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ECO E, 4th Edition

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The draft of a new Volume E of the Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings is drawing to a close. In comparison with the third edition, published in 1998, this new edition offers extensive coverage of all relevant opening lines (Catalan, Queen's-, Nimzo- and King's-Indian Defenses) in sufficient detail to provide readers with enough information to employ them in contemporary tournament practice. This new volume is also expected to be about 150 pages longer more than the preceding one.

I would like to highlight two important principles we adhere to in preparing these publications. The first is that we explore the material via a system of elimination, from the weakest or less frequently used lines we progress to those played most often. In addition, each [opening code](#) is concluded with the best play from both sides. The second important principle is that a given position can only be shown in one place, no matter what move-order is used. For instance, in our opinion, the two sequences below, featuring a white fianchetto, g3 and Bg2, with a black pawn on d5 exemplifies the Catalan opening:

- 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Bd2 5.Qd2 d5 6.g3 ... E11.
- 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Bd2 6.Qd2 ... E01.

This month we present [ChessCafe.com](#) readers with a fragment from this topical line. For the sake of presentation, the material previewed in the article only covers the concluding four lines (rows 9-12) in the E01 ECO table.

E01

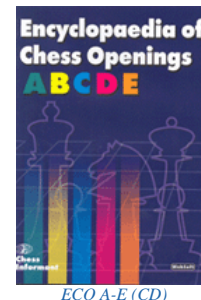
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5										
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
9	Nf3	Bd2	Qd2	Bg2	0-0	Qc2 ⁶⁵	cd5 ⁶⁷	Nc3	e3	White is slightly better
	Bb4	Bd2	0-0 ⁶²	Qe7 ⁶³	Rd8 ⁶⁴	Nc6 ⁶⁶	ed5	Bg4 ⁶⁸	a6 ⁶⁹	
10	...	...	...	...	0-0 ⁷⁰	Rc1 ⁷²	Qe3 ⁷⁴	a4	Na3	equal
	...	...	...	Nbd7	c6 ⁷¹	Qe7 ⁷³	dc4 ⁷⁵	Re8	e5 ⁷⁶	
11	...	...	...	...	...	Qc2	Nbd2	b4 ⁷⁹	a3	equal
	...	...	...	...	...	b6 ⁷⁷	Bb7 ⁷⁸	a5 ⁸⁰	Qe7 ⁸¹	
12	Nbd2	Bg2 ⁸²	0-0	Rc1	Ne5 ⁸⁵	cd5	Re1	White is slightly better
	0-0	Qe7 ⁸³	b6 ⁸⁴	Bb7	Na6 ⁸⁶	ed5	c5 ⁸⁷	

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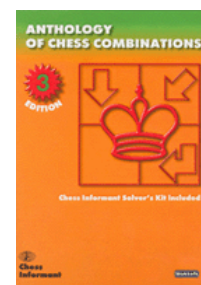


6...dc4 7.Na3 Qd5 8.Bg2 Ne4 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Nd2 Nd2 11.Qd2 Qd2 12.Kd2 Ke7 13.Nc4 Rd8 14.Kc3 Nd7 equal; Rashkovsky - Azmaiparashvili, Strumica 1995; 7.Bg2 see E04; **6...Nbd7** 7.Bg2 c6 8.Qc2 [8.Na3 Ne4 9.Qd3 Qa5 10.Nd2 Nd2 11.Qd2 Qd2 12.Kd2 Ke7 13.Rhd1 Nf6 14.Rac1 and White is slightly better; Karpov - Andersson, Bruxelles 1988 see 45/588] 0-0 9.Nbd2 b6 10.e4 de4 11.Ne4 Ne4 12.Qe4

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Bb7 13.0-0 Rb8 14.Qc3 c5 15.cd5 Nc5 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.b4 Nd7 18.Rd4 Nf6 19.Qe5! and White is slightly better; Karpov - Serper, Dortmund 1993 see 57/483; **6...c6** 7.Qc2 Nbd7 [7...Qa5 8.Nbd2 dc4 9.Qc4 Nbd7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Nc4 b6 14.Rac1 Bb7 15.e4 and White is slightly better; Tkachiev - Kurajica, Solin 1999] 8.Bg2 see 6...Nbd7

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7...dc4 see E04; **7...b6** 8.cd5 ed5 9.Nc3 Bb7 see E16; **7...c6** 8.0-0 Nbd7 see 7...Nbd7

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8...dc4 9.Na3 see E04; **8...c6** 9.Qc2 [9.Rc1 Nbd7 see 7...Nbd7] dc4 [9...Nbd7 see 7...Nbd7] 10.Nbd2 b5 11.b3 cb3 12.Nb3 Bd7 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.Rfc1 Be8 15.Qd2 a6 16.Rc2 Ra7 17.Rac1 with compensation; Tregubov - Dyachkov, Russia 2004; **8...b6** 9.cd5 ed5 10.Nc3 Bb7 see E16

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9.Rc1 c6 [9...Nc6 10.Qc3 dc4 (10...Ne4 11.Qe3 Nd6 12.cd5 Nf5 13.Qf4 ed5 14.Nc3 Be6 15.e3 and White is slightly better; Notkin - Jankovskis, Passau 1994 see 60/(478)) 11.Na3 Nd5 12.Qc4 and White is slightly better; Notkin] 10.Qe3 Bd7 11.Nbd2 Be8 12.Nb3 [12.a3 a5 13.c5 a4 14.Ne5 Nfd7 15.Nd3 f6 16.Bh3 Bf7 17.f4 Re8 18.Nf3 b6 19.cb6 Nb6 20.Nd2 Ra5 21.Rc3 and White is slightly better; Timman - P.Nikolic, Reykjavik 1988] Nbd7 [12...Na6 13.a3 Rac8 (Razuvaev - Kholmov, Moscow 1991 see 52/(504)) 14.c5! and White is slightly better; Kholmov] 13.Na5 Rab8 14.Rab1 Rdc8 15.cd5 Nd5 16.Qd2 c5 17.e4 and White is slightly better; Kasparov - Timman, Beograd 1989 see 48/662

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9...Na6 10.a3 dc4 11.Qc4 c5 12.cd5 Qc5 13.Nbd2 Bd7 14.b4 Qc4 15.Nc4 Bb5 16.Rfc1 Rac8 17.Nfe5 and White is slightly better; Kasparov - Ljubojevic, Tilburg 1989

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10.Rd1 Bd7 [10...Nb4 11.Qb3 b6 (11...dc4 12.Qc4 c5 13.a3 Na6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Be8 16.cd5 Nc5 17.b4 and White is superior; Khalifman - Timoschenko, Sverdlovsk 1987 see 44/625) 12.cd5 ed5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Rac1 c5 15.a3 Na6 16.e3 Ne4 17.dc5 Nac5 18.Qc2 Rac8 19.b4 Nc3 20.Qc3 Ne4 and White is slightly better; Bareev - Kholmov, Sochi 1988] 11.Nbd2 Nb4 [11...Be8 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.a3 and White is slightly better; Gulko - Andersson, Reykjavik 1991 see 52/(504)] 12.Qb3 c5 13.cd5 cd4 14.Nd4 Nfd5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Nc4 Rac8 17.Nc6 Bc6 18.Ne3 ½-½, Adorjan - Korchnoi, Polanica Zdroj 1992 see 55/(493)

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11...Ne4 12.e3 Nc3 13.bc3 Na5 14.Ne5 f6 15.Nf3 Be6 16.Rfe1 Qd7 17.Nd2 Rac8 18.Nb3 and White is slightly better; Pinter - Pal Petran, Szirak 1987 see 40/628

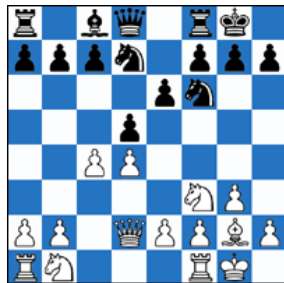
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13.Rac1 Na7 14.Ne5 c6 15.Na4 Nb5 16.Ng4 Ng4 17.Qf5 Nf6 18.Nc5 and White is slightly better; Timman - Korchnoi, Tilburg 1986 see 46/(652)

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8.Qc2 b6! 9.cd5 Nd5 10.0-0 c5! [10...Bb7 11.e4 N5f6 12.Nc3 c5 13.Rad1 cd4 14.Nd4 Qe7 15.Rfe1 and White is slightly better; Karpov - Andersson, Osterkars Havsbud (m/1) 1995 see 67/(571)] 11.Nc3 Bb7 [11...Nc3 12.Qc3 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rac1 Rfc8 15.Qe3 (with the idea d5) cd4?! 16.Nd4 and White is slightly better; Stohl - Andersson, Praha 1996 see 67/571; 15...Kf8 equal] 12.Rfd1 Rc8 equal; Stohl

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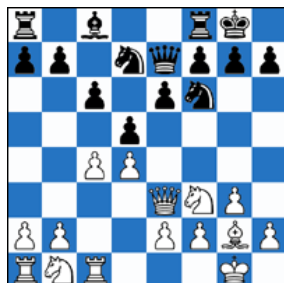
8...b6 9.cd5 ed5 10.Nc3 Bb7 see E16; **8...Qe7** 9.Qc2 [9.Rc1 c6 see 8...c6] c5 10.cd5 Nd5 11.Nc3 Nb4 12.Qb3 cd4 13.Nd4 Nf6 14.a3 Na6 15.Qc2 and White is slightly better; Ikonnikov - Roktim, Vlissingen 2006; 9...c6 see 8...c6; **8...dc4** 9.Na3 e5 10.Nc4 e4 [10...ed4 11.Nd4 Nb6 12.Na5! c5 13.Ndb3 Qd2 14.Nd2 Re8 15.e3 Nbd5 16.e4 Nc7 17.e5 (Shipov - V.I.Ivanov, Russia 1996 see 68/(441)) Nfd5 18.Rfe1 and White is slightly better; Shipov] 11.Ng5 [11.Nfe5 Nb6 12.Na5 Re8 13.Rfd1 c6 14.Nb3 Nbd7 15.Nc4 Nb6 16.Ne5 Nbd7 17.Qf4 Qe7 18.Nd7 Bd7 19.Nc5 Bg4 20.Re1 Rad8 equal; Dautov - Brenke, Lippstadt 2000] Re8 12.Qf4 Nf8 13.Rad1 Ne6 14.Ne6 Be6 15.b3 Bd5 16.Ne3 Qd6 17.Qd6 cd6 18.Rc1 and White is slightly better; Graf - G.Kern, Bad Zwesten 2006

9.Ne5 Ne5 10.de5 Nd7 11.f4 Nb6 12.Na3 Qe7 13.Rac1 Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.c5 Nc8 16.e4 b6 17.Qd4 Rb8 18.b4 bc5 19.bc5 Qf8 equal; Dorfman - Spassky, France 2002; **9.Na3** b6 10.Rac1 Bb7 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Ne5 Rac8 13.f4 Rfd8 14.Rc2 Ne5 15.fe5 Nd7 16.Rdc1 f6! unclear; Ilincic - Andersson, Beograd 2000; **9.b3** b6 10.Qb2 Bb7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cd5 Bd5 14.Rfe1 cd4 15.Nd4 Bg2 16.Kg2 Rfc8 equal; Sosonko - P.Nikolic, Nederland (ch) 1998



9...b6 10.cd5 [10.Na3 Bb7 11.Ne5 Ne5 12.de5 Nd7 13.f4 Qe7 14.cd5 ed5 15.Nc2 Rad8 (15...f6?! 16.e6! Nc5 17.f5 and White is superior; Ivanisevic - Kotic, Srbija i Crna Gora 2005) 16.Nd4 and White is slightly better] cd5 11.Na3! [11.Nc3 Ba6 12.a4 Bc4 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Na3 Ne4 15.Qd1 Ba6 equal; Portisch - Spassky, Reykjavik 1988 see 46/(646)] Ba6 12.Ne5 Ne5 13.de5 Nd7 14.f4 and White is slightly better; Nogueiras - Andersson, Sarajevo 1985 see 39/582; **9...Re8** 10.Na3 [10.Qe3 dc4! 11.Rc4 e5 12.de5 Ne5 13.Rd4 Qb6! 14.Qc3 (Dokhoian - Andersson, Wijk aan Zee 1990 see 49/(581)) Neg4! 15.Nbd2 c5 16.Rd3 Re2 17.Nc4 Qc7 and Black is superior; Dokhoian; 10.Qc3 dc4 11.Qc4 e5 12.de5 Ne5 13.Ne5 Re5 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Qb4 Qb6 16.a3 Bb3 17.e3 Rd8 18.Qb6 ab6 19.Ne2 Rd2 20.Nd4 Bd5 21.Rc2 ½-½, Dautov - Bl.Kovacevic, Warszawa 2005] Qe7 11.Rc2 [11.e3 Rd8 12.Qc3 a5 13.Ne5 Ne5 14.de5 Nd7 15.e4 de4 16.Be4 Qc5 17.Re1 Ne5 18.Bh7 Kh7 19.Re5 Qd4 equal; Borovikov - Cifuentes, Dos Hermanas 2004] Ne4 12.Qe3 Nd6 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Nd2 Nf5 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.e3 and White is slightly better; Bocharov - Bl.Kovacevic, Warszawa 2005

10.Qf4 Ne4 [10...Rd8 11.Nbd2 Nf8 12.e4 Bd7 13.e5 Ne8 14.c5 a5 15.Qe3 Rdb8 16.Ne1 and White is slightly better; Pinter - Bischoff, Oesterreich 2003; 10...Re8 11.Nbd2 Nf8 (11...e5 12.de5 Ne5 13.Ne5 Qe5 14.Qe5 Re5 see 10.Qe3) 12.Ne5 N6d7 13.Nd3 Ng6 14.Qc7 Nf6 15.Qe7 Re7 16.f4 and White is slightly better; Markus - Kotic, Bosna i Hercegovina 2004 see 91/(437)] 11.Nc3 f5 12.a3 g5 13.Qc7 Qg7 14.b4 Rf7 unclear; Bosboom - Ikonnikov, Dieren 2004



10...b6 11.cd5 Nd5 12.Qg5 Bb7 13.Qe7 Ne7 14.Nbd2 Rfd8 15.Nc4 c5 16.Nd6 Bf3 17.Bf3 Rab8 18.Nb5 a5 19.dc5 Nc5 20.Rd1 and White is slightly better; Portisch - Andersson, Bruxelles 1988 see 45/(589); **10...Re8** 11.Nbd2 e5 [11...a5 12.h3 a4 13.g4 h6 14.Rab1 Nf8?! 15.Qa3! and White is slightly better; Piket - Sunye, Manila (ol) 1992 see 55/493; 14...Nh7 with the idea Nh7-g6 Piket] 12.de5 Ne5 13.Ne5 Qe5 14.Qe5 Re5 15.cd5 Nd5 16.e4 Nb6 [16...Nc7 17.Nc4 Re7 18.Na5 Kf8 19.b4 Rb8 20.a4 Be6 21.Rab1 a6 22.f4 and White is slightly better; Karpov - Andersson, Belfort 1988 see 45/589] 17.f4 Re7 18.a4 a5 19.Nb3 f6 and White is slightly better; Karpov - Andersson, Thessaloniki (ol) 1988 see 46/646; **10...Rd8** 11.cd5 Nd5 12.Qa3 Kf8 [12...h6 13.e3 Kf8 14.Qe7 Ne7 15.Nbd2 e5 16.Nc4 ed4 17.Nd4 Nf6 equal; Spassky - Andersson, Belfort 1988] 13.Qd3 N5f6 14.Rd1 Kg8 15.Nc3 b6 16.e4 Bb7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qe3 c5 equal; Speelman - Andersson, Bruxelles 1988

13.Nc4 e4 14.Nfe5 Ne5! 15.de5 Ng4 16.Qe4 Ne5 17.Rd1 f5! 18.Qe5 Qe5 19.Ne5 Re5 20.e4 [20.Rd8 Kf7 21.e4 Re8 22.Re8 Ke8 23.a5 Ke7 equal; Bacrot - Andersson, Pamplona 1997/98 see 71/527] Kf7 21.f4 Re8 22.e5 a5 23.Rab1 Be6 24.b4 ab4 25.Rb4 Ra7 equal; Bacrot

9...Qe7 10.Nbd2 e5 11.cd5 cd5 [11...Nd5 12.e4 N5f6 13.Rfe1 Rd8! 14.Rad1 and White is slightly better; Karpov - Andersson, Reykjavik 1991 see 52/504] 12.e4 de4 13.Ne4 ed4 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Re4 Qc5 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Rd4 and White is slightly better; Rychagov - Kholmov, Russia 2003

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10...c5 11.de5 Nc5 12.b4 Ncd7 13.cd5 Nd5 14.Qb2 Qe7 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.Rac1 and White is slightly better; Azmaiparashvili - Andersson, Elista (ol) 1998

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11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.e4 de4 13.Ne4 c5 14.Nf6 Nf6 15.Qe2 cd4 16.Nd4 Bg2 17.Kg2 a6 18.Kg1 Rac8 19.b3 h6 20.Nf3 Rfd8 21.Ne5 Qe7 equal; Ftacnik - Andersson, Manila (ol) 1992 see 55/(493); **11.Rad1** Qe7 12.Rfe1 c5 13.cd5 Nd5 14.a3 cd4 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Qb1 Rfd8 equal; Kaidanov - Andersson, Bled (ol) 2002

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11...dc4 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.e4 c5 14.e5 Nd5 15.bc5 bc5 16.Nd6 Ba6 17.Rfc1 and White is slightly better; Schandorff - Nielsen, Kobenhavn 1998

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12...ab4 13.ab4 Qe7 [13...dc4 14.Nc4 Qc7 (14...c5 15.dc5 bc5 16.b5! and White is slightly better; Van Wely - Andersson, Ter Apel 1995) 15.e4 and White is slightly better (with the idea e5, weak point d6) Gavrikov - Wirthensohn, Arosa 1996 see 67/572] 14.c5 Ba6 unclear; **12...Qe7** 13.Qb2 [13.c5 Ba6 (13...ab4 14.ab4 bc5 15.dc5 Rfb8 16.e4 Ba6 17.Rfb1 e5! 18.Ra5 Bb5 equal; Dautov - Short, Bled (ol) 2002 see 86/465) 14.Rfe1 ab4 15.ab4 Bb5 16.Bf1 Rfc8 17.Ra2 Rab8 18.Ra7 Qd8 19.Rea1 h6 20.Nb1 Bc4 21.Nfd2 b5 equal; Babula - Bischoff, Deutschland 2005] Rfb8 14.cd5 [14.Rfc1 c5 15.bc5 bc5 16.dc5 Nc5 17.cd5 Bd5 18.Qd4 ½-½, Psakhis - Andersson, Polanica Zdroj 1997] cd5 15.Rfc1 ab4 16.ab4 Ra1 17.Ra1 Ra8 18.Ra8 Ba8 19.Ne5 Bb7 equal; Vaganian - Parligras, Goeteborg 2005

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7.Qc2 b6 8.cd5 ed5 9.Rc1 Na6 10.Bg2 c5 11.0-0 Bb7 12.b3 Qe7 13.Rfe1 Rfe8 14.Qb2 and White is slightly better; Agdestein - Hjartarson, London 1986

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7...b6 8.0-0 Bb7 and White is slightly better, see E16; **7...c6** 8.0-0 b6 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.e4 Na6 11.e5 Nd7 12.cd5 cd5 13.Qa4 Rc8 14.Rfc1 Qe7 15.Bf1 Ndb8 16.a3 and White is slightly better; Lalic - Lobron, Solingen 1988; **7...Nbd7** 8.0-0 c6 [8...b6 9.Qc2 Bb7 and White is slightly better, see E16] 9.Qc2 b6 10.e4 Bb7 11.e5 Ne8 12.cd5 cd5 13.Rfe1 a5 14.Bf1 Rc8 15.Qb3 and White is slightly better; Stohl - Bl. Kovacevic, Hrvatska 2003

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8...Nc6 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.e3 Nd2 11.Nd2 Rd8 12.cd5 ed5 13.Rc5 Be6 14.Qb3 Rab8 15.Rfc1 and White is slightly better; Meduna - Ambroz, CSSR (ch) 1980; **8...Nbd7** 9.Rc1 c6 10.Qc2 e5 11.cd5 Nd5 12.e4 Nb4 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 Na6 15.de5 Ne5 16.Ne5 Qe5 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Qc3 Nc5 19.e5 and White is slightly better; Van Wely - Timman, Dordrecht (rapid) 1998

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10.cd5 ed5 11.Qa4 and White is slightly better; Salov - I.Sokolov, Amsterdam 1996 see 67/(572)

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10...Nbd7?! 11.Nd7 Qd7 12.Qc2 Rac8 13.c5! c6 14.Qa4 Ba8 15.e4 and White is superior; Kramnik - J.

Polgar, Dortmund 1997 see 70/458

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13.e4! de4 [13...cd4 14.ed5 and White is superior] 14.Ne4 Ne4 15.Be4 Be4 16.Re4 cd4 17.Qd4 Nc5 18.
Re3 and White is slightly better; Kramnik



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