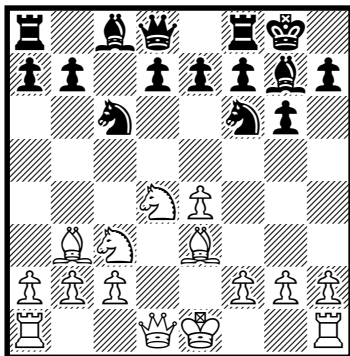


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This arises from the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defense: 1.e4 c5; 2.Nf3 Nc6; 3.d4 cxd4; 4.Nxd4 g6; 5.Nc3 Bg7; 6.Be3 Nf6; 7.Bc4 0-0; 8.Bb3. Now should Black put his knight on the rim to chase the bishop or open lines for his queen's bishop?

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**7. Black moves**

(a) Na5 (b) d6

(a) 1...Na5? is suspect because it decentralizes a knight and also violates principle by moving the same piece twice in the opening. Fischer, who avidly studied Russian chess literature, was familiar with a game just played in the USSR that White won after 2.e5! Nxb3 (if 2...Nh5 3.g4 traps this piece) 3.exf6 Nxa1; 4.fxg7. Reshevsky retreated 2...Ne8 and was stunned by 3.Bxf7+! Kxf7; 4.Ne6!! dxe6 (if 4...Kxe6; 5.Qd5+ Kf5; 6.g4+ Kxg4; 7.Rg1 mates in a few moves) 5.Qxd8. White won.

(b) Instead of relinquishing the guard on e5 Black should ventilate a diagonal for his bishop with 1...d6.