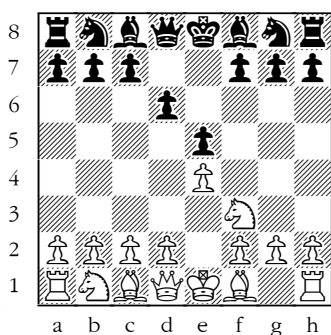


Philidor's Defense

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1. e4 e5
2. ♖f3 d6



3. d4 ...

Here Black has three major possibilities:
(A) 3. ... Nd7, (B) 3. ... exd4, and (C) 3. ... Nf6.

⇒ Incorrect is: 3. ... ♗g4 4. dxe5 ♗xf3
5. ♖xf3 dxe5 6. ♗c4 ♖d7 (6. ... ♖f6 7.
♖b3) 7. 0-0 ±

A

3. ... ♗d7
4. ♗c4 c6

⇒ (a) 4. ... h6? 5. dxe5 dxe5 6. ♗xf7
♗xf7 7. ♗xe5 ♖f6 8. ♖d5 +-

⇒ (b) 4. ... ♗e7? 5. dxe5 ♗xe5 [5. ...
dxe5 6. ♖d5 +-] 6. ♗xe5 dxe5 7. ♖h5
+-

⇒ (c) 4. ... ♗f6? 5. ♗g5 ♖e7 6. ♗xf7+
♗d8 7. ♗e6 +-

5. 0-0 ♗e7
6. dxe5 dxe5
7. ♗g5 ♗xg5

8. ♖h5 ♖f6

8. ... ♖e7 9. ♗xg5 ♗g6 10. ♖h4 b5 11.
♗e2 (11. ♗b3 ♗c5 ♖) =

9. ♗xg5 ♖g6
10. ♖h4 ♗g6
11. f3 0-0 ±

12. Be3 Nb6 13. Bb3 Re8 14. Nd2 Be6 15.
Bxe6 Rxe6 16. a4 ±, Granda—Rogers,
New York 1998 (72/(297)).

B

3. ... exd4
4. ♖d4 a6
5. ♗f4 ♗c6
6. ♖d2 ♗f6
7. ♗c3 ♗e7
8. 0-0-0 0-0 ±

C

3. ... ♗f6
4. ♗c3 ♗bd7
5. ♗c4 ♗e7
6. 0-0 0-0
7. Re1 c6
8. a4 b6 ±

Especially learn the sections marked with
an arrow (⇒).