

Banzai Benoni

Chess Theory Table

1 d4 c5 2 d5^(a) d6



	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Eval
Schmid Benoni Hempeater Variation												
1	Nc3 g6	e4 Bg7	Nf3 Bc3!?	bc3 Nf6	Bb5 Bd7	Bd3 Bg4	0-0 Nbd7					=
Three Pawn Attack Variation												
2	e4 g6	f4 Bg7	Nf3 e6!	c4 ed5	cd5 ^(b) Ne7	Nc3 0-0	Be2 Bg4	0-0 Nd7				=
Four Pawn Attack Variation												
3	c4 g6	e4 Bg7	f4 f5!?	ef5 Bf5	Bd3 Qa5	Bd2 Qb6	Bf5 Qb2	Bc8 a5				∞
Kings Indian Hempeater Variation												
4	Nc3 Bc3	bc3 Qa5	Qb3 Nf6	Bd3 Nbd7	Nf3 Ng4	0-0 0-0	Be2 f6			∞
Anti-Hempeater Variation												
5			Nf3 Nd7	Qc2 Ne5	Nbd2 Nf3	Nf3 Bg4	Be2 Nf6	0-0 0-0	Be3 Nd7			=
a) 2 dxc5 e6 is easy equality. White should avoid the trap 3 b4? a5 4 c3 axb4 5 cxb4 Qf6. b) 7 ed5 Ne7 8 Nc3 0-0 9 Bd3 Re8= is a solid alternative.												

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Bad Pistyan 1912 (A43 Old Benoni Defense)

Notes by Dr. Savielly Tartakower. The building up of an attack by the second player - especially in an opening both peculiar and difficult to handle - is a special art. We shall be able to follow some its guiding principles here.

1 d4 c5 2 d5 d6 3 c4 g6 4 e4 ♟g7 5 ♟d3 e6

It will be noticed that Black carefully refrains from blocking the long diagonal either by 5 ... e5 or, even temporarily, by 5 ... ♟f6

6 ♟c3 ♟e7 7 ♟ge2

Here 7 f4, followed by Nf3, leads to more straightforward development.

7 ... exd5 8 exd5 ♟d7 9 f4 ♟f6 10 ♟g3 h5

Sounding the general attack.

11 O-O h4 12 ♟ge4 ♟xe4 13 ♟xe4 ♟d4+ 14 ♟h1 ♟f5

Black's attack has quickly assumed a concrete form. The text move announces the well-known attack by 15...Ng3+.

15 ♟xf5 ♟xf5 16 ♟e1+ ♟f8 17 ♟f3

White seeks to avoid fresh weaknesses; e.g., if 17 ♟e3 ♟xc3 18 bxc3 h3 19 g3 ♟e4+ 20 ♟g1 f5 or 20 ... ♟g2, and White's position remains restricted.

17 ... h3 18 g3

Evidently not 18 g4?? ♟h4

18 ... ♟d7 19 ♟d2 ♟g4 20 ♟f1 ♟f5 21 ♟ac1 ♟g7 22 ♟e3 ♟f6 23 b3 ♟he8 24 ♟f2 ♟f3+ 25 ♟g1 ♟g2 26 ♟xe8 ♟xf1 27 ♟xa8 ♟d3 28 ♟e8 ♟f3 29 ♟xf1 ♟h1+ 30 ♟g1 ♟g2+ 31 ♟e1 ♟xg1+ 32 ♟d2 ♟xh2+ 0-1

For if (33 ♟e2 ♟g2 34 ♟g1 ♟xg1! 35 ♟xg1 h2 0-1, etc.)

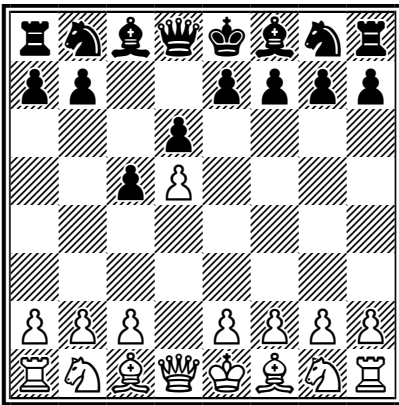
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(A43 Old Benoni Defense)

1 d4 c5
2 d5

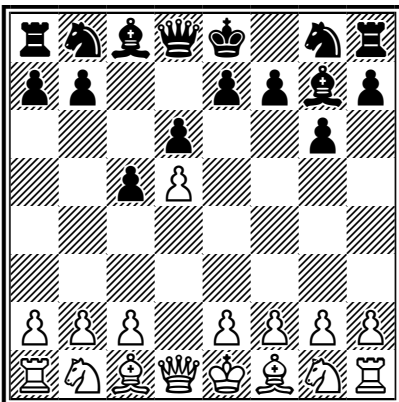
2 dxc5 is easy equality. One way to play, along Sicilian lines, is 2 ... e6 3 ♖c3 (3 b4? a5 4 c3 axb4 5 cxb4 ♜f6 is a well-known trap.) 3 ... ♗xc5 4 e4 (4 ♗e4?! ♗f6 5 ♗d6+ ♘e7 6 ♗xc8+ ♜xc8 =/+)
4 ... ♗c6 5 ♗f3 ♗f6 6 ♗d3 a6 7 O-O ♜c7 =

2 ... d6



The Banzai Benoni setup consists of Black playing the moves ... g6 and ... Bg7. Black delays the development of his king's knight, in order to keep open the options of

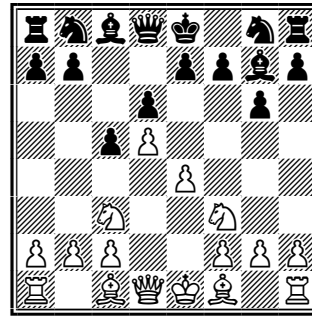
1. ... Bxc3 (if White plays Nc3 at some point)
2. ... f5 to strike at the center
3. ... e6 and ... exd5 to transpose into a Modern Benoni when Black has the option to put his king's knight on e7 or h6 rather than f6.



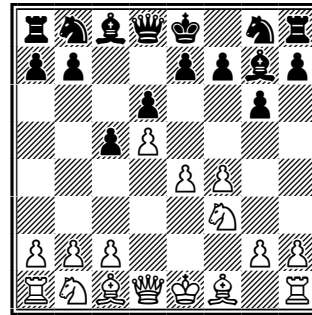
Black's setup

While Black is making the moves d6, g6, and Bg7, White has three moves. One of them will almost certainly be e2-e4, but the other two are open to choice. White can develop the queen's knight to c3 without moving the c-pawn first, or he can play c2-c4. Whether he plays an early c2-c4 or not, White can delay Nc3 if he wishes to avoid the doubling of the pawns by ... Bxc3. So we have five major possibilities.

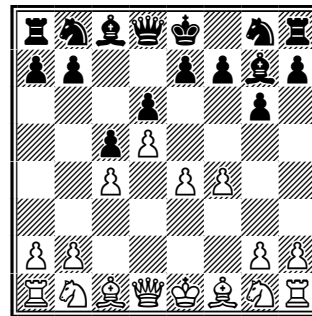
1. White plays 3 Nc3, 4 e4, and 5 Nf3, the Schmid Benoni, allowing the Hempeater capture ... Bxc3.



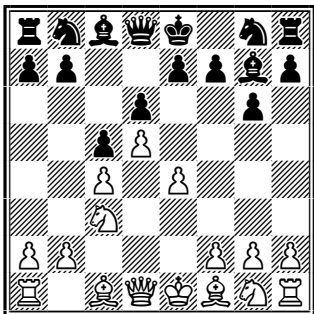
2. White plays 3 e4, 4 f4, and 5 Nf3 to avoid Bxc3, making it a Three Pawn Attack.



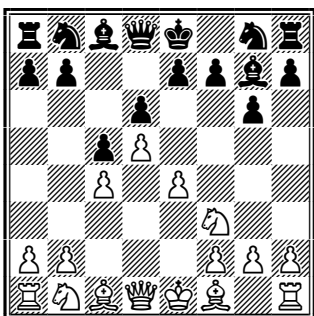
3. White plays 3 c4, 4 e4, and 5 f4, going for a Four Pawn Attack.



4. White plays 3 c4, 4 e4, and 5 Nc3, allowing Bxc3, the Kings Indian Hempeater.



5. White plays 3 c4, 4 e4, and 5 Nf3 and delays Nc3, the Anti-Hempeater.



1. Schmid Benoni Hempeater

3 ♖c3

Some theorists claim that this move is better than 3 c4 since it leaves the square c4 open for a knight after Nf3-d2-c4. This is debatable because, on the other hand, Black has an easier time getting in his Benoni duo with ... b5, and White has less center control. The pros and cons of 3 Nc3 are approximately offsetting. It is a matter of taste. That said, most 1 d4 players automatically play 3 c4 instead since this is more familiar.

3 ... ♗g6
4 e4 ♗g7
5 ♖f3

5 f4?! ♗xc3+ 6 bxc3 ♖f6 7 ♗b5+ (7 ♗d3 ♖a5 8 ♖e2 ♖bd7 9 O-O b5 =/+) 7 ... ♗d7 8 ♗xd7+ ♖bxd7;

5 ♗d2 ♖f6 6 ♗b5+ ♗d7 7 a4 O-O 8 ♖ge2 ♖a6 9 O-O ♖b4 =;

5 ♗e2 ♖a6 6 ♖f3 ♖c7 7 O-O ♖f6 8 a4 O-O (8 ... a6 Keres,P - Schmid,L, Wenen 1957) 9 ♖d2 b6 (9 ... a6) 10 ♖c4 ♗a6 Vospernik,Zdravko - Gligoric,S, Novi Sad 1955 and Rashkovsky,N - Tal,M, Riga 1973.

5 ... ♗xc3+!?

The Schmid Benoni Hempeater Variation, similar to the Beefeater (or Dzindzi-Indian) doubled pawn, except with a pawn on c2 instead of c4.

5 ... ♖a6 Polugaevsky,L - Tal,M, Baku ch-URS (1) 1961 is also good. 6 ♗b5+

(6 ♗c4 ♖f6 (6 ... ♖c7 7 O-O ♖f6 8 ♖d3 ♗g4 9 h3 ♗xf3 10 ♖xf3 ♖d7 11 ♖e2 O-O 12 a4 f5 13 exf5 ♗xf5 14 ♖e4 ♖b6 15 g4 ♗f8 16 ♗b3 ♖bxd5 17 ♖g5 ♖h8 18 ♗xd5 ♖xd5 +-) 7 O-O O-O 8 ♗g5 ♖d7 = 9 ♗e2 h6; 6 ♗e2 transposes to a Modern Benoni whenever black plays Nf6 6 ... ♖c7 7 O-O a6 (7 ... ♖f6) 8 a4 ♖f6 = 9 ♖d2 O-O 10 a5 ♖b5 Bouwmeester,H - Szabo,L, Amsterdam: IBM (1) 1965; 6 g3 ♖c7 7 ♗g2 b5 Jimenez,E - Penrose,J, Varna olm (1) 1962)

6 ... ♗d7 7 ♗xd7+ ♖xd7 8 O-O ♖f6 9 a4 O-O 10 ♗g5 ♖c7 11 ♖d3 h6 =;

5 ... ♖f6 is most common. 6 ♗e2 ♖a6 7 O-O ♖c7 8 a4 a6 9 ♖d2 ♗d7 10 e5 dxe5 11 ♖c4 b5

6 bxc3 ♖f6

6 ... f5?!

7 ♗b5+

7 ♖d3 ♖a5 8 ♗d2 ♖a4 9 c4 ♖bd7 (9 ... b5?! Walther,E - Hoennl, corr BdF/I (1) 1970) 10 ♗c3 O-O 11 ♗e2 =;

7 ♗d3 ♗g4! (7 ... O-O 8 c4 ♖a5+ 9 ♗d2 ♖a4 Gara,Ticia (2309) - Haag,Ervin (2306), Hungary ch 2007) 8 O-O ♖bd7 as in the main line.

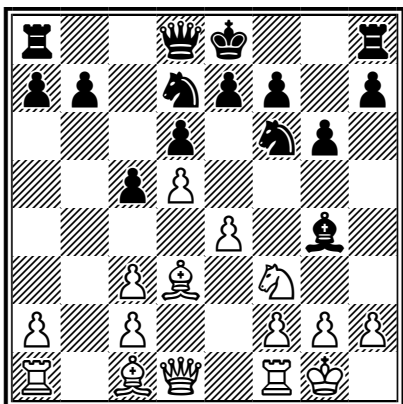
7 ... ♖d7
8 ♗d3

8 ♗xd7+ ♜bxd7 9 ♖e2 ♖a5 (9... O-O =)
10 O-O O-O 11 c4 ♜fe8 (11... ♖a6 = 12 ♗g5
♜g7 13 ♜fb1 ♜fe8 14 ♖d3 e6 15 ♜b3 exd5 16 exd5
♜e4 17 ♜a3 ♖b6 18 ♗f4 ♜g8 (18... f5 19 ♜b3 ♖c7
(oo)) 19 ♜b3 ♖a6 20 ♜a3 ♖b6 =) 12 ♜b1 ♖a6
13 ♜b3 e6 14 ♜a3 ♖b6 15 dxe6 ♜xe6
16 ♜g5 ♜e7 17 f3 a5 18 ♜h3 ♖a6 19 ♖d2

8 ... ♗g4

8 ... ♖a5 9 ♜b1 b5 10 O-O c4 11 ♗e2 O-O
12 ♜e1 ♜xe4 13 ♗xc4 ♜xc3 14 ♖d2 bxc4
15 ♗b2 ♜e2+ 16 ♖xe2 c3 17 ♗a1 ♜e8
18 ♖e3 f6 19 ♖d4 ♖xa2 20 ♗xc3 ♖xc2
21 ♜b7 ♜c8 22 ♗b2 ♜e8 +/-

9 O-O ♜bd7 =



10 h3

10 ♜b1 ♖c7 11 h3

10 ... ♗xf3
11 ♖xf3 ♖a5
12 ♗d2

12 c4 ♖a4 13 ♗b2 O-O =

12 ... ♖a4
13 ♖e2

13 ♗h6? c4 -/+;

13 c4 ♜e5 14 ♖f4 (14 ♖e2? b5) 14 ... O-O
=/+

13 ... O-O =

2. Three Pawn Attack

3 e4 g6
4 f4

4 ♜f3 ♗g7 5 ♗e2 (5 ♜c3 ♜a6 transposes to
Polugaevsky - Tal.) 5 ... ♗g4 (5 ... ♜f6 6 ♜c3 O-O
7 O-O; 5 ... ♜a6 6 ♜c3 ♜c7 7 O-O Vospernik,Zdravko
- Gligoric,S, Novi Sad (1) 1955; 5 ... f5!?) 6 O-O
(6 ♜d2 ♗xe2 7 ♖xe2 ♜d7 8 O-O ♜gf6 =) 6 ... ♜d7
7 a4 ♜gf6

4 ... ♗g7
5 ♜f3

This is a Three Pawn Attack of the Modern
Defense. 5 c4 f5!? transposes to the Four
Pawn Attack line.

5 ... e6!
6 c4

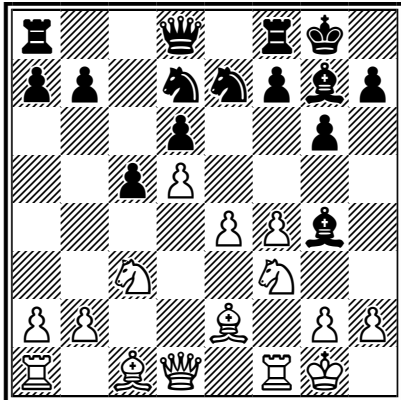
6 dxe6 ♗xe6 (6 ... fxe6 Van Scheltinga,T -
Schmid,L, Dublin zt (1) 1957) 7 ♗e2 ♜f6 8 ♜g5
O-O 9 O-O ♜c6 10 ♜xe6 fxe6 =;

6 ♗b5+ ♗d7 7 ♗xd7+ (7 a4 exd5 8 ♖xd5 ♖c7)
7 ... ♖xd7 8 O-O (8 c4 ♜a6 (oo)) 8 ... exd5
9 exd5 (9 ♖xd5 ♜e7 10 ♖c4 ♜bc6 =) 9 ... ♜e7 =

6 ... exd5
7 cxd5

7 exd5 ♜e7 (7 ... ♜f6 8 ♗d3 O-O 9 O-O b5 10 cxb5
a6 11 ♜c3 axb5 12 ♗xb5 ♗a6 13 ♗xa6 ♜xa6 (oo))
8 ♜c3 O-O 9 ♗d3 ♜e8 = 10 O-O ♗f5 11 ♖c2
♜a6 12 a3 ♜c7 13 b3 b5 14 ♜b1 ♗xd3 15 ♖xd3 ♜f5
16 ♗d2 ♜b8 17 ♜e4 ♜d4 18 ♜xd4 ♗xd4+ 19 ♜h1 f5
20 ♜g5 ♖d7 21 h3 ♜b7 22 ♜h2 ♗g7 23 ♗a5 ♗f6
24 ♜fe1 ♜xe1 25 ♜xe1 bxc4 26 bxc4 ♜e8 27 ♖e3
♜g7 28 ♜e6 ♖e8 29 ♗c7 ♖d7 30 ♗a5 ♖e8 =

7 ... ♖e7
 8 ♗c3 O-O
 9 ♙e2 ♙g4
 10 O-O ♗d7 =



11 ♙e3 a6
 12 ♖c1 ♖e8
 13 ♙f2 b5
 14 h3 ♙xf3
 15 ♙xf3 ♖c8 =

3. Four Pawn Attack

3 c4 g6
 4 e4 ♙g7
 5 f4

This Four Pawn Attack doesn't work out as well for White here, compared to its Benoni/Kings Indian counterpart.

5 ... f5!?

5 ... e6 6 ♗c3 (6 ♗f3 exd5) 6 ... exd5 7 cxd5 ♗e7 Bouaziz,S - Larsen,B, Sousse izt: FIDE (27) 1967;

5 ... ♗h6!? 6 ♗f3 O-O 7 ♗c3 ♙g4 8 ♙e2 ♗d7 9 O-O (oo)

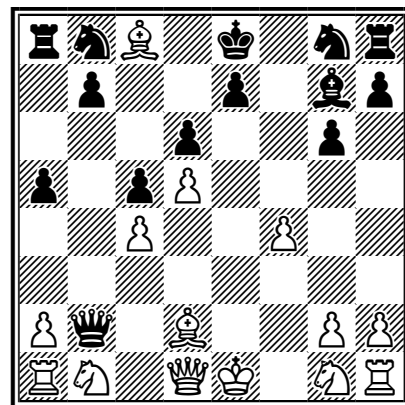
6 exf5

6 e5 dxe5 7 fe5 ♙xe5 8 ♗f3 ♙g7 9 ♗c3 ♗f6 =/+ 10 ♙e2 O-O 11 O-O ♗a6 =/+

6 ... ♙xf5
 7 ♙d3

7 ♗f3 ♙a5+ 8 ♙d2 ♙xd2+ = 9 ♗xd2 ♗f6 10 ♗c3 e6 11 ♗h4 ♗e4+ 12 ♗c2 ♙xc3 13 bxc3 ♗f2+ =/+ 14 ♗xf5 exf5 15 ♖g1 ♗d7 16 ♙d2 ♗f6 17 ♙e1 ♗2e4 (17 ... ♗2g4 18 ♙h4 ♗f7 =) 18 ♙d3 ♗f7 19 h3 (19 ♙h4 h6) 19 ... h6 20 ♖b1 b6 21 a4

7 ... ♙a5+
 8 ♙d2 ♙b6
 9 ♙xf5 ♙xb2
 10 ♙c8 (oo) a5



Also possible is 10 ... ♗a6 11 ♙xb7 ♙xb7 12 ♗c3 ♙b4 13 ♙b3 ♗h6 14 ♗f3 O-O =

11 ♗a3 ♙xa3 12 ♖c1 ♗h6 13 ♗f3 O-O = 14 ♙e6+ ♗h8 15 O-O ♗a6 16 ♗g5 ♗c7 17 ♙c2 b5 18 cxb5 ♗xb5 19 ♖f3 ♙b2 20 ♙xb2 ♙xb2 21 ♖b1 ♙d4+ 22 ♗f1 ♗c7 23 ♖b7 ♗xe6 24 ♗xe6 ♖fe8 25 ♗e2 ♖ac8 26 f5 ♗xf5 27 g4 ♗g7 28 ♗xd4 cxd4 29 ♖f7 ♗g8 30 ♖fxe7 ♖xe7+ 31 ♖xe7 ♗e8 32 ♙xa5 ♗f6 33 ♖e6 ♗xg4 34 ♖xd6 ♖c2+ 35 ♗d3 ♖xa2 36 ♙b4 ♖xh2 37 ♖e6 ♗f7 38 ♖e7+ ♗f6 39 d6 ♖b2 40 ♖e8 ♖xb4 41 d7 ♖b8 42 ♖xb8 ♗e5+ 43 ♗xd4 ♗xd7 44 ♖b7 ♗e6 1/2 Stockfish - Stockfish

4. Kings Indian Hempeater

3 c4 g6
 4 e4 g7
 5 c3 xc3+

This capture makes it a Kings Indian Hempeater Variation. There are various playable alternatives. Roughly in order of strength:

5 ... h6!? Keeping both bishop diagonals open.
 6 f3 (6 d3; 6 f4 O-O) 6 ... d7 (6 ... f5? 7 e5 +/-) 7 d2
 (7 d3 d4 =) 7 ... f5 (7 ... O-O 8 d5 b6 9 a4 a5 10 e2 f5
 11 h4 d4 12 exf5 gxf5 +/-) 8 d3 (8 e2 O-O 9 O-O d6
 (9 ... fxe4 10 dxe4 d5 11 c3 d6 12 d3 e6 13 d3 d4 g3
 14 hxg3 e5 15 dxe6 e6 16 e1 d7 17 b3 eae8 +/-) 10 e5
 dxe5 11 dxe5 d4 = 12 d3 (12 dxe4 fxe4 13 b1 d6 =
 14 xe4 e5 15 e3 xe5 16 xh6 xb2 17 ad1 f7
 18 e3 af8 19 h4 f6 20 g3 e5 21 f4 g7) 12 ... b6
 13 f3 xd2 14 xd2 b8 15 ae1 d7 16 e2 a6 17 fe1
 f6 18 b4 cxb4 19 dxb4 b7 20 c1 c7 21 c6 be8 22 c5
 d5 23 cxb6 xxb6 24 dxe7+ f7 25 b2 dxf3+ 26 gxf3 c7
 27 d6 xd6 28 dxf5 xe1+ 29 xe1 gxf5 30 xxb7+ d8
 31 b1 e5 32 e2 e2+ 33 f1 d5 34 b3 xb3
 35 xb3 e5 =; 8 d5 d6 9 d3 O-O 10 O-O fxe4 11 dxe4
 dxe4 12 xe4 g4 13 c2 d7 (oo); 8 xh6 xh6 9 exf5 gxf5
 10 e2 O-O 11 O-O d5 =) 8 ... fxe4 9 dxe4 d7
 10 c3 O-O (10 ... xc3+ 11 dxc3) 11 xg7 d7
 (oo);

5 ... e6 6 f3 (6 e2 d7 7 f3; 6 dxe6 xc3+ 7 bxc3 xe6
 8 d3 d6 9 b1 a5 10 e2 O-O-O =) 6 ... exd5 (6 ... d7
 7 e2 (7 dxe6 xe6 8 f4 d6 9 b3 d4 10 dxd4 cxd4
 11 d5 O-O (oo)) 7 ... O-O 8 O-O e5 (8 ... a6) 9 a3 h6
 Polugaevsky - Eising, Solingen 1974; 6 ... xc3+ 7 bxc3 a5
 8 c2 d6) 7 exd5 (7 cxd5 a6 (7 ... d7 =) 8 a4 g4 = 9 e2
 d7 five games (9 ... xf3 Wegner - Ivanov, Gausdal 1991) 10 O-
 O d7 (oo)) 7 ... d7 (7 ... d6 8 e2+ (8 g5 a6 9 a4 O-O
 10 d3 g4 =) 8 ... f8 9 g5 f5 10 d2 h6 11 h4 b6;
 7 ... xc3+ 8 bxc3 d6 9 d3 e7+ 10 e2 g4 11 xe7+
 dxe7 12 b1 d7 13 xb7 hb8 14 xb8 xb8 15 d2
 xf3 16 gxf3 e8 17 c2 d8 18 g5 c7 19 e3 d5 20 f4
 f5) 8 d3 O-O 9 O-O g4 10 f4 d8 11 h3 f6
 12 g3 xf3 13 xf3 d7 14 e2 d5 15 ae1
 d8 16 d2 a6 17 d2 b5 (17 ... b8 18 c2 b5 19 cxb5
 axb5 20 dxb5 d6 21 c1 dxd5 22 d1 +/-) 18 cxb5 dxd3
 19 xd3 axb5 20 xxb5 a5 21 d3 d6 22 e2
 a8 23 f3 d4 (23 ... c4 24 c1 d7 25 f4 d5
 26 xe5 xe5 27 d2 b7 28 e4 c8 29 e1 b4 30 c2
 f6 31 e4 d7 32 e3 aa8 33 a3 b6 34 d4 e5 35 c3
 f5 36 f4 xc3 37 xc3+ d8 38 d6+ f7 39 dxh7 d8
 40 d5 a5 41 d4 f8 42 c2+) 24 f4 d5;

5 ... a6;

5 ... f5 6 exf5 xc3+ (6 ... xf5 7 dge2 d6 8 d3 O-O
 9 e2 c8 10 d2 d7 11 c1 d5 12 dxf5 xf5 13 O-O f7
 (13 ... d4 14 g4 d5 15 xf5 xf5 16 d2 d3 17 d1
 g4 18 c1 d2 19 xb2 xb2 20 b1 f6 21 d2 c7
 22 h3 d7 23 d3 a6 24 d4 g7 25 g5 e8 26 h4 b5

27 be1 h6 28 d3 e5 29 e4 d7 30 h4 h5 31 f4 g4 32 f5
 f7 33 b1 +/- f8) 14 d4 +/-) 7 bxc3 xf5 8 d2 d6
 9 d3;

5 ... d6;

5 ... e5 6 d3 (6 d3 f5 (6 ... d7 7 d3 O-O 8 O-O h6
 9 d2 f5 10 c2 d7 11 a3 d6 12 b4 b6 (oo)) 7 exf5 gxf5
 8 d5 d6 9 d6 xe6 10 dxe6 d6 11 d5 O-O 12 xd6 a6
 13 e7 dxe7 14 xd8 axd8 15 d3 =/+) 6 ... d7 7 d3
 O-O 8 h3 h6 9 g4 d6 10 e3 f5 =

Back to the main line after 5 ... Bxc3.

6 bxc3 a5

6 ... f5 7 exf5 xf5 8 f3 (8 d2 a5 9 b3
 d6 (9 ... d7) 10 d3 (10 xxb7 O-O 11 h6
 (11 xa8 bd7 12 c6 b8 13 f4 d4 14 d2
 ge5 15 d4 cxd4! 16 cxd4 xc6 17 xa5 xa5 =/
 +; 11 xe7? e8 12 xf6 d7 13 g5 xc3+ -+)
 11 ... bd7 12 b5 (12 xf8 b8 13 xb8 xb8
 14 xe7 bd7 15 xd6 d3 -/+) 12 ... xb5 13 cxb5
 fc8 14 a4 a6 15 d3 c4 16 bxa6 d3 17 xd3 cxd3
 18 d2 xa6 =/+) 10 ... e6 11 e2 O-O 12 O-O a6
 13 d1 +/-) 8 ... a5 (8 ... d7 9 d3 g4
 10 b1 d6 11 O-O c7 12 e2 xf3 13 xf3 d5
 14 e2 O-O-O 15 f4 d8 16 c2 +-) 9 b3
 (9 d2 g4) 9 ... d6 (9 ... d7 10 d4 e5 11 e2
 d6 12 O-O d6 (oo)) 10 d4 (10 e2 d7 (oo))
 10 ... c8 (10 ... d7 11 a4 g8 12 d3 d4
 13 O-O O-O-O 14 g5 de8 +/-) 11 e2 d7
 12 O-O d6 +/-;

6 ... e5

7 b3 d6

7 ... d7 8 f3 d6 (8 ... d6) 9 d3 (9 f4
 g4 (9 ... d6 10 d3 O-O 11 O-O e8 12 g5 d7
 13 fe1 a4 14 b2 d7 15 h6 f6 +/-; 9 ... e5
 10 dxe6 xe6 11 xd6 O-O-O 12 e5 (12 e5 d6
 13 d3 f6 =/+ 14 O-O d7) 12 ... f6 13 f4 g5 14 e3
 d7 15 e2 d6 16 O-O d7 17 b5 xb5 18 cxb5
 d4 19 fc1 b6 20 ab1 hd8) 10 d2 d6 11 h3
 d7 12 e5 d5 13 h2 O-O 14 e2 d7)
 9 ... g4 Preventing e5 by threatening the
 knight. 10 d2 O-O-O (10 ... d6 11 b5+)
 11 O-O d7 12 a4 +/-;

7 ... f5 8 exf5 xf5 9 d2 c8 10 d3 d7
 11 e2 d6 12 O-O +/-

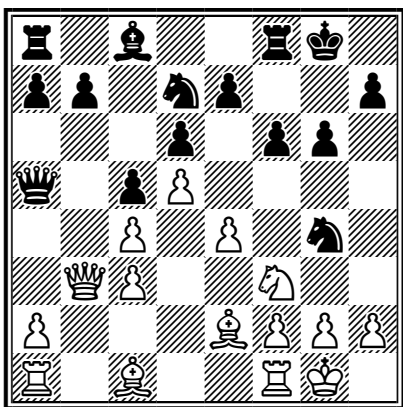
8 ♖d3 ♘bd7

8 ... O-O is also good. 9 ♘f3 (9 ♙g5 ♘bd7 = 10 ♘f3 b5 11 cxb5 a6 12 b6 (12 bxa6 ♙xa6 13 ♙xa6 ♖xa6 14 ♖c2 ♖a4 -/+) 12 ... ♘xb6 13 ♘d2 ♙d7 14 ♖c2 ♖fb8 15 O-O ♘a4 16 ♘c4 ♖xc3 17 ♖xc3 ♘xc3 18 ♙xf6 exf6 19 ♖fc1 ♘b5 20 ♖ab1 ♘g7 21 f4 a5 22 a4 ♘d4 23 ♘xd6 ♖xb1 24 ♖xb1 ♙xa4 25 ♘b7 c4 26 ♙xc4 ♙c2 27 ♖e1 ♖a7 28 ♘d6 a4 29 ♘f2 ♙b3 30 ♙xb3 ♘xb3 =) 9 ... ♘bd7 10 O-O b6 11 h3 ♙a6 12 ♙h6 ♖fe8 13 ♖ab1 e6 14 ♖c2 ♘h5 15 ♖fe1 ♖ad8 16 ♙e2 exd5 17 cxd5 ♙xe2 18 ♖xe2 b5 (oo)

9 ♘f3 ♘g4
10 O-O O-O
11 ♙e2

11 h3 ♘ge5 12 ♘xe5 ♘xe5 13 ♙e2 f6 is similar.

11 ... f6 =



12 ♙d2 ♘ge5
13 ♘xe5 ♘xe5
14 f4

14 ♙h6 ♖d8 15 ♙d2 ♙d7 16 f4 ♘f7 =

14 ... ♘f7
15 ♖b5

15 a4 ♖b8 =

15 ... ♖c7 16 ♖b1 e5 17 f5 gxf5 18 exf5 ♘h8 19 ♙h5 ♙d7 20 a4 ♙e8 21 a5 ♖g8

22 ♘h1 ♖b8 23 ♖a2 ♖c8 24 g3 ♖c7
25 ♙e2 ♙d7 26 ♘g2 ♖g7 27 ♖b2 ♘g5
28 ♙d3 ♖gg8 29 ♖f2 ♖g7 30 ♙c2 ♘g8
31 ♖f1 ♘h8 32 ♖e1 ♘f7 33 ♖d1 ♖xa5
34 ♖a1 ♖xa1 35 ♖xa1 e4 36 ♖xa7 ♙xf5
37 ♙f4 ♘e5 38 ♙xe5 fxe5 39 ♘f2 h5
40 ♙d1 h4 41 gxh4 ♖f8 42 ♘e3 ♖g1
43 ♙h5 ♖e1+ 44 ♘d2 ♖h1 45 ♘e3 ♖c1
46 ♘d2 ♖f1 47 ♖bxb7 ♖f4 48 h3 ♖xh4
49 ♙g4 ♙xg4 50 hxg4 ♖xg4 51 ♖h7+ ♘g8
52 ♖he7 ♖g2+ 53 ♘e3 ♖g3+ 54 ♘e2 ♖b8
55 ♖ad7 e3 56 ♘d3 ♖h3 57 ♖g7+ ♘h8
58 ♖g1 e2+ 59 ♘c2 ♖g8 60 ♖e1 ♖gg3
61 ♖xe2 ♖xc3+ 62 ♘b2 ♖xc4 63 ♖xd6 e4
64 ♖e6 ♖d4 65 ♖6xe4 ♖xd5 1/2 Stockfish - Stockfish

5. Anti-Hempeater

3 c4 g6
4 e4 ♙g7
5 ♘f3

The Anti-Hempeater Variation, in which White avoids the doubled pawns resulting after Nc3.

Other unusual tries are:

5 ♙e2 e6;
5 ♙d3 Rubinstein - Spielmann, Pistyan 1912

5 ... ♘d7

Intending to exchange a pair of knights to reduce cramp.

(5 ... e5 Black goes for an Accelerated Kings Indian, intending to play ...f5 before ...Nf6. Some alternatives are 6 ♘c3 f5 (6 ... ♘e7 7 ♙d3 (7 ♙e2 O-O 8 O-O f5) 7 ... O-O 8 O-O f5 9 a3 fxe4 10 ♘xe4 b6 11 ♘fg5 ♘f5 12 h4 h6 13 h5 hxg5 14 hxg6 g4 15 ♖xg4 ♖h4 16 ♖xh4 ♘xh4 17 ♘xd6 ♙f5 18 ♘xf5 ♘xf5 19 ♙g5 ♘d7 20 ♖ae1 ♖ae8 21 b4 ♘d6 22 ♙c2 e4 23 ♙a4 b5 24 cxb5 c4 25 b6 ♖e5 26 ♙xd7 ♖xg5 27 ♙e6+ ♘h8 28 bxa7 ♙d4 29 g4 ♖xg6 30 ♘g2 ♖gf6 31 ♖h1+ ♘g7 32 ♙f5 ♘xf5 33 gxf5 ♖xf5 34 ♖xe4 ♙xa7 35 ♘f1 ♖f4 36 ♖g1+ ♘h6 37 ♖xf4 ♖xf4 38 ♖g2 c3 39 f3 ♙e3 40 ♖e2

♖c4 41 ♖c2 ♗g5 42 b5 ♔d2 43 ♗e2 ♖a4 44 ♗d3
 ♗f6 45 ♖a2 ♗e5 46 b6 ♖a6 47 a4 ♖xb6 48 a5
 ♖a6 49 ♗c4 ♗d6 50 f4 ♗c7 51 ♗d3 ♗b8 52 ♖a4
 ♗b7 53 f5 ♖d6 54 ♖d4 ♗a6 55 f6 ♖xf6 56 d6 ♖f8
 57 d7 ♖d8 58 ♖d5) 7 exf5 (7 ♔e2 ♗f6; 7 g3 ♗e7
 (7 ... ♗f6); 7 ♗g5 ♗f6 8 ♔d3 O-O) 7 ... gxf5 8 ♔e2 ♗f6
 9 O-O O-O 10 ♖c2 ♗a6 11 ♔g5 h6 12 ♔d2 e4
 13 ♗e1 ♗c7 14 ♖b3 b6 15 a4 ♔d7 16 g3 ♗h7
 17 h4 ♖e7 18 ♗g2 ♖fb8 19 ♖c2 ♗f6 20 ♔f4 a6
 21 ♖d2 ♖f8 22 ♗e3 ♗h7 23 ♖c2 ♖e7 24 ♖fb1 a5
 25 ♖d1 ♖g8 26 ♔f1 ♔f8 =;

5 ... e6 6 ♗c3 (6 ♔e2) 6 ... exd5 (6 ... ♔xc3+ 7 bxc3
 ♗f6 (7 ... e5 8 ♔d3 h6 9 ♗g1 (9 O-O ♗f6 10 a4 ♗bd7 11 ♗e1
 ♗h5 12 a5 ♗f4 13 ♔d2 g5 14 ♔c2 ♗f6 15 f3 ♔d7 16 ♗d3 ♗f8
 17 ♔e3 ♖b8 18 ♗f2 ♗g7 19 ♗h1 ♗e8 20 ♖g1 ♗g6 21 g3 ♗f8
 22 ♔d2 ♖e7 23 ♗d3 ♗f6 24 ♖e2 ♖d8 25 ♗f2 ♖g8 26 ♖d3
 ♖h8 27 ♖f1 ♖g8 28 ♖e2 ♖c7 29 ♗d1 ♖g7 30 ♗e3 ♗g8
 31 ♗g4 ♗xg4 32 fxg4 f6 33 h3 ♖c8 34 ♗h2 ♖c7 35 ♖gf1 ♖f7)
 9 ... ♖a5) 8 ♔d3 (oo) O-O 9 O-O ♗bd7 10 dxe6 fxe6 11 ♔c2
 ♖c7 12 ♖d3 ♗g4 13 ♖d1 ♗de5 14 ♗xe5 ♗xe5 15 ♖xd6 ♖xd6
 16 ♖xd6 ♗f7 17 ♖d1 b6 18 f3 ♔a6 19 ♔b3 ♖fd8 20 ♔f4 e5
 21 ♔g3 ♗g7 22 a4 ♖xd1+ 23 ♖xd1 ♗f6 24 a5 ♖d8 25 ♖d5
 ♗e6 26 ♗f2 ♖c8 27 ♗e1 ♖b8 28 ♗e2 ♔b7 29 axb6 ♔xd5
 30 cxd5+ ♗d6 31 bxa7 ♖a8 32 ♗d3 ♖xa7 33 ♔f2 ♖b7 34 ♗c2
 ♖a7 35 ♔e3 ♖a1 +/-; 6 ... ♗e7 7 ♔e2 O-O 8 O-O a6 (8 ... e5)
 9 a4 exd5 (9 ... h6 10 dxe6 fxe6 11 ♔e3 ♗bc6 12 ♖d2 g5
 13 ♖ad1 ♖b6 +/-) 10 exd5 (10 cxd5 ♔g4 11 ♔f4 ♖e8)) 7 cxd5
 (7 exd5) 7 ... a6;

5 ... ♔g4;
 5 ... ♗a6;
 5 ... f5;
 5 ... ♗h6)

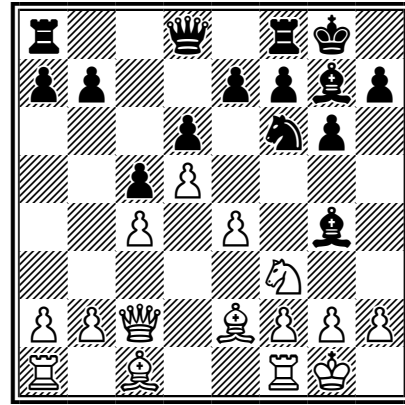
6 ♖c2

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 ♖b8 12 O-O O-O +/- 13 ♖fe1 ♗g4 14 ♖b5 b6
 15 ♔e2 ♗g7 16 ♖b1 f6 17 ♖c1 ♗g8 18 f4 ♖a4 19 h3
 ♗h6 20 ♖d1 ♖xd1 21 ♖exd1 ♗f7 22 a4 a5 23 g4 g5
 24 ♗g2 ♗g7 25 ♖f1 ♔d7 26 ♖fb1 gxf4 27 ♔xf4 h6 =;
 8 ... ♗f6 9 O-O O-O 10 ♔g5 ♖e8 11 ♖b3 ♗d7
 12 ♖ad1 ♖b6 13 ♔e2 ♔d4 14 ♗b5 ♔e5 15 ♖c2 a6
 =; 8 ... e5?! 9 b4 +/-) 9 O-O ♔d7 10 ♖c2 ♗f6 11 ♔e2
 O-O =) 7 bxc3 ♗gf6 8 ♔d3 ♖a5 9 ♖c2 ♗g4
 (oo)

6 ... ♗e5
7 ♗bd2 ♗xf3+
8 ♗xf3 ♔g4

8 ... f5; 8 ... ♗f6; 8 ... ♖b6

9 ♔e2 ♗f6
10 O-O O-O =



11 ♔e3

11 a3

11 ... ♗d7

12 ♖ab1 ♖a5

12 ... h5

13 a3 ♖a6

14 ♖fd1 ♗b6

15 ♖dc1 ♗d7

15 ... ♖ac8

16 h3 ♔xf3

17 ♔xf3 ♖ac8

18 ♔e2 Stockfish - Stockfish

