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Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

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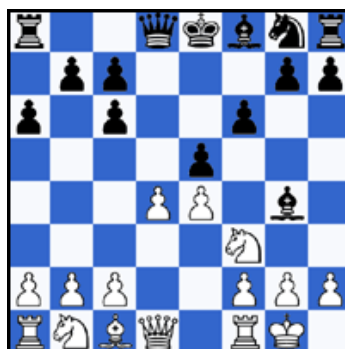
A close friend of mine, who is an international master, recently said to me that "The small one is simply great. When I am going to a tournament, I only travel with my darling. Because I feel safe!" I was confused as to whether he had begun a relationship with someone, when he explained, "My travel companion is the *Small Encyclopedia of Openings*! When I look into the main variations, my opponents, whatever their strength, are not able to gain an advantage at the very beginning of game."

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 d6 5.0-0 f6									
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	d4	de5 ¹	Rd1	Rd3 ³	Nbd2	Nc4 ⁵	Nfe5 ⁶	Re3	Nc4
	Bg4	Qd1	fe5 ²	Bd6	Nf6 ⁴	0-0	Be2	Bc4	Bc5 ⁷
2	...	Nd4	Nb3 ⁸	Rd1	f3	Be3 ¹¹	Nc3 ¹²	a4	a5
	ed4	c5	Qd1	Bg4 ⁹	Be6 ¹⁰	b6	Bd6	Kf7 ¹³	c4 ¹⁴

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[FEN "r2qkbnr/1pp3pp/p1p2p2/4p3/3PP1b1/5N2/PPP2PPP/RNBQ1RK1 w kq - 0 7"]

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Ruy Lopez Exchange

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7.c3 Bd6 [7...ed4 8.cd4 Qd7 9.h3 Be6 10.Nc3 0-0-0 11.Bf4 g5 12. Bg3 g4 13.d5 cd5 14.ed5 Bd5 15.Nd5 Qd5 16.hg4 Qd1 17.Rfd1 Rd1 18.Rd1 Nh6 equal; Petrushin - Yudasin, USSR 1981 see 32/424; 7...Ne7 8.h3 Bf3 9.Qf3 ed4 10.Rd1 Qd7 11.cd4 f5! 12.Nc3 fe4 13.Qh5 Ng6 14.d5! Be7 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rac1 c5 17.Ne4 Rf5 18. Qg4 Ne5 19.Qe2 b6 equal; Rozentalis - R.Berzins, Tallinn 1998 see 73/380] 8.Be3 Qe7 [8...Ne7 9.Nbd2 ed4 10.cd4 f5 11.e5 Bb4 12. Qb3 Nd5 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.Nc4 Bf3 15.Qf3 Qe6 unclear; L.-A. Schneider - Carlhammar, Sverige (ch) 1987] 9.Nbd2 0-0-0 10.de5 fe5 11.b4 Nf6 12.a4 c5 13.Rb1 cb4 14.Qc2 Bf3 15.Nf3 [15.gf3 g5 16.cb4 g4 17.b5 gf3 18.Nf3 ab5 19.ab5 Rhg8 20.Kh1 Ng4! 21.Ra1 Kd7 22.Qe2! Qf6 equal; Ivanchuk - Grischuk, Rest of the World - Russia 2002 see 86/347] a5 16.cb4 Bb4 17.Rfc1 Kb8 18.Bd2 with compensation; Ivanchuk, Sulypa

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8...Bf3 9.gf3 fe5 10.Be3 Nf6 11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.Nc4 Re8 13.Rd3 Re6 14.Kf1 Be7 15.Ke2 Nh5 16.Rg1 Rf8 equal; Iskov - Smyslov, Kobenhavn 1980

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9.Nbd2 0-0-0 10.Re1 Bd6 [10...Re8 11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 (12.b3 Nf6 13. Bb2 Nd7 equal; Zhang Zhong - Short, Taiyuan 2004 see 91/294) Bf7 13.Ng5 Bg6 14.Ndf3 h6 15.Nh4 Bh5 16.Ngf3 Bf7 17.Bd2 Bd6 18.Bc3 g6 19.Rad1 Nf6 equal; Maze - Winants, Belgique 2006] 11. h3 Bh5 12.Nh4 Bf7 13.Ndf3 h6 14.b3 [14.Bd2 g6! 15.Bc3 Re8 16. Nh2 Nf6 17.Ng4 Ng4 18.hg4 h5 19.g5 Rhf8 equal; S.Kasparov - Dobrev, Guben 2004 see 90/(289)] g6 15.Bb2 Re8 16.c4 c5 17.Nh2 Ne7 18.f4 Nc6 19.N4f3 Rhf8 20.fe5 Ne5 21.Ne5 Be5 22.Be5 Re5 23.Ng4 Ree8 24.Rf1 Be6 equal; Poulsen - Dervishi, Calvia (ol) 2004

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10...b5 11.b3 Ne7 12.Bb2 Ng6 13.g3 0-0 14.Kg2 Rf6 [14...c5 15.c4 Rab8 equal; Timman - Kasparov, Hilversum (m/5) 1985 see 40/399] 15.Ng1 [15.h3 Bd7 16.Ng1 c5 equal; Nunn - Portisch, Wijk aan Zee 1985 see 39/403] Raf8!? 16.f4 ef4! 17.Bf6 gf6 18.Ngf3 Kf7! 19.a4 Rg8 20.Kf2 ½-½, R.Milu - Marin, Romania 2006 see 98/241

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11.b3 0-0-0 12.Bb2 Rhe8 13.Re1 b5 14.a3 Rd7 15.h3 Bh5 16.Nh4 Bf7 17.Nf5 Bf8 equal; Van der Wiel - P.Nikolic, Nederland (ch) 1998 see 74/(359)

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12.Nce5 Bh5! 13.Be3 Rae8 14.Nc4 Ne4 15.Nd6 cd6 16.Nd2 d5 17. Ne4 Re4 equal; Shur - R.Berzins, Naberezhnie Chelny 1993

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[FEN "r4rk1/1pp3pp/p1p2n2/2b5/2N1P3/4R3/PPP2PPP/R1B3K1 w - - 0 15"]

15.Rf3 Ne4 16.Be3 Rf3 17.gf3 Nd6 equal; Kasparov - Tal, USSR (ch) 1978; **15.Re2** Rae8 16.Be3 Re4 17.Bc5 Re2 18.Bf8 Kf8 19. Rc1 Re4 20.Nd2 Re2 equal; Topalovic - Mikhachishin, Opatija 2003; **15.Re1** Ng4 [15...Rae8 16.Be3 Be3 17.Re3 Re4 18.Re4 Ne4 19.f3 Nd6 20.Ne3 Re8 21.Kf2 Kf7 22.Rd1 a5 23.f4 h5 24.Kf3 b5 25.b3 Kf6 26.h3 g6 27.Rd3 b4 28.g4 and White is slightly better; Radjabov - Grischuk, Odessa (m/2-rapid) 2008 see 104/(235); 15... b5 (B.Socko - Beliavsky, Dresden (ol) 2008 see 104/235) 16.Ne5 Rae8 17.Nd3 Ne4 18.Nc5 Nc5 19.Bd2 and White is slightly better; Beliavsky] 16.Be3 Be3 17.Ne3 Nf2 18.Nc4 Rae8 19.e5 Ng4 20.h3 Nh6 21.Rad1 Re6 22.Rd7 Rf7 23.Rd8 Rf8 24.Rd7 Rf7 ½-½, Kovalevskaya - Zhao Xue, Russia - China 2008 see 104/(235)

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8.Ne2 Qd1 9.Rd1 Bd7 10.Nbc3 0-0-0 11.Be3 Re8 12.Rd2 Bc6 13. Rad1 b6 14.f3 [14.a4!? (Radjabov - Jakovenko, Odessa (m/1-rapid) 2008 see 102/(241)) Èb7!? equal] Ne7 15.Nf4 Ng6 16.Ncd5 [16. Ng6 hg6 17.Nd5 Bd5 18.Rd5 Bd6 19.Rd6! cd6 20.Rd6 Kb7! 21. Rd7 Kc6 22.Rg7 Rhg8 equal; Macieja - Naiditsch, Kusadasi 2006 see 96/237] Ne5 17.b3 a5 [17...c4 18.Kf2 Kb7 19.g4 a5 20.h4 Ba3 21.Nh5 Rhg8 22.Bd4 Bd5 23.ed5 Re7 equal; Vescovi - Onischuk, Poikovsky 2003 see 87/308] 18.Nh5 c4 19.a4 Kb7 20.Kf2 cb3 21. cb3 Nd7 22.g4 Nc5 equal; Kasimdzhanov - Grischuk, Tripoli (m/1) 2004 see 91/(294)

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9...Be6 10.Bf4 c4 11.Nd4 [11.Na5 b6 12.Nc6 Bd7 13.Nd4 0-0-0 14. Nd2 Re8 15.f3 b5 16.a4 Bc5 17.Be3 Ne7 18.ab5 ab5 19.b3 Nc6 20. c3 cb3 21.N2b3 Bb6 equal; Petrushin - Kharitonov, Aktjubinsk 1985] 0-0-0 12.Nc3 Bf7 13.Nf5 Rd1 14.Rd1 Ne7 15.Ne3 b5 16.a4 b4 17.Ncd5 Nd5 18.ed5 Bc5 19.Nc4 Rd8 20.Ne3 Be3 21.Be3 Rd5 equal; Udartsev - Mishin, corr.1988

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10...Bd7 11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.Bf4 c4 13.Na5 Bc5 14.Kf1 b5 15.Nd5 [15. a4 Ne7 16.ab5 Bb5 17.Bd2 Rhe8!? 18.Nb5 ab5 19.b3 cb3 20.Nb3 Bb6 21.Bc3 Rd1 22.Rd1 c5 equal; Vachier-Lagrave - Bacrot, Cap d'Agde (rapid) 2006 see 98/(241)] Ne7 16.Bc7 Nd5 17.Rd5 Kc7 18. Rc5 Kb6 19.b4 cb3 20.Nb3 Be6 21.Rc3 a5 [21...Rd6 22.a4 Bc4 23. Kf2 Rc8! 24.ab5 ab5 25.Rb1 b4 26.Re3 Bb3! 27.Reb3 Rc2 equal; Shirov - Adams, Tilburg 1996 see 68/293] 22.a4 Rc8 23.Rc8 Rc8 24.ab5 [24.Nd4 Bc4 equal; Rogers - Slobodjan, Deutschland 1998] Bb3! 25.cb3 equal; Macieja - Miton, Polska (ch) 2008 see 102/241

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[FEN "r3kbnr/1pp3pp/p3bp2/2p5/4P3/1N3P2/PPP3PP/RNBR2K1 w kq - 0 11"]

11.Nc3 Bd6 12.e5 fe5 13.Ne4 Bb3! 14.ab3 Ke7! 15.Be3 b6 16.b4 cb4 17.Bb6 Nf6 18.Nd6 cd6 19.Bc7! Ne8 20.Ba5 Rf8 21.Bb4 Rf4! unclear; Motwani - Agdestein, Novi Sad (ol) 1990 see 50/355; **11.Bf4** c4 12.Nd4 [12.Na5 Bc5 13.Kf1 Bb6 14.b4 cb3 15.ab3 Ba5! equal; Sion Castro - Izeta, Salamanca 1990 see 51/(314)] 0-0-0 13.Nc3 Bf7 14.Nf5 [14.a4 (Nadanian - Seredenko, corr.1992 see 57/(333)) Ne7 equal] Rd1 15.Rd1 g6 16.Ne3 Bc5 17.Kf2 Ne7 18.Ke2 Rd8 19.Rd8 Kd8 20.Ng4 Ng8 equal; Teterev - Maiorov, Belarus (ch) 2006

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12.a4 Ne7 [12...c4 13.Nd4 0-0-0 14.Nc3 Bf7 15.a5 b5 16.Ndb5 Rd1 17.Rd1 ab5 18.Nb5 Be7 19.a6 Be8 20.a7 Bc6 21.Ra1 Ba8 22.Ra4 unclear; Malisauskas - Yandemirov, Katowice 1993 see 57/333] 13.Bf4 c4 14.Nd4 0-0-0 15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Bg3 f5 equal; Berkvens - Van Beek, Nederland 2001

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13...Ne7 14.a5 Bb3 15.cb3 b5 equal; Poutiainen - A.Petrosian, Yerevan 1976

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15.Nd4 b5 16.b3! [16.Ne6 Ke6 17.Nd5 (17.Ne2 Ne7 18.Bf4 Be5 19.Nd4 Kf7 20.Be5 fe5 21.Nf5 Nf5 22.ef5 Rad8 equal; Malisauskas - Psakhis, Moscow 1989 see 47/(409)) Ne7 18.Ne7 Be7 19.Kf2 Rhd8 equal; Van der Kleij - Pantaleoni, corr.1989] cb3 17.cb3 Ne7!? 18.Rac1 Rhd8 19.Ne6 Ke6 20.Nd5 unclear; Predojevic - Sasikiran, Sarajevo 2006 see 97/224

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