

## White Repertoire 1.e4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) English CD review

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Alexander Bangiev - **White Repertoire 1.e4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)**

### System requirements:

Pentium-PC, 32 MB RAM, Windows XP, 2000, ME, 98 SE, CD-ROM drive, mouse.

### CD contents:

Chessbase 9 Reader with pdf manuals in English and German, both with an accompanying *readme* file.  
Intro + nine Chessbase databases:

- Introduction
- Alekhine Defence
- Caro-Kann
- French 2 f4
- French Advance
- Pirc Defence
- Sicilian Grandprix
- Scandinavian
- Vienna Gambit
- Training Database

**Total CD size:** approximately 71 megabytes.

Installation of the Chessbase Reader, necessary for viewing Chessbase databases, starts automatically. After a minute, the installation is complete, and you're prompted to restart your computer. If you have previously installed the Reader, it will offer you an automatic program start. This product comes in a standard colorful DVD-like box. System requirements are minimal.

### Overview:

**Introduction.** The two intros (in Chessbase text format) contain forewords from the author, where he explains the motifs behind a creation of this CD, which is an update on one published around seven years ago. The intro's signature dates back to 2002?! As any intro, it should be read carefully, before proceeding to the training and study databases, especially as it explains the motifs behind a creation of such a CD, targeted for a specific chess audience. Both texts are available in English and German.

Alekhine Defence - A Repertoire for White: The screenshot below reveals a part of the intro, which can give you an idea of how it is organized:

## I. 3...Nd7



4.Nxd5 ♘ 4.e6 ♘; 4.f4 ♘

A recommendation of this author: 4.Nxd5 ♘

4...Nxe5 5.Ne3 c5 6.f4 (or 4.f4 c5 5.Nd5) see [Alekhine-Vert. - Line](#)

All data is cross-linked with the main game database, well organized, with appropriate key structures:

B02: 1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 Nfd7 4.Nxd5 Nxe5 5.Ne3 Nbc6  
 B02: Alekhine's Defence: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 3429

3.e5 --- 30

3.e5 Nfd7 799

4.--- 164

4.Nd5 140

4.Nd5 Ne5 5.--- 17

5.Ne3 --- 18

5...Nbc6 30

5... c5 6.--- 9

6.f4 12

6.Nf3 27

6.b3 27

4.e6 236

4.f4 259

3.e5 d4 1214

3.e5 Ne4 1386

White	Elo W	Black	Elo B	Result	Year	WCS	Notation	Elo ...	ECO
Paganoglou,A		Racic,M	2051	0-1	2004		6.b3 g6 7.ub2 ug7 8.d4 id7 9.ief3 0-0 10.ue2 e5 11.0-0-0 e4 12.d5 ub2+ 13.ub2 exf3 1..	2051	B02
Pilgaard,K	2459	Mirzoev,A	2538	½-½	2003		6.b3 e6 7.ub2 id7	2498	B02
Horvath,S	2370	Grunberg,M	2445	½-½	2002		6.b3 e6 7.ub2 uc5 8.ief3 ixf3+ 9.uef3 ud4 10.uxd4 ixd4 11.ueg3 0-0 12.c3 if5 13.ief5 exf..	2407	B02
Engelbert,C	2209	Pajeken,W	2313	½-½	2000		6.b3 g6 7.ub2 ug7 8.d4 id7 9.ub5 icb8 10.ief3 c5 11.ue2 a6 12.uxd7+ ux7 13.0-0-0 cx..	2261	B02
Johansson,C		Laksman,N		½-½	1998		6.b3 ig6 7.ub2 e5 8.uc4 uc5 9.ife2 0-0 10.0-0 id4 11.ig3 c6 12.a3 b5 13.b4 ub6 14.ua..		B02
Fischer,L		Merle,W		½-½	1997		6.ub5 a6 7.uxc6+ ixc6 8.ief3 e5 9.d3 ue7 10.ud2 0-0 11.uc3 f6 12.0-0 b5 13.a3 id4 14..		B02
Fischer,L		Reul,M		0-1	1997		6.b3 ue4 7.ueb1 e6 8.ub2 ueh4 9.d4 ig6 10.ief3 ue8 11.g3 ib4 12.ug2 id5 13.0-0 ue7 1..		B02
Ginsburg,G	2485	Schmitt,A	2310	½-½	1997		6.b3 ig4 7.ub2 ixe3 8.dxe3 ue1+ 9.ue1 id7 10.uc4 e6 11.ief3 ue8 12.h4 ue7 13.ig5..	2397	B02
Toth,P	2240	Teixeira,R	2325	0-1	1997		6.ief3 ixf3+ 7.uef3 g6 8.c3 ug7 9.d4 0-0 10.ud2 e5 11.d5 ife7 12.uc4 if5 13.ief5 uxf5 14..	2282	B02
Correia,M	2000	Pereira,J	2140	½-½	1996	c	6.ife2 id4 7.uxd4 ue4 8.d3 c5 9.ud2 e6 10.uc3 ue6 11.d4 cxd4 12.ue4 ue4 13.uxd4..	2070	B02
Ohrnberg,M		Westerinen,H	2410	0-1	1996		6.f4 ig6 7.g3 e5 8.fxe5 igxe5 9.c3 id3+ 10.uxd3 ue3 11.ue2 ue2+ 12.uxe2 b6 13.d4..	2410	B02
Filip,M	2465	Koys,M	2055	0-1	1995		6.b3 ig6 7.ub2 e5 8.ub5 ud7 9.ife2 uc5 10.0-0 ueh4 11.g3 ueh3 12.f4 0-0-0 13.ueh1 uxe3..	2260	B02

I can do nothing else but support the authors targeted recommendations against the Alekhine, as the database includes three of my games, which I fondly remember, with a 100% score for White!

White	Elo W	Black	Elo B	Result	Year	Tournament
Petric,J	2426	Bogdanovski..	2502	1-0	1999	Belgrade shev
Petric,J	2455	Marinkovic,I	2495	1-0	1997	Jugoslavija (ch)
Petric,J	2465	Vujadinovic,G	2355	1-0	1994	JUG-chT Nis

Number	White	Elo W	Black	Elo B	Result	Moves	ECO	Tournament	Date	VCS
<b>Die Aljechin-Verteidigung</b>					<b>Text</b>					
2	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	5	B02	5.♔d5/Analyse		VCS
3	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	6	B02	6.cd4/Analyse		VCS
4	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	6	B02	6.♔ed4/Analyse		VCS
5	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	7	B02	7.h4/Analyse		VCS
6	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	7	B02	7.♚f3/Analyse		VCS
7	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	6	B02	8.b3/Analyse		rCS
8	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	7	B02	8.♔d3/Analyse		VcS
9	Alekhine-Vert.				Line	19	B02	Rep.Weiß/Übersicht		rcS
10	Tal,M	2615	Bohm,H	2425	1-0	39	B02	Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee	1976	VcS
11	Burg,Alekhine-Vert.	2335	Alburt,L	2515	1-0	41	B02	New York Inv	1980	vcs
12	Vorotnikov,V		Kengis,E		1-0	41	B02	USSR	1983	
13	Matsuura,H		Boere de Souza,I		1-0	36	B02	BRA-ch 51th Cabo Frio	04.1984	vcs
14	Balashov,Y	2535	Timoshenko,G	2535	1-0	40	B02	URS-sf Moscow-ch	1989	vcs
15	Tseitlin,M	2430	Hoellrigl,W	2250	1-0	20	B02	Wattens op	1993	vcs
16	Buturin,V	2430	Hudecek,J	2270	1-0	18	B02	Pardubice op	1995	vcs
17	Motylev,A	2375	Pribyl,J	2460	½-½	55	B02	Komerční Banka op	1996	vcs
18	Khmelnitsky,I	2485	Alburt,L	2560	1-0	25	B02	USA-ch Parsippany	1996	VCS
19	Bangiev,A	2365	Oppitz,P	2395	1-0	24	B02	3.Esbertox15` rapid	01.11.1997	vcs
20	Bagirov,R	2325	Chikovani,V	2140	1-0	41	B02	EU-ch U18 Tallinn	1997	vcs
21	Bangiev,A	2395	Wehberg,T	1820	1-0	16	B02	Open Travemünde	27.12.1997	vcs
22	Bangiev,A		Noack,R		Line	37	B02	Open Braunschweig rapid	29.08.1998	vcs

The 3430 game database starts off with a lot of analysis, from authors personal experiences, mixed with games from master practice. Selected games collection is updated until April 2006.

**Caro-Kann:** As a much larger opening than the Alekhine, the author gives the Caro-Cann more space, while recommending a single attack weapon – The Advance Variation. It is covered in similar style, with an intro, all critical opening position analysis, followed by annotated games, and games from practice. Again, the database is well updated.

**French 2 f4:** A relatively rare continuation for White is described well, claiming “solid and complex strategy” for White. Obviously not a choice for traveling grandmasters, it fits well into the aim of the author to combine similar middlegame ideas into a Repertoire choice for those who do not have the time to discover what suits them best, on their own.

**French Advance:** This addition “makes up” for the previous one, offering White a “grandmaster choice” against the popular French defense. The work done here is best explained by a small screenshot below:

**Conclusion:** We have seen that Black has quite good chances in this line. But what about avoiding the main line by another move order? Instead of 5.Nf3 first 5.a3 ♘. See our analysis of this line here [Französisch/3.e5 - Line](#)

**Pirc Defence:** Again, authors recommendations against the Pirc defense, are backed up by personal analysis, commented textually, as well, in both English and German, as seen from the screenshot below. An updated games database is included as well.

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**Pirc1**

B07 10.f5/Analyse (4) [Bangiev]

**10.f5!?** A typical and dangerous pawn sacrifice in such positions. White starts his attack against the king with all the risks and complications. So the following variations are far from easy. Ein für derartige Positionen typisches und vielversprechendes Bauernopfer. Weiß beginnt damit den Königsangriff mit allen dazugehörigen Risiken und Komplikationen. Allerdings sind die nachfolgenden Varianten nicht einfach zu durchschauen. gxf5!?

**a) 10...a5?! 11.fxg6 hxg6 12.♚h4→ a4?**  
(12...♔g4 13.♔g5 ♖xb3 14.axb3 (14.♚xf6? ♔h5)  
14...♔h5 15.h3± Δg4 )  
13.♔g5 ♖cd7 (13...axb3? 14.♚xf6+-) 14.e5!!

A typical combination in such positions. White vacates the square e4 for his ♖c3 to deflect the ♖f6. This is the only way to make White attacking strategy work. Eine für derartige Positionen typische Räumungskombination. Weiß räumt das Feld e4 für den ♖c3, um den ♖f6 abzulenken. Nur auf diese Weise kann Weiß seine Angriffsstrategie durchsetzen. dxe5 (14...♚b6+ 15.♔h1; 14...axb3

Sicilian Grandprix: A well-known setup is recommended here. A thorough approach is made to promote White's attacking ideas. 48 (!) variation surveys lead a database of over 12,000 entries.

Scandinavian: Another related recommendation is given, complementing previous setups for White. Careful research reveals that even the strongest grandmasters occasionally choose these as their firing power, as White:

619	Anand,V	2710	Galego,L	2390	1-0	21
3090	Short,N	2687	Liu Dede	2397	1-0	53
2020	Short,N	2683	Reprintsev,A	2428	1-0	33
2172	Movsesian,S	2666	Simacek,P	2341	1-0	28
4286	Movsesian,S	2651	Orfalea,M	2215	1-0	38
1838	Movsesian,S	2650	Rogers,I	2618	1-0	55
2177	Milos,G	2633	Papaioannou,I	2578	0-1	71
1347	Movsesian,S	2630	Damaso,R	2465	0-1	26
4929	Movsesian,S	2624	Krivoshey,S	2487	½-½	56
4928	Movsesian,S	2624	Gramlich,S	2064	1-0	55
3605	Nunn,J	2620	Rausis,I	2490	½-½	20
4965	Kortschnoj,V	2619	Beim,V	2512	½-½	51
2734	Milos,G	2614	Conquest,S	2565	1-0	32
2178	Morovic Fernandez,I	2608	Galego,L	2419	½-½	62
4081	Magomedov,M	2608	Peek,M	2309	1-0	27
1349	Milos,G	2605	Bertona,F	2370	1-0	30
4872	Ribli,Z	2603	Beim,V	2512	1-0	126

Vienna Gambit: I enjoyed this section pretty much. The introductory text file is a must-read. 32 opening surveys, covering all White's setups against possible Black's, should satisfy beyond question.

Training Database: 21 multi-training questions are targeted to quickly check what you have learned, regarding critical opening positions. Training questions are commented briefly, accenting the authors wish to secure the user's knowledge gained.

The image shows a chess training interface. On the left is a chessboard with a specific position. On the right is a 'Training' window titled 'Training: Whites move'. The window contains the following text:

Solution: f5-f6  
 Dieser Vorstoß stellt eine typische Idee in derartigen Positionen dar. Weiß möchte damit zwei Tempi gewinnen, um das Feld f6 unter Kontrolle zu bringen..

Buttons: Continue, Try again

Score information:  
 Your score this move: 0/10  
 Score in game: 0/30 = 0%

Timer: 0:04:59

## **Conclusion:**

I would summarize the value of this CD as high, with a remark that it is targeted for that group of chess players who do not have the time or resources to spend with a professional chess trainer. The CD provides "professional assistance" to the "amateur". All recommended variations have been practiced, from time to time, more or less frequently, by a number of grandmasters, ensuring that the user will practice specialized opening theory for White. All of the variations recommended are commented well, not only from White's point of view, and not necessarily ending in advantageous positions. Ideas for Black are explained as well, recommendations are made how to try to refute them, or avoid well known defensive techniques. Alexander Bangiev does not recommend his variations as the ultimate firepower for White, he reveals their weaknesses too, in masterfully done introductory texts. Sharp attacking ideas, demonstrated in almost all the proposed variations are attractive, long-lasting and well chosen. The author highlights that the old game analysis from the 1<sup>st</sup> edition were double checked, with many new lines added. With the rapidly increasing number of chess players, who are not choosing chess as a profession, yet are addicted enough to "imitate the pros", the ideas behind the creation of this CD may just be the solution to pursue. Sharing similar strategies against Black's resources to 1.e4 should provide far beyond satisfactory results.