

# chess

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Black sets up a bristling pawn formation in the center and develops his pieces "normally," yet loses the opening battle so decisively that he never recovers. White shows admirable restraint in holding back the final assault until everything has been done to ensure its complete success.

White: John Blackstone. Black: Robert Shean.

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Sicilian Defense

1	P-K4	P-QB4	16	NxN	QxN (h)
2	N-QB3	N-QB3	17	N-N3	B-R3
3	KN-K2 (a)	P-K4	18	R-B2	B-B5
4	P-KN3	P-Q3	19	B-K3	Q-Q1
5	B-N2	P-B4 (b)	20	P-N3 (i)	B-B2
6	P-Q3	N-B3 (c)	21	Q-N4	Q-B1
7	0-0	PxP (d)	22	P-R5	P-N3 (j)
8	PxP	B-K2	23	RPxP	PxP
9	P-B4	0-0	24	Q-R4	R-Q1
10	P-B5 (e)	R-N1	25	P-B6	B-B1
11	P-KR3	N-Q5	26	B-R3	Q-N2
12	P-KN4	P-QN4	27	BxN	BPxB
13	P-N5	N-K1	28	B-N4	P-Q4 (k)
14	P-KR4 (f)	P-N5	29	R-R2	Resigns
15	N-Q5	N-B2 (g)			

(a) Conserving a tempo for an eventual advance of the **KBP**.

(b) Not bad, but more effective when timed to coincide with White's **P-KB4**.

(c) The Knight belongs on **K2** to back up control of Black's **Q5** and, combined with fianchettoing the **KB**, to oppose the advance of White's **KBP**.

(d) Black keeps trying to extract too much from his position, now exchanging the bulwark of his defense for dubious counterplay along the half-open **KB** file.

(e) The logical consequence of all that has gone before.

(f) White has expended no less than six pawn moves to establish a formidable K-side phalanx. No action is possible in the center and Black's Q-side demonstration can be ignored.

(g) Still unaware of the real danger, Black allows an enemy Knight to help fill in the ranks behind White's distended pawn wall. Correct is **15...NxNch**.

(h) Last chance to squeeze in **16...NxNch**.

(i) Neatly immobilizing the Queen side, White proceeds confidently with his near perfect positional triumph.

(j) Black is helpless to stop the onward rush of White's pawns, but the textmove only makes matters worse by opening the **KR** file. After **22...B-K1** White must continue preparing the breakthrough.

(k) A last, desperate attempt to deflect White's attention away from the King side. The clear-cut manner by which White outclasses his opponent in this game betrays mastery of a modern chess technique that emphasizes aggressive soundness coupled with long-range planning.



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