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ECO E, 4th Edition Part Two

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The forthcoming 672-page, fourth edition of ECO E is thirty percent larger (144 pages) than the previous edition. It offers an abundance of new material in openings such as the Catalan, Queen's Indian Defense and Mar del Plata variation of the King's Indian Defense.

In this article I wish to present a line that is rarely seen in practice, but our analysis shows that Black has very good prospects for counterplay on the king's wing. After **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8**, our main continuation is **10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.c5 h5 14.a4 Rf6**.

Here, **15.a5 Rg6 16.cd6 Nd6** was previously the most popular line of play, but after the match Shaked – Babula in Las Vegas, 1999, White tried to get an initiative on the queen's wing by **15.cd6 Nd6 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 cd6 18.Nd3 Rg6 19.Qb3 g4 10.Qb6 Qf8 21.Rfc1**. Now, instead of Babula's **21...Qf6**, Black achieves a satisfactory result with **21...g3 22.Be1 gh2 23.Kh2 Qf6**.

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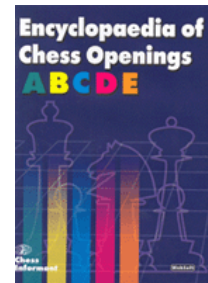
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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	...	f4 ²	Bf4	Qd2	cd5 ⁴	Nd3	Nf2	Be3	Bf4	equal
	Ne8 ¹	ef4	c6 ³	cd5	f5	fe4	e3	Nf5	h6 ⁵	
2	...	Nd3	f4 ⁶	Nf4 ⁸	Ne4	Kh1	Bd3	a4 ¹⁰	Ng5	unclear
	...	f5	ef4 ⁷	fe4 ⁹	Nf5	Qe7	Be5	Nf6	Ng4 ¹¹	
3	...	Be3	f3	Bf2	c5 ¹³	a4 ¹⁵	a5	cd6	Nd3	White is slightly better
	...	f5	f4 ¹²	g5	h5 ¹⁴	Ng6 ¹⁶	Rf7 ¹⁷	Nd6	Bf6 ¹⁸	
4	a5	cd6	Nb5 ²⁰	unclear
	Rf6	Rg6	Nd6 ¹⁹	g4 ²¹	
5	cd6	Nb5	Nd6	unclear
	Nd6 ²²	a6 ²³	cd6 ²⁴	

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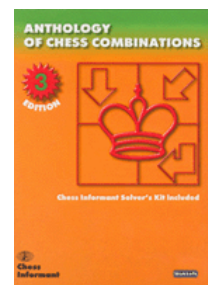


9...c5 10.f4 [10.Nd3 Ne8 11.f4 (11.Bd2 f5 12.f3 f4 13.g4 h5 14.h3 Kf7! unclear; Lazarev - Uhlmann, Hartberg 1991 see 52/656) b6 12.fe5 de5 13.b4 cb4 14.Nb4 and White is slightly better; R.Weinstein - Avner, Krakow 1964] ef4 11.Bf4 Ne8 12.Nd3 f6 13.Qd2 Bd7 [13...Kh8 14.Rab1 Ng8 15.b4 b6 16.bc5 bc5 17.Nb5 Rf7 18.Bd1! and White is superior; Korchnoi - Ciocaltea, Nice (ol) 1974 see 17/684] 14. Rab1 g5 15.Bg3 Ng6 16.Nd1 Qe7 17.N1f2 Bh8 18.h3 Ng7 19.b4 b6 20.bc5 bc5 21.Bg4 f5 22.ef5 Nf5

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23.Rb1 and White is superior; Sosonko - Ro.Gunawan, Surakarta/Denpasar 1982; **9...c6** 10.Be3 a6 11. Rcl cd5 12.cd5 b5 13.Nd3 Bd7 14.f3 Ne8 15.Qb3! and White is slightly better; Lalic - Murrey, Cappelle la Grande 1998 see 72/550

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10.b4 f5 11.f3 f4 12.c5 Rf7 13.Nd3 h5 14.a4 g5 15.Nf2 Bf8 16.a5 Ng6 17.Ba3 Rg7 18.h3 Nh4 unclear; Ikonnikov - A.Odeev, Voroshilovgrad 1989; **10.f3** f5 11.g4 [11.Nd3 see 10.Nd3; 11.Be3 see 10.Be3] Kh8 [11...c5 12.Rb1 Bd7 13.Nd3 f4 14.b4 b6 15.bc5 bc5 16.Bd2 Bf6 17.Kg2 h5 18.h3 Rf7 unclear; Neikirch - Penrose, Madrid 1960; 11...Nf6 see E99] 12.Ng2 Ng8 13.h4 Nh6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Qd2 Nf7 16.Be3 Nf6 17.g5 Nh5 18.ef5 Qf5 19.Ne4 (Andronis - Sofronie, Kallithea 2006) Bd7 unclear

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11...h6 12.Nc2 [12.Be3 f5 13.Bd4 g5 14.Nf3 Nf6 (A.Lavrov - Galkin, Rostov on Don 1996 see 69/(552)) 15.Bd3 fe4 16.Ne4 Nf5 17.Nf6 Bf6 18.Bf6 Qf6 19.Qd2 Bd7 equal; Galkin; 12.Nf3 f5 13.e5 g5 14.ed6 cd6 15.Be3 f4 16.Bf2 Nf5 unclear; Wells - Kupreichik, Bad Woerishofen 1997 see 69/552] f5 13.ef5 g5 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Qd3! Qe7 16.Bd2 Be5 17.Rf2 Neg7 18.Raf1 Bd7 19.g3 and White is slightly better; Al.Gavrilov - Navrotescu, Eforie-Nord 1996 see 69/(552); **11...f5** 12.Qd2 Nf6 13.ef5 Nf5 14. Nc2 h5 15.Bg5 Rf7 16.Bd3 Qf8 17.Bf5 [17.h3 c5! equal; Hillarp Persson - Hjartarson, Gausdal 1996] Bf5 18.Nd4 and White is slightly better

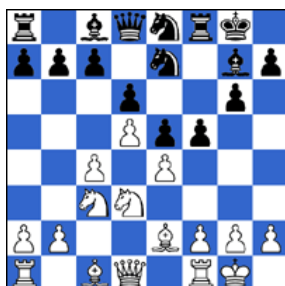
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13.ed5 Nf5 14.Nd3 Bd7 15.Rae1 Qb6 16.Kh1 Nf6 17.b3 Rfe8 equal; P.Cody - V.Pankratov, corr.1996

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18.Bd3 g5 equal; Jussupow - Kupreichik, Eupen 1996 see 66/534

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11.ef5 Nf5 [11...gf5 12.f4 e4 13.Nf2 c5 14.dc6 (14.Be3 Nf6 15.Kh1 Kh8 16.Rg1 and White is slightly better; Szilagyi - Beni, Marianske Lazne 1956) bc6 15.Be3 Ng6 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Qb8 18.Rd2 Rf7 19.g3 a5 20.Qd1 and White is slightly better; Ra.Cruz - Benko, Mar del Plata 1965] 12.f3 Nf6 unclear see 9...Nd7; **11.f3** f4 [11...h5 12.c5 Kh7 13.cd6 cd6 14.Nf2 f4 15.Bd2 g5 16.Rc1 Ng8 17.a4 Nh6 18. Nb5 Rg8 19.h3 Bf8 unclear; B.Maksimovic - Kupreichik, Jugoslavija 1993 see 58/680] 12.g4 h5 13.h3 Bf6 14.Bd2 Bh4 [14...Kg7 15.Be1 Rh8 16.Kg2 unclear; Gelfand - J.Polgar, Linares 1994 see 60/588] 15.Be1 Be1 16.Qe1 g5 unclear; Miladinovic - Gabriel, Pula 1997 see 70/(562); **11.Bd2** Kh8 [11...fe4 12.Ne4 c6 13.dc6! bc6 14.Bc3 and White is slightly better; Akopian - Dimitrov, Linares 1996 see 66/535; 11...c5 12.Rb1 b5 13.cb5 fe4 (Pogorelov - Zulfugarli, Ubeda 2001 see 81/488) 14.Ne1 Bb7 15. Nc2 and White is slightly better; Pogorelov; 11...f4 12.Bg4 g5 13.c5 Ng6 14.h3 Bg4 15.Qg4 Rf7 16. Rac1 Nf6 17.Qd1 h5 unclear; Ftacnik - Sikora-Lerch, CSSR 1984; 11...Nf6 12.f3 see E99] 12.f3 f4 13. c5 h5 14.Rc1 g5 15.cd6 cd6 16.Nf2 Rf6 unclear; Piket - J.Polgar, Monaco (rapid) 1994 see 60/(588)

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11...fe4 12.Ne4 c6 13.dc6 Nc6 14.Be3 Nd4 equal; Enklaar - Ghitescu, Amsterdam 1971

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12.Bf4 fe4 [12...Bc3?! 13.bc3 fe4 14.Nb4 Nf5 15.Qd2 and White is slightly better; Al.Gavrilov - Galkin, Saint Petersburg 1994 see 62/614] 13.Ne4 Nf5 14.Bg5 Nf6 15.g4 Nd4 16.Ndf2 Qe7 1/2 : 1/2 Petrosian - Tal, Bled 1961

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12...Bc3?! 13.bc3 fe4 14.Ne6! Be6 15.Rf8 Kf8 16.de6 and White is superior; Peng Zhaoqin - Kotronias, Wijk aan Zee 1995 see 65/587; **12...Nf6?!** 13.ef5 Nf5 14.g4! Ne7 15.Nb5! and White is superior; Kozul - Cvitan, Osijek 1992 see 56/(710); **12...Be5** 13.Nd3 Bd4 (Yermolinsky - Van Wely, Wijk aan Zee 1997 see 68/(550)) 14.Kh1 unclear

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16.g3 Neg7 17.Ng2 Qe8 18.Rb1 Bd7 19.b3 c5 20.Re1 Qc8 equal; Yermolinsky - Rogozenko, Bad Zwosten 1997



11...c5 12.d6 bc6 13.Qd2 Be6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.f4 [15.b4 Rd8! unclear; Shirov - Uhlmann, Deutschland 1994 see 60/589] fe4 16.Ne4 Nf5 17.fe5 Be5 18.Nd3 Bg7 19.Nf4 Ne3 20.Qe3 Bf5 unclear; Pogorelov - Kaminski, Zaragoza 1996; 17.Ng5!? and White is slightly better; **11...Kh8** 12.c5 [12.a4 Ng8 13.a5 (13.Nd3 f4 14.Bf2 h5 15.c5 g5 unclear; Gelfand - J.Polgar, Dos Hermanas 1995 see 63/550) Bh6 14.Bf2 Ngf6 15.Nd3 Nh5 16.c5 Nef6 unclear; Gelfand - J.Polgar, Dos Hermanas 1996 see 66/536] Ng8 13.a4 [13.b4?! f4 14.Bf2 g5 15.g4 fg3 16.hg3 Bh3 17.Ng2 Qf6 unclear; Schmidt - J.Polgar, Polska 2002 see 85/492] Bh6 14.Bf2 Ngf6 15.a5 Bd7 16.Nd3 Qe7 17.Qb3 and White is slightly better; Ostenstad - Djurhuus, Norge (ch) 2002 see 85/(492); **11...Nf6** see E99

13.a4 h5 14.a5 Rf6 15.c5 see 13.c5

13...Ng6 14.a4 [14.cd6 Nd6 15.Nd3 and White is slightly better; Ivanchuk - Van Wely, Monaco (rapid) 1997 see 70/(562)] Rf7 15.Nd3 [15.cd6 cd6 16.a5 Nf6 (16...h5 17.Nb5 a6 18.Nc3 Nf6 19.Na4 Nd7 20.Nb6 and White is superior; O'Kelly - Ghitescu, Sandefjord 1975 see 19/632) 17.Kh1 Bf8 18.Nb5 Bd7 19.Na7 g4 20.Bb6 Qe8 21.Qb3 Rg7 22.Nb5 Rc8 with compensation; Narciso - Illescas, Espana (ch) 1999] Bf8 16.a5 and White is slightly better; Korchnoi - Van Wely, Antwerpen 1997 see 70/562



14.cd6 cd6 15.a4 Nf6 [15...Ng6 16.Nb5 a6 17.Na3 Nf6 18.Nc4 g4 19.Qb3 g3 unclear; Shirov - Kasparov, Manila (ol) 1992 see 55/648] 16.a5 Bd7 17.Qb3 g4! 18.Qb7 g3! 19.hg3 fg3 20.Bg3 Ng6 21.Nd3 h4 22.Bh2 Nh5 unclear; Bilinskas - V.Gurevich, Lubniewice 1998 see 73/(689); **14.Rc1** Ng6 [14...Rf6 15.Nb5 a6 16.Na7 Bd7 17.c6 bc6 18.Nc6 Nc6 19.dc6 and White is superior; D.Gurevich - Rubsamen, Las Vegas 2007] 15.a4 Bh6 [15...Rf7 16.cd6 cd6 17.Nb5 a6 18.Na3 Rb8 19.Nc4 b5 20.Nb6 Rb6 21.Rc8 Qc8 22.Bb6 Nf6 23.Qc2 Qb8 24.a5 and White is superior; Farago - Szekely, Magyarorszag 1987] 16.Nd3 Rf7 (Sanchez de Ybarguen Gutierrez - Tay jr., corr.1999) 17.cd6 cd6 18.Kh1 unclear

14...dc5?! 15.Bc5 Rf6 16.Nd3 Rg6 17.Bf2! and White is superior; Gelfand - Topalov, Wijk aan Zee 1996 see 65/588; **14...Kh8** 15.a5 dc5 16.Bc5 Nd6 17.a6 [17.Nd3 Ng8 18.b4 Nh6 19.Nf2 Rg8 unclear; Illescas - Topalov, Madrid 1993 see 58/(680)] ba6 18.Ba6 Bd7 19.Nd3 g4 20.Kh1 Ng6 21.Bg1 Nh4 22.Nc5 and White is slightly better; Ikonnikov - Gallagher, Geneve 1994 see 60/(589)

15...Bh6 16.Nb5! [16.b4?! Kh7 17.cd6 cd6 18.Nb5 g4 19.fg4 hg4 20.Bg4 Bg4 21.Qg4 Nf6 22.Qf5 (22.Qf3 Qd7! 23.Na7! Ng4 unclear; Korchnoi - Kasparov, Debrecen 1992 see 56/710) f3 23.Nf3 Nd5 24.Bh4 Rf5 25.Bd8 Rf4 unclear; Zueger - Cvitan, Bern 1993 see 57/(623); 16.Kh1 Kh7 17.cd6 cd6 18.Nb5 a6 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.Na4 g4 21.Nb6 Rb8 22.Nc8 Qc8 and White is slightly better; Kozul - Cvitan, Zagreb 1993 see 57/(623)] a6 17.Na3 Kh8 18.Nc4 Rg8 19.Ra3 and White is superior; Korchnoi - Shirov, Buenos Aires 1993 see 57/623; **15...Nf6** see E99

18.Nc5 Nf8 19.Nb5 Rg7 20.a6 ba6 21.Na6 g4 22.Na7 g3 23.Bc5 Bh3!! unclear; Gelfand - Kantsler, Israel 2001 see 81/489; 19.Qb3 and White is slightly better; Korchnoi - Relange, Cannes 1996

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16...cd6 17.Nb5 a6 18.Bb6 Qd7 19.Qb3 g4 20.Rc1 Bf8 21.Nc7 Nc7 22.Rc7 and White is slightly better; R.Odendahl - Kupreichik, Deutschland 1992 see 57/(622)

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17.h3 Kh8 18.Nd3 Ng8 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Ra3 Nh6 21.Nb5 g4 22.fg4 hg4 23.Nd6 cd6 24.Ne6 Be6 25. de6 f3 unclear; Korchnoi - J.Polgar, Monaco (blindfold) 1994 see 60/(589); **17.Nd3** g4 18.Bh4 Qf8 19. g3 Bf6 20.fg4 hg4 unclear; Shirov - Nunn, Amsterdam 1995 see 64/562

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18.Na7 Bd7! with compensation; Nunn; **18.Nd6** cd6 19.Bh4 Qf8 [19...gf3 20.Bf3 Bg4 21.Nd3 Qd7 22. Qa4 and White is slightly better; Di.Becker - Kupreichik, Eupen 1993 see 57/(622)] 20.Qa4! Bf6 21. Bf6 Rf6 22.Rc1 Ng6 unclear; Ftacnik - Wojtkiewicz, Budapest 1993 see 57/622

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15...cd6 16.a5 Nc7 17.Nd3 Rg6 18.Kh1! g4 19.g3! h4 20.fg4 hg3 21.hg3 and White is slightly better; Vera - Perez Merlos, Espana 2004 see 91/494

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16...Rg6 17.Nd3 [17.Rc1 Ne8 18.Na7 Bd7 19.Qb3 Kh7 with compensation; Ringwelski - C.Stefan, corr.2000] g4 18.Bh4 a6 19.Nd6 Qd6 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Be1 Rg7 unclear; Gladyshev - Aquettaz, Val Thorens 2002

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18.a5 Rg6 19.Bb6 Qf8 20.h3 [20.Rc1 g4 21.Nd3 (Krivoshey - Karner, Oberwart 2001) Bf6 unclear] Bf6 21.Nd3 (Nickl - Bonstingl, Oesterreich (ch) 1993) g4 22.fg4 hg4 23.hg4 Qg7 24.Nf2 Bh4 25.Rc1 Bf2 26.Rf2 Bg4 27.Bg4 Rg4 28.Rc7 Kf7 unclear; **18.Nd3** Rg6 19.Qb3 g4 20.Qb6 Qf8 21.Rfc1 g3 [21... Qf6 22.Be1 (22.Rc2 Qg5 23.Be1 (Shaked - Babula, Las Vegas (m/1) 1999 see 77/582) gf3 24.Bf3 Bg4 unclear, with the idea 25.Kf1 Bf3 26.gf3 Nf5! 27.ef5 Qf5 with the idea e4 Babula) Kh7 23.Rc7 gf3 24. Bf3 Bg4 25.Kf1 Re8 26.Qb7 Bf3 27.gf3 Qg5 28.Nf2 Qg1 29.Ke2 Bf6 unclear; Shaked - Babula, Las Vegas (m/4) 1999 see 77/(582)] 22.Be1 gh2 23.Kh2 Qf6 24.Rc2 Bh6 [24...Qg5 25.Bf1 Bg4 26.Qb7 Rf8 27.Nf2 Rf7 unclear; An.Zawadka - J.Monacell, corr.2000] 25.Rac1 Bg5 26.Bf1 Bh4 unclear; An. Zawadka - Desmossier, corr.2000

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