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Top TNT 3

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The latest CD, [Top TNT 3](#), covers the top tournaments played from January 1 to April 30, 2009. In all 1,142 games from nineteen of the most important events are presented. In addition, the latest achievements in the development of chess theory are presented in the four most often played openings: B90, C88, D15 and D43.

Similar to the previous period, the Slav Defense [D15] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.e3 b5 6.b3 Bg4 is at a peak of popularity. However, the leading players may be tiring of the continuations 7.h3 and 7.Be2, as they have tried to make something of the rarely played continuation 7. Bd2. This move was played for the first time by Morozevich against Ivanchuk in Wijk aan Zee. In the first of ten lines surveyed in this article, the games clearly demonstrate that Black has no trouble keeping an equal position.

D15

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.e3 b5 6.b3 Bg4										
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Bd2 <sup>1</sup>	h3	Qf3	Na4	Qd1 <sup>3</sup>	ed4	g3 <sup>5</sup>	Bg2	0-0	equal
	Nbd7 <sup>2</sup>	Bf3	b4	e5	ed4 <sup>4</sup>	Ne4	Bd6	Ndf6	a5 <sup>6</sup>	
2	h3	gf3	c5 <sup>8</sup>	f4	Ne4 <sup>10</sup>	Bg2	f3	Bf3	Qe2	equal
	Bf3	e6 <sup>7</sup>	Nbd7	Ne4 <sup>9</sup>	de4	f5	ef3	Rc8	Nf6 <sup>11</sup>	
3	...	Qf3	de5 <sup>13</sup>	Bd2	Bc3	Bb4	Bc4 <sup>14</sup>	a3	Bd6	and White is slightly better
	...	e5 <sup>12</sup>	Bb4	Bc3	Ne4	bc4	Qb6 <sup>15</sup>	a5	Nd6 <sup>16</sup>	
4	...	...	Bd2	Bd3 <sup>18</sup>	Rc1	Bc3	Qd1	bc4	Ra1	equal
	...	e6	Bb4 <sup>17</sup>	Qa5 <sup>19</sup>	Bc3	Qa2	dc4	bc4	Qb3 <sup>20</sup>	
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.e3 b5 6.b3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 <sup>21</sup> 8.0-0 <sup>22</sup> Nbd7 <sup>23</sup>										
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
5	Bb2 <sup>24</sup>	Ne5 <sup>26</sup>	Ne2	cd5	Rc1	Nc6 <sup>27</sup>	Nf4	Ne5	f3	equal
	Bd6 <sup>25</sup>	Be2	Qc7	cd5	Qb8	Qb7	0-0	Rfc8	Rc1 <sup>28</sup>	
6	h3	Bb2	Nh4 <sup>31</sup>	f3	Ng6 <sup>32</sup>	cd5	Bd3	a4	Ra4	equal
	Bf5 <sup>29</sup>	Bd6 <sup>30</sup>	Be4	Bg6	hg6	cd5	0-0	ba4	Qb6 <sup>33</sup>	
7	...	Bd3	Bg6 <sup>35</sup>	Qd3	cd5	a4	Ne2	Bd2	Rfc1	equal
	...	Bg6 <sup>34</sup>	hg6	Be7	cd5	b4 <sup>36</sup>	0-0	Qb6	Rfc8 <sup>37</sup>	
8	...	Bb2 <sup>38</sup>	Ne5	Ne2	bc4	Qc2 <sup>41</sup>	Nd3 <sup>42</sup>	Rfd1	c5	unclear
	Bh5	Bd6 <sup>39</sup>	Be2	bc4 <sup>40</sup>	0-0	Qc7	Ne4	Rfc8	Be7 <sup>43</sup>	
9	...	...	...	...	cd5	Rc1	Nd7 <sup>45</sup>	f3	e4 <sup>47</sup>	unclear
	...	...	...	Qc7	cd5	Qb8 <sup>44</sup>	Kd7	Qb7 <sup>46</sup>	de4 <sup>48</sup>	
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	e4	d5	equal
	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nd7	de4 <sup>49</sup>	0-0 <sup>50</sup>	

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7.Qd2 Bf3 8.gf3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 e6 10.c5 a5 11.a4 b4 12.Ne2 g6 13.Nf4 Qc7 14.Nd3 Nh5 15.f4 Be7 16.0-0-0 Bh4 17.Be2 Ng7 18.Kb1 f5 19.Ka2 Nf6 20.f3 Nd7 21.Rdg1 Nh5 equal; Aronian - Sergey Karjakin, Nice (blindfold) 2009;

7.Bb2 e6 8.Be2 see 7.Be2

2

7...e6 8.h3 Bf3 9.Qf3 see 7.h3

3

11.Rc1 Bd6 12.cd5 cd5 13.de5 Ne5 14.Qd1 0-0 equal; M.Carlsen - Wang Yue, Linares 2009

4

11...Ne4 12.Bd3 Nd2 13.Qd2 ed4 14.0-0 [14.cd5 cd5 15.0-0 Bd6 16.Bf5 Nf6 17.Qd4 0-0 18.Rac1 g6 19.Bd3 a5 20.Rc6 Re8 21.Qb6 Qb6 22.Nb6 Rad8 23.Bb5 Re6 equal; Kramnik - Sergey Karjakin, Nice (rapid) 2009] Bd6 [14...Be7?! 15.cd5 cd5 16.Bf5 Rb8 17.Qd4 Nf6 18.Rac1 0-0 19.Rc6 and White is superior; Evgeny Alekseev - Svidler, Nalchik 2009] 15.cd5 cd5 equal, see 14.cd5

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13.Bd3 (Legky - R.Vidonyak, Lviv 2009) Nd2 14.Qd2 Bd6 equal

6

16.cd5 cd5 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Rc1 Re8 19.Re1 Qb6 20.Qc2 Nd2 21.Re8 Re8 22.Qd2 Rc8 23.Nd3 Rc1 24.Nc1 Ne4 25.Qd3 Nc3 26.a4 g6 equal; Aronian - Svidler, Nalchik 2009

7

8...Nbd7



a) 9.Bb2 dc4 10.bc4 e5 11.cb5 ab5 12.de5 Ne5 13.f4 Qd1! [13...Ned7 14.Bg2 Ba3 15.Qc1! Bb2 16.Qb2 Rc8 17.a4 ba4 18.0-0 0-0 19.Ra4 and White is slightly better; Bareev - Ivan Sokolov, Sarajevo 2003 see 87/(337)] 14.Kd1 Ned7 equal; Ivan Sokolov;

b) 9.f4

b1) 9...bc4 10.bc4 dc4 11.Bc4 e6 12.Rb1 [12.Bd2 Bb4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Ne4 a5 15.Bb4 ab4 16.Nf6 Nf6 17.Qf3 Nd5 18.Rfc1 Ra5 19.Rab1 Qd6 ½-½, Van der Sterren - Shirov, Biel (izt) 1993 see 58/(402)] Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qf3 c5 15.cd5 Nc5 16.Ba3 [16.Rd1 Qc7 17.Bb2 Rfc8 18.Bf1 Rab8 19.Ba1 and White is slightly better; Arencibia Rodriguez] Ncd7 17.Bb2 and White is slightly better; Arencibia Rodriguez - Bareev, Kitchener 2006 see 97/280;

b2) 9...e6 10.c5 see 8...e6

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9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.f4 bc4 11.bc4 Bb4 12.Bd2 0-0 13.c5 Bc3 14.Bc3 Ne4 15.

Bd3 f5 16.h4 Ndf6 17.f3 Nc3 18.Qc3 Qc7 19.Rb1 Rfb8 20.Kd2 and White is slightly better; M.Gurevich - R.Kozlov, Torino (ol) 2006 see 97/(280); 16...Qc7 equal

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**10...g6** 11.Bd3 Nh5 12.Bb2 a5 13.Qc2 Bg7 14.0-0-0 and White is slightly better; Sakaev - Rublevsky, Saint Petersburg 1993 see 56/420;

**10...Be7** 11.Bd3 g6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bb2 a5 14.Ne2 Nh5 15.Ng1 f5 16.Nf3 Bh4 17.Rg1 Rf7 18.Rg2 Kf8 19.Be2 Ng7 20.0-0-0 a4 [20...b4 21.Kd2 and White is slightly better, with the idea Ra1, a3 M.Gurevich] 21.b4 and White is slightly better; M.Gurevich - Postny, Kusadasi 2006 see 97/(280);

**10...Ng8** 11.Bb2 Ne7 12.a4 (½-½, Bareev - Shirov, Muenchen 1993 see 57/(369)) g6 equal; Shirov

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11.Bd2 Nc3 12.Bc3 a5 13.Bd3 f5 14.h4 Nf6 15.h5 Ne4 equal; Ivanchuk - B.Gelfand, Dresden (ol) 2008

11

16.Bd2



a) 16...Nd5 17.e4! Qh4 18.Kd1! Nf4 19.Qe1! Ng6 20.ef5 Qd4 21.Qe6 Ne7 only move 22.Re1!! [22.Ke2 Qd7 and White is superior; Vallejo Pons - Ivan Sokolov, Selfoss 2003 see 89/352] Qa1 23.Ke2 Qd4 24.Bh5 g6 [24...Kd8 25.Ba5] 25.fg6 Qc5 26.Kf1! and White is winning; Ivan Sokolov;

b) 16...Qd7 17.Rg1 Kf7 18.0-0-0 g6 [18...Be7 19.Rg3 Rhe8 20.Rdg1 Bf8 21.Bh5 Nh5 22.Qh5 Kg8 23.Bc3 Re7 24.h4 Rf7 25.Qe2 Qd5 26.h5 Rf6 27.Qh2 Kf7 equal; Orzech - Kindermann, Deutschland (tch) 2008] 19. Kc2 Be7 ½-½, J.Gustafsson - Ni Hua, Reggio Emilia 2008/09

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8...bc4 9.bc4 e5 10.Rb1! [10.c5 Nbd7 11.Be2 g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.Rb1 0-0 14.Bd1 Ne8! 15.Ne2 Nc7 16.Ba4 Nb5 unclear; J.Pinter - V.Komliakov, Manila (ol) 1992 see 56/(419)] Qa5 [10...Nbd7 11.Bd2 Qe7 12.Be2 and White is superior; A.Chernin - Vi.Gavrikov, Tilburg 1992 see 56/419] 11. Qf5!! Nbd7 12.Bd2 Bb4 (Gleizerov - Bereziuk, Katowice 1992) 13.Rb4! Qb4 14.Nd5 Qd6 15.Bb4 Qb8!? 16.Nf6 Nf6 17.Ba3 with compensation, with initiative; A.Chernin

13

9.c5 Nbd7 10.Be2 g6 equal; Semkov - L.Spassov, Sitges 1993

14

13.bc4 Qb6 14.a3 a5 15.cd5! [15.e6 Ra7! and Black is superior; Ovsejevitch - V.Komliakov, Mikolaiv 1993] cd5 16.Bd2! Qb2 17.Rd1 Nc6 (Dlugy - Bologan, New York 1993 see 57/369) 18.Bd3 Ne5 19.Qe2 0-0 20.0-0 Qa3 21.Be4 de4 22.Qb5! with the idea Ra1 equal; Bologan

15

13...Ng5 14.Qe2 dc4 15.Rd1 Nd7 16.Qc4 c5 17.Bc3 0-0 18.0-0 Ne6 19.f4 g6 20.Rd6 and White is superior; Markos - Timoscenko, Slovensko (ch) 2006

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16.ed6



a) 16...dc4 17.Qe4 Kd8 18.Qc4 [18.bc4 Re8 19.Qh7 (Prusikin - P. Neuman, Deutschland 2006 see 96/(281)) Qd4 20.0-0 Qf6 21.Qc2 Nd7 22.Rfd1 Re6 unclear] Ra7 19.0-0 Rd7 20.Rfd1 Qb5 21.Qd4 f6 22.b4 and White is slightly better;

b) 16...0-0 17.Be2 Qc5 [17...Qb3 18.0-0 Nd7 19.e4 and White is slightly better; Tkachiev - Alexei Kornev, Moscow 2005 see 96/281] 18.0-0 Qd6 19.e4 [19.Rfc1 Nd7 20.Qf5 Nf6 21.Qc2 Rfc8 22.Qc5 and White is slightly better] Nd7 20.ed5 cd5 (Tkachiev - Bacrot, Espana 2007) 21.Bb5 Nf6 22.Rfc1 and White is slightly better; Prusikin

## 17

9...Nbd7 10.Bd3



a) 10...Ba3 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rad1 [12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Be1 e5 14.cd5 cd5 15.de5 Ne5 16.Qf4 Qe7 17.Bf1 Rad8 equal; Ch.Bauer - I.Dorfman, France (ch) 2002] Rc8 13.Qe2 Re8 14.c5 Bb4 15.a3 Bc3 16.Bc3 e5 17.de5 Ne5 18.Bf5 Ra8 19.Bd4 and White is slightly better; Morozovich - Ivanchuk, Wijk aan Zee 2009;

b) 10...Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfd1 Qe7 13.c5 Bc7 14.e4 de4 15.Be4 Ne4 16.Ne4 (Roiz - Rodshtein, Beer-Sheva (rapid) 2007) e5 equal;

c) 10...Bb4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Qe1 bc4 14.bc4 c5 15.dc5 dc4 16.Bc4 Qc5 17.Bb3 Rfc8 18.Na4 Bd2 19.Qd2 Qa3 equal; T.Gelashvili - Abergel, Cappelle la Grande 2009

## 18

10.Qd1 0-0 11.Be2 bc4 12.bc4 c5! 13.cd5 [13.dc5? d4! 14.ed4 Qd4 and Black is superior; Oll - V.Anand, Biel (izt) 1993 see 58/402] cd4 14.ed4 Bc3! 15.Bc3 Nd5 16.Qd2 Nc3 17.Qc3 Nd7 equal; A.Mirzoev - Rodney Perez Garcia, Elgoibar 2002

## 19

10...0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.a3 Ba5 13.cd5 cd5 14.b4 Bc7 15.a4 ba4 16.Ra4 Bd6 17.Rb1 a5 18.ba5 Ra5 19.Ra5 Qa5 equal; D.Bocharov - Matlakov, Russia 2008

## 20

16.Qb3 cb3 17.Ke2 Nbd7 18.Rhb1 c5 19.Ra6 Ra6 20.Ba6 0-0 21.Rb3 Rb8 22.Rb8 Nb8 23.Bd3 cd4 24.Bd4 Nc6 equal; L'Ami - Laznicka, Liverpool 2008

## 21

7...Nbd7 8.h3 Bf5!

a) 9.Nh4 Ne4! 10.Ne4 [10.Nd5?! cd5 11.Nf5 e6! 12.Ng3 Bb4 13.Kf1 Ng3 14.fg3 0-0! with compensation; Pr.Nikolic - Illescas Cordoba, Wijk aan Zee 1997 see 68/342] Be4 11.0-0 e6 12.Nf3 equal; Illescas Cordoba;

b) 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Ne5 11.de5 Ne4 12.Ne4 Be4 13.f3 Bg6 14.cd5 cd5 15.a4 b4 unclear; Kramnik - Sasikiran, Dresden (ol) 2008;

c) 9.Bb2 e6 see 7...e6;

d) 9.0-0 e6 see 7...e6



**8.Ne5** Be2 9.Qe2 Bb4 [9...Nbd7 10.0-0 Ne5 11.de5 Nd7 12.cd5 cd5 13. Bb2 Bb4! 14.Rfd1 0-0 15.a4 ba4 16.Na4 Qe7 17.e4 de4 18.Qe4 Rab8 equal; Epishin - Shirov, Las Palmas 1994 see 60/361; 9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bb2 Nfd7 12.Nd7 ½-½, B.Gulko - N.Short, New York (m/8) 1994 see 61/(386)] 10.Bd2 Qa5 11.Rc1 Ne4 12.Ne4 de4 13.Rc2! [13.f3 f6 14.Ng4 ef3 15.gf3 0-0 16.Nf2 Nd7 17.Nd3 Bd2 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.0-0 c5 and Black is slightly better; At.Kolev - Ivan Sokolov, Burgas 1993 see 58/(403)] 0-0 14.Qg4 Bd2 15.Rd2 Qc3! 16.Ke2 f5 17.Qh4 Ra7! 18.c5! Rc7 19.Rf1 Nd7! 20.Qe7 Ne5 21.Qc7 Nc4! 22.Rfd1 f4! 23.ef4 e3! 24.bc4 ed2 25.Rd2 Qc4 26.Ke3 Qc3 27.Ke2 Qc4 equal; Vyzmanavin - Ivan Sokolov, Burgas 1993 see 58/403;

**8.Bb2** Nbd7 9.h3 Bf5 10.c5 [10.0-0 Bd6 see 8.0-0] Be7 11.b4 a5 12.a3 Ne4! [12...ab4 13.ab4 and White is slightly better; Ivan Sokolov - Bacrot, Albert (m/4) 2004 see 90/335] 13.Na2 [13.Ne4 de4 14.Ne5 Ne5 15.de5 Qd1 16.Kd1 ab4 17.ab4 Ra1 18.Ba1 Kd7 equal; Ivan Sokolov] a4 14.Nc1 h5! 15.Nd3 h4 16.Nde5 Qc7 17.Nd7 Qd7 18.Bd3 f6 19.Qc2 Bd8 equal; Ivan Sokolov - Bacrot, Albert (m/6) 2004 see 90/(335);

**8.h3** Bh5 [8...Bf3 9.Bf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.a4 Rc8 13.ab5 ab5 14.c5 e5 15.Bd2 Ra8 unclear; B.Gulko - N.Short, New York (m/10) 1994 see 61/(386)] 9.Ne5 Be2 10.Ne2 Bb4 11.Bd2 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.cd5 cd5 14.Rc1 Nbd7 15.Nc6 Qb6 16.Ba5 Qb7 17.Nb4 Rac8 18.f3 Nb8 19. Qd2 Nfd7 20.Rfd1 h6 equal; An.Karpov - Ivan Sokolov, Hoogeveen 2003 see 89/(353)

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**8...Be7** 9.Bb2 [9.h3 Bh5 10.Ne5 Be2 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Rd1 Nfd7 13.Nd7 Nd7 14.e4 and White is slightly better; Notkin - Chuprikov, Russia 1995] 0-0 10.Ne5 [10.cd5 cd5 11.Ne5 Be2 12.Ne2 Ra7 13.Nf4 Qb6 14.Rc1 Rc7 15.Rc7 Qc7 16.Qb1 Rc8 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.Rc2 Ne8 equal; S.Savchenko - Bareev, Russia 1995] Be2 11.Ne2 Qb6 12.cd5 cd5 13.Rc1 b4 (I.Farago - Gofshtein, Bratto 1998 see 73/418) 14.Nf4 and White is slightly better; Gofshtein, Kantsler;

**8...Bd6** 9.h3 Bh5 10.Bb2 Nbd7 see 8...Nbd7

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9.a4 b4 10.Nb1 a5 11.Nbd2 Bd6 12.Bb2 Qb8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qc2 0-0 15.e4 e5 unclear; R.Kempinski - M.Kobalia, Linares 2001 see 81/308

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**9...Qb8** 10.cd5 cd5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Ne5 Be2 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.Nd7 Nd7 15. e4 0-0 16.Rac1 b4 17.Na4 Qb5! 18.Rfe1 de4! 19.Qe4 (T.Radjabov - A. Delchev, Leon 2001 see 83/371) Rac8 20.Rc8 Rc8 21.Rc1 Rc1 22.Bc1 Qd5 23.Qd5 ed5 24.Be3 unclear; T.Radjabov;

**9...Be7** 10.Ne5 Be2 11.Ne2

a) 11...Ne5 12.de5 Nd7 13.cd5 cd5 14.Rc1! [14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Rc1 0-0 16. Rc6 Qb7 17.Qc2 and White is slightly better; Morovic Fernandez - Gomez Baillo, Argentina (ch) 1995] 0-0 15.Rc6 Qb8 16.f4 Qb7 17.Qc2 Rfc8 18.Rc1 Bc5 19.Rc8 Rc8 20.Bd4 Rc7 21.g4! and White is slightly better; Z.Ilincic - M.Tosic, Bosna i Hercegovina 2001 see 82/340;

b) 11...Qb6 12.Qc2 0-0 (B.Avrukh - Sakaev, Bugojno 1999 see 77/366) 13.cb5 cb5 14.Rfc1 Bd6! 15.Qc6 Be5 16.de5 Qc6 17.Rc6 Ng4 18.Rc7

Rfd8 unclear; B.Avrukh

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10.h3 Bf5 see 9.h3; 10...Bh5 see 9.h3

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14.f4? 0-0 15.Rc6 Rc8 16.Qc2 Rc6 17.Qc6 Ra7 18.Rc1 Nb6 19.Qc2 Rc7 20.Qd1 Qc8 and Black is slightly better; B.Avrukh - Dautov, Istanbul (ol) 2000 see 80/398

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18.Qc1 Rc8 19.Qd2 (Mozetic - Matulovic, Beograd 2001 see 81/(308)) Rc7! 20.g4 Qc8 21.Rf2 Nf8! with the idea N6d7 equal; Matulovic

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9...Bf3 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.Bd2 Be7 12.e4 [12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 a5 14.Rc1 0-0 15.Nf4 Bd6 16.Nd3 Qe7 equal; Stohl - Vl.Sergeev, Slovensko 1994 see 63/(328)] b4 13.ed5 bc3 14.dc6 cd2 15.cd7 Nd7 16.Ba8 Qa8 17.Qd2 and White is slightly better; B.Finegold - Ren.Gonzalez, USA (ch) 2006

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10...Be7 11.Bd3 Bd3 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Nd2 ½-½, Malaniuk - Dreev, Yerevan (ol) 1996

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11.Bd3 Bg6 12.Qe2 [12.Bg6 hg6 13.Qd3 Qb8 14.cd5 cd5 15.Rfc1 0-0 16.Rc2 ½-½, T.Nyback - Sasikiran, Warszawa 2008] 0-0 13.Bg6 hg6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Rac1 Qe7 (Ba.Jobava - B.Avrukh, Ohrid 2001 see 82/339) 16.e4 Bf4 17.e5 Ne4! 18.Ne4 Bc1 19.Nd6 Bb2 20.Nc8 Rc8 21.Qb2 bc4 22.bc4 Rb8 23.Qc3 equal; B.Avrukh

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13.f4 Ne4! 14.Ng6 Nc3 15.Bc3 hg6 16.Bd3 f5 equal; H.Stefansson - Van den Doel, Antwerpen 1998 see 73/417

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18.Qa1 Rfb8 19.Ra6 Ra6 20.Qa6 Qa6 21.Ba6 Rb3 equal; P.Haba - Khalifman, Deutschland 2002

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**10...Bd6** 11.Bf5! [11.Qe2 Bd3 12.Qd3 b4 13.Na4 Ne4 (Riazantsev - Bologan, Moscow 2002 see 84/311) 14.Bd2!? and White is slightly better; Bologan] ef5 12.Qc2 b4 (Harikrishna - Sadykov, Iraklion 2002) 13.Na4 g6 14.c5 Bc7 15.Bd2 a5 16.a3 ba3 17.Ra3 and White is slightly better; Bologan;

**10...Bb4** 11.Bb2 [11.Ne2 Bd3 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Bb2 Qb8! equal; B.Avrukh - Malakhatko, Athens 2003 see 88/335] Bd3 [11...0-0 12.Bf5 ef5 13.cd5 cd5 14.Qd3 and White is slightly better; Ivan Sokolov - S.Movsesian, Sarajevo 2003 see 87/338] 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Rfc1 Bd6 14.Rc2! 14...Rc8 15.Rac1 dc4 16.bc4 b4 17.Ne4 Ne4 18.Qe4 Qa5 (B.Gelfand - P.Acs, Budapest 2003 see 87/337) 19.Qd3 Rfd8 20.e4 and White is slightly better; B.Gelfand;

**10...Bd3** 11.Qd3 Be7 12.Bb2 Qb8 13.cd5 cd5 14.Rac1 0-0 15.Ne2 Qb7 equal; D.Jakovenko - Rublevsky, Russia 2005 see 94/(291)

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11.Qc2 Bh5 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.c5! e5 14.f4! e4 15.Nde4 de4 16.Ne4 Ne4 17.Be4 with compensation; Riazantsev - Sakaev, Moscow 2005 see 93/311

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14...ba4!? 15.Ra4 Qb6 16.Ba3 Ba3 17.Ra3 0-0 18.Rfa1 Rfb8 19.Nd2 a5  
Sergey Karjakin, V.Borovikov

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Aronian - Sergey Karjakin, Moscow 2004 see 90/(336)

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**10.Nd2** Bg6! 11.a4 b4 12.Na2 a5 13.Bb2 Bd6 14.Nc1 0-0 15.Nd3 Ne4  
equal; Wl.Schmidt - S.Berezjuk, Katowice 1992 see 56/(418);

**10.Ne5** Be2

a) 11.Qe2 Ne5 [11...Rc8 12.Bb2 Bd6 13.Nd7 Qd7 14.e4 de4 15.Ne4 Ne4  
16.Qe4 0-0 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qe2 and White is slightly better; L.Portisch - A.  
Murariu, Bazna 2008] 12.de5 Nd7 13.cd5 cd5 14.Bb2 Bc5 15.Qg4 0-0 16.  
Ne2 Qb8 17.Qg3 Rc8 equal; Tibensky - Vl.Sergeev, Stary Smokovec  
1996;

b) 11.Ne2

b1) 11...Ne5 12.de5 Nd7 13.cd5! cd5 14.Bb2 Bc5 15.Nf4! 0-0 16.Qg4  
Qe7 17.Nh5 g6 18.Nf6 Nf6 19.ef6 Qd6 20.Qg5 Rfc8 21.Be5 Qf8 22.a4!  
and White is slightly better; Vl.Belov - Zapolskis, Karvina 1992 see  
56/418; 14...Be7 see 10.Bb2;

b2) 11...Qc7 12.Bb2 Bd6 [12...Ne5 13.de5 Nd7 14.cd5 cd5 15.Rc1 Qb7  
16.Qc2 Bc5 and White is slightly better; Chekhov] 13.cd5 cd5 14.Rc1 see  
10.Bb2;

b3) 11...dc4 12.Nd7 Qd7 13.bc4 c5 14.Bb2 cd4 15.Bd4 bc4 equal; A.Graf  
- V.Komliakov, Mikolaiv 1993

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**10...Qb6** 11.cd5 cd5 12.Ne5 Be2 13.Ne2

a) 13...Be7?! 14.Rc1 0-0 [14...Ne5 15.de5 Nd7 16.Nf4 0-0 17.Qg4 and  
White is superior; J.Hjartarson - M.Manninen, Reykjavik 1995 see 63/  
(328)] 15.Qc2 [15.Rc6?! Qb7 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rc6 18.Qc6 Qc6 19.  
Rc6 Kf8 20.Nf4 Ke8 21.Nfd3 b4 22.f3 a5 23.Kf1 Ne5 24.de5 Nd7 25.  
Ke2 Kd8 equal; V.Neverov - Keitlinghaus, Lazne Bohdanec 1996] Qb7  
16.Qc7 (B.Gelfand - Bareev, Monaco (blindfold) 2003) Ra7 17.Qb7 Rb7  
18.Rc6 and White is superior; R.Huebner;

b) 13...Bd6 14.Rc1 Qb7 15.Qc2 and White is slightly better; J.Hjartarson;

**10...Qb8**

a) 11.c5 a5 [11...Be7?! 12.b4 0-0 13.g4?! Bg6 14.Nd2 a5 15.a3 Ne4!  
equal; V.Malakhov - Ni Hua, Russia - China 2004 see 91/345; 13.a4 and  
White is slightly better; Ni Hua] 12.a3 Be7 13.b4 a4 14.Ne5 Be2 15.Ne2  
Qc7 equal; Jan Smejkal - Keitlinghaus, Cesko 1994;

b) 11.Ne5 Be2 12.Qe2 Ne5 13.de5 Nd7 14.cd5 cd5 15.Rfd1 Ne5 [15...  
Be7 16.Qg4 g6 17.Ne2 Ne5 18.Qf4 f6 19.e4 and White is superior; T.  
Radjabov - F.Braga, Bled (ol) 2002] 16.e4 d4 17.Rd4 and White is  
slightly better; R.Vaganian - Stef.Pedersen, Deutschland 2004;

**10...Be7** 11.Ne5 Be2 12.Ne2

a) 12...Rc8 13.cd5 [13.Rc1? bc4 14.bc4 0-0 15.Qa4 Ne5 16.de5 Nd7 17.  
cd5 cd5 18.Bd4 Bc5 19.Bc5 Nc5 20.Qa3 Nd7 21.Rc8 Qc8 22.Rc1 Qb7  
equal; Kaidanov - Nikolai Andrianov, Los Angeles 2003 see 89/(353)]  
cd5 14.Rc1 Ne5 15.de5 Ne4 16.Rc8 Qc8 17.f3 Nc5 18.Qd4 Nd7 19.Rc1  
Qb7 20.Qc3 0-0 21.Qc7 and White is superior; Kaidanov;

b) 12...Ne5 13.de5 Nd7

b1) 14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Qg4 0-0! 16.cd5 cd5 17.f4 Kh8 18.Kh1 Rac8 19.Rad1  
b4 20.h4 Rfe8 [with the idea f5] 21.e4!? de4 22.f5 Nc5! [22...Ne5 23.Qe4  
and White is slightly better; Ivan Sokolov - Franco Ocampos, Espana  
2003 see 87/340] 23.f6 gf6 24.ef6 Bf8 unclear; Ivan Sokolov;

b2)2) 14.cd5 cd5 15.Nd4 [15.Nf4 Qb8 16.Nh5 g6 17.Nf6 Nf6 18.ef6 Bd6 equal; Cifuentes Parada - Franco Ocampos, Dos Hermanas 2003] Qb6 16.f4 [16.Rc1 0-0 17.Rc6 Qb7 18.Qc2 Ra7!! and Black is slightly better; Krasenkow - Epishin, Brno 1994 see 61/386] 0-0 17.Qg4 unclear see 14.Nd4

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12...Rc8 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Rfc1 Ne4 15.cd5 cd5 16.Rc8 Qc8 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.Nd7 [18.Qc2?! Nb6 (S.Kiselev - M.Makarov, Russia (ch) 1994 see 61/(386)) 19.Qc6 Qb8 20.Nd7 Nd7 21.Qd7 a5 equal; M.Makarov] Qd7 19.Qc2 and White is slightly better; Stohl - Velicka, Slovensko 1995

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**14.Rb1** Qc7 15.Nd7 Qd7 16.Qa4 Rfb8 17.Bc3 Qc8 18.Rfc1 Rb1 19.Rb1 Rb8 20.Rb3 dc4 equal; Epishin - Bareev, Russia (ch) 2004 see 92/(380);  
**14.Rc1** Qb8 15.Nd7 Nd7 16.Ba1 [16.Rb1 Qc7 17.c5 Be7 18.Bc3 Rfb8 19.Qd3 Rb5 20.a4 Rb1 21.Rb1 Rb8 equal; P.Haba - S.Movsesian, Cesko 2005 see 92/(380)] Rc8 17.Nc3 Nf6 18.Qe2 Qa7 19.Rc2 h6 equal; S. Atalik - Buhmann, Polanica Zdroj 2007 see 100/280

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15.cd5?! cd5 16.Qc7 Bc7 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.Nf4 [18.Nc6?! Bd6 and Black is slightly better, with the idea Nb6 Dautov] Ne5 19.de5 Nd7 20.Nd3 Bb6 equal; Cs.Horvath - Dautov, Magyarorszag - Deutschland 2004 see 91/(346)

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18.f3 Ng3! 19.Ng3 Qg3 20.Bc3 e5 unclear; Ki.Georgiev - S.Movsesian, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 92/380

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14...Qb7 15.Qc2 0-0 16.Qc6 Qc6 17.Rc6 and White is superior; A.Graf - D.Rogozenco, Bucuresti 1993

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15.Nc6 Qb7! [15...Qb6 16.Qd2 b4! 17.Rc2 0-0 18.Ne5 Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Qb7 equal; Morovic Fernandez - P.Charbonneau, Buenos Aires 2003 see 88/(334)] 16.Qd3 0-0 17.Rc2 Nb6 [17...Rac8 18.Rfc1 Nb8 19.Nb8 Rc2 20.Qc2 Rb8 21.Qc6 and White is slightly better; A.Onischuk - V.Malakhov, Poikovsky 2004 see 90/336] 18.Qd2 Rac8 19.Rfc1 Nfd7 equal; A. Onischuk

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16...Ke7 17.Qd3 Qb7 see 16...Qb7

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**17.Nf4** Bf4 18.ef4 Nh5 19.f5 ef5 20.Qd2 with compensation; Khalifman - V.Malakhov, Russia 2004 see 90/(336);  
**17.Qd3** Ke7 18.Nc3! [18.Rc2 Rac8 19.Rfc1 Rc2 20.Qc2 Kd7 equal; Hauchard - Prie, France (ch) 1998 see 73/(417)] b4 19.Na4 Rhc8 20.Nc5 Qb5! 21.Qd2! Nd7 22.e4! Kf8! 23.Nd7 Qd7 equal; Estremera Panos - Rustemov, Bilbao 2003 see 89/(353)

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18.d5! Qd5 19.fe4

a) 19...Qd1?! 20.Rcd1 Ne4

a1) 21.Rf7 Kc6 22.Nd4 Kb6 23.Ne6 Rhe8 24.Ng7 Rf8 25.Bd4 Ka5 26.Rd7 [26.Rb7?! Kb4! unclear; Ivan Sokolov - Rustemov, Deutschland 2003 see 87/339] Rac8! [26...Rfd8 27.Rb7 Bc5 28.Ne6 Bd4 29.Rd4 Rd4



30.Nd4 and White is superior; Sakalauskas - J.Gunnarsson, Plovdiv 2003 see 89/353] 27.Ne6 Rg8 [with compensation, with the idea Rc2] 28.Bf2 Nf2 29.R1d6 Nh3 30.Kh2 Nf2 31.Ra7 Ng4 32.Kh3 Nf2 33.Kh2 [33.Kh4 Rg2 34.Raa6 Kb4 35.Rd4 Kc3 36.Rad6 Rcg8 and Black is superior] Ng4 equal; Sakalauskas;

a2) 21.Rf4!? f5 22.Re4 fe4 23.Be5 Rhd8 24.Rd6 Ke7 25.Rb6 and White is superior; Rustemov;

b) 19...Qe4 20.Qd2 [20.Rc3? Rhd8 21.Ng3 Qg6 22.Rd3 Ke7 and Black is winning; Estremera Panos - Prie, Montpellier 2003] Rad8! unclear; Rustemov

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**16...Nb6?! 17.e5 Be7 18.Nf4 g6 19.Nd3 0-0 20.Qd2 Rc8 21.Rc8 Qc8 22. Rc1 Qe8 23.Bc3 Rc8 24.Ba5 Nd7 25.Bc7!** (S.Atalik - H.Banikas, Athens 2003 see 88/(334)) Nc5 26.Nc5 Rc7 27.b4! and White is superior; S. Atalik;

**16...0-0 17.e5 Be7 18.Ng3 Qb6 19.Qg4 Rac8 20.Nh5 g6 21.Nf4 Rc1 22. Rc1 Rd8 23.h4** and White is superior; Ivan Sokolov - St.Kristjansson, Reykjavik 2003

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18.de6 Nc5! 19.Nf4 [19.Qd4 Ne6 20.Qe4 Re8 21.Rfe1 Qa7 22.Qf3 Bc5 23.Ng3 Bd4 equal; V.Malakhov - Grischuk, Poikovsky 2004] Ra7! [19... fe6 20.Qg4 e5 21.Ne6 Ne6 22.Qe6 Kh8 23.Rc6 (Sasikiran - Sakaev, Kobenhavn 2003 see 88/334) Rf6 24.Qd5 Qf8 25.Qe4 b4 26.Bc1! and White is slightly better, with the idea Be3 Sasikiran]

a) 20.Qd5 Bf4 21.Rc5 e3 22.Bd4 [22.Kh1!? ef2 23.Rf2 fe6 24.Qe6 Raf7 25.Be5 Qa7! Sasikiran] ef2 23.Rf2 fe6 24.Qe6 Raf7 25.Rf5 Qd6 26.Qd6 Bd6 27.Rf7 Rf7 28.Rf7 Kf7 equal; Bu Xiangzhi - Ni Hua, Taiyuan 2004 see 91/(346);

b) 20.Bd4 Bf4 21.Bc5 Bc1 22.Bf8 [22.Ba7 Qa7 23.ef7 Rf7 24.Qc1 Qc7 25.Qb2 Rd7 26.Qe2 Qf4 27.Rd1 Rd1 28.Qd1 h6 29.Kf1 Qe5 equal; Gyimesi - S.Movsesian, Hrvatska 2004 see 91/(346)] Qf8 23.Qc1 Re7 24. ef7 Rf7 equal; Vassia - Borroni, corr.2004;

c) 20.Nh5 Ne6 [20...fe6?! 21.Bd4! Rc7 22.Qg4 and White is superior; P. Acs - S.Movsesian, Tripoli (m/1) 2004 see 91/346] 21.Nf6 gf6 22.Qg4 Ng5 23.Bf6 h6 24.Rc6!

c1) 24...Be5?! 25.h4 Bf6 [25...Bh2? 26.Kh1 Qf4 27.Qh5! and White is winning; P.Acs - S.Movsesian, Tripoli (m/4-rapid) 2004 see 91/347] 26. Rf6 Qc8 27.Rf5 f6! 28.hg5 hg5 29.Qe4 and White is slightly better; P. Acs, Hazai;

c2) 24...Bh2 25.Kh1 Be5 26.h4 Bf6 27.Rf6 Qc8! 28.Qg3 [28.Rf5 f6 29. hg5 hg5 30.Qe4 Rh7 31.Kg1 Qc7 unclear; P.Acs, Hazai] Qb8 29.Qg4 ½-½, Morovic Fernandez - R.Leitao, Santos 2004 see 91/(347)