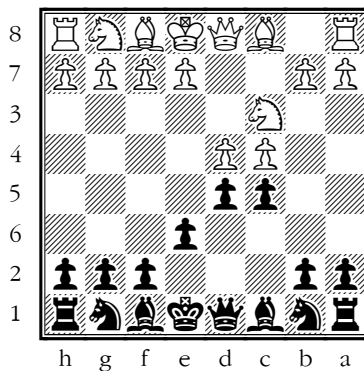
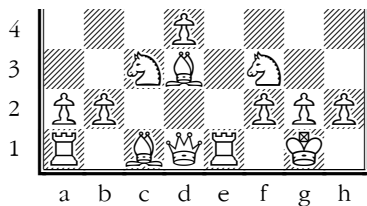
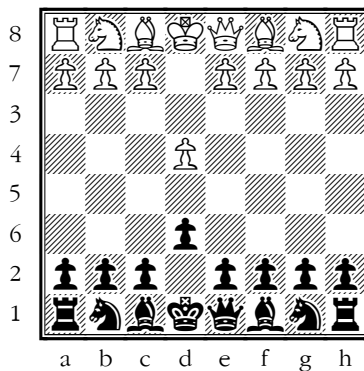
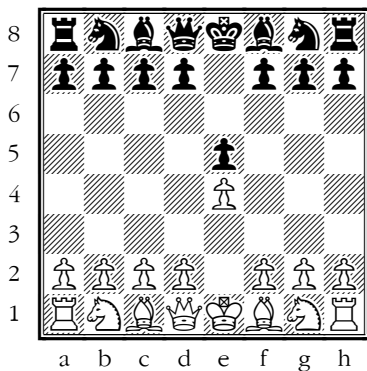






















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for young players from 8 to 80



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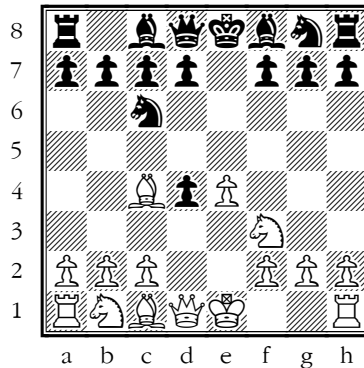
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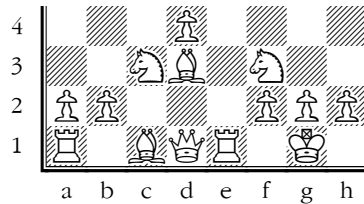
Introduction

This booklet gives you a repertoire to play when you are starting out in chess. It also gives you some alternatives if for some reason you don't like my first choice.

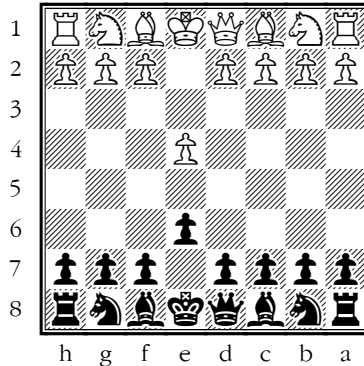
The core of the repertoire is to play as White the Scotch Gambit and related systems.



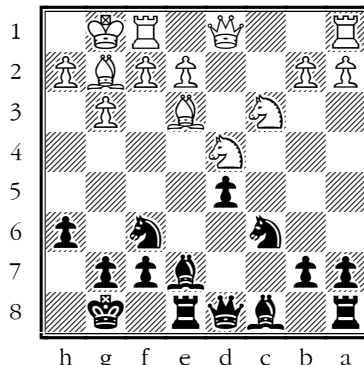
When Black doesn't play 1...e5, you can steer for Isolated Queen's Pawn positions. These occur quite often in chess, so it's good to know how to play these.



As Black against 1.e4, I think you should play the French Defence.



As Black against 1.d4, I think you can get a good game by playing the Tarrasch Defence, which often leads to IQP positions.



I have selected these systems with some key ideas in mind, of which this is the most important:
You will notice that I recommend the French Defence for Black, which Réti says to avoid! But not everyone likes to play risky lines of the Italian Game (like the Two Knights') as Black. And I happen to think that the French Defence is easier to play for Black than for White. That's my second big idea: the systems should be easy for you to understand.

"A knowledge of tactics is the foundation of positional play. This is a rule that has stood its test in chess history and one which we cannot impress forcibly enough upon the young chess player."

"A beginner should avoid the Queen's Gambit and French Defence and play open games instead! While he may not win as many games at first, he will in the long run be amply compensated by acquiring a thorough knowledge of the game."

*Richard Réti,
Masters of the Chessboard*

■ *Playing White with 1.e4 e5*

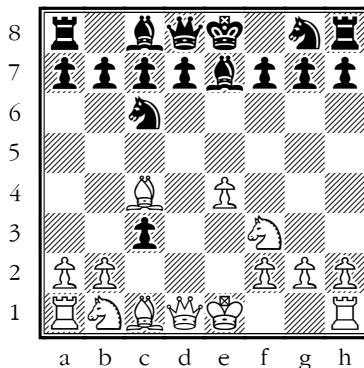
 **Scotch Gambit**

Attack (2)

Sanchez Jimenez,] - Tofe Mata,A [C44]
Zaragoza op-C Zaragoza (1), 1995

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Be7 5.c3 dxc3**

White has a strong attacking idea
here, can you find it?



6.Qd5! Nh6

7.Bxh6

Black resigns

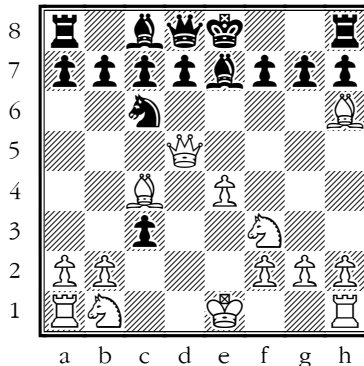


Think twice (3)

Sanchez Jimenez,] - Tofe Mata,A [C44]
Zaragoza op-C Zaragoza (1), 1995

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Be7 5.c3 dxc3 6.Qd5 Nh6 7.Bxh6**
Black resigns

Black resigned, but can you find a
way to play on?!



Black can battle on with

7...0-0!

*White then does best to take on g7,
because*

8.Bc1 Nb4 9.Qd1 c2

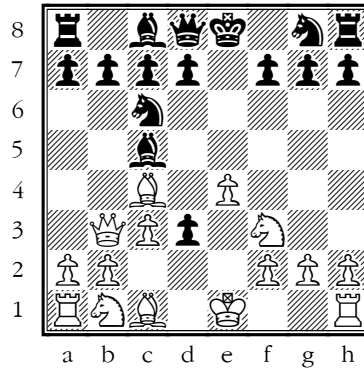
looks better for Black!

Defence (2)

Karpatchev,A - Vifleemskaia,S [C44]
RUS-Cup06 Nizhnij Novgorod (6),
04.07.1998

**1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4
Be7 5.c3 d3 6.Qb3**

How can Black defend f7?



Several players have failed to find the best moves here...

6...f6? 7.Bxg8 Black resigns

6...Nh6? 7.Bxh6 Black resigns

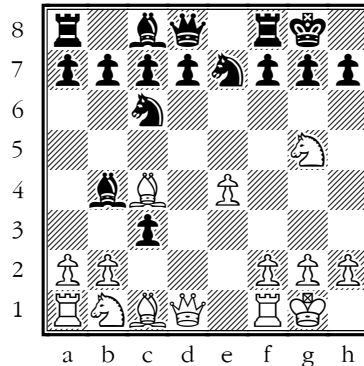
But I hope you found 6...Qf6!

Double attack (2)

Sanz Cueco,F - Santiago,E [C44]
Canarias-chT Tenerife (2), 2001

**1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4
Bb4+ 5.c3 dxc3 6.O-O Nge7 7.Ng5 O-O**

White's pieces are actively posted but Black is about to play ...d5... is there anything you can do now?



White has a fork of f7 and h7:

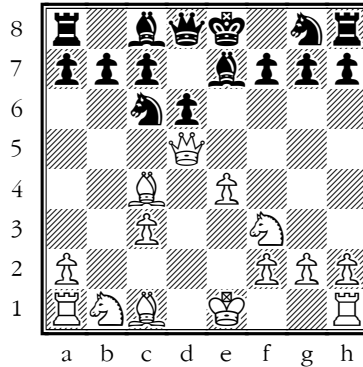
8.Qh5 h6 9.Nxf7 Black resigns

Mate in two (2)

Van Splunter,A - Brouwer,P [C44] PK Lei
SB NED (1), 21.05.2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Bb4+ 5.c3 dxc3 6.bxc3 Be7? 7.Qd5!
d6?**

White has checkmate in two moves.



8.Qxf7+ Kd7 9.Be6#

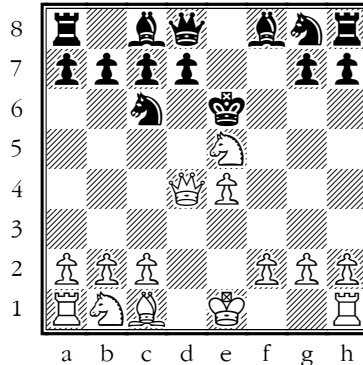
[Even if Black tries 7...Nh6 White
has the simple 8.Bxh6 0-0 9.Be3+-]

Mate in more than two! (6)

[C44] Scotch gambit - king hunt, 2000

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Na5? 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Ne5+ Ke6 7.Qxd4
Nc6?**

Follow your nose, can you mate
Black?



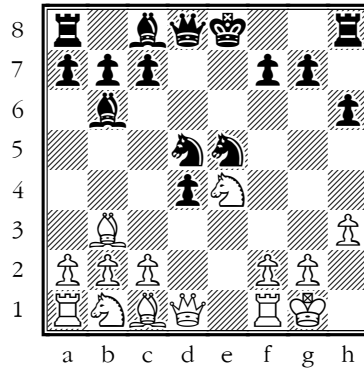
8.Qd5+ Ke7 9.Qf7+ Kd6 10.Nc4+ Kc5
11.Qd5+ Kb4 12.c3+ Ka4 13.b3#

Skewer (2)

[C44] Scotch gambit - skewer, 2000

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.O-O Nge7 6.Ng5 d5 7.exd5 Ne5? 8.Bb3 h6 9.Ne4 Bb6 10.h3 Nxd5?

Black's Knights are nicely centralised but nothing is holding them up.



11.Qh5 Qe7 12.Bxd5

Left and a right (2)

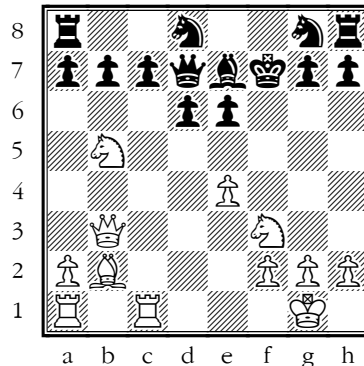
[ongje Theo de - Berry Clayton [C44] Trio, 1995

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3

This is the Göring gambit, a related system. [Göring rhymes with stirring.]

4...dxc3 5.Bc4 cxb2 6.Bxb2 d6 7.O-O Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Qd7 10.Rc1 Nd8 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Nb5 Kf7

Black has lots of extra pawns but will never get to use them if White finds the right moves...



13.Rxc7 Qe8 14.Nxd6+ 1-0

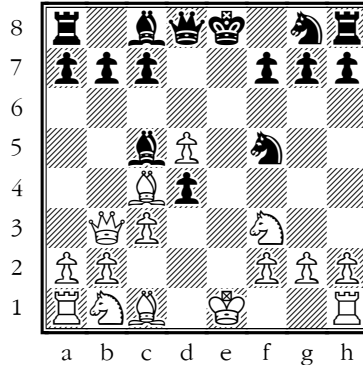
Italian Game

Fork (1)

Horvath,K - Szanyi,P [C44] HUN-chT2 9899
HUN, 1999

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Bc5 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nce7 7.Qb3 Nf5**

It's not too hard to spot this Queen
fork.



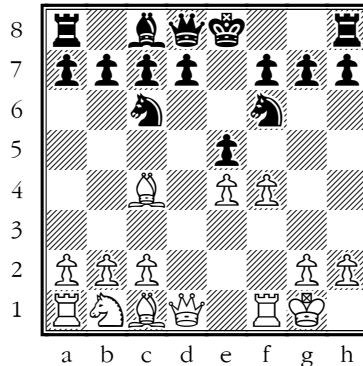
8.Qb5+ Black resigns

Decoy and fork (4)

Osipow,N - Dubiel,J [C50] Zabrzanski
Wrzesien op, 1994

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.O-O
Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 Nc6?**

White has a simple sequence to
regain the pawn with advantage.



8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.fxex5 Nxe5 10.Qd5+ Kf8
11.Qxe5 Black resigns

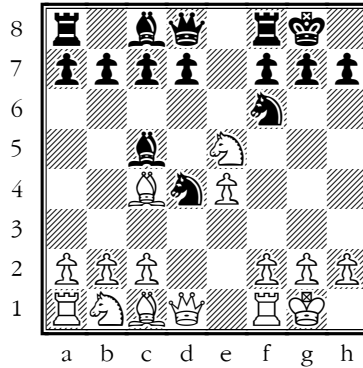


In a muddle (3)

Estrin, Y - Klaman, K [C50] URS-ch sf
Leningrad (10), 1957

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.O-O
Nf6 5.d4 Nxd4 6.Nxe5 O-O**

Black seems to have everything
covered but a simple move by White
makes it all topple over.



7.Be3!

7...Ne6 8.Bxe6 Bxe3 9.Bxf7+ +-

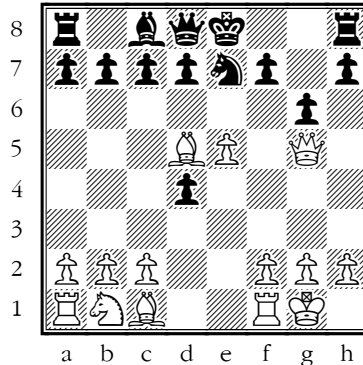
*7...Qe7 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Qxd4 ...Black
resigns*

Finesse (4)

Clech, J - Verdun, O [C55] Val Maubuee
op, 1990

**1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.O-O Be7 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd5 Ng5
8.Nxg5 Bxg5 9.Qh5 g6 10.Qxg5 Ne7**

White has a forceful series of moves
leading to mate or win of the
Queen.



11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qf6+ Kg8 13.Bh6 1-0

*The finesse that White had to spot
is that 13...Nf5 loses the Queen.*

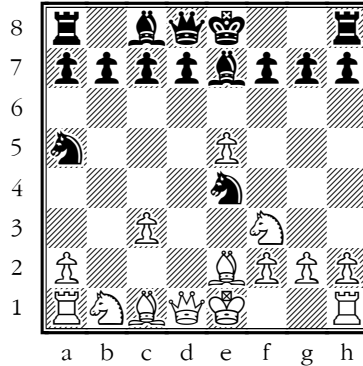
Evans' Gambit

Queen fork (1)

Kiltti, J. - Meskanen, V [C51] Helsinki We G
Helsinki (2), 1996

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Be2 Nf6
8.dxe5 Nxe4**

Black has two Knights held up by no
more than hope...



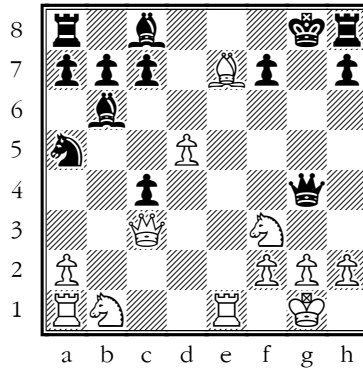
9.Qa4 Black resigns

Mate in three (3)

Evans' Gambit [C51]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.O-O Nf6 7.d4 exd4
8.cxd4 Bb6 9.e5 d5 10.exf6 dxc4
11.Re1+ Kf8 12.Ba3+ Kg8 13.d5 Na5
14.Be7 Qd7 15.fxg7 Kxg7 16.Qd2 Qg4
17.Qc3+ Kg8**

They think it's all over...



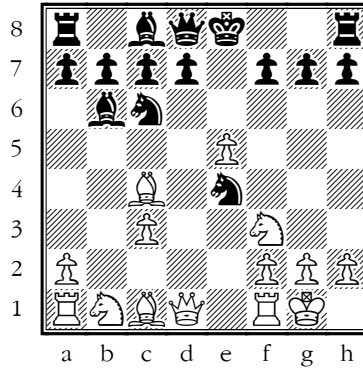
18.Qxh8+ Kxh8 19.Bf6+ Qg7 20.Re8#
Yup.

Déjà vu all over again (1)

Evans gambit [C51]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.O-O Nf6 7.d4 Bb6
8.dxe5 Nxe4**

Black has only one floating Knight,
but White can combine ideas.



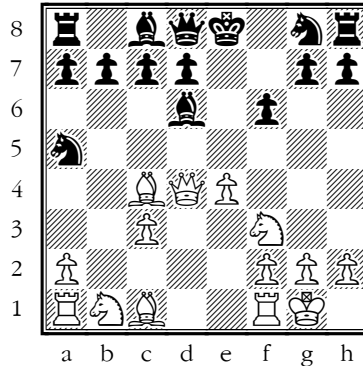
9.Qd5

Setting up a fork (2)

Novy,V - Suchy,K [C51] Klatovy op-B
Klatovy (3), 1999

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Bd6 6.d4 exd4 7.O-O Na5
8.Qxd4 f6**

White spots a loose piece on a5, but
how to use it in a tactic?



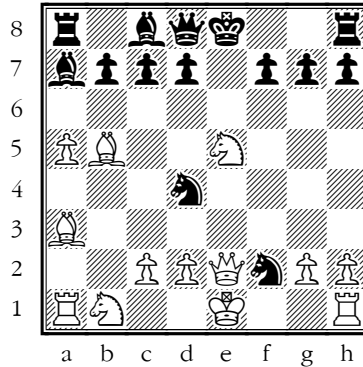
9.Bxg8 Rxg8 10.Qd5 Black resigns

Two sorts of check (2)

Evans Gambit Declined [C51]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6
5.a4 a6 6.a5 Ba7 7.b5 axb5 8.Bxb5
Nf6 9.Ba3 Nxe4 10.Qe2 Nxf2 11.Nxe5
Nd4**

Black hits back at the threatening Queen, but White has a fabulous mate based on two checks: one discovered and one double.



12.Nxd7+ Nxe2 13.Nf6#

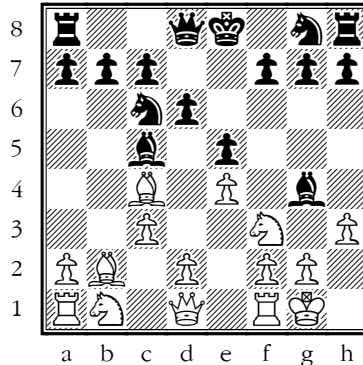
Double check and mate!

No retreat (4)

Giuoco piano [C51]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.O-O d6 7.Bb2 Bg4
8.h3**

White tries to chase away the Bishop – can you see why Black doesn't have to retreat?



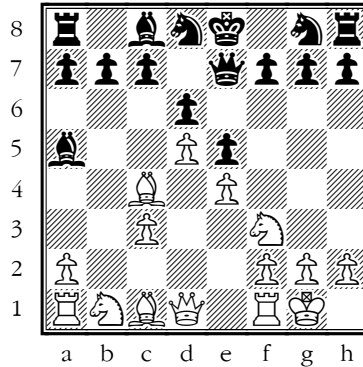
8...h5! 9.hxg4 hxg4 10.Nh2 Qh4 wins for Black.

Loose pieces drop off (1)

Sorbe,S - Bourdon,P [C52] St Affrique
op St Affrique (3), 2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 Qe7 7.d5 Nd8
8.O-O d6?**

Look for the weak link and you will
find the tactic.



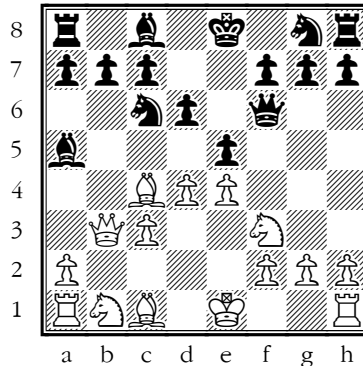
9.Qa4+ Black resigns

Loosened pieces drop off (2)

Toivonen,A - Tiilikainen,A [C52] Tuusula
We op Tuusula (2), 1996

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qf6**

Nothing loose at the moment, but
White has a winning idea.



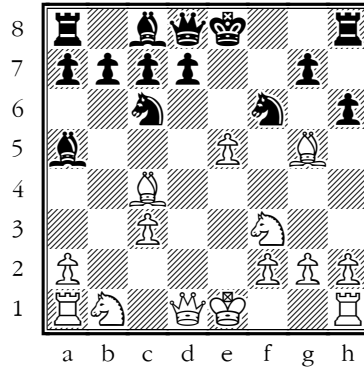
8.d5 Black resigns

Promotion (3)

Evans gambit [C52]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 Nf6 7.dxe5 Ng4
8.Bg5 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.e5 h6**

Black is fighting hard, but White does not need to retreat the Bishop.



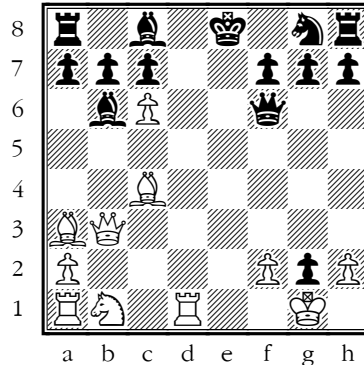
11.exf6 hxg5 12.fxg7 winning the Rook.

Crossfire (3)

Giuoco Piano [C52]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.O-O d6
8.Qb3 Qe7 9.e5 dxе5 10.Ba3 Qf6
11.cxd4 e4 12.d5 exf3 13.dxc6 fxg2
14.Rd1 Bb6**

Black's King is hemmed in by the crossfire, but it is the Black Queen that falls.



15.Bxf7+ Qxf7 16.Rd8+ Black resigns

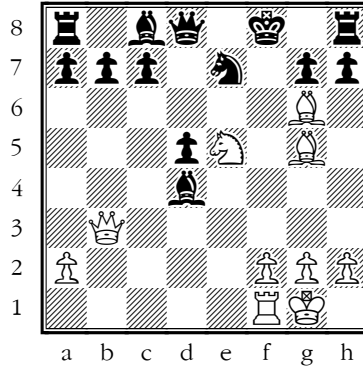
Italian Game

Big finish (6)

Giuoco Piano – Möller Attack [C54]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4
8.O-O Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Qb3 Bxa1
11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Bg5 Ne7 13.Ne5 Bxd4
14.Bg6 d5

How can you finish off Black from here?



One line is

15.Qf3+ Bf5 16.Bxf5 Bxe5 17.Be6+ Bf6
18.Bxf6 Qb8 19.Bg5+ Ke8 20.Qf7+ Kd8
21.Bxe7#

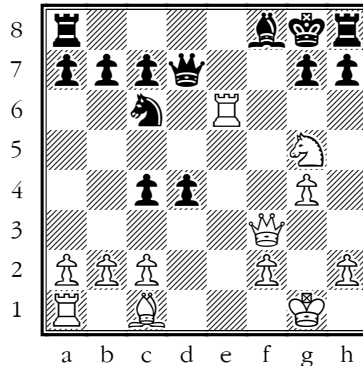
Interference (2)

Giuoco Piano [C55]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.O-O
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4
8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5
11.Nce4 Bf8 12.Nxf7 Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Kg8

[13...Kxf6 14.Rxe6+]

14.g4 Qxf6 15.Rxe6 Qd8 16.Qf3 Qd7



17.Re7 Black resigns

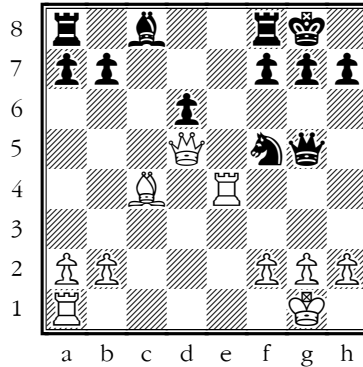
17...Bxe7 or 17...Nxe7 interferes with
the defence of f7: 18.Qf7#

17...Qxe7 18.Qd5+ mates

Pin and win (2)

Giuco Piano – Möller Attack [C54]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4
8.O-O Bxc3 9.d5 Bf6 10.Re1 Ne7
11.Rxe4 O-O 12.d6 cxd6 13.Qxd6 Nf5
14.Qd5 d6 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5**

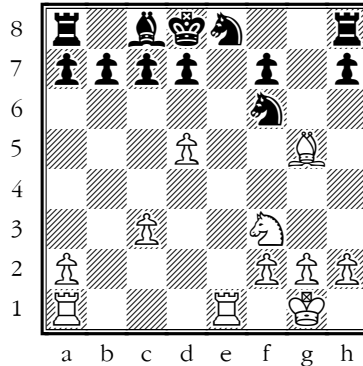


17.Qxf7+ Rxf7 18.Re8#

Queenless attack (5)

Giuco Piano – Möller Attack [C54]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4
8.O-O Bxc3 9.d5 Ne5 10.bxc3 Nxc4
11.Qd4 Ncd6 12.Qxg7 Qf6 13.Qxf6
Nxf6 14.Re1+ Kd8 15.Bg5 Nde8**



**16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bh6+
Kg8 19.Re5 d6 20.Rg5#**

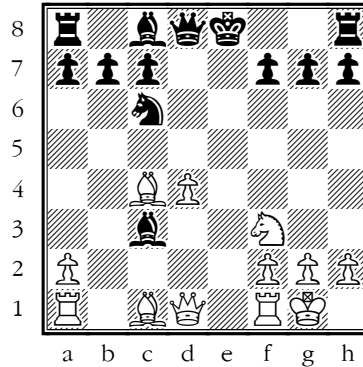
Once the Queens are off, you usually have to make a new Queen before you checkmate.

Greedy (5)

Blumenstein, M - Greim, R [C54] GER-ch
WK2 U20 Stade (5), 13.05.2001

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 d5
8.exd5 Nxd5 9.O-O 10.bxc3 Bxc3?**

This is no time to stop and do shopping.



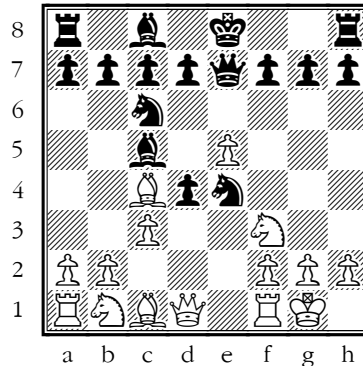
*11.Qb3! Bxa1 12.Bxf7+ Kf8 13.Ba3+
Ne7 14.Re1 Bxd4 15.Nxd4 Be6
16.Nxe6+ Black resigns*

Loose pieces... you know (1)

El Adnani, M - Maksimov, A [C54] Wch
U12 Disney Paris (6), 1995

**1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.e5 Qe7 7.O-O Ne4**

Black's Knight parachutes in... no strings attached.



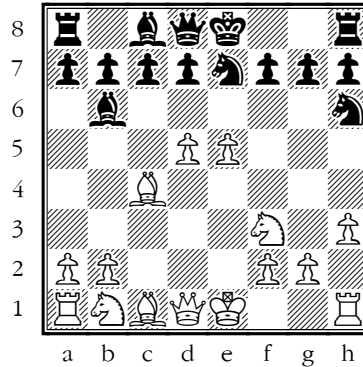
*8.Bd5 would be good enough, but
White turned the screw with
8.cxd4 Bb4 9.Bd5 Black resigns*

On the edge (3)

Giuoco piano [C54]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb6 7.e5 Ng4 8.h3
Nh6 9.d5 Ne7**

Black's pieces have been pushed to the edge; White can use Black's lack of space to win material.



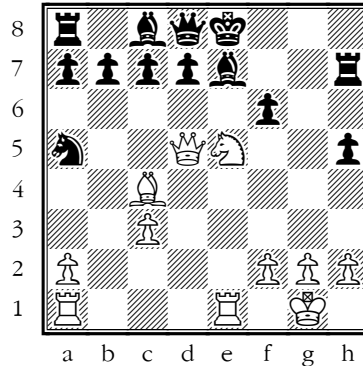
10.d6 Ng6 11.Bg5 f6 12.exf6

As easy as... (3)

Giuoco Piano - Möller Attack [C54]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4
8.O-O Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 10.d5 Na5
11.d6 Bxd6 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Bg5 f6
14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ne5 h5 16.Qd3 Rh6
17.Qd5 Rh7**

...Mate in three!



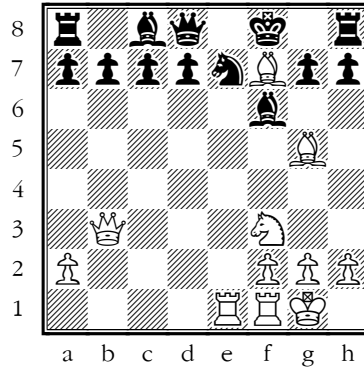
18.Qg8+ Bf8 19.Nc6+ Re7 20.Qf7#

Long finish (6)

Giucco Piano – Möller Attack [C54]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4
8.O-O Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Qb3 Bxd4
11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Rae1 Ne7**

Can you find your way home from here?



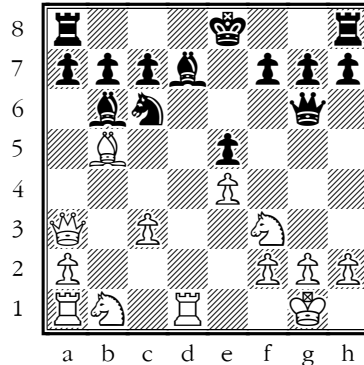
One likely-looking sequence is:

**14.Bh5 Ng6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Rxe5 g6
17.Bh6+ Bg7 18.Rf5+ Ke7 19.Re1+ Kd6
20.Qd5#**

Pin and fork (2)

Chevrier,T – Nielsen,R [C52] 7th NATO,
Viborg DEN (3), 1996

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.O-O Bb6 7.d4 d6
8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qb3 Qf6 10.Rd1 Nge7
11.Bg5 Qg6 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Qa3+ Ke8
14.Bb5 Bd7**



15.Rxd7 Black resigns

15...Kxd7 16..Nxe5 wins the Queen.

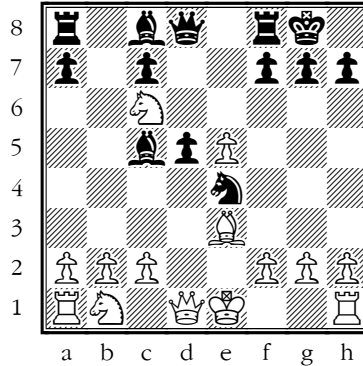
Two Knights'

Knockabout (5)

Berendsen,R - Van Geffen,B [C55]
Essent op Hoogeveen (3), 13.10.2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bc5!?**
8.Be3! 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6

How can Black punish White's
greedy 10.Nxc6?



*There's a punchy series of ideas to
follow:*

*10...Bxe3 11.Nxd8 Bxf2+ 12.Kf1 Ba6+
13.Qd3 Bxd3+ 14.cxd3 Raxd8 15.dxe4
Bd4+*

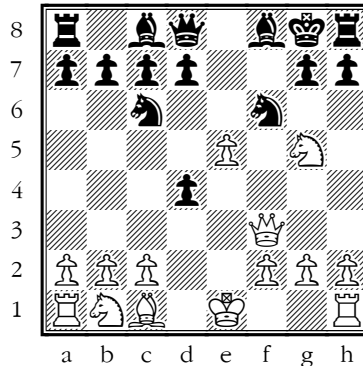
White resigns

Siege (3)

Kowalak,P - Dziadykiewicz,T [C55]
Krakow festival 7th Krakow (3), 1996

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.e5 Ng4 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Ng5+
Kg8 8.Qf3 Nf6**

The King's castle is actually a prison.
Because the black King has no
moves, any check will be mate.



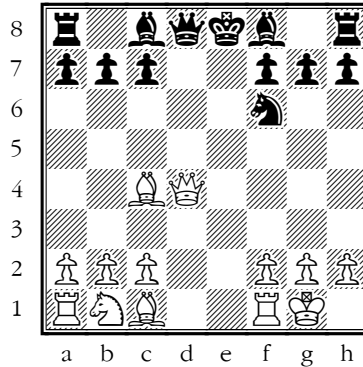
*9.Qb3+ d5 10.exd6+ Nd5 11.Qxd5+
Be6 12.Qxe6#*

Exposed (2)

Diaz Fernandez, I - Saenz, J [C55] ESP-
chTB Oropesa del Mar (7), 1996

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.O-O d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd4
Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Nf6**

The central files are wide open
against the Black royalty. How does
White win material?



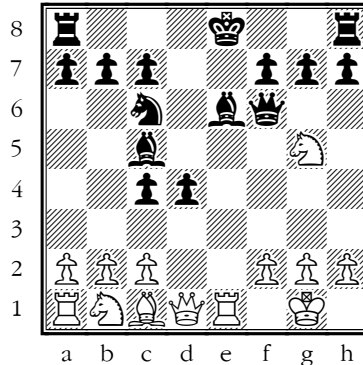
9.Bxf7+ Black resigns

Natural (3)

Max Lange [C55]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.O-O Bc5 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4
8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qxf6?**

Black makes a natural capture, but
it's a well-known mistake. But why?



10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+ Qf7 12.Qxc5

Good enough (3)

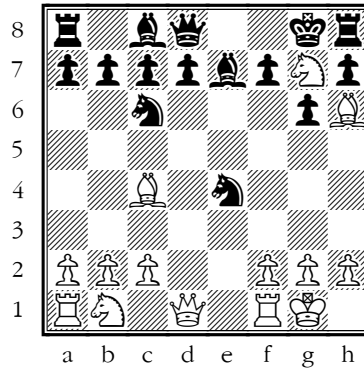
Komarek,P - Petrasova,L [C55] Brno KOLT
2nd Brno (7), 1969

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.O-O Be7**

[5...Nxe4]

**6.Nxd4 Nxe4? 7.Nf5! g6? 8.Ng7+ Kf8
9.Bh6 Kg8**

White has an obvious try, but can
you follow it up in the best way?



10.Bxf7+! Kxf7 11.Qd5+ Kf6 12.Qxe4

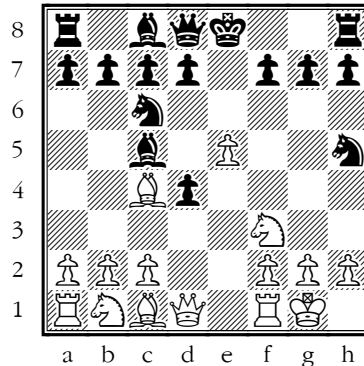
Black resigns, so that must be good
enough, but 12.Nc3 is a bit better,
threatening Bg5# and Nc3#.

Discovery (2)

Spoelman,W - Gorter,Y [C55] NED-ch U12
op Hengelo (5), 09.08.2000

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.O-O Bc5 6.e5 Nh5?**

You've got the idea by now that
loose pieces do the dropping off
thing...



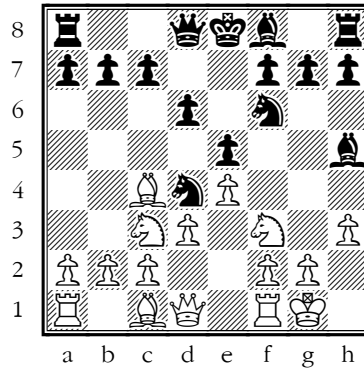
7.Ng5 O-O 8.Qxh5 g6 9.Qxh7#

Last idea (5)

Two Knight's Defense [C55]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.O-O d6
5.Nc3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.d3 Nd4**

Can White get away with g2-g4?



White tries

8.g4

Black of course tried the standard sacrifice:

8...Nxg4 9.hxg4 Bxg4

But White rocked the opponent with 10.Nxe5! Black resigns

10...Bxd1 11.Bxf7+ Ke7 12.Nd5#

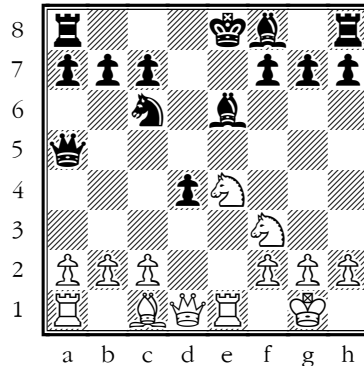
Keeping up standards (2)

Breivik, T - Valeinis, J [C56] NOR op U18
NOR (3), 1998

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
exd4 5.O-O Nxe4 6.Re1 d5 7.Bxd5
Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Nxe4 Be6**

A standard position, in which White tries an unusual move. What happened next?

10.Nxd4...



10...Nxd4

White resigns, because if

11.Qxd4, 11...Qxe1#

Petroff Defence

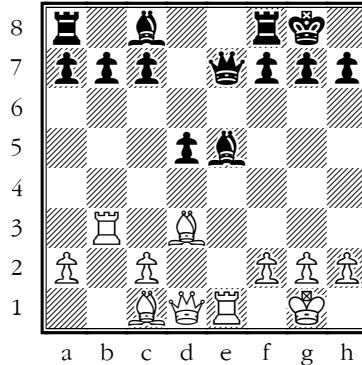
Pressure on a pinned piece (3)

Sax,G - Nunn,J [C43] Brussels (6), 1985

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5
5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nc3 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Bb4?!
8.O-O Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Rb1 Qe7
11.Rb3 Bxe5? 12.Re1 O-O**

You see the pin, but how to use it?

13.f4? Qc5+



13.Qh5 f5 14.Bf4 Black resigns

Improvement (2)

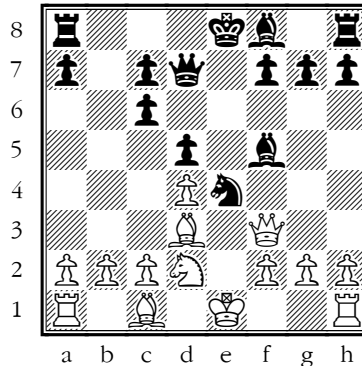
Majer,J - Hnilicka,M [C43] Brno Olexa
mem op Brno, 1998

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5
5.Nxe5 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Nd2 Bf5
8.Qf3 Qd7**

Black is unwilling to accept the loss
of a pawn...

9.Nxe4 Qe6?

But that didn't help. How do you
respond?



10.Qxf5 Black resigns

Spot the threat (4)

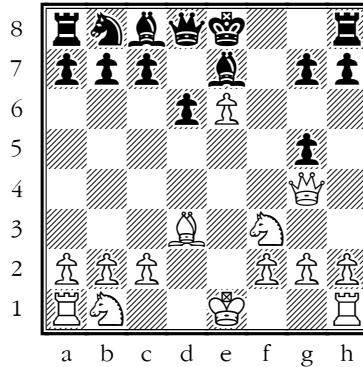
Plazaola,M - Sotelo,R [C43] Najdorf op
Buenos Aires (6.71), 28.09.2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.e5 Ng4
5.Qxd4 d6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e6! e6
7...f6?**

[7...Bxe6 8.Qxg7 Rf8 9.Nc3]

8.Qxg4 fxg5 9.Bd3

What is White's main threat? Black
missed it!



*The game ended quickly with
9...Nc6?? 10.Qh5+ Kf8 11.Qf7#*

[10...g6 11.Bxg6+ also leads to mate]

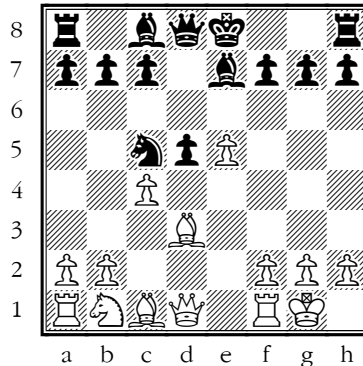
*Best was 9...g6 when 10.h4± keeps
White's attack going.*

Jumpy (1)

Silva,A - Mendes,C [C43] Figueira da Foz
op (3), 16.02.2000

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Nxe5
d5 5.Bd3 Nd7 6.O-O Nxe5 7.dxe5 Be7
8.c4 Nc5**

White's pressure against the Black
Knight leads to the win of a pawn...



...at least!

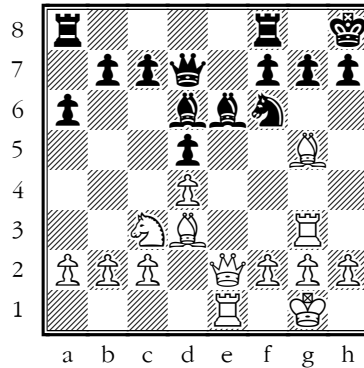
*The game continued 9.cxd5 Qxd5
10.Bb5+ Black resigns*

Collapse (3)

Ballester Cladera,A - Mora Fernandez,
[C43] Binissalem op Binissalem (4), 2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5
5.Nxe5 Nf6 6.O-O Bd6 7.Re1 O-O
8.Nc3 a6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Re3 Be7
11.Rg3 Kh8 12.Qe2 Nbd7 13.Nxd7
Qxd7 14.Re1 Bd6?**

Black understandably wants to fight back, but White is not bothered by this little spite attack.



*15.Bxf6! Bxg3 16.Qh5! Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2
Black resigns*

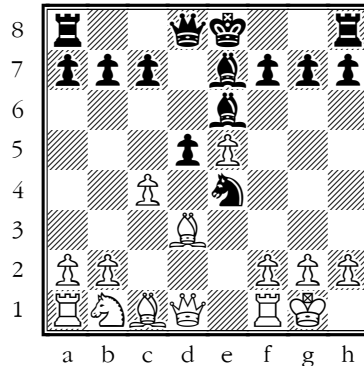
*15...gxf6 16.Qh5 f5 17.Rh3 would be
the other way the game could end.*

Bebop (2)

Messing,H - Andric,D [C43] Belgrade
Belgrade, 1968

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5
5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.O-O Be7 7.c4 Nxe5
8.dxe5 Be6**

Two simple moves give White a piece.



9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Qa4+ Black resigns

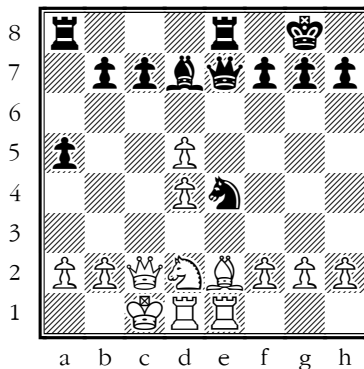
Elephant Gambit

Discovered pin (2)

Dueckstein,A - Schuster,T [C40] Berg en Dal zt-A Berg en Dal (5), 1960

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Qe2 Nf6 5.d3 Bb4+ 6.c3 O-O 7.dxe4 Bc5 8.Bg5 Re8 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.Be2 Nc5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.O-O-O Bd7 15.Rhe1 a5 16.Nd4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Nxe4

Black wants a pawn back, but that one is poisoned.



18.Bd3 Black resigns

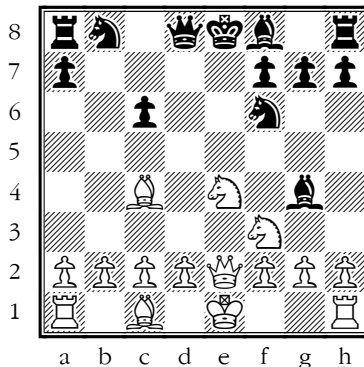
Oddity (1)

Toth,A - Costa,C [C40] San Agustin op 4th Aviles (1), 14.08.1999

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 c6 4.dxc6 bxc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bc4 e4 7.Qe2 Bg4 8.Nxe4

Black has made some odd choices, but the next move is more than daft.

8...Bxf3



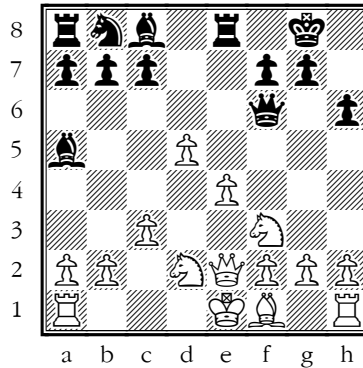
9.Nxf6#

A left and a right (1)

Wortel,M – Van Veen,O [C40] Hengelo
U16 op Hengelo (2), 1997

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Qe2 Nf6
5.d3 Bb4+ 6.c3 O-O 7.dxe4 Ba5 8.Bg5
Re8 9.Nbd2 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6**

The long reach of the Queen leads to
a quick knockout.



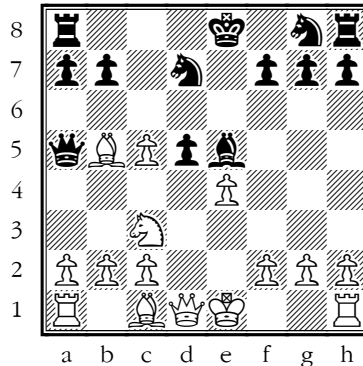
11.Qb5 Black resigns

Over-eager (2)

Boer,] – Koncz,L [C40] Miskolc Avas op
(2), 1999

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nxe5 Bd6 4.d4 c5
5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Nxd7 Nxd7 7.dxc5
Qa5+? 8.Nc3 Be5?**

Black is keen to attack, but the
whole plan is a disaster.



9.Bxd7+!

*9...Kxd7 10.Qxd5+ picks up the
Bishop.*

*Black tried to find another way but
lost quickly:*

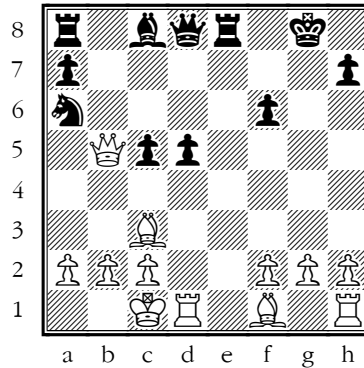
*9...Ke7 10.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+
12.Bd2 Qxa1+ 13.Ke2 Qf6 14.Bg5 Qxg5
15.Qd6+ Kd8 16.Bc6+ Black resigns*

Octopus (2)

Kotronias,V - Pandavos,P [C40] Peristeri (10), 1993

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Qe2 Nf6
5.d3 Be7 6.dxe4 O-O 7.Nc3 Re8 8.Bd2
b5 9.Qxb5 Na6 10.Nd4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4
Bf6 12.Ne6 fxe6 13.Nxf6+ gxf6
14.O-O-O exd5 15.Bc3 c5**

Black resigns, not waiting for ...
what?



I don't know what White would have played!

*16.Qc6 attacks four points at once:
a8, a6, d5 and f6.*

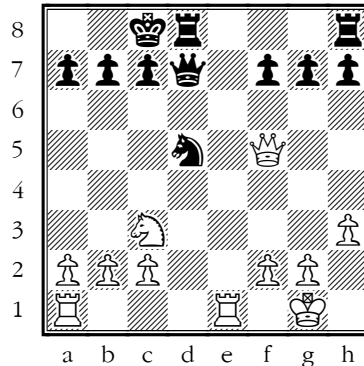
16.Rxd5! might be more accurate,

Neat (2)

Sampedro Goig,| - Blasco Marques,S
[C40] Cullera op Cullera (7), 1995

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Ne5 Nf6
5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.d4 exd3
8.Nxd7 Bxd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Qxd3
O-O-O 11.Be3 Qg4 12.O-O Be5 13.h3
Qh5 14.Bd4 Nxd5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5
16.Rfe1 Qd6 17.Qf5+ Qd7**

That looks OK, blocking the check
and defending d5. What's wrong?



18.Nxd5! Black resigns

*18...Qxf5 19.Ne7+ and Nxf5 leaves
White a piece ahead.*

Latvian Gambit

Onward (4)

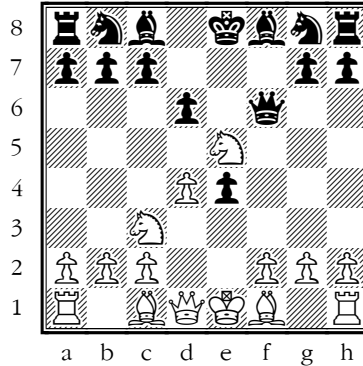
Rodriguez,A - Herrera,M [C40] Manuel
Pereyra Puebla Mem 2nd Mendoza (1),
06.12.2003

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Qf6 4.d4
fxe4?! 5.Nc3**

[5.Bc4!? might be better]

5...d6?

Black hopes that White will retreat...



6.Nd5!

Now 6...Qd8 7.Qh5+ g6 8.Nxg6 hxg6
9.Qxh8 is winning, so Black tried:

6...Qf5 but was disappointed by
7-84!

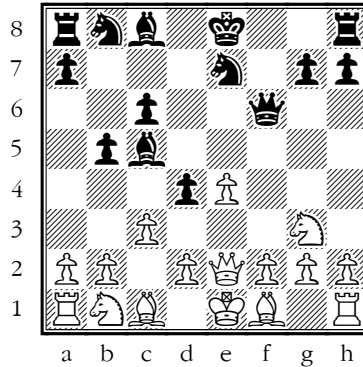
Black resigns

A right and a left (1)

Agopov,M - Serschr,R [C40] Gausdal
Eikrem mem Gausdal (3), 01.08.2000

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Qf6 4.Nc4 b5
5.Ne3 c6 6.Nxf5 d5 7.Ng3 Bc5 8.Qe2
Ne7 9.c3 d4**

Loose pieces are droppy-offy.



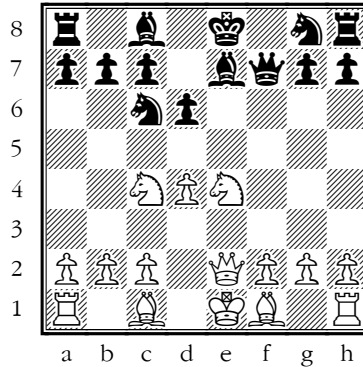
10.Qh5+ Black resigns

Worth it (2)

Weyh,T - Kurzawa,D [C40] Ruhrgebiet
VK4 9798 Ruhrgebiet, 1998

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Qf6 4.d4 d6
5.Nc4 fxe4 6.Nc3 Qf7 7.Nxe4 Be7
8.Qe2 Nc6**

White must pay a small price to get
a bargain.



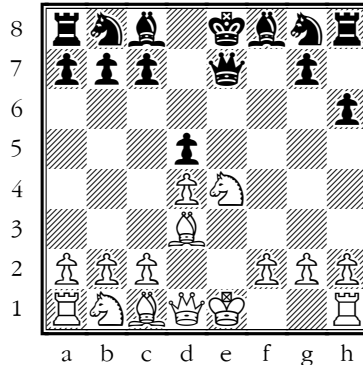
9.Nexd6+ Black resigns

Cutlery (3)

Roethler,E - Klavins,L [C40] USA-ch op
58th Cleveland (4), 08.08.1957

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Qf6 4.d4 d6
5.Nf3 fxe4 6.Ng5 h6 7.Nxe4 Qe7 8.Bd3
d5**

White combines a fork and a
skewer.



9.Qh5+ Qf7 10.Nd6+ Black resigns

9...Kd8 10.Qxd5 is fine

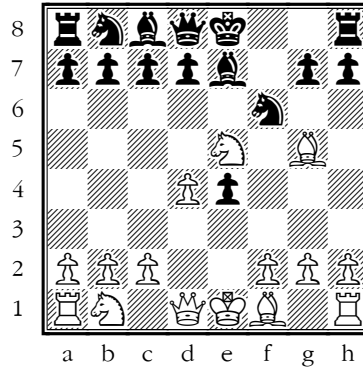
*9...g6 is best, I suppose, but Black
will lose.*

Removing the guard (4)

Massny,C - Patzer,S [C40] Schleswig
Holstein-ch U17 VR2 Neumuenster (6),
1998

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Nf6 4.d4 fxe4
5.Bg5 Be7**

I am torn between delight and sympathy to discover there is a player called Patzer! The German *Patzen* means to make a mess of something, and you sometimes hear players insult each other with this name.



6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Qh5+

Black could not bear 7...g6 8.Nxg6,
so makes a run for it.

7...Ke7 8.Qf7+ Kd6 9.Nc4+ Kc6
10.Na5+ Kd6 Black resigns

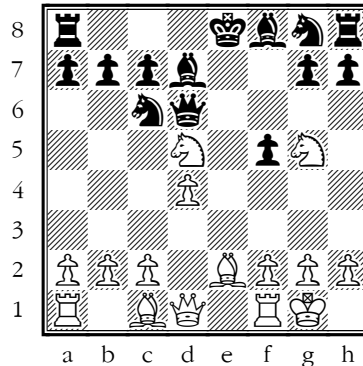
There's no checkmate that I can see with the King on d6 (11.Nc3 c6!), but White will push it back to c6 with 11.Nc4+ Kc6 and mate after 12.Nc3

Net (2)

Popovic,I - Kalinski,K [C40] Zadar op
Zadar, 1995

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Nc6 4.d4 Qh4
5.Nf3 Qxe4+ 6.Be2 d5 7.O-O Bd7
8.Nc3 Qe6 9.Ng5 Qf6 10.Nxd5 Qd6**

That black Queen doesn't have too many places to escape to...



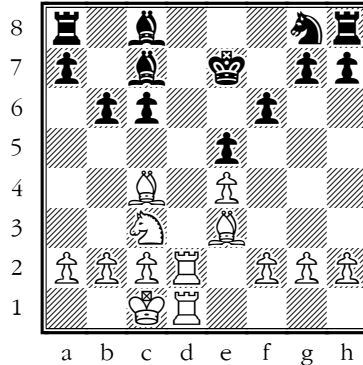
11.c4 Black resigns, since the threat of 12.Bf4 wins at least the Exchange.

Philidor's Defence

Finishing off

Utman,C - Manrique,L [C44]Najdorf op
Buenos Aires (5.22), 27.09.2002

**1.e4 e5 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.dxe5
Nxe5 5.Nxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8
7.Bc4 f6 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Nc3 c6 10.O-O-O
Ke7 11.Rd2 b6 12.Rhd1 Bc7**



13.Bd5!

[13.Bb5 cxb5 14.Nd5+-]

13...Bb7 14.Bxg8 Rd8 (14...Rhxg8
15.Rd7+-) 15.Rxd8 Bxd8 16.Bc4+-;

13...cxd5 14.Nxd5+ Kf7

(14...Kd8? 15.Nxb6+-)

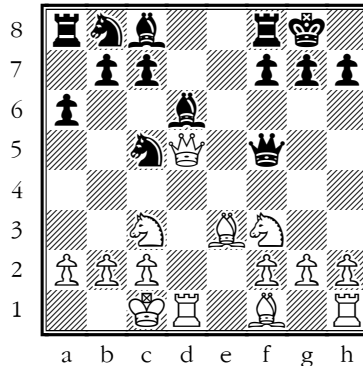
15.Nxc7+-] Black resigns

Ducks in line (3)

Gerigk,E - Schmidt Schaeffer,S [C41]
Baden-ch U20 Birkenfeld, 1990

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxe5
Nxe4 5.Qd5 Nc5 6.Bg5 Qd7 7.exd6
Bxd6 8.Nc3 O-O 9.O-O-O a6 10.Be3
Qf5**

White arranges the Black pieces how
they want them.



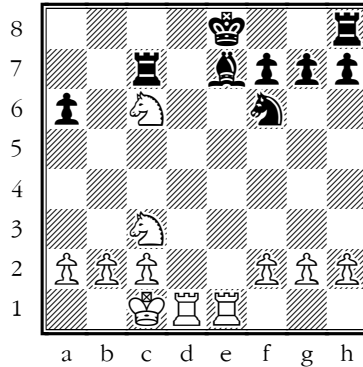
11.Qxf5 Bxf5 12.Bxc5 Bxc5 13.Rd5
Bxf2 14.Rxf5 Black resigns

Wallop (1)

Omelka, M - Fuksik, J [C41] Moravia-chT
9697 Czechia, 1997

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxe5
Nxe4 5.Qd5 Nc5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.Bxd8
Bxd5 8.Bxc7 Nbd7 9.exd6 Ne6 10.Nc3
Bc6 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.O-O-O
Nxc7 14.dxc7 Rc8 15.Rhe1+ Be7
16.Nd4 Nf6 17.Nxc6 Rxc7**

Black removes the dangerous pawn,
but allows the dangerous... what?



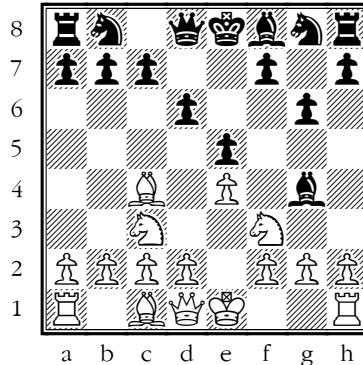
18.Rd8#

Lonely beauty (3)

De Legall - Saint Brie [C41] Paris

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Bg4 4.Nc3 g6

Sire de Legall taught the great
Philidor, but all we know of his
chess is this beautiful idea. If you
haven't seen it before, remember
your Knight may be pinned, but it is
allowed to move...



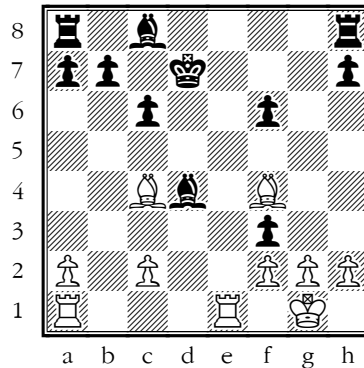
5.Nxe5 Bxd1 6.Bxf7+ Ke7 7.Nd5#

Confidence trick (2)

Urban,M - Eitel,H [C41] Bayern-chB
Lichtenfels (8), 1994

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxe5
Nxe4 5.Qd5 f5 6.Bc4 Qe7 7.O-O c6
8.exd6 Qf6 9.Qd3 Bxd6 10.Re1 Nd7
11.Nc3 Ndc5 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.Qd4 Kd7
14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.b4 exf3 16.bxc5 Bxc5
17.Bf4 Bd4 Black resigns

Black was quite sure that White
would spot the tactic... can you?



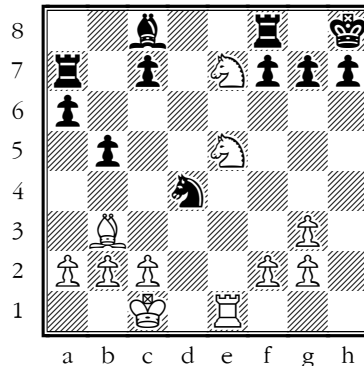
Rad1 ♞ c3

Just enough (3)

Heberla,B - Juroszek, J [C41] POL-chT
region Poland, 1999

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxe5
Nxe4 5.Qd5 Nc5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.exd6
Qxd6 8.Nc3 Qxd5 9.Nxd5 Bd6
10.O-O-O Ne6 11.Bh4 Nc6 12.Bc4 a6
13.Rhe1 O-O 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 b5
16.Bb3 Ra7 17.Ne5 Ned4 18.Rxd4
Nxd4 19.Ne7+ Kh8

White has four pieces, and needs
every one to force checkmate.



20.N5g6+ Black resigns

20...fxg6 21.Nxg6+ hxg6 22.Rh1#

■ *Playing White with 1.e4 and Black avoids 1...e5*

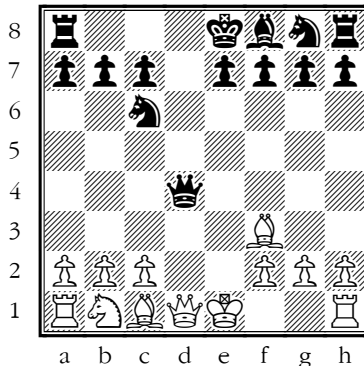


Scandinavian Defence

Undermining (2)

Scandinavian Defence [Boo]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.d4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 Qxd4?

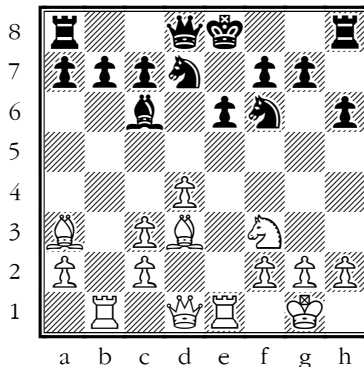


7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qxd4

Stuck in the middle (2)

Kornev,A - Soloviov,M [Bo1] Suetin
mem Tula (1), 23.03.2002

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 h6 6.Bd3 Bb4 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 Bd7 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Ba3 Bc6 11.Rb1 Nbd7?



12.Rxe6+!! fxe6 13.Bg6#

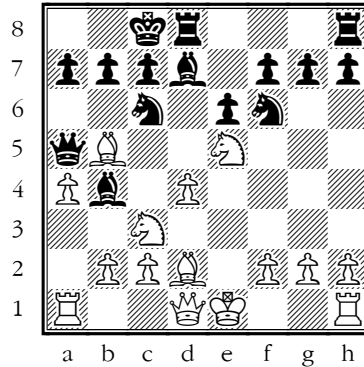
Black can't move the King, so any check will be mate.

Trapped (1)

Daniliuk,S - Belotserkovsky,A [Bo1]
RUS-ch sf Krasnodar, 1997

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bd2 O-O-O
8.a4 e6 9.Ne5 Bb4**

This time it is the black Queen that has run out of room.



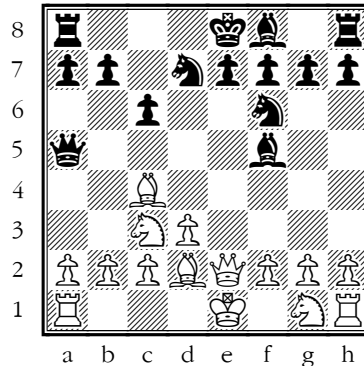
10.Nc4 Nxd4 11.Nxa5 Bxa5 Black resigns

Unmasked (2)

Boersma,P - Krudde,F [Bo1] NED-ch sf
Enschede (7), 1990

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.d3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6 7.Qe2 Nbd7?**

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8.Nb5! Black resigns

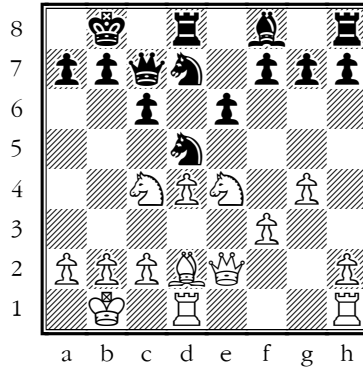
The black queen can move out of the attack, but cannot prevent 9.Nd6+ and Nc7+.

Weak point (2)

Naumann,A - Neubauer,R [B01] Bayern-
ch Bank Hofmann 6th Bad Wiessee (1),
26.10.2002

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
c6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Ne5 e6 8.g4
Be4 9.f3 Bd5 10.Bd2 Bxc4 11.Nxc4
Qc7 12.Qe2 Nbd7 13.O-O-O O-O-O
14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Kb1 Kb8?**

Black's traditional weak point can be
attacked.



16.Ng5!

16...N7f6 17.Ne5

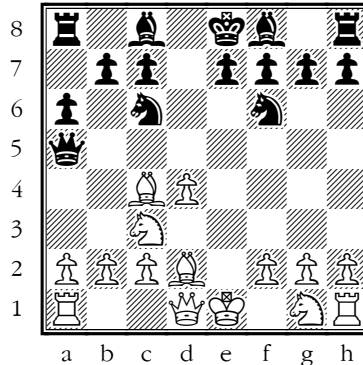
Black resigns

Jumping (2)

Keskisarja,T - Pitkanen,S [B01] Espoo
We MatSK Espoo (2), 1998

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Bd2 a6**

Pick a square for the White Knight.



7.Nd5 Black resigns

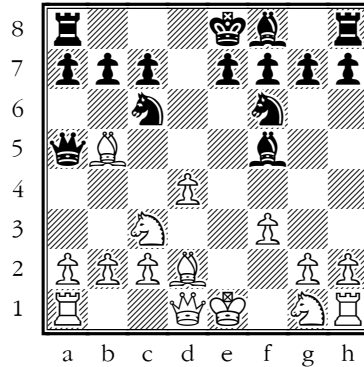
Black is losing the exchange.

Pick a square (2)

Zrinscak,S - Vehreschild,A [Bo1] Goch
op 9th Goch (2), 16.10.1998

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Bd2 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.f3 Bf5**

Even worse... Pick a square again.



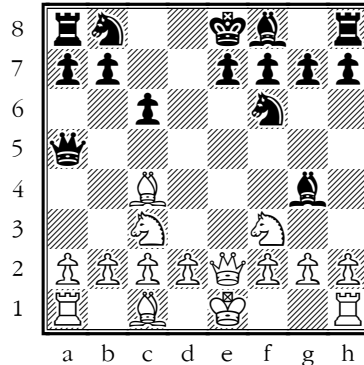
8.Nd5 Black resigns

This time the discovery costs a Queen.

Jumping jacks (2)

Gelis,D - Wildemeersch,G [Bo1] Hautes
Alpes op 3rd Laragne (6.6), 2002

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.Qe2 c6 6.Nf3 Bg4?**



7.Bxf7+!

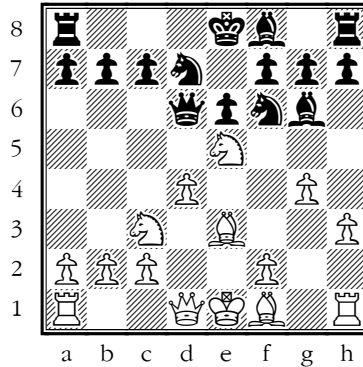
*7...Kxf7 8.Ne5+ Kg8 9.Nxg4 Nbd7?
10.Qe6#*

In the way again (2)

Debray,T - Fillaudeau,E [Bo1] FRA-ch
op-A Val d'Isere (6.99), 08.2002

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be3 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4
Bg6 9.Ne5 Nbd7?**

Once again, Black's Queen is the
target of a tactic.



10.Nb5!

10...Qb6 11.d5 Bc5

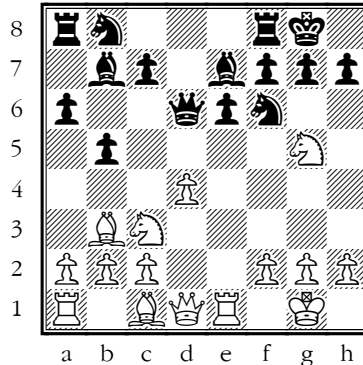
12.Nc4 Black resigns

Yorker (3)

Khachian,M - Serpik,I [Bo1] SCCF-ch
Costa Mesa (6), 26.07.2003

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4
Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7
8.O-O e6 9.Re1 Be7?! 10.Ng5 O-O?**

White bowls a fierce delivery down
the centre line.



11.Nxe6!+- Re8

[11...fxe6 12.Rxe6]

12.Bf4 Black resigns

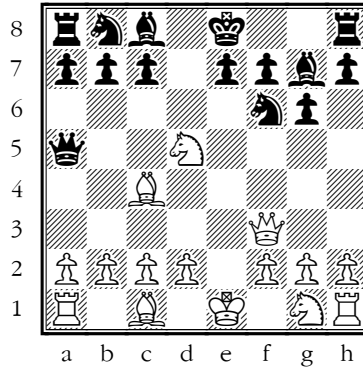
[12.Bf4 Qd7 13.Nxc7+-]

Arrangement (3)

[Bo1] Center counter def. - Fork

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 g6 5.Qf3 Nf6 6.Nd5 Bg7

White would like to play Nxc7+, but how can this best be arranged?



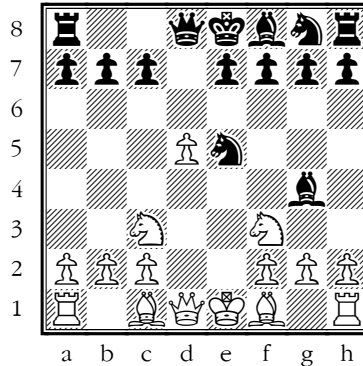
7.b4 Qa4 8.Bb5+ Qxb5 9.Nxc7+

Bluffing (4)

[Bo1] Center counter def. - Unpin

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.d5 Ne5

Another pretend pin:



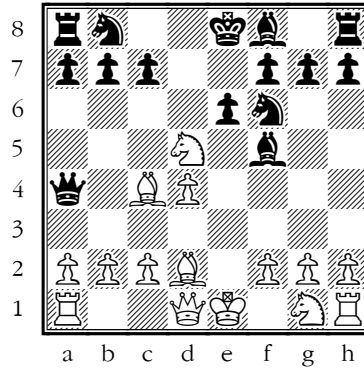
7.Nxe5! Bxd1 8.Bb5+ c6 9.dxc6

and there is no good defence to the discovered check.

Two forks (2)

Scandinavian Defence [B01]

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Bd2 e6 7.Nd5 Qa4**



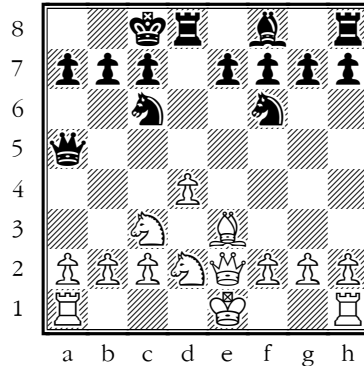
8.Bb5+ Qxb5 9.Nxc7+

Poisoned pawn (2)

Scandinavian Defence

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 0-0-0
8.Nd2! Bxe2 9.Qxe2!
9...Nxd4?**

There's a trap if Black takes the d-pawn.



10.Bxd4 Rxd4 11.Nb3

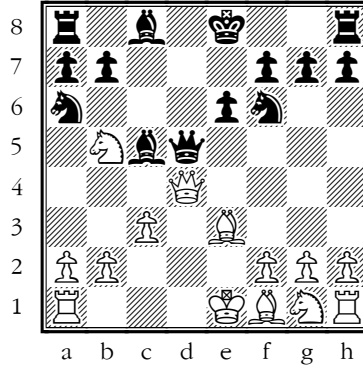
Sicilian Defence

Flawed (3)

Boros,D – Paschall,W [B22] Budapest
FS10 GM (9), 09.10.2005

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6
5.Na3!? Nf6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Be3 cxd4
8.Qxd4 Bc5?**

It's a likely-looking developing
move, but there's a flaw.



9.Qxc5! Black resigns

*(9...Nxc5 10.Nc7+ Ke7 11.Nxd5+ Nxd5
12.Bxc5+-)*

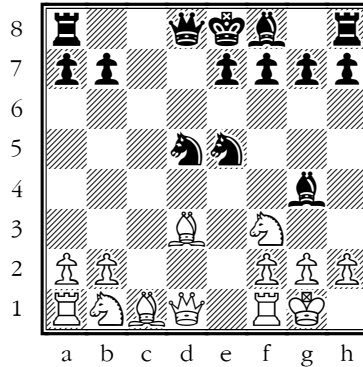
[9...Qxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Nc7+-]

Bogus (2)

Mironiuk,K - Borisov,A [B22] UKR-ch sf
U16 Kiev (1), 2000

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.0-0
dxe5 9.dxe5 Nxe5**

The White Knight is in a bogus pin.



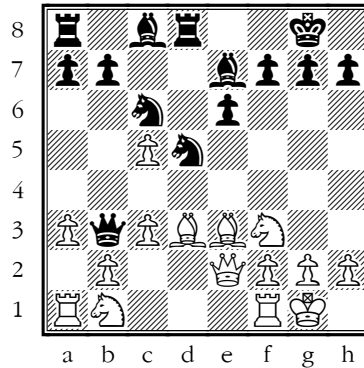
10.Nxe5 Black resigns

Come into my parlour (2)

Richards,H - Nielsen,M [B22] Politiken
Cup 24th Copenhagen (5), 19.07.2002

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be3 e6 7.a3 Be7 8.Bd3
0-0 9.0-0 Rd8 10.Qe2 Qb3 11.dxc5
Nd5**

The black Queen can move only
forward – just what White wants!



12.Bc2! Black resigns

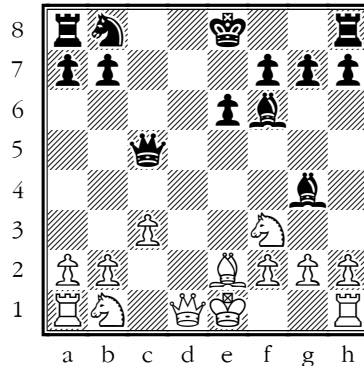
[12.Bc2 Qxb2 13.Bxh7+--]

Elementary (1)

Kajan,M - Meszaros,J [B22] SVK-chT1W
9798, 1998

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.Bg5 Be7
8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.dxc5 Qxc5**

Spot the loose piece?



10.Qa4+ Black resigns

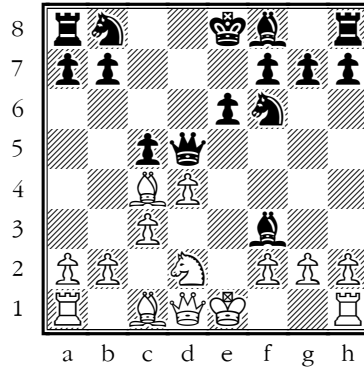
Diversion (2)

Kuraszkiewicz,M - Schuette,M [B22]
Oberliga Bayern 9596 Bayern, 1996

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Bc4 Bxf3**

Black thinks, white Bishop takes
Queen, black Bishop takes Queen,
white King takes Bishop, black
Knight takes Bishop...

What else could happen?

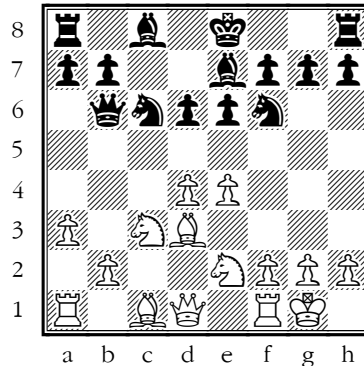


8.Bxd5 Bxd1 9.Bxb7 Black resigns

Oversight (2)

Szegi,T - Podhorsky,P [B22] SVK-ch U16
Ivanka pri Dunaji (?), 1999

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6
5.Ne2 cxd4 6.cxd4 Qb6 7.Nbc3 e6
8.O-O Be7 9.a3 Nxd4**



*Black resigns, not waiting for
[10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Bb5+-]*

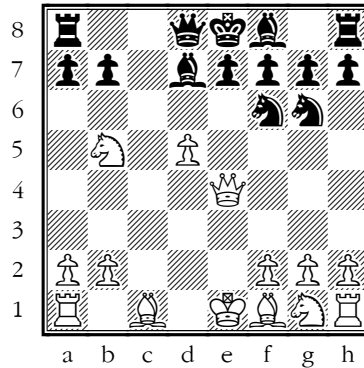
More important (1)

Sicilian Defence [B22]

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**1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5
5.Nc3 dxe4 6.d5 Ne5 7.Qa4+ Bd7
8.Qxe4 Ng6 9.Nb5 Nf6**

Black attacks the white Queen, but there is something more important going on.



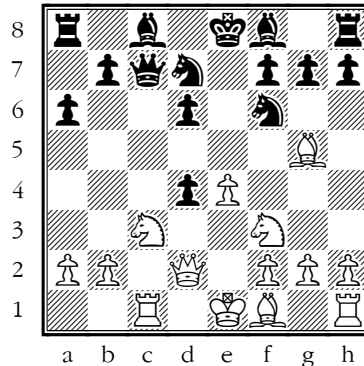
10.Nd6#

In-between (2)

Simes Marisol,V - Scala,C [B22] ARG-ch
U18 Girls Santa Fe (3), 22.02.2001

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 e5 4.Nf3 cxd4
5.cxd4 Qc7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Nbd7
8.Rc1 a6 9.Qd2 exd4**

Probably White will take the pawn on d4, but has something else to do in-between.



10.Nd5 Black resigns



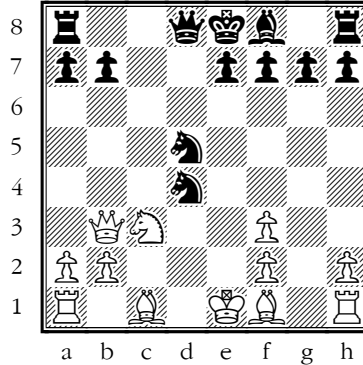
Caro-Kann Defence

Mixing it up (4)

Rantanen,Y - Bellon Lopez, [B13] Malta
ol (Men) La Valetta, 11.1980

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5
8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Nxd4?**

There's a lot that is right with
Black's last move, but something
important is wrong.



10.Bb5+! Nxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qxd7+
Kxd7 13.Nxd5

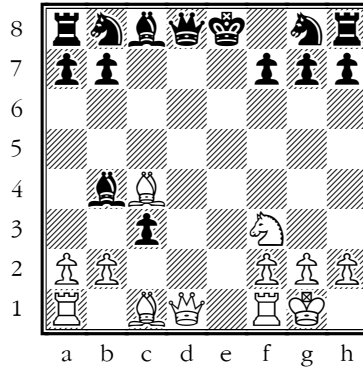
and Black resigns

Palace pandemonium

Bratanov,Z - Arcusa,M [B13] St Affrique
op St Affrique (1), 2002

**1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4
dxc4 5.Bxc4 e5 6.Nf3 Bb4+ 7.Nc3
exd4 8.0-0 dxc3**

The black Royalty are exposed and
White creates a problem.



9.Bxf7+

That's all you need to see, I think, but
Black hobbled on with

9...Ke7 10.Re1+ Kxf7 11.Qxd8 cxb2
12.Qe8+ Kf6 13.Bg5+ Kf5 14.Qe4#

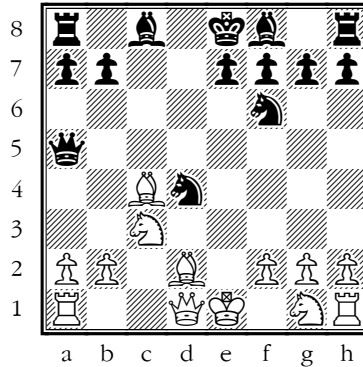
All the way (5)

Zier,L - Hermann,M [B13] FRG-ch 17th
Bad Neuenahr (1), 1982

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Qa5 7.Bd2 dxc4
8.Bxc4 Nxd4?**

The pawn is poisoned.

Each step which follows is easy to understand, but there are lots of steps! There are two pins, a fork and a discovery to find...



9.Nb5! Qd8 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Qa4+

[11...Bd7 12.Bxf7+! Kxf7 13.Qxd4;

11...Qd7 12.Bb5!]

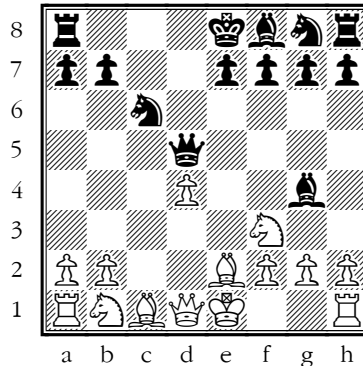
11...Kd8 12.Ba5+ b6 13.Rd1 Black resigns

Not again (3)

[B13] Caro-Kann def - Removing the guard

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nc6
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Be2**

Black falls for an ancient trap when they make a grab for the d-pawn.



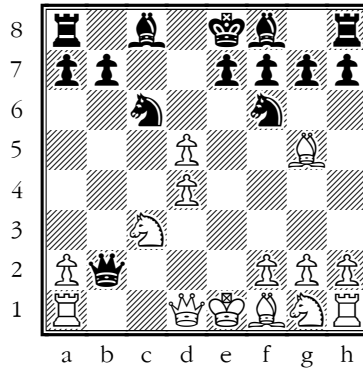
*Bxf3? 8.Bxf3 Qxd4 9.Bxc6+ and
10.Qxd4*

Netted (5)

Botvinnik, M - Spielmann, R [B13] Moscow
(1), 1935

**1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Qb6 7.cxd5 Qxb2?**

In this famous game, Black has let
his Queen stray too far. Can you
see what the Grandmaster missed?



White traps the Queen by Rc1, Na4
and Bc4

8.Rc1! 8...Nb4

[8...Nd8 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Bb5+ Bd7
11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 12.Qa4+ b5 13.Qxb5+
Qxb5 14.Nxb5+;

8...Na5 9.Qa4+]

9.Na4! Qxa2

[9...Qa3 10.Rc3 Qxa2 11.Bc4+]

10.Bc4 Bg4 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Black
resigns

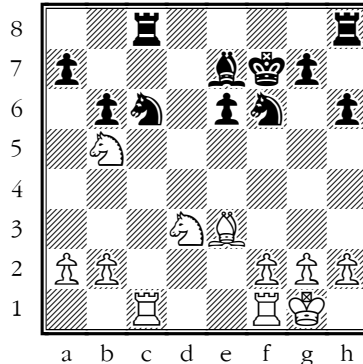
Simple finish

Calic - Milde, S [B13] GER-chT U20
Bochum (8), 1990

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4
dxc4 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bxf7+
Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Qxg4 Qxd4 10.Qe6**

[10.Qe2!+-]

**10...Qe5+ 11.Be3 Qxe6 12.Nxe6 Rc8
13.Nc3 Nf6 14.O-O h6 15.Nb5 Kf7
16.Nc5 b6 17.Nd3 e6 18.Rac1 Be7?**



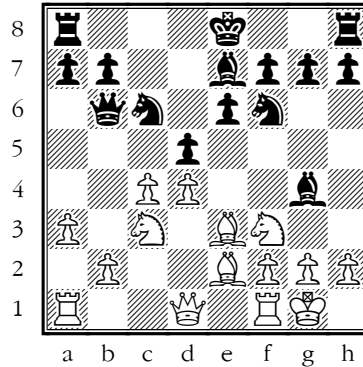
19.Rxc6 Black resigns

Simple net (1)

[B13] Caro-Kann def - Trapping

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.O-O
Be7 9.Be3 Qb6 10.a3**

Can Black take the pawn with
10...Qxb2?



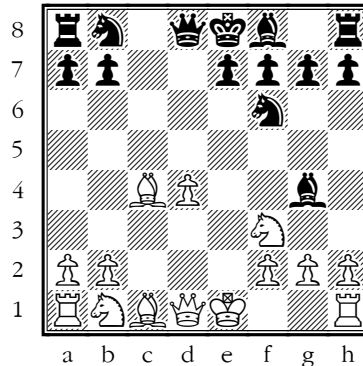
No... 11.Na4!

Decoy (3)

Della Morte,G – Antunez,P [B13] ARG-ch
sf U14 Tandil (5), 03.05.2003

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4
dxc4 5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4?**

That brave Bishop on g4 is in more
danger than it realises!



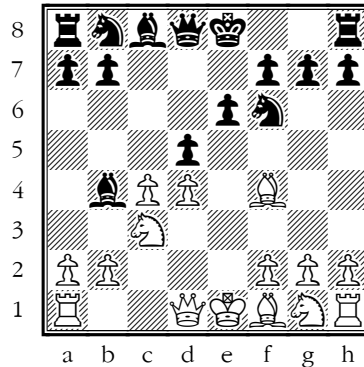
7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ne5+ Ke8 9.Nxg4 Nxg4
10.Qxg4 Nc6 Black resigns

Nothing in-between (2)

Agosto,E - D'Andria,R [B14] ITA-ch
(Women) Formia (1), 1992

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 e6
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4?! Bb4**

Can you see why White would take
the unmoved Knight with 7.Bxb8?
How should Black reply?



7...Rxb8??

[7...Bxc3+! and Black is fine]

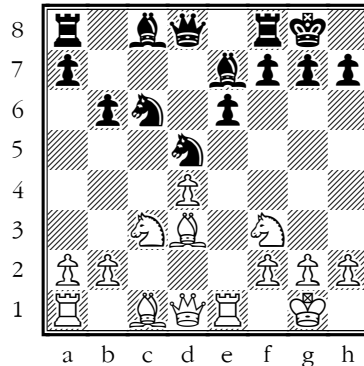
8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qxb4

Let the wild rumpus start (5)

Brodsky,M - Kobelev,A [D42] RUS-Cup4
Perm (4), 1997

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd3
Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 b6?**

Black might think that all is safe,
but all is about to kick off...



11.Nxd5 Qxd5

[11...exd5 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Qc2+ and
White wins a pawn.]

12.Be4 Qd6 Getting this far is easy but
now what? White sets up a
discovered attack with Ne5 and Bf4.

13.Ne5! Bb7 [13...Nxe5 14.Bf4+-]

14.Bf4! Bf6

[14...Rfe8 15.Qh5 g6 16.Nxg6+-]

15.Ng6 Qxd4 16.Nxf8 Kxf8 17.Qxd4 Bxd4
18.Rad1 Rd8 19.Bxc6 Black resigns

Key (4)

Franco Ocampos,Z - Paunovic,D [D42]
Vrnjacka Banja (4), 1983

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd3
Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3**

[10.Re1 Nf6 11.a3 is more accurate.]

**10...Nf6 11.Re1 b6 12.Bc2!? Bb7?!
13.Qd3**

Black has a big choice of moves
here:

...Rc8

...g6

...Re8

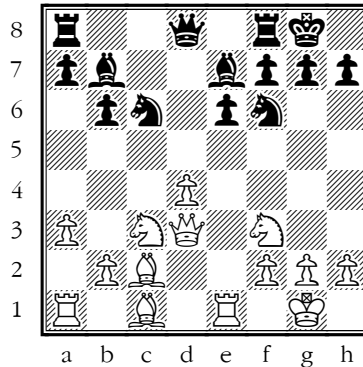
...Qd7

...Qc8

...a6

...Qd6

Which of these are any good?



Well, White's threat is 14.d5 and
15.Bg5

13...a6? 14.d5 exd5 15.Bg5 g6 16.Rxe7

So, that kills off most of the other
tries for Black:

13...Rc8? 14.d5!

13...Qd7? 14.d5 exd5 15.Bg5 g6
16.Rxe7+-

(14...Nd8 15.Bg5 g6 16.d6+- Black
resigns Karlsson,A - Fridjonsson,J
ch-ICL, Reykjavik (8), 1995: well
done Ågust!)

13...Qc8!? 14.Bg5!? Ba6 15.Qe3 ;

13...Qd6?? 14.d5! exd5? 15.Bg5

13...Re8? 14.d5! exd5 15.Bg5 Ne4
16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 g6 18.Qh4

The best move for Black is

13...g6! 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Rad1+=

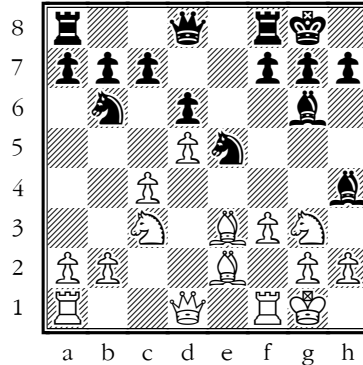
Alekhin Defence

March (3)

Grabarczyk,B - Danner,L [Bo3] Oberliga Ost-B 0102 Germany (6.2), 02.02.2002

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nge2 Bf6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.f3 Bh4+ 11.Ng3 Bh5 12.O-O Bg6 13.Be2 O-O 14.d5 Ne5?

There are two Black pieces without many squares to go to, and the White f-pawn can find them both.



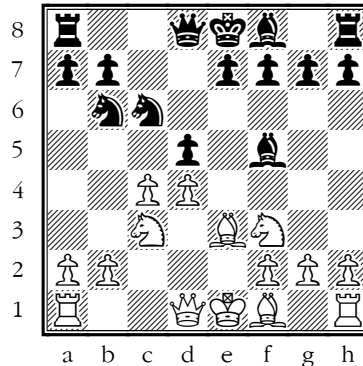
*15.Bxb6! axb6 16.f4 Black resigns
[16.f4 Nd7 17.f5+-]*

Frying pan (2)

Voss,I - Garet,J [Bo3] Le Touquet op Le Touquet (2), 28.10.2002

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Nf3 d5?

White can win a pawn now, but Black made it worse!



9.c5! Nc8?

[9...Nd7 10.Nxd5 e6 11.Nc3±]

10.Qb3!

Black staggered on:

10...e6? 11.Qxb7 N8e7 12.Nb5 Rc8?

13.Nd6+

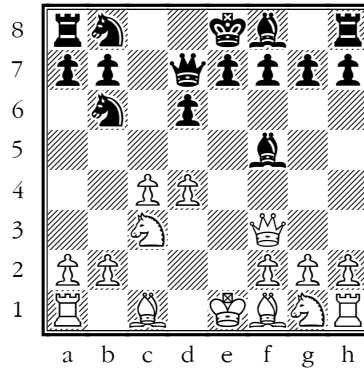
Black resigns

Clearance (3)

[B03] Alekhine defense - Pin

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Qf3 Qd7**

I'm sure you can see that Black would be embarrassed if the Bf1 landed on b5.



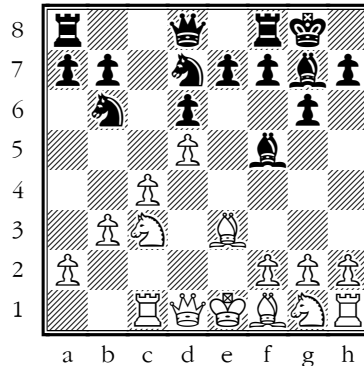
8.c5! dxc5 9.Bb5 Nc6 10.d5

Burning bridges (1)

Jirk,A - Voracek,Z [B03] CZE-chTV 0001
Czechia (8), 2001

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1
O-O 9.b3 Bf5 10.d5 N8d7?**

Not a difficult idea, but Black missed it!



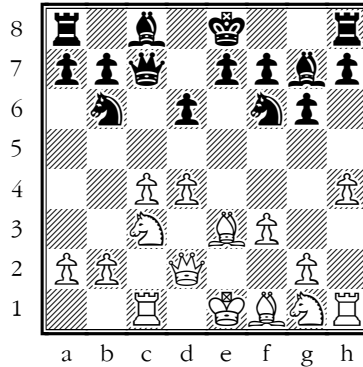
11.g4 Black resigns

Temptation (3)

Rechel,R - Behnel,G [Bo3] Giessen op
Giessen (7), 1994

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Be3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7
8.Qd2 N8d7 9.h4 Nf6 10.f3 Qc7 11.Rc1
11...Nxc4**

White tempts Black with the c-pawn.



12.Nb5 Black resigns

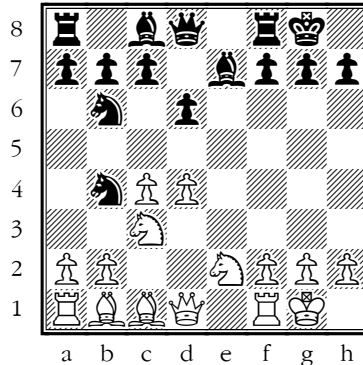
Now it's happened it's easy to follow: 12...Nxd2 13.Nxc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 and Black is a Rook down with a trapped Knight, so the best Black can do is abandon the Knight on c4..

Fork defence (3)

Sermek,D - Raspor,G [Bo3] Portoroz op
Portoroz, 1996

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6
8.Nge2 O-O 9.O-O Nb4 10.Bb1**

Another c-pawn is offered as bait.

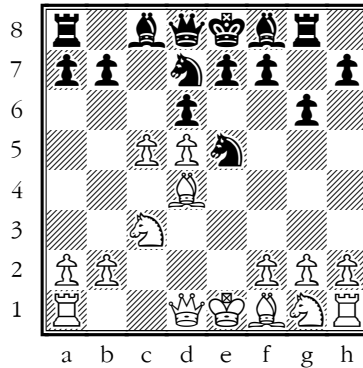


10...Nxc4 11.a3 Nc6 12.Qd3 Black resigns

Sooner or later (1)

Zimmermann,J - Sturm,T [Bo3] GER-ch
U20 int Hamburg (8), 23.08.1999

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nc3 g6 8.d5
Ne5 9.Bd4 Rg8 10.c5 Nbd7**



11.f4 is good enough, but the game actually went:

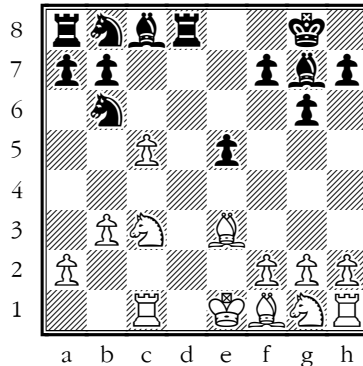
11.Bb5 Qc7 12.f4 Black resigns

Now where? (1)

O'Donovan,R - Bennett,E [Bo3] IRL-ch
Dublin (2), 06.07.2003

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1
O-O 9.b3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8
Rxd8 12.c5**

Black has a choice of two squares for the Knight, and one of them is a mistake.



Black put the Knight in a pin, losing the exchange at least:

12...Nd5?? 13.Rd1 Black resigns

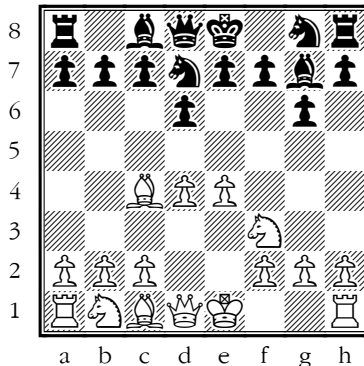
Pirc Defence and relatives

Bait (3)

bo6

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nd7

The Fegatello or Fried Liver Attack, the famous sacrificial line of the Italian Game, is named for the little piece of offal used to bait a trap. Here is the Modern Defence version.



5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Ng5+ Kf6 7.Qf3#

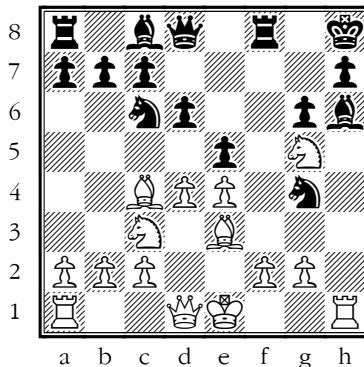
[6...Kf8 7.Ne6+ or 6...Ke8 7.Ne6 lose the Queen]

H is for horrible (4)

Burn,A - Owen,] [Bo7] Liverpool m
Liverpool, 1874

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Be2 O-O 6.h4 Nc6 7.h5 e5 8.hxg6
fxg6 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ng5
Bh6**

White has played the standard attack down the h-file, and finds a spectacular finish.



12.Qxg4 Bxg4 13.Rxh6 Kg7 14.Rxh7+

Black resigns, for if

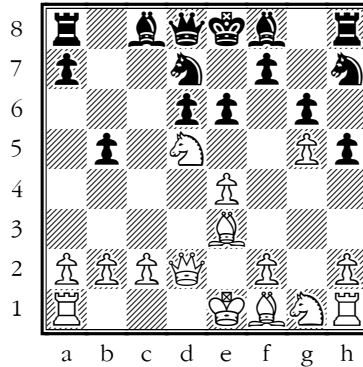
14...Kf6 15.Nd5#

Sidestep (2)

Bouvier,B - Larand,M [Bo7] Creon op
6th Creon (6), 2001

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6
5.Qd2 b5 6.g3 Nbd7 7.g4 h5 8.g5 Nh7
9.d5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 e6**

Sometimes tactics can be solved by
small quiet moves, and sometimes
by big noisy ones.



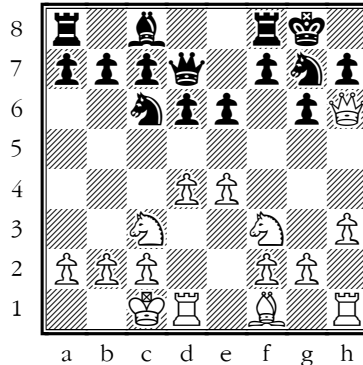
11.Qc3 Black resigns

Happy-go-unlucky (2)

Kandioller,W - Enzendorfer,M [Bo8]
Stockerau op| Stockerau, 1992

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.h3 O-O 7.Qd2 Qd7 8.Bh6
Ne8 9.Bxg7 Nxd7 10.O-O-O e6 11.Qh6**

Black to move, what's White's
threat?



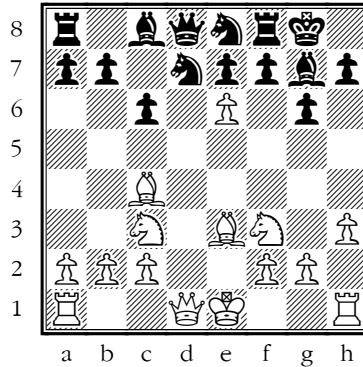
12...Nb4? 12.Ng5 Black resigns

Into the fire (3)

Tamaciro,K - Geraldini,D [Bo8] BRA-ch
U20 Brasilia (5), 1999

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Nf3 O-O 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.h3 c6 8.e5
dxe5 9.dxe5 Ne8 10.e6**

Black didn't want to take on e6, but
what happens if not?



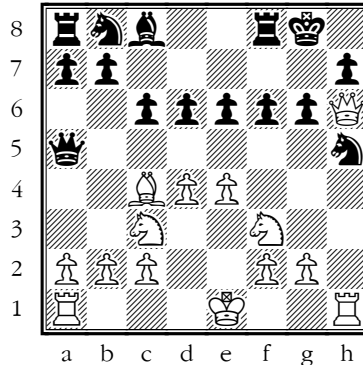
*10...Ne5 11.exf7+ Kh8 12.Qxd8 Black
resigns*

Wall of china (1)

Bourne,J - Johnson,R [Bo7] BCF-chT4b
0405 (4NCL) Telford (7.4), 16.04.2005

**1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Qd2 O-O 6.Bh6 c6 7.h4 Bxh6 8.Qxh6
Qa5 9.h5 Nxh5 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bc4+ e6**

A stone wall is a strong defence, but
not one made of crockery...



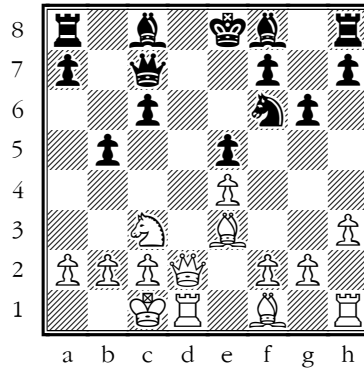
12.g4 Black resigns

Down for the Count (4)

Gamboa,N - Dyson,P [Bo7] St Martin op St Martin (5), 1992

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Nbd7 5.Nf3 e5 6.Qd2 c6 7.O-O-O Qc7 8.h3 b5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5

Black is behind in developing pieces because of all the pawn moves; just the same chess mistakes made by the Duke and the Count against Morphy.



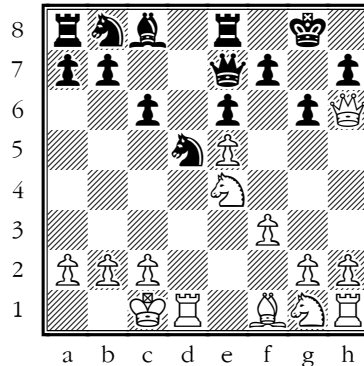
11.Bxb5 cxb5 12.Nxb5 Qe7 13.Qa5
Black resigns

Quis removiet ipsos custodias? (2)

Pang,N - Quijano,L [Bo7] Pan American-ch U12 Guaymallen (4), 01.06.2001

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.f3 O-O 6.Qd2 Re8 7.O-O-O c6 8.Bh6 Bxh6 9.Qxh6 e6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Ne4 dxe5 12.dxe5 Qe7

White has a straightforward goal – removing the guard.



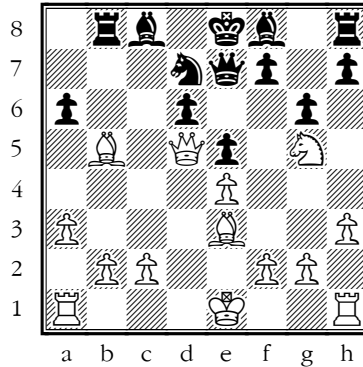
13.Rxd5 Black resigns

Helpful (1)

Moncamp,G - Noally,T [Bo7] Nice
Summer op 10th Nice (3), 05.08.2003

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6
5.Nf3 b5 6.a3 Nbd7 7.h3 e5 8.d5 cxd5
9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Rb8 11.Ng5 Qe7
12.Bxb5 a6**

Black chases the Bishop to a square that it wanted to go to anyway!



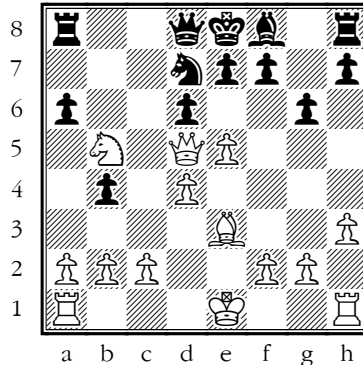
13.Bc4 Black resigns

Overworked (2)

Schumacher,P - Knoops,J [Bo7] BEL-ch
U16 Worriken Buetgenbach (7.12),
09.04.2004

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 b5 8.e5 b4
9.Nb5 Nd5 10.Bc4 a6 11.Bxd5 cxd5
12.Qxd5 Nd7**

The black Queen is defending all the key points on her wing.



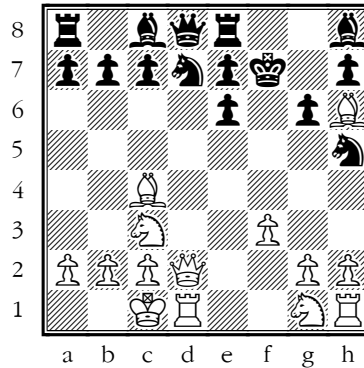
13.Nc7+ Black resigns

Drawn out (3)

Gomez Baillo, J - Caranti, J [Bo7] Cordoba
Eliskases mem 1st Cordoba (1),
25.11.2004

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.f3 Nbd7 6.Qd2 O-O 7.Bh6 Re8
8.O-O-O Bh8 9.e5 dxe5 10.dxe5 Nh5
11.e6 fxe6 12.Bc4 Kf7**

The black King has taken one step
forward; White makes him take
another, fatal step.



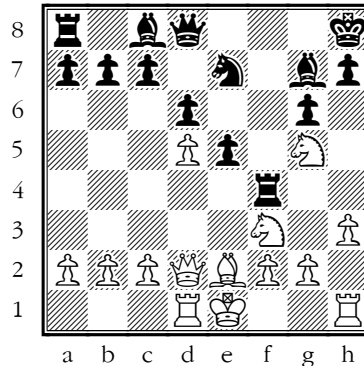
13.Bxe6+ Black resigns

Poor choice (2)

Urosevic, R - Babic, G [Bo8] Vrsac op
Vrsac (1.52), 2000

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.h3 O-O 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 Ne7
9.Rd1 Kh8 10.Be2 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 f5
12.Neg5 f4 13.Bxf4 Rxf4**

Black did well to trap the Bishop,
but that wasn't the best way to
continue.



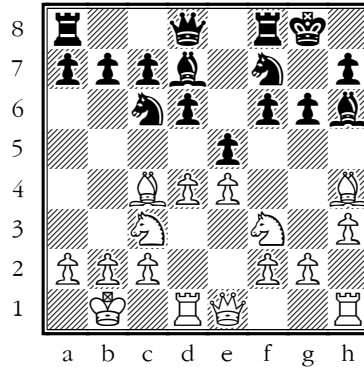
14.Qxf4 Black resigns

Enough (3)

Lane,G - Reilly,T [Bo8] Doeberl Cup 39th
Canberra (4.2), 14.04.2001

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Nf3 O-O 6.Qd2 Ng4 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4
Nc6 9.h3 Nh6 10.O-O-O Nf7 11.Kb1
Bh6 12.Qe1 Bd7 13.Bc4 e5**

White wins a pawn, which is enough
to make Black resign.



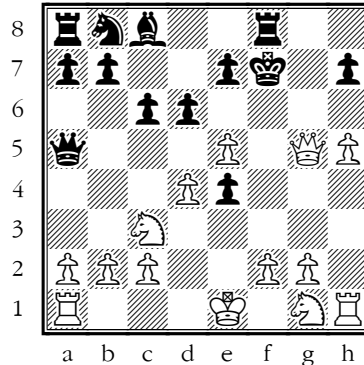
14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bxf6 Black resigns

Peekaboo (1)

De Vreugt,D - Wuts,H [Bo7] Rotterdam
Triomfator op 1st Rotterdam (2),
15.06.2002

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Qd2 c6 6.Bh6 O-O 7.h4 Qa5 8.h5
Bxh6 9.Qxh6 g5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Bd3 f5
12.Bxe4 fxe4 13.Qxg5+ Kf7**

The simplest discovery idea.



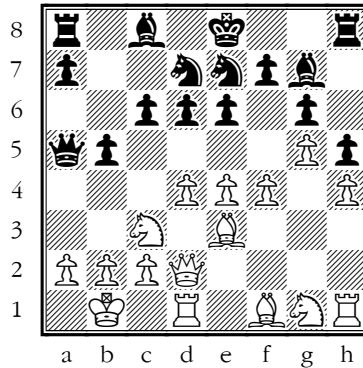
14.e6+ Black resigns

Missed it (3)

Redzepovic,I - Kappl,P [B07]
Regionalliga NO 0304 Bayern (1.8),
12.10.2003

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.g4 Qa5 8.h4 h5
9.g5 Ng8 10.f4 e6 11.0-0-0 Ne7
12.Kb1 b5**

Black missed the point of White's
last move... The penalty for that is
two pawns.



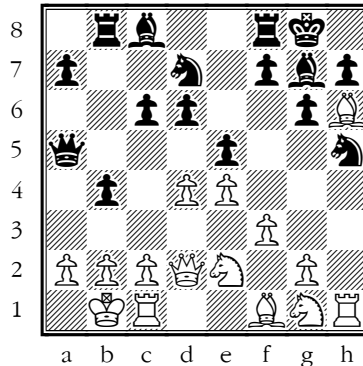
13.Nxb5 Qxd2 14.Nxd6+ Black resigns

Mating attack (2)

Yaremko,N - Kravchenko,O [B07] UKR-
ch U14 Kiev (10), 13.02.2004

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 b5 7.0-0-0 Qa5 8.Kb1
b4 9.Nce2 Nbd7 10.Rc1 0-0 11.h4 Rb8
12.h5 Nxh5 13.Bh6 e5**

The h-file attack yields a simple win.



14.Rxh5 gxh5 Black resigns

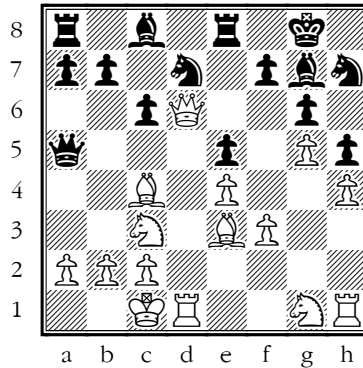
15.Qg5 is on its way.

Just a pawn (1)

Czarnik, J - Smykowski, M [Bo7] Chojnice
op-A Chojnice (5), 19.07.2005

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.g4 e5 8.O-O-O
O-O 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.h4 h5 11.g5 Nh7
12.Bc4 Qa5 13.Qd6 Re8**

White grabs a pawn.



14.Qxg6 Black resigns

The h-pawn is doomed and White still has a nice attack.

Good idea (3)

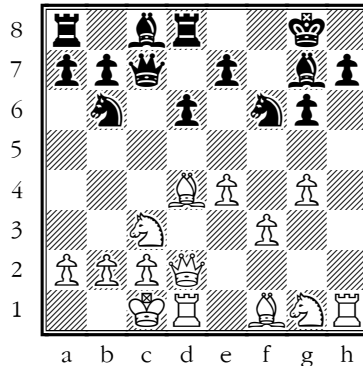
Fuderer, A - Matanovic, A [Bo7] YUG-ch
Belgrade (18), 1952

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Nbd7
5.Qd2 c5 6.f3 cxd4 7.Bxd4 Bg7
8.O-O-O O-O 9.h4 Qc7 10.g4 Nb6
11.h5 Rd8 12.hxg6 fxg6**

White has an idea

13.e5 dxe5

Can you see it now?



14.Bxb6 Rxd2 15.Bxc7 Black resigns

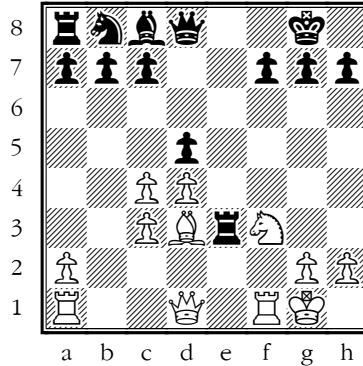


French Defence – as White

Cut off (3)

Vysochin,S - Zakharevich,I [Co1] RUS-
Cup 300 years St Petersburg (4),
21.10.2003

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 O-O 7.Nf3 Re8+
8.Be3 Ng4? 9.O-O Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxe3
11.fxe3 Rxe3**



12.Ne5

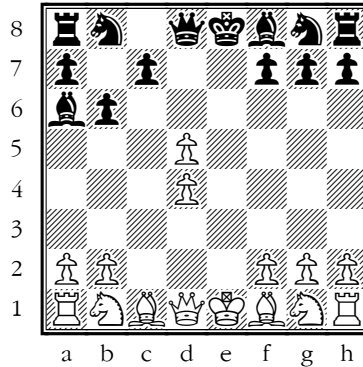
Black can cope with the attacks on f7 and h7, but the stranded Rook has to give itself up for a Bishop.

Bad idea (1)

Treffert,P - Doering,R [Co1] Wiesbaden
op Wiesbaden (5), 1996

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 b6
5.cxd5 Ba6 6.Bxa6 Nxa6**

After the swap of pawns, Black's bishop on c8 is no longer bad, and it's no longer so vital to swap it off. Also, this loses a piece...



7.Qa4+ Black resigns

Overstretched (5)

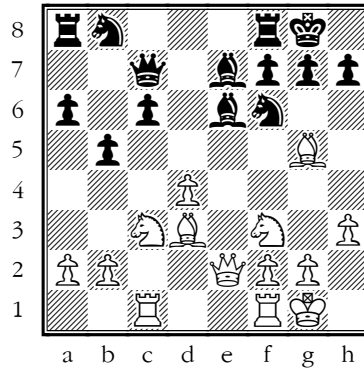
Marshall,F - Loman,R [Co1] London m2
London (2), 1902

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.e3 exd4 4.exd4

An odd start, but a familiar position!

**4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.Bxc4
O-O 8.h3 c6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Qe2 Qc7
11.O-O b5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Rac1 a6**

Black saw no immediate danger
when White put the Rook on the
same file as the Queen.



**14.d5! cxd5? 15.Nxd5 Qd6 16.Bxf6
Bxf6 17.Qe4 g6 18.Nxf6+ Black resigns**

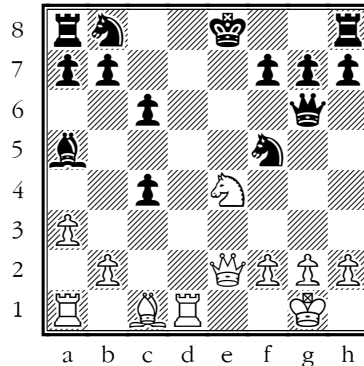
Black can't really hope to hang on
after a move like 14...Bc8: 15.Bxf6
Bxf6 16.dxc6 Be6 17.Ne4 Be7
18.Neg5...

Even the laziest King (2)

Petroff - Szymanski [Co1] Warsaw, 1851

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4
Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 dxc4
8.O-O Bxf3 9.Bxf3 c6 10.Qe2 Qxd4
11.Rd1 Qf6 12.Ne4 Qe6 13.a3 Ba5
14.Bg4 Qg6 15.Bf5 Nxf5**

"Even the laziest King flees wildly in
the face of double check" -
Nimzowitsch.



16.Nf6+ Kf8 17.Qe8#

■ Playing Black against 1.e4

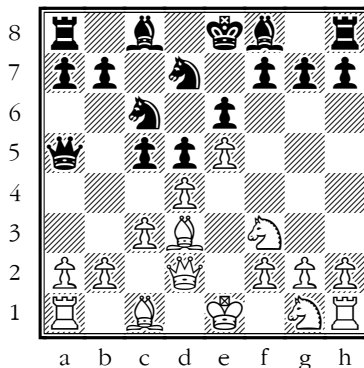
French Defence

At least (2)

Kasanicky,R - Raczkow,P [Co5] Doprastav
op Bratislava (4), 1998

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qa5 8.Qd2**

Black can win a pawn here...



But White makes it worse!

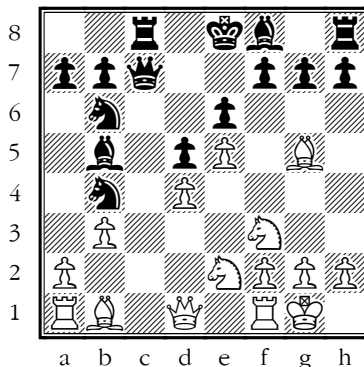
8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4 White resigns

Invasion (4)

Podgaetsky,A - Soshnikov,M [Co5]
Kharkov Kaissa op (5), 26.01.2002

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Nb6 8.b3
Bd7 9.Nf3 Rc8 10.Bd2 cxd4 11.cxd4
Nb4 12.Bb1 Bb5 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.O-O**

The Bb1 looks a good piece but
actually it can't move. Can you use
that idea to make a combination?



*So... if the Bishop on b1 won't move,
the Rook on a1 is trapped.*

14...Bxe2! 15.Qxe2 Qc3 White resigns

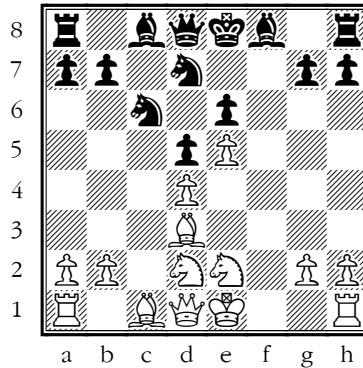
*[15...Qc3 16.Bc1 Nc2 17.Qxc2 Qxa1
18.Qd3 Qc3-+]*

Off the cushion (2)

Guibert,F - Kulpa,J [Co6] FRA-ch op-B
Aix les Bains (9), 28.08.2003

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4
f6 9.f4? fxex5 10.fxe5**

This structure is quite good for
White if he can maintain it.



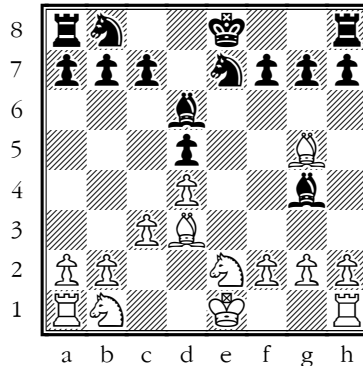
10...Nxd4!

Tangle (2)

Fiacan,R - Kolcak,M [Co1] SVK-chT2 9697
SVK (10), 1997

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c3 Bd6
5.Bd3 Qf6 6.Qh5 Ne7 7.Bg5 Qe6+
8.Ne2 Qg4 9.Qxg4 Bxg4 10.Nf4**

White tries to get their pieces sorted
out.



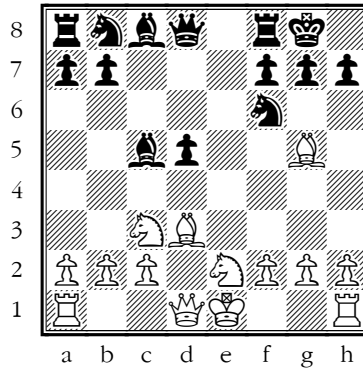
10...f6 White resigns

Some more (4)

Dusik,T - Komora,A [Co1] SVK-ch U18
Ruzomberok (1), 1996

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 c5
5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 O-O
8.Nge2**

Black can win a pawn by a standard
trick, but there is more on offer.



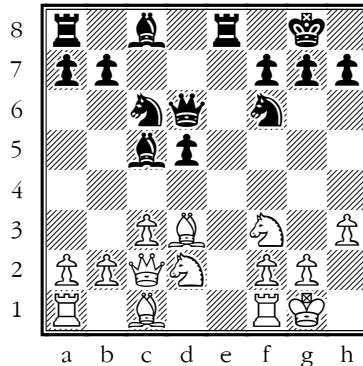
*8...Bxf2+ 9.Kxf2 Ng4+ 10.Kg1 Qb6+ White
resigns*

Activity (4)

Tatai,S - Kortchnoi,V [Co1] Beer Sheva,
1978

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 c5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.h3
O-O 9.O-O Bxc5 10.c3 Re8 11.Qc2 Qd6
12.Nbd2**

Now White is overwhelmed by the
sheer activity of the black pieces.



12...Qg3

13.Bf5 Re2

14.Nd4 Nxd4 White resigns

Draw in hand (4)

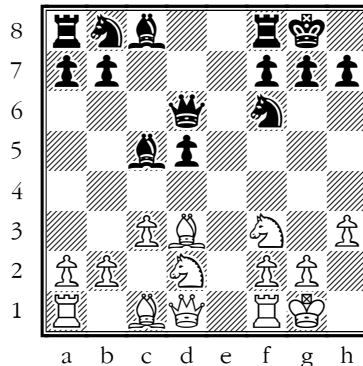
Mihalj,M - Miljanic,B [Co1] Montenegro
op 5th Sozina (3), 20.02.2004

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
Nf6 5.c3 Be7 6.h3 O-O 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5
Bxc5 9.O-O Qd6 10.Nbd2?**

First step: spot the standard sac.

**10...Bxh3! 11.gxh3 Qg3+ 12.Kh1
Qxh3+ 13.Kg1**

Now, do you go for more? Of course
you do!

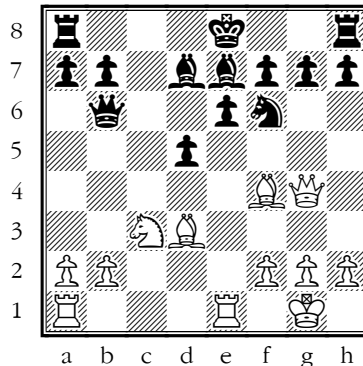


Too hot (2)

Adnani,M - Boubaker,M [Co2] Arab-ch
Casablanca (9), 04.09.2002

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.O-O cxd4
8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3
Qxe5 11.Re1 Qd6 12.Qf3 Be7 13.Bf4
Qb6 14.Qg4 Nf6**

White has threatened to take the g-
pawn; Black seems happy with that!
Can you see why?



13...Nc6 14.Nb3 Bd6 15.Re1

**[15.Nbd4 Ng4 16.Be2 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Rae8
18.Bg5 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Re4 20.Bd3 Bb8+
21.Kg1 Ne3 22.fxe3 Rg4+ 23.Kf2 Qg2+
24.Ke1 Bg3+ 25.Rf2 Qxf2#]**

**15...Ng4 16.Be3 Bh2+ 17.Nxh2 Qxh2+
18.Kf1 Nce5 19.Nd4 Qh3+ 20.Kg1**

[20.Ke2 Nxe3 21.fxe3? Qg2#]

20...f5 White resigns

15.Qxg7? Rg8 16.Qh6 Ng4!

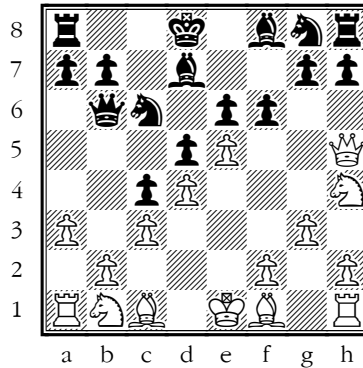
White resigns

For two pins (2)

Murgia,A - Ciampi,V [Co2] Ischia op
Ischia, 1994

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 c4 7.g3 f6! 8.Nh4
Qb6!? 9.Qh5+ Kd8**

White has a clever idea here. Would
you play it?



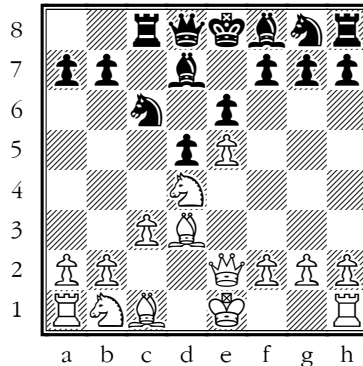
I hope not!

10.Ng6? Be8 White resigns

Pin (2)

Ellis,K - Harris,C [Co2] Barnet (2), 1999

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 Rc8 7.Qe2 cxd4
8.Nxd4**



8...Nxd4 White resigns

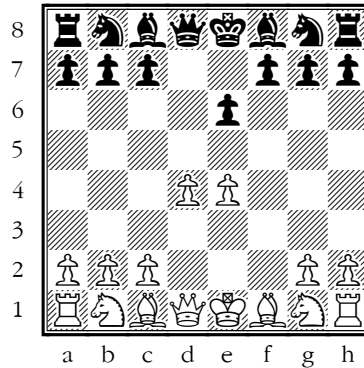
*The Bishop on c1 would not thank you
for recapturing the Knight!*

Basic (1)

[Coo] French defence - Fork

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4?

Looks good, for the moment. But a moment is all the time it lasts.



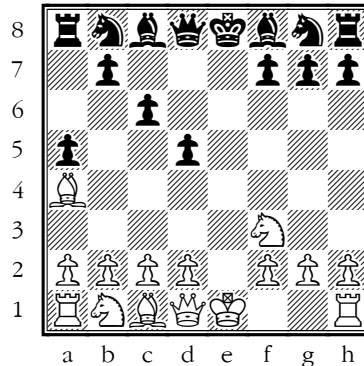
4...Qh4+ wins a pawn and maybe more.

Bishop net (2)

[Coo] French defence - Trapping

1.e4 e6 2.Bc4? d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bb5+ c6 5.Ba4 a5? 6.Nf3?

White misses the point of Black's last move.

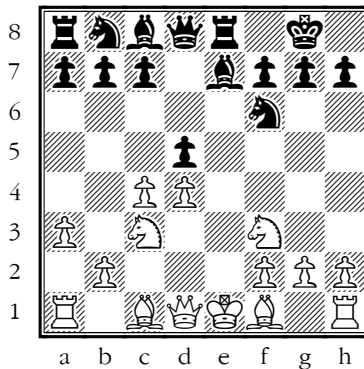


6...b5 7.Bb3 a4

I hope you would play a better move than 5...a5: it works only if White is asleep! Black played a bad move with a good idea.

Bodega,S - Alonso,R [Co1] San Jose op
San Jose (4), 1998

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Be7 6.Nf3 O-O 7.a3 Re8

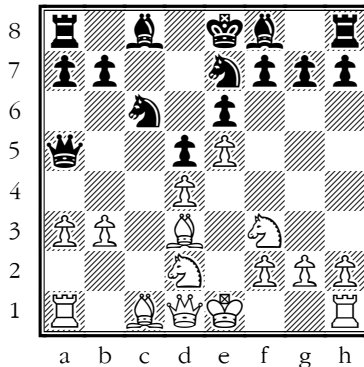


8.Nxd5 Bb4#

Loose pieces (1)

[Coo] French defense - Fork

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4
5.d4 Nc6 6.a3 Qa5 7.Bd3 Nge7
8.Nbd2? b3 9.cxb3?



9...Qc3!

forks d3 and a1

A pinned pawn (3)

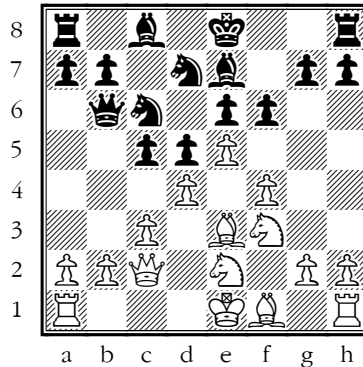
Steinitz-Tarrasch [C11] 2009

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.f4 c5 6.Nce2 Nc6 7.c3 Qb6 8.Nf3 f6**

This position can arise from the Steinitz Variation and the Tarrasch Variation.

9.Qc2?! Be7 10.Be3?

White hopes to embarrass the Queen with the Bishop.



**10...cxd4 11.cxd4 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Ndx5
13.fxe5 Nxe5**

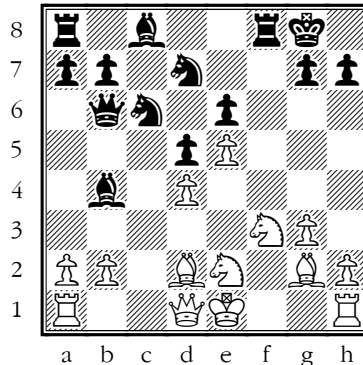
The Queen embarrasses the Bishop!

Detonation (5)

Petersen,S - Backlund,A [C11] Politiken
Cup 16th Copenhagen (5), 1994

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6
9.g3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 fxe5
12.fxe5 0-0 13.Bg2**

White's play has been very sensible but Black can blow up the centre with pins, forks and mate threats.



13...Ndx5! 14.dxe5 Nxe5

15.Nxe5?? Qf2#

15.Rf1?? Nd3#

15.Neg1? Nd3+ 16.Ke2 Qa6! -+

**15.Nf4 Qe3+ 16.Kf1 Bxd2 17.Nxe5 Qxe5
18.Qxd2 g5 with advantage to Black.**

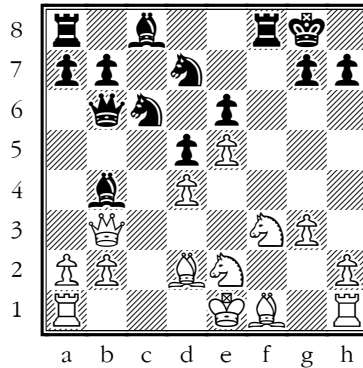
*The game actually continued: 14.0-0
Nxf3+ 15.Rxf3 Rxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxd4 17.Kg2
Nxf3 18.Kxf3 Bd7 White resigns*

Double decoy (3)

Balle,A - Weiss,M [C11]
Mittelfrankenliga-B2a 0506 Germany
(4.2), 15.01.2006

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6
9.g3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 fxe5
12.fxe5 O-O 13.Qb3**

Black can rearrange the white
royalty to make a big fork.



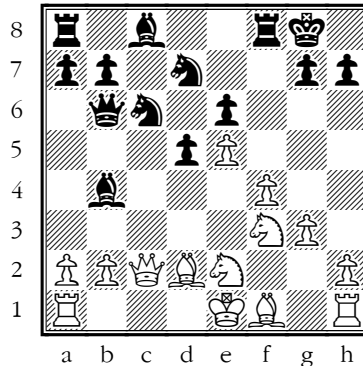
*13...Rxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Qxb2+
White resigns*

Powering through (5)

Rozman,E - Nedimovic,L [C11] Nova
Gorica op 4th (5), 01.02.1999

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6
9.g3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 fxe5
12.dxe5 O-O 13.Qc2**

Black uses the Knights to blow the
doors off then the major pieces as
battering rams...



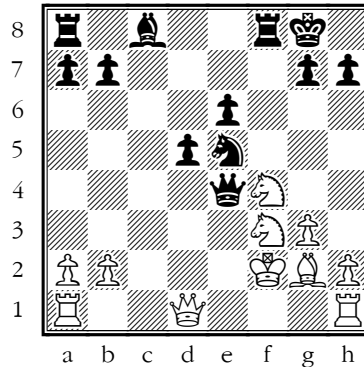
*13...Ndxе5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Qf2+
16.Kd1 Qxf1+ 17.Be1 Qxh1 White
resigns*

Knockout (2)

Krumer, M - Lacina, A [C11] Nachod op
4th Nachod (4), 1998

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.c3 c5 6.f4 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6
9.g3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 fxe5
12.fxe5 0-0 13.Bg2 Ndxе5 14.dxe5
Nxе5 15.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 16.Kf2 Qe4
17.Nf4

Nice easy one: time to finish off
White.



17...Ng4+ White resigns

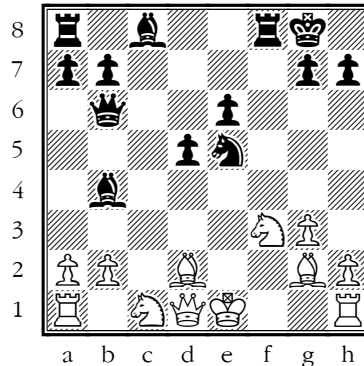
White loses the Queen (18.Kf1 Ne3+)
or the King (18.Kg1 Qe3+).

Storm (4)

Wittig - Frohne, G [C11] Ruhrgebiet-ch
Germany, 1996

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6
9.g3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 fxe5
12.fxe5 0-0 13.Bg2 Ndxе5 14.dxe5
Nxе5 15.Nc1

A thunderstorm of black pieces is
circling over White's King.



15...Qe3+ 16.Qe2 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bxd2+
18.Kd1 White resigns

■ Playing Black against 1.d4

Tarrasch Defence

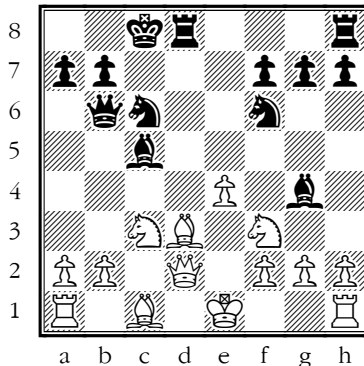
Poke a pinned piece (1)

Spencer, D - Wheatley, C [D32] South
Wales Winter op Newport (5.10),
06.01.2002

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4
5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6
8.e4?**

Understandable, but too bold.

**8...Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.Qe2
Bg4 12.Qd2 O-O-O 13.Nf3 Bxf3 14.gxf3**



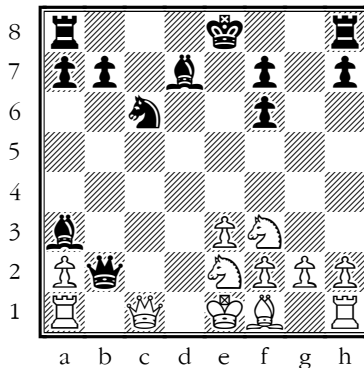
14...Ne5 15.Qe2 Nxd3+ White resigns

Forced back (3)

Heeneman, R - Stada, J [D32] Soest op
Soest (5), 1996

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4
5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6
8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.Bg5?! Again,
understandable, but too bold.**

**10...Qb6 11.e3 Qxb2 12.Bxf6 gxf6
13.Qc1 Ba3! 14.Ne2**



Black wins the exchange.

14...Nb4 15.Qxb2 Bxb2

and now

16.Rd1 Ba4 White resigns

[16.Rb1 Bf5 17.Rxb2 Nd3+]

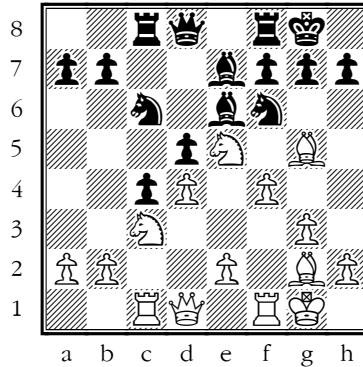
Anticipation (2)

Hansen,A - Nielsen,J [D34] Aalborg
Aalborg (5), 1947

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O
O-O 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Rc1 c4 11.Ne5 Rc8!**

Very clever: Black guesses that
White is going to play his next
move, and digs a big hole for White
to fall into.

12.f4?



12...Nxd4! [13.Qxd4? Bc5-+]

White didn't last much longer:

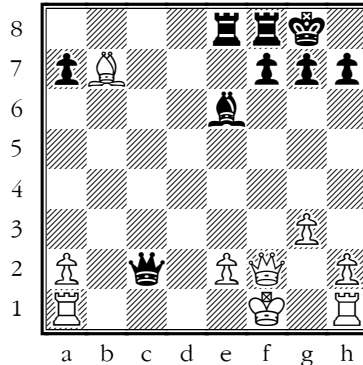
*13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nf3 Nf5 15.Qd2 Bc5+
White resigns*

Without fuss (1)

Vidmar,M - Schlechter,C [D33] Budapest
Budapest (2), 1912

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4
Bc5 9.Be3 Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxe3 11.Nxd5
Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxf2+ 13.Kf1 Be6
14.Qf3 Be3 15.Nb4 O-O 16.Nc2 Qxb2
17.Qxe3 Qxc2 18.Bxb7 Rae8 19.Qf2**

There's an uncomplicated way for
Black to win here.



19...Qb2 White resigns

Big choice (1)

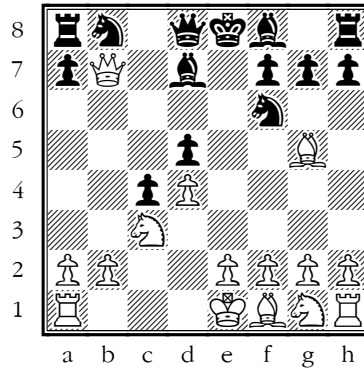
Quintela,F - Mallet,G [D32] D'Angers op
1st D'Angers (5), 08.05.2006

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 c5
5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Bg5 c4 7.Qb5+ Bd7**

White has an important choice:

8.Qxb7??

What could possibly be wrong with
that?



8...Bc6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 White resigns

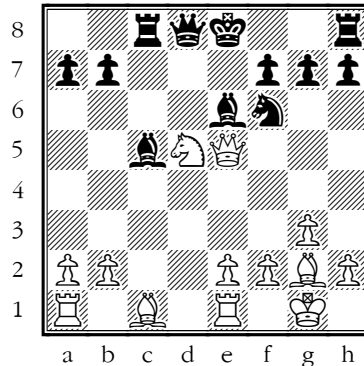
*[White could have won a pawn with
8.Bxf6! Qxf6 9.Qxd5!]*

Pick a target (2)

Fox,P - Vermeir,R [D33] Brasschaat op
Brasschaat (4), 22.08.2006

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.g3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.O-O
Rc8 9.Re1 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4
11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qe5+ Be6 13.Nxd5**

Lots of undefended and just-
defended pieces, one more
important than the others.



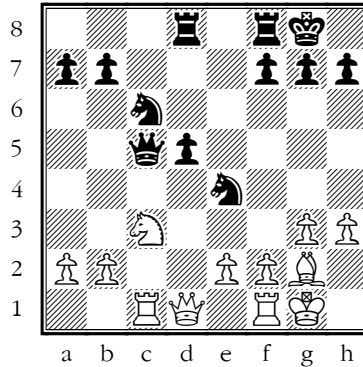
13...Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Ng4+ White resigns

Three things to spot (3)

Nogueiras, J - Vera, R [D34] Havana
Havana (4), 1982

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O
O-O 9.Be3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qd7
12.Bg2 Rad8 13.Bg5 Ne4 14.Bxe7
Qxe7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Rc1**

I expect you'll spot a couple of ideas
in this position; when you have
three, you can put them in a row.



16...Nxg3 17.Ne4 Qxc1

White resigns

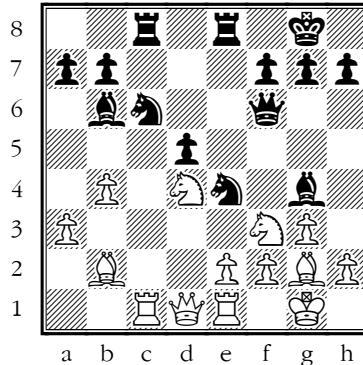
18.Qxc1 Nxe2+

Not a good picker? (3)

Derbenev, A - Bezgodov, A [D34]
Privolzhsky Region-ch Ishevsk (6),
21.03.2005

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O
O-O 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 Re8 11.b4 Bb6
12.Bb2 Bg4 13.Nb5 Qe7 14.Nbd4 Rac8
15.Re1 Ne4 16.Rc1 Qf6 [D] 17.e3?**

White was getting short of moves,
but that wasn't a good one to pick.



17...Ne5 White resigns

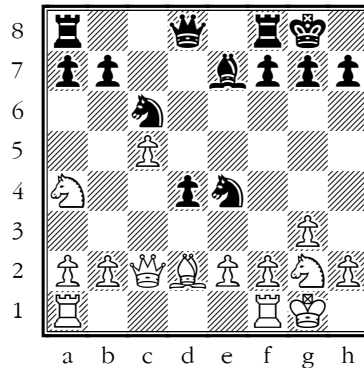
In fact, it's hard to pick a really
good move for White: 17...Bxf3 will
undermine the defence of the Nd4,
and if White plays 18.Nd4xf3 then f2
will fall.

Looking ahead (4)

Demetrescu - Nagy [D34] Corr., 1936

**1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O
O-O 9.dxc5 d4 10.Na4 Bf5 11.Bd2 Be4
12.Nh4 Bxg2 13.Nxg2 Ne4 14.Qc2**

White resigns! What had he seen?



14...d3!

*Now if 15.Qxd3 Qxd3 16.exd3 Nxd2
and escapes via f3;*

and if 15.Qd1 dxe2 16.Qxe2 Qxd2;

*so White 15.exd3 Nd4 16.Qd1 Nxd2
17.Qxd2 Nf3+*

Misstep (3)

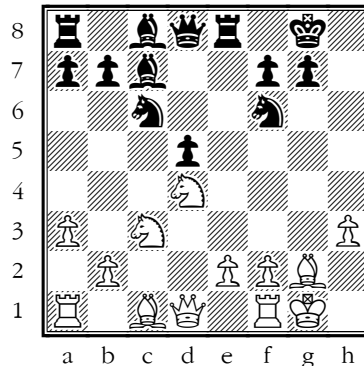
Hallgrímsson, A - Laren, P [D34] corr
WT/M, 1990

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O
O-O 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.h3 h6
12.Be3 Bd6 13.a3**

This next bit is not the tactic:

13...Bxg3 14.Bxh6 Bc7 15.Bc1?

The next bit is the tactic:



15...Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Qd6 0-1

Since 17.f4 allows 17...Bb6

*If White had played 15.Be3 and
16.Bxd4, 17.f4 would be safe.*

■ Playing Black against 1.d4 – a second system



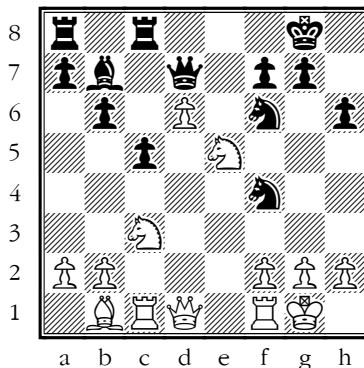
All-Purpose System

Counter (2)

Sith,J - Dobias,R [D59] Bratislava Slovan
op Bratislava, 1994

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Nf3 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Rc1 Bb7
9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bd3 Rc8
12.O-O Nd7 13.e4 Nf4 14.Bb1 c5 15.d5
exd5 16.exd5 Nf6 17.d6 Qd7 18.Ne5**

White pushes forward, but Black has
a counter... what is it?



18...Qh3! White resigns

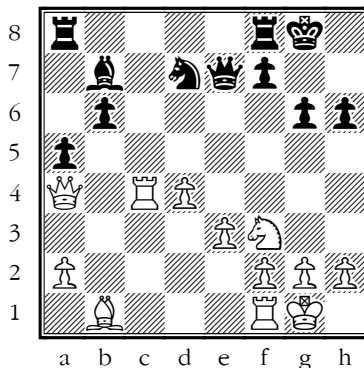
19.gxh3 Nxh3#

Seen enough (3)

Supatashvili,K - Burmakin,V [D58]
Oberwart op Oberwart (5), 1994

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 O-O 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3
Bb7 9.Rc1 Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.O-O
c5 12.Bf5 c4 13.b3 g6 14.Bb1 Ne4
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.bxc4 Nxc3 17.Rxc3
dxc4 18.Qa4 a5 19.Rxc4 White resigns**

White didn't want to see any more.
Can you see as far?



I hope you saw the ...b5 fork, but
how to arrange it?

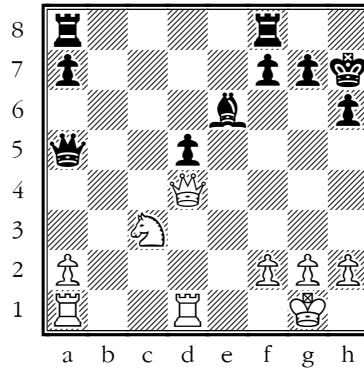
19...Bxf3! 20.gxf3 Qg5 21.Kh1 b5

Poisoned again (2)

Lutsko,I - Kovalev,D [D58] UKR-ch op
Alushta, 1999

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Nf3 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.cxd5
exd5 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.b4 c5 11.bxc5
bxc5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.O-O cxd4 14.exd4
Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bh7+ Kxh7
17.Qxd4 Be6 18.Rfd1 Qa5

Black meekly gives up the d-pawn,
but White should refuse it.



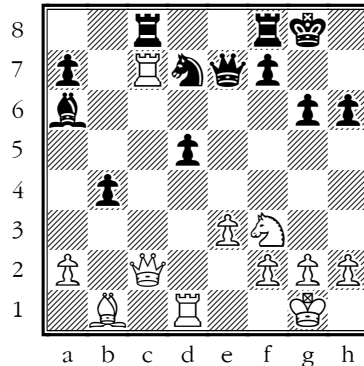
19.Nxd5 Rad8 20.Qc3 Rxd5 White
resigns

Rooked (3)

Ronsted,T - Bjorntoft,P [D58] DEN-chT
Denmark (4), 14.01.2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7
5.e3 O-O 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Rc1 Bb7
9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.O-O c5
12.Bb1 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.dxc5
Nxc3 15.Rxc3 bxc5 16.b4 Ba6 17.Qc2
g6 18.Rd1 cxb4 19.Rc7 Rac8

Black does not defend the d-pawn...
Any problem taking it?



20.Rxd5 Rxc7 White resigns

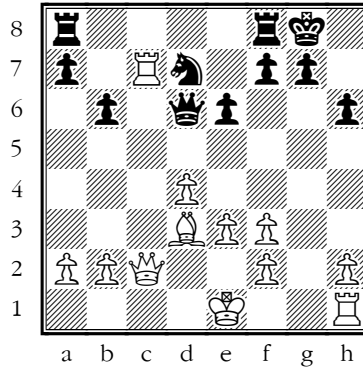
21.Qxc7 Rc8 exploits White's weak
back rank.

Stranded (1)

Ter Karapetian,A - Rukhadze,A [D59]
GEO-ch U16 Tbilisi, 04.2001

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 O-O 7.e3 b6 8.Rc1 Bb7
9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bd3
Nd7 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Rxc7 Bxf3
14.gxf3 Qd6 15.Qc2**

All looks good for White, but that
Rook is out of its depth.



15...Nc5!

*and the Rook must give itself up for
a Knight.*

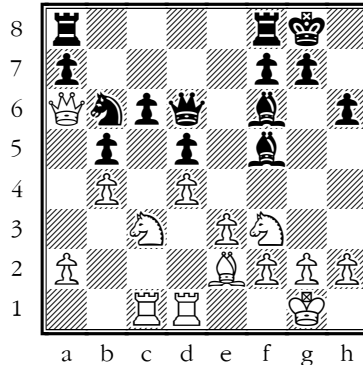
*16.Rxc5 bxc5 17.Qxc5 Qxc5 18.dxc5
Rab8 19.b3 Rfc8 20.Rg1 Rxc5 White
resigns*

Walled up (2)

Ortega Ruiz,J - Kaza,P [D58] Linares
Anibal op 11th Linares (5), 01.03.2005

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.e3 O-O 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Bxf6
Bxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 Be6 11.O-O
Nd7 12.Bb5 Nb8 13.Qa4 Qd6 14.Rfd1
c6 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Rac1 Nd7 17.b4 b5
18.Qa6 Nb6 19.a4??**

In the game of go, a piece that
cannot breathe will die.



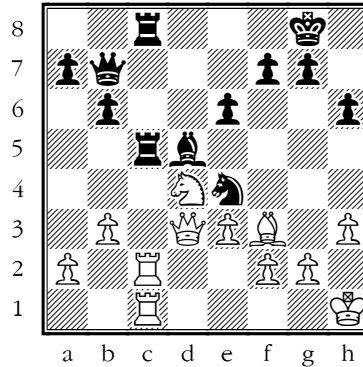
19...Bc8 20.Qa5 Nc4 White resigns

Simple as that (1)

Pisani Bencini,G – Anselmo,A [D58] EU-ch
U20 qual Groningen (1), 1973

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Nf3 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.Be2 Bb7
9.O-O Nbd7 10.Rc1 c5 11.h3 Rc8
12.b3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.cxd5 Nxd5
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Bf3
Ne4 18.Rc2 Rc5 19.Qd3 Qb7 20.Rfc1
Rfc8 21.Kh1

Not sure what made White do that.



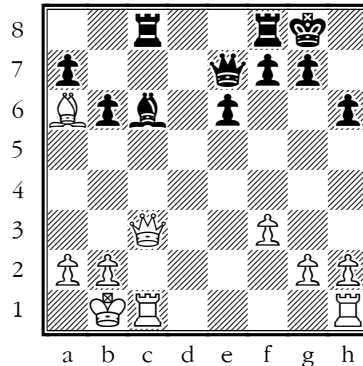
19...Nxf2+ White resigns

Disco move (1)

Bezler,R - Sonnberger,R [D58] AUT-chT3
9899 Austria (8), 05.02.1999

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 O-O 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3
Bb7 9.Qc2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5 11.O-O-O
cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc8 13.Qb3 Nc6 14.Nxc6
Bxc6 15.Kb1 Qb7 16.f3 Rad8 17.e4
Nxe4 18.Bxe7 Nxc3+ 19.Qxc3 Qxe7
20.Rc1 Rc8 21.Ba6

Black has a deadly counter to this.



21...Be4+ White resigns

■ Playing Black against 1.d4 – a third system

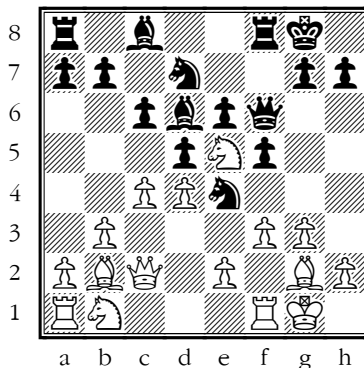
Stonewall Dutch

Clever Stuff (4)

Gruenfeld, E - Torre Repetto, C [A90]
Baden-Baden Baden-Baden, 1925

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5
5.O-O Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.Qc2 O-O 8.b3 Ne4
9.Bb2 Nd7 10.Ne5 Qf6 11.f3?!

Can you find Black's clever idea?



11...Nxe5! 12.dxe5?

White plans to take the Knight on e4 next, but should settle for trying to survive the attack after 12.fxe4 Bg4.

12...Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Nxe3+!

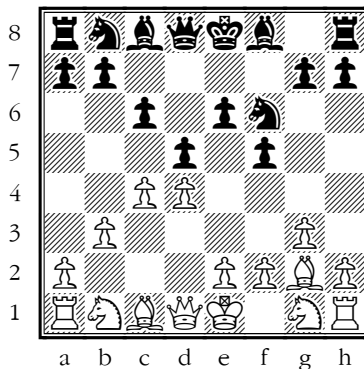
White resigns: it's mate on the h-file.

Well motivated (2)

Dany, S - Linder, O [A90] Hassloch op-A
Hassloch (2), 1997

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5
5.b3 c6

Without the Bishop on f8, Black will be weak on the dark squares.



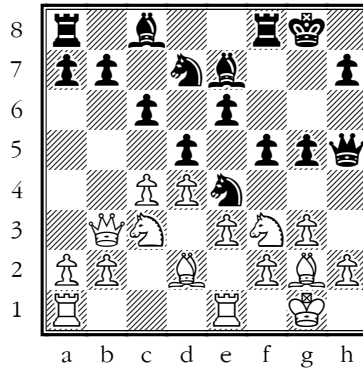
6.Ba3 Bxa3 White resigns

I see the future (2)

Hamm,D - Karlsson,L [A95] Rilton Cup
Stockholm, 1973

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6
5.O-O Be7 6.c4 O-O 7.Nc3 c6 8.Qb3
Qe8 9.e3 Qh5 10.Ne2 g5 11.Bd2 Nbd7
12.Rfe1 Ne4 13.Nc3 White resigns

What could White see ahead?



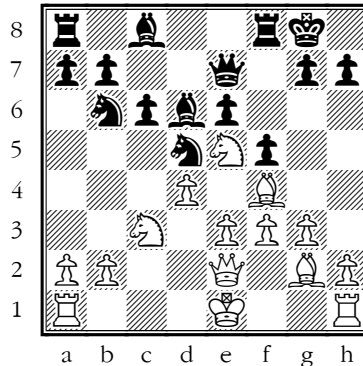
*White didn't wait for 13...g4,
undermining the defences of the
Bd2.*

I wanted to play that anyway (1)

Dezale,C - Perez,E [A90] Uzes op Uzes
(4), 1989

1.Nf3 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 d5
5.d4 c6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Bf4
Qe7 9.e3 O-O 10.f3 dxc4 11.Qe2 Nd5
12.Qxc4 N7b6 13.Qe2

Another short sequence yields a
piece for Black.



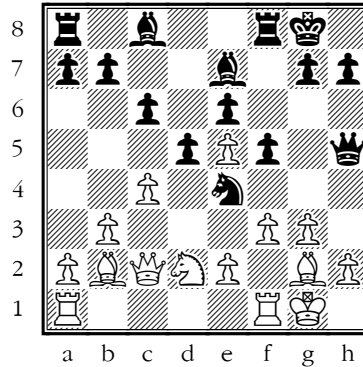
13...g5 White resigns

One, two... (2)

Norman,R - Acton,P [A93] BCF-ch U16
Oxford (11), 1967

**1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5
5.c4 c6 6.b3 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Bb2 Qe8
9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.dxe5 Qh5 13.f3**

...Mate.



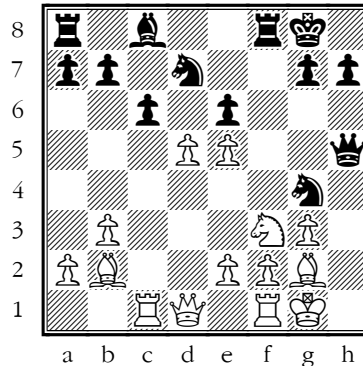
13...Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Nxg3#

Half-open file (2)

Pagac,K - Mydlarik,M [A90] SVK-chT2A
9899 Slovakia (3), 14.11.1998

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5
5.Bg2 c6 6.O-O Bd6 7.b3 O-O 8.Bb2
Qe8 9.Nbd2 Qh5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Rc1
Bxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Nf3 f4 14.cxd5
fxg3 15.hxg3**

What's the best use of the open f-file?



15...Rxf3 and White resigns, as the Knight was defending against mate on h2.

■ *Summary of lines*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Scotch Gambit

1	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Bc5	c3 dxc3	Bxf7+	
2	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Bc5	c3 dxc3	Nxc3	
3	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Bc5	c3 d3		
4	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6		→ Italian #7
5	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Bb4+	c3		
6	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	d4 exd4	Bc4 Nf6			→ 2 Knights #13

Italian Game

7	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6	d4 exd4	cxd4 Bb4+	Bd2 Bxd2
8	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6	d4 exd4	cxd4 Bb4+	Bd2 Nxe4!
9	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6	d4 exd4	e5	
10	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6	d4 exd4	0-0	
11	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Bc5	c3 Nf6	b4		

Two Knights'

12	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Nf6	Ng5 d5	exd5 b5		
13	e4 e5	Nf3 Nc6	Bc4 Nf6	d4 exd4	e5		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	e4	Nf3	Bc4	d4	0-0	e5	exf6

	e5	Nc6	Nf6	exd4	Bc5	d5	
15	e4	Nf3	Bc4	d4	0-0	e5	Bb5
	e5	Nc6	Nf6	exd4	Bc5	d5	
16	e4	Nf3	Bc4	d4	0-0	Re1	Bxd5
	e5	Nc6	Nf6	exd4	Nxe5	d5	

Evans Gambit

17	e4	Nf3	Bc4	b4	c3	d4	Qb3
	e5	Nc6	Bc5	Bxb4	Ba5	exd4	
18	e4	Nf3	Bc4	b4	c3	d4	cxd4
	e5	Nc6	Bc5	Bxb4	Bc5	exe4	Bb6
19	e4	Nf3	Bc4	b4	c3	d4	
	e5	Nc6	Bc5	Bxb4	Bc5	Bb6	
20	e4	Nf3	Bc4	b4	c3		
	e5	Nc6	Bc5	Bxb4	Be7		
21	e4	Nf3	Bc4	b4			
	e5	Nc6	Bc5	Bb6			

Petroff's Defence

22	e4	Nf3	d4	e5	Qxd4	
	e5	Nf6	exd4	Ne4		
23	e4	Nf3	d4	Bd3		
	e5	Nf6	Nxe4			
24	e4	Nf3	Nxe5	Nxf7		
	e5	Nf6	d6			
25	e4	Nf3	Bc4	d4	Qxd4	
	e5	Nf6	Nxe4	exd4		
26	e4	Nf3	Bc4	Nc3		
	e5	Nf6	Nxe4			
27	e4	Nf3	Bc4	Nc3		
	e5	Nf6	Nxe4	Nc6		

Philidor's Defence

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28	e4	Nf3	d4	dxex5	Qd5	Bg5	
	e5	d6	Nf6	Nxe4	Nc5		

Latvian Gambit

29 e4 Nf3 Nxe5 Nc4
e5 **f5** Qf6

Elephant Gambit

30 e4 Nf3 exd5 d4
e5 d5 **Bd6**

31 e4 Nf3 exd5 Qe2
e5 d5 **e4**

Sicilian Defence

32 e4 c3 exd5 d4
c5 **d5** Qxd5

33 e4 c3 e5 d4
c5 **Nf6** Nd5

Caro-Kann Defence

34 e4 d4 exd5 c4
c6 d5 cxd5

35 e4 **c4** exd5 cxd5
c6 d5 cxd5

36 e4 c4
c6 **e5**

Pirc Defence

37 e4 d4 Nc3 Be3
d6 Nf6 g6

Alekhin's Defence

38 e4 e5 d4 c4 exd6
Nf6 Nd5 d6 Nb6

Scandinavian Defence

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
39 e4 exd5 Nc3 d4
d5 **Qxd5** Qa5
40 e4 exd5 c4 d4

d5 **Nf6** e6/c6

French Defence

41	e4 e6	d4 d5	e5 c5	c3 Nc6	Nf6 Qb6		
42	e4 e6	d4 d5	Nc3 Nf6	e5 Nfd7	f4 c5	Nf3 Nc6	Be3 a6
43	e4 e6	d4 d5	Nc3 Nf6	Bg5 Be7	e5		
44	e4 e6	d4 d5	Nc3 Nf6	Bg5 Bb4	e5 h6	Bd2 Bxc3	bxc3 Ne4
45	e4 e6	d4 d5	exd5 exd5	Bd3 Nc6			
46	e4 e6	d4 d5	exd5 exd5	c4			

Tarrasch Defence

47	d4 d5	c4 e6	Nc3 c5	cxd5 exd5
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von Hennig-Schara Gambit

48	d4 d5	c4 e6	Nc3 c5	cxd5 cxd4
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Colle System

49	d4 d5	Nf3 Nf6	e3 Bf5
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London System

50	d4 d5	Nf3 Nf6	Bf4 c5
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Stonewall Attack

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
51	d4 d5	e3 Nf6	Bd3 Nc6	f4 Nb4			
52	d4 d5	e3 Nf6	Bd3 Nc6	c3 e5			

All-purpose System

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d5 e6 Nf6 Be7 b6 Bb7 c5

54 d4 c4 Nc3 Bg5 e3 Nf3 Bh4
d5 e6 Nf6 Be7 0-0 h6 b6

Dutch Stonewall

55 d4 g3 Nf3 Bg2 0-0
f5 e6 Nf6 d5