

Chess

Unlike their standard American counterparts, Soviet chess manuals often feature complete annotated games expanding the in-depth analysis given for each opening. It is a superior approach that could profitably be used and improved upon in this country to assist the further development of our own chess players.

Abridged notes translated from "Kurs debyutov" (A Course in the Openings, Moscow, 1968, pp. 277-79) by Vasily Panov and Yakov Estrin.

White: Mark Taimanov.
Leningrad, 1960.

Black: Lev Polugaevsky.

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	13 KxP	B-K2(h)
2 P-QB4	PxP	14 KR-K1	P-B3
3 N-KB3	N-KB3	15 B-N5	Q-N3(i)
4 Q-R4ch	QN-Q2(a)	16 K-B1!	PxB(j)
5 N-B3	P-K3	17 BxNch	K-B1
6 P-K4	P-B4(b)	18 RxB!	KxR
7 P-Q5! (c)	PxP	19 Q-K4ch	K-Q1(k)
8 P-K5	P-Q5(d)	20 B-B5ch	K-B2
9 BxP!	PxN	21 Q-K5ch	K-B3
10 PxN(e)	QxP	22 R-Q6ch	K-N4
11 B-KN5!	Q-B3	23 Q-N2ch	Resigns
12 0-0-0!! (f)	PxPch(g)		

(a) Correct is either 4 . . . P-B3 or 4 . . . N-B3, since White now forces a powerful pawn center.

(b) Black's counter-action comes too soon. Even after 6 . . . B-K2 or 6 . . . P-QR, however, White still stands better.

(c) Logical and strong. Levenfish played weakly against Suetin in 1953: 7 BxP PxP 8 NxP B-B4 9 B-K3 0-0 10 0-0-0?, and Black had a winning attack after 10 . . . Q-B2 11 K-N1 P-QR3 12 Q-N3 P-QN4.

(d) Nor does 8 . . . N-N5 9 NxP halt White's offensive.

(e) Inferior for White is Suetin's 10 0-0 B-K2! 11 PxN BxP 12 R-K1ch K-B1.

(f) An amazing combinational resource suggested as early as 1934 during the Alekhine-Bogolyubov world championship match. Taking the bait, 12 . . . QxQ, brings on 13 KR-K1ch B-K2 14 RxBch K-B1 15 RxBch K-N1 (or 15 . . . K-K1 16 R-K1ch) 16 R-7xNch QxB 17 R-Q8ch K-B2 18 N-K5ch, and White wins back the queen plus a piece.

(g) Black fares no better with 12 . . . B-K2 13 QxQ! (and not 13 KR-K1? because of 13 . . . 0-0! 14 QxQ BxBch) PxQ 14 BxB PxPch 15 KxP KxB 16 KR-KLch K-Q1 17 N-N5 or 16 . . . K-B1 17 N-K5.

(h) If 13 . . . P-B3, then 14 KR-K1ch B-K2 15 B-N5, transposing into the game continuation.

(i) Or 15 . . . Q-B2 16 B-KB4.

(j) Already Black is at a loss for a useful move. Now White reaps a rich harvest.

(k) Other flight squares just lead to other mates.

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