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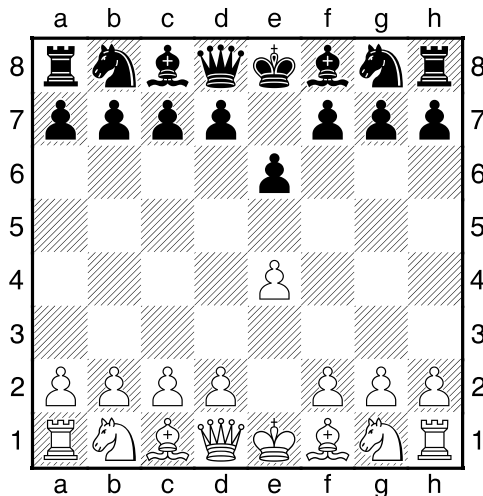
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Openings for Study

The French Defense; C00-C19

Like most openings with “defense” in their name, the French Defense is chosen by Black. Unlike the “Sicilian Defense” which is a “fighting defense” from the get-go, the French is ideally suited for the “defensive” player. It relies on the solid opening principles which all of our students learn, but Black often has to suffer a temporarily cramped position while constructing a “strong point” on d5.

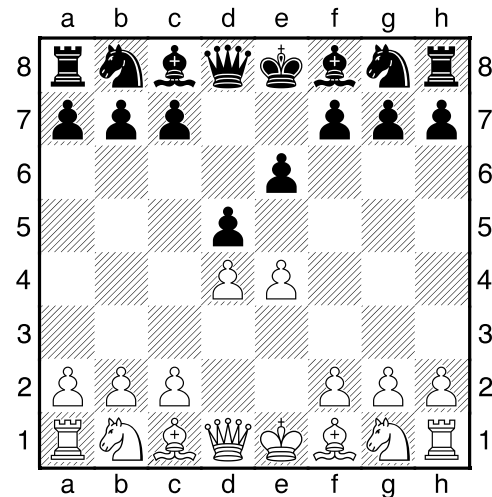
1.e4 e6



After 1...e6. White to move.

White does not have to follow the usual pattern of 2.d4 d5, but has a several good ways to deviate early on if he wishes. These include 2.d3 (King’s Indian Attack, as played by Bobby Fischer), 2.b3 (Reti-Spielmann Variation), and 2.Nc3 d5 3.f4 (Pelikan Variation). However, the natural sequence (2.d4 d5) is the predominate order of moves and makes up the great bulk of games in this study unit.

2.d4 d5



After 2...d5. White to move.

White now has a number options. Two of them are the “Advance Variation” (3.e5) and the “Exchange Variation” (3.exd5). These, and others, will be explored in the following 38 short games from historical tournament and master play. They are only a brief introduction to the opening. Re-played on a board, they can help you get a feel for the opening and some of the mistakes to look for and avoid (or punish in an opponent’s play). Notes are very basic and the games are divided evenly as to who wins.

White Wins (19 Games)

(1) Greco,G - NN [C02] Europe, 1620
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 "Advance Variation." 3...c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nc6 8.Bd3 Nge7 9.f4 Nf5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.g4 Nh4 12.0-0 Nxf3+? [12...b6] 13.Qxf3 Bd7 [13...f5] 14.Qh3 g6 15.f5 exf5 16.gxf5 gxf5? [16...Kh8] 17.Rxf5 Bxf5?? [17...Kh8] 18.Bxf5 Mate follows. 1-0

(2) Greco,G - NN [C01] Europe, 1620
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 Nf6? Out of "book." 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.h4!? 0-0? [5...Nb4] 6.e5 Nd5? [6...Ng4]

7.Bxh7+! Kxh7?? [7...Kh8] 8.Ng5+ Bxg5 [8...Kg6] 9.hxg5+ Kg6 10.Qh5+ Kf5 11.Qh7+ g6 12.Qh3+ Ke4 13.Qd3# 1-0

(3) Popert,H - Staunton,H [C02]

London, 1841

1.e4 c5 Begins as a "Sicilian Defense." **2.c3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.d4** "Transposed" into the French Defense- Advance Variation. **5...Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.Bc2 Rc8 8.0-0 a5 9.a4 g6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Na3 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Bh6 Ng4 15.Bxf8 Bxf2+ 16.Kh1! Rxf8 17.Qe2 Bc5 18.Nfd4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 e5?? [19...Nge5] 20.Qf3 Nd8 [20...exd4] 21.Qxd5+ Be6 22.Nxe6 Nxe6? [22...Ne3] 23.Bb3 1-0**

(4) Brien,R - Boden,S [C01]

London, 1851

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 "Exchange Variation." **4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Be3 Be6 9.c3 Qd7 10.Ne5 Nc6??** Bad Move Number One! "Moving too fast!" **[10...Qe7] 11.Nxd7 1-0**

(5) Blackburne,J - Grimwood [C10]

GBR tour sim, Great Britain, 1873

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 "Paulsen Variation." **3...Bb4 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Ba3 b6 10.Ne5 Ne4 11.Bf3 f5 12.Re1 Rd8 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Qh5 Qb7? [14...Rf8] 15.dxc5 Qe7?? [15...Nc6] 16.c6 Qxa3?? [16...Qc7] 17.Qf7+ Kh8 18.Re3 g6 19.Nxg6+ 1-0**

(6) Blackburne,J - Tarrasch,S [C13]

Kongress, Hamburg, 1885

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 "Classical

Variation." **6.Nf3 0-0 7.Qd2 c5 8.exd5 cxd4 9.Nxd4 exd5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.Nb3 Re8 12.0-0 d4 13.Na4 b6 14.Rad1? [14.Bb5] 14...Qc7 [14...Bd7] 15.c3 dxc3 16.Nxc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Bb7 18.Bf3 Rad8 19.Qg5 Ne5 20.Bxb7 Rxd1?? [20...f6] 21.Rxd1 Qxb7? [21...h6] 22.Qxe5! 1-0**

(7) Lasker,E - Marshall,F [C11]

World Championship 7th USA, 1907

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bd3 "Swiss Variation." **4...c5 5.Nf3 c4 6.Be2 dxe4 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.0-0 a6 9.Nxc4 h6 10.f3 exf3 11.Bxf3 Bxh2+?? 12.Kxh2 h5 13.Bf4 Ng4+ 14.Kg1 g5? [14...0-0] 15.Be5 Rg8?? [15...Nxe5] 16.Bxg4 hxg4 17.Ne4? [17.Nd6+] 17...Nd7?? 18.Qxg4? [18.Ncd6+] 18...Nxe5 19.dxe5 Kf8 20.Rad1 Qc7? [20...Bd7] 21.Nf6! 1-0**

(8) Reti,R - Bottenheim,M [C12]

NED tour sim, Netherlands, 1919

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Be3 Ne4 7.Bd3 Nxc3 8.Qd2 Nxa2 9.c3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 11.Ne2 b6 12.0-0 a5 13.f4 Nd7 14.f5 Bg5?? [14...exf5] 15.fxe6 Bxe3+?? [15...Nb8] 16.Qxe3 Nf8?? [16...Qg5] 17.exf7+ Ke7 18.Qg3 Be6 19.Qxg7 Kd7 20.Qxh8 Qg5 21.Nf4 Ng6 22.Qxa8 Nxf4 23.Qe8# 1-0

(9) Capablanca,J - Hoffman [C15]

simul Providence, 1922

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 dxe4 6.Bxe4 Nge7 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bxh7+ Kh8? [9...Kxh7] 10.Bd3 f6? [10...Kg8] 11.Ne5 fxe5?? [11...f5] 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Bh7+ Kh8 1-0

(10) Tartakower,S - Mueller,H [C00]

Kecskemet, 1927

1.e4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 dxe4 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nxe4 Nxe4 6.Bxe4 Nd7 7.Ne2 Nf6 8.Bg2 e5 9.0–0 c6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Be7 12.b3 0–0 13.Bb2 Qa5 14.a3 Bg4 15.Qe1 Qc7 16.h3 Bc8 17.Qc3 Ne8 18.a4 Bf6 19.Ba3 Nd6 20.Qc5 Rd8 [20...Bxd4] 21.Rad1 Bxd4?? 22.Qxd4 White wins the coming exchange. 22...Bxh3 23.Bxd6 Qd7 24.Rfe1 1–0

(11) Alekhine,A - Cruz,W [C07]

clock sim Rio de Janeiro, 1939

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 "Tarrasch Variation." 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd8? [6...Qc6] 7.0–0 Nc6 8.Nb3 Qc7 9.Nbxd4 Nf6 10.Bg5 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Be7 12.Ne5 0–0 13.Rfe1 b6 14.Re3 Bb7 15.Qh4 Rad8 16.Rae1 h6 17.Bxh6 Ne8? [17...Ne4] 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 Nd6?? [19...Rd4] 20.Ng4 1–0

(12) Pachman,L - Tsvetkov,A [C06]

zt Marianske Lazne, 1951

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 "Tarrasch, Leningrad Variation" 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.0–0 Nf8 13.Bf4 Bd7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.a3 Be7 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Na7 18.a4 Ng6 19.Bg3 Kf7 20.Qd2 Kg7 21.Nf4 Rhg8? [21...Nxf4] 22.Nh5+! Kh8 23.Qh6 Be8? [23...f5] 24.Ng5 fxe5 25.Be5+ 1–0

(13) Gaprindashvili,N (2425) - Ferrer Lucas,P (2070) [C18]

Olympiad women Buenos Aires, 1978

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 "Winawer, Advance Variation." 4...c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6

8.Be2 f6 9.0–0 Bd7 10.c4 fxe5 11.cxd5 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.Bb5+ Kd8 15.f4 Ne7 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Rb1 Nd5? [17...a6] 18.Re1 Qf6 19.Bb2 Rf8? [19...Kc8] 20.Bxd4 Qg6 21.Be5 Kc8? [21...Rc8] 22.Qd4! Rf7 23.Qc5+ Nc7 24.Bxc7 Rxc7 25.Qf8+ 1–0

(14) Chiburdanidze,M (2380) - Voronova,T (2000) [C05]

URS-ch (Women) Tbilisi (5), 1979

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 "Tarrasch, Closed Variation." 5...c5 6.Ndf3 Nc6 7.c3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 0–0 11.Bh3 f5 12.Ne2 Ndb8 13.Rg1 Be7 14.g4 Bd7 15.Nc3 fxg4 16.Bxg4 Kh8 17.b3 Nd8 18.Be3 Ba3 19.Qc2 Nf7 20.Rg3 Qc6 21.Rag1 Na6?? [21...Nh6] 22.Rh3 h6? [22...Nh6] 23.Qg6 Be8?? [23...Rg8] 24.Bf5 Ng5 25.Rxh6+ 1–0

(15) Bronstein,D (2490) - Karner,H (2410) [C02]

Tallinn (4), 1981

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 "Advance Var." 3...Bd7 4.Nf3 a6 5.Bg5 Qc8 6.c4 h6 7.Be3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Ne7 9.Nc3 Bc6 10.0–0 Qd7 11.Rc1 a5 12.d5 exd5 13.Bd3 Na6 14.a3 g6? [14...Nf5] 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Bd4 f6?? [16...Rg8] 17.Bxg6+ Kd8 18.Re1 Qd6 19.Bf7 Bg7 20.Re6 Qd7 21.Bxf6 Bxf6? [21...Qxe6] 22.Rxf6 1–0

(16) Shamkovich,L (2420) - Ravi,L (2325) [C05]

London Peace, 1987

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Nxc4 Nb6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 Ne7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxe7 Bxe7 11.Bd3 c5 12.Rc1 cxd4 13.0–0 Nd5 14.Nxd4 Nf4 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Bb5+

Kf8? [16...Ke7] 17.exd6 Qxd6??
[17...e5] 18.Nxe6+ 1–0

(17) Anand,V (2670) - Robatsch,K
(2410) [C10]

Manila ol (Men) Manila, 1992

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4
"Rubinstein/Burn Var." 4.Nxe4 Be7
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 c5
8.0–0 Nd7 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 Nc5
11.Rxd4 Qb6 12.Be3 Qxb2 13.Rad1
Bf6 14.Rd8+ Bxd8 15.Bxc5 Bd7?
[15...Be7] 16.Qd3 Qb5 17.c4 Qxc5?
18.Qxd7+ Kf8 19.Qxb7 g6??
[19...Rc8] 20.Qxa8 Kg7 1–0

(18) Polgar,J (2656) - Verbar [C15]

Kasparov Chess sim1 Tel Aviv, 2000

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qd3 c5
5.exd5 exd5 6.dxc5 Bxc3+? [6...d4]
7.Qxc3 Qf6 8.Qxf6 Nxf6 9.Nf3 Nc6
10.Be3 Nb4 11.Nd4 0–0 12.a3 Nc6
13.0–0–0 Ne4? [13...Be6] 14.f3
Nxc5? 15.Nxc6 1–0

(19) Svidler,P (2747) - Bareev,E
(2714) [C10]

Corus Wijk aan Zee (3), 2004

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
"Rubinstein Var." 4...Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6
6.Bd3 c5 7.0–0 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Nf6
9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Bxf6
Qxf6 12.Qd3 a6 13.Rad1 Be7 14.Nc6
e5 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.f4 exf4??
[16...0–0] 17.Bxb7! 1–0

Black Wins (19 Games)

(1) Mc Connell,J - Morphy,P [C02]

New Orleans, 1850

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.f4 Qb6 6.Nf3 Bd7 7.a3 Nh6 8.b4

cxd4 9.cxd4 Rc8 10.Bb2 Nf5
11.Qd3? [11.Qd2] 11...Bxb4+!?
12.axb4?? [12.Nbd2] 12...Nxb4
13.Qd2 Rc2 14.Qd1 Ne3 0–1

(2) Von Gottschall,H - Blackburne,J
[C14] DSB–Kongress Hamburg, 1885

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 "Classical System." 5.e5 Nfd7
6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Nce2 f6
9.f4 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 fxe5
12.fxe5 Qb4+ 13.Qd2?? [13.Nc3]
13...Rf1+! 0–1

(3) Eljaschoff,M - Alekhine,A [C01]

All Russian St Petersburg (11), 1909

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
Nc6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0–0 Nge7
8.Re1 Qd7 9.Nbd2 0–0–0 10.Qa4
Rde8 11.b4 Kb8 12.b5 Nd8 13.Ne5
Bxe5 14.Rxe5? [14.dxe5] 14...Ng6
15.Rxe8 Rxe8 16.Nf1 Re1 17.Bb2
Qe8 18.f3?? [18.Rxe1] 18...Qe3+
19.Kh1 Rxa1 20.Bxa1 Qxd3 0–1

(4) Jaffe,C - Marshall,F [C09]

Havana, 1913

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.dxc5 e6 4.e4
Bxc5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.0–0
Nge7 8.Nbd2 0–0 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.c3
Bg4 11.Be2 Qd6 12.Nfd4 Bxe2
13.Nxe2 Ng6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4
Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 Re2
18.Rb1 Rae8! 19.Be3 Ne5
20.Qxd5?? [20.Re1] 20...Re1+
21.Rxe1 Qxd5 22.Bd4 Re6
23.Rbd1?? Rg6 0–1

(5) Fink,A - Maroczy,G [C13]

Chicago, 1926

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.f4 a6 7.Qg4?
[7.Bxe7] 7...Bxg5 8.fxg5 g6? [8...c5]
9.0–0–0 c5 10.Re1 Nc6 11.dxc5

Nxc5 12.b4 Nd7 13.b5? [13.Nf3]
13...axb5 14.Nxb5? [14.Bxb5]
14...Rxa2 15.Nd6+? [15.Nf3] **15...Kf8**
16.Qf3 Ndxe5! 17.Qc3? [17.Rxe5]
17...Qxd6 [17...d4] 18.Nf3 f6 19.Nxe5
fxe5 20.Bd3 Bd7 0–1

(6) Asztalos,L - Spielmann,R [C14]

Bled, 1931

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 "Classical System." 5.e5 Nfd7
6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.Qd2 0–0 8.f4 c5
9.Nb5 a6 10.Nd6 cxd4 11.Nf3 Nc6
12.Bd3 [12.Nxd4] 12...f6 13.0–0 fxe5
14.fxe5 Ndx5 15.Bxh7+??
[15.Nxe5] 15...Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8
17.Rxf8+ Qxf8 18.Nxc8 Rxc8 19.Rf1
Qe7 20.h4? [20.Qf4] 20...Rf8
21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Qf4+ Ke8 0–1

(7) Arnlaugsson,G - Vukovic,V

[C17] Munich ol (Men), 1936

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
"Winawer, Advance Var." 5.Bd2 cxd4
6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 f6 8.exf6?
[8.Nxd4] 8...Nxf6 9.Nf3 0–0 10.Nbxd4
e5 11.Nb3 e4 12.Ng5? [12.Nfd4]
12...h6 13.Nh3 e3 14.fxe3 Bxh3
15.0–0–0? [15.gxh3] 15...Bg4 0–1

(8) Fridstein,G - Petrosian,T [C08]

Moscow-ch city Moscow, 1951

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5
exd5 "Tarrasch, Open Var." 5.Bb5+
Nc6 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.dxc5 Nf6 8.Ngf3
0–0 9.0–0 Bxc5 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.c3
Bg4 12.Qd3 Qd6 13.Nbd4 Ne4 14.h3
Bh5 15.Be3 f5 16.b4? [16.Nh4] 16...f4
17.Bxc6? [17.Bc1] 17...fxe3 0–1

(9) Levy,L - Mednis,E [C15]

Marshall CC New York, 1955

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2
dx4 5.a3 Be7 6.Nxe4 "Winawer,

Alekhine Gambit." 6...Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6
8.N2c3 0–0 9.Bb5 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 f5
11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nc5 f4 13.Bc1 e5
14.c3? [14.Nb3] 14...exd4 15.Qxd4?
[15.Qb3+] 15...Bxc5 16.Qxc5?
[16.Qxd8] 16...Re8+ 0–1

(10) Kramer,G - Mednis,E [C04]

USA-ch New York (4), 1957

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3
Nf6 "Tarrasch,Guimard Main Line."
5.e5 Nd7 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6 bxc6
8.Nb3 c5 9.c3 a5 10.Bg5 Be7
11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.0–0 0–0 13.Re1
cx4 14.cxd4 a4 15.Nbd2 c5
16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Re3 Ba6 18.Nd4
Nd3 19.Qg4 Rac8 20.f4 Qb4
21.N4f3?? [21.Nxe6] 21...Qxb2
22.Rf1 Qb6! 0–1

(11) Walther,E - Schmid,L [C03]

Zuerich Zuerich (3), 1961

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3
Nh6? [4...Nf6] 5.c3 Be7 6.Nb3 dx4
7.Bxh6 exf3 8.Bxg7?? [8.Bf4]
8...Rg8 9.Qxf3 Rxg7 10.Bc4 Bd7
11.0–0 Bd6 12.Rfe1 Qg5 0–1

(12) Foguelman,A - Byrne,R [C15]

Buenos Aires (4), 1964

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 "Winawer
Var." 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dx4 6.Qg4
Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Nbd7 9.Bb2
Nb6 10.c4 Na4 11.0–0–0 Bd7 12.f3
Qe7 13.fxe4 Nxe4 14.Qe3 f5 15.Nf3
c5 16.Rg1 0–0–0 17.Qb3? [17.Bd3]
17...Nxb2 18.Qxb2 cxd4 19.Rxd4
Bc6 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Be2??
[21.Bd3] 21...Qc5! 0–1

(13) Maki,J - Watson,J [C06]

Phoenix op Phoenix, 1976

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 "Tarrasch,

Closed Var." 7...Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4
9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0–0 Bd6
12.b3 0–0 13.Bg5 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5
15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rc1? [16.Be3]
16...Ng4 17.Bb1?? [17.Qc2]
17...Rxf2 18.Rxf2?? [18.Kh1]
18...Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Nxf2+ 20.Kxh2
Nxd1 21.Rxd1 Bg4 0–1

(14) Brasket,C (2200) - Szabo,L
(2530) [C12] Lone Pine (6), 1977
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Bb4 "MacCutcheon Var." 5.exd5
Qxd5 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.bxc3
Nxd2 9.Qxd2 b6 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.0–0
Nd7 12.Rfe1 Nf6 13.c4 Qd6 14.d5 0–
0 15.Nd4 Ng4 16.g3 Ne5 17.c5??
[17.Qf4] 17...bxc5! Unable to counter
the multiple threats White resigned. 0–1

(15) Waitzkin,J (2310) - Shabalov,A
(2525) [C05]
New York Marshall CC, 1992
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5
"Tarrasch, Closed Var." 4...Ng8 5.c3
c5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.dxc5 a5 8.a4 Bxc5
9.Nb3 Ba7 10.h4 Nge7 11.h5 h6
12.Bd3 Bd7 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.0–0 0–0
15.Bc2 f6 16.Qd3 Nf5 17.exf6 Rxf6
18.g4?? [18.Kh1] 18...Qg3+! 19.Kh1
Qxg4 20.Nh2 Qh4 21.Nd2 Ne5
22.Qe2 Bc6 0–1

(16) Dubinsky,R (2320) - Shulman,Y
(2480) [C15]
RUS-Cup06 Novgorod, 1998
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2
"Winawer Var." 4...Nf6 5.e5 Ne4 6.a3
Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 8.Ng3 c5 9.h4 Nc6
10.Qg4 Qa5 11.Bd2 Bd7 12.Qxg7 0–
0–0 13.Bd3 Qa4 14.h5 cxd4 15.0–0
dxc3 16.Be3? [16.Bxc3] 16...Rhg8
17.Qxf7 Qh4 18.Bxh7 Rg4 19.f3??

[19.Qf3] 19...Rxcg3 20.Bf2? [20.Qf4]
20...Nxe5 0–1

(17) Zaw,W (2633) - Khalifman,A
(2656) [C07] Japfa Classic Bali, 2000
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0–0
Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4
10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd6
13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0–0 15.Nxg7?
Rd8 [15...Kxg7] 16.Qf3 Kxg7
17.Bh6+? [17.g3] 17...Kg6 18.Rad1
Rxd1 19.Rxd1 e5!? 20.Kxh2 Ng4+
21.Kg1 Kxh6 0–1

(18) Vink,N (2335) - Gurevich,M
(2694) [C06] Wijk aan Zee, 2001
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4
8.cxd4 "Tarrasch, Closed Var., Main
Line." 8...f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Qc7
11.0–0 Bd6 12.g3 0–0 13.Bf4 Ng4
14.Qd2 e5 15.dxe5 Ngxe5 16.Nxe5
Nxe5 17.Qc2? [17.Bxe5] 17...g5
18.Be3 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Qf7 20.Qa4??
[20.Qb3] 20...Ne5 0–1

(19) Stannov,A (2257) - Shulman,Y
(2566) [C03] Sioux Falls op, 2002
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 "Tarrasch
Var." 3...Be7 4.c3 c5 5.exd5 exd5
6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Ngf3 Nf6 8.Bb5+ Nc6
9.0–0 0–0 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Bg5 a6
12.Be2 Re8 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bh4 g5
15.Bg3 Ne4 16.Nfd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4
Bxd4 18.cxd4 Bf5 19.Rfe1 Qb6
20.Be5?? [20.Qf3] 20...Rxe5!?
21.dxe5?? Qxf2+! 22.Kh1 Qxe1+!!
0–1

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