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**Shyam,S (2462) - Edouard,R (2621) [B90]  
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B90 Sicilian

**1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 Qc7**

Played in less than 10% of all Najdorfs. Much less common than ...e5, ...e6 and ...Ng4.

**7. h3**

Also very uncommon. White normally plays f3 or Be2 here.

**7... b5**

This is already a novelty. It's surprising that in an opening variation so heavily analysed as the Najdorf, the players can reach a position unknown to theory as early as move 7.

**8. Nd5 Nxd5 9. exd5 Bb7 10. c4!**

Not just defending the pawn, but opening lines on the queenside. Black's 7th move is shown to be premature.

**10... bxc4 11. Qa4+**

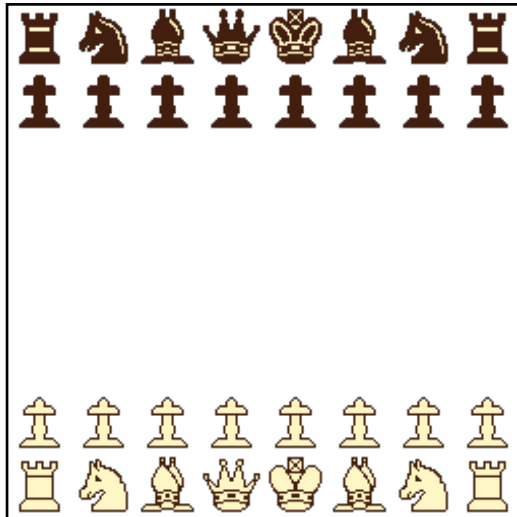
White's advantage is +1.63 according to Fritz 13.

**11... Qd7 12. Qxc4 g6 13. Be2 h5?**

After this, White is already winning.

13... Bg7 14. Bg4 Qd8 is safer for Black, not least because he is ready to castle.

**14. Bd1**



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With the killing threat of Ba4, and an advantage of +4.73. It's virtually impossible to get back from that. Black plays on - not really to make White prove the win, but because he wouldn't have wanted to resign as early as move 14.

**14... Qd8 15. Ba4+ Nd7 16. Ne6**

This is visually appealing, but objectively stronger is 16. Rc1 Bg7 17. Nc6 and Black is close to being pushed off the board.

**16... Rc8**

Black can stay in the game with 16... fxe6 e.g. 17. dxe6 Qa5+ 18. Bd2 Qe5+ 19. Kd1 Bg7 20. exd7+ Kf8 although White is a lot better, not least because of the big pawn on d7.

**17. Qb4 fxe6**

What else can Black do? But after White's next move, Black's position is terminal.

**18. Bb6 a5 19. Qxa5 Rc5 20. Bxd8 Rxa5 21. Bxa5 1-0**

Black is the exchange and a pawn down with a rotten position and no counterplay, so he now resigned.

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