

WHITE OPENING

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SICILIAN

with 3 Be2

One of white's problems in close Sicilians is the placement of his king's bishop. There are many candidate squares, but each has its drawbacks. Bb5 could lead to exchanges, which would dissipate white's opening initiative, and anyway, the move can only be played if black has moved Nc6 or Pd6. Bc4 looks aggressive, but the bishop is going to be hit by such moves as Pa6-b5 or Pe6-d5. Bd3 could disharmonise white's pawns, and forces the other bishop to develop via b2. Fianchetto on g2? That takes two moves, slightly weakens the king's side, and the bishop is going on to a diagonal already blocked by the white king pawn. What about Be2? Not a very aggressive post, but at least the bishop offends no-one on that square. And it can always take up a different diagonal when black has clarified his formation.

Games analysed or mentioned on Side 1

1) Basman - Holloway, Chelmsford 1972.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Pc3 Nf6 3 Pe5 Nd5 4 Nf3 Pe6 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Nc6
7 Bd3 Pd6 8 Pd6: Bd6: 9 O-O O-O 10 Re1 Bd7 11 Nbd2 Rac8 12 Ne4
Be7 13 Bg5 Nc6b4 14 Bb1 Nf6 15 Ng3 Ph6 16 Bf4 N4d5 17 Bd2 Qb6
18 Pb3 Nc3 19 Bc3: Rc3: 20 Ne2 R3c8 21 Pa3 Rad8 22 Ne5 Bb5
23 Bd3 Bd3: 24 Qd3: Nd5 25 Qf3 Bf6 26 Nc4 Qc6 27 Rac1 Ne7
28 Qg4 Qb5 29 Rc3 Qf5 30 Qg3 Bd4: 31 Rf3 Qg6 32 Qh3 Pb5 33 Nf4
and black soon won.

2) Gaprindashvili - Kushnir, Women's World Championship 1972. Game 15.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pc3 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Be7
7 Pa3 Pb6 8 Bd3 Ba6 9 O-O O-O 10 Re1 Bd3: 11 Qd3 Nc6 12 Nbd2
Pf5 13 Pf6: ep Bf6: 14 Ne4 Qe8 15 Ng3 Qf7 16 Be3 Be7 17 Rad1
Rac8 18 Bd2 Bf6 19 Pb4 Pa6 20 Ne4 Qg6 21 Nf6:+ Qf6: 22 Bg5
Qf5 23 Qa6: Nc3 24 Rcl Nd4: 25 Nd4: Qg5: 26 Qd3 Nd5 27 Rc8:
Rc8: 28 Ne2 Ph6 29 Ph3 Qe5 30 Rbl Qf6 31 Pa4 Rf8 32 Pf3 Qg5
33 Khl Qh4 34 Pa5 Pa5: 35 Pa5: Qf2 36 Pa6 Ne3 37 Rg1 Rf3?!
38 Pa7 Rh3:+ 39 Ph3: Qf3+ 40 Kh2 Qf2+ 41 Khl Qf3+ Drawn.

3) Markland - Basman, Woolacombe International 1973.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Pc3 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4:
Pb6 7 Nc3 Bb7 8 Bc4 Nc3: 9 Pc3: Qc8 10 Qd3 Ba6 (10 ... Nc6 - a5)
11 Ba6: Qa6: 12 Qa6: Na6: 13 Pa4 Rc8 14 Kd2 Nb8 15 Kd3 Pf6
16 Pa5 Pb5 17 Pa6 Nc6 18 Rbl Rb8 19 Bf4 Rb6 20 Pf6: Pf6:
21 Pd5 Ne7 22 Pe6: Pe6: 23 Bc7 Ra6: 24 Rb5: Drawn.

4) Basman - Stean, Hastings International 1973-4

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 Pc3 Nf6 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Ne4:
7 Pd5 Qa5+ 8 Nc3 Nc3: 9 Pc3: Ne5 10 Ne5: Qc3:+ 11 Bd2 Qe5:
12 O-O Qd5: 13 Rbl Pe6 14 Bb5+ Bd7 15 Bd7:+ Kd7: 16 Qa4+ Kd8
17 Rb5 Qc6 18 Rcl Qa6 19 Ra5 Qd3 20 Be3 Pd5 21 Ra7: Ra7:
22 Qa7: Ba3 23 Qb8+ Ke7 24 Bg5+ Pf6 25 Qb7:+ Kd6 26 Qc7 Mate.

5) Basman - Schuering, Enfield 1974.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 Pc3 Nf6 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Ne4:
7 Pd5 Qa5+ 8 Nc3 Nb4 9 Bb5+ Bd7 10 Bd7:+ Kd7: 11 O-O Nc3:
12 Pc3: Nd5: 13 Pc4 Nb6 14 Rbl Rc8 15 Re1 Kc7? 16 Pc5 Qc5:
17 Be3 Qa5 18 Qb3 Pe6 19 Recl+ Kd7 20 Rc8: Kc8: 21 Rcl+ Kd7
22 Qc2 Nd5 23 Qc8+ Ke7 24 Bg5+ 1 - 0.

6) Basman - Nicolas, Ilford 1974.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Pg6 4 Pc3 Bg7 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Pd6
7 Nc3 Bd7 8 O-O Nf6 9 Pd5 Ne5 10 Ne5: Pe5: 11 Qb3 Pb6 12 Pa4
O-O 13 Qb4 Ne8 14 Pa5 Nd6 15 Be3 Pa5: 16 Ra5: Rb8 17 Qa3 Rb2:
18 Qb2: Qa5: 19 Ral Qd8 20 Ra7: Pf5 21 Bb6 Qe8 22 Bc5 Bf6
23 Qb4 Ne4: 24 Ne4: Pe4: 25 Pd6 Pe3 26 Pe7: Pf2:+ 27 Kf1 Be7:
28 Be7:Rf4 29 Qb3+ Kh8 30 Bd6 Rf5 1 - 0.

7) Hug - Szabo, European Team Championship 1973.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bd7:+ Qd7: 5 O-O Nc6 6 Pc3
Nf6 7 Pd4 Ne4: 8 Pd5 Nd8 9 Re1 Nf6 10 Bg5 Pe5 11 Bf6: Pf6:
12 Qd3 Rg8 13 Nbd2 Qh3 14 Pg3 Be7 15 Nc4 Pb5? 16 Ne3 Pc4
17 Qe2 Nb7 18 Pb4 Bd8 19 Pa4 Bb6 20 Pb5: Rc8 21 Qf1 Qh5
22 Nd2 Pf5 23 Nec4: Pf4 24 Nb6: Pb6: 25 Ra7 Rc7 26 Qe2 Qg6
27 Nf3 Kd7 28 Pc4 Pf6 29 Nd4 Nd8 30 Rc7:+ Kc7: 31 Ral Pg3:
32 Phg3: Qg4 33 Ra7+ Kb8 34 Qa2 Pd4: 35 Pc5 Pd3 36 Ra8+ Kc7
37 Qa7+ 1 - 0.

8) Basman - Cardoso, Woolacombe International 1973

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Pa6 4 O-O Nc6 5 Pc3 Nf6 6 Pd4 Pe6
7 Nbd2 Be7 8 Re1 Qc7 9 Bd3 Pe5 10 Pc5: Pc5: 11 Pa4 O-O 12 Nc4
Bg4 13 Ne3 Rad8 14 Qe2 Bf3: 15 Pf3: Qd7 16 Bc2 Qh3 17 Nf5 Nh5
18 Qf1 Qf3: 19 Bdl Rdl: 20 Rdl: Qe4: 21 Ng3 Qg6 22 Qg2 Pf5
23 Pf3 Nf6 24 Ne2 Pf4 25 Qg6: Pg6: 26 Kg2 Pg5 27 Ph3 Kf7
28 Bd2 Ke6 29 Rab1 Pa5 30 Rf1 Bd6 31 Rbel Kd7 32 Po4 Pe4
33 Bc3 Pe3 34 Rdl Ke6 35 Rd3 Ne5 36 Be5: Be5: 37 Rfd1 Rf7
38 Rb3 Rc7 39 Rb6+ Kf5 40 Rb5 Nd7 41 Ra5: Bb2: 42 Rb5 Be5
43 Pa5 Nf8 44 Rd5 Ne6 45 Nol Kf6 46 Nd3 Bc3 47 Rd6 Ke7
48 Rdb6 Nd8 49 Kf1 Rd7 50 Ke2 Nc6 51 Rc6: Pc6: 52 Rc5: Ra7
53 Rg5: Ra5: 54 Ra5: Ba5: 55 Nf4: Bb6 56 Ng2 Kf6 57 Ne3: Ke5
58 Nc2 Bc5 59 Kd3 Pg5 60 Nel Bf2 61 Nc2 Kf4 62 Nd4 Po5
63 Ne6+ Kf3: 64 Ng5:+ Kf4 65 Ne4 Bd4 66 Nc3 Kf3 67 Ne2 Bf2
68 Nc3 Bd4 69 Nb5 Be5 70 Ph4 Kf4 71 Ph5 Kg5 72 Ke4 Bh2 73 Kd5
Bgl 74 Nc7 Kh5: 75 Ne6 Kg6 76 Nc5: Kf7 77 Ne6 Ke7 78 Nd4 Kd7
79 Pc5 Bd4: Drawn.

9) Botvinnik - Tal, World Championship 1961. Game 9.

1 Pc4 Nf6 2 Nc3 Pe5 3 Pg3 Pc6 4 Nf3 Pe4 5 Nd4 Pd5 6 Pd5: Qb6
7 Nb3 Pd5: 8 Bg2 Pa5 9 Pd3 Pa4 10 Be3 Qb4 11 Nd4 Pa3 12 Nc2
Qb2: 13 Bd4 Bb4 14 Nb4: Qb4: 15 Bf6: Pf6: 16 O-O Be6 17 Rcl
Nc6 18 Pe4: Pe4: 19 Ne4: Ba2: 20 Nd6+ Kf8 21 Nb7: Ne5 22 Nc5
Rb8 23 Na6 Bb3 24 Nb4: Bdl: 25 Rfd1: Rb4: 26 Ral Rb2? 27 Kf1
Kg7 28 Ra3: Rc8 29 Be4 Re8 30 Ra4 Re7 31 Bf5 Rc7 32 Rh4 Ph6
33 Ra4 Rc5 34 Ph3 Nc4 35 Bd3 Ne5 36 Be4 No4 37 Bd3 Ne5 38 Be4
Nc4 39 Kel Ne5 40 Rad4 Rc3 41 Rld2 Rol+ 42 Rdl Rc3 43 Pf4 Pf5
44 Bf5: Nc4 45 R4d3 R3o2 46 Bg4 Ra2 47 Rb3 Kg6 48 Kf2 Nd2
49 Re3 No4 50 Rb3 Nd2 51 Re3 Nc4 52 Re8 Nd2 53 Re5 Kf6 54 Rf5+
Kg6 55 Re5 Kf6 56 Bh5 Rc3 57 Ph4 Rc4 58 Bf3 Rcc2 59 Bd5 Ra4
60 Bf3 Raa2 61 Rel Ra4 62 Ph5 Rc3 63 Bg2 Rc2 64 Rdl Ra3 65 Bd5
Ra4 66 Kel Rd4 67 Bg2 Nb3 68 Rd4: Nd4: 69 Kf2 Ne6 70 Be4 Rb2
71 Rf5+ Kg7 72 Rd5 Kf6 73 Kf3 1 - 0.

10) Larsen - Korchnoi, Leningrad Interzonal 1973.

1 Pc4 Pe5 2 Pg3 Pc6 3 Nf3 Pe4 4 Nd4 Pd5 5 Pd5: Qd5: 6 Nb3 Nf6
7 Bg2 Qh5 8 Ph3 Qg6 9 Nc3 Nbd7 10 Qc2 Pe3 11 Qg6: Pf2:+ 12 Kf2:
Phg6: 13 Pd4 Nb6 14 Pe4 Be6 15 Bf4 Bb4 16 Nc5 O-O-O 17 Ne6:
Pe6: 18 Pa3 Be7 19 Rad1 Rhf8 20 Ke2 Nc4 21 Ph4 Nh5 22 Bh3 Rf4:
23 Be6:+ Kc7 24 Bc4: Ng3:+ 25 Ke3 Rdf8 26 Rhgl Bh4: 27 Kd3 Rf2
28 Rd2 Bg5 29 Rf2: Rf2: 30 Ne2?! Rf3+ 31 Ko2 Ne4: 32 Bd3 Re3
33 Nc3 Ng3 34 Pd5 Bf6 35 Nd1? Rf3 36 Pc6: Kc6: 37 Bg6: Kd6
38 Rel Nf5 39 Re8 Nd4+ 40 Kd2 Bg5+ 41 Kel Bh4+ 42 Kd2 Rg3
43 Be4? Bg5+ 0 - 1.

11) Basman - Sutcliffe, Hastings International 1973.

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Pg6 4 O-O Bg7 5 Rel Nf6 6 Bf1
O-O 7 Pc3 Nc6 8 Ph3 Pe5 9 Pd4 Po5d4: 10 Pd4: Pd4: 11 Nd4:
Nd4: 12 Qd4: Re8 13 Bb5 Re7 14 Qb4 Pa6 15 Bd3 Pb5 16 Bf4
Bb7 17 Nc3 Pa5 18 Qb3 Pb4 19 Nb5 Ne4: 20 Be4: Re4: 21 Re4:
Be4: 22 Nd6: Qf6 23 Bg3 Bf5 24 Qd5 Rf8 25 Rel Be6 26 Qa5:
Qb2: 27 Ne4 Rc8 28 Bd6 Drawn.

GAMES ANALYSED OR MENTIONED ON SIDE 2

- 12) Basman-Hutchings, Woolacombe International 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Be2 Nc6
4 0-0 Nf6 5 Pe5 Ng4 6 Pb4: Pb4: 7 Pd4 Pd5 8 Ph3 Nh6 9 Bh6: Ph6: 10 Pa3 Qa5 11 Qd3
Bd7 12 Nfd2 Rc8 13 Nb3 Qb6 14 Bh5 Rg8 15 Qh7: Rg7 16 Qd3 Ne7 17 Rel Nf5 18 Bg4 Bb5
19 Qd1 Nh4 20 Pg3 Ph5 21 Bh5: Bc4 22 Bg4 Nf5 23 Bf5: Pf5: 24 Pe6 Pe6: 25 Nbd2 Bb3:
26 Pb3: Kd7 27 Nf3 Bd6 28 Qe2 Rg6 29 Pb4: Pa6 30 Rac1 Qb4: 31 Ne5+ Be5: 32 Qe5: Rcl:
33 Rcl: Qd6 34 Qh8 Rg3: 35 Kf1 Rb3: 36 Qc8+ Ke7 37 Rc7+ Kf6 38 Qh8+ 1-0
- 13) Reshevsky-Bellon, Palma 1971 1 Pc4 Pe5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Pe4 4 Ng5 Pb5 5 Nb5: Ph6
6 Nh3 Pc6 7 Nc3 Pd5 8 Pd5: Pd5: 9 Pe3 Bd6 10 Bb5+ Kf8 11 Pd3 Bg4 12 Qd2 Qa5 13 Pa3
Na6 14 0-0 Rd8 15 Pd4 Bb8 16 Be2 Qc7 17 Nf4 Pg5 18 Ba6: Pf4: 19 Pf4: Rg8 20 Pg3
Qd7 21 Be2 Bf3 22 Bf3: Pf3: 23 Qd3 Qg4 24 Rel Nh5 25 Re5 Be5: 26 Pfe5: Ng7 27 Nb5
Rh8 28 Nd6 Ph5 29 Ph3! Qh3: 30 Qf3: Rd6: 31 Pd6: Nf5? 32 Pd7 Kg7 33 Bg5 Pf6 34 Rel
Rd8 35 Re5 Kg6 36 Qd5: Nd4: 37 Qd4: Pe5: 38 Qd6+ Kg5: 39 Qe7+ Kg4 40 Qd8: Kf3
41 Qf6+ 1-0
- 14) Basman-Franklin, Athenaeum 101 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pa6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 0-0 Nf6
5 Pe5 Ng4 6 Pb4 Pb4: 7 Pd4 Pd5 8 Pa3 Pa3: 9 Na3: Pe6 10 Pc4 Be7 11 Ph3 Ph5 12 Pg4:
Pg4: 13 Nh2 Ba3: 14 Ra3: Pc4: 15 Bc4: Qd4: 16 Qd4: Nd4: 17 Rd1 Nc6 18 Ng4: Bd7 19
Rad3 Bc8 20 Bg5 0-0 21 Rg3 Re8 22 Nf6+ Pf6: 23 Bf6+ Kf8 24 Rh3 Ne7 25 Rh8+ Ng8
26 Rd4 1-0
- 15) Basman-Sherman, Islington 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5 5 0-0 Pd6
6 Pd6: Pe5 7 Pb4 Pb4: 8 Pd4 Pd4: 9 Pc4 Pbc3: 10 Bc4 Be6 11 Rel Qd6: 12 Nd4: 0-0-0
13 Ne6: Pe6: 14 Qc2 Qb4 15 Qe4 Kb8 16 Na3 Nb6 17 Rbl Qa4 18 Bf4+ Ka8 19 Nb5 Qc4:
20 Nc7+ Kb8 21 Ne6: Bd6 22 Nd8: Rd8: white lost on time.
- 16) Basman-Bellin, Athenaeum 101 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5
5 0-0 Pd6 6 Pd6: Pe6 7 Pd4 Bd6: 8 Pc5: Bc5: 9 Pc4 Nf6 10 Qd8+ Nd8: 11 Pa3 Pb6
12 Pb4 Be7 13 Bb2 0-0 14 Nbd2 Bb7 15 Rac1 Pa5 16 Pb5 Nd7 17 Nb3 Pa4 18 Rfd1 Bc8
19 Nd4 Bf6 20 Bc3 Nc5 21 Bb4 Pe5 22 Nc2 Nde6 23 Rd6 Rb8 24 Rcd1 Nf4 25 Bf1 Bg4
26 Rb6: Rb6: 27 Bc5: Re6 28 Bf8: Kf8: 29 Ne3 Bf3: 30 Pf3: Be7 31 Ph3 Ke8 32 Nd5 Rg6-
33 Kh2 Ba3: 34 Nc3 Ne6 35 Na4: Nc5 36 Nc5: Bc5: 37 Rd5 Bf2: 38 Pc5 Bg1+ 39 Kh1 Bd4
40 Bg2 Re6 41 Pf4 Pf6 42 Pf5 Re7 43 Pb6 Rd7 44 Pc6 Rd5: 45 Pb7 Ba7 46 Pc7 Rd8
47 Pc8=Q 1-0
- 17) Basman-Bilek, Woolacombe International 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 Pc3
Nf6 5 Pd4 Pe6 6 Nbd2 Pd5 7 Pe5 Nd7 8 0-0 Be7 9 Bd3 Qb6 10 Pc5: Nc5: 11 Bc2 Nd7
12 Qe2 Qc7 13 Rel 0-0 14 Pa3 Pf5 15 Pf6: ep Nf6: 16 Pc4 Kh8 17 Pb4 Pc4: 18 Nc4:
Pb5 19 Nce5 Ne5: 20 Ne5: Bb7 21 Bb2 Bd5 22 Bd3 Pa6 23 Qe3 Bd6 24 Rac1 Qe7 25 Qh3
Kg8 26 Ng4 Rac8 27 Rc8: Rc8: 28 Ne3 Bc4 29 Bf6: Qf6: 30 Qh7: Kf7 31 Qh5+ Kg8
32 Bg6 Kf8 33 Qh8+ Ke7 34 Qc8: 1-0

18) Nimzovich - Salwe Carlsberg 1911 1 Pe4 Pe6 2 Pd4 Pd5 3 Pe5 Pc5 4 Pc3 Nc6
 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 Bd3 Bd7?! 7 Pc5: Bc5: 8 O-O Pf6?! 9 Pb4 Be7 10 Bf4 Pe5: 11 Ne5: Ne5:
 12 Be5: Nf6 13 Nd2 O-O 14 Nf3 Bd6 15 Qe2 Rac8 16 Bd4 Qc7 17 Ne5 Be8 18 Rael Be5:
 19 Be5: Qc6 20 Bd4 Bd7 21 Qc2 Rf7 22 Re3 Pb6 23 Rg3 Kh8 24 Bh7:Pe5 25 Bg6 Re7
 26 Rel Qd6 27 Be3 Pd4 28 Bg5 Rc3: 29 Rc3: Pc3: 30 Qc3:Kg8 31 Pa3 Kf8 32 Bh4 Be8
 33 Bf5 Qd4 34 Qd4: Pd4: 35 Re7: Ke7: 36 Bd3 Kd6 37 Bf6: Pf6: 38 Kf1 Bc6 39 Ph4 1-0

19) Basman - O'Dell Wimbledon - Mitcham 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Pe6 4 O-O
 Qc7 5 Pc3 Nf6 6 Pd3 Pd5 7 Nbd2 Be7 8 Pa3 O-O 9 Pb4 Pa6 10 Qc2 Pe4: 11 Pe4: Pe5
 12 Pb5 Pb5: 13 Bb5: Be6 14 Rbl Ph6 15 Bc4 Bc4: 16 Nc4: Rfd8 17 Rel Bd6 18 Nh4 Na5
 19 Qe2 Nc4: 20 Qc4: Qc6 21 Rb5 Pb6 22 Nf5 Bf8 23 Pf3 Ne8 24 Qb3 Rab8 25 Pc4 Nc7
 26 Pa4 Nb5: 27 Pa4 b5: Qd7 28 Ne3 Qa7 29 Nd5 Ra8 30 Bb2 Pf6 31 Ral Qb8 32 Rdl Drawn.
 20) Basman-Lexton Charlton 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Be2 Qc7 4 Pc4 Pa6 5 O-O
 Nc6 6 Pd4 -Pd4: 7 Nd4: Nf6: 8 Nc3 Bb4 9 Nc6:

Pb7c6: 10 Qd4 Pd6 11 Qd3 O-O 12 Bg5 Nd7 13 Bd2 Ba5 14 Rad1 Nc5 15 Qg3 Pe5
 16 Bh6 Pf6 17 Rd6: Bc3: 18 Rc6: Qe7 19 Rc5: Bd4 20 Ra5 Ra7 21 Be3 Qb4 22 Bd4:
 Pd4: 23 Qa3 Qd2 24 Bdl Bb7 25 Bf3 Pf5 26 Rf5: Rf5: 27 Pf5: Bf3: 28 Qf3: Qb2:
 29 Qd5+ Rf7 30 Rel 1-0

21) Basman - Kurajica Enfield 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Qc7 4 Pc4 Nf6 5 Nc3
 Fe5 6 O-O Be7 7 Fd3 O-O 8 Nel Pd6 9 Pf4 Pf4: 10 Bf4: Be6 11 Nc2 Nd4 12 Nd4: Pd4:
 13 Nb5 Qb6 14 Nd6: Bd6: 15 Pe5 Be5: 16 Be5: Nd7 17 Bg3 Qb2: 18 Rbl Qa2: 19 Rb7:
 Qa6 20 Bf3 Nc5 21 Rbl Rad8 22 Rb5 Rc8 23 Qd2 Bd7 24 Rbbl Qg6 25 Qa5 Bc6 26 Bc6:
 Qc6: 27 Rf3 Ra8 28 Rb5 Rfc8 29 Be5 Nd3: 30 Bg7: Kg7: 31 Rd3: Kh8 32 Rd4: Rg8
 33 Qd2 Rae8 34 Rbd5 Qg6 35 Pg3 Qbl+ 36 Kg2 Rel 37 Rf4 Rgl+ 38 Kh3 Qal 39 Rf7: Rhl
 40 Rdd7 1-0

Supplementary Games

22) Basman - Noble, Friendly, Chessington Computer Centre 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6
 3 Be2 Nc6 4 Pc3 Nf6 5 Pd4 Pd4: 6 Pd4: Ne4: 7 Pd5 Qa5+ 8 Nc3 Nc3: 9 Pc3: Nd8 10 O-O
 Pg6 11 Qd4 Pf6 12 Pa4 Bg7(?) 13 Bb5+ Kf7 14 Rel Pf5?? 15 Ng5+??(15 Re7:+) Kg8
 16 Qe3 Bf6 17 Bd2 Qb6 18 Qg3 Qc5 19 Be3 Qc3: 20 Rac1 Qb4 21 Bf4 Pa6 22 Bf1?(22Bd3)
 Qa4: 23 Ph4 Ph6 24 Nf3 Kg7 25 Rc7 Re8 26 Ph5 Pg5 27 Rc4 Qa3 28 Re3 Qal 29 Bd6:
 Nf7: 30 Ba3 Bd7 31 Qc7 Bb5: 32 Rcl Qa2 33 Be7: Be7: 34 Re7: Re7: 35 Qe7: Bf1:?
 (35...Qd5!?) 36 Qb7: (36 Qe6! Bc4 37 Nd4) Rd8 37 Kf1: Qd5: 38 Qa3: Qd3+ =

23) Basman - Noble, Friendly, CCC 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2 Pg6 4 O-O Bg7
 5 Pc3 Nc6 6 Pd4 Nf6 7 Rel Pd4: 8 Pd4: Ne4! 9 Pd5 Qb6 10 Be3 Qb2: 11 Pc6: Pc6:
 12 Qa4 Bd7 13 Qe4: Qal: 14 Bg5Pf6 15 Nbd2 Qc3 16 Be3 Pd5 17 Qa4 Pc5 18 Bb5 Rd8
 19 Bd7: Rd7: 20 Qc6 Pd4 21 Ne4 Qa5 22 Nd6+ Kf8 23 Qd7: Pd6: 24 Bf4 1-0

24) Basman - Collins Charlton 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Pd6 4 Pc3 Pg6
 5 Pd4 Bg7 6 0-0 Nf6 7 Nbd2 0-0 8 Ph3 Bd7 9 Pa3 Pa5 10 Bd3 Qc7 11 Rel Rfb8
 12 Pd5 Nd8 13 Pa4 Pe6 14 Qb3 Pb6 15 Bb5 Bb5: 16 Qb5: Qd7 17 Qd7: Nd7: 18 Pe6:
 Pe6: 19 Nc4 Pd5 20 Pd5: Pd5: 21 Re7 Nf6 22 Nd6 Bf8 23 Re8 Ne8: 24 Ne8: Nc6
 25 Nf6+ Kf7 26 Nd5: Ra7 27 Bf4 Rbb7 28 Ng5+ Kg7 29 Rel Ne7 30 Be5+ Kh6 31 Nf7+
 Kh5 32 Nf4+ 1-0

25) Basman - Kuzmin Hastings International 1973-4 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pd6 3 Be2
 Nf6 4 Pc3 Pe6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Rel 0-0 7 Bf1 Pb6 8 Pd4 Bb7 9 Nbd2 Pd4: 10 Pd4:
 Nc6 11 Pa3 Rc8 12 Pb4(?) Pa5 13 Pb5 Nb8 14 Bb2 Nbd7 15 Pe5 Nd5 16 Ne4 Pe5:
 17 Pe5: Nc5 18 Nc5: Bc5: 19 Qa4 Ne7 20 Rad1 Qc7 21 Ng5 Rfd8 22 Bd3 Ph6 23 Ne4
 Be4: 24 Qe4: Ng6 25 Ph4 Rd5 26 Ph5 Nf8 27 Qf3 Rcd8 28 Be4 Rd2 29 Rd2: Rd2:
 30 Re2 Rd1+ 31 Kh2 Qd8 32 Pg3 Bd4 33 Kg2 Bb2: 34 Rb2: Qd4 35 Re2 Rd2 36 Rd2:
 Qd2: 37 Bc6 Nh7 38 Qe3?? (38 Be4 Ng5 39 Qd3:=) Qe3: 39 Pe3: Ng5 40 Pg4 Pf6
 41 Pf6: Pf6: 42 Kg3 Kf7 43 Kf2 Ke7 44 Kel Nf7 45 Bf3 Kd6 46 Kd2 Kc5 47 Be2
 Pa4 48 Kc3 Nd6 49 Bd3 Pe5 50 Be2 Nb5: 51 Bb5: Kb5: 52 Kd3 Kc6 53 Ke4 Pb5
 54 Kf5 Pb4 55 Kf6: Pa3: 56 Pg5 Pg5: 0-1

26) Basman - Garcia Hastings 1973 - 74 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 0-0
 Pd6 5 Rel Nf6 6 Bf1 Nd7 7 Pc3 Nde5 8 Pd3 Nf3:+ 9 Qf3: Be7 10 Qg3 0-0 11 Bh6
 Bf6 12 Ph4 Kh8 13 Bg5 Bg5: 14 Pg5: Pf5 15 Pf6:ep Rf6: 16 Nd2 Pe5 17 Qe3 Rh6
 18 Pg3 Qf6 19 Bg2 Bg4 20 Pf3 Be6 21 Kf2 Qf7 22 Pa3 Rg8 23 Rh1 Rh1: 24 Rh1:
 Pg5 25 Rh6 Pb5 26 Pb4 Pb4: 27 Pa3b4: Rg6 28 Rg6: Qg6: 29 Pd4 Pd4: 30 Pd4:
 Qf6 31 Pd5 Ne5 32 Qa7: Bd7 33 Bf1 Bg4 34 Be2 Bf3: 35 Nf3: Pg4 36 Qb8+ Kg7
 37 Qc7+ Kg6 38 Qc8 Pf3: 39 Bb5: Ph5 40 Qg8+ Kh6 41 Qe6 Ng4+ 42 Kel Pf2+ 43 Kd2
 Kg7 44 Qf6:+ Kf6: 45 Bf1 Ke5 46 Pb5 Nf6 47 Pb6 Ne4:+ 48 Ke2 Nc5 49 Bg2 Kf5
 50 Kf2: Nd3+ 51 Ke3 Nc5 52 Bh3+ Kg5 53 Bc8 Kg6 54 Kd4 Kg5 55 Kc4 Ph4 56 Ph4:+
 Kh4: 57 Kb5 1-0

27) Basman - Pytel, Hastings 1973-74 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6 4 Pe5
 Ng4 5 Pb4 Pb4: 6 Pd4 Pd5 7 0-0 Pg6 8 Bf4 Ph5 9 Pa3 Bh6 10 Bh6: Nh6: 11 Pb4:
 Nb4: 12 Pc4 Kf8 13 Qb3 Pa5 14 Nc3 Pe6 15 Pd5: Pd5: 16 Nb5 Kg7 17 Rfc1 Be6
 18 Qe3 Nf5 19 Qd2 Qb6 20 Ng5 Nc6 21 Rab1 Qd8 22 Bd3 Nfd4: 23 Nd4: Nd4: 24 Rb7:
 Rb8 25 Rbc7 (25 Ra7 Qb6 26 Rcc7 ±) Rb4 26 Qf4? Rf8 27 Qg3? Bf5 28 Ph4? Rb3
 29 Rlc3? Bd3 30 Kh2 Rc3: 31 Rc3: Bf5 32 Pe6 Ne6: 33 Qe5+ 0-1

28) Basman - Kurajica, Islington Congress 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6
 4 Pe5 Ng4 5 Pb4 Pb6 6 Pb5 Na5 7 Ph3 Nh6 8 Pc3 Pd5 9 Pd4 Ng8 10 0-0 Pe6 11 Pc5:
 Pc5: 12 Nbd2 Ne7 13 Pc4 Ng6 14 Rel Be7 15 Qc2 0-0 16 Ba3 Bb7 17 Rac1 Nf4
 18 Bf1 Nc4: 19 Nc4: Pc4: 20 Qc4: Nh3:† 21 Ph3: Bf3: 22 Bc5: Bc5: 23 Qc5: Qg5+
 24 Kh2 Qf4+ 25 Kgl Pf6 26 Qe3 Qf5 27 Rc7 Bd5 28 Qg3 Pg6 29 Pa4 Pe5: 30 Re5:
 Qf6 31 Pa5 Rac8 32 Pb6 Pb6: 33 Pb6: Ra8 34 Pb7 Ra2 35 Rd5: Rf2: 36 Bg2 Pd5:
 37 Rc8 Rg2:† 38 Qg2: Qal+ 39 Kh2 Qe5+ 40 Khl Qel+ 41 Kh2 Qe5+ Drawn.

29) Basman - Woodhams Ilford 1974 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 0-0 Qc7 5 Rel
 Be7 6 Pc3 Nf6 7 Bf1 Pd5 8 Pe5 Nfd7 9 Pd4 Ph6 10 Bf4 Pg5 11 Be3 Pc4 12 Pb3 Pb5
 13 Pa4 Na5 14 Nfd2 Ba6 15 Pb4 Nc6 16 Na3 Qb6 17 Pb5: Bb5 18 Nb5: Qb5: 19 Pf4
 Pf4: 20 Bf4: Nf8 21 Qf3 Ng6 22 Bg3 Ph5 23 Be2 Rh7 24 Bd1 Qb6 25 Ba4 Kd7 26 Nc4:
 Pc4: 27 Pb5 Nd4: 28 Pd4: Rc8 29 Khl Ph4 30 Bf2 Kc7 31 Pd5 Bc5 32 Bc5: Qc5:
 33Pb6+ Pb6: 34 Pd6+ Kb8 35 Qa8+ 1-0

30) Basman - Noble , Chessington Computer Centre 1973 1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Pe6 3 Be2
 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5 5 Nc3 Nc3: 6 Pd2c3: Pd5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 Pc4 Pd4 9 Bd3 Qc7 10 Rel
 Pa6 11 Pa3 Be7 12 Qe2 Bd7 13 Bd2 0-0 14 Qe4 Pg6 15 Bh6 Re8 16 Ph4 Pf5 17 Pf6:ep
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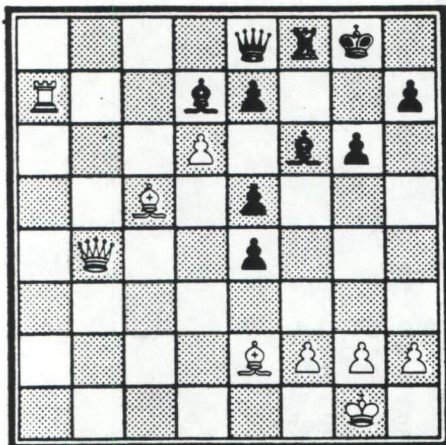
Supplementary Analysis

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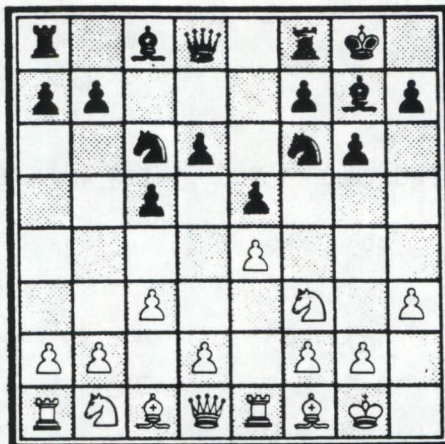
7 Pd4: Pd6	Qb3 Pd3	Qb3 Nb6	Qb3 Nb6	
8 Qb3 Pe5:	Bd3: Nb6	Pd4: Pd6	Pd4: Bg7	
9 Pe5: Nb6	Bf4 Pd6	Ng5 Pd5	0-0 0-0	Pa4 ~
10 Ng5 Qd5	Pd6: Pe6	Be3 Bg7	Bb5 ~	Rd1 Pd6
11 =	Qa3 ±	0-0 0-0		Bf4 Pe5:
12		Nc3 Pf6		Pe5: Qc7
13		Pf6: Pf6:		Qe3 Be6
14		Nf3 +=		Nc3 ±

1 Pe4 Pc5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 Nf6 4 Pe5 Nd5 5 0-0 Pd6 6 Pd6: Pe5 7 Pd4 Pe5d4:

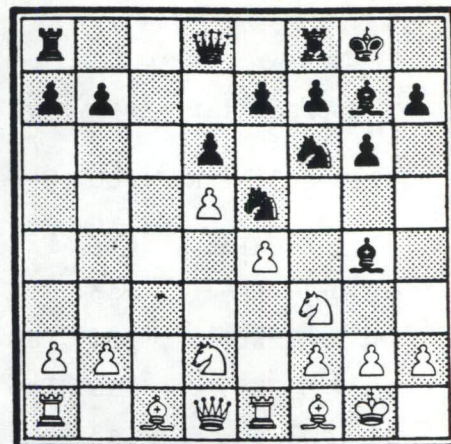
8 Re1 Bd6	... Be6	... Qd6:	Bc4 Qd6:	
9 Bc4+ Nde7	Ng5 Qd6:	Bc4+ Be7	Ng5 Be6	Ne5 9
10 Ng5 0-0	Ne6: Pe6:	Ng5 0-0	Ne6: Pe6:	Re1 Be7 10
11 Qh5 + -	Na3 0-0-0	Nh7: Kh7:	Qh5 Bf5	Qh5+ Pg6 Bd5: Qd5: 11
12	Nc4 Qd7	Qh5+ Kg8	Qf3 Be6	Qh3 0-0-0 Nc3 + - 12
13	Bg4 Re8	Bd5: Nb4	Ne6: Pe6:	Re1 Ne5
14	Pc3 ±	Be4 Pf5	Qe4 ~	Bd5: Qd5:
15		Bf3 Nc2:		Bg5 + -
16		Bf4 Qd8		
17		Nc3 Pc3:		
18		Rad1 Nd4		
19		Pc3: Nf3:+		
20		Qf3: Bd7		
21		Qd5+ Rf7		
		Qd7: +=		



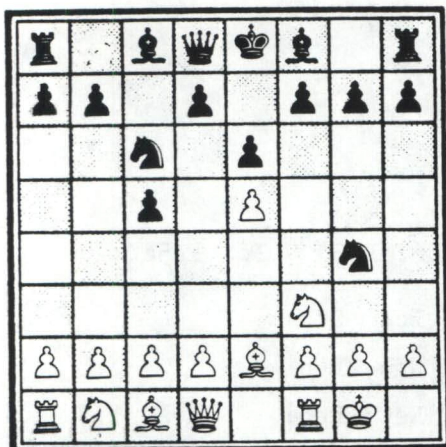
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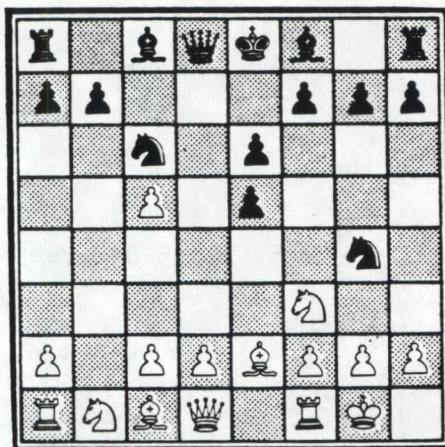
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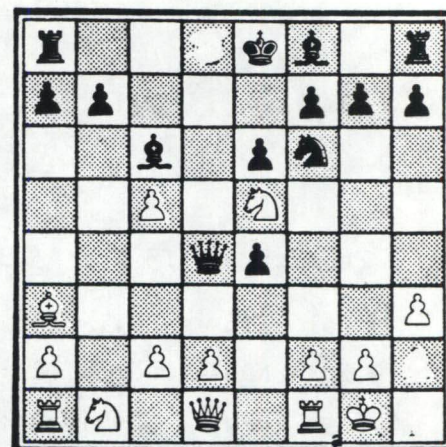
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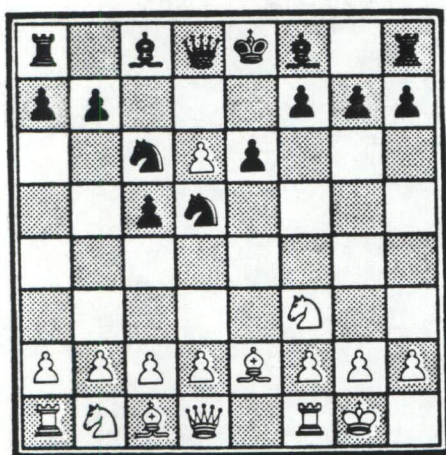
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From diagram 5 after 8 h3 Nf6 9 Bb5 Bxc5 10 Nxe5 O-O 11 Nxc6 bxc6 12 Bxc6 Rb8 13 Bf3 Ba6 14 Be2 is possible, when white threatens c3 and d4.

Also after 1e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 O-O Nf6 5 e5 Nd5 white may play 6 Bb5, threatening to double the black pawns by Bxc6 and then continue d3/Nbd2-c4 or e4. If 6...Nd4 7 Nxd4 cxd4 8 Qg4 Qb6 9 Bc4.

Basman-Ligterink England-Holland Match 19 1e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 o-o Nf6 5 e5 Ng4 6 b4 d6 7 exd6 cxb4 8 a3 Bxd6 9 h3 Nf6 10 axb4 Bxb4 11 d4 O-O 12 c4 b6 13 Be3 Bb7 14 Qa4 Be7 15 Nc3 Na5 16 Rfbl Ne4 17 Nxe4 Bxe4 18 Rbd1 Rc8 19 Rac1 Qe8 20 Qa2 Bc6 21 d5 Ba4 22 d6 Bf6 23 c5 Bxd1 24 Rxd1 Qd8 25 d7 Rc5 26 Bxc5 bxc5 27 Qa4 Qb6 28 Qe4 Qc6 29 Qxc6 Nxc6 30 Rd6 Nd4 31 Nxd4 cxd4 32 Ra6 Rb8 33 Ra7 Kf8 34 Bd3 g6 35 g3 Bd8 Black won.

Basman-Levitt ARC Masters 1982 1e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Be2 Nc6 4 O-O d5 5 exd5 exd5 6 d4 cxd4 7 Nxd4 Bd6 8 Nc3 Nge7 9 Bf3 O-O 10 Nbd5 Be6 11 Nxd6 Qxd6 12 b3 Rc8 13 Bb2 Rfd8 14 Rel a6 15 Qd2 Nf5 16 Rad1 Nfd4 17 Bh5 Bf5 18 Ne2 Nxc2 19 Ng3 Bg6 20 Bxg6 Qxg6 21 Re2 d4 22 h4 h5 23 Qg5 Qxg5 24 hxg5 Ncb4 25 Nf5 Nxa2 26 Nxd4 Nxd4 27 Rxd4 Rxd4 28 Bxd4 Nc1 29 Re3 b5 30 f4 Rd8 31 Bb6 Rd3 32 Re8ch Kh7 33 f5 Nxb3? (...Rd5 wins), 34 Re7 Rg3 35 g6ch fxg6 36 f6 Rc3 37 f7 Rclch 38 Kf2 Nd2 39 Ke2 Rf1 40 Bf2 Black Resigns.