

Opening Study : Owen's Defense Help Guide

Diagram 1:

When the Black Bishop on c8 plays to b7 (Bb7) it takes full advantage over a really important diagonal. It gives Black control over the center because of the long range the Bishop had to attack.

Diagram 3:

Developing is what it is called when you move a piece off of its original square. Slow means that a game is either closed or the development of pieces takes a long time.

Diagram 5:

When the White Queen plays to h5 check (Qh5+) the Black King has little options. There are three ways to get out of check. First is to move the King out of danger which in this diagram cannot happen. Second you may take the piece attacking the king, which you cannot do in this diagram. Third is to block, and that what Black must do is block with a Pawn move. Moving a piece (Queen, King, Bishop, Knight, Rook) is developing moving a Pawn is not considered developing a piece. So the lack of moves that Black has to play forces the Pawn to block the check.

Diagram 6:

If a piece attacks two different enemy pieces than it's a Double Attack. If a piece moves out of the way to allow another piece to attack something that is called a Discovered Attack. So when the Pawn on g6 moves the White Queen is attacking the Black King. Again the King has little options of getting out of check. He cannot move out of the way, cannot block but is forced to take the Queen on h5 (Nxh5). Now the Black King is ready to be checkmated. Now look for a piece that is already developed and can attack the Black King on a White diagonal.