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## Modern Chess Theory: Grünfeld Defense

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Beginning with [Volume #104](#) of Chess Informant, we introduced a new feature that gives an overview of select openings at the peak of their popularity. In Chess Informant #107, we present a favorite opening of many leading players: the Grünfeld Indian Defense.

Naturally, the world's top players are the ones who dictate "chess fashion." A decade ago, few would have seriously considered the continuation 5.Bd2 in the Grünfeld Exchange Variation, but now we are able to properly assess this popular continuation. The material is presented in the same way as in the [Encyclopedia of Chess Openings](#), with the final line representing best play, for both white and black. This being the game Anand - Svidler, Moscow 2009 (see 107/143).

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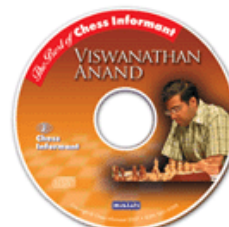
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	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	...	Bg5 <sup>2</sup>	e3	dc5 <sup>4</sup>	bc3	Rd1	Bb5	Rd5	Bf4	unclear
	Nb6 <sup>1</sup>	Bg7	c5 <sup>3</sup>	Bc3	Qd1	N6d7	Nc6	f6 <sup>5</sup>	e6 <sup>6</sup>	
2	...	Bf4	e3	Nf3	dc5	bc3	Rd1	Bh6 <sup>10</sup>	Bb5	equal
	Bg7	0-0 <sup>7</sup>	c5 <sup>8</sup>	Bc3 <sup>9</sup>	Qd1	N6d7	Re8	a6 <sup>11</sup>		
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cd5 Nd5 5.Bd2 Bg7 6.e4										
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
3	...	Bc3	Nf3 <sup>13</sup>	Be2	d5	bc3	Bf3	0-0	c4	equal
	Nc3	0-0 <sup>12</sup>	Bg4	c5 <sup>14</sup>	Bc3 <sup>15</sup>	Bf3	Nd7 <sup>16</sup>	Qc7	Rad8 <sup>17</sup>	
4	...	Be3	Be2 <sup>18</sup>	Nf3 <sup>20</sup>	Nd4	0-0	Ndb5	Bc5	Bb6	equal
	Nb6	0-0	e5 <sup>19</sup>	ed4	N8d7	Ne5	Bd7	Re8	ab6 <sup>21</sup>	
5	...	...	Bb5	Nf3 <sup>23</sup>	Bd2 <sup>24</sup>	Be2	d5	Qb3	0-0	unclear
	...	...	f5 <sup>22</sup>	f4	a6	Nc6	Ne5 <sup>25</sup>	Qd6	Nbd7 <sup>26</sup>	
6	...	...	h3	Nf3 <sup>28</sup>	ef5 <sup>30</sup>	Qb3	d5	Ne5	Rd1	White is slightly better
	...	...	f5 <sup>27</sup>	Nc6 <sup>29</sup>	Bf5	Kh8	Ne5	Be5	Qd6 <sup>31</sup>	
7	...	...	...	Nf3 <sup>32</sup>	Bd4 <sup>33</sup>	Qd4	Qe3	Bb5	Rc1	equal
	...	...	e5	ed4	Bd4 <sup>34</sup>	Nc6 <sup>35</sup>	Qe7 <sup>36</sup>	Nb4 <sup>37</sup>	Be6 <sup>38</sup>	

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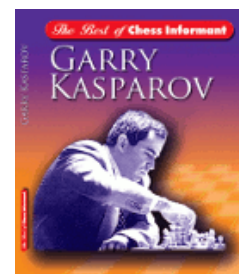
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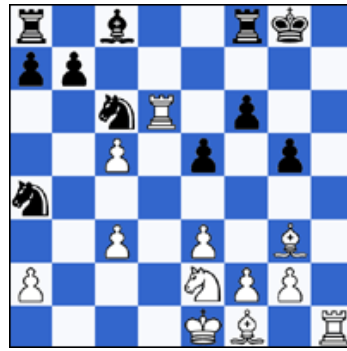
Nf3 Na6 9.e4 Ndb4 10.a3 Nd3 11.Bd3 Qd3 12.Be3 Bc3 13.Rc3  
Qe4 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Bh6 Rfd8 16.Qc1 and White is superior;  
Sakalauskas - Zjukin, Tallinn 2006

## 2

6.Nf3 Bg7 see D 90

## 3

**7...h6** 8.Bh4 0-0 9.Rc1 [9.Nf3 see D 90] g5 10.Bg3 c5! 11.dc5 [11.  
Nf3 see D 90] Bc3! 12.bc3 [12.Rc3 Qd1 13.Kd1 Na4 14.Rc2 Bf5  
15.Rd2 Nc6 16.Ne2 Nc5 17.f3 (P.Eljanov - Sutovsky, Russia 2005  
see 93/396) Rfd8! 18.Nd4 Nd4 19.ed4 Nd7! and Black is slightly  
better, with the idea Nf6-d5] Qd1 13.Rd1 Na4 14.Ne2 Nc6 15.h4  
e5! 16.hg5 hg5 17.Rd6 f6



[FEN "r1b2rk1/pp6/2nR1p2/2P1p1p1/n7/  
2P1P1B1/P3NPP1/4KB1R w K - 0 18"]

18.Nd4!! ed4 19.cd4 with compensation; Sutovsky;

**7...0-0** 8.Nf3 see D 90

## 4

8.Bb5 Nc6 9.dc5 Nd7 10.Nf3 h6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Nd4 Nc5! 13.Nc6  
bc6 14.Qd8 Rd8 15.Be7 cb5 16.Bc5 Be6 17.0-0 Rd2 18.a4! b4! 19.  
Bb4 Rb2 20.Ba5 a6! with compensation; Gladishev - Dvoirys,  
Israel 1999 see 76/(423)

## 5

12...a6 13.Ba4 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Nf6 16.Bc6 bc6 17.Rd4 Be6  
18.a3 Nd7 19.h4 Rg8 20.hg5 hg5 21.Nf3 f6 22.Nd2 Nc5 equal;  
Hauchard - Jan Gustafsson, New York 1999

## 6

**13...a6** 14.Ba4 e6 15.Rd6 Nc5 16.Bc6 bc6 17.Ne2 Bd7 equal; Milos  
Pavlovic - Pe.Popovic, Srbija i Crna Gora 2006;

**13...e6** 14.Rd6 (M.Turov - Krasenkow, Russia 2008) Nc5 15.Rc6  
[15.Bc6 bc6 16.Ne2 Bd7 equal] bc6 16.Bc6 Ke7 17.Ba8 Nd3 18.  
Ke2 Ba6 unclear

## 7

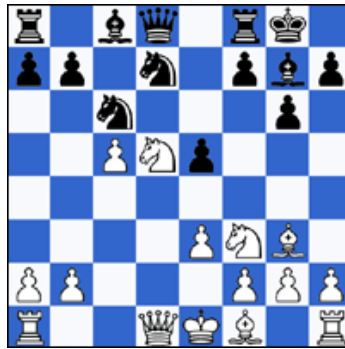
7...c5 8.dc5 Bc3 9.bc3 Qd1 10.Rd1 N6d7 11.Bb5 a6 12.Ba4 Nc6  
[12...f6?! 13.Bb8 Rb8 14.Ne2 e6 15.Nd4 Ke7 16.Nb3 and White is  
superior; Wang Yue - Morozovich, Wijk aan Zee 2009 see 105/  
(158)] 13.Bc7 0-0 14.Bb6 Nce5 15.Nf3 Nb6 16.cb6 Nc4 17.Rb1  
Bf5 18.Rb4 Rfc8 19.Bb3 Nd6 20.Ne5 Rc3 21.0-0 Kg7 equal; M.

## 8

8...Bg4 9.h3 Bf3 10.Qf3 c6 11.Be2 N8d7 12.0-0 e5 13.de5 Ne5 14. Qe4 Qe7 15.Rfd1 Rad8 [15...f5 16.Qc2 g5 17.Bh2 f4 18.ef4 gf4 19. Re1 and White is slightly better] 16.Rac1 f5 [16...h6?! 17.Bg3 f5 18. Qc2 and White is slightly better; Rodshtein - Roiz, Maalot-Tarshiha 2008 see 102/350] 17.Qc2 Nf7 18.Qb3 Be5 19.Be5 Qe5 20.Qa3 Nc8 equal; Roiz

## 9

9...N6d7 10.Nd5! e5 [10...Bb2 11.Bc7 Qe8 12.Rb1 Bg7 13.Bb5 Nc6 14.Nd4 e6 15.Nc3 Nc5 16.Bd6 and White is superior; Dreev - B. Lalic, Hrvatska 2007 see 104/(276)] 11.Bg3! Nc6



[FEN "r1bq1rk1/pp1n1pbp/2n3p1/2PNp3/8/4PNB1/PP3PPP/R2QKB1R w KQ - 0 12"]

a) 12.b4?! Nf6 13.Nf6 Qf6 14.b5 e4 15.Nd4 Nd4 16.ed4 Qd4 17. Qd4 Bd4 18.Rc1 e3 unclear;

b) 12.Rc1 Nf6 13.Nf6 Qf6 14.Bd3 [14.Bb5 Bg4 15.Bh4 Qh4 16. Nh4 Bd1 17.Bc6 bc6 18.Kd1 Rab8 19.b3 a5 with counterplay ; 14. Bh4 Qf5 (Stajner - Mikhalchishin, Slovenija 2008 see 104/276) 15. Bb5 and White is slightly better] Bg4 [14...e4?! 15.Be4 Qb2 16.0-0 and White is superior; V.Malakhov - R.Ponomarev, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/4-rapid) 2009 see 107/144] 15.Be4 and White is slightly better;

c) 12.Bh4 Qa5 [12...Nf6 13.Nf6 Bf6 14.Qd8 Bd8 15.Bd8 Rd8 16. Bb5 and White is superior] 13.Qd2 Qd2 14.Nd2 Nc5 15.Ne7 Ne7 16.Be7 Na4 17.Bf8 Bf8 18.b3 and White is superior; Mikhalchishin

## 10

12.Bg5 Re8 13.Bb5 a6 14.Ba4 (Khalifman - Kojovic, Budva 2009) Nc6 15.Rd5 e6 16.Rd6 Nc5 17.Bc6 bc6 18.Rc6 Ne4 19.0-0 f6 20. Bh4 g5 21.Bg3 e5 with compensation

## 11

14.Ba4 Nc6 15.Nd4 [15.Rd5 Nf6 16.Bc6 bc6 17.Rd4 Rb8 with compensation] Nc5

a) 16.Bc6 bc6 17.0-0 a5 [17...Ne4!?] 18.c4 e5 19.Nb3 Nb3 [19... Nb7 20.e4 Be6 equal; G.Sargissian - Li Chao, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2009 see 107/(144)] 20.ab3 a4 and Black is slightly better;

bb) 16.Nc6 Be6 17.Rd4 Na4 18.Ne7 Re7 19.Ra4 f6 equal; Mikhalchishin

## 12

7...c5 8.d5 Bc3 9.bc3 0-0 10.Nf3 [10.Bc4 see 7...0-0] Bg4 11.Be2  
see 7...0-0

## 13



[FEN "mbq1rk1/ppp1ppbp/6p1/8/3PP3/2B5/PP3PPP/R2QKBNR w KQ - 0 8"]

**8.Qd2** c5 [8...Nd7 9.Nf3 e6 10.Rc1! b6 11.Bb5 Bb7 12.Qe3 a6 13.  
Ba4 Rc8 14.0-0 b5 15.Bd1! and White is superior; V.Ruban -  
Epishin, Novosibirsk 1993 see 58/504] 9.dc5 Qd2 10.Kd2 Rd8 11.  
Kc2 Bc3 12.Kc3 Be6 13.Nf3 Nd7 14.b4 a5 15.Bb5 Nf6 16.Rhe1  
ab4 17.Kb4 Ba2 18.Re2 Be6 19.Ra8 Ra8 20.Ne5 Ra1 equal; Dreev  
- Roiz, Russia 2009 see 105/(158);

### 8.Bc4

a) 8...Nd7 9.Ne2 c5 10.d5 Ne5 11.Bb3 e6 12.0-0 Qh4! [12...c4?! 13.  
Bc4! Nc4 14.Bg7 Kg7 15.Qd4 Qf6 16.Qc4 ed5 17.ed5 Qb2 18.Nd4  
and White is slightly better; Grischuk - Krasenkow, Saint-Vincent  
2005 see 94/360] 13.f3 Rd8 equal; Krasenkow;

bb) 8...c5 9.d5 Bc3 10.bc3 Qd6 [10...e5 11.de6 Be6 12.Be6 fe6 13.  
Qd8 Rd8 14.Nf3 Nc6 equal; Dreev - Leon Hoyos, Reggio Emilia  
2008/09 see 104/121; 13.Nf3!?!] 11.Qe2 Qe5 12.Qe3 f5 13.Nf3 Qe4  
14.Qe4 fe4 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.d6 Kg7 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.  
de7 Rfe8 20.Nd6 Nc4 21.Nc4 Re7 22.Nd6 b6 1/2 : 1/2 Zhou Weiqi  
- Sutovsky, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/1) 2009 see 107/(143)

## 14

9...e6 10.Qd2 c5 11.dc5 Qd2 12.Kd2 Rd8 13.Kc2 Rc8 14.b4 a5 15.  
a3 b6 16.Rhd1 Ra7 17.Kb2 Bc3 18.Kc3 Bf3 19.gf3 Nd7 20.Kb3  
bc5 21.b5 Kf8 22.Rd6 Ke7 23.Rad1 and White is superior; Lputian  
- Donchev, Debrecen 1992 see 56/(529)

## 15

10...e6 11.0-0 ed5 12.ed5 Nd7 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Ng5  
Be2 16.Re2 Nf6 17.Re8 Re8 18.Qa4 Rd8 19.b3 Rd5 20.Bf6 Qf6 21.  
Qe8 Bf8 22.Qf8 Kf8 23.Nh7 Kg7 24.Nf6 Kf6 equal; Dreev - B.  
Gulko, Barcelona 2008 see 104/(121)

## 16

12...Qd6 13.Rb1 b6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.g3 h5 16.Bg2 e5 17.de6 Qe6 18.  
f4 Rad8 (Rychagov - Artyom Timofeev, Russia (ch) 2007 see 101/  
(369)) 19.Qa4 and White is superior

## 17

15.Qb3 e5 16.Rfb1 Rb8 17.Qa3 b6 18.Rd1 Nf6 19.Qc3 Rfd8 20.a4 Qe7 21.g3 Ne8 22.Bg2 Nd6 equal; T.Radjabov - Kamsky, Sochi 2008 see 103/(331)

## 18

**8.Rc1?!** Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Bd4 e6 11.f4 Ned7 12.Bg7 Kg7 13.Nb5! ed5 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.e5 [15.Nd5 Nf6 16.Nc3 Qe7 17.e5 Nh5 with attack] Nc4! [15...Qe7? (V.Erdos - F.Berkes, Magyarország 2005 see 95/336) 16.Nf3! Rd8 17.Be2 Nf8 18.0-0 and White is superior] 16.Bc4 dc4 17.Rc4 b5 18.Rc2 Bb7 with attack; F.Berkes, Csom;

**8.a4** a5 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Nb4 unclear; Alburt - J.Benjamin, New York 1993 see 57/451;

**8.f4** see D 70

## 19



[FEN "mbq1rk1/ppp1ppbp/1n4p1/8/3PP3/2N1B3/PP2BPPP/R2QK1NR b KQ - 0 8"]

**8...c6** 9.Nf3 Be6 10.b3 Bg4 11.Rc1 N8d7 12.0-0 Re8 13.h3 Bf3 14.Bf3 e6 15.Qd2 Qe7 16.Bg5 and White is slightly better; Tyrtania - D.Muse, Deutschland 1994 see 61/(502);

**8...Nc6** 9.Nf3 [9.d5 Ne5 10.Bd4 c5 11.Bc5 Nec4 12.Bc4 Nc4 13.Qb3 Nb2 14.Qb2 Qc7 15.Bb4 a5 16.Nge2 ab4 17.Qb4 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.0-0 b5 with compensation; Kacheishvili - Svidler, Szeged 1994 see 61/502] e5 10.d5 and White is slightly better; Ivanchuk - J. Isaev, Elista (ol) 1998 see 73/528; 9...Bg4 see D 90;

**8...f5** 9.ef5 Bf5 10.Qb3 Kh8 11.Nf3 Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Rd1 [13.Nd4 a5 1/2 : 1/2 Miton - Aronian, Moscow 1997] Nf3 [13...Qc8 14.0-0 c6 15.Nd4 and White is slightly better; Korchnoi - B.Spassky, Saint Petersburg (m/2) 1999] 14.Bf3 e6 unclear; A.R.Salem - Shirov, Dresden (ol) 2008

## 20

**9.d5** c6 10.Qb3! cd5 11.ed5 e4! 12.Rd1 Na6 unclear; Korchnoi - Svidler, Dos Hermanas 1999 see 75/419;

**9.de5** Be5 10.Nf3 Bc3 [10...Bg7 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.0-0 and White is slightly better; Cebalo - V.Mikhalevski, Zuerich 1999 see 77/451] 11.bc3 Qd1 12.Kd1 Bg4 13.h3 Bf3 14.Bf3 [14.gf3!?] Nc6 equal

## 21

15.f4 Nc6 16.e5 Na7 17.Na7 Ra7 18.Rc1 c6 equal; Korchnoi - Illescas Cordoba, Dos Hermanas 1999 see 75/(419)



[FEN "mbq1rk1/ppp1ppbp/1n4p1/1B6/3PP3/2N1B3/PP3PPP/R2QK1NR b KQ - 0 8"]

**8...N8d7** 9.Nf3 c6 10.Be2 e5 11.0-0 ed4 12.Bd4 Qe7 13.Bg7 Kg7 14.Qd4 and White is slightly better; Zakharevich - P.Eljanov, Saint Petersburg 2001 see 83/(462);

**8...Bd7** 9.Be2 Nc6 10.f4 [10.Nf3 Bg4 see D 90] Na5 11.Qc2 f5 12.e5 Be6 13.Nf3 Nd5 14.Nd5 Bd5 15.h4! (Zakharevich - Akhromeev, Voronezh 2003 see 88/(392)) h5 unclear;

**8...Be6** 9.Nf3 [9.d5 Bd7 10.Be2 c6 11.Nf3 cd5 12.ed5 Bg4 equal; Zakharevich - Najer, Russia 2001 see 82/(407)] Nc4 [9...Bc4 10.Bc4 Nc4 11.Qb3 Ne3 12.fe3 b6 13.e5 c5 14.e6 fe6 15.Ng5 and White is superior; Najer - S.Kudrin, Philadelphia 2007 see 101/(369)] 10.Bc4 Bc4 11.h4 [11.Qa4 Ba6 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.h4 Nb6 14.Qb3 Nc4 15.h5 Ne3 16.fe3 c5 17.hg6 hg6 18.e5 cd4 19.ed4 Rc8 20.Kb1 Qd7 unclear; Tkachiev - Maciejka, Santo Domingo 2002 see 88/(392)] Nd7 12.h5 c5 13.d5 (Conquest - Arakhamia-Grant, Great Britain (ch) 2003 see 88/392) Qa5 14.hg6 hg6 15.Qc2 [15.Qd2 Rfe8! 16.Bh6 Bh8 unclear] Ne5 16.Ne5 Be5 17.Rh3 b5 18.f4 Bg7 unclear; Arakhamia-Grant;

**8...a6** 9.Be2 f5 [9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Bd4 c5 12.Bc5 Nec4 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Bb6 Nb6 15.Rc1 Qf4 16.Rd1 Nd7 17.Qb4! Qd6 18.Qd6 ed6 19.Nf3 Nc5 20.Nd4 Re8 21.f3 f5 22.ef5 Bf5 23.Kf2 and White is slightly better; Zakharevich - S.Klimov, Saint Petersburg 2005 see 94/(361)] 10.ef5 Bf5 11.Bf3 Nc6 12.Nge2 Qd6 13.0-0 Rad8 14.Qb3 1/2 : 1/2 Dreev - Svidler, Russia (ch) 2005 see 95/(336);

**8...Qd6** 9.Nge2 c6 10.Bd3 e5! 11.de5 [11.f4 ed4 12.e5 Qb4 13.a3 Qe7 14.Nd4 Rd8! 15.Qe2 f6! 16.Nf3 fe5 17.Ne5 Re8 18.0-0-0 N8d7 with counterplay ] Qe5 12.0-0 [12.Bd4 Qe7 13.Bg7 Kg7 (Shirov - Ivanchuk, Foros 2008 see 103/331) 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Qc2 N8d7 equal; Ivanchuk] Rd8 13.Qc2 N8d7 14.a4 Nc5 15.a5 Nd3 16.ab6 Nb4 17.Qa4 a5 unclear; Dreev - S.Grigoriants, Budva 2009 see 105/158

## 23

**9.Nge2** a6 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.ef5 Bf5 12.Bf5 Rf5 13.0-0 e6 14.Qb3 Qe7 15.Rad1 Rd8 equal; Manolache - C.Lupulescu, Bucuresti 2002 see 85/(403);

**9.ef5** Bf5 10.Nf3 a6 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Qb3 Kh8 13.d5 Ne5 14.Ne5 Be5 15.g4 Bd7 16.h4 e6 17.h5 g5 unclear; Fressinet - P.Negi, Cap d'Agde (rapid) 2006;

**9.Nh3** a6 10.Be2 Nc6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Qb3 Kh8 13.0-0 Ng4 unclear; Dreev - Danin, Moscow 2007;

**9.Qb3** Kh8 10.ef5 Bf5 11.Nf3 Qd6 12.0-0 c6 13.Be2 N8d7 equal;  
Li.Toth - Szeberenyi, Budapest 2005

## 24

10.Bc1 a6 [10...Bg4 11.Qb3 Kh8 12.Ne5 Be5 13.de5 a6 14.Be2 Be2  
15.Ne2 Nc6 16.Bf4 Nd4 17.Nd4 Qd4 18.Be3 Qe4 19.0-0 and White  
is slightly better; Alexa.Zubarev - P.Eljanov, Kharkiv (rapid) 2002  
see 85/403] 11.Be2 Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 unclear; P.Eljanov, Alexa.  
Zubarev

## 25

12...Nd4!? 13.Nd4 Bd4 14.0-0 e5 unclear; Mikhachishin

## 26

Ki.Georgiev - Mikhachishin, Hrvatska 2007 see 101/369

## 27

**8...c6** 9.Nf3 Be6 10.Be2 Bc4 11.0-0 N8d7 12.Bg5 Be2 13.Qe2 Re8  
14.Rac1 Nf8 15.Rfd1 and White is slightly better; G.Beikert - Jan  
Banas, Viernheim 1992 see 56/(529);

**8...Nc6** 9.Nf3 f5 see 8...f5

## 28

9.ef5 Bf5 [9...gf5 10.Qd2 f4 11.Bf4 Qd4 12.Qd4 Bd4 13.Bg3 and  
White is slightly better; G.Beikert - Piesina, Daugavpils 1992 see  
56/529] 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Be2 e5 12.de5 Qd1 13.Rd1 Ne5 equal; V.  
Ruban - Leko, Tilburg 1993 see 59/(497)

## 29

9...f4 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Qb3 [11.d5 Ne5 12.Ne5 Be5 13.Qb3 Qd6!  
unclear; Zimmerman - S.Atalik, Bled 1999 see 75/(418)] Kh8 [11...  
e6 12.Ne2 Nd4 13.Ned4 Bd4 14.0-0-0 c5 15.Bc3 Qc7 16.Nd4 cd4  
17.Rd4 f3 18.g3 Bd7 19.h4 and White is superior; Zsinka - Vereci,  
Magyarország 2009] 12.Ne2 a5 13.Bc3 and White is slightly better;  
Zimmerman - Th.Giraud, Sautron 2005

## 30

10.e5 f4 11.Bc1 h6 [11...Be6 12.Be2 Bd5 13.Nd5 Qd5 14.b4! Rad8  
15.Bb2 Nb4 16.0-0 Qd7 17.Ng5 e6 18.Bg4 Rfe8 19.h4! N4d5 (Da.  
Lima - Vera Gonzalez-Quevedo, Leon 1996 see 67/(538)) 20.h5 h6  
21.Ne4 gh5 22.Bh5 Rf8 23.Nc5 Qc8 24.Qg4! and White is superior;  
Da.Lima] 12.b3 g5 [12...Bf5 13.Bf4! Nb4 14.Rc1 Nc2 15.Rc2 Bc2  
16.Qc2 Rf4 (Gadjily - Nidjat Mamedov, Moscow 2000) 17.Ne2!  
with compensation; S.Atalik] 13.Bd3 [13.Bb2?! Bf5 14.Rc1 e6 and  
Black is slightly better; Vera Gonzalez-Quevedo - S.Atalik, La  
Habana 1999 see 75/418] Nb4 14.Be4 Bf5 unclear; S.Atalik

## 31





[FEN "r2q1rk/ppp1p2p/1n4p1/3Pbb2/8/1QN1B2P/PP3PP1/3RKB1R b K - 0 14"]

**14...a5** 15.g4! Bd7 [15...Bc8 16.Bg2 and White is superior; Predojevic - Rade, Bosna i Hercegovina 2005 see 94/(361)] 16.Bg2 (Chabanon - Al.Spielmann, Paris 2005 see 94/(361)) Qe8! 17.0-0 Ba4 18.Na4 Qa4 19.Qa4 Na4 20.Bd4 and White is superior; Predojevic;

**14...Qc8** 15.Bd3 Bd3 [15...e6?! 16.Bf5 ef5 17.0-0 Qd7 18.Bc5 Rfe8 19.Nb5! and White is superior; Ivan Sokolov - Krasenkow, Deutschland 2005 see 94/(361)] 16.Rd3 Qf5 17.Rd1 and White is slightly better; Predojevic;

**14...Bg7** 15.Bd3 Bd3 16.Rd3 Qd6 17.0-0 c5 18.Qb5! c4 19.Rd2 and White is slightly better; Gleizerov - De.Prasad, Dubai 2005 see 94/(361);

**14...Qd6** 15.Bd3 e6 [15...Bd3 16.Rd3 c5 17.Qc2 and White is slightly better; G.Tunik] 16.Bf5 ef5 17.0-0 a6 18.Rfe1 Rfe8 19.Na4 Na4 20.Qa4 and White is slightly better; G.Tunik - E.Kanter, Russia 2008 see 102/(351)

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9.de5 Be5 10.Nf3 Bc3 11.bc3 Qd1 12.Kd1 Re8 13.Bd3 Be6 14.Kc2 Bc4 15.Nd2 Bd3 16.Kd3 Nc6 17.Kc2 f6 [17...Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne5 19.Nb3 Rd1 20.Rd1 Nec4 21.Bb6 ab6 22.Rd7 Rc8 23.Nd4 Kf8 24.Nb5 c6 25.Nd4 Rb8 26.Nf3 Ke8 27.Rd4 b5 equal; Nyzhnyk - Grandelius, Herceg Novi 2008 see 105/(158)] 18.Rad1 Kf7 19.Rhe1 Rad8 20.f3 Ne5 21.Nb3 Nbc4 22.Bc1 Nd6 23.Rd5 Nec4 24.Red1 f5 25.Rc5 fe4 26.Rc7 Kg8 27.fe4 Re4 equal; Nyzhnyk - Kovchan, Kharkiv (m/3) 2009 see 105/(158)

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10.Nd4 Qe7 11.Qc2 Bd7 equal; A.Sokolovs - Ostenstad, Debrecen 1992 see 56/(529)

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[FEN "rnbq1rk1/ppp2bp/1n4p1/8/3BP3/"]



**10...Nc6** 11.Bg7 Kg7 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Nd5 Nd5 15.ed5 Ne5 16.Ne5 Bb5 17.Re1 Qd6 18.Qb3 Ba6 19.Qc3 f6 20.Ng4 Rae8 21.Rac1 Re1 22.Re1 and White is slightly better; Laylo - D.Navara, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/2) 2009 see 107/(143); 13...Re8!?

**10...Qe7** 11.Bg7 Kg7 12.Qd4 f6 13.Be2 Nc6 14.Qe3 Be6 15.b3 a5 16.0-0 a4 17.Rab1 ab3 18.ab3 Rfd8 19.Nb5 Bf7 [19...Ra2!?] 20. Rfc1 Nc8 21.Bc4 Nd6 22.Nd6 Rd6 23.Bf7 Kf7 24.b4 Rad8 equal; Laylo - D.Navara, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/3-rapid) 2009 see 107/(143)

### 35

11...Qe7 12.Qe3 [12.0-0-0!?] f5 13.Be2 fe4 14.Ne4 Bf5 [14...Qb4 15.Nc3 Qb2 16.Rb1 Qa3 17.0-0 with compensation, with the idea 17...Bf5?! 18.Rb6! ab6 19.Bc4 Kg7 20.Qd4 Rf6 21.Nd5 Qd6 22.g4] 15.Nc5 Qe3 16.fe3 N8d7! 17.Nb7 Rae8 18.0-0 [18.Kf2!? Nd5 19. Bc4 Ivan Sokolov] Re3 equal; Ivan Sokolov - Sutovsky, Goeteborg 2005 see 94/(362)

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12...Be6 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Bd3 Nc4 [14...Nb4!? 15.Bb1 Bc4 16.b3 Ba6 unclear] 15.Qc1 Qb4 16.b3 N4e5 17.Ne5 Ne5 18.0-0 Rad8 19. Bb1 Qc5! 20.Qb2 [20.Na4 Qc1 21.Rc1 c6 22.Nc5 Bc8 equal; Ivan Sokolov] Nc6!?!; 20...Nf3 equal; Ivan Sokolov - P.Eljanov, Goeteborg 2005 see 94/362

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13...f5 14.Bc6 bc6 15.0-0 [15.ef5 Qe3 16.fe3 Bf5 equal; Gleizerov - Iordachescu, Khanty-Mansiysk 2007 see 102/351] f4 16.Qe2 and White is slightly better; Gleizerov

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15.b3! a6 16.Be2 Nc6 17.0-0 f6 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.Bf1 Bf7?! 20. Nh2! [with the idea f4, Ng4] Be6 21.f4 and White is slightly better; V.Anand - Svidler, Moscow 2009 see 107/143; 19...Rd6 equal.

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