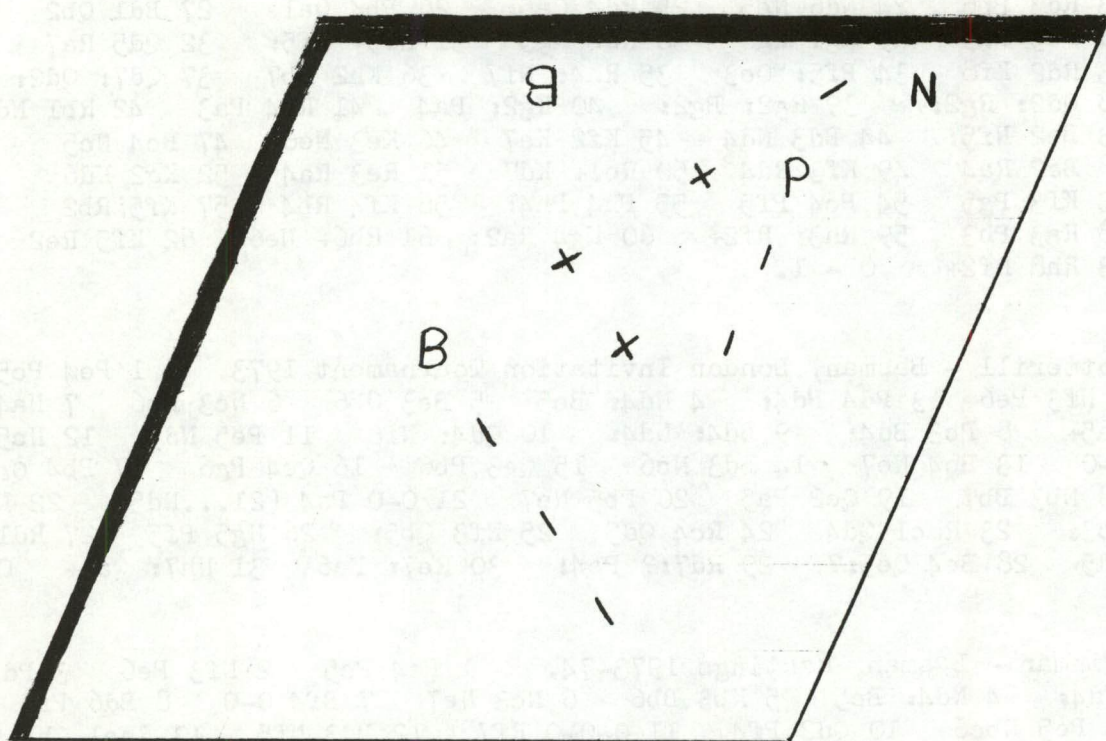


## THE 4...Bc5 VARIATION

of

## THE SICILIAN DEFENCE



# GAMES

- I Bellin - Basman, Woolacombe International 1973. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Bd3 Nc7 7 Nc3 O-O 8 O-O Nbc6 9 Kh1 Pf5 10 Pf4 Pe4: 11 Nc4: Nf5 (11...Pd5) 12 Qc1 Pa5 13 Pc3 (13 Pg4) Pa4 14 Nbd2 Pd5 15 Ng5 Pe5 16 Pg4 Pe4 17 Ne4: Pe4: 18 Qc4: Kh8 19 Rf3 Ph6 20 Be3 Bd7 21 Bb6: Qb6: 22 Pf5: Bf5: 23 Qc4 Ne7 24 Bf5: Nf5: 25 Qe6 Qb2: 26 Rg1 Rf6 27 Qd5 Re8 28 Rh3 Qf2 29 Nf7+ Kh7 30 Ng5+ Drawn.
- II Williams - Basman, Woolacombe International 1973. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Be3 Qb6 6 Nb5 Be3: 7 Nd6+ Kf8 8 Pe3: Qc3:+ 9 Be2 Nc6 10 Rf1 Nf6 11 Na3 Pb6 12 Nac4 Qc5 13 Pc3 Pb5 14 Pe5 Nc5: 15 Pb4 Qc7 16 Nb5: Qb8 17 Ne5: Qe5: 18 Qd6+ Qd6: 19 Nd6: Ke7 20 Rad1 Rb8 21 Pa4 Rf8 22 Nb5 Ba6 23 Pc4 Bb7 24 Pg3 Bg2 25 Rf2 Bc6 26 Rb1 Ne4 27 Rf1 Pa6 28 Nc7 Nc3 29 Rb3 Ne2: 30 Ke2: Ba4: 31 Rb2 Rfc8 32 Na6: Rb6 0 - 1.
- Hartston - Basman, Hastings 1973-4. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Be3 Qb6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Ndb5 Be3: 8 Pe3: Qc3:+ 9 Be2 Kf8 10 Rf1 Nf6 11 Qd6+ Kg8 12 Rf6: Pf6: 13 Rd1 Ph5 14 Rd3 Qc1+ 15 Kf2 Ph4 16 Nc7 Nc5 17 Na8: Qf4+ 18 Kgl Nd3: 19 Qd3: Pb6 (19...Qa8) 20 Qc4 Bb7 21 Nc7 Qe3+ 22 Kf1 Qf4+ Drawn.
- Hartston - Basman, British Championship play-off 1974. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Be3 Qb6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Ndb5 Be3: 8 Pe3: Qc3:+ 9 Be2 Kf8 10 Rf1 Nc7 11 Pa4 Ng6 12 Rf2 Nge5 13 Kf1 Ph5 14 Ph3 Ph4 15 Ra3 Qc5 16 Pa5 Rh6 17 Qd2 Qb4 18 Ra4 Qc5 19 Nd6 Pf6 20 Ncb5 Nf7 21 Nf7: Kf7: 22 Ra3 Ke7 23 Rd3 Pb6 24 Nd6 Ne5 25 Rd4 Qa5: 26 Pb4 Qal+ 27 Bd1 Qb2 28 Pb5 Pa5 29 Kgl Rg6 30 Ra4 Rg3 31 Nf5+ Pf5: 32 Qd5 Ra7 33 Rd2 Kf8 34 Pf5: Qc3 35 Rh4: Nf7 36 Kh2 Bb7 37 Qd7: Qd2: 38 Qd2: Rg2:+ 39 Rg2: Bg2: 40 Kg2: Pa4 41 Rb4 Pa3 42 Rb1 Nd6 43 Be2 Nf5: 44 Bd3 Nd4 45 Kf2 Ke7 46 Ke3 Ne6 47 Bc4 Nc5 48 Ba2 Ra4 49 Kf3 Rd4 50 Rel+ Kd7 51 Re3 Ra4 52 Kg2 Kd6 53 Kf3 Pg5 54 Pc4 Pf5 55 Ph4 Ph4: 56 Kf4 Rb4 57 Kf5: Rb2 58 Ra3 Ph3 59 Rh3: Rf2+ 60 Kg4 Ra2: 61 Rh6+ Ne6 62 Kf5 Re2 63 Rh8 Rf2+ 0 - 1.
- III Botterill - Basman, London Invitation Tournament 1973. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Be3 Qb6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Na4 Qa5+ 8 Pc3 Bd4: 9 Bd4: Nd4: 10 Qd4: Nf6 11 Pe5 Nd5 12 Nc5 O-O 13 Bc4 Ne7 14 Bd3 Nc6 15 Qe3 Pb6 16 Qe4 Pg6 17 Pb4 Qa3 18 Nb3 Bb7 19 Qe2 Pa5 20 Pb5 Ne7 21 O-O Pa4 (21...Nd5) 22 Nd2 Qc3: 23 Racl Qd4 24 Rc4 Qd5 25 Nf3 Qb5: 26 Ng5 Pf5 27 Rd1 Qd5 28 Be4 Qc5:? 29 Rd7:? Pe4: 30 Re7: Ba6 31 Nh7: Qal+ 0 - 1.
- IV Timman - Basman, Hastings 1973-74. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Nc3 Ne7 7 Bf4 O-O 8 Bd6 Pf5 9 Pe5 Nbc6 10 Qd2 Pf4 11 O-O-O Rf7 12 Bd3 Nf5 13 Rhe1 Qh4 14 Ne4 Bd8 15 Pg3 Qh6 16 Pf4: Nd6: 17 Nd6: Rf4: 18 Kbl Bc7 19 Bb5 Bb6 20 Ncl Qh4 21 Nd3 Rf3 22 Re4 Qh5 23 Pc3 Pa6 24 Ba4 Ba7 25 Rgl Qh2: 26 Qg5 Pg6 27 Rh4 Qgl:+ 28 Qgl: Rd3: 29 Qh2 1 - 0.

# TABLE OF VARIATIONS The 4...Bc5 line of the Sicilian defence

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5

## I Main line

## II Assault on d6

|               |             |               |               |           |           |    |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----|
| 5 Nb3 Bb6     |             | Nb3 Bb6       | Be3 Qb6       | Nc3 Ne7   |           |    |
| 6 Bd3 Ne7     |             | Nc3 Ne7       | Nc3 Nc6       | Be3 Bb6   |           |    |
| 7 Nc3 O-O     |             | Bg5 O-O       | Nb5 Be3:      | Nb5 Be3:  |           |    |
| 8 O-O Nc6     |             | Be2 Pf5       | Pe3: Qe3:+    | Nd6+ Kf8  |           |    |
| 9 Kh1 Pf5     | Bg5 Pf6     | Pf5: Bf2:+    | Be2 Kf8       | Pe3: Qc7  | Qa5       |    |
| 10 Pf4 Pe4:   | Bh4 Pa5     |               | Rf1 Nge7      | Qd2 Nbc6  | Qd2 Nbc6  |    |
| 11 Ne4: Nf5   | Pa4 Nb4     | Botterill v   |               | O-O-O Ne5 | O-O-O Ne5 |    |
| 12 Qe1 Pa5    | Kh1 Pd5     | Basman, Brit. | Hartston v    | Be2 Pa6   | Be2 Pb6   |    |
| 13 Pc3        |             | champ., 1973. | Basman, Brit. | Rhf1 Kg8  | Rdf1 Kg8  |    |
|               | Cannon v    |               | champ.play-   | Pg4 Ph6   | Rf2 Ba6   | 14 |
| Bellin v      | Basman,     |               | off, 1974     | Rf2 Pb5   | Rhf1 Rf8  | 15 |
| Basman, Wool- | Hammersmith |               |               | Rdf1 Pf6  | =         | 16 |
| acombe 1973   | 1974        |               |               | Ph4 Ne7g6 | Analysis  | 17 |
|               |             |               |               | Pg5 Phg5: |           | 18 |
|               |             |               |               | Pg5: Pg5: |           | 19 |
|               |             |               |               | Nd5:      |           | 20 |
|               |             |               |               | Analysis  |           |    |

## III 7 Na4

## IV Timman's move

|              |                |           |          |           |           |    |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| 5 Be3 Qb6    | Nb3 Bb6        |           |          |           |           |    |
| 6 Nc3 Nc6    | Nc3 Ne7        |           |          |           |           |    |
| 7 Na4 Qa5+   | Bf4 O-O        |           |          |           |           |    |
| 8 Pc3 Bd4:   | Bd6 Pf5        |           |          |           | Nbc6      |    |
| 9 Bd4: Nd4:  | Pe5 Nbc6       | Pf5: Rf5: | Qd2 Pf5  |           |           |    |
| 10 Qd4: Nf6  | Qd2 Pf4        | Pf4 Pg5   | Ne4 Rd5  | Pf5: Rf5: | O-O-O Bc7 |    |
|              | O-O-O          | Pg3 Pf4:  | Bd3 Nf5  | Ne4 Rd5   | Bc7: Qc7: | 11 |
| Botterill v  |                | Pf4: Ng6  | ±        | Bd3 Ne5   | Pf5: Nf5: | 12 |
| Basman,      | Timman v       | Ph4 Nf4:  | Analysis | ⌢         | Pf4 Pd5   | 13 |
| London, 1973 | Basman,        | ~         |          | Analysis  | ~         | 14 |
|              | Hastings, 1973 | Analysis  |          |           | Analysis  | 15 |
|              |                |           |          |           |           | 16 |

Adorian - Basman, Hastings 1973-74. 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6  
 3 Nc3 Pa6 4 Pd4: Pd4: 5 Nd4: Qc7 6 Pg3 Bb4 7 Nde2 Nc6  
 8 Bg2 Nge7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Nf4 Pf6 11 Nd3 Ba5 12 Ne2 Pb5  
 13 Pb3 Rf7 14 Bb2 Rb8 15 Rcl Bb6 16 Pc4 Pc4: 17 Pc4:  
 Ne5 18 Pc5 Ba7 19 Nef4 Pa5 20 Qc2 Ba6 21 Rfd1 Ne7c6  
 22 Ba1 Nb4 23 Nb4: Rb4: 24 Pc6 Rc4 25 Pd7: Rd7: 26 Rd7:  
 Qd7: 27 Bc3 Bd4 28 Ne2 Bf2:+ 29 Kf2 Qa7+ 30 Ke1 Ng4  
 31 Nd4 Rd4: 32 Bd4: Qd4: 33 Qc5 Qd3 34 Rc2 Nc3 35 Rd2  
 Ng2:+ 0 - 1.

### Supplementary Games

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pc6 3 Pd4 Pd4: 4 Nd4: Bc5

#### I Harman R - Basman, Five Minute Tournament, London 1973.

5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Nc3 Ne7 7 Bg5 0-0 8 Bc2 Pf5 9 0-0 Nbc6  
 10 Bd3 Pf4 11 Qc4 Bc7 12 Qh4 Ph6 ♯

Botterill - Basman, British Championship 1973. 5 Nb3 Bb6  
 6 Nc3 Ne7 7 Bg5 0-0 8 Bc2 Pf5 9 Pf5: Bf2:+ 10 Kf2: Rf5:+  
 11 Bf3 Rg5: 12 Rcl Nbc6 13 Kg1 Pd5 14 Qd2 Re5 15 Nc5 Nf5  
 16 Bg4 Qd6 17 Nd3 Rel:+ 18 Rel: Ncd4 19 Nd1 Nh6 20 Bh3  
 Nf7 21 Pc3 Nc6 22 Nf4 Ng5 23 Bg4 Ne5 24 Nf2 Ngf7 25 Qe3  
 Bd7 26 N4d3 Ng4: 27 Ng4: Pb6 28 Rf1 Rf8 29 Rf3 Bb5 30 Rg3  
 Bd3: 31 Qd3: Ne5 32 Ne5: Qe5: 33 Re3 Qd6 34 Qe2 Rf6 35 Ph3  
 Pg6 36 Pb4 Kf7 37 Qa6 Qc7 38 Qd3 Rf5 39 Pa4 Qc6 40 Qd4  
 Kg8 41 Rc5 Rf6 42 Pb5 Qd6 43 Pc4 Rf5 44 Rf5: Pgf5: 45 Pd5:  
 Qd5: 46 Qf4 Qd7 47 Ph4 Kf7 48 Kh2 Kc7 49 Pc3 Kf7 50 Qb8  
 Kf6 51 Qh8+ Qg7 52 Qb8 Kg6 53 Qe8+ Qf7 54 Qb8 Kh5 55 Qe5  
 Kg6 56 Qb8 Ph6 57 Kh3 Kf6 58 Qf4 Qg7 59 Qd4+ Kg6 60 Qd6  
 Qf6 61 Qb8 Qf7 62 Qd6 Kf6 63 Qf4 Qh5 64 Qd4+ Kg6 65 Qe5  
 Qg4+ 66 Kh2 Qc4 67 Qd6 Qa2+ 68 Kh3 Qd5 69 Qc6 Kf6 70 Qcl  
 Kg6 71 Qc6 Ph5 72 Qcl Qf3 73 Qc6 Qg4+ 74 Kh2 Pf4 75 Qc4+  
 Qf5 76 Qf3 Pg3:+ 77 Qc3:+ Qc4 0 - 1.

Fulton - Basman, Islington 1973. 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Nc3 Ne7 7 Bd3  
 0-0 8 0-0 Nbc6 9 Qc2 Pf5 10 Bc3 Pf4 11 Bb6: Qb6: 12 Rad1  
 Ne5 13 Pa4 Ne7g6 (13...Pf3) 14 Pa5 Qd8 15 Pf3 Pb6 16 Kh1  
 Qg5 17 Qf2 Nh4 18 Rg1 Pa5: 19 Ral Nc6 20 Qc5 Qc5: 21 Nc5:  
 Rb8 22 Pb3 Ng6 23 Rfd1 Pd6 24 Na6 Rb6 25 Nc7 Nge5 26 N7b5  
 Rd8 27 Be2 Nf7 28 Na4 Rb8 29 Nd4 N7e5 30 Nb2 Pd5 31 Nc6:  
 Nc6: 32 Pd5: Pd5: 33 Nd3 Pg5 34 Nc5 Kg7 35 Rd2 Kf6 36 Rad1  
 Be6 37 Bd3 Bg8 38 Pg4 Ne5 39 Be2 Rdc8 40 Nd3 Nc6 41 Nc5 Kg7  
 42 Rcl Nb4 43 Nd3 Nd3: 44 Bd3: Rb3: 45 Ral Rb6 46 Ra5: Rc7  
 47 Rd1 Re6 48 Rda1 Ree7 49 Ra6 Bf7 50 Rala5 Bg6 51 Rd5: Bd3:  
 52 Pd3: Rel+ 53 Kg2 Rc2+ 54 Kh3 Ree2 55 Ra7:+ Kf6 56 Rf5+ Ke6  
 57 Ra6+ Kd7 58 Ra7+ Kd6 59 Rf6+ Kd5 60 Rd7+ Ke5 61 Rf5+ Ke6  
 0 - 1.

Harman - Basman, Islington 1973. 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Bd3 Ne7 7 0-0  
 0-0 8 Nc3 Nc6 9 Qh5 Nb4 10 Bf4 Nd3: 11 Pd3: Pd6 12 Na4 Bc7  
 13 Be3 Bd7 14 Nc3 Bb6 15 Bb6: Qb6: 16 Qa5 Qa5: 17 Na5: Rab8  
 18 Rfcl Rfd8 19 Nd1 Nc6 20 Nc6: Pc6: 21 Pb3 Kf8 22 Ne3 Pc5  
 23 Nc4 Bb5 24 Rc2 Pe5 25 Pf3 Pg6 26 Kf2 Pf5 27 Rad1 Rb7  
 28 Ne3 Pf4 29 Nd5 Kg7 30 Ke2 Pa5 31 Rdcl Pg5 32 Rc3 Ph5  
 33 Rg1 Kh6 34 Pg3 Bc6 35 Rcc1 Pa4 36 Rc3 Ra8 37 Rd1 Pb3:  
 38 Pb3: Ra3 39 Pf4: Pef4: 40 Pd4 Bd5: 41 Pd5: Pd4: 42 Rd4:  
 Rbb3: 43 Rb3: Rb3: 44 Re4 Rb2+ 45 Kf1 Rh2: 46 Re6+ Kg7  
 47 Rd6: Pg4 48 Re6 Pg3 49 Pd6 Rf2+ 50 Kg1 Rf3: 51 Pd7 Rd3  
 52 Re4 Pf3 0 - 1.

Cannon - Basman, Hammersmith 1974. 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Bd3 Ne7 7 Nc3  
 0-0 8 0-0 Nbc6 9 Bg5 Pf6 10 Bh4 Pa5 11 Pa4 Nb4 12 Kh1 Pd5  
 13 Pf4 Bd7 14 Qe2 Rc8 15 Nb5 Pe4: 16 Be4: Ng6 17 Bg6: Pg6:  
 18 Pc3 Nd5 19 Bf2 Bf2: 20 Qf2: Rc4 21 Nb3d4 Qb6 22 Qg3 Nf4:  
 23 Qf4: Pe5 24 Qe4 Pd4: 25 Nd4: Rc5 26 Qg6: Qb2: 27 Rael  
 Rg5 28 Qe4 Re8 29 Qf3 Rel: 30 Rel: Re5 31 Rf1 Ba4: 32 Qh3  
 Re8 33 Qf3 Re5 34 Qh3 Be8 35 Qc8 Qb6 36 Nf5 Qe6 37 Qe6:  
 Re6: 38 Ph3 Pa4 39 Ral Re5 40 Nd6 Bc6 41 Nc4 Re2 42 Rg1  
 Pb5 43 Na5 Bd5 44 Kh2 Pa3 45 Ph4 Pa2 46 Kh3 Rg2: 47 Ral  
 Rb2 48 Pc4: Pc4: 0 - 1.

Bulford - Basman, Ilford 1974. 5 Nb3 Bb6 6 Bd3 Ne7 7 Nbd2  
 Nbc6 8 Pf4 0-0 9 Nc4 Bc7 10 0-0 Pd5 11 Ncd2 Nb4 12 Be2  
 Pb6 13 Pc3 Nc6 14 Bd3 Pe4: 15 Ne4: Bb7 16 Bc2 Nf5 17 Qh5  
 Qe7 18 Bd2 Rad8 19 Rael Pg6 20 Qg4 Ng7 21 Ng5 Ph6 22 Nf3  
 Ba6 23 Qh3 Ph5 24 Pf5 Pgf5: 25 Nh4 Bf1: 26 Nf5: Nf5:  
 27 Bf5: Rd2: 28 Qh5: Rg2:+ 29 Kf1 Rg7 30 Qh6 Qc5 31 Bh7+  
 Kh8 0 - 1.

Moore R - Basman, Friendly. 5 Be3 Qb6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 Na4 Qa5+  
 8 Pc3 Bd4: 9 Bd4: Nd4: 10 Qd4: Nf6 11 Pe5 Nd5 12 Bd3 0-0  
 13 0-0 Pf6 14 Qh4 Pg6 15 Pf6: Rf6: 16 Pb3 Kg7 17 Pc4 Nf4  
 18 Be4 Pd5 19 Pd5: Pd5: 20 Bf3 Bd7 21 Rfel Re8 22 Re8: Be8  
 23 Pg3 Ba4: 24 Pa4: Qc3 25 Rb1 Pb6 26 Pf4: Qf3: 27 Rel Rf7  
 28 Qg5? Qf4: 29 Qf4: Rf4: and Black won.

Mestel - Basman, Five Minute Game, London 1973. 5 Nb3 Bb6  
 6 Nc3 Ne7 7 Bf4 0-0 8 Bd6 f5 9 Qd2 Bc7 10 Pf5: Bd6:  
 11 Qd6: Nf5: =