



Chess Openings for Black

Alapin Variation

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 [almost always played in this position at the top level] [3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Re1 Rb8 (8...e5=) 9.h3 b5 10.a3 a5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Nbd2 Bf5 15.Nf1 b4 16.Nh4 bxa3 17.Rxa3 Qb6 18.f3 Nxd4 19.Be3 Qxb2 20.Rxa5 Nc2 21.fxe4 Nxe1 22.exf5 Nxg2 23.Nxg2 gxf5 24.Qxd5 e6 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Bxd4 Rfd8 27.Be3 Ra8 28.Rb5 Rdb8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.Bf4 Rb5 31.Kf2 Bxe5 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Nfe3 Ra5 34.Kf3 Kg7 35.g4 fxg4+ 36.hxg4 h6 37.Nf4 Ra3 38.Ke4 Kf6 39.Nd3 Kg5 40.Ne5 Kf6 41.Nd7+ Kg5 42.Ne5 Ra4+ 43.Kf3 f5 44.gxf5 exf5 45.Nf7+ Kg6 46.Ne5+ Kf6 47.Nd3 h5 48.Nf4 h4 49.Nh3 Ra3 50.Kf4 Ra4+ 51.Kf3 Ke5 52.Ng5 Ra3 53.Kf2 Kf4 54.Nh3+ Ke5 55.Nc4+ Kf6 56.Nxa3 Ke5 57.Kf3 Kf6 58.Nc4 1/2-1/2 Amin, B – Bacrot, E Dubai UAE 2014; 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d5 5.e5 (5.exd5 Qxd5=) 5...c4 6.Bc2 (6.exf6 cxd3?) 6...Ng4 7.Ba4 Qc7!? 8.d4 (8.Qe2 Bf5 9.Nd4 Bxb1 10.Rxb1 Ngxe5) 8...cxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 (9...Ngxe5 10.Qxd5 Bd7=) 10.Qd4 h5 11.h3 Nh6 12.Bxh6 Rxh6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Qf4 f6 15.Re1 0-0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nbd2 g5 18.Qg3 g4 19.hxg4 hxg4 20.Qxg4 Bc5 21.b4 Rdh8 22.g3 Bb6 23.Qf4 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Nxe5 Rh1+ 26.Kg2 R8h2+ 27.Kf3 Rxf2+ 28.Kg4 Rxe1 29.Rxe1 Rxd2 30.Rh1 Re2 0-1 Bontempi, P (2318) – Martinez, R (2399) Genova 2006; 3.Qc2 Nc6 4.Nf3 a6 5.d4 cxd4 6.e5 (6.cxd4 d5 7.e5 Ne4=) 6...Nd5 7.Bc4 Nb6=] **3...Nd5** [3...Ne4?? 4.d3+-] **4.d4** [4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 (5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 will transpose into 4.d4 lines) 5...Nb6 6.Bb3 d5 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.0-0 Be6= 9.Bxe6 Qxe6 10.a4 Qd7 11.a5 Nd5 12.a6 b6 13.d4 e6± 14.Na3 cxd4 15.Nc4 f6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Bc5 18.Qd3 0-0 19.b4 Be7 20.Ne3 Rfd8 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Rxd5 23.Be3 Kf7 24.Rfc1 Rd7 25.Kf1 e5 26.Ke2 Ke6 27.Rab1 Rc8 28.c4 Rdc7 29.Kd3 e4+ 30.Kxe4 Rxc4+ 31.Rxc4 Rxc4+ 32.Kd3 Kd5 33.Rb3 Rxb4 34.Rxb4 Bxb4 35.Bxb6 Bc5 36.Ba5 Bxf2 37.Bb4 f5 38.h3 g6 39.Ba3 Bg1 40.Bb4 Bf2 41.Ba3 Bg1 42.Bb4 Kc6 43.Kc4 Kb6 44.Kd5 Kxa6 45.Ke6 Kb5 46.Ba3 Bf2 47.Kf7 Bh4 48.Kg7 g5 0-1 Skoberne, J (2567) – Guseinov, G (2660) Batumi 2019; 4.Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 d5!? (5...c4 is an alternative, not covered here) 6.exd6 (6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bf5=) 6...Qxd6 7.Nf3 (7.Na3 Be6=) 7...c4 8.Bc2 Qe6+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Kxe2 Nc6 11.Re1 Bg4= 12.Kf1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 e6 14.b3 Bd6 15.bxc4 Nxc4 16.Kg2 Rc8 17.d3 Nb6 18.Bb3 0-0 19.Be3 Nd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Nd2 Ne5 22.Bf4 f6 23.d4 Nf7 24.Bxd6 Nxd6 25.Rac1 Rc7 26.Nf1 Nb5 27.Ne3 Rd8 28.a4 Nxc3 29.Rc2 Rc6 30.Nf5 Kf8 31.h4 g6 32.Ne3 Rdc8 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nd1 35.Rce2 Nc3 36.Rc2 Nxa4 37.Rxc6 Rxc6 38.Nxd5 Rd6 39.Nf4 Kf7 40.d5 Nb6 41.Rc1 Nxd5 42.Nxd5 Rxd5 43.Rc7+ Ke6 44.Rxb7 Rd7 45.Rb5 a6 46.Ra5 Ra7 47.Kg3 Kd6



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48.f4 f5 49.Kf3 Kc6 50.Re5 a5 51.Re6+ Kd5 52.Rxg6 a4 53.Rg1 a3 54.Ke3 a2 55.Ra1 Ra3+ 56.Kd2 Ke4 57.Kc2 Kxf4 58.Kb2 Ra8 0-1 Potapov, P (2479) – Andreikin, D (2705) Sochi 2017; 4.g3 is rarely played 4...d6 5.exd6 Qxd6 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Ne2 Bf5 8.d4 cxd4 9.0-0? (9.cxd4=) 9...d3 $\bar{f}$ 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 e6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.Be3 Bf6 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Bf1 Rc2 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Rxb2 21.Rb3 Rxb3 22.axb3 a6 23.Rc1 b5 24.Rc6 Ra8 25.Rc5 Kf8 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.Ke2 Ke6 28.Rc6+ Kd7 29.Rc5 Rc8 30.Rxd5+ Ke6 31.Rh5 Rc3 32.b4 h6 33.d5+ Ke7 34.Rf5 Rc4 35.Kd3 Rc3+ 36.Kd2 Rc4 37.Kd3 Rc3+ 38.Kd2 Rc4 1/2-1/2 Deviatkin, A (2578) – Andriasian, Z (2640) Voronezh 2011] **4...cxd4 5.Nf3** [5.cxd4 d6 6.Nf3 will transpose into 5.Nf3 lines; 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 (6.Bc4 Nc6 7.Qe4 Nde7 8.Nf3 Ng6 $\bar{f}$ and Qc7) 6...Nc6 7.Qe4 (7.Qg4 d6 8.exd6 Qxd6= (8...e5 9.Qe4 Nf6 10.Qh4 Bxd6 11.Bg5 Be7=)) 7...f5 8.Qe2 (8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Qh4 e5 $\bar{f}$ 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nbd2 d5 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nxe5 Qc7 15.Ndf3 Bd6 16.Nd3 Re8+ 17.Be3 Re4 18.Qg5 Rg4 0-1 Jakymov, V (2329) – Miroshnichenko, E (2528) Alushta 2002) 8...b5 9.Qxb5 (9.g3 a5 with Ba6 ideas; 9.a4 b4 10.c4 Ba6 $\bar{f}$) 9...Qc7 10.Qe2 a5 11.c4 Ba6 $\bar{f}$ 12.Qd1 (12.g3 a4 13.Bg2 Na5+) 12...Nb6 13.c5 Nc4 14.Nbd2 N4xe5 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Qe2 Ra7 17.0-0 Bxc5 18.b3 Ng4 19.Bb2 0-0 20.Rac1 Qb6 21.h3 Nf6 22.Rc4 Rc7 23.Rh4 Nb4 24.Nc4 Qa6 25.a3 Nbd5 26.Qe5 Rb7 27.Nfd2 Ba7 28.Qg3 Ne7 29.Rh6 Ng6 30.Rxg6 hxg6 31.Qxg6 d5 32.Ne5 Qb5 33.Ndf3 Qe8 34.Rc1 Rxb3 35.Bd4 Bxd4 36.Nxd4 Rxa3 37.Qg5 Qh5 38.h4 Qxg5 39.hxg5 Ng4 40.Nxg4 fxg4 41.Nxe6 Re8 42.g6 g3 43.f4 Rb3 44.Kf1 a4 45.f5 Rb7 46.Rc3 Ra8 47.Nc5 Rc7 48.Nxa4 Rxc3 49.Nxc3 Rf8 50.Ke1 Rxf5 51.Ne2 Rf2 52.Nxg3 Rxg2 53.Nf5 Rg5 0-1 Deviatkin, A (2544) – Najer, E (2605) Moscow 2007] **5...Nc6** [5...dxc3?? 6.Qxd5+ -] **6.cxd4** [6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 (7.Bb5?! a6 8.Bxc6 dxc6 $\bar{f}$) 7...d5 (7...dxc3?! 8.Nxc3 $\pm$) 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 **a)** 9.Na3 Be6 10.Nb5 Qd7 11.0-0 (11.Bxe6 Qxe6+=) 11...Bxb3 12.axb3 (12.Qxb3 e6 13.Nbxd4 (13.Nxa7 Rxa7 14.Qxb6 dxc3=) 13...Be7=) 12...a6 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 g6 15.b4 Bg7 16.Nb3 e6 17.Qf3 Qd5 18.Qxd5 Nxd5 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bh4 0-0 21.Nc5 Ra7 22.f3 Rfa8 23.Bf2 b6 24.Nb3 Rb7 25.Ra4 a5 26.Nd2 Nf4 27.bxa5 Nd3 28.a6 Rd7 29.Ne4 1/2-1/2 Olivotto, L (2571) – Badolati, S (2522) ICCF 2010; **b)** 9.cxd4 Be6 10.Nc3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 e6 (11...Nxd4? 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Be3+-) 12.0-0 Be7 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Ne5 Nd5 16.Bg3 a6 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.bxc3 b5 (19...Qc8!? $\bar{f}$) 20.a4= 0-0 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7 Bf6 23.Rb7 Qa5 24.Rxb5 Qxc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.d5 exd5 27.Rxd5 g6 28.Rd6 Kg7 29.Bf4 Re8 30.Be3 Rc4 31.Rfd1 h5 32.g3 Rec8 33.h4 R4c6 34.R6d5 Rb8 35.Kg2 Rb7 36.Kf3 Re6 37.Rc1 Ra6 38.Rc8 Kh7 39.Re8 Ba1 40.Red8 Bf6 41.Re8 Ba1 42.Rdd8 Bf6 43.Rc8 Ra3 44.Re4 Rd7 45.Kg2 Rad3 46.Rc6 R3d6 47.Rcc4 Rd3 48.Kf3 Bg7 49.Ke2 Rb3 50.Re8 Rb2+ 51.Kf3 Rb3 52.Ke2 Rb2+ 1/2-1/2 Megaranto, S (2499) – Senff, M (2467) Dieren 2005;



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9...Be6!? 10.Na3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 Qd5 12.Nb5 (12.Qxd5?! Nxd5 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 e6) 12...Rc8 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 e6 (14...Qxb3 15.axb3 a6=) 15.Be3 Nc4 16.Bf4 Be7 17.Rad1 0-0 18.Rfe1 Nb6 19.Nb5 Qxb3 20.axb3 a6 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.Bxd6 Rfd8 23.Bg3 Nd5 24.Kf1 Kf8 25.c4 Ne7 26.Bc7 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Ke8 28.Bb6 h5 29.Ke2 Nf5 30.h3 Rc6 31.c5 Rc8 32.g4 Ne7 33.b4 Nd5 34.Ba5 hxg4 35.hxg4 Kd7 36.Rh1 Kc6 37.Rh7 Rg8 38.g5 Kb5 39.Rh4 Ka4 40.Kd3 Kb3 41.Kd4 Nxb4 42.Rh3+ Ka4 43.Bc7 Kb5 44.Bd6 Rd8 45.Ke4 Rd7 46.g6 fxg6 47.Rg3 b6 48.c6 Nxc6 49.Rb3+ Ka5 50.Ra3+ Kb5 51.Rb3+ 1/2-1/2 Yudasin, L (2615) – Georgiev, K (2580) Manila 1990] **6...d6 7.Bc4** [7.Nc3 dxe5 (7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 dxe5? 9.d5±) 8.dxe5 (8.Nxe5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1+=) 8...Nxc3 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.bxc3 Bd7= 11.Be3 g6 12.Nd4 Rc8 13.Kd2 Bg7 14.f4 0-0 15.Rb1 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Bd3 Rd6 18.Rhc1 a6 19.Ne2 Bc6 20.g3 Ne6 21.Bd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Rxd4 24.Ke3 Rcd8 25.Rc3 Kg7 26.Re1 R8d6 27.a3 Kf6 28.Bc2 Rd2 29.Re2 Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2 e5 31.Ke3 Re6 32.fxe5+ Kxe5 33.h4 h6 34.Kd2 Rd6+ 35.Ke3 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Bd3 a5 38.Rc1 Rd4 39.Rc5+ Rd5 40.Rc3 Kd6 41.Rc2 Bb5 42.Be4 Rd1 43.Rc3 b6 44.Bf3 Rg1 45.Kf2 Rb1 46.Be4 Rb2+ 47.Ke3 Ke5 48.Bf3 Ba4 49.Be2 Rb3 50.Rxb3 Bxb3 51.Bb5 Be6 52.Kd3 Bf5+ 53.Kc4 Bh3 54.Bc6 Bf1+ 55.Kc3 Kd6 56.Be4 Kc5 57.a4 Bh3 58.Bc2 Kd5 59.Bd1 Ke4 60.Bc2+ Kf3 61.Kc4 Bd7 62.Kd5 Kxg3 63.Kd6 Bxa4 64.Bxa4 g4 0-1 Kharlov, A (2633) – Fedorov, A (2598) Ekaterinburg 2002; 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 Bg4 (8...g6 is possible but not covered here) 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 0-0= (11...Nxe3 12.fxe3=) 12.Qb3 Rfd8 13.Rac1 Rab8 14.Rfd1 Nf4 15.Bxf4 Qxf4 16.d5 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Nd4 18.Rxd4 Qxc1+ 19.Rd1 Qh6 20.Re1 e5 21.g3 Bd6 22.Qc2 Rbc8 23.Kg2 Bb4 24.Rxe5 Bxc3 25.bxc3 Qf6 26.Re3 g6 27.c4 Rc5 28.Qe2 Kf8 29.Re4 Rc7 30.h4 h5 31.Qe3 b6 32.Qh6+ Qg7 33.Qf4 Rcd7 1/2-1/2 Mamedov, R (2627) – Avrukh, B (2656) Cala Mayor 2008; 7.Be2 g6=] **7...Nb6 8.Bb5** [8.Bb3 dxe5 9.d5 (9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1+ 11.Bxd1 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8= 13.Nc3 e6 14.Be2 a6 15.Be3 Nc4 16.Bd4 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.f4 Nxb2 19.Ne4 Rc2 20.Nd6+ Ke7 21.Rf2 b5 22.Bf1 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Bc6 24.Rc1 Kd7 25.Nxf7 Rf8 26.Ng5 Rxf4+ 27.Kg3 Ra4 28.Nxe6 Kxe6 29.Rxc6+ Kxe5 30.Rc7 Ra3+ 31.Kh4 Nd1 32.Rxg7 Ne3 33.Rg5+ Kf6 34.Bxb5 axb5 35.Rxb5 Nxg2+ 36.Kg4 Ne3+ 37.Kh5 Rxa2 38.Rb6+ Ke5 39.h4 Ra7 40.Rc6 Kf5 41.Rb6 Rd7 42.Ra6 Nd5 43.Kh6 Nf6 44.Ra5+ Ke6 45.Rg5 Rd4 46.h5 Rd5 47.Rxd5 Kxd5 48.Kg7 Ke6 49.h6 Nh5+ 0-1 Rausis, I (2525) – Bacrot, E (2618) France 2001) 9...Na5 10.Nc3 (10.Nxe5? Nxb3+ and Qxd5) 10...Bg4!? Black has other options (10...Nxb3 11.Qxb3 e6 12.Nxe5 Nxd5 13.Qb5+ Bd7 14.Qxb7 Bb4 15.Nxd7 Qc8 16.Nc5 Qxb7 17.Nxb7 Rb8 18.0-0 Bxc3 19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.bxc3 Kxd6 21.c4 Nc3 22.Re1 Kc6 23.Bf4 Rb2 24.Be5 Rc2 25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Bxc3 Rxc3 27.Rac1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rb8 29.g4 Rg8 30.h3 h5 31.f3 hxg4 32.hxg4 f5 33.Kf2 fxg4 34.Rg1 Kc5 35.Rxg4 Rb8 36.Ke3 Rb2



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37.Rg5+ Kxc4 38.Ra5 Rb7 39.Ke4 Re7 40.a3 Kb3 41.f4 Rh7 42.Ra6 Rf7 43.Ke3 Kb2 44.Ke4 Kb3 45.Rxe6 Kxa3 46.Ra6+ Kb4 47.f5 Kb5 48.Ra1 a5 49.Ke5 a4 50.Ke6 Ra7 51.f6 a3 1/2-1/2 Lautier, J (2670) – Tregubov, P (2612) Reykjavik 2003) 11.Be3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 g6 14.a4 Rc8= 15.a5 Nc4 16.Qxb7 (16.Bxa7 Qd7=) 16...Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bh6 18.Qb5+ (18.Qxa7 Rb8 19.Ra2 0-0=) 18...Kf8 19.Qd3 Rb8 20.Ra2 Kg7 21.0-0 Qc7 22.Rf2 Rb4 23.d6 Qxd6 24.Qxd6 exd6 25.Re2 Rc8 26.Nd5 Rb3 27.Kf2 Rc5 28.Rd2 Bg5 29.a6 Bd8 30.e4 Ba5 31.Re2 Bb6 32.Kg3 Rc1 33.Nxb6 Rxb6 34.Ra5 Rcc6 35.Rd5 Kf6 36.f4 Rb3+ 37.Kh4 exf4 38.Kg4 f3 39.Rf2 Rxa6 40.Rxf3+ Rxf3 41.Kxf3 Ke6 42.h4 Rb6 43.Ra5 Rxb2 44.Rxa7 h5 45.Ra3 Rb1 46.Kg2 Re1 47.Ra4 Re3 48.Rb4 Ke5 49.Rb5+ Kxe4 50.Rb7 f6 51.Re7+ Kf4 0-1 Smerdon, D (2521) – Van Kampen, R (2595) Helsingor 2013; 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.e6+ Ke8!? (9...Kg8=) 10.Ng5 (10.d5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Qa5+ 12.Nc3 (12.Qxa5 Nxa5+ and e6 falls 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nf7?? Rh7-+) 12...Qxd5 13.Nxd5 Rb8 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nf7 Bxe6 16.Nxh8 Bxd5 17.Ng6 Nd4 18.0-0 Nc2=) 10...Nd5!-+ 11.0-0 Qa5 12.a4 g6 13.Bd2 Ncb4 14.Qf3 Bh6 15.Nf7 Bxd2 16.Nxh8 Bg5 17.Qf7+ Kd8 18.Qg8+ Kc7 19.Nf7 Bxe6 20.Qxa8 Bxf7 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.bxc3 Nd5 23.Rfe1 Nb6 24.Qf8 Bd5 25.Qg7 Qxc3 26.Qxh7 Qxd4 27.a5 Nd7 28.Rad1 Qb4 29.Qxg6 Bf6 30.a6 bxa6 31.Rc1+ Nc5 32.Qe8 Qh4 33.g3 Qh7 34.Rb1 Qf5 35.Rb8 Qd7 36.h4 a5 37.h5 Qxe8 38.Rxe8 Kd7 39.Rf8 Bg7 40.Rf5 Be6 41.Rf3 Bh6 42.Ra3 a4 43.f4 Bb3 44.Kg2 Bg7 45.Rb1 Ke6 46.g4 Bd4 47.h6 Kf6 48.g5+ Kg6 49.Kg3 e5 50.f5+ Kxf5 51.Rf1+ Kxg5 52.h7 e4 53.Rf8 Be5+ 54.Kf2 Nd3+ 0-1 Starke, H (2379) – Westera, B (2437) ICCF 2012] **8...dxe5 9.Nxe5** [9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nxe5 Ba6!?= 11.Nxc6? (11.Nc3 e6 12.Qf3 (12.Nxc6 Qc7 13.Ne5 Bd6=) 12...Qc7 13.Qxc6+ Qxc6 14.Nxc6 f6!?= (14...Bb7 15.d5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 exd5=)) 11...Qd5-+ 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.gxf3 Rc8] **9...Bd7 10.Nxd7** [10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 g6 13.Be3 Bg7 14.Qc2 0-0= 15.Qxc6 Bxd4 16.Bxd4 Qxd4 17.Nc3 Rfc8 18.Qb7 Qd7 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 20.Rad1 Nf6 21.Rd2 Rab8 22.Re1 Kf8 23.f3 h5 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Rxe4 Rc7 26.Kf2 e6 27.b3 Rb5 28.h4 Ke7 29.Rb2 a5 30.Rd2 Rbc5 31.Ke2 Kf6 32.b4 axb4 33.Rxb4 Rc3 34.Rb3 R3c4 35.g3 Ra4 36.a3 g5 37.hxg5+ Kxg5 38.Ke3 Rca7 39.Rdd3 f5 40.Kf2 e5 41.Rd5 Rxa3 42.Rxa3 Rxa3 43.Rxe5 1/2-1/2 Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son (2634) – Gelfand, B (2741) Berlin 2015; 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 0-0-0+ 14.Ke2 Rd5 15.a4 Rxe5+ 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Rac1+ Kb8 18.Rhd1 e6 19.Kf3 Rf5+ 20.Ke2 Re5 21.Kf3 1/2-1/2 Sveshnikov, E (2499) – Vorobiov, E (2580) Cappelle la Grande 2012] **10...Qxd7 11.Nc3 e6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 0-0= 15.Rfd1 Qc8 16.Na4 Nd5 17.Rac1 Rd7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Rb7 21.Qc2 Rb5 22.Rc4** [22.Rxc6 Qb7! planning Rxb2 or Nb4] **22...Qb7 23.b3 Rd8 24.Rc1 Ne7 25.Qe4 Qa6 26.Ra4 Qb7 27.h3 h6 28.Qg4 Nf5 29.Rac4 Rb6 30.Qf3 Rd5 31.Qe2 Qd7 32.Qc2 Ne7 33.Ra4 Qb7 34.Qe2 Rb4 35.Qa6 Rd7 36.Qxb7 Rbxb7** [1/2-1/2 Stevic, H (2612) – Ivanchuk, V (2775) Porto Carras 2011]