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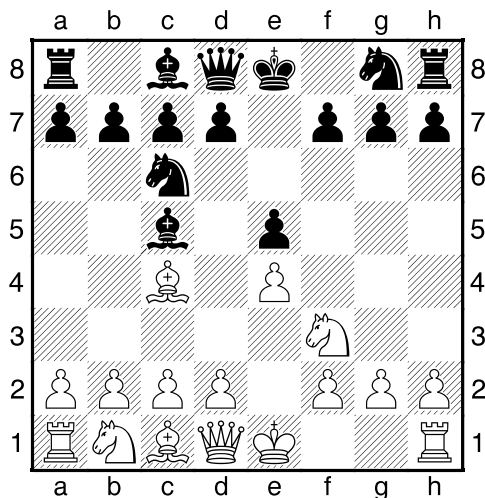
Openings for Study

The Italian Game (Giuoco Piano); C50, C53, C54

Most beginners learn early on to start with 1.e4 as White, and counter with 1...e5 as Black. At C&O we also teach them solid opening principles such as rapid development and control of the center.

One of the oldest openings, going back as far as 1490, the Italian opening has long been one of the most important openings, studied by inexperienced and advanced players alike, as it demonstrates all these ideas.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5



After 3...Bc5. White to move.

White now often wants to delay the advance d4 until c3 has been played, with the idea of maintaining the "big center" (pawns at d4 and e4). This may also gain time by attacking the Bishop on c5. Black wants to finish developing and challenge White's center by counter-attack or the establishment of a "strong-point" defense.

The following 43 short games from historical tournament and master play are

intended as a brief introduction to the opening. Re-played on a board, they can help you get a feel for the opening and some of the mistakes to look for and avoid (or punish in an opponent's play). Notes are very basic and the games are divided evenly as to who wins.

White Wins (15 Games)

(1) Daniels - Walker,G [C50]

London, 1841

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 g5? [9...d6] 10.Nxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Kg7?? [11...d5] 12.f4 1-0

(2) Morphy,P - Rousseau,E [C50]

New Orleans, 1849

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 f5 [3...Bc5] 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6? [5...Bc5] 6.Ng5 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nc3 Nce7 9.Qf3 c6 10.Nce4 fxe4? 11.Qf7+ Kd7 12.Qe6+ Kc7 [12...Ke8] 13.Qxe5+ Qd6 14.Qxd6+ Kxd6 15.Nf7+ Ke6 16.Nxh8 exd3 [16...b5] 17.cxd3 Kf6 18.b4 Be6 [18...Nxb4] 19.Re1 Bg8 20.Bb2+ Kg5 21.Re5+ Kh6 22.Bc1+ g5 23.Rxg5 1-0

(3) Morphy,P - Schulten,J [C50]

New York blind m, 1857

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 f5 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d6 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Re1+ Nge7 9.Ng5 Ne5?? [9...Nd8] 10.Bf4 N7g6? 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Nf7 1-0

(4) Morphy - Cunningham [C54]

London blindsim, 1859

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.c3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 Qe7 7.0-0 Ng8?? 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.d5 Qc5 10.Na3

Nd4?? 11.Be3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Qf8 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.Nb5 Kd8 15.Rac1 d6? [15...Nh6] 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Qe3 Ra6 18.Nc7 Qe7 19.Ne6+ fxe6 20.Bxa6 Bd7 21.Bb5 Ke8? 22.dxe6 [22.Rc8+] 22...Nf6?? [22...Bc6] 23.Rc8+ 1–0

(5) Jeney,E - Steinitz,W [C54]

Vienna m1, 1860

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 Bb6 7.0–0 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qb3 Qe7 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nxe6 Kd7 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qxe4 15.Nc3 Qxd4? [15...Qf5] 16.Qf7+ Kc6 17.Be3 Qe5 18.Bxb6 Kxb6 19.Rae1 Qa5 20.b4 Qa3? 21.Re3 Raf8?? 22.Qc4! Black Resigned (22...a6 23.Nd5+ Nxd5 24.Rxa3 c6) 1–0

(6) Minckwitz,J - Anderssen,A [C54]

Berlin m3, 1866

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.0–0 0–0 11.Ne4 h6 12.Ne5 Nce7 13.Re1 Be6 14.Rc1 Nf4 15.Bxe6 fxe6? [15...Nxe6] 16.g3 Nfd5 17.Qg4 Rf5 18.Nc5 Nf6 19.Qe2 Qd5 20.Ned3 Rf8 21.Qxe6+ Rf7 22.Ne5 Rxf2?? [22...Qxe6] 23.Qxf7+ Qxf7 24.Nxf7 1–0

(7) MacDonnell,G - Fraser,G [C53]

Dundee, 1867

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 d6 5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Qf4 12.Nbd2 Bg4 13.Qa4 0–0 14.Rae1 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Kh1 Rae8 18.f4 c6 19.Qc2 Re7 20.a3 Kh8?? [20...Rd8 21.Rd1 Qe3] 21.Rd1! Black

Resigned. (21...Qe3 22.Rf3 Qc5 23.b4) 1–0

(8) Bird,H - Meitner,P [C53]

Vienna (13), 1882

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 5.b4 Bb6 6.a4 a5 7.b5 Nd8 8.0–0 d6 9.d4 Bg4 10.Be2 Nf6 11.Ba3 exd4 12.e5 Ne4 13.cxd4 Qd7? [13...Ne6] 14.exd6 Nxd6 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Nxd7 Bxd1 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Rxd1 Kd7 19.Nc3 Nc4 20.Nd5 Rc8?? 21.Rac1 Ke6 22.Ne7 1–0

(9) Burn,A - Mieses,J [C50]

DSB–06.Kongress Breslau (15), 1889

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.d3 h6 6.Ne2 d6 7.c3 Qe7 8.0–0 Bg4 9.Ng3 Nh5 10.Nf5 Qf6 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Bb6 13.d5 Ne5 14.Bb5+ Kf8?? [14...Kd8] 15.Nxe5 Bxf5? [15...Bxd1] 16.Qxh5 g6 17.Qxf5 1–0

(10) Leonhardt,P - Mason,J [C54]

London (15), 1904

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0–0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0–0 10.d5 Nb8? [10...Na5] 11.Re1 Nf6 12.d6 cxd6 13.Qxd6 b5 14.Bb3? [14.Bxb5] 14...Nc6 15.Ba3 Re8?? 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Re1 Qd8 [17...Bb7] 18.Ng5 1–0

(11) Marshall,F - Burn,A [C54]

Ostende (11), 1905

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Kf1 Nxe4 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd4 Nf6 10.Bg5 Ng6 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Re1+ Kf8 13.Bd3 Be7 14.Bxg6 hxg5 15.Ne5 fxg6?? 16.Nxg6+ Kf7 17.Rxe7+

**Kxg6?? [17...Qxe7] 18.Qd3+ Kh6
19.h4 g4 20.h5 Nxh5 21.Qf5 1–0**

**(12) Van Groningen,S -
Capablanca,J [C54]**

Hamburg simul, 04.04.1911

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2
Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5
10.0–0 0–0 11.Ne5 Nxd4 12.Nb3
Nc6? [12...Nxb3] 13.Nxf7 Bg4??
[13...Kxf7] 14.Bxd5 Bxd1 15.Nxd8+
Kh8 16.Nxc6 bxc6? [16...Bxb3]
17.Bxc6 Bxb3 18.Bxa8 1–0**

(14) Alekhine,A - Scalom,A [C54]

FRA tour sim, 1923

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Kf1
Nxe4 8.d5 Na5 9.Bd3 f5 10.a3 Bf8??
[10...Bc5] 11.b4 Qf6 12.Ra2 Be7?
13.bxa5 0–0 14.Re2 b6 15.Bb2 Qf7
16.Nc3 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 c5?? [17...Bf6]
18.Ne5 Qh5 19.d6 Bxd6?? [19...Bf6]
20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.Nxd6+
1–0**

(15) Euwe,M - Duffield,C [C54]

Weston (4), 1924

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3
d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.0–0 Bxc3 10.bxc3
0–0 11.Re1 Na5?? [11...Nxc3]
12.Bxd5 [12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.Re5+-]
1–0**

Black Wins (15 Games)

(1) Horwitz,B - Staunton,H [C54]

London m7, 1851

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.b4 Bb6**

**8.b5 Nce7 9.Nxe5 0–0 10.Bb2 Be6
11.0–0 Kh8 12.a4 f6 13.Nf3 Ng6
14.Ba3 Re8 15.Qb3 Ngf4 16.Ra2 a6
17.bxa6 bxa6 18.Bc1 Rb8 19.Qc2
Bg4 20.Bxd5 Ne2+ 21.Kh1 Qxd5
22.c4?? Qxf3 23.h3?? Bxf2 24.Nd2
Ng3+ 25.Kh2 Nxf1+ 0–1**

**(2) Mongredien,A - Anderssen,A
[C54] London, 1851**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2
Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5
10.0–0 0–0 11.Bxd5 Qxd5 12.Qb3
Qh5 13.Ne4 Be6 14.Qc3 f5 15.Qc5
Rad8 16.Nc3 Rf6 17.d5 f4 18.Rfe1
Bf7 19.Qb5 Rg6 20.Kh1 Rxd2
21.Qd3?? [21.Kxg2] 21...Qh3 22.Qe4
Bh5 0–1**

(3) Williams,E - Harrwitz,D [C50]

London m2, 1852

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3
d6 5.d3 Nf6 6.h3 Ne7 7.d4 exd4
8.Nxd4 c6 9.Nf3 Ng6 10.0–0 0–0
11.Qd3 Nh5 12.Ne2 Kh8 13.g4 Nf6
14.Ng3 Nd7 15.Bb3 Nge5 16.Nxe5
Nxe5 17.Qc3?? Bd4!! 18.Qb4 a5 0–1**

(4) Thompson,J - Morphy,P [C50]

USA–Congress New York (1), 1857

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3
Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.Ne2 d6 7.c3 0–0 8.h3
Kh8 9.Ng3 Nh7 10.Qc2 f5 11.exf5 d5
12.Bb3 e4 13.dxe4 dxe4 14.Ng1??
Ne5 15.Be3? Nd3+ 16.Ke2 Bxe3
17.fxe3 Qh4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Qxd3
Qxg2+ 20.Kd1 Bxf5 21.Qe2 Qxh1 0–1**

(5) Cochrane,J - Staunton,H [C50]

London m1, 1841

**1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.d4 Bxd4 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.0–0 Nf6 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6**

8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Bxe6
Nxe6 11.Qxd8+ Rxd8 12.Bxf6 gxf6
13.Rxf6 Nf4 14.Nc3?? [14.Rf5]
14...Rd2 15.Rd1?? [15.g3]
15...Rxc2+ 16.Kh1 Rhg8 17.Rf5 f6
18.Rxf6?? Nh3 19.Rff1 Rg1+
20.Rxc2 Nf2# 0–1

(6) Salwe,G - Chigorin,M [C50]

RUS-ch03 Kiev (9), 1903

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.0–0 Bg4 7.Bb5 0–0
8.Be3? [8.Bxc6] 8...Nd4 9.Bxd4
Bxd4 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bxc3 12.bxc3
Nxc3!? 13.hxc3 Bxc3 14.d4? f5
15.Be2? fxe4 16.Nd2?? [16.Nh2]
16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qg5+ 18.Kh1
Rf4! 0–1

(7) Rodzinski - Alekhine,A [C50]

Paris, 1913

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.c3 Bg4
5.Qb3 Qd7 6.Ng5 Nh6 7.Bxf7+ Nxf7
8.Nxf7 Qxf7 9.Qxb7 Kd7 10.Qxa8
Qc4 11.f3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nd4 13.d3??
Qxd3 14.cxd4 Be7 15.Qxh8??
[15.Nd2+] 15...Bh4# 0–1

(8) Van Scheltinga,T - Euwe,M [C53]

Maastricht (3), 1946

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0
d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.d4 Qe7 7.a4 a6 8.h3
Nf6 9.Re1 0–0 10.b4 Kh8 11.Ba3
Ng8 12.b5 Na5 13.Nxe5 f6 14.Bxc3
fxe5 15.Ba2 exd4 16.Nd2? Bxh3
17.Nf3 Bg4 18.cxd4 axb5 19.Qd3
Bxf3 20.gxf3 Qg5+ 21.Kf1 Nc4
22.Bc1 Qh5 23.axb5?? Rxf3
24.Bxc4 Rxa1 25.Qd1 Rxc1 0–1

(9) Robatsch,K - Reshevsky,S [C50]

Maribor (5), 1967

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd5

Qf6 8.h3 h6 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6
11.g3 0–0 12.Qe2 a5 13.a4 Bxe3
14.Qxe3 Be6 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.Nh4?
Nxc4 17.gxc4 f5 18.Rg1 Rf6 19.0–0–
0? [19.Qg3] 19...Raf8 20.Rg2 Rg6
21.Rdg1 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 fxe4
23.Qxe4 Qxh3 24.Qxb7?? Qh1+ 0–1

(10) Anderssen,A - Fleissig,M [C50]

Vienna (1), 1873

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0
Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6
8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Na3 Qe7
11.c3 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne6 13.Bxf6
gxf6 14.Kh1 Qc5 15.Na3 Rg8
16.Rxf6 Nf4 17.Rf5 Qf2 18.Qf3 Qxb2
19.Rxe5+ Ne6 20.Rf1 0–0–0
21.Ra5?? [21.Nc4] 21...Rd3 22.g3
Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Nf4+ 0–1

(11) Steinitz,W - Von Bardeleben,C

[C54] Hastings, 1895

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3
d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.0–0 Be6 10.Bg5
Be7 11.Bxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5
13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Re1 f6 15.Qe2 Qd7
16.Rac1 c6? [16...Kf7] 17.d5 cxd5
18.Nd4 Kf7 19.Ne6 Rxc8?? 20.Qg4
g6 21.Ng5+ Ke8 22.Rxe7+ Kf8?
[22...Qxe7] 23.Rf7+ Kg8 24.Rg7+
Kh8? 25.Rxh7+ 1–0

(12) Schlechter,C - Lasker,E [C54]

London (30), 1899

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3
Nxe4 8.0–0 Bxc3 9.d5 Ne5
10.bxc3?? [10.Qe2] 10...Nxc4
11.Qd4 f5? [11...Ncd6] 12.Bg5??
Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Rf8 14.Nxc4 Qf6
15.Rfe1+ Kd8 16.Qxf6+ Rxf6
17.Re2?? h6 18.Rae1 c6 19.Re8+

Kc7 20.Nh7 Rf7 21.Rh8 b5 22.Ree8 Bb7 0–1

(13) Washburn - Lasker,E [C50]

USA tour sim, 1907

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0–0 d6 6.h3 h6 7.a3 g5 8.b4 Bb6 9.c3 g4 10.Nh2? g3 11.Nf3 Rg8 12.d4 Bxh3 13.Ne1?? [13.gxh3] 13...exd4 14.Ra2 dxc3 15.Be3 Ne5 16.Qb3?? c6 17.a4 Nxe4 18.Nxc3 gxf2+ 19.Bxf2 Nxf2 20.a5?? Rxc2+ 21.Nxc2 Nf3# 0–1

(14) Ruiz,E - Capablanca,J [C50]

Buenos Aires casual, 1914

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.h3 f5 9.exf5? [9.Qe2] 9...d5 10.Bb5 d4 11.fxc6 dxe3 12.Qxe3 0–0 13.Bc4+ Kh8 14.0–0–0 Nxc6 15.d4?? [15.Nd2] 15...exd4 16.Rxd4?? [16.Qe4] 16...Nxd4 17.Rd1 c5 18.Nb5 Qb6 19.Nbxd4 cxd4 20.Rxd4? [20.Nxd4] 20...Rxf3 0–1

(15) Lohr,S - Euwe,M [C50]

Amsterdam m6, 1923

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Nd5 Bxd5 8.exd5 Ne7 9.Bb5+? [9.Bg5] 9...c6 10.dxc6?? [10.Bc4] 10...Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxb5 12.cxb7 Qxb7 0–1

Gioacchino Greco (c.1600–1634)

Gioachino Greco was an Italian chess player and writer. Greco recorded some of the first chess games on record, 77 in total. His games, all against anonymous opponents ("NN"), were quite possibly

constructs, but acted as highly useful tools for spotting opening traps.

Greco was a remarkable chess player between Ruy López de Segura and François-André Danican Philidor, as well as writing a famous "handbook" containing many traps and mating patterns. As one of the players during the age of "Italian Romantic Style", he studied the Giuoco Piano (1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4), and published his analysis in the form of short games around 1625. In 1665, after his death, the manuscripts were published in London. These games are regarded as classics of early chess literature and are still sometimes taught to beginners. Greco loved to use the Sicilian Defence, which was invented by an Italian bishop.

Greco paved the way for many of the attacking legends of the Romantic era, such as Adolf Anderssen, Paul Morphy, and Philidor.

--Wikipedia, 2008

(1) Greco,G - Analysis [C54]

1625

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0–0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Qb3 Bxa1 11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Bg5 Ne7?? [12...Nxd4] 13.Ne5 Bxd4?? [13...Bc3 14.Qxc3 d6 15.Qf3 Bf5 16.Be6 dxe5 17.Bxf5 Ke8 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Bxc6+ Nxc6 20.Bxd8 Rxd8+] 14.Bg6 d5 15.Qf3+ Bf5 16.Bxf5 Bxe5 17.Be6+ Bf6 18.Bxf6 Ke8 19.Bxc7 1–0

(2) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6? [4...Nf6] 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0–0 Bxc3 [8...0–0]

9.bxc3 Nxe4 10.Re1 [10.d5] 10...d5
11.Rxe4+? [11.Ba3] **11...dxe4**
12.Ng5 0-0?? [12...Ne5! 13.Bb3 h6
 14.Nxe4 Ng6=] **13.Qh5 h6** [13...Bf5
 14.Bxf7+ Kh8 15.g4+-] **14.Nxf7 Qf6?**
 [14...Rxf7 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Bxh6 Bg4
 17.Bxg7+ Kxg7 18.Qg6+ Kf8 19.Bc4]
15.Nxh6+ Double Check! **15...Kh8**
 [15...Kh7 16.Nf5+ Qh6 17.Bxh6 g6
 18.Qh4 g5 19.Qxg5 Rf7 20.Bxf7 Bxf5
 21.Qg7#] **16.Nf7+ Kg8 17.Qh8# 1-0**

(3) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 Bb6 [5...exd4!? 6.e5 d5=]
6.dxe5 Nxe4? [6...Ng4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7
 8.Ng5+ Kf8 9.Qxg4 Nxe5±] **7.Qd5+-**
 Do you see the mate threat?[7.Qd5
 Bxf2+ 8.Kf1+-] **1-0**

(4) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.Ng5 0-0 6.d3 h6 7.h4 hxg5
 [7...a6!?!] **8.hxg5 Nh7??** [8...d5
 9.gxf6 Qxf6± (Not 9...dxc4 10.Qh5
 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Qxf6+ 12.Kg1 Qf2+
 13.Kxf2+-)] **9.Qh5!** [9.Qh5 Bxf2+
 10.Kxf2 Re8 11.Qxf7+ Kh8 12.Rxh7+
 Kxh7 13.Qh5#] **1-0**

(5) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2
Nxe4 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7
10.Qb3+ d5 11.Ne5+ Kg8 12.Qxb4
Qf6 13.0-0 c5 14.Qb5 b6??
 [14...h6±] **15.Qe8+ Qf8 16.Qc6 Ba6**
 [16...Nf6 17.Qxa8 Ba6+-] **17.Qxd5+**
Qf7 18.Qxf7# 1-0

(6) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb6?
 [6...Bb4+!? 7.Bd2 Nxe4 8.Bxb4
 Nxb4=] **7.e5 Ng8?** [7...d5 8.exf6
 dxc4=] **8.d5 Nce7 9.d6 Nc6??**
 [9...cxd6 10.exd6 Nf5+-] **10.Qd5 Nh6**
11.Bxh6 [11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Bxd8
 (12.Nxd4?! Qxg5 13.0-0 Qg4±)
 12...Nc2+ 13.Ke2+-] **11...Rf8** [11...0-0
 12.Bg5 Qe8+-] **12.Bxg7 Nb4 13.Qd2**
Rg8 14.Bf6 [14.Bf6 c5 15.0-0+-] **1-0**

(7) Greco,G – NN [C53]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Qe7 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 f6
8.Bh4 g5? 9.Nxg5 fxc5 10.Qh5+ Kf8
 [10...Kd8 11.Bxg5 Nf6 12.Qh6=]
11.Bxg5 Qe8 12.Qf3+ [12.Bh6+!?
 Nxh6 13.Qxh6+ Ke7 14.Qg5+ Kd7
 15.Qg7+ Kd8 16.Bf7=] **12...Kg7µ**
13.Bxg8 Rxc5?? [13...Qg6 14.Bd5
 Qxc5-+] **14.Qf6# 1-0**

(8) Greco,G – NN [C53]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Qe7 [4...Nf6!? 5.d3 0-0=] **5.0-0 d6**
6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 g5?
 [8...Bg4] **9.Nxg5** [9.Bg3!?] **9...fxg5**
10.Qh5+ Kd7 11.Bxg5 Qf8 [11...Nf6
 12.Qf3 Rf8=] **12.Bf7±** Do you see the
 mate threat? **12...Nce7 13.dxe5 h6**
14.Bh4 Rh7 15.e6+ Kc6??
 [15...Kd8+-] **16.Be8+ Qxe8 17.Qxe8+**
 [17.Qxe8+ Kc5 18.Na3 d5 19.e5 Nc6
 20.b4+ Nxb4 21.Qb5#] **1-0**

(9) Greco,G – NN [C54]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3

Nxe4 8.0–0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Qb3 Bxd4?? [10...Bxa1 11.Bxf7+ Kf8 \mp] **11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Bg5** [12.Bh5 g6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qb4+ Kf7 15.Qxd4 gxh5 16.Qd5+ Kg6 17.Qe4+ Kf7 18.Qf4+ Qf6 19.Qxf6+ Kxf6 20.Bb2+ Kf5 21.Bxh8+-] **12...Bf6 13.Rae1 Ne7** [13...Bxg5 14.Nxg5 Nd4 15.Qd5+-] **14.Bh5** Do you see the mate threat? **14...Ng6?** [14...d5=] **15.Ne5! Nxe5??** [No better is 15...Bxe5 16.Bxd8; Best is 15...d5] **16.Rxe5! g6** [16...Bxe5 17.Qf7#] **17.Bh6+ Bg7 18.Rf5+!! gxf5** [18...Qf6 19.Rxf6+ Ke8 20.Re1+ Kd8 21.Bg5 Re8 22.Rf8+ Bf6 23.Rfxe8#] **19.Qf7# 1–0**

(10) Greco,G – NN [C53]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 [4...Nf6 5.d3=] **5.0–0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 fxe5 10.Qh5+ Kd8 11.Bxg5 Nf6 12.Qh6 Rf8 13.f4 exd4 14.e5 dxc3+! 15.Kh1 cxb2 16.exf6 bxa1Q??** [16...Qf7 17.Nc3 bxa1R 18.Rxa1 Bg4+-] **17.fxe7+ Nxe7 18.Qxf8+ Kd7 19.Bb5+** [19.Qxe7+ Kc6 20.Qe4+ Kc5 21.Qd5+ Kb4 22.Qb5#] **19...Nc6** [19...Ke6 20.Qxe7+ Kd5 21.Rd1+ Kc5 22.Qe2 Be6 23.Rc1+ Qc3 24.Rxc3+ Kb4 25.Qb2+ Bb3 26.Qxb3+ Ka5 27.Qa4#] **20.Qe7#** [20.Qf7#] **1–0**

(11) NN - Greco,G [C50]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.Re1 0–0 6.c3 Qe7 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 [10.Qxd4 Bxd4] **10...Qh4 11.Nf3??** [11.Qd2 Qxh2+ 12.Kf1 Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Qxe5 14.Nf3 \mp] **11...Qxf2+ 12.Kh1**

Qg1+!! 13.Nxg1 [13.Rxg1 Nf2#] **13...Nf2# 0–1**

(12) NN - Greco,G [C50]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.Re1 0–0 6.c3 Re8 [6...Nxe4 7.d4 exd4 8.Rxe4 d5 μ] **7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4** [8...d5 9.Bb5 (Not 9.exf6 9...dxc4 10.Rxe8+ Qxe8) 9...Ne4 10.cxd4= Bb4] **9.Bg5 Nxf2 10.Bxd8??** [10.Qb3 dxc3 11.Bxd8 (11.Bxf7+ Kh8 12.Kf1 cxb2 13.Qxb2 Re7=) 11...cxb2 12.Bxf7+ Kh8 13.Qxb2 (13.Bxe8? bxa1Q 14.Kf1 b6 (14...Nxd8?! 15.Nc3 Qxe1+ 16.Kxe1)) 13...Nd3+ 14.Kf1 Nxb2 15.Bxe8= (Not 15.Bxc7 b6 16.Bxe8 Ba6+ 17.Re2 Rxe8–+)] **10...Nxd1–+ 11.Rxd1??** [11.b4 d5 12.Bb5–+] **11...dxc3+** [11...Rxd8?! 12.cxd4 Bb6 13.Nc3; 11...Nxd8?! 12.cxd4 Bb4 13.a3=] **12.Kf1 cxb2** [12...Nxd8?! 13.Nxc3 Nc6 14.Re1; 12...Rxd8?! 13.Nxc3 d6 14.Ne4 \mp] **13.Nbd2 bxa1Q 14.Rxa1 Nxd8** [14...Nxd8 15.Ne4 Bb4–+] **0–1**

(13) NN - Greco,G [C50]

Europe, 1620

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.Re1 0–0 6.c3 Re8 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4 [8...d5 9.Bb5 Ne4 10.cxd4=] **9.Bg5 Nxf2 10.Qb3 dxc3 11.Bxd8 cxb2 12.Nc3** [12.Bxf7+!? Kh8 13.Qxb2 (13.Bxe8 bxa1Q 14.Kf1 b6–+ (14...Nxd8 15.Nc3 Qxe1+ 16.Kxe1 =)) 13...Nd1+ 14.Kf1 Nxb2 15.Bxe8= (Not 15.Bxc7 b6 16.Bxe8 Ba6+ 17.Re2 Bxe2+ 18.Kxe2 Rxe8–+)] **12...Nd1+ \mp 13.Kf1 bxa1Q 14.Rxd1?** [14.Bxf7+ Kf8 15.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 16.Nxd1 Rxd8 17.Bg8] **14...Qxd1+ 15.Nxd1 Nxd8** [15...Nxd8 16.Nc3 c6–+] **0–1**