

Sicilian Defense Pin Variation System for Black



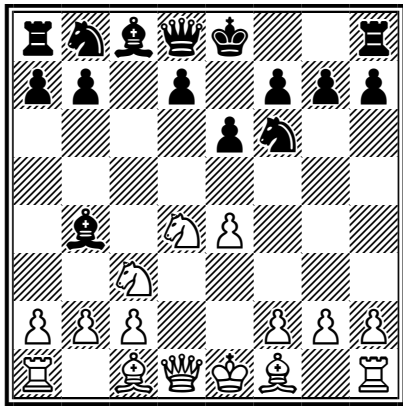
1 e4 c5 2 ♘f3 e6 3 d4 cxd4
4 ♗xd4 ♗f6 5 ♗c3^(a) ♙b4!?

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	♗b5 O-O	a3 ♙xc3	♗xc3 d5	♙d3 ^(b) ♗xe4	♗xe4 dxe4	♙xd1 ♖xd8	♙xd1 f5	♙e2 f5		Immediate ♗b5 =
2	♙d3 d6	♙d2 O-O	O-O ♖e8	♗de2 ♗bd7	♗g3 ♗c5	a3 ♙xc3	♙xc3 e5	b4 ♗xd3	cx d3 ♙d7	6 ♙d3 Line =
3	♙d2 e5!	♗f5 O-O	♖f3 d5	ex d5 ♙xc3	♙xc3 ♙xf5	♖xd1 ♖xd5	♙d1 ♖xa2	♙d3 ♗c6	O-O f4 ♖fe8 ♖e6	6 ♙d2 Line =
4	e5 ♗d5	♖g4 ♙f8	♙d2 h5	♖g3 h4	♖d3 ♗xc3	♙xc3 ♖a5	f4 ♙xc3	bxc3 ♗c6	♙e2 ♗e7	Main Line ♖g4 =
5	...	...	♙d3 d6	O-O ♙xc3	bxc3 dxe5	♗b5 f5	♖a4 ♗c6	c4 ♗f6	♙b2 h6	= / ∞
6	...	...	a3 h5!	♖g3 ♙xc3	bxc3 h4	♖d3 ♖c7	f4 ♖xc3	♖xc3 ♗xc3		=
7	...	♙d2 ♗xc3	bxc3 ♙f8!	♙d3 ♗a6!	O-O ♗c5	♖g4 h5	♖f3 a6	h3 ♖b8		7 ♙d2 Line =
8	...	♗b5 O-O	♙d2 ♗xc3	♗xc3 ♗c6	a3 ♙e7	♖h5 g6	♖e2 ♖c7	f4 a6	♖f2 f6	Delayed ♗b5 =

(a) 5 ♙d3 ♗c6 6 ♗xc6 bxc6 7 O-O d5 8 ♗d2 ♙d6 9 f4 ♙c5+ or ♗d7 or h5 =

(b) 9 ex d5 ex d5 is a reasonable IQP game for black, e.g. 10. ♙d3 ♙g4 11. ♗e2 ♗c6 12. O-O ♖b6 13. h3 ♙xe2 14. ♖xe2 ♖fe8 =

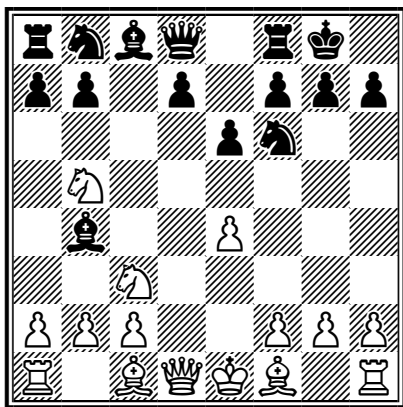
Summary



Pin Variation 5 ... ♖b4

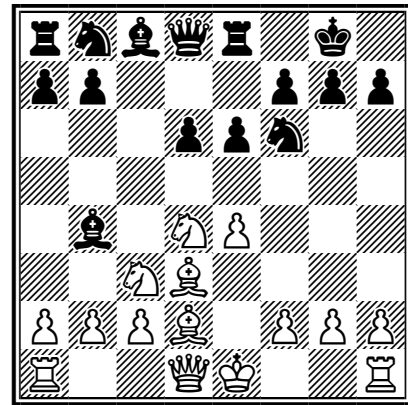
White can either play 6 ♘b5 (line 1) or develop one of his bishops (lines 2-3) or play 6 e5 chasing the knight (lines 4-8).

If 6 ♘b5 then Black should castle immediately and play a quick ...d5.



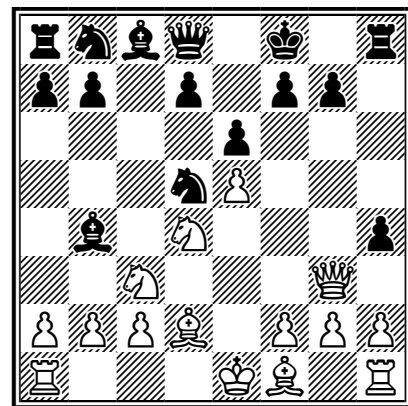
Line 1: 6 ♘b5

If 6 ♗d3 then Black should play ... d6 and ... 0-0, with ... ♘d7-c5 coming. Black may achieve a Sveshnikov pawn structure without a bad bishop.



Line 2: 6 ♗d3

If 6 e5 then Black should play 6 ... ♘d5. Then after 7 ♖g4 Black replies with the brazen ... ♔f8! intending to free the rook by pushing the h-pawn.



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Key Games

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2

#1 PinVar m003

B40: Sicilian, Pin variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.♘b5 O-O 7.a3 ♗xc3+ 8.♘xc3
d5 9.♗d3 ♘xe4 10.♘xe4 dxe4 11.♗xe4
1.♙xd1+ 12.♙xd1 ♖d8+ 13.♙e2 f5 14.♗d3
♘c6 15.♖d1 ♘e5 16.♗b5 ♖xd1 17.♙xd1
♗d7 18.♗e2 ♙f7 19.b3 ♗c6 20.f3 g5
21.♙e1 g4 22.♙f2 gxf3 23.gxf3 ♖c8
24.♗d2 b5 25.♖c1 2.♗d5 26.♗f4 ♘g6
27.♗d2 ♘e5 28.♗e3 a6 29.♗h6 ♖c3
30.♗d2 ♖c8 31.♗h6 ♖c3 32.♗e3 ♖c8
33.♗f4 ♘g6 34.♗d2 e5 35.c4 bxc4 36.bxc4
3.♗e6 37.c5 ♖c6 38.♗d1 ♘f4 39.♗xf4 exf4
40.♙e2 4.♙f6 41.♙d3 ♙e5 42.♗a4 ♖c8
43.c6 ♗d5 44.♖c5 ♙d6 45.♙d4 ♗xf3
46.♖xf5 ♖d8 47.♖xf4 ♗d1 48.♙e3 ♗xa4
49.♖xa4 ♖a8 50.♖c4 ♙c7 51.a4 ♖e8+
52.♙f4 ♖g8 53.h3 1/2-1/2

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2

#2 PinVar m001,

B40: Sicilian, Pin variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.♗d3 d6 7.♗d2 O-O 8.O-O
♖e8 9.♘de2 ♘bd7 10.♘g3 ♘c5 11.a3 ♗xc3
12.♗xc3 e5 13.b4 ♘xd3 14.cxd3 ♗d7
15.♖e1 ♖c8 16.♖c1 ♙b6 17.h3 ♙a6 18.d4
♙xa3 19.♙d2 ♖c4 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.♖e3
♙a6 22.♖a1 ♙b6 23.♖a5 ♗b5 24.♙b2 ♙c6
25.♗xe5 ♖c2 26.♙d4 ♖c4 27.♙b2 ♖c2
28.♙d4 ♖c4 1/2-1/2

Deep HIARCS 15.4 - Stockfish 16 1/2-1/2

#3 PinVar m002,

B40: Sicilian, Pin variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.♗d2 e5 7.♘f5 O-O 8.♙f3 d5
9.exd5 ♗xf5 10.♙xf5 ♗xc3 11.♗xc3 ♙xd5
12.♖d1 ♙xa2 13.♗d3 ♘c6 14.O-O ♖fe8
15.f4 ♙e6 16.♙xe6 ♖xe6 17.♗c4 ♖e7
18.♖fe1 ♖c7 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♖xe5 ♖xc4
21.♖e7 b5 22.♖xa7 ♖e8 23.♖b7 ♘e4
24.♖e1 ♙f8 25.♗a5 ♘d6 26.♖b6 ♖xe1+
27.♗xe1 ♙e7 28.b3 ♖xc2 29.♗b4 ♖c1+
30.♙f2 ♖d1 31.♖xb5 ♙d7 32.♖a5 ♘e4+
33.♙f3 ♘f6 34.♗f8 g6 35.♖a7+ ♙e8 36.♗c5
♖d3+ 37.♙e2 ♖xb3 38.♖e7+ ♙d8 39.♖xf7
♘d5 40.♙f2 ♖c3 41.♗d6 ♖c6 42.♗e5 h5
43.♖a7 ♘e7 44.♗f4 1/2-1/2

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2

#4 PinVar m008,

B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.e5 ♘d5 7.♙g4 ♙f8 8.♗d2 h5
9.♙g3 h4 10.♙d3 ♘xc3 11.♗xc3 ♙a5 12.f4
♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 ♘c6 14.♗e2 ♘e7 15.O-O
♙c5 16.♖ab1 g6 17.♙f3 d5 18.exd6 ♘d5
19.f5 gxf5 20.♖b5 ♙xd6 21.♘xf5 exf5
22.♖xd5 ♙b6+ 23.♖f2 ♗e6 24.♖b5 ♙c6
25.♙f4 ♙xc3 26.♗d3 h3 27.♖xb7 ♙a1+
28.♖f1 ♙f6 29.g3 ♖h5 30.♖b4 ♖c8 31.♖a4
♙c3 32.♙b4+ ♙xb4 33.♖xb4 ♖g5 34.♖ff4
34.♖a4 ♖c7= Stockfish 16: +0.03/34 35.♖ff4
♖b7 36.a3 ♖g4
♖g4 35.♙f2 ♗xa2 36.♖a4 ♖xf4+ 37.gxf4
♗b1 38.♖a1 ♗xc2 39.♖c1 ♖d8 40.♗xc2
♖c8 41.♙e2 ♖c4 42.♙d2 ♖xf4 43.♖e1

♖f2+ 44.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 45.♙xe2 ♙g8 46.♙e3
 ♙h7 47.♙xf5+ ♙g7 48.♙f3 ♙f6 49.♙f4 a5
 50.♙c2 ♙e6 51.♙d1 ♙f6 52.♙b3 ♙g6
 53.♙g4 ♙f6 54.♙xh3 ♙g5 55.♙g3 f5
 56.♙c2 ♙h6 57.♙xf5 a4 58.♙g4 ♙g7
 59.♙g5 ♙f7 60.♙d3 ♙g7 61.♙f5 ♙f7
 62.♙d3 ♙g7 63.♙c4 ♙h8 64.♙h6 a3
 65.♙h5 1/2-1/2

Deep HIARCS 15.4 - Stockfish 16 1/2-1/2
 #5 PinVar m005,
 B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6
 5.♖c3 ♙b4 6.e5 ♖d5 7.♗g4 ♙f8 8.♙d3 d6
 9.O-O ♙xc3 10.bxc3 dxe5 11.♖b5 f5
 12.♗a4 ♖c6 13.c4 ♖f6 14.♙b2 h6 15.♖ad1
 ♙d7 16.♗a3+ ♙g8 17.f3 ♖e8 18.♖fe1 a6
 19.♖d6 ♖xd6 20.♗xd6 ♙h7 21.♗xd7 ♗xd7
 22.♙xf5+ exf5 23.♖xd7 ♖hd8 24.♖xb7 ♖d2
 25.♙xe5 ♖xe5 26.♖xe5 ♖xc2 27.♖ee7 ♖g8
 28.♖bc7 ♖xa2 29.h4 a5 30.h5 a4 31.♖a7
 a3 32.♖f7 ♖c2 33.♖xa3 ♖xc4 34.♖xf5
 ♖gc8 35.♖aa5 ♖c2 36.♙h2 ♖f2 37.♙h3
 ♖cc2 38.g3 ♖h2+ 39.♙g4 ♖c4+ 40.♖f4
 ♖xf4+ 41.♙xf4 ♖b2 42.♖a4 ♖b8 43.♖d4
 ♖f8+ 44.♙e3 ♖e8+ 45.♙f2 ♖b8 46.♖d5
 ♖b2+ 47.♙e1 ♖b1+ 48.♖d1 ♖b5 49.g4
 ♖e5+ 50.♙f1 ♖a5 51.♙e2 ♖e5+ 52.♙f2
 ♖a5 53.♖d3 ♖a2+ 54.♙f1 ♖a1+ 55.♙g2
 ♖a2+ 56.♙h3 ♖c2 57.♖a3 ♖c8 58.♖a6 ♖c3
 59.♙g3 ♖c8 60.♖e6 ♖c4 61.♖e7 ♖c1
 62.♙f2 ♖c2+ 63.♖e2 ♖c4 64.♖e8 ♖c2+
 65.♙g3 ♖c1 66.♖e5 ♖c6 67.♖e3 ♖c1
 68.♖e7 ♖c8 69.♖d7 ♖c1 70.♖a7 ♖g1+
 71.♙f2 ♖c1 72.♖a3 ♖c2+ 73.♙g3 ♖c1
 74.♖b3 1/2-1/2

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2
 #6 PinVar m004,
 B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6
 5.♖c3 ♙b4 6.e5 ♖d5 7.♗g4 ♙f8 8.a3 h5
 9.♗g3 ♙xc3+ 10.bxc3 h4 11.♗d3 ♗c7
 12.f4 ♗xc3+ 13.♗xc3 ♖xc3 14.a4 ♖a6
 15.♙a3+ ♙g8 16.♙d3 ♖xa4 17.♙e7 ♖4c5
 18.♙e2 ♖e4 19.♙f3 f5 20.exf6 ♖ac5
 21.♖a5 d6 22.♖b5 gxf6 23.♖xd6 f5 24.♖c4
 b6 25.♖xb6 ♖b8 26.♖xc8 ♖xc8 27.♖xa7
 ♖h7 28.O-O ♖g7 29.♖fa1 h3 30.♖a8 ♖xa8
 31.♖xa8+ ♙h7 32.♖a7 hxg2 33.♙xc5 ♖xc5
 34.♖xg7+ ♙xg7 35.♙xg2 ♙f6 36.♙g3 e5
 37.fxe5+ ♙xe5 38.♙h1 ♖d7 39.♙h4 ♙f6
 40.♙g3 ♙e5 41.♙b7 ♖b6 42.h4 4.♖c4 43.c3
 ♖e3 44.♙a6 ♙f6 45.♙b7 ♙g6 1/2-1/2

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2
 #7 PinVar m006,
 B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6
 5.♖c3 ♙b4 6.e5 ♖d5 7.♙d2 ♖xc3 8.bxc3
 ♙f8 9.♙d3 ♖a6 10.O-O ♖c5 11.♗g4 h5
 12.♗f3 a6 13.h3 d5 14.♖fe1 ♙d7 15.♗g3
 ♖c8 16.♖ab1 b5 17.♙g5 ♗b6 18.♙d2 ♗d8
 19.h4 g6 20.♖b4 ♙c6 21.♙g5 ♙e7 22.♖f3
 ♖e4 23.♗f4 ♗c7 24.♖d4 ♙c5 25.♙xe4
 dxe4 26.♗f6 ♖g8 27.♖d2 ♙e7 28.♗f4 f5
 29.c4 ♙xg5 30.hxg5 ♙e7 31.♗e3 ♖gd8
 32.♗a3+ ♙f7 33.♖d6 ♙e8 34.♖d1 a5
 35.♖f1 b4 36.♗h3 ♙a4 37.♗e3 ♖e8
 38.♖1d4 ♖ed8 39.♖xd8 ♖xd8 40.♖xd8
 ♗xd8 41.♗a7+ ♙e8 42.♗h7 ♗xg5 43.♗g8+
 ♙e7 44.♗g7+ ♙e8 45.♗g8+ ♙e7 46.♗b8 h4

47.c5 e3 48.fxe3 h3 1/2-1/2

Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2

#8 PinVar m016,

B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.e5 ♘d5 7.♘b5 O-O 8.♗d2
♘xc3 9.♘xc3 ♘c6 10.a3 ♗e7 11.♖h5 f5
12.exf6 ♗xf6 13.O-O-O d5 14.h4 b5
15.♗xb5 ♖b6 16.♘xd5 ♗xb2+ 17.♙b1
exd5 18.♖xd5+ ♙h8 19.♖xc6 ♖xc6
20.♗xc6 ♗b8 21.♖he1 ♗f6+ 22.♙c1 ♗b2+
23.♙b1 ♗g4 24.f3 ♗f5 25.♗a4 ♖fc8 26.g4
♗c3+ 27.♙c1 ♗b2+ 1/2-1/2

More Games

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B40: Sicilian, Pin, Koch variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.e5 ♘d5 7.♖g4 ♙f8 8.a3
♗xc3+ 9.bxc3 ♖c7 10.♗d2 ♖xe5+ 11.♗e2
♘c6 12.O-O h5 13.♖f3 ♖f6 14.♖e4 g5
15.♖fe1 ♘f4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♗f1 d5
18.♖a4 e5 19.c4 ♗f5 20.♖a5 ♖c8 21.♗c3
♘g6 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.♗a6 ♖xc3 24.♖xc3
♖xa6 25.♖xe5 ♖f6 26.♖e3 ♙g7 27.♖d1
♖d8 28.♖xf6+ ♙xf6 29.♖c3 ♘f4 30.♖c5
♖c8 31.♖xc8 ♗xc8 32.g3 ♘h3+ 33.♙g2 g4
34.♙f1 ♗a6+ 35.♙e1 ♗c4 36.♖b1 ♘g5
37.♙d2 ♘f3+ 38.♙e3 ♙e5 39.c3 a6 40.♖b8
♘h2 41.♖h8 ♘f1# 0-1



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Stockfish 16 1 - Stockfish 16 2 1/2-1/2

PinVar m011,

B40: Sicilian, Pin variation

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.♘b5 O-O 7.a3 ♗xc3+ 8.♘xc3
d5 9.e5 ♘fd7 10.♖h5 ♘c6 11.f4 f5 12.b4
d4 13.♘b5 a5 14.♖b1 axb4 15.axb4 ♘b6
16.♗d2 ♘d5 17.♗c4 ♖b6 18.♘d6 ♘ce7
19.♗d3 ♘e3 20.♖f3 ♘7d5 21.♙f2 ♖a2
22.♖hc1 ♘xc2 23.♙g3 ♘ce3 24.♗xe3
dxe3 25.♗c4 25.♘xc8? Stockfish 16:
-1.95/30 ♖d4 26.♗c4 ♖f2 1/2-1/2
[26.♖xd5 exd5 27.♗xd5+ ♙h8 28.♘f7+
♙g8]