

UON 41



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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As I write this, it is the last days of December 2022. I had hoped to get Unorthodox Openings Newsletter #41 out earlier, but various issues, including my health, got in the way. I was sick for about a month, but now, thanks to proper medication and a good diet, I am much better. The result, as you can see, is UON 41.

This issue is paying tribute to International Master Michael John Basman, who died in October 2022. Basman was known as an advocate of unorthodox openings, including the Grob, 1 g4; the St. George's Defense; Creepy-Crawly, 1 a3, 2 h3; and the Borg, 1 e4 g5. I tried the Grob extensively in the 1990s, beating masters and strong players with it. To this day, I occasionally use the Grob in tournament play. That said, this issue provides a reprint from Chess 17 about the passing of IM Basman. We also pay our own tribute to IM Michael John Basman.

Gary Gifford gives a book review, *The Basman-Sale Variation of the Sicilian Defense, 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Bc5!*. This, of course, is Gary's tribute to Basman. All this shows that Basman's interests were not only centered on the Grob and St. George, but the Sicilian Defense as well.

World Champion Magnus Carlsen has been known to play the Grob on a number of occasions. We present his games here, with some notes. People should take notice how the World Chess Champion plays the Grob Opening.

Outside the Grob, we have games from New Jersey Chess Tournaments. These include Westfield and West Orange Chess Clubs.

A new column, about *Opening Adventures*, published 1962-1967 by the late Nikolajs Kampars, will be making its debut here. *OA* originally was published as a supplement to a Latvian Chess magazine, but later went on its own. The newsletter varied from 4 to 8, to 12 and 16 pages over its five year run. Originally titled *Blackmar-Diemer Gambit*, the newsletter started focusing on other gambits as well. Included in the newsletter were columns about strong chess players, such as Arthur Hall of Great Britain, Joseph Kotek of Germany, R. A. Rasa of New Zealand and more. We will be reprinting some of the most interesting pieces from *Opening Adventures*, with full credit where it is due.

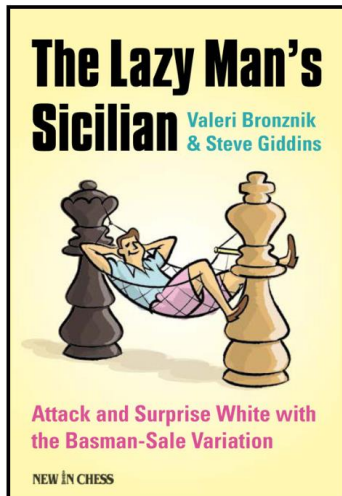
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Universe will focus on games with the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, 1d4 d5 2 e4 de4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3.

What Awaits Us In the Future? Is an attempt to predict what will happen in 2023 and further going forward. Call it looking into the crystal ball and predicting the future.

Finally, there are deadlines for upcoming issues.

Have a Happy New Year!

Lev Zilbermintz, Editor-in-Chief



A Book Review by Gary K. Gifford

The Lazy Man's Sicilian: Attack and Surprise White with the Basman-Sale Variation, by Valeri Bronznik and Steve Giddins.

New In Chess, October 15, 2015 222 pages

It is, as a small tribute to Michael Basman, that I chose to review a book containing information about a defensive system that he thought highly of and contributed a lot to.

(Michael John Basman, 16 Mar. 1946 – 26 Oct. 2022)

They say you can't judge a book by its cover. . . I say you can, but that the judgement may be in error.

I purchased this book as the man in the hammock (on the cover) supported by black queen and white king looks quite relaxed and he was [it is implied] knowledgeable in the Basman-Sale Variation of the Sicilian. "What's that?" My curiosity peaked.

The book is about a Sicilian Defensive system, ECO Code B40, commonly known as the *Paulsen-Basman* system in honor of Louis Paulsen (1833 – 1891) and Michael Basman (1946-2022) who, unfortunately passed away on 26 October 2022.

The work concerns itself with the Sicilian defensive system beginning with the moves: **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5**

From the book we find that Louis Paulsen played the line four times as black in his 1857 match against Paul Morphy. In those games, Paulsen managed only 1 draw and 3 losses and apparently he dropped the defense after that match. The defense essentially remained dormant from 1857 until 1973, that was the year Michael Basman began infusing new life into it. Much later, between 1992 and 1999 we learn that IM Srdjan Sale, "played this variation with unbelievable success." Unfortunately, the book contains only two of his games.

The book includes 24 well annotated games, five in which Basman plays black and two in which Sale has the black pieces.

Advantages of playing the defense are stated as being that it is:

- Surprising
- Aggressive
- Easy to learn

The book covers many variations and includes an *Index of Variations*. I think it is an excellent book for studying the rare defense; and I know of no source that currently provides better coverage of 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5. I suppose my only disappointment in the book is that it only has 6 games total for Basman and Sale combined.

The following game shows a game in which Michael Basman plays the Basman-Sale (Paulsen-Basman) variation. Note that this game is not included in the book.

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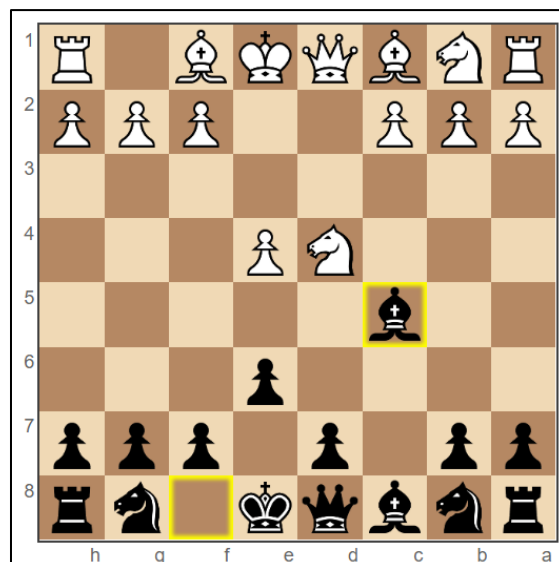
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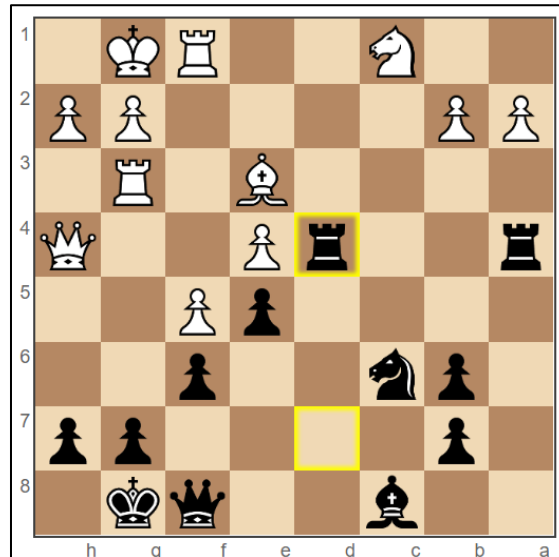
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Opening: Sicilian Defense, Paulsen-Basman Defense (B40)

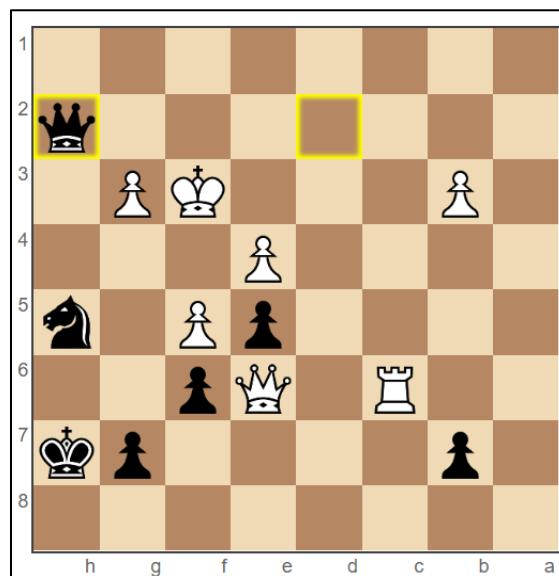
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 (*The variation has begun!*)



5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.O-O Nbc6 8.Nc3 O-O 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 Nb4
 12.Na4 Nxd3 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.cxd3 e5 15.f4 d5 16.f5 Ne7 17.Rf3 Qe8 18.Qh4 Ra4
 19.Qe1 dxe4 20.dxe4 Nc6 21.Qh4 Rf7 22.Raf1 Re7 23.Rg3 Qf8 24.Nc1 Rd7 25.Be3
 Rdd4 (*Threatening Rxe4, surprising but perhaps necessary due to white's strong
 threat of Bh6*).



26.Bxd4 Nxd4 27.Qh5 Bd7 28.b3 Ra8 29.a4 b5 30.Rh3 h6 31.Rg3 Rc8 32.Qxh6 Rxc1
 33.Rxc1 Ne2+ 34.Kf2 Nxc3 35.Qe3 Nh5 36.Qd3 Qe8 37.Rc7 Bc6 38.axb5 Bxb5
 39.Qd5+ Kh7 40.g3 Bc6 41.Qe6 Qd8 42.Rxc6 Qd2+ 43.Kf3 Qxh2 0-1



Michael John Basman

16 Mar. 1946 – 26 Oct. 2022

Source: CHESSBASE 17

Michael Basman (1946 - 2022)

by Diana Mihajlova



10/31/2022 – Last Wednesday, 26 October, British International Master Michael Basman died of cancer at the age of 76. A prolific chess writer, he left his mark in the chess world as an uncompromising, inventive player. Among other endeavours, he will be remembered as a founder and organizer of the UK Chess Challenge, a tournament for juniors of all standards and ages. | Photo: David Llada / FIDE



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Uncompromising, inventive

Last Wednesday, 26 October, British International Master Michael Basman died of cancer at the age of 76.

He was born in London, on 16 March 1946. Of Armenian descent, his immigrant father changed the family name from Basmadjian. Having dual nationality, Basman won the Erevan Championship whilst living there in the early 1970s.

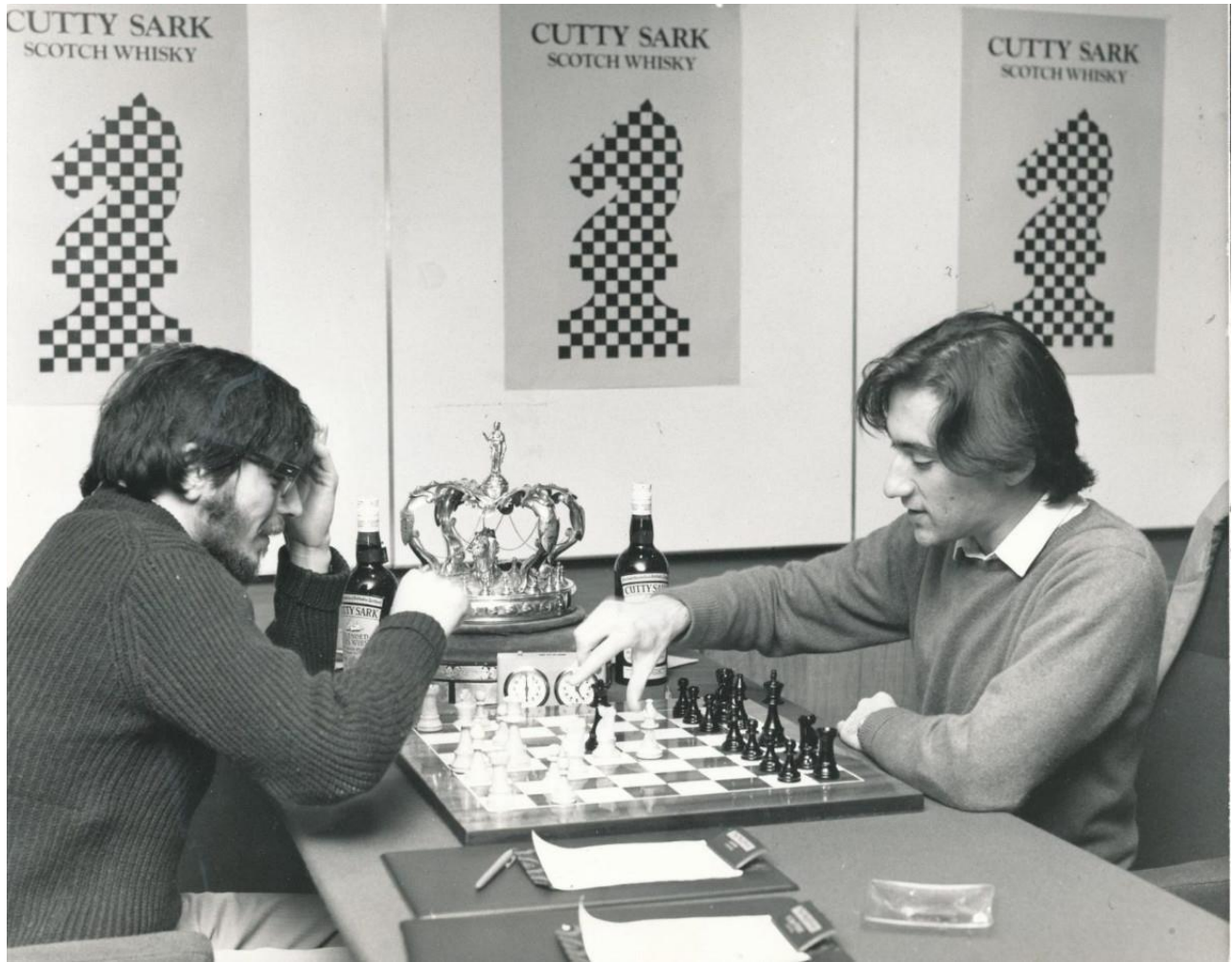
He was awarded the IM title in 1980. His peak rating was 2410, achieved in July 1971. In the 1973 British Chess Championship he tied for first place but lost out on a tiebreak to William Hartson.

Basman was a part of a famous British chess generation including Tony Miles, Jon Speelman and John Nunn.

A prolific chess writer, he left his mark in the chess world as an uncompromising, inventive player with his own original style adopting controversial, eccentric moves instead of following standard chess theory.

For some time in the 90s I played for the Central London Chess Club, and I was filling the spot reserved to a female player for a couple of teams in the 4NCL. One of my first outings in the London chess scene was a simultaneous given by Michael Basman at the Royal College of Science. A joyful whisper was heard among the participants relating to his opening moves: **1.a3**, **1.h6**, or **1.g4**. After the simul, a small group of us ended in an animated, friendly chat with Basman and I vividly remember his smiling face and relaxed, effortless manner.

I was starting a chess adventure and Basman and his unorthodox openings were new to me, but I learnt that they were Basman's signature moves and that he stood by them against all odds. True to his quirky personality, he went against the advice of playing 'sound' chess and, challenging everybody, he stuck to his favourite choices: **1.a3**, **1.a4**, or replying with **1...a6**.



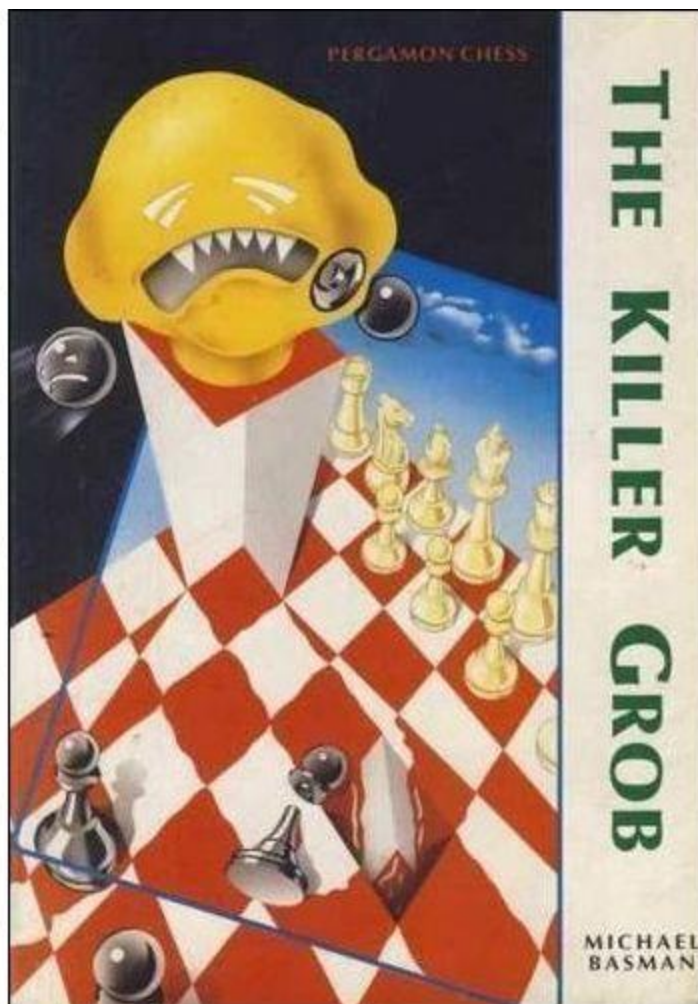
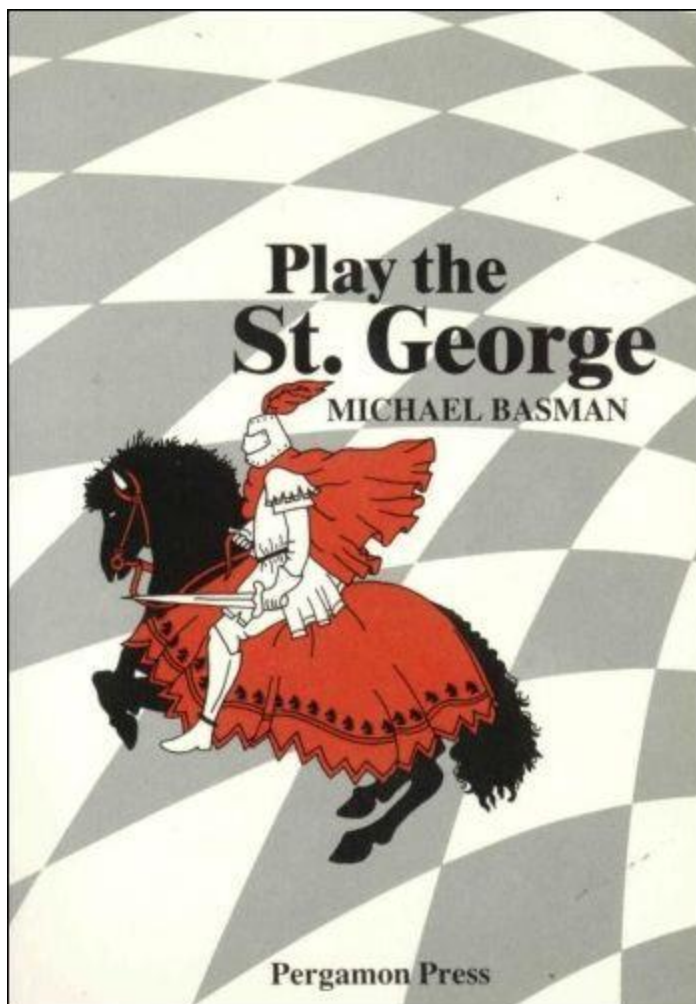
*Bassman (on the left) during the play-off against Hartson at the 1973 British Championship /
Photo: [British Chess News](#)*



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He popularized the Grob (**1.g4**) and its inverse form, the Borg (**1...g5**), as well as the St George's Defence (**1.e4 a6**) and wrote books about these openings: *The Killer Grob* and *Play the St George*.



Basman probably lost many games giving in to his love for eccentric experiments, but he also claimed many victories against strong players who fell victim to his ‘unsound’ systems.

Two wins with the Grob against strong GMs (from 1978 and 1980)

[Michael John Basman](#)



1-0

Oxford
1978

[John Nunn](#)



1.g4 d5 2.h3 e5 3.d3 Bd6 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nf3 h5 7.gxh5 Rxh5 8.Bd2 a6 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7
11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Qf3 Ng6 13.000 Qe7 14.Kb1 Nf4 15.Rg1 Kf8 16.Ne2 Ne6 17.Nxe6+ Bxe6 18.Ng3
Rh8 19.Bg5 Rd8 20.Be2 Rxh3 21.Qg2 Bc7 22.Nh5 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rxh5 24.Bxh5 Qb4 25.Be2
Bxc4 26.Bxc4 Qxc4 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Qg4 Qe6 29.Qxe6 fxe6 30.Rd7 **1-0**

White	EloW	Black	EloB	Res	ECO	Rnd
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Michael John Basman	-	John Nunn	-	1-0	A00	
Jonathan Speelman	-	Michael John Basman	-	0-1	B00	9

Tony Miles is known to have adopted some of the Basman's unorthodox repertoire. As an example, it is often mentioned the game of 1980 in which [he played the St George's Defence](#) against the then reigning world champion, Anatoly Karpov.

Another notable game Basman played at Hastings 1974/75, against the Swedish GM and national champion Ulf Andersson. It is dubbed the 'Immortal Waiting Game' because Basman develops a strategy of waiting passively, nonchalantly, rearranging his pieces until his opponent collapses.

Andersson vs. Basman - Hastings 1974-75



GM

Hastings 1974/75

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1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 3.Bg2 e6 4.00 d5 5.c4 Nf6 6.d4 Be7 7.Nc3 00 8.Ne5 h6 9.Bf4 a6 10.Rc1 Ra7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Ba8 13.Rfd1 Kh7 14.h3 Kg8 15.Kh2 Kh7 16.g4 Kg8 17.Bg3 Bb7 18.e3 Ba8 19.a3 Bb7 20.f4 Ba8 21.Rd2 Qd6 22.f5 Qd8 23.Bf4 Bb7 24.Rg1 c6 25.Bf3 Nh7 26.Rc1 Bd6 27.Na4 Bc7 28.Kg3 Nf6 29.h4 Nfd7 30.Nxd7 Nxd7 31.Re2 Re8 32.Kh3 Bxf4 33.exf4 Rxe2 34.Bxe2 Qe7 35.Bf3 b5 36.Nc5 Bc8 37.Qd3 h5 38.gxh5 Qf6 39.Kg3 Nxc5 40.Rxc5 Bxf5 41.Qc3 Bd7 42.Qd3 Ra8 43.Rc1 Re8 44.Qc3 c5 45.Qxc5 Qf5 46.Qxd5 Qh3+ 47.Kf2 Qh2+ 48.Bg2 Qxf4+ 49.Bf3 Bg4 50.Rc3 Qh2+ 51.Bg2 Qxh4+ 52.Kg1 Re1+ 53.Bf1 Bh3 **0-1**

White	EloW	Black	EloB	Res	ECO	Rnd
Ulf Andersson	-	Michael John Basman	-	0-1	E18	11

Basman was among the first to produce audio tapes with chess analysis of his students' games and chess lessons for young players. This pioneering enterprise in the late 70s grew into a business, *Audio Chess*.

He will be remembered as a founder and organizer of the UK Chess Challenge, a tournament for juniors of all standards and ages. It started in 1996 and it became the UK's largest school chess competition.

Under the auspices of the English Chess Federation, as part of their flagship Academy Programme, the UK Chess Challenge is still alive today thanks to Sarah and Alex Longson, who continued Basman's legacy since 2016, when Basman stepped down. (Sarah, née Hegarty, was a 2013 British

Woman Champion). Today it is known as the [Delancey UK Chess Challenge](#), after the name of their sponsor. Over 1 million children have competed in the contest since its inception in 1996.



Children in a UK Chess Challenge competition | Photo: Delancey UK Chess Challenge

In the obituary to their founder, the organizers of the UK Chess Challenge wrote:

Just a few days before his untimely death we were joking about how even the world champion Magnus Carlsen was finally adopting his openings in a recent chess.com Titled Tuesday event.

[...] The energy, originality and joy that Mike brought to all his endeavours is a source of great inspiration. He believed that young minds should be encouraged to be rational, compassionate and creative, and that through chess and the UK Chess Challenge he could help develop these traits in the next generation. Mike was a fighter at the board and away from it – not afraid to stand up for his beliefs.



Photo: Delancey UK Chess Challenge

In 2020 Basman was a beneficiary of FIDE's program for financial support to chess veterans. On the FIDE website, in their *[Tribute to our seniors](#)*, it is stated:

Some players have an opening named after them, but only a few legends had a term coined to describe their personal style. Michael Basman enjoys the status of a chess guru in the English chess scene and has attracted a small band of followers, the 'Basmaniacs'. A true iconoclast, Basman is known for his extravagant opening choices, often starting the games with 1.h3 and 2.a3, but also with 1.g4, with White, and 1...g5, with Black. But more importantly, with his books and personality, Michael Basman was an inspiration to several generations of British chess players.

IM Michael JOHN BASMAN AND HIS LEGACY

By Lev Zilbermintz

With the passing of International Master Michael John Basman, the chess world has lost a truly original player, a character that loved to explore unorthodox openings such as the Grob, 1 g4; the Creepy-Crawly, 1 a3, 2 h3; the Borg, 1 e4 g5; the St. George Defense, 1...a6, 2...b5, and other, less explored openings. Basman showed that it was indeed possible to play such unorthodox openings against strong players and prevail.

Personally, I became acquainted with the Grob, 1 g4, back in the 1980s as a result of I.A. Horowitz's book, *Chess Openings: Theory and Practice*, Fireside Books, 1964. However, it would be more than a decade before I understood the intricacies of the Grob. A large piece of my education came from Basman's book, *The Killer Grob*, Pergammon Chess, 1991. As my chess collection grew in the days of EBay and Amazon.com, I was able to purchase Henri Grob's book on the Grob, (Zurich, third edition, 1975), and Claude Bloodgood's *The Tactical Grob*, (Ishi Press, 2007). These books helped, but I had to do a lot of exploration and experimenting myself. I found that Basman did not cover certain lines very well, and thus I had to improvise. Bill Wall published a book on the Grob, and I have that one.

The important thing to remember about the Grob is that it can be played positionally, tactically, or anti-positionally. Those wishing to play the Grob well need to know both tactics and positional play. Only then will Grob players get good results. The fact that Basman managed to defeat strong players with the Grob is proof that the opening can be played both positionally and tactically.

Basman also helped to distribute *Myers Openings Bulletin* in England, back in 1979-1988. The well-known theoretician and chess player Hugh E. Myers (1930-2008) was the editor and publisher of the magazine. Sources have told me that Basman made copies of MOB with covers different from the original and distributed it. Hugh E. Myers never forgave Basman for doing that. Under international copyright law that was plagiarism. We don't know how that got resolved, but we do understand that some of the Basman-produced copies of *Myers Openings Bulletin* may still be around.

What, then, is Basman's legacy? As ChessBase 17 has written, Basman created a school of young players which learn chess. Then there are Basman's books about the Grob, the New St. George. If you can find the old audio tapes somewhere, these are good too. Finally, the games of Michal Basman themselves are quite instructive. They illustrate how to play unorthodox openings against stronger players.

Experimenting with the Grob has led me to invent the Zilbermintz Grob Gambit, 1 g4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3. The same line can arise from the Scandinavian Defense, 1 e4 d5 2 g4 dxe4

3 Nc3. I consider the Zilbermint's Grob Gambit to be less explored than the relatively better-known 1 g4 d5 2 Bg2 Bxg4 3 c4 which leads to interesting complications.

The Grob Opening, the St. George, and the Creepy-Crawly will continue even after Basman is gone. Other players will pick up where he left off. This issue features a number of Grob games by Magnus Carlsen the World Chess Champion. His record is 3 wins, 1 loss, 1 draw.

Rest in peace, International Master Michael John Basman. You will be missed by all who knew you. And your legacy will be continued by other players.



MAGNUS CARLSEN PLAYS THE GROB!!

By Lev Zilbermintz

In this installment we will see how Magnus Carlsen, the World Chess Champion, plays the Grob's Attack, 1 g4. This opening, which in 19th-century and early 20th century books used to be known after Ahlhausen's Opening, was rarely played at master level. Its biggest advocate was the Swiss master Henri Grob (1904-1974) who first published a book about the Grob in 1942. Later, in 1960s and 1970s, updated editions came out. Grob played 1 g4 against numerous opponents by correspondence. A final edition came out in 1981.

According to Wikipedia, between 1946 and 1972, Grob played 3,614 [correspondence](#) games. He won 2,703, lost 430, and drew 481 games. All of the games were played against readers of the [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#), a leading Swiss newspaper.

Other advocates of the Grob were International Master Michael Basman (1946-2022) and Grandmaster Spyridon Skembris. In New York and New Jersey area, the players using the Grob are the late Nagib Gebran; National Master Yefim Treger and myself.

I personally think that the Grob Opening, 1 g4, is better than its reputation. Also, in my opinion, the line 1 g4 d5 2 Bg2 Bxg4 3 c4 is too well-known. The critical line is 3...d4 4 Bxb7 Nd7, the Romford Counter-Gambit. By sacrificing a Rook, Black gets an edge. There may follow 5 Bxa8 Qxa8 6 f3 d3?, which Wikipedia states is good for Black. However, after 7 Nc3! Bh5 8 Nd5! Qd8 9 Nf4 Bg6 10 Nxd3 Bd3 11 ed3 Nc4 12 Kf1 the position is equal according to Stockfish 14 chess engine. Thus, more dangerous is 6...e5! 7 d3 Be7 8 h4 Nf6 9 e4 Be6 10 Bg5 which favors Black, according to Stockfish 14. That being said, I have seen many players fall for the traps in the 1 g4 d5 2 Bg2 Bxg4 3 c4 line.

My personal preference is the Zilbermintz Grob Gambit, 1 g4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3, with which I have had excellent results. This variation is a mix of the Grob and the Englund Gambit. It may also arise from the Scandinavian via 1 e4 d5 2 g4! de4 3 Nc3. The Zilbermintz Grob Gambit is less known than the 1 g4 d5 2 Bg2 Bxg4 3 c4 line.

Here are some of my games with the Zilbermintz Gambit in the Grob. On lichess.org I have played this opening 214 times, winning 55%, drawing 14% and losing 31%.

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The following game was played by me in the Commercial Chess League of New York online.

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10. c3 Qd7 11. Bg5 O-O-O 12. Nd2 Nh5 13. Rh3 f6 14. Be3 Kb8 15. g4 Ng7 16. h5 Ne8 17. b4
e6 18. Nb3 d5 19. exd5 exd5 20. Nc5 Bxc5 21. bxc5 Ka8 22. Rb1 Na5 23. Rg3 Ng7 24. Qb2
Rb8 25. Bf4 Nc4 26. Qf2 Ne6 27. Bc1 Ng5 28. Qg2 Rbe8+ 29. Kf1 Ne4 30. Rd3 f5 31. g5 Rxh5
32. Nf3 Reh8 33. Ke2 Qe6 34. Kd1 Rh1+ 35. Kc2 Qg6 36. Bf4 Na3+ 37. Kb2 Nxb1 38. Bxc7
Qa6 0-1

Now let us take a look at how Magnus Carlsen plays his games. We can see from the games that Carlsen protects the g4-pawn with 2 h3, then tries to undermine the center with 5 c4. White either defers Castling or Castles on the Queenside. Only in the fourth game does Carlsen play 00 and that late in the game, on Move 20.

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15. Bxa7 Rhf8 16. Na4 Bc7 17. Qxd7+ Rxd7 18. Ke2 b5 19. Nc5 Nxc5 20. Bxc5 Rf4
21. a4 Bd6 22. Be3 Rf6 23. axb5 cxb5 24. Rgc1+ Kb8 25. Ra5 Rb7 26. Nf3 Bc7 27.
Ra3 Nc6 28. Rd3 Bb6 29. Rd5 Bxe3 30. Kxe3 Re6 31. Rcc5 b4 32. Ng5 Rf6 33. Nh7
Re6 34. Nf8 Re8 35. Nd7+ Kc7 36. Nxe5 Rxe5 37. Rxe5 Kb6 38. Rb5+ 1-0

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1. g4 d5 2. h3 c6 3. d3 e5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. c4 Ne7 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Bg2 d4 8. Ne4 c5
9. b4 cxb4 10. a3 Nbc6 11. Nxd6 Qxd6 12. axb4 Nxb4 13. Ba3 Nec6 14. Nd2 a5 15.
Ne4 Qc7 16. Ng3 Bd7 17. Be4 Rae8 18. Qd2 b6 19. Kf1 f6 20. Kg2 g6 21. Qh6 Be6
22. h4 Qg7 23. Qxg7+ Kxg7 24. Bxc6 Nxc6 25. Bxf8+ Rxf8 26. Rhb1 Nb4 27. g5 f5
28. Nf1 e4 29. Nd2 Bd7 30. Nb3 exd3 31. exd3 Nxd3 32. Nxd4 Nb4 33. c5 bxc5 34.
Rxa5 Nd3 35. Rb7 Rf7 36. Raa7 cxd4 37. Rxd7 Ne5 38. Rxf7+ Nxf7 39. Rd7 d3 40.
Kg3 Kg8 41. Rxd3 h6 42. Kf4 hxg5+ 43. hxg5 Kf8 44. Rd7 Ke8 45. Ra7 Kf8 46. Rxf7+
Kxf7 47. Ke5 Ke7 48. f4 Kf7 49. Kd6 1-0

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1. g4 d5 2. h3 e5 3. d3 c6 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. c4 Ne7 6. Nc3 h5 7. g5 h4 8. Bg2 Be6 9. Bd2 Nd7 10. Qc2 Rc8 11. O-O-O Ng6 12. Kb1 b5 13. Nh2 Nb6 14. c5 Bxc5 15. Ne4 Be7 16. Nc5 Bxg5 17. Nxe6 fxe6 18. e3 O-O 19. Ng4 Qe7 20. d4 e4 21. f3 exf3 22. Qxg6 fxg2 23. Rhg1 Rf5 24. Rxc2 Qf7 25. Qxf7+ Kxf7 26. e4 dxe4 27. Bxg5 Rxc5 28. Ne5+ Kf6 29. Rf1+ Rf5 30. Rg6+ Ke7 31. Rxc7+ Kd6 32. Rc1 Kd5 33. Rxa7 e3 34. Ra3 Kxd4 35. Ng4 Nc4 36. Rac3 Rcf8 37. b3 Rf1 38. bxc4 e2 39. Ne3 Rxc1+ 40. Rxc1 Kxe3 41. cxb5 cxb5 0-1

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1. g4 d5 2. h3 c5 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. d3 e5 5. Nc3 Be6 6. Nf3 f6 7. a3 Nge7 8. Rb1 d4 9. Ne4 Nd5 10. c4 dxc3 11. bxc3 Qd7 12. c4 Nb6 13. Be3 Nd4 14. Nxd4 cxd4 15. Bd2 Be7 16. a4 Rb8 17. a5 Nc8 18. f4 O-O 19. f5 Bf7 20. O-O a6 21. Qb3 Na7 22. Rb2 Nc6 23. Rfb1 Rfc8 24. Qd1 Qc7 25. Rb6 Bd8 26. Qe1 Qe7 27. R6b2 Bc7 28. Rxb7 Rxb7 29. Rxb7 Rb8 30. Nxf6+ gxf6 31. Bxc6 Rxb7 32. Bxb7 Bxa5 33. Bxa5 Qxb7 34. Bd8 Qc6 35. Qh4 e4 36. Qxf6 Qb7 37. Bb6 exd3 38. Qd8+ Kg7 39. Bxd4+ Kh6 40. Qh4+ Bh5 41. g5# 1-0

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1. g4 d5 2. h3 h5 3. g5 e5 4. d3 Nc6 5. Nc3 Be6 6. Bg2 Qd7 7. a3 Nge7 8. b4 Ng6
9. Nf3 O-O-O 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Be7 12. Qe2 f5 13. gxf6 gxf6 14. Bd2 Rhg8 15.
Rg1 Bxh3 16. Bxh3 Qxh3 17. O-O-O Qe6 18. Kb2 f5 19. Neg5 Qd5 20. Be3 Bf6 21. c3
a5 22. Nh7 Bh8 23. Nhg5 axb4 24. axb4 Nxb4 25. cxb4 e4+ 26. d4 exf3 27. Qxf3 Qb5
28. Kb3 f4 29. Bc1 Nh4 30. Qxf4 Nf5 31. d5 Rgf8 32. Qc4 Qxc4+ 33. Kxc4 Nd6+ 34.
Kb3 Rxf2 35. Ne6 Rf3+ 36. Kc2 Re8 37. Rdf1 Rc3+ 38. Kb1 Rb3+ 39. Kc2 Rc3+ 40.
Kb1 Rd3 41. Rg5 Nb5 42. Rf7 Rxd5 43. Nxc7 Nxc7 44. Rxc7+ Kxc7 45. Rxd5 h4 46.
Bf4+ Kc6 47. Rc5+ Kd7 48. Rc7+ Ke6 49. Rxb7 Kf5 50. Bd6 Be5 51. Bxe5 Rxe5 52.
Kc2 h3 53. Rh7 Kg4 54. Kd3 Rh5 55. Rg7+ Rg5 56. Rh7 Kg3 57. Kc4 h2 58. Rxh2 Kxh2
59. b5 Kg3 60. b6 Kf4 61. b7 Rg8 62. Kc5 Ke5 63. Kc6 Rf8 64. Kc7 Rf7+ 65. Kc6
Rf6+ 66. Kc7 Rf7+ 67. Kc6 Rf8 68. Kc7 Kd5 69. b8=Q Rxb8 70. Kxb8 1/2-1/2

Wall – Hanna, sparkchess.com 2022

1.a3 c5 2.d3 e6 3.Nf3 h6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be2 g5 6.O-O g4 7.Nfd2 h5 8.Nc3 a6 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Be3 b6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.g3 h4? 14.Ncb5 Qb8 15.Nxc6 dxc6 16.Nxd6+ 1-0

Wall – Soltz, San Antonio 1994

1.Na3 e5 2.Nc4 f6 3.e4 Bc5 4.d3 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ne3 Qc6 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.a4 Bxe3 9.Bxe3 Qxb2 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Be2 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nc6 13.Rb1 Qa3 14.Rxb7 Qc3+? 15.Bd2 Qc5 16.Rxc7 1-0

Wall – Zarathoestra, zone.com 2000

1.a4 e5 2.a5 d5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.a6 Bc5 6.axb7 Bxb7 7.e3 O-O 8.Bb5 d4 9.Nf3 dxe3 10.fxe3 e4 11.Ng5 h6 12.h4 hxg5? 13.hxg5 Nd5 14.Qh5 f6 15.g6 1-0

Wall – Claus, Guam 1974

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Bf5 3.c4 Na6 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.e4 Bd7 7.d4 Nf6 8.Qf3 O-O-O 9.e5 Bg4 10.Qg3 h5 11.exf6 exf6 12.h3 Rxd4? 13.hxg4 Bd6 14.Qe3 Bc5 15.Rxh5 1-0

Wall – Guest12095205, playchess.com 2019

1.c3 Nf6 2.Qa4 g6 3.g4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.g5 Nd5 6.d3 e5 7.h4 Bg7 8.Nbd2 f5 9.h5 Nb6 10.Qh4 Be6 11.hxg6 hxg6? 12.Qxh8+ Bxh8 13.Rxh8+ Kf7 14.Rxd8 Rxd8 15.b3 1-0

Wall – Falcon, chess.com 2008

1.d3 b6 2.Nd2 Bb7 3.e3 d6 4.Ne2 Qd7 5.d4 Nc6 6.Ng3 O-O-O 7.a4 g6 8.a5 Nxa5 9.b4 Nc6 10.Bb5 Qe6 11.Nf3 Nxb4 12.Rxa7 Nf6 13.c4 c6 14.Ng5 Qd7 15.Nxf7 Rg8 16.Nxd8 Kxd8 17.Ba4 Kc7 18.Qb3 Na6 19.Bd2 Kb8?? 20.Qxb6 Bg7 21.Rxa6 1-0

Wall – Dorn, Wichita Falls 1970

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.f3 exf3 4.Nxf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bf5 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.O-O e6 8.Ng5 c6? 9.Rxf5 exf5 10.Nxf7+ Ke7 11.Qe1+ Ne4 12.Ncxe4 fxe4 13.Qxe4+ Kd6 14.Bf4+ 1-0

Guest_579293 – Wall, sparkchess.com 2022

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d5 3.e3 Bc5 4.a3 a5 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Bd3 Be6 7.h3 O-O 8.Nf3 Nbc6 9.Ng5 h6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.f4 Nf5 12.Qf3 Nxe5? 13.fxe5 Qh4+ 14.Kd1 Ng3 15.Qg4 Qxg4+ 16.hxg4 Nxh1 17.Bd2 Nf2+ 18.Kc1 Nxg4 0-1

Wall – LiLeo, playchess.com 2012

1.e3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.O-O e5 6.d3 Be7 7.c4 O-O 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nc3 Qc7 10.Bd2 Nb6 11.Rc1 Qb8 12.Qb3 Be6 13.Ng5 Qd6 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.Rc7 Qd8 16.Rxb7 Nfd7 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Nxa7 Nc5 19.Qxb6 Nxb7? 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Nc6 1-0

Jennings – Wall, Internet 1996

1.e4 a6 2.d4 b5 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Be4 e6 7.Bxd5 Bxd5 8.O-O Nc6 9.Be3 Bb4 10.c3 Be7 11.b3 O-O 12.Qd2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 f6 14.Kh1 fxe5 15.Rg1 exd4 16.Bh6? Bf6 17.Qf4 dxc3 18.Bxg7 Bxg7 19.Rxg7+ Kxg7 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Nxc3 Qf6 0-1

Wall – Freespace, FICS 2015

1.e4 b6 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 Bb7 4.Nf3 e6 5.d5 exd5 6.cxd5 Nce7 7.Nc3 Ng6 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.e5 Nh5 10.O-O f6? 11.Re1 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Be7 13.Qxh5 1-0

Brooks – Wall, Thailand 1973

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 e5 6.axb4 Bxb4 7.Na3 Nf6 8.Nb5 0-0 9.Nc7 Qc5 10.Nxa8 e4
11.Ng1 Re8 12.Bb2 e3 13.Be2 exf2+ 14.Kf1 fxg1Q+ 15.Rxg1 Ne4 0-1

Wall – Salvaggione, Yuba City 1971

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.O-O Qb6 9.Ng5 e5? 10.Nd5
Qa5 11.Bd2 Qd8 12.Ne6 Qc8 13.Ndc7+ Kf7 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Ng5+ Kg7 16.Nce6+ Kf6 17.Qf3# 1-0

Wall – Riga, chess.com 2008

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Bf5 6.Be2 e6 7.O-O Nd7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ngf6 10.Bg5 Be7
11.Rae1 Qc7 12.Ne4 O-O-O 13.c3 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rhf8? 17.Nc4 Qb5 18.Ned6+ Bxd6
19.Nxd6+ 1-0

Wall – Contra, lichess.org 2017

1.e4 d5 2.Nc3 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Ng3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 h6 7.O-O Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nxh5 Nxh5 10.Bxf7+
Kxf7 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxh5+ Ng6 13.f4 Qh4 14.Qd5+ Kf6? 15.f5 Nf4 16.Rxf4 Qxf4 17.Qe6+ Kg5 18.d3 1-
0

Wall – Stroud, North Carolina 1977

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 h6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.O-O d6 9.Nd4 Bd7 10.f4 Qe7
11.Qb3 O-O-O 12.Rb1 b6 13.Qa4 Ne5? 14.Qxa7 Bc6 15.fxe5 1-0

Hamilton – Wall, North Carolina 1976

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d4 fxe4 5.Nxe5 Nxe5 6.dxe5 c6 7.Bc4 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Qxe5 9.O-O d5 10.Bb3
Nf6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.g3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bh3 14.Re1 h5 15.Qe2? h4 16.g4 Bd6 17.Rad1 Bxg4 18.Qf2 Bf3
19.Rd2 Qg5+ 20.Kf1 Rf8 0-1

Wall – Beattle, chess.com 2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nxe5 [Halloween Gambit] 4...Nxe5 5.d4 Neg4 6.e5 Nxf2 7.Kxf2 d6 8.exf6
Qxf6+ 9.Qf3 Qxd4+ 10.Be3 Qb4? 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Nd5 Qa5 13.b4 Qa3 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.Qxf7+ Kc6
16.b5+ Kxb5 17.Rhb1+ Kc6 18.Nb4+ Kb5 19.Qd7+ c6 20.Qxb7+ 1-0

Wall – Jojop, sparkchess.com 2022

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ng6 7.Qd5+ Kf8 8.Qxc5+ d6 9.Qe3 Nh6
10.O-O Ne5 11.d4 Neg4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Qg3 15.f5 Bd7 16.Nc3 Re8 17.Bf4 Qh4 18.Qc4 Nxe4
19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Qxc7 Bxf5? 21.Bxh6 Qf6 22.Bxg7+ Qxg7 23.Rxf5+ Kg8 24.Qd8+ 1-0

Wall – McKone, Palo Alto 1989

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Bc4 Qe7 6.O-O d6 7.Nxc3 Bg4 8.Nd5 Qd7 9.Be3 O-O-O 10.Qa4
Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ne5 12.Qxa7 Nxf3+ 13.Kh1 Qh3 14.Qa8+ Kd7 15.Bb5+ c6? 16.Qxb7+ Ke6 17.Nf4+ 1-0

Bell – Wall, North Carolina 1979

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 dxe4 4.Nxe5 Qf6 5.Qe2 Bb4+ 6.c3 Bd6 7.Qxe4 Ne7 8.Nf3 O-O 9.Be3 Re8 10.Qc2
Nd5 11.Bb5 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Rxe3+ 13.Kf2 Bf5 14.Qb3 c6 15.Bc4 Re7 16.Nbd2 b5 17.Bf1 Qh6 18.c4? Bc2
19.Qxc2 Qe3# 0-1

Holsapple – Wall, Dayton 1981

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Qf6 4.f4 Nc6 5.d4 fxe4 6.Bc4 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Qc6 8.Bxg8 Rxc8 9.c3 b6 10.Be3 Ba6
11.Nd2 O-O-O 12.Qc2 Bd3 13.Qb3 Be7 14.O-O-O a5 15.Rhe1? a4 16.Qf7 Qxc3+ 17.bxc3 Ba3# 0-1

Quigley – Wall, chess.com 2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.Nc4 d5 5.Qh5+ g6 6.Qxd5 Nc6 7.a3 Be6 8.Qd3 f5 9.Nc3 fxe4 10.Qxe4 Nf6
11.Qe2? Nd4 12.Qe5 Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 Nxa1 14.Qf4 O-O-O 0-1

Wall – Heuston, California 1990

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nc3 g5 4.h3 d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nf3 h6 7.O-O Nc6 8.d4 g4 9.hxg4 Bxg4 10.Bxf4 Qd7
11.Qd2 O-O-O 12.a4 Bg7 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Rab1 a5 15.Bb5 c6 16.Bc4 h5 17.Bg3 Bh6 18.Bf4 Bg7 19.Bg3
Rde8 20.Qg5 Rhg8?? 21.Qxa5 1-0

Wall – Bosse, Tacoma 1969

1.e4 e6 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Bc5 4.Bxg7 Bd4 5.Bxh8 Bxh8 6.c3 d5 7.Qg4 Nf6 8.Qh4 dxe4 9.g4 Ne5 10.g5 Nfg4
11.Qxh7 1-0

Wall – Davis, New York (World Open) 1973

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Bxe4 Ne7 7.Nf3 O-O 8.Bxh7+ Kxh7 9.Ng5+ Kg8
10.Qh5 Re8 11.Qxf7+ Kh8 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Ba3 Nd7 14.Qh7+ Kf8 15.Qh8# 1-0

Uncontrolled – Wall, zone.com 2000

1.e4 f5 2.exf6 3.g4 e5 4.fxe6 dxe6 5.Bg2 Bc5 6.h3 O-O 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Nc3 Nd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.d4 Qe7+
11.Be3 Bb6 12.Qd2 Be6 13.a3 Bf7 14.O-O Rae8 15.Rfe1 Bg6 16.c3 Qd6 17.b4 Be4 18.Nh2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2
Ne7 20.a4 c6 21.Nf3 Ng6 22.Re2? Rxf3 23.Kxf3 Nh4# 0-1

Fabba – Wall, playchess.com 2018

1.e4 f6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Qh5+ g6 4.Qd1 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Be2 Nf5 10.Bc1 O-O
11.O-O Be6 12.Ne1 Ncxd4 13.Be3 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Re8 16.Nd4 Bf7 17.c3 Rxe3 18.Qb3 c5
19.Ndc2 Re6 20.Qxb7? Rb6 0-1

Micha – Wall, playok.com 2021

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Bc4+ e6 8.d5 Nc5 9.dxe6+ Bxe6 10.Qf3+
Nf6 11.Bxe6+ Nxe6 12.O-O Nd4 13.Qd3 Bc5 14.c3 Ne6 15.Qc4 Re8 16.Be3? Qd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd4 18.Bxc5
Nxc5 0-1

Huyke – Wall, zone.com 2005

1.e4 g5 2.d4 h6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.e5 d6 5.f4 Nc6 6.c3 gxf4 7.Bxf4 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bxe5 10.Nf3 Bg7
11.O-O Nf6 12.Ne5 O-O 13.Qc2 Qd5 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Nxg4 Bxg4 16.Be4 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 c6 18.Nd2 Rad8
19.Nf3 Kh8 20.Nh4 Qg5 21.Nf5 Rd2 22.Qb1? Bxf5 0-1

Wall – Nelson, chess.com 2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Ng5 e5 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Be7 6.O-O O-O 7.Nbc3 Nc6 8.Re1 Nd4 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.h3
a6 11.a4 Be6 12.b3 Re8 13.Ba3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.Rxe5 Qd7 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh4 Rae8 18.Ne4 Kg7?
19.Qf6+ Kg8 20.Qf4 Bxh3 21.Nf6+ 1-0

Guest_513689 – Wall, sparkchess 2022

1.Nf3 g5 2.Nxg5 d5 3.e4 e6 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nc3 d4 6.Ne2 Nf6 7.Ng3 Qe7 8.c3 Bd7 9.Nf3 O-O-O 10.e5 Ng4
11.Bg5 f6 12.Bh4 Ngxe5 13.cxd4? Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qb4+ 0-1

Wall – Gitlin, Hickory 1978

1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 c6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Qf6 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nc4 Bb4+ 7.c3 Be7 8.e4 Qh4 9.h3 h5 10.Bf4 Nf6 11.e5 Ng8 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.exd6 Nf6? 14.Qe2+ Kf8 15.Qe5 hxg4 16.Bg5 Qh5 17.Qe7+ Kg8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.hxg4 Qxg4 20.Qe8+ 1-0

Wall – Ratacc, FICS 2011

1.h3 d5 2.a3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 a6 5.Be2 e5 6.O-O e4 7.Nh2 f5 8.d3 Nf6 9.dxe4 fxe4 10.Ng4 Be7 11.c4 d4 12.exd4 cxd4 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Nd2 e3 15.Ne4 exf2+ 16.Rxf2 O-O 17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.Bg5 d3? 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qxd3 Qb6 21.Qg3 Kh8 22.Qd6 1-0

Wall – Namuckle, chess.com 2008

1.Nh3 e5 2.f3 d5 3.Nf2 Nf6 4.Nd3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bd6 6.e4 O-O 7.Nxd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nd4 9.c3 Bf5 10.cxd4 Bxd3 11.Bxd3 Bb4? 12.dxe5 Qxd5 13.Qe2 Rad8 14.Be4 Qxe5 15.Bxh7+ 1-0

Wall – Vicminas, chess.com 2009

1.h4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 e4 4.Ne5 d5 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Qa4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Bd7 10.Qa3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Qf6 12.e3 h6 13.Rb1 g5 14.Bg3 Rg8 15.Rb7 Qe7 16.Qb3 Rc8 17.Rxa7 f5? 18.cxd5 Qf7 19.Bc4 Qf6 20.dxc6 f4 21.cxd7+ Kxd7 22.Ra6 1-0

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. g3 Nc6 6. Bg2 Nf6 7. O-O Be7 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. Qc2 Be7 10. a3 O-O 11. Nc3 Bg4 12. Rd1 Qa5 13. Be3 Rfd8 14. b4 Qc7 15. Rac1 Qd6 16. Bf4 Qd7 17. Ne5 Nxe5 18. Bxe5 Rac8 19. Qb3 Be6 20. Bd4 Ne4 21. Qb1 Bf5 22. Nxe4 Rxc1 23. Rxc1 dxe4 24. e3 Qd5 25. Qb2 Bf8 26. h3 b6 27. Rc7 Rd7 28. Rc8 Rd8 29. Rxd8 Qxd8 30. Qc3 Qc8 31. g4 Qxc3 32. Bxc3 Bg6 33. a4 f6 34. Kf1 Kf7 35. Ke1 Ke6 36. Kd2 Kd5 37. Bf1 Be8 38. b5 h5 39. Be2 hxg4 40. hxg4 Bf7 41. Kc2 Kc5 42. Kb2 Bc4 43. Bd1 Bd6 44. g5 Be5 45. Bxe5 fxe5 46. Kc3 a6 47. bxa6 Bxa6 48. Bg4 b5 49. axb5 Bxb5 DRAWN

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6 December 2022

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. c3 Nf6 6. Bf4 g6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. h3 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 Bg7 10. O-O O-O 11. Re1 Qb6 12. Re2 Nh5 13. Bh2 e6 14. Na3 a6 15. Rb1 Qa5 16. h4 Nf6 17. Kh1 Qd8 18. Nc2 Na7 19. Rg1 Nc8 20. g4 Nd6 21. Be5 Nfe4 22. Qh3 f6 23. Bxd6 Qxd6 24. f3 f5 25. gxf5 exf5 26. fxe4 fxe4 27. Bxe4 dxe4 28. h5 Rf3 29. Qg4 Rf4 30. Qg3 Qf6 31. hxg6 Rh4+ 32. Rh2 Qf3+ 33. Qxf3 Rxh2+ 34. Kxh2 exf3 35. gxh7+ Kxh7 36. Rf1 Rf8 37. Kg3 Bh6 38. Rxf3 Rxf3+ 39.

Kxf3 Bc1 40. b3 Bb2 41. c4 Kg6 42. Ke4 Kf6 43. Kd5 Ke7 44. Kc5 Kd7 45. Kb6 Kc8 46. d5 Be5 47.
a4 Bc7+ 48. Kc5 b6+ 49. Kc6 Bd8 50. d6 a5 51. Nd4 Kb8 52. Ne6 Bf6 53. Kxb6 Bd8+ 54. Nxd8,
Black overstepped on time, 0-1.

GAMES FROM NEW JERSEY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

White: Bobby Qian (2019)

Black: Lucas Cirasella (1776)

Westfield Swiss Holiday

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Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Nd7 4. a4 Nf6 5. Qe2 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. c3 Be7 8. d4 Nxe4 9. Qxe4 d5 10. Bxd5 Nf6 11. Bc6+ bxc6 12. Qxc6+ Bd7 13. Qb7 cxd4 14. Nxd4 O-O 15. O-O Nd5 16. Rd1 Bc5 17. Nf3 Bb6 18. Be3 Bxe3 19. fxe3 Rb8 20. Qxa6 Rxb2 21. Qd3 Qb6 rest unrecorded, eventually 0-1

White: Thomas Sean Colure (2172)

Black: Bobby Qian (2019)

Westfield Holiday Swiss

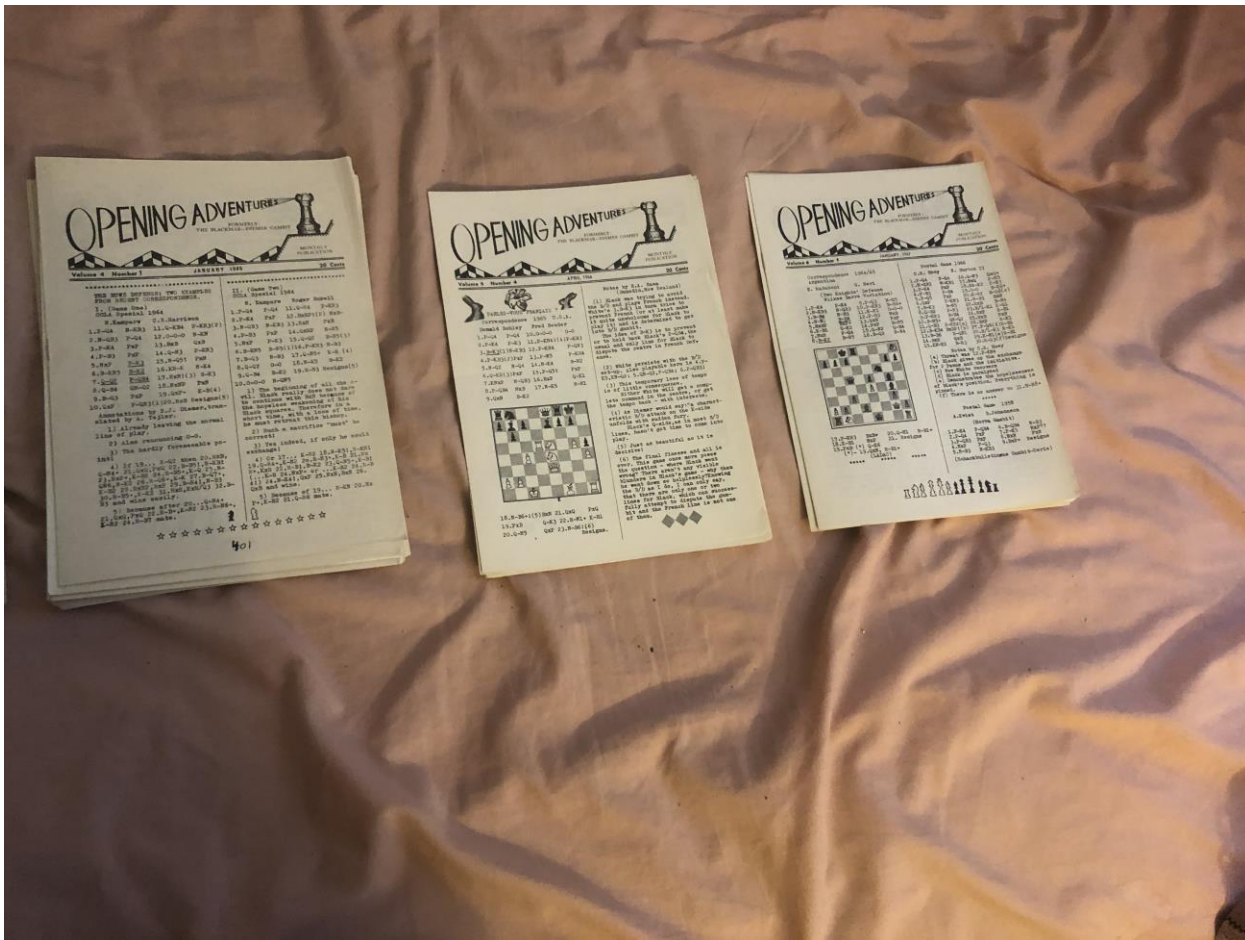
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Queen's Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e3 b5 6. a4 b4 7. Nb1 a5 8. Bxc4 e6 9. O-O Be7 10. Qe2 O-O 11. Nbd2 Nbd7 12. Rd1 Qc7 13. b3 c5 14. Bb2 cxd4 15. Nxd4 Nc5 16. Rac1 Bb7 17. f3 Qb6 18. Kh1 Rfd8 19. e4 Rac8 20. Bb5 Ba6 21. Nc4 Qc7 22. e5 Nd5 23. Bxa6 Nxa6 24. Nd6, 0-1

OPENING ADVENTURES, 1962-1967

By Lev Zilbermintz



We have been fortunate to purchase on EBay a nearly-complete set of Opening Adventures (Formerly the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit) newsletter, edited by the late Nikolajs Kampars between 1962-1967. Surviving issues are rare and do not come up for sale often. For example, a complete run of Opening Adventures for 1965 was bought by us some years ago in New York for \$10. Photocopies of Opening Adventures for 1962 – 1963 were bought by us on EBay some years ago. Finally, we came into ownership of a set of Opening Adventures newsletters that once belonged to Charles Szacz, one of the original writers for Opening

Adventures. That set includes both blue carbon paper copies of Opening Adventures and photocopies as well.

During its five-year run, Opening Adventures featured different gambits. These included the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit; the King's Gambit; Smith-Morra Gambit; and many other gambits. Also, the magazine featured spotlights on famous players in the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit community. These included Arthur Hall of Great Britain, one of two players who popularized the Seidell-Hall Attack (1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 exf3 5 Nxf3 Bg4 6 h3 Bxf3 7 Qxf3 c6 8 g4!); Joseph Kotek of Germany; R.A. Rasa of New Zealand; and others. Old games that predate the Internet and would not easily be accessible can also be found in the pages of Opening Adventures.

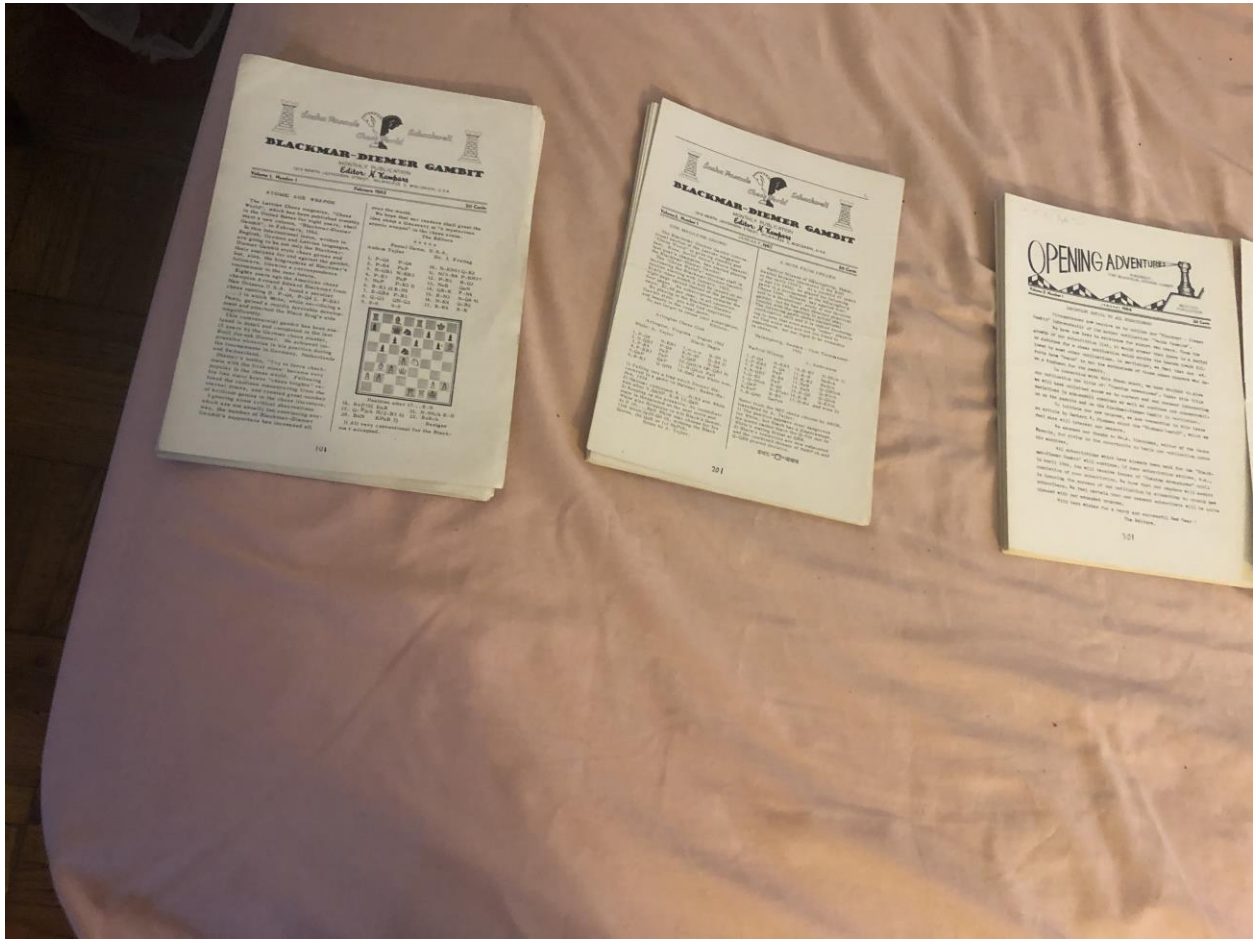
Many articles in Opening Adventures were written in German and Lithuanian languages. This was because at the time, there was a large Lithuanian chess community in the United States. Many Lithuanians served on the editorial board of Opening Adventures and contributed materials for publication. As for the German language, that is easily explained. The newsletter was read in German-speaking countries, such as then- East and West Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Contributors included Emil Josef Diemer; Josef Kotek; Edgar Sneders; and many other strong players.

Unfortunately, Nikolajs Kampars discontinued publication of Opening Adventures after March 1967 because of poor health. His Blackmar Diemer Gambit column reportedly moved to

the Florida Chess Bulletin. For a time, copies of Opening Adventures could be bought either from Kampars or Chess Digest, owned by the late Ken Smith. As the years went by, surviving copies became more and more harder to find. It was not like there was a webpage where all issues could be accessed on! No one heard of the Internet fifty-five years ago, in 1967, when the last Opening Adventures issue came out.

Today, in 2022, searching for old Opening Adventures issues requires diligence, hard work, patience and luck. Sure, the John G. White Collection of chess materials at the Cleveland Public Library in Ohio has original copies of Opening Adventures. You would be able to get photocopies easily. However, getting your hands on an original is much more difficult, as there are not that many left. In the upcoming issues, we will reprint classic articles from Opening Adventures, always citing the source, and giving credit where it is due. Below are photographs

of original Opening Adventures newsletters from our personal collection.



BLACKMAR-DIEMER GAMBIT UNIVERSE

By Lev Zilbermintz

Recently there have been new developments in the Vienna Defense of the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. For those that are not familiar with it, the line runs **1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Bf5**. Here White has several options. The most popular are 5 fex4 Nxe4 6 Qf3 with either 6...Nd6 7 Bf4 or 6...Nxc3 7 bxc3; 5 g4 Bg6 6 h4! the Gunderam Attack; and 5 Bg5, the Polish Attack. Lesser-played alternatives include 5 Qe2?! Nc6!; and 5 Bc4, the Sperling Attack.

This installment will focus on the newly-developed Malm-Zilbermintz Gambit, and its close cousin, the Malm -Zilbermintz Gambit, aka Shirazi Attack. The former goes *1 d4 d5 2 e4 de4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Bf5 5 g4 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 fxe4 Nxe4 8 Bg2 Nxc3 9 bxc3 c6 10 Rb1 Qc7 11 Ne2*.

The Shirazi Attack or the Delayed Malm – Zilbermintz Gambit continues with *6...h6 7 h5 Bh7 8 fxe4 Nxe4 9 Qf3!*. International Master Kamran Shirazi played this line twice, in 2016 and 2020, winning one and drawing one.

A search on the chess site lichess.org finds 27 games with the 9 Qxf3 line. The three most common moves are 9...Nxc3 (16 games, 38% wins 6% draws, 56% losses); 9...Qxd4 (7 games, 14% wins, 86% losses); and 9...Nd6 (75% wins, 25% losses). Total is 27 games (37% wins, 4% draws, 59% losses). Under these circumstances, one would think that the variation is unsound. Not so! Rather, White uses a poor choice of follow-up moves to continue his attack. Moreover, many of these games were played with a time control of one minute for the entire game. Let us examine some games.

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And now, the Malm – Zilbermints Gambit!!

THE MALM – ZILBERMINTS GAMBIT

1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Blackmar-Diemer Gambit **Bf5** Vienna Defense **5 g4 Bg6 6 h4** Gunderam Attack **h6** Recommended by Grandmaster David Smerdon

7 fxe4!

This is the first of several moves that begins the **Malm-Zilbermints Gambit**. Black usually recaptures with the Knight, 7...Nxe4. Certainly, playing 7...Bxe4 8 Nxe4 Nxe4 9 Bg2 yields the Bishop pair.

Instead of the immediate 7 fxe4! International Master Kamran Shirazi of France prefers 7 h5 Bh7 and only then 8 fxe4 Nxe4 9 Qf3! This is the Delayed Malm-Zilbermints Gambit, or the Shirazi Attack.

Alternatives to 7 fxe4

7 h5 Bh7 8 Qf3!?

This could be called the **Shirazi Variation**, after IM Kamran Shirazi who played it in two games. The 8 Qf3 line is different from 8 Bg2 in that the Bf1 is deployed to c4 in this variation. Also, after 7 h5 Bh7, Black cannot move the Bishop to the useful f7-square.

1.d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Nxc3 10. Bc4 e6 11. bxc3 Nc6 12. Bb5 Qd5 13. c4 Bb4+ 14. Kf1 Qxd4 15. Bxc6+ bxc6 16. Qxc6+ Ke7 17. Qxc7+ Kf6?? *Blunder. Correct was 17...Kf8! when Black has the edge.* 18. Qf4+ ?? *Correct was*

18 g5+! hg5 19 Bxg5+ 20 Nf3+! Kf6 21 Nxd4 with a winning advantage. Qxf4+ 19. Bxf4 Rac8 20. Nf3 Bc3 21. Rb1 Rxc4 22. g5+ hxg5 23. Bxg5+ Kf5 24. Rh4 Rxh4 25. Bxh4 Kg4 26. Rb3 Rc8 27. Kf2 Bxc2 28. Rb7 f5 29. h6 gxh6 30. Rxa7 Be4 31. Ra4 Rc7 32. Bd8 Rc8 33. Bb6 Ra8 34. Rxa8 Bxa8 35. Nd4 Bxd4+ 36. Bxd4 Kf4 37. Be3+ Ke4 38. Bxh6 e5 39. a4 Bc6 40. a5 Bb5 41. Bg7 f4 42. Bf8 Kf5 43. Ba3 e4 44. Bc1 Kg4 45. Bd2 Ba6 46. Bc1 Bb5 47. Bd2 Ba6 48. Bc1 Kf5 49. Bd2 Ke5 50. Bc1 Kf5 51. Bd2 Bb5 52. Bc1 Ba6 DRAWN, **IM Kamran Shirazi – NM FastFaun, chess.com 5 minute blitz, 8/26/2020**

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Qxd4 10. Nge2 Qe5 11. Bf4 Qa5 12. O-O-O Nd6 13. Bxd6 cxd6 14. Qxb7 e6 15. Qxa8 Qc7 16. Nb5 Qb6 17. Qxa7 Qxb5 18. Nd4 Qg5+ 19. Kb1 Nd7 20. Bb5 Qd8 21. Nc6 Qc8 22. Nb8 **1-0, IM Kamran Shirazi – Francisko82, chess.com 1-minute blitz, 10/1/2016**

In the next game, the well-known Grandmaster Kirill Georgiev plays Black. White makes a fatal mistake by not playing the immediate 10. bxc3, with devastating results. Let this be a warning as what may happen if you decide to go pawn-hunting!!

In the second game with 10. Qxb7?? Black plays an inferior line with 10...Nd7. White gets a dangerous attack and is winning the game, but then oversteps on time.

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Bxa2 40. Kf4 Kd6 41. Kf5 Ke7 42. Kg6 Kf8 43. Bd7 Bf7+ 44. Kf5 Bd5 45. Ke5 a5 46. Kd6 a4 47. Bf5 a3 48. Bb1 a2 49. Bxa2 Bxa2 50. Kxc6 b4 51. d5 b3 52. d6 b2 53. d7 Ke7 54. Kc7 b1=Q 55. d8=Q+ Kf7 56. Qd7+ Kg8 57. Qe8+ Kh7 58. Qg6+ Qxg6 59. hxg6+ Kxg6 60. Kd6 Kf6 61. Kc5 g5 62. Kd4 Kf5 63. Ke3 Kg4 64. Kf2 Kh3 65. Kg1 g4 66. Kf1 Kg3 67. Kg1 Bc4 68. Kh1 Kf2 69. Kh2 g3+ 70. Kh3 Be6+ 71. Kh4 g2 72. Kg5 g1=Q+ 73. Kf6 1/2-1/2

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In the next game, time was a real factor. The time limit was one minute for the entire game, which explains the mistakes by both sides. For example, *19 Qg4!* gives White a big edge. *20 Qh5?* is a blunder. Instead, *20 Nxe6+! Qxe6 21 Bxe6 Rxf3 22 Rxf3 Rf8 23 Rg3+ Kf6 24 Bh3 ed4 25 cd4 Kf7 26 Rxb7* gives White an advantage. Likewise, instead of *21...Bxg5??* stronger would have been *21...Rxf1+! 22 Kxf1 Rf8+ 23 Ke1 Bf5 24 Be6 Qe8 25 Qe8 Re8 26 Bf5 Bg5 27 Rxb7 Rf7 =++*

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Sometimes Black decides not to help White with development, and instead of capturing the Nc3, plays 9...Nd6. This is very similar to the Diemer Gambit, *1 d4 d5 2 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf3 4 f3 Bf5 5 fxe4 Nxe4 6 Qf3 Nd6*. The difference is that in this position you have the extra moves with the g- and h-pawns, as well as the Black Bishop on h7 and a Black pawn on h6.

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Bf4 c6 11. O-O-O e6 12. Nh3 Nd7 13. g5 Bf5 14. g6 Qf6 15. Kb1 O-O-O 16. gxf7 Nxf7 17. Qxc6+
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1. e4 d5 2. d4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Nd6 10.
Bf4 Nc6 11. O-O-O Qd7 12. Bb5 Nxb5 13. Nxb5 Rc8 14. d5 Nb4 15. Nxa7 Qa4 16. Qb3 Nxa2+ 17.
Kb1 Qxb3 0-1

Event "Rated Bullet game"]
[Site "<https://lichess.org/5mTS2mXK>"]
[Date "2021.03.20"]
[White "khalid555"]
[Black "CivAg"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[WhiteElo "2398"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]

[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. e4 d5 2. d4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. f3 Nf6 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Nd6 10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Qxd3 e6 12. Nf3 Nc6 13. Bf4 Nb4 14. Qe2 Qf6 15. Be5 Qe7 16. O-O-O O-O-O 17. a3 Nd5 18. Nxd5 exd5 19. Qd3 Qd7 20. Qb3 c6 21. Rhe1 f6 22. Bh2 Ne4 23. Nd2 Nxd2 24. Rxd2 Bd6 25. Bxd6 Qxd6 26. Qe3 Qd7 27. Rde2 Kc7 28. Qf4+ Kc8 29. Re7 Qd6 30. Qf5+ Kb8 31. R1e6 Qg3 32. b3 Qg1+ 33. Kb2 Qxd4+ 34. Ka2 Qb6 35. Qf4+ Ka8 36. a4 d4 37. a5 Qxa5+ 38. Kb1 d3 39. Rd6 dxc2+ 40. Kxc2 Qc5+ 41. Qc4 Qxd6 42. Re6 Qd2+ 43. Kb1 Qd1+ 44. Qc1 Rd2 45. Qxd1 Rxd1+ 46. Kc2 Rhd8 47. Re7 R8d2+ 48. Kc3 Rd3+ 49. Kc4 Rd4+ 50. Kc3 R1d3+ 51. Kc2 Rd2+ 52. Kc3 Rd1 53. Kc2 R4d2+ 54. Kc3 Rd3+ 55. Kc4 Rd4+ 56. Kc3 R1d3+ 57. Kb2 Rd2+ 58. Ka3 1-0

The handle "prydurok" is equivalent to the Russian word for "fool". So White lost to a fool?

[Event "Rated Bullet game"]

[Site "<https://lichess.org/vpqhFphN>"]

[Date "2021.01.21"]

[White "sperfol"]

[Black "prydurok"]

[Result "0-1"]

[UTCDate "2021.01.21"]

[UTCTime "14:12:11"]

[WhiteElo "2560"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "60+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]

[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Nxc3 10. bxc3 c6 11. Rb1 b6 12. Bb5 Qd6 13. Bf4 Qe6+ 14. Ne2 Be4 15. Qg3 cxb5 16. Bxb8 Bxh1 17. Kd2 Bd5 18. Re1 Qd7 19. Be5 e6 20. Nf4 Rd8 21. g5 hxg5 22. Qxg5 Bd6 23. Qxg7 Rf8 24. Bf6 Be7 25. h6 Bxf6 26. Qxf6 Qe7 27. Qg7 Kd7 28. h7 Rh8 29. Nh5 Rdf8 30. Nf6+ Kc7 31. Qg3+ Qd6 32. Qg5 Rxh7 33. Nxh7 Rd8 34. Nf6 Rd7 35. Qe5 Qxe5 36. Rxe5 Bc6 37. Re3 Rd5 38. Ne4 Rd7 39. Nf6 Bd5 40. Ng4 Bc4 41. Ne5 Bxa2 42. Nxd7 Bd5 43. Ne5 Kd6 44. Nxf7+ Kc6 45. Ne5+ Kb7 46. Nf3 Ka6 47. Ne5 Ka5 48. c4 b4 49. c5 bxc5 50. dxc5 Kb5 51. Rd3 Bc6 52. Rd5 Bxd5 53. Nd3 Bc6 54. Nb2 Bd5 55. Nc4 Kxc5 56. Nb2 Kb5 57. c3 bxc3+ 58. Kxc3 Kc5 59. Kd3 Kd6 0-1

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
[Site "<https://lichess.org/goNkQKHW>"]
[Date "2020.09.16"]
[White "sperfol"]
[Black "JelenaZ"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Nxc3 10. bxc3 c6 11. Rb1 Qd7 12. Nh3 e6 13. Bd3 Bxd3 14. cxd3 Na6 15. O-O Bd6 16. g5 hxg5 17. Nxc3 f6 18. Qe4 fxc3 19. Qg6+ Kd8 20. Rf7 Qe8 21. Bxc3 Kc8 22. Be7 Bxe7 23. Qxe6+ Qd7 24. Qxe7 Qxe7 25. Rxe7 Nc7 26. Rxc7 b5 27. Rf1 Kb7 28. Rf5 Rag8 29. Rxc8 Rxc8+ 30. Kh2 Ne6 31. Kh3 b4 32. Rf7+ Kb6 33. Rf6 Ng5+ 34. Kh4 bxc3 35. Rf1 c2 36. Rc1 Nf3+ 37. Kh3 Nxd4 38. Kh4 Rg2 39. h6 Nf5+ 40. Kh3 Rg6 41. h7 Rh6+ 42. Kg4 Nd4 0-1

In the next game, White makes a critical mistake by playing *10 Be3?!*. Correct is the immediate *10 Nge2! Qf6 11 Bf4 Nd6 12 Nd5 Qb2 13 Rd1 e5 14 Nc7+ Kd7 15 Nxa8 ef4 16 Bh3!* with a sharp and unclear position. The same holds true for the other two games where *10 Bf3?* is played.

[Event "Rated Bullet game"]
[Site "<https://lichess.org/N244031v>"]
[Date "2020.06.21"]
[White "sperfol"]
[Black "NguyenXi1427" aka Grandmaster Hoang Thong Tu of Vietnam]

[Result "0-1"]
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[ECO "D00"]
[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]
[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. e4 d5 2. Nc3 dxe4 3. d4 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Qxd4
10. Be3? Qe5 11. Bf4 Qe6 12. O-O-O Nc6 13. Nb5 Rc8 14. Nxc7+ Rxc7 15. Bxc7 Qxa2 16. Qa3
Qxa3 17. bxa3 Nf2 18. Nf3 Nxh1 19. Bb5 f6 20. Rxh1 e5 21. Rd1 Bxa3+ 22. Kb1 O-O 23. Rd7 Be4
24. Nh4 Ne7 25. Ka2 Bc5 26. Ba5 b6 27. Bd2 Rc8 28. Bc4+ Kf8 29. Kb3 Ke8 30. Rxa7 Bd6 31. Bb4
Bxc2+ 32. Kc3 Bxb4+ 33. Kxb4 Bd1 34. Nf5 Nc6+ 35. Kb5 Nxa7+ 36. Kxb6 Rxc4 37. Nxc7+ Kf7 38.
Kxa7 Rxc4 39. Nf5 Rg5 40. Nxh6+ Ke6 41. Kb6 Rxh5 42. Ng8 Rh8 43. Nh6 Rxh6 44. Kc5 f5 45. Kc4
f4 46. Kc3 Rh3+ 0-1

[Event "Rated Bullet game"]
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[Date "2020.06.08"]
[White "sperfols"]
[Black "taras05"]
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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "60+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]

[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. e4 d5 2. d4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. f3 Nf6 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Qxd4
10. Be3? Qe5 11. O-O-O Nc6 12. Bf4 Qe6 13. Bb5 Nxc3 14. Qxc3 Be4 15. Rh2 a6 16. Ba4 Qxg4
17. Qe3 f5 18. Ne2 b5 19. Bb3 e5 20. Bxe5 Nxe5 21. Nc3 Qf3 22. Qd4 Bd6 23. Rf2 Qg3 24. Re1
O-O-O 25. Nxe4 fxe4 26. Qxe4 Rhe8 27. Qa8+ Kd7 28. Qxa6 Re7 29. Rfe2 c6 30. Qa7+ Bc7 31.
Qa8 Qg5+ 32. Kb1 Rxa8 33. Rd2+ Kc8 34. Rde2 Kb7 35. a3 Rae8 36. a4 Nc4 37. axb5 Na3+ 38.
bxa3 Qxb5 0-1

[Event "Rated Rapid game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/iTpSoAe8"]

[Date "2022.10.03"]

[White "aquarius091332"]

[Black "Andos58"]

[Result "0-1"]

[UTCDate "2022.10.03"]

[UTCTime "16:33:36"]

[WhiteElo "1687"]

[BlackElo "1772"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "900+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Defense"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. g4 Bg6 5. h4 h6 6. h5 Bh7 7. f3 Nf6 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Qxd4
10. Be3? Qe5 11. O-O-O c6 12. Bc4 f6 13. Bf4 Ng5 14. Bxg5 Qxg5+ 15. Kb1 Nd7 16. Nh3 Qc5 17.
Be6 Ne5 18. Qf2 Qxf2 19. Nxf2 Bg8 20. Bxg8 Rxd8 21. Nfe4 Rd8 22. b3 e6 23. Kb2 Nxg4 24.
Rxd8+ Kxd8 25. Rd1+ Kc7 26. Na4 Be7 27. Nec5 Bxc5 28. Nxc5 Ne5 29. Nxe6+ Kb6 30. Rg1 g5 31.
hxg6 Rxg6 32. Rh1 f5 33. Nd4 f4 34. Rh5 Ng4 35. Rf5 Rf6 36. Rh5 f3 37. Rh1 f2 38. Rf1 h5 39.
Ne2 Ne3 40. Rh1 f1=Q 41. Rxf1 Nxf1 0-1

Finally, I had the opportunity to test the *9 Qf3 Qxd4* line myself. Of course, critical is the capture of the second pawn, *9...Qxd4*. Play resembles the Ryder Gambit, *1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 exf3 5 Qxf3*, except that here White has more pieces developed. The move *10 Nge2!* is key to the whole line. It develops the Knight and makes Black lose time by moving the Queen. After *10...Qe5 11 Bf4 Qe6* I could have obtained a huge advantage with *12 000!*

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/TGgZbEiY"]

[Date "2022.12.20"]

[White "Zilbermintz"]

[Black "rrenann"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2022.12.20"]

[UTCTime "00:22:17"]

[WhiteElo "2338"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "300+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Declined: Vienna Defense"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. f3 Nf6 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. fxe4 Nxe4 9. Qf3 Qxd4
10. Nge2 Qe5 11. Bf4 Qe6 12. Nd4 Ng5+ 13. Nxe6 Nxf3+ 14. Kf2 fxe6 15. Kxf3 Nc6 16. Bb5 O-O-
O 17. Bxc6 bxc6 18. Rhe1 e5 19. Rxe5 g5 20. Be3 Bg6?? 21. hxg6 1-0

1. d4 d5 2. e4 de4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4

7... Nxe4

Alternative to 7...Nxe4

7...Nd6

The 7...Nd6 line attempts to deny White the open b-file while at the same time protecting the vulnerable b7-pawn. For this reason, White should use a different strategy to play against 7...Nd6. My attempts with 9 Nge2 were not always unsuccessful; however, 9 Bg2, followed by Nf3, and Qe2, is a better plan.

[Event "Live Chess"]

[Site "Chess.com"]

[Date "2020.04.15"]

[Round "-"]

[White: Zilbermints]

[Black: "D_orlicek"]

[Result "1-0"]

[WhiteElo "2109"]

[BlackElo "1450"]

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[Termination "numismaticsandchess won by resignation"]

1. e4 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 **Bxe4** 8. Nxe4
Nxe4 9. Bg2 **Nd6** 10. Bf4 c6 11. Nf3 e6 12. Qe2 Nd7 13. O-O-O Qb6 14. d5 e5 15.
Nxe5 Nxe5 16. Qxe5+ Kd7 17. dxc6+ bxc6 18. Rxd6+ Bxd6 19. Qxd6+ Kc8 20. Qxc6+
Qxc6 21. Bxc6 Rb8 22. Bxb8 Kxb8 23. Re1 Rc8 24. Re8 Rxe8 25. Bxe8 f6 26. c4 Kc7
27. b4 Kd6 28. a4 g5 29. hxg5 hxg5 30. Kd2 Ke5 31. Ke3 f5 32. gxf5 Kxf5 33. c5
g4 34. Bd7+ Kg5 35. Bxg4 1-0

[Event "Daily Blitz"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/cY8dJ2GN"]

[Date "2021.06.13"]

[White "Zilbermintz"]

[Black "dlobster7401"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2021.06.13"]

[UTCTime "17:00:00"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "300+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nd6 **9. Bf4** Nc6 10.
Nge2 Nb4 11. Rc1 Rb8 12. a3 Nc6 13. O-O e6 14. Bg3 Be7 15. h5 Bh7 16. d5 exd5 17. Nxd5 Bg5
18. Rb1 O-O 19. Nxc7 Qxc7 20. Bxd6 Qb6+ 21. Kh1 Rbd8 22. Qd5 Bxc2 23. Qc5 Qxc5 24. Bxc5
Rfe8 25. Nc3 Bxb1 26. Rxb1 Rd2 27. Ne4 Re2 28. Nxc5 Re1+ 29. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 30. Kh2 hxg5 31. b4
Re2 32. Kg3 Re3+?? 33. Bxe3 1-0

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
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[Date "2020.07.04"]
[White Zilbermintz]
[Black "imammsantosa"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[UTCTime "16:34:39"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nd6 9. Nge2 e6
10. Nf4 Bh7 11. Qe2 Be7 12. g5 hxg5 13. hxg5 Bxg5 14. Nxe6 fxe6?? 14...Bh4+! 15. Qh5+ g6 16.
Qxg5 Qxg5 17. Bxg5 Nc6 18. O-O-O O-O 19. d5 exd5 20. Bxd5+ Kh8 21. Rh2 Rf7 22. Bxf7 Nxf7 23.
Bf6+ Kg8 24. Rdh1 1-0

Event "Rated Blitz game"]
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[Date "2020.06.19"]
[White Zilbermintz]
[Black "stalmate20"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nd6 9. Nge2 e6
10. Nf4 Bh7 11. Be3 Be7 12. Bf2 c6 13. Qe2 Na6 14. O-O-O Qa5 15. Kb1 O-O-O 16. Ne4 Nxe4 17.
Bxe4 Bxe4 18. Qxe4 Nb4 19. a3 Nd5 20. Nxd5 Qxd5 21. Qf4 Rhf8 22. Rhe1 Bd6 23. Qe3 Qa5 24.
Rd3 Rfe8 25. Rc3 Qc7 26. Qf3 Kb8 27. Rd1 e5 28. d5 e4 29. Qe3 c5 30. b4 Qb6 31. Rb3 cxb4 32.
Qxb6 axb6 33. Bxb6 Rc8 34. axb4 Rc4 35. b5 Rb4 36. Rxb4 Bxb4 37. Be3 Kc7 38. c4 Kd6 39. Kc2
Bc5 40. Re1 g6 41. Bf4+ Kd7 42. Bxh6 f5 43. gxf5 gxf5 44. Bf4 Bd6 45. Be3 f4 46. Bd4 e3 47. Kd3
Be5 48. c5 Bxd4 49. Kxd4 Rh8 50. Ke4 Rxh4 51. Kf3 Rh5 52. Rd1 Rf5 53. c6+ bxc6 54. dxc6+ Kc7
55. Rd7+ Kb6 56. Rb7+ Kc5 57. c7 1-0

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/4uW5TkxE"]
[Date "2022.11.14"]
[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]
[Black "Riverstone_T1AO"]
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[UTCTime "16:14:59"]
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[WhiteRatingDiff "-6"]
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[Variant "Standard"]
[TimeControl "300+0"]
[ECO "D00"]
[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nd6 9. Nge2 e6
10. Nf4 Bh7 11. Be3 Be7 12. Bf2 Nd7 13. Nh5 O-O 14. Qd2 Nc4 15. Qe2 Nxb2 16. Rb1 Bb4 17.
Kd2 Bxc3+ 18. Kxc3 Na4+ 19. Kd2 Nf6 20. Nxf6+ Qxf6 21. Bxb7 Rad8 22. Rb4 Nb6 23. Qf3 Qg6
24. Rc1 c5 25. Rb3 cxd4 26. Bg3 Nc4+ 27. Ke1 Ne3 28. Rb2 e5 29. h5 Qe6 30. Be4 Bxe4 31. Qxe4
Nxe4 0-1

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
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[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nd6 9. Nge2 e6
10. O-O?? Qxh4 11. Nf4 Bh7 12. Qe2 Nd7 13. Nb5 Nxb5 14. Qxb5 Rb8 15. d5 e5 16. Nh3 Bc5+
17. Kh1 Be4 18. Kh2 Bxg2 19. Kxg2 Qxg4+ 20. Kh2 O-O 21. Bd2 a6 22. Qd3 Nf6 23. Rae1 e4 24.
Qe2 Bd6+ 0-1

7...Qd7 8 Be2 Nxe4 9 Bf3 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Nc6 11 Rb1 b6 12 Qe2 Rd8 13 Nh3 e6 14 Nf4 Bh7 15 Nh5
Bg6 16 Nf4 Bh7 17 Nh5 Bg6 18 Nf4 Bh7 19 Nh5 Bg6, drawn, Zilbermints – BingLing (2014),
Internet Chess Club 5-minute blitz, 2/21/2019.

7...e5 This counterstrike attempts to open up the center. Fortunately for White, the 7...e5 line
is pretty rare. More commonly seen is the automatic 7...Nxe4.

[Event "Lichess Quarantäne-Liga 13B Team Battle"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/ZOW0Z1Me"]

[Date "2021.01.28"]

[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]

[Black "TeaCChess"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2021.01.28"]

[UTCTime "19:47:16"]

[WhiteElo "2298"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "180+2"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 e5 8. dxe5 Qxd1+ 9. Kxd1 Nxc4 10. Ke1 Nxe5 11. Bf4 Nbc6 12. Bb5 O-O-O 13. Nge2 Bd6 14. Rh3 a6 15. Bd3 Rhe8 16. Rd1 Bh5 17. Kf2 Bg4 18. Rg3 h5 19. Rd2 f6 20. a3 Rf8 21. Nd5 g5 22. Bxe5 fxe5+ 23. Ke1 gxh4 24. Rg1 Bc5 25. Rh1 Bf2+ 26. Kd1 Be3 27. Nxe3 h3 28. Nxc4 hxc4 29. Ng3 Rf3 30. Nf1 Rdf8 31. Kc1 Nd4 32. Kb1 Ne6 33. Be2 Rf2 34. Kc1 Rxf1+ 35. Rxf1 Rxf1+ 36. Bxf1 Nf4 37. Kd1 g3 38. Bxh3+ Nxh3 39. Rg2 Nf2+ 40. Ke2 Nxe4 41. Ke3 Nd6 42. Kf3 e4+ 43. Kxc3 Kd7 44. Kf4 Ke6 45. Rg6+ Kd7 46. Rg7+ Kc6 47. Rg6 b6 48. b3 a5 49. c4 Kd7 50. Rg7+ Kc6 51. Re7 Kb7 52. Re6 a4 53. Rxd6 cxd6 54. b4 b5 55. cxb5 d5 56. Ke3 Kb6 57. Kd4 Kxb5 58. Ke3 Kc4 59. Kf4 Kd3 60. b5 e3 61. b6 e2 62. b7 e1=Q 63. b8=Q Qc1+ 64. Kf5 Qxa3 65. Qg3+ Kc2 66. Qxa3 d4 67. Ke4 1-0

[Event "NBL Bullet Arena"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/GDsbgkVC"]

[Date "2019.07.30"]

[Round "-"]

[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]

[Black "CCBTheDestroyer"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

[UTCDate "2019.07.30"]

[UTCTime "03:22:04"]

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[Termination "Normal"]

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1.d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 e5 8. Be3 c6 9. dxe5 Qxd1+ 10. Rxd1 Nxe4 11. Bg2 Bb4 12. Ne2 O-O 13. O-O Nxc3 14. bxc3 Be7 15. Nf4 Bxc2 16. Rd2 Bh7 17. Rb2 1/2-1/2 .

Thus far we have seen that 7...e5 can be met effectively by 8 Be3!.

Back to analyses. After **1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Bf5 5 g4 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 fxe4 Nxe4** there follows:

8 Bg2

This is the most common move played. It pressures the *Ne4*, and puts the *Bf1* on the long diagonal. Thus, Black has to either exchange via *8...Nxc3 9 bxc3* or retreat with *8...Nd6*. Practice shows that *8...Nxc3 9 bxc3* is the overwhelming favorite. Only a few games with *8...Nd6* are known.

Alternatives to 8 Bg2

8 h5 Bh7 which may transpose

[Event "Rated Bullet game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/efyNki29"]

[Date "2021.07.14"]

[White IM Alberto Barp of Italy]

[Black "ALEXEYSMELOV"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2021.07.14"]

[UTCTime "12:33:13"]

[WhiteElo "2548"]

[BlackElo "2472"]

[WhiteRatingDiff "+4"]

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[WhiteTitle "IM"]
[Variant "Standard"]
[TimeControl "60+0"]
[ECO "D00"]
[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. Nc3 Nf6 2. e4 d5 3. d4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. h5 Bh7 9. Nge2 c5 10. d5 e6 11. Bg2 exd5 12. Nxd5 Nc6 13. Bf4 Nf6 14. Nc7+ 1-0

Here after 10...Be4! Black had a won game but blundered later and lost.

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/zh7jYHEH"]
[Date "2022.07.27"]
[White "ABDULLAH3WONOGIRI3"]
[Black "yevhengros"]
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[Variant "Standard"]
[TimeControl "300+0"]
[ECO "A45"]
[Opening "Queen's Pawn Game: Veresov, Richter Attack"]
[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f3 Bf5 4. g4 Bg6 5. h4 h6 6. e4 dxe4 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. Qxb7??
Be4!! 10. Bb5+ Nxb5 11. Qxe4 Na6?? 12. Qc6+ Qd7 13. Qxa8+ Qd8 14. Qc6+ Qd7 15. Qxa6 Nxd4
16. Qd3 Qxg4 17. Be3 Nf3+ 18. Nxf3 Qxf3 19. Qb5+ c6 20. Qb8+ Kd7 21. Rd1+ Ke6 22. Qc8+ Kf6
23. Rf1 Qxf1+ 24. Kxf1 g6 25. Bd4+ e5 26. Qxc6+ Ke7 27. Bxe5 1-0

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/GKyBOxaG"]

[Date "2021.01.03"]

[White "woutvanveen"]

[Black "alvassiriki"]

[Result "0-1"]

[UTCDate "2021.01.03"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "180+2"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. Qxb7??
Be4!! 10. Bb5+ Nxb5 11. Qxe4 c6 0-1

8 Qf3

8 other moves

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/H5Fcthky"]
[Date "2017.12.30"]
[White "Peaudepailles"]
[Black "hyperreal"]
[Result "0-1"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nd7
10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. cxd3 e6 12. Ne2 Be7 13. Qf2 c5 14. Rb1 cxd4 15. Nxd4 Nc5 16. Ke2 Bf6 17. Be3
Rc8 18. g5 Be5 19. gxh6 gxh6 20. Rbf1 Qd7 21. Rhg1 Na4 22. c4 Rd8 23. Rg4 Rf8 24. h5 b5 25.
cxb5 Nc3+ 26. Kd2 Nxb5 27. Bxh6 Bxd4 28. Rxd4 Nxd4 29. Bxf8 Nf5 30. Qe2 Ng3 31. Rxf7 Nxe2
32. Rxd7 Rxd7 33. Bh6 Ng3 34. Be3 Nxe5 35. Bf4 Nxf4 36. Ke3 Nxd3 37. Ke4 Nc5+ 38. Ke5 Ke7
39. Kf4 Kf6 40. Ke3 Ke5 41. a3 Rd3+ 42. Ke2 Ke4 43. a4 Ra3 44. a5 Ra2+ 45. Kf1 Kf3 46. Ke1 Ke3
47. Kf1 Ne4 48. a6 e5 49. Kg1 Kf3 50. Kh1 Ng3+ 51. Kg1 Rg2# 0-1

Site "https://lichess.org/MsoqvDw0"]

[Date "2016.11.22"]
[White "Peaudepailles"]
[Black "luka1950"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[UTCTime "11:45:29"]
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[Variant "Standard"]
[TimeControl "180+0"]
[ECO "D00"]
[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 e5 11. h5 Bxc2 12. Rxb7 Be7 13. Bc4 O-O 14. g5 Bxg5 15. Rxf7 Rxf7 16. Qxf7+ Kh8 17.
Bxg5 hxg5 18. h6 g6 19. Qg7# 1-0

Since this game was played at a time control of one minute for the entire game, it is not of much value. Rather, it serves as a lesson in how not to play the Malm-Zilbermints Gambit. Of note is that the key move 10 Rb1 never gets played.

[Event "Rated Bullet game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/EXkS8Mjs"]
[Date "2022.09.21"]
[White "wiessyjr"]
[Black "Shouldbeworking"]

[Result "0-1"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nc6
10. Bb5? *Best is 10 Rb1 10...* Qd6 11. d5 Qe5+ 12. Ne2 O-O-O 13. dxc6 b6?? 14. Ba6+ Kb8 15. Bf4
Qa5 16. Bc4 e5 17. Be3 Bxc2 18. O-O Bd6 19. Bb3 Bd3 20. Rfd1 e4 21. Qf2 g5 22. h5 Qe5 23. Bd4
Qb5 24. Bxh8 Bxe2 25. Re1 Bf3 26. Bf6 Bc5 27. c4??? Qb4 28. Bd4 Bxd4 29. Red1 Bxf2+ 30. Kxf2
Bxd1 31. Rxd1 Rxd1 32. Bxd1 Qd2+ 33. Be2 e3+ 34. Kf3 Qd4 35. c5 Qf4+ 36. Kg2 Qf2+ 37. Kh3
Qxe2 38. Kg3 Qf2+ 39. Kh3 Qf3+ 0-1

[Event "Rated Rapid game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/hIAoQaYk"]
[Date "2022.01.07"]
[White "talant-007"]
[Black "bdrhn4"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 e6
10. Qxb7 Nc6 1-0

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
[Site "https://lichess.org/4iruN0OK"]
[Date "2021.10.21"]
[White "Gardendwarf"]
[Black "Rakirovka"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[WhiteElo "2254"]
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[Variant "Standard"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. e4 d5 2. d4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Qxd4 9. Be3 Qb4
10. O-O-O Nxc3 11. bxc3 Qa3+ 12. Kb1 Nc6 13. Bb5 Qxc3 14. Bd3 O-O-O 15. Ne2 Qb4+ 16. Ka1
Bxd3 17. cxd3 e6 18. Qxf7 Bd6 19. Qxe6+ Kb8 20. Rb1 Qa5 21. Qc4 Rhe8 22. Qxc6 1-0

As it turns out, premature resignation!! 22...Bb4! 23 Rxb4 Qxb4 24 Qf3 Qd6 -- with a big
advantage for Black.

[Event "Rated Rapid game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/hWa0JDWP"]

[Date "2021.01.12"]

[White "machineplayer"]

[Black "Neo9990"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2021.01.12"]

[UTCTime "20:24:10"]

[WhiteElo "1816"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "600+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Time forfeit"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Qf3 Nd6 9. Bb5+ c6
10. Ba4 Qb6 11. d5 Qb4 12. dxc6 Nxc6 13. Bxc6+ Kd8 14. Ba4 Be4 15. Qh3 b5 16. Bb3 Bxh1 17.
Qxh1 Rc8 18. Bd2 Qxg4 19. Nge2 b4 20. Nd5 Qe4 21. Qxe4 Nxe4 22. O-O-O Nc5 23. Bxb4 Nxb3+
24. axb3 Ke8 25. Bc3 e6 26. Nb4 Be7 27. Nd4 Bf6 28. Nb5 Kf8 29. Bxf6 gxf6 30. Nd6 Rc5 31. Nc4

Rg8 32. Na6 Rf5 33. Rd8+ Kg7 34. Rxc8+ Kxc8 35. Nd6 Rf1+ 36. Kd2 Rh1 37. Ne4 Rxh4 38. Nxf6+ Kg7 39. Ne8+ Kf8 40. Nd6 Rh2+ 41. Kc3 Rh3+ 42. Kd4 Rh4+ 43. Ke5 Rh5+ 44. Kf6 Rh1 45. Nc5 Rf1+ 46. Ke5 Re1+ 47. Kf4 Rf1+ 48. Kg4 Rd1 49. Nde4 Rd4 50. Kh5 1-0

8...Nxc3

Alternative to 8...Nxc3

8...Nd6

8...Ng3?

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. f3 Nf6 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 **Ng3** 9. Rh3 Ne4 10. Nxe4 c6 11. Be3 f5 12. Nc5 fxg4 13. Qxg4 h5 14. Qxg6# 1-0
Zilbermints (1992) – denyslevchenko, (1187) Live Chess, Chess.com, 6/15/2022

8...Nc6??

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 **Nc6??**
9. Nxe4, *Black resigns, Zilbermints – JL86, (2300) 6/15/2021, lichess.org 5-minute blitz*

8...Nd7

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/cOmWRqPL"]

[Date "2022.11.18"]

[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]

[Black "maagtablet"]

[Result "1-0"]

[UTCDate "2022.11.18"]

[UTCTime "17:18:00"]

[WhiteElo "2308"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "300+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nd7 10. Bxb7 Rb8 11. Bf3 e6 12. Ne2 Bd6 13. Nf4 Bh7 14. Nh5 O-O 15. g5 1-0

9 bxc3 c6

1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Bf5 5 g4 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 fxe4 Nxe4 8 Bg2 Nxc3 9 bxc3 c6 10 Rb1

This move is most often played. It blocks the long diagonal and defends the b7-pawn. Most of the games with the Malm – Zilbermints Gambit follow the 9...c6 line. However, there are two alternatives, 9...Nc6 and 9...Qc8

Alternatives to 9...c6

9...Nc6? is not good, as it makes the Nc6 a target. There are variations where the *Rxb7* move destroys the defending b7-pawn, allowing Bxc6+, winning material.

9...Qc8 10 Rb1 c6 can transpose to the main line.

10 Rb1 This is the position that was reached in Malm – Kent, email correspondence, 1998. White has open files, development, and a strong center for the pawn. Black is still behind in development. The question is whether White can crash through with his attack before Black can finish developing and consolidate. Practice shows that White wins the overwhelming majority of the games due to his lead in development and better-placed pieces.

Analyses: 10. Rb1 Qc7 11. h5 Bh7 12. Nf3 Nd7 13. O-O e5 14. Qe2 O-O-O 15. dxe5 Bc5+ 16. Kh1 Rhe8 17. Bf4 Nb6 18. Bh2 f6 = Stockfish 14

Alternatives to 10 Rb1

10 Qe2 Nd7 11. h5 Bh7 12. Nf3 Qc7 13. O-O f6 14. Be3 O-O-O 15. Rab1 e5 16. dxe5 Re8 17. e6 Rxe6 18. Nd4 Re5 19. Bxc6 Nb6 20. Bf3 Bc5 21. Qf2 Nd5 22. Bxd5 Rxd5 23. Rfe1 Qd7 24. Nf5 Rd2 25. Ne7+ Kb8 26. Qg3+ Bd6 27. Qf3 Bxc2 28. Nc6+ Ka8 29. Bxd2 Bxb1 30. Rxb1 bxc6 = Stockfish 14

10 Nh3

10...Qc7

Alternatives to 10...Qc7

- 10...Qc8
- 10...Qd7
- 10...Qd6

10...Qd6

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]
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[Date "2021.12.19"]
[White "BrilliantGambiteer"]
[Black "Samy1975"]
[Result "1-0"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nc6 10. Rb1 Qd6 11. Qf3 O-O-O 12. Bf4 Qd7 13. Ne2 e5 14. Bxe5 h5 15. g5 Bf5 16.

O-O Bg4 17. Qe3 f6 18. gxf6 gxf6 19. Rxf6 Bg7 20. Rxc6 Bxe5 21. Rxb7 Kxb7 22. Rd6+ Kc8
23. Rxd7 Rxd7 24. dxe5 Rg8 25. Nf4 Rf7 26. Kh2 Rgf8 27. e6 1-0

**1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nc6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11 Ne2**

Alternatives to 11 Ne2

- 11 Nf3!?
- 11 Qf3 :
- 11 00
- 11 Qe2

**1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Nc6
10. Rb1 Qc7**

A 11 Nf3!?

Only this move prevents the ...e5 break for a time. There exists limited practice with this move, but it is probably better than it looks. The computer, Stockfish 14 chess engine, gives various lines after 11 Nf3. In sum, with only limited practice, it seems that 11...e6 is often played. Three of four games went like this. The remaining game went 11...Qg3+ 12 Kf1 and now Black had to use valuable tempi to bring the Qg3 back to the defense. Thus, 11...Qg3 amounts to a wasted move, inasmuch as it leaves the b7-square unprotected.

One wonders if a prefatory 11 h5 Bh7 should be played. The key point is that the Bishop cannot move to f7, where it plays a defensive role. Only after 11...Bh7 can the Delayed Malm-Zilbermints Gambit be played. This line goes 12 fxe4 Nxe4 13 Bg2 Nxc3 14 bxc3 c6 15 Rb1 Qc7 16 Nf3!?. Now 16...f6 (or 16...Nbd7, 17...f6) is not quite the same as with the Bg6-Bf7 motif. But all this needs more testing.

While the computer gives lines for Black, in practice, against human players, the Malm - Zilbermints Gambit has excellent chances. If anything, 11 Nf3 is a psychological move that prevents the immediate ...e5 break, delaying it by a few moves. This allows White to mount a dangerous attack, one that should not be underestimated.

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]

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[White "Lev Zilbermintz"]
[Black "maagtablet"]
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[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 **11. Nf3** e6 12. O-O Bd6 13. h5 Bh7 14. Qe2 Nd7 15. g5 O-O-O 16. g6 fxg6 17. hxg6
Bxg6 18. Qxe6 Bxc2 19. Rb2 Bh7 20. Bh3 Rhe8 21. Qb3 g5 22. Be6 Be4 23. Nd2 Bh2+ 24. Kf2
Qg3+ 25. Ke2 Qd3+ 26. Kd1 Qa6 27. Rf7 Rxe6 28. Qxe6 Bd5 29. Qe7 Bxf7 30. Qxf7 Bf4 31. Nc4
Re8 32. Qxe8+ 1-0

Event "Rated Blitz game"]
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[Black "maagtablet"]

[Result "0-1"]
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[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]
[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 **11. Nf3** e6 12. Ne5 Bh7 13. O-O f6 14. Nd3 Nd7 15. Qf3 Bd6 16. Be3 Nb6 17. Nf4
Qd7 18. g5 hxg5 19. hxg5 O-O-O 20. Bh3 Bf5 21. Bxf5 exf5 22. g6 Rde8 23. d5 Nxd5 24. Nxd5
cxd5 25. Bxa7 Re4 26. Rf2 Rg4+ 27. Kf1 Bg3 28. Rd2 Rf4 29. Qxf4 Bxf4 0-1

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[Black "maagtablet"]
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[Variant "Standard"]

[TimeControl "300+0"]

[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 **11. Nf3** e6 12. O-O Bd6 13. h5 Bh7 14. Qe2 Nd7 15. g5 hxg5 16. Nxc3 Nf6 17. h6
gxh6 18. Nxe6 fxe6 19. Qxe6+ Qe7 20. Qxf6 Qxf6 21. Rxf6 O-O-O 22. Rf7 Bc7 23. Bxh6 Bg6 24.
Rxc7+ Kxc7 25. Bf4+ Kc8 26. Bf3 Rdg8 27. Bg4+ Bf5 28. Be5 Rxc4+ 29. Kf2 Rhg8 30. Ke3 Bxc2 31.
Rf1 Ba4 32. Rf7 Rg3+ 33. Bxc3 Rxc3+ 34. Kf4 Rg8 35. Ke5 Kd8 36. Rxb7 Re8+ 37. Kf4 Bb5 38.
Rxa7 Re7 39. Ra8+ Kd7 40. Ra7+ Kd6 41. Ra8 Kd5 42. a4 Bd3 43. a5 Kc4 44. a6 Kxc3 45. Rc8 Bxa6
46. Rxc6+ Kxd4 47. Rxa6 Re4+ 48. Kf5 Re5+ 49. Kf6 Re3 50. Rd6+ Ke4 51. Re6+ Kd3 52. Rxe3+
Kxe3 1/2-1/2

[Event "Rated Blitz game"]

[Site "https://lichess.org/JgBG9I0W"]

[Date "2022.12.10"]

[White "Lev Zilbermintz"]

[Black "maagtablet"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

[UTCDate "2022.12.10"]

[UTCTime "11:33:51"]

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[BlackElo "2191"]

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[Variant "Standard"]

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[ECO "D00"]

[Opening "Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: Vienna Variation"]

[Termination "Normal"]

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11. Nf3 Qg3+ 12. Kf1 Qc7 13. Ne5 Bh7 14. Bf4 Qc8 15. Qf3 f6 16. Nd3 e6 17. g5
hxg5 18. hxg5 Bxd3+ 19. Qxd3 Rxh1+ 20. Bxh1 Nd7 21. Qg6+ Ke7 22. gxf6+ gxf6 23. Qh7+ Ke8
24. Qg6+ Ke7 25. Qh7+ Ke8 26. Qg6+ Ke7 1/2-1/2

**1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11 Ne2**

11... e6

12 Nf4 Be7 13 Qe2 00 14 00 Bh7 15 g5 hxg5 16 hxg5 Bf5 17 g6 Bf6 18 Qh5 fg6 19 Ng6 Bg6 20
Qg6 Qf7 21 Qg4 Qe7 22 Be4 Qf7 23 Ba3! Qd7 24 Bxf8 Kxf8 25 Bg6 Na6 26 Qe4 b6 27 Rf3 Ke7 28
Re1 Nc7 29 Bf5 Rh8 30 Bxe6 Qd6 31 Bh3! Kd8 32 Qg4! Ne6 33 Rxe6! Qd5 34 Ree3 Kc7 35 Rff6!,
Black resigns, Zilbermintz (1900) – NM Roman Rychkov (2277 USCF) Westfield Quads, G/40,
10/23/2022.

Alternatives to 11...e6

- *11...e5, Kent Sub-Variation*
- *11...Nd7, can transpose into 11...e6*
- *11...b6??*

11...e5!, Kent Sub-Variation

**1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 Bf5 5 g4 Bg6 6 h4 h6 7 fxe4 Nxe4 8 Bg2 Nxc3 9 bxc3 10 Rb1
Qc7 11 Ne2 e5, Kent Sub-Variation**

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1. d4 Nf6 2. f3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. Nc3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6 10. Rb1 Qc7 11. Ne2 e5 12. O-O Bd6 13. dxe5 Bxe5 14. Nf4 Bh7 15. Qf3 O-O 16. g5 hxg5 17. hxg5 Nd7 18. Qh5 Bg6 19. Nxc3 fxg6 20. Rxf8+ Rxf8 21. Qxc3 Bh2+ 22. Kh1 Qg3 23. Ba3 Nf6 24. Bxf8 Qh4 25. Qxc3# { White wins by checkmate. } 1-0

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Zilbermintz – “tangent”, Internet Chess Club, 3 minutes, 3 seconds increment blitz, 6/26/2019:

1.d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11. Ne2 e5 12. 00 Nd7 13 h5 Bh7 14 Qe1 f6 15 Nf4 Nb6 16 Ne6 Qd6 17 Nxf8 Rxf8 18
Bf4 000 19 dxe5 Qc5+ 20 Kh2 Nd5 21 Bg3 Ne3 22 exf6 Nxf1+ 23 Qxf1 Rxf6 24 Qe1 Bxc2 25 Rc1
Bh7 26 Rd1 Rff8 27 Qe6+, Black forfeits on time, 1-0.

Zilbermintz (2321) – Anatoly_Donchenko (2504) 2022.08.17, 5-minute rated blitz, lichess.org

1.d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11. Ne2 e5 12. Be3 Bd6 13. O-O Nd7 14. Qd2 O-O 15. h5 Bh7 16. g5 hxg5 17. Bxg5
exd4 18. cxd4 Rae8 19. h6 Re6 20. hxg7 Rfe8 21. Nf4 Re3 22. Nd5 cxd5 23. Bxe3 Nb6 24. Bf4
Nc4 25. Qf2 Be4 26. Qh4 Kxg7 27. Qg4+ Bg6 28. Bxd5 Bxf4 29. Qxf4 Qxf4 30. Rxf4 Nb6 31. Bxb7
Re2 32. Rf2 Re7 33. Ba6 Rc7 34. Bd3 Bxd3 35. cxd3 Rd7 36. Rf4 Nd5 37. Rg4+ Kf8 38. Rb8+ Ke7
39. Rb1 Kd6 40. Re1 Rb7 41. Rg5 Rb2 42. Rg7 f6 43. Rxa7 Nf4 44. Ra6+ Kd5 45. Rxf6 Nh3+ 46.
Kf1 Kxd4 47. Rd6+ Kc5 48 Rh6??? Rf2 mate, 0-1

1.d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 Bf5 5. g4 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. fxe4 Nxe4 8. Bg2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 c6
10. Rb1 Qc7 11. Ne2 e6

12 Nf4

Alternatives to 12 Nf4

- 12 Bf4
- 12 00
- 12 Rf1

12...Bh7

Alternatives to 12...Bh7

- 12...Be7

13 00

Alternatives to 13 00

- 13 g5

13...Bd6

Alternatives to 13...Bd6

14 Nh5 00

Alternatives to 14...00

15 Bxh6!

Alternative to 15 Bxh6!

- 15 g5

15...gxh6

16 Qd2 f5

Alternative to 16...f5

- 16...Bh2+ 17 Kh1 Qd8 18 Qxh6 f5?? 19 Qg7 mate, Zilbermints – abc446446, chess.com email, 11/21/2021.

17 Qxh6 Rf7

- 17...Qf7 18 Rbe1 Qg6 19 Rxe6 Qh6 20 Rxh6 Be3 21 g5 Rf7 22 Bh3 Bf8 23 Nf6 Rf6 24 Rf6 Nd7 25 Re6 Kh8 26 Bf5 Bg8 27 Ree1 Nb6 28 Be6 29 Bg8 Kg8 30 Rf3 +- Stockfish 14 engine.

WHAT AWAITS US IN THE FUTURE?

As the old year 2022 ends and 2023 is coming in, what awaits the people of planet Earth? We will try to make some predictions based on what is happening now.

- **Iran:** The young people will continue protesting, demanding more freedoms, and an end to the hated ayatollah regime. Eventually, the regime will fall, but not before many people have died or thrown into prisons, or forced to flee. Nothing is eternal, and the regime of ayatollahs is no exception. When the regime falls, as it must, the new government will expose great crimes committed by the regime of the ayatollahs. But it will take some time before the people of Iran are truly free. Not even the Pahlevi regime was as bad as that of the ayatollahs. Under the Shah, Iran was not a pariah on the world stage, nor did it suffer sanctions as it does now. The Shah was no saint, but at least Iranians could freely travel to other countries. Women and men did not have police following them making sure they wore proper dress.
- **Russia/Ukraine:** The war will continue, at least until Putin is president. But if he leaves power, around the year 2025, then things may change. The new government may or may not stop the war, blaming it all on Putin's excesses. Putin is the last of these who want the old Soviet Union to return. After him will come a new generation of political leaders. For them, the Soviet Union belongs to the past. The new government, after Putin is gone, will be busy restoring Russian living standards and getting it out of isolation.
- **Could Russia break up into several separate states?** During the Russian Civil War of 1918-1922, there were separatist states such as Siberia, Georgia, Armenia, Finland, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine. After the Reds prevailed in the Civil War, they brought the breakaway republics under control. During World War II, the Communists brought Finland, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, under their control. But now we see Russia trying to regain old imperial glory. If the republics within Russia (Chechnya, Buryatia, etc.) get fed up with losing men to the war, they may tell Moscow to stuff it. It would take a concerted effort by republics to secede, as they did from the Soviet Union in 1991. Then instead of a big Russia, there might be several different states. This should be expected over a long period of time, not immediately.
- **Trump and the Republican Party:** There will continue to be a struggle for the soul and control of the Republican Party. It all comes down to whether Governor DeSantis can wrest control from Trump. Because if Trump continues to be in control, the party will

face more losses in 2024. The election of the Republican Party National Committee Chairman in January or February 2023 will be closely watched.

- **Israel and the Palestinians:** Now that Arab countries have the Abraham Accords, they can see that cooperation with Israel is in their strategic and political interests against Iran. Saudi Arabia at some point will officially make peace with Israel. Jordan, whose population is half Palestinian, will continue to have a cold peace with Israel. Egypt will continue to maintain the blockade of the Gaza Strip, because they have no interest in allowing Palestinian violence in their own country. Israel will continue behind-the-scenes negotiations for the return of two mentally ill Israelis from the Gaza Strip, the bodies of two Israeli soldiers, and other issues dear to them. It is all a question of how much the ruling terrorist group in Gaza, Hamas, wants.
- **The presidency of the Palestinians:** Mahmud Abbas, aka Abu Mazen, is in poor health. He will not allow elections to be held because he is very unpopular among his people. This means a lot of jockeying around among his potential successors. It is similar to how Joseph Stalin and other Communist bigwigs jockeyed for power in the 1920s in the Soviet Union.
- **Crazy weather:** Expect volcanic eruptions around the world, floods, hurricanes, lots of snow, earthquakes, typhoons. There will be heat waves in places. Global warming is the cause of this.
- **In the far future:** By the year 2039, the planet Earth will have a single world government. Within fifty years after that, Earth will join the Interplanetary Federation. Ambassadors from other solar systems will come to Earth. The alien representatives will bring more knowledge, important technology, and an understanding of the cosmos. Wars will cease, and the planet will enter in a new age of peace. Our descendants will colonize the solar system, and spread among the stars. Expect this between the late 21st century and into the 30th century and beyond.
- **There will be a new calendar for Earth:** When the planet unites in 2039, that will be considered Year 1 of the Unification. It will replace the current Gregorian calendar in wide use. The old calendar will be known as the pre-unification calendar.

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