

New Ideas in the Queen's Indian

by Dejan Antic

1. d4 ♘f6
2. c4 e6
3. ♗f3 b6
4. g3 ♙a6
5. b3 ♙b7
6. ♙g2 ♙b4
7. ♙d2 a5
8. 0-0 0-0
9. ♗c3

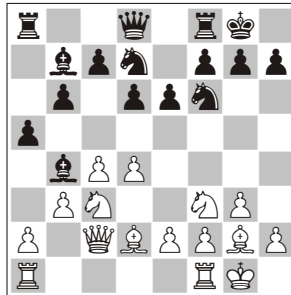


After these introductory moves we arrive at a position that in the past decade has come to enjoy great popularity with players who prefer the Nimzo-Indian and the Queen's Indian Defence, particularly those at grandmaster level. Characteristic for this continuation is that Black achieves a very flexible position which enables him to choose between various adequate plans whenever necessary. On the other hand, White does not seem to have an overwhelming choice of plans, which indicates that it is necessary for him to play very carefully because the position has a very sensitive character. In my tournament practice I have

met this variation on a number of occasions, and I must say that, with the exception of my last game against GM Chandler, I was not happy with the outcome of the opening for White.

Plans

If we start chronologically with the order of moves that I chose, after 9...d6 and the practically forced 10.♖c2 (until the appearance of the move 10...♙c1!?), and continue with 10...♗bd7, we arrive at a position which branches out in many directions.



First of all, we ought to mention that playing for simplification by exchanging the light-squared bishops, as in the game Georgiev-Nisipeanu, does not yield White any clear results or any palpable advantage. Moreover, it seems that this way Black very easily takes the pressure off his position and gets a promising game. 10.a3 instead of 10.♖c2 seems only to help Black carry out his



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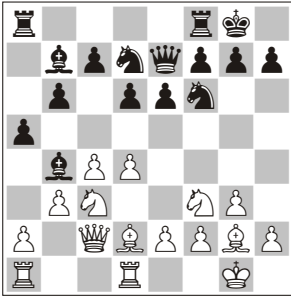
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main strategic ideas. In this context, Iordachescu's game as Black is very instructive, as well as Ivanchuk's game, where we get the impression that he played very passively. Nevertheless, he established a very resilient position in which he managed to carry out the h5-h4 advance on the kingside in the end.

Other Attempts

We arrive at White's two main attempts to realize his ambitions in the opening. After 11.♗fe1 I would like to point at the flexible plans applied as Black by Murray Chandler and Erik van den Doel. In all respects, White's most effective attempt in this system is the move 11.♗fd1. One gets the impression that Black must play very carefully here. The attempt

11...♖b8 can be energetically exploited by White, as Jaan Ehrlved did in his game versus Ibragimov. Black players ought to pay attention to 11...♖e7 and the contribution of Baklan.



Effective Plans for Black

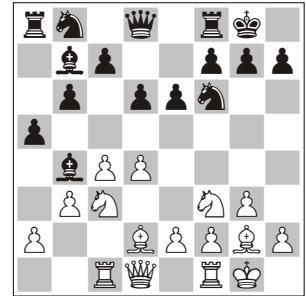
If we study carefully the statistics and, first of all, the position reached after 11...♖c3 12.♖c3

♖e4, we get the impression that Black's most effective method is – sooner or later – to hit the centre with ...c7-c5. The exchange of this pawn for the central d4 pawn paves the way for a very effective advance in the centre later on.

The more passive plan with ...c6, trying to establish a resistant position, obviously cannot yield Black total equality, as we can see in the games by Anatoly Karpov and Robert Kempinski, where White was able to maintain a lasting advantage.

The Latest Attempt

Trying to find the most rational method of play in my game against grandmaster Chandler, I tried the move 10.♖c1.

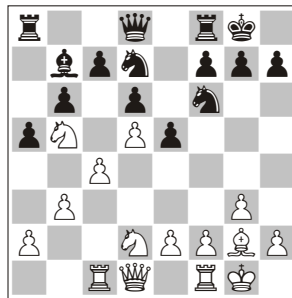


This move requires a very accurate reaction by Black. The reply Chandler went for was obviously not satisfactory, as it gave White long-term positional pressure. But this is only the beginning of the development of this variation, and we ought to wait for future games in search for the truth.

Main Game
10.♖c1

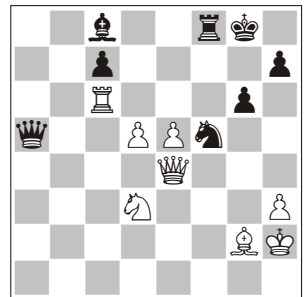
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Chandler,Murray
Sydney 2007 (9)

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45.♖d5 ♗f7 46.♖c8 ♖c8 47.e8♖ ♖e8
48.♖e8 ♗g7 49.♖f7 ♗h6±]
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14.♖h3 ♖e8 15.♗d2 ♖b7± 16.b4
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♖b7 20.f3 ♗f8 21.e4 ♗g6 22.♖a3
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Flexible Plans 11.♖fe1

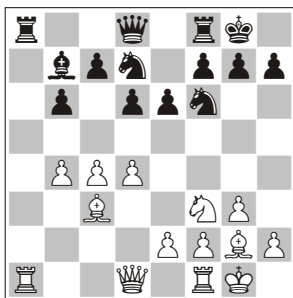
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13.♖c1

Helping Black 10.a3

Grabarczyk,Mirosław
Iordachescu,Viorel
Panormo tt 2001 (3)

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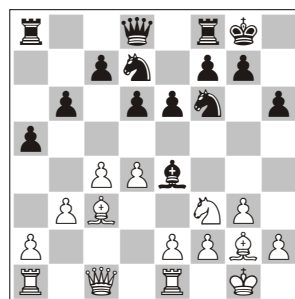
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Abramovic,Bosko
Pikula,Dejan

Banja Koviljaca ch-SCG 2002 (2)

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Khenkin,Igor
Ivanchuk,Vasily
Sochi tt 2007 (7)

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Schandorff,Lars
Van den Doel,Erik

Germany Bundesliga pff 2005 (1)

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Rashkovsky,Nukhim

Zhang Zhong

Moscow 2004 (1)

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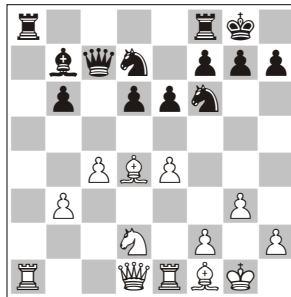
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 27.♘f4 [27.♘d6±] 27...d3?! [≥ 27...g5]
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 37.♘a5 [≥ 37.♘e5] 37...♗a8
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 41.♖e3 ♖e3 42.♘e3 ♗a3 43.♘f2 ♗a2
 44.♘g1+] 40.g4 ♗a6 ½-½
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Antic,Dejan

Zontakh,Andrew

Herceg Novi tt 2001 (4)

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 13.♖d1 a4 14.♘f1 c5 15.♘d2 ♘b7
 16.e4 cd4 17.♘d4 ab3 18.ab3 ♖c7



19.f3 [19.b4 ♗a1 20.♖a1 ♗a8 21.♖b2
 e5 22.♘c3 b5! 23.cb5 (23.f3 ♘b6♣)
 21.cb5 d5] 19...e5 20.♘f2 [20.♘e3!? b5!
 21.cb5 d5] 20...♗a1 21.♖a1 ♘c5
 22.♖b2 ♘fd7 23.b4± ♘e6 24.♖c3
 [24.♘e3 ♘b8!] 24...♘b8! 25.♖e3
 ♘c6 26.♖b6 ♖b6 27.♘b6 ♘b4
 28.♗b1 ♘c6 29.♘e3± ½-½

11.♗fd1

Ehlvest,Jaen

Ibragimov,Ildar

Foxwoods 2007 (8)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3
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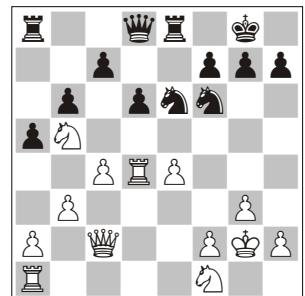
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Nisipeanu,Liviu-Dieter

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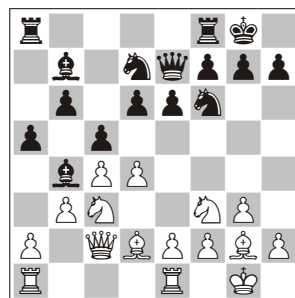
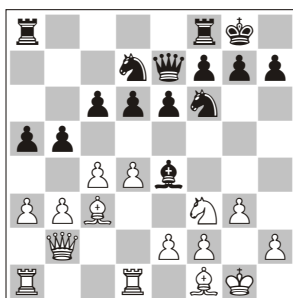
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13. e4 cd4 14. ♖d4 ♖c5 15. ♖db5 ♖g4 16. ♖f1 g6 [16... f5! 17. h3 ♖ge5 (17... ♖f2 18. ♖f2 ♖f2 19. ♖f2 fe4 20. ♖g1 d5 21. ♖e3 ♖e5 22. ♖d1 ♖f3 (22... ♖d3 23. ♖b6∞) 23. ♖h1 ♖ac8∞) 18. ef5 ♖f3 19. ♖f3 (19. ♖h1 ♖f5 20. ♖d5 ♖f7 21. ♖f5 ef5 22. ♖f3 ♖e5 23. ♖g2 ♖d3 24. ♖e3 f4) 19... ♖f3 20. fe6 ♖e6 21. ♖h2 ♖e5) 17. h3 ♖f2 18. ♖f2 e5 19. ♖e2 [19. ♖h6!; 19. ♖f1!] 19... f5 20. ♖f1 fe4 21. ♖e1 ♖f3 22. ♖h2 ♖af8 23. ♖g1 ♖f2 24. ♖f2 ♖c5 25. ♖e2 ♖d3 26. ♖c3 e3 27. ♖d5 ♖g5 28. h4 ♖h6 29. ♖h3 ♖h8 30. ♖g5 ♖h5 31. ♖e3 ♖g2 32. ♖g2 ♖g4 33. ♖e4 ♖ff3 34. ♖c5 bc5 35. ♖d2 e4? [35... ♖d4 36. ♖f2 a4 37. ♖g1 ab3 38. ab3] 36. ♖d3! ed3 37. ♖c3 ♖g8 38. ♖a5+- ♖e6 39. ♖d2 ♖e4 40. a4 ♖d4 41. a5 ♖f1 42. ♖c3 ♖f7 43. ♖f2 ♖e4 44. ♖g1 ♖d4 45. ♖d1 ♖e4 46. ♖c3 [46. ♖c3+-] 46... ♖d4 47. a6 ♖a1 48. ♖g2 ♖b1 49. ♖a5?! [49. b4 ♖b4 50. ♖d3+-; 49. ♖c3 ∆ 50. ♖g4+-] 49... ♖b2? [49... ♖b3±] 50. ♖d1? [50. ♖g4!+-] 50... ♖b3 51. ♖d8 [51. a7! ♖b7 52. ♖g1 ♖f8 53. ♖c3 ♖f3 54. ♖a2±] 51... ♖f8 52. ♖d6 ♖d1 53. ♖e6 ♖g7 54. ♖e5 ♖f6 55. ♖e7 ♖f7 56. ♖e5 ♖f6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Baklan's Move 11. ♖fd1 ♖e7

Burmakin, Vladimir
Baklan, Vladimir

Balagüer 2006 (6)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖f3 e6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 ♖a6 5. b3 ♖b7 6. ♖g2 ♖b4 7. ♖d2 a5 8.0-0 0-0 9. ♖c3 d6 10. ♖c2 ♖bd7 11. ♖fd1 ♖e7



12. a3 ♖c3 13. ♖c3 ♖e4 14. ♖b2 ♖fb8 15. b4 ab4 16. ab4 b5 17. c5 ♖d5 18. ♖a8 ♖a8 19. ♖a1 ♖a1 20. ♖a1 ♖d8 21. ♖d2 ♖c8 22. ♖e1 ♖g2 23. ♖g2 f5 24. ♖d3 ♖b7 25. f3 h6 26. ♖a2 ♖f7 27. ♖g1 ♖f7 28. h3 ♖e7 29. g4 ♖d5 30. ♖d5 ♖ed5 31. ♖f2 g5 32. e3 ♖e7 33. ♖g3 ♖c6 34. ♖f2 ♖g6 35. ♖e2 h5 36. ♖f2 ♖d5 37. ♖d3 ♖f6 38. ♖f2 ♖d5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Burmakin, Vladimir
Baklan, Vladimir

Sochi tt 2006 (5)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖f3 e6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 ♖a6 5. b3 ♖b7 6. ♖g2 ♖b4 7. ♖d2

16. ♖e1 [16. ♖h4 bc4 17. f3 (17. bc4 ♖fb8 18. ♖d2 ♖b6 19. e3 (19. f3!? ♖c4 20. ♖c1 ♖g6 21. ♖g6 hg6 22. e4∞) 19... ♖a4) 17... ♖fb8 18. fe4 ♖e4 19. ♖c2 ♖c3 20. ♖c3 cb3 21. ♖c6 d5 22. ♖d2 (22. a4 ♖b6) 22... a4) 16... bc4 17. f3 ♖g6 18. bc4 c5 [18... ♖fb8 19. ♖d2 ♖b6 20. e4 ♖a4∞; 18... d5!?] 19. e4 cd4 20. ♖d4 ♖fc8 21. ♖d2 ♖e8 22. ♖c3 ♖c5 23. ♖e3 f6 24. ♖ab1 ♖c7 25. ♖b5± ♖f7 26. ♖g2 ♖d7 27. ♖d2 ♖e5 28. ♖e5 fe5 29. ♖e3 ♖a7 30. ♖g2 ♖c7 31. ♖b3 ♖ab8 32. ♖db1 ♖b3 33. ♖b3 ♖c5 34. ♖d1 ♖e8 35. ♖f2 ♖a6 36. ♖c5 ♖c5 37. ♖b6 ♖c6 38. ♖b8 ♖f7 39. ♖c3 ♖e7 40. f4 ♖d7 41. ♖f3 ♖c8 42. ♖b6 [42. ♖c8≥ ♖c8 43. fe5 de5 44. ♖e3±] 42... ef4 43. gf4 ♖f8 44. h4 h6 45. h5 [45. ♖e3≥] 45... ♖e8! 46. ♖g4 ♖h5 47. ♖h5 ♖f4 48. ♖e2 ♖e4 49. ♖e4 ♖e4 50. ♖d3 ♖d4 51. ♖g6 ♖c4 52. ♖b7 ♖f6 53. ♖f7 ♖e5 54. ♖g7 ♖a4 55. ♖f7 ♖f6 56. ♖h7 ♖a3 57. ♖g8 ♖h3 58. ♖g4 ♖h1 59. ♖f4 ♖d1 60. ♖f7 ♖g6 61. ♖a7 e5 62. ♖e3 h5 [62... ♖a1+-] 63. ♖a5 h4 64. ♖a4 ♖g5 65. ♖e6 d5?! 66. ♖e2! ♖d4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

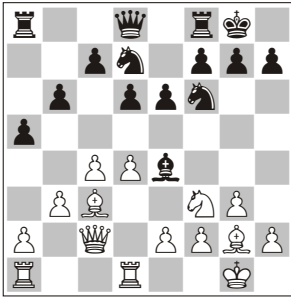
Inov, Sergey
Baklan, Vladimir
Sochi tt 2006 (7)

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Bologan, Viktor
Istratescu, Andrei
Poikovsky 2007 (5)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖f3 b6 4. g3 ♖a6 5. b3 ♖b7 6. ♖g2 ♖b4 7. ♖d2 a5 8. ♖c3 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10. ♖c2 ♖bd7 11. ♖fd1 ♖c3 12. ♖c3 ♖e4

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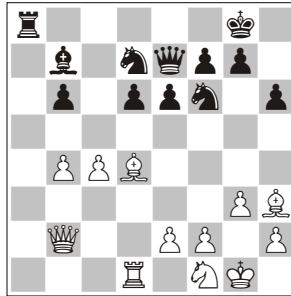


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Karpov, Anatoly
Istratescu, Andrei
 Bucharest m 2005 (4)

1. d4 ♕f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♕f3 b6 4. g3
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 Polovodin-Pavlov, St Petersburg 2000]
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 12. ♕c3 ♕e4 13. ♖c1 [13. ♖d2 a4
 14. ♕g5 ♕g2 15. ♕g2 ♖b8 16. f3 b5 17. e4
 e5 18. d5 ab3 19. ab3 bc4 20. bc4 ♖b3=
 Fortes Gil-Vera Pons, Castelldefels 2004]
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 2004] 14. ♕h3 [14. ♕f1 ab3 15. ab3 ♖a1
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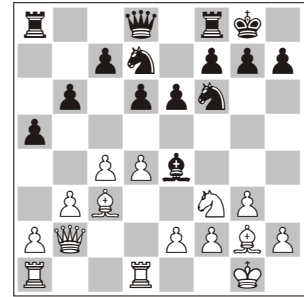
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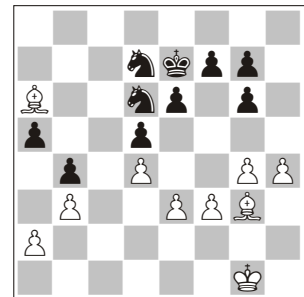
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 Finkel

Karpov, Anatoly
Istratescu, Andrei
 Bucharest m 2005 (2)

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 13. ♖b2



13... c6 [13... a4 14. ♖ac1 b5 15. ♖d2 ♖b8
 16. ♕b4 ab3 17. ab3 bc4 18. bc4 ♖a4±
 Lukacs-Kristjansson, Budapest 2002]
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 16. ♕d2 b5 17. ♕f4 ♖b7 18. cd5 cd5
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 Bilobrk-Loncar, Rabac 2004] 14... b5
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 Finkel

**Kempinski,Robert
Safari,Eltaj**

Kusadasi Ech 2006 (2)

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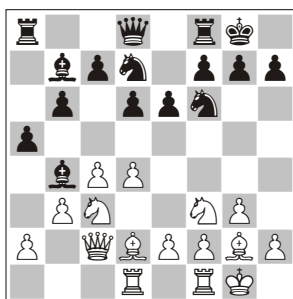
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11.♖ad1**

Pinter,Jozsef

Istratescu,Andrei

Hungary tt 2005/06 (1)

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11...♙c3 12.♙c3 ♙e4 13.♖c1 a4
 14.b4 b5 15.c5 [15.cb5 ♖b8 16.a3
 ♖b5 17.♖fe1 ♗b6+] 15...♗d5 16.a3
 ♗c3 [16...f5!? 17.♖fe1 f4!] 17.♖c3 d5
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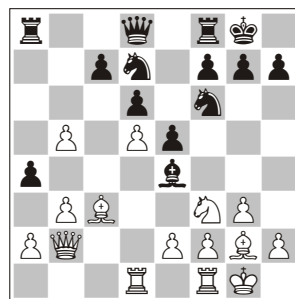
Rombaldoni,Denis

Romanishin,Oleg

Reggio Emilia 2006/07 (2)

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 15.d5 e5



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 ♗d5] 40.e4! g5 41.♗g5 ♖g8
 [41...fe4 42.♗f4! (42.♖h7? c4) 42...c4
 43.♗e4±] 42.♗f4 ♖g4 43.♗f3 ♖e4
 44.♖h7 ♖c4 45.h3 ♖c1 46.g4 fg4
 47.hg4 c4 48.♗e4 ♖g1 49.♖h6
 ♗d7 50.♗d4 ♖g4 51.e4 c3
 52.♖h2 ♖g3 ½-½