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[Hicks, E]

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1.e4 e4! "Best by Test!" – Bobby Ficher **e5** Preventing white from getting the pawn center.
2.Nf3 Developing a piece with a threat. Attacking two center squares. **3.Bc4** Developing a piece. Controlling one center square. Biting down on f7, and preparing to castle. **Nf6** To prevent Ng5, most players today activate the f8 bishop first.
4.d4 Normal would have been the fried liver attack with Ng5. **exd4 5.0-0** Sacrificing a pawn for the time being, and daring black to take on e4. **Bc5** Hanging on to d4, and trying to stay a pawn up. **6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd5** The knight has no safe squares to run to. Do you see a saving maneuver? **f5** Holds the knight. **8.exf6** Don't forget about en-passant. **Nxf6 9.Bg5** Developing a piece and pinning the knight, the most effective way of defending d5. **Be7** Breaking the pin and renewing the threat on d5.
10.Bxf6 Removing the threatening piece. **Bxf6 11.Re1+** Grabbing the open file. **Ne7 12.Ne5** Threatening to hop into f7, plus the queen check on h5. Do you see why the queen check on h5 is dangerous? **Bxe5** [12...d6 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kd7 16.Qxf6]
13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qxe5 Rf8 15.Nd2 c6 16.Ne4 Threatening Nd6 checkmate. **d6** Forced.
17.Nxd6+ Kd7 18.Be6+ Kc7 19.Nxc8+ Discovered check. **Qd6 20.Qxd6#** Diagram

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