

ODD(S) GAMES

(Remove the pieces in the parentheses before beginning game.)

K. Eckart-Tarrasch

Nuremberg Chess Club Ch., 1887-88

(f7)

1.e4 dxc6 2.f4 e5 3.dxf3 exf4 4.Qc4 Qc5 5.d4 dxd4?! 6.dxd4 Kh4+
7.Gf1 d5 8.exd5 Qg4 9.Qb5+? (9.Qd3) 9...c6! 10.dxc6 O-O-O! 11.cxb7+
Kxb7 12.Qc6+ Kb6 13.Kd3 Rxd4 14.Kb5+ Kc7 15.Kb7+ Kd6 16.dxc3
(16.Bf3 Rd1+! Bxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Rxd1 -) 16...Kf2+! 17.Gxf2 Rxd1+ 18.Qe3
Qxe3mate 0-1

Greco-N.N.

Rome, 1620

(Ng1)

1.e4 e5 2.Qc4 Qf6 3.d4 dxe4 4.dxe5 dxf2? (In an odds game one should not
be so eager to equalize the material!) 5.O-O! dxd1 6.Qxf7+! Ke7 7.Qg5mate
1-0

Morphy-N.N.

New York, 1857

(Nb1)

Morphy has more odds games than any other player in this article. Play over his
games and you'll see why.

1.e4 e5 2.dxf3 Qf6 3.d4 exd4 4.e5 Ke7 5.Qe2 Qe4 6.O-O d5 7.exd6 dxd6
8.Re1 Qe6 9.Qg5 Kd7 10.dxe5 Kc8 11.Qh4 Qe7 12.Qxe7 Kxe7 13.dxf7
dxf7 14.Qg4 Qd8 15.Kxd4 Rg8 16.Rxe6+! dxe6 17.Re1 Qc6 18.Kc5+
Kf6 19.Kf5+ Ke7 20.Rxe6+ and ... 1-0

Anderssen-Hillel

Breslau, 1859

(Nb1)

1.e4 e5 2.dxf3 Qc6 3.c3 d5 4.Qb5 dxe4 5.dxe5 Qd7 6.dxd7 Kxd7 7.O-O
O-O-O 8.f3 Qc5+ 9.Gh1 (9.d4 exd3+) 9...e3 10.d4 Ke6 11.Re1 dxd4!
12.cxd4 Rxd4 13.Kc2 Qb6 14.Qxe3 Rd8 15.Rad1 Ke5 16.Qg5 Kxg5
17.Kf5+ Kxf5 18.Rxd8+ Kxd8 19.Re8mate 1-0

Staunton-Worrall

Match, 1860

(Nb1)

1.b3 e5 2.♖b2 ♘c6 3.e3 ♗c5 4.♘e2 d6 5.♘g3 ♗e6 6.a3 ♘ge7 7.♗e2 O-O
8.O-O f5 9.d4 ♗b6 10.c4 e×d4 11.e×d4 ♗d7 12.b4 a5 13.b5 ♘b8 14.♞c1
c6 15.c5 d×c5 16.d×c5 ♗c7 17.♞d4 ♞f6 18.♗c4+ ♘d5 (18...Kh8 19.Qxf6)
19.♞c3 ♗×g3? 20.♞×g3 ♞h8 21.♞h4 ♗e6 22.♞e1 ♗f7 23.♗×d5 c×d5
24.♗×f6 g×f6 25.♞h6 1-0

Zukertort-Epureanu

Berlin, 1872

(Nb1)

1.f4 e6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.b3 d5 4.♗b2 c5 5.e3 ♘c6 6.a3 a6 7.♗d3 ♗d6 8.♞e2
O-O 9.g4 ♘×g4? 10.♞g2 ♘f6 11.h4 h6 12.h5 ♞h8 13.O-O-O ♘e8
14.♞dg1 ♞g8 15.♗h7!! f6 (15...Kxh7 16.Qg6+!! fxg6 17.hxg6+ Kh8 18.Rxh6#)
16.♗×g8 ♞×g8 17.♞g6 ♞h8 18.♘g5! h×g5 19.f×g5 ♘e7 20.g×f6!! ♘×g6
21.h×g6+ ♞g8 22.♞h8+! ♞×h8 23.f7 1-0 [There is no defense against mate. If
23...Qh4 (stopping the threatened 24.Rh1+) 24.fxe8=Q+ Bf8 25.Qxf8#]

Cook-Bristol, 1906

(Nb1)

A game that features two queen sacrifices!

1.f4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 e6 4.♗b2 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♗e7 6.♗d3 O-O 7.♘g5 g6 8.h4
♘h5 9.♞×h5! (The first Queen sacrifice! Black can't take the queen due to 9...gxh5
10.Bxh7#) 9...♗×g5 10.♞×h7+! (The second Queen sacrifice! Black can't ignore
this one!) 10...♞×h7 11.h×g5+ ♞g8 12.♞h8mate 1-0

Capablanca-N.N., 1919

(Nb1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 e×f4 3.♘f3 g5 4.♗c4 ♗g7 5.O-O h6 6.g3 g4 7.♘h4 f3 8.♘×f3
g×f3 9.♗×f7+ ♞×f7 10.♞×f3+ (It's time to take account of the pieces. White is
down 3 pieces and yet has an almost a won game. Incredible!) 10...♘f6 (10...Qf6
11.Qh5+ would normally win except for the following items ; 1) White is already
down so much material, 2) White's attack would fizzle down to only a few checks, 3)
Black can still bring out his Queen-side pieces.) 11.e5 ♞f8 12.e×f6 ♗×f6
(12...Bg7? 13.Qh5 wins immediately.) 13.d4 ♞g7 14.♞h5 ♗g5 15.♞×f8 ♞×f8
16.♗×g5! ♞×g5 17.♞f1+ ♞e7 18.♞f7+ ♞d6 19.♞f6+ ♞×f6 20.♞×f6+ ♞d5
(Black has a Rook, Knight, and a Bishop. But they are still on their back rank.
Capablanca's lonely Queen and Black's lonelier King provide all the action.) 21.♞e5+
♞c6 22.♞c5mate 1-0

**Morphy-Maurian
Springhill, 1855**

(Ra1)

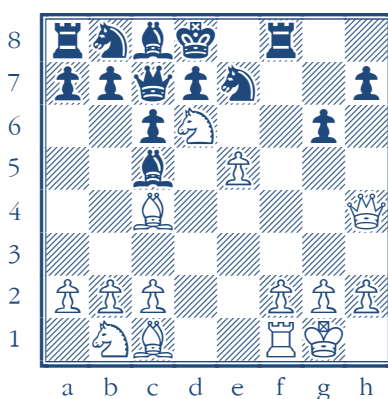
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♖c4 ♔h4+ 4.♚f1 b5 5.♘d5 ♘c6 6.♗f3 ♚h5 7.d4 ♗f6
8.♙b3 ♙a6 9.♜e2 ♘×d4! 10.♘×d4 b4! 11.♜×a6?? ♜d1+ 12.♚f2 ♘g4mate
0-1

Steinitz-N.N.

London, 1863

(Ra1)

1.e5 e5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.d4 exd4 4.e5 ♘d5 5.♜×d4 c6 6.♙c4 ♚b6 7.♜e4 ♙c5
8.O-O ♘e7? 9.♗g5 g6 10.♗×f7 ♖f8 11.♘d6+ ♚d8 12.♜h4 ♜c7



13.♜×e7+! ♜×e7 14.♙g5+ ♖f6 15.e×f6+ ♚f8 16.♙h6mate 1-0

Morphy-N.N.

New Orleans, 1858

(Ra1)

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♗f6 4.♗g5 d5 5.e×d5 ♘×d5 6.♗×f7 ♜×f7
7.♜f3+ ♜e6 8.♘c3 ♘d4 9.♙×d5+ ♜d6 10.♜f7 (♠Ne4#) ♙e6 11.♙×e6
♘×e6 12.♗e4+ ♜d5 13.c4+ ♜×e4 14.♜×e6 ♜d4 15.♜g4+ ♜d3 16.♜e2+
♜c2 17.d3+ ♜×c1 18.O-Omate! 1-0 (As far as it is known, this is the first time
that a player has mated an opponent by castling. Note that this is the only move
possible to mate.)

Tarrasch-Kelz

Nuremburg, 1890

(Ra1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 e×f4 3.♞f3 g5 4.♙c4 g4 5.O-O (Not satisfied at only being a Rook down, White sacrifices a Knight, This is known as the Muzio Gambit, usually played when White has a full set of pieces.) 5...g×f3 6.♚×f3 ♚f6 7.♞c3 ♚d4+ 8.♜h1 ♚×c4 9.♚×f4 ♞e7 10.♞d5 ♞×d5 11.♚×f7+ ♚d8 12.d3 ♚c6 13.♙g5+ ♙e7 14.♚f8+ ♚×f8 15.♚×f8mate 1-0

Steinitz-N.N.

London, 1863

(Ra1)

1.e4 e5 2.♞c3 ♞c6 3.f4 e×f4 4.♞f3 ♙b4 5.♞d5 ♙a5 6.♞×f4 d6 7.c3 ♙b6 8.d4 ♙g4 9.♙b5 ♚f8 10.O-O ♞e5 11.♞×e5 ♙×d1 12.♞eg6+ 1-0

Kashdan-Horneman

Manhattan Chess Club, 1930

(Ra1)

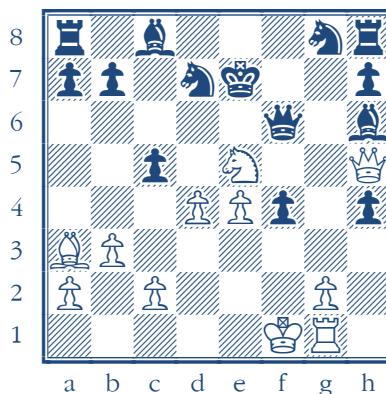
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.♚g4 c×d4 5.♞f3 ♞h6 6.♚h3 ♙e7 7.♙d3 b6 8.♚g3 ♞f5 9.♙×f5 e×f5 10.♚×g7 ♚f8 11.♞×d4 ♙a6? 12.♞×f5 ♞d7 13.♙g5 f6? 14.e6! f×g5 15.♚g6+!! h×g6 16.♞g7mate 1-0

Morphy-T. Knight

New Orleans, 1856

(Ra1, Nb1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 e×f4 3.♞f3 g5 4.♙c4 ♚e7 5.d4 d5 6.♙×d5 c6 7.♙×f7+ ♚×f7 8.♞e5 ♚f6 9.♚h5+ ♚e7 10.h4 g×h4 11.O-O ♙h6 12.b3 ♞d7 13.♙a3+ c5



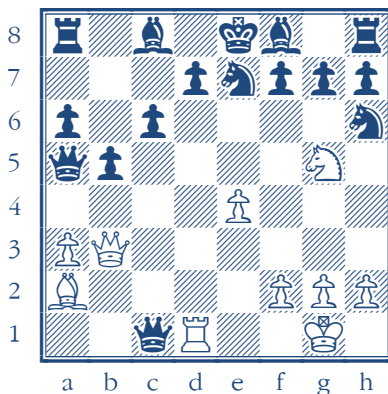
14.♚d1! ♞×e5 15.♙×c5+ ♚e6 16.♚e8+ ♞e7 17.d5mate 1-0 (Is this the first time that a Knight has been mated by a pawn?)

Barnes-N.N.

New York, 1877

(Ra1, Nb1)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Qc4 Qc6 5.a3 Qce7 6.Qf3 a6 7.O-O b5
8.Qa2 c6 9.Qg5 Qh6 10.Qb3 Qa5 11.Qe1 cxb2 12.Qd1 bxc1=Q (Black
now has more pieces than at the beginning of the game.)



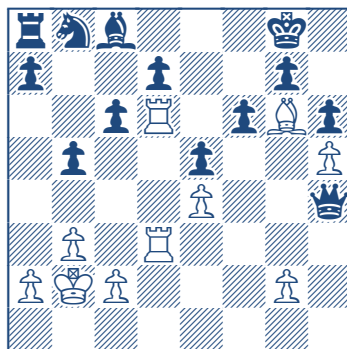
13.Qxf7+ Qxf7 14.Qxf7+ Qd8 15.Qe6mate 1-0

Nimzovich-Leelaus

(Qd1, Ng8)

Riga, n.d

1.b3 e5 2.Qb2 f6 3.e4 c6 4.Qc3 Qb4 5.O-O-O Qxc3 6.dxc3 O-O 7.Qa3
Qe8 8.Qd6 Qb6 9.Qf3 Qxf2 10.h4 h6 11.Qc4+ Qh7 12.h5 b5 13.Qf7
Qe6 14.Qh4 Qxd6 15.Qxd6 Qc5 16.Qhd1 Qxc3 17.Q1d3 Qe1+ 18.Qb2
Qxh4 19.Qg6+ Qg8



20.Qe6! 1-0

Cochrane-N.N.

London, 1842

(Qd1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♘c4 ♖h4+ 4.♗d1 ♘c5 5.♗f3 ♖d8 6.d4 ♗b6 7.♗xf4 f6 8.e5 ♗e7 9.exf6 gxf6 10.♗c3 ♗bc6 11.♞e1 ♗a5 12.♗e4 ♗xe1 13.♗xf6+ ♖f8 14.♗h6mate 1-0

Zuckertort-N.N., 1860

(Qd1)

1.d4 d5 2.♗f4 ♗f5 3.♗c3 ♗xc2? (A move that only wastes time. Any developing move would have been better than the text.) 4.♞c1 ♗g6 5.♗b5 ♗a6 6.♗xc7 ♗xc7?? 7.♗xc7+ ♖d7 8.e4 ♞c8 9.♗b5+ ♖d6 10.e5mate 1-0

Blackburne-Harley

Manchester, 1862

(Qd1)

1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 ♗d6 3.♗c3 ♗e7 4.e3 O-O 5.O-O-O c5 6.♗ge2 b6 7.f4 ♗bc6 8.g4 a6 9.f5 ♖c7 10.♗g3 e4 11.♗cxe4 ♗xg3 12.hxg3 ♗b7 13.♗c4 d5 14.♞xh7 ♖xh7 15.♞h1+ ♖g8 16.♗f6+ gxf6 17.♗xf6 ♗g6 18.fxg6 fxg6 19.♗xd5+ ♞f7 20.♞h8mate 1-0

Tarrasch-Ch. Schroeder

Nuremburg, 1889

(Qd1)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.d3 f5 4.♗c3 fxex4 5.dxe4 a6 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.♗f3 ♗b4 8.♗g5 ♖d6 9.♞d1 ♖g6 10.♞d8+ ♖f7 11.♗c4+ ♖e6 12.♗xe5mate 1-0

Apscheneek-N.N.

Riga, 1934

(Qd1)

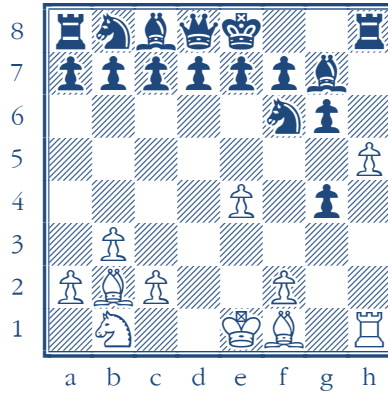
1.b3 e5 2.♗b2 d6 3.♗c3 ♗e7 4.O-O-O ♗f6 5.f3 O-O 6.e3 c6 7.g4 h6 8.♗ge2 ♗e6 9.♗g3 ♗bd7 10.h4 ♗h7 11.g5 hxg5 12.hxg5 ♗xg5 13.♗d3 ♗h6 14.♞dg1 d5 15.♗f5 ♗xf5 16.♗xf5 ♖f6 17.♗xd7 d4 18.exd4 exd4 19.♗e2 ♖e7 20.♗xd4 ♖xd7 21.♞xh6 ♞ad8 22.♞xg7+! (White is now a Rook and Queen down. But he's not worried. The pieces may have been free, but he has a mate in three!) 22...♖xg7 23.♗f5+ ♖g8 24.♞g6+! fxg6 25.♗h6mate 1-0

E. Hearst-R.E.

Blitz Game, 1955

(Qd1, Ra1, Ng1)

1.b3 g6 2.♙b2 ♘f6 3.e4 ♙g7 4.h4 h5 5.g4 h×g4 6.h5



6...♘xh5? 7.♙xg7 ♘xg7? 8.♖xh8mate 1-0