

Developing an Opening Repertoire III

Defending against the English Opening

Class One

Preparation for Class One

Read Chapters 10, 40

Review Supplemental games, "Class One games.zip" and
"Maroczy Bind.zip"

Review "Class One variations.pgn"

Chapter 40 - English, Part I

The Symmetrical English - Move order

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6

A. 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6

A1. 5.e4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6

The Maroczy Bind, Chapter 10

A2. 5.g3 Bg7 6.Nc2 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Qc5 8.Bc3 Nf6

A3. 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nc2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc Qa5 8.Bd2 Nf6
9.f3 d6 10.e4 Qa4!

B. 3.e3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.exd4 d5

(Panov-Botvinnik line of the Caro Cahn)

C. 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 (see Chapter 42)

Chapter 10 - Maroczy Bind - with 7.Be3

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.e4 Nf6
6.Nc3 d6 7.Be3 Ng4!

This move thwarts White's plans and leads to interesting endgames that must be studied.

Class Two

Preparation for Class Two

Read Chapter 41

Review Supplemental games, "Class Two games.pgn"

Review "Class Two variations.pgn"

Chapter 41 - English, Part II

White Plays e3 and d4

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4
6.exd4 d5 (Panov-Botvinnik line of the Caro Cahn)

A. 7.Be2 o-o 8.o-o dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bg4

B. 7.Bg5 Ne4! 8.cxd5 Nxc5 9.Nxc5 o-o
B1. 10.Nf3...
B2. 10.Qd2...

C. C. 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bc4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Be3 o-o
11.d5 Na5!

D. 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 o-o 9.Ne5 e6 10.Be3 Nc6
11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.o-o Nd5 (idea ...a5 and ...Ba6)

Class Three

Preparation for Class Three

Read Chapter 42

Review Supplemental games, "Class Three games.pgn"

Review "Class Three variations.pgn"

Chapter 42 - English, Part III

White Refrains from d4

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6

A. 5.Nf3 d6 6.o-o e5

B. 5.a3 d6 6.Rb1 a5! 7.e3 e5

C. 5.e3 e5 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.o-o o-o

D. 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 e5 7.o-o Nge7 8.d3 o-o