxd1 h6) 10...h6.

c) 7...Qa5 8.Bd2 Nbc6 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa4 11.Bd3 Nxd4 12.0-0.

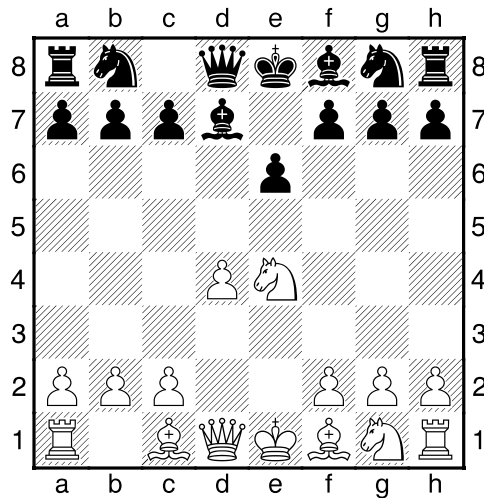
Chapter 7

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3



3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7

4...b6 5.Qf3 Bb7 6.Nd6+ Bxd6 7.Qxb7.



5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 6...Nf6 7.Nxf6+ Qxf6? 8.Bg5 Bxf3 9.Qd2! Qxd4 10.Bb5+

7.0-0 Ngf6 7...Bxe4 8.Bxe4 c6 9.c4 Ngf6 10.Bc2 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Bg5.

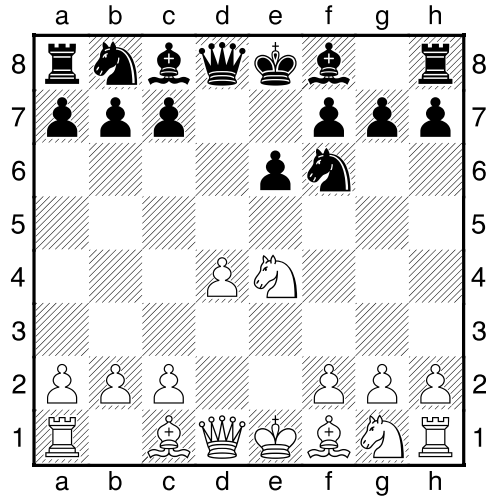
8.Ng3 Be7 9.Qe2 Bxf3 9...0-0 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.c4.

10.Qxf3 c6 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Re8 12...a5 13.a3.

13.c4 Nf8 13...Qa5 14.a3.

14.Rad1 Ng6 15.Rfe1.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6



5.Nxf6+ Qxf6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bd3 Bd6 7...c5 8.Be3.

8.0-0 0-0 8...Nc6 9.c3 0-0 10.Qe2.

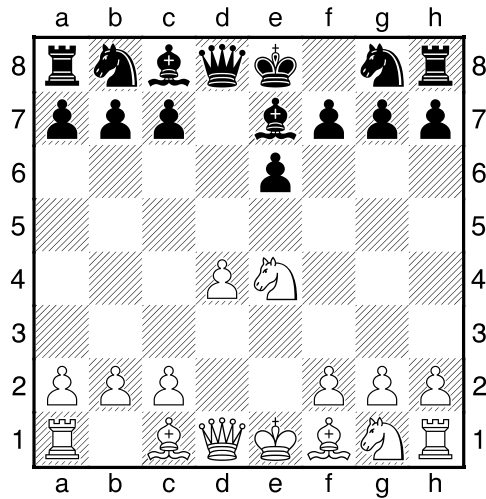
9.Qe2 plan Qe4 9...Nc6 10.Qe4 Qf5 11.Qh4 11.Qxf5 exf5 12.c3.

11...Be7 11...Qa5? 12.Bxh6! gxh6 13.Qxh6 Re8 14.Bh7+ Kh8 15.Bg6+ Kg8 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Qxf7#.

12.Qg3 Bd6 13.Bxf5 Bxg3 14.fxg3 Also 14.hxg3 is ok.

14...exf5 15.c3.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Be7

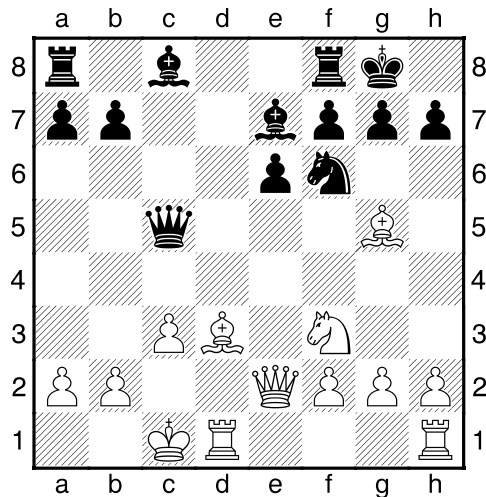


5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Qe2! 0-0 7...b6 8.Ne5! Nxe5 (8...Bb7? 9.Nxf7 Kxf7 10.Ng5+ Ke8 11.Nxe6 Qc8 12.Nxg7+ Kf7 13.Qe6+) 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Bf4.

8.Bg5 c5 8...b6? 9.Nxf6+ Nxf6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qe4.

9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10...Bxc5 11.0-0-0

11.c3 Qxc5 12.0-0-0



12...h6 12...Bd7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Rxd7;

12...b5? 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qe4 Fischer-Kral simul.

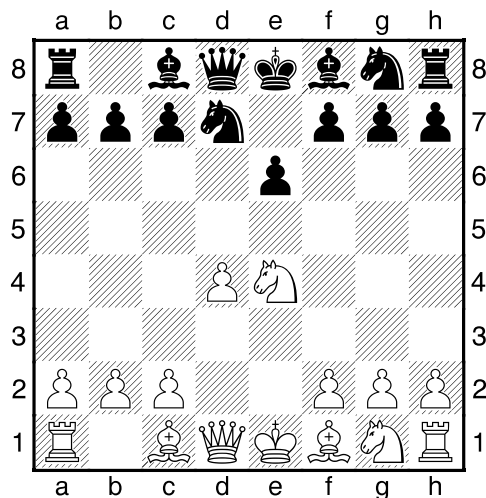
13.h4 Bd7 13...hxg5? 14.hxg5 Ng4 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Qe4.

14.g4! Rfc8 14...Nxc4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rhg1 h5 17.Ne5; 14...hxg5? 15.hxg5 Nd5 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Qe1.

15.Kb1 Ba4 15...hxg5? 16.hxg5 Nd5 17.Bh7+ Kf8 18.Be4 Kg8 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Qd3 g6 21.Ne5.

16.Rd2.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7



5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 Nxe4

7...Be7 8.Nxc5 Nxc5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Rad1 Qc7 (12...Nd5? 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxh7+! Kxh7 15.Rxd5) 13.Ne5 Rd8 14.c3 h6 (14...Bd7? 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qxf7+ Kh7 19.Rd3+-) 15.Bh4 b6 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Nxf7! Qc6 (17...Kxf7? 18.Qxe6+ Kf8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Bc4+-) 18.Be4 Qxe4 19.Qxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxd8 Bxh4 21.Nxb7 Bxf2+ 22.Kf1 Bxe1 23.Kxe1 with a small advantage for White.

8.Bxe4 Nf6 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Qe2 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.Bf3 0-0 12.Re1 Qb6 13.Nb3 Rd8=.

10...Be7 11.Rad1 Nxe4 12.Rxd4 Qxd4 12...Nd6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rfd1 Nf5 15.Qb5+ Kf8 16.Rd8+.

13.Nxd4 Nxc5 14.h4.