

Queen's Indian Defence

Nimzowitsch Variation QI 16.11 (E15)

Try the Flexible 12...♖b8!

by Dejan Antic

1. d4 ♘f6
2. c4 e6
3. ♘f3 b6
4. g3 ♖a6
5. b3 ♗b4
6. ♖d2 ♗e7
7. ♗g2 c6
8. ♗c3 d5
9. ♗e5 ♗fd7
10. ♗d7 ♗d7
11. ♗d2 0-0
12. 0-0 ♖b8



Lately at top level, the fianchetto system has become a more and more popular way to play against the Queen's Indian Defence, in particular the main line with the move 5.b3. Top grandmasters are putting this variation to a serious test. After the standard moves and White's 12.♗d2 Black has used a number of continuations, with very complex play but variable success; in other words, the statistics do not favour Black.

However, at top level the subtle prophylactic move 12...♖b8 is not a popular plan. In this survey

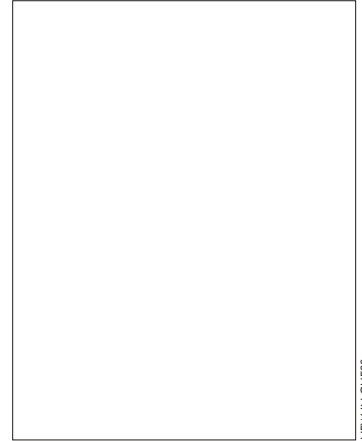
I would like to stress the value of this move and to suggest to readers, amateurs and top players that they pay special attention to this plan. My research suggests that Black has at least an equal game after this move.

One of the great contributors to the development of this variation I would like to mention is the famous Serbian International Master Branimir Maksimovic who, as a well known theoretician, has been persuading me for a long time that the black position was strong. Eventually he was proven right, and for this reason I have included the line in my opening repertoire. This Survey will serve as an update to the excellent review of the variation by GM Dautov in Yearbook 77, and investigate what has happened in the meantime.

After 12...♖b8 White has many possibilities. Let us start from the beginning.

Main Line 13.e4

In the main line, after 13...b5 14.♖e1 bc4 15.bc4 dc5 16.♗a4, attention should be paid to the games Goldenberg-Antic, Abramovic-Maksimovic and Gnichtel-Carlsson. I think that in this line, after 16...♗b5 17.♗c2 ♗a3, White has great difficulties getting an adequate game. It is also important to note that after 18.♗b1 Black is utterly justified to try and avoid the draw with



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18...♗d6!. White may as well try 18.♗c4, after which we transpose to the analysed game Brynell-Carlsson, where Black had excellent play.

White has other possibilities at his disposal, such as 16.♗c2 instead of the regular 16.♗a4.

It is also possible to change the move order with an early e2-e4 without castling, but in my opinion Black has an excellent game in all these cases.

The Preventive 13.a4

The idea behind this move is very simple: White intends to prevent 13...b5. Besides the standard plan proposed in the game Dautov-Pelletier by GM Dautov, we can also look at the plan introduced by 13...♗f6, which was played in Dunis-Fedorchuk. This game leaves us with the impres-

sion that both sides could have improved their game. In any case I consider the move harmless, giving Black excellent play.

The Preparatory 13.♖b2

In contrast to the formerly popular black reply 13...b5, I prefer grandmaster Gyula Sax's favourite plan here: 13...♗f6. In the short games Palac-Zhigalko, Hracek-Sax and Onischuk-Aronian, the right approach for Black is shown. However, here there are certain traps he should watch out for, as witness Sasikirian-Onischuk, Onischuk-Ivanov and Wojtaszek-Petrik. But in the comments to the above games I propose continuations that give Black an excellent game.

The Sharpest Possibility

13.♞e1

After the practically forced sequence 13...b5 14.c5 e5 15.de5 ♗c5 White's latest attempt is 16.f4.



This was seen in Hracek-Markos and Markos-Wojtaszek, but the correct reply, which gives Black a more than promising position,

was seen in the exciting game Cheparinov-Carlsson. The impression is that the maximum that White can achieve in this line is what happened in the game Shulman-Grischuk, which saw Karpov's favourite move from his 1996 match against Kamsky, 16 a3. But even after this try the game has a forced drawish character.

Conclusion

To sum up, my impression is what happened in the game Shulman-Grischuk is the worst that can happen to Black in this sub-variation.

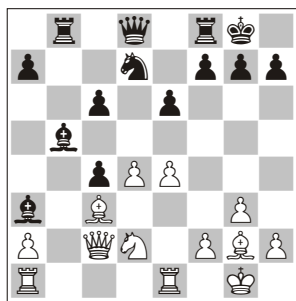
So my advice to all readers is to test this flexible plan freely, no matter the strength of your opponent!

Main Line 13.e4

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Parramatta ch-AUS 2008 (11)

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18.♗b1 ♖e7 [18...♗d6!? 19.♗d2 (19.e5 ♖e7 20.♗d2 ♗b6 21.a4 ♖a6

22.♖c6 ♗d5 23.♞eb1 ♞b1 24.♞b1 f6! 25.♖b5 ♖b5 26.ab5 fe5 27.de5 ♖c5) 19...e5 20.a4 ♖a6 21.♞ad1 ♖b4 (21...♞f6!?) 22.de5 (22.♗f3!±) 22...♞a5± 23.♖d4?! ♗e5 24.f4 ♗d3 25.♞e2 ♖c5 26.♖c5 ♞b2 27.♞c4 ♖c4 28.♖f8 ♞b6 29.♗f1 ♖a6 30.♖a3 ♞a2 31.♞b1 ♗b2 32.♖f3 ♞a3 33.♗g2 Gnichtel-Carlsson, Fügen tt 2006] 19.a4 ♖a6 20.♗d2 ♖b4 21.♞ed1 [21.♖b4 ♞b4 22.e5 c5 23.d5 ♞b8! 24.♞c3 ♖b7 25.de6 (25.d6 ♖g2 26.♗g2 ♞b7 27.♗g1 ♞d5 28.a5 f6±) 25...fe6 26.♖b7 ♞b7 27.♗c4 ♞f3 28.♞c2 ♞d5 29.♞ac1 ♗b6±] 21...♞a5 22.♞dc1?! e5?! [22...♖c3 23.♞c3 ♞c3 24.♞c3 ♞b4± △ 25.♖f1 (25.a5 ♞d8 26.♞ac1 c5 27.d5 ♗e5±) 25...c5 26.d5 (26.dc5 ♗c5 27.e5 ♗a4 28.♞ca3 c3 29.♞a4 ♞a4 30.♞a4 cd2 31.♞d4 ♖f1 32.♗f1 a5 33.♗e2 ♞a8) 26...ed5 27.ed5 ♗b6] 23.de5 ♖c3 24.♞c3 ♞c3 25.♞c3 ♗e5 26.♖f1 [26.f4! ♞b2! (26...♞fd8 27.♞c2!∞; 27.♞a2 ♞d3 28.♞cc2 ♗g4) 27.fe5 ♞d2 28.♖f1 ♞d4 29.♞ac1 ♞e4 30.♖c4 ♖c4 31.♞c4 ♞e5 32.♞c6 h5±] 26...♞b4 27.♞ac1 [27.f4 ♞d8 28.♞a2 ♗d3±] 27...♞a4 28.f4 ♗d3 29.♞1c2 ♗b4 30.♞b2 ♗a2!? [30...♞d8! 31.♗c4 ♖c4 32.♞c4

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Abramovic,Bosko
Maksimovic,Branimir

Vrnjacka Banja ch-SRB 2007 (2)

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♖a6 5.b3 ♖b4 6.♗d2 ♖e7 7.♗g2 c6 8.♗c3 d5 9.♗e5 ♗fd7 10.♗d7 ♗d7 11.♗d2 0-0 12.0-0 ♞b8 13.e4 b5 14.♞e1 dc4 15.bc4 bc4 16.♞a4 ♖b5 17.♞c2 ♖a3 18.♗b1 ♖e7 19.a4N ♖a6 20.♗d2 ♖b4 21.a5 c5 22.d5 ed5 23.ed5



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**Brynell,Stellan
Carlsson,Pontus**

Stockholm ch-SWE 2007 (1)

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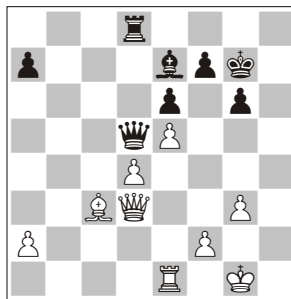
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**Villavicencio Martinez,
Adalberto
Rodshtein,Maxim**

Andorra 2006 (5)

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**Rothuis,Vincent
Kabatianski,Alexander**

Netherlands tt 2005/06 (1)

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**Lettieri,Giuseppe
Zhigalko,Sergei**

Istanbul Wch-jr 2005 (1)

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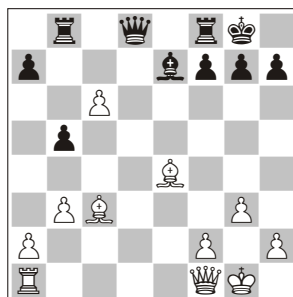


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29.♞e8+-] 29.♟e4 ½-½

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The Preventive 13.a4

Dunis,Aurelien
Fedorchuk,Sergey
 Solsona 2005 (7)

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tt 2005 - YB/77-175] 14.e4 c5



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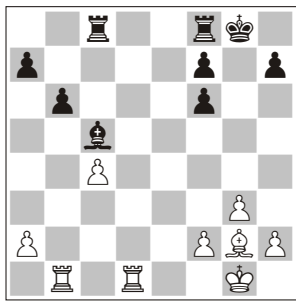
The Preparatory 13.♟b2

Palac,Mladen
Zhigalko,Sergei
 Kemer tt 2007 (4)

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c6 8.♟c3 d5 9.♟e5 ♟fd7 10.♟d7
♟d7 11.♟d2 0-0 12.0-0 ♞b8
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Hracek,Zbynek
Sax,Gyula
 Sibenic tt 2006 (6)

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21.♞ed1 ♞bc8 22.♟f6 gf6 23.♞ab1
♟c5



24.♞d7 ♞fd8 25.♞bd1 ♞d7 26.♞d7
♞e8 27.♟f1 ♞e7 ½-½

Onischuk,Alexander
Aronian,Levon
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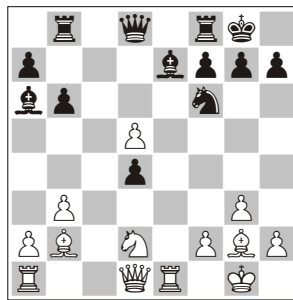
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Sasikiran,Krishnan
Onischuk,Alexander
 Foros 2007 (1)

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Onischuk,Alexander
Ivanov,Alexander V
 Stillwater ch-USA 2007 (3)

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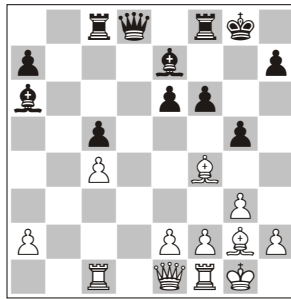


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 22.♙e4 ♗e5 23.♙e5 ♚fe8 24.♗de1 ♗f8±]
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 23.♙e4 a5 24.♙e7 g6 25.♗d6 ♗g7]
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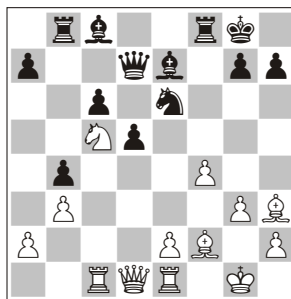


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 13.♚e1 b5 14.c5 e5 15.de5 ♗c5
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 19.♙f2 f5 20.ef6 ♙f6 21.♗e4 ♙e7
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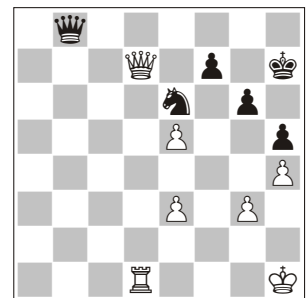


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 27.♗g2 ♙b7 28.♙e6 ♗h8 29.e5)
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 ♗f5 35.♚f7 ♗f7 36.♗d3 ♚a5
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 [49.f5!±] 49...♗h6 50.♗c8 ♗f7
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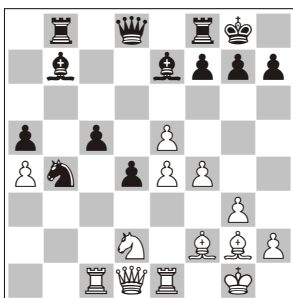
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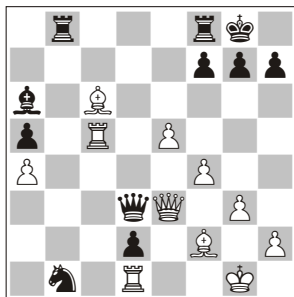
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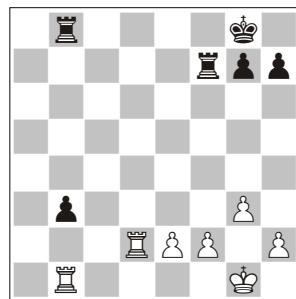
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