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## Introduction

Do you need help finding good chess opening moves? Many grandmasters win with a popular 1.e4 repertoire. Every position is selected based on what chess masters usually play, based on what has the highest performance rating, or based on the best chess engine evaluation. Each diagram has occurred in thousands of chess games, but some of the analysis that follows contains original ideas.

This reliable opening for White with 1.e4 is proportioned according to how often you are likely to see each defense. Since Sicilian Defence is played by Black 40% of the time, the Sicilian is given 40% of the book coverage. Some other openings include Ruy Lopez, French Defence, Caro-Kann Defence, Alekhine Defence, Pirc, Scandinavian, and others.

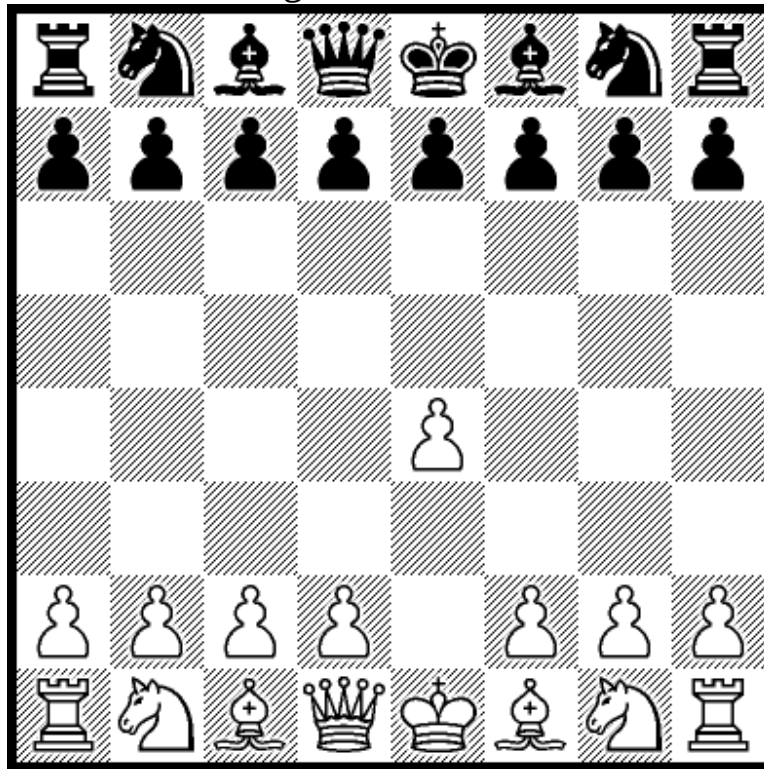
My **Playbook** series tells you **what to play**. There are 200 key positions based on what Black most often plays. Five moves for White are added below most of the diagrams. That gives you hundreds of moves for your preparation.

I have played the 1.e4 openings as White more than 7000 times, compared to the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit (4000 times), the Queen's Gambit and London Systems (3000 times). Let me guide you. It's your move in every diagram. Start well and you will win more games. Be prepared!



# 1.e4

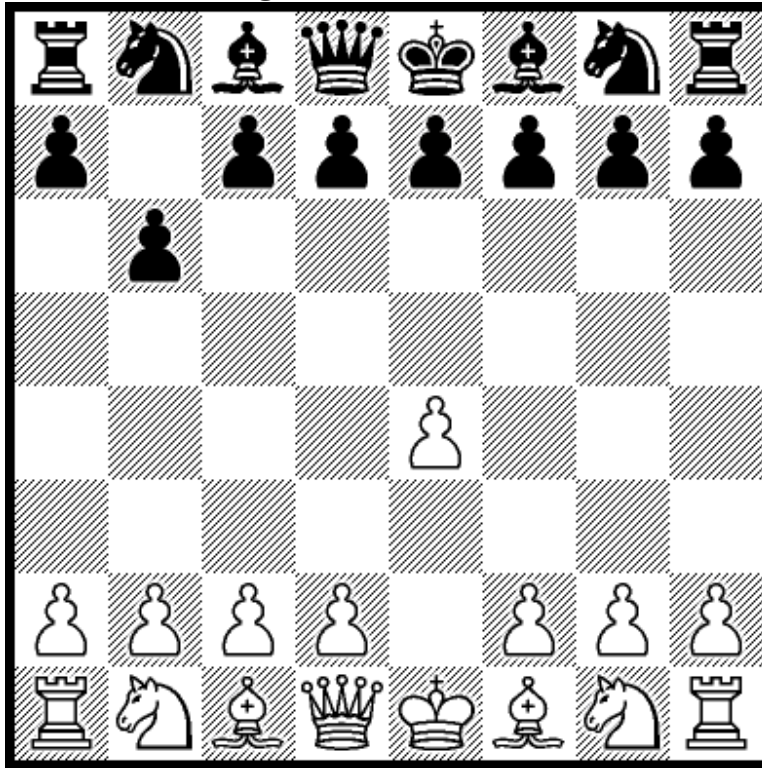
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After 1.e4

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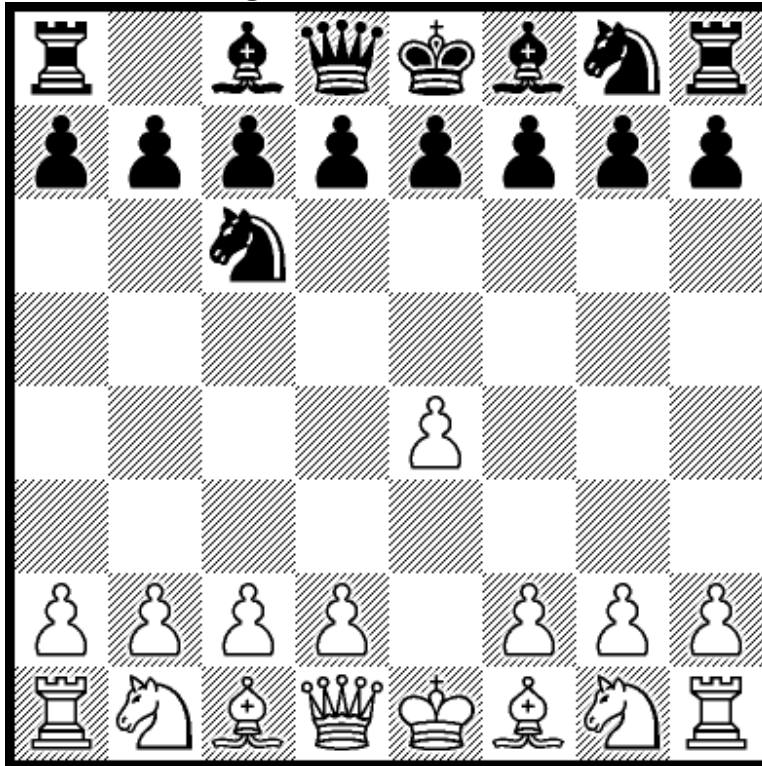
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2.d4

If 2...Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.dxc5.

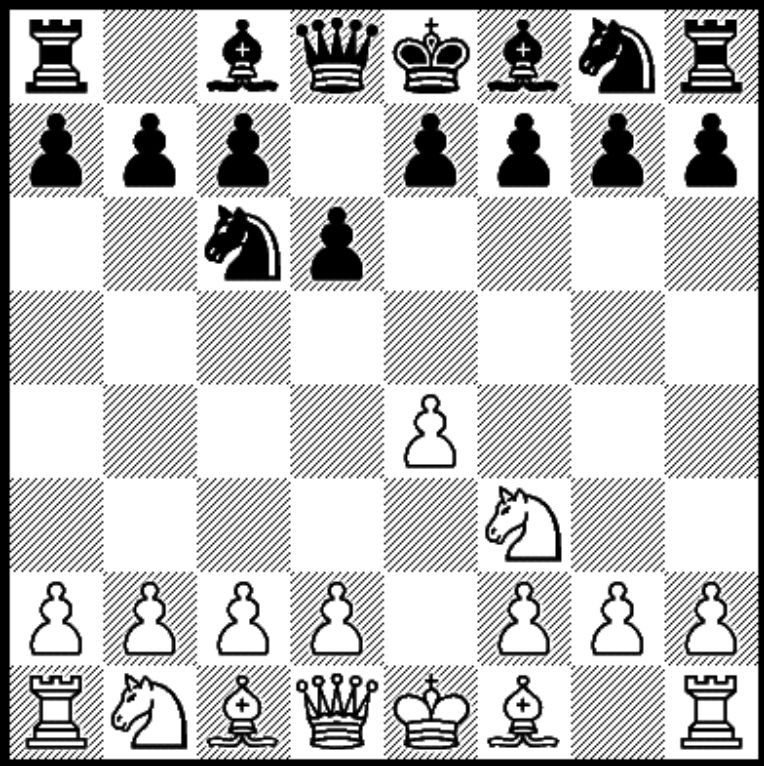
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2.Nf3

Now 2...d6. If 2...e5 see 1...e5. If 2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3.

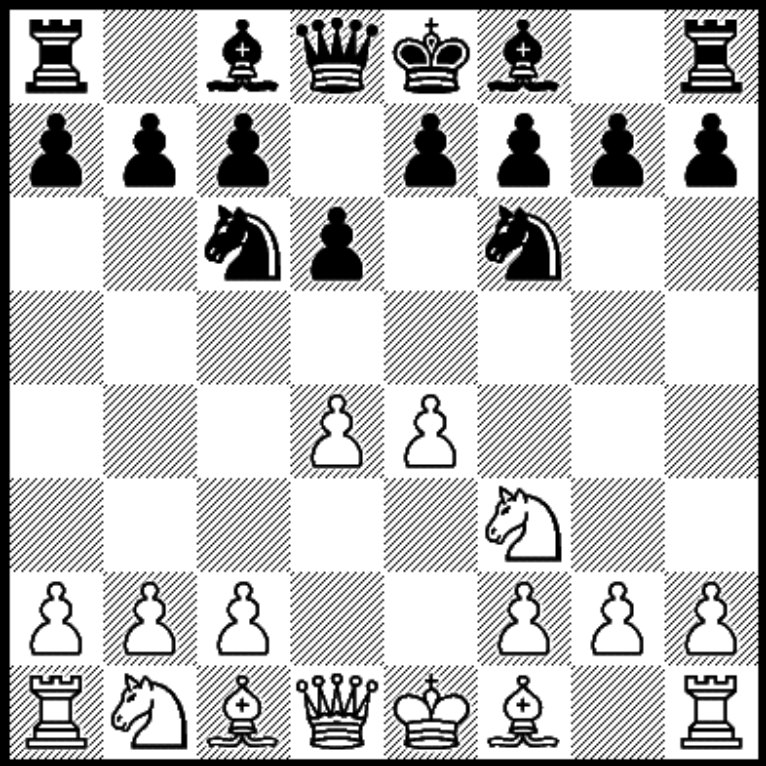
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3.d4

If 3...Bg4 4.d5 Ne5 5.Nxe5 Bxd1 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6.

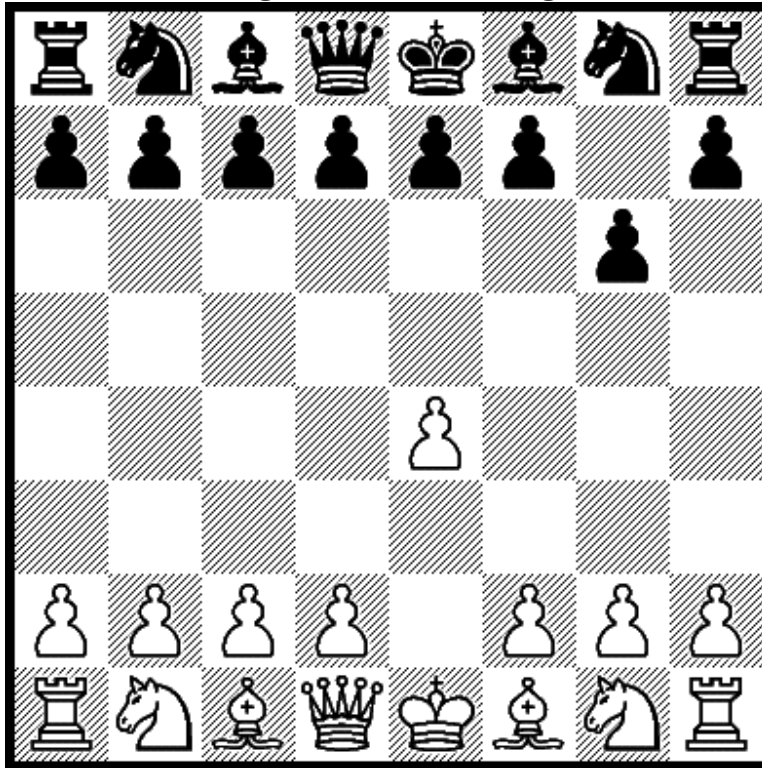
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4.Nc3

If 4...Bg4 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Ne7 7.h3 Bd7 8.g4.

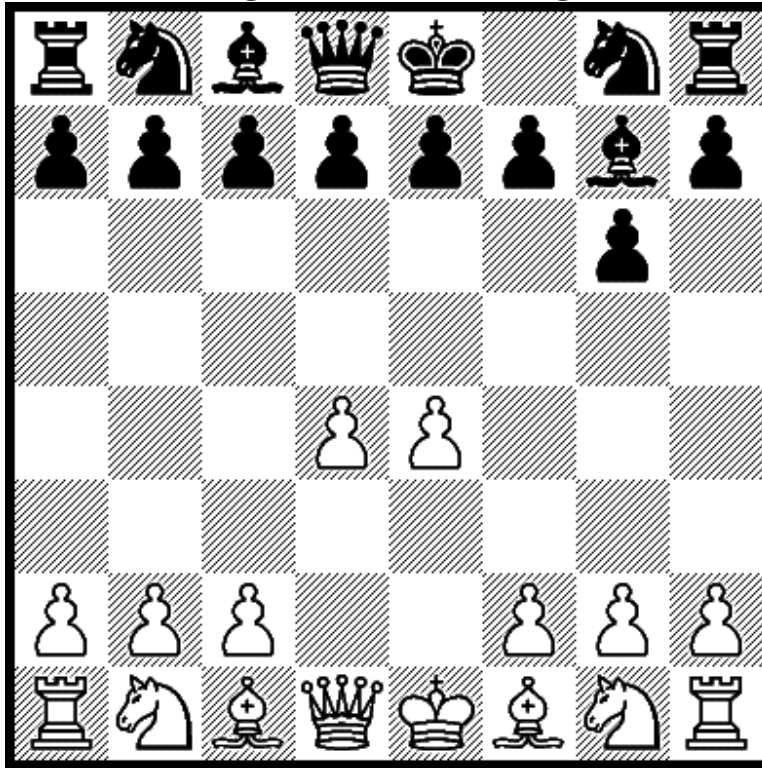
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2.d4

Black has 2...Bg7. If 2...d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f4 see 1...d6.

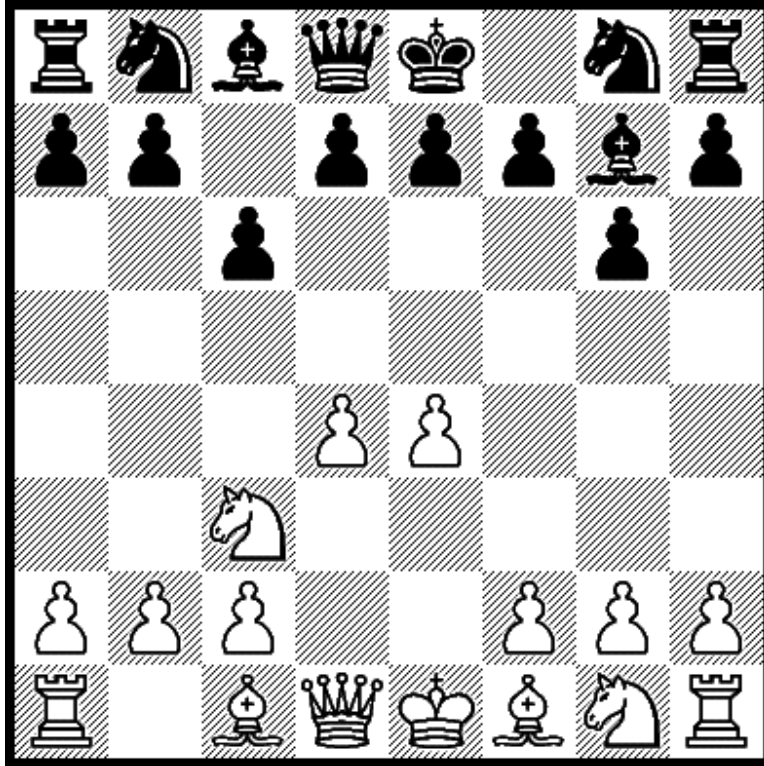
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3.Nc3

Black has 3...c6. If 3...d6 see 1...d6.

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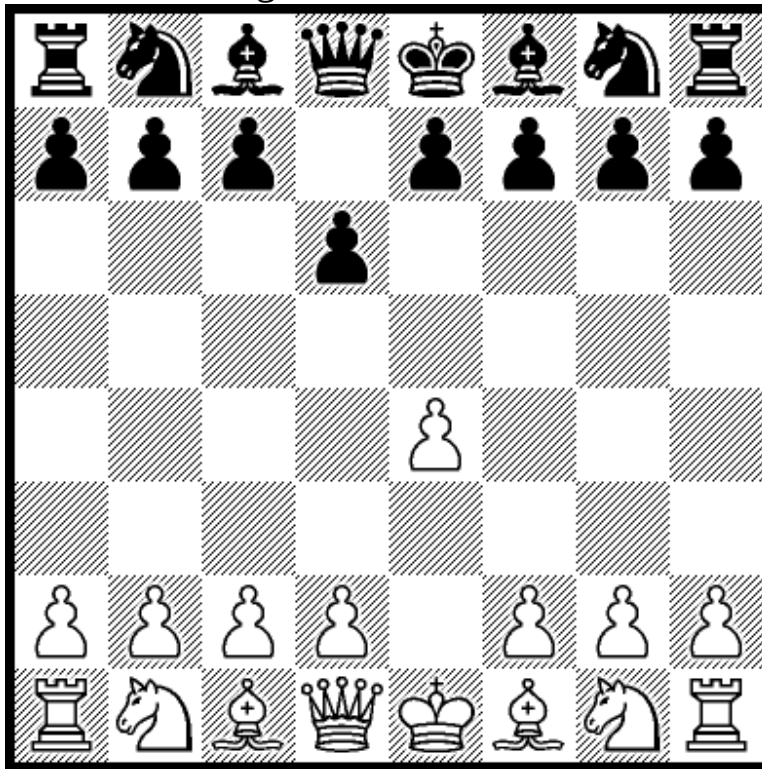
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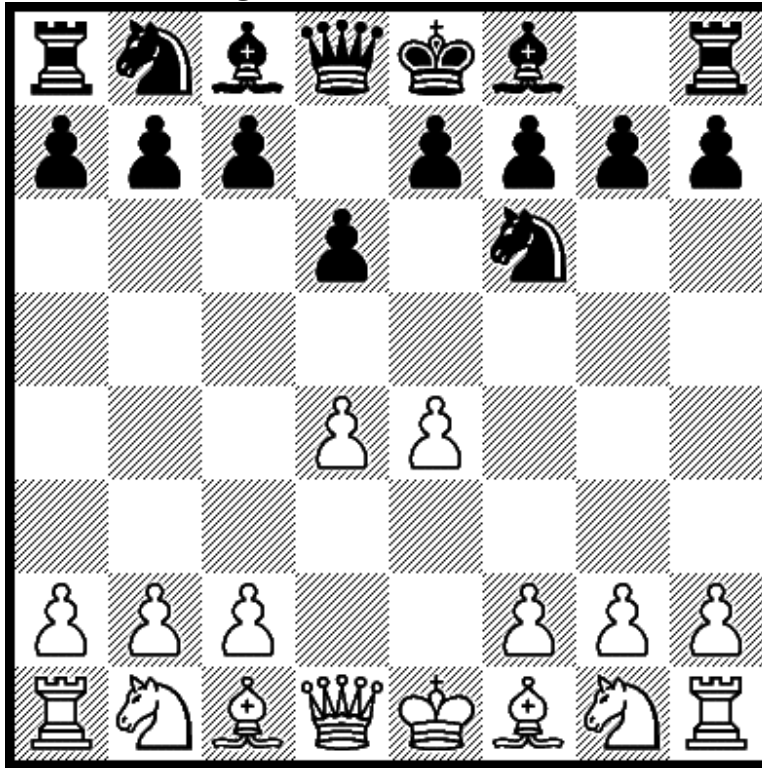
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2.d4

Black has 2...Nf6. If 2...g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3.

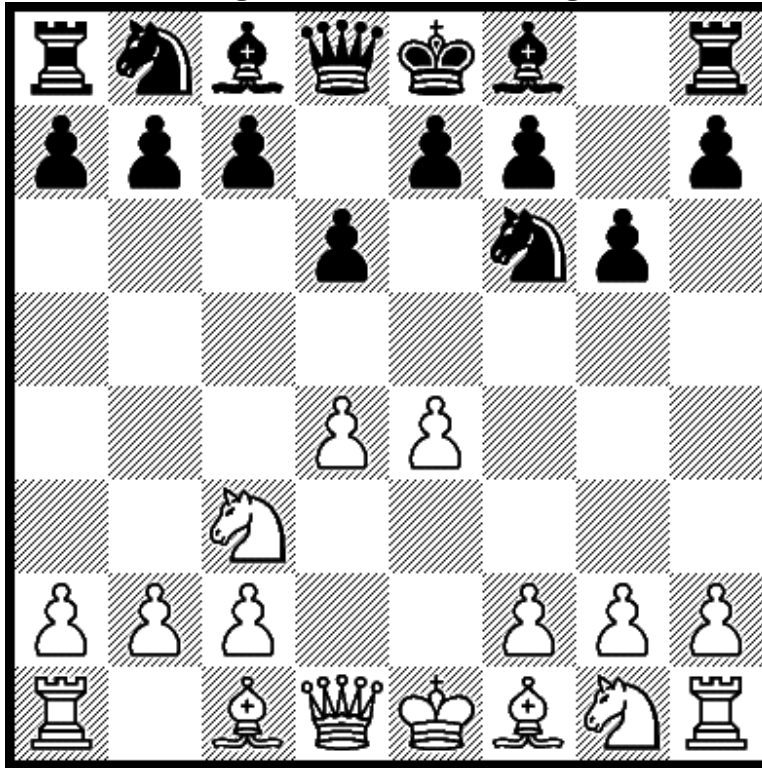
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3.Nc3

Black has 3...g6. If 3...e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0.

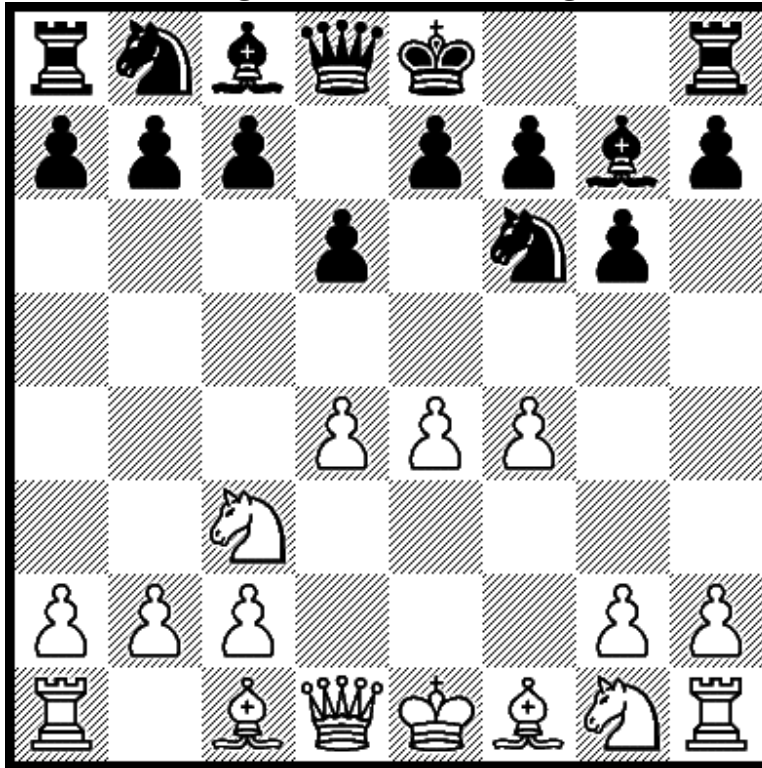
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4.f4

Black has 4...Bg7. If 4...c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3.

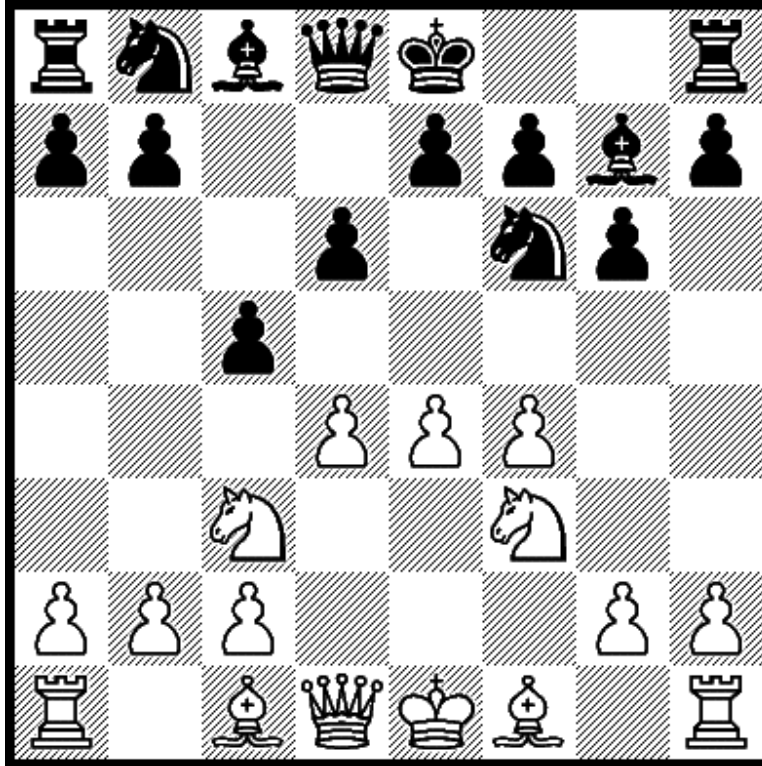
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5.Nf3

Black has 5...c5 and 5...0-0. If 5...c6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0.

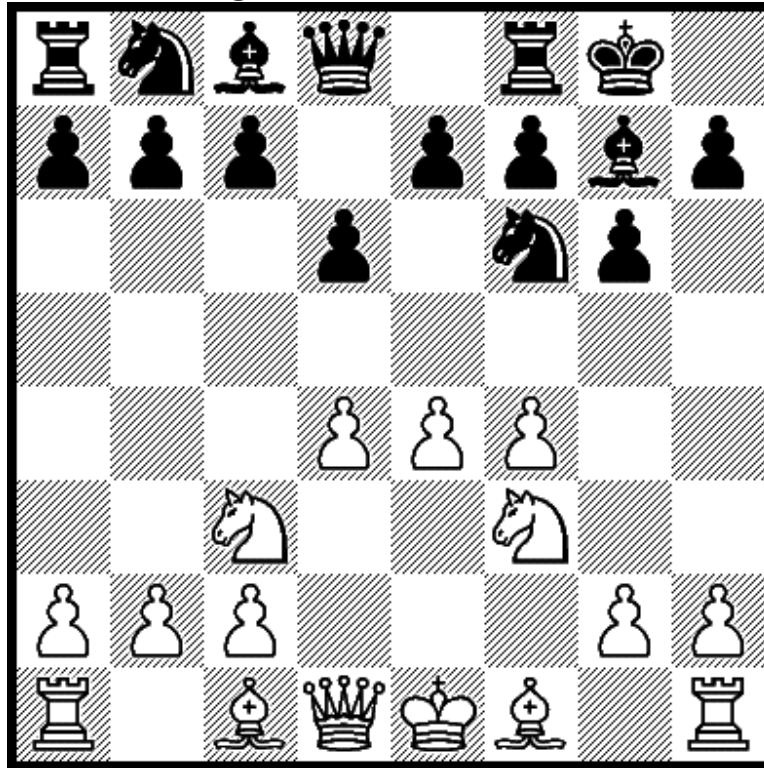
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6.Bb5+

If 6...Bd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.d5 dxe5 10.h3 e4 11.hxg4.

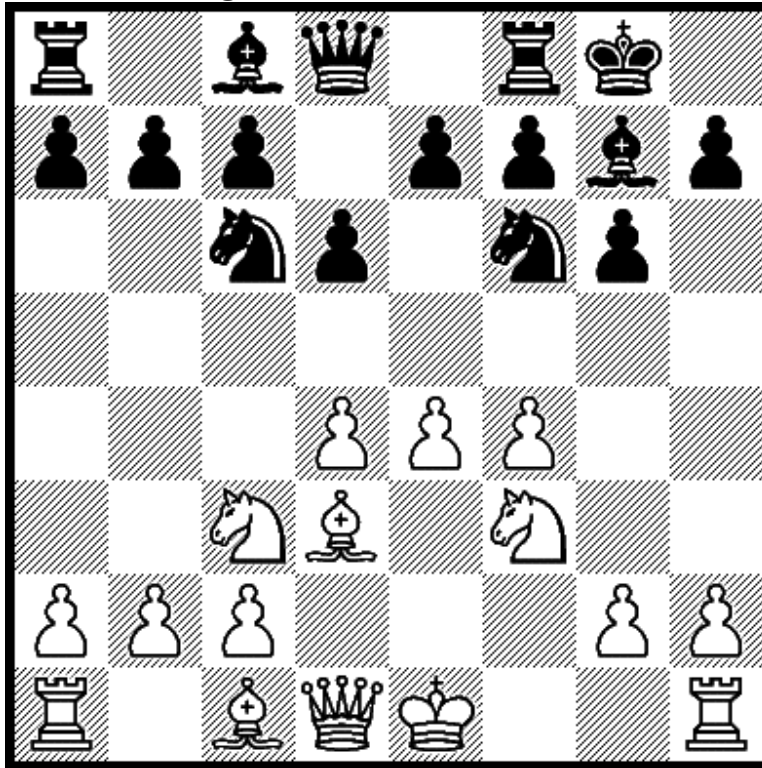
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6.Bd3

Now 6...Nc6. If 6...Na6 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 Bg4 9.Bc4 Nc7 10.h3.

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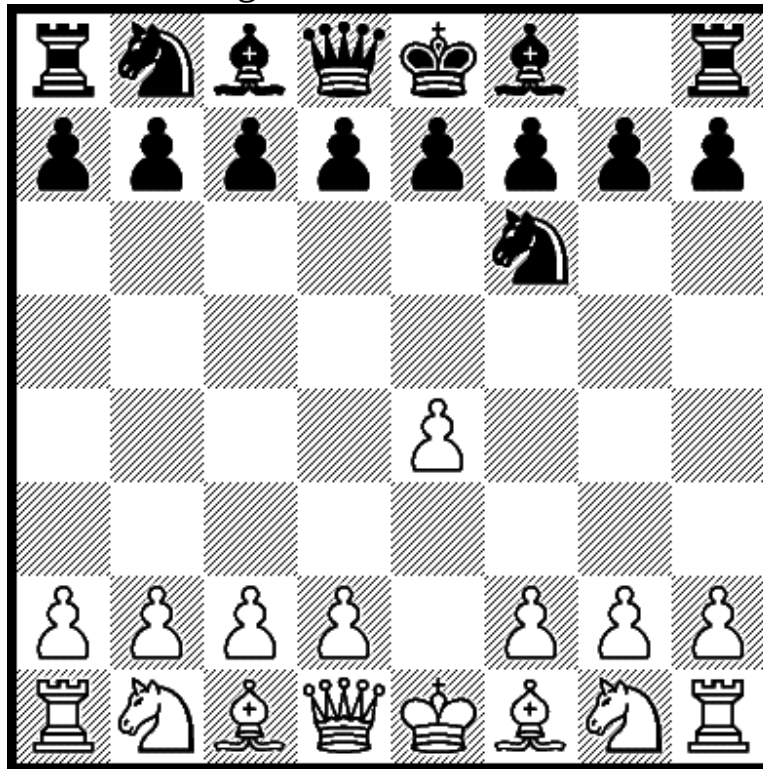
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If 7...e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5. If 7...Bg4 8.e5 dxe5 9.dxe5.



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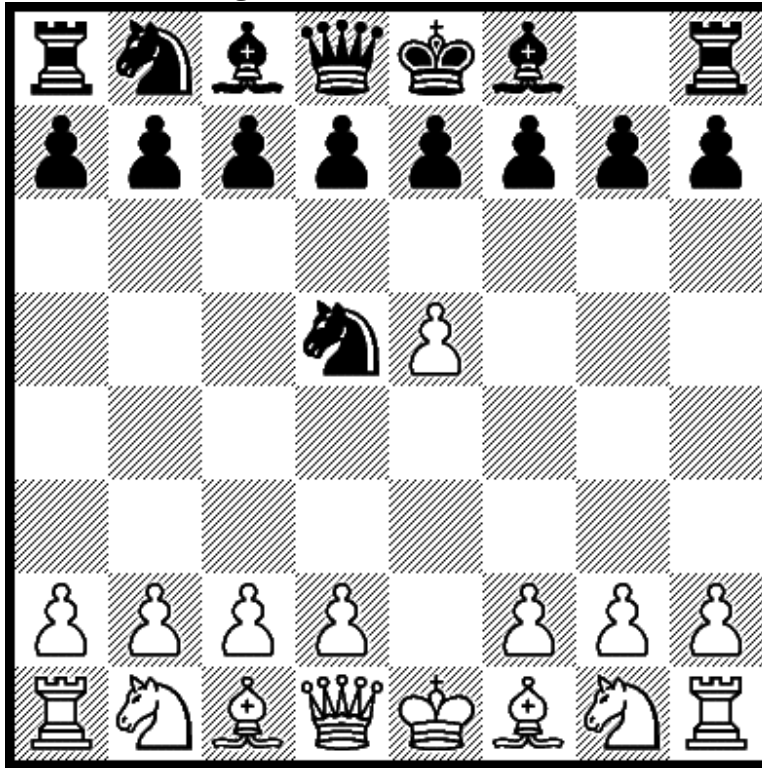
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2.e5

Black has 2...Nd5. If 2...Ng8 3d4. If 2...Ne4 3.d4 e6 4.Nh3.

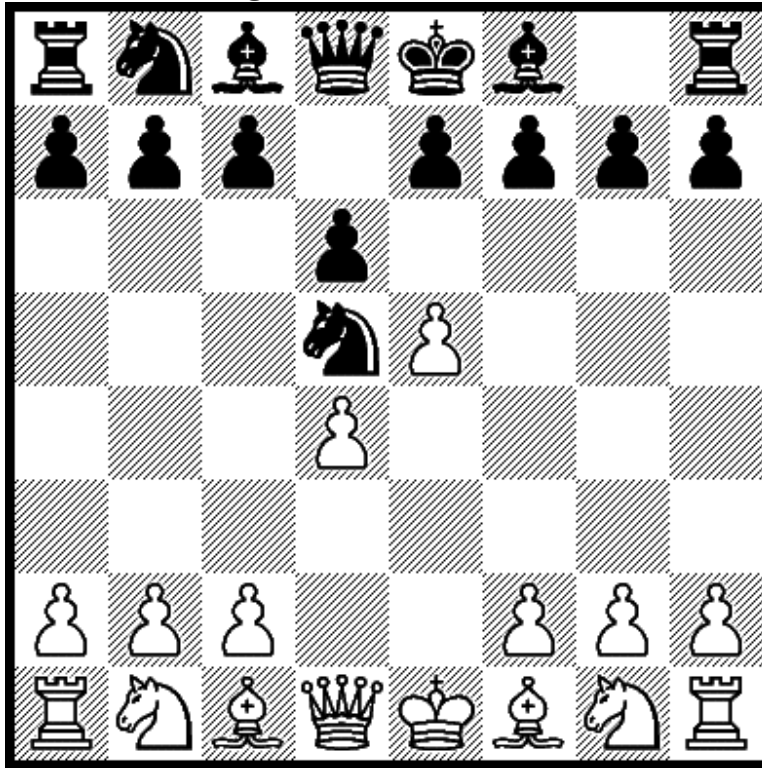
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3.d4

Black has 3...d6. If 3...Nc6 4.c4 Nb6 5.d5 Nxe5 6.c5.

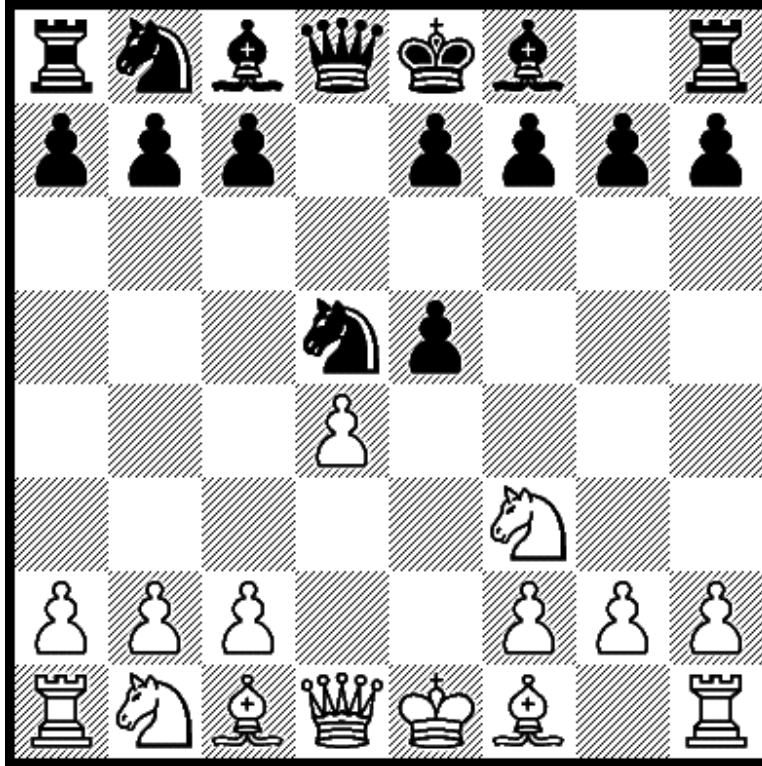
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4.Nf3

Now 4...dxe5, 4...g6, 4...Bg4. If 4...Nc6 5.c4. If 4...Nb6 5.a4.

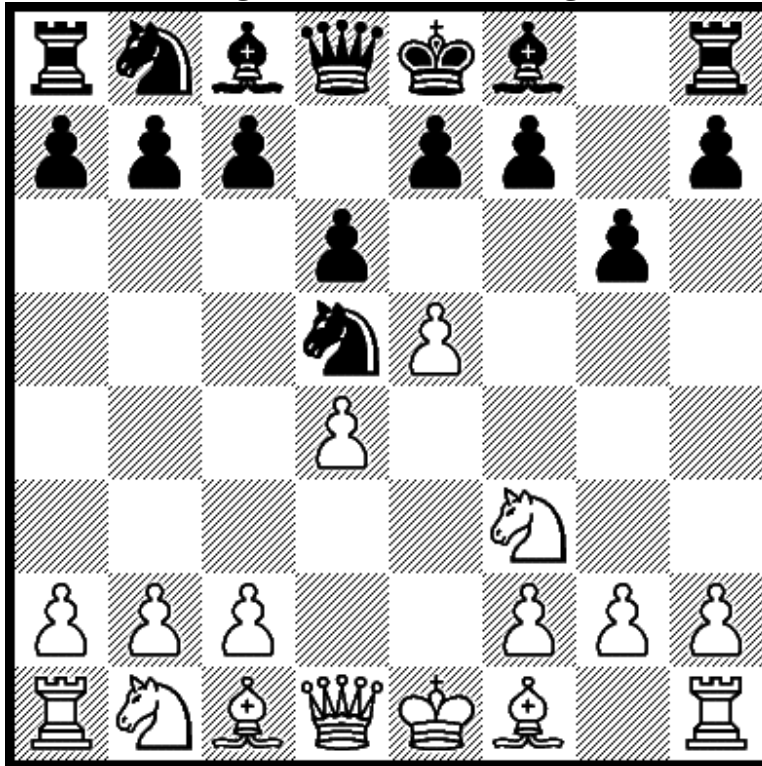
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5.Ne5

If 5...c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.0-0. If 5...g6 6.Bc4 c6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1.

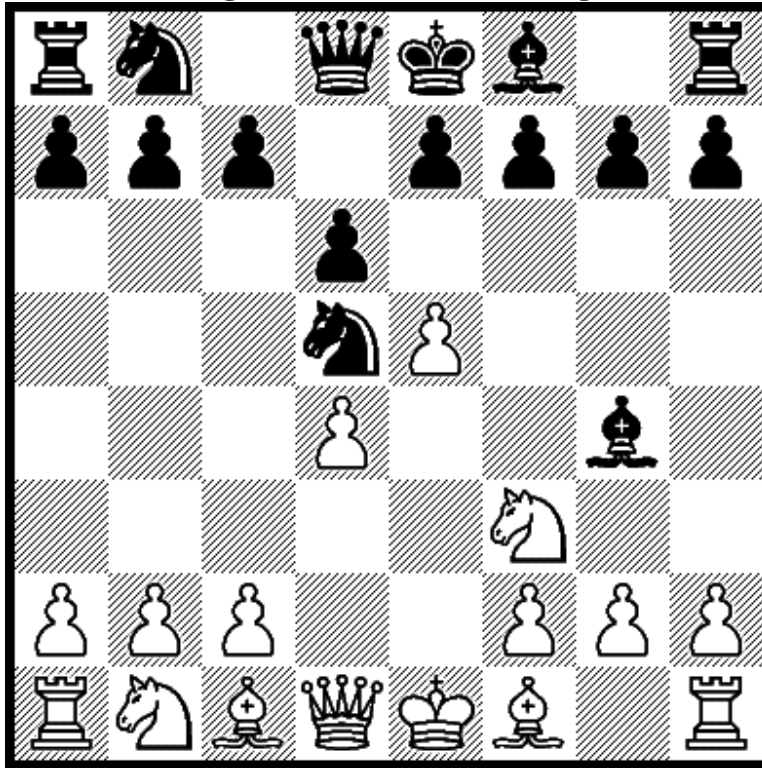
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5.Bc4

If 5...Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.Ng5 e6 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.Ne4.

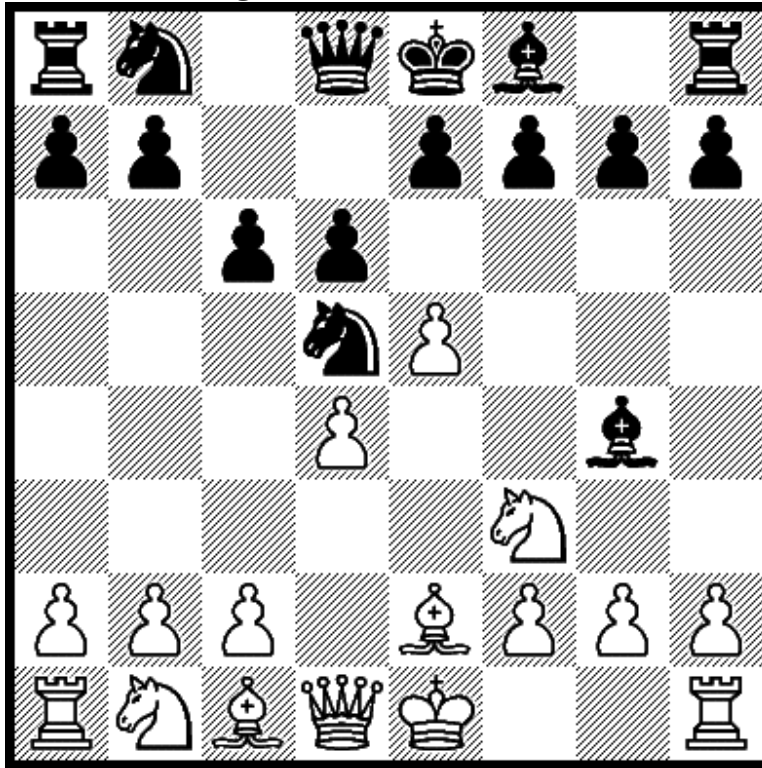
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5.Be2

Now 5...c6 and 5...e6. If 5...Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6.

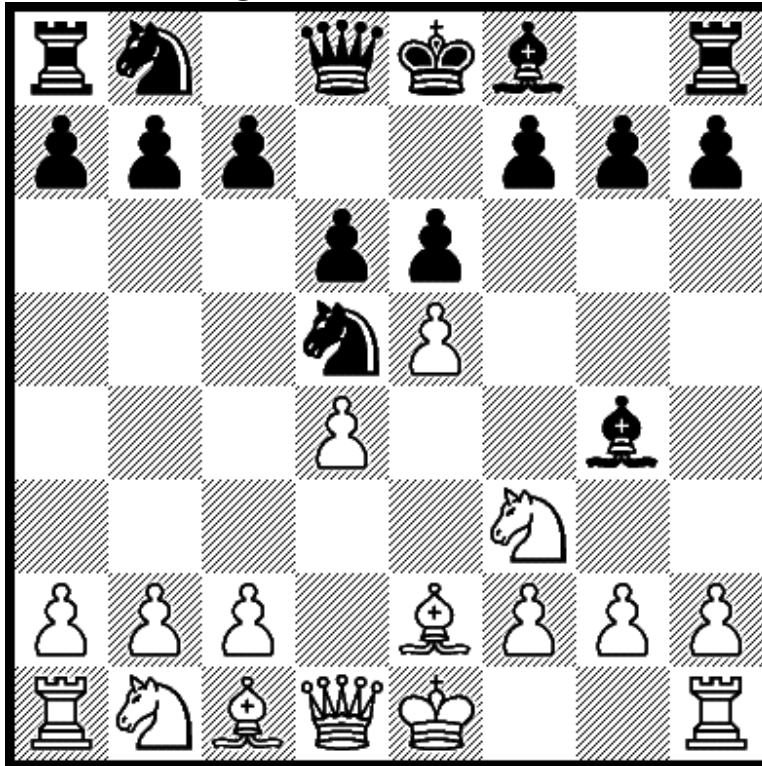
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6.0-0

If 6...Bxf3 7.Bxf3 dxe5 8.dxe5 e6 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Re1.

Diagram 23 after 5.Be2 e6



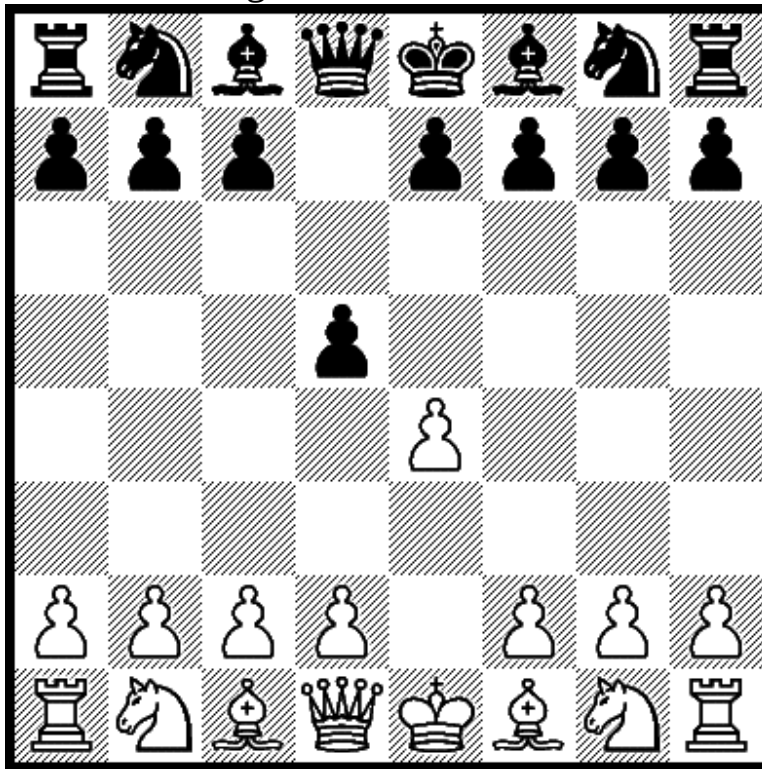
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If 6...Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 d5 10.c5.



1.e4 d5

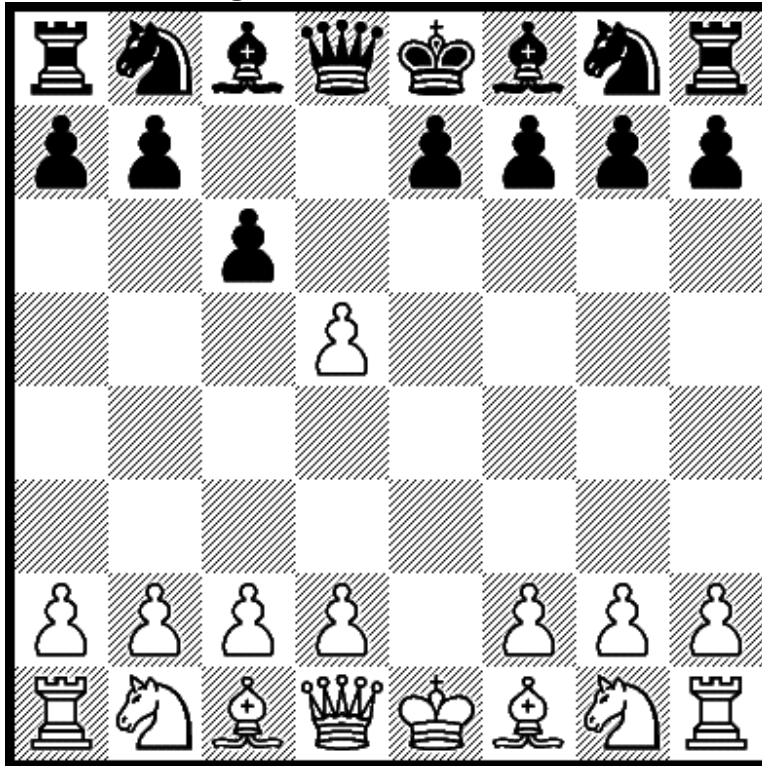
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2.exd5

Black has 2...c6, 2...e6, 2...Nf6 and 2...Qxd5.

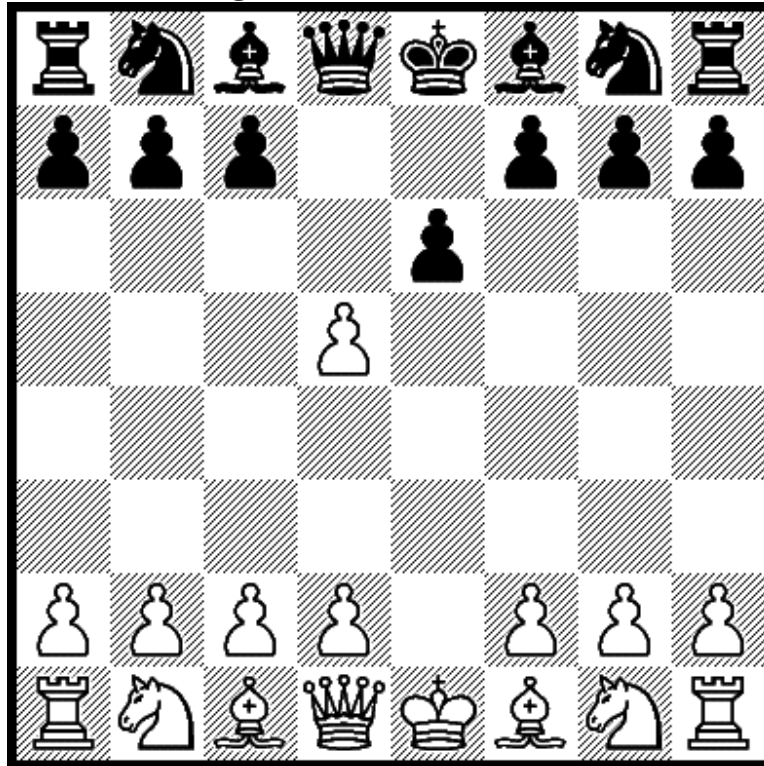
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3.dxc6

If 3...Nxc6 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bb5 Bd6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d3.

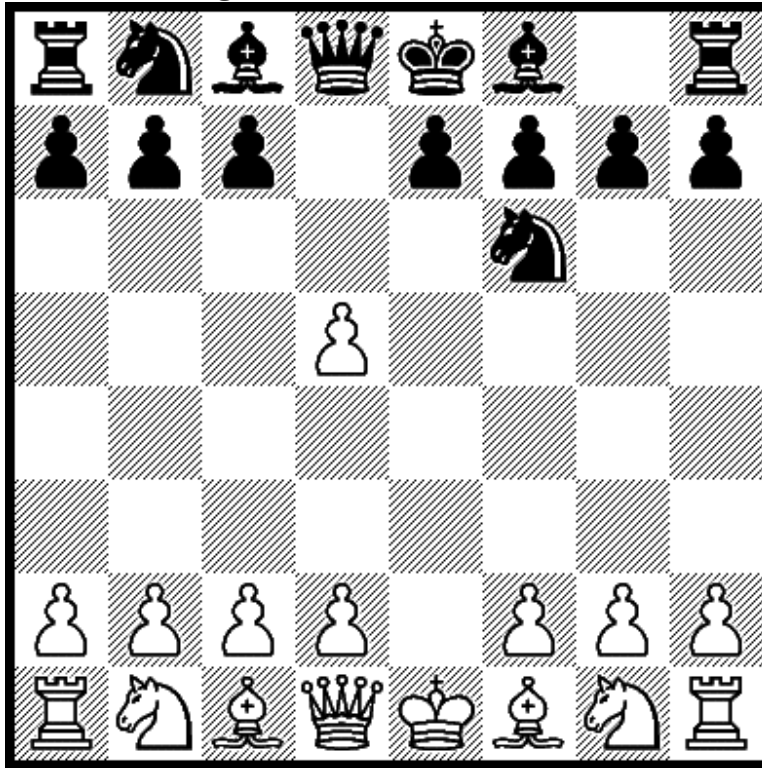
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3.dxe6

If 3...Bxe6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 c5 6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.0-0.

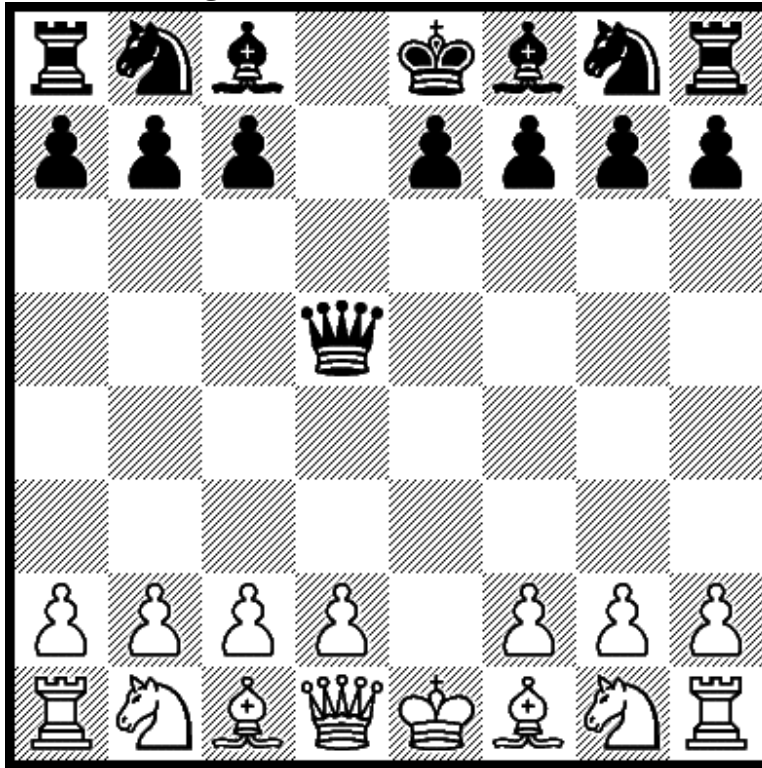
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3.d4

If 3...Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.g4. If 3...Nxd5 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0.

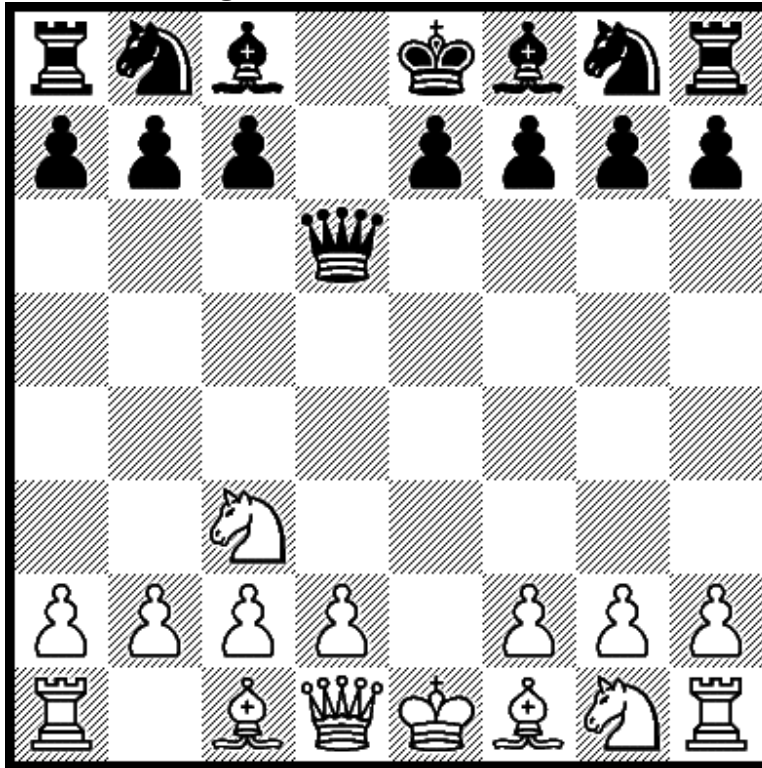
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3.Nc3

Black has 3...Qd6 and 3...Qa5. If 3...Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3.

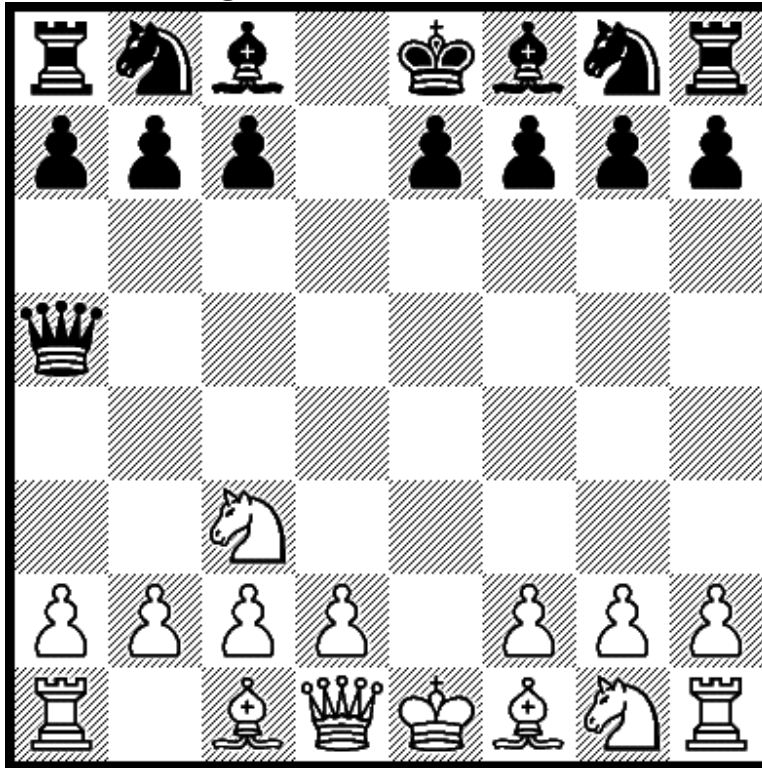
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4.d4

If 4...Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.g3 Bg4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.d5.

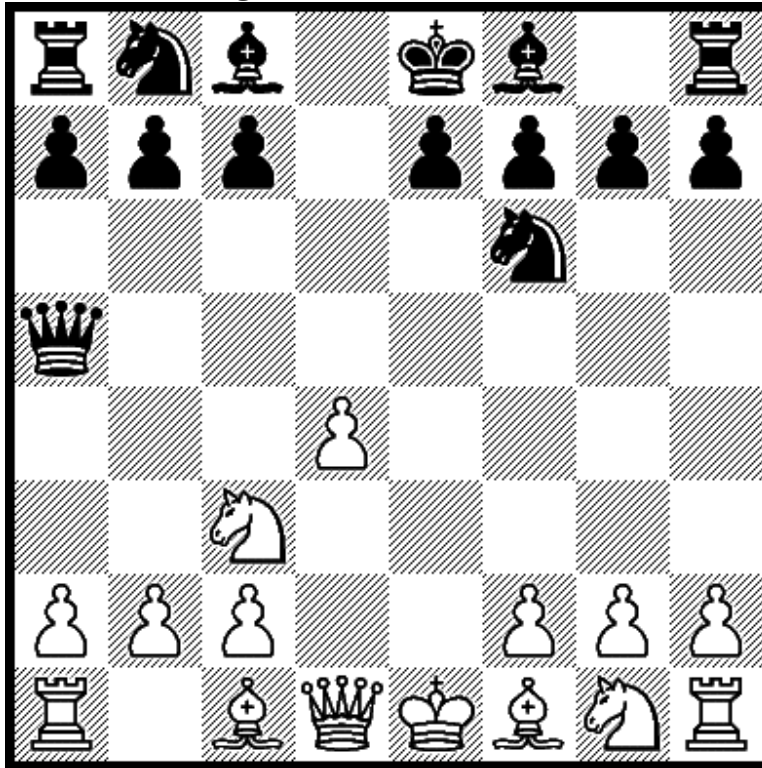
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4.d4

Black has 4...Nf6. If 4...e5 5.Nf3. If 4...c6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bc4.

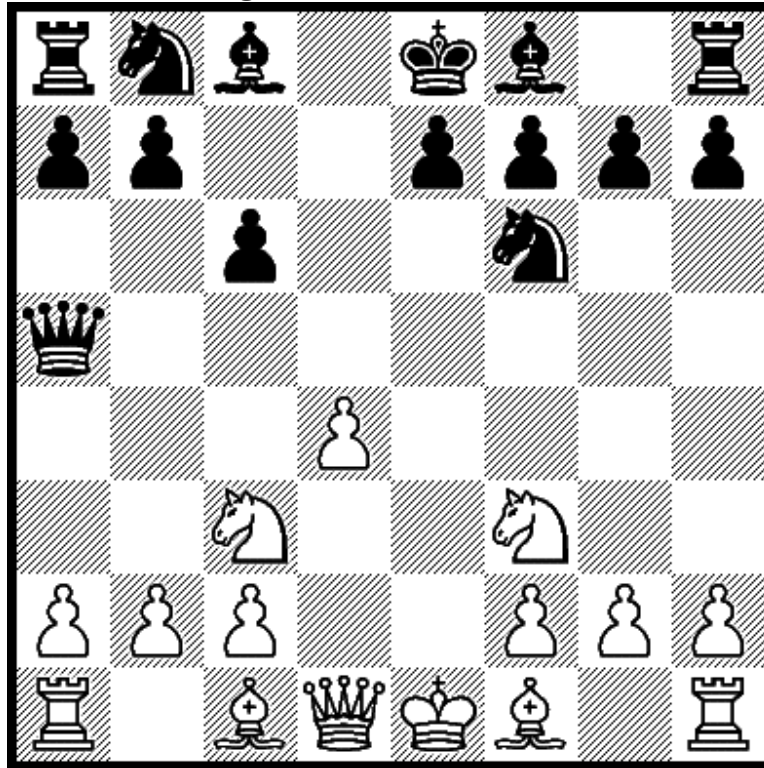
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5.Nf3

Now 5...c6. If 5...Bg4 6.h3. If 5...Bf5 6.Bc4. If 5...Nc6 6.Bb5.

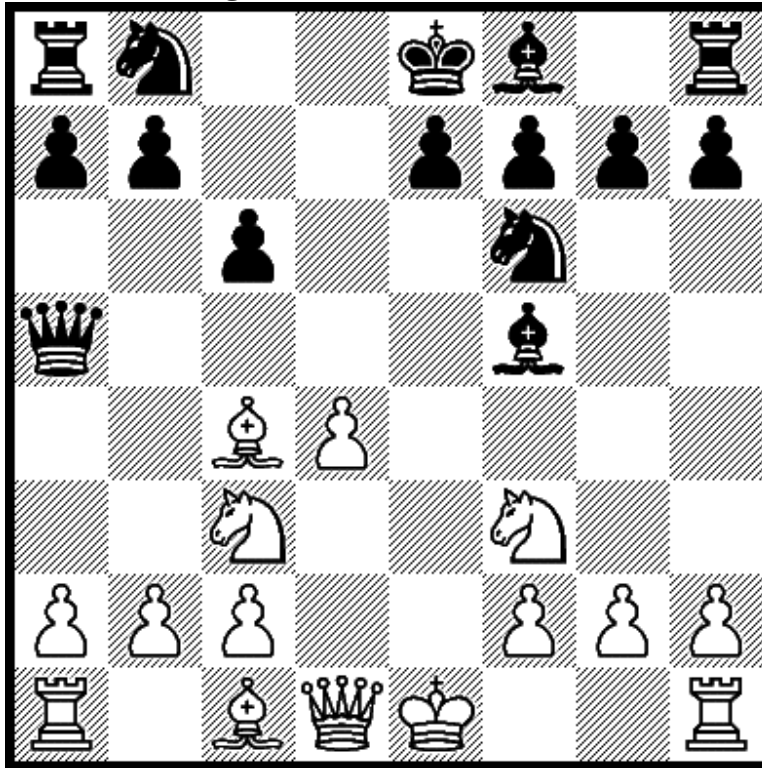
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6.Bc4

Black has 6...Bf5. If 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bd2 e6 9.Qe2.

Diagram 33 after 6.Bc4 Bf5



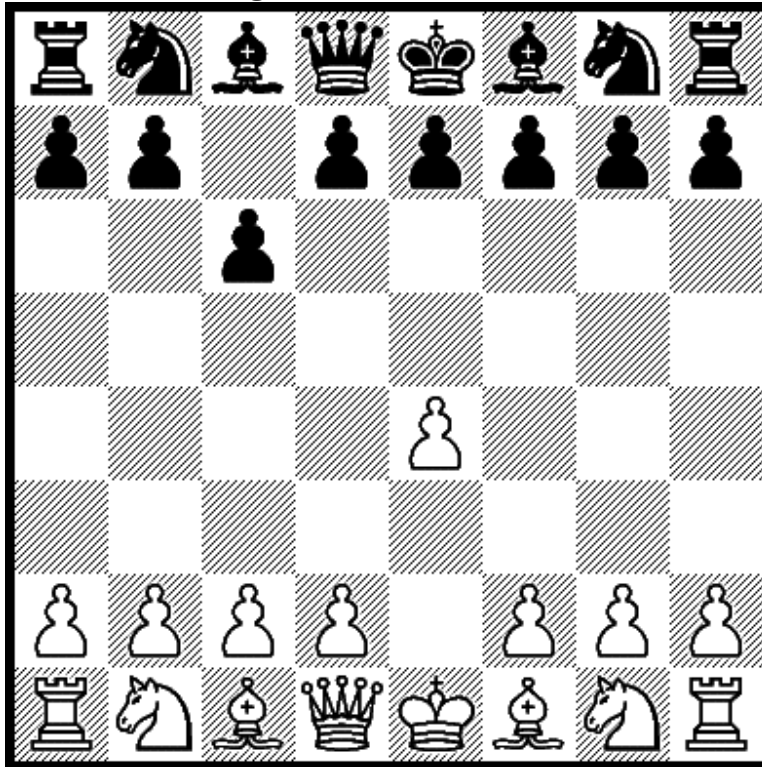
7.Bd2

If 7...e6 8.Qe2 Bb4 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3.



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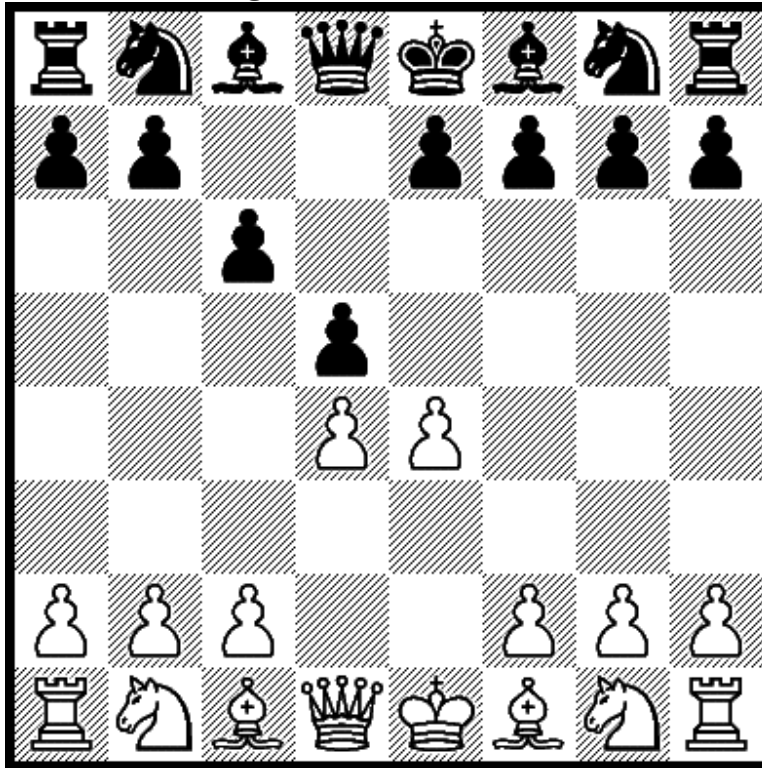
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2.d4

Next 2...d5. If 2...g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d5 5.h3 dxe4 6.Nxe4.

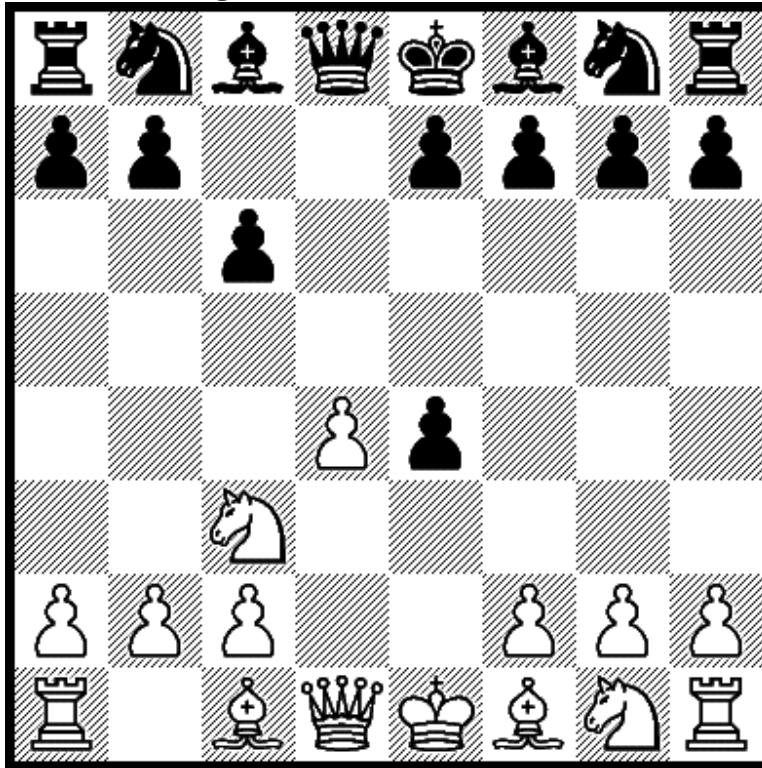
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3.Nc3

Now 3...dxe4. If 3...g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Nxe4.

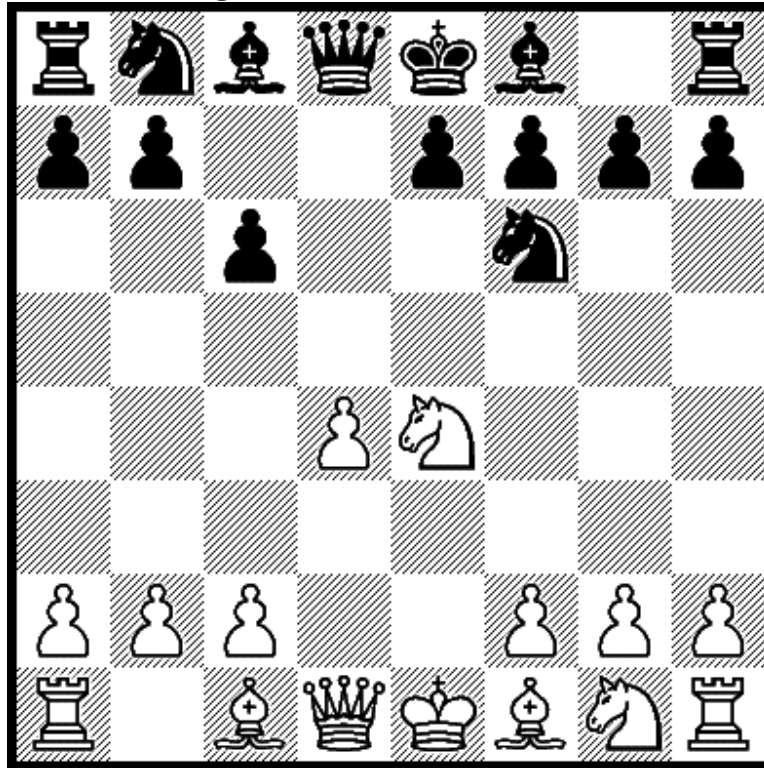
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4.Nxe4

Black has 4...Nf6, 4...Nd7, and 4...Bf5.

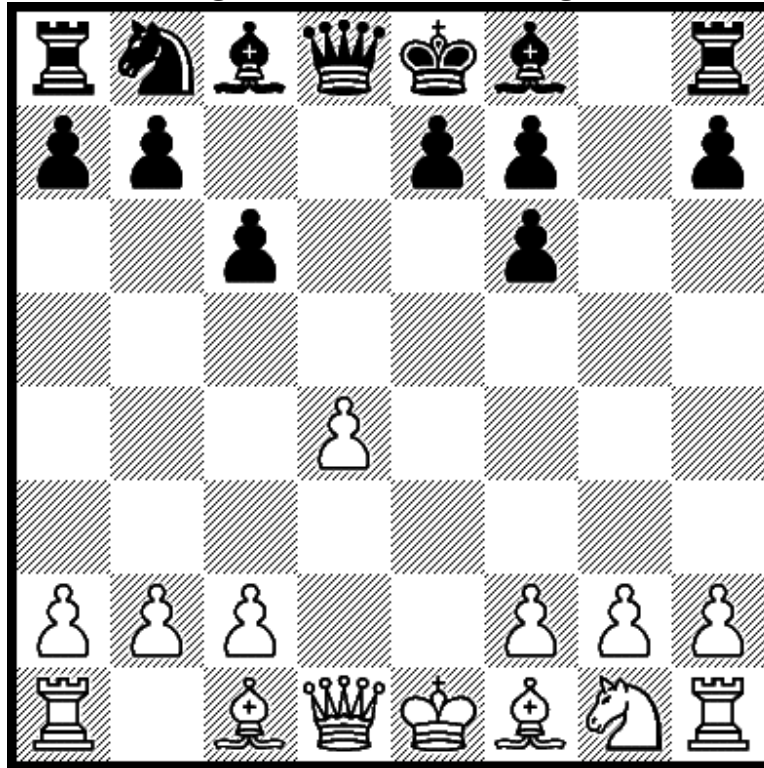
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5.Nxf6+

Black has 5...gxf6. If 5...exf6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2 Qe7 8.Qxe7+.

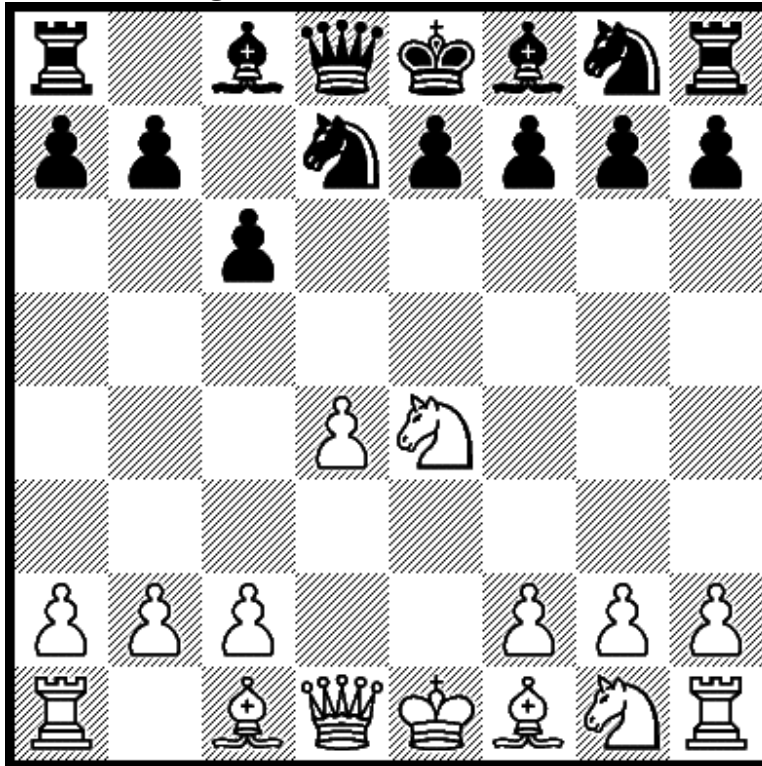
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6.c3

If 6...Bf5 7.Ne2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.Be2.

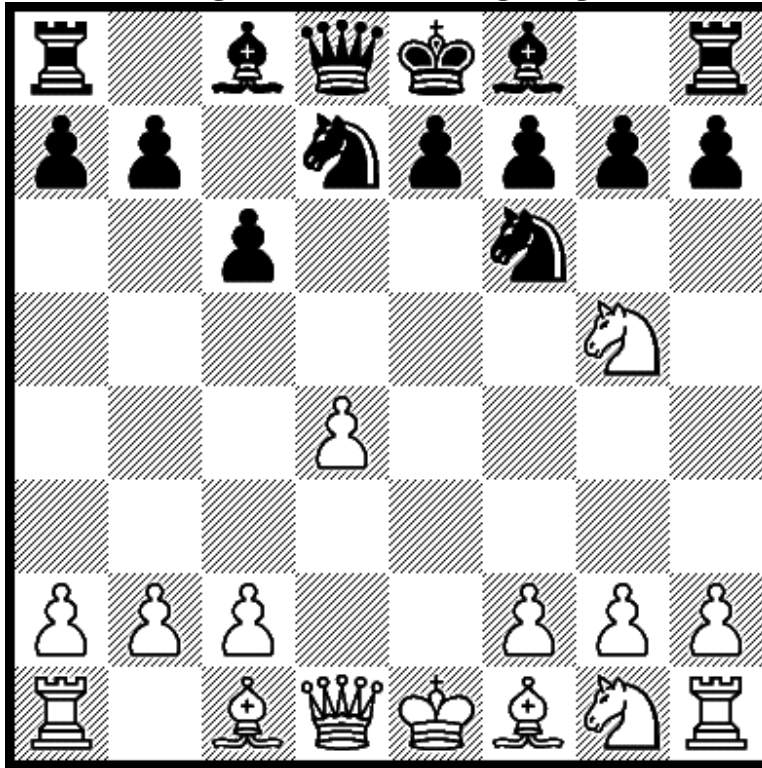
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5.Ng5

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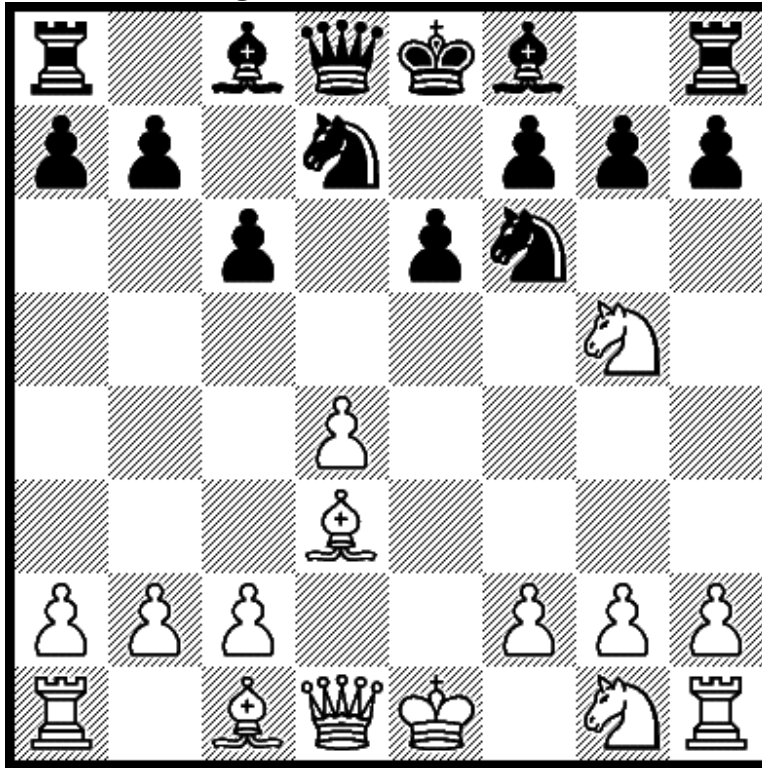
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6.Bd3

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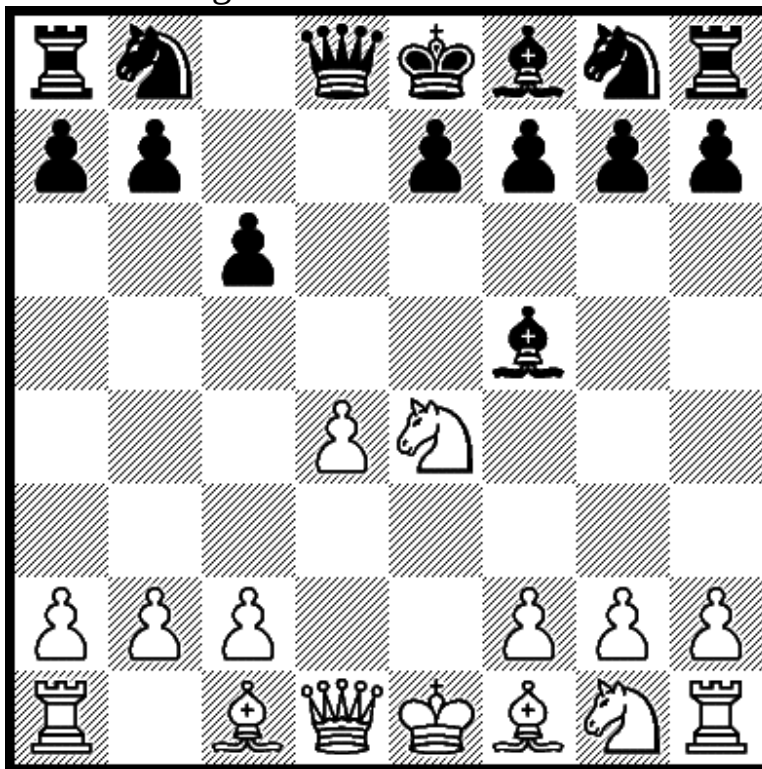
7.N1f3

If 7...Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Nf6 11.Qe2.



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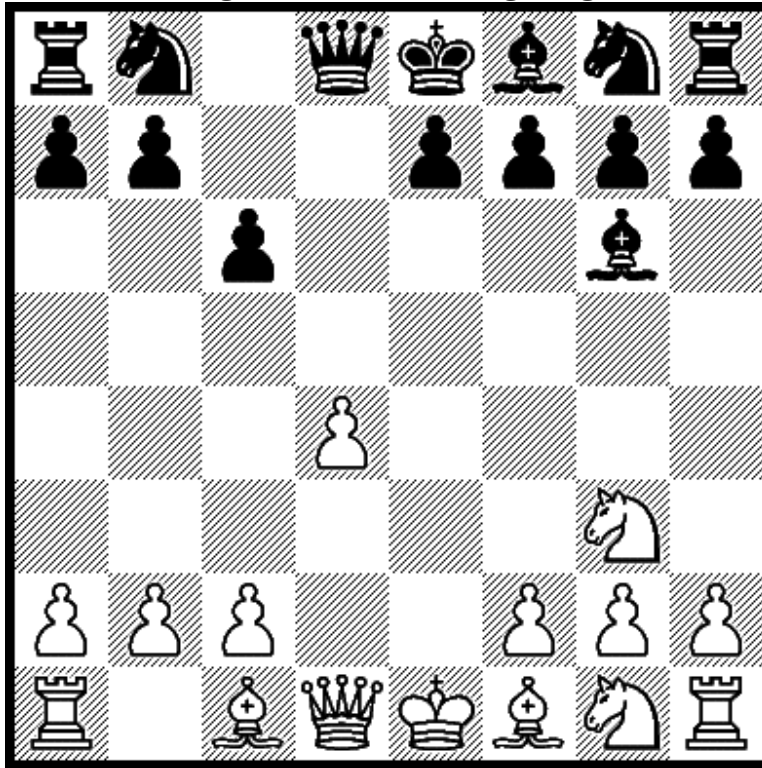
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5.Ng3

Black has 5...Bg6. If 5...Nf6 6.Nxf5 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxf5 8.Nf3.

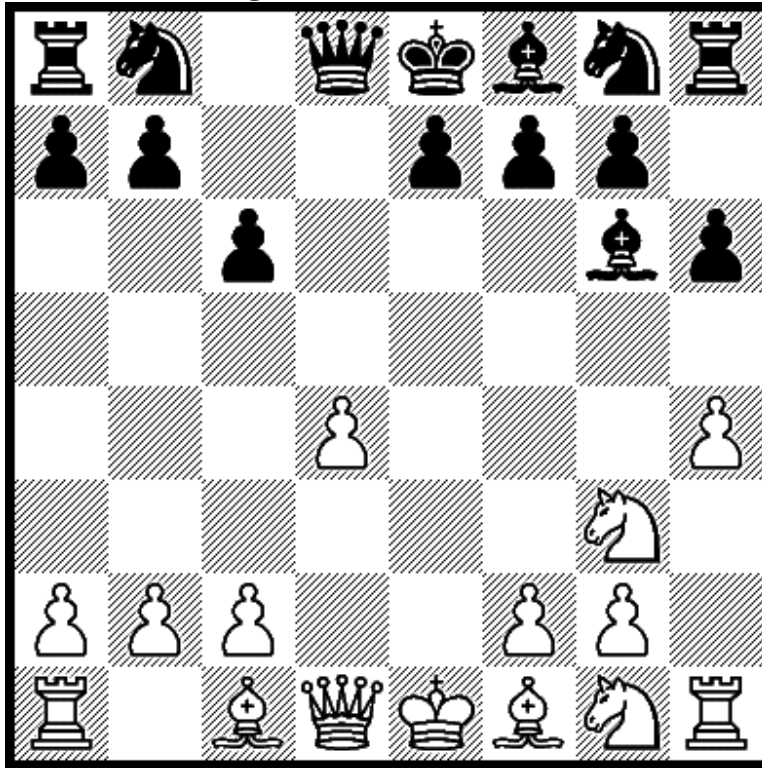
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6.h4

Black has 6...h6. If 6...h5 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3.

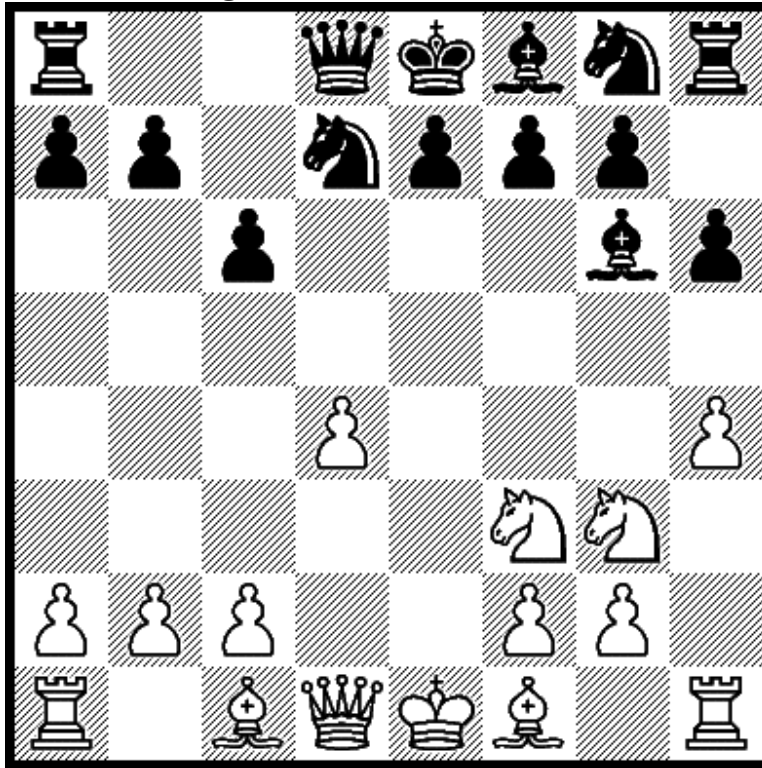
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7.Nf3

Black has 7...Nd7. If 7...Nf6 8.Ne5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3.

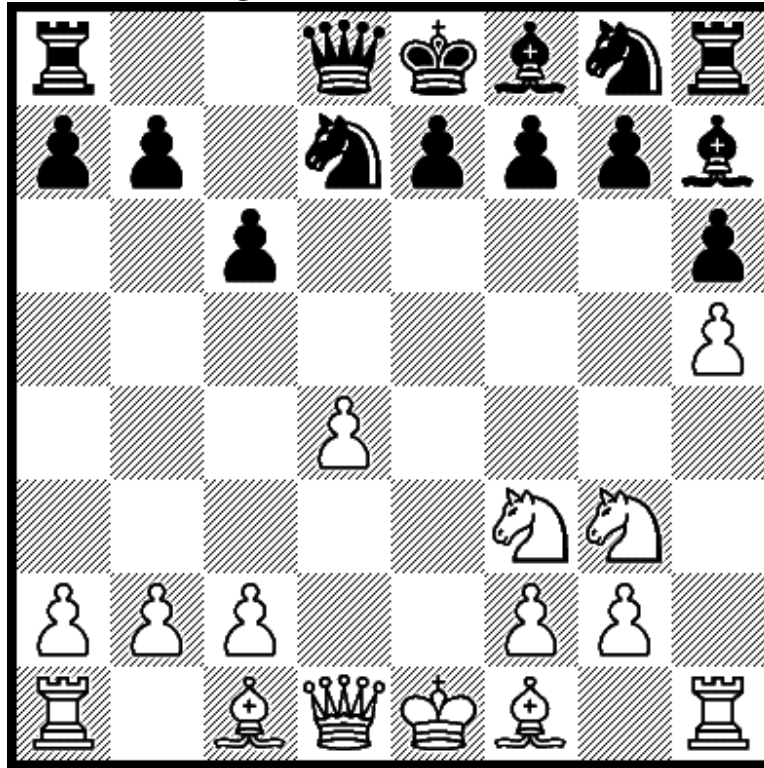
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8.h5

Now 8...Bh7. If 8...Bf5 9.Nxf5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qxf5 11.Bd3.

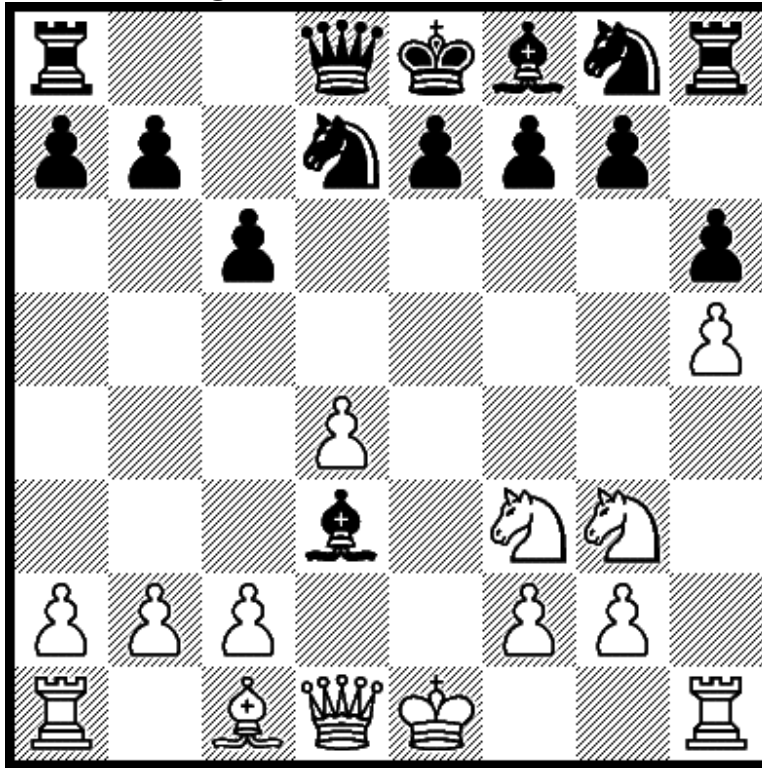
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Black has 9...Bxd3. If 9...Ngf6 10.Bxh7 Nxh7 11.Qe2.

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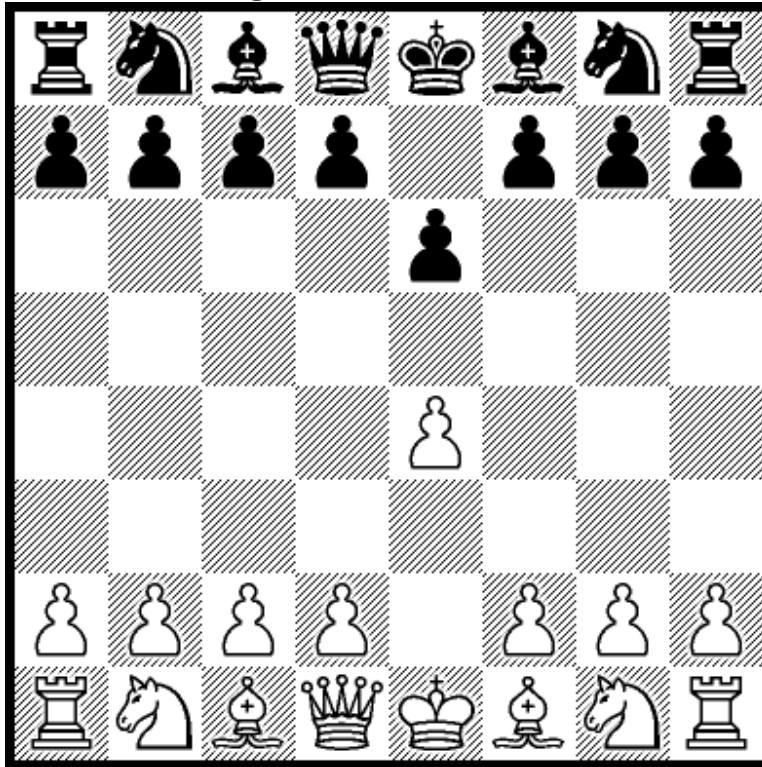
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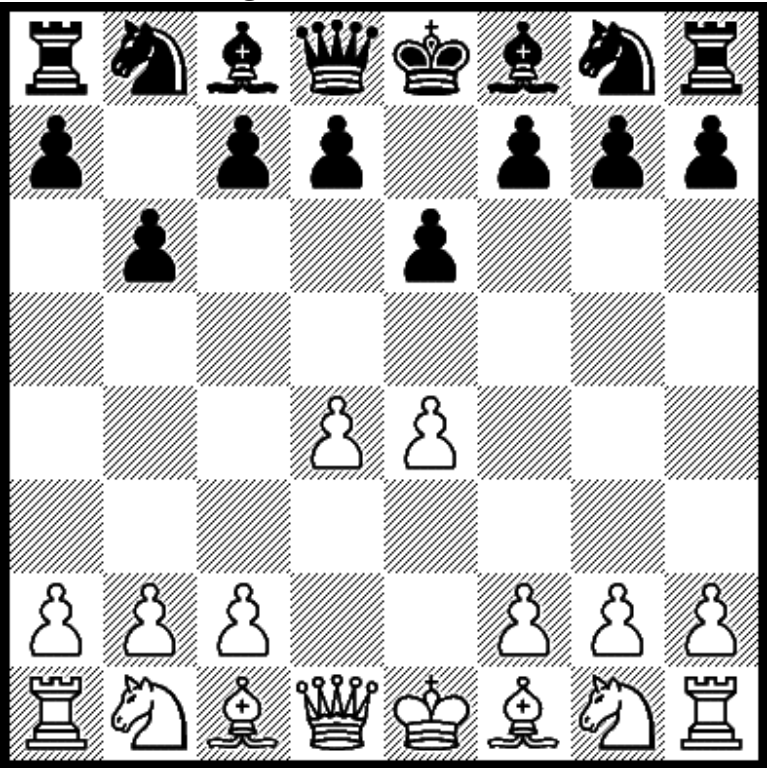
Diagram 48 after 1.e4 e6



2.d4

Black has 2...b6 and 2...d5. If 2...c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4.

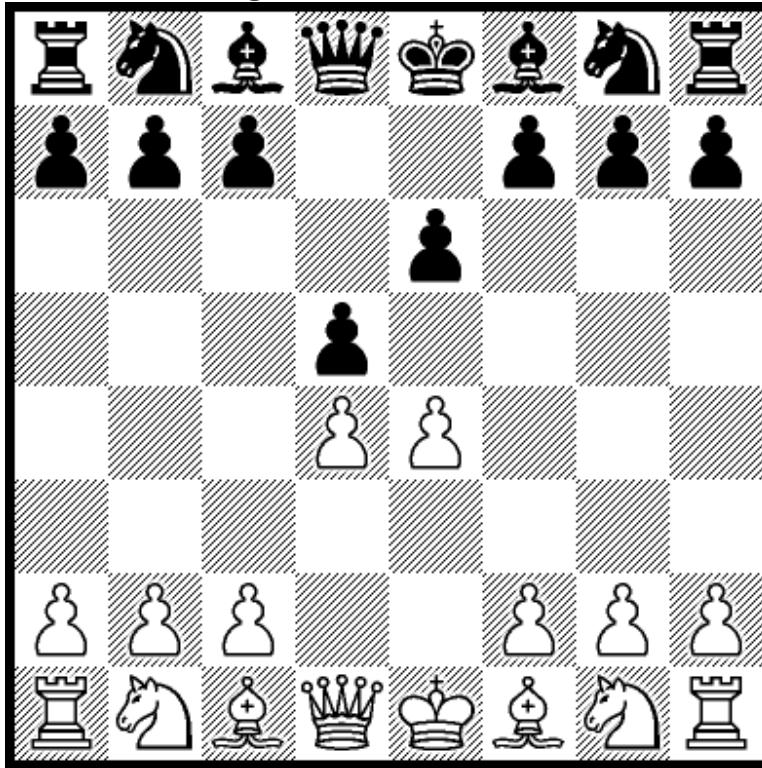
Diagram 49 after 2.d4 b6



3.Bd3

If 3...Bb7 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.dxc5.

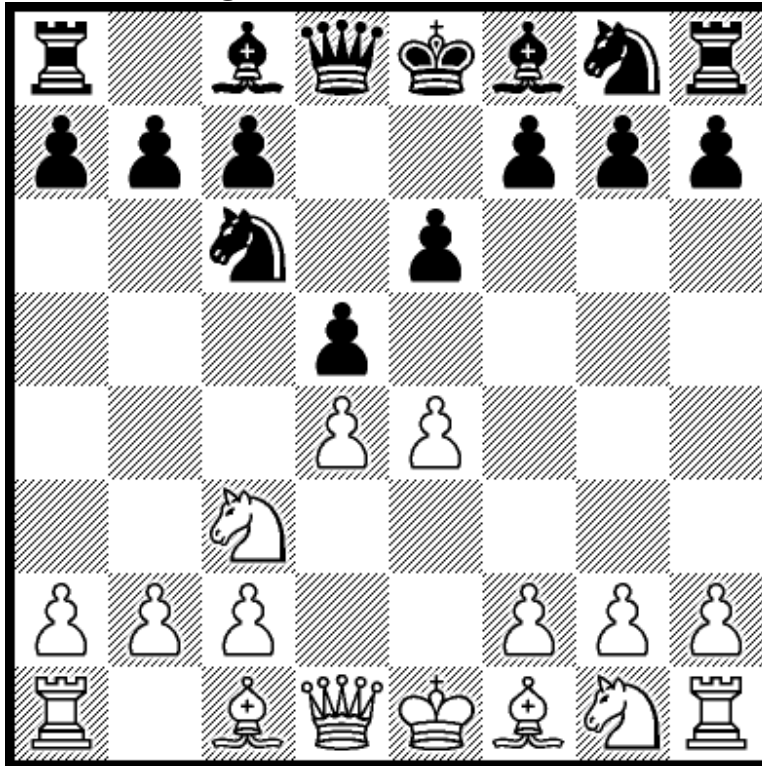
Diagram 50 after 2.d4 d5



3.Nc3

Black has 3...Nc6, 3...dxe4, 3...Nf6, and 3...Bb4.

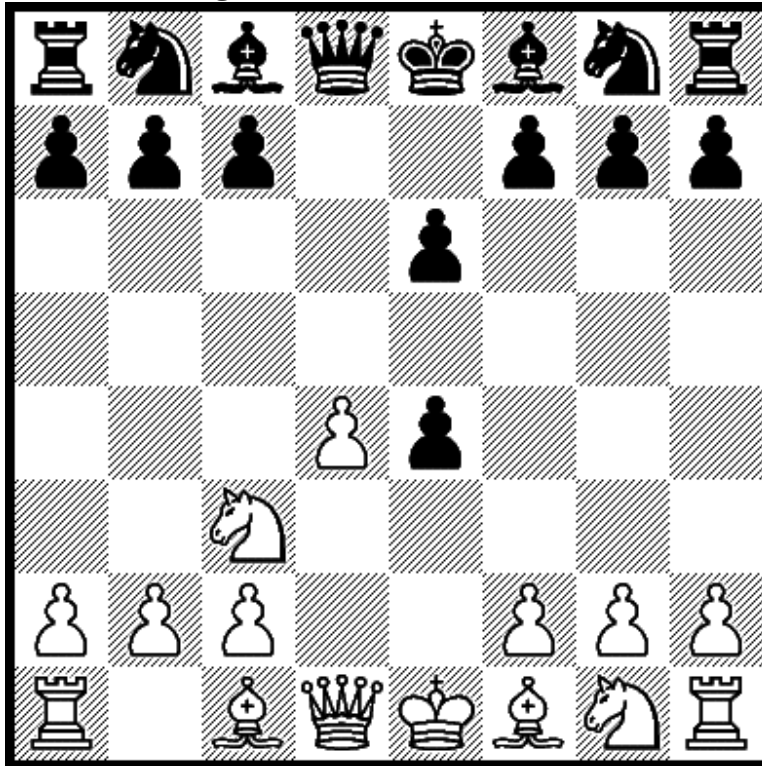
Diagram 51 after 3.Nc3 Nc6



4.e5

If 4...Nge7 5.Nf3 b6 6.a3 Nf5 7.h4 Bb7 8.g4.

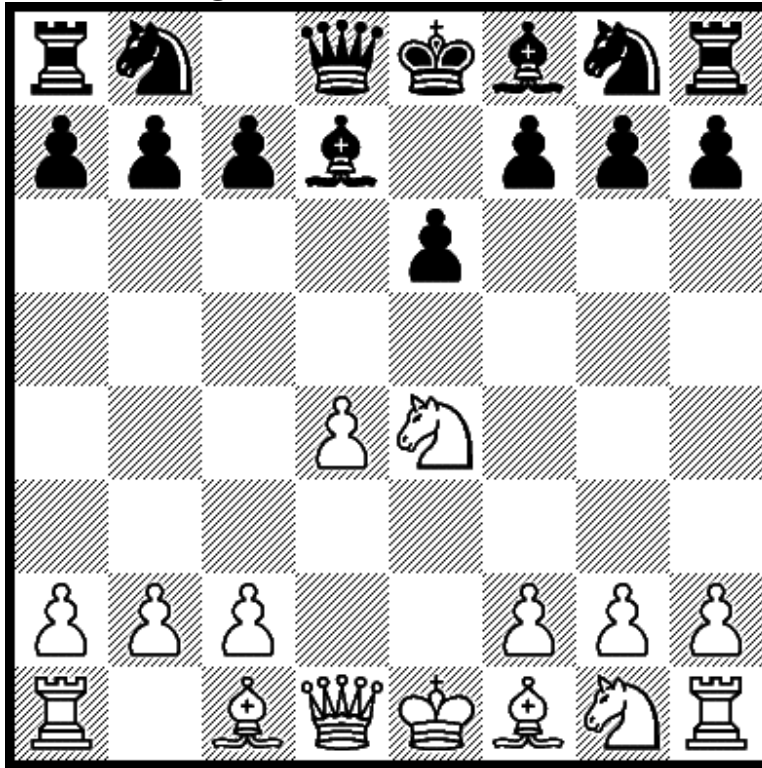
Diagram 52 after 3.Nc3 dxe4



4.Nxe4

Black has 4...Bd7 and 4...Nd7. If 4...Nf6 5.Nxf6+ Qxf6 6.Nf3.

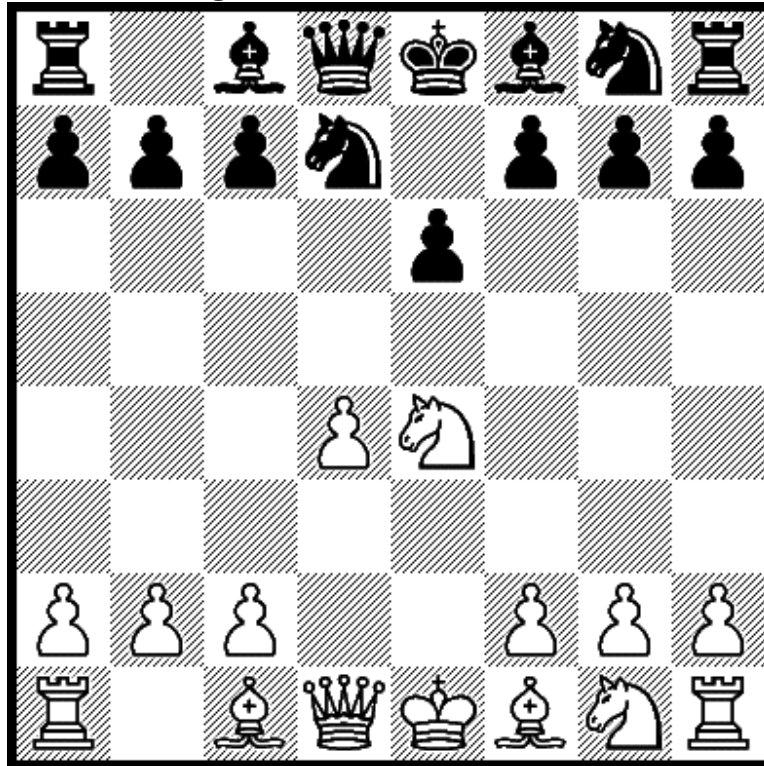
Diagram 53 after 4.Nxe4 Bd7



5.Nf3

If 5...Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Be7 9.Qe2.

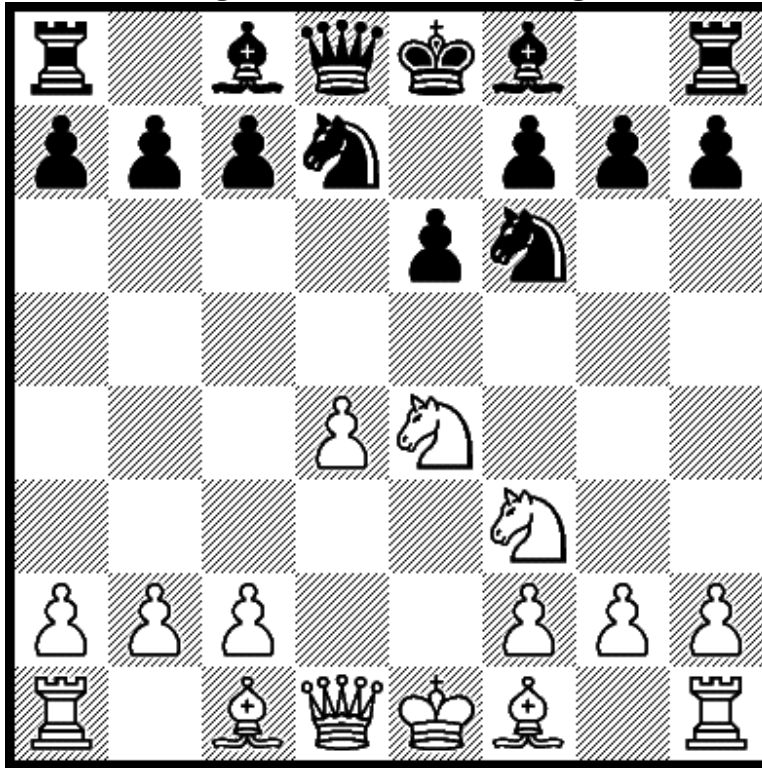
Diagram 54 after 4.Nxe4 Nd7



5.Nf3

Black has 5...Ngf6. If 5...Be7 6.Bd3 Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2.

Diagram 55 after 5.Nf3 Ngf6



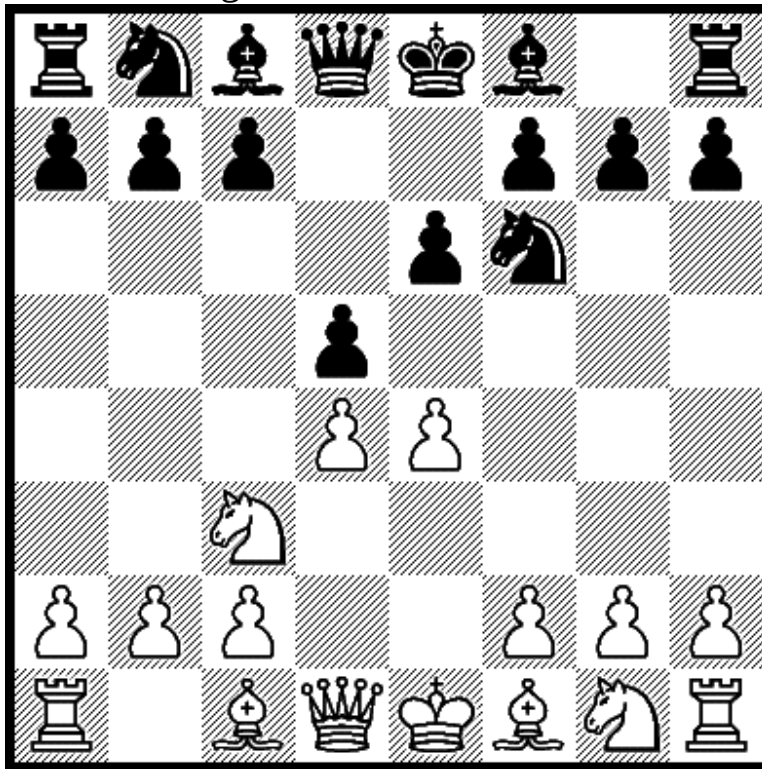
6.Nxf6+

If 6...Nxf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0.



1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6

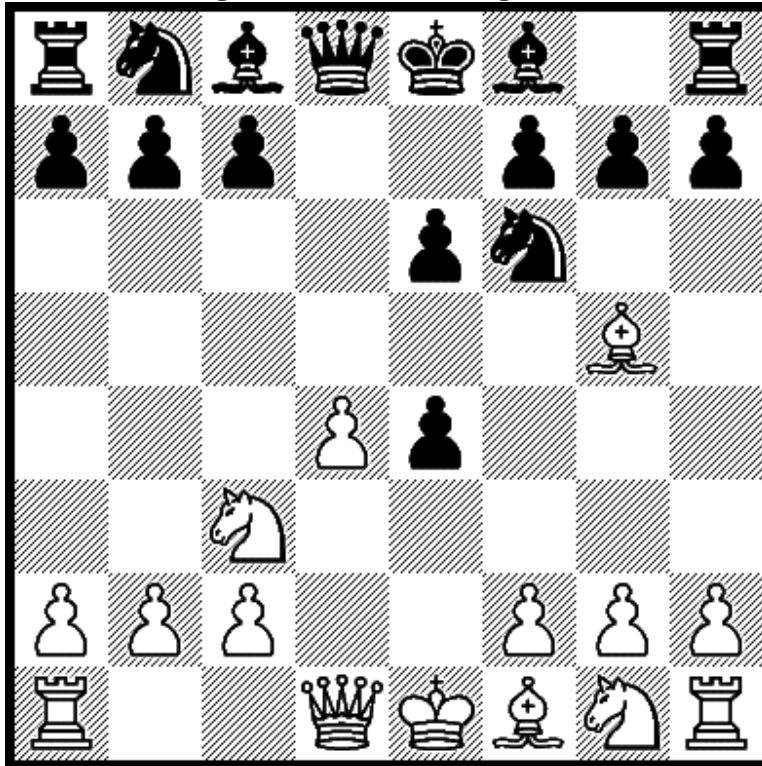
Diagram 56 after 3.Nc3 Nf6



4.Bg5

Black has 4...dxe4, 4...Bb4, and 4...Be7.

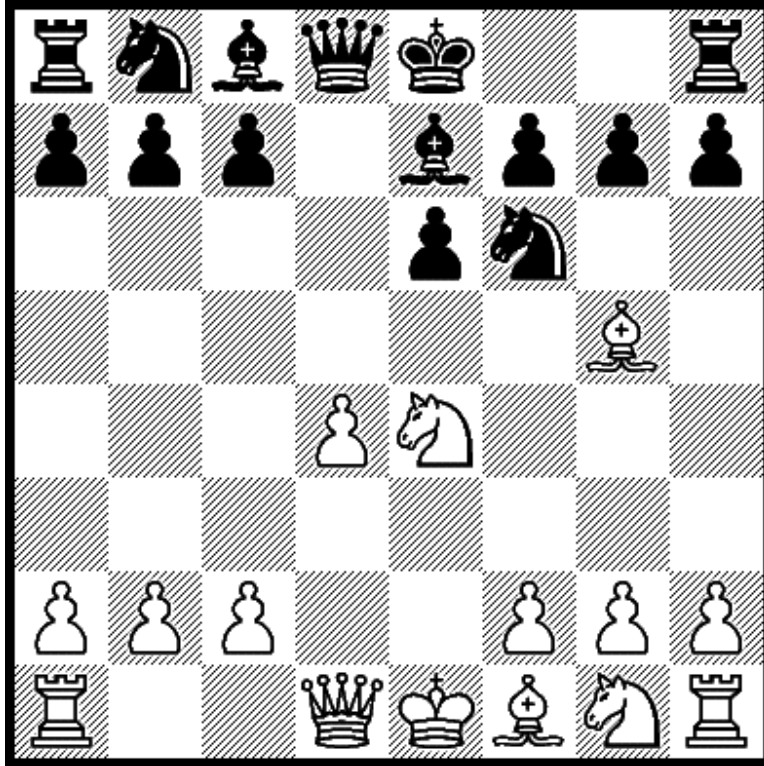
Diagram 57 after 4.Bg5 dxe4



5.Nxe4

Black has 5...Be7. If 5...Nbd7 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bh4.

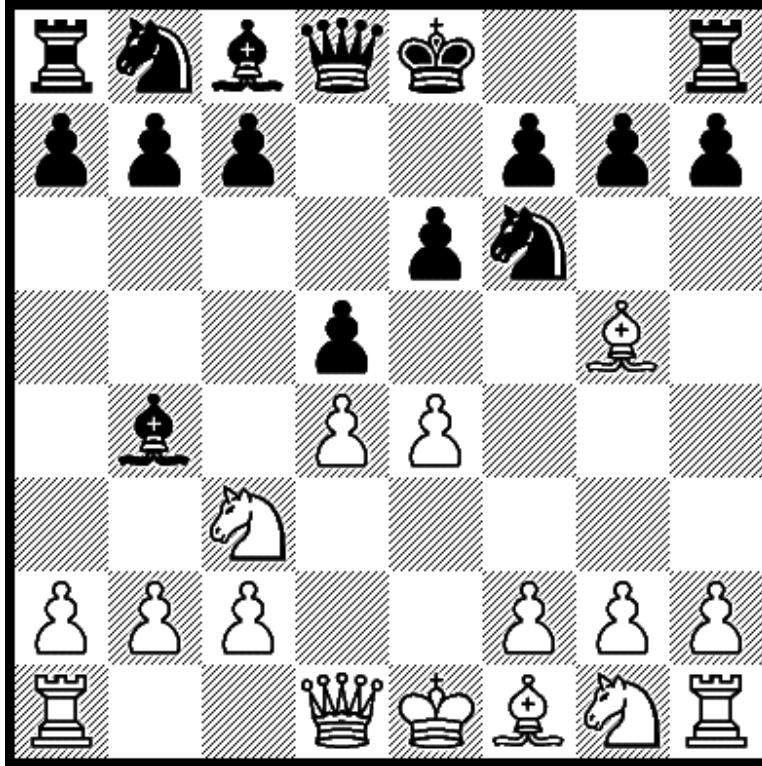
Diagram 58 after 5.Nxe4 Be7



6.Bxf6

If 6...gxf6 7.Nf3 f5 8.Nc3. Or if 6...Bxf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.c3.

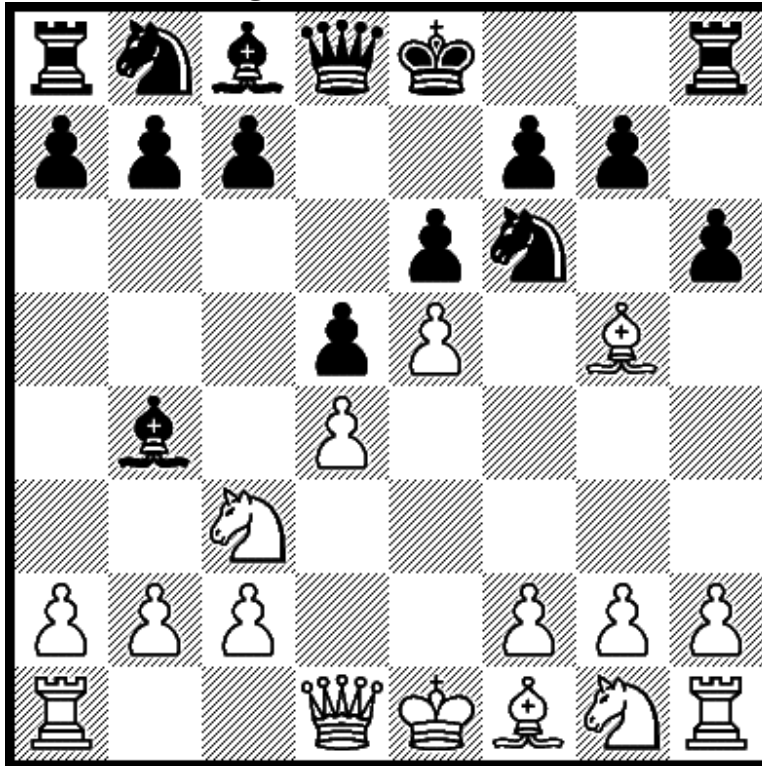
Diagram 59 after 4.Bg5 Bb4



5.e5

Black has 5...h6. If 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 h6 7.Bc1 Ne4 8.Ne2.

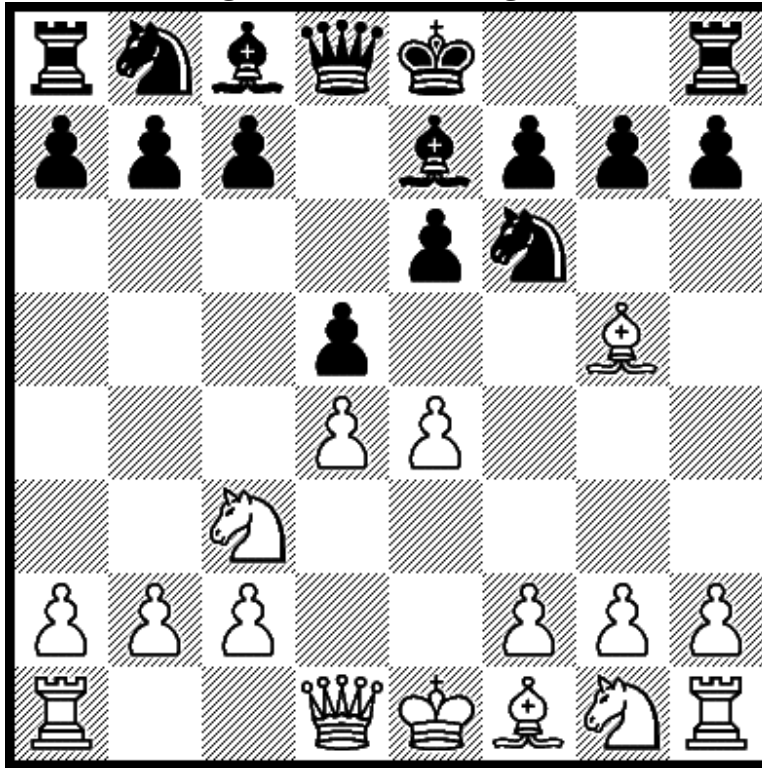
Diagram 60 after 5.e5 h6



6.exf6

If 6...hxg5 7.fxg7 Rg8 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qf6 10.Nf3.

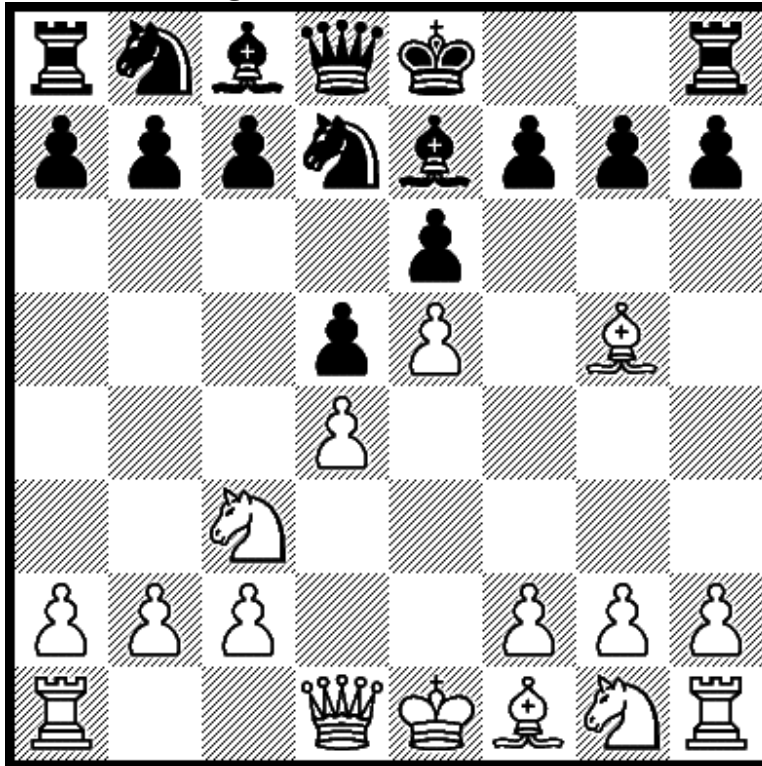
Diagram 61 after 4.Bg5 Be7



5.e5

Now 5...Nfd7. If 5...Ne4 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qe2.

Diagram 62 after 5.e5 Nfd7



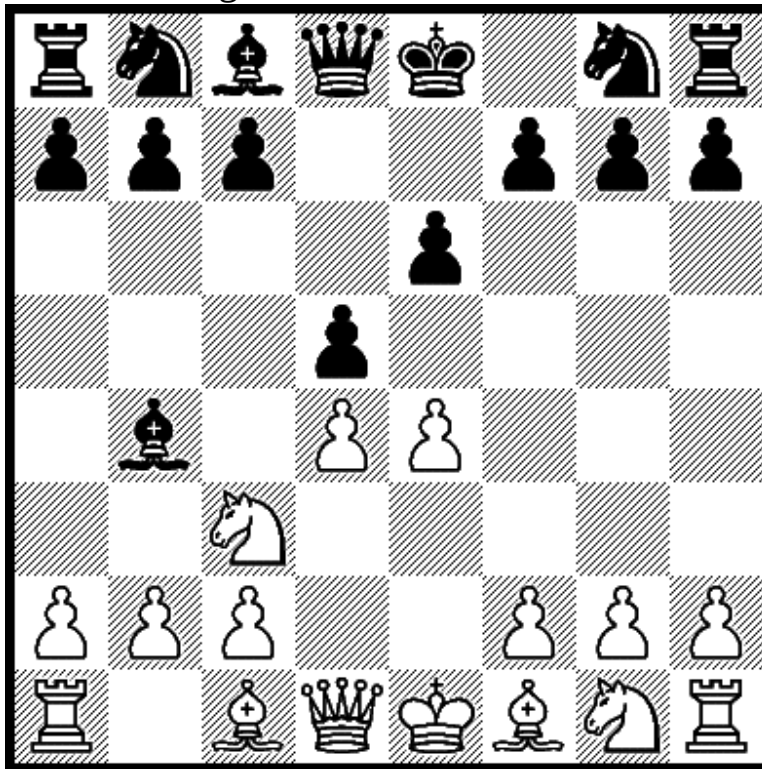
6.Bxe7

If 6...Qxe7 7.f4 and now 7...a6 8.Nf3 and 7...0-0 8.Nf3.



**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4**

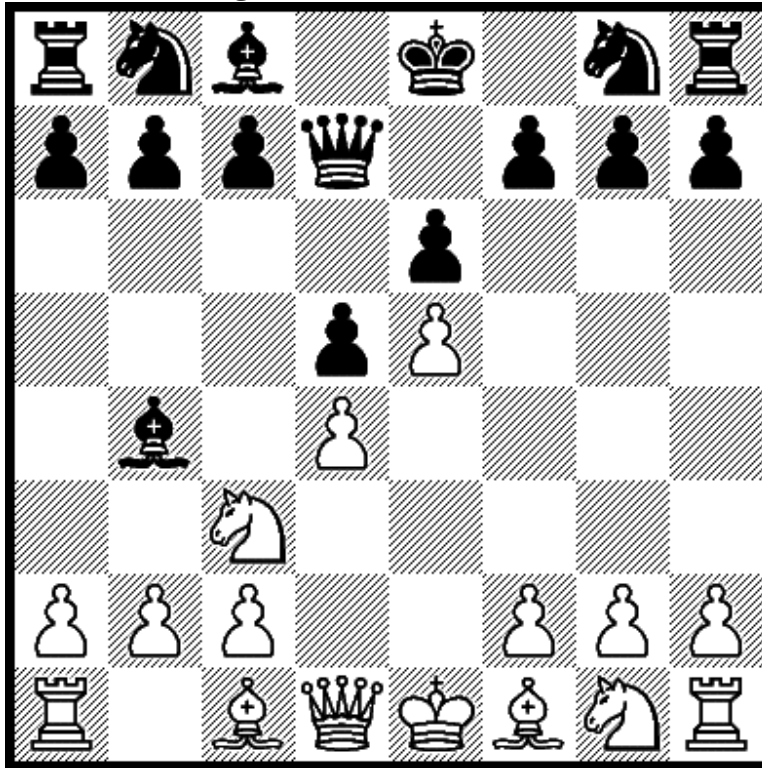
Diagram 63 after 3.Nc3 Bb4



4.e5

Now 4...Qd7, 4...b6 or 4...c5. If 4...Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5.

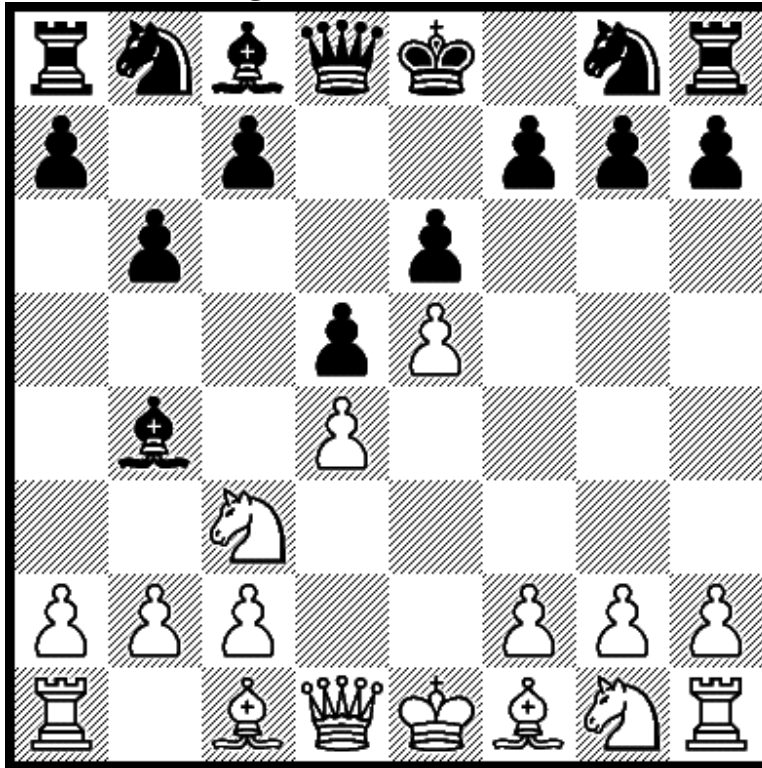
Diagram 64 after 4.e5 Qd7



5.Qg4

If 5...f5 6.Qg3 b6 7.Nh3 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nf4.

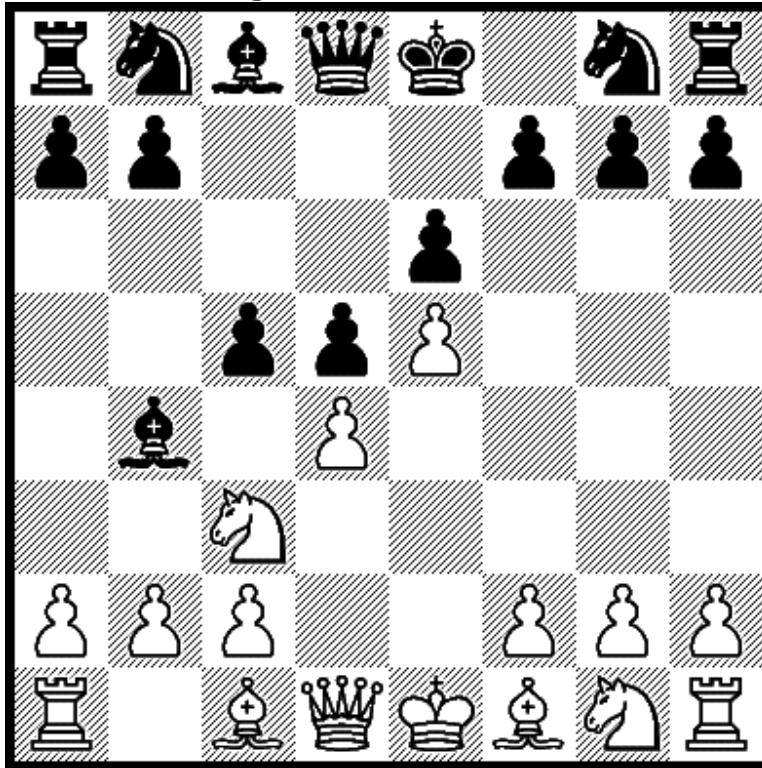
Diagram 65 after 4.e5 b6



5.Qg4

If 5...Bf8 6.Bg5 Qd7 7.f4 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.0-0-0.

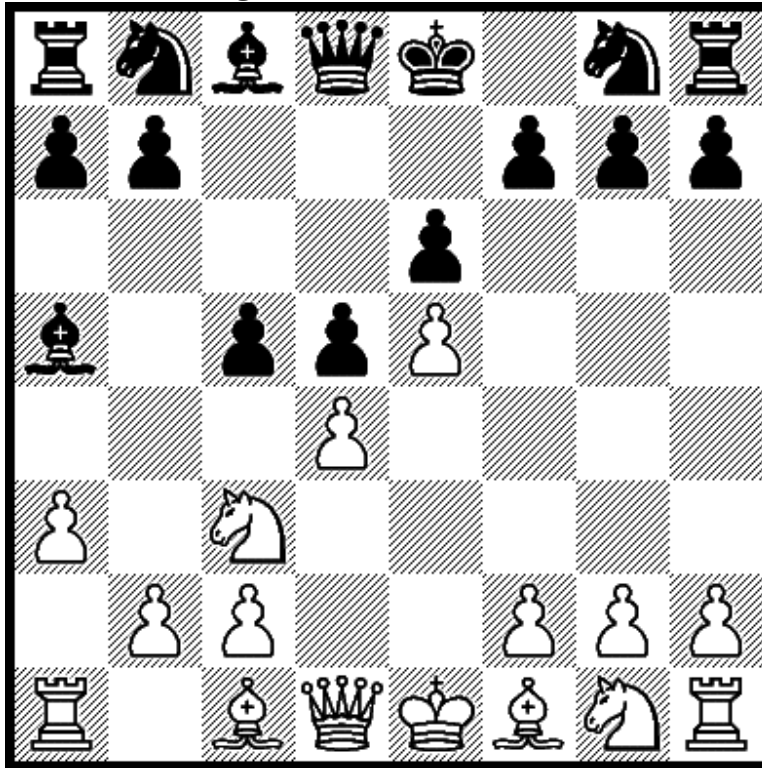
Diagram 66 after 4.e5 c5



5.a3

Black has 5...Ba5 and 5...Bxc3+.

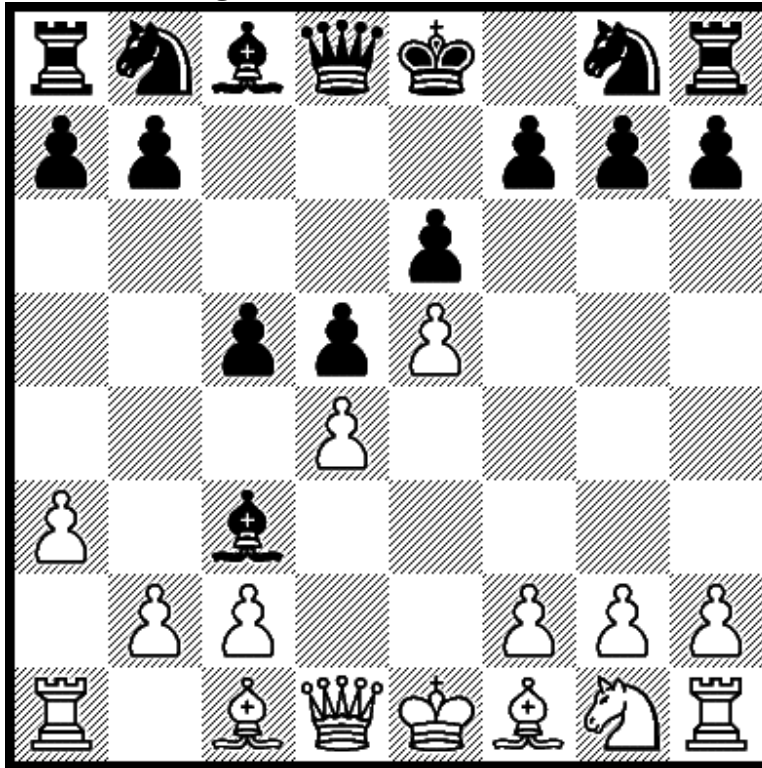
Diagram 67 after 5.a3 Ba5



6.b4

If 6...cxb4 7.Nb5 Nc6 8.axb4. If 6...cxd4 7.Nb5 Bc7 8.f4.

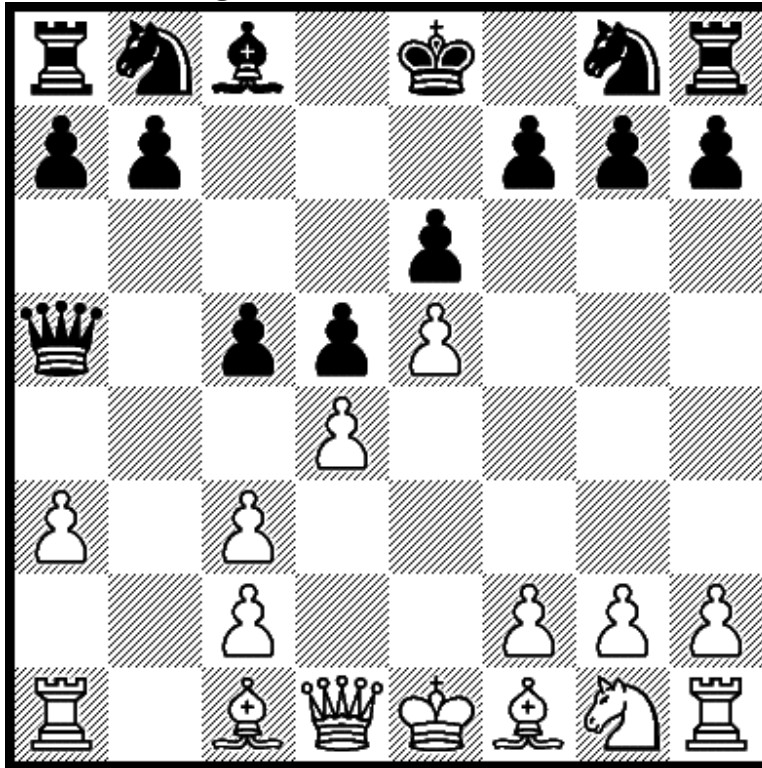
Diagram 68 after 5.a3 Bxc3+



6.bxc3

Now 6...Qa5 and 6...Ne7. If 6...Qc7 7.Nf3 Ne7 see 6...Ne7.

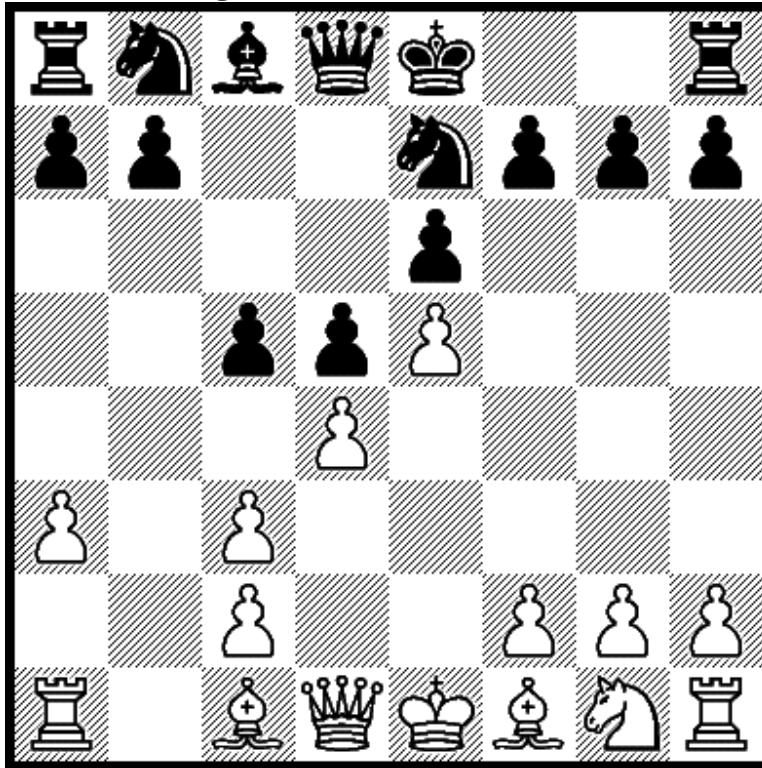
Diagram 69 after 6.bxc3 Qa5



7.Bd2

If 7...Qa4 8.Qb1 c4 9.g3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Bd7 11.Bg2.

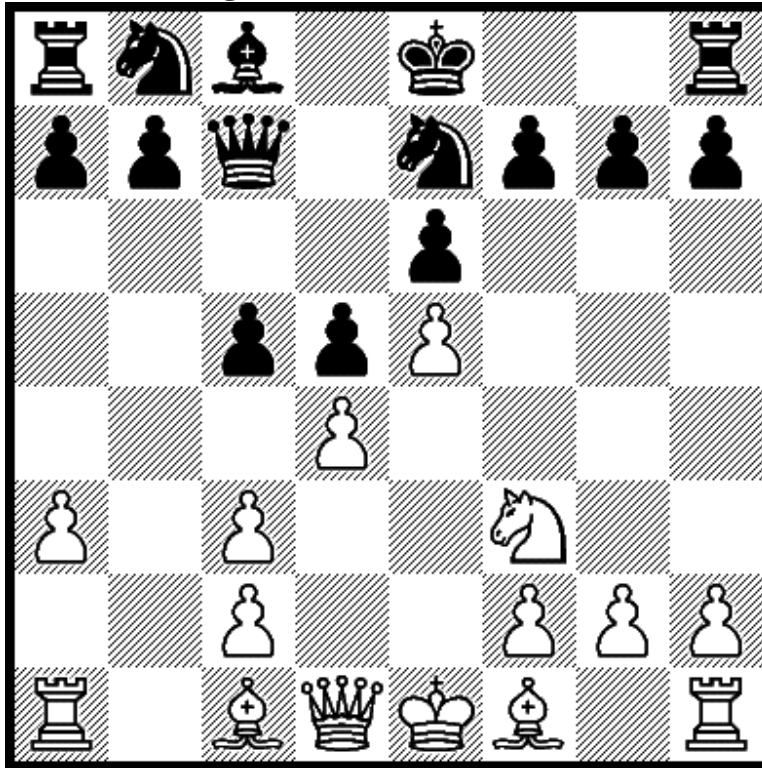
Diagram 70 after 6.bxc3 Ne7



7.Nf3

If 7...Bd7 8.a4. If 7...Nbc6 8.Be2. If 7...Qa5 8.Bd2. Or 7...Qc7.

Diagram 71 after 7.Nf3 Qc7



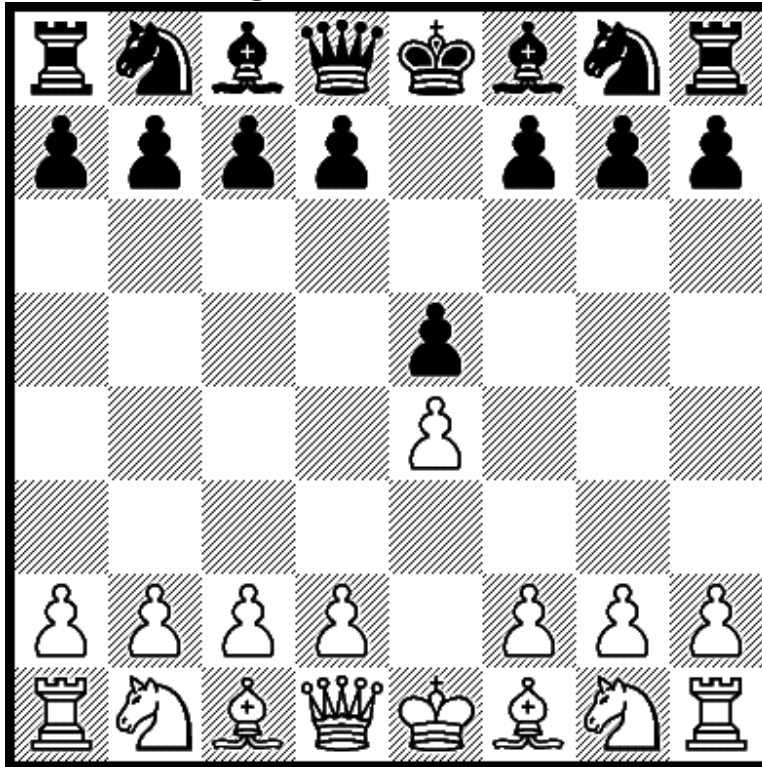
8.a4

If 8...Nbc6 9.Ba3. If 8...b6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bd3 Nbc6 11.0-0.



1.e4 e5

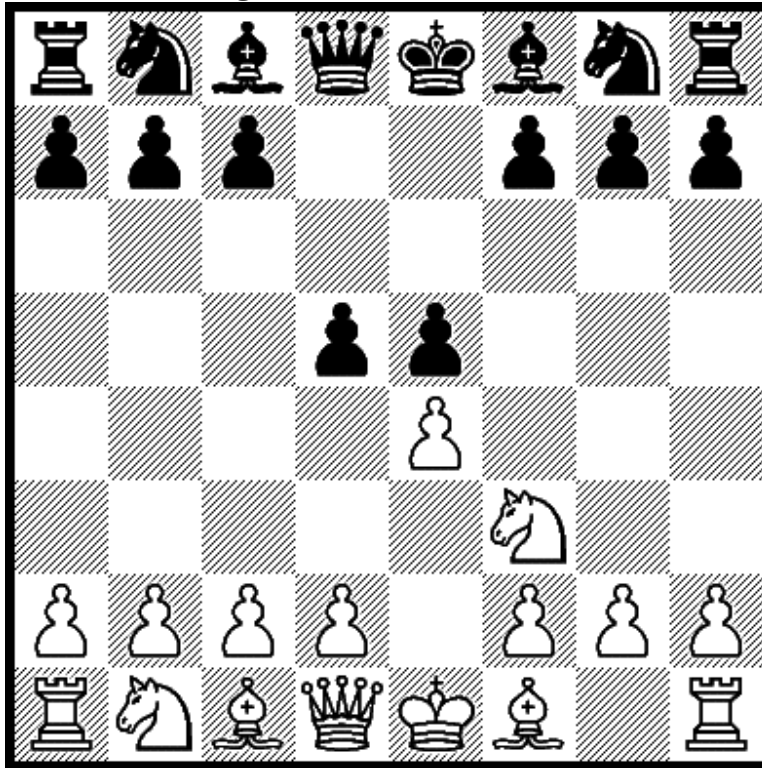
Diagram 72 after 1.e4 e5



2.Nf3

Black has 2...d5, 2...f5 or 2...d6. If 2...f6 3.Nxe5 fxe5 4.Qh5+.

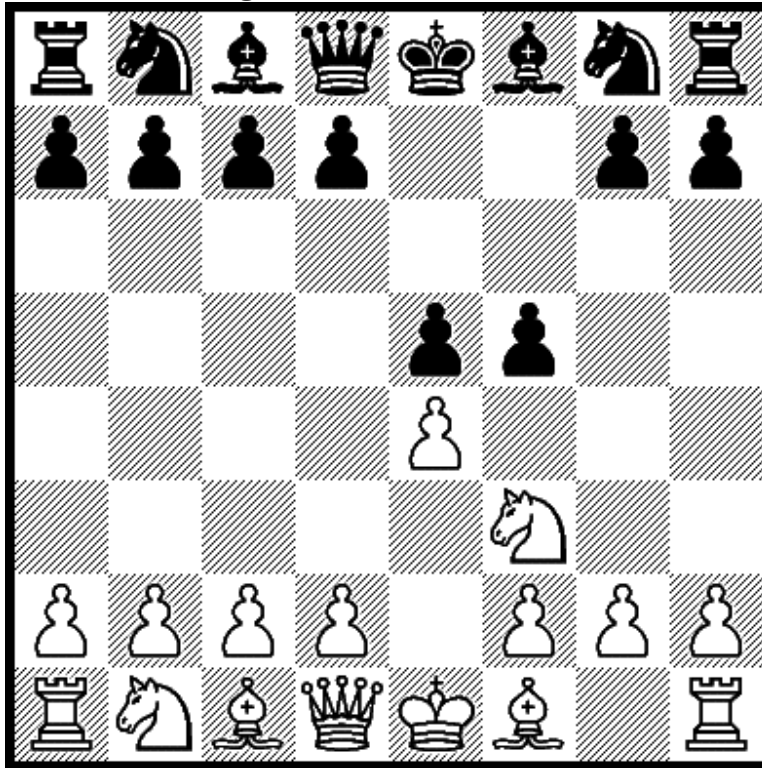
Diagram 73 after 2.Nf3 d5



3.exd5

If 3...Qxd5 4.Nc3. If 3...Bd6 4.d4. If 3...e4 4.Qe2 Nf6 5.d3.

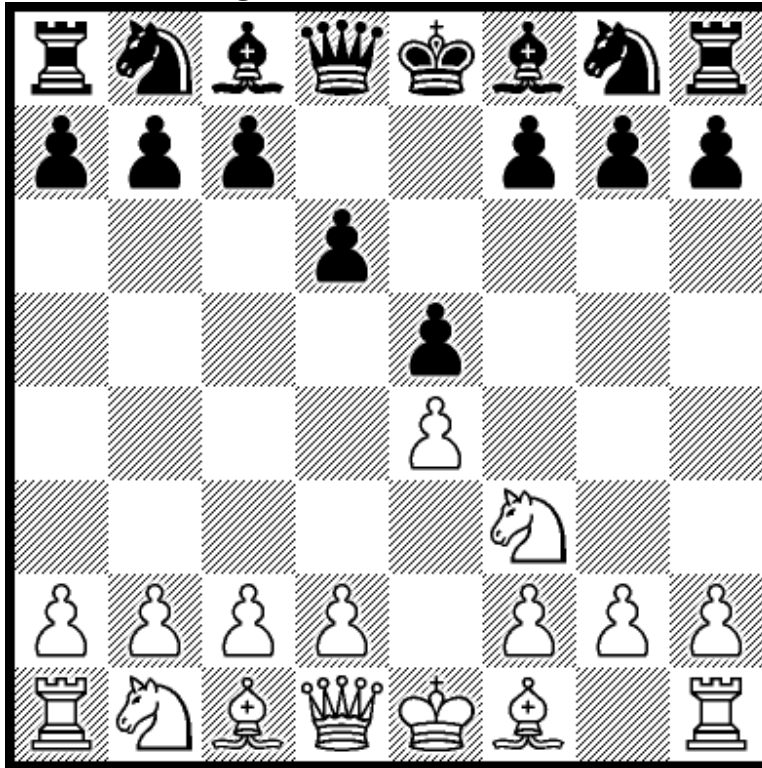
Diagram 74 after 2.Nf3 f5



3.Nxe5

If 3...Qf6 4.d4 d6 5.Nc4 fxe4 6.Nc3 Qg6 7.f3.

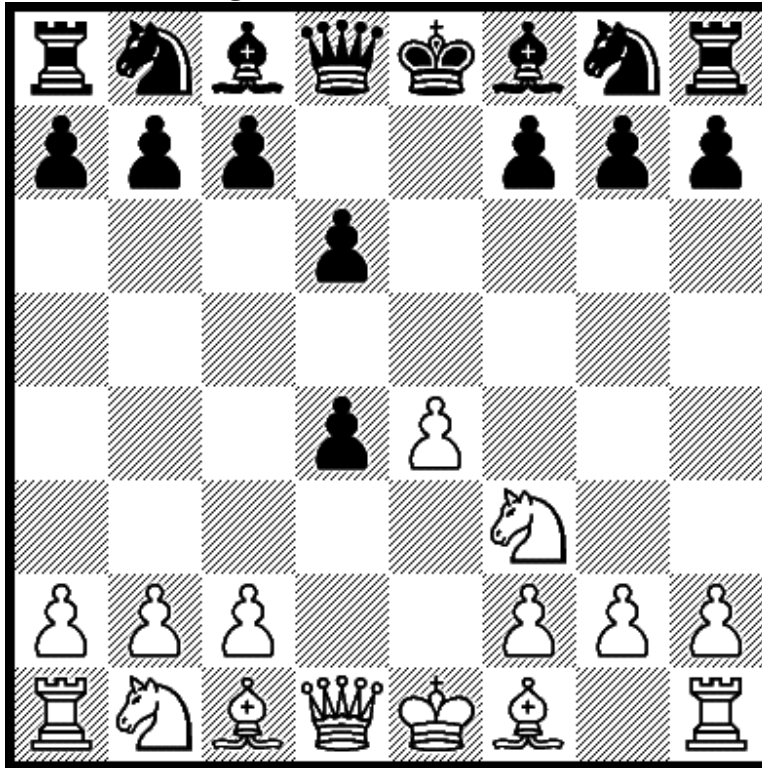
Diagram 75 after 2.Nf3 d6



3.d4

Black has 3...exd4. If 3...Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0.

Diagram 76 after 3.d4 exd4



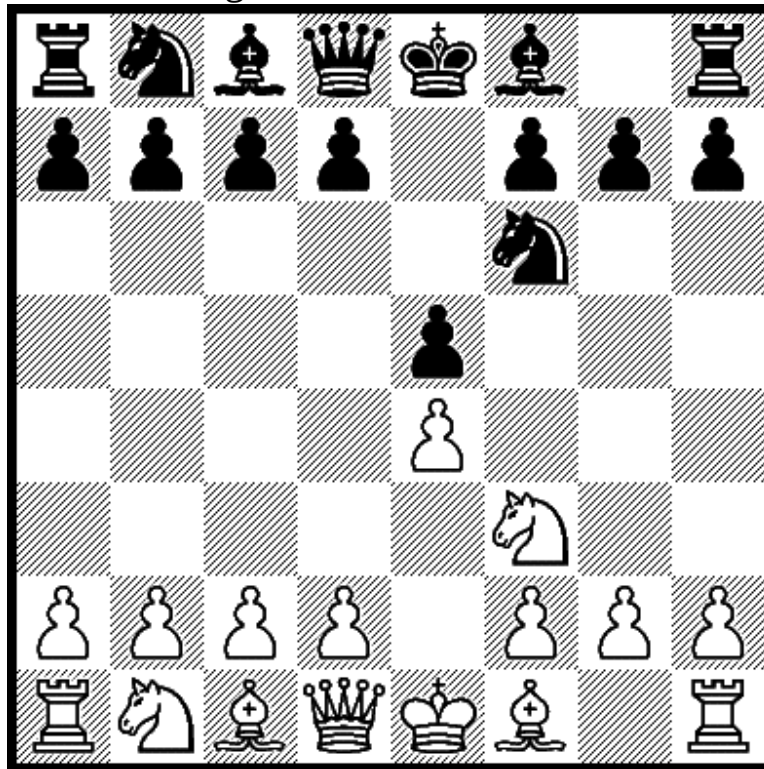
4.Nxd4

If 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 Nc6 8.0-0-0.



**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6**

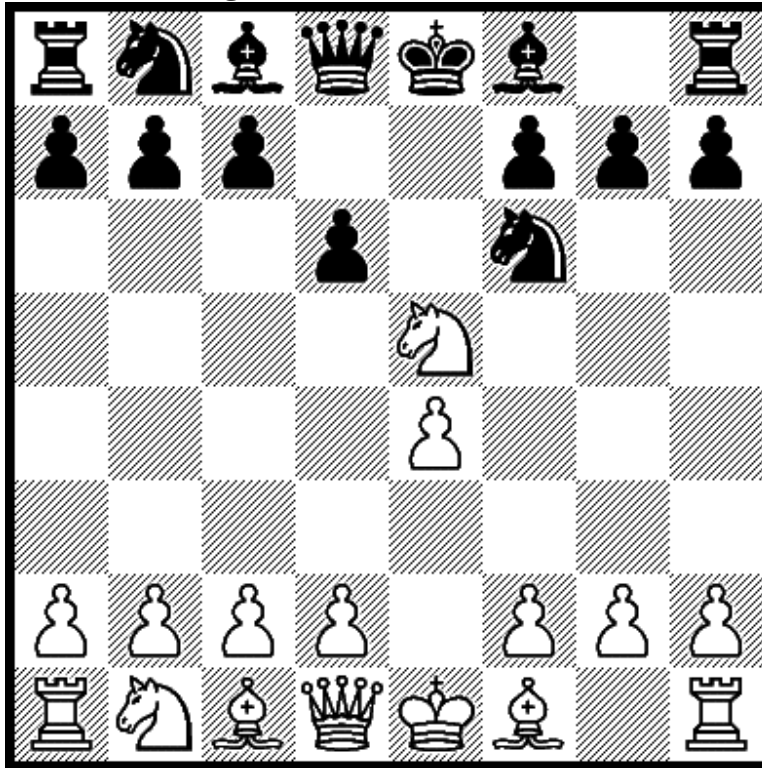
Diagram 77 after 2.Nf3 Nf6



3.Nxe5

Black has 3...d6. If 3...Nxe4 4.Qe2. If 3...Qe7 4.d4 d6 5.Nf3.

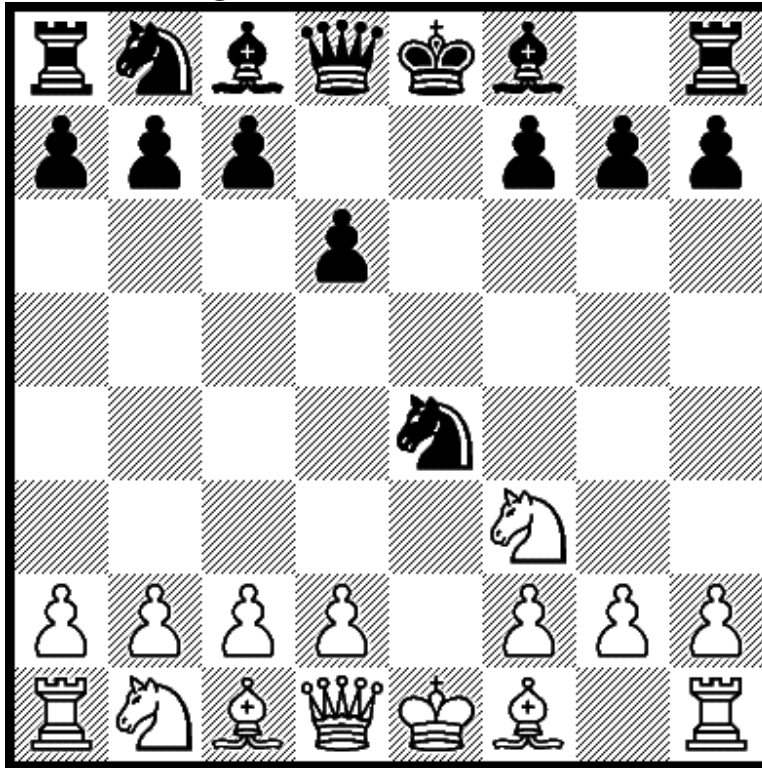
Diagram 78 after 3.Nxe5 d6



4.Nf3

Black has 4...Nxe4. If 4...Bg4 5.Nc3. If 4...Nc6 5.d3.

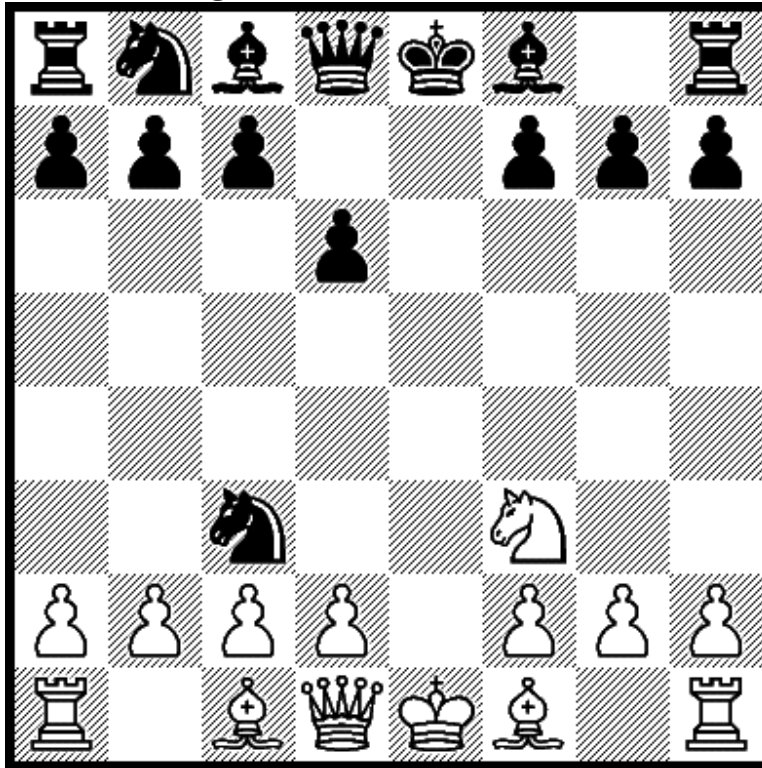
Diagram 79 after 4.Nf3 Nxe4



5.Nc3

Black has 5...Nxc3. If 5...Nf6 6.d4 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.h3.

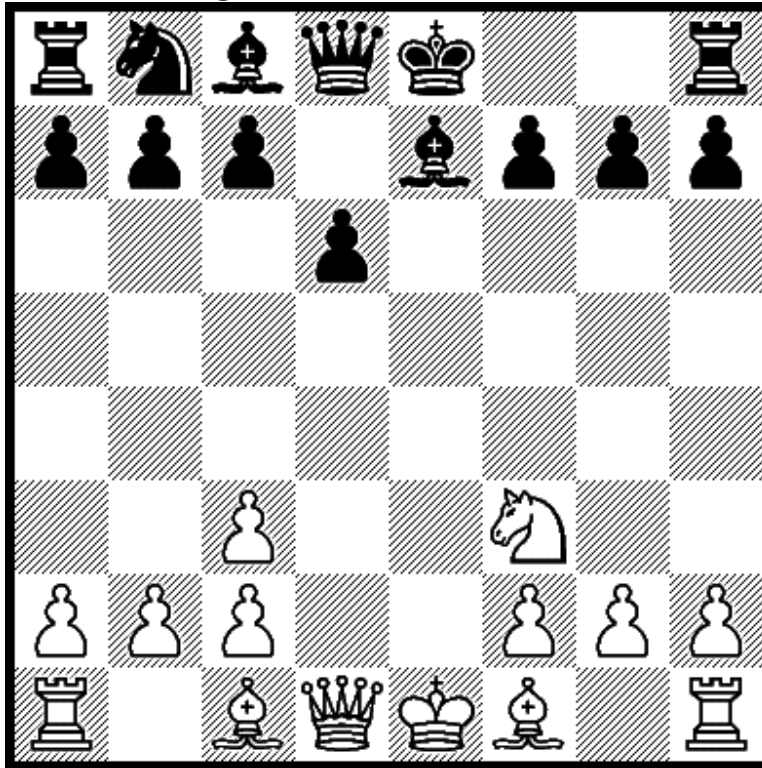
Diagram 80 after 5.Nc3 Nxc3



6.dxc3

Black has 6...Be7. If 6...Nc6 7.Bf4 Be7 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0.

Diagram 81 after 6.dxc3 Be7



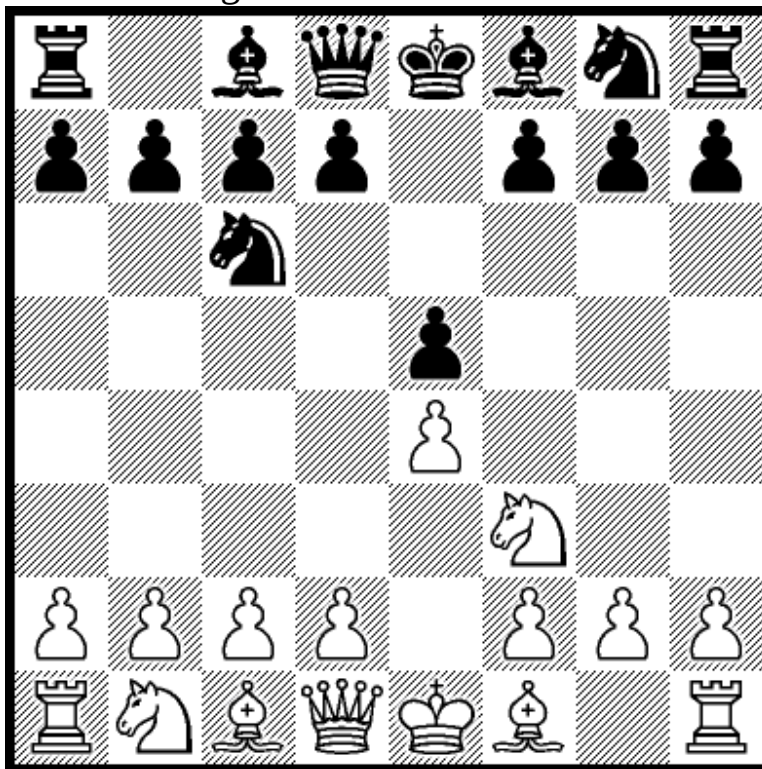
7.Bf4

If 7...0-0 8.Qd2 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Nc5 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Bxe6.



**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**

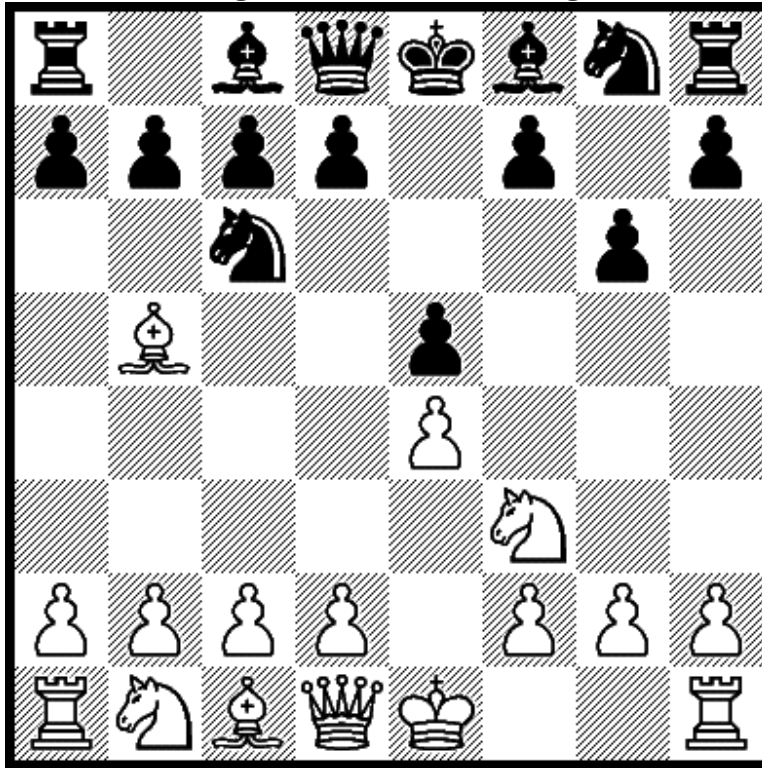
Diagram 82 after 2.Nf3 Nc6



3.Bb5

Now 3...g6, 3...Nd4, 3...Nge7, 3...d6, 3...Bc5, 3...f5 or 3...Nf6

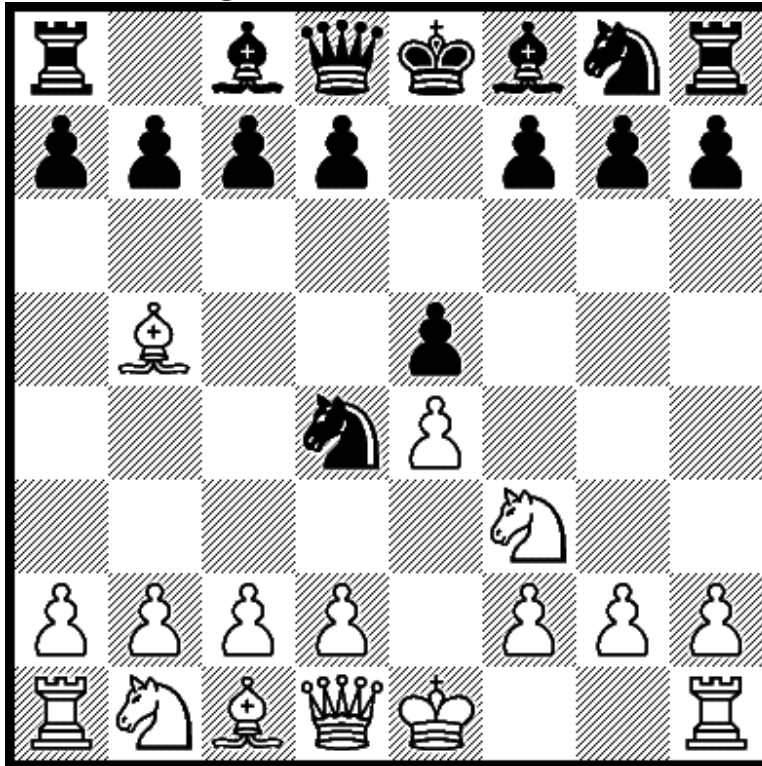
Diagram 83 after 3.Bb5 g6



4.c3

If 4...Nge7 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.Bxc6+.

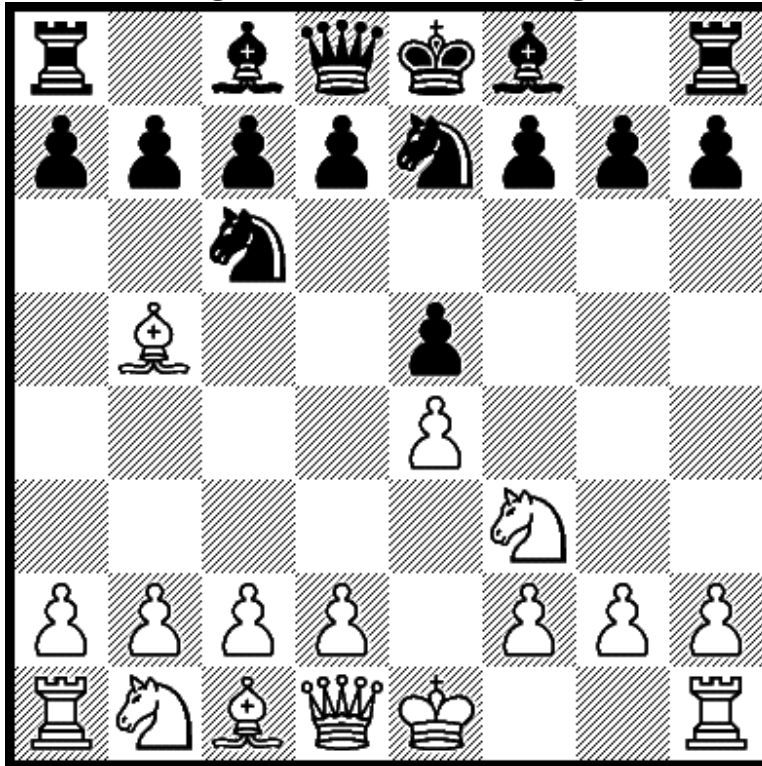
Diagram 84 after 3.Bb5 Nd4



4.Nxd4

If 4...exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Bc4 d6 7.d3 c6 8.Qh5.

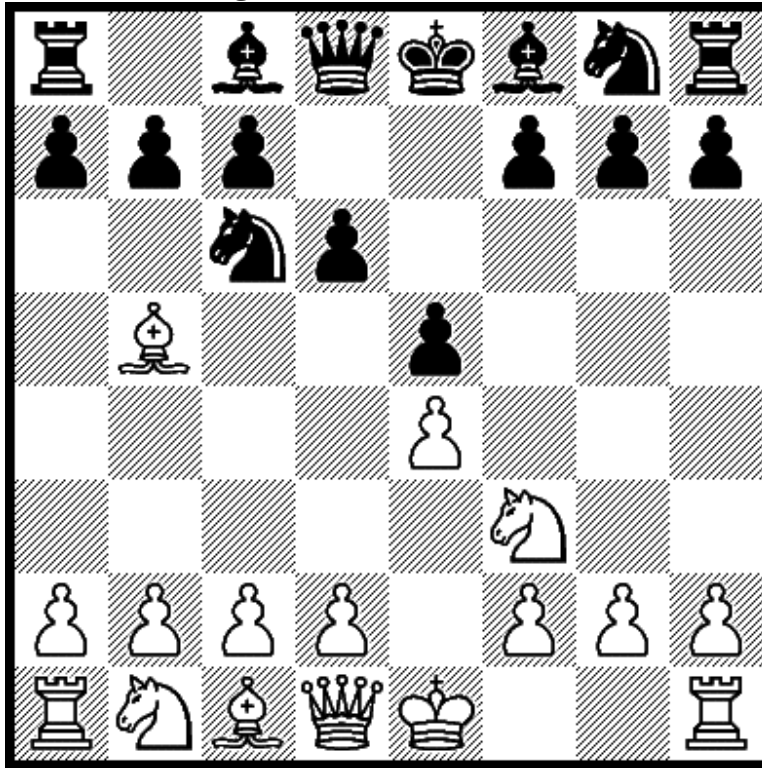
Diagram 85 after 3.Bb5 Nge7



4.0-0

If 4...g6 5.c3 Bg7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.Bxc6+.

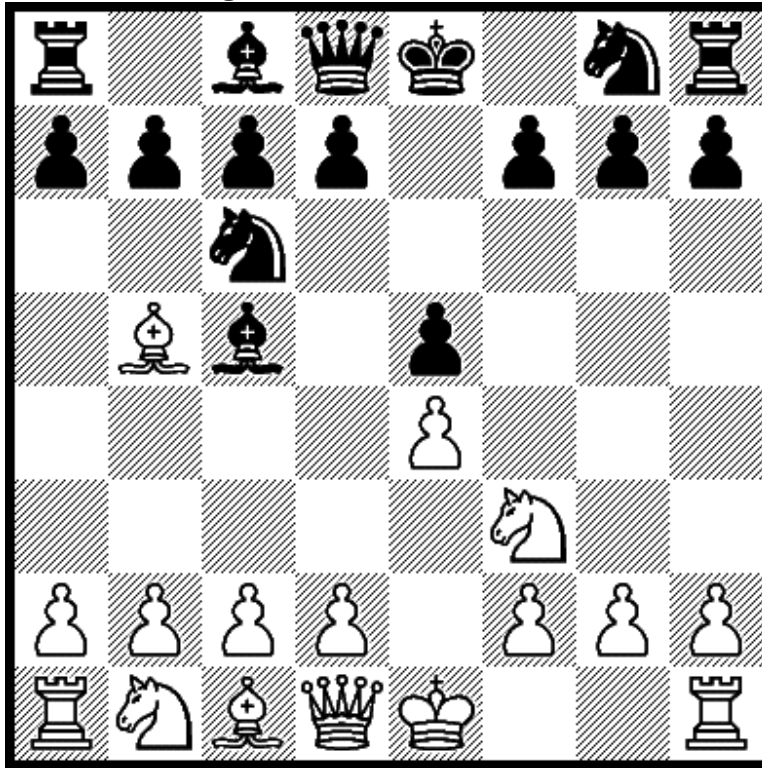
Diagram 86 after 3.Bb5 d6



4.d4

If 4...Bd7 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bxc6. If 4...exd4 5.Qxd4 Bd7 6.Bxc6.

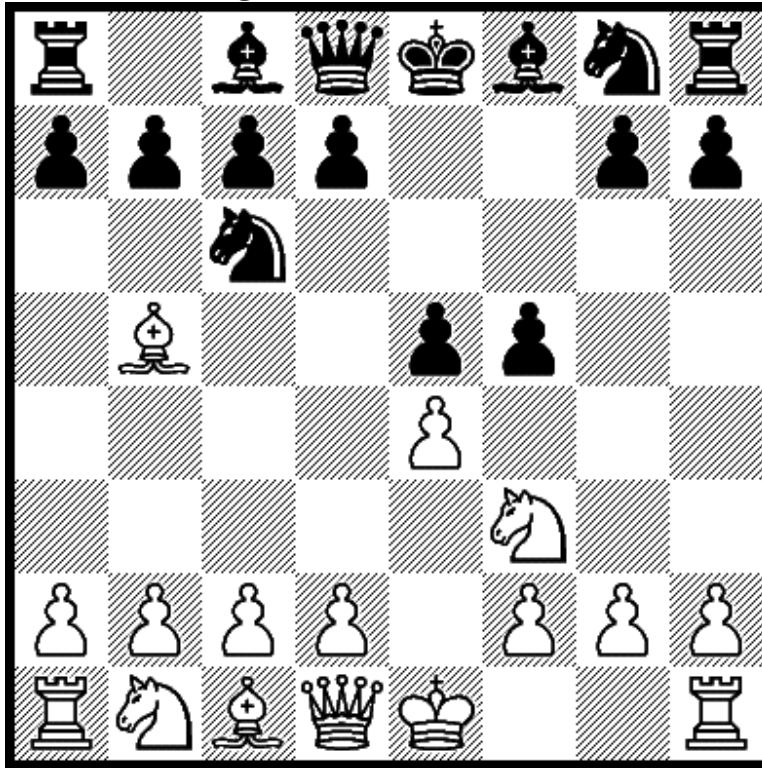
Diagram 87 after 3.Bb5 Bc5



4.c3

If 4...Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 Ne4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2.

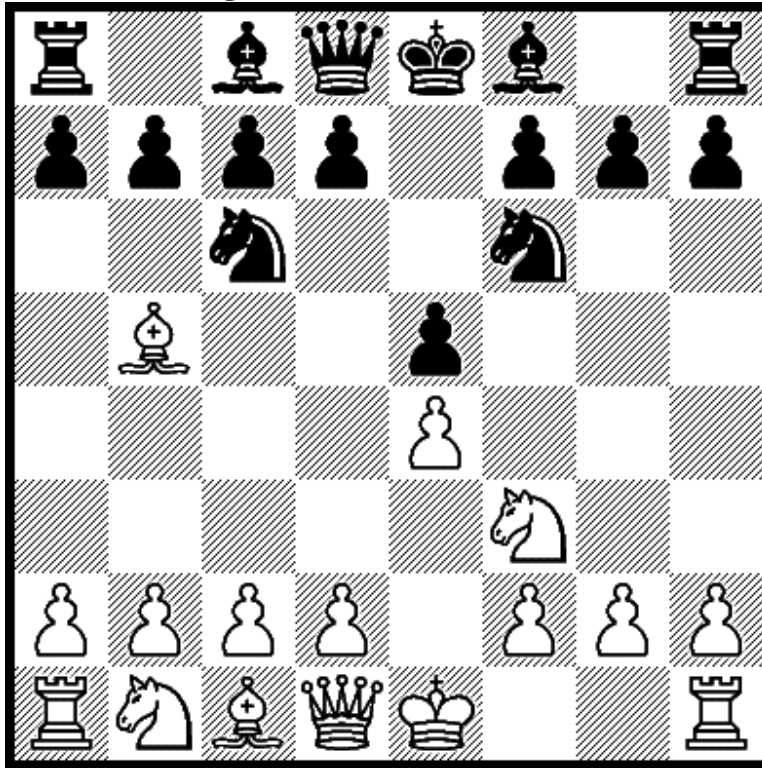
Diagram 88 after 3.Bb5 f5



4.d3

If 4...fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.Nxe5.

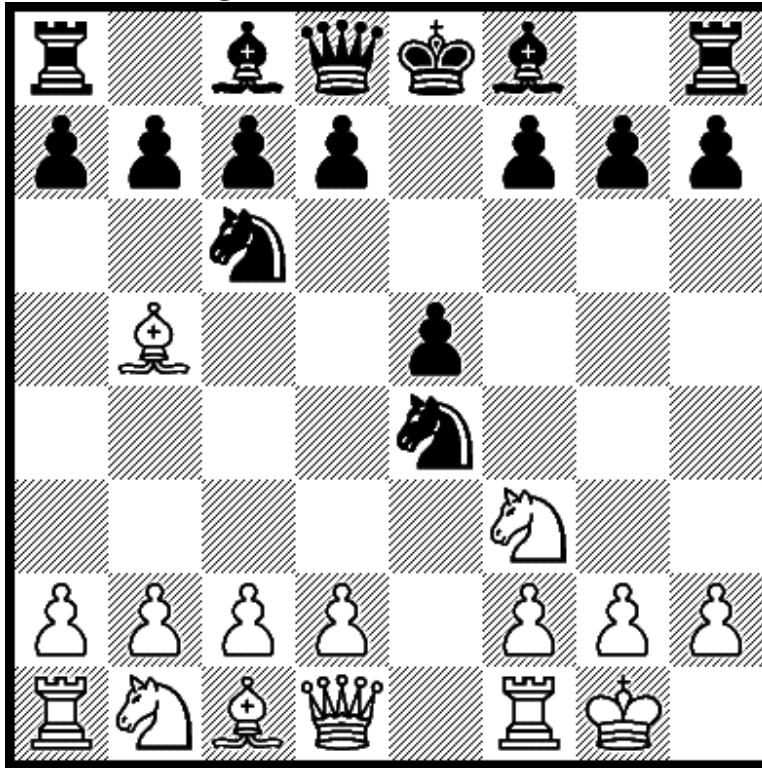
Diagram 89 after 3.Bb5 Nf6



4.0-0

Black has 4...Nxe4. If 4...Bc5 5.Nxe5 Nxe5 6.d4 a6 7.Be2.

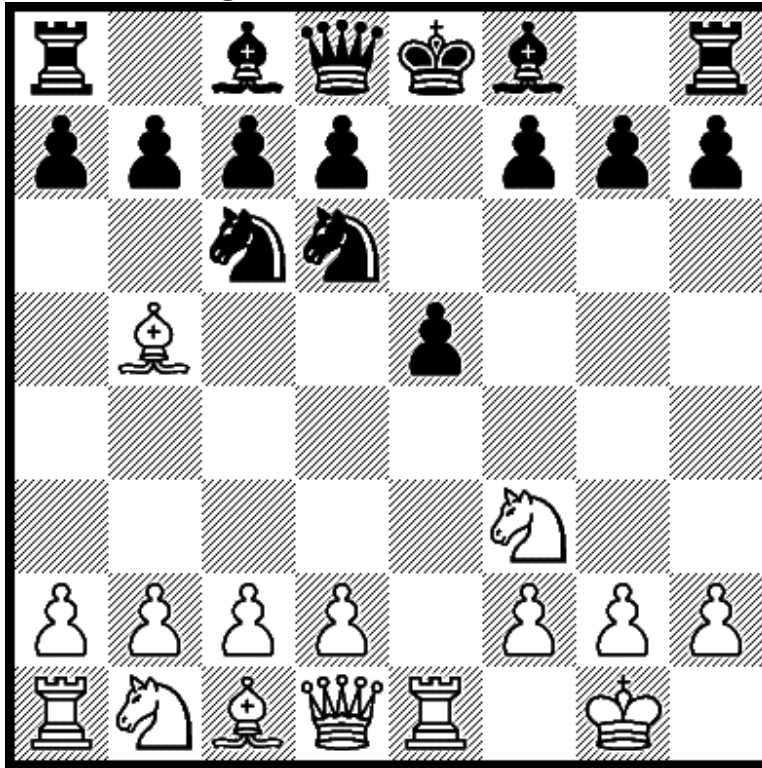
Diagram 90 after 4.0-0 Nxe4



5.Re1

Black has 5...Nd6. If 5...Nf6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Rxe5+ Be7 8.d4.

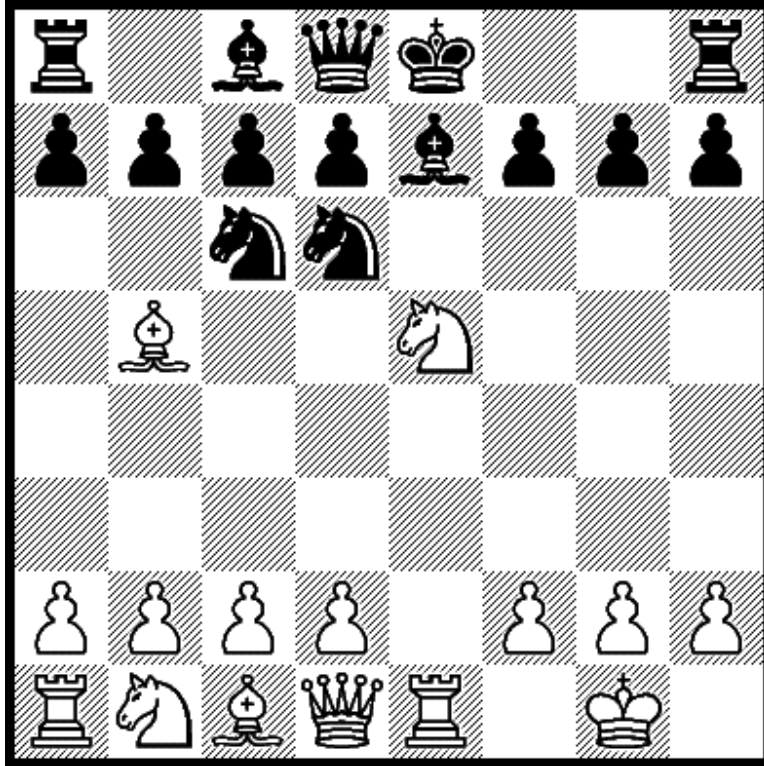
Diagram 91 after 5.Re1 Nd6



6.Nxe5

Black has 6...Be7. If 6...Nxe5 7.Rxe5 Be7 8.Bf1 0-0 9.d4.

Diagram 92 after 6.Nxe5 Be7



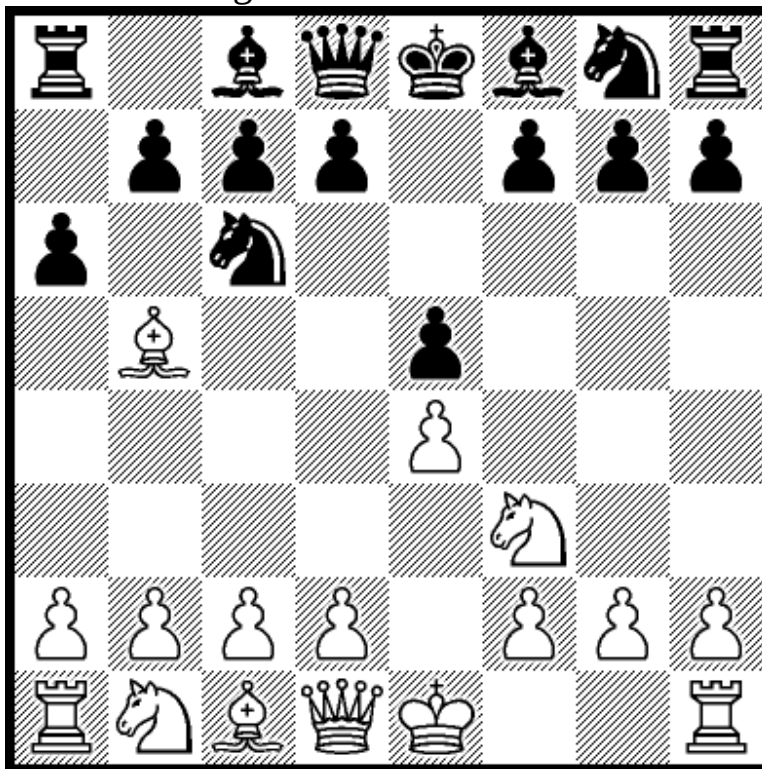
7.Bf1

If 7...Nf5 8.Nf3. Or if 7...Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1.



**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6**

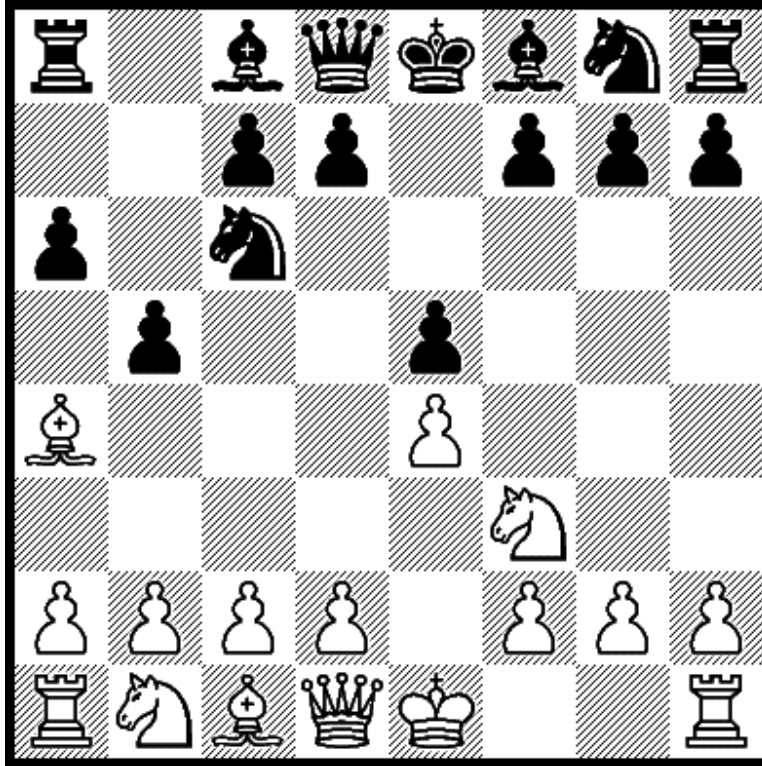
Diagram 93 after 3.Bb5 a6



4.Ba4

Black has 4...b5 and 4...d6. If 4...Bc5 5.c3. If 4...Nge7 5.c3.

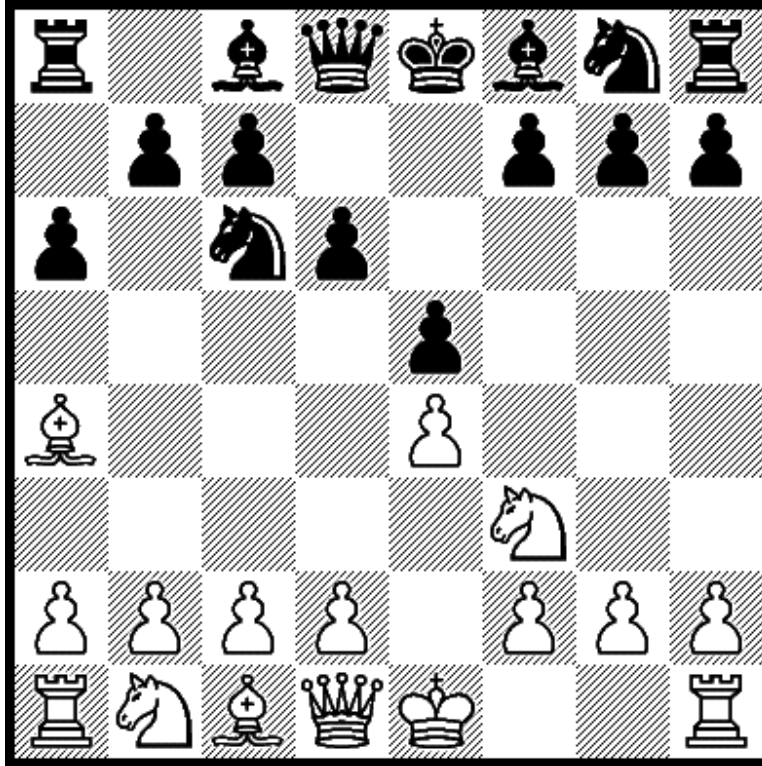
Diagram 94 after 4.Ba4 b5



5.Bb3

If 5...Na5 6.0-0 Nxb3 7.axb3. If 5...Nf6 6.0-0 Nxe4 7.Re1.

Diagram 95 after 4.Ba4 d6



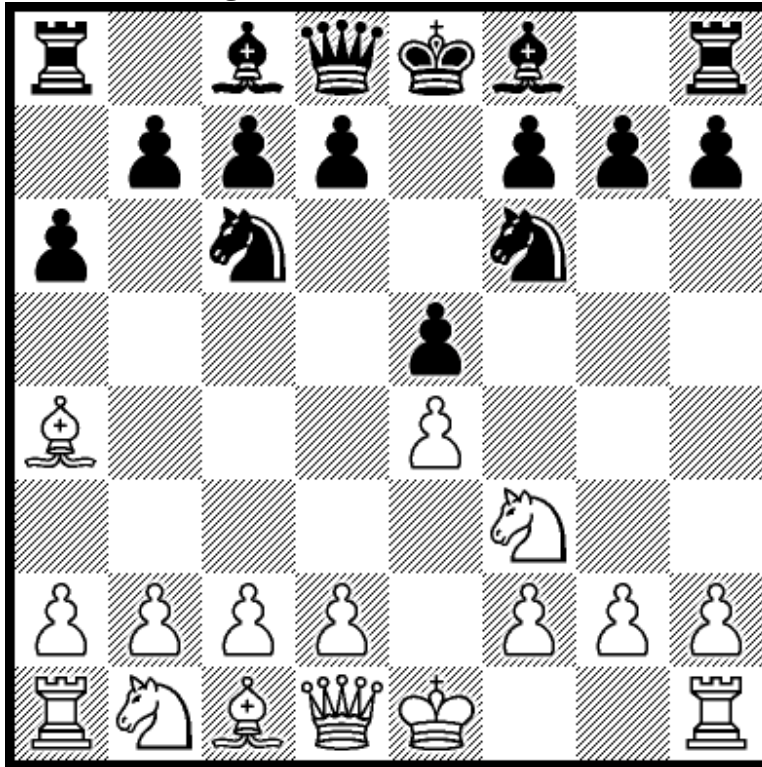
5.c3

If 5...Bd7 6.d4 Nf6 7.0-0. Or if 5...f5 6.exf5 Bxf5 7.0-0.



**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6**

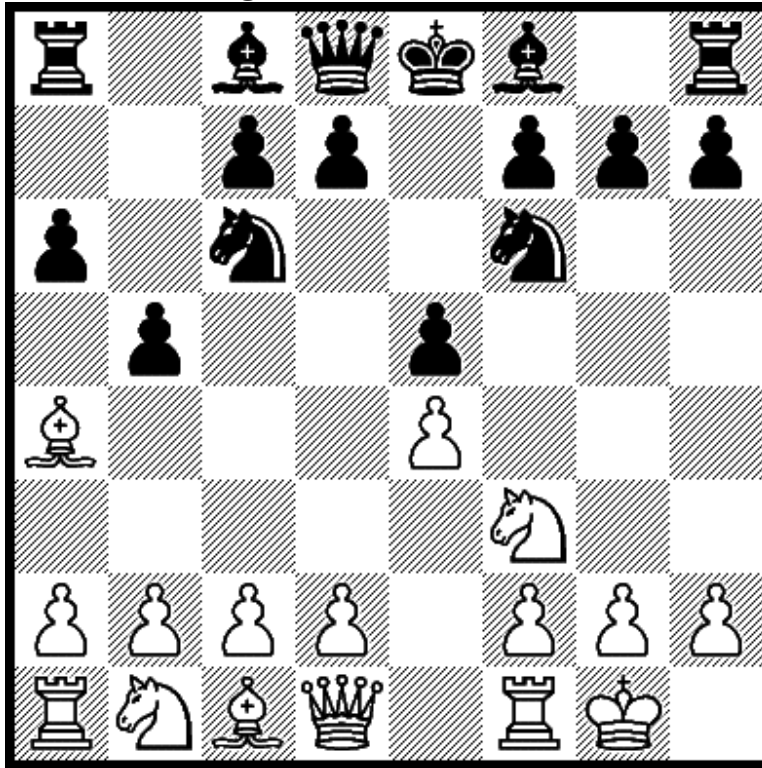
Diagram 96 after 4.Ba4 Nf6



5.0-0

Black has 5...b5 and 5...Nxe4. If 5...Bc5 6.0-0 b5 7.Bb3.

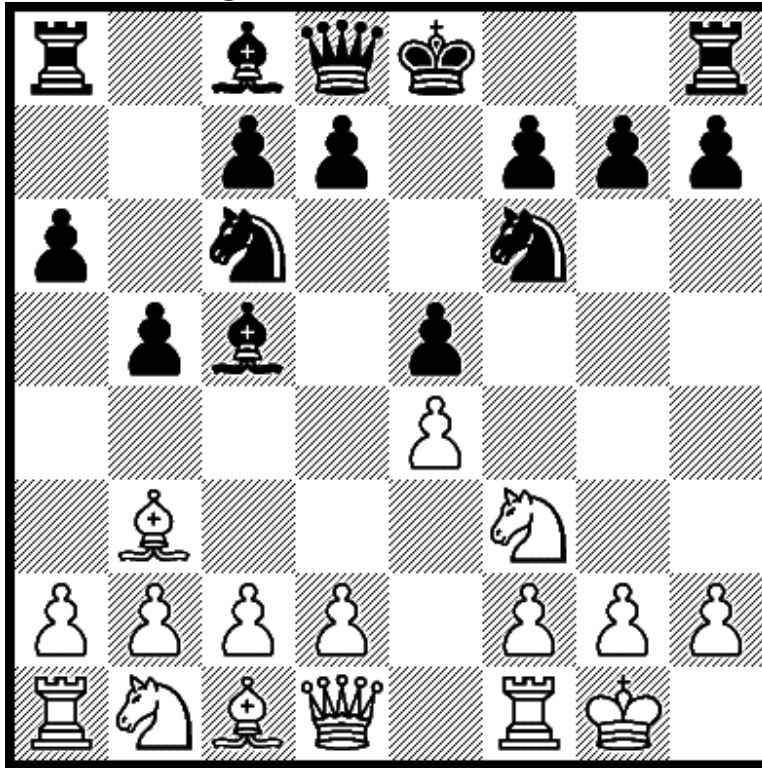
Diagram 97 after 5.0-0 b5



6.Bb3

Black has 6...Bc5 and 6...Bb7. If 6...Be7 7.Re1.

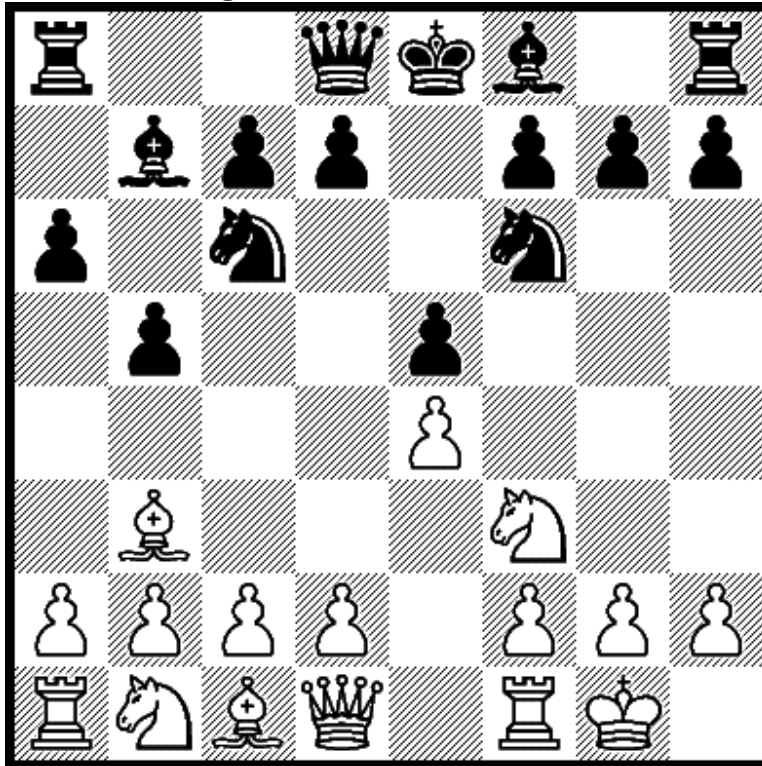
Diagram 98 after 6.Bb3 Bc5



7.c3

If 7...d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3.

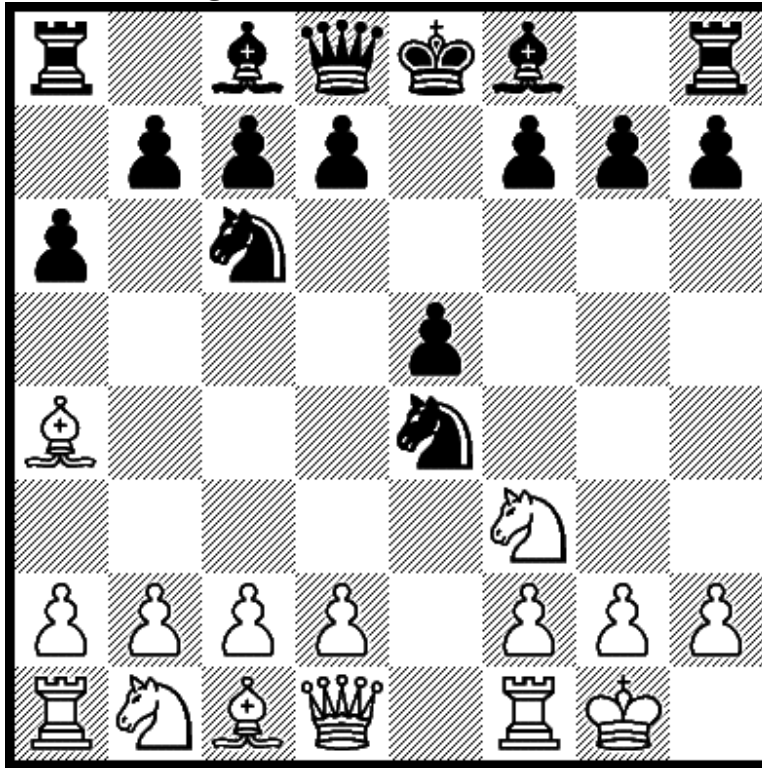
Diagram 99 after 6.Bb3 Bb7



7.Re1

If 7...Bc5 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2.

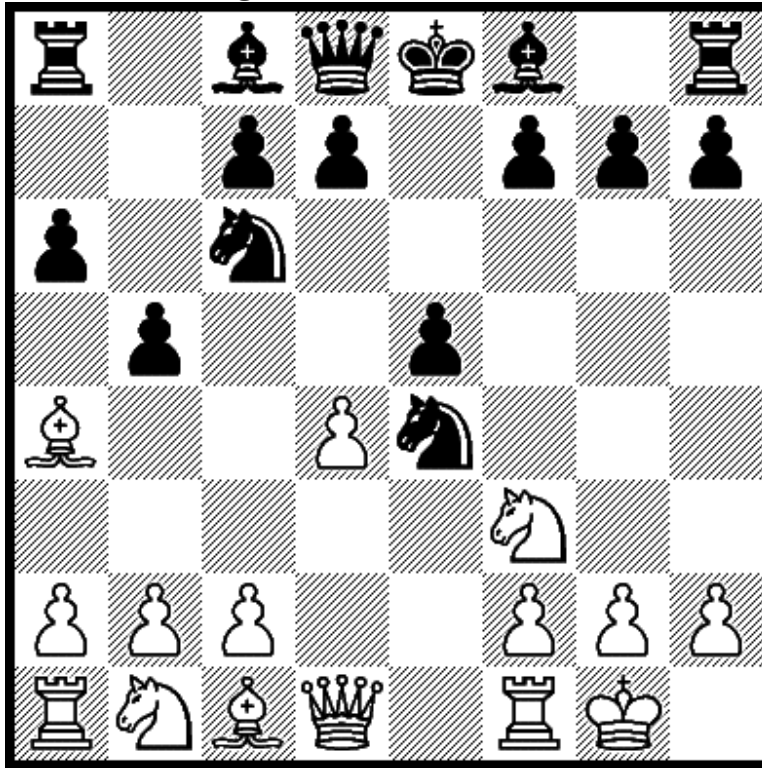
Diagram 100 after 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4

Black has 6...b5. If 6...exd4 7.Re1 d5 8.Bg5 f6 9.Nxd4.

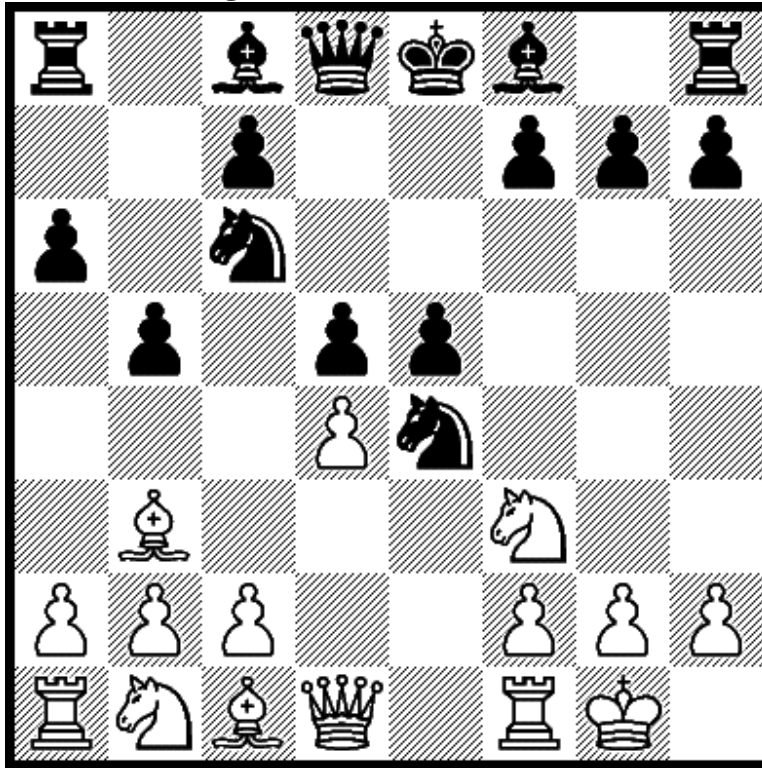
Diagram 101 after 6.d4 b5



7.Bb3

Black has 7...d5. If 7...exd4 8.Re1 d5 9.Nc3 dxc3 10.Bxd5.

Diagram 102 after 7.Bb3 d5



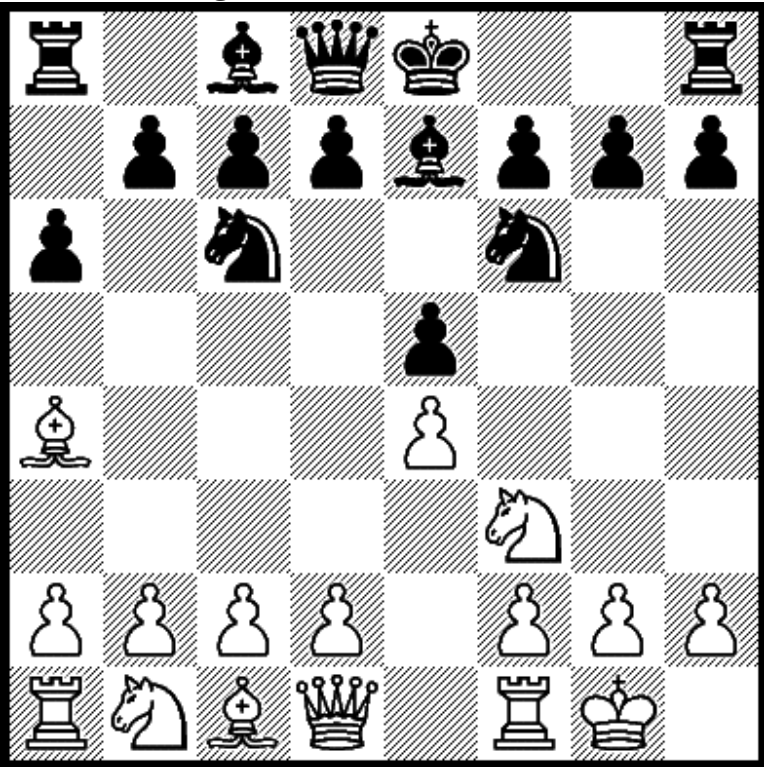
8.dxe5

If 8...Be6 9.Nbd2 Nc5 10.c3 Be7 11.Bc2 Bg4 12.Re1.



# 5.0-0 Be7

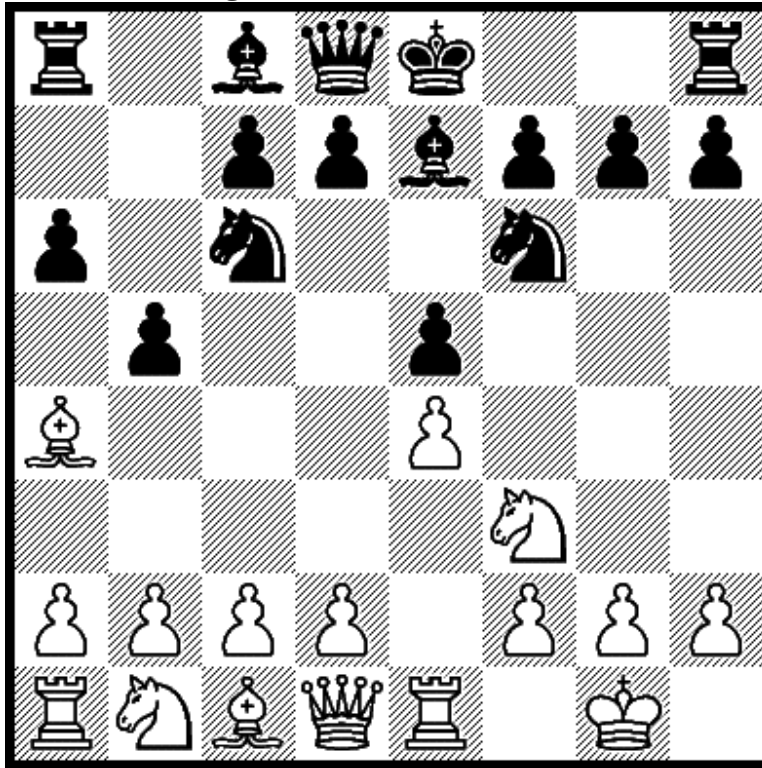
Diagram 103 after 5.0-0 Be7



6.Re1

Black has 6...b5. If 6...d6 7.c3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.d3.

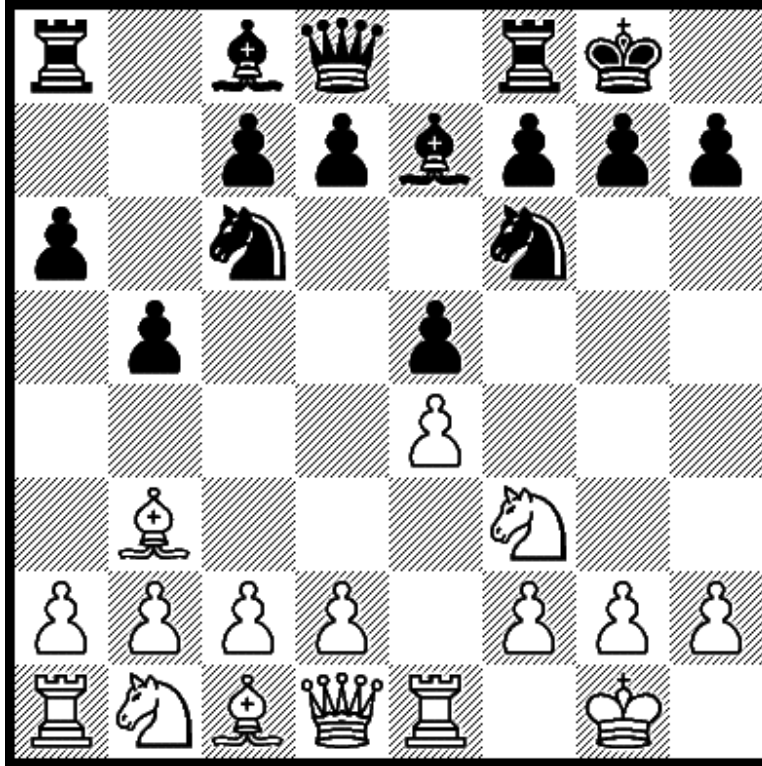
Diagram 104 after 6.Re1 b5



7.Bb3

Black has 7...0-0. If 7...Bb7 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Bxf7+ Kf8 10.Bd5.

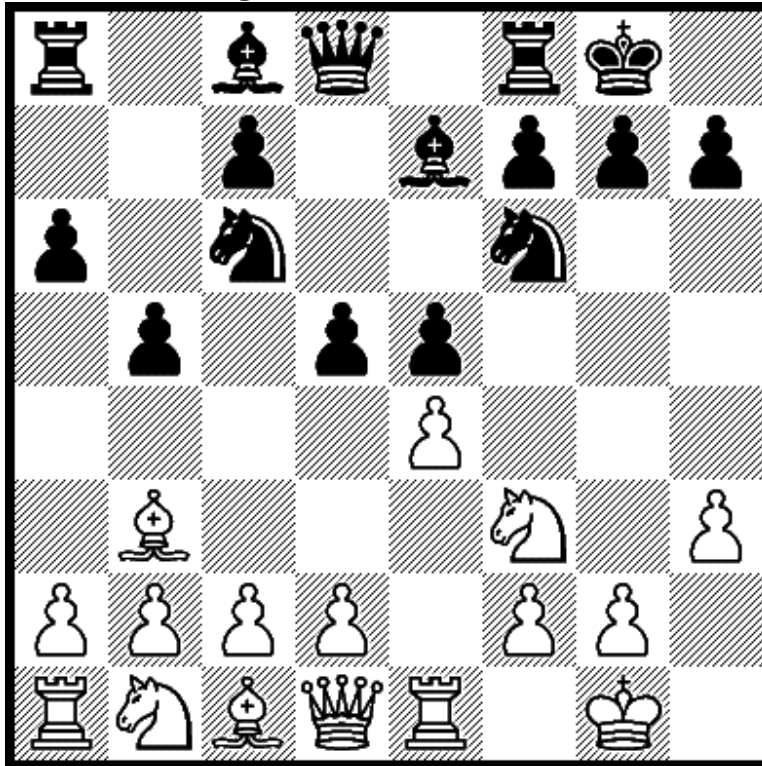
Diagram 105 after 7.Bb3 0-0



8.h3

Now 8...d5 or 8...Bb7. If 8...d6 9.c3 see 7...d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3.

Diagram 106 after 8.h3 d5

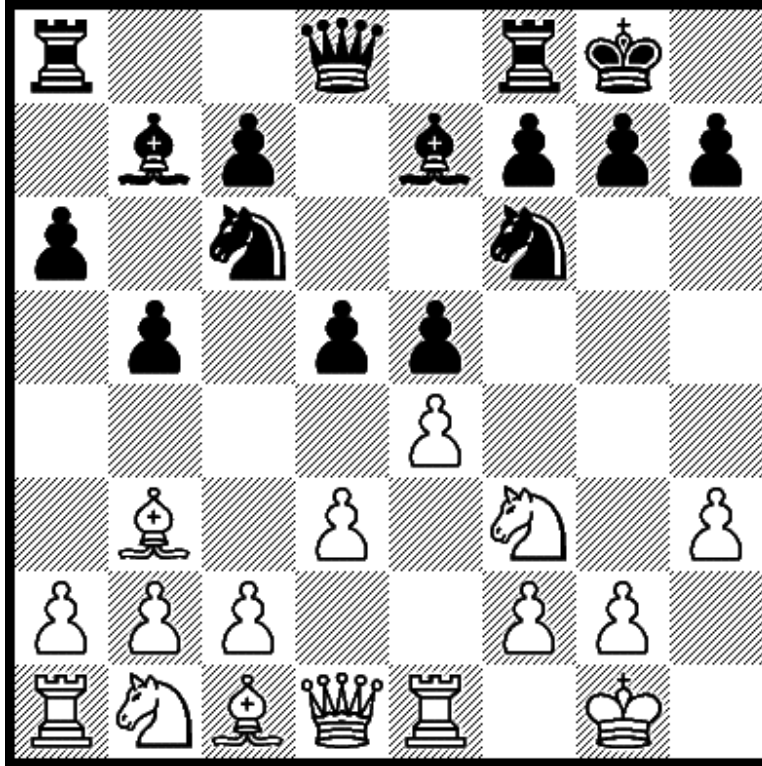


9.exd5

If 9...Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Nc3.



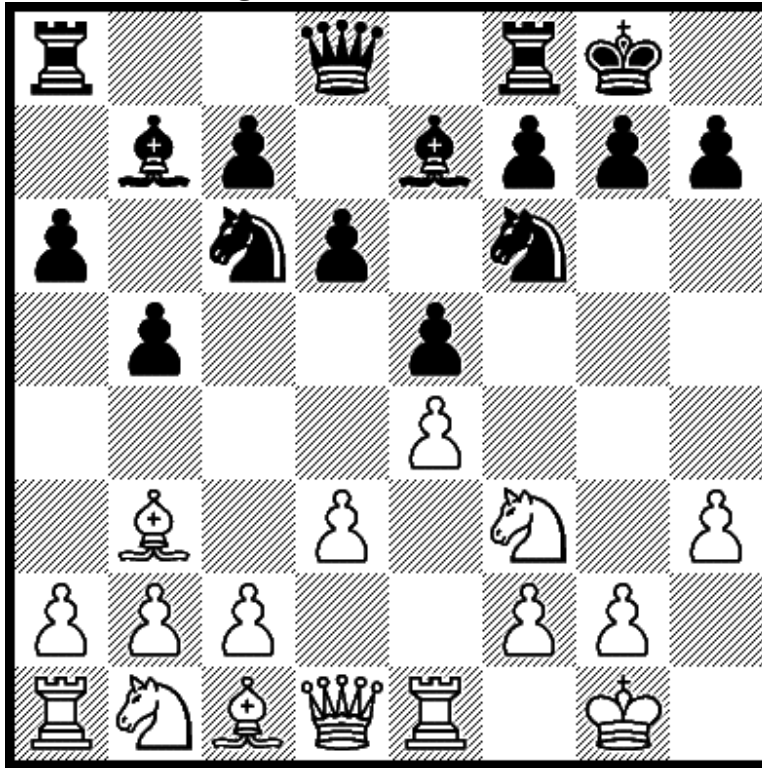
Diagram 108 after 9.d3 d5



10.exd5

If 10...Nxd5 11.a4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8.

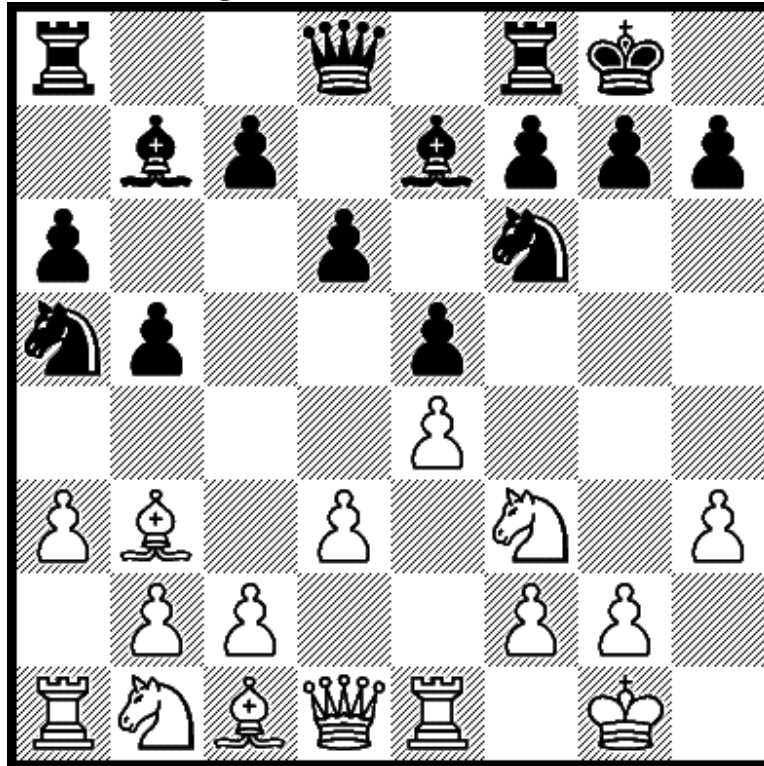
Diagram 109 after 9.d3 d6



10.a3

Black has 10...Na5. If 10...Qd7 11.Nc3. If 10...Nb8 11.Nbd2.

Diagram 110 after 10.a3 Na5



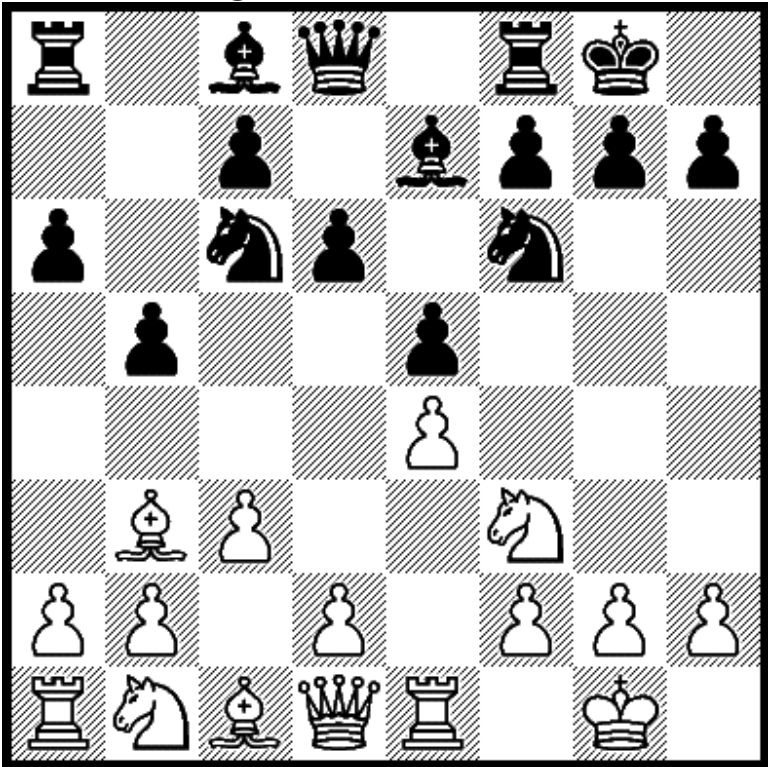
11.Ba2

If 11...c5 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.c3 Be6 15.Bxe6.



**5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0**

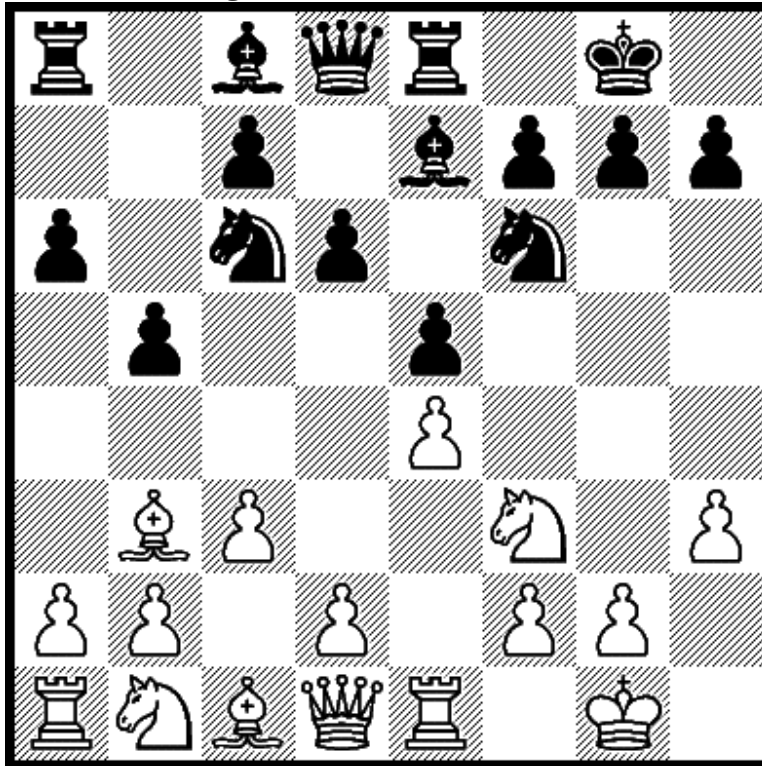
Diagram 111 after 8.c3 0-0



9.h3

Black has 9...Re8, 9...h6, 9...Nd7, 9...Nb8, 9...Bb7 or 9...Na5.

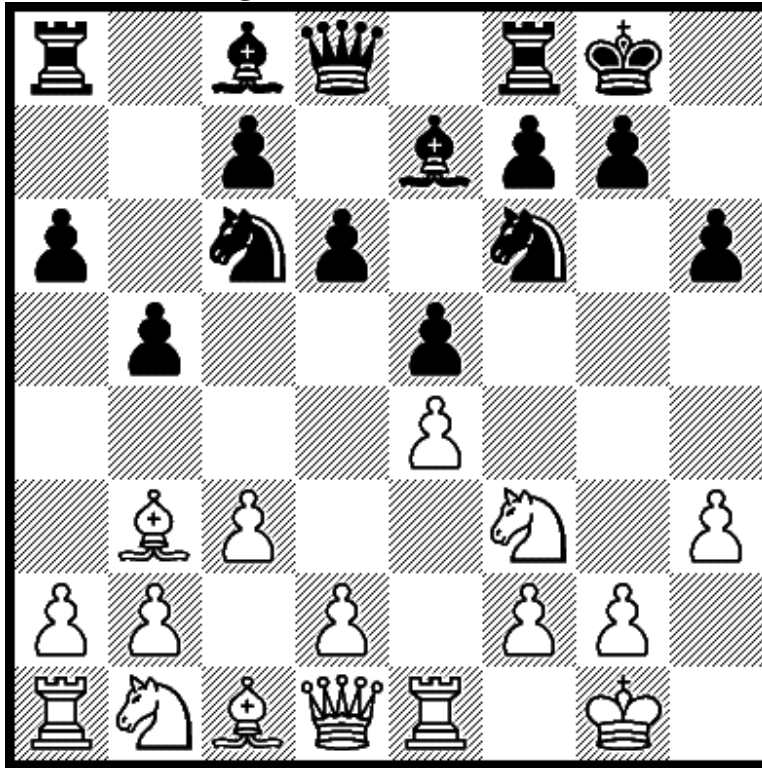
Diagram 112 after 9.h3 Re8



10.d4

If 10...Bb7 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a4 h6 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nxd4.

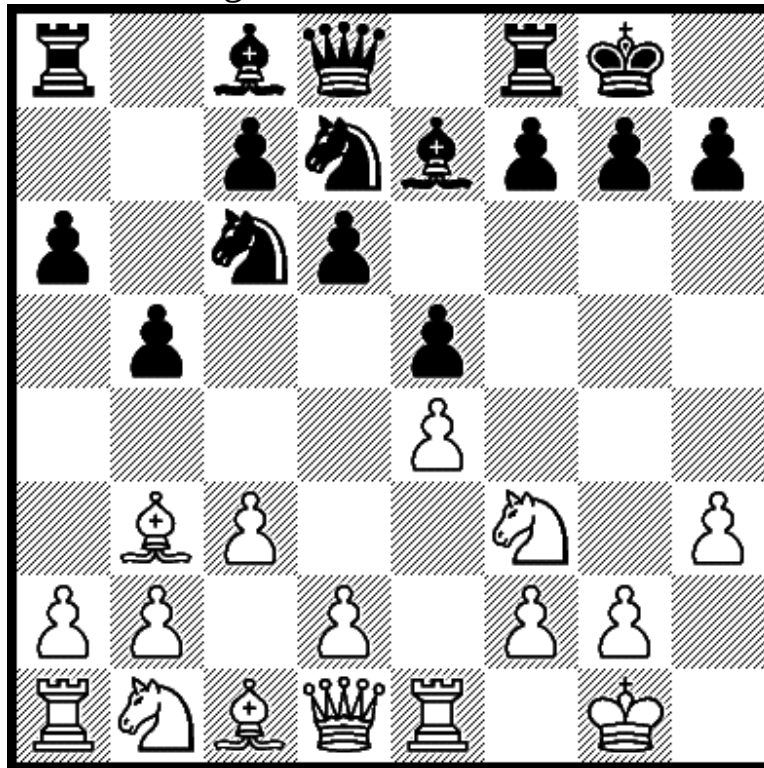
Diagram 113 after 9.h3 h6



10.d4

If 10...Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Nf1 Bd7 13.Ng3 Na5 14.Bc2.

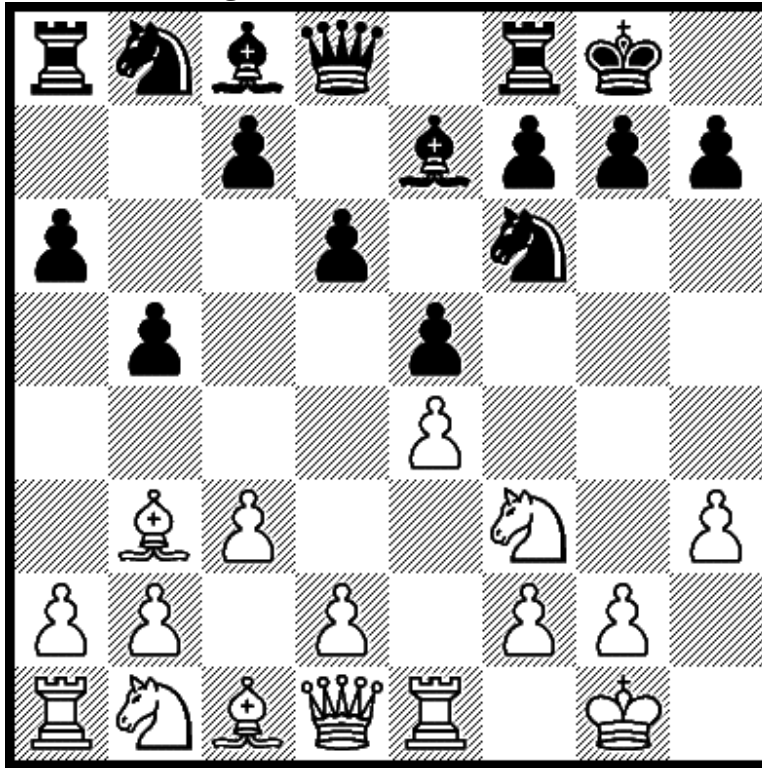
Diagram 114 after 9.h3 Nd7



10.d4

If 10...Bf6 11.a4 Bb7 12.d5 Ne7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8.

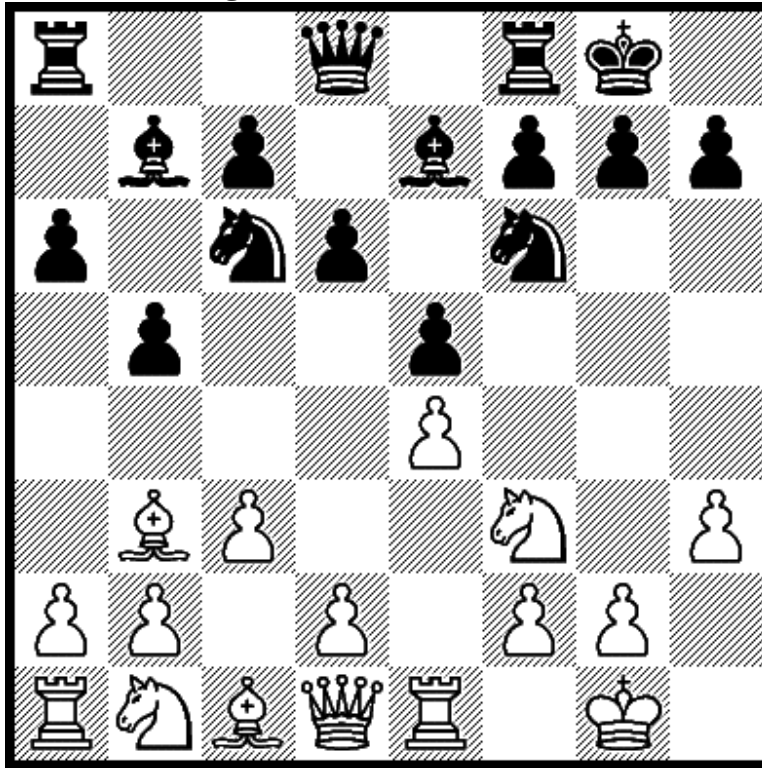
Diagram 115 after 9.h3 Nb8



10.d4

If 10...Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3.

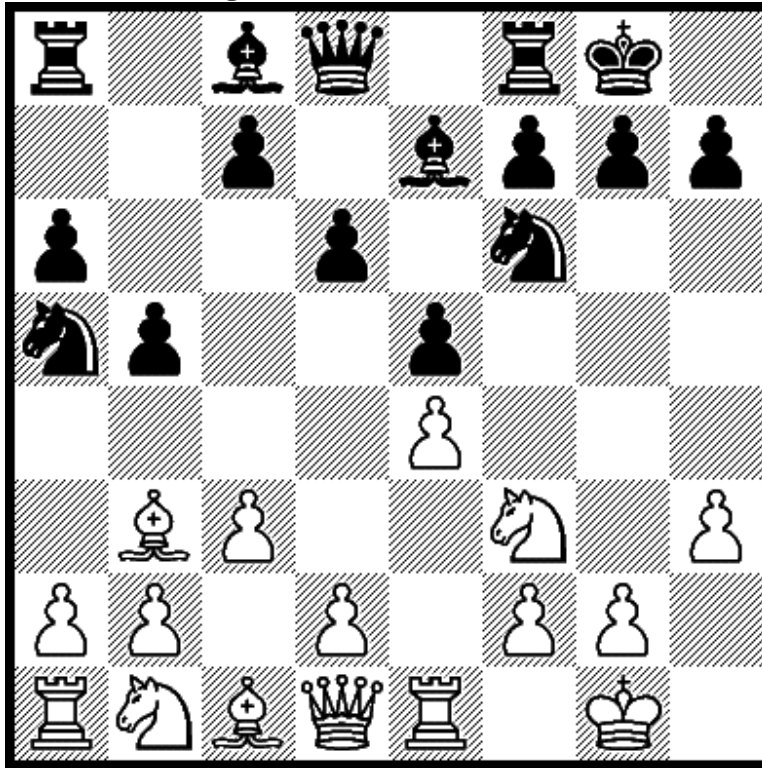
Diagram 116 after 9.h3 Bb7



10.d4

If 10...Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12. a4 h6 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nxd4.

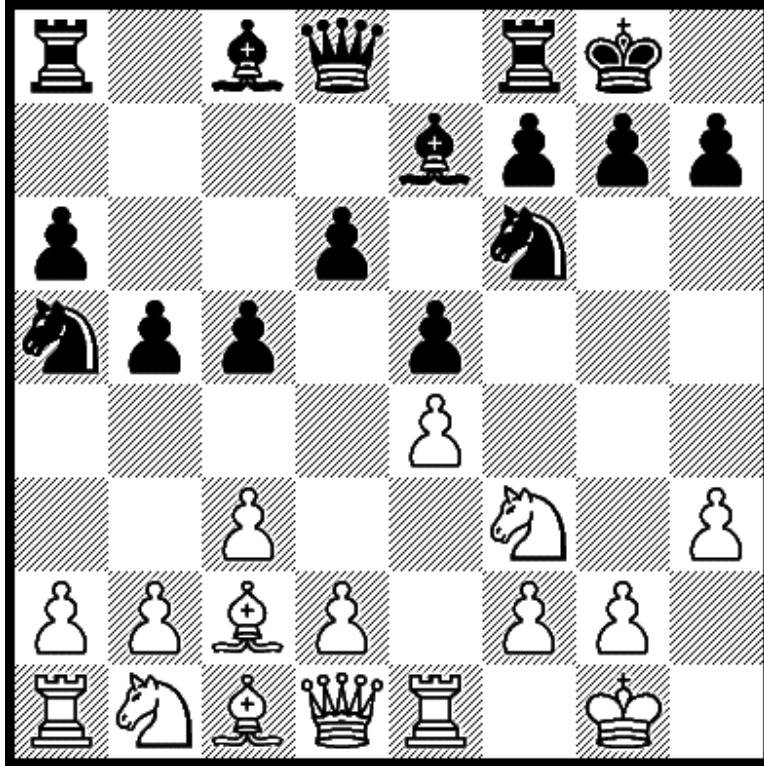
Diagram 117 after 9.h3 Na5



10.Bc2

Black has 10...c5. If 10...d5 11.d4 Nxe4 12.Nxe5 f6 13.Nd3.

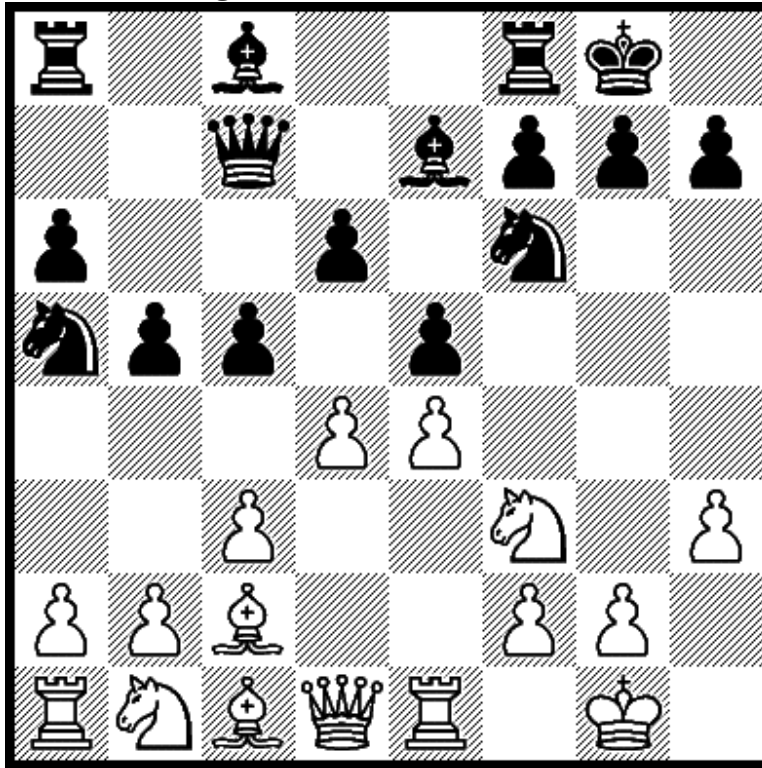
Diagram 118 after 10.Bc2 c5



11.d4

Black has 11...Qc7. If 11...Nd7 12.d5 Nb6 13.Nbd2.

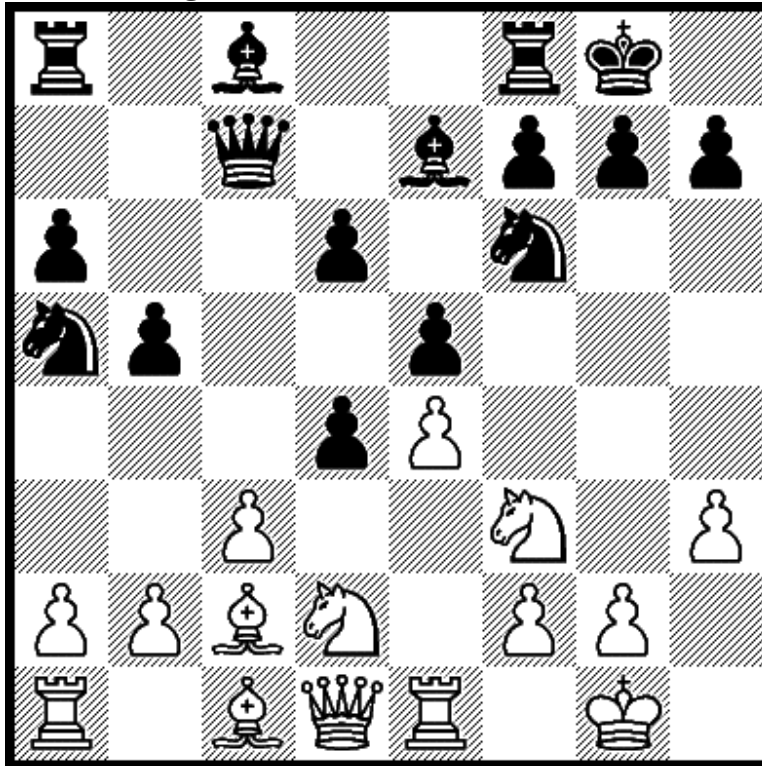
Diagram 119 after 11.d4 Qc7



12.Nbd2

Black has 12...cxd4. If 12...Nc6 13.d5. Or if 12...Bd7 13.Nf1.

Diagram 120 after 12.Nbd2 cxd4



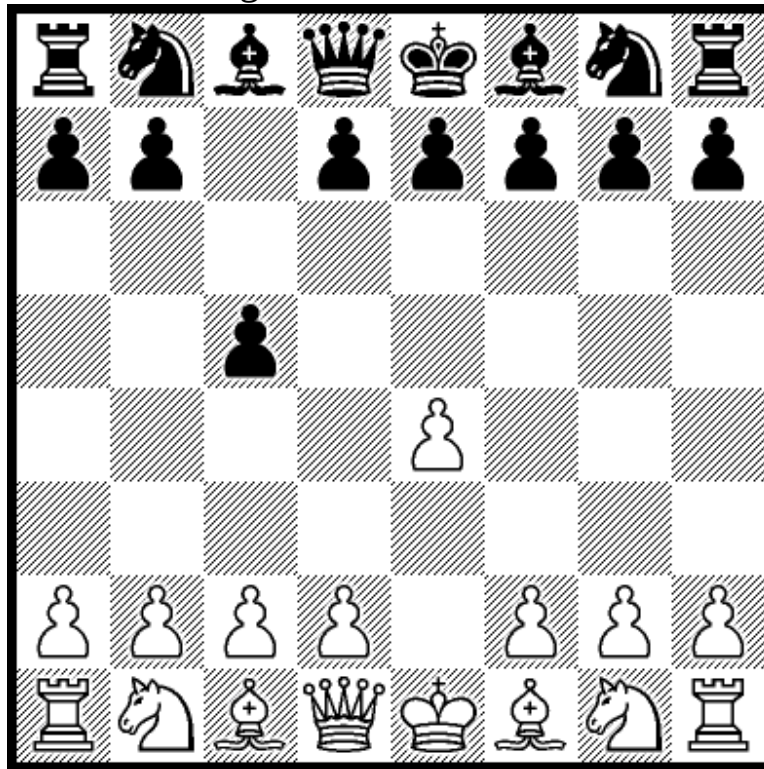
13.cxd4

If 13...Nc6 14.Nb3 a5 15.Be3 a4 16.Nbd2 Bd7 17.Rc1.



1.e4 c5

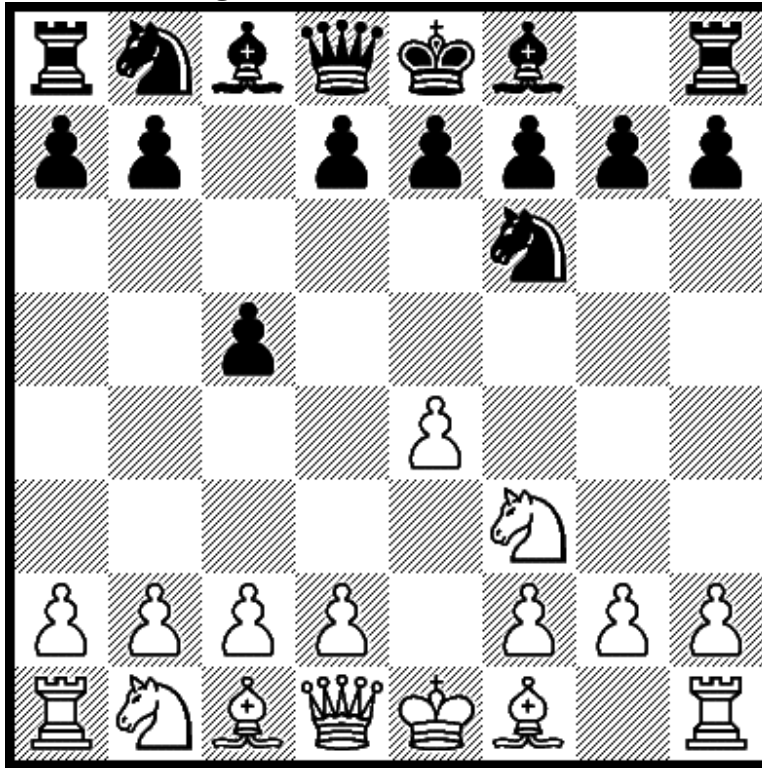
Diagram 121 after 1.e4 c5



2.Nf3

In this section Black has 2...Nf6, 2...a6, and 2...g6.

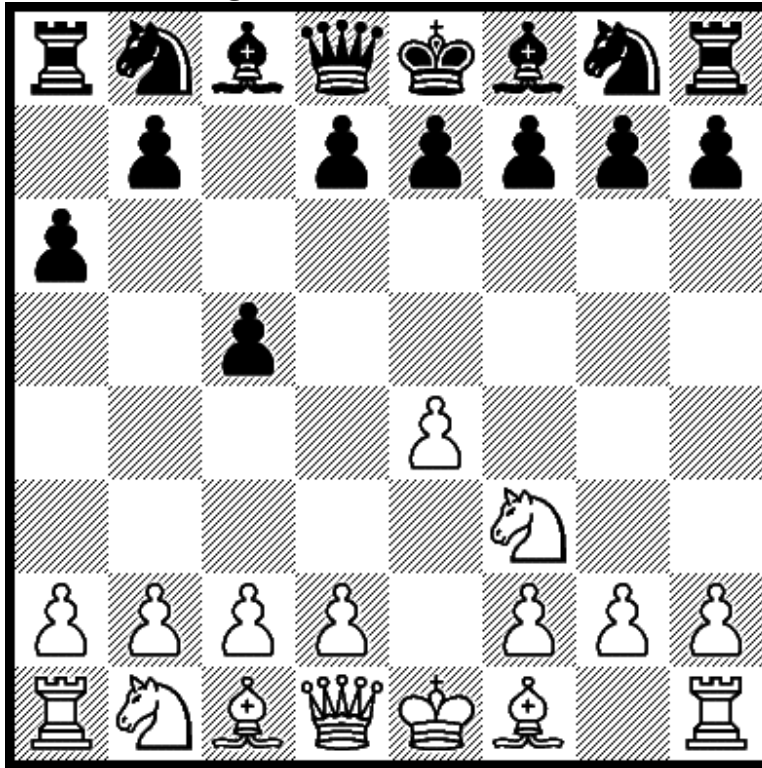
Diagram 122 after 2.Nf3 Nf6



3.Nc3

If 3...d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bb5+. If 3...Nc6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5.

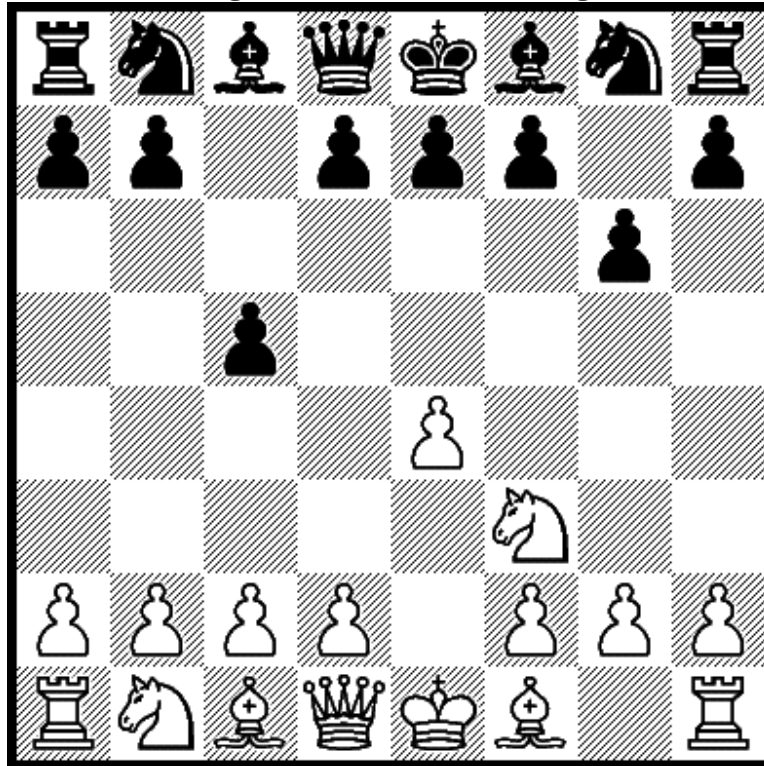
Diagram 123 after 2.Nf3 a6



3.d4

If 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 Bb4 7.Bd2.

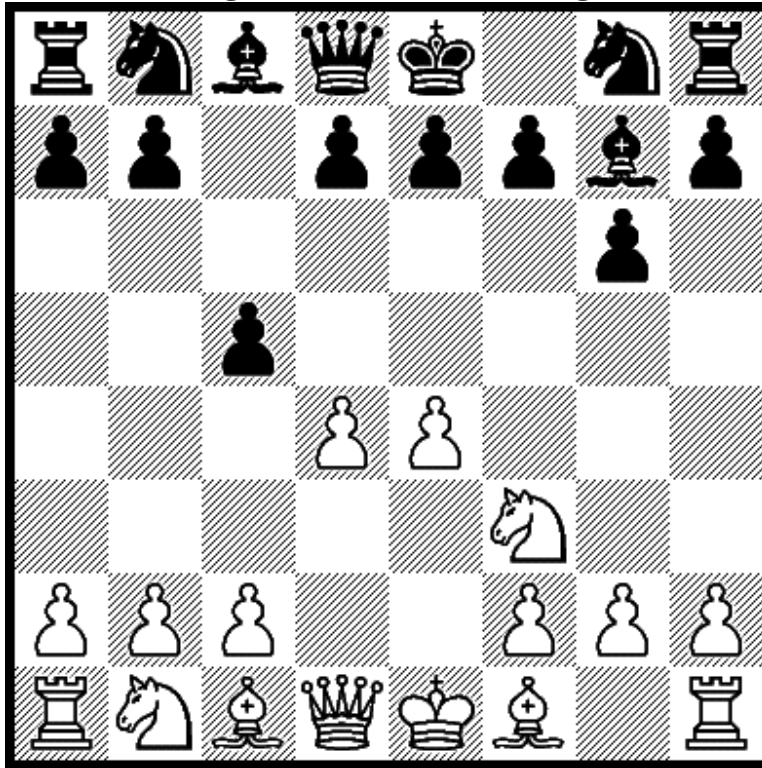
Diagram 124 after 2.Nf3 g6



3.d4

Black has 3...Bg7 and 3...cxd4.

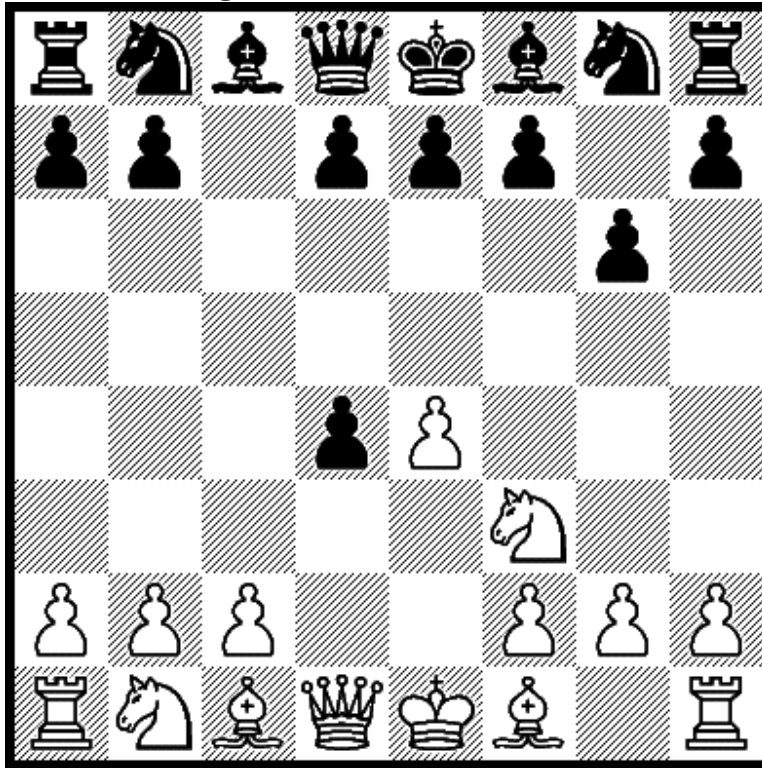
Diagram 125 after 3.d4 Bg7



4.Nc3

If 4...Qa5 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Qd2 Nc6 7.d5 Nb4 8.Rb1.

Diagram 126 after 3.d4 cxd4



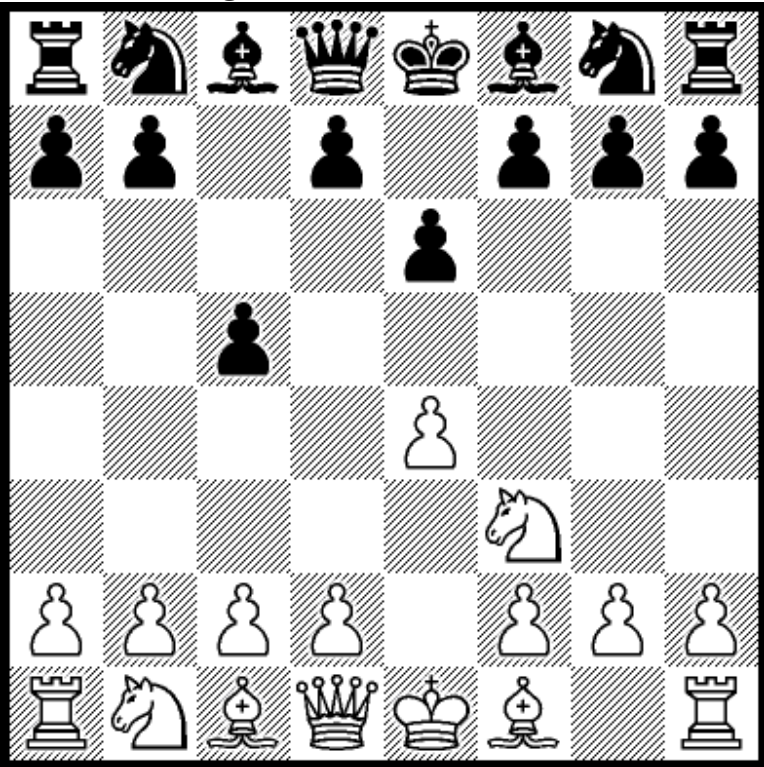
4.Nxd4

If 4...Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nc6 8.0-0-0.



# 2.Nf3 e6

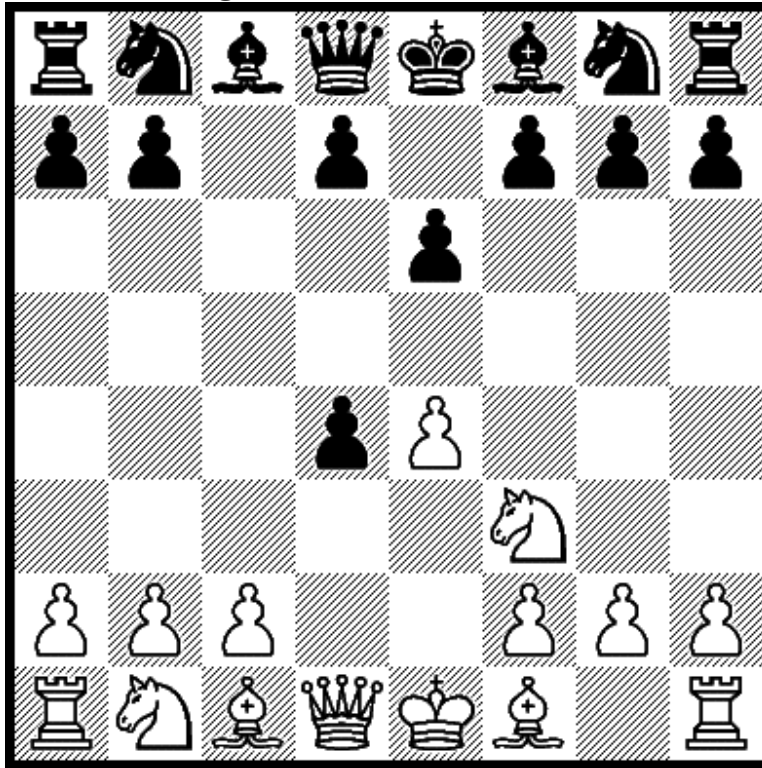
Diagram 127 after 2.Nf3 e6



3.d4

Black has 3...cxd4. If 3...d5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bg5.

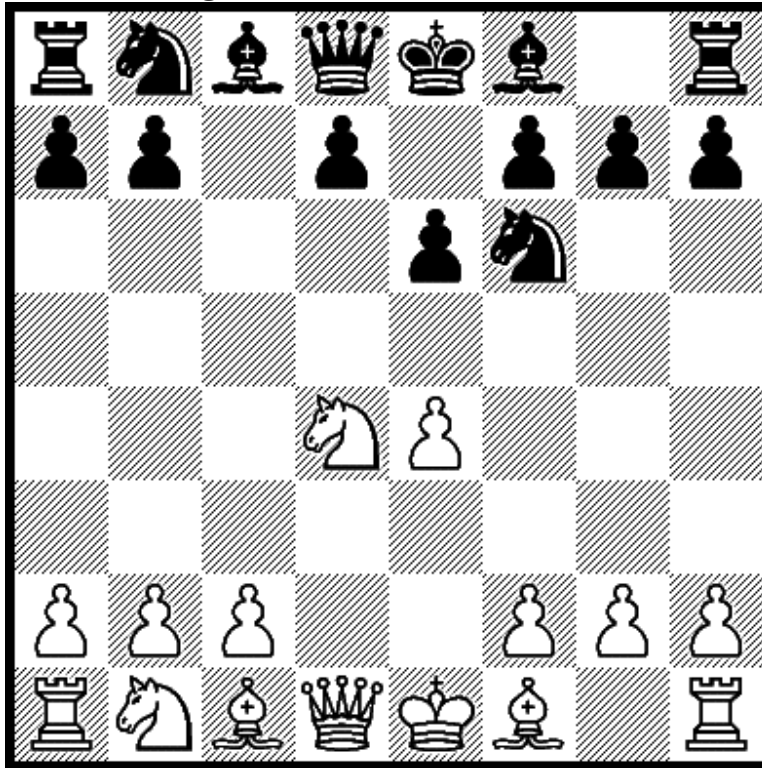
Diagram 128 after 3.d4 cxd4



4.Nxd4

Black has 4...Nf6, 4...Nc6, and 4...a6. If 4...Qb6 5.Nb5.

Diagram 129 after 4.Nxd4 Nf6



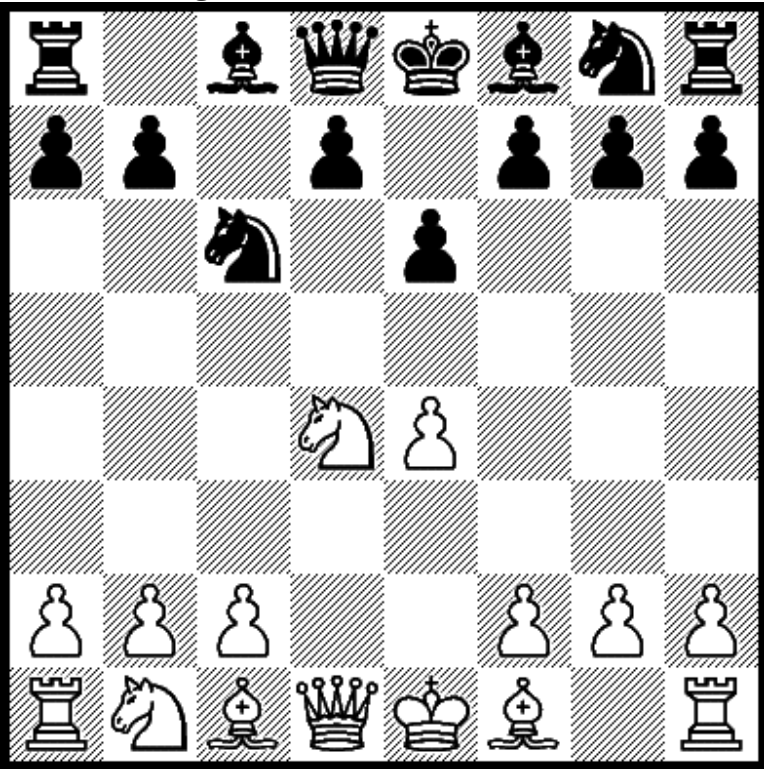
5.Nc3

If 5...Bb4 6.e5 Nd5 7.Qg4 Nxc3 8.Qxg7 Rf8 9.a3.



**2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6**

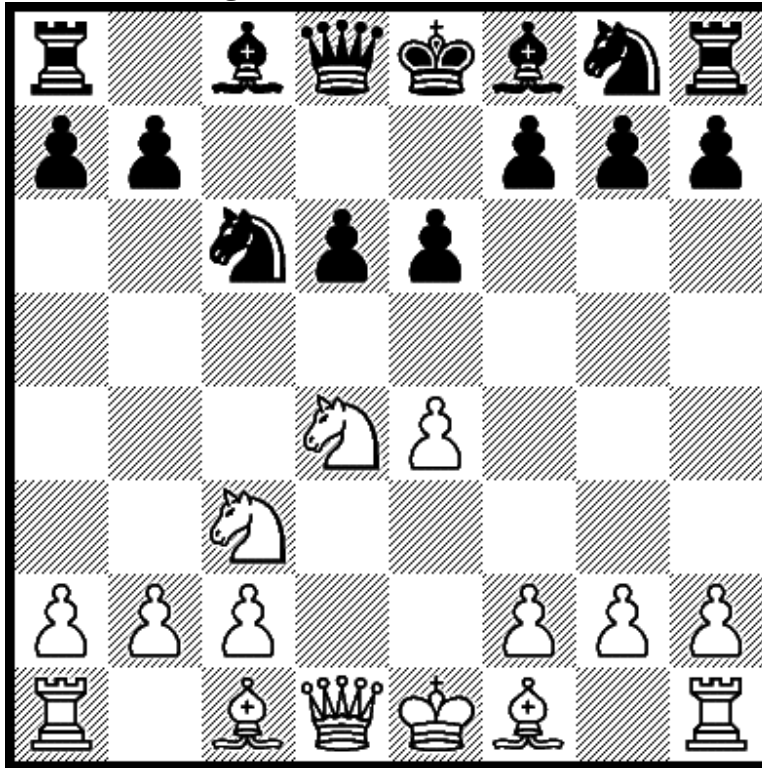
Diagram 130 after 4.Nxd4 Nc6



5.Nc3

Black has 5...d6, 5...a6, 5...Nf6 or 5...Qc7. If 5...Bb4 6.Nxc6.

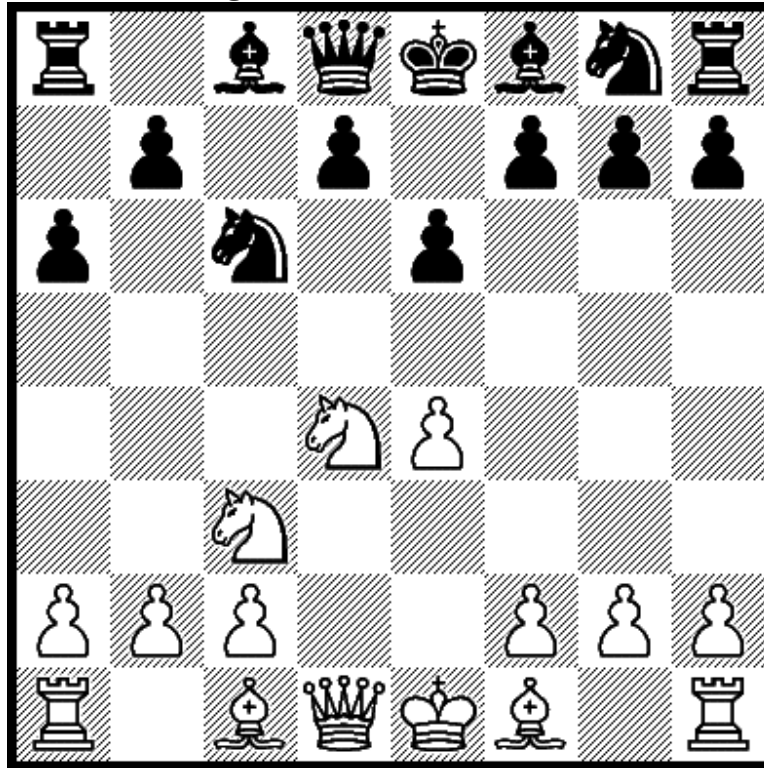
Diagram 131 after 5.Nc3 d6



6.Be3

If 6...a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3. If 6...Be7 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 d5 9.0-0-0.

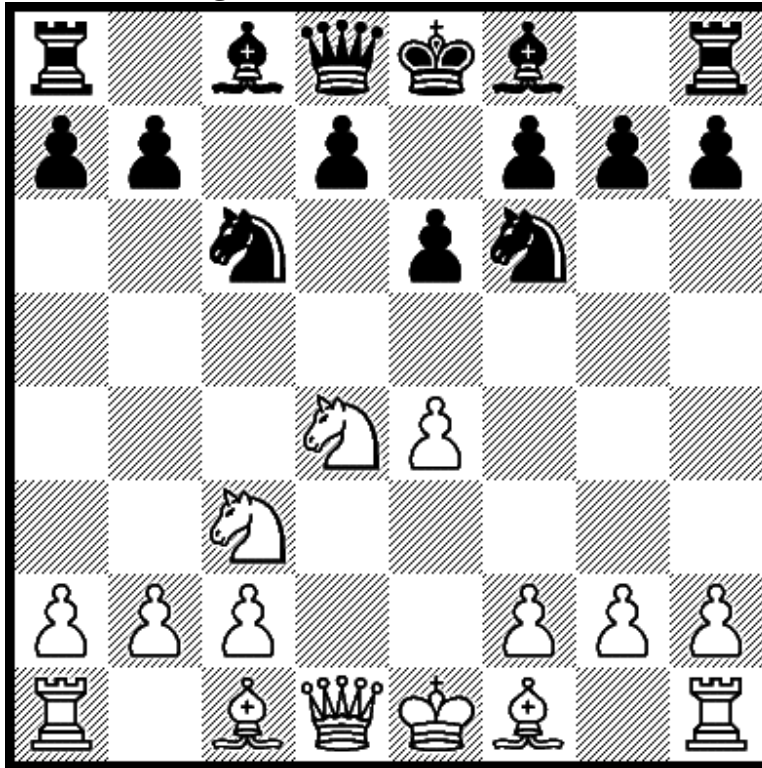
Diagram 132 after 5.Nc3 a6



6.Nxc6

If 6...dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Bf4. If 6...bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0.

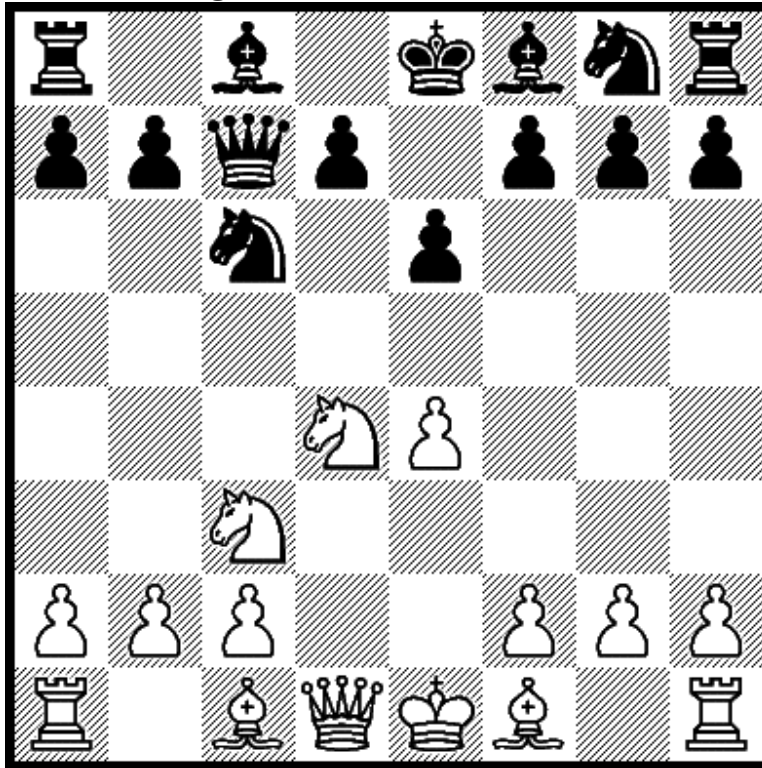
Diagram 133 after 5.Nc3 Nf6



6.Nxc6

If 6...bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.Bd3.

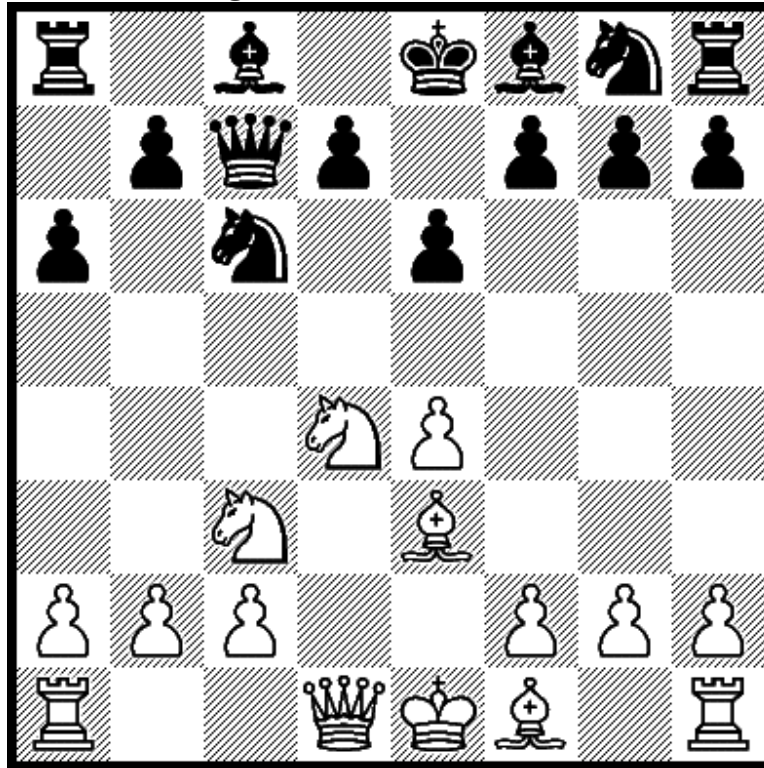
Diagram 134 after 5.Nc3 Qc7



6.Be3

Now 6...a6. If 6...Nf6 7.f4 Bb4 8.Ndb5 Qa5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bd2

Diagram 135 after 6.Be3 a6



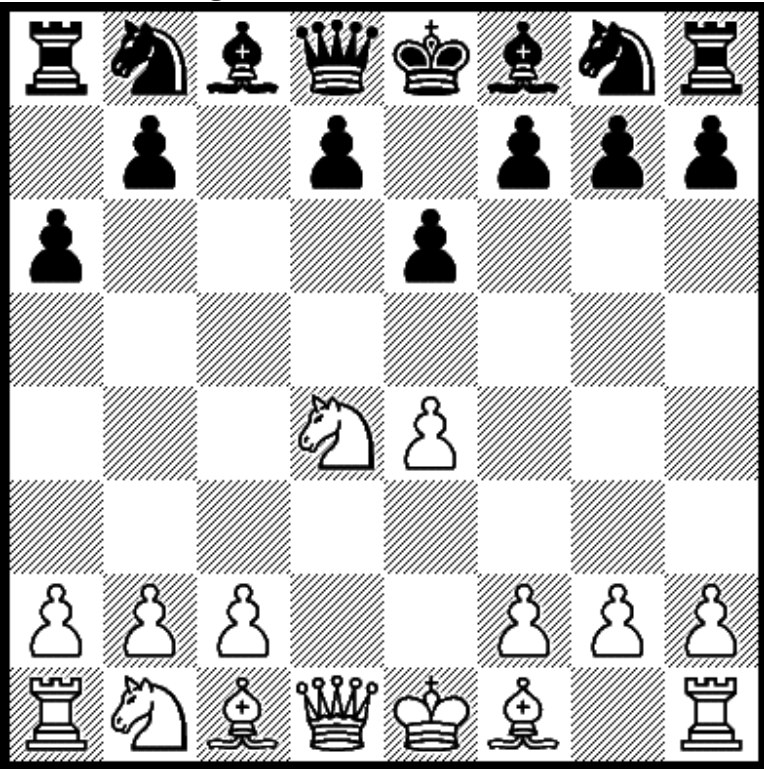
7.Qd2

If 7...b5 8.Nxc6. If 7...Nf6 8.f3 Bb4 9.0-0-0 Ne5 10.Nb3.



2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6

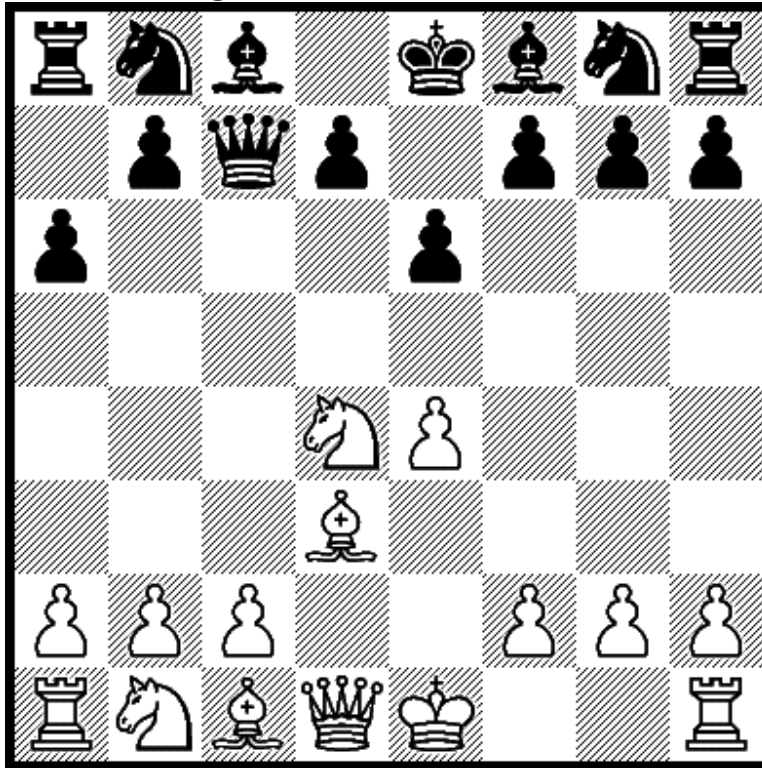
Diagram 136 after 4.Nxd4 a6



5.Bd3

Black has 5...Qc7, 5...Bc5, and 5...Nf6. If 5...Nc6 6.Nxc6.

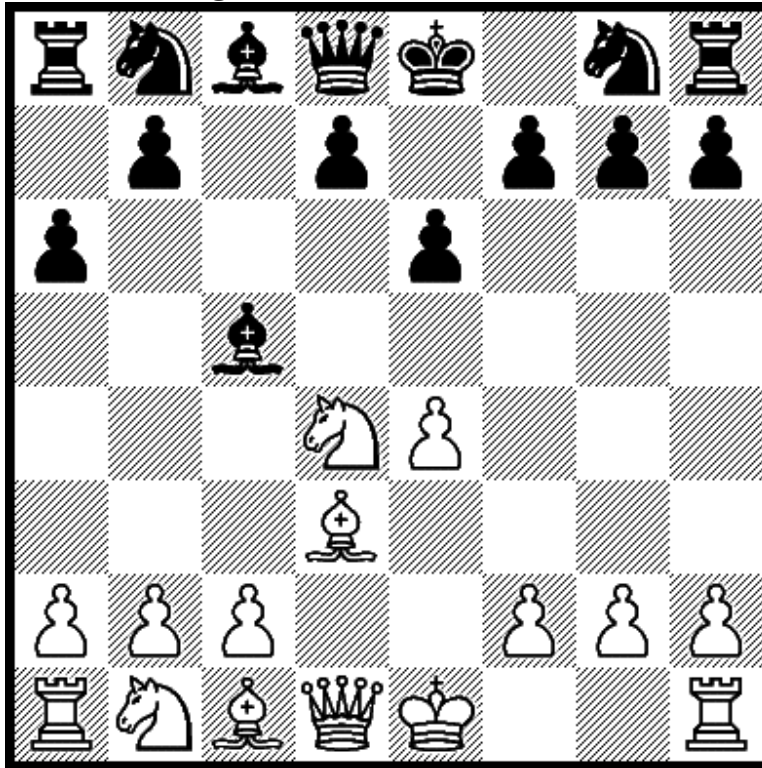
Diagram 137 after 5.Bd3 Qc7



6.0-0

If 6...Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Nc3.

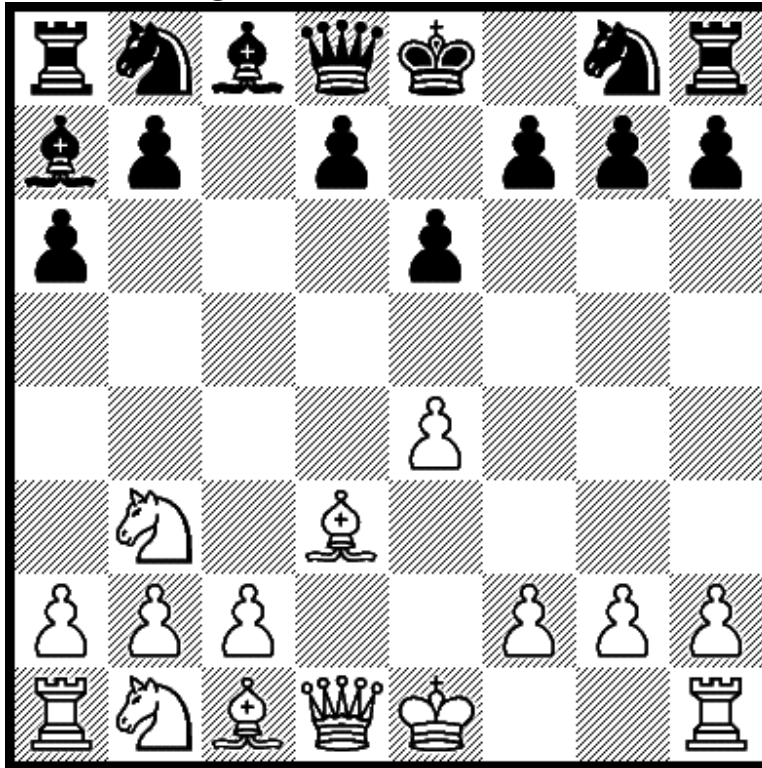
Diagram 138 after 5.Bd3 Bc5



6.Nb3

Black has 6...Ba7 and 6...Be7. If 6...Bb6 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Nc3.

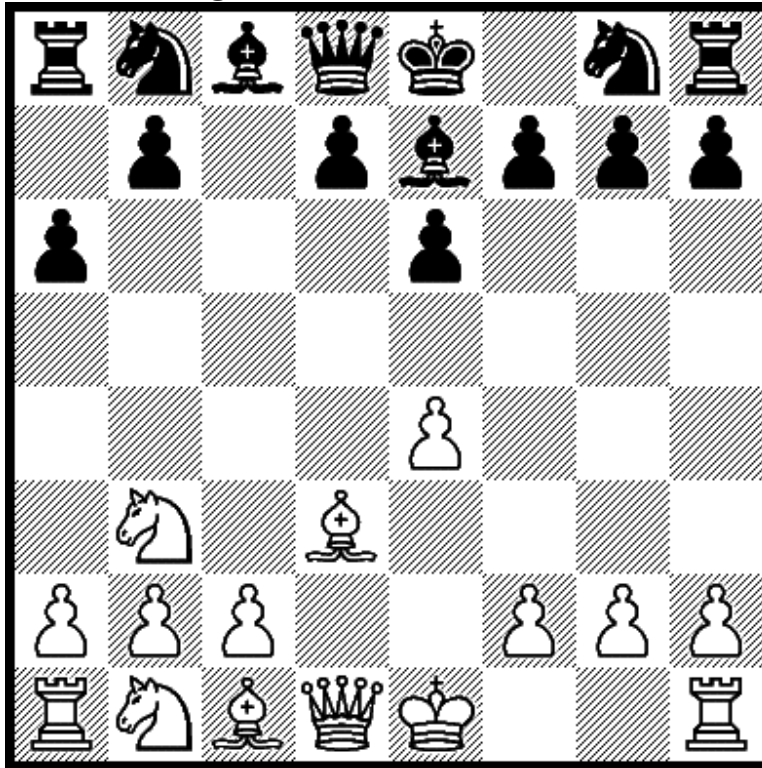
Diagram 139 after 6.Nb3 Ba7



7.Qe2

If 7...Nc6 8.Be3 Bxc3 9.Qxe3 Nf6 10.Nc3 d6 11.0-0-0.

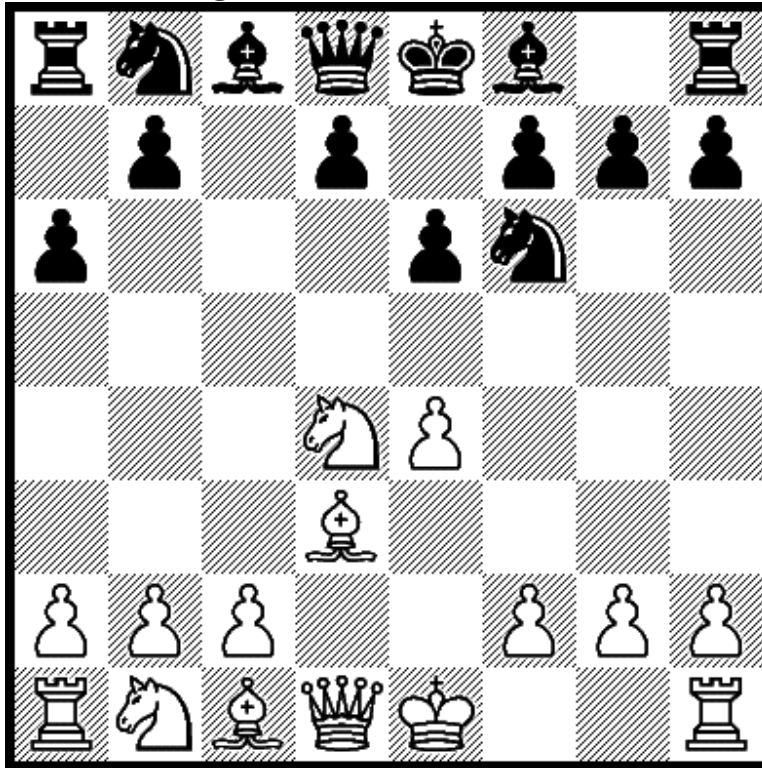
Diagram 140 after 6.Nb3 Be7



7.Qg4

If 7...g6 8.Qe2 d6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Nc3 Qc7 11.Be3.

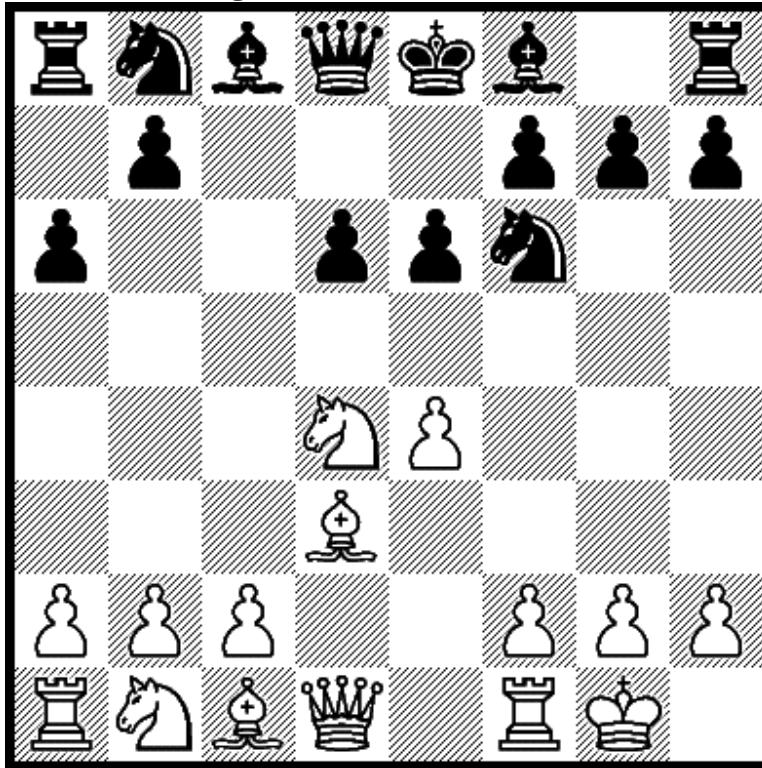
Diagram 141 after 5.Bd3 Nf6



6.0-0

Black has 6...d6 and 6...Qc7.

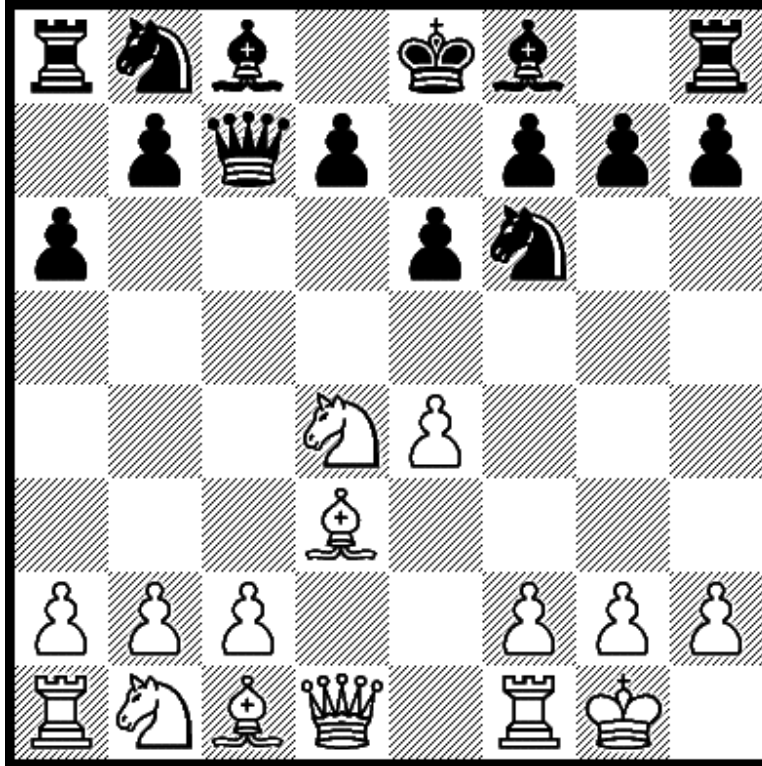
Diagram 142 after 6.0-0 d6



7.Be3

If 7...Be7 8.Nc3 b5 9.b4 Qc7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.a4.

Diagram 143 after 6.0-0 Qc7



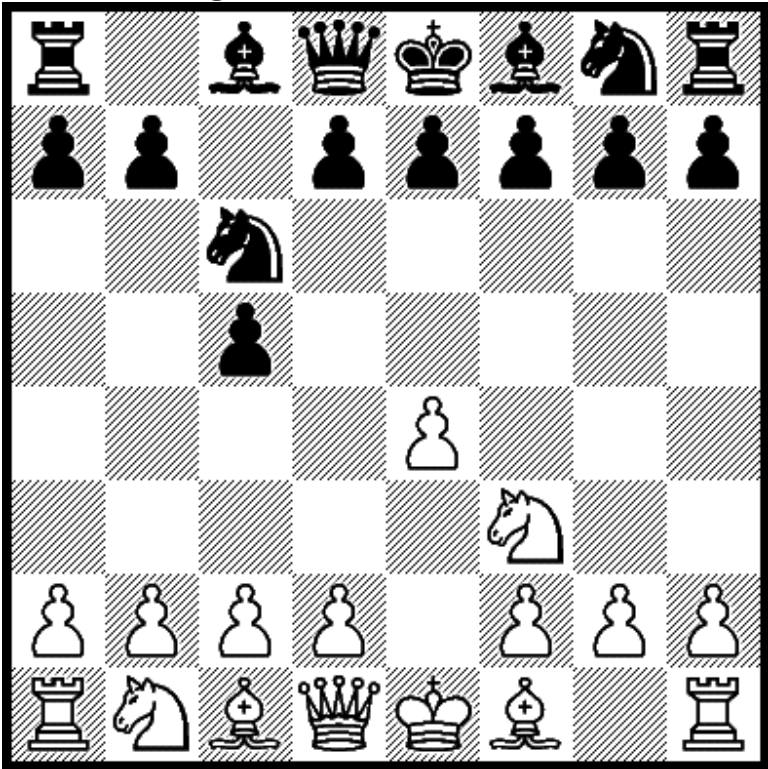
7.Qe2

If 7...d6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.f4 0-0 11.Qf3.



# 2.Nf3 Nc6

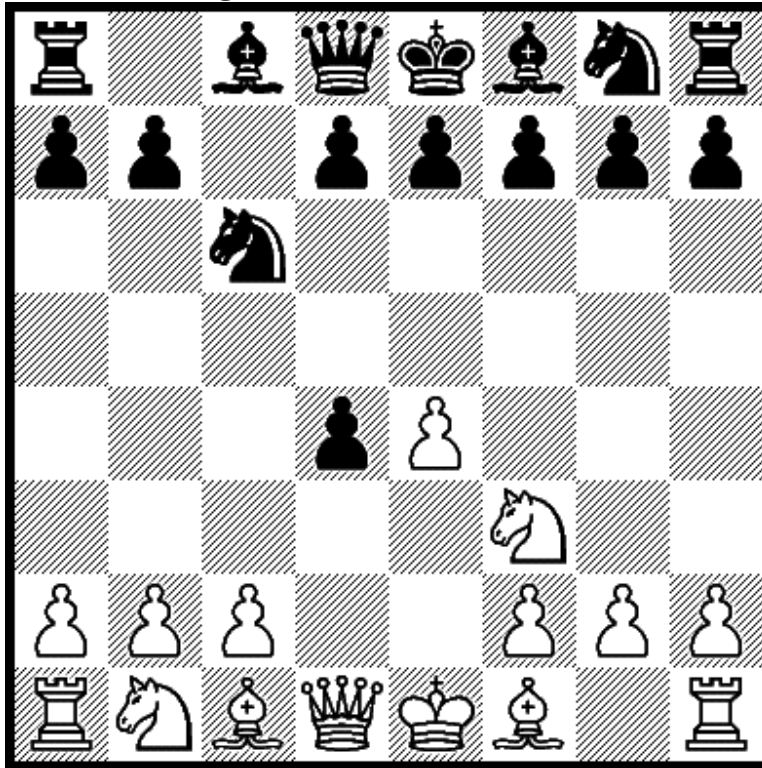
Diagram 144 after 2.Nf3 Nc6



3.d4

Black has 3...cxd4. If 3...e6 4.d5 exd5 5.exd5 Qe7+ 6.Be2.

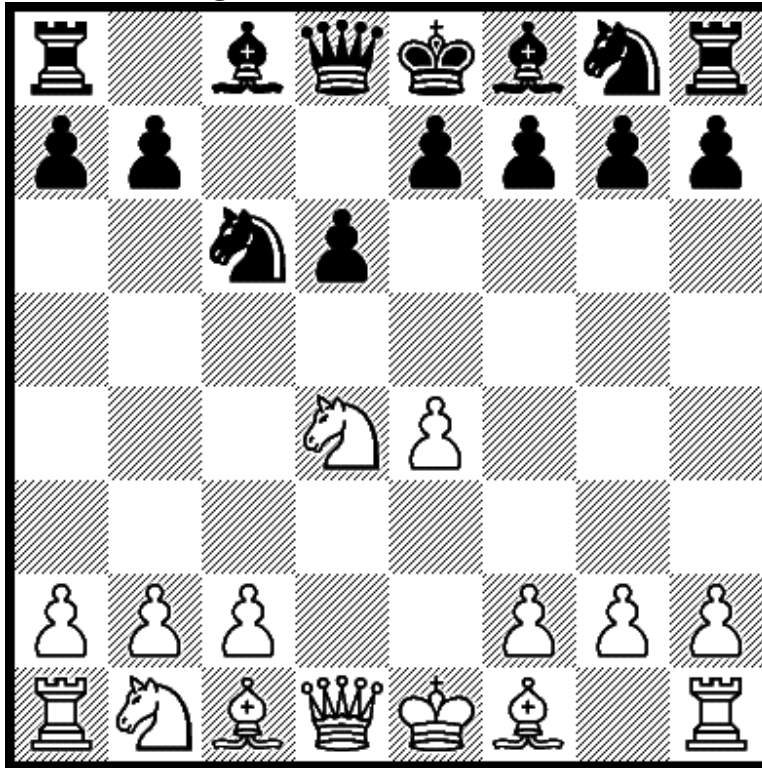
Diagram 145 after 3.d4 cxd4



4.Nxd4

Black has 4...d6, 4...Qc7, 4...Qb6, and 4...e5.

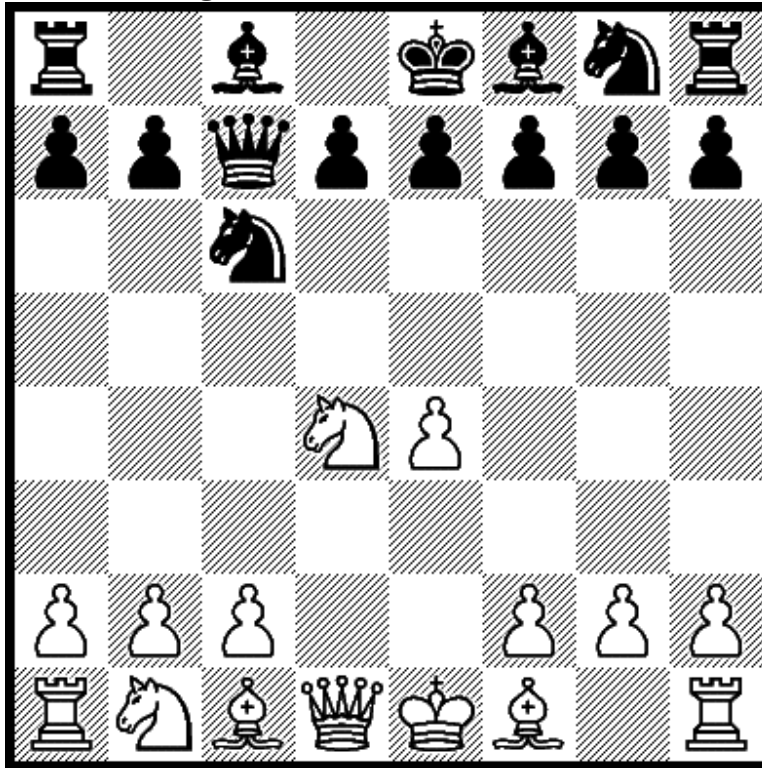
Diagram 146 after 4.Nxd4 d6



5.Nc3

If 5...e5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Bb3.

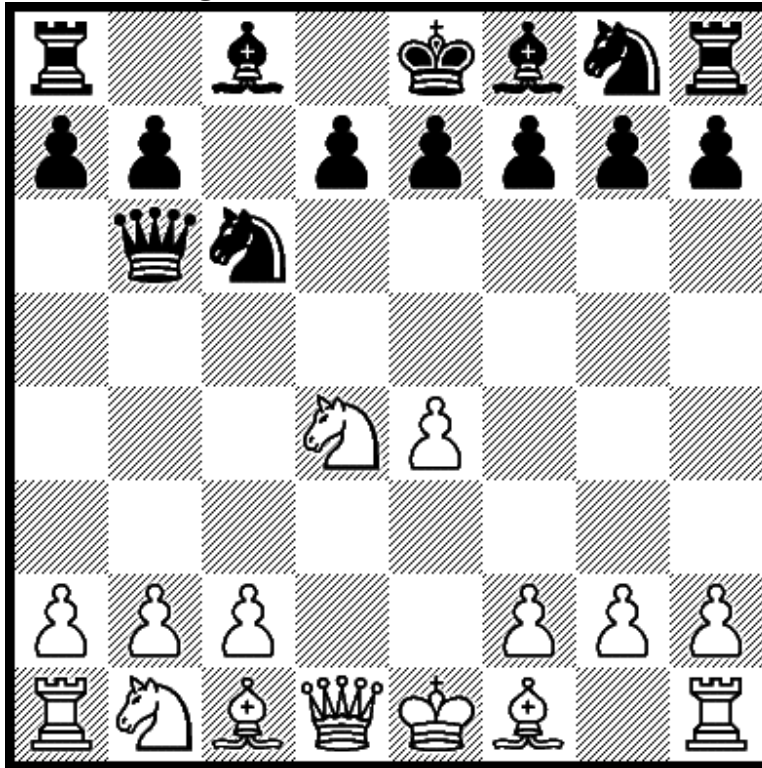
Diagram 147 after 4.Nxd4 Qc7



5.Nc3

If 5...e6 6.Be3. If 5...Nf6 6.Ndb5 Qb8 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5.

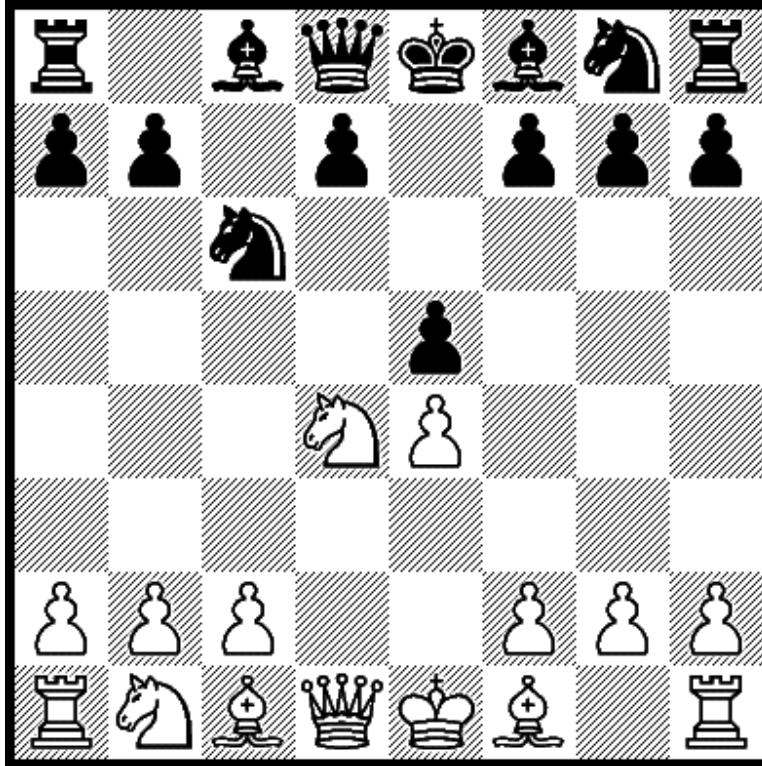
Diagram 148 after 4.Nxd4 Qb6



5.Nb3

If 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.a3 a6 9.Qd2 b5 10.f3.

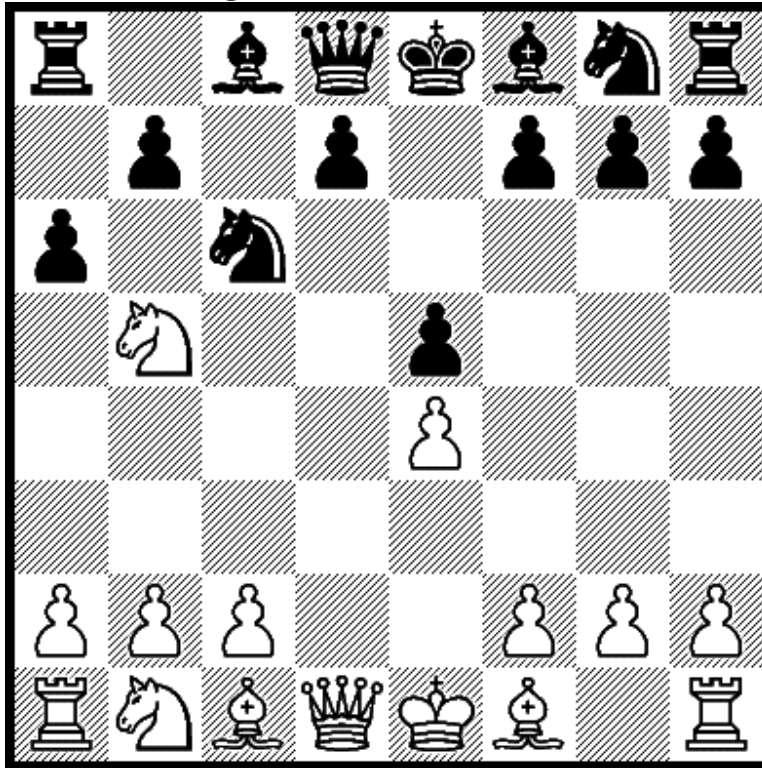
Diagram 149 after 4.Nxd4 e5



5.Nb5

Black has 5...a6 and 5...d6. If 5...Nf6 6.N1c3 d6 7.Bg5.

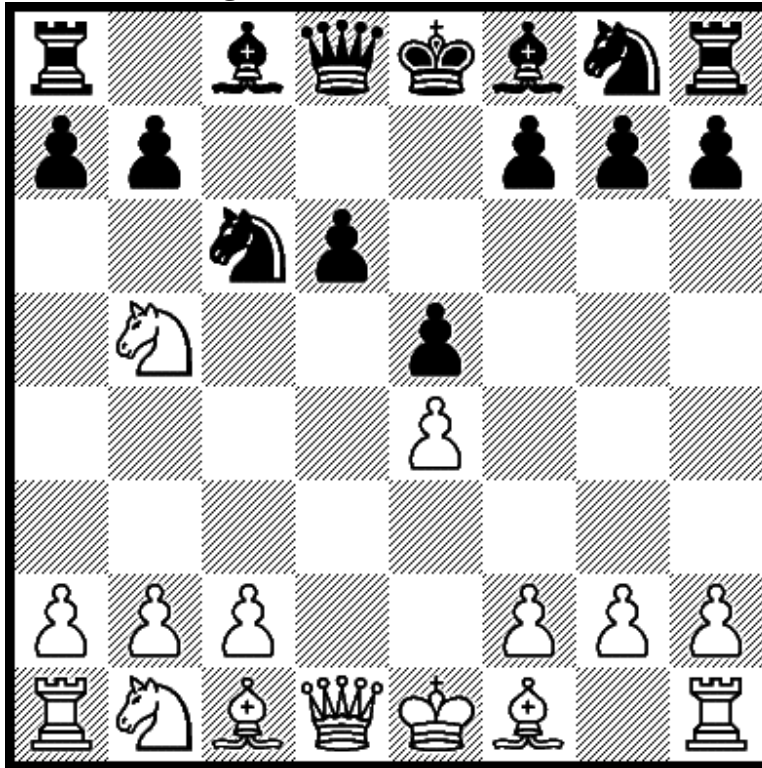
Diagram 150 after 5.Nb5 a6



6.Nd6+

If 6...Bxd6 7.Qxd6 Qf6 8.Qd1 Qg6 9.Nc3 Nge7 10.Be3.

Diagram 151 after 5.Nb5 d6



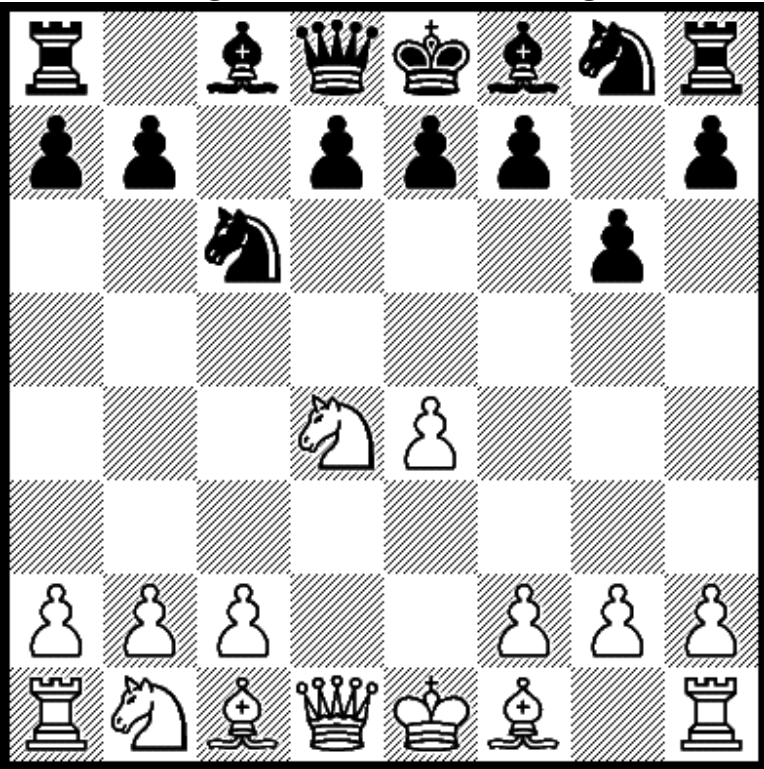
6.N1c3

If 6...a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.Bd3 Nxd5 10.exd5.



**2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6**

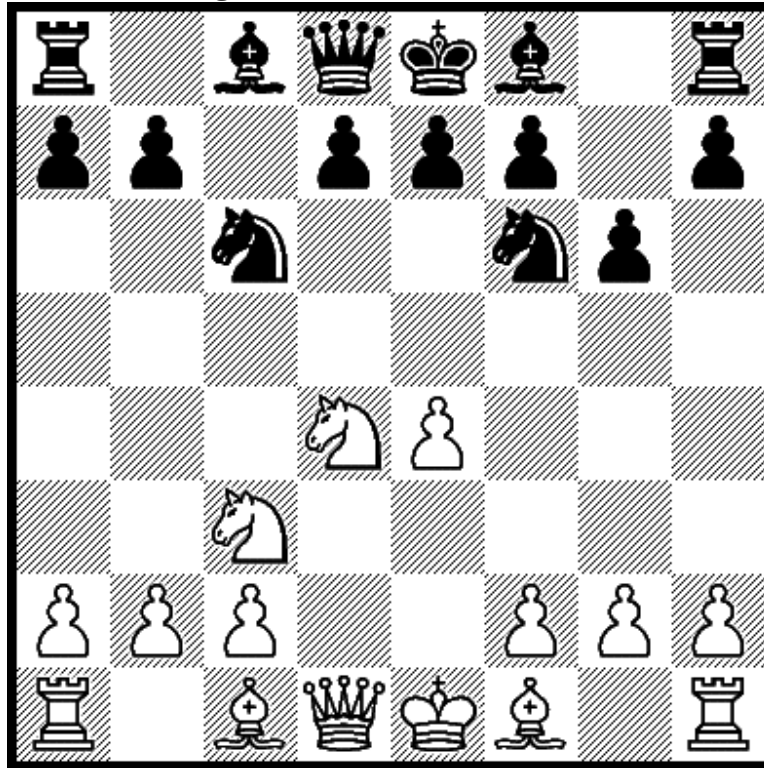
Diagram 152 after 4.Nxd4 g6



5.Nc3

Black has 5...Nf6 and 5...Bg7.

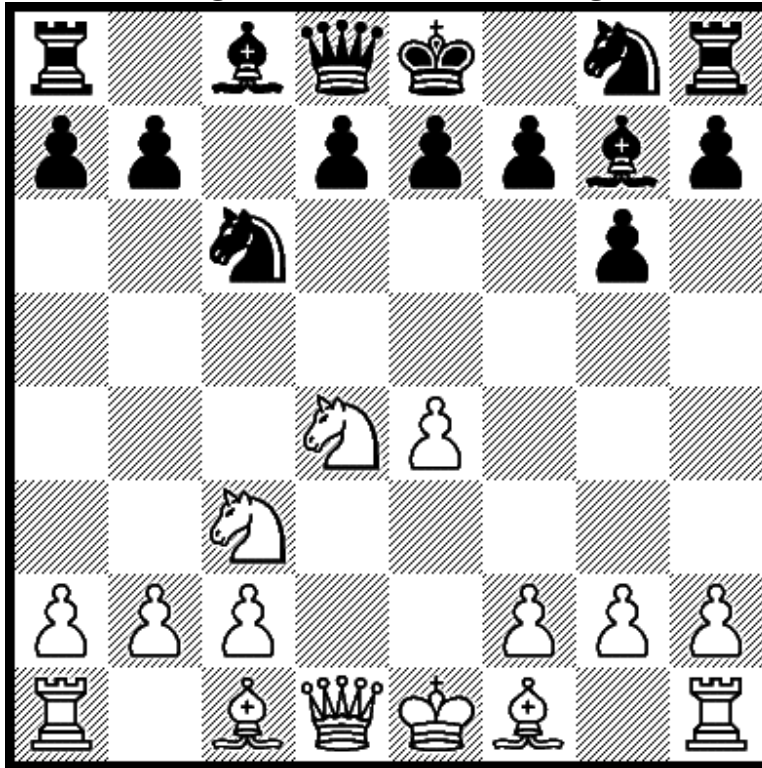
Diagram 153 after 5.Nc3 Nf6



6.Nxc6

If 6...dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Bc4. If 6...bxc6 7.e5 Ng8 8.Bc4.

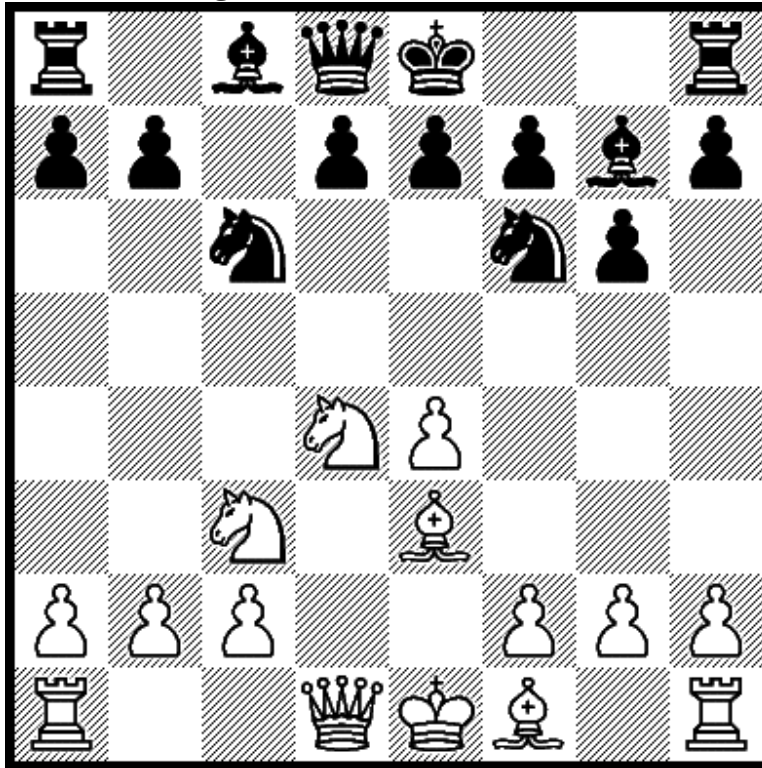
Diagram 154 after 5.Nc3 Bg7



6.Be3

Black has 6...Nf6. If 6...d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Bc4.

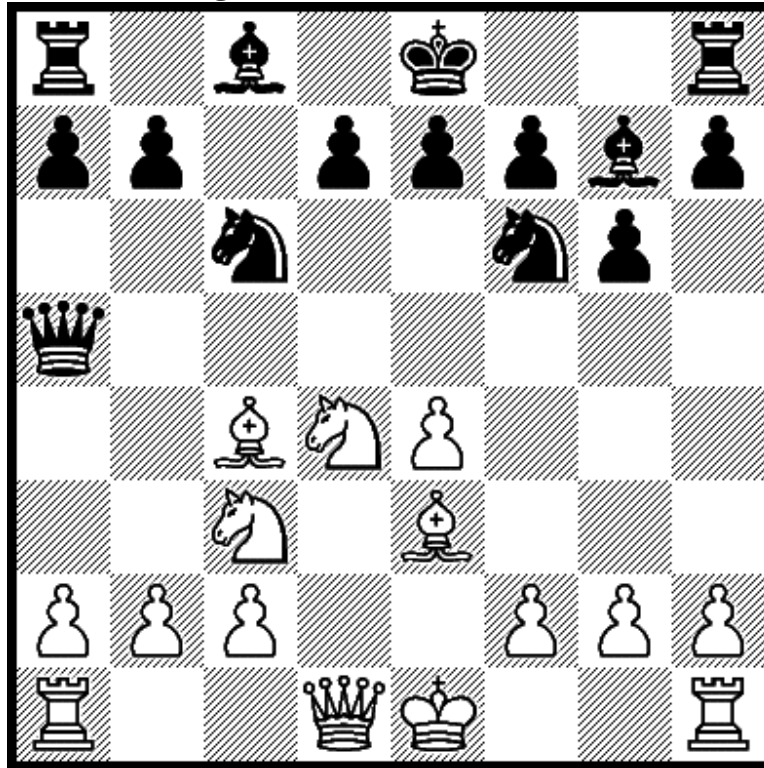
Diagram 155 after 6.Be3 Nf6



7.Bc4

Black has 7...Qa5, and 7...0-0. If 7...d6 8.f3 0-0 9.Qd2.

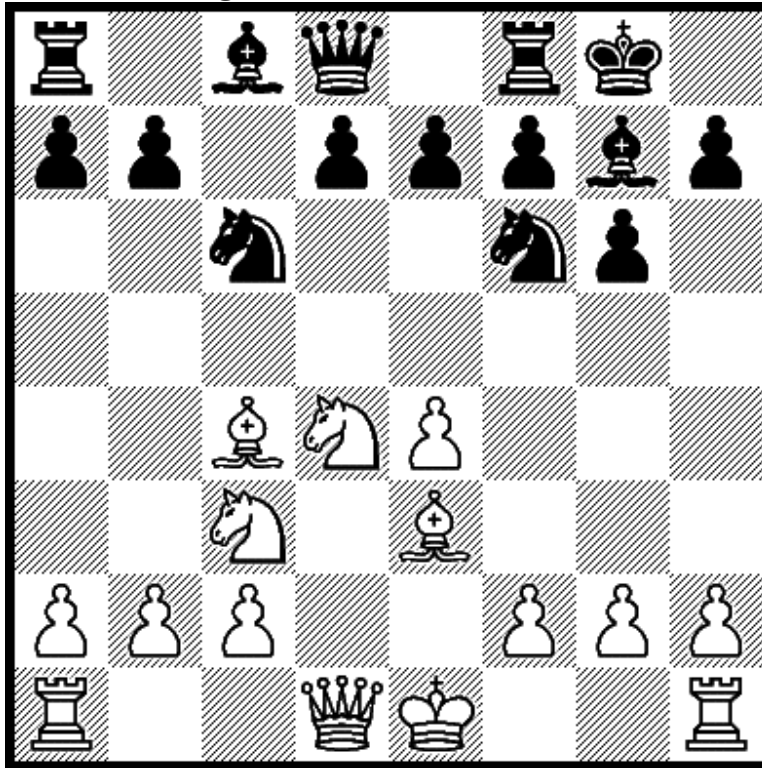
Diagram 156 after 7.Bc4 Qa5



8.f3

If 8...Qb4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bb3 0-0 11.0-0 d6 12.Qd2.

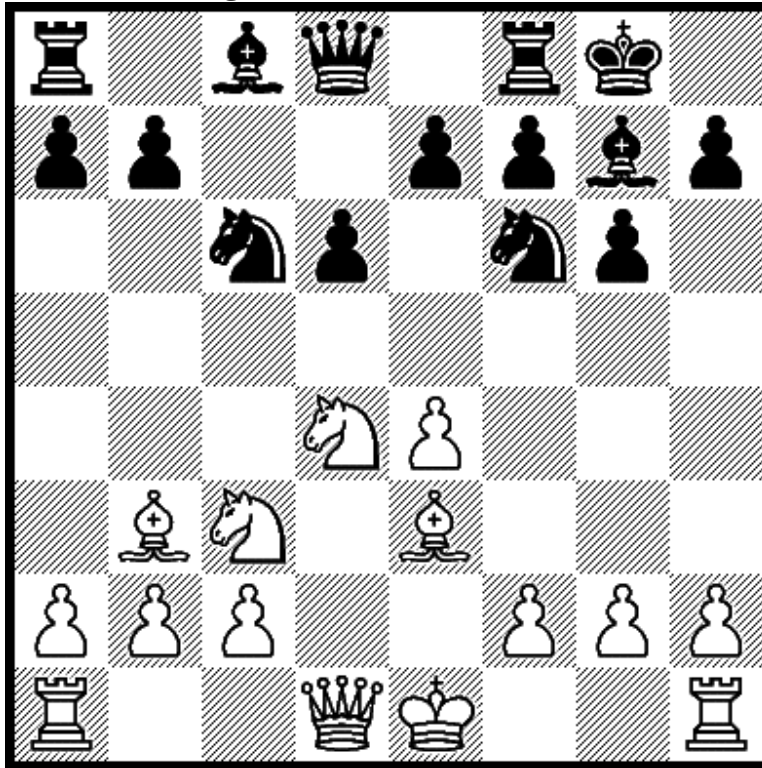
Diagram 157 after 7.Bc4 0-0



8.Bb3

Or 8...d6. If 8...a5 9.f3 d5 10.Bxd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 f5 12.Nxc6

Diagram 158 after 8.Bb3 d6



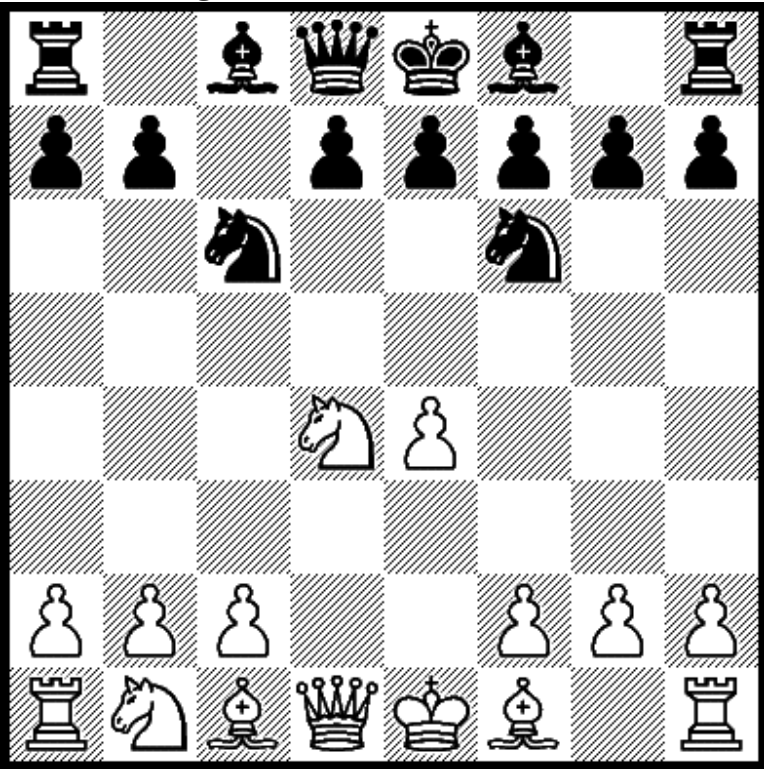
9.f3

If 9...Bd7 10.Qd2 Rc8 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4.



2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5

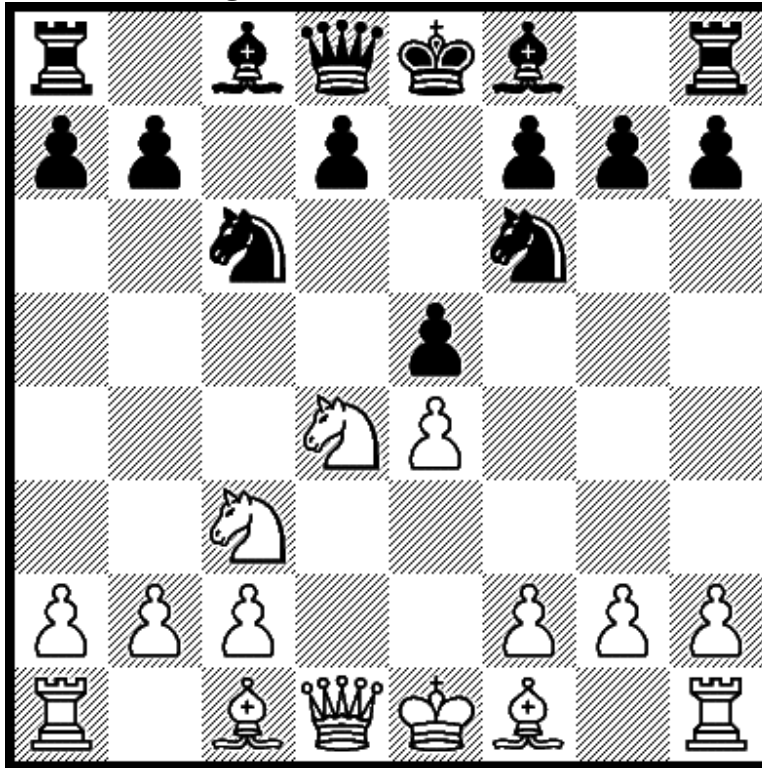
Diagram 159 after 4.Nxd4 Nf6



5.Nc3

Black has 5...e5. If 5...d6 6.Bg5. If 5...e6 6.Be3.

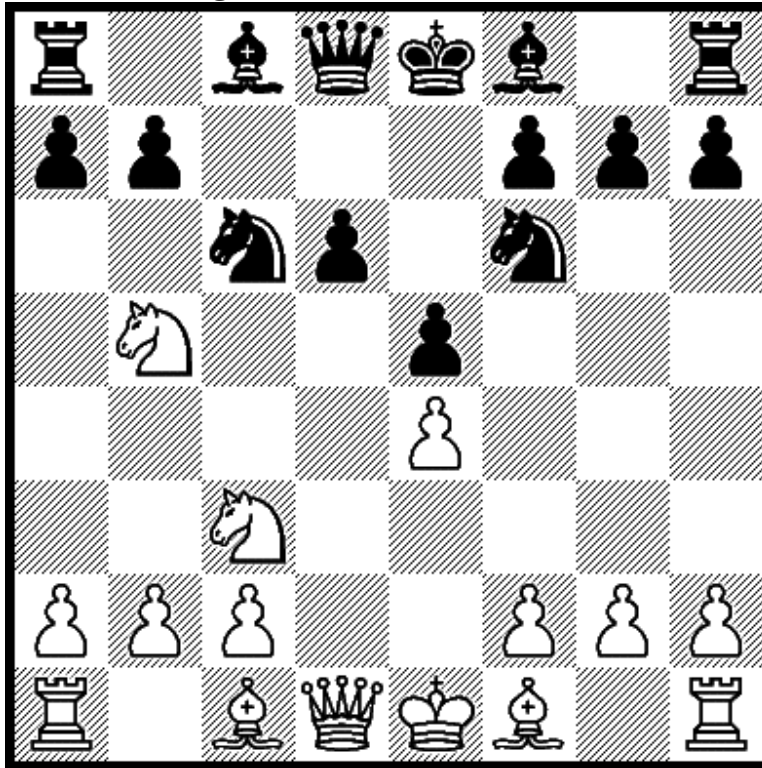
Diagram 160 after 5.Nc3 e5



6.Ndb5

Black has 6...d6. If 6...h6 7.Nd6+ Bxd6 8.Qxd6 Qe7 9.Qxe7+.

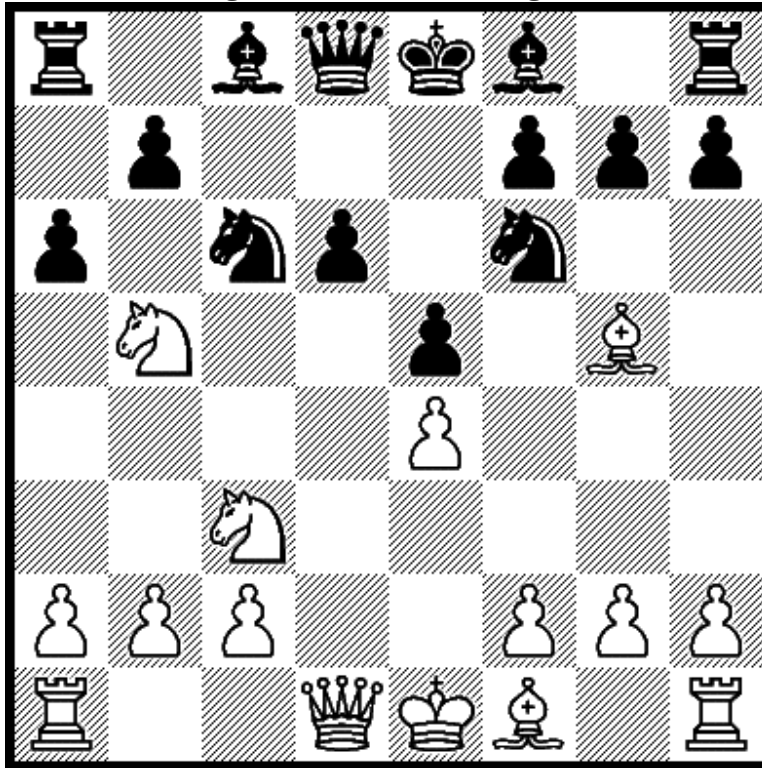
Diagram 161 after 6.Ndb5 d6



7.Bg5

Black has 7...a6. If 7...Be6 8.Nd5 Rc8 9.c3. If 7...Be7 8.Bxf6.

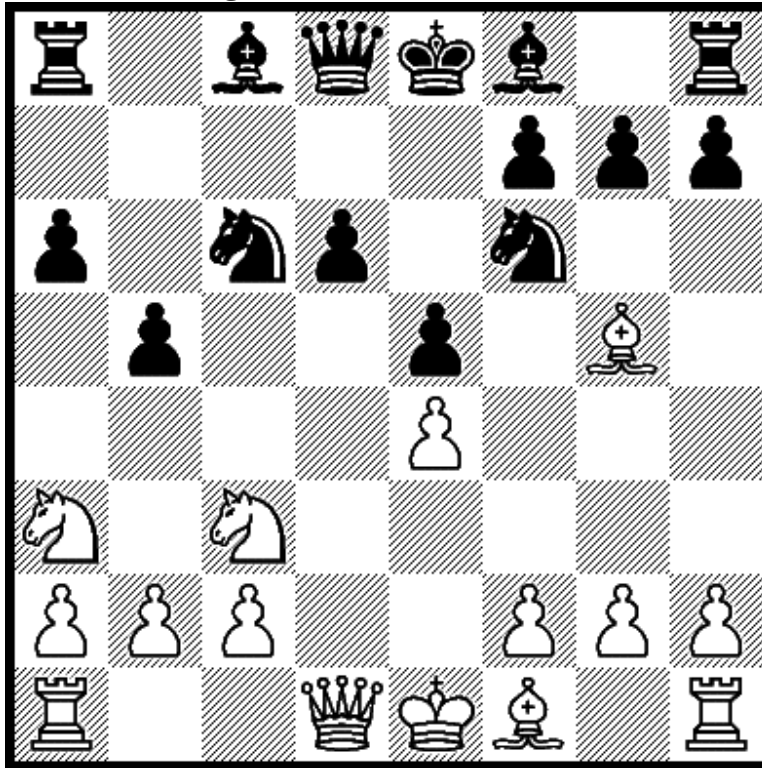
Diagram 162 after 7.Bg5 a6



8.Na3

Black has 8...b5. If 8...Be6 9.Nc4 Rc8 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bd3.

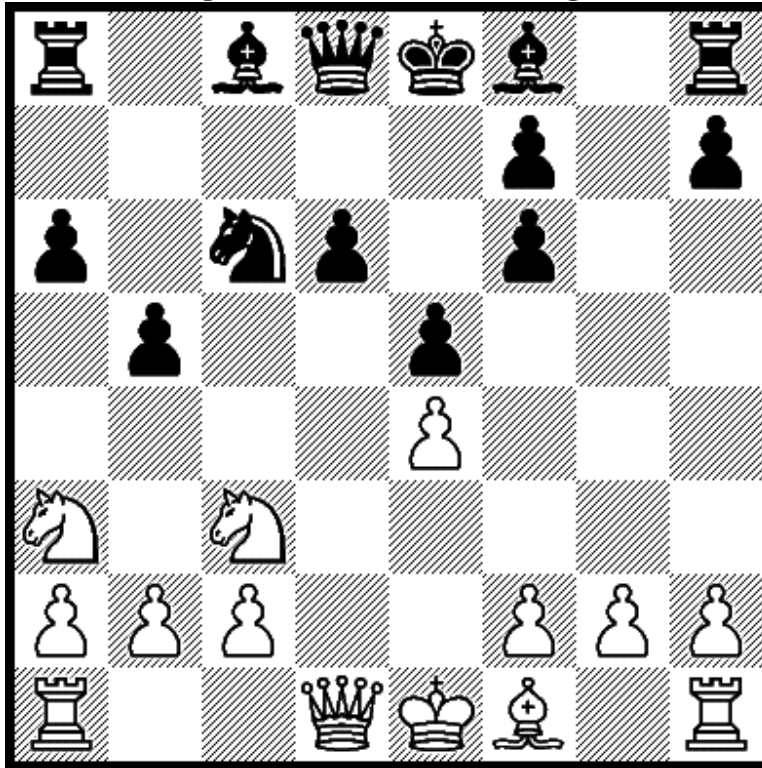
Diagram 163 after 8.Na3 b5



9.Bxf6

If 9...Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.c4 b4 12.Qa4 Bd7 13.Nb5.

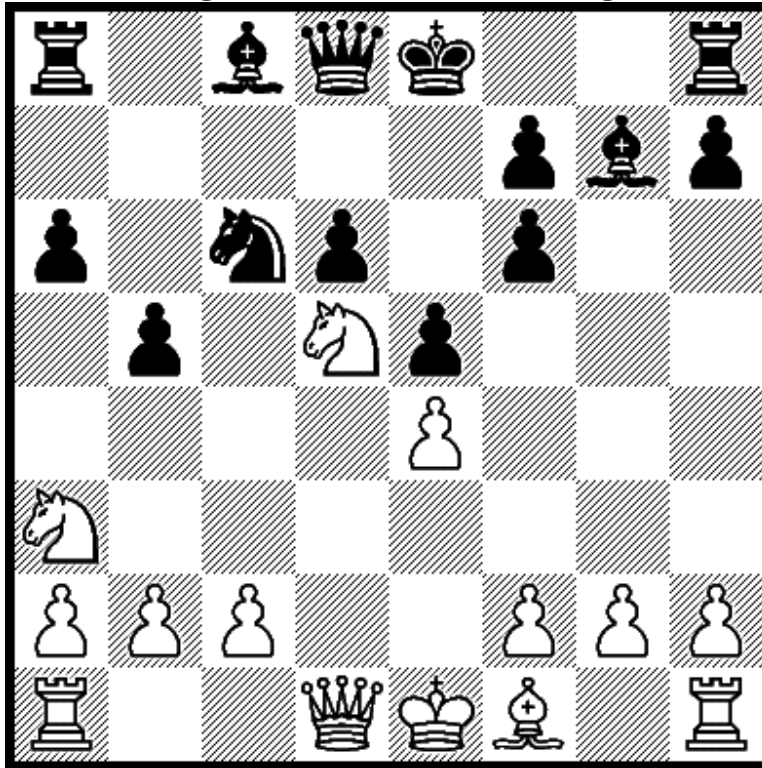
Diagram 164 after 9.Bxf6 gxf6



10.Nd5

Black has 10...Bg7 and 10...f5.

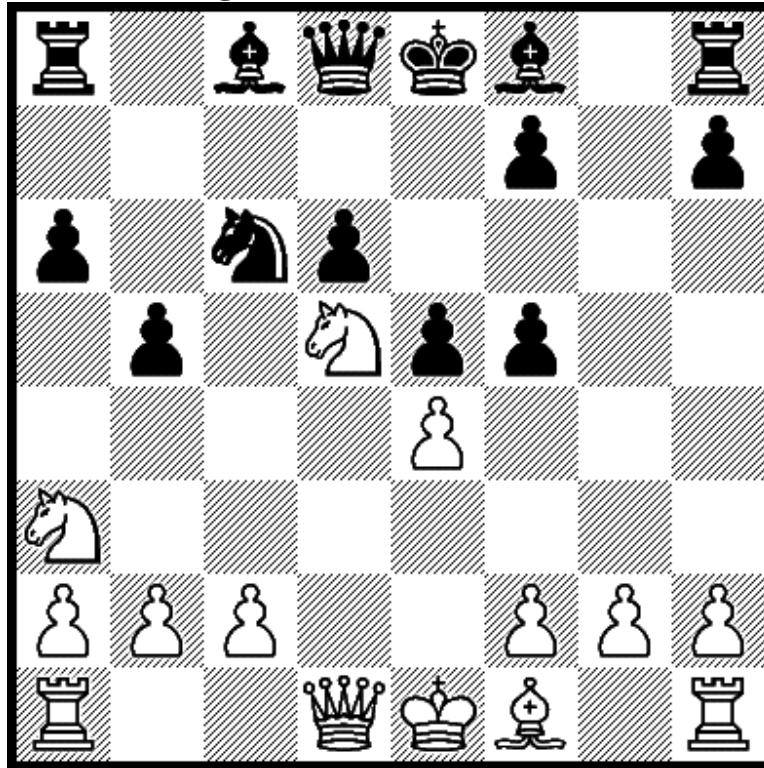
Diagram 165 after 10.Nd5 Bg7



11.Bd3

If 11...Ne7 12.Nxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4 f5 15.Qh5.

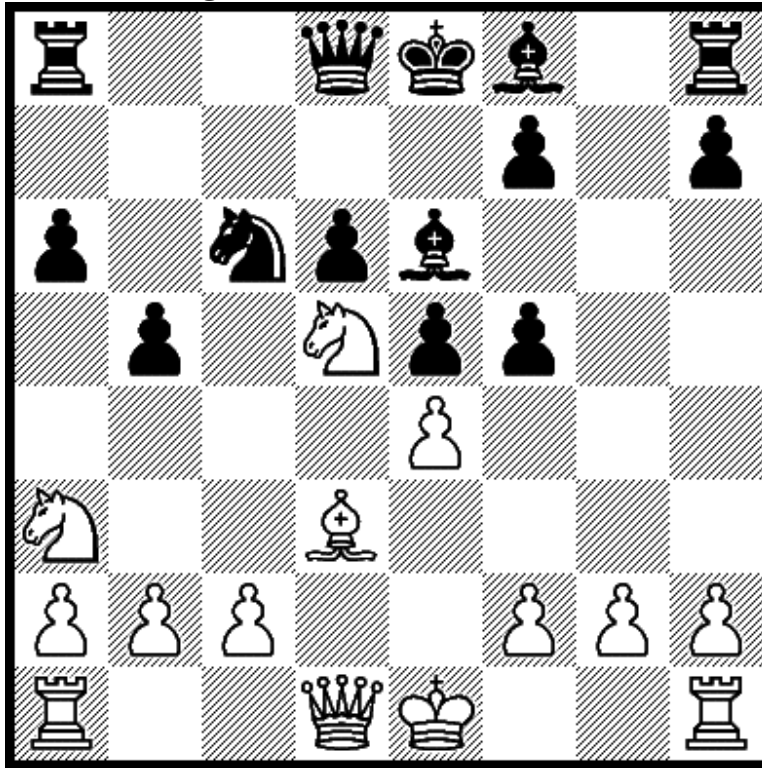
Diagram 166 after 10.Nd5 f5



11.Bd3

If 11...f4 12.c4 b4 13.Qa4. If 11...Qg5 12.0-0 Rg8 13.g3.

Diagram 167 after 11.Bd3 Be6



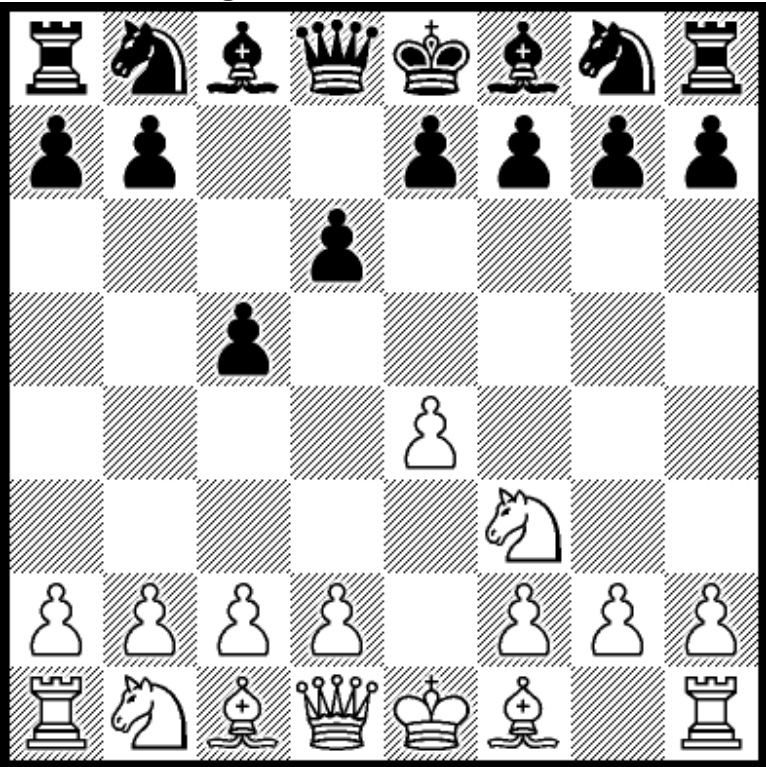
12.0-0

If 12...Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.c3 Bg7 15.Qh5 e4 16.Be2.



# 2.Nf3 d6

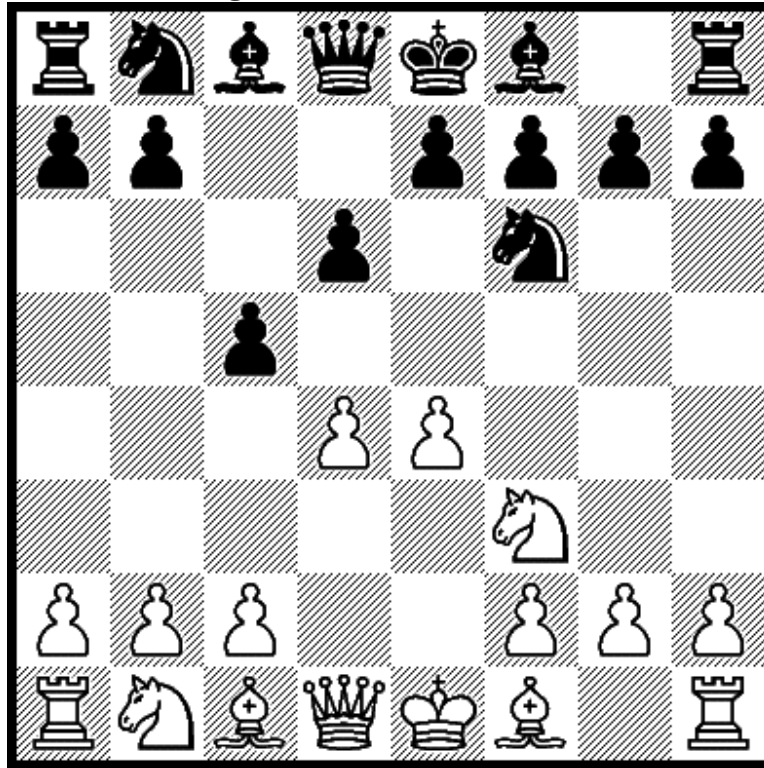
Diagram 168 after 2.Nf3 d6



3.d4

Black has 3...Nf6 and 3...cxd4. If 3...Nd7 4.dxc5 Nxc5 5.Nc3.

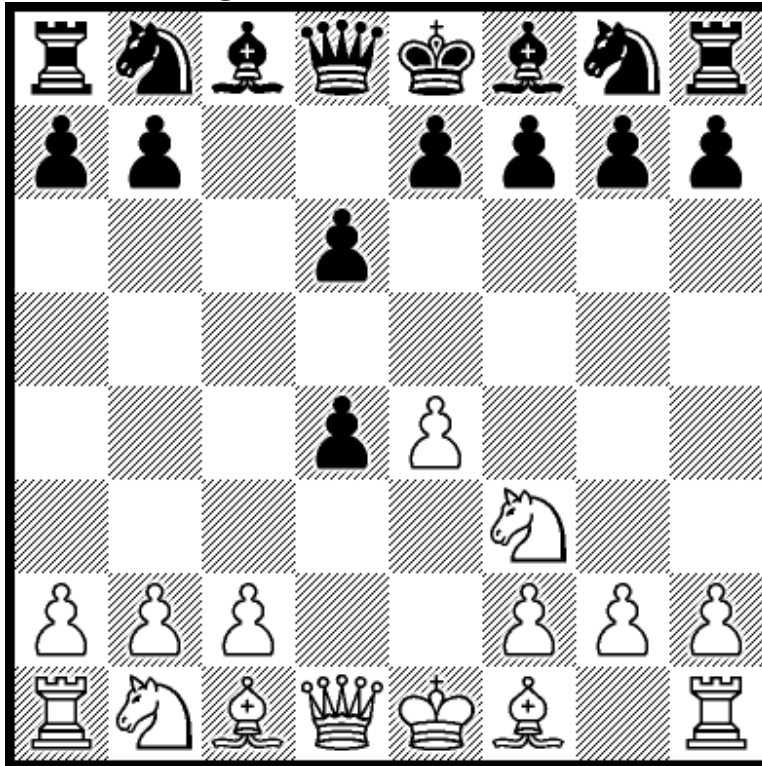
Diagram 169 after 3.d4 Nf6



4.Nc3

If 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 see 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3.

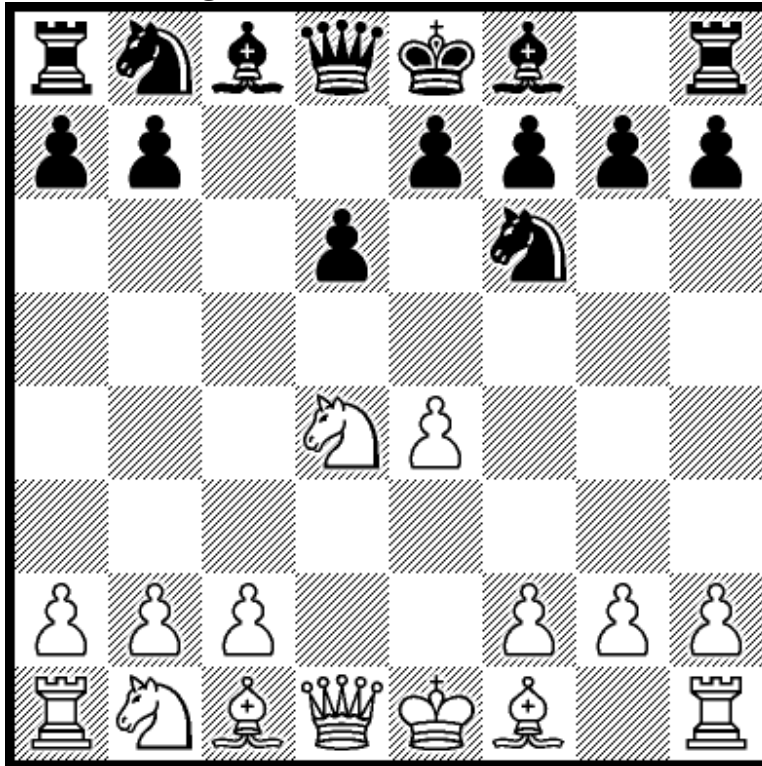
Diagram 170 after 3.d4 cxd4



4.Nxd4

Black has 4...Nf6. If 4...Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3.

Diagram 171 after 4.Nxd4 Nf6



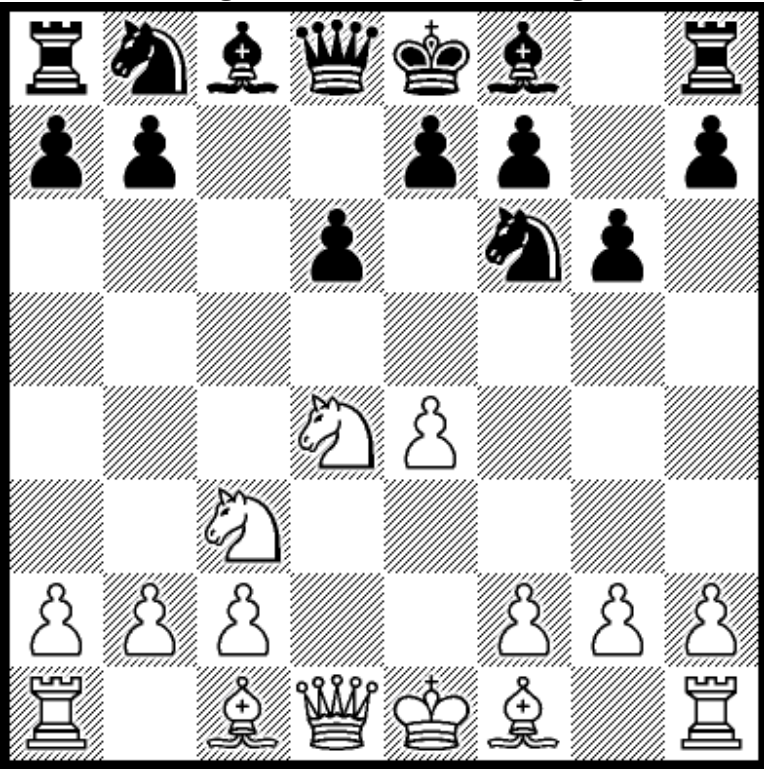
5.Nc3

Black has 5...g6, 5...Nc6, 5...e6, and 5...a6.



2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

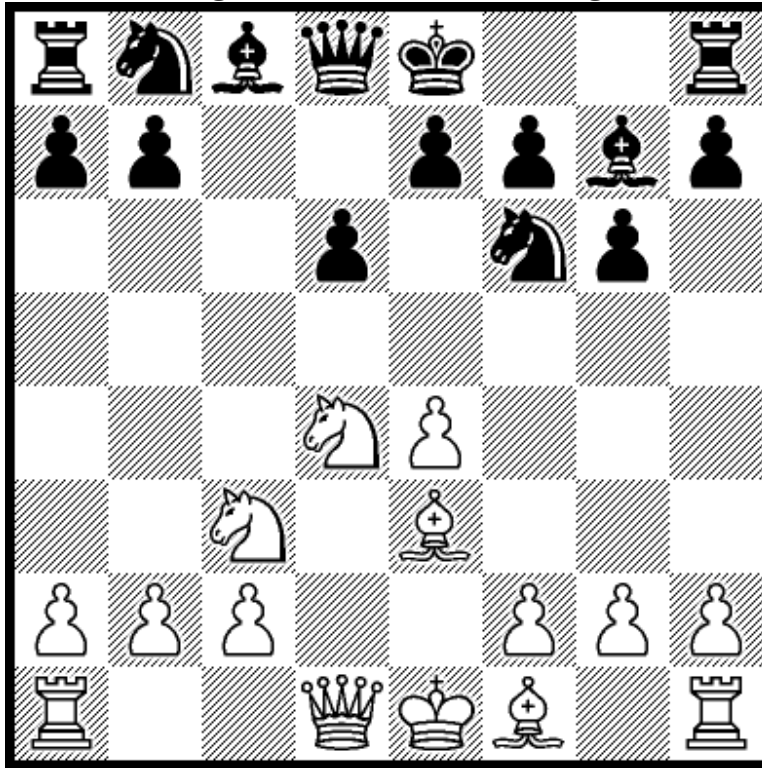
Diagram 172 after 5.Nc3 g6



6.Be3

Black has 6...Bg7. If 6...Nc6 7.f3. If 6...a6 7.f3 Nbd7 8.Qd2.

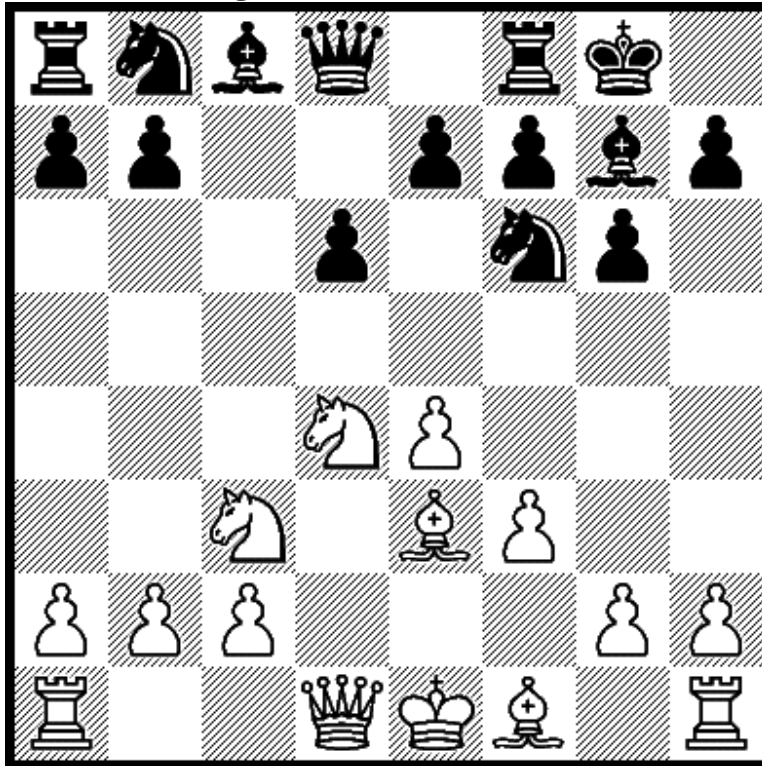
Diagram 173 after 6.Be3 Bg7



7.f3

Black has 7...0-0. If 7...Nc6 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.Bb3.

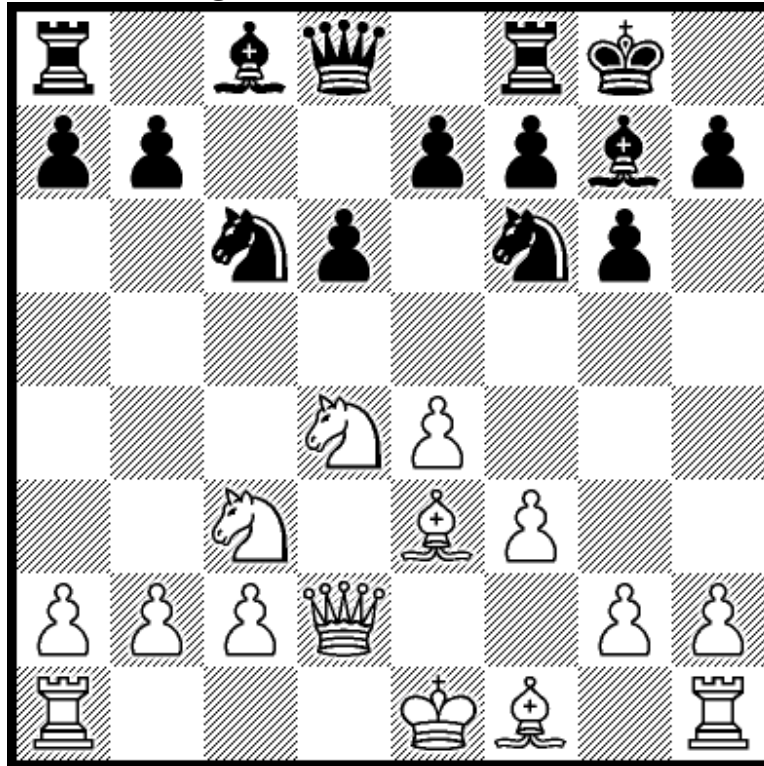
Diagram 174 after 7.f3 0-0



8.Qd2

Black has 8...Nc6. If 8...a6 9.0-0-0. If 8...d5 9.e5 Ne8 10.f4.

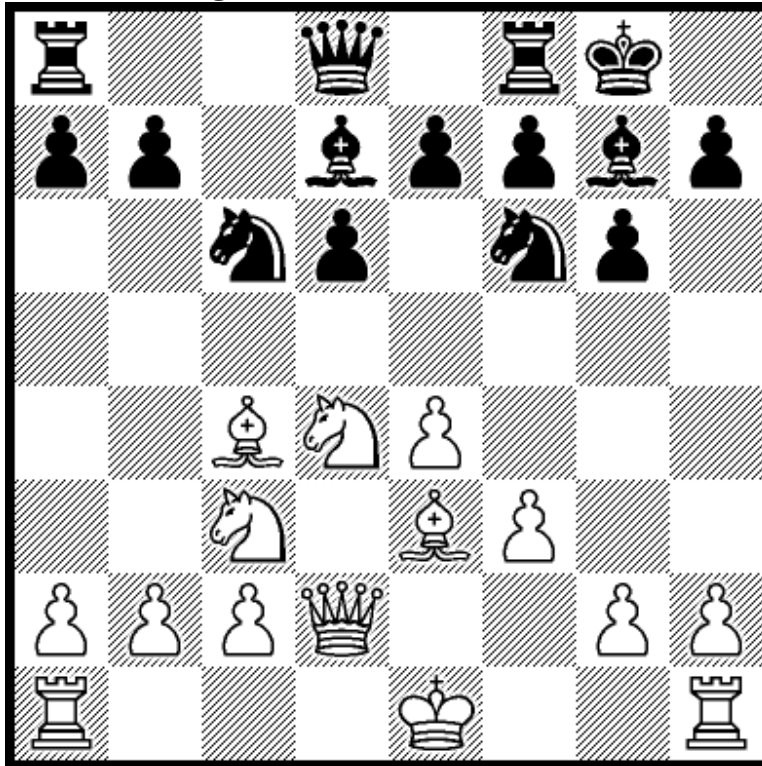
Diagram 175 after 8.Qd2 Nc6



9.Bc4

Black has 9...Bd7. If 9...Nd7 10.0-0-0. If 9...Na5 10.Bb3.

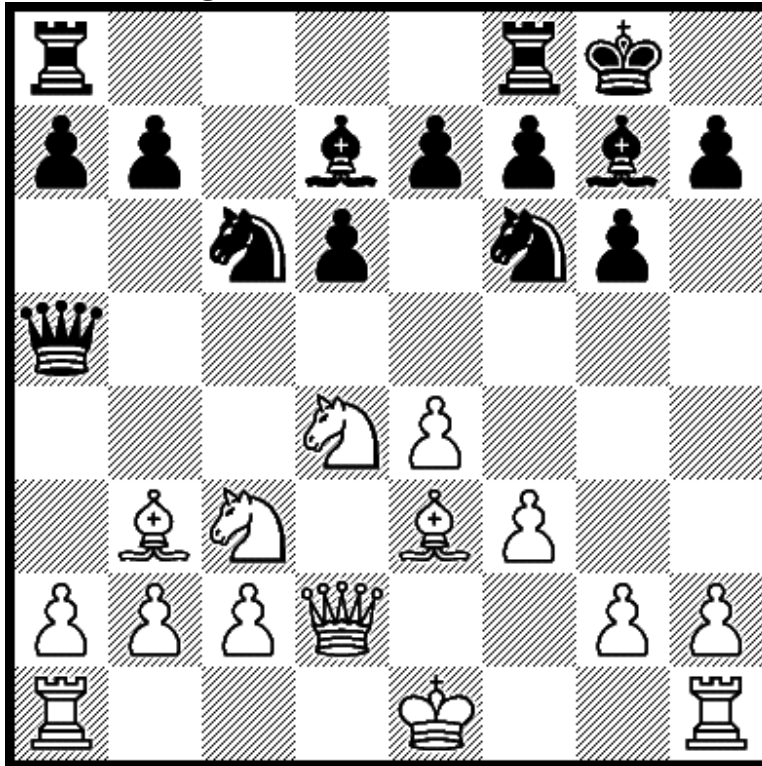
Diagram 176 after 9.Bc4 Bd7



10.Bb3

Next 10...Qa5 and 10...Rc8. If 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.a4.

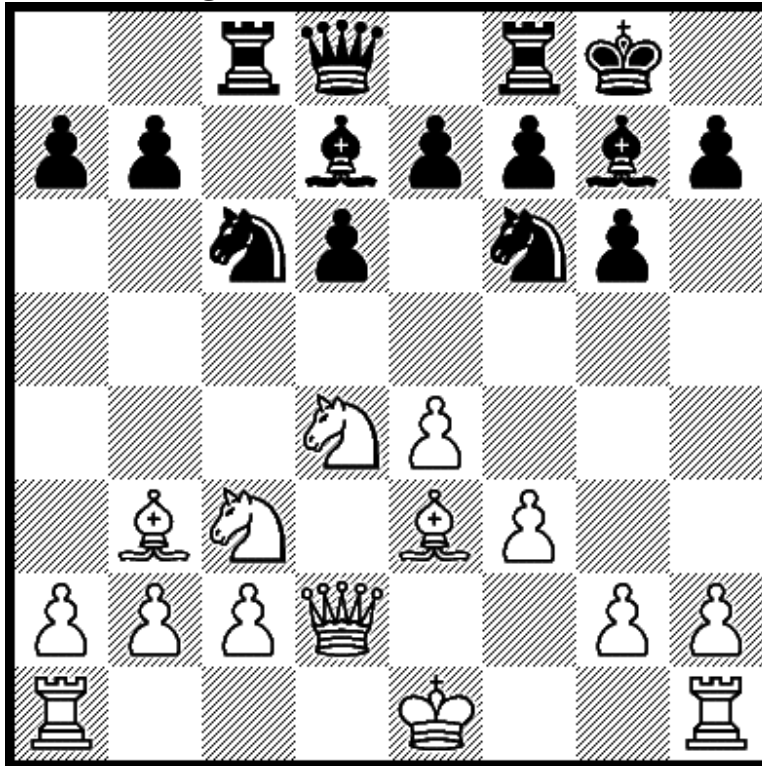
Diagram 177 after 10.Bb3 Qa5



11.0-0-0

If 11...Rfc8 12.Kb1 Ne5 13.Bg5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3.

Diagram 178 after 10.Bb3 Rc8



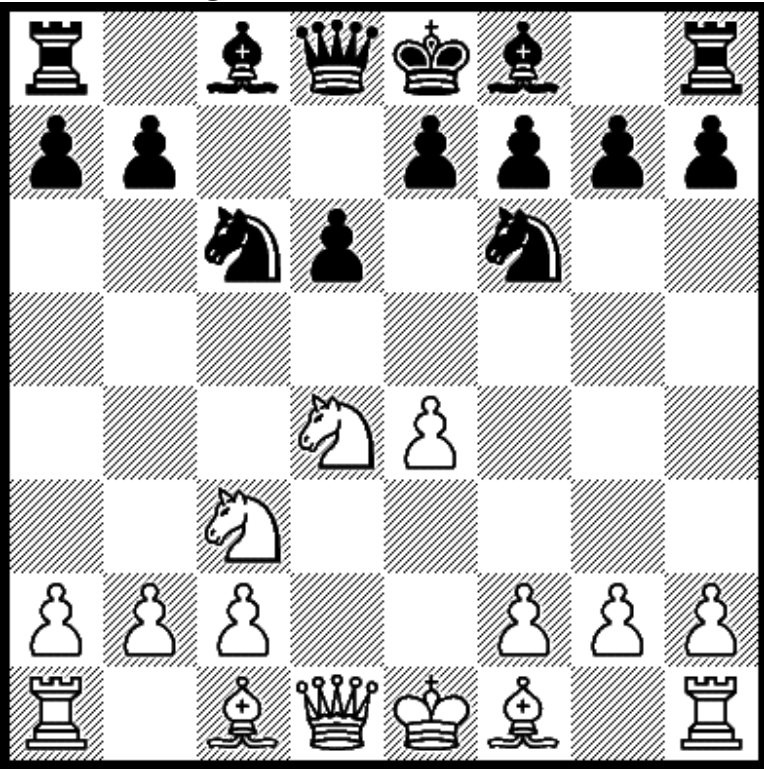
11.0-0-0

If 11...Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4 b5 15.b3.



2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6

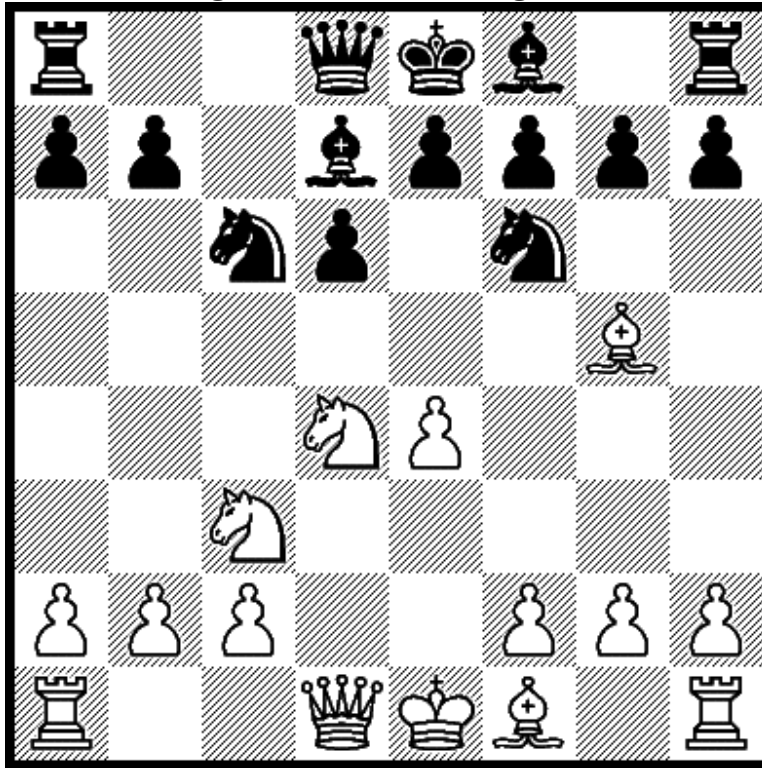
Diagram 179 after 5.Nc3 Nc6



6.Bg5

Black has 6...Bd7 or 6...e6. If 6...a6 7.Qd2. If 6...Qb6 7.Nb3.

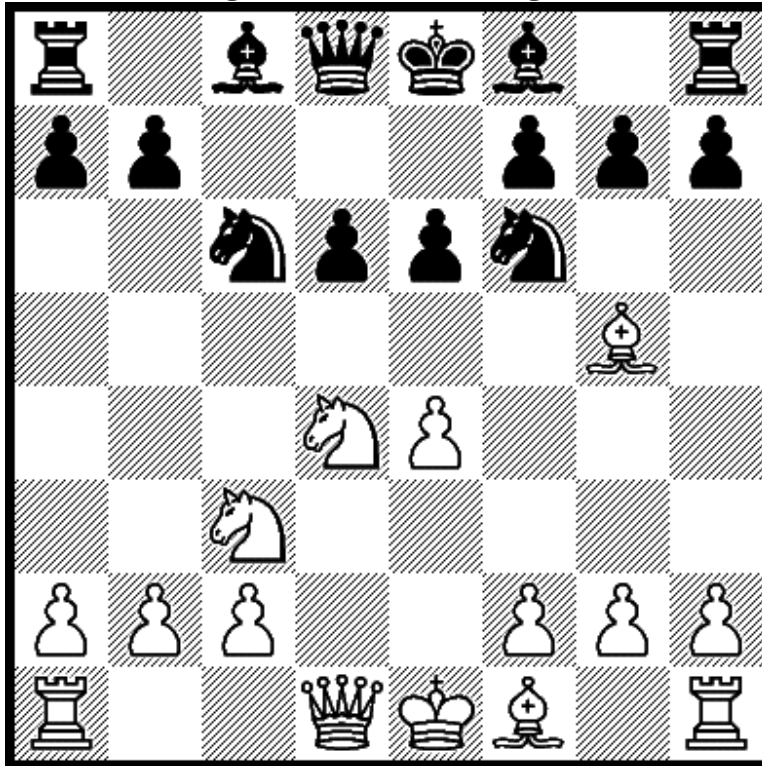
Diagram 180 after 6.Bg5 Bd7



7.Qd2

If 7...Rc8 8.0-0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qa5 10.Bd2 a6 11.Kb1.

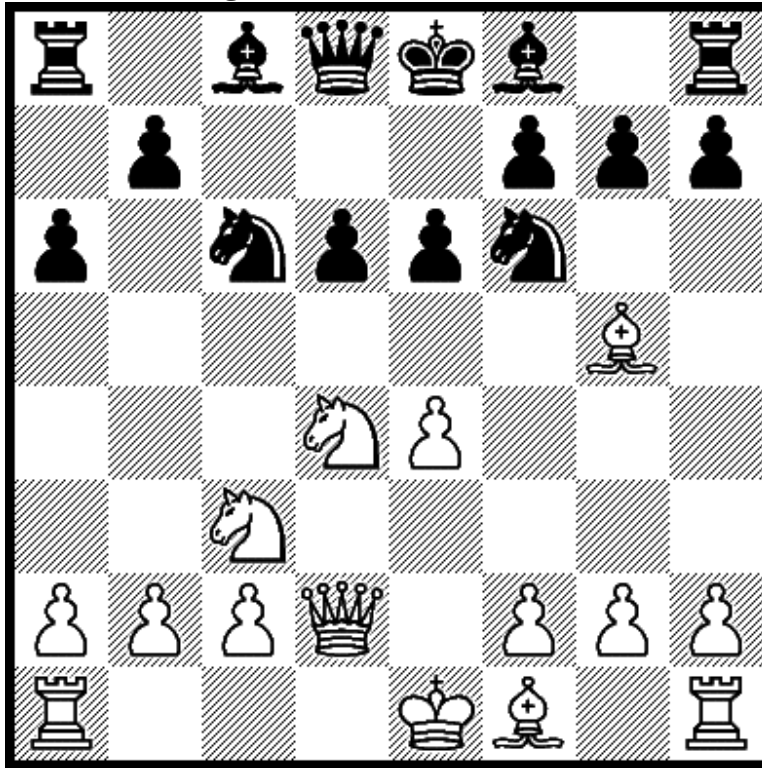
Diagram 181 after 6.Bg5 e6



7.Qd2

Black has 7...a6. If 7...Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.f3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4.

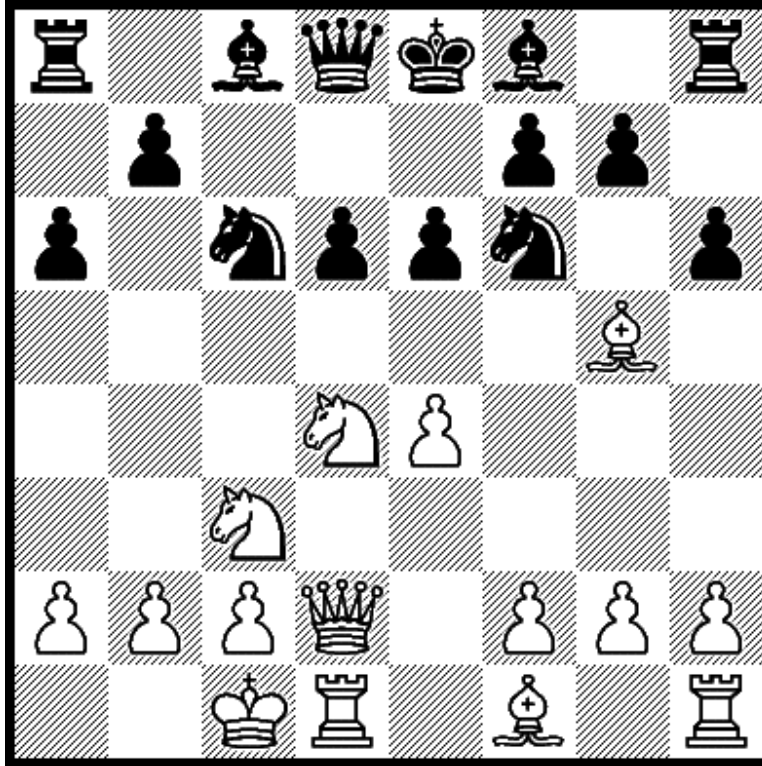
Diagram 182 after 7.Qd2 a6



8.0-0-0

Black has 8...h6 and 8...Bd7. If 8...Be7 9.f3 0-0 10.h4.

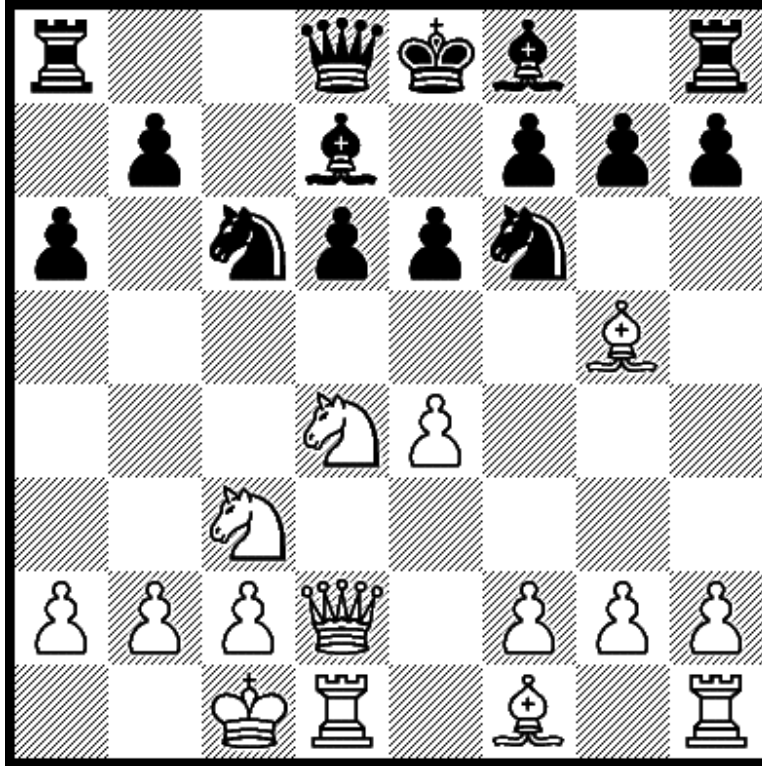
Diagram 183 after 8.0-0-0 h6



9.Be3

If 9...Be7 10.f3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.Kb1 Rb8 13.g4.

Diagram 184 after 8.0-0-0 Bd7



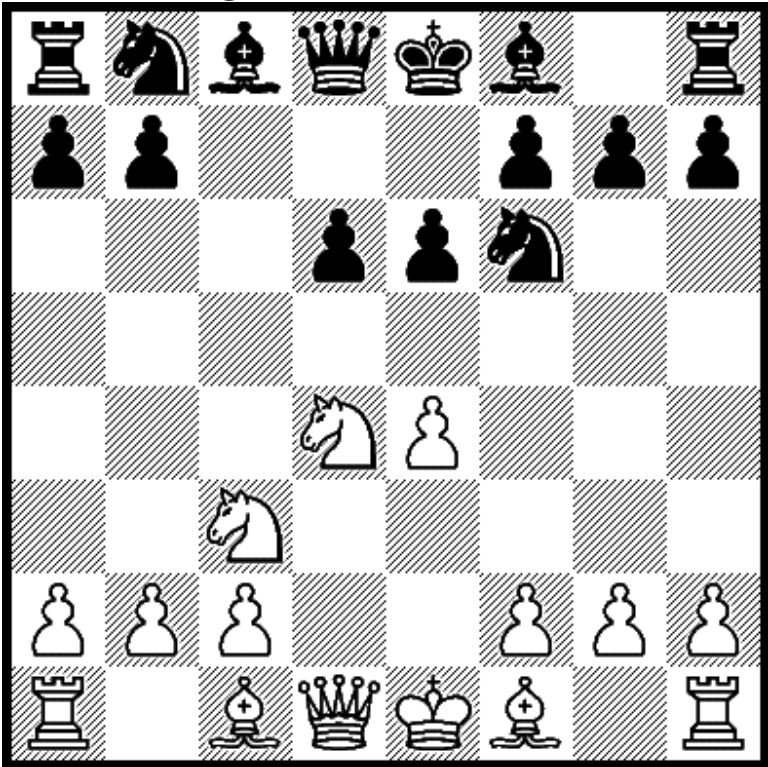
9.f3

If 9...Be7 10.Be3 h5 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.Bd3 Ne5 13.h3.



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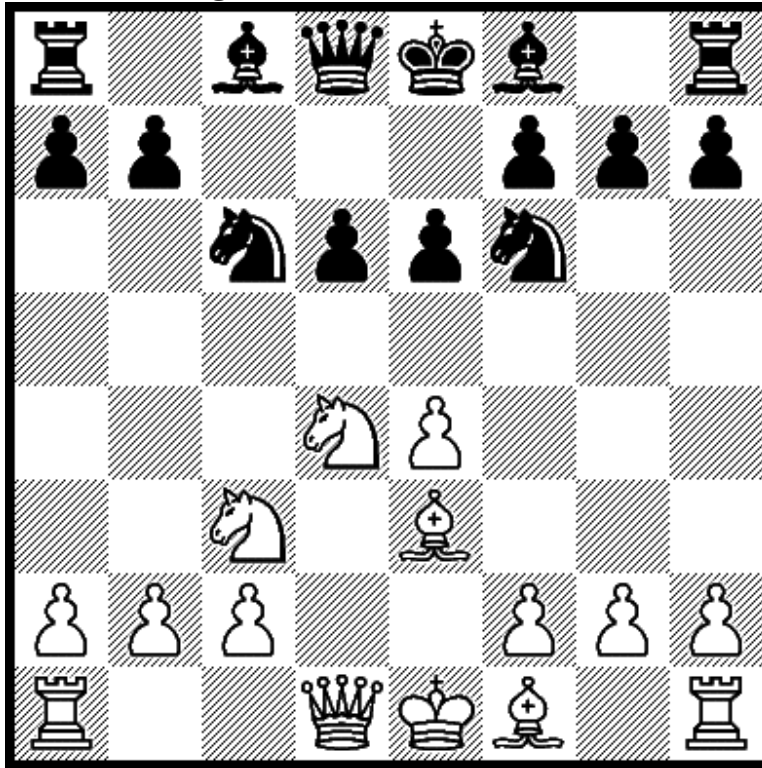
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6.Be3

Black has 6...Nc6 or 6...a6. If 6...Be7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 d5 9.e5.

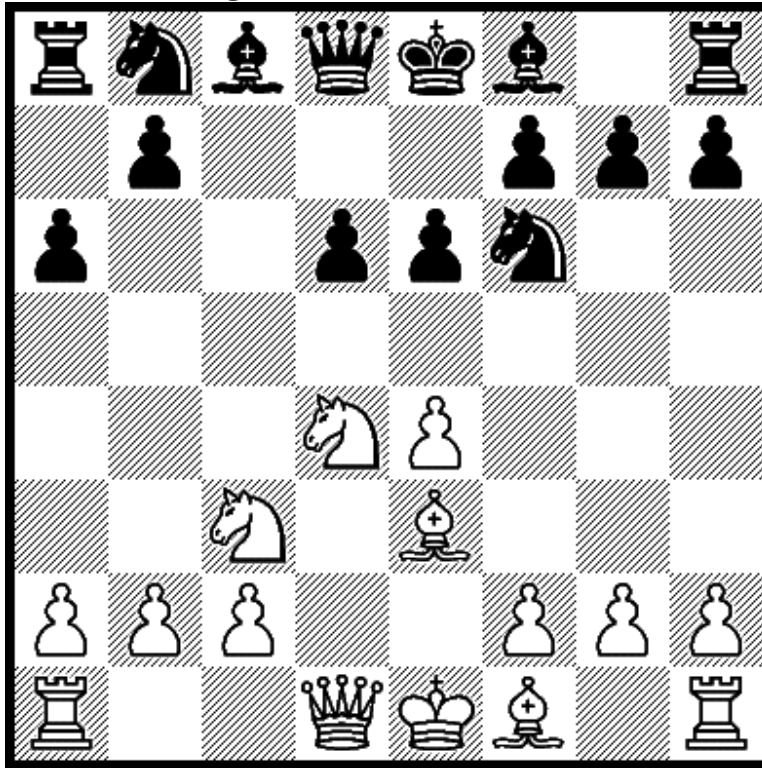
Diagram 186 after 6.Be3 Nc6



7.Qd2

If 7...Be7 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5 10.Be2 dxe4 11.Nxc6.

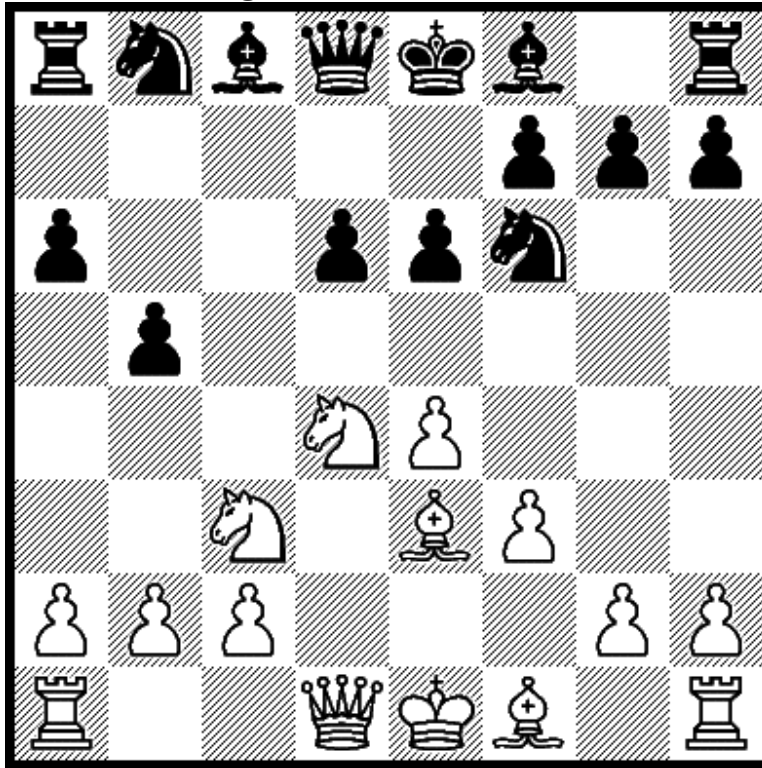
Diagram 187 after 6.Be3 e6



7.f3

Black has 7...b5. If 7...Be7 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.g4.

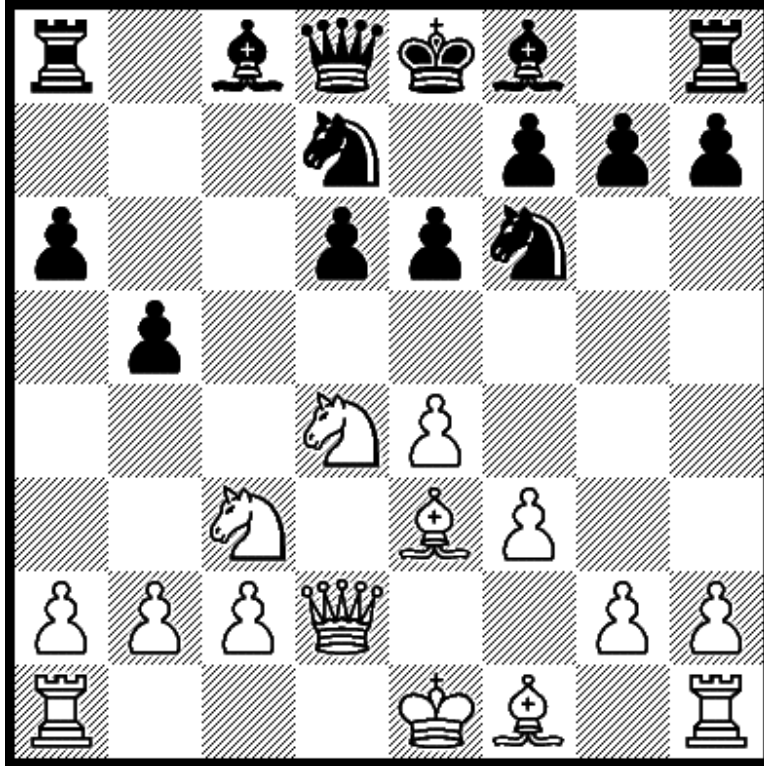
Diagram 188 after 7.f3 b5



8.Qd2

Black has 8...Nbd7. If 8...Bb7 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.g4 Nfd7 11.g5.

Diagram 189 after 8.Qd2 Nbd7



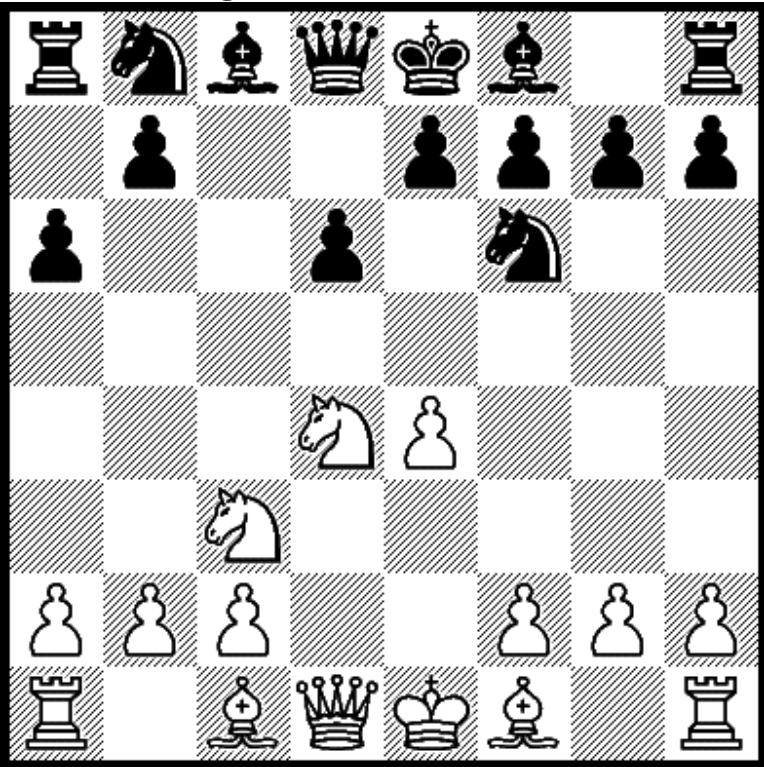
9.g4

If 9...Nb6 10.g5 Nfd7 11.a4. Or if 9...h6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.h4.



2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6

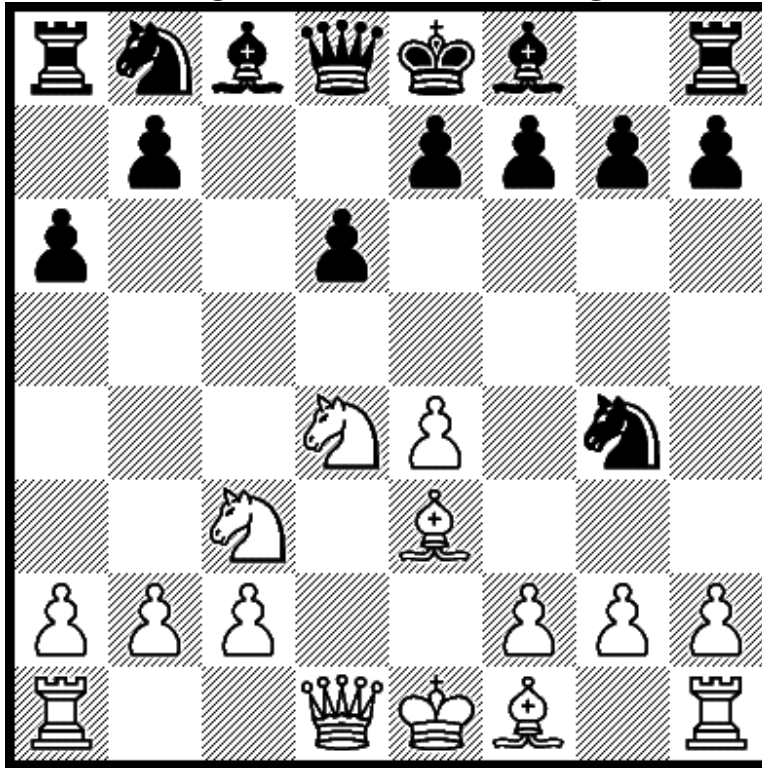
Diagram 190 after 5.Nc3 a6



6.Be3

Black has 6...Ng4 and 6...e5. If 6...e6 see 5...e6 6.Be3 a6.

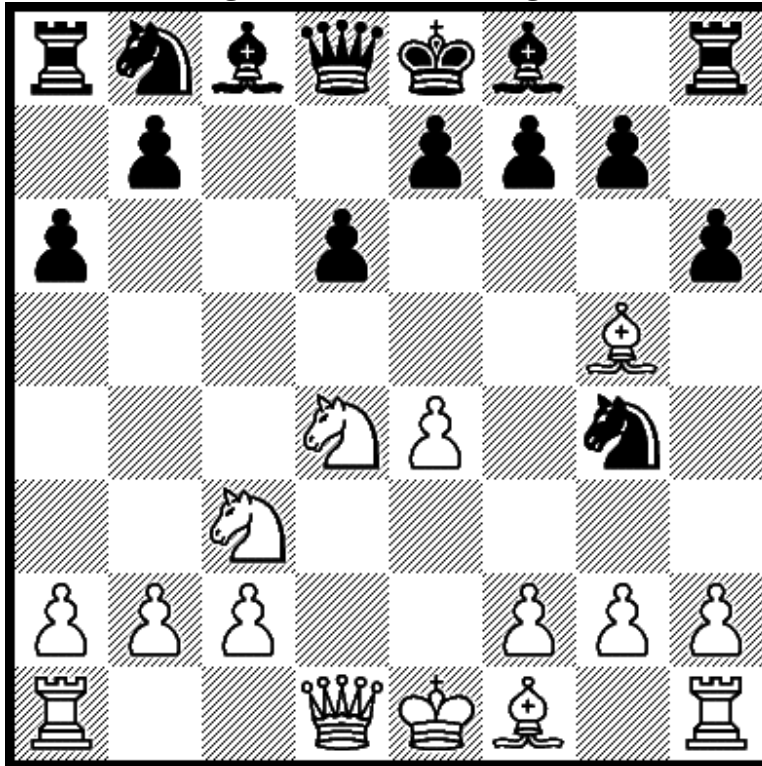
Diagram 191 after 6.Be3 Ng4



7.Bg5

Next 7...h6. If 7...Nc6 8.h3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Qxd4.

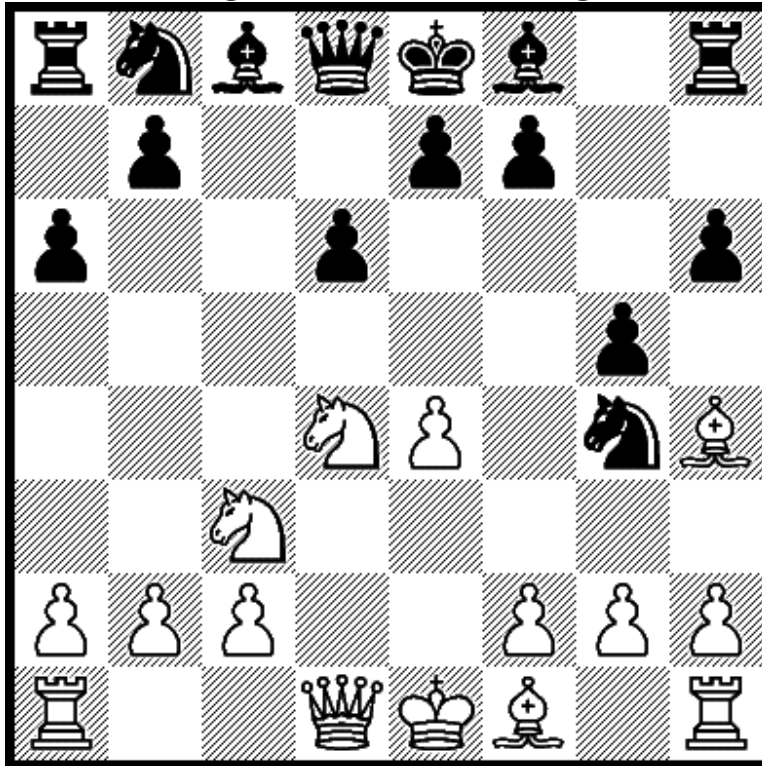
Diagram 192 after 7.Bg5 h6



8.Bh4

Next 8...g5. If 8...Qb6 9.Nd5. If 8...Nc6 9.Be2 Nge5 10.Qd2.

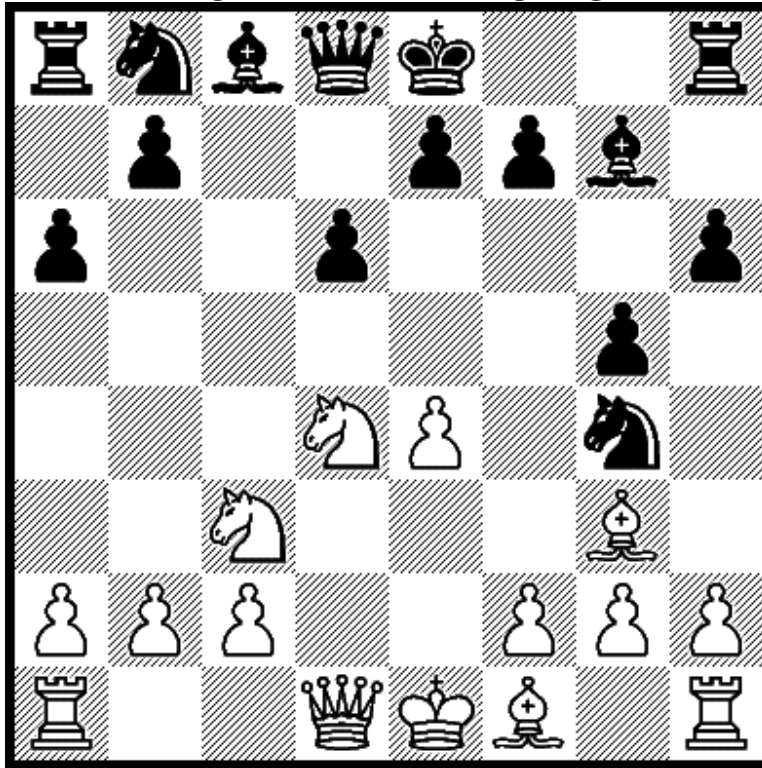
Diagram 193 after 8.Bh4 g5



9.Bg3

Next 9...Bg7. If 9...Nc6 10.Be2. If 9...h5 10.h4 gxh4 11.Bxh4.

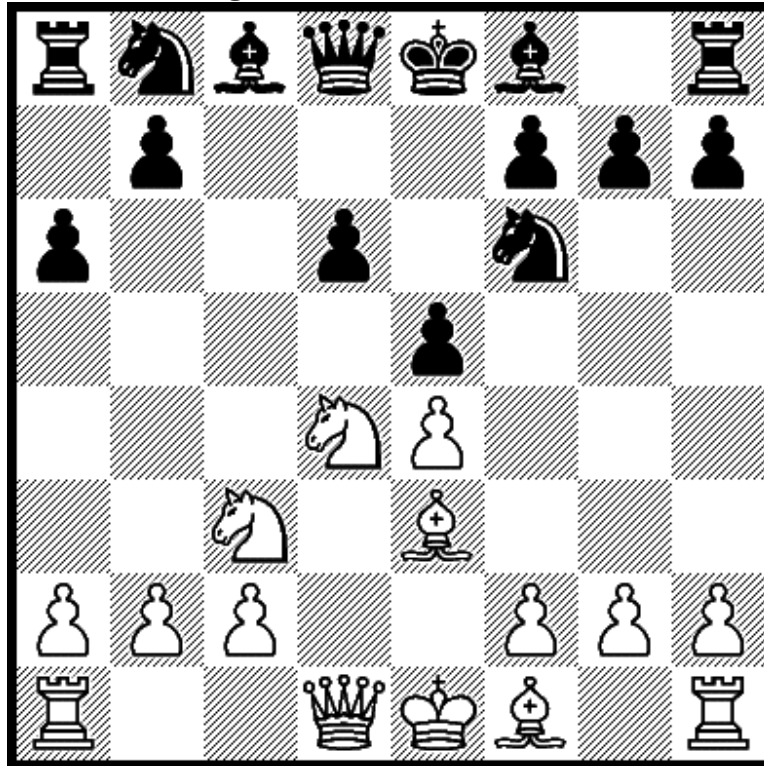
Diagram 194 after 9.Bg3 Bg7



10.h3

If 10...Nf6 11.Qf3. Or if 10...Ne5 11.Qd2 Nbc6 12.0-0-0.

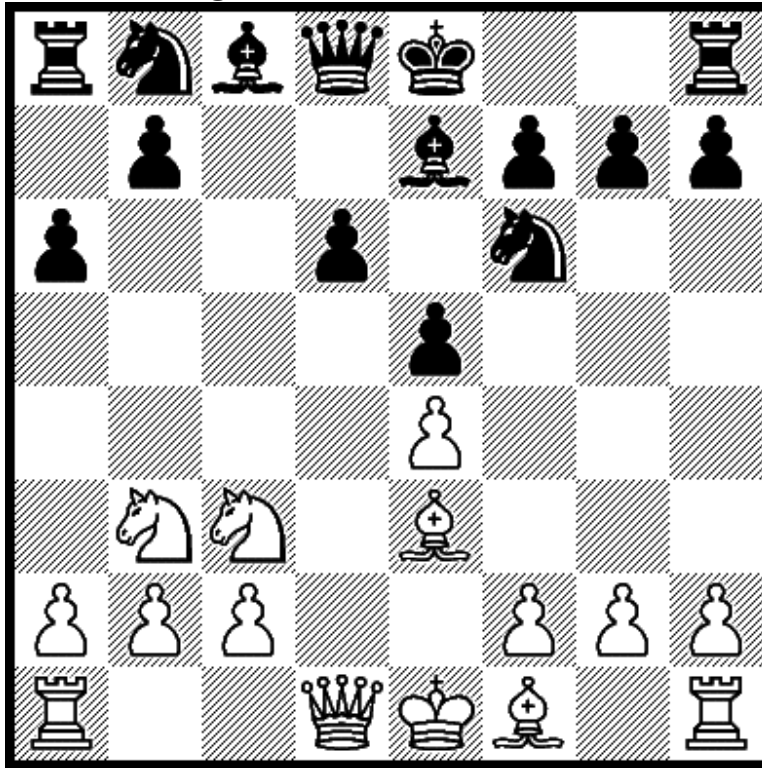
Diagram 195 after 6.Be3 e5



7.Nb3

Black has 7...Be7 and 7...Be6. If 7...b5 8.Nd5 Nxe4 9.Bb6.

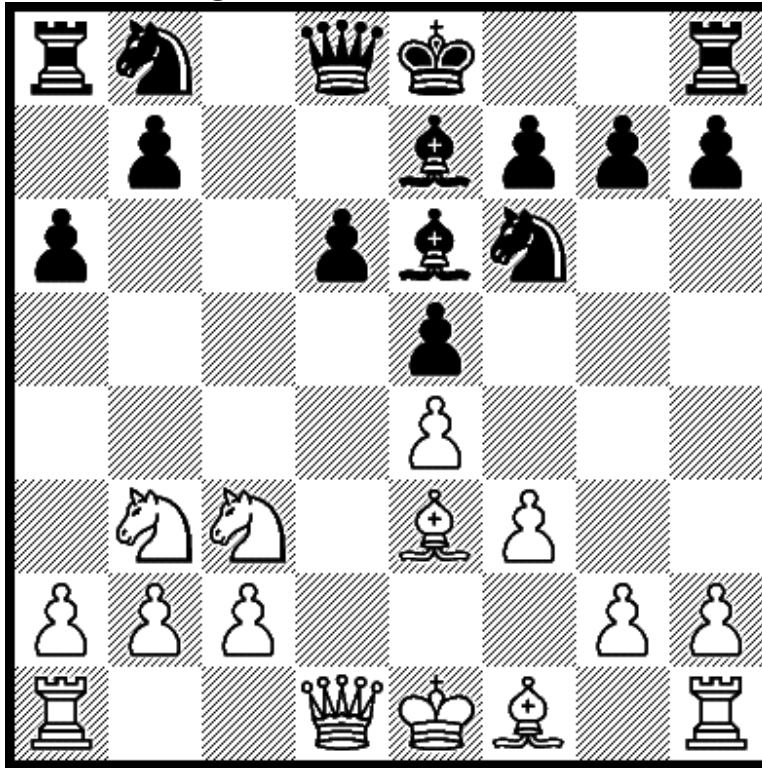
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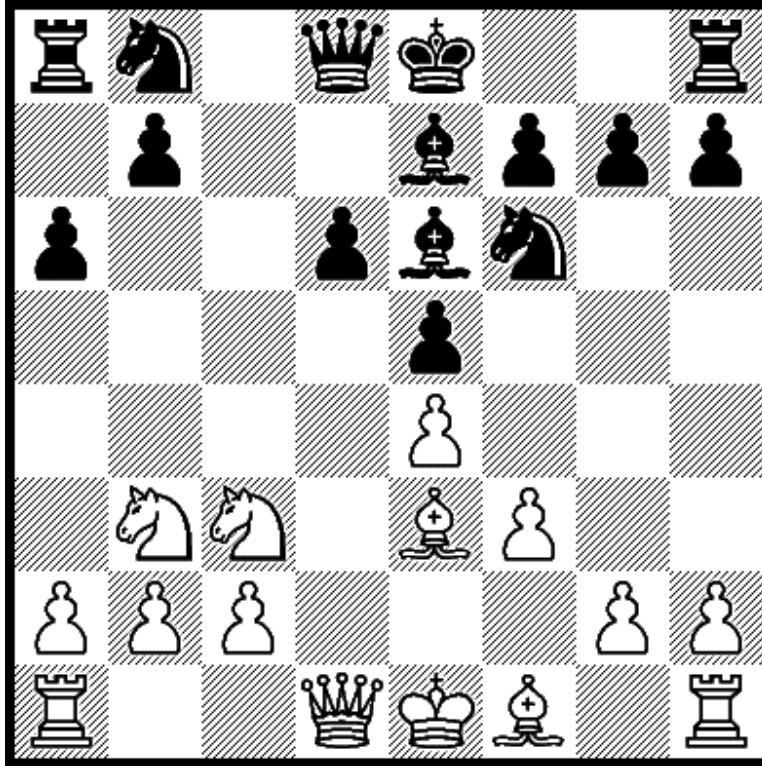
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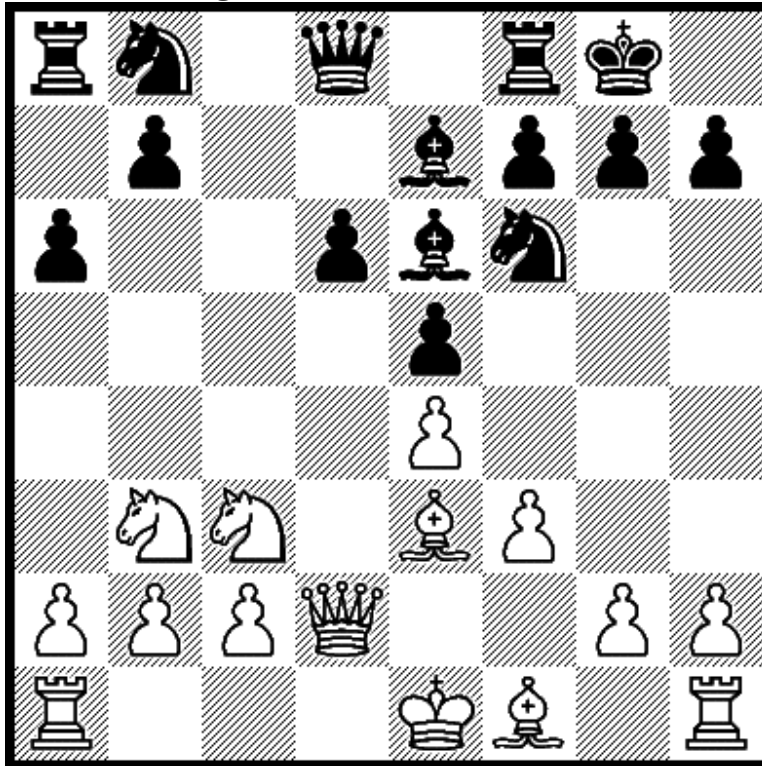
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9.Qd2

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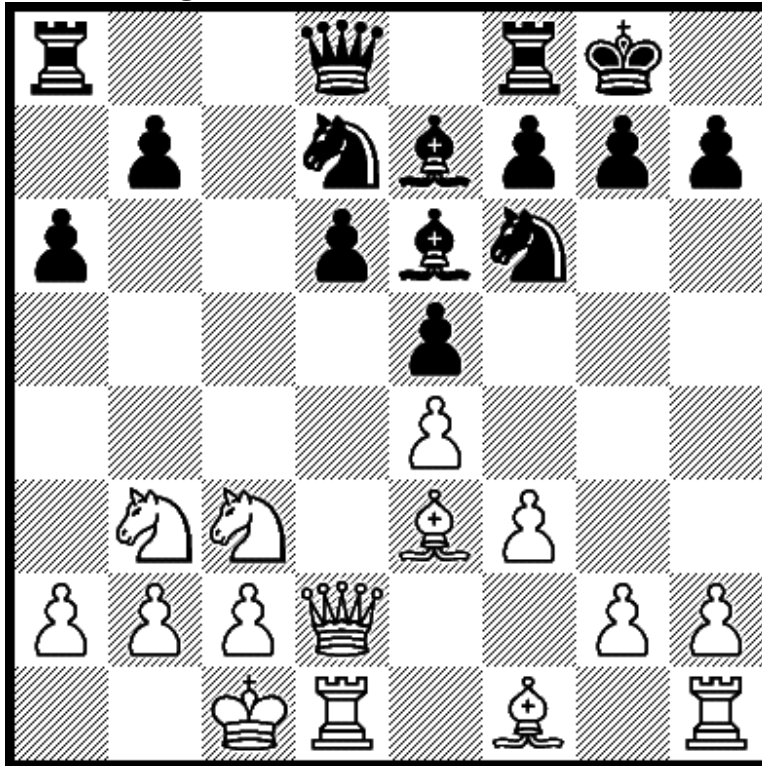
Diagram 199 after 9.Qd2 0-0



10.0-0-0

Next 10...Nbd7. If 10...b5 11.g4 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5.

Diagram 200 after 10.0-0-0 Nbd7



11.g4

If 11...b5 12.g5 b4 13.Ne2 Ne8 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4 16.Nbd4.



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