

Sicilian Labourdonnais–Löwenthal Variation

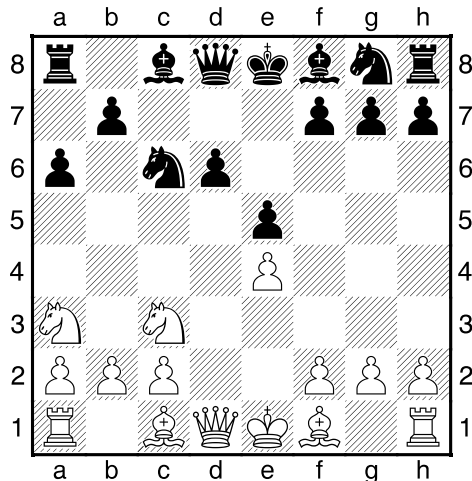
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1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 e5 5.♞b5
d6 6.♞1c3

[6.c4 ♟e7 (6...f5) 7.♟d3 ♞f6 8.♞1c3 a6 9.♞a3
 ♟g4!? 10.f3 ♟e6 11.♞c2 0-0 12.♟e3 ♞h5 13.g3
 ♟g5 14.♞d2± Ceskovskij–Harlow/Sankt
 Peterburg/1993/]

6...a6 7.♞a3



7...b5!?

[7...♟e6 8.♞c4 ♞c8N 9.♞d5 ♟xd5 10.♞xd5?!
 ♞f6 11.♞d3 d5 12.exd5 ♞xd5=]

8.♞d5 ♞ce7?!

[8...♞ge7 9.c4 (9.♟g5 h6 10.♟xb5!? (10.♞h5
 ♟e6 11.♟d3 ♞b8! 12.c4 ♞d4 13.cxb5? (13.♟xe7
 ♞a5+! 14.♞f1 ♟xe7±) 13...hxg5! 14.♞xh8 ♞xd5
 15.exd5 ♞a5+± Jonsson–
 Polgar,Zs/Egilsstadir/1988) 10...axb5 11.♞xb5
 ♞a7∞) 9...♞d4 10.cxb5 ♞xd5 11.exd5 ♞h4
 12.♟e3 ♞f5 13.♞c2 ♟e7 14.♟e2 ♞xe3 15.♞xe3
 0-0 16.0-0 f5 17.♞c4 axb5 18.♞xe5 dxe5 19.d6
 ♞b8 0,5/Kruppa–Neverov/Nikolaev/zt/1993/]

9.♟g5!?

[9.c4!? ♞xd5 10.♞xd5?! (10.exd5) 10...♟e6
 11.♞d1 (11.♞b7 bxc4 a) 11...♞f6! 12.cxb5 (a)

12.♟g5? d5!?) 12...d5! 13.♞c2 ♞c8 14.♟d3 ♞c7
 15.♞xa6 dxe4 16.b6 ♞xd3 17.♞xd3 (a) 17.♞a8+
 ♞c8 18.b7 ♞xc2 19.bxc8♞+ ♞xc8+) 17...exd3
 18.bxc7 dxc2+; b) 11...b4 12.♞xb4 d5 13.c5
 ♞c8 14.exd5 ♟xc5 15.♞c4 ♟f5 16.♟d2 ♟xa3
 17.♞a4+ ♞d7 18.♞xa3 ♞xd5 19.♟e2±
 Kotronias,V–Gausel,L/Gausdal/1990/1|0/41/;
 12.♟xc4 ♞c8 13.♞xc8+ ♟xc8 14.♟e3 ♞f6 15.0-
 0-0 ♟b7 16.f3± Roskar,R–
 Waller,H/Bled/Rogaska/1992/1|0/51/) 11...♞f6 (11...
 b4 12.♞a4+ ♞d7 13.♞xb4 d5 14.c5 ♞c6∞) 12.cxb5
 d5±]

9...h6?

[♞9...♞b8 10.c4 f6 11.♟e3 (11.♟d2 ♞xd5
 12.cxd5 Ivanov,V–Umansky,V/Moscow 1997/
 (12) 12...f5 13.exf5 ♟xf5 (13...♞f6 14.♞c2 ♟b7 (14...
 ♟xf5 15.♞b4±) 15.♞e3 ♞d7! 16.♞b3 ♞f7
 17.a4 ♟e7! (17...♟xd5 18.♞xd5 ♞xd5 19.♞xd5
 ♞xd5 20.axb5 axb5 21.♞a5 ♞c7 22.♞a7±)
 18.axb5 0-0±) 14.♞c2±) 11...♞xd5 12.♞xd5 b4?
 13.♞c2 f5 14.exf5 ♞f6 15.♞d3 ♞d7 16.♟d2 d5 (16...
 a5 17.♞e3±) 17.cxd5 e4 (17...♞xd5
 18.♞xd5 ♞xd5 19.♟c4 ♟xf5 20.♟xd5 ♟xc2
 21.♞c1 ♟f5 22.0-0±) 18.♞d4 ♞xd5 19.♟f4! ♞a8
 20.♟c4+- ♞xd4 21.♞xd4 ♟c5 22.♞e6 1-0
 Kuchatova,N–Usatchev,S/RUS–Cup3 Omsk
 1996/[Horvath,T] (31)]

10.♟xb5+!

[10.♟e3?! ♞xd5 11.exd5 ♞f6 12.c4 ♞g4!
 13.♟c1 ♞b6 14.♞d2 b4 15.♞c2 ♟e7! 16.h3
 ♟g5± Toth,G–Waller/Zalakaros/1992]

10...axb5 11.♞xb5 ♞a7

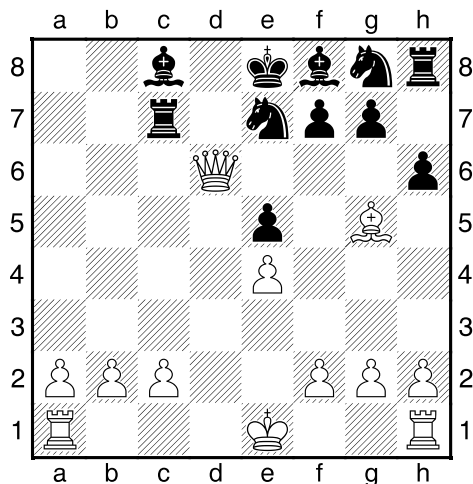
[11...♞a6 12.♞bc7+ (12.♞dc7+ ♞d7 13.♞xa6!
 ♞a5+ 14.♟d2 ♞xb5 15.♞b4 ♞f6 16.f3 ♞c6±)
 12...♞d7 13.♞g4+ f5 14.exf5 ♞f6! 15.♟xf6 gxf6
 16.0-0 ♞xd5 17.♞xd5 ♟b7± Kindermann,S–
 Bischoff,K/Munchen (zt) 1987/ (17)]

12.♞dc7+

[12.♞xa7 ♞a5+ (12...hxg5 13.♞xc8 ♞xc8
 14.♞e3! (14.a4 ♞xd5 15.♞xd5 ♞f6 16.♞b5+
 ♞d7 17.♞b8+ ♞d8=) 14...♞c6 15.♞d3 ♞f6 16.c3
 Δ ♞c4, 0-0-0±) 13.♞d2 (13.b4 ♞xa7 14.♟e3±)
 13...♞xa7 14.♟e3 ♞b8 (14...♞b7 15.♞b6! ♟e6!
 16.a4 d5□ 17.exd5 ♞xd5 18.a5 ♞xe3 19.♞xe3
 ♞f6 20.a6 ♞a7 21.♞d5 (21.♞xe5 ♞xb6!? (21...
 ♟e7 22.♞b5+ ♞d7 23.♞xd7 ♟xd7 24.♞b7)
 22.a7 ♟b4+! 23.c3 0-0 24.a8♞ ♞xa8 25.♞xa8+
 ♞h7±) 21...♟c5 22.♞xf6+ gxf6∞) 15.c4 ♞xd5

16.exd5 f5 17.f3 ♖f6 18.b4 f4 19.♙f2 e4 20.♙d4 e3 21.♖c3 ♙e7 22.a4 1-0 Voitsekhovskiy,S-Mochalov,E/Minsk 2000/I (07) (46)]

12...♙xc7 13.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 14.♖xd6



14...♙d7?

[♖14...♙c6! ♜ 15.♖xe5 hxg5 16.♖xg5 (16.c3 f5 (16...♗f6 17.f3 g4) 17.exf5 ♗f6 18.0-0 ♗g4 19.♖b8 ♗xh2 20.♙fe1 ♙hh6 21.♙e6 ♗g4 22.♙ae1 Rego,S-Rawlings,A/ICCF Email 1997/1/2-1/2 (89)) 16...♗f6 17.0-0-0 (17.f3 ♙xc2 ♜ ♠) 17...g6 18.♖a5 ♙h6+ 19.♗b1 0-0 20.♙d8 ♗xe4 21.♙e1 ♙e6 22.♗a1 0-1 Fakhruddinov-Sveshnikov/Ishewsk 1989/ (32)]

15.♖xe5 hxg5

[15...f6? 16.♙xf6 ♗xf6 17.b4 ♙b7 18.c3±]

16.0-0? White misses the point. The essence of the position demands movement of the pawns on the Q-side. Black's position is cramped and hard to handle and this white must try and use to his own advantage.

[16.b4! would be a fine move here increasing white's control of space. 16...♗f6 17.a4 ♗g4 18.♖b5 pinning the rook making it a target 18...♙h6!? (18...♗xh2 19.♗e2 ♙h6 20.♖xg5 ♗g6 21.♙ad1=) 19.♙d1 ♗c6 20.♙xd7 ♙xd7 21.c3 ♗xh2 22.♗d1□ (22.♗e2?? ♗d4+!-+)

22...♙d6+ 23.♗e1=]

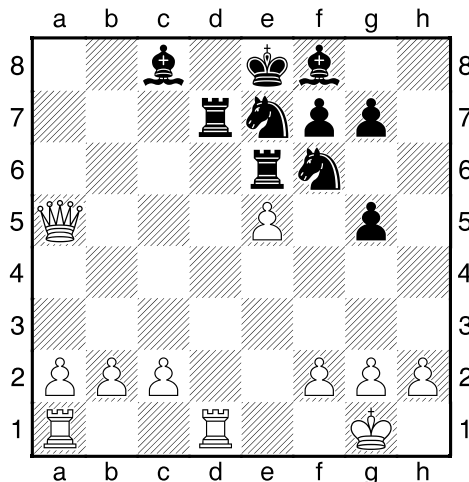
16...♙h6± 17.♙fd1

[♖17.b4 ♙e6 18.♖xg5 ♙xe4 19.♖c5 ♙b7 20.♙ae1 ♗f6 21.f3±]

17...♙e6! 18.♖a5?

[18.♖xg5 ♗c6 19.f3 ♙e5; 18.♖b5!?)

18...♗f6 19.e5



19...♙xd1+! 20.♙xd1 ♗d7 21.b4 Too late 21...♙a6! Taking charge of the game and setting on the road to win. 22.♖c7?

[♖22.♖b5 ♗c6 23.e6! ♜ fxe6 (23...♗de5 24.c3 ♙xa2 25.exf7+ ♗xf7 26.♙e1= slight adv. to black) 24.c3 ♗ce5 25.a4=]

22...♙c6! 23.♖a7 ♙xc2 24.b5?

[♖24.a3 g6! (24...♙e2? 25.a4 ♙xe5 26.♙c1 g6 27.b5 ♙g7 28.♗f1 g4 29.b6? (29.♖a8 ♗b6 30.♖a7 ♙h6 31.♙d1 ♗bd5 32.b6!±) 29...♙c5 30.♙e1 ♙c3 ♜) 25.e6 fxe6 26.♗f1 ♗d5]

24...♗d5 25.♖a4 ♙c5 26.♖b3?

[26.e6! fxe6 27.♙e1 ♗c7 28.b6 ♗d5 29.♙xe6+ ♗f7 30.♙c6 ♙xc6 31.♖xc6 ♗7xb6 and white still has a good chance]

26...♗7b6 27.a4 ♙f5 28.a5 ♙c2 29.axb6 ♙xb3 30.b7 ♙xb5 0-1

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