

# Opening report

*1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6*



D10, 2...c6

225513 Games in 'Mega Database 2022'

## 1. History

Earliest game:

Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T - Mayet,C  
0-1

Latest grandmaster  
game:

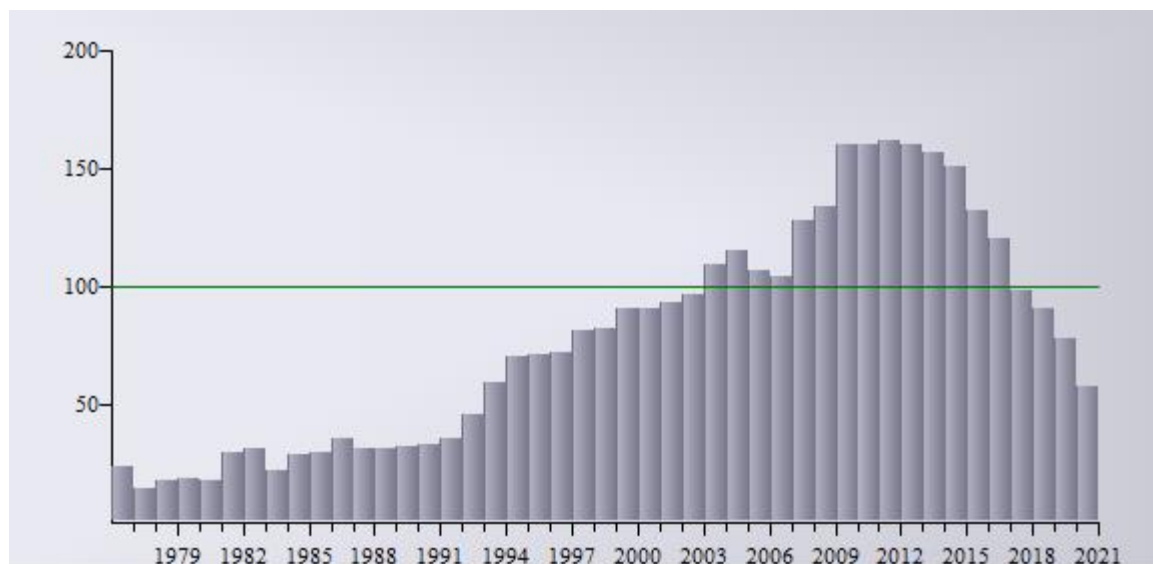
Ju,W - Bai,J 1/2-1/2

Latest game:

Singh,H - Ni,B 0-1



*Games played in years (225513)*



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

## 2. Players

a) Strong grandmasters who used this line as Black:

<u>Viswanathan Anand</u>	Result=78.5/138	1988- 2017	Elo-Ø: 2758	<u>Games:</u> <u>138</u>
<u>Vassily Ivanchuk</u>	Result=44.5/86	1989- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2726	<u>Games:</u> <u>86</u>
<u>Magnus Carlsen</u>	Result=41.5/66	2001- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2768	<u>Games:</u> <u>66</u>
<u>Levon Aronian</u>	Result=40/81	2007- 2018	Elo-Ø: 2772	<u>Games:</u> <u>81</u>
<u>Shakhriyar Mamedyarov</u>	Result=34.5/67	2005- 2019	Elo-Ø: 2756	<u>Games:</u> <u>67</u>
<u>Veselin Topalov</u>	Result=25.5/45	1991- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2751	<u>Games:</u> <u>45</u>
<u>Maxime Vachier Lagrave</u>	Result=18.5/36	2013- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2767	<u>Games:</u> <u>36</u>
<u>Garry Kasparov</u>	Result=17.5/26	1986- 2006	Elo-Ø: 2819	<u>Games:</u> <u>26</u>
<u>Peter Svidler</u>	Result=13.5/33	2000- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2740	<u>Games:</u> <u>33</u>
<u>Liren Ding</u>	Result=11.5/21	2015- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2767	<u>Games:</u> <u>21</u>

## b) Other notable players:

<u><a href="#">Alexey Dreev</a></u>	Result=333.5/584	1984- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2653	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">584</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Alexei Shirov</a></u>	Result=250.5/432	1988- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2688	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">432</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Sergey Volkov</a></u>	Result=248/437	1991- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2585	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">437</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Antoaneta Stefanova</a></u>	Result=210/389	1989- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2490	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">389</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Jonny Hector</a></u>	Result=201/358	1982- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2514	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">358</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Gata Kamsky</a></u>	Result=141/265	1986- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2680	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">265</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Valentina Gunina</a></u>	Result=135.5/214	2001- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2470	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">214</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Mihail Kobalia</a></u>	Result=135.5/260	1994- 2021	Elo-Ø: 2616	<u><a href="#">Games:</a></u> <u><a href="#">260</a></u>

## 3. Statistics

Black scores below average (42%).

Black performs Elo 2138 against an opposition of Elo 2194 (-56).

White performs Elo 2217 against an opposition of Elo 2161 (+56).

White wins: 91984 (=41%), Draws: 75313 (=33%), Black wins: 58162 (=26%)

The drawing quote is lower than average. (8% quick draws, < 20 Moves)

White wins are of average length (40).

Black wins are of average length (42).

Draws are shorter than average (35).

## 4. Moves and Plans

## a) 3.Nf3

White scores above average (59%).

played by: [Kasparov](#), 2758, 34/42; [Karpov](#), 2747, 27.5/47; [Topalov](#), 2718, 4.5/8; [Ivanchuk](#), 2681, 4/5; [Kamsky](#), 2651, 2.5/3;

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[Timman,J - Kasparov,G 0-1](#); [Topalov,V - Kramnik,V 0-1](#); [Smirin,I - Kasparov,G 0-1](#); [Kortschnoj,V - Kramnik,V 0-1](#); [Lautier,J - Gelfand,B 0-1](#); [Lautier,J - Gelfand,B 0-1](#)

*Main line:*

4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6	60%, 2357	<a href="#">Click for games</a>
4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3	57%, 2250	<a href="#">Click for games</a>
4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5	58%, 2188	<a href="#">Click for games</a>
4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6	54%, 2244	<a href="#">Click for games</a>
4.Nc3 a6	56%, 2323	<a href="#">Click for games</a>

## b) 3.Nc3

White scores above average (57%).

played by: [Kasparov](#), 2772, 11/14; [Karpov](#), 2738, 26/41; [Ivanchuk](#), 2703, 8.5/10; [Salov](#), 2692, 4/6; [Shirov](#), 2662, 16.5/22;

*You should play:* [3...Nf6](#) [Click for games](#)



[Kasparov,G - Kramnik,V 0-1](#); [Gelfand,B - Kramnik,V 0-1](#); [Karpov,A - Anand,V 0-1](#); [Nikolic,P - Anand,V 0-1](#); [Nikolic,P - Shirov,A 0-1](#); [Gelfand,B - Shirov,A 0-1](#)

### c) 3.cxd5

White scores averagely (53%).

played by: [Kamsky](#), 2695, 0.5/1; [Gelfand](#), 2670, 0.5/1; [Salov](#), 2655, 0.5/2; [Smirin](#), 2630, 0.5/1; [Petrosian](#), 2625, 3.5/5;

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[Portisch,L - Kramnik,V 0-1](#); [Mozetic,D - Shirov,A 0-1](#); [Kamsky,G - Short,N 1/2-1/2](#); [Djurhuus,R - Sokolov,I 0-1](#); [Anastasian,A - Ivanchuk,V 0-1](#); [Kallai,G - Gurevich,M 0-1](#)

*Main line:*

4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4      51%, 2270      [Click for games](#)

### d) 3.e3

White scores averagely (55%).

played by: [Karpov](#), 2780, 0.5/1; [Jussupow](#), 2652, 1.5/2; [Georgiev](#),

2650, 1.5/2; [Nikolic](#), 2645, 0.5/1; [Granda Zuniga](#), 2625, 1/1;

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[Kortschnoj, V - Beliavsky, A 0-1](#); [Kozul, Z - Illescas Cordoba, M 0-1](#);  
[Illescas Cordoba, M - Morozevich, A 0-1](#); [Kozul, Z - Gurevich, M 0-1](#);  
[Dreev, A - Gurevich, M 0-1](#); [Kurajica, B - Granda Zuniga, J 0-1](#)

### *Plans White:*

Ng1-f3/Nf3-e5/0-0 (61) [Click for games](#)  
 Bf1-d3/Ng1-f3/0-0/Nb1-c3/e3-e4/Nc3xe4/Bd3xe4 (7) [Click for games](#)  
 Bf1-d3/Nb1-c3/Nc3xe4/Bd3xe4 (12) [Click for games](#)  
 Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3/Bd3xc4 (224) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb1-c3/c4xd5/Qd1-b3/Ng1-f3 (48) [Click for games](#)  
 Bf1-e2/Ng1-f3 (307) [Click for games](#)

### *Plans Black:*

e7-e6/Nb8-d7/Bf8-d6 (386) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb8-d7/d5xc4 (292) [Click for games](#)  
 e7-e6/Bf8-e7 (243) [Click for games](#)  
 Bf8-d6/0-0 (368) [Click for games](#)  
 e7-e6/d5xc4/a7-a6 (99) [Click for games](#)  
 e7-e6/d5xc4/e6-e5 (103) [Click for games](#)

## e) 3.Bf4

White scores below average (48%).

played by: [Gurevich](#), 2580, 0.5/1; [Miles](#), 2569, 5/8; [Stohl](#), 2560, 0.5/1;  
[Gulko](#), 2473, 2/3; [Dreev](#), 2450, 1/1

## You should play: [3...Nf6](#) [Reference](#)



[Miles,A - Hansen,C 1/2-1/2](#); [Miles,A - Portisch,L 1/2-1/2](#); [Gurevich,D - Wojtkiewicz,A 1/2-1/2](#); [Stohl,I - Haba,P 1/2-1/2](#); [Nielsen,U - Sahl,B 0-1](#); [Gulko,B - Bagirov,V 1/2-1/2](#)

### *Plans White:*

e2-e3/Nb1-c3/Qd1-b3/Ng1-f3 (8) [Click for games](#)  
 Ng1-f3/Bf1-e2/0-0 (12) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb1-c3/Ng1-f3/Nf3-d2/Nc3-a4 (2) [Click for games](#)  
 Ng1-f3/Bf1-d3 (14) [Click for games](#)  
 Bf1-d3/0-0/ ..(d5xc4)/Bd3xc4 (7) [Click for games](#)  
 e2-e3/c4-c5/h2-h3 (3) [Click for games](#)

### *Plans Black:*

Nb8-d7/e7-e6/Bf8-e7/0-0 (10) [Click for games](#)  
 Bc8-f5/e7-e6/Qd8-c8 (5) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb8-d7/Nd7-b6/Nb6-d5 (3) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb8-d7/d5xc4 (9) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb8-d7/Nd7-f8/Nf8-g6 (2) [Click for games](#)  
 Nb8-d7/Nf6-h5/Nh5xg3 (2) [Click for games](#)

## f) 3.g3

White scores below average (51%).

played by: [Vaulin](#), 2390, 0.5/1; [Khechumyan](#), 2320, 1/1; [Minero Pineda](#), 2285, 0.5/1; [Nemeth](#), 2275, 1/1; [Medina](#), 2270, 0.5/1

*You should play: 3...Nf6*

Bolico,E - Lanzani,M 0-1; Podvrsnik,M - Zorman,V 0-1; Viktorov,G - Minchev,V 0-1; Burtman,S - Semenova,L 0-1; Szucz,I - Vamos,V 0-1; Vinas Racionero,J - Catalan Escale,E 0-1

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g) 3.Qc2

White scores averagely (56%).

played by: Kurajica, 2533, 2.5/3; Abramovic, 2475, 0.5/1; Petkevich, 2445, 0/1; Peregudov, 2415, 0.5/1; Donaldson Akhmilovskaya, 2410, 1/1

*You should play: 3...Nf6*

Petkevich,J - Sokolov,A 0-1; Peregudov,N - Galkin,A ½-½; Abramovic,B - Kosic,D ½-½; Kurajica,B - Magem Badals,J 1-0; Donaldson Akhmilovskaya,E - Botsari,A 1-0; Cuevas Rodriguez,M - Mayer Vokralova,S 0-1

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h) 3.Nd2

White scores averagely (54%).

played by: Hort, 2580, 1.5/2; Lima, 2475, 0/1; Oltra Caurin, 2405, 1/1; Berebora, 2390, 1/1; Lorincz, 2360, 1/1;

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Lima,D - Moutousis,K 0-1; Hort,V - Reefschlaeger,H ½-½; Hort,V - Illescas Cordoba,M 1-0; Ramon Pita,V - Pereira,J ½-½; Estremera Panos,S - Marsal,V 1-0; Michalet,G - Donrault,P ½-½

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i) 3.b3

White scores badly (41%).

played by: Andor, 2210, 1/1; Llaneza Vega, 2090, 1/1; Patzer, 1819, 0/1; Gawelczyk, 1800, 0/1



*You should play: 3...Nf6*

Gawelczyk,W - Bortkun,P 0-1; Patzer,J - Reer,E 0-1; Duong,T - Nguyen,T ½-½; Andor,L - Orban,Z 1-0; Dalmi,D - Dobai,S 0-1; Kiers,P - Royakkers,R 1-0

Alternative: 3...Bf5

Horvath,L - Waller,H 0-1; Llaneza Vega,P - Cisneros,F 1-0; Oliveira,L - Chagas,H 0-1; Schiering,M - Birkholz,F 0-1

j) 3.c5

White scores badly (36%).

played by: Prat Serra, 1940, 0/1; Mimoso, 1760, 0/1

*You should play: 3...Nd7*

Ene,I - Dragomirescu,A 0-1; Mimoso,J - Katsaganis,T 0-1; Szabadi,L - Meszaros,P 0-1; Del Cura Gutierrez,A - Garcia Lopez,A 1-0; Flint,M - Kempista,I 1-0

Alternative: 3...Nf6

Prat Serra,J - Torra Badia,J 0-1; Roenn,H - Menssen,L 0-1; Lieder,K - Krege,S 0-1; Crockett,P - Bussenius,C 0-1; Gaiefsky,S - McNutt,K 0-1; Hehn,C - Golda,H 0-1

k) 3.a4

White scores averagely (53%).

played by: Marusic, 2015, 1/1; Nemesvolgyi, 1930, 1/1

*You should play: 3...Nf6*

Marusic,N - Petek,F 1-0; Tzarev,K - Cabanna,D 0-1; Trancart,F - Leseq,P 0-1; Hania,R - Tangelder,Y 0-1; Bjornstad,L - Svendsen,F 0-

1; Sarneel,J - Van Zutphen,A 1/2-1/2

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### l) 3.Qb3

White scores averagely (53%).

played by: Chiburdanidze, 2505, 0/1; Cochrane, 0/1

*You should play:* 3...Nf6

Chiburdanidze,M - Brunner,L 0-1; McCormick,K - Schultz,D 0-1;  
Fernandez Cueto,R - Sanchez Garcia,J 1-0; Greguss,C - Szeberenyi,A  
1-0

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### m) 3.Bg5

White scores badly (35%).

*You should play:* 3...g6

Lutz,J - Stodolkowitz,G 1/2-1/2

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