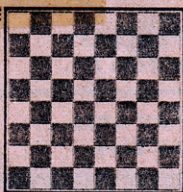


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## The Ruy Lopez Exchange Variation

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| 1 P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 B-N5  | P-QR3 |
| 4 BxN   | QPxB  |
| 5 0-0!  | ...   |

The latest wrinkle, introduced by Bobby Fischer with great effect at the 1966 Chess Olympics in Havana.

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| 5 ... | B-KN5! |
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Unquestionably, this line poses a more serious threat to White than 5...P-B3. Black is not content with passive defensive maneuvers and keeps a diagonal open to the K-side for his Queen.

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| 6 P-KR3 | P-KR4! |
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Other moves rather favor White:

(a) Fuchs-Udovchich, Berlin, 1962: 6...B-R4 7 P-KN4 B-N3 8 NxP Q-R5 9 Q-B3 P-B3 10 NxB.

(b) Zatulovskaya - Nikolau, Belgrade, 1967: 6...BxN 7 QxB Q-Q2 8 P-Q3 P-B3 9 N-Q2 0-0-0 10 N-B4 P-KR4 11 Q K3! K-N1 12 Q-K1 P-KN4 13 B-K3 N-R3 14 P-QN4 N-B2 15 P-QR4 N-Q3 16 Q-B3.

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| 7 P-B3 | ... |
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The less ambitious 7 P-Q3 runs into 7...Q-B3 8 QN-Q2 (but not 8 PxP? PxP 9 N-N5 Q-R3 10 N-KR3 Q-R4 11 K-R2 PxN 12 QxQ PxP!) N-K2 (and here Black has an even stronger reply in 8...0-0-0.) 9 R-K1 (if 9 N-B4, Black equalizes with 9...BxN 10 QxB QxQ 11 PxQ N-N3! 12 R-Q1 0-0-0 as in Kagan-Ree, Havana, 1966), N-N3 10 P-Q4! B-Q3 11 PxP PxP 12 N-R2 RxN!, and Black has whatever winning chances that the position holds.

White also has tried 7 P-Q4 here, e.g., 7...BxN 8 QxB QxP 9 R-Q1 (more forcing than 9 N-B3, when Black can strengthen the position of his Queen by 9...Q-Q2 10 Q-N3 Q-K3 as in Klovsky-Frymson, USSR Trade Union Competition, 1967) Q-B5 10 Q-B5 Q-K3 11 QxQch PxQ 12 B-K3 N-B3 13 N-Q2 N-Q2 14 N-B4 B-K2 15 R-Q3 0-0-0, and Black maintains the balance (Menville-O'Kelly, Spain, 1966).

This move represents the "last word" in Black's search for a perfect defense, but the following alternatives deserve careful consideration:

(a) Chaplinsky — Gusev, Master Qualification Match, 1967: 7...BxN 8 QxB Q—B3 9 P—Q4! QxQ 10 PxQ PxP 11 PxP 0-0-0 12 B—K3 P—KB4 13 N—B3 N—B3 14 QR—Q1 B—N5 15 B—N5 QR—K1 16 KR—K1 N—R2 17 B—B1 KR—B1, with even chances.

(b) Stein—Kholmov, Tbilisi, 1966-67: 7...Q—B3 8 P—Q4 BxN 9 QxB PxP 10 PxP, and now not 10...QxP? 11 N—B3 B—Q3 12 B—B4 BxB 13 QxB Q—Q3 14 P—K5 Q—R3 15 Q—QN4 P—QN3 16 P—B4, but 10...QxQ 11 PxQ 0-0-0 12 B—K3 P—KB4 (or even 12...N—K2) gives Black a good game.

(c) Polyakov — Beradze, USSR Rural Championship, 1967: 7...Q—Q6!? 8 PxB PxP 9 NxP B—Q3! 10 NxNP (of course, Black takes the draw by perpetual check after 10 NxQ.) N—B3 11 P—K5 NxN 12 QxN R—R8ch! 13 KxR QxRch 14 K—R2 BxPch 15 P—B4 BxPch 16 P—N3 K—K2 17 Q—R3 Q—B7ch 18 K—R1 BxNP 19 P—Q4 R—R1! 20 Resigns.

(d) K. Yamamoto—G. Weber, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1967: 7...B—QB4! (This original move may prove to be Black's most effective counterblow.) 8 P—Q4 PxP 9 PxB? PxP 10 N—N5 Q—Q3! 11 P—K5 Q—R3 12 N—KR3 Q—R4 13 PxP (or 13 K—R2 0-0-0!) 0-0-0 14 B—K3 BxP! 15 BxB Q—R5 16 Q—Q3 PxN 17 Q—B5ch (White also loses after 17 QxPch QxQ 18 PxQ RxB.) K—N1 18 B—K3 PxP 19 KxP N—K2 20 Resigns.

8 P—Q4	BxN
9 QxB	BPxP
10 PxP	PxP

Black does better here with 10...QxP 11 R—Q1 Q—B5! 12 Q—B5 Q—K3 13 QxQch PxQ 14 B—K3 N—B3.

11 P—K5!	P—QB3
12 N—Q2	Q—Q2
13 R—K1	...

Now White misses the strongest continuation, 13 N—B4! R—Q1 14 B—N5, or 13...B—B4 14 P—QN4! P—QN4 15 N—R5 BxP 16 NxP.

13 ...	B—N5
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The column is Matanovich—Lengyel, Vrnjacka Banja, 1967. Black has obtained complete equality.

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