

Starting Out Sicilian Najdorf

Sicilian Defence, Najdorf Variation

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The Najdorf Variation (NY-dorf) of the Sicilian Defence is one of the most popular, reputable, and deeply studied of all chess openings. Modern Chess Openings calls it the "Cadillac" or "Rolls-Royce" of chess openings. The opening is named after the Polish-Argentine grandmaster Miguel Najdorf, although he was not the first strong player to play the variation. Many players have relied on the Najdorf (notably Bobby Fischer and Garry Kasparov, although Kasparov would often transpose into a Scheveningen).

The Najdorf begins:

1. e4 c5
2. Nf3 d6
3. d4 cxd4
4. Nxd4 Nf6
5. Nc3 a6

Black's 5...a6 aims to deny the b5-square to White's knights and light-square bishop while maintaining flexible development. If Black plays 5...e5?! immediately, then after 6.Bb5+! Bd7 (or 6...Nbd7 7.Nf5) 7.Bxd7+ Nbx d7...

Sicilian Defence, Scheveningen Variation

thinking in the English section above, is technically the Najdorf Variation of the Sicilian Defense with the very popular English Attack. Note that the

In chess, the Scheveningen Variation of the Sicilian Defence is an opening that is a line of the Open Sicilian characterised by Black setting up a "small centre" with pawns on d6 and e6. There are numerous move orders that reach the Scheveningen; a common one is:

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4. Nxd4 Nf6
5. Nc3 e6

The seemingly modest d6–e6 pawn centre affords Black a solid defensive barrier, control of the critical d5 and e5 squares, and retains flexibility to break in the centre with either ...e5 or ...d5. Black can proceed with rapid development, and the opening provides sound counterchances and considerable scope for creativity.

The line has been championed by Garry Kasparov, among many other distinguished grandmasters.

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Richard (2006). Starting Out: Closed Sicilian. Everyman Chess. ISBN 978-1-85744-414-8. Palliser, Richard (2007). Starting Out: Sicilian Najdorf. Everyman Chess

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Sicilian Defence, Dragon Variation

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In the Dragon, Black's bishop is fianchettoed on g7, castling on the king's side while aiming the bishop at the center and queenside. In one of the most popular and theoretically important lines, the Yugoslav Variation, White meets Black's setup with Be3, Qd2 and Bh6, exchanging off the Dragon bishop, followed by launching a kingside pawn storm with h4-h5 and g4. To involve the a1-rook in the attack, White usually castles queenside, placing the white king on the semi-open c-file. The result is often both sides attacking the other's king with all available resources. The line is considered one of the sharpest of all chess openings.

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Nf6 5.Nc3, leading to the extensively analyzed Open Sicilian, whose variations include the Najdorf, Dragon, and Scheveningen, and many others. White usually

The Sicilian Defence is a chess opening that begins with the following moves:

1. e4 c5

1...c5 is the most popular response among masters to White's first move 1.e4. Like 1...e5, the move controls the d4 square in the center, but breaks symmetry immediately, often leading to dynamic and sharp positions. Approximately 25% of games between masters begin with the Sicilian, and of over 800,000 database games beginning 1.e4 c5, White scores only 52% against the Sicilian, compared to 55% among all games. However, it is perceived as somewhat risky, with a relatively low rate of draws.

The most common continuation is for White to develop the king's knight with 2.Nf3, and Black usually replies 2...Nc6, 2...d6, or 2...e6. The line most often continues with 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3, leading to the extensively...

Sicilian Defence, Alapin Variation

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In chess, the Sicilian Defence, Alapin Variation is a response to the Sicilian Defence characterised by the moves:

1. e4 c5

2. c3

It is named after the Russian master Semyon Alapin (1856–1923). For many years, it was not held in high regard, since 2...d5 was thought to allow Black easy equality.

Today, the Alapin is considered to be one of the most solid and respectable Anti-Sicilians, and it is championed by grandmasters such as Evgeny Sveshnikov, Eduardas Rozentalis, Sergei Tiviakov, Duško Pavašovič, and Dražen

Sermek. It has been played by World Champions Viswanathan Anand, Garry Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov, Veselin Topalov, and Vladimir Kramnik, and Deep Blue played the Alapin Variation against Kasparov in their 1996 match. Magnus Carlsen played it in his championship tiebreaker against Rameshbabu...

John Emms (chess player)

ISBN 1-85744-238-5 Emms, John (2002), Sicilian Kan, Everyman Chess, ISBN 1-85744-302-0 Emms, John (2002), Starting Out: The Sicilian, Everyman Chess, ISBN 1-85744-249-0

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Sicilian Defence, Accelerated Dragon

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3. d4 cxd4
4. Nxd4 g6

The Accelerated Dragon features an early ...g6 by Black. An important difference between this line and the Dragon is that Black avoids playing ...d7-d6 so that ...d7-d5 can be played later in one move, if possible. Black also avoids the Yugoslav Attack, but since White has not yet played Nc3, 5.c4 (the Maróczy Bind) is possible.

The Accelerated Dragon generally features a more positional style of play than in many other lines of the Sicilian.

Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu

2005, Sicilian Defense: Scheveningen Variation (B82), 1-0 Liviu Dieter Nisipeanu vs Viktor Bologan, TCh-FRA Top 16

2006, Sicilian Defense: Najdorf Variation

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