

Opening report

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4



A45, 2.Bf4

38567 Games in 'Mega Database 2022'

1. History

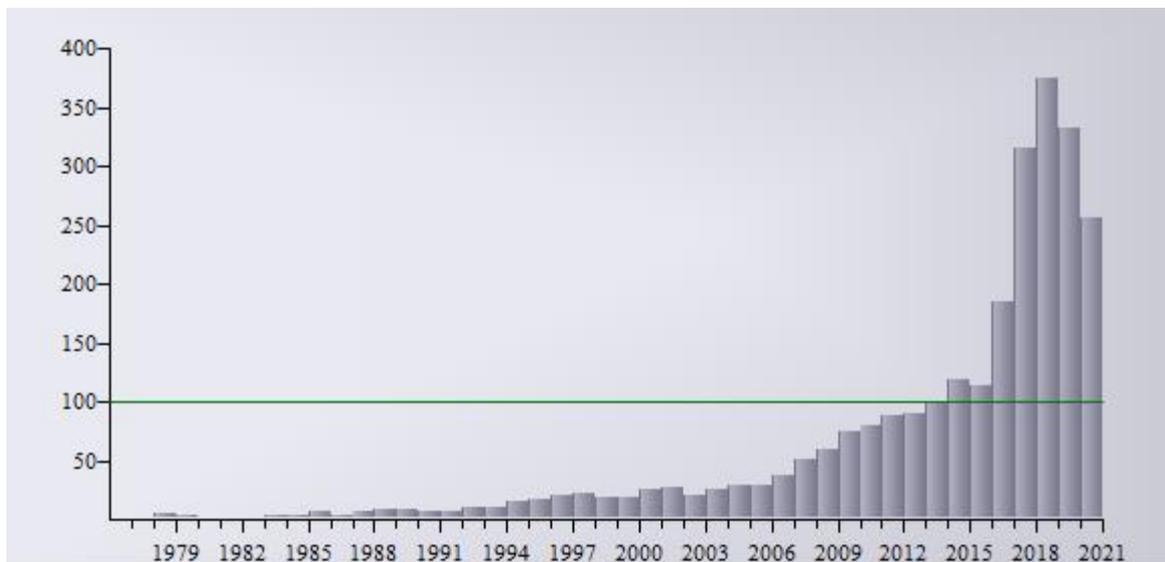
Earliest game: Mason,J - Riemann,F 0-1

Latest grandmaster game: Dlugy,M - Andriasian,Z 0-1

Latest game: Jankowiak,P - Golenia,J ½-½



Games played in years (38567)



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

2. Players

a) Strong grandmasters who used this line as White:

<u>Magnus Carlsen</u>	Result=33/37	2015- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2845	<u>Games:</u> <u>37</u>
<u>Alexander Grischuk</u>	Result=21.5/32	2014- 2018	Elo-Ø: 2787	<u>Games:</u> <u>32</u>
<u>Sergey Karjakin</u>	Result=20.5/28	2015- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2770	<u>Games:</u> <u>28</u>
<u>Levon Aronian</u>	Result=19.5/25	2015- 2018	Elo-Ø: 2783	<u>Games:</u> <u>25</u>
<u>Hikaru Nakamura</u>	Result=14.5/22	2014- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2779	<u>Games:</u> <u>22</u>
<u>Maxime Vachier Lagrave</u>	Result=10/18	2017- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2776	<u>Games:</u> <u>18</u>
<u>Wesley So</u>	Result=4/5	2018- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2775	<u>Games: 5</u>
<u>Vladimir Kramnik</u>	Result=3.5/4	2015- 2016	Elo-Ø: 2799	<u>Games: 4</u>
<u>Anish Giri</u>	Result=2.5/3	2021	Elo-Ø: 2764	<u>Games: 3</u>
<u>Quang Liem Le</u>	Result=2.5/5	2017- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2731	<u>Games: 5</u>

b) Other notable players:

<u>Leonardo Tristan</u>	Result=102.5/158	2017- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2519	<u>Games:</u> <u>158</u>
<u>Boris V Grachev</u>	Result=85/128	2015- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2618	<u>Games:</u> <u>128</u>
<u>Hrvoje Fajdetic</u>	Result=60.5/163	2019- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2152	<u>Games:</u> <u>163</u>
<u>Rinat Jumabayev</u>	Result=57.5/80	2017- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2648	<u>Games: 80</u>
<u>Istvan Gelle</u>	Result=57/80	2000- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2289	<u>Games: 80</u>
<u>Raunak Sadhwani</u>	Result=53.5/68	2018- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2543	<u>Games: 68</u>
<u>Vjacheslav Weetik</u>	Result=53/105	2017- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2423	<u>Games:</u> <u>105</u>
<u>Alexey Gubajdullin</u>	Result=52.5/95	2016- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2344	<u>Games: 95</u>

3. Statistics

White scores below average (47%).

White performs Elo 1998 against an opposition of Elo 2019 (-21).

Black performs Elo 1991 against an opposition of Elo 1970 (+21).

White wins: 13590 (=35%), Draws: 8978 (=23%), Black wins: 15998 (=41%)

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

White wins are of average length (41).

Black wins are of average length (41).

Draws are of average length (40).

4. Moves and Plans

a) 2...g6

Black scores well (54%).

played by: [Kramnik](#), 2775, 1/1; [Vaganian](#), 2615, 1/1; [Ftacnik](#), 2585, 1/1; [Romanishin](#), 2555, 1/1; [Mikhalchishin](#), 2530, 1/1

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



[Bellon Lopez,J - Medina Garcia,A 1-0](#); [Bohm,H - Van der Wiel,J 1/2-1/2](#); [Zach,A - Bangiev,A 0-1](#); [Bayramov,V - Gassanov,A 1-0](#); [Borras Duran,P - Molinero Martin,J 1-0](#); [Tamassy,Z - Bajusz,G 1-0](#)

Main line:

3...Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2 d6 6.h3 47%, 2030 [Click for games](#)

3...Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 46%, 1930 [Click for games](#)

Plans White:

h2-h3/Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/c2-c3/0-0 (35) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/Nd2-c4/Bf4-h2 (2) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2 (44) [Click for games](#)

0-0/Bf4-h2 (31) [Click for games](#)

c2-c3/Bf1-d3 (23) [Click for games](#)

Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3 (5) [Click for games](#)

Plans Black:

Bf8-g7/0-0/d7-d6/Nb8-d7 (54) [Click for games](#)

Bf8-g7/0-0/Nb8-c6/e7-e5/Kg8-h8/f7-f5 (3) [Click for games](#)

0-0/c7-c5/c5xd4/a7-a6 (5) [Click for games](#)

0-0/c7-c5 (48) [Click for games](#)

d7-d6/e7-e5/d6xe5/Nf6-d5 (5)

[Click for games](#)

0-0/e7-e5/Kg8-h8/f7-f5 (5)

[Click for games](#)

Alternative: 3.Nf3

[Bohm,H - Van der Sterren,P 1-0](#); [Lyrberg,P - Moberg,K 1-0](#);
[Ristic,N - Bojczuk,Z 1-0](#); [Aubert,L - Kouatly,B ½-½](#); [Schinis,M - Chavez,R 1-0](#); [Schinis,M - Abdullah,M 1-0](#)

b) 2...e6

Black scores above average (51%).

played by: [Farago](#), 2510, 1/1; [Kuzmin](#), 2500, 0.5/1; [Kolev](#), 2492, 1.5/2;
[Fernandez Garcia](#), 2470, 0.5/1; [Zagrebelny](#), 2450, 1/1

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



[Karlsson,L - Lyrberg,P 1-0](#); [Salac,J - Prandstetter,E 1-0](#); [Popchev,M - Kolev,A 0-1](#); [Zach,A - Cladouras,P ½-½](#); [Kaunzinger,A - Hartmann,W 1-0](#); [Zach,A - Bohnenblust,S 1-0](#)

Main line:

3...d5 4.Nf3	51%, 1952	Click for games
3...c5 4.c3	46%, 1997	Click for games
3...b6	49%, 2029	Click for games

Plans White:

Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3/Nb1-d2/c2-c3 (41) [Click for games](#)
 Nb1-d2/Ng1-f3/Nd2xe4/Nf3-d2 (4) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/h2-h3/0-0 (11)	Click for games
c2-c3/0-0 (19)	Click for games
h2-h3/Nb1-d2 (27)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5 (15)	Click for games

Plans Black:

c7-c5/Bf8-e7/0-0/b7-b6/Bc8-b7 (11)	Click for games
d7-d5/c7-c5/Nb8-c6/Bc8-d7/c5xd4/Bf8-e7 (2)	Click for games
c7-c5/0-0/Nb8-c6/c5xd4 (3)	Click for games
0-0/d7-d6/Nb8-d7 (12)	Click for games
d7-d5/Bf8-d6/0-0 (10)	Click for games
c7-c5/0-0/c5-c4/b7-b5 (2)	Click for games

Alternative: 3.Nf3

[Zelic,B - Nonnenmacher,E ½-½](#); [Tamassy,Z - Domotor,J 1-0](#); [Sahl,S - Hansen,E 1-0](#); [Vospornik,M - Maric,K 1-0](#); [Ovezova,M - Alexieva,S 0-1](#); [Sedlacek,T - Majerik,V 1-0](#)

c) 2...c5

Black scores well (59%).

played by: [Lputian](#), 2590, 0.5/1; [Wells](#), 2530, 1/1; [Bouaziz](#), 2515, 1/1; [Velimirovic](#), 2515, 1/1; [Horvath](#), 2505, 1/1

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



[Backwinkel,P - Maus,S ½-½](#); [Bellon Lopez,J - Martin Gonzalez,A ½-½](#); [Ljubisavljevic,Z - Velimirovic,D 0-1](#); [Soloviov,S - Saulin,D ½-½](#); [Frometa Castillo,Z - Borges Matos,J ½-½](#); [Blokhuis,E - Finegold,B 0-1](#)

Plans White:

c2-c3/Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/h2-h3/0-0 (6)	Click for games
Nb1-c3/ ..(c5xd4)/e3xd4/Nc3-b5/Ng1-f3 (2)	Click for games
Bf1-d3/Ng1-f3 (16)	Click for games
Bf1-e2/0-0 (16)	Click for games
b2-b3/Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2 (4)	Click for games
..(c5xd4)/e3xd4/c2-c3 (13)	Click for games

Plans Black:

g7-g6/Bf8-g7/0-0/c5xd4 (8)	Click for games
Qd8-b6/0-0/a7-a6/Qb6-c7 (2)	Click for games
Nb8-c6/Bc8-g4/e7-e6/0-0 (3)	Click for games
d7-d6/0-0 (18)	Click for games
Nb8-c6/d7-d5 (18)	Click for games
c5xd4/Qd8-b6 (8)	Click for games

Alternative: 3.c3

[Salac,J - Fuchs,G ½-½](#); [Beblik,C - Steinert,M 1-0](#); [Balogh,S - Horvath,J 0-1](#); [Salac,J - Cech,P ½-½](#); [Palacios de la Prida,E - Teran Alvarez,I ½-½](#); [Salac,J - Jirovsky,P ½-½](#)

d) 2...d5

Black scores above average (51%).

played by: [Graf](#), 2580, 1/1; [Rogulj](#), 2410, 0.5/1; [Bajarani](#), 2405, 0.5/1; [Velicka](#), 2390, 1/1; [Brueckner](#), 2345, 0.5/1

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



[Kovacevic,V - Rogulj,B 1/2-1/2](#); [Lagopatis,N - Graf,A 0-1](#); [Markovic,B - Nikolic,G 1/2-1/2](#); [Astl,P - Holzbauer,J 1-0](#); [Kaunzinger,A - Velicka,P 0-1](#); [Salac,J - Pesout,J 1/2-1/2](#)

Main line:

3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 41%, 2102 [Click for games](#)

Plans White:

Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/c2-c3/Bf1-d3 (20) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/Nd2-f3/Nf3xe5 (4) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3/Nf3-e5 (9) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/a2-a3/Qd1-e2/Nf3-e5 (2) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2/0-0 (12) [Click for games](#)

Ng1-f3/h2-h3 (24) [Click for games](#)

Plans Black:

e7-e6/c7-c5/Nb8-c6/Bf8-e7/0-0 (7) [Click for games](#)

c7-c5/0-0/c5-c4/b7-b5 (2) [Click for games](#)

e7-e6/Nf6-h5/f7-f5/Nh5-f6 (2) [Click for games](#)

c7-c5/c5-c4/a7xb6/e7-e6 (3) [Click for games](#)

e7-e6/Bf8-d6 (25) [Click for games](#)

c7-c6/Bc8-f5/e7-e6 (11) [Click for games](#)

Alternative: 3.Nf3

[Kadas,G - Menyhart,T 1-0](#); [Schinis,M - Noaman,H 1-0](#); [Gliksman,D - Glavan,S 1/2-1/2](#); [Roig Grau,J - Robert,A 0-1](#); [Stickler,A - Roeder,G 1/2-1/2](#); [Barchanek,A - Vavra,J 1/2-1/2](#)

e) 2...d6

Black scores above average (52%).

played by: [Miles](#), 2615, 1/1; [Paehtz](#), 2470, 1/1; [Dimitrov](#), 2460, 1/1; [Sanz Alonso](#), 2415, 1/1; [Tarasov](#), 2360, 0.5/1

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



[Majzik,L - Demeny,A 1-0](#); [Byway,P - Moore,G 1-0](#); [Pakosta,S - Ostrowski,L 0-1](#); [Frometa Castillo,Z - Moreno,A 0-1](#); [Fernandez Serrano,P - Escuder Vilaltella,J 0-1](#); [Elzinger,W - Kudlich,H 1-0](#)

Plans White:

Ng1-f3/Nb1-d2/c2-c3/Bf1-c4/0-0 (7)	Click for games
h2-h3/Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2/0-0/c2-c4/Nb1-c3 (2)	Click for games
Bf1-e2/Ng1-f3/Nf3-d2/Be2-f3 (3)	Click for games
Ng1-f3/d4xe5/ ..(Nd7xe5)/Nf3xe5 (5)	Click for games
Bf1-e2/c2-c3 (11)	Click for games
c2-c3/a2-a4/Bf4-h2 (4)	Click for games

Plans Black:

Nb8-d7/g7-g6/Bf8-g7/0-0 (27)	Click for games
Nb8-d7/e7-e5/Nd7xe5/d6xe5 (2)	Click for games
e7-e5/Bf8-e7/e5xd4/0-0 (2)	Click for games
Nb8-d7/e7-e5/Nd7-b6/h7-h6 (2)	Click for games
0-0/Qd8-e8/e7-e5 (6)	Click for games
0-0/c7-c5 (16)	Click for games

Alternative: 3.Nf3

Kaczorowska,B - Leszner,L 1-0; Sazonov,A - Zubkov,K 1-0; Salac,J - Maskova,J ½-½; Hatschbach,R - Heidenfeld,M 0-1; Ritsema,R - De Vreugt,D 0-1; Martinez Talavera,J - Guerrero Roman,E 1-0

f) 2...b6

Black scores well (58%).

played by: Ibragimov, 2520, 1/1; Kogan, 2495, 1/1; Komarov, 2475, 1/1; Seres, 2445, 0.5/1; Mischustov, 2370, 1/1

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

Tamassy,Z - Ibragimov,I 0-1; Frometa Castillo,Z - Ramon Pita,V 1-0; Pal,P - Kogan,A 0-1; Byway,P - Twyble,M ½-½; Vervust,J - Mischustov,M 0-1; Bauer,C - Guenther,O 0-1

Alternative: 3.Nf3

Schneider,W - Steinhart,C 0-1; Kienholz,G - Komarov,D 0-1; Sazonov,A - Krivonogov,A ½-½; Nielsen,P - Nielsen,M 0-1; Hadzinikola,E - Kasioura,F 0-1; Rowe,R - Zismer,E 1-0

g) 2...c6

Black scores well (57%).

played by: Petrosian, 2375, 1/1; Gaggiottini, 2105, 1/1; Trebbin, 2025, 1/1; Leuchter, 1905, 0.5/1

You should play: [3.c3](#)

Kampen,J - Leuchter,G ½-½; Marzluf,D - Trebbin,W 0-1; Ruprich,F - Petrosian,K 0-1; Doderer,H - Beutel,J ½-½

h) 2...b5

Black scores averagely (46%).

played by: [Votava](#), 2385, 1/1; [Krueger](#), 2305, 1/1

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

[Salac,J - Votava,J 0-1](#); [Bruhn,B - Krueger,K 0-1](#); [Garcia Fernandez,J - Boo Martin,C 1-0](#)

i) [2...Nh5](#)

Black scores averagely (43%).

played by: [Rabovszky](#), 2155, 1/1

You should play: [3.Bd2](#)

[Petocz,G - Rabovszky,G 0-1](#); [Koelln,R - Scepanik,K 1/2-1/2](#)

j) [2...Nc6](#)

Black scores below average (37%).

You should play: [3.Nf3](#)

[Gulko,B - Comp Kasparov's Gambit 1-0](#); [Rathlev,J - Corneliussen,B 1/2-1/2](#)
