

A Stand-Alone System Created for Colle Players but Usable by Anyone

Author's Note to Non-Colle Players

The Zuka System developed and explained in this book can be used by most players who open 1.d4, whether they intend 2.c4 or 2.Nf3. Because Colle System players constitute a large proportion of my readership, I have used 2.Nf3 throughout the book.

Unless Black plays a delayed Dutch, this should make no difference at all because 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 and 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 are equivalent. In the case of a delayed Dutch (1.d4 e6, planning ...f5) there are a couple of lines where 2.c4 and 2.Nf3 lead to different possibilities. These are covered in Chapter 14. The extra-delayed Dutch, in which Black waits until his 3rd move before playing ...f5, should really only pose a concern to Colle System players, so in the specific case of 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6, the coverage assumes White is aiming for a Colle setup.

In all other variations the book should serve Queen's Gambit players and their Colle System peers equally well, and Colle-centric remarks are mainly confined to the preface and an occasional framing discussion in other introductory material.