

# System of Signs

$\pm$	white stands slightly better	$\mp$	black stands slightly better
$\pm$	white has the upper hand	$\mp$	black has the upper hand
$+ -$	white has a decisive advantage	$- +$	black has a decisive advantage
$=$	even	$\infty$	unclear
$\infty$	with compensation for the material	$\odot$	development advantage
$\bigcirc$	greater board room	$\rightarrow$	with attack
$\uparrow$	with initiative	$\leftrightarrow$	with counter-play
$\odot$	zugzwang	$\#$	mate
$!$	a very good move	$!!$	an excellent move
$?$	a mistake	$??$	a blunder
$!?$	a move deserving attention	$?!$	a dubious move
$\triangle$	with the idea	$\square$	only move
$\smile$	better is	$\leftrightarrow$	file
$\nearrow$	diagonal	$\oplus$	centre
$\gg$	king's side	$\ll$	queen's side
$\times$	weak point	$\perp$	ending
$\square$	pair of bishops	$\blacksquare$	bishops of opposite color
$\blacksquare$	bishops of the same color	$\circ\circ$	united pawns
$\circ-\circ$	separated pawns	$\circ\circ$	double pawns
$\♞$	passed pawn	$\rangle$	advantage in number of pawns
$\oplus$	time	<b>67/196</b>	Chess Informant
<b>E 12</b>	Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings	$\♖$ <b>3/b</b>	Encyclopaedia of Chess Endings
<b>N</b>	a novelty	<b>(ch)</b>	championship
<b>(izt)</b>	interzonal tournament	<b>(ct)</b>	candidates' tournament
<b>(m)</b>	match	<b>(ol)</b>	olympiad
<b>corr.</b>	correspondence game	<b>RR</b>	editorial comment
<b>R</b>	various moves	<b>L</b>	with
<b>┌</b>	without	<b>  </b>	etc.
<b>—</b>	see		

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