

F Pawn Gambits

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Here we suggest a theme of F Pawn gambits for pre-set opening tournaments. All of these openings are fully viable at club level, and most make occasional appearance at master or grandmaster level, with the possible exception of Philidor's Defence.

The side offering the gambit is indicated with (W) or (B), we pair them together for purposes of alternating colours between rounds.

1. (W) **King's Gambit** (aka From Gambit Declined) 1. **f4 e5** 2. **e4** ...
2. (W) **Vienna Gambit** 1. **e4 e5** 2. **Nc3 Nf6** 3. **f4** ...
3. (B) **From Gambit** (Accepted - here lies madness) 1. **f4 e5** 2. **fxe5** ...
4. (B) **Schliemann** 1. **e4 e5** 2. **Nf3 Nc6** 3. **Bb5 f5** 4. ...
5. (W) **Improved Lisitsin Gambit** 1. **Nf3 f5** 2. **d3 Nf6** 3. **e4** ...
6. (W) **Dutch Defence (Staunton Gambit)** 1. **d4 f5** 2. **e4** ...
7. (B) **Latvian Gambit** 1. **e4 e5** 2. **Nf3 f5** 3. ...
8. (B) **Philidor's Defence** 1. **e4 e5** 2. **Nf3 d6** 3. **d4 f5** 4. ...

"From this and remarks elsewhere in the book one can detect a certain prejudice against the Dutch. Actually the authors differ here. Benjamin thinks the the Dutch a rotten opening under any circumstances, while Schiller claims it is playable, but not with 1. ... f5, which presents too tempting a target at the very outset of the game."

Unorthodox Chess Openings, Joel Benjamin and Eric Schiller

Rating handicap option: If agreed at the start, a player rated 50 BCF points, or more, below his opponent can insist on a handicap variation. Where he can chose which of the following will be played - but may not chose the same opening in subsequent rounds against another opponent.

Higher rated player is white.

Dutch Mamhattan 1. **d4 f5** 2. **Qd3 d5** 3. **g4 ?!** ...

Dutch Krejck 1. **d4 f5** 2. **g4** ...

Dutch Spielmann Gambit 1. **d4 f5** 2. **Nc3 Nf6** 3. **g4** ...

Higher rated player is black.

King's Gambit Norwalde Variation 1. **e4 e5** 2. **f4 Qf6**

King's Gambit Mafia Variation 1. **e4 e5** 2. **f4 c5**

Colarado Counter 1. **e4 Nc6** 2. **Nf3 f5!?**