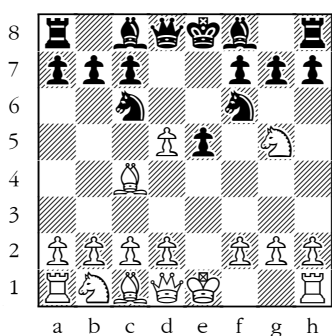


# The Fritz and Ulvestad Variations

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1. e4 e5
2. ♘f3 ♘c6
3. ♗c4 ♗f6
4. ♖g5 d5
5. exd5



Here Black has a number of choices including: 5. ... Nxd5, 5. ... Na5, 5. ... b5, and 5. ... Nd4. In this article we are concerned with only the last two.

## A. Fritz Variation

5. ... Nd4
6. c3 b5
7. Bf1 ⇒ line C

(a) 7. Bd3 Bf5 8. Bxf5 Nxf5 9. Qf3 (Morozevich—Timman, Amsterdam 1996 –67/407) Qd7 ♞ Timman.

(b) 7. cxd4 bxc4 8. dxe5 Qxd5 ∞.

## B. Ulvestad Variation

5. ... b5
6. Bf1

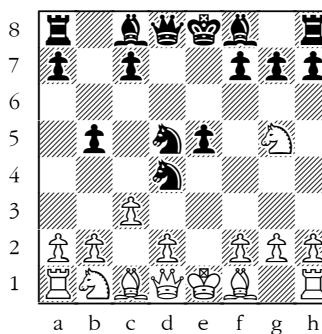
(a) 6. dxc6 bxc4 7. Nc3 h6 8. Nf3 Bd6 9. Qe2 0-0 10. 0-0 ♚.

(b) 6. Bxb5 Qd5 7. Nc3 Qg2 8. Qf3 Qxf3 9. Nxf3 Bd7 10. 0-0 Bd6 11. Bxc6 Bxc6 12. Nxe5 Bxe5 13. Re1 0-0-0 14. Rxe5 Rhe8 15. d4 Rxd4 16. Rxe8 Nxe8 17. Be3 Rg4 18. Kf1 a6 =, Lehmann—Ziese, corr. 1987.

6. ... Nd4
7. c3 ⇒ line C

## C. Fritz/Ulvestad Main Line

7. ... Nxd5



White has a choice of four major variations.

- C1. 8. cxd4
- C2. 8. Ne4
- C3. 8. Nxf7
- C4. 8. h4

### C1

8. cxd4 Qxg5
9. Bxb5

9. Nc3 exd4 10. Bxb5 Bd7 11. Bxd7 Kxd7 12. 0-0 Nf4 ∞, Van der Wiel—Timman, Amsterdam 1980 —30/255.

9. ... Kd8

10. **Qf3** **Bb7**  
11. **0-0**

11. Nc3 exd4 12. 0-0 Qf4 (12. ... dxc3 13. dxc3 Qf6) 13. Qh3 Nf6 14. Ne2 Qe5 15. Bc4 Bd6 =, Drumev—Neikirch, Bulgaria (ch) 1961.

11. ... **Rb8**

(a) 11. ... exd4 12. d3 Qe5 ♖, Paoli—Robatsch, Venice 1967 —4/264.

(b) 11. ... e4 12. Qxe4 Bd6 ♗, Paoli—Boey, Siegen (ol) 1970 —10/275.

12. **Qg3**

(a) 12. dxe5 Nb4 13. d4 Qg6 14. d5 Bxd5 15. Rd1 Rb5 16. Nc3 Qc6 ∞, A. Ivanov.

(b) 12. Nc3 exd4 13. Re1 Ne7 14. Qh3 c6 15. Ne4 Qb5 16. Nd6 Qd5 17. Qg3 ∞.

12. ... **Qxg3**  
13. **hxg3** **exd4 =**

Shabalov—A. Ivanov, USA (ch) 1996 —67/408.

## C2

8. **Ne4** **Qh4**  
9. **Ng3** **Bg4**  
10. **f3** **e4**  
11. **cxd4** **Bd6**  
12. **Bxb5** **Kd8**  
13. **0-0** **exf3**

(a) 14. Rf3 Rb8 15. a4 a6 ♗, Nordenbaek—Pedersen, Danmark 1994.

(b) 14. Qb3 Nf6 (14. ... fxg2 15. Rf2 Be6 16. Qf3 Rb8 17. Bc4 Re8 ♗) 15. Rf3 Rb8 16. a4 Bf3 17. Qf3 Ng4 18. h3 Qg3 Rb4 ♗, Rasmussen—Larsen, Danmark 1993.

## C3

8. **Nxf7** **Kxf7**  
9. **cxd4** **exd4**

9. ... Nf4 10. dxe5 Nd3 11. Bd3 Qd3 12. Qb3 Qb3 13. axb3 Bc5 14. d3 Re8 15. Bf4 ∞, Keres.

9. ... Qf6 10. Bb5 Bb7 11. 0-0 Nf4 ∞, Vilela, Moreno [ECO].

10. **Bb5** **Qe7**  
11. **Qe2** **Qe2**  
12. **Be2** **Nb4**  
13. **Bc4** **Be6**  
14. **Be6** **Ke6 ♗**

Suetin—Ravinsky, USSR 1949.

## C4

8. **h4** **h6**  
9. **Nxf7**

(a) 9. Ne4 Ne6 10. Bb5 Bd7 ♗, Foglevich—Neishtadt, corr. 1965.

(b) 9. cxd4 hxg5 10. Bb5 Bd7 11. Qe2 Bb5 12. Qb5 Qd7 13. Qd7 Kd7 14. de5 gh4 15. d4 c5 16. dxc5 Bxc5 ♗, Gligorić [ECO].

9. ... **Kxf7**  
10. **cxd4** **exd4**  
11. **Qf3** **Nf6**  
12. **Bb5 ♗**

Abenius—Jonsson, corr. 1988.