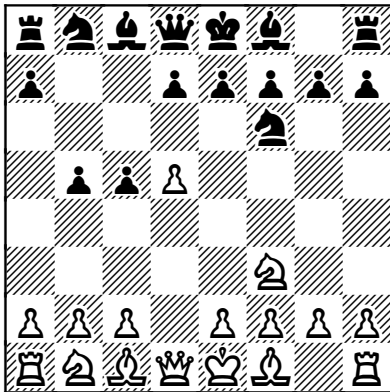


The Ozarks Defense

A System for Black vs. 1. d4

(A43 Old Benoni Defense)

- 1 **d4 Nf6**
- 2 **Nf3 c5**
- 3 **d5 b5**



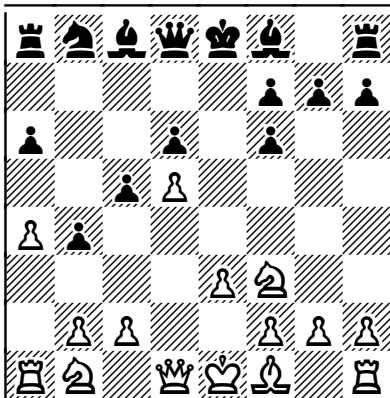
Black tries to weaken white's d-pawn.

- 4 **Bg5 d6**

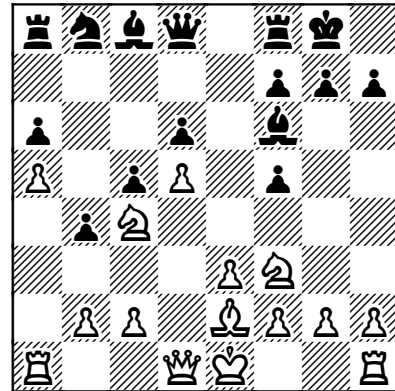
4 ... Qb6!? 5 Bxf6 Qxf6 6 c3 d6 (6 ... Na6 7 e4 Rb8 8 a4 b4 9 Bc4 Nc7 10 O-O ; 6 ... e6 7 e4 ; 6 ... Qb6!?) 7 e4 a6 8 Nbd2 Nd7 (8 ... g5) 9 g3 (9 Qc2 g5) 9 ... g5 10 a4 b4 11 cxb4 cxb4 12 Rc1 g4 13 Qc2 Nc5 =/+ 4 ... Qa5+ 5 c3 Ne4 (5 ... Bb7 6 Bxf6 exf6 7 e4 Bd6) 6 Bh4 b4 7 Qc2 bxc3 (7 ... f5) 8 bxc3 f5 (8 ... Nd6 9 e4) 9 Nfd2 g5 10 Nxe4 gxh4 11 Ned2

- 5 **Bxf6**

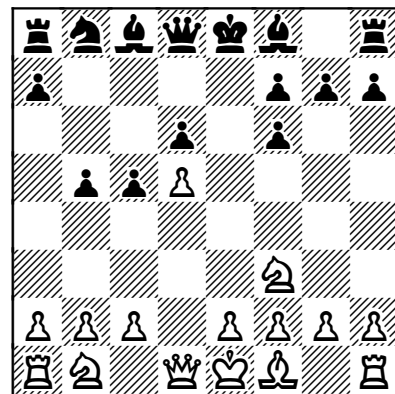
(7 ... bxa4) 8 Nbd2 f5 9 a5 Be7 10 Nc4 Bf6 11 Be2 O-O =/+



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- 5 ... **exf6**



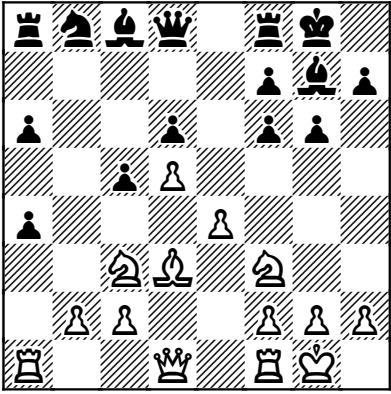
- 6 **e4 a6**
- 7 **a4 bxa4**

7 ... b4 has also been played a lot.

- 8 **Nc3**

8 Nbd2 g6 9 Rxa4 Bg7 (9 ... Nd7? 10 Qa1) 10 Bb5+ (10 Bd3 O-O 11 O-O Nd7 12 Qa1 f5 13 exf5 Nb6 14 Ra2 gxf5 15 c4 Ra7 16 Qb1 Qf6 (oo)) 10 ... Nd7 11 Qa1 O-O 12 Bxa6 Nb6 13 Ra3 f5 14 Bxc8 Rxa3 15 Qxa3 fxe4 (oo) {Melnichuk,Mikhail - Evchin,Maxim (2248), Kiev: Kurass mem 5th (4) 2004}

- 9 ... **g6**
- 9 **Bd3 Bg7**
- 10 **O-O O-O =/+**



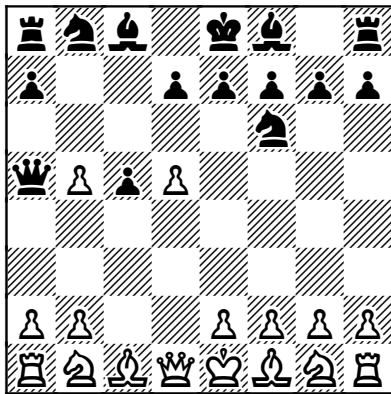
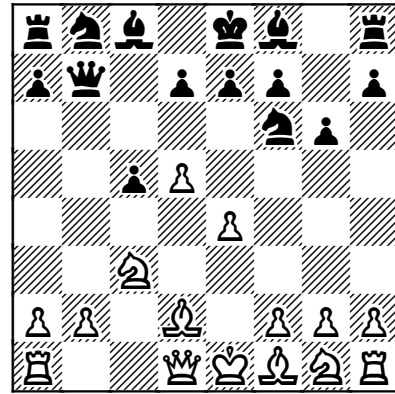
Black seems to have a decent Benoni type position.

Fayetteville Countergambit

A System for Black vs. 1. d4

(A58 Benko G Accepted)

- 1 d4 Nf6
- 2 c4 c5
- 3 d5 b5
- 4 cxb5 Qa5+

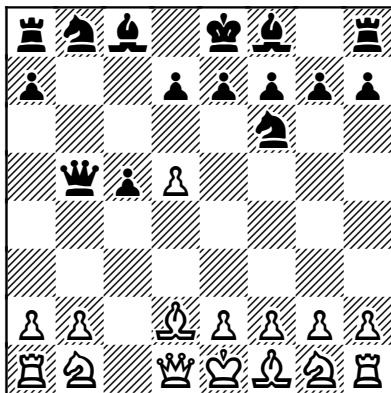


This move makes it the Fayetteville Countergambit.

5 Nc3

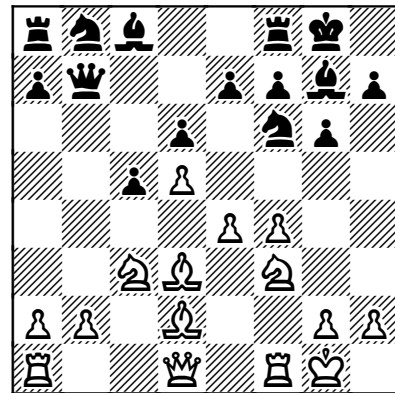
The alternative seems to give the pawn back and black a good game:

5 Bd2 Qxb5



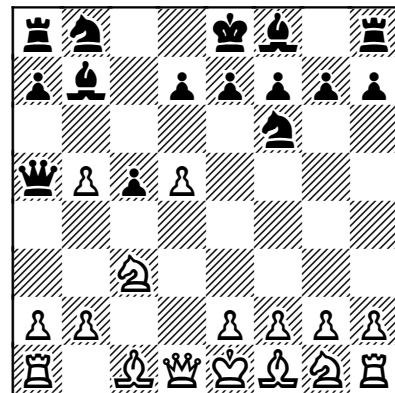
6 Nc3 (6 Bc3 Ne4 7 e3 Qb6; 6 e4 Qxb2) 6 ... Qb7
7 e4 g6

(7 ... d6 =; 7 ... e5; 7 ... e6) 8 f4 Bg7 9 Nf3 O-O
10 Bd3 d6 11 O-O =



Back to the main line with 5. Nc3:

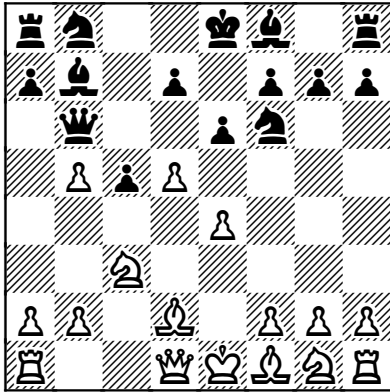
5 ... Bb7



5 ... a6!? 6 Bd2 (6 bxa6 Bxa6) 6 ... axb5 7 e4 b4 8 e5
bxc3 9 Bxc3 Qa4 10 Qxa4 Rxa4 11 exf6 gxf6 =/+

6 Bd2 Qb6

7 e4 e6

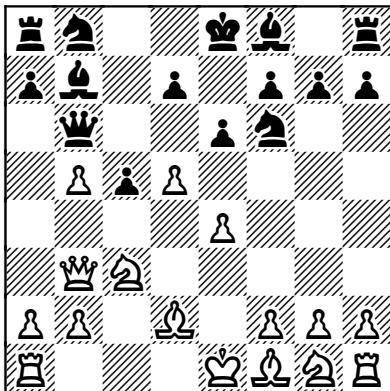


This is the critical position. Black pressures the center rather than fianchettoing his king bishop.

8 Bc4

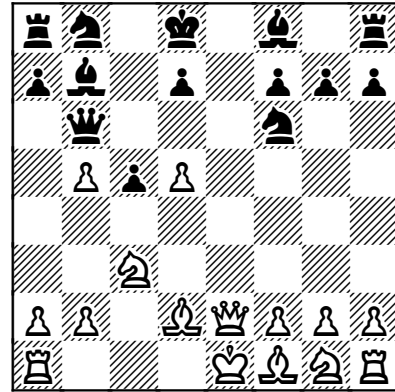
Probably a mistake, since it allows a pretty effective fork trick. More challenging alternatives for white, in approximate order of strength, are:

8 Qb3

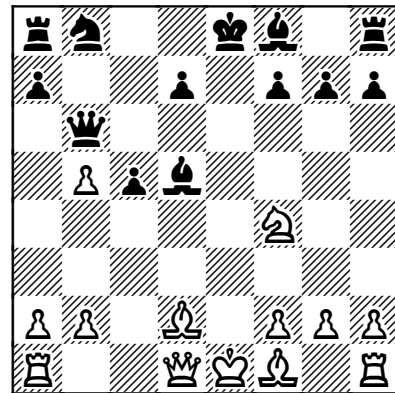


8 ... exd5 (8 ... g6!?) 9 Nxd5 (9 exd5 Bd6 10 Nf3 O-O) 9 ... Nxd5 10 exd5 a6 (10 ... Be7) 11 Bc4 +/-;

8 Qe2 exd5 (8 ... a6) 9 exd5+ Kd8 +/-

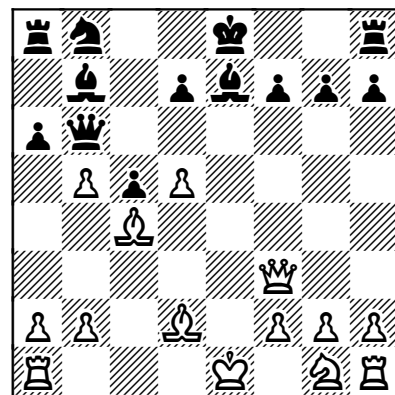


; 8 Nh3 exd5 (8 ... a6) 9 Nxd5 Nxd5 10 exd5 Bxd5 11 Nf4

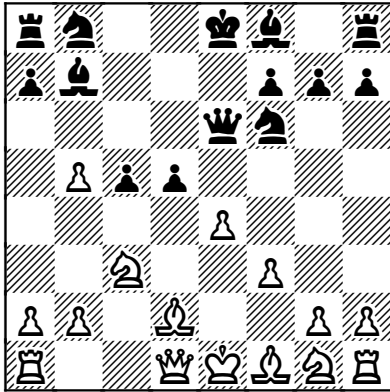


11 ... Bb7 12 Qg4 (->);

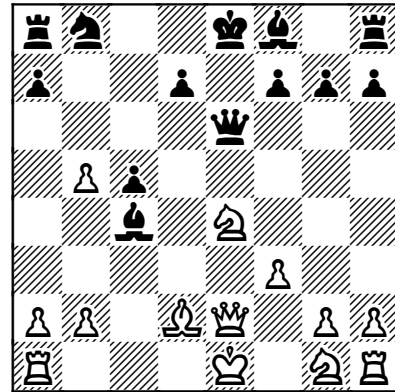
8 Qf3 exd5 9 Nxd5 Nxd5 10 exd5 Be7 11 Bc4 a6 (oo);



8 dxe6?! Qxe6! 9 f3 d5 =/+

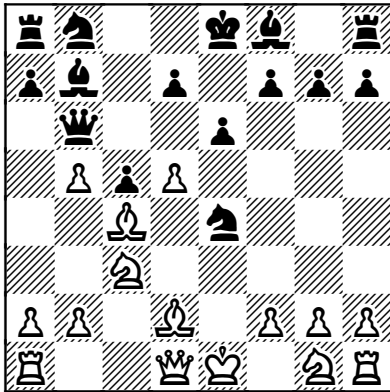


12 f3 Bc4



After the usual 8 Bc4 white gets hit with

8 ... Nxe4



13 Ng5 Qxe2+
14 Nxe2 Bxb5 -+

with a solid extra pawn. Kladiva - Rabovszky, 1995.

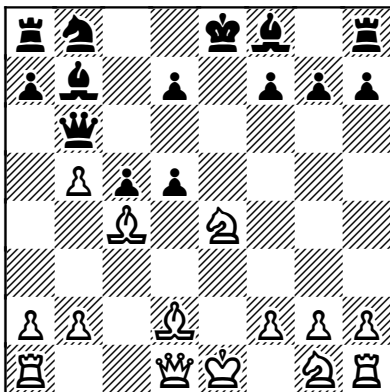
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1 d4 ♘f6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 ♔a5+
5 ♘c3 ♙b7 6 ♙d2 ♚b6 7 e4 e6 8 ♙c4
♜xe4 9 ♜f3 ♜xc3 10 ♙xc3 exd5 11 ♙xd5
♙xd5 12 ♚xd5 ♚e6+ 13 ♚xe6+ fxe6
14 O-O-O ♜g8 15 ♜he1 g5 16 ♜c2 ♙e7
17 a4 a6 18 ♜a1 g4 19 ♜e5 ♜g5 20 ♜c4
♜f5 21 ♜e2 axb5 22 ♜b6 ♜a6 23 ♜c8 b4
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27 b3 c3 28 ♜d1 ♜aa5 29 ♙b6 ♜ad5
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33 h3 gxh3 34 gxh3 ♜d6 35 f4 ♜d3 36 h4
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♜e4 40 ♙b6+ ♜xf4 41 a5 ♜f1+ 42 ♜c2
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♜xa5 46 ♙xa5 ♜xa5 47 ♜xd7 ♜f5
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(8 ... a6!? Umbarger)

9 Nxe4 exd5



10 Bxd5 Bxd5
11 Qe2 Qe6