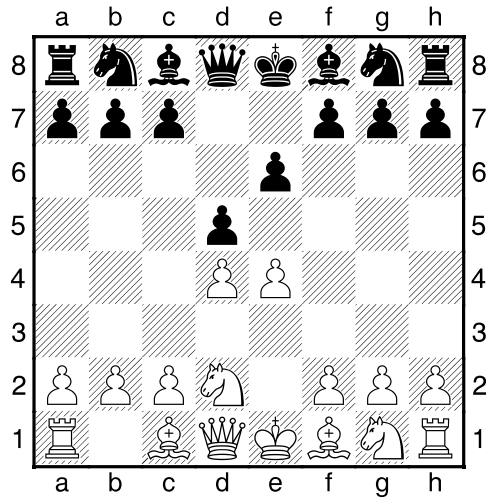


Tarrasch variation 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3Nd2



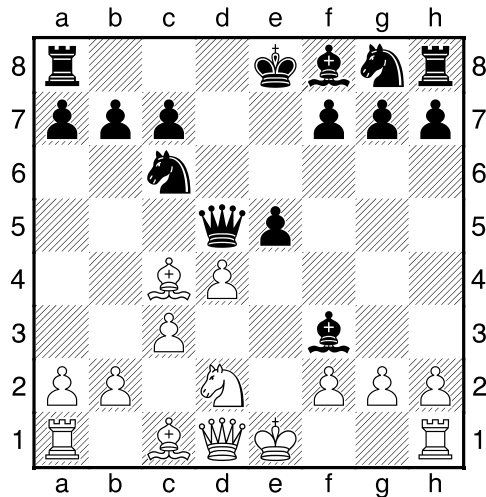
3...Nc6 4.c3

3...Nc6 4.c3 e5 5.exd5

5.dxe5 Nxe5 or 5.Ngf3 exd4 6.cxd4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Nge7 are fine for Black.

5...Qxd5 6.Ngf3 exd4

If 6...Bg4?! 7.Bc4 Bxf3



And now the surprising 8.Qb3!! as Paul Keres placed in several games (*but not 8.Bxd5 Bxd1*).

8...Qd7 9.Nxf3 exd4 10.0-0 Na5 11.Bxf7+! Qxf7 12.Qb5+ c6 (12...Nc6 13.Qxb7) 13.Qxa5.

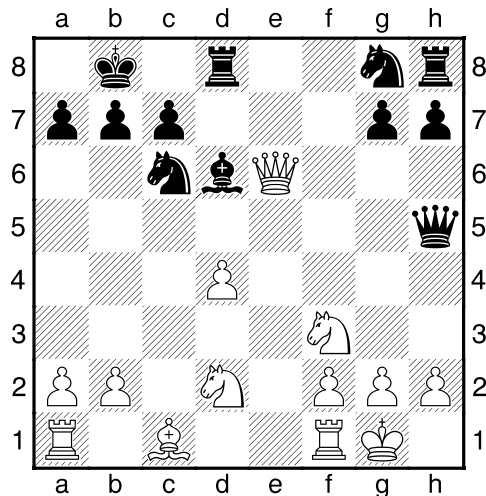
7.Bc4 Qh5

7...Qf5?! 8.Nxd4 (8.cxd4 Be6 9.0-0 0-0-0 Black is ok) 8...Nxd4 9.cxd4 Be6 10.Qa4+ Bd7 (or 10...c6 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qb3 0-0-0 15.Qxe6+ Qxe6 16.Rxe6 Rhe8 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Nf3 Re2 19.Bd2 Zarnicki-Kasparov ICC blitz 98)

11.Qb3 0-0-0 12.0-0 Bd6 (12...f6?? 13.Bxg8; 12...Be6?! 13.Re1 Bxc4 14.Nxc4; 12...Nh6 13.Ne4! Qxe4 14.Bd5) 13.Bxf7! Nh6 14.Bd5 c6 15.Bf3 Be6 (15...Ng4 16.h3 Nh2 17.Be4 Qf6 18.Re1 Qxd4 19.Qc3)

16.Nc4 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd4 18.Be2 Qe4 19.Re1 Qh4+ 20.Kg1 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Bg5 Qg4 23.f3 Qd4+ 24.Be3 Qh4 25.Bxa7 with White's advantage.

8.cxd4 Be6 9.Qb3 0-0-0 10.Bxe6+ fxe6 11.Qxe6+ Kb8 12.0-0 Bd6 with compensation for the Pawn.



13.Nb3

13.Ne4? Nxd4.

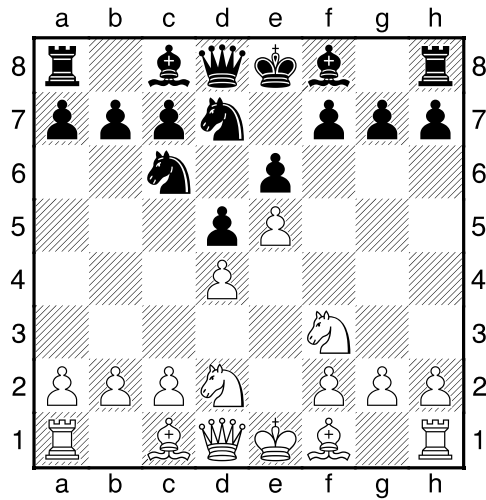
13...Rf8 14.h3 Rxf3 15.gxf3 Nf6 or 14...Nge7 15.Qg4 Qd5 compensation in both cases.

3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5

If 5.Bd3 Nb4.

5...Nd7



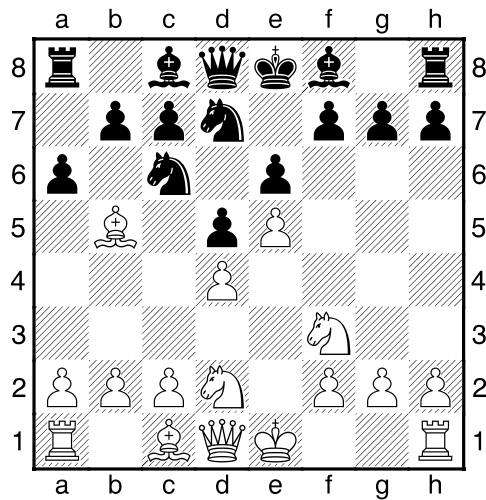
6.Bb5

6.Be2 f6! (6...Be7 7.Nf1 0-0 8.Ne3 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.c4 b6 12.a3 a5 13.Qc2 Bb7 14.c5!.)

7.exf6 Qxf6 8.Nf1 Bd6 9.Ne3 0-0 10.0-0 Qg6.

6.Nb3 a5 (6...f6 7.Bb5 Be7 8.Bf4 Botvnik-Boleslavsky 1944) 7.a4 Be7 8.Bb5 Na7 9.Be2 (9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Nxa5 b6 11.Nb3 Ba6) 9...b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Be3 c5 12.c3 Nc6.

6...a6



7.Ba4! 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.Nb3 a5 9.Bg5 (9.Bd2 c5! 10.Nxa5 (10.Bxa5? c4) 10...c6! 11.Nb3 (11.Nxc6 Qb6) 11...cxd4 12.Nbxd4 c5 13.Nb5 Ba6 14.a4 Qb6) 9...Be7 10.h4 h6 11.Be3 a4 12.Nc5 Nxc5 13.dxc5 Ba6.

7...b5 8.Bb3 f6 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.c3 Bd6 11.Nf1 with a small advantage for White.