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## Small Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings, Third Edition The Marshall Attack

Sasa Velickovic

This month we offer admirers of the ancient game of chess an excerpt from the Small Encyclopedia of Chess Openings. The third edition of which is soon to be published. The attractive themes inherent in the Marshall Attack will surely satisfy those who revere this line in the Spanish Game. This variation has undergone immense scrutiny, yet it always brings unexpected and inexhaustible possibilities to light.

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3										
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	...	ed5 <sup>1</sup>	Ne5	Re5	d3 <sup>2</sup>	Re1	Qf3	g3	Bd5 <sup>4</sup>	equal
	d5	Nd5	Ne5	c6	Bd6	Bf5	Qh4 <sup>3</sup>	Qh3	cd5 <sup>5</sup>	
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	g3	Re4	Nd2	equal
	...	...	...	...	...	Qh4	Qh3	Qf5 <sup>6</sup>	Qg6 <sup>7</sup>	
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.ed5 Nd5 10.Ne5 Ne5 11.Re5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 <sup>8</sup> Qh4 14.g3 Qh3										
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
3	Re4 <sup>9</sup>	Qf1 <sup>11</sup>	Nd2	f3	a4 <sup>14</sup>	Ne4	Nd6	Bg5	Re1	equal
	g5 <sup>10</sup>	Qh5 <sup>12</sup>	Bf5 <sup>13</sup>	Nf6	Ne4	Qg6 <sup>15</sup>	Qd6	Rfe8 <sup>16</sup>	Qg6 <sup>17</sup>	
4	Be3	Qd3	Nd2	Bc2 <sup>18</sup>	f3	Bf2	gf4	Bg3	Bb3 <sup>21</sup>	equal
	Bg4	Rae8	Qh5	f5	Bh3 <sup>19</sup>	Nf4 <sup>20</sup>	Bf4	Qg5	Kh8 <sup>22</sup>	
5	...	...	...	f4	Bd5	Qf1 <sup>23</sup>	a4 <sup>24</sup>	Ra4 <sup>25</sup>	Raa1	equal
	...	...	f5	Kh8	cd5	Qh5	ba4	g5	Re6 <sup>26</sup>	
6	...	...	...	Qf1 <sup>27</sup>	f3	Ne4	fe4	Bd1 <sup>29</sup>	Bc2	unclear
	...	...	Re6	Qh5	Bf5 <sup>28</sup>	Be4	Re4	Qg6	f5 <sup>30</sup>	

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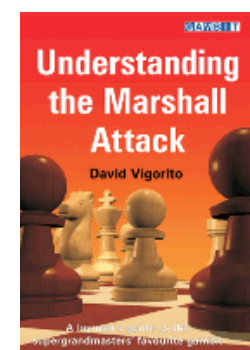
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7	...	...	...	a4	ab5	Nf1 <sup>32</sup>	Qd2 <sup>33</sup>	Bc2 <sup>35</sup>	Qd1	equal
	...	...	...	Qh5 <sup>31</sup>	ab5	Bf5	Rfe8 <sup>34</sup>	Bh3	Bg4 <sup>36</sup>	

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[FEN "r1bq1rk1/2p1bppp/p1n2n2/1p1pp3/4P3/1BP2N2/PP1P1PPP/RNBQR1K1 w - d6 0 9"]

**9.d3** de4 10.de4 Qd1 11.Bd1 Bb7 [11...Rd8 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.Nbd2 Nd7 14.h3 Be6 15.Nf1 Nc5 16.Be3 Nd3 17.Reb1 Nf4 equal; Ki. Georgiev - Aronian, Silivri 2003] 12.Nbd2 Rfd8 13.Bc2 Nd7 equal; L'Ami - Nyback, Istanbul 2005; **9.d4** ed4 [9...de4 10.Ne5 Ne5 11.de5 Qd1!? 12.Bd1 Nd7 13.Bc2 (13.Re4!? Nc5 14.Rd4!? Re8 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.Bb7 Nb7 17.Bf4 g5! equal; J.Michielsen - Atalik, Ottawa 2007 see 100/257) Ne5 14.Be4 Rb8 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Be5 Be5 17.Bh7 Kh7 18.Re5 Rd8 with compensation; Morozevich - Shirov, Moscow 2006 see 100/(257)] 10.e5 Ne4 11.cd4 Bg4 [11...Bb4 12.Re3 Na5 13.Bc2 f5 14.Re2 Be6 15.Nbd2 Be7 16.Nf1 Nc4 17.a4 Nb6 18.a5 Nd7 19.Ne1 c5 20.Nd3 g5 21.dc5 Ndc5 unclear; Nijboer - Onischuk, Wijk aan Zee 2005 see 92/340] 12.Nc3 Bf3 13.gf3 Nc3 14.bc3 f5 15.Kh1 Kh8 16.Rg1 Na5 17.Bc2 Qd7 18.Bg5 Bg5 19.Rg5 Nc6 20.Qc1 Qe6 21.f4 Ne7 22.a4 c6 23.Bd3 Rac8 24.Qe3 Rb8 equal; Ivanchuk - Jakovenko, Moscow 2007 see 101/(263)

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[FEN "r1bq1rk1/4bppp/p1p5/1p1nR3/8/1BP5/PP1P1PPP/RNBQ2K1 w - - 0 12"]

**12.g3** Bd6 13.Re1 Ra7 [13...Re8 14.d4 Re1 15.Qe1 Ra7 16.Be3 Re7 17.Nd2 Qe8 18.Nf1 unclear; Anand - Aronian, Morelia/Linares 2008 see 102/257] 14.d4 Re8 15.Re8 Qe8 16.Nd2 Re7 17.Nf3 f6 18.Kg2 Bg4 19.h3 Bh5 20.Bd2 Re2 21.g4 Bg4! 22.hg4 Qe4 23.Qh1 Rd2 24.Re1 Qg4 25.Kf1 Rb2 26.Bd5 cd5 27.Ne5 Be5 28.Qd5 Kf8 29.de5 equal; Almasi - Jakovenko, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/(263); **12.Bd5** cd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3 Qh4 15.h3 Qf4 [15...g5 16.Qf3 (16.b3 f5 17.Qf3 Bb7 with compensation; Anand - Nunn, Wijk aan Zee 1990 see 49/403) Be6 17.Qf6 Rfe8 18.Na3 Qh5 19.Bd2 Be7 20.Qe5 Rad8 21.f4 Qg6 22.fg5 Bf5 23.Qg3 Be4 24.Rf1 Bd6 25.Qh4 Re6 26.Re2 Rde8 27.Rfe1 f6 28.Rf2 Be7 29.gf6 Rf6 30.Ree2 Rf2 31.Qf2 Rf8 with compensation; Wolff - Hellers, New

York 1990] 16.Re5 Qf6 17.Re3 [17.Re1 Qg6 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Be3 Rac8 20.Nd2 b4 21.cb4 Bb4 22.a3 Bd6 23.Rac1 Rc2! 24.b4 Rc1 25.Rc1 Qd3 26.Rc6 Bb8 27.a4 equal; J.Polgar - Almasi, Groningen (m/2) 1997 see 71/(362)] Bf5 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.Nf1 Qg6 with compensation; Kveinys - Beliavsky, Plovdiv 2003 see 90/(302)

### 3

**14...Qd7** 15.Bd5 cd5 16.Bf4 Rfe8!? 17.Nd2 Bf4 18.Qf4 Bd3 19.Nb3 Qc6 20.Qd2 Bg6 21.Nd4 Qd6 22.h3 h6 23.Re2 Re4 24.Rae1 Rae8 equal; Fressinet - Hamdouchi, Belfort 2003 see 90/(302); **14...Re8** 15.Re8 Qe8 16.Nd2 Qe1 17.Nf1 Bg6 18.g3 [18.Bd5 cd5 19.Qd5 Rd8 20.Bg5 Qa1 21.Bd8 Bf8! with compensation; C.A.Estevez - Jaime, corr.1993/95 see 65/(336)] b4 equal; Team Ojje - Team Nataf, corr.2003 see 89/319

### 4



[FEN "r4rk1/5ppp/p1pb4/1p1n1b2/1BPP1QPq/PP3P1P/RNB1R1K1 w - - 0 16"]

**16.Be3** Bd3 17.Nd2 Qf5 18.Qf5 [18.Rad1 Rfe8 19.Qf5 Bf5 20.Bd5 cd5 21.Nb3 Be6 22.Bc5 Bc7 23.Nd4 Rac8 24.b4 Bd7 equal; J. Polgar - Leko, Wijk aan Zee 2008 see 102/(258)] Bf5 19.Bd4 Rfd8 20.a4 Bf8 21.Ne4 h6 22.h4 Bg6 23.Rad1 Bh5 24.Rc1 Nb4 25.Re3 Nd5 26.Ree1 Nb4 27.Re3 ½-½, Ivanchuk - Aronian, Nice (blindfold) 2008 see 102/(258); **16.Nd2** Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qg2 19.Kg2 f5 20.Bf4 [20.h3 Bh5 21.Bf4 Bf4 22.gf4 fe4 23.de4 Bf3! 24.Kf3 Rf4 25.Kg3 Rfe4 equal; Nakamura - Aronian, Gibraltar 2005 see 93/(285)] Bf4 21.gf4 fe4 22.de4 Bf3! 23.Kf3 Rf4 24.Kg3 Rfe4 25.Re4 Re4 26.f3 Re5! 27.c4 bc4 28.Bc4 a5 29.Rc1 Kf8 [29... Rg5 30.Kf2 Rh5 equal; Naiditsch - Kasimdzhanov, France 2005 see 93/285] 30.Bd5 Rg5 31.Kf4 Rd5 32.Rc6 Rd2 33.Ra6 Rh2 34.Ra5 Rb2 35.a4 Kf7 36.Kf5 g6 37.Ke5 Re2 38.Kf4 h5 39.Ra7 ½-½, J. Polgar - Svidler, San Luis 2005 see 94/(263)

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**17.Be3** Bd3 18.Qd5 Rad8 19.Qf3 Bc4 [19...Qf5 20.Qf5 Bf5 21.Nd2 Rfe8 22.Bd4 f6 23.Nb3 Kf7 with compensation; Kasimdzhanov - Onischuk, Calvia (ol) 2004 see 92/(342)] 20.Nd2 Be6 21.Bd4 Bb8 [21...Be7 22.Qg2 Qh5 23.Re5 Qg6 24.Ne4 Rd7 25.Nc5 Bc5 26.Rc5 Rfd8 with compensation; Naiditsch - Ivanchuk, Cesme 2004 see 92/(342); 21...h6 22.a3 Bb8 23.Qg2 Qf5 24.f3 Rfe8 25.Ne4 Bd5 26.Re2 Re6 27.Rae1 ½-½, Kasimdzhanov - Adams, Linares 2005 see 93/(285)] 22.Qg2 [22.Ne4 Bd5 23.Bg7 Kg7 24.Qf6 Kg8 25.Qg5 Kh8 26.Qf6 Kg8 ½-½, Bacrot - Aronian, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2005 see 95/(255)] Qh5 23.f3 Qg6 24.a3 h5 25.Re2 Rd5 26.Rae1 Rfd8 27.Ne4 Bd6 28.Qf2 Rf5 29.Nd6 ½-½, Anand - Aronian, Nice (rapid) 2008 see 102/(258); **17.Qd5** Rad8 18.Qg2 Qg2 [18...Qh5 19.Be3 Bh3!? 20.Qh1 f5 21.Bb6 (21.f4 Bc7 22.Nd2 Rd3 23.Nb3 unclear; Shirov - Jakovenko, Russia 2008 see 102/(258)) Rd7 22.Qd5 Kh8 23.Nd2 Bg3 24.Qd7 Bf4 25.Qb7 Bd2 26.Bd4 Rg8 27.Re7

Bc1 28.Re1 Bf4 29.Re3 Be3 30.Be3 h6 31.Qc7 Re8 32.Bd4 Re7 33. Qg3 Kh7 34.f3 Rf7 35.f4 Re7 36.Be5 Bg4 37.Kf2 Bd1 38.d4 Qe2 ½-½, Sutovsky - Jakovenko, Poikovsky 2008 see 103/(236)] 19.Kg2 Bd3 20.Be3 Be4 21.f3 Bc6 22.Nd2 Rfe8 23.Bd4 [23.Nb3 f6 24.Nd4 (24.Kf2 Bc7 with compensation; Leko - Sargissian, Yerevan (m/2-rapid) 2008 see 103/(236)) Bb7 25.g4 Bc5 26.b4 Bd4 27.Bd4 Re1 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Bc5 Rd7 30.h4 Bd5 31.a3 Be6 32.Bd4 Bc4 with compensation; Naiditsch - Bacrot, Dortmund 2009 see 106/(101)] Re1 [23...h5 24.Kf2 f6 25.Re8 Re8 26.Nf1 Kf7 27.Ne3 Rd8 28.a3 Bc7 29.Re1 Rd7 30.Nc2 Bd6 with compensation; Leko - Aronian, Yerevan (m/1-rapid) 2008 see 103/236] 24.Re1 f6 25.Kf2 [25.Nf1 h5 26.Bb6 Re8 27.Ne3 Kf7 with compensation; Bacrot - Sargissian, France 2008 see 103/(236)] h5 26.Ne4 Bf8 27.Re2 Kf7 28.Nc5 Bc5 29.Bc5 Rd7 30.Bd4 a5 31.b3 ½-½, Leko - Naiditsch, Dortmund 2008 see 103/(236)

## 6



[FEN "r1b2rk1/5ppp/p1pb4/1p1n4/4R3/1BPP2Pq/PP3P1P/RNBQ2K1 b - - 0 15"]

**15...Qd7** 16.Nd2 f5 17.Re1 Kh8 18.Qh5 [18.f4 Qa7 19.d4 Nf6 20. Nf3 c5 21.Be3 c4 22.Bc2 g6 23.Ne5 Bb7 24.Qd2 unclear; Liang Jinrong - Peng Xiaomin, China (ch) 1992 see 54/335] Nf6 19.Qh3 [19.Qh4 c5 20.Nf3 Bb7 21.Ng5 h6 22.Bd2 Qc6 23.f3 c4! 24.Bd1 cd3 25.Ne6 Rf7 26.Kg2 Bc5 27.Ng5 Rff8 28.Ne6 Ng4! 29.Nf8 Rf8 30.b4 Bd6 with compensation; Benjamin - Kamsky, USA (ch) 1991 see 52/345] c5 20.Nf3 Bb7 21.Nh4 Nh5 unclear; Kotronias - I. Sokolov, Gibraltar 2009 see 105/(108); **15...Nf6** 16.Rh4 Qf5 17.Bc2 [17.Nd2 g5 18.Rh6 Ng4 19.Ne4 Nh6 20.Nd6 Qg6 21.Ne4 Ng4 22. Bg5 Bf5 23.Bf4 Rad8 24.Qe2! Rfe8 25.Re1 Kg7 26.f3 Ne5 27.Bc2 c5! unclear; Svidler - Adams, Elista (ol) 1998 see 73/395] Qg6 18. Nd2 [18.d4 Bf5 19.Bf5 Qf5 20.Bf4 Be7 21.Be5 Nd5 unclear; Ragger - Beliaevsky, Oesterreich 2008 see 102/259] Bg4 19.Nf3 [19. f3 Bf5 20.Ne4 Rad8 21.d4 Rfe8 22.Nf6 Qf6 23.Be4 h6 unclear; J. Geller - Naiditsch, Moscow 2008 see 102/(259)] Rfe8 20.Kg2 Nd5 21.d4 Bf5 22.Bf5 Qf5 23.Bd2 Nf6 24.Bf4 Bf8 25.Bd2 Bd6 equal; Leko - Adams, Madrid 1998 see 73/(395)

## 7

**17.Nf1** f5 18.Rd4 f4 19.Rd5 cd5 20.Bd5 Be6 21.Ba8 Ra8 22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bf5 24.Qd5 Kh8 25.a4 unclear; Timman - Huebner, Tilburg 1985 see 40/421; **17.a4** Nf6! 18.Re1 Bg4 19.f3 Bh3 20.Kh1 [20.Nf1 Rae8 unclear; Zontakh - Pavlovic, Podgorica 1993 see 58/ (368)] Qh5 unclear; Goloshchapov - Azarov, Cappelle la Grande 2006 see 96/261; **17.Re1** f5 [17...Bg4 18.f3 Bh3 19.Ne4 Rae8 20. Re2 h5 21.Bg5 Bc7 22.Qd2 Kh8 23.Rae1 f6 24.Nf2 Re2 25.Re2 Bf5 26.Bd5 cd5 27.Bf4! Bf4 28.Qf4 Bd3 29.Rd2 unclear; Anand - Adams, Groningen (m/4-rapid) 1997 see 71/363] 18.a4 [18.Nf3 f4 19.Ne5 Be5 20.Re5 fg3 21.hg3 Bg4 22.Qe1 Bf3 23.Bd2 Rae8 equal; Leko - Svidler, Dortmund 1998 see 73/394; 18.f4 Bf4 19.Qf3 Bb8 20.Bd5 cd5 21.Nb3! Qf7! 22.Nd4 Ba7 23.Bf4 Bd7 24.Re5 b4 25.Rae1 Rae8 26.Kf1 bc3 ½-½, Leko - Adams, Linares 1999 see 75/

(317); 18.Qf3 Kh8 19.Bd1 f4 20.g4 h5 21.h3 Nf6!? 22.Qg2 hg4 23.hg4 Bg4 24.Re6 Qh5 25.Bg4 Ng4 26.Rd6 Rae8 27.Ne4 Ne5 28.f3 Nf3 29.Kf2 Nh4! 30.Qh1! g5 31.b4 g4 32.Bb2 g3 33.Kg1 Nf3 34.Kg2 Nh2 35.c4 Kg8 equal; J.Polgar - Adams, Dos Hermanas 1999 see 75/317] Rb8 19.ab5 ab5 20.Ne4 [20.Nf3 f4 21.Ne5 Be5 22.Re5 fg3 23.fg3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Bh3 25.Be3 Rf1 26.Qf1 Bf1 27.Rf1 Rf8 28.Rf8 ½-½, Anand - Adams, Dos Hermanas 1999 see 75/(317); 20.Ra7 unclear; Morozevich - Grischuk, Dubai (m/4-blitz) 2002 see 84/(285)] fe4 21.de4 Bg4 22.Qd4 Bf3! 23.ed5 c5 24.Qh4 Rbe8 25.Bd2 [25.Be3 equal; Anand - Adams, Dortmund 2000 see 79/324] Be4 26.Re2 Qf5 27.Bf4 c4 28.Re4 Re4 29.Bc2 Bf4 30.Be4 Qe4 31.gf4 ½-½, Anand - Khalifman, New Delhi (m/1) 2000 see 80/(371)

## 8

13.Re2 Qh4 [13...Bc7 14.Nd2 Qd6 15.Nf1 f5 16.a4 Kh8 17.Bd2 f4 18.f3 g5 19.ab5 g4 20.Re5 Qg6 21.Rd5 gf3 22.Qf3 Bg4 23.Qf2 cd5 unclear; Kindermann - Blatny, Biel 1991; 13...Bg4 14.f3 Bf5 15.g3 Qc7 16.Kf2 Qd7 17.Bd5 cd5 18.Nd2 Bd3 19.Re3 Bg6 20.Nf1 a5 21.a3 ½-½, Anand - Aronian, Mexico City 2007 see 101/(265)] 14.g3 Qh3 [14...Qh5 15.Nd2 Bh3 16.f3 Bc7 17.Ne4 Qf3 18.Ng5 Qh5 19.Nh3 Qh3 20.Bd2 Rae8 21.Qf1 Qd7 22.Rae1 Re2 23.Qe2 equal; Ehlvest - P.Nikolic, Zagreb (izt) 1987 see 44/414] 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.a4 Bd3 17.Re1 Rae8 18.Nf3 Re1 19.Qe1 h6 20.ab5 ab5 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Qd1 Be5 23.de5 Qf5 24.Bd5 cd5 25.g4 Qg6 26.Bf4 Qe4 27.h3 h5 28.Bg3 Be2 29.Qd4 ½-½, Anand - Khalifman, Reggio Emilia 1991/92

## 9



[FEN "r1b2rk1/5ppp/p1pb4/1p1n4/3P4/1BP3Pq/PP3P1P/RNBQR1K1 w - - 0 15"]

**15.Qf3** Bg4 16.Qg2 Qh5 17.Be3 Bh3 18.Bd1 Qd1 19.Rd1 Bg2 20.Kg2 f5 with compensation; Naiditsch - Onischuk, Montreal 2009 see 106/(101); **15.Bd5** cd5 16.Qf3 Bf5 [16...Bg4 17.Qd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qh5 with compensation; Feigelson - Besman, Vladimir 1976] 17.Qg2 Qh5 18.Qd5 Rad8 19.Qc6 Rde8 unclear; Astapov - Kolker, Saratov 1978; **15.Qe2** Bd7 16.Qf1 Qf5!? [16...Qh5 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Ne4 Bh3 19.Bd1 Qf5 20.Qd3 Qg6 21.Bd2 Bf5 22.Bf3 Bf4 23.Bf4 Nf4 24.Qd2 Nh3 25.Kg2 Re4 26.Be4 Be4 27.Re4 Qe4 28.Kh3 Re8 29.Qf4 Qe2 30.Kg2 h6 31.b4 Qc2 equal; Volokitin - Fressinet, Hersonissos 2007 see 101/(265)] 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Nd2 h5 19.Qg2 h4 20.Qf3 Ne3 21.Re3 Re3 22.fe3 Qg6 23.Kg2 Bg4 24.Qf2 c5 25.Rc1 Bf5 26.e4 Be4 27.Ne4 Qe4 28.Qf3 Qf3 29.Kf3 hg3 30.hg3 Re8 31.Rd1 c4 32.Bc2 Re6 equal; Alekseev - Aronian, Nalchik 2009 see 105/(108)

## 10

15...Qd7 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Re1 c5 18.Ne4 c4 19.Bc2 Be7 20.Ng5 Bg5 21.Bg5 Rae8 22.f3 h6 23.Bd2 f5 24.Re5 f4 25.Qe2 unclear; Nunn - I.Sokolov, Wijk aan Zee 1991 see 51/349

## 11

**16.Qe1** h6 17.Nd2 Bf5 18.f3 Kg7!? unclear; Anand - Bacrot, Sofia 2006 see 97/(244); **16.Qe2** f5 17.Bd5 cd5 18.Re6 f4 19.Rd6 Bg4 20.Qf1 Qf1 21.Kf1 Rae8 22.Bd2 Bh3 23.Kg1 fg3 24.hg3 Re2 25.Be3 Re3! 26.fe3 Rf1 27.Kh2 g4 28.Rd5 ½-½, Ponomarev - Anand, Linares 2002 see 84/286; **16.Qf3** Bf5 17.Bd5 [17.Bc2 Bf4 18.Nd2 unclear; Wang Zili - Ye Jiangchuan, China (ch) 1988; 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Bd5 cd5 19.Re3 Re3 20.Qe3 f6 21.Nf1 Bg6 22.f3 Re8 23.Qf2 Bd3 24.Be3 Bf1 25.Rf1 Bg3 26.hg3 Re3 27.Qe3 ½-½, Lima - Grischuk, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2007 see 101/(265)] cd5 18.Re3 Rad8 [18...Be4 19.Re4 de4 20.Qf6 Qg4 21.Qg5 Qg5 22.Bg5 f5 23.Nd2 unclear; Blackstock - M.Radojcic, Hastings 1970/71] 19.Nd2 Rfe8 20.b3 Kg7 21.Bb2 Bg4 22.Qg2 Qg2 23.Kg2 Re3 24.fe3 Re8 25.Re1 Bf5 26.Kf2 Bd3 27.Rd1 ½-½, Leko - Adams, Wijk aan Zee 2001 see 80/(371)

## 12

16...Qf1 17.Kf1 Bf5 18.Nd2 Rad8!? [18...h6 19.Re1!? Rae8 20.Nf3 g4! 21.Bh6 gf3 22.Bf8 Rf8 23.Bd1 Bh3 24.Kg1 Bg2 unclear; Volokitin - Sargissian, Deutschland 2005 see 97/(245)] 19.f3 [19.Re1 Rde8 20.Nf3 g4 21.Bh6 gf3 22.Bf8 Rf8 23.Bd1 Bg4 24.a4 Rd8 25.ab5 ab5 26.Ra6 c5 27.dc5 Bc5 28.Rc6 Ba7 29.Ra6 Bc5 30.Rc6 ½-½, Karjakin - Grischuk, Torino (ol) 2006 see 97/(245)] Be4 20.fe4 Nc7 21.a4 [21.Kg2 unclear; Almasi - Harikrishna, Paks 2006 see 98/(255); 21.Nf3 h6 22.Be3 Kg7 23.Kf2 Rfe8 24.Bc2 equal; Grigoriants - Lalic, Cappelle la Grande 2007 see 99/240] h6 22.Kg2 Rd7 23.h4 gh4 24.e5 Be7 25.gh4 Kg7 26.ab5 ab5 27.Ne4 with compensation; Jakovenko - Zhang Zhong, Russia - China (m/2) 2006 see 97/(245)

## 13



[FEN "r1b2rk1/5p1p/p1pb4/1p1n2pq/3PR3/1BP3P1/PP1N1P1P/R1B2QK1 b - - 0 17"]

17...f5!? 18.Bd1 Qh6 [18...Qg6!? 19.Re1 f4 20.Ne4 fg3 21.hg3 Be7 22.Qg2 Bf5 with compensation; Beliavsky] 19.Re1 f4 20.Ne4 Bc7 21.Bd2 [21.Bf3 Bh3 22.Qd3 Rf7 23.Bd2 Raf8 24.Bh1 Rg7 25.Bf3 Rgf7 26.Bh1 Rg7 27.Bf3 Rgf7 ½-½, Svidler - Leko, Morelia/Linares 2007 see 99/(241)] Kh8 22.Qe2 Bf5 23.Qh5 Qh5 24.Bh5 Be4 25.Re4 fg3 26.fg3 Nf6 27.Re7 Bg3 28.hg3 Nh5 29.Kg2 g4 equal; Vallejo - Sargissian, Espana 2007 see 101/(265)

## 14

**19.Re1** Rae8 20.Re8 Re8 21.a4 Qg6 22.ab5 Bd3 equal; Kramnik - Leko, Brissago (m/8) 2004 see 91/312; **19.Qg2** Qg6 20.Re3 Rae8 21.Ne4 Ne4 22.g4 Ng3 23.hg3 Bd3 [23...Bb1 24.Qe2 Re3 25.Qe3 h6 26.Qe1 Bc2 27.Bc2 Qc2 28.Qe4 Qd1 29.Kg2 Kg7 30.Qe3 Bg3 31.Kg3 Re8 32.Qe8 ½-½, Anand - Aronian, Wijk aan Zee 2007 see 99/(241)] 24.Bd2 Re3 25.Be3 Re8 26.Re1 c5 27.dc5 Bc5 28.Qd2



Be3 29.Re3 Qb6 30.Kf2 Rd8 31.Qe1 Re8 32.Qd2 Rd8 33.Bc2 Bg6  
34.Qe2 Re8 35.Bg6 hg6 36.Qd2 Rd8 37.Qe2 Re8 38.Qd2 Rd8 ½-½,  
Svidler - Aronian, Morelia/Linares 2007 see 99/241

## 15

20...Be4 21.fe4 Kg7 22.Bd2 f6 23.Qf5 Qe2 24.Bc2 Rf7 25.e5 Qd2  
26.Qh7 Kf8 27.Qh8 Ke7 28.ed6 Kd6 29.Qa8 Qe3 30.Kh1 Qf3 31.  
Kg1 ½-½, Kurnosov - Azarov, Kusadasi 2006 see 97/(245)

## 16

22...Qg6 23.Qc1 Bd3 unclear; Shirov - Aronian, Moscow 2006 see  
98/255

## 17

24.Be7 Ra7 25.Bc5 Raa8 26.Be7 Ra7 27.Bc5 ½-½, Shirov - Leko,  
Moscow 2006 see 98/(255)

## 18



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18.Qf1 Re7 19.a4 Rfe8 20.Bd5 Qd5 21.ab5 ab5 22.Qg2 [22.f3 Bd7  
23.Ne4 Bf5 24.c4 bc4 25.Nc3 Qe6 26.Bf2 Qd7 27.Re7 Be7 28.Qc4  
Be6 29.Qa4 Rb8 30.d5 ½-½, D.Chuprov - Sargissian, Moscow 2009  
see 105/(110)] Qg2 23.Kg2 h5 [23...f6 24.b3 h5 25.c4 Bb4 26.Ra2  
Bf5 27.Rc1 g5 28.h3 Kf7 29.Nf1 Rd7 30.Kh2 Bd3 31.Ra6 Re6 32.  
Ra8 Re8 33.Ra6 Re6 34.Ra8 Re8 ½-½, Inarkiev - Leko, Elista 2008  
see 105/(110)] 24.Ra5 h4 25.Re1 hg3 26.hg3 equal; Bacrot -  
Aronian, Nalchik 2009 see 105/110

## 19

19...Bf3 20.Nf3 Qf3 21.Bd2 Qd3 22.Bd3 f4 23.Re8 Re8 24.Kf2 fg3  
25.hg3 c5 26.c4 Nb6 27.cb5 c4 28.Bf1 ab5 29.Bg2 and White is  
slightly better; Ponomarev - Leko, Moscow 2008 see 103/(238)

## 20

20...Qg6!? 21.Re8 Re8 22.Re1 Re1 23.Be1 h5 24.Bb3 Kh7 25.Bf2  
Nf4 26.Qe3 h4 27.Nf1 Nd5 28.Qd3 Nf4 29.Qe3 Nd5 30.Qd3 Nf4  
31.Qe3 ½-½, Ponomarev - Gustafsson, Espana 2008 see 105/(109)

## 21

23.Nf1 h5 24.Kf2 h4 25.Re8 Re8 26.Re1 hg3 27.hg3 Rd8 28.Ke2  
Bf1 29.Rf1 Re8 30.Kd1 Qg3 31.Qf5 Re1! 32.Re1 Qf3 33.Re2 Qf1  
34.Re1 Qf3 ½-½, Efimenko - Sargissian, Dresden (ol) 2008 see 105/  
(109)

## 22

20.Nf1 h5 25.Re8 Re8 26.Bf7 Re7 27.Bh5 Bf1 28.Qf1 Be3 29.Kh1 Qh5 30.Be5 [30.Qg2 f4 31.Bf2 Qd5 32.Bh4 Re8 33.Bg5 a5 34.Re1 Rf8 35.a3 Qf5 36.h4 a4 with compensation; Ni Hua - Sargissian, Dresden (ol) 2008 see 105/109] Re6 31.Re1 f4 32.Re2 Rg6 33.Rg2 Qh3 34.Qe2 Qf5 ½-½, Landa - Amonatov, Moscow 2009 see 105/ (109)

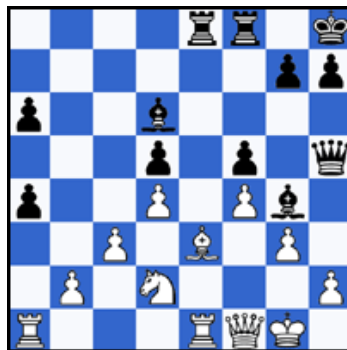
## 23

20.a4 ba4 21.Qa6 Re3 [21...Re6 22.Qf1 Qh5 23.Qf2 Qe8!? 24.c4 Bb4 25.cd5 Rd6 26.Rec1 Bd2 27.Bd2 Qb5 28.Bc3 Re8 with compensation; Salai - R.Berzinsh, Sal'a 1994 see 61/344] 22.Re3 Bf4 23.Nf1 Be3 24.Ne3 Bf3 25.Qd6 Re8 26.Ra4 Qh5 27.Qd7 Be4 with compensation; Salai - Pavlovic, Novy Smokovec 1990

## 24

21.Qg2 g5 22.Qd5 Rd8 23.Qc6 gf4 24.Bf4 Bf4 25.gf4 Rc8 26.Qd5 Rce8 with compensation; Eubanks - Hurt, corr.1990

## 25



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## 26

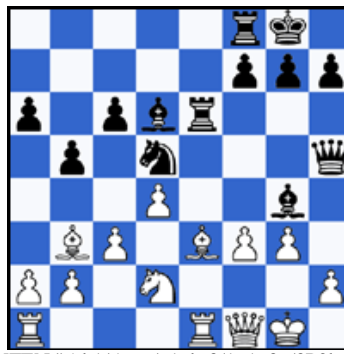
24.fg5 Rfe8 25.Qf2 f4 26.gf4 Bh3 27.Ra6 Re3 28.Re3 Qg4 29.Qg3 Qd1 30.Qe1 Qg4 equal; Liang Jinrong - Blatny, Novi Sad (ol) 1990 see 50/378

## 27

18.Bd5 cd5 19.a4 f5 [19...ba4 20.c4 unclear; Villalonga - Roche, corr.1983] 20.Qf1 [20.ab5 Rfe8 21.Qf1 f4 22.Qh3 Bh3 23.ba6 fe3 24.fe3 Bf5 25.Ra5 Bd3 26.a7 Ra8 27.Re1 Re3 28.Rd5 Re6 29.b4 g6 30.b5 Bf8 unclear; Matsukevich - Arkhipov, corr.1983] Qh5 21. f4 Rfe8 22.Bf2 [22.Qf2 h6 23.ab5 ab5 with compensation; Albrecht - Dintheer, corr.1963] ba4 [22...Re2 23.Qg2 unclear; Kogan - Mitchell, corr.1967/68] 23.Qg2 Qf7 24.Nf3 Re1 25.Re1 Bf3 26.Qf3 Re1 27.Be1 Qe6 ½-½, Oliveau - Van der Weijer, corr.1986

## 28





[FEN "5rk1/5ppp/p1pbr3/1p1n3q/3P2b1/1BP1BPP1/PP1N3P/R3RQK1 b - - 0 19"]

**19...Rf6** 20.Qg2!? [20.Bd1 Re8 21.Bf4 Re1 22.Qe1 Re6 23.Be5 Bh3 24.Qf2 Be5 25.f4 Bd4 26.Bh5 Bf2 27.Kf2 Nf6 28.Bf3 Kf8 equal; Jakovenko - Svidler, Russia (ch) 2007 see 101/(265); 20.Qe2 Bf3 21.Nf3 Rf3 22.Bd5 Qd5 23.Bf2 Rf6 24.b3 Qf5 equal; Anand - Ivanchuk, Bilbao 2008 see 104/(85)] Bh3 21.Qf2 Bf5 22.a4 Bd3 23.ab5 ab5 24.Qg2 Bb8 25.g4 Qg6 26.Bd5 cd5 27.Nb3 and White is superior; Naiditsch - Sargissian, Kallithea 2008 see 104/85; **19...Ne3** 20.Qf2 Nd5 21.fg4 Qg4 22.Qf3 Qg5 23.Re6! fe6 24.Ne4! Qg6 25.Qe2 Nf4 26.Qc2 and White is slightly better; Kramnik - Aronian, Yerevan (m/1-rapid) 2007 see 100/260

## 29

22.Bf2 Rfe8 23.Re4 Re4 24.Re1 Qg6 25.Re4 Qe4 26.Qe1 Qe1 27.Be1 Ne3 28.Bd2 Nc4 29.Bc1 f5 30.Bc2 g6 31.Kg2 [31.b3 Nb6 32.c4 Be7 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.Bd3 bc4 35.bc4 c5 36.Be3 Nd7 37.Ke2 cd4 38.Bd4 Bc5 equal; M.Neubauer - Ragger, Oesterreich (ch) 2007 see 100/(260)] Kf7 32.Kf3 Ke6 33.h3 c5 34.b3 Nb6 35.dc5 Bc5 equal; E.Perelshteyn - Onischuk, USA (ch) 2007 see 100/(260)

## 30

24.Bd2 Rg4 25.Re2 unclear; Bacrot - Jakovenko, Kallithea 2008 see 104/(85)

## 31

**18...f5** 19.ab5 f4 20.Bf4 Bf4 21.Re6 Be6 22.ba6 Bd2 23.Qd2 Nc7 24.Qc2 Ra8 25.a7 Qh6 26.Be6 Qe6 27.c4 Qd6 28.Qe4 Qb4 29.b3 Qc3 30.Ra4! Qb3 31.Qc6 and White is superior; De Oliveira - Maffei, corr.1999 see 83/337; **18...ba4** 19.Ra4 f5 20.Qf1 Qh5 21.Ra6 f4 22.Bf4 Bh3 23.Re6 Bf1 24.Nf1 Bf4 25.Rac6 Qf3 26.Bd5 Qd5 27.gf4 Qf3 28.d5 equal; Ivanchuk - Short, Riga 1995 see 65/(336)

## 32



[FEN "5rk1/5ppp/2pbr3/1p1n3q/3P2b1/1BPQB1P1/1P1N1P1P/R3R1K1 w - - 0 20"]

**20.Ne4** Bf5!? 21.Bd2 Re4 22.Re4 Nf6 23.f3 Qg6 24.Qf1 Ne4 25.  
fe4 Be4 26.Bf4 Bd3 27.Qf2 Bf4 28.Qf4 h6 29.Qf2 Re8 30.Re1 Re1  
31.Qe1 Be4 32.Qf2 ½-½, Svidler - Kamsky, Groningen 1995 see 66/  
(304); **20.Qf1** Rfe8 [20...Bh3 21.Bd1 Qf5 22.Qe2 c5 23.Nf1 cd4 24.  
cd4 Nb4 25.Ra3 Nc6 26.Rd3 Bb4 27.d5 Be1!? 28.de6 fe6 unclear;  
Real - Farinas, corr.1993/95 see 66/(304)] 21.Bd5 Qd5 22.h3 [22.c4  
Qf5 23.c5 Bh3! 24.Qe2 Bf4! 25.Qf3 g5 26.Ra3! Bg4 27.Qg2 Bh3  
28.Qf3 ½-½, Dzenis - Petraitis, corr.1989/90 see 56/(379)] Bh5  
[22...Bf5 23.Qg2 Qg2 24.Kg2 R6e7 25.b3 f6 26.Ra2 Be6 27.c4 Bb4  
28.Rc1 Bf5 29.g4 Bd3 with compensation; Leko - Kasimdzanov,  
Linares 2005 see 93/(286)] 23.Qg2 Qg2 24.Kg2 f5 25.Nf3 f4 26.  
Bd2 fg3 27.Re6 Re6 28.Ra8 Bf8 29.Ne5 gf2 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Ra6  
Bd6 32.Bf4 Be5 33.Be5 Re6 equal; J.Polgar - Adams, San Luis  
2005 see 94/(263)

### 33

21.Qd1 Bg4 22.Qd2 Qh3 23.Bd1 Bd1 24.Rad1 f5 25.f4 g5 26.Qg2  
[26.fg5 f4! 27.Bf4 Bf4 28.gf4 Nf4 29.Ng3 Qg4 30.Re6 Nh3 31.Kg2  
Nf4 equal; Ljubojevic - P.Nikolic, Beograd 1991 see 53/(341)] Qg2  
27.Kg2 Rfe8 28.Bd2 Re1 29.Re1 Re1 30.Be1 gf4 31.Kf3 fg3 32.  
hg3 Kf7 equal; Karpov - Short, Tilburg 1991 see 53/341

### 34

21...Be4 22.Bc2 f5 23.Bd1 Qh3 24.f3 f4 25.fe4 fg3! 26.Qg2! gh2 27.  
Kh1 Qg2 28.Kg2 Re4! 29.Bb3 h1Q 30.Kh1 Rh4 31.Kg2 Rg4 equal;  
Rubinchik - Vitomskis, corr.1989/91 see 53/340

### 35

22.Bd5 cd5 23.Bf4 Re1 24.Re1 Re1 25.Qe1 Be4 26.Nd2 Bf4 27.  
Ne4 de4 28.gf4 Qg4 29.Kf1 ½-½, Ivanchuk - I.Sokolov, Biel 1989  
see 48/(465)

### 36

24.Qd3 Qh3 25.Bd2 Re2 26.Re2 Be2 27.Re1 Bd3 28.Re8 Bf8 29.  
Bd3 Qd7 30.Re1 ½-½, Svidler - Jakovenko, Foros 2008 see 103/  
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