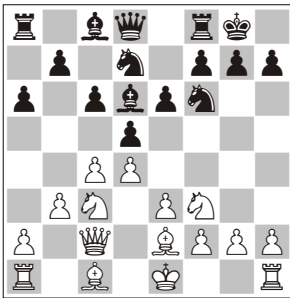


Playing Against the Isolani or Not?

by Dejan Antic

1. **d4** **d5**
2. **c4** **c6**
3. **♘f3** **♘f6**
4. **♗c3** **e6**
5. **e3** **♗bd7**
6. **♔c2** **♙d6**
7. **b3** **0-0**
8. **♙e2** **a6**



Several months ago, during the Serbian team championship, I faced this interesting line in the Slav Defence against GM Ivan Ivanisevic. Obviously, one of the ideas behind 8...a6 is to just postpone 8...e5 and thereby avoid 9.cd5 cd5 10.♗b5.

I think this is a very interesting and playable line for Black, but somehow it seems to have been somewhat forgotten at top level. Since the famous game Portisch-Kasparov, Dubai Olympiad 1986, White continued with 10.cd5 after 8...a6 9.0-0 (or 9.♙b2) 9...e5 in almost all games, leading to positions in which Black has an isolated pawn. To tell you the truth, I was not sure during the game

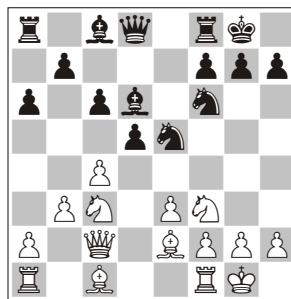
whether or not this was the best continuation for White. I don't really like such a set-up, in which Black has the option of using open files and diagonals, gaining an important tempo thanks to the exposed queen on the c-file.

I would like to mention one important fact in this line. Chess legend GM Portisch has some experience with it, having faced it three times (once he played it himself as Black). Finally, in 1998, in the game Portisch-Prasad, he switched to 10.de5!?, a move which I think deserves serious attention.

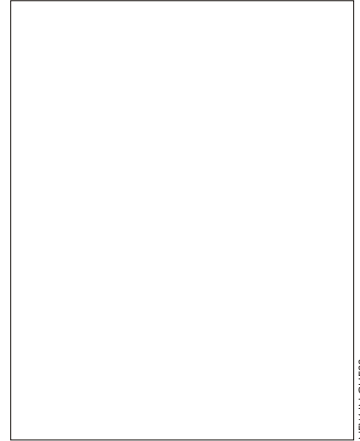
I have done some investigation into this line recently, and this is the right time to share it with the Yearbook readership.

A Suggested Line

10.de5!? ♗e5 has not been a very popular continuation so far, but it deserves serious attention.



OK, if we imagine Black's pawn on a7 instead of a6, I would agree that 10.de5 is not a big deal for



Lajos Portisch

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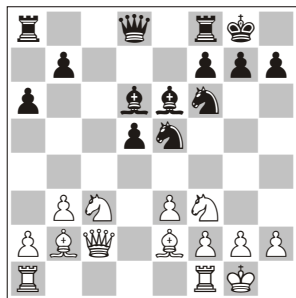
White. The important difference, however, is that with the pawn on a6 Black's queenside has a few weaknesses, particularly the b6- and c5-squares, which could be exploited in the long run. At least, White doesn't have to worry about open files and diagonals that allow Black sufficient counterplay. I think the games Portisch-Prasad and Antic-Ivanisevic give us a good material for a deeper study of this line.

Playing against the Isolated d-Pawn

After 9.0-0 e5, the main line goes 10.cd5 cd5 11.de5 ♗e5 12.♙b2 ♙e6. 12...♙g4, instead of 12...♙e6, is also possible, of course, as seen in the games Leitao-D.Mastrovasilis and Fridman-Sandipan, but I have to admit that I am not impressed

with this set-up. Besides, many pieces have been exchanged, which is not Black's goal, as it reduces his activity and dynamic options. White can increase the pressure on the isolated pawn without risk.

So let's get back to 12...♙e6.

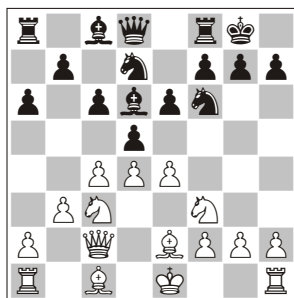


Now White has to decide how to regroup his pieces, and particularly how to position his rooks. The most common line is 13.♖a1, when the most logical reply is 13...♗c8. From the game Portisch-Kasparov to the most recent game Shulman-Hess, Black has proved that he has

enough active possibilities here. As mentioned above, I believe that White has no advantage, even in the most popular continuation.

Other Options

After 8...a6, White has also tried the interesting 9.e4, as in Sandipan-Evseev.



The Indian GM went on to win the game, but Black could certainly have played better. It deserves to be mentioned that GM Sandipan had already played this 8...a6 line as Black, so he had some experience with the line.

Another interesting attempt after 8...a6 is 9.♙b2 (Moskalenko-Gonzalez De La Torre). White is trying to develop further before castling. In both of the aforementioned games, the white king can become quite exposed, and Black has a few tactical options at his disposal. Postponing castling is not advantageous at all for White, I think.

Conclusion

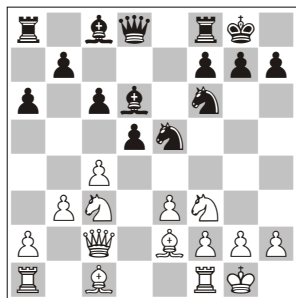
In modern chess it is very difficult to give final definitions and conclusions about a position. The impression is that Black does have full equality in the main line. It is up to the top grandmasters to give the final verdict on this variation. Practice is very important for the development of any variation. The ball is in White's court, but until we get a final answer from top-level players, I think Yearbook readers, chess lovers and professionals can try the plan I have suggested for White here.

A Suggested Line 10.de5 ♘e5

Portisch,Lajos
Prasad,Devaki

Biel 1998 (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e3 e6
5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♖c2 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0
8.♙e2 a6 9.0-0 e5 10.de5 ♘e5



11.♖d1 ♖c7 12.h3 ♗f3 13.♙f3 dc4
14.bc4 ♙e6 15.♗e2 ♗ad8 16.♙b2
♙h2 17.♗h1 ♙e5 18.♗d4 ♙c8
19.a4 [19.c5!? ♖e7 (19...♗fe8 20.♖d2±)
20.♖ab1 ♙c7 (20...♙b8 21.♗c6 bc6
22.♙f6) 21.♗f5 ♖e6 22.e4±] 19...c5
20.♗e2 ♙b2 21.♖b2 ♙e6 22.♖c2
b6 23.♗f4 ♖d1 24.♖d1 ♖d8 25.♖b1
♖d6 26.a5 h6 27.♗e6 fe6±
28.♖g6?! [28.ab6 ♖b6 29.♖a1 ♖e5
30.♖a2 ♗f7 31.g3±] 28...ba5∞
29.♖g3 ♖e7?! [29...♗d7 30.♗h2
(30.♖b7 ♖d1) 30...♗b6∞] 30.♖b7 ♗d7
31.♖g6 ♖f7 32.♖c2 ♖f6 33.♖a4
♗e5 34.♙e4 ♖d8 35.♖c2 a4
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38.♗d3] 36.♖b6± ♖h4? 37.♗g1?
[37.♖e6+−] 37...♖h5 38.♖a6?
[38.f3±] 38...♖d1 39.♖d1 ♖d1
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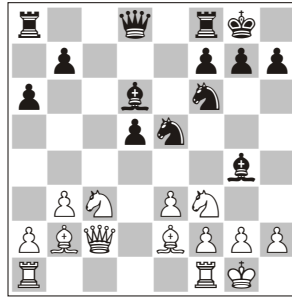
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Antic,Dejan
Ivanisevic,Ivan

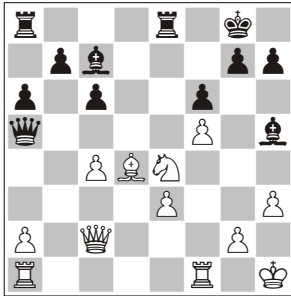
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11.de5 ♗e5 12.♙b2 ♙e6∞] 10...♗e5
11.♗e5 [11.♙b2!? dc4 12.bc4 Δ
12...♖e7 (12...♖a5 13.♖fd1) 13.♖fd1 h6
14.♗a4±] 11...♙e5 12.♙b2 dc4
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13.e5 ee5 14.g4 g4 15.h3 f6 16.ac1 e7 [16...c8!] 17.e2 b2 18.b2 ac8 19.c2 h6 20.f1c1± c2 21.c2 d8 22.d4 g6 23.c7 d7 24.b8 d8 25.c7 b8 26.e7 e8 27.c7 e8 28.d7 f6 29.c7 e8 30.c5 d8 31.f1 e7 32.e2 d6 33.c2 c7 34.b4 e6 35.d3 f8 36.b3 d7 37.a5 b8 38.d4 f8 39.g4 e6 40.d3 d8 41.a3 b6 42.b3 c6 43.f4 ee8 44.d4 d4 45.d4 ee4 46.d3 d7 47.c1 ee8 48.h4 d6 49.h1 f6 50.g5 hg5 51.hg5 fg5 52.g1 gf4 53.g6 e7 54.ef4 ee4 55.f5 f4 56.f6 ee4 57.g6 f4 58.f6 ee4 1/2-1/2

Karpov,Anatoly
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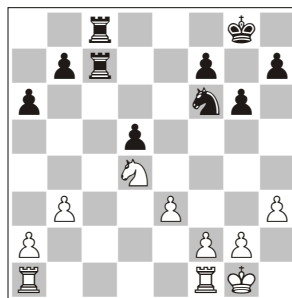
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Fridman,Daniel
Sandipan,Chanda
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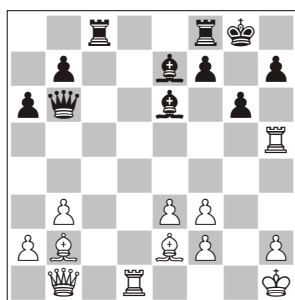
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Hébert, Jean
 Kaidanov, Gregory
 New York 1994

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Kaidanov

Mateuta, Gabriel
 Svetushkin, Dmitry
 Bucharest 2003 (2)

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Kozul, Zdenko
 Berescu, Alin
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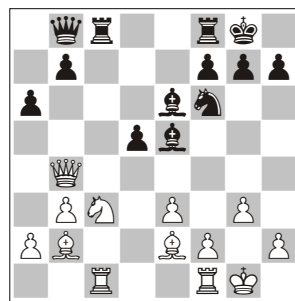
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Drasko, Milan
 Nikcevic, Nebojsa
 Cetinje tt 2010 (9)

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 ♗f3!? 14.♗f3 ♖c7 15.h3 ♗h2
 16.♗h1 ♗e5 17.♖d2 ♚ac8 18.♗e2
 ♗b2 19.♖b2 ♖c2 20.♚d2 [20.♖a1!]
 20...♖b2 21.♚b2 ♚c5= 22.♗d4
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 h6 29.♗g2 a4 30.♚d1 g6 31.♚dd2
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 54.♗f4 ♚c4 55.♗g5 ♚c5 56.♗h6?
 [56.♗f6=] 56...g5!+- 57.♚b7 g4
 58.a6 ♚a5 59.♚f7 g3 60.a7 g2
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 ♗h2 64.♚f2 ♚a7 65.♗g5 ♚e7 0-1

Hansen, Curt
 Hansen, Lars Bo
 Vejle 1994

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e3 e6
 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♖c2 ♗d6 7.♗e2 0-0
 8.b3 a6 9.♗b2 e5 10.cd5 cd5
 11.de5 ♗e5 12.0-0 ♗e6 13.♚ac1
 ♗c6!? 14.♖d1 ♚c8 15.♗d4 ♖c7
 16.g3 ♗d4 17.♖d4 ♗e5 18.♖b4
 ♖b8∞



19.♗f3 b5 20.♚fd1 ♚fd8 21.♗a1 h5
 22.♖h4 ♚c5 [22...♗g4! △ 23.♗g4 hg4

24.♖e2 ♘a1 25.♙a1 d4! 26.♙d4 (26.♗d4 ♙d5+; 26.ed4 ♙d5; 26.♙g5 ♙d5 27.♙f4 de3 28.♙e3 ♙e8 29.♙f4 ♙b7) 26...♙d4 27.ed4 ♙c2 28.♗f4 ♙d6! 23.♗e2 ♙c1 24.♙c1 ♘a1 25.♙a1 ♙e5 26.♙d4± ♙f5? [26...♙d4 27.♗d4 ♙c8 28.a4 b4 29.a5±] 27.♙b6 ♙f3? 28.♙d8 ♗h7 29.♗d4 ♙e4 30.♗e6 fe6 31.♙c1+- ♙f5 32.♙c7 e5 33.♙c2 e4 34.♙c7 ♗g4 35.♙f4 ♙e6 36.♗g2 ♗g6 37.♙c7 ♗e5 38.h4 ♗f3 39.g4 hg4 40.h5 ♗h7 41.h6 ♗h4 42.♗f1 ♗f5 43.♙g5 1-0

**Portisch,Lajos
Kasparov,Garry**

Dubai ol 1986 (4)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.♗c3 c6 5.e3 ♗bd7 6.♙c2 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 e5 10.cd5 cd5 11.de5 ♗e5 12.♗b2 ♗e6 13.♙ac1 ♙c8



14.♙b1 ♗fg4 15.♗e5 ♗e5 16.♗g4 ♗g4 17.♗a4 ♗b8 18.♙c8 ♗c8∞ 19.♗d4 ♙e8 20.♗c3 ♙d6 21.f4 f6 22.b4 ♗e6 23.♗a4 ♗d7 [23...♗f7!? 24.♗c5 ♗g6 25.♙b3 ♙e7] 24.♗b6 ♗c6 25.a4 ♗c7 26.a5 ♙e4 27.♙b3 ♙e6 28.♙c3 ♗d6 [28...♗b6!? 29.ab6 (29.♗b6 ♙c4 30.♙e1 ♙e4) 29...♗b5 30.♙c1 ♗c4] 29.h3 h6 30.♙b3 ♗h8 31.♗a4 ♗b5 32.♙f3 ♙d4 33.ed4 ♙e1 34.♗h2 ♙e4 35.♗c5 ♙d4 [35...♗f4 36.♙f4 37.♙g3 ♙d4 38.♙g7 ♗g7 39.♗e6 ♗f7 40.♗d4 ♗d3 41.♗g3 ♗e4 42.♗f2 ♗e7 43.g3 ♗d6 44.♗e3 ♗e5=] 36.♗e6 ♙e4 37.♙e3 ♗f4 38.♗f4 ♙f4 39.♗g1 [39.♙g3] 39...d4 40.♙f3 ♙d6 41.♙f2 ♙e5 42.♙d1 ♗c6 43.♙d2 ♗e4 44.♙b2 ♙d5 45.♙c1 f5 46.♙c5 ♙d7 47.♙c1 d3 48.♙e3 ♙d5 49.♙c5 ♙d7 50.♙d2 ♗h7

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**Hansen,Lars Bo
Vera Gonzalez,Reynaldo**

Istanbul ol 2000 (9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c6 4.e3 ♗d7 5.♙c2 ♗gf6 6.♗f3 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 e5 10.cd5 cd5 11.de5 ♗e5 12.♗b2 ♗e6 13.♙ac1 ♙c8 14.♙b1 ♗fg4 15.♗e5 ♗e5 16.♗g4 ♗g4 17.♗a4 ♗b8 18.♙c8 ♗c8 19.♗d4 ♙d6 20.f4 ♙e8 21.♙d3 f6 22.♙c1 ♗d7 23.♗c3 ♗c6 24.♙d1 ♙e6 25.♙f3 ♗e5!? 26.fe5 fe5 27.♗e2 ed4 ½-½

**Kovalyov,Anton
Haslinger,Stewart**

Benidorm 2008 (8)

1.c4 c6 2.♗c3 d5 3.d4 ♗f6 4.e3 e6 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♙c2 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 e5 10.cd5 cd5 11.de5 ♗e5 12.♗b2 ♗e6 13.♙ac1 ♙c8 14.♙b1 ♗fg4 15.♗e5 ♗e5 16.h3 ♗h2 17.♗h1 ♗b8 18.♗g4 ♗g4 19.f4 [19.♗d5 ♙d5 20.hg4 ♙g5 21.♗g1 ♙g4=] 19...♙h4 20.♙c2 ♗a7 21.♙d2 ♙fe8?! [21...♙cd8] 22.♙ce1 [22.♗d5!] 22...♙c6 23.♗d1 ♗f5 24.♗c3 ♙ec8 25.♗h2 ♗e4 26.♙e2 f5 27.♙g1 ♗b8 28.♙f1 b5 29.♙d4 ♙g6 30.♗e1 ♙e7 ½-½

**Dragomaretsky,Evgeny
Tal,Mikhail**

Moscow 1991

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e3 e6 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♙c2 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 e5 10.cd5 cd5 11.de5 ♗e5 12.♗b2 ♗e6 13.♙ac1 ♙c8 14.♙d1 ♗e4 15.♙b1 ♗f3 [15...♗f5!?] 16.♗f3 ♗h2 17.♗f1 f5 18.♗e4 fe4 19.♗e4 ♙f2 20.♗f2 ♙h4 21.♗e2= de4 22.♙c8 ♗c8 23.♙h1 ♙g4 24.♗f1 ♙f5 25.♗e2

♗g3 26.♙f1 ♙b5 27.♗d2 ♗g4 28.♗d4 g5 29.♙e4 ♙e2 30.♗c3 ♙f1 31.♙g4 ♙c1 32.♗d3 ♙b1 [32...♙f1=] 33.♗c4 ♙f1?! 34.♗c3 [34.♗d5! ♙f7 35.♗e4±] ½-½

**Ushenina,Anna
Cramling,Pia**

Krasnoturinsk 2008 (5)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 d5 4.e3 e6 5.♗f3 a6 6.♙c2 ♗bd7 7.b3 ♗d6 8.♗e2 0-0 9.♗b2 e5 10.de5 ♗e5 11.cd5 cd5 12.0-0 ♗e6 13.♙ac1 ♙c8 14.♙d2 ♗c6 15.♙fd1 ♗b4 16.♙d3 ♙e7 17.♗g5 ♙fd8 18.♗a4 h6 19.♗e6 [19.♗f6 ♙f6 20.♙h7 ♗f8 21.♗e6 fe6 22.h3 ♗e7∞] 19...fe6 20.♙g6 ♗d6∞ 21.f4 ♙f8 22.♗f3 ♗b8 23.♗h1 ♗a7 24.♙e1 ♙d6 25.♗c3 ♙cd8 26.♙cd1 ♗e7 27.♙d3 ♙b8?! [27...♗f5 28.g3 (28.e4 de4) 28...♙e7∞] 28.♗e2 ♙c8 29.♗d4± ♙d7 30.e4 de4 31.♗e4 ♗g4 32.♙f3?! e5 33.♗f5?! ♙d1+- 34.♗e7 ♗f7 35.♗g6 ♗e7 36.♙b7 0-1

**Shulman,Yury
Hess,Robert**

St Louis ch-USA 2012 (8)

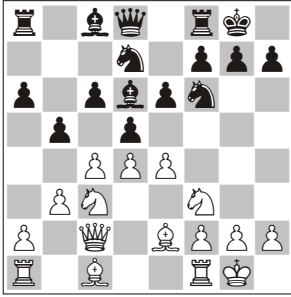
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9.0-0 b5

**Dao Thien Hai
Dimakiling,Oliver**

Singapore 2008 (3)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 e6 5.e3 ♗bd7 6.♙c2 ♗d6 7.b3 0-0 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 b5?! 10.e4!



10...♙e7?! [10...b4 11.e5 bc3 12.ed6±; 10...♗e4 11.♗e4 de4 12.♙e4 ♘f6 13.♙h4 bc4 14.bc4 c5 15.♙d1 cd4 16.♙d4 ♙e7 17.♙e5±] 11.e5± ♗e8 12.♙d3 g6 13.♙h6 ♘g7 14.a4 bc4 15.bc4 dc4 16.♙c4 ♗b6 17.♙b3 ♗d5 18.♗e4 ♙b8 19.♙ab1 ♗b4 20.♙d2 a5 21.♙c4 ♙b7 22.♙g5 ♙g5 23.♗f5 ♗f5 24.♗f3 ♘g7 25.♙fd1 h6 26.h3 ♙e7 27.♙f4 ♙d8 28.g4 g5 29.♙c1 [29.gf5+- gf4 (29...ef5 30.♗eg5 hg5 31.♗g5) 30.f6 ♗f8 31.fe7] 29...♗h4 30.♗h4 gh4 31.♗f6+- ♙h8 32.♙b3 c5 33.dc5 ♙c7 34.♙f4 ♙c5 35.♗h5 ♗g8 36.♙e3 ♙c7 37.♙e4?! [37.♗f6+-] 37...♙g5 38.♗f6 ♘g7 39.♗h5 ♗h7 40.♙f6 ♙f8 41.♙ed4 ♙f6 42.♗f6 ♗g6? [42...♗g7 43.♙d8 ♗c6 44.♙f8 ♗f8 45.f4±] 43.♙d8 ♙d8 44.♙d8 ♗g5 45.♗h5 1-0

Other Options 9.e4

Sandipan,Chanda
Evseev,Denis

St Petersburg 2009 (6)

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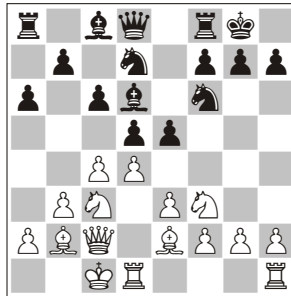
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Other Options 9.♙b2 e5

Bischoff,Klaus
Antunes,Antonio

Tunis 1997 (7)

1.♗f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 e6 5.d4 ♗bd7 6.♙c2 ♙d6 7.♙e2 0-0 8.b3 a6 9.♙b2 e5 10.0-0



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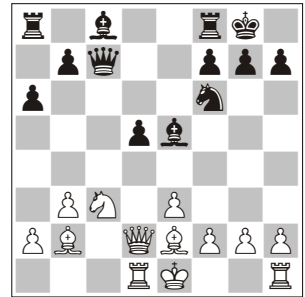
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Moskalenko,Viktor

Gonzalez de la Torre,Santiago

Benidorm rapid 2009 (6)

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