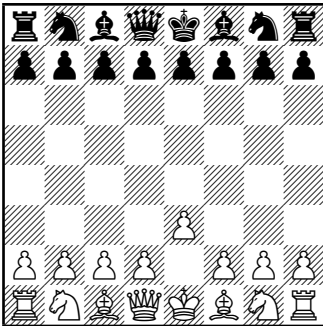

CHAPTER 2

OPEN GAME

1. e3!



[±Watkins 2016]

This is the most frequently played first move and certainly the best. It develops both bishop and queen, with the threat 2. ♖a6. Black can play 2... bxa6, but it damages the pawns structure, which should be enough for an engine to create a concrete proof, although there is no general method for this. On a flexible response 2... ♘a6, White has a tactical strike 3. b4 ♘xb4 4. ♖f3 and then 4... ♘a2 5. ♖xb7 ♘xc1 6. ♖xa7 ♖xa7 7. ♖xc7 ♖xc7 8. h4 ♖xc2 9. d3 or 4... ♘xc2 5. ♖xb7 ♘xe1 6. ♖xc8 ♘g2 7. ♖xa8 ♖xa8 8. e4 ♖xe4 9. d3, which considerably reduces the number of interesting defences for Black.

That is why the best defences allow a flexible approach with some useful first move. For example the Polish Defence 1. e3 c5 2. ♖a6 ♘xa6 3. b4 cxb4!∞, or the Open Defence 1. e3 e6 2. ♖a6 ♘xa6 3. b4 ♖xb4!∞. It is worth mentioning the Wild Boar Defence 1. e3 g5 2. ♖a6 ♘xa6, where 3. b4 ♘xb4 4. ♖f3 ♘xc2! 5. ♖xb7 ♘xe1 6. ♖xc8 ♖xc8! allows 7... ♘g2 8. f4 gxf4!.

2.1 Open Game

1. e3!

1... d6?? 2. ♖g4+-
1... d5?? 2. ♖g4+-
1... g6? 2. ♖a6 [2. ♖h5 gxh5 3. g4 hxg4 4. ♘f3 gxf3 5. ♖g2 (5. ♖a6±) 5... fxg2 6. d4 gxh1♖ 7. ♖f1 ♖xh2 8. ♖g2 ♖xg2 9. e4 ♖xf2 10. ♖e3 ♖xc2 11. ♘a3 ♖xb2 12. d5+-] 2... bxa6 [2... ♘a6 3. b4 ♘xb4 4. ♖f3 ♘xc2 5. ♖xb7+-] 3. ♖h5 gxh5 4. g4 hxg4 5. ♘f3 gxf3 6. ♖f1± Taelman 2001
1... ♘a6? 2. ♖xa6 bxa6 3. ♖e2! ♖b7 4. ♖xa6 ♖xg2 5. ♖xa7 ♖xh1 6. ♖xc7 ♖xc7 7. e4 ♖xc2 8. ♖d1+- Taelman 2001
1... ♘f6?! 2. ♖a6 bxa6 [2... ♘a6 3. ♖h5 ♘xh5 4. b4 ♘xb4 5. a4 ♘xc2 6. e4+-] 3. e4 ♘xe4 4. ♖h5 ♘xf2 [4... ♘xd2 5. ♖xh7

$\mathbb{I}xh7$ 6. $\mathfrak{C}xd2\pm$] 5. $\mathbb{P}xh7$ $\mathbb{I}xh7$ 6. $\mathfrak{C}xf2$ $\mathbb{I}xh2$
 7. $\mathbb{I}xh2$ c6 8. $\mathfrak{C}e2$ [8. a4 $\mathbb{P}b6$ 9. $\mathfrak{C}e3\pm$ Tael-
 man 2001] 8... $\mathbb{P}b6$ 9. $\mathfrak{C}a3\pm$ Andrejić 2018
1... h6?! 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6$ bxa6 [2... $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 3. b4
 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 4. $\mathbb{P}f3\pm$] 3. $\mathfrak{C}h3$ h5 [3... f6 4. $\mathfrak{C}g5$
 fxg5 5. $\mathbb{P}g4$ e6 6. $\mathbb{P}xe6$ dxe6 7. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 8. c3
 $\mathfrak{C}xc3$ 9. $\mathfrak{C}xc3$ $\mathbb{P}xd2$ 10. $\mathfrak{C}xd2$ g4 11. g3 $\mathfrak{C}e7$
 12. f3 gxf3 13. g4+- Taelman 2001] 4. $\mathbb{P}xh5$
 $\mathbb{I}xh5$ 5. g3 $\mathbb{I}xh3$ 6. $\mathfrak{C}c3$ $\mathbb{I}xg3$ 7. hxg3 c6
 8. $\mathfrak{C}d1\pm$ Taelman 2001

1... f5 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6$ bxa6 [2... $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 3. b4 (3. e4
 fxe4 4. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 5. $\mathbb{P}e2\pm$ Taelman 2001)
 3... $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 4. $\mathbb{P}f3\pm$] 3. $\mathbb{P}g4$ fxg4 4. g3 c6
 [4... h5? 5. $\mathfrak{C}f3$ gxf3 6. $\mathfrak{C}e2$ fxe2 7. g4 hxg4
 8. $\mathbb{I}g1+-$] [4... e6?! 5. $\mathfrak{C}f3$ gxf3 6. $\mathfrak{C}e2$ fxe2
 7. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 8. $\mathfrak{C}b2+-$] 5. $\mathfrak{C}f1!$ $\mathfrak{C}f7$ [5... $\mathbb{P}b6$
 6. b3 $\mathbb{P}xb3$ 7. cxb3 \pm] 6. $\mathfrak{C}f3$ gxf3 7. $\mathfrak{C}g2$
 [7. $\mathfrak{C}c3\pm$ Taelman 2001] 7... fxg2 8. b4
 gxh1 \mathbb{P} 9. d4 $\mathbb{P}xh2$ [9... $\mathbb{P}xc1$ 10. $\mathfrak{C}d2+-$]
 10. g4 $\mathbb{P}xf2$ 11. $\mathfrak{C}b2$ $\mathbb{P}xc2$ 12. $\mathfrak{C}a3$ $\mathbb{P}xb2$
 13. $\mathbb{I}f1\pm$

1... e5 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6$ [2. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 3. $\mathbb{P}h5$ $\mathfrak{C}xd2$
 4. $\mathbb{P}xe5$ (Liardet 2001) 4... $\mathfrak{C}xe3!$ 5. $\mathbb{P}xe8$
 (5. $\mathbb{P}xg7?$ $\mathfrak{C}xf2\mp$) (5. $\mathfrak{C}xe3$ a6! (5... c5?!
 6. $\mathfrak{C}xc5$ $\mathbb{P}a5$ 7. $\mathbb{P}xe8\pm$) 6. $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ bxa6
 7. $\mathbb{P}xe8$ $\mathbb{P}xe8$ 8. $\mathfrak{C}d2$ $\mathbb{P}xe3$ 9. $\mathfrak{C}xe3$ a5 ∞)
 5... $\mathbb{P}xe8$ 6. fxe3 $\mathbb{P}xe3$ 7. $\mathfrak{C}xe3$ a6 8. $\mathfrak{C}xa6$
 bxa6 ∞] 2... bxa6 [2... $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 3. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$
 (3... $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 4. $\mathbb{P}f3\pm$) 4. $\mathbb{P}f3$ $\mathfrak{C}xd2$ 5. $\mathbb{P}xb7$
 $\mathfrak{C}xe1$ 6. $\mathbb{P}xa7$ (6. $\mathbb{P}xa6\pm$) 6... $\mathfrak{C}xf2$ 7. $\mathbb{P}xa6$
 $\mathbb{I}xa6$ 8. $\mathfrak{C}f3$ $\mathbb{I}xa2$ 9. $\mathfrak{C}xe5+-$] 3. a3 $\mathfrak{C}xa3$
 4. $\mathfrak{C}xa3$ a5 5. b4 axb4 6. $\mathfrak{C}h3$ bxa3 7. $\mathbb{I}xa3$
 $\mathfrak{C}c6$ 8. $\mathbb{I}xa7$ $\mathfrak{C}xa7$ 9. $\mathbb{I}f1$ $\mathbb{P}h4$ 10. $\mathfrak{C}g5\pm$
 Taelman 2001

1... f6 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6\pm$ Taelman 2001 —Section 2.2

1... a5 2. b4 \pm Taelman 2001 —Section 2.3

1... a6 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6\pm$ Taelman 2001 —Section 2.4

1... h5 \pm Taelman 2001 —Section 2.5

1... c6 2. $\mathfrak{C}b5\pm$ Nye 2003 —Section 2.6

1... $\mathfrak{C}h6$ 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6\pm$ Francu 2012 —Section 2.7

1... $\mathfrak{C}c6\pm$ Watkins 2012 —Section 2.8

1... g5 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6\pm$ Watkins 2012 —Section
2.13

1... b5 \pm Watkins 2012 —Chapter 3

1... e6 \pm Watkins 2014 —Chapter 4

1... c5 \pm Watkins 2015 —Section 5.1

1... b6 \pm Watkins 2016 —Section 5.14

2.2 Proof 1...f6

1. e3 f6 2. $\mathfrak{C}a6$

[\pm Taelman 2001]

2... bxa6

2... $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 3. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 4. $\mathbb{P}f3\pm$

3. $\mathbb{P}e2!$?

[\pm Andrejić 2017]

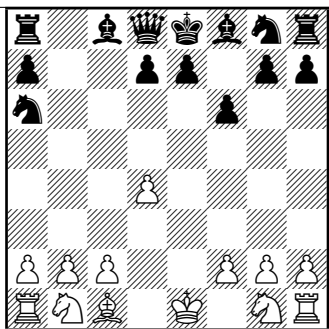
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 bxa3 7. $\mathfrak{C}xa3$ $\mathbb{P}a5$ 8. $\mathbb{P}h5$ $\mathbb{P}xa3$ 9. $\mathbb{I}xa3$ e4
 10. $\mathbb{I}xa6$ $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 11. $\mathbb{P}xe8\pm$] [3... d5 4. exd5
 $\mathbb{P}xd5$ 5. $\mathfrak{C}a3$ $\mathbb{P}xd2$ 6. $\mathfrak{C}xd2\pm$] 4. exf5 $\mathfrak{C}f7$
 [4... $\mathfrak{C}f6$ 5. $\mathbb{P}h5$ $\mathfrak{C}xh5$ 6. f4+-] [4... h6
 5. f6 gxf6 6. $\mathbb{P}e2$ a5 7. $\mathbb{P}xe7$ $\mathbb{P}xe7$ 8. c4
 $\mathbb{P}xe1$ 9. c5 \pm] 5. $\mathbb{P}h5$ [5. d3 \pm] 5... g6 6. $\mathbb{P}xg6$
 \pm Taelman 2001

3... c5

3... $\mathfrak{C}f7$ 4. $\mathbb{P}xa6$ $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 5. b4 $\mathfrak{C}xb4$ 6. a4
 $\mathfrak{C}xc2$ 7. e4 $\mathfrak{C}xa1$ 8. e5 fxe5 9. a5 a6 10. f4
 exf4 11. g3 fxg3 12. hxg3 $\mathfrak{C}g6$ 13. $\mathbb{I}xh7$ $\mathfrak{C}xh7$
 14. $\mathfrak{C}c3$ $\mathfrak{C}b3$ 15. $\mathfrak{C}b2$ $\mathfrak{C}xd2$ 16. $\mathfrak{C}xd2$ g5
 17. $\mathfrak{C}c1+-$

3... a5 4. b4 axb4 5. $\mathbb{P}a6$ $\mathfrak{C}xa6$ 6. d3! b3
 [6... $\mathfrak{C}c5$ 7. $\mathfrak{C}c3$ bxc3 8. h4 $\mathfrak{C}xd3$ 9. cxd3 c2
 10. $\mathfrak{C}e2\pm$] 7. axb3 $\mathfrak{C}c5$ [7... $\mathfrak{C}b4$ 8. $\mathbb{I}xa7$
 $\mathfrak{C}xd3$ 9. cxd3] [7... $\mathfrak{C}b8$ 8. $\mathbb{I}xa7$ $\mathbb{I}xa7$
 9. e4 $\mathbb{I}a4$ 10. bxa4 $\mathfrak{C}f7$ 11. e5 fxe5 12. $\mathfrak{C}f4$
 exf4 13. g3 fxg3 14. hxg3 $\mathfrak{C}h6$ 15. $\mathbb{I}xh6$
 gxh6 16. c4 $\mathbb{P}e8$ 17. f4 \pm] 8. $\mathbb{I}xa7$ $\mathbb{I}xa7$
 [8... $\mathfrak{C}xd3$ 9. cxd3 $\mathbb{I}xa7$ 10. e4 $\mathbb{I}a3$ 11. $\mathfrak{C}xa3$
 c6 12. g4 $\mathfrak{C}f7$ 13. $\mathfrak{C}g5$ fxg5 14. d4 \pm] 9. c4
 $\mathfrak{C}xd3$ 10. $\mathfrak{C}d2$ $\mathfrak{C}xc1$ 11. $\mathfrak{C}xc1$ $\mathbb{I}a3$ 12. $\mathfrak{C}xa3$
 $\mathfrak{C}a6$ 13. $\mathfrak{C}c2$ $\mathfrak{C}xc4$ 14. bxc4 $\mathfrak{C}f7$ 15. c5 d6
 16. cxd6 cxd6 17. $\mathfrak{C}h3\pm$

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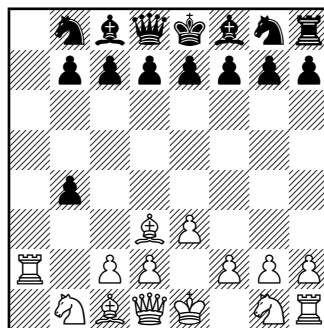


fxg5 13. ♖xg5+-] 12. cxd6 ♜xh3 13. gxh3
exd6 14. ♘a3 ♖d7 15. ♙g5 fxg5 16. c4 ♘e7
17. h4 gxh4 18. ♖d2 ♘d5 19. cxd5± Andrejčić
2017

2.3 Proof 1...a5

1. e3 a5 2. b4 axb4 3. ♙d3 ♜xa2
4. ♜xa2±

[±Taelman 2001]



6... ♖b6 7. b3 ♖xb3 [7... ♖xd4 8. b4
♖xb4 9. ♘c3 ♖xc3 10. ♜b1 ♖xe1 11. ♜b4±
8. axb3 ♘c5 9. ♜xa7±

6... ♖a5 7. b3 ♖xe1 8. d5 ♖xf2 [8... ♖xg1
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12. ♜b1 ♙xb3 13. ♜xb3+-] [8... ♖xc1
9. ♘c3 ♖xc2 10. a4 ♖xb3 11. d6 ♖xc3
12. dxe7 ♖xa1 13. exf8 ♖ ♖xg1 14. ♖xg7
♖xh2 15. ♖xh8+-] 9. a4 ♖xc2 10. ♘c3
♖xb3 11. ♘ce2 ♖xa4 12. ♜xa4 ♘c5 13. ♜xa7
♜xa7 14. ♙h6 gxh6 15. ♘f3±

6... ♘b8 7. ♙g5 fxg5 8. d5 ♖a5 [8... ♖b6
9. ♘d2 ♖xb2 10. a4 ♖xc2 11. f4 ♖xd2
12. ♖xd2 gxf4 13. g3 fxg3 14. hxg3 ♘h6
15. ♜xh6 gxh6 16. ♖c3 ♖f7 17. ♖d4±]
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♖xd2 12. ♖e2±] 9. b3 ♖xe1 10. ♘e2 ♖xb1
11. ♜axb1 ♖d8 12. ♜be1 g4 13. g3 ♖c7
14. ♜d1±

6... ♘c5 7. dxc5 ♖a5 [7... ♖c7 8. b4 ♖xh2
9. ♜xh2 f5 10. ♜xh7 ♜xh7 11. g4 fxg4 12. ♘f3
gxf3 13. ♙h6 ♘xh6 14. ♘a3+-] 8. ♘c3 ♖xc5
9. ♘a4 ♖xc2 10. ♙d2 ♖xb2 11. ♘xb2 ♘h6
12. ♙xh6 gxh6 13. h4±

6... ♖c7 7. b3 ♖xh2 [7... ♖xc2 8. d5
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gxh6 11. ♘f3 ♖d8 12. ♖e3 ♖c7 13. ♘c3±)
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14. h4+-) 9. ♘d2 ♖xd2 (9... ♖xe1 10. ♜xe1
♘b8 11. ♜xe7 ♖xe7 12. ♘e2±) 10. ♖xd2
♘b8 11. ♘f3 ♖d8 12. ♜ad1 ♖c7 13. ♘d4±]
8. ♜xh2 ♘c5 [8... ♘b4 9. ♜xh7 ♘xc2
10. ♜xg7+-] 9. ♜xh7 ♜xh7 10. dxc5 ♜h3
[10... f5 11. ♙h6 gxh6 12. f4 h5 13. ♘d2 ♜h6
14. ♘gf3+-] 11. ♘xh3 d6 [11... g5 12. ♘xg5

4... c5 5. ♙xh7 ♜xh7 6. ♖h5 [6. d4
cxd4 (6... ♜xh2 7. dxc5±) 7. ♖xd4 ♜xh2
8. ♖xb4±] 6... ♙xh5 7. ♜a8 ♜xh2 8. ♜xb8
♜xh1 9. ♜xb7+- Andrejčić - Tarabein,
Lichess 2018

4... g6 5. ♙xg6 fxg6 [5... hxg6 6. ♖g4 ♜xh2
7. ♖xb4 ♜xh1 8. ♖xe7+-] 6. ♖h5 gxh5 7. g4
hxg4 8. ♘h3 gxh3 9. ♖f1+- Taelman 2001

4... ♘a6 5. ♜xa6 bxa6 6. ♙xh7 ♜xh7 7. d3
[7. ♙a3± Watkins 2012] 7... ♜xh2 8. ♜xh2
b3 9. cxb3 ♘h6 10. ♜xh6 gxh6 11. ♖h5
[11. ♖c2 c5 12. ♖xc5 ♖c7 13. ♖xe7 ♖xc1
14. ♖xf7 ♖xb1 15. ♖xe8± Taelman 2001]
11... f5 12. ♖xe8 ♖xe8 13. f4±

4... f5 5. ♙xf5 ♘a6 6. ♜xa6 [6. ♙xd7± Tael-
man 2001] 6... bxa6 7. ♙xh7 ♜xh7 8. ♙a3
bxa3 9. ♘a3 ♜xh2 10. ♜xh2 ♘h6 11. ♜xh6
gxh6 12. ♘f3± Watkins 2012

4... ♘f6 5. ♙xh7 ♘xh7 6. ♖g4 [6. d3±
Taelman 2001] 6... g6 7. ♖xg6 fxg6 8. e4 e6
9. ♜a6 ♘xa6 10. ♘a3 bxa3 11. ♙xa3 ♙xa3
12. ♘h3± Watkins 2012

4... b3 5. cxb3 f5 [5... ♘a6 6. ♜xa6 bxa6
7. ♙xh7 ♜xh7 8. ♖h5 (8. d3± Tael-
man) 8... ♜xh5 9. ♘c3 ♜xh2 10. ♜xh2 ♘h6

11. ♖xh6 gxh6 12. d3± Watkins 2012] 6. ♙xf5 h5 7. ♙xd7 ♖xd7 8. ♗xh5 ♖xh5 9. ♖a8! [9. e4±] 9... ♖xh2 10. ♖xb8 ♖xh1 11. ♖xc8 ♖xg1 12. ♖xc7± Taelman 2001

2.4 Proof 1...a6

1. e3 a6 2. ♙xa6

[±Taelman 2001]

2... bxa6

2... ♗xa6? 3. b4 ♗xb4 4. c4 ♗xa2 5. ♖xa2 ♖xa2 6. ♗b3+-

2... ♖xa6? 3. ♗f3! ♖xa2 4. ♖xa2 c6 5. ♗xc6+-

3. ♗g4 g5

3... f6 4. ♗xg7 ♙xg7 5. ♗f3 ♙h6 [5... ♙f8 6. ♗c3±] 6. ♗a3 ♙xe3 7. fxe3± Taelman 2001

3... g6 4. ♗xd7 ♖xd7 [4... ♗xd7 5. ♗c3 ♗xd2 6. ♙xd2 ♙h3 7. ♗xh3 a5 8. b4 (8. ♗g5±) (8. ♗d5±) 8... axb4 9. ♙c1 ♖xa2 10. ♖xa2 bxc3 11. ♖a6 ♗xa6 12. ♖e2+-] [4... ♗xd7 5. c4 ♗df6 6. e4 ♗xe4 7. d4 ♗xd4 8. b4+-] 5. ♗c3 c6! 6. ♖d1! ♙g7 [6... ♗b6 7. b4 ♗xe3 (7... ♗xb4 8. ♗ge2 ♗xc3 9. ♗xc3 g5 10. ♖f1±) 8. fxe3 c5 9. bxc5 a5 10. ♙a3] [6... ♗a5 7. b4 ♗xa2 8. ♖xa2 a5 9. ♖xa5 ♖xa5 10. bxa5 c5 11. e4 c4 12. e5±] 7. ♗ge2 ♙xc3 8. ♗xc3 ♗a5 9. ♗a4 ♗xd2 [9... ♗xa4 10. b3±] 10. ♙xd2 ♖a7 [10... ♗h6 11. ♖e1 c5 12. ♗xc5 ♗g4 13. ♗xd7 ♗xe3 14. fxe3 ♗xd7 15. ♖e2 e6 16. c4±] 11. ♗c3 g5 [11... ♗h6 12. ♖e1 g5 13. g4 ♗xg4 14. b4 ♗xe3 15. fxe3±] 12. b4 ♖c7 13. ♖e2 a5 14. bxa5 c5 15. ♗d1± Taelman 2001

4. ♗xd7 ♗xd7

4... ♗xd7 5. g4 ♗xg4 6. ♗f3 ♗xf3 7. ♗c3 ♗xe3 8. dxe3±

4... ♖xd7 5. ♗c3 c6 [5... ♙g7 6. ♗ge2 ♙xc3 7. ♗xc3 ♗f8 8. ♗b5 axb5 9. b3 ♖xa2 10. ♖xa2 e6 11. ♙a3±] 6. ♗d5 cxd5 7. e4 dxe4 8. d3 exd3 9. ♙xg5 dxc2 10. ♙xe7 ♗xe7

11. ♖b1 cxb1 ♗ 12. ♖d2 ♗xd2 13. f3 ♗xf3 14. ♗xf3 ♖a7 [14... f6 15. h4±] 15. ♖f1 ♖a8 16. a4 ♗e8 17. a5± Taelman 2001

5. ♗c3 c6 6. ♗ge2 ♗b6

6... ♙g7 7. ♗e4 ♙xb2 8. ♗xg5 ♙xc1 9. ♗xc1 ♗h6 10. ♗xh7 ♖xh7 11. c4±

7. b4 ♗xe3

7... ♗xb4 8. ♖f1 ♗xc3 9. ♗xc3±

8. dxe3 ♗c5 9. bxc5±

9... ♗h6 10. ♖d2±

9... ♙h3 10. gxh3 g4 11. hxg4 f5 12. gxf5 e6 13. fxe6 ♙xc5 14. ♗d5 [14. ♖d2 ♙xe3 15. fxe3± Taelman 2001] 14... ♙xe3 15. fxe3 cxd5 16. ♗d4± Watkins 2012

9... ♙g4 10. f4 [10. ♙d2 ♙xe2 11. ♖xe2± Taelman 2001] 10... ♙xe2 11. ♖xe2 gxf4 12. exf4 ♖d7 13. ♖e1 ♖d8 14. ♙d2± Watkins 2012

2.5 Dutch Defence

1. e3 h5 2. ♗xh5 ♖xh5

The Dutch Defence eliminates the white queen, but the cost is too high. In practice, this opening was introduced by Beltman, and was popularized by Geerlings.

3. ♙a6

[±Nye ; ±Taelman 2001]

3. ♙c4?! ♖xh2 4. ♙xf7 ♖xf7 5. ♖xh2 ♗e8∞ Minear - Geerlings, FICS 1998

3. ♗a3?! ♖xh2 4. ♖xh2 b5 [4... ♗a6? 5. ♙xa6 bxa6 6. ♖d1± OMINOUS - Beltman, FICS 1998] 5. ♙xb5 [5. ♗xb5? a6±] 5... e6 6. ♙xd7 ♙xa3 7. bxa3 [CATNAIL - *ObamaBeach*, FICS 2014] 7... ♖xd7±

3... bxa6

3... ♖xh2 4. ♖xh2 transposes to other lines
3... ♗xa6 4. b4 ♗xb4 5. a4 ♗xc2 6. e4 ♗xa1 7. e5! ♖xh2 8. ♖xh2± Nye; As Liardet noted, Black is completely stuck. The main threat is 9. ♖h6 gxh6 10. ♗f3 followed by 11. ♗a3 ♗c2 12. ♗xc2, which prepares a fatal promotion of the h6-pawn on the e1-square.

4. ♖c3 ♜xh2 5. ♜xh2 c6!

5...d5 6. ♖xd5 ♜xd5 7. g4 ♙xg4 8. ♖f3 ♙xf3 [8...♜xf3 9. ♖e2 ♜xe2 10. ♜h5+-] 9. ♜h1 ♙xh1 10. a4! ♜xd2 11. ♖xd2+-
 5...♖h6 6. ♜xh6 gxh6 7. ♖b5 [7. ♖d1± Watkins 2012] 7...axb5 8. c4 bxc4 9. d3 cxd3 10. ♖e2 [10. ♙d2±] 10...dxe2 11. ♖xe2 c6 12. ♖c3+-
 5...g6 6. ♖b5 axb5 7. c4 bxc4 8. b3 cxb3 9. axb3 ♖c6 10. ♜xa7 ♖xa7 11. e4 f5 12. exf5 gxf5 13. ♖h3 ♖f7 14. d3±
 5...f6 6. ♖d1!±

6. ♖d1

6...d5 7. ♖xd5 ♜xd5 8. g4 ♙xg4 9. ♜h8 [9. d4 ♙xd1 10. ♖h3 ♙xc2 11. e4+- Watkins 2012] 9...♙xd1 10. ♜xg8 ♙xc2 11. ♜xg7 ♙xg7 12. a3+-
 6...♜b6 7. b3 [7. ♜h1±] 7...♜xe3 [7...♜xb3 8. cxb3±] 8. dxe3 f5 9. g4 fxg4 10. ♖f3 gxf3 11. ♖d5 cxd5 12. e4 dxe4 13. ♙e3+-
 6...♜a5 7. b4 ♜xa2 [7...♜xb4 8. d3 ♜xc3 9. ♜b1±] 8. ♜xa2 a5 [8...c5 9. bxc5±] 9. ♜xa5± Taelman 2001

2.6 Andryushkov Defence

1. e3 c6 2. ♙b5

2. e4!?!± Steenhuis 2014 —Section 1.12

2...cxb5 3. b4

[±Nye 2003]

3. ♜a5

3...a5?! 4. bxa5 ♜xa5 [4...♜xa5 5. c4 bxc4 6. ♜b3 ♜xa2 7. ♜xa2 cxb3 8. e4 bxa2 9. d4+-] 5. ♜g4 [5. ♖h3 ♜xd2 6. ♖xd2±] [5. c3 ♜xc3 6. ♖xc3 ♜xa2 7. ♖xb5 ♜xd2 8. ♙xd2± Watkins 2012] 5...♜xd2 [5...♜xa2 6. ♜xa2 ♜xa2 7. ♜xd7+-] 6. ♖xd2±
 3...♜c7 4. ♖f3 ♜xc2 [4...♜xh2 5. ♖xh2±] 5. ♜xc2 g6 [5...h5 6. ♜xc8

g5 7. ♖xg5 ♖d8 8. ♜xb7 ♖c7 9. ♜xc7 a6 (9...♖f6 10. ♜xa7 ♜xa7 11. ♖xf7 ♜xa2 12. ♖xh8 ♜xd2 13. ♖xd2± NESSEGREV - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009) 10. ♖xf7 h4 11. ♖xh8±] [5...g5 6. ♖xg5 h5 7. ♜xc8 —5...h5] 6. ♜xg6! [6. ♜xc8?! ♖d8! (6...♖f6 7. ♜xd7 ♖xd7 8. e4 ♖xe4 9. ♖d4± *Amenimo* - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009) 7. ♜xd8±] 6...fxg6 [6...hxg6 7. ♖c3+-] 7. ♖g5! ♖f6 8. ♖xh7 ♖xh7 9. g4 g5 10. e4 ♙h6 11. ♜f1 ♜f8 12. h4 gxh4 13. d4+- NESSEGREV - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009
 3...b6 4. ♖e2! a5 [4...♜c7 5. ♖f3 ♜xc2 (5...♜xh2 6. ♖xh2) 6. ♜xc2 h5 7. ♜xc8 g5 8. ♜xe8 d6 9. ♖xg5± NILATAC - Gasgo, FICS 2009] 5. bxa5 bxa5 6. c4 bxc4 7. ♖d3 cxd3 8. a4 ♖a6 [8...♜c7 9. ♜a2! ♜xc1 10. ♜xc1 ♜a7 11. ♜xc8 d6 12. ♜xe8±] 9. e4 ♜c7 10. e5 ♜xc1 [10...♜xe5 11. h3 ♜xa1 12. ♜f3 ♜xb1 13. ♜xa8 ♜xc1 14. ♜xa6+-] 11. ♜xc1 ♜b8 12. ♜xc8 ♜xb1 13. ♜xb1 ♖b4 14. ♜xe8 g6 15. ♜xf7 e6 16. ♜xd7 ♙d6 17. ♜xh7 ♜xh7 18. exd6 ♜xh2 19. ♜xh2 g5 20. ♜xb4 axb4 21. g4 e5 22. a5± Watkins 2012

4. bxa5 a6

4...h5 5. ♜xh5 ♜xh5 6. ♖d1! ♜xh2 7. ♜xh2 ♖d8 8. c4 bxc4 9. d3 cxd3 10. ♜h6 gxh6 11. ♖a3 ♖a6 [11...d2 12. ♙xd2±] 12. ♙b2! ♙g7 13. ♙xg7 ♖f6 14. ♙xf6 exf6 15. ♜b1 ♖c7 16. ♜xb7 ♖xb7 17. ♖f3±
 4...b4 5. a3 bxa3 6. ♖xa3 ♖d8 7. d3 ♖a6 [7...h5 8. ♜xh5 ♜xh5 9. h4 ♜xh4 10. ♜xh4 ♖c7 (10...f5 11. a6 ♖xa6 12. ♜b4 ♖xb4 13. ♜b1 ♖xd3 14. ♜xb7 ♖xe1 15. ♜xd7 ♖xc2 16. ♖xc2 ♖xd7 17. e4 fxe4 18. ♙h6 gxh6 19. ♖e3+- NESSEGREV - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009) (10...♖a6 11. ♜b4 ♖xb4 12. ♜b1± NESSEGREV - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009) 11. ♖d1 ♖h6 12. ♜xh6 gxh6 13. ♙d2±] 8. ♜d2 ♜b8 [8...b5 9. axb6 axb6 10. ♜b4 ♖xb4 (*Amenimo* - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009) 11. c4! ♖xd3 12. ♖d2+-] 9. c4! d5 10. cxd5 ♙h3 11. gxh3 ♖b4 12. ♜xb4 b6 13. axb6 ♜xb6 14. ♜xe7± Watkins 2012

5. ♜h5 b4

5... b6 6. axb6 ♖a7 7. ♗xh7 ♚xh7 8. bxa7 ♚xh2 9. axb8 ♗±

6. ♗xf7 ♗xf7 7. ♕a3 bxa3 8. ♗xa3 b6
9. axb6 ♖a7 10. bxa7±

10... a5 11. axb8 ♕ a4 12. ♕d6 exd6 13. e4±
10... d5 11. axb8 ♕ d4 12. exd4 ♕h3
13. gxh3± Andrejić - Andryushkov, FICS 2003

10... ♗f6 11. axb8 ♕ e5 12. ♕xe5 ♕xa3
13. ♕xf6 gxf6 14. ♖c1 ♕xc1 15. f4 [15. ♗f3 ♕xd2 16. ♗xd2± Francu 2006] 15... ♕xd2
16. ♗xd2± Watkins 2012

2.7 Hippopotamus Defence

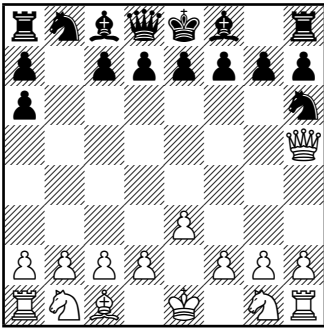
1. e3 ♗h6 2. ♕a6

[±Francu 2012]

2... bxa6

2... ♗xa6 3. b4 ♗xb4 4. ♗f3+-

3. ♗h5±



3... ♗g4 4. ♗xh7 ♚xh7 5. ♗c3± Francu 2012

3... a5 4. ♗xh6 gxh6 5. b4 axb4 6. d3 b3
7. cxb3 c6 [7... ♖g8 8. h4! ♖xg2 9. ♗h3 ♖xf2
10. ♗xf2±] 8. ♗c3! [8. ♗a3 ♗a5∞ SELF-KILLER - STAYALIVE, FICS 2009] 8... ♗a5
9. ♗ge2 ♗xa2 10. ♗xa2! a5 11. ♗d2 ♗a6
12. ♗b4 axb4 13. ♖xa6 ♖xa6 14. ♖f1!±
Francu 2012

3... g5 4. ♗xh6 ♕xh6 5. a4 ♕f8 [5... g4
6. g3 ♕xe3 7. dxe3 e5 8. ♗f3 gxf3 9. ♗f1

♗g5 10. g4 ♗xg4 11. b3 ♗xa4 12. bxa4 e4
13. ♗d2+-] [5... c5 6. f4 gxf4 7. exf4 ♕xf4
8. ♖a3 ♕xd2 9. ♕xd2 c4 10. ♖d3± Francu
2012] 6. a5 c5 [6... e6 (Bozick - Gsch, FICS
2003) 7. ♖a3 ♕xa3 8. ♗xa3 ♗f6 9. b3 ♗xf2
10. ♗xf2 c5 11. d3±] 7. c4 ♗xa5 8. ♖xa5
d5 9. ♖xc5 dxc4 10. ♖xc8± MetalwarriorT -
LexB, FICS 2009

3... c6 4. ♗xh6 gxh6 5. e4 ♗a5 [5... ♗b6
6. b3 ♗xf2 7. ♗xf2 a5 8. a4±] 6. a3
♗xd2 [6... ♗xa3 7. ♗xa3 f5 8. exf5 e6
9. fxe6 ♕xa3 10. ♖xa3 dxe6 11. ♖xa6
♕xa6 (Lajeunesse - NAKSHATRA, FICS
2010) 12. d3!+-] 7. ♗xd2 c5 8. c4 d5 9. exd5
♗c6 10. dxc6 ♕h3 [10... ♕b7 11. cxb7
♗d7 12. bxa8 ♕±] 11. ♗xh3 ♗d7 [11... e5
12. a4 ♗d7 13. cxd7 ♖e8 14. dxe8 ♗ ♕e7
15. ♗xf7 ♖g8 (NESSEGREV - STAYALIVE,
FICS 2009) 16. ♗xe7 ♖xg2 17. ♗xe5 ♖xf2
18. ♗xc5 ♖xd2 19. ♗xa7 ♖xb2 20. ♗xa6
♖xh2 21. ♖xh2 h5 22. ♖g2 h4 23. ♖g3
hxg3 24. ♕h6 g2 25. ♗f2+-] 12. cxd7 ♖e8
13. dxe8 ♗ ♕g7 [13... e5 14. ♗xf8 ♖xf8
15. a4 a5 16. ♖a3±] [DaGreenster -
NAKSHATRA, FICS 2010] 14. ♗xf7 ♕xb2
15. ♗xe7 ♕xc1 16. ♗xa7±

3... g6 4. ♗xg6 fvg6 [4... hxg6 5. ♗e2 ♗g4
6. a4±] 5. ♗e2 ♗f7 6. ♗a3 a5 7. g4 ♗xg4
8. ♖g1 ♗xf2 9. ♖xg6 ♗xg6 10. ♗xf2 a4 11. b3
[11. ♗f4 ♗h5 12. ♗xh5 ♕g7 13. ♗xg7 ♗e8
14. ♗xe8 ♖xe8 15. b3 axb3 16. cxb3± Francu
2012] 11... axb3 12. cxb3 ♗e8 13. ♗c2 ♗a6
14. ♗b4 ♗xb4 15. a4± Watkins 2016

3... c5 4. ♗xh6 gxh6 5. b4 cxb4 6. ♕a3 bxa3
7. ♗xa3 ♗c7 [7... ♗a5 8. e4 ♗xd2 9. ♗xd2
d5 10. exd5 ♗c6 11. dxc6 ♕b7 12. cxb7 ♗d7
13. bxa8 ♕±] [7... ♗c6 8. e4 ♗b4 9. ♖d1
♗xc2 10. ♗xc2 ♕g7 (10... d5 11. exd5 ♗xd5
12. g3 ♗xd2 13. ♗xd2 ♕h3 14. ♗xh3 ♗d7
15. ♖c1 ♗c6 16. ♗c3±) 11. e5 ♕xe5 12. ♗h3
♕xh2 13. ♖xh2 ♖f8 14. a4 ♗b6 (14... e5
15. a5 ♗xa5 16. ♗b4 ♗xb4 17. ♗g1 ♗xd2
18. ♖xh6+- STAYALIVE - Nakshatra, FICS
2013) 15. a5 (15. ♖a1±) 15... ♗xf2 16. ♗xf2
♗d8 17. ♖a1± Francu 2012] 8. ♗h3 ♗xc2
9. ♗xc2 ♕g7 10. ♗e2 ♕xa1 11. ♖xa1 a5
12. a4 ♗a6 [12... ♗c6 13. d4 ♗xd4 14. exd4