

The Ruy Lopez "Bowman Special" Help Guide

Diagram 4:

Black played Bishop to e7 (Be7) that moved a piece off of its original square. When ever we move a piece in chess off of its original square its called developing. By placing the Bishop on e7 Black wants extra protection just in case the Pawn on e5 is captured. Black has blocked the King file. Whites Bishop can capture the Black Knight on c6, which would leave the Pawn on e5 unprotected.

Diagram 5:

In chess we try to control the center because it allows us to have more space to move are pieces, and build an attack.

Diagram 6:

If Black played Bishop to g4 (Bg4) he would be attacking two pieces on the same diagonal. The Knight first and behind the Knight is the White Queen. The Black Bishop is attacking a Knight worth three points. If the Knight moves than Blacks Bishop is attacking a Queen worth nine points. When we attack a weaker piece before a stronger piece it's a Pin, and when we attack a more important piece before a weaker piece it's a Skewer.