

January 30, 2026. (Happy birthday, Jessie; you would have been 39 today).

I've almost certainly played this bloke before, unless there is more than one person on this site who plays Owen's Defence, or whatever it is called when played against P-Q4. Golembek called it the Queen's Fianchetto Defence and considered it very weak.

This is a classic miniature.



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| 1. P-Q4 | P-QN3 |
| 2. P-K4 | B-N2 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-K3 |
| 4. N-B3 | B-N5 |
| 5. B-Q3 | P-Q4 |
| 6. PxP | BxP |
| 7. O-O | B-N2 |
| 8. P-QR3 | B-Q3 |
| 9. N-K4 | B-K2 |
| 10. N-N3 | N-Q2 |
| 11. B-K3 | P-KR4 |
| 12. R-K1 | P-R5 |
| 13. N-K4 | P-R6 |

He spent a long time thinking over this move. He would have been better off completing his development.

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| 14. N-N3 | PxP |
| 15. B-K4 | P-QB3 |
| 16. N-K5 | NxN |
| 17. PxN | Q-B2 |
| 18. B-B4 | P-B3 |
| 19. Q-N4 | P-KN4? |

This can't be good and virtually loses by force.

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| 20. B-N6ch | K-B1 |
| 21. QxKP | N-R3 |
| 22. PxP | QxB |
| 23. QXBch | K-N8fed |
| 24. Q-N7 | mate |