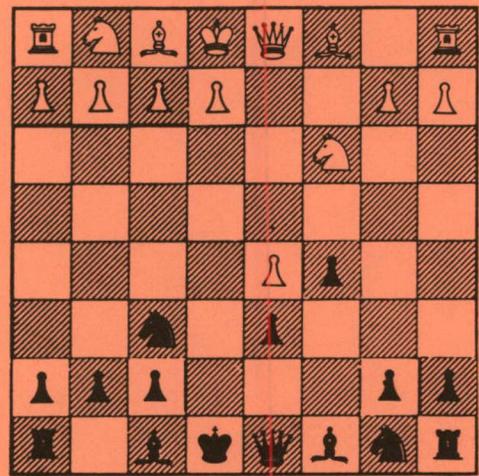


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From the fundamental position after 1P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-QB4 3 P-Q5 P-K3
4 N-QB3 PxP 5 PxP P-Q3 (see diagram on title page), International Master John Nunn
discusses the following variations:-

SIDE 1

1 Mikenas Gambit

6 P-K4 P-KN3 7 P-KB4 B-N2 8 P-K5

2 Taimanov variation

6 P-K4 P-KN3 7 P-B4 B-N2 8 B-N5ch

3 Knights tour

6 N-B3 P-KN3 7 B-Q3 B-N2 8 N-B4 0-0 9 B-B4

Illustrative game: Donner v Planinc

4 Penrose-Tal variation

6 P-K4 P-KN3 7 B-Q3 B-N2 8 KN-K2 0-0 9 0-0

Illustrative game: Timman v Liubojevic

SIDE 2

Main line

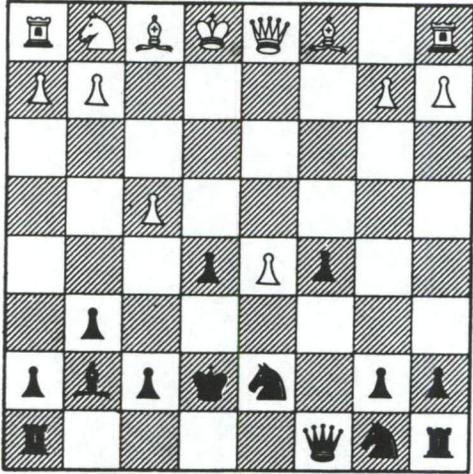
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Illustrative games: Timman v Nunn (part)

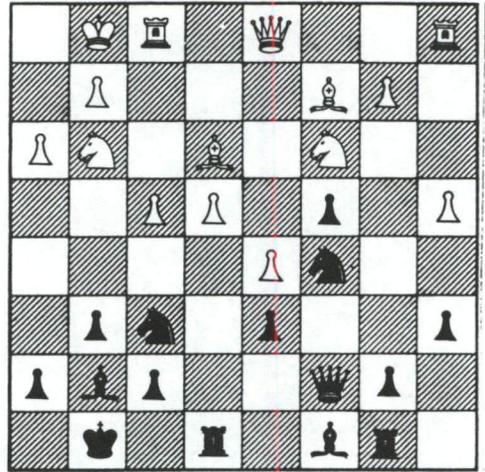
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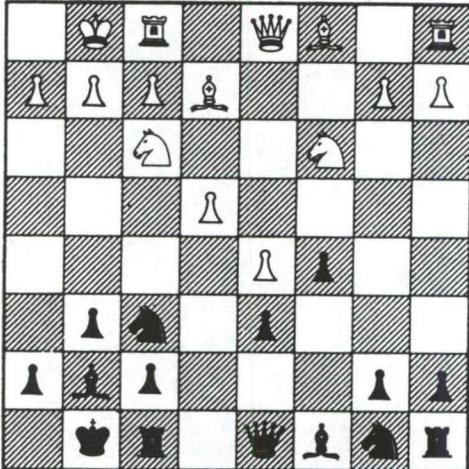
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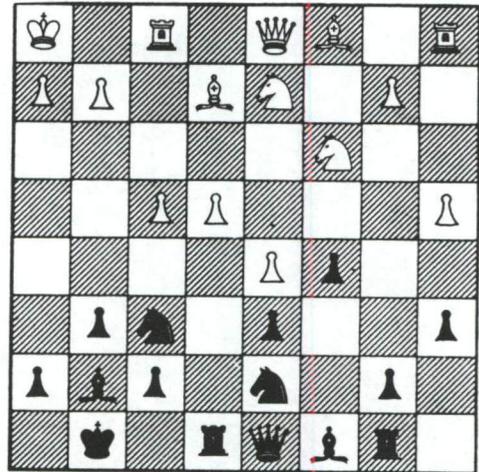
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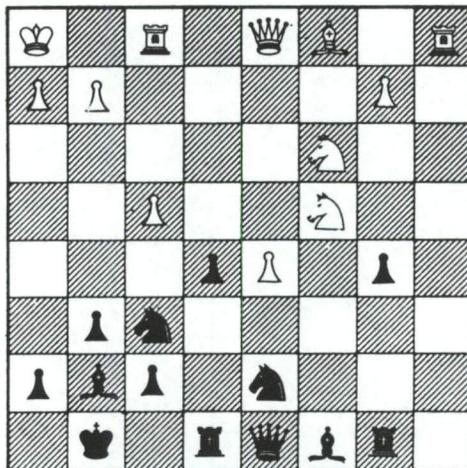
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Games

Game 1

Donner-Planinc, Wijk aan Zee 73.

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|--------------|--------|------------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 12. P-B4 | R-K1 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-B4 | 13. N-N3 | P-B5 |
| 3. P-Q5 | P-K3 | 14. B-B2 | N-B4 |
| 4. N-QB3 | PxP | 15. Q-B3 | KN-Q2 |
| 5. PxP | P-Q3 | 16. B-K3 | P-QN4 |
| 6. N-B3 | P-KN3 | 17. PxP | R-N1 |
| 7. N-Q2 | B-N2 | 18. Q-B2 | PxP |
| 8. N-B4 | O-O | 19. P-K5 | PxP |
| 9. B-B4 | P-N3 | 20. P-B5 | B-N2 |
| 10. BxP | R-K1 | 21. QR-Q1 | B-QR1 |
| 11. B-N3 | N-K5 | 22. QN-K4 | N-R5 |
| 12. NxN | RxN | 23. BxN | PxB |
| 13. P-K3 | P-QN4 | 24. PxP | BPxP |
| 14. N-Q6 | R-QN5 | 25. Q-B7ch | K-R1 |
| 15. BxP | B-B1 | 26. N-QB5 | Q-R2 |
| 16. B-B6 | B-QR3 | 27. QxN | QxQ |
| 17. BxR | RxP | 28. NxQ | RxP |
| 18. Q-R4 | Q-B3 | 29. N-N6 | R-N6 |
| 19. R-QB1 | BxN | 30. NxBP | R-Q1 |
| 20. P-B4 | Q-B4 | 31. P-Q6 | R-B6 |
| 21. P-K4 | R-K7ch | 32. R-B1 | RxR |
| 22. K-Q1 | Q-R4 | 33. RxR | B-Q4 |
| 23. Resigns. | | 34. N-N6 | B-N6 |

Game 2

Penrose - Tal

Leipzig 1960.

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-B4 |
| 4. P-Q5 | PxP |
| 5. PxP | P-Q3 |
| 6. P-K4 | P-KN3 |
| 7. B-B3 | B-N2 |
| 8. KN-K2 | O-O |
| 9. O-O | P-QR3 |
| 10. P-QR4 | Q-B2 |
| 11. P-R3 | QN-Q2 |

Game 3

Timman-Ljubojevic
Amsterdam 75.

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|--------------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-B4 |
| 4. P-Q5 | PxP |
| 5. PxP | P-KN3 |
| 6. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 8. KN-K2 | O-O |
| 9. O-O | P-QR3 |
| 10. P-QR4 | Q-B2 |
| 11. P-R3 | QN-Q2 |
| 12. P-B4 | R-N1 |
| 13. B-K3 | R-K1 |
| 14. N-N3 | P-B5 |
| 15. B-B2 | N-B4 |
| 16. B-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 17. PxP | PxP |
| 18. P-K5 | PxP |
| 19. PxP | RxP |
| 20. Q-B3 | R-N4 |
| 21. KN-K4 | QNxN |
| 22. BxN | N-N5 |
| 23. P-Q6 | BxBch |
| 24. K-R1 | QxP |
| 25. QxPch | K-R1 |
| 26. Resigns. | |

39. P-N3 Resigns.

Game 4

Timman-Nunn

London 75

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-B4
3. P-Q5 P-K3
4. N-QB3 PXP
5. PXP P-Q3
6. P-K4 P-KN3
7. N-B3 B-N2
8. B-K2 O-O
9. O-O P-QR3
10. P-QR4 B-N5
11. B-KN5 QN-Q2
12. N-Q2 BxB
13. QxB R-K1
14. P-B4 Q-B2
15. Q-B3 P-B5
16. K-R1 QR-N1
17. QR-K1 P-N4
18. PXP PXP
19. P-K5 PXP
20. P-B5 R-KB1
21. N(2)-K4 R-N3
22. R-Q1 NxN
23. NxN P-B3
24. B-K3 R-R3
25. Q-N4 P-N4
26. P-R4 P-R3
27. PXP BPXP
28. P-Q6 Q-Q1
29. R-Q5 P-N5
30. P-B6 BXP
31. R-N5 B-N2
32. RxRch NxR
33. RxP R-R8ch
34. K-R2 Q-R4

35. B-B5 R-KB8
36. P-Q7 R-B5
37. Q-Q1 R-R5ch
38. K-N3 Q-Q1
39. Q-Q5ch K-R2
40. R-N7 N-N3
41. R-R7 N-B5
42. Q-R8 QxQ
43. RxQ N-K3
44. R-K8 NxB
45. NxN B-B3
46. R-KB8 Resigns.

Game 5

Farago-Szilagyi

Hungary 74

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-B4
3. P-Q5 P-K3
4. N-QB3 PXP
5. PXP P-Q3
6. N-B3 P-KN3
7. N-Q2 QN-Q2
8. P-K4 B-N2
9. B-K2 O-O
10. O-O R-K1
11. P-QR4 N-K4
12. Q-B2 P-KN4
13. N-Q1 P-N5
14. N-K3 N-R4
15. P-KN3 Q-B3
16. P-B4 FxPe.p.
17. NxP B-R6
18. R-B2 NxNch
19. BxN Q-N3

20. N-N2 B-Q5
21. N-R4 Q-B3
22. BxN RxP
23. N-N2 QR-K1
24. B-B4 Q-B4
25. P-KN4 QxQB
26. Resigns.

Game 6

Larsen-Ljubojevic
Milan 75.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. N-QB3 P-B4
4. P-Q5 PXP
5. PXP P-KN3
6. N-B3 B-N2
7. P-K4 P-Q3
8. B-K2 O-O
9. N-Q2 R-K1
10. O-O QN-Q2
11. P-QR4 P-QR3
12. K-R1 R-N1
13. P-B4 P-B5
14. P-K5 PXP
15. NxP P-QN4
16. RPXP RPXP
17. NxKP P-N5
18. N-N5 NxN
19. PxN RxP
20. B-KB4 NxP
21. B-B4 B-K3
22. BxR BxB
23. Q-K2 Q-N4
24. BxN BxB
25. R-R5 R-QB1
26. N-R7 Q-R5
27. QxB R-B7
28. Resigns.

Supplementary Games

Game 7

Kivlan-Petkevic

USSR 74

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-B4
3. P-Q5 P-Q3
4. N-QB3 P-KN3
5. P-KN3 B-N2
6. B-N2 O-O
7. N-B3 P-K3
8. O-O PXP
9. BPXP P-QR3
10. P-QR4 QN-Q2
11. N-Q2 R-K1
12. P-R3 R-N1
13. N-B4 N-K4
14. N-R3 N-R4
15. P-K4 P-B4
16. PXP BXP
17. P-KN4 BXP
18. PxB Q-R5
19. PxN R-KB1
20. P-R6 B-R1
21. N-K4 N-N5
22. QxN QxQ
23. N-B4 P-QN4!
24. PXP PXP
25. N(B4)XP R-N3
26. B-K3 B-K4
27. R-R7 RxN
28. NxR BxN
29. R-N7ch K-R1
30. R-R1 Q-R4
31. R-Q7 B-R7ch
32. K-B1 Q-B4
33. R(1)-R7 Q-N8ch
34. K-K2 QxPch
35. K-Q1 Q-N6ch

36. K-Q2 Q-N7ch
37. K-Q1 Q-N8ch
38. K-Q2 Q-N7ch
39. K-Q1 Q-N6ch
40. K-Q2 B-K4!
41. B-R3 B-B6ch
42. K-K2 Q-B7ch
43. K-B1 and White resigned.

Game 8

Forintos-Minic

Fula 1971

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-B4
3. P-Q5 P-K3
4. N-QB3 PXP
5. PXP P-Q3
6. P-K4 P-KN3
7. N-B3 B-N2
8. B-N5 P-KR3
9. B-R4 P-KN4
10. B-N3 F-R4
11. B-N5ch K-B1
12. B-K2 NxB
13. RPxN Q-K2
14. N-Q2 N-Q2
15. P-KN4 P-QR3
16. P-R4 B-Q5
17. O-O N-B3
18. N-B4 P-KR4
19. N-N6 PXP
20. P-KN3 NxKP
21. NxB Q-K4
22. K-N2 KxN

23. PxN Q-K5ch
24. P-B3 R-R7ch
25. Resigns.

Game 9

Kakageldiev-Murei

Correspondence 72.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-KN3
3. N-QB3 B-N2
4. P-K4 P-Q3
5. P-B4 P-B4
6. P-Q5 P-K3
7. N-B3 PXP
8. BPXP O-O
9. B-K2 R-K1
10. P-K5 PXP
11. PXP N-N5
12. B-KN5 Q-N3
13. O-O P-B5ch
14. K-R1 N-Q2!
15. P-K6 PXP
16. PXP QN-B3
17. P-KR3 QxNP
18. N-QR4 N-B7ch!
19. RxN N-K5
20. R-B1 N-N6ch
21. K-N1 QxR
22. QxQ NxBch
23. K-B2 BxQ
24. RxB BXP
25. R-K1 QR-B1
26. RxN P-B6
27. B-K3 B-Q2
28. N-B5 RxB
29. Resigns.