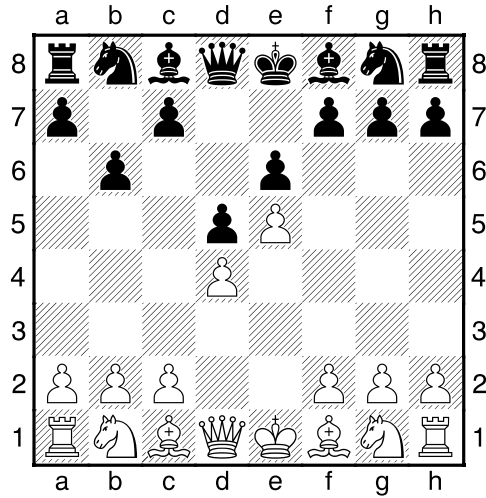


Chapter 3

3.e5 b6 variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 b6



4.Bb5+

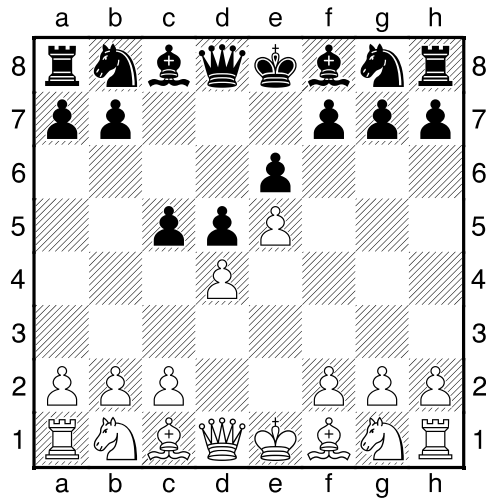
4.c3 Qd7 *but not* 4...Ba6? 5.Bxa6 Nxa6 6.Qa4+ *fork.*

4...c6 or 4...Bd7 5.Bd3

5.Ba4.

3.e5 c5 other than 4.c3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5



4.dxc5 Or 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 (or 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0 Nge7) 5...Nc6.

4...Nc6 better than 4...Bxc5 5.Qg4 Kf8.

5.Nf3 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.0-0 Or 7.Bf4 Qb6.

7...Ng6.

Advanced variation 4...Bd7 with 5...Qb6

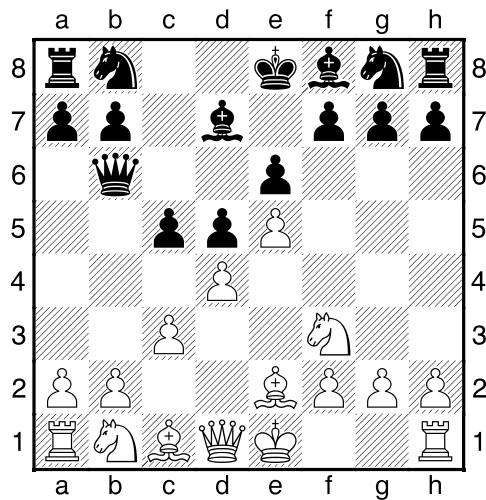
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5

4.c3 Bd7 Also 4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 (or 5...Bd7) is playable. 4...Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 leads to the same as we shall see after 4...Bd7.

5.Nf3 Qb6

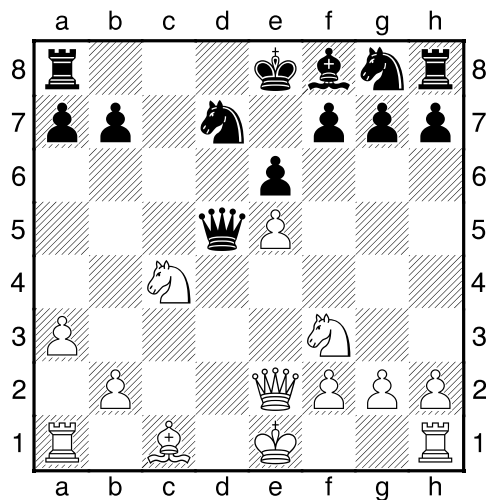
Now White has three main choices: 6.Be2, 6.Bd3 or 6.a3.

6.Be2



6...cxd4

Inferior would be 6...Bb5 7.c4 Bxc4 8.Bxc4 Qb4+ (8...dxc4 9.d5 exd5 10.Qxd5 Ne7 11.Qxc4) 9.Nbd2 dxc4 10.a3 Qb5 11.Qe2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qd5 13.N4f3 Nd7 (13...b5 14.a4) 14.Nxc4



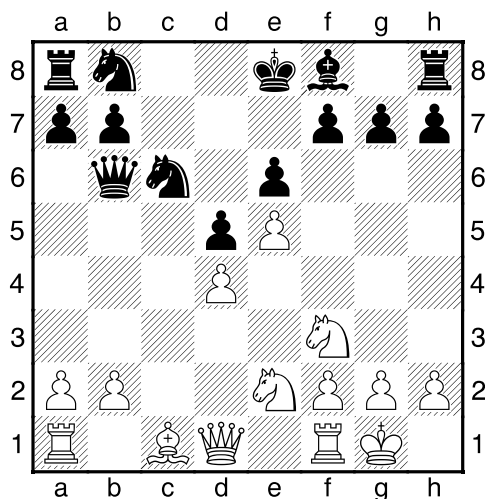
Jozsef Pinter – Axel Ornstein

Budapest, 1977

This is how the game continued: 14...Rc8 15.Ne3 Qe4 16.b4 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bb2 Qe4 19.0-0 Ne7 20.Rac1 a6 21.f3 Qf4 22.Nd5 Qd6 23.Nxe7 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Bxe7 25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Be5 Qd5 27.Rd1 Qb3 28.Rc1 Qd5 29.Rc8+ Bd8 30.h3 Ke7 31.Kh1 f6 32.Bb2 Rg7 33.Rc1 Bb6 34.a4 e5 35.Rd1 Qc6 36.b5 axb5 37.axb5 Qc5 38.Qd3 Ke8 39.Qf5 Rg6 40.Ba3 Qf2 41.Qe6# 1-0

7.cxd4 Bb5 8.Nc3 8.Qb3 Bxe2 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Kxe2 Black is fine.

8...Bxe2 9.Nxe2 Ne7 10.0-0 Nec6

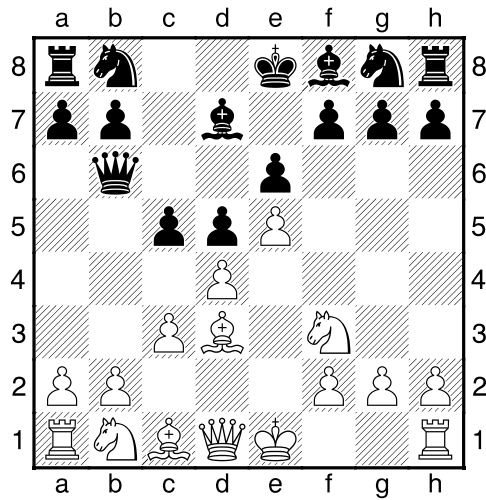


Alexander Grischuk - Mikhail Gurevich

Cannes, 2001 World Cup of Rapid Chess

This the rest of the game from the above diagram: 11.Rb1 a5 12.Be3 Nd7 13.h4 Be7 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Rbc1 Rfc8 18.h5 Qb4 19.Rc3 Rxc3 20.bxc3 Qc4 21.Rb1 b5 22.g3 Nb8 23.Nh4 Nbc6 24.Ng2 b4 25.Ne3 Qa6 26.Kg2 Rb8 27.Ng1 Rb7 28.Rb2 bxc3 29.Qxc3 Rxb2 30.Qxb2 Qd3 31.Ne2 Nf5 32.Nxf5 Qxf5 33.Qc3 Qe4+ 34.Kf1 Nb4 35.a3 Nd3 36.Qd2 Qf5 37.Ng1 Qe4 38.Ne2 a4 39.Qe3 Qh1+ 40.Ng1 Nb2 41.Qc3 Nc4 42.Qb4 Qe4 43.Ne2 Qc2 44.Nf4 Qd1+ 45.Kg2 Qxd4 46.Kg1 Qxe5 47.Qxa4 Qa1+ 48.Kg2 Qxa3 49.Qe8+ Qf8 50.Qd7 Qa8 51.Kh2 Ne5 52.Qc7 Nf3+ 53.Kh3 d4 54.Qd6 Qe4 55.Kg2 d3 56.Kf1 0-1

6.Bd3

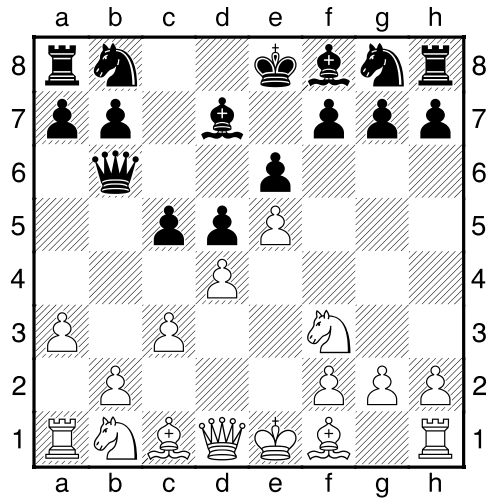


6...cxd4 Also 6...Bb5 is ok.

7.cxd4 If 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6.

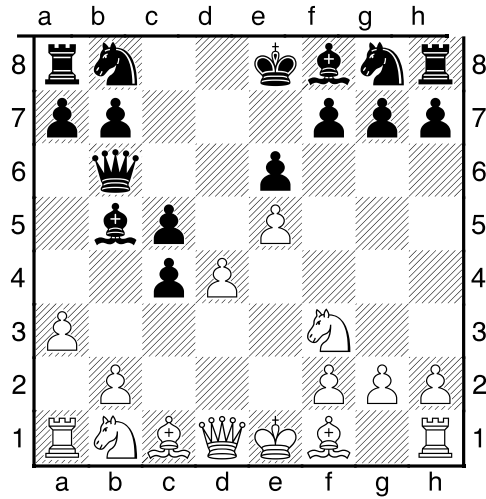
7...Bb5.

6.a3



6...Bb5 Or 6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb5 8.Bxb5+ Qxb5 9.Nc3 Qa6 10.Ne2 Ne7 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ng3 Nc6 13.Be3 Be7.

7.c4 dxc4



8.Nc3 8.d5 exd5 9.Qxd5 Ne7 10.Qe4 Qc6 11.Qc2 Qg6.

8...Nc6

Nigel Short - Evgeny Bareev

Novgorod, 1997

Here is how this exciting game ended:

9.d5 0-0-0 10.d6 f6 11.Nxb5 Qxb5 12.Qc2 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Bxc4 Qc6 15.Bxe6+ Kb8 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Be3 Bxd6 18.Rfc1 e4 19.h3 Rhe8 20.Bc4 Nd5 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Bxc5 Bxc5 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5 e3 ½-½