

The Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation Help Guides

Diagram 3:

The take on Blacks part was great because before the Bishop and Queen were blocked by the Pawn. Now Black has gotten them open. When pieces are able to move freely they are called open. Can you have space structure?

Diagram 4:

Black to move. Look at two squares that the Black Queen can attack the White position. First look for a diagonal move that would place you Queen on a square that attacks the Knight and a Pawn on the Kingside. Second look for a straight move down the board that placed in a spot would keep the White Pawn from being able to move to d5, also attacking two pieces (Knight and the e4 Pawn).