

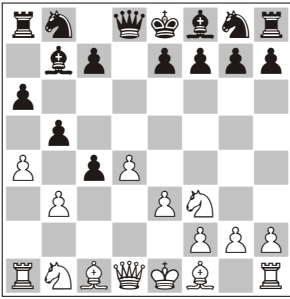
# Queen's Gambit Accepted

Alekhine Variation O.G. 5.9 (D22)

## A Forced Draw!?

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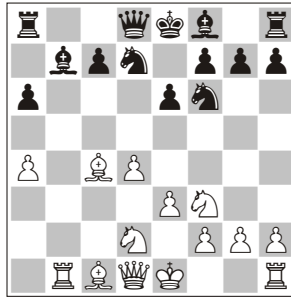
1. d4 d5
2. c4 dc4
3. ♘f3 a6
4. e3 b5
5. a4 ♙b7
6. b3



From March 14th to April 2nd, London staged the Candidates' Tournament for the 2013 World Chess Championship. It was the strongest tournament of its kind in history, an amazing event in which many interesting games were played, giving a great contribution to opening theory. One of them, Aronian-Svidler, is going to be the subject of this Survey.

After the standard move order in the Queen's Gambit Accepted, 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3, Svidler played 3...a6!?, followed by 4...b5. A very interesting approach with the idea simply to protect the pawn, which is very rare, especially at top level. As the game proved, things are not at all simple. Black's idea is not only to protect the pawn, but he

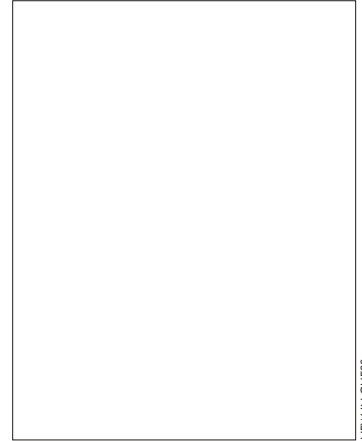
seeks simplification on the queenside. The best White can do, after exchanging pawns on c4, is to create a weak black pawn on a6. But then another new idea comes up. After a few logical development moves, Aronian played 10.♙b1, attacking the bishop on b7.



Now instead of the standard 10...♙a7, Black played the active 10...♙b8!?, followed by the sacrifice of the a6-pawn. Let's have a look at all the options for both sides.

### The Main Idea 10...♙b8!? and Other Options

Before the game Aronian-Svidler, White's normal set-up was ♗bd2 and ♙b1 before or after kingside castling. But after 10...♙b8!? it is not clear how White can obtain an opening advantage. Perhaps White has to try and make do without ♙b1 in order to support a future a4-a5 pawn advance, as in the game Kovalenko-Luther. Another op-



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tion for White is an early 10.dc5, as in Kozul-Jankovic. 9.♘c3 (Grischuk-Khenkin) or 9.♗b3 (Cheparinov-Tkachiev) are simply harmless. The idea ♗bd2-♗b3, which occurred in Gupta-Malakhatko, deserves attention, although the right location for the white knight is, I believe, square c4. Regarding Black's move order, the best set-up is probably ...♗bd7 and ...♙e7, postponing ...c7-c5 so as not to give White the additional option of ♙a3. Exactly as in a main game Black has to meet ♗bd2 Black with ...♗bd7 and ♙b1 with ...♙b8!?. Other options for Black, including an early ...c5, seem dubious.

### Facing ♙b1 with ...♙a7

Last year, I faced this opening twice within two months, against

grandmaster Athanasios Mastrovasilis and international master Zavoronkov. Although the plan with ...♗a7, followed by ...♞a8, looks spectacular, I think it is not enough to equalize.

Another interesting plan might be found in the game Swiercz-Kuzmicz, with positional pressure on Black's queenside. In both cases Black faced problems with his piece coordination.

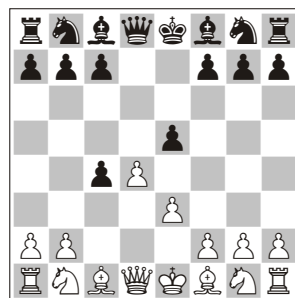
### Position without a Weak a6-Pawn

This is simply a drawish position. Exchanging pawns on b5, followed by bc4, reduces material and options. I do not recommend this plan for White at the moment.

### Conclusion

Can White claim an opening advantage or not? After the game Aronian-Svidler, the ball is certainly in White's court. Of course, White has the option, after 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4, to play 3.e4, but this is a topic for another Survey. Here we are examining the move order starting with 3.♘f3. But White has another option.

Just recently, before the Mitropa Cup in Meissen, Germany, grandmaster Aronian played a clock simul against six German juniors. In one of those games, the Queen's Gambit Accepted arose, and Aronian played 3.e3!?. This continuation may be interesting, although it gives Black the option of playing 3...e5.



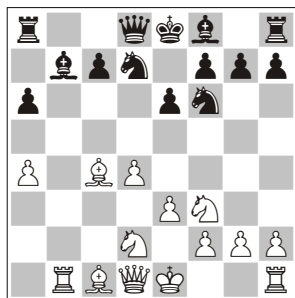
The opening theory never stops expanding, and as we know, many interesting new ideas are in fact old and forgotten ideas which the theory for some reason neglected. Sometimes, when these old ideas are put under the microscope, the result can be extremely rewarding, and this is exactly the way many opening novelties are born.

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...c5 △ ...♗bd7

**Aronian,Levon**  
**Svidler,Peter**

London ct 2013 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4 ♘f6 9.♗bd2 ♗bd7 [9...♙e7 10.♞b1; 9...c5 10.♞b1!; 10.♞b3!?] 10.♞b1 [10.0-0 ♙e7 11.a5 0-0 12.♙e2 c5 13.♘c4 ♙d5=; 10.♗b3!? c5 11.♙a3 cd4 12.♙f8 ♘f8 13.♞d4 ♞d4 14.♗bd4]



10...♞b8! 11.0-0 [11.e4 c5 12.e5 ♘d5] 11...♙e7 12.♞e2 0-0 13.♙b2

[13.♙a6 ♙a6 14.♞a6 ♞b1 15.♗b1 ♞a8 16.♞c4 c5△] 13...c5 14.♙a6 ♙a6 15.♞a6 ♞a8 16.♞b5 ♞a5 17.♞b3 [17.♞c6 ♞c8! (17...♞a8 18.♞a8 (18.♗e5 ♞a4) 18...♞fa8 19.dc5 ♙c5 (19...♗c5? 20.♘c4 ♞5a6 21.a5±) 20.♙f6 gf6 21.♞b7 ♞5a7 (21...♞8a7 22.♞d7 ♞d7 23.♗b3) 22.♞fb1±) 18.♞c8 (18.♗e5 ♗e5 19.♞c8 ♞c8 20.de5 ♗d5∞) 18...♞c8 19.♞a1 ♞ca8=] 17...♞a8 18.♞a1 ♞b8 19.♞c2 cd4 20.♗d4 ♞c8 21.♞b1 [21.♞d1 ♗d5 22.h3 ♗5b6=] 21...♞a4 22.♞a4 ♞a4= 23.♞c1 ♞a6 24.♞c8 ♞c8 25.h3 h6 26.♞c2 ♞c2 27.♗c2 ♗d5 28.♙a3 ♙a3 29.♗a3 ♗c5 30.♗c2 ♗f8 31.♗f1 ½-½

**Kovalenko,Igor**  
**Luther,Thomas**  
Jurmala 2013 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 ♘f6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4 e6 9.0-0 ♗bd7 10.a5 ♙d6 [≥ 10...♙e7] 11.♗bd2 0-0 12.♙a3 [12.♞e2!± △ 12...c5 13.♙a3 ♞e7 14.e4] 12...♙a3 13.♞a3 c5 14.♞e2 cd4 15.ed4= ♙d5 [15...♞c7 16.♗e5 ♗e5

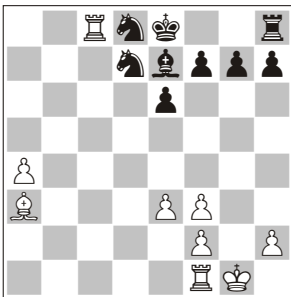
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**Gupta,Abhijeet**  
**Malakhatko,Vadim**

Longeville-les-Metz 2011 (6)

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[11...♖c7!?: 11...cd4 12.♗d4 (12.ed4 ♗d6) 12...♙e7∞] 12.dc5± ♘c5 [12...0-0 13.♙a3 ♗c8 (13...♖b8 14.♗c2 ♗c7 15.♙d3 (15.c6 ♙a3 16.cb7 ♙e7) 15...♗fc8 16.♖ab1!±) 14.♗d4±; 12...♗c7 13.♙d2] 13.♗d8 ♗d8 14.♙a5 [14.♘c5 ♙c5 15.♖b1 ♙c6 (15...♙e4 16.♖b2±) 16.♖a1 0-0=] 14...♙f3 [14...♙a8 15.♙a3 ♘fe4 (15...0-0 16.♙a6) 16.♖fc1±] 15.gf3 ♗c8 16.♙a3 ♙d8 17.♘b7!↑ ♘b7 18.♙a6 ♗c7 19.♖ac1? [19.♙b5! ♘d7 20.♖ac1 ♗c1 21.♗c1+--] 19...♗d7? [19...♘d7! 20.♖fd1 ♘d5 21.e4 ♗c1 22.♙c1 ♘d6 23.ed5±] 20.♙b5+-- ♙e7 21.♙d7 ♘d7 22.♗c8 ♘d8



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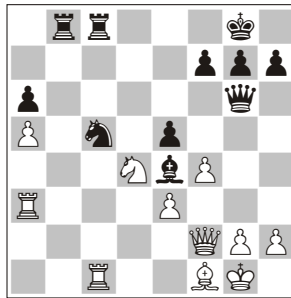
**Graf,Alexander  
Danielian,Elina**  
Halkis 2010 (3)

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**Bacrot,Etienne  
Khenkin,Igor**

Germany Bundesliga 2006/07 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4 ♘f6 9.0-0 c5 10.♙a3 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♙e7 12.♗e2 cd4 13.♙e7 ♗e7 14.♘d4 [≥ 14.ed4 0-0 15.♖fb1 ♖fb8 16.a5] 17.♘b3 ♘b3 18.♙b3 ♘e4 19.♙c4 ♘c5 20.♘d4 ♗g5 [20...♖ac8] 21.f4 ♗g6 22.a5 ♙e4 23.♖a3 ♖ab8 24.♗f2 ♖dc8 25.♙f1 e5?



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**Naumann,Alexander  
Vatter,Hans-Joachim**

Bad Liebenzell ch-GER 2010 (1)

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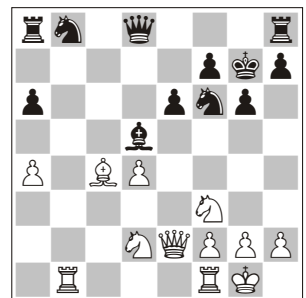
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**Kuljasevic,Davorin  
Haznedaroglu,Kivanc**  
Rijeka 2011 (8)

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**David,Alberto  
Vajda,Szidonja**  
Bastia 2010 (7)

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15...♙c4?! [15...♘c6! △ 16.♙a6 ♖f3  
17.♘f3 ♘d4] 16.♘c4± ♘c6 17.♙b7  
♙a7 18.♙a7 ♘a7 19.♘ce5 ♙b6  
20.♘g5 ♙f8 21.♙d3 [21.♙c2± △  
21...♙d4 22.♘ef7] 21...♘c6 22.♙b1  
♘b4 23.♙f3 a5 24.h4 ♙d4  
25.♘ef7 ♙d5 26.♙d5 ed5 27.♘d6  
♘g8 28.♘e6 ♙b8 29.♙c1 ♘e8  
30.♘b5 ♘d3 31.♙c6 ♘b2 32.♘c3  
♘f6 33.♘c5 d4 34.♘b5 d3 35.♙f6  
d2 36.♘c3 ♙c8 37.♙d6 ♙c5  
38.♙d2 ♙c3 39.♙b2 ♙c1 40.♘h2  
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43.♙b8 ♘g7 44.♙b7 ♘g8 ½-½

Zubov,Alexander  
Heberla,Bartlomiej  
Warsaw rapid 2009 (12)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙a3  
♙d6 [8...♙a3 9.♘a3 c3 10.♙c1 ♘d7  
11.♙c3 ♘gf6∞] 9.♙c4 ♘f6 10.0-0 0-0  
11.♘bd2 ♙a3 12.♙a3± c5



13.dc5?! [13.♙b3 ♙c6 14.♙a1±]  
13...♘bd7= 14.♘b3 ♘e4 [14...♙c8]  
15.c6 ♙c6 16.♘bd4 ♙c7?  
[16...♙b6= 17.a5 ♙c5] 17.♙e6 fe6  
18.♘e6 ♙a5 19.♘f8 ♙f8 20.♘d4  
♙a8 [20...♙d5 21.♘b3 ♙b3 22.♙b3 ♘h8  
23.♙c2± △ 23...♘f2 24.h3 ♘h3 25.gh3  
♙g5 26.♙g2 ♙f1 27.♘f1 ♙f5 28.♙f2  
♙h3 29.♘e1] 21.♘e6f ♙f7 22.♙d3  
♘ef6 23.♙d6 ♙d5 24.♙c2 h6  
25.♘f4± ♙e4 26.♙c4 ♙c5 27.♙c5  
♘c5 28.f3 ♙b7 29.♙c1 ♘a4 30.♘e6  
[30.♙c4!+-] 30...♙e7 31.♘d8 a5  
32.♙d4 ♘b6 33.♙b1 ♙e3 34.♙b6  
♙c8 35.♘c6 ♙d7 36.♘a5 ♙a3  
37.♘c4 ♙a1 38.♘f2 ♙a2 39.♙d2  
♙a4 40.♘e5 ♙e8 41.g4 ♘h7 42.h4  
♙a5 43.♙e6 ♙b5 44.g5 hg5 45.hg5  
♘e8 46.g6 ♘h6 47.♘f7 1-0

## An Early Pawn Exchange 10.dc5

Kozul,Zdenko  
Jankovic,Alojzije

Otocac ch-CRO 2010 (10)

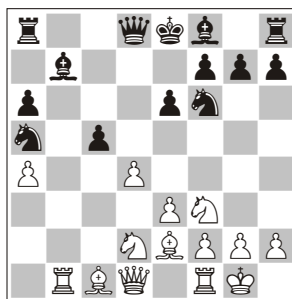
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15.♘e5) 15.a5 ♙fb8] 12...♘e7  
[12...♘bd7] 13.♘b3 ♙b4 14.♙d2  
a5∞ 15.♙b4 ab4 16.♘1d2 ♙c8  
17.f3 ♘d5 18.♙d5 ♙d5 19.♙db1  
e5∞ 20.♘c1 ♙c2 21.♘db3 ♘c6  
22.e4 ♙c4∞ 23.♘c5 ♙d8 24.♘1b3  
♘d4 25.♘a5? ♙e2 [25...♙a2+-]  
26.♘cb7 ♙dc8 27.♙b4 ♘f3 28.gf3  
♘f3 29.♘f1 ♘h2 30.♘g1 ♙c3  
31.♙b5 ♙g3 32.♘h1 0-1

## With or Without ...c7-c5 ...♘c6

Wang Yue  
Vitiugov,Nikita

Ningbo CHN-RUS rapid 2010 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
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♘f6 9.0-0 c5 10.♘bd2 ♘c6 11.♙b1  
♘a5 12.♙e2 [12.♙a3!? △ 12...♘c4 13.♘c4  
♙e4 14.♙c1 cd4 15.♙f8 ♘f8 16.♘d4±]



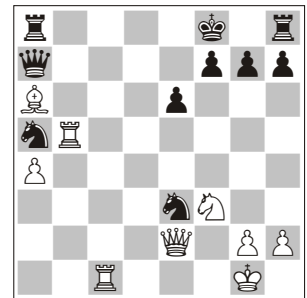
12...♙e7 [≥ 12...cd4 13.♘d4 (13.ed4 ♙e7)  
13...♙e7] 13.dc5± ♙c5 14.♙b2 ♙e7?  
[14...0-0 15.♙c3±] 15.♙c3± ♘c6  
16.♙c2 ♙b4 17.♙fc1 [17.♙b4 ♘b4  
18.♙b2 a5 19.♙b5 ♘f8 (19...♙c6 20.♙b4  
ab4 21.♙c6 ♘f8 22.♙a8+-) 20.♙fc1±]  
17...0-0 18.♙b4 [≥ 18.♙f6 gf6 19.♘e4]

18...♘b4 19.♙c7 ♙c7 20.♙c7± ♙f3  
21.gf3?! [21.♙f3] 21...♘fd5∞ 22.♙c5  
♙fc8 23.♙bc1 ♙c5 24.♙c5 ♘f8 25.f4  
♘e7 26.♘g2 ♙a7 27.♘b3 ♙c7  
28.♙c7 ♘c7 29.e4 f5 30.f3 ♘a2  
31.a5 ♘d6 32.♘f2 ♘c3 33.♙d3 fe4  
34.fe4 e5 35.f5 ♘a4 36.♘e3 ♘c5  
37.♘d2 ♘d7 38.♘b3 ♘c5 39.♘d2  
♘d7 40.♘b3 ♘c5 ½-½

Popov,Ivan  
Matlakov,Maxim

Loo tt 2013 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♘f6 9.0-0 c5 10.♘bd2 ♘c6 11.♙b1  
♘a5 12.♙a3± cd4 13.♙f8 ♙f3  
[13...♘f8 14.♘d4 (14.ed4 g6) 14...♙e7  
(14...♘c4 15.♘c4 ♙e4 16.♙c1 g6 17.f3  
♙d5 18.♘e5±) 15.♙e2 (15.♙d3!? g6  
16.♙c2 ♙c8 17.♙b2±) 15...g6 16.♘4b3  
♘b3 17.♙b3 ♙d5 18.♙c3 ♘g7 19.e4  
♙hc8 20.♙e3 ♙c6 21.a5 ♙b5 △ 22.♙b5  
ab5 23.♙b5 ♙c2∞] 14.♘f3 [14.♙f3!?  
♘f8 15.♙e2 de3 16.♘e4!] 14...♘f8  
15.♙e2 de3 16.fe3± ♙d6 17.♙fd1  
♙c5 18.♙a6 ♘d5 19.♙dc1 ♙a7  
20.♙b5 ♘e3



21.♘h1!± ♘ec4 22.♙c4 ♙a6?  
[22...♘c4 23.♙c4 ♙a6? (23...g6 24.♙b4  
♘g7 25.♙b2 ♘g8 26.♙b6±) 24.♙b8]  
23.♙c7+- ♘c6 24.♘g5 ♙d8 25.♙f7  
♘g8 [25...♘f7 26.♙f3 ♙a7 27.♙b8]  
26.♙d7 ♙c6 27.♙d1 ♙c8 28.♙b1  
h6 29.♙c1 ♙b8 30.♙d4 1-0

Nisipeanu,Liviu-Dieter  
Wegerle,Jörg

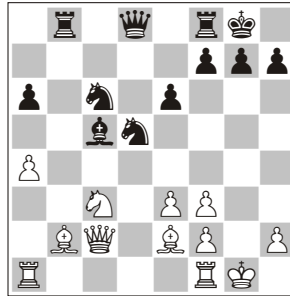
Germany Bundesliga 2011/12 (4)

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5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4

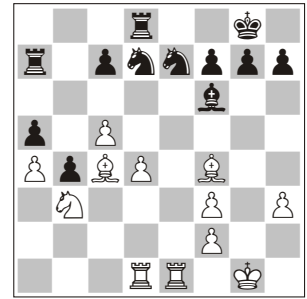
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11.♘bd2 0-0 12.♚b1 ♚b8 13.♗a4±]  
11.♘bd2± ♘b4 [11...0-0 12.♗e2  
(12...♙a3 ♘a5; 12.e4 e5 13.d5 ♘e7;  
12.♗a4 ♘b4 13.♚b1 ♙c6) 12...♗e7  
13.♙b2±] 12.♙a3 0-0 13.♙b4 ♙b4  
14.♗b3 ♗d6 15.♙fb1 ♙d2 16.♘d2  
♘e4 17.♗c2± ♘d2 18.♚b7 ♗c6  
19.♚b4 ♘e4 20.♙d3 ♗c2 21.♙c2  
♘d6 22.♙d3 ♚a7 23.g4 ♚fa8  
24.♚c1 ♘f8 25.f4 ♘e7 26.♙e2 h6  
27.h4 f6 28.h5 ♘d7 29.♙f3 ♚g8  
30.♘f2 ♚f8 31.♘e2 ♚d8 32.♙c6  
♘e7 33.♘d3+— e5 34.fe5 fe5  
35.♚c5 ed4 36.♚e5 ♘f6 37.ed4 g6  
38.♚b1 gh5 39.♙f1 ♘g7 40.♚e7  
♘g6 41.gh5 1-0

**Cheparinov,Ivan  
Tkachiev,Vladislav**  
Khanty-Mansiysk 2007 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♘f6 9.♗b3?! ♙f3 10.gf3 c5 11.dc5  
♙c5 12.♙b2 0-0 13.0-0 ♘c6  
14.♙e2 ♘d5 15.♘c3 [15.♗c2 ♙e3  
16.fe3 (16.♗c6 ♙f4) 16...♗g5+—]  
15...♚b8≡ 16.♗c2



[18...♘f5] 19.♚ad1 ♚d8?! [19...♚c8  
20.d5 ♘g6 21.♙g3 ♘de5 22.♙e2 ♘h4∞]



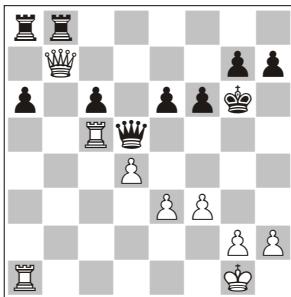
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♘f7 25.h4 ♙f6 26.h5 ♘f8 27.♙b5  
g6 28.hg6 ♘g6 29.♚e6 ♘g7 30.f3  
h5 31.♘h2 h4 32.♙f2 ♘f4 33.♚g1  
♘g5 34.♚f6 ♘f6 35.♙d4 ♘g6  
36.♙e3 ♘f6 37.♙d4 ♘g6 38.♙e3  
♘f6 39.♙d4 ½-½

**Harmless Options  
8.♙c4 ♘f6**

**Grischuk,Alexander  
Khenkin,Igor**

Dresden ol 2008 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♘f6 9.♙c3 ♘c6 [9...♙b4 10.♙b2 0-0  
11.0-0 c5∞] 10.a5 [10.0-0 ♘a5 11.♙d3  
c5 12.♚b1 ♗c7 13.♙d2±] 10...♙b4  
11.♗b3 ♘d5! 12.0-0 ♘c3 13.♙d2  
♘a5 [13...♘d5 △ 14.♙d5 ♗d5 15.♗d5  
ed5 16.♙b4 ♘b4 17.♚ab1 ♘c6 18.♚b7  
♘d7 19.♚b3 f6∞] 14.♗b4 ♘c4  
15.♗b7 ♗d5 16.♗b4 ♘e4 17.♗a4  
c6 18.♙b4± f6 19.♚fc1 ♘f7  
20.♙c5 ♘cd2 21.♘d2 ♘d2±  
22.♗b4 [22.♙b4] 22...♘e4 23.♗b7  
♘g6 24.f3 ♘c5 25.♚c5 ♚hb8



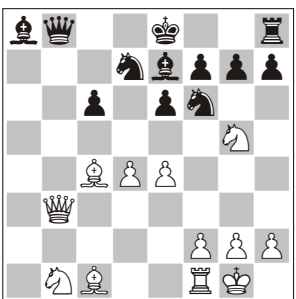
26.♗b8 [26.♗c7 ♗b3 27.♗f4±]  
26...♚b8 27.♚d5 cd5 28.♚a6 ♘f7  
29.♚a7 ♘f8 30.♚a2 ♘e7 ½-½

16...♙d4! 17.♘d5 [17.ed4 ♘d4  
18.♗d2 ♚b2 19.♗b2 ♘c3 20.♙d1  
♗f6≡] 17...♚b2≡ 18.♗c6 ed5  
19.♚ad1 ♙e3 20.♗d5 ♗h4 21.fe3  
♚e2 22.♗e5 ♗a4 23.♚d6 ♗a3  
24.♚a1 ♗b3 25.♗d4 ♗c2 26.♗f4  
a5 27.♚a6 ♚c8 28.e4 h6 29.♚6a5  
♚g2 30.♘h1 ♚g6 31.♚5a2 ♗c6  
32.♚f2 ♚a8 33.♚g1 ♚g1 34.♘g1  
♗c5 35.♗d2 ♚a6 36.♘h1 h5  
37.♚f1 ♚g6 38.♗f2 ♗e5 39.♚g1  
♚f6 40.♗g3 ♗g3 41.♚g3 h4  
42.♚g4 ♚f3 43.♘g2 ♚a3 44.♚h4 g6  
45.♚f4 ♘f8 46.h4 ♚a5 47.♘g3 ♘e7  
48.♚f3 ♚a4 ½-½

**Dubious Plans for Black  
6.b3**

**Dubov,Daniil  
Popov,Ivan**  
Tiumen 2012 (5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♘f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♙b7 6.b3 ♘d7 7.bc4 b4?!  
8.c5 e5 9.♙c4 [9.♘bd2?!] 9...♗f6  
10.0-0 ♙f3 11.♗f3 ♗f3 12.gf3 ♙e7  
13.♘d2± ed4 14.ed4 ♙f6 15.♘b3  
♘e7 16.♙f4 ♚a7 17.♚fe1 0-0  
18.h3?! [18.♚ad1; 18.♘a5] 18...a5



15.♗a2 [15.♙e6! f6 16.♗e6 ♚f8  
17.e5→] 15...h6? [15...c5] 16.♘f7 ♘f7  
17.♙e6 ♘e8 18.♙f4→ ♗f4 19.♗a8  
♘b8 20.♘c3 ♚f8 21.e5 ♘d7  
22.♙d7 ♘d7 23.♗b7 ♘e6 24.d5  
cd5 25.♗d5 ♘f5 26.♗d3 ♘g5  
27.♘d5 1-0

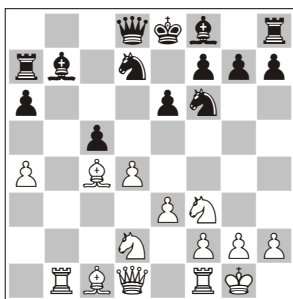


## The Passive Approach 10/11/12...♠a7

Antic,Dejan  
Zavoronkov,Vladimir

Paleros 2012 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♠f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♜f6 9.0-0 ♝bd7 10.♞bd2 c5  
[10...♙e7] 11.♞b1 ♠a7



12.♙d3!?± ♙e7 13.♜c4± cd4 [½-½  
Antic-Mastrovasilis, Neos Marmaras 2012;  
13...♙e4 14.♙e4 ♜e4 15.♞d3 ♜ef6  
16.dc5!; 13...0-0 14.♙d2 (14.a5; 14.♜f5  
♜e5 15.de5 ♜d5) 14...cd4 15.ed4 ♞a8  
16.a5! ♙f3 (16...♙e4 17.♜b6 ♜b6  
18.♙e4 ♞e4 19.ab6 ♞b7 20.♞e1 ♞d5  
21.♞a4±) 17.♞f3 ♞f3 18.gf3±] 14.ed4  
0-0 [14...♞a8 15.a5! △ 15...♙f3 16.♞f3  
♞f3 17.gf3 0-0 18.♙d2±] 15.♙d2?!  
[15.♜fe5± ♞c7 (15...♞a8 16.f3 ♙d5  
17.♞e2; 15...♜e5 16.de5 ♜d5 17.♜d6  
(17.♙d2±) 17...♙d6 18.ed6 △ 18...♞d6?  
19.♙e3±) 16.♙f4!; 15.a5!]?] 15...♙e4!  
[15...♞a8 16.a5] 16.♙a5 ♞a8∞  
17.♜b6?! [17.♙e4 ♞e4 18.♞e1 ♞a8  
19.♞e2] 17...♜b6 18.♙b6 ♙d3  
19.♞d3 ♞d7?! [19...♞b7 20.a5 ♜d5∞]  
20.♜e5 ♞d5 21.♞fc1± ♜d7 22.♜c6  
♙f6 23.a5? [23.♙a7±]

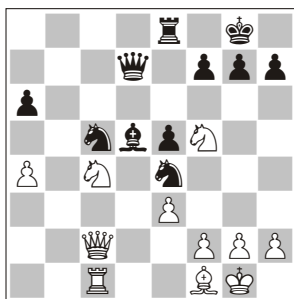


23...♙e5 [≥ 23...♞c8 24.♞c4 ♜h8∞]  
24.♞c3? [24.♜e5 ♙e5 25.♞c4 g6  
26.♞c2±] 24...♙c6 25.♞c6± ♙d4  
26.♞a8 ♠a8 27.♞c6 e5? [27...g6±]  
28.♙d4 ed4 29.♞a6 ♞e8 30.f3 d3  
31.♞d1 g6 32.♞d2 ♜g7 33.♜f2  
♞e5 ½-½

Swiercz,Dariusz  
Kuzmicz,Krystian

Poland tt 2012 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♠f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♜f6 9.0-0 ♝bd7 10.♞bd2 c5  
11.♞b1 ♠a7 12.♙b2 ♙e7 13.♞b3  
0-0 14.♞fc1 ♞a8 15.♙a3 ♜e4  
16.♙f1± ♞e8 17.♜c4 [17.a5!? ♙d5  
18.♞a4 ♜d2 19.♜d2 cd4 20.ed4 ♙g5  
21.♞c2] 17...♙d5 18.♞d1 ♞b7  
19.♞b7 ♞b7 20.♞c2 ♙f8 21.dc5?!  
♙c5 [21...♜ec5∞] 22.♙c5 ♜dc5  
23.♜d4 [23.♜d6 ♜d6 24.♞c5±]  
23...e5 [23...♜d7] 24.♜f5± ♜d7?



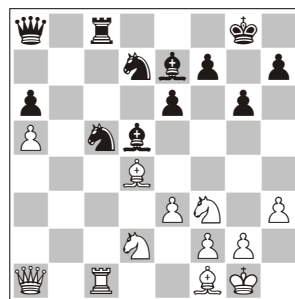
25.♜b6+– ♞f5 26.♜d5 ♞d7  
27.♜b6? [27.♞c4+–] 27...♞b7  
28.♜c4 ♞c7 29.♜b2 ♞c8 30.♜d3  
♜e6 31.♞c7 ♞c7 32.♞c7 ♜c7  
33.♜e5± f6 34.♜c6 ♜c5 35.a5 ♜f7  
36.♙c4 ♜e8 37.h4 ♜d7 38.♜d4  
♜e8 39.♙g8 h6 40.♜f5 ♜b7  
41.♙c4 ♜a5 42.♙a6 ♜e6 43.g4  
♜f7 44.♜g2 ♜c7 45.♙d3 ♜c6  
46.♙c4 ♜f8 47.♜g3 ♜e7 48.♜d4  
♜c8 49.h5 ♜d6 50.♙a2 ♜db5  
51.♜f5 ♜e8 52.f3 ed6 53.♜h4  
♜e8 54.♜f2 ♜a7 55.♙d5 ♞ac8  
56.♜e2 ♜e7 57.♙e6 ♜c6 58.f4  
♜b4 59.♙b3 ♜e7 60.♜f3 ♜d3  
61.♙d5 ♜b4 62.e4 ♜f8 63.♜e3  
♜c2 64.♜d3 ♜b4 65.♜c3 ♜a6  
66.e5 fe5 67.fe5 ♜b5 68.♜c4

♜bc7 69.♜f5 ♜e8 70.♜b5 ♜b8  
71.e6 ♜f6 72.♙f3 ♜bd7 73.ed7  
♜d7 74.♙e2 ♜e5 75.♜c5 ♜f7  
76.♜d5 ♜f6 77.♜d6 ♜d7 78.♜e4  
♜e7 79.♙b5 ♜f8 80.♜e5 g6  
81.♜d6 gh5 82.gh5 ♜h7 83.♜f5  
♜f8 84.♙c4 ♜g5 85.♜f6 ♜f7  
86.♙d5 1-0

Karjakin,Sergey  
Dubov,Daniil

Moscow ch-RUS 2012 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♠f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♜f6 9.♞bd2 ♝bd7 10.♞b1 ♠a7  
11.0-0 c5 12.♙b2 ♙e7 13.dc5 ♜c5  
14.♙d4 0-0 15.♞c2 ♜fd7 16.♞fc1±  
♙a8 17.♞a2 [17.♙e2 ♞c7 18.a5]  
17...♞b7 18.♞b7 ♙b7 19.a5 ♞a8  
20.♞a1 g6 21.♙f1 ♞c8 22.h3 ♙d5

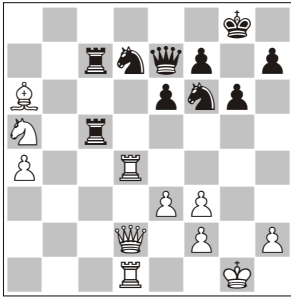


23.♜h2 f6= 24.f4 ♜f7 25.♜g4 ♜b3  
26.♜b3 ♙b3 27.♞c8 ♞c8 28.♞b1  
♙d5 29.e4 ♙c5 30.♞d3 ♙b7  
31.♜f2 ♜e7 32.♙c5 ♞c5 33.♞b1  
♙c8 34.♞e1 ♙b7 35.♞b1 ♙c8  
36.♞e1 ♙b7 37.♞b1 ½-½

Rogozenco,Dorian  
Thesing,Matthias

Romania tt 2010 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.♠f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
5.a4 ♗b7 6.b3 e6 7.bc4 bc4 8.♙c4  
♜f6 9.0-0 c5 10.♙a3 ♜bd7  
11.♜bd2 ♙e7 12.♞b1 ♠a7 [12...♞b8]  
13.♜b3± ♜e4 [13...cd4 14.♞d4]  
14.♞c2 0-0 15.♞fd1 [15.dc5±]  
15...cd4 16.♙e7 ♞e7 17.♞d4 ♜ef6  
[17...♜d6∞] 18.♜a5?! [18.♜bd2]  
18...♙f3 19.gf3 ♞c8∞ 20.♞d2 g6  
21.♙f1 ♞c5 22.♞d1 ♞ac7 23.♙a6



23...g5 [23...e5] 24.f1 c5  
 25.b5 f5 26.e4 h3 27.e2  
 b5? [27...gc5→] 28.ab5+ e5  
 29.c4 c4 30.c4 h5 31.d7  
 f4 32.e1 f3 33.f7 1-0

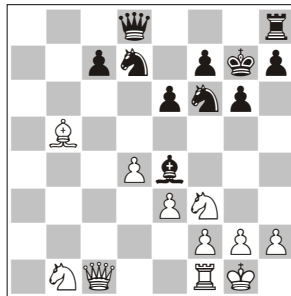
Palac,Mladen  
 Rusev,Krasimir  
 Italia tt 2013 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
 5.a4 b7 6.b3 f6 7.ab5 ab5  
 8.a8 a8 9.bc4 bc4 10.a3 e6  
 11.f8 f8 12.c4 bd7 13.0-0  
 g6= 14.b5 g7 15.c2 [15.bd2  
 c5] 15...e4 [15...f3 16.gf3 d5∞]  
 16.c1 1/2-1/2

**Without a Weak a6-Pawn**  
 7.ab5 ab5 8.a8 a8

So,Wesley  
 Ismagambetov,Anuar  
 Mashdad Ach 2011 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
 5.a4 b7 6.b3 f6 7.ab5 ab5  
 8.a8 a8 9.bc4 bc4 10.a3 e6  
 11.f8 f8 12.c4 bd7 13.0-0  
 g6= 14.b5 g7 15.c2 [15.bd2  
 c5] 15...e4 [15...f3 16.gf3 d5∞]  
 16.c1

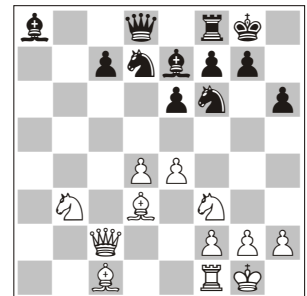


16...c5?! [16...f3 17.gf3 b6 18.d2  
 e7∞] 17.dc5 b1 18.c6 e4  
 19.d1 c6 20.c6 b6 21.g3

b8 22.b6 b6= 23.c6 c8  
 24.e5 c4 25.b7 c7 26.c4  
 c4 27.d2 c7 28.f3 h5 29.h4  
 a7 30.b2 1/2-1/2

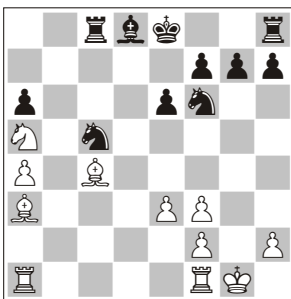
Gulko,Boris  
 Mikhalchishin,Adrian  
 Rockville 2012 (4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.f3 a6 4.e3 b5  
 5.a4 b7 6.ab5 ab5 7.a8 a8  
 8.b3 e6 9.bc4 bc4 10.c4 f6  
 11.0-0 d6 12.bd2 0-0 13.c2  
 bd7 14.e4 e7 15.d3 h6  
 16.b3



16...c5= 17.dc5 1/2-1/2

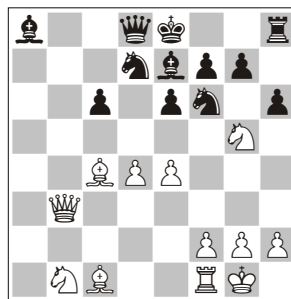
Exercise 1



position after 16...e7-d8

White to play and win.  
 (solution on page xxx)

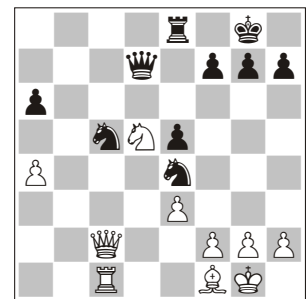
Exercise 2



position after 14...h7-h6

White to play and win.  
 (solution on page xxx)

Exercise 3



position after 26...f5-d7

White to play and win.  
 (solution on page xxx)