

Opening report

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4



D00, 2.Bf4

[39086 Games in 'Mega Database 2022'](#)

1. History

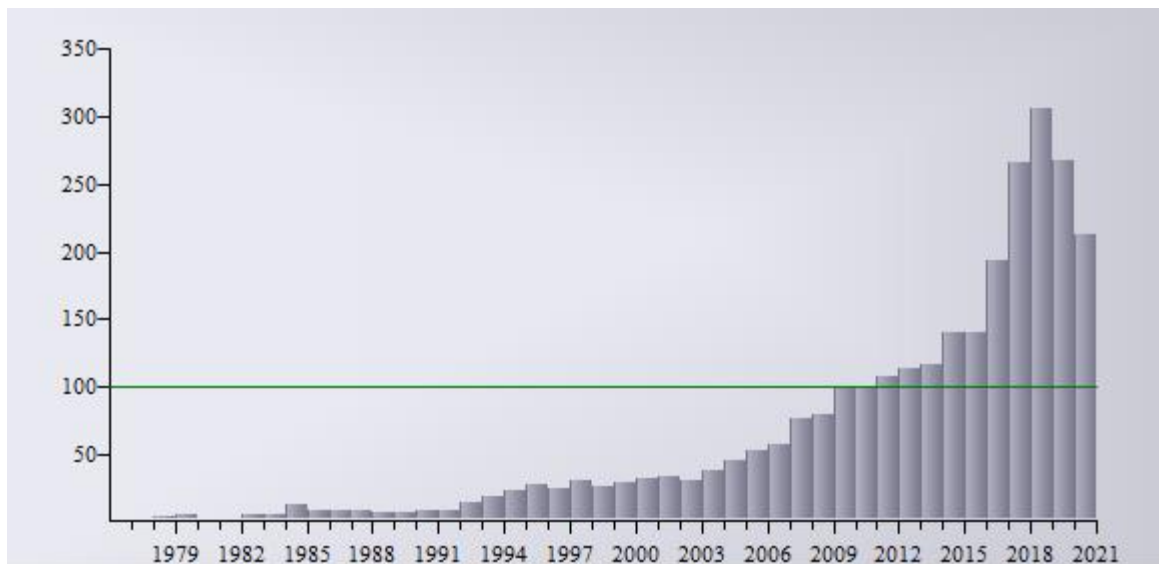
Earliest game: [De Labourdonnais,L - McDonnell,A 0-1](#)

Latest grandmaster game: [Sadhvani,R - Yanchenko,R 1/2-1/2](#)

Latest game: [Yang,K - Das,M 1/2-1/2](#)



Games played in years (39086)



Fashion index - Distribution of games relative to database [%]

2. Players

a) Strong grandmasters who used this line as White:

<u>Magnus Carlsen</u>	Result=10.5/12	2016- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2849	<u>Games: 12</u>
<u>Jan Krzysztof Duda</u>	Result=9.5/12	2017- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2740	<u>Games: 12</u>
<u>Maxime Vachier Lagrave</u>	Result=7/7	2010- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2769	<u>Games: 7</u>
<u>Alexander Grischuk</u>	Result=5/7	2014- 2015	Elo-Ø: 2790	<u>Games: 7</u>
<u>Hikaru Nakamura</u>	Result=4.5/6	2014- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2769	<u>Games: 6</u>
<u>Levon Aronian</u>	Result=4.5/5	2017- 2018	Elo-Ø: 2787	<u>Games: 5</u>
<u>Garry Kasparov</u>	Result=3/3	2011- 2016	Elo-Ø: 2812	<u>Games: 3</u>
<u>Nikita Vitiugov</u>	Result=2.5/3	2016	Elo-Ø: 2726	<u>Games: 3</u>
<u>Viswanathan Anand</u>	Result=2/2	2019	Elo-Ø: 2765	<u>Games: 2</u>
<u>Vladimir Kramnik</u>	Result=2/3	2007- 2015	Elo-Ø: 2782	<u>Games: 3</u>

b) Other notable players:

<u>Andrew Tang</u>	Result=104/163	2016-2021	Elo-Ø: 2519	<u>Games: 163</u>
<u>Slobodan Kovacevic</u>	Result=99.5/132	1985-2021	Elo-Ø: 2368	<u>Games: 132</u>
<u>Boris V Grachev</u>	Result=87.5/122	2006-2021	Elo-Ø: 2633	<u>Games: 122</u>
<u>Leonardo Tristan</u>	Result=60.5/87	2015-2021	Elo-Ø: 2512	<u>Games: 87</u>
<u>Vladimir Karlik</u>	Result=59/90	1986-2019	Elo-Ø: 2287	<u>Games: 90</u>
<u>Hauke Reddmann</u>	Result=56/81	1996-2019	Elo-Ø: 2311	<u>Games: 81</u>
<u>Ruben Gideon Koellner</u>	Result=55.5/95	2017-2021	Elo-Ø: 2342	<u>Games: 95</u>
<u>Minh Thang Tran</u>	Result=53/77	2010-2021	Elo-Ø: 2143	<u>Games: 77</u>

3. Statistics

White scores averagely (55%).

White performs Elo 1944 against an opposition of Elo 1909 (+35).

Black performs Elo 1882 against an opposition of Elo 1917 (-35).

White wins: 16803 (=43%), Draws: 9512 (=24%), Black wins: 12766 (=33%)

The drawing quote is low. (4% quick draws, < 20 Moves)

White wins are of average length (40).

Black wins are of average length (41).

Draws are of average length (38).

4. Moves and Plans

a) [2...Nf6](#)

Black scores averagely (46%).

played by: [Chernin](#), 2615, 0/1; [Tal](#), 2600, 0.5/1; [Smyslov](#), 2600, 0.5/1; [Novikov](#), 2585, 1/1; [Sadler](#), 2580, 2/2;

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[Kovacevic,V - Pinter,J 1-0](#); [Klaric,Z - Finegold,B 1/2-1/2](#); [Keitlinghaus,L - Mueller,K 0-1](#); [Ribli,Z - Smyslov,V 1/2-1/2](#); [Gurevich,M - Taborov,B 1/2-1/2](#); [Malaniuk,V - Tal,M 1/2-1/2](#)

Main line:

3...e6 4.Nf3	55%, 1888	Click for games
3...e6 4.Nd2	60%, 2089	Click for games
3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 e6 6.Ngf3	57%, 2122	Click for games
3...Bf5	59%, 1813	Click for games

Plans White:

Ng1-f3/c2-c3/Nb1-d2/h2-h3 (66)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/Nf3xe5/Nd2-f3 (15)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5/c2-c3 (54)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/0-0/Nf3-e5 (28)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3 (155)	Click for games
c2-c4/Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3 (44)	Click for games

Plans Black:

e7-e6/Nb8-d7/Bf8-e7/0-0 (48)	Click for games
e7-e6/c7-c5/Nb8-c6 (85)	Click for games

e7-e6/Bf8-d6 (125) [Click for games](#)
 0-0/c7-c5 (88) [Click for games](#)
 e7-e6/Qd8-b6/Qb6xb3 (19) [Click for games](#)

b) 2...c5

Black scores well (53%).

played by: [Smyslov](#), 2570, 0.5/1; [Korneev](#), 2565, 0.5/1; [Serper](#), 2560, 1/1; [Stangl](#), 2545, 1.5/2; [Palac](#), 2545, 0.5/1

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[Hulak,K - Garcia Palermo,C 1-0](#); [Meduna,E - Mikhalchishin,A 1-0](#);
[Knezevic,M - Sveshnikov,E 1-0](#); [Kuijf,M - Van der Sterren,P 0-1](#);
[Hertneck,G - Sermek,D 1/2-1/2](#); [Jugelt,T - Boensch,U 0-1](#)

Plans White:

c2-c3/Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/Bf1-d3 (15) [Click for games](#)
 Nb1-d2/Bf1-e2/h2-h3/Ng1-f3/0-0/Be2-d1 (2) [Click for games](#)
 Ng1-f3/0-0/d4xc5/Nf3-e5 (2) [Click for games](#)
 ..(c5-c4)/Qb3-c2/Nb1-d2/Qc2-c1 (7) [Click for games](#)
 c2-c3/Qd1-b3 (23) [Click for games](#)
 Qd1-b3/ ..(c5-c4)/Qb3-c2/Qc2-c1/Ng1-f3 (2) [Click for games](#)

Plans Black:

Nb8-c6/e7-e6/Bf8-d6/Ng8-f6 (18) [Click for games](#)
 Nb8-c6/e7-e6/e6-e5/Nc6xe5 (4) [Click for games](#)
 Nb8-c6/Qd8-b6/c5-c4 (15) [Click for games](#)
 Ng8-f6/Nb8-c6/0-0/Nf6-d7 (2) [Click for games](#)

Qd8-b6/Ng8-f6 (30)

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Nb8-c6/Bc8-f5 (19)

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c) 2...e6

Black scores averagely (43%).

played by: [Beliavsky](#), 2570, 0.5/1; [Marjanovic](#), 2505, 0.5/1; [Zelcic](#), 2500, 0/1; [Rajkovic](#), 2490, 0/1; [Diaz Diaz](#), 2485, 1/1*You should play:* [3.e3](#) [Reference](#)

[Kovacevic,V - Zelcic,R 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,V - Rajkovic,D 1-0](#);
[Kovacevic,V - Beliavsky,A 1/2-1/2](#); [Szabolcsi,J - Nemeth,Z 1-0](#); [Soppe,G - Markeluk,S 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,V - Marjanovic,S 1/2-1/2](#)

Plans White:

Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3/Nb1-d2/Nf3-e5 (21) [Click for games](#)Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2/0-0 (7) [Click for games](#)Ng1-f3/c2-c3 (54) [Click for games](#)Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5/Ne5xd7 (8) [Click for games](#)Bf4-g3/Nb1-d2 (35) [Click for games](#)Bf1-d3/0-0 (23) [Click for games](#)

Plans Black:

Ng8-f6/c7-c5/Nb8-c6/Bf8-d6/0-0 (11) [Click for games](#)Ng8-f6/Bf8-d6/0-0/Nf6-e4/Bd6xe5 (4) [Click for games](#)Bf8-d6/Bd6xf4/Qd8-d6/Ng8-f6 (5) [Click for games](#)Ng8-f6/Bf8-e7/c7-c6/0-0/Nf6-e4/Nb8-d7 (2) [Click for games](#)Ng8-f6/0-0/Nf6-d7/Nd7xe5 (2) [Click for games](#)

c7-c5/Nb8-c6/c5xd4 (16)

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Alternative: 3.Nf3

[Olbrich,J - Thanner,H 1-0](#); [Karlik,V - Rabara,F 1-0](#); [Blokhuys,E - Posazhennikov,A 0-1](#); [Urban,R - Spenner,F ½-½](#); [Hafner,B - Kreiner,C 1-0](#); [Riehl,J - Huber,R 1-0](#)

d) 2...c6

Black scores above average (47%).

played by: [Benjamin](#), 2570, 0.5/1; [Gyimesi](#), 2525, 1/1; [Mueller](#), 2505, 1/1; [Kosic](#), 2500, 0.5/1; [Varga](#), 2480, 0/1

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[Kovacevic,S - Varga,Z 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,V - Vukelic,T 1-0](#); [Nikolic,Z - Kosic,D ½-½](#); [Schlindwein,R - Kekelidze,M 1-0](#); [Karlik,J - Nisman,B 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,S - Baron Rodriguez,J 1-0](#)

Plans White:

Nb1-d2/Ng1-f3/h2-h3/Bf1-e2/0-0 (3)

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c2-c4/c4-c5/ ..(Qb6xb3)/a2xb3/b3-b4/Ng1-f3/h2-h3 (2)

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Nb1-d2/Ng1-f3/c2-c3/Nd2xe4/Nf3-d2 (2)

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c2-c4/c4-c5/Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3 (2)

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c2-c4/Qd1-b3/c4-c5 (7)

[games](#)

Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3 (11)

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games](#)

Plans Black:

Bc8-f5/Ng8-f6/e7-e6/Nb8-d7 (14)

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Ng8-f6/e7-e6/0-0/Nf6-e4 (2)

[Click for games](#)

Qd8-b6/Nb8-d7/a7-a6/Bf8-e7/Ng8-f6/Be7-d8 (2)

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Ng8-f6/Nf6-e4/f7-f5 (5)

[Click for games](#)

Ng8-f6/Qd8-b6/Qb6xb3 (4)

[Click for games](#)

Ng8-f6/Bf8-e7/0-0 (7)

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Alternative: 3.c3

[Rubinetti,J - Slipak,S ½-½](#); [Lyrberg,P - Varberg,K 1-0](#); [Paschall,W - Benjamin,J ½-½](#); [Jovic,A - Todorovic,G ½-½](#); [Zaitseva,L - Stepovaia,T ½-½](#); [Drill,F - Bode,W ½-½](#)

e) 2...Bf5

Black scores below average (41%).

played by: [Sielaff](#), 2492, 1/1; [Averkin](#), 2455, 0.5/1; [Czerwonski](#), 2405, 1/1; [Sulava](#), 2390, 0/1; [Chernikov](#), 2390, 1/1

You should play: [3.e3](#) [Reference](#)



[Panchenko,A - Averkin,O ½-½](#); [Knezevic,M - Aighasra,A 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,S - Fabiano,G 1-0](#); [Karlik,V - Szymczak,Z ½-½](#); [Schwab,R - Kummer,H ½-½](#); [Maksimovic,S - Zivkovic,V ½-½](#)

Plans White:

Bf1-d3/Qd1xd3/Ng1-f3/0-0 (7)

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c2-c3/Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5/Nb1-d2 (3)

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c2-c4/Qd1-b3/Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3 (5)

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Bf1-d3/Qd1xd3/Qd3-b5/ ..(Nb8-c6)/Qb5xb7/Qb7-b5 (2)

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Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5/g2-g4 (3)

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Ng1-f3/h2-h3/Bf1-e2 (4)

[Click for games](#)*Plans Black:*

e7-e6/Bf8-d6/Ng8-f6/0-0 (7)

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Bf8-d6/Ng8-f6/Bd6xg3/Nb8-d7 (2)

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e7-e6/Bf5xd3/c7-c6 (8)

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Ng8-f6/0-0/d5xe4/Nf6xe4/Nd7-f6 (2)

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Ng8-f6/Nf6-h5/Nh5xg3/e7-e6 (2)

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Ng8-f6/c7-c6 (16)

[Click for games](#)f) 2...Nc6

Black scores badly (32%).

played by: [Zemerov](#), 2430, 0/1; [Maksimovic](#), 2400, 1/1; [Pavlov](#), 2385, 0.5/1; [Plesec](#), 2380, 0.5/1; [Pasedag](#), 2330, 0.5/1*You should play:* [3.e3](#)[Kovacevic,S - Zemerov,V 1-0](#); [Kovacevic,S - Plesec,D 1/2-1/2](#); [Gordan,N - Pavlov,M 1/2-1/2](#); [Doeres,H - Morlo,M 1/2-1/2](#); [Koenig,D - Bredl,H 1/2-1/2](#); [Kovacevic,V - Maksimovic,B 0-1](#)

Alternative: 3.Nf3

Rithnovszky,A - Kakuk,S 1-0; Schuetz,M - Striok,B 1-0; Bosque Ortega,X - Ferron Garcia,C 1-0; Zirwes,H - Mohm,M 1-0; Rath,L - Hennicke,C 1-0; Zimmermann,P - Brandenburger,U 1-0

g) 2...g6

Black scores averagely (45%).

played by: Sorokin, 2550, 0.5/1; Galliamova, 2505, 1/1; Dlugy, 2485, 0.5/1; Mallahi, 2330, 1/1; Javakhishvili, 2080, 0/1

You should play: 3.e3

Knezevic,M - Dlugy,M ½-½; Zaitseva,L - Galliamova,A 0-1; Ghane Gardeh,S - Mallahi,A 0-1; Fritze,B - Gellrich,P ½-½; Lipsanen,E - Kauko,P 1-0; Richter,G - Elek,E 0-1

h) 2...Bg4

Black scores well (53%).

played by: Miralles, 2520, 0.5/1; Shabalov, 2505, 1/1; Boudre, 2405, 0.5/1; Colas Longares, 2335, 1/1; Chevallier, 2290, 0/1

You should play: 3.c3

Kovacevic,S - Chevallier,D 1-0; Kovacevic,S - Boudre,J ½-½; Kovacevic,S - Shabalov,A 0-1

i) 2...f6

Black scores miserably (24%).

You should play: 3.Qd3

Maslowiecka,K - Pawlowska,E 1-0

j) 2...Nd7

Black scores below average (42%).

You should play: [3.h3](#)
