

Queen's Gambit Accepted Open Variations

All third moves except 3 Nf3 (D20)

1 d4 d5
2 c4 dxc4

The normal move for white is 3 Nf3, preventing ...e7-e5. Against other moves - moves that don't prevent ...e5, we will play it immediately. This appears to be an easy way to equalize.

3 e4

This is most aggressive, but there are three alternatives.

3 e3 e5 4 Bxc4 (4 dxe5 Qxd1+ 5 Kxd1 Nc6 6 f4 Be6 7 Bd2 Nb4 8 Bxb4 Bxb4 9 Nc3 O-O-O+ 10 Ke2 Rd3 -/+ Glasewald - Gross, corr 1990) Nc6!? 5 Qb3 (5 Nf3 e4 6 Nfd2 Qg5! 7 Kf1 Nf6 8 Nc3 Qg6 =/+ Sliwa,B - Stahlberg,G, Goteborg m (14) 1955 ; 5 d5 Nce7 (5 ... Nb8) 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 Nf3 Ng6 8 Qb3 Bd6 9 Bb5+ Nd7 Behrhorst - Mohr, Duitsland tt 1987) 5 ... Nh6 6 Nf3 e4 7 Nfd2 Qg5 8 g3 Bb4 (oo) Udovcic - Stahlberg, Ljubljana 1955 continued 9 Nc3 O-O 10 Ncxe4 Qe7 11 O-O Bh3 12 Rd1 Bg4 13 Rf1 Bh3 1/2 ;

3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 (4 d5 a6 5 a4 Nf6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 e4 h6 = Vizantiadis,L - Spassky,B, Siegen ol (2) 1970) 4 ... exd4 5 Qxd4 Qxd4 = Pleci - Bazan, Buenos Aires 1970 ;

3 Qa4+ c6 4 Qxc4 Nf6 5 Nf3 Bf5 = 6 g3 e6 7 Bg2 Nbd7 8 O-O Be7 9 Rd1 O-O Ljubojevic - Anand, Belgrade 1997

3 ... e5
4 Nf3

4 d5 f5!? 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bxc4 Bc5 (6 ... Bd6!?) 7 Nf3 Qe7 De Labourdonnais,L - McDonnell,A, Londen m (1) 1834 ;

4 Bxc4?! Qxd4 5 Qb3 Qxe4+ 6 Be3 Qg6 7 Nf3 Nd7 =/+ White does not have enough compensation for the pawns. ;

4 dxe5 Qxd1+ 5 Kxd1 Nc6 6 Bxc4 (6 f4 Bg4+ 7 Nf3 O-O-O+) 6 ... Nxe5 7 Be2 Bc5 = Shevelev - Rublevsky, Paris 1993

4 ... Nf6
5 Bxc4

5 Nc3 exd4 6 Qxd4 (6 Nxd4 a6 7 Bxc4 c5 = Erwich - Jonkman, Haarlem 1996) 6 ... Qxd4 7 Nxd4 Bc5 8 Be3 Ng4

9 Nd5 Nxe3 10 fxe3 Na6 11 Bxc4 c6 = 12 Bxa6 cxd5 13 Bb5+ Ke7 14 exd5 Bxd4 15 exd4 1/2 Mikhalchishin - Gulko, Riga ch-URS / zt (1) 1985

5 ... Nxe4
6 O-O

6 Nc3 Nd6 7 dxe5 Nxc4 8 Qa4+ Nc6 9 Qxc4 Be6 10 Qe2 Bb4 (oo) ;

6 Nxe5 Nd6 7 Bb3 Be7 8 Nc3 O-O 9 O-O Nd7 10 Re1 Nxe5 11 dxe5 Nf5 = Dautov - Korsunsky, USSR (1) 1988

6 ... Nd6
7 Bb3 e4
8 Ne5 Be7
9 f3 e3
10 Bxe3 O-O
11 Nc3

Olesen,Martin - Karklins,Eric, Chicago (1) 1993

11 ... Nd7 =

Games:

Glasewald,Stefan - Gross,Wilhelm, corr: ICCF World Cup8-9 prel-191 1990

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e3 e5 4 dxe5 Qxd1+ 5 Kxd1 Nc6 6 f4 Be6 7 Bd2 Nb4 8 Bxb4 Bxb4 9 Nc3 O-O-O+ 10 Ke2 Rd3 11 Rc1 Nh6 12 Nf3 Ng4 13 Nd1 Rhd8 14 Nd4 Bd5 15 Rc2 Be4 O-1

Sliwa,B - Stahlberg,G, Goteborg m (14) 1955

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e3 e5 4 Bxc4 Nc6 5 Nf3 e4 6 Nfd2 Qg5 7 Kf1 Nf6 8 Nc3 Qg6 9 Bb5 Bd7 10 d5 Ne5 11 Bxd7+ Nexd7 12 Qa4 Bd6 13 Ndx4 O-O 14 f3 Nxe4 15 Nxe4 Nb6 16 Qb3 Rae8 17 Nc3 Nd7 18 g3 h5 19 Kg2 h4 20 Ne2 f5 21 Qc2 Nf6 22 Qc4 f4 23 Nxf4 Bxf4 24 exf4 b5 25 Qxb5 Qc2+ 26 Kh3 hxg3 27 Qb3 Qf5+ 28 Kxg3 Re2 29 Be3 Qg6+ 30 Kh4 Qh6+ 31 Kg3 Nh5+ O-1

Behrhorst,F (2355) - Mohr,S (2325), Duitsland tt (1) 1987
1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6 3 e3 dxc4 4 Bxc4 e5 5 d5 Nce7 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 Nf3 Ng6 8 Qb3 Bd6 9 Bb5+ Nd7 10 O-O O-O 11 Ne4 Nc5 12 Nxc5 Bxc5 13 e4 Rb8 14 Bg5 Qd6 15 Rac1 c6 16 Qc2 Bd4 17 dxc6 bxc6 18 Qxc6 Qxc6 19 Bxc6 Bxb2 20 Rc2 Be6 21 Be3 a6 22 Ba7 Rbc8 23 Rxb2 Rxc6 24 Ng5 Bc4 25 Rc1 Nf4 26 Rbc2 Rfc8 27 Rd1 f6 28 Nf3 Be2 29 Rxc6 Rxc6 30 Ra1 Nh3+ 31 Kh1 Bxf3 32 gxf3 Rc2 33 Kg2 Nf4+ 34 Kg3 g5 35 Kg4 Kf7 36 Be3 h5+ 37 Kg3 h4+ 38 Kg4 Kg6 39 Rd1 Rxa2 40 Rd6 Nh5 41 Rb6 a5 42 Ra6 Ra1 43 Ra8 a4 44 Rg8+ Ng7 45 Bc5 Rg1+ 46 Kh3 Kh7 47 Ra8 Ne6 48 Be3 Ra1 49 Kg4 Kg6 50 Rg8+ Kf7 51 Ra8 Ng7 52 Ra7+ Kg6 53 Ra6 a3 54 Bd2 Nh5 55 Ra7 a2 56 Kh3 Rf1 57 Rxa2 Rxf2 O-1

Udovcic,Mijo - Stahlberg,Gideon, Ljubljana 1955

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e3 e5 4 Bxc4 Nc6 5 Qb3 Nh6 6 Nf3 e4
7 Nfd2 Qg5 8 g3 Bb4 9 Nc3 O-O 10 Ncxe4 Qe7 11 O-O Bh3
12 Rd1 Bg4 13 Rf1 Bh3 1/2

Vizantiadis,L - Spassky,B, Siegen ol 1970

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nc3 e5 4 d5 a6 5 a4 Nf6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7
e4 h6 8 Bxf6 Nxf6 9 Bxc4 Bb4 10 Qc2 O-O 11 Nf3 Bd6 12 O-
O Nh5 13 Ne2 Bg4 14 Nd2 Qg5 15 Ng3 Nf4 16 Nb3 h5 17 f3
Bd7 18 Kh1 g6 19 Rg1 f5 20 Ne2 fxe4 21 Nxf4 Rxf4 22 fxe4
Raf8 23 Qc1 Kg7 24 Be2 Qe7 25 Nd2 c6 26 Bc4 Rf2 27 Nf3
R8xf3 0-1

Pleci,Isaias - Bazan,Osvaldo, Buenos Aires 1970

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 exd4 5 Qxd4 Qxd4 6 Nxd4
Bc5 7 Ndb5 Na6 8 Bf4 Be6 9 Bxc7 Nf6 10 Bd6 Bxd6 11
Nxd6+ Ke7 12 Ndb5 Rhd8 13 Rc1 Nb4 14 Nc7 Rac8 15 Nxe6
fxe6 16 e4 a6 17 a3 Nc6 18 Bxc4 Ne5 19 Be2 Nxe4 20 O-O
Nxc3 21 bxc3 Rd2 22 Rfe1 Kf6 23 Rb1 Rxc3 24 f4 Ng6 25
Rxb7 Nxf4 26 Bf1 Rxa3 27 Rb6 Raa2 28 g3 Ne2+ 29 Bxe2
Rxe2 30 Rxe2 Rxe2 31 Rxa6 h5 32 Ra7 g6 33 Ra8 Kg5 34
Rf8 e5 35 h3 h4 36 g4 e4 37 Rf7 e3 38 Rf3 Re1+ 39 Kg2
Re2+ 40 Kg1 Rd2 41 Rxe3 Kf4 42 Ra3 Re2 43 Ra4+ Re4 44
Ra6 g5 45 Kf2 Rb4 46 Ra2 Rd4 47 Rb2 Rd3 48 Rb4+ Ke5 49
Rb5+ Rd5 50 Rb3 Ke4 51 Re3+ Kd4 52 Kf3 Rc5 53 Re4+ Kd5
54 Re3 Ra5 55 Rb3 Kc4 56 Re3 Kd4 57 Re4+ Kd5 58 Re8
Ra3+ 59 Kg2 Rg3+ 60 Kh2 Rc3 61 Rg8 Rc2+ 62 Kg1 Ke4 63
Rxc5 Kf3 64 Re5 Rc3 65 Kh2 1/2

Ljubojevic,L (2565) - Anand,V (2765), Belgrade: Investbank
(1) 1997-11-19

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 dxc4 4 Qa4+ c6 5 Qxc4 Bf5 6 g3 e6
7 Bg2 Nbd7 8 O-O Be7 9 Rd1 O-O 10 Nh4 Be4 11 Bxe4 Nxe4
12 Qc2 Nef6 13 Nc3 c5 14 d5 Nxd5 15 Nxd5 Bxh4 16 Nc3
Bf6 17 Qa4 Bd4 18 e3 Bxc3 19 Rxd7 Qe8 20 Qd1 Bf6 21
Rxb7 Qc6 22 Rb3 c4 23 Ra3 Rfd8 24 Qe2 Qe4 25 f3 Qd5 26
Kf2 Qb5 27 Rb1 Rd3 28 Qc2 Rad8 29 Ra4 Qf5 30 Rxc4 Qh3
31 Ke1 Rd1+ 0-1

De Labourdonnais,L - McDonnell,A, Londen m (1) 1834

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 d5 f5 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bxc4 Bc5 7
Nf3 Qe7 8 Bg5 Bxf2+ 9 Kf1 Bb6 10 Qe2 f4 11 Rd1 Bg4 12
d6 cxd6 13 Nd5 Nxd5 14 Bxe7 Ne3+ 15 Ke1 Kxe7 16 Qd3
Rd8 17 Rd2 Nc6 18 b3 Ba5 19 a3 Rac8 20 Rg1 b5 21 Bxb5
Bxf3 22 gxf3 Nd4 23 Bc4 Nxf3+ 24 Kf2 Nxd2 25 Rxc7+ Kf6
26 Rf7+ Kg6 27 Rb7 Ndx4 28 bxc4 Rxc4 29 Qb1 Bb6 30
Kf3 Rc3 31 Qa2 Nc4+ 32 Kg4 Rg8 33 Rxb6 axb6 34 Kh4 Kf6
35 Qe2 Rg6 36 Qh5 Ne3 0-1

Shevelev,S (2395) - Rublevsky,S (2515), Paris ch (7) 1993

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 dxe5 Qxd1+ 5 Kxd1 Nc6 6 Bxc4
Nxe5 7 Be2 Bc5 8 Bf4 f6 9 Bg3 Be6 10 Nf3 O-O-O+ 11 Kc2
Nxf3 12 Bxf3 Ne7 13 a3 Nc6 14 Nd2 Nd4+ 15 Kc1 Rd7 16
Bd1 Rhd8 17 Re1 g5 18 h3 h6 19 Rb1 a5 20 Re3 Nc6 21 Re2
Ba2 22 b4 Bxb1 23 bxc5 Bxe4 24 Rxe4 Rxd2 25 Bg4+ Kb8
26 Re6 f5 27 Bxf5 Rd1+ 28 Kb2 Nd4 29 Rf6 Nxf5 30 Rxf5
R1d5 31 Rf6 h5 32 c6 Rb5+ 33 Ka2 Rd1 34 Rf7 Rd2+ 35 Ka1

Rd1+ 36 Ka2 Rd2+ 37 Ka1 0-1

Erwich,F (1982) - Jonkman,H (2294), Haarlem: AKN (1)
1996-06-29

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 Nf6 4 Nc3 e5 5 Nf3 exd4 6 Nxd4 a6
7 Bxc4 c5 8 Qb3 Qe7 9 Nde2 b5 10 Bd5 Bb7 11 Bg5 Nc6 12
O-O O-O-O 13 Nxb5 axb5 14 Qxb5 Na7 15 Qc4 Bxd5 16 exd5
Kb8 17 Nc3 Qc7 18 Bf4 Bd6 19 Bxd6 Rxd6 20 Rfd1 Rb6 21
Na4 Rb4 22 Qc2 Rc8 23 Rac1 Nd7 24 a3 Rd4 25 Qb3+ Qb7
26 Qg3+ Ka8 27 b4 cxb4 28 axb4 Qxd5 29 Qf3 Qxf3 30 gxf3
Rxc1 31 Rxc1 Rxb4 0-1

Mikhalchishin,A - Gulko,B, USSR 1985

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 exd4 5 Qxd4 Qxd4 6 Nxd4
Nf6 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Nd5 Nxe3 10 fxe3 Na6 11 Bxc4
c6 12 Bxa6 cxd5 13 Bb5+ Ke7 14 exd5 Bxd4 15 exd4 1/2

Dautov,R - Korsunsky, USSR (1) 1988

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Bxc4 Nxe4 6 Nxe5
Nd6 (6 ... Bb4+!?) 7 Bb3 Be7 8 Nc3 O-O 9 O-O Nd7 10 Re1
Nxe5 11 dxe5 Nf5 12 Qxd8 Bxd8 13 Bf4 c6 14 Ne4 Be6 15
Bxe6 fxe6 16 Rad1 Ba5 17 Bd2 Bxd2 18 Rxd2 Rad8 19 Rxd8
Rxd8 20 f4 Rd4 21 Kf2 h6 22 a3 Rc4 23 g3 a5 24 Re2 a4 25
g4 Ne7 26 Kf3 Nd5 27 f5 b5 28 fxe6 Kf8 29 Nd6 Rf4+ 30
Kg3 g6 31 Rd2 Rf1 32 Rc2 Rg1+ 33 Kf3 Rf1+ 34 Ke2 Rb1 35
Nc8 Ke8 36 Kd3 b4 37 Rf2 b3 38 Rf7 1-0

Olesen,Martin - Karklins,Eric, Chicago (1) 1993

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Bxc4 Nxe4 6 O-O
Nd6 7 Bb3 e4 8 Ne5 Be7 9 f3 e3 10 Bxe3 O-O 11 Nc3 Na6?!
(11 ... Nd7) 12 g4 Bd7 13 a3 Kh8 14 Qd3 Bf6 15 Ne4 Bb5
16 Nxd6 Bxe5 17 Nxb5 c6 18 Bc2 1-0

Neo-Slav*aka QGA Janowski Variation*

1 d4 d5
2 c4 dxc4
3 Nf3 Nf6
4 e3 Bf5
5 Bxc4 e6
6 Nc3 Nbd7
7 O-O

7 **Qe2 c5** 8 e4 Bg4 9 e5 cxd4 10 exf6 dxc3 11 O-O Qxf6 12 Bb5 Rd8 13 Rd1 a6 14 Bxd7+ Rxd7 15 Rxd7 Bxf3 16 gxf3 Kxd7 +/- Wocke-Kruger, Wiesbaden 1988 ;

7 **Qb3 Nb6** 8 Bb5+ c6 9 Be2 a5 10 a4 Bb4 11 O-O O-O 12 Bd2 Nbd5 = Traeger - Paust, Germany 2001

7 ... **a6**

Black expands on the queen-side before playing the c7-c5 break. This may prevent e3-e4 by driving the knight on c3 away. Also, it leaves b7 as a good retreat square for black's white-squared bishop. There are other good 7th moves for black, too.

8 **Qe2**

8 **Re1 b5** 9 Bb3 (9 Bd3 Bxd3 10 Qxd3 c5) 9 ... b4 9 (... Ne4!?) 9 ... c5) 10 e4 Bg6 11 e5 bxc3 12 exf6 gxf6 (not 12 ... cxb2? 13 Be6);

8 **Nd2 b5** 9 Be2 c5 10 e4 Bg6 11 e5 cxd4 12 exf6 dxc3 +/-

8 ... **b5**
9 **Bb3**

9 **Bd3 Bxd3** 10 Qxd3 c5 = ;

9 **e4 Bg6** 10 e5? (10 Bb3 b4 11 e5 bxc3 12 exf6 cxb2 (oo)) 10 ... bxc4 11 exf6 Bd3 +-

9 ... **c5**

9 ... Ne4 is also possible.

10 e4 **Bg4**
11 d5 **c4**

Or

11 ... e5 12 Nd1 Bd6 13 Ne3 O-O (oo) but not ;

11 ... Ne5? 12 dxe6 +/-

12 **Bc2 Bb4**
13 **h3 Bxf3**
14 **Qxf3 exd5**
15 **Nxd5 Nxd5**
16 **exd5 O-O =**

Games:

Wocke,Ruediger - Krueger,Thomas, Wiesbaden: Wiesbaden op (7) 1988

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bf5 5 e3 e6 6 Bxc4 Nbd7
 7 Qe2 c5 8 e4 Bg4 9 e5 cxd4 10 exf6 dxc3 11 O-O Qxf6 12
 Bb5 Rd8 13 Rd1 a6 14 Bxd7+ Rxd7 15 Rxd7 Bxf3 16 gxf3
 Kxd7 17 Be3 cxb2 18 Rd1+ Bd6 19 Qd2 Qe5 20 Bf4 Qd5 21
 Qe1 Bxf4 22 Rxd5+ exd5 23 Qb4 Be5 24 Qxb7+ Ke6 25
 Qxa6+ Kf5 26 Qd3+ Kf6 27 f4 Bxf4 28 Qa6+ Kg5 29 h4+
 Kxh4 0-1

Traeger,Sven - Paust,Wolf Dieter (2124), Germany: Oberliga Nord W 0001 (7) 2001-03-11

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 Bf5 4 c4 dxc4 5 Bxc4 Nbd7 6 Qb3
 e6 7 Nc3 Nb6 8 Bb5+ c6 9 Be2 a5 10 a4 Bb4 11 O-O O-O 12
 Bd2 Nbd5 13 Rfd1 Ne4 14 Be1 Qe7 15 Rac1 Rfb8 16 Ne5 f6
 17 Nd3 Bd6 18 Nxe4 Bxe4 19 Nc5 Bxc5 20 Rxc5 b6 21 Rxc6
 Nf4 22 Rxb6 Nxe2+ 23 Kf1 Rxb6 24 Qxb6 Qe8 25 Kxe2 Bxg2
 26 Rc1 Rb8 27 Qxa5 Rxb2+ 28 Bd2 Bd5 29 f3 f5 30 Qc3 Rb8
 31 a5 Qh5 32 Rf1 Qxh2+ 33 Rf2 Qd6 34 Rf1 Qa6+ 35 Kf2
 Qd6 36 Ke2 h5 37 Rh1 Qg3 38 Rf1 h4 39 a6 h3 40 a7 Ra8
 41 Be1 Qg2+ 42 Rf2 Bxf3+ 43 Kd2 Qg4 44 Qc7 Qe4 45 Rf1
 Qd5 46 Bg3 Qa2+ 47 Qc2 Qxc2+ 48 Kxc2 Be4+ 49 Kb3 Rxa7
 50 Rf2 Ra1 51 Kc3 Ra3+ 52 Kd2 Ra2+ 53 Ke1 Ra1+ 54 Kd2
 g5 55 Bh2 Kg7 56 Ke2 Kg6 57 Bg3 Kh5 58 Rh2 Ra3 59 Ke1
 Bg2 60 Bf2 Kg4 0-1

Stolte,A - Brueggemann,Joachim, Germany (1) 1988

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 dxc4 4 Nc3 Bf5 5 e3 e6 6 Bxc4 Bd6
 7 O-O Nbd7 8 Qe2 Ne4 9 Nxe4 Bxe4 10 Nd2 Bg6 11 f4 O-O
 12 e4 Re8 13 Nf3 c5 14 d5 1/2