

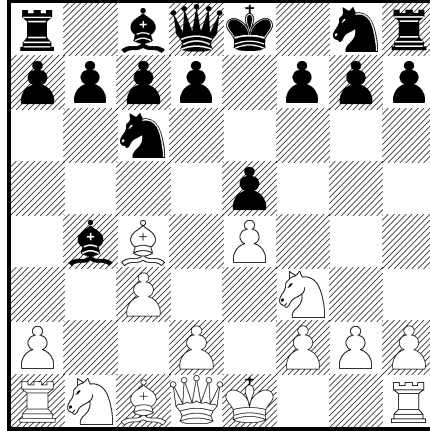
Opening Report

Database: allTWIC (271,231 games)

Report: 1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♗c6 3.♙c4 ♘c5 4.b4 ♙xb4 5.c3 (157 games)

ECO: C51 [Evans Gambit Accepted, 5.c3]

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1 Statistics and History

1.1 Statistics

	Games	1:0	$\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$	0:1	Score
All report games	157	69	26	61	52.5%
Both rated 2600+	8	3	3	2	56.2%
Both rated 2500+	13	5	4	4	53.8%
Both rated 2400+	23	9	5	9	50.0%
Both rated 2300+	37	16	9	12	55.4%
Since 1996.01.01	145	63	24	58	51.7%
Since 1998.01.01	106	47	19	40	53.3%
Since 2000.01.01	62	29	13	20	57.2%

1.2 Oldest games

- 1: 1:0(33) Manko – Alekhine, cr 1991 ⁵³
- 2: 1:0(25) Kasparov 2805 – Anand 2715, Riga LAT 1995 ³⁰
- 3: *(17) Bullockus – Melts, ? 1995 ²⁷
- 4: 0:1(46) Siteo – Tilmatine, Algarve POR 1995.03 ³⁸
- 5: 0:1(89) Ribeiro 2240 – Rizouk 2240, Algarve POR 1995.03 ²⁶

1.3 Newest games

- 1: $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (12) Plasman 2215 – Van der Veen 2119, Dieren NED 2001.07.26 ¹⁸
- 2: 0:1(60) Mortensen 2075 – Andersen, Copenhagen DEN 2001.07.16 ³⁵
- 3: 1:0(44) Van Weersel – Smith, Hyerois FRA 2001.07.10 ²²
- 4: 1:0(17) Veld – Ziepzeder, Haarlem NED 2001.07.08 ⁶
- 5: 0:1(52) Ukmar – Zvan 2211, Ljubljana SLO 2001.06.25 ⁶³

1.4 Current popularity

Frequency in all years:	once every 1727 games	
In the 10 years to today:	once every 1740 games	(no change from all years)
In the 5 years to today:	once every 1758 games	(down 1% from all years)
In the 1 year to today:	once every 1684 games	(up 3% from all years)

1.5 Most frequent players (White)

1:	6	1999–2001	67%	2571	Sveshnikov, Evgeny E ^{1,23,25,26,48,51}
2:	5	1997–2001	50%	2683	Short, Nigel D ^{27,31,49,52,60}
3:	4	1997–2000	50%	2445	Gunnarsson, Jon Viktor ^{28,41,48}
4:	4	1995–1996	25%	2325	Ribeiro, Fernando ^{6,26,40,64}
5:	4	2000	75%	2309	Rajlich, Vasik G ^{27,31,33,40}
6:	3	1997–1999	67%	2495	Grosar, Aljosa ^{1,26,53}

1.6 Most frequent players (Black)

1:	3	1996–2000	67%	2544	Gretarsson, Helgi A ^{42,48}
2:	2	2000–2001	75%	2746	Adams, Michael ^{60,61}
3:	2	1995	0%	2715	Anand, Viswanathan ³⁰
4:	2	2001	100%	2525	Sermek, Drazen ^{14,23}
5:	2	1996–1999	50%	2415	Kislov, Mikhail ^{17,52}
6:	2	1999–2000	100%	2303	Ovod, Evgenija ^{22,36}

2 Ratings and Performance

2.1 Average ratings and performance

White rating: 2324 (113 games); White performance: 2312 (49% vs 2319)
Black rating: 2319 (98 games); Black performance: 2310 (48% vs 2324)

2.2 Games with highest average rating

- 1: 1:0(25) Kasparov 2805 – Anand 2715, Riga LAT 1995³⁰
- 2: 1:0(25) Kasparov 2805 – Anand 2715, Riga LAT 1995³⁰
- 3: 0:1(27) Morozevich 2745 – Adams 2746, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001⁶¹
- 4: $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (18) Short 2683 – Adams 2715, Sarajevo BIH 2000⁶⁰
- 5: $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (34) Short 2683 – Svidler 2672, Internet 2000²⁷
- 6: $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (43) Morozevich 2748 – Bacrot 2594, Sarajevo BIH 2000¹⁶
- 7: 0:1(31) Short 2676 – Piket 2628, Zurich SUI 2001⁵²
- 8: $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (52) Short 2677 – Onischuk 2627, Beijing CHN 2000³¹

3 Result Trends

3.1 Game lengths by result

White wins: 34 moves (whole database: 40 moves)
Black wins: 45 moves (whole database: 41 moves)
Draws: 41 moves (whole database: 35 moves)

3.2 Shortest White wins

- 1: 1:0(9) Diaz Moron – Puig Montserrat, Paretana ESP 2000 ⁶
- 2: 1:0(12) Kuzmina 2188 – Melnikov 2185, St Petersburg RUS 2000 ¹⁸
- 3: 1:0(15) Chevrier 2170 – Nielsen 2255, Viborg DEN 1996 ³⁵
- 4: 1:0(15) Jackova 2210 – Stotskaja 2170, Frydek Mistek CZE 1996 ⁴⁵
- 5: 1:0(17) Zulfugarli 2479 – Dovliatov 2327, Minsk BLR 2000 ⁴⁶

3.3 Shortest Black wins

- 1: 0:1(15) Ribeiro 2325 – Grippon, Cappelle la Grande FRA 1996 ⁶
- 2: 0:1(18) Ilczuk 2323 – Ostrowski 2382, Suwalki POL 1999 ⁵⁷
- 3: 0:1(19) Chevrier 2170 – Wantiez, Viborg DEN 1996 ³⁶
- 4: 0:1(20) Ortiz – Beltz, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999 ⁶
- 5: 0:1(21) Benares – Persson, Guarapuava BRA 1995 ⁵⁹

4 Moves and Themes

4.1 Move orders reaching the report position

There were 2 move orders reaching this position:

- 1: 1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘c5 4.b4 ♘xb4 5.c3 (154)
- 2: 1.e4 e5 2.♙c4 ♘c6 3.♘f3 ♘c5 4.b4 ♘xb4 5.c3 (3)

4.2 Moves from the report position

Move	ECO	Frequency	Score	μElo	Perf	μYear	
1	♙a5	C52	78: 49.6%	53.2%	2309	2271	1999
2	♙e7	C51	57: 36.3%	45.6%	2341	2385	1998
3	♙c5		19: 12.1%	63.1%			1999
4	♙d6	C51	3: 1.9%	100.0%			1999
Total		157:100.0%	52.5%	2318	2302	1998	

4.3 Positional Themes

Frequency of themes at move 12:

Same-side castling:	29%	Isolated Queen Pawn:	10%
Opposite castling:	2%	White Pawn on 5/6/7th rank:	29%
Both Kings uncastled:	19%	Black Pawn on 2/3/4th rank:	11%
Kingside pawn storm:	1%	Open c/d/e file:	41%
Queens exchanged:	3%	One side has Bishop pair:	41%

4.4 Endgames

Material at the end of each game:

	♙	♘♙	♚	♘♙	♚	♘♙	♚♚	♚♚
Report games	4%	9%	9%	32%	1%	1%	4%	40%
All games	2%	9%	9%	26%	2%	4%	4%	43%

5 Theory Table

1.e4 e5 2.♞f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘c5 4.b4 ♘xb4 5.c3: +69 =26 -61 (53%)									
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	c3 ♙c5 ¹	d4 ² exd4	cx4d ³ ♙b4+	♞f1 ♙e7 ⁴	d5 ♙f6	dx6c ♙xa1	♞d5 ♘h6	♙xh6 OO ⁵	7: 79%
2	OO d6 ⁶	cx4d ♙b6 ⁷	♘c3 ⁸ ♙g4	♙b5 ⁹ ♞f8 ¹⁰	♙e3 ♙xf3	gxf3 ♘ge7 ¹¹	15: 63%
3	...	♞b3 ¹² ♙e7	d4 ♘h6 ¹³	♞b5 ¹⁴ ♘xc4	♙xh6 ♘d6 ¹⁵	♞xe5 ♘xe4	♙xg7 ♞g8	♞xe4 ♞xg7 ¹⁶	8: 25%
4	...	d4 exd4 ¹⁷	OO ¹⁸ ♘f6	e5 ♘e4	cx4d ¹⁹ d5 ²⁰	♙d3 ♙g4	♙e3 OO	h3 ♙h5 ²¹	13: 46%
5	♘xe5 ²² ♘a5	♘xc4 d5 ²³	exd5 ♞xd5 ²⁴	♘e3 ♞d8	OO ♘f6	c4 ²⁵ OO ²⁶	13: 31%
6	♙e2 exd4 ²⁷	♞xd4 ♘f6 ²⁸	e5 ♘c6	♞h4 ♘d5	♞g3 g6 ²⁹	OO ♘b6 ³⁰	17: 62%
7	♞xg7 d6	♞g3 ♙f6	OO ♞e7 ³¹	♞e1 ♞f8 ³³	6: 58%
8	...	OO ³⁴ d6 ³⁵	d4 exd4 ³⁶	cx4d ♙b6 ³⁷	d5 ³⁸ ♘e5	♘xe5 dx6c	♙b2 ♘f6	♙xe5 OO ³⁹	15: 57%
9	...	d4 d6 ⁴⁰	dx6c ⁴¹ dx6c	♞xd8+ ⁴² ♘d8	♘xe5 ♙e6	♙b3 ⁴³ ♘f6	f3 c6	♘c4 ♙c7 ⁴⁴	10: 50%
10	♞b3 ♞d7	dx6c ⁴⁵ ♙b6 ⁴⁶	♘bd2 ⁴⁷ ♘a5 ⁴⁸	♞c2 ⁴⁹ ♘xc4	♘xc4 ♙c5 ⁵⁰	exd6 cx4d ⁵¹	20: 55%
11	OO ⁵² exd4	♞b3 ⁵⁴ ♞e7 ⁵⁵	♞e1 ♙b6	♙a3 ♙c5	♙xc5 ♞xc5	♙xf7+ ♞f8 ⁵⁶	16: 66%
12	♘g5 ⁵⁷ ♘ge7	exd5 d5 ⁵⁸	♙b3 ⁵⁹ ♘e5	cx4d ⁶⁰ OO	♞f3 ♘g4 ♘f6 ⁶¹	8: 44%
13	♞b3 ⁶² ♞e7 ⁶³	e5 ⁶⁴ dx6c	♙a3 ♞f6	♘bd2 ⁶⁵ ♙b6	♘e4 ♞g6 ⁶⁶	9: 33%

¹ 5...♙d6 6.d4 ♘f6 7.OO OO 8.♞e1 h6 9.♘bd2
♞e8 10.♙b3 ♙f8 11.♘xe5 ♘xe5 12.dxe5
♞xe5 13.♘f3 ♞e7 1:0(53) Sveshnikov 2541 –
Zheliandinov 2411, Bled SLO 2000; **9...a6**
10.♙b2 b5 11.♙b3 ♞e8 12.♘h4 ♘a5 13.♘f5
♘xb3 1:0(33) Grosar 2495 – Vodopivec, Nova
Gorica SLO 1997; **7.dxe5** ♙xe5 8.♘g5 OO 9.f4
h6 10.♘xf7 ♞xf7 11.♙xf7+ ♞xf7 12.fxe5
♘xe5 13.OO d6 1:0(23) Annageldyev 2455 –
Najjar 2311, Beirut LIB 2000.

² **6.OO** ♘f6 7.d4 ♙e7 8.dxe5 ♘g4 9.h3 ♘gxe5
10.♙d5 ♘xf3+ 11.♞xf3 OO 12.♘d2 d6
13.♙b2 ♙e6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (39) Wolf – Gajadin 2202,
Istanbul TUR 2000.

³ **7.♘g5** ♘h6 8.♞h5 ♞e7 9.OO d6 10.h3 ♘e5
11.♙b3 ♙d7 12.♙b2 dxc3 13.♘xc3 c6 1:0(40)
Caldeira 2304 – De Sa 2100, Brasilia BRA 2000.

⁴ **8...♘f6** 9.e5 ♘e4 10.♙d5 ♙c3 11.♘xc3 ♘xc3
12.♙xf7+ ♞xf7 13.♞b3+ ♞e8 1:0(52)
Wimmer – Behm, Neubrandenburg GER 1998.

⁵ **13.♙g5** bxc6 0:1(24) Doghri 2350 – Stevanovic
2095, Erevan ARM 1996.

⁶ **7...dxc3** 8.♙xf7+ ♞xf7 9.♞d5+ ♞e8 10.♞xc5
d6 11.♞xc3 ♞f6 12.e5 dx6c 13.♞e1 ♞f7
0:1(20) Ortiz – Beltz, Oropesa del Mar ESP
1999; **10...♞f6** 11.♘xc3 d6 12.♞a3 ♙g4
13.♘d5 ♞d8 1:0(17) Muzychuk – Zurmutai,
Tallinn EST 1997; 1:0 Diaz Moron – Puig
Montserrat, Paretana ESP 2000.

7...d3 8.♘g5 ♘h6 9.♘xf7 ♘xf7 10.♙xf7+
♞xf7 11.♞h5+ g6 12.♞xc5 d6 13.♞e3 ♞e8
1:0(30) Rabiega 2517 – Haznedaroglu 2358,
Ohrid MKD 2001; **8...♘e5** 9.♘xf7 ♞e7
10.♘xh8 ♘xc4 11.♞h5+ g6 12.♞d5 ♘f6

13. ♖xc4 d6 0:1(61) Jday – Segura, Istanbul TUR 2000; **8.** ♖xd3 d6 9.e5 ♗ge7 10.exd6 ♗xd6 11. ♖e1 ♗a5 12. ♗d5 OO 13. ♗g5 ♗xh2+ 0:1(15) Ribeiro 2325 – Grippon, Cappelle la Grande FRA 1996.
- 7...** ♗ge7 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9. ♗g5 d5 10.exd5 ♗xd5 11. ♗xf7 ♗xf7 12. ♖h5+ g6 13. ♗xd5+ ♗e6 1:0(38) Zawadzka – Blackburn, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999.
- 7...h6** 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9. ♖b3 ♖e7 10. ♗a3 d6 11. ♗b5 ♗d7 12.e5 ♗xd4 13. ♗xd4 ♗xd4 1:0(25) Topazzini – Rojas, Buenos Aires ARG 1996.
- 7...** ♗f6 8.cxd4 ♗e7 9.e5 ♗e4 10. ♗d5 ♗g5 11. ♗xg5 ♗xg5 12. ♖h5 g6 13. ♖xg5 ♖xg5 1:0(17) Veld – Ziepzeder, Haarlem NED 2001.
- 7 8...** ♗b4 9. ♖b3 ♗ge7 10.d5 OO 11.dxc6 ♗xc6 12. ♗d2 ♗xd2 13. ♗bxd2 ♗a5 1:0(25) Zhao Zong Yuan – Anderson, Hervey Bay AUS 1999.
- 8 9.** ♖e1 ♗g4 10.e5 d5 11. ♗b5 ♗e7 12. ♗g5 OO 13. ♗xc6 bxc6 0:1(45) Zaveskis 2235 – Belozarov 2450, Tallinn EST 1997.
- 9.d5** ♗e5 10. ♗b2 ♖e7 11. ♗xe5 dxe5 12. ♗b5+ ♗d7 13. ♗xd7+ ♖xd7 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (60) Figura – Samolins, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999.
- 9 10.** ♖a4 ♗f8 11.d5 ♗d4 12. ♗xd4 ♗xd4 13. ♖b3 ♗f6 0:1(22) Zvan 2095 – Bazant 2145, Mureck AUT 1998.
- 10 10...a6** 11. ♗a4 ♗a5 12. ♗xc6+ bxc6 13. ♖a4 ♗xf3 1:0(45) Kjartansson – Ingibergsson, Reykjavik ISL 1997.
- 11 13.** ♗h1 h6 1:0(52) Penz 2390 – Druckenthaner 2300, Melk AUT 1999.
- 12 6.OO** ♗f6 7. ♖e1 d6 8.d4 ♗g4 9. ♗g5 exd4 10. ♖b3 OO 11. ♗xd4 ♗a5 12. ♖b5 c6 13. ♖a4 b5 0:1(50) Hendriks – Goehermann, Kleve GER 1999.
- 6.** ♗a3 ♗f6 7.d3 OO 8.OO d6 9.h3 ♗a5 10. ♗b3 ♗xb3 11.axb3 ♗e8 12. ♗b1 f5 13.exf5 ♗xf5 0:1(41) ANANSE – Bouwman, The Hague NED 1996.
- 13 6...** ♗a5 7. ♗xf7+ ♗f8 8. ♖a4 ♗xf7 9. ♗xe5+ ♗e8 10. ♖xa5 d6 11. ♗f3 ♗f6 12.d3 c6 13. ♖a4 ♗e6 1:0(26) Lanc 2392 – Gregorova 2140, Tatranske Zruby SVK 2000; **8...** ♗c6 9. ♗xg8 ♗xg8 10.OO h6 11.d4 d6 12. ♗bd2 ♗h7 13.dxe5 dxe5 0:1(58) Callier 2006 – Gori 2201, Cesenatico ITA 2000.
- 14 8.** ♖a4 ♗xc4 9. ♖xc4 exd4 10. ♗xh6 gxh6 11.cxd4 c6 12.OO d5 13.exd5 ♖xd5 0:1(42) Zelcic 2503 – Sermek 2525, Pula CRO 2001;
- 9.** ♗xh6 gxh6 10. ♖xc4 exd4 11.cxd4 ♖g8 12.g3 d6 13. ♗c3 c6 0:1(34) Borisek – Portelli, Nova Gorica SLO 1997.
- 15 9...** ♖xh6 10. ♖xc4 exd4 11.cxd4 c6 12. ♗c3 OO 13.OO d6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (63) Eren – Rybansky 2296, Balatonlelle HUN 2001.
- 16 13.OO** d5 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (43) Morozevich 2748 – Bacrot 2594, Sarajevo BIH 2000.
- 17 6...d6** 7.dxe5 ♗xe5 8. ♗xe5 dxe5 9. ♖h5 g6 10. ♖xe5 f6 11. ♖g3 ♗d6 12. ♗f4 ♗xf4 13. ♖xf4 ♖d6 0:1(27) Darmarakis 2145 – Margaronis, Poros GRE 1998; **9.** ♖b3 ♗f6 10. ♗xf7+ ♗f8 11. ♗d2 ♖d3 12. ♗c4 ♖d6 13.a3 c5 1:0(27) Karer 2088 – Portelli, Nova Gorica SLO 1999; **7...** ♗g4 8. ♗b5 dxe5 9. ♗xc6+ bxc6 10. ♖a4 ♗d6 11. ♖xc6+ ♗d7 12. ♖c4 ♗f6 13.OO OO 0:1(37) Coleman 2235 – Parker 2495, Wigan ENG 1997; **7.** ♖b3 ♗a5 8. ♗xf7+ ♗f8 9. ♖a4 c6 10. ♗xg8 ♗xg8 11.OO ♗g4 12. ♗bd2 b5 13. ♖c2 ♖c7 0:1(58) Jacko 2170 – Kislov 2415, Frydek Mistek CZE 1996; **10...b5** 11. ♖c2 ♖xg8 12.dxe5 dxe5 13. ♗xe5 ♗e6 1:0(25) Llorens 2355 – Lantano, Linares CHI 2000; **9...** ♗xf7 10. ♖xa5 b6 11. ♖b5 ♗d7 12. ♖e2 exd4 13.cxd4 h6 1:0(46) Brady 2305 – Puttiera, Erevan ARM 1996.
- 6...** ♗f6 7. ♖b3 ♖e7 8. ♗a3 d6 9.OO exd4 10. ♖e1 ♗e5 11.cxd4 ♗xf3+ 12. ♖xf3 ♗xd4 13. ♗c3 ♖f6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (37) Krokay – Kotermanska, Zakopane POL 2001.
- 18 7.** ♖b3 ♗a5 8. ♗xf7+ ♗f8 9. ♖a4 ♗xf7 10. ♖xa5 d3 11. ♖d5+ ♗e8 12. ♗e5 1:0 Kuzmina 2188 – Melnikov 2185, St Petersburg RUS 2000; **9...** ♗c6 10. ♗b3 h6 11.cxd4 a5 12. ♖c4 ♗b4+ 13. ♗d2 ♗xd2+ 1:0(20) Ortiz – Molina, Pensilvania COL 1998.
- 7.cxd4** d6 8. ♖b3 ♗a5 9. ♗xf7+ ♗f8 10. ♖c3 ♗xf7 11. ♖xa5 ♗f6 12.OO $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ Plasman 2215 – Van der Veen 2119, Dieren NED 2001.
- 19 9.** ♗d5 ♗xc3 10. ♗xc3 dxc3 11. ♖b3 OO 12. ♖xc3 ♗b4 13. ♗b3 d5 0:1(54) Costa 2100 – Andrade 2196, Lisbon POR 2000.
- 20 9...OO** 10. ♗d5 ♗g5 11. ♗xg5 ♗xg5 12.f4 ♗e7 13. ♗c3 d6 0:1(32) Carlos Hengles – Prytz, Zakopane POL 2000.
- 21 13.** ♗e2 f6 0:1(70) Costa 2115 – Andrade 2060, Honra POR 1998.
- 22 7.** ♗xf7+ ♗xf7 8. ♗xe5+ ♗f8 9. ♖f3+ ♗f6 10.g4 d5 11.g5 dxe4 12. ♖f4 ♖d5 13.gxf6 ♗xf6 0:1(59) Jones – Ilfeld 2184, San Francisco USA

- 2000; **9.** ♖h5 ♗e8 10. ♘xd7+ ♙xd7 11. ♚xa5 b6 12. ♚a6 ♙b5 13. ♚b7 ♗c6 1:0(54) Savoia – Harej, Nova Gorica SLO 2000.
- 7.** ♙d3 d6 8. OO ♘f6 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. ♘xe5 OO 11. f4 ♙c5+ 12. ♘h1 b6 13. ♗c2 ♙b7 0:1(30) Moser 2223 – Ovod 2303, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999; **7...exd4** 8. ♚a4 c6 9. cxd4 b5 10. ♗c2 d5 11. exd5 ♗xd5 12. OO ♘f6 13. ♚e1 ♗d6 0:1(30) Moser 2223 – Karlovich 2223, Lithoto GRE 1999.
- 7.** ♙b3 ♘xb3 8. ♗xb3 ♘f6 9. ♘xe5 OO 10. ♘d2 d5 11. exd5 ♗xd5 12. OO ♙e6 13. ♙b2 ♘e4 1:0(44) Van Weersel – Smith, Hyeris FRA 2001.
- ²³ **8...d6** 9. ♘e3 ♘f6 10. f3 OO 11. OO d5 12. e5 ♘e8 13. ♙a3 c6 0:1(64) Sveshnikov 2561 – Sermek 2515, Bled SLO 2001.
- ²⁴ **9...♘f6** 10. OO OO 11. ♘e3 ♘xd5 12. c4 ♘xe3 13. fxe3 c5 0:1(45) Paupitit – Kerstens 2140, Hengelo NED 1997.
- ²⁵ **12.** ♙a3 OO 13. ♙xe7 ♗xe7 1:0(34) Sveshnikov 2563 – Budimir 2145, Ljubljana SLO 1999.
- ²⁶ **13.** ♘c3 c6 0:1(46) Batceceg 2195 – Zaiatz 2305, Erevan ARM 1996; 0:1(89) Ribeiro 2240 – Rizouk 2240, Algarve POR 1995; **13...c5** $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (39) Sveshnikov 2563 – Nikolov 2395, Ljubljana SLO 1999; **13...♚e8** $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (35) Grosar 2450 – Bozanic 2305, Bled SLO 1999.
- 13.** ♙b2 c6 0:1(55) Novosak 2230 – Shurygin 2395, Frydek Mistek CZE 1996.
- ²⁷ **7...d6** 8. ♚a4+ c6 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. ♘xe5 ♘f6 11. OO b5 12. ♗c2 OO 13. a4 ♗c7 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (34) Short 2683 – Svidler 2672, Internet 2000; **13...b4** *(17) Bullockus – Melts, ? 1995; **11...OO** 12. ♚d1 ♗c7 13. ♙f4 b5 1:0(29) Sigfusson 2215 – Naes 2257, Reykjavik ISL 2000; **8.dxe5** ♘c6 9. ♙c4 ♙e6 10. ♙xe6 fxe6 11. OO ♗d7 12. ♗b3 OOO 13. ♘a3 d5 0:1(50) Colin 2170 – Latzke 2220, Cannes FRA 1997; **8.** ♙a3 c6 9. ♙b4 ♗c7 10. ♗a4 b6 11. ♙xa5 bxa5 12. dxe5 ♘h6 13. ♘bd2 OO $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (34) Peart – Fox 2135, Kilkenny IRL 1996.
- 7...d5** 8. exd5 ♗xd5 9. c4 ♘xc4 10. ♚a4+ b5 11. ♘c3 ♗xf3 12. ♘b5 ♗c6 13. d5 ♗d7 1:0(39) Rajlich 2309 – Sulskis 2223, Budapest HUN 2000.
- ²⁸ **8...f6** 9. OO b6 10. ♚e1 ♙c5 11. ♗d5 ♙b7 12. ♗h5+ g6 13. ♗h4 ♗e7 1:0(49) Situru 2415 – Kagan 2395, Canberra AUS 1995; **9.** ♘h4 g6 10. ♙h5 c6 11. ♙e2 b6 12. OO ♙c5 13. ♗d3 d6 0:1(33) Schlusnik 2225 – Schoene 2405, Budapest HUN 1996.
- 8...d5** 9. exd5 ♘f6 10. ♚a4+ c6 11. c4 ♘e4 12. ♙d2 ♘xd2 13. ♘bx2 OO 0:1(55) Gunnarsson 2445 – Sasikiran 2470, Elista RUS 1998; **10.c4** c6 11. ♘c3 OO 12. OO ♚e8 13. ♙b2 ♙f8 1:0(27) Winants 2485 – Kremer, Amsterdam NED 1996.
- 8...♘c6** 9. ♗xg7 ♙f6 10. ♗g3 d6 11. OO ♗e7 12. ♘a3 ♙d7 13. ♘b5 OOO 1:0(39) Brady 2345 – Fox 2130, Bunratty IRL 1998; $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ Santos – De Souza Haro 2305, Sao Paulo BRA 1998.
- ²⁹ **11...♘f8** 12. OO ♘b6 13. ♚d1 ♗e8 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (21) Brady 2305 – Heidenfeld 2320, Kilkenny IRL 1996.
- ³⁰ **13.c4** d6 1:0(25) Kasparov 2805 – Anand 2715, Riga LAT 1995; 1:0(25) Kasparov 2805 – Anand 2715, Riga LAT 1995.
- 12...OO** 13. ♙h6 ♚e8 0:1(57) Ponomariov 2565 – Daniliuk 2410, Krasnodar RUS 1997.
- 12...d6** 13. ♚d1 ♙e6 1:0(35) Krupa 2180 – Vark 2040, Tallinn EST 1997.
- ³¹ **10...♘e7** 11. ♙g5 ♘g6 12. OO ♙e6 13. ♘bd2 h6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (52) Short 2677 – Onischuk 2627, Beijing CHN 2000; **12...♙xg5** 13. ♘xg5 ♗f6 1:0(40) Rajlich 2209 – Lukacs 2488, Budapest HUN 2000.
- ³² **11...♙d7** 12. ♘d4 OOO 13. ♘d2 ♘c6 1:0(28) Shirov 2695 – Timman 2590, Biel SUI 1995.
- 11...♘f8** 12. ♚e1 h5 13. ♘g5 h4 0:1(58) Maga 2370 – Gonzales, Greenhills PHI 1996.
- ³³ **13.** ♙b5 ♗g6 1:0(63) Shetty 2390 – Ravi 2345, Kasaragod IND 1996; 0:1(47) Rajlich 2209 – Nguyen Anh Dung 2487, Budapest HUN 2000.
- ³⁴ **6.** ♗b3 ♗e7 7. d4 exd4 8. OO ♙b6 9. cxd4 ♘a5 10. ♗a4 ♘xc4 11. ♗xc4 d6 12. a4 c6 13. ♘c3 ♗d8 1:0(42) Sutovsky 2604 – Smagin 2613, Essen GER 2001; **7.OO** ♘f6 8. d4 OO 9. ♙g5 d6 10. ♘bd2 ♙b6 11. dxe5 dxe5 12. ♙d5 ♙g4 13. h3 ♙h5 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (52) Cutter 2122 – Rideout, Istanbul TUR 2000; **6...♗f6** 7. d4 ♘xd4 8. ♘xd4 exd4 9. OO ♙b6 10. e5 ♗g6 11. ♙a3 ♘h6 12. cxd4 ♙xd4 13. ♘c3 ♗b6 1:0(25) Larochelle – Charest 2110, North Bay CAN 1998.
- ³⁵ **6...♘ge7** 7. d4 ♘g6 8. ♙a3 d6 9. d5 ♘ce7 10. ♗a4+ c6 11. dxc6 bxc6 12. ♙xd6 ♗xd6 13. ♗xa5 OO 0:1(60) Mortensen 2075 – Andersen, Copenhagen DEN 2001; **7...exd4** 8. cxd4 d6 9. ♘g5 OO 10. ♗h5 h6 11. ♘xf7 ♚xf7 12. ♗xf7+ ♘h7 13. ♙e3 ♙d7 0:1(36) Senanayaka – Begum, Erevan ARM 1996.
- 6...♘f6** 7. d4 d6 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. ♗b3 OO 10. ♙a3 ♘xe4 11. ♙xf8 ♗xf8 12. ♚e1 ♘c5 13. ♗c2

- ♠e6 1:0(24) Kristensen – Prytz, Zakopane POL 2000; **7...♠xe4** 8.dxe5 OO 9.♠d5 ♠xc3 10.♠d3 ♠xb1 11.♠g5 g6 12.♠xb1 ♠xe5 13.♠h3 h5 0:1(27) Nicola – Sirgado, Honra POR 1998.
- 6...♠b6** 7.d4 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♠b3 ♠f6 10.♠d1 ♠ge7 11.♠g5 ♠g6 12.♠xe7 ♠xe7 13.♠a3+ ♠e8 1:0(15) Chevrier 2170 – Nielsen 2255, Viborg DEN 1996.
- 36 **7...♠b6** 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♠xd8+ ♠xd8 10.♠xe5 ♠e6 11.♠b3 ♠f6 12.♠c2 ♠d7 13.♠d3 f6 0:1(71) Olenin 2408 – Ovod 2263, St Petersburg RUS 2000.
- 7...♠g4** 8.♠b3 ♠xf3 9.♠xf7+ ♠f8 10.gxf3 exd4 11.♠h5 g6 12.♠g4 ♠b6 13.♠e6 ♠h4 0:1(19) Chevrier 2170 – Wantiez, Viborg DEN 1996.
- 7...♠f6** 8.d5 ♠b6 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.♠g5 ♠g6 11.♠xe5 ♠xg5 12.♠xf7 ♠h4 13.♠xh8 ♠f6 1:0(18) Abishova 2040 – Golubenko, Tallinn EST 1996.
- 7...♠e7** 8.d5 ♠b8 9.♠a4+ ♠d7 10.♠xa5 b6 11.♠b4 a6 12.♠g5 f6 13.♠e3 g5 1:0(33) Katzourakis 2070 – Hristodoulou, Poros GRE 1998.
- 37 **8...♠ge7** 9.♠b2 OO 10.d5 ♠b8 11.e5 c6 12.e6 fxe6 13.dxe6 d5 1:0(42) Cutter 2160 – Renaud, Elista RUS 1998.
- 38 **9.h3** h6 10.♠c3 ♠ge7 11.a4 a6 12.♠e3 OO 13.♠h2 ♠h7 0:1(46) Siteo – Tilmatine, Algarve POR 1995.
- 39 **13.♠f3** ♠e8 1:0(73) Kolbert 2124 – Markovic 2252, Kragujevac YUG 2000.
- 40 **6...f6** 7.dxe5 fxe5 8.♠xg8 ♠xg8 9.♠d5 ♠f8 10.♠g5 ♠e7 11.♠xa5 d6 12.♠bd2 h6 13.♠xe7 ♠xe7 1:0(38) Ribeiro 2285 – Renaud, Erevan ARM 1996; **7...♠e7** 8.♠xg8 ♠xg8 9.♠d5 ♠e6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.♠h5+ ♠f7 12.♠xf7+ ♠xf7 13.OO d6 0:1(44) Kjartansson – Nielsen, Copenhagen DEN 1998.
- 6...♠e7** 7.OO ♠b6 8.♠a3 d6 9.♠b5 ♠d7 10.♠xc6 ♠xc6 11.♠xe5 ♠b5 12.♠e1 ♠f6 13.♠f3 OOO 1:0(32) Rajlich 2309 – Cooke 2266, Budapest HUN 2000.
- 6...♠b6** 7.OO d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♠b3 ♠f6 10.♠g5 ♠g6 11.♠d5 ♠h6 12.♠b5 OO 13.♠xh6 ♠xh6 0:1(23) Socha 2075 – Tekielak 2003, Zakopane POL 2001.
- 6...♠f6** 7.OO ♠b6 8.♠a3 d6 9.dxe5 ♠xe5 10.♠xe5 ♠xe5 11.♠h1 ♠e6 12.f4 ♠xe4 13.♠d2 ♠c6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (32) Rutkauskas 2064 – Nemes, Zakopane POL 2000.
- 41 **7.OO** ♠b6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♠b3 ♠e7 10.♠a3 ♠f6 11.♠bd2 ♠ge7 12.♠b5 ♠g4 13.h3 ♠xf3 1:0(54) Gunnarsson 2400 – Sorin 2502, ICC INT 2000.
- 42 **8.♠b3** ♠f6 9.OO h6 10.♠a3 ♠ge7 11.♠d5 ♠b6 12.♠bd2 ♠a5 13.♠b2 c6 0:1(39) Thorfinnsson 2260 – Gretarsson 2521, Reykjavik ISL 1999; **9...♠b6** 10.♠a3 ♠g4 11.♠g5 ♠h6 12.h3 ♠d7 13.♠h1 OOO $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (45) Eid 2270 – Stevanovic 2095, Erevan ARM 1996.
- 43 **10.OO** f6 11.♠xe6 ♠xe6 12.♠c4 ♠b6 13.♠e3 ♠xe3 0:1(47) Killane 2178 – Howell, Kilkenny IRL 2000.
- 44 **13.♠a3** b6 1:0(48) Ancheyta 2325 – Vega 2282, Merida MEX 2000.
- 45 **8.OO** ♠b6 9.♠b5 a6 10.♠xc6 ♠xc6 11.dxe5 ♠e6 12.♠c2 ♠e7 13.exd6 cxd6 0:1(30) Chmielinska 2092 – Tekielak 2003, Polanczyk POL 2000; **10.♠a4** ♠a7 11.♠xc6 ♠xc6 12.♠a3 ♠f6 13.♠bd2 OO 0:1(46) Ricci 2093 – Renier, Lido Estensi ITA 2000; **9...exd4** 10.cxd4 ♠f8 11.e5 ♠ge7 12.♠a3 ♠f5 13.♠d3 a6 0:1(48) Kucypera 2068 – Szczepkowska, Polanczyk POL 2000; **9.♠bd2** ♠a5 10.♠c2 ♠xc4 11.♠xc4 exd4 12.cxd4 ♠e7 13.a4 c6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (60) Paleologu 2074 – Gurtner, Geneva SUI 2001; **8...♠f6** 9.dxe5 ♠xe4 10.♠e1 d5 11.♠xd5 ♠c5 12.♠c4 ♠e6 13.♠a3 ♠e7 1:0(15) Jackova 2210 – Stotskaja 2170, Frydek Mistek CZE 1996.
- 46 **8...dxe5** 9.OO ♠b6 10.♠d1 ♠e7 11.a4 ♠a5 12.♠xf7+ ♠xf7 13.♠d8+ ♠e7 1:0(17) Zulfugarli 2479 – Dovliatov 2327, Minsk BLR 2000; **11...a6** 12.a5 ♠c5 13.♠d5 ♠d6 1:0(44) Sukhareva 2133 – Filichkina 2268, St Petersburg RUS 2000; **9.♠a3** ♠b6 10.♠b5 ♠e6 11.♠xe6+ ♠xe6 12.♠xe5 ♠e7 13.♠xe7 ♠xe7 0:1(55) Doghri 2312 – Pokorna 2198, Nove Zamky SVK 1999.
- 8...♠xe5** 9.♠xe5 dxe5 10.OO ♠b6 11.♠a3 ♠h6 12.h4 ♠d8 13.♠b5+ ♠d7 1:0(18) Snarheim 2227 – Horn 2003, Gausdal NOR 2000.
- 47 **9.OO** ♠a5 10.♠b4 ♠xc4 11.♠xc4 dxe5 12.♠xe5 ♠e6 13.♠a4+ c6 0:1(89) Kalashnikov 2403 – Lunev 2491, St Petersburg RUS 2000.
- 9.♠a3** ♠a5 10.♠b4 ♠xc4 11.♠xc4 dxe5 12.♠xe5 ♠e6 13.♠a4+ c6 0:1(83) Stevic 2465 – Dabo-Peranic 2195, Porec CRO 1998.
- 9.exd6** ♠a5 10.♠b4 ♠xc4 11.♠xc4 cxd6

- 12.OO ♖e6 13.♗d3 ♘f6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (82) Schlusnik 2225 – Daamen 2200, Budapest HUN 1996.
- 48 **9...dxe5** 10.♙a3 ♘a5 11.♗b4 c5 12.♗b2 ♘xc4 13.♘xc4 f6 1:0(37) Christiansen 2555 – Gretarsson 2465, Erevan ARM 1996; 1:0(28) Gunnarsson 2315 – Thorhallsson 2330, Akureyri 1997; **12...♗c7** 13.♙b5+ ♕f8 0:1(42) Gunnarsson 2400 – Gretarsson 2544, Reykjavik ISL 2000.
- 9...♘h6** 10.OO OO 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.♙d5 ♗g6 13.♘c4 ♙h3 1:0(64) Sveshnikov 2541 – Meister 2473, Samara RUS 2000.
- 49 **10.♗b4** ♘xc4 11.♘xc4 ♙c5 12.♗b3 ♘e7 13.OO OO 1:0(51) Short 2660 – Huebner 2580, Dortmund GER 1997.
- 50 **11...d5** 12.exd5 ♗xd5 13.♗a4+ ♙d7 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (61) Comet – Virtual Chess, Paderborn GER 1995.
- 51 **13.OO** b5 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (46) Sveshnikov 2571 – Sharma 2385, Dubai UAE 2001.
- 13.♙f4** b5 1:0(38) Lazovic 2315 – Knezevic, Porec CRO 1998.
- 52 **7.♗b3** ♗f6 8.OO ♙b6 9.e5 ♗g6 10.cxd4 ♘a5 11.♗a4 ♘xc4 12.♗xc4 ♘e7 13.♙a3 ♗e6 0:1(31) Short 2676 – Piket 2628, Zurich SUI 2001; **10.♙a3** ♘a5 11.♗b4 c5 12.♗a4 ♘xc4 13.♗xc4 ♗e6 0:1(60) Boor – Rajlich 2270, Oberlin USA 1999; **7...♗e7** 8.OO ♙b6 9.cxd4 ♘a5 10.♗a4 ♘xc4 11.♗xc4 d6 12.a4 a5 13.e5 dxe5 1:0(31) Raudive 2240 – Kisllov 2387, Koszalin POL 1999.
- 53 **7...dxc3** 8.♗b3 ♗f6 9.e5 ♗g6 10.♘xc3 ♘ge7 11.♙a3 OO 12.♗ad1 b5 13.♙d3 ♗e6 1:0(33) Manko – Alekhine, cr 1991; **12...♗e8** 13.♙d3 ♗h5 1:0(26) De Boer – Van der Kooij, S92/3 0; **10...♙xc3** 11.♗xc3 b6 12.♘g5 ♘h6 13.e6 OO 1:0(23) Thorfinnsson 2155 – Jansson 2225, Hafnarfjordur ISL 1996.
- 7...♘f6** 8.e5 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.fxg7 ♗g8 11.♘xd4 ♘xd4 12.♗h5 ♗xg7 13.cxd4 ♗xd4 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (17) Grosar 2495 – Scekcic 2400, Nova Gorica SLO 1997; **8...♘e4** 9.♗b3 OO 10.cxd4 ♙b6 11.d5 ♘d4 12.♗d3 ♘xf3+ 13.gxf3 ♘xf2 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (39) Muhren – Gregorova, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999; **8.♙a3** d6 9.e5 d5 10.♙b5 ♘e4 11.e6 ♙xe6 12.♗a4 ♙d7 13.♙xc6 ♙xc6 1:0(23) Conquest 2480 – Bjornsson 2210, Reykjavik ISL 1998.
- 7...h6** 8.♗b3 ♗f6 9.cxd4 ♙b6 10.e5 ♗g6 11.♙d3 ♗h5 12.♙b2 ♘ge7 13.♘bd2 ♘f5 1:0(21) Kucypera 2055 – Szydłowska, Zakopane POL 2001; **8.cxd4** ♘ge7 9.d5 ♘b8 10.♙b2 f6 11.e5 ♘g8 12.d6 c6 13.♘h4 h5 1:0(17) Rudolf – Golts, Oropesa del Mar ESP 1999.
- 7...♙b6** 8.cxd4 d6 9.♘c3 ♘a5 10.♙d3 ♙g4 11.♙e3 ♘e7 12.h3 ♙xf3 13.♗xf3 ♘ac6 1:0(57) Basanta 2355 – Harmon 2180, Richmond, Vancouver CAN 1999.
- 54 **8.♗e1** ♙b6 9.e5 h6 10.♗xd3 ♘ge7 11.♘bd2 d5 12.exd6 cxd6 13.♙a3 ♙c5 0:1(59) Vallejo Pons 2519 – Narciso Dublan 2447, Palencia ESP 1999.
- 8.♙a3** d6 9.♗b3 ♘h6 10.e5 OO 11.exd6 cxd6 12.♙xd3 ♗f6 13.♙b2 ♙b6 1:0(23) Ribeiro – Madureira, Barreiro POR 2000.
- 55 **8...♗f6** 9.e5 ♗g6 10.♙a3 ♘ge7 11.♘bd2 OO 12.♗ae1 b5 13.♙xb5 ♗b8 0:1(32) Hodge 2117 – Lamorelle 2156, Bruges BEL 1999.
- 56 **13.♙xg8** ♗xg8 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (50) Gershon 2275 – Jenni, Guarapuava BRA 1995.
- 57 **8.cxd4** d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♙a3 ♙e6 11.♗b3 ♗b8 12.♗d1 ♙b4 13.♙xb4 ♘cxb4 1:0(28) Mar 2029 – Ursic, Nova Gorica SLO 2000; **11.♙b5** ♙b4 12.♙xc6+ bxc6 13.♙xb4 ♘xb4 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (70) Ferret – Shredder, Paderborn GER 1999; **10.♗b3** ♙e6 11.♙a3 ♙b4 12.♙xb4 ♘cxb4 13.a3 ♘c6 0:1(18) Ilczuk 2323 – Ostrowski 2382, Suwalki POL 1999.
- 8.♙a3** ♙b6 9.cxd4 d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♙xd5 ♗xd5 12.♘c3 ♗a5 13.♗b3 ♙xd4 1:0(18) Wheeler – Croad 2166, Auckland NZL 2001.
- 58 **8...♘e5** 9.♘xf7 ♘xf7 10.♙xf7+ ♘xf7 11.♗h5+ ♘g8 12.♗xa5 dxc3 13.♘xc3 h6 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (32) Baudin 2168 – Hater, Leopoldsborg BEL 2000.
- 59 **10.♗xd4** ♘7g6 11.♙f4 OO 12.♙xe5 ♗xg5 13.♙g3 ♙b6 0:1(21) Benares – Persson, Guarapuava BRA 1995.
- 60 **11.♘xh7** ♘xh7 12.♗h5+ ♘g8 13.♗xe5 ♘f5 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$ (18) Short 2683 – Adams 2715, Sarajevo BIH 2000.
- 61 **13.♙a3** h6 0:1(27) Morozevich 2745 – Adams 2746, Wijk aan Zee NED 2001.
- 62 **8.cxd4** ♙b6 9.♘c3 ♙g4 10.♙b5 a6 11.♙a4 ♘f8 12.♙e3 ♘ge7 13.♗d3 ♙xf3 1:0(39) Gajsin 2398 – Kolago 2190, Koszalin POL 1999; **8...♘f6** 9.e5 dxe5 10.♙a3 ♙e6 11.♙b5 ♗d5 12.♗a4 ♙d7 13.dxe5 ♘xe5 0:1(41) Cinak 2052 – Leite 2039, Batumi GEO 1999; **8...♗d7** 9.♗a4 ♙b6 10.♙b5 a6 11.d5 axb5 12.♗xa8 ♘d4 13.♘bd2 ♘e2+ 1:0(105) Ortiz – Hettige Dona, Istanbul TUR 2000.

- 63 **8...♖f6** 9.cxd4 ♗b6 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 ♗g6
 12.♟g5 ♟h6 13.e6 fxe6 0:1(52) Ukmar – Zvan
 2211, Ljubljana SLO 2001; 0:1(59) Del Pilar
 2270 – Charest 2123, North Bay CAN 1999.
- 8...♗b6** 9.♗xf7+ ♕f8 10.a4 ♟a5 11.♖a2 ♗e7
 12.♗xg8 ♗xg8 13.cxd4 ♗e6 0:1(52) Hamdani
 2335 – Barus 2445, Jakarta INA 1997.
- 64 **9.cxd4** ♗b6 10.♗b5 ♗d7 11.♟c3 OOO
 12.♗xc6 ♗xc6 13.a4 a5 0:1(80) Ribeiro 2285 –
 Rios 2335, Ciego de Avila CUB 1996.
- 65 **11.cxd4** exd4 12.♟bd2 ♗xd2 13.♟xd2 ♟ge7
 1:0(25) Pedersen 2335 – Petersen 2146, Taastrup
 DEN 1999.
- 66 **13.♟eg5** ♟h6 0:1(29) Klink 2305 –
 Vijayalakshmi 2335, Elista RUS 1998.