Modern Orthodox Knight’s reply

1. e4

e5

1. f3 defends the pawn and clears the way for the bishop

Ne6 This kights reply controls the centre, is powerful despite blocking the Bishop

1. Be3

c6

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d5

1. Ng3

Nd6

1. exd5 d4 can be played also with advantage to white Nc4 7 Qe2 exd4 8 Bxd4 Qg5 9 0-0 Nxd4 10 cxd4 Bxg3 11 hxg3 0-0-0 12 b3 Nb6 13 Qf2 h5 14 a4 h4 15 gxh4 Rxh4 16 a5 Nd7

cxd5

1. d4 White can 0-0 Black can then play d4 forcing the Bishop to f2 then Bc7 9Qe2 f6 10 cxd4 Nf4 11 Qe1 Nc4 12 d3 Nb6 13 Nce2 Ng6 14 dxe5 fxe5 15 d4 Be6

Nc4 Black’s Queens Knight has a forepost

1. Bf2

Nf4 Black’s King’s Knight has a forepost thratening g2

1. O-O

Nxb2 Is this worth doing? White’s Queen wins the pawn back

1. Qb3

Nc4

1. Qxb7

Nb6

1. dxe5

Qc7

1. Qxc7

Bxc7

1. Nf5

Bxe5

15. Re1 f6 16. Bd4 Kf8 17. Bxe5 fxe5 18. Rxe5 Ng6 19. Re1 Nc4 20. Nd4 Bf7

21. Bf5 Nh4 22. Bd3 Rb8 23. Rb1 Rxb1 24. Bxb1 h6 25. Ncb3 h5 26. Nc5 Bg6 27.

Nc6 a5 28. Nd7+ Kf7 29. Re7+ Kg8 30. Bxg6 Nxg6 31. Re8+ Kf7 32. Rxh8 Nxh8 33.

**Nde5+** Nxe5 34. Nxe5+ Ke6 35. Nd3 Ng6 36. Kf2 h4 37. Ke3 Kd6 38. g3 Ne7 39. Kf4

hxg3 40. hxg3 Nc6 41. Kf5 d4 42. c4 Nb4 43. Ke4 Nxa2 44. Kxd4 Nb4 45. Nxb4

axb4 46. f4 Kd7 47. f5 Kc6 48. g4 b3 49. Kc3 b2 50. Kxb2 Kd6 51. g5 Kd7 52. c5

Ke7 53. c6 Ke8 54. f6 gxf6 55. gxf6 Kf7 56. c7 Kxf6 57. c8=Q Kg5 58. Kc3 Kf4

59. Kd4 Kg5 60. Ke5 Kh5 61. Qg8 Kh4 62. Kf4 Kh3 63. Qg3+ 1-0