

Sheet1

MV,C,5	MV2,C,6	N1,C,39	N2,C,39
		Bird	Amateur
E2E4	e4	Most popular.	
E7E5	e5	For those who like their Chess clean	and straightforward.
F2F4	f4	The King's Gambit. Fireworks in the	making.
E5F4	exf4	The King's Gambit Accepted.	
G1F3	Nf3	The "pure" King's Gambit as opposed to	the so-called Bishop's Gambit (3.Bc4).
G7G5	g5	Black intends to hang on to his prize.	White now has 4.h4 or 4.Bc4 to play.
B1C3	Nc3	Bird, ever the radical, goes out of	book immediately. He was not one for
G5G4	g4	In the face of a new move, most players	respond with caution and turn to posi-
F3E5	Ne5	Attacking the pawn at g4.	
D8H4+	Qh4	Defending the pawn as well.	
G2G3	g3		
F4G3	fxg3	Sure.	
D1G4	Qxg4	With the intention to exchange Queens.	
G3G2+	g2		
G4H4	Qxh4		
G2H1Q	gxh1=Q		
H4H5	Qh5!	Threatening 10.Qxf7+ Kd8 11.Qxf8 Mate!! Now, it is Bird's turn.	
F8E7	Be7	Whew!	
E5F7	Nxf7		
G8F6	Nf6	... and White announces Mate in three!	A smothered mate, no less!
F7D6+	Nd6		
E8D8	Kd8	Not 11....Kf8 because of 12.Qf7 Mate!!	
H5E8+	Qe8!?		
H8E8	Rxe8		
D6F7M	Nf7	This is known as a smothered mate.	(Now go back and examine 4....g4?)

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N3,C,39
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N4,C,39

Both are major branches and both are equally popular. Black now has five
convention. Here, he may be testing a new idea; but more likely, he simply
tional development rather than pursuing unclear complications. 4....Bg7, Nc6

N5,C,39

choices: 3...d5, Nf6, g5, Be7 and h7.

wanders off the beaten path.
or Nf6 may be preferable at this point.