

INTRODUCING THE...

RUY LOPEZ

AND

QUEENS GAMBIT

Two 30 minute talks by

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Games for "Basic principles in the Ruy Lopez".

Karpov-Spassky

Moscow 1973

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 d6
8 c3 0-0 9 h3 Nb8 (The Breyer variation - black sacrifices time to
bring the Nbd7 to strong point e5) 10 d3 Bb7 11 Nd2 Nd7 12 Nf1 Re8
13 Ng3 Nc5 14 Bc2 Bf8 15 b4 Nd7 16 d4 h6 17 Bd2 Nb6 18 Bd3 g6 (White
now manoeuvres to expose the slight weakness of black's queen side
pawns with c3-c4) 19 Qc2 Nd7 20 Rd1 Bg7 21 de: de: 22 c4 bc: 23 Bc4:
Qe7 (It would have been better to have removed the bishop with Nc4:.
The 'Spanish bishop' bears down on the weakness at f7). 24 Bb3 c5 25
a4 (To drive away the black knight, and also as a prelude to a sharp
king side attack.) c4 26 Ba2 Bc6 27 a5 Ba4 28 Qc1 (White sacrifices
the exchange for which he gains a pawn and a great initiative) Nc8
29 Bh6: Bdl: 30 Rd1: Nd6 31 Bg7: Kg7: 32 Qg5 (Winning, due to the
many threats) f6 33 Qg4 Kh7 34 Nh4 1-0

In the next game white plays for a king side attack while holding
the centre at d3, but black's counterplay in the centre proves more
vehement.

Nunn-Timman London 1980

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d3 Be7 5 0-0 d6 6 c3 0-0 7 Nbd2 Na5
8 Bb5 a6 9 Ba4 c5 10 Re1 b5 11 Bc2 (By transposition, a variation of
the Ruy Lopez has been reached) Nc6 12 Nf1 Re8 13 Ne3 Bf8 14 a4 Bb7
15 Nf5 Ne7 16 N3h4 Ng6 17 Bg5 d5 18 Qf3 Re6 (Defending against Nh6+)
19 Qg3 Qc7 20 Rad1 Rae8 21 ab: ab: 22 d4 (A mistake, opening the
position for the black pieces) de: 23 Bf6 Rf6: 24 Be4: Be4: 25 Re4:
Qc8 26 de: Rf5: 27 Nf5: Qf5: 28 Rdel Rd8 29 Qe3 c4 30 e6 fe: 31 Re6:
Bc5: 32 Re8+ Kf7 33 Qe6+ Qe6: 34 R8e6: Nf4 35 Rc6 Nd3 36 Rc7+ Kg8 37
Re2 Nf4 38 Re1 Bf2:+ 0-1

The next two games demonstrate that play in the Ruy Lopez can also be
sharp and tactical as well as manoeuvring and positional.

Short-Flear, Brighton 1977

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d4 (A sharp variation, which
is more in the spirit of the gambit variations of open games) ed: 6 0-
0-0 Be7 7 Re1 0-0 8 e5 Ne8 (Black is slightly congested, but has
possibilities to counter with d6 and f6) 9 c3 (An enterprising sacrific-
ice to exploit white's development lead) d3 10 Qd3: d6 11 Bc6: bc:
12 Bf4 Bg4 13 Nbd2 Qd7 14 Rad1 f6 15 (A mistake, after which white
breaks through) 15 e6! Be6: 16 Qe4 Kf7 17 Nd4 Bd5 18 Qh7: Qg4 19 g3
Bd8 20 Nf5 1-0

Juhnke-Karpov

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d4 ed: 6 0-0 Be7 7 e5 Ne4 8 Nd4:
0-0 9 Nf5 d5 10 Bc6: bc: 11 Ne7:+ Qe7: 12 Re1 (Black has a development
lead as compensation for weakened pawns) Re8 13 f3 Nd6 14 b3 (Black now
exploits his development advantage and rapidly gains a winning kingside
attack) Nf5 15 Ba3 Qg5 16 Bb2 Nh4 17 Qe2 f6 18 Qc2 Bh3 19 g4 fe: 20
Nd2 Qd2: 0-1