

## BEST (3) CHESS OPENINGS

**White's Best 3 Openings** (Based on White Win % + (Draw % \* 0.5))

Rank	Opening	White Win %	Draw %	Points per 100 games
1	Queen's Gambit	40	36	58
2	Blackmar Diemer Gambit	49	16	57
3	Ruy Lopez	40	33	56.5

**Black's Best 3 Openings** (Based on Black Win % + (Draw % \* 0.5))

Rank	Opening	Black Win %	Draw %	Points per 100 games
1	Sicilian Defence	34	29	48.5
=1	Nimzo Indian	30	37	48.5
3	Robatsch Defence	33	29	47.5

## Summary

**What is the best Whites first move?**

The best first moves for white are **1.d4**, **1.e4** **1.c4** and **1.Nf3**

### Sample Miniature Games

#### Queen's Gambit Miniatures

**Blankenship v Spinks**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.h4 hxg5 8.hxg5 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxd2 [9...Bxg5 10.Ncxe4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 f5-+] 10.Qh5 f5 11.g6+- Line**

**Green v Valery**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bxc4 exd4 6.Qb3 Be7 7.Bxf7+ Kf8 8.Ne5 Bc8 9.Bxg8 Rxc8 10.Qf7# 1-0**

**Jelic M - NN**

Adelaide, 28.11.2009

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 b5 4.a4 c6 5.axb5 cxb5 6.Qf3 Bb7 7.Qxb7 Nd7 8.Qxb5+-  
1-0****Fidlow - Mayer [D32]**

Correspondence, 1950

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 [4...exd5] 5.dxe6 dxc3?? [5...fxe6] 6.exf7+  
Ke7 7.fxg8N+ Rxc8 8.Bg5+ 1-0****Steiner,L - Stiassy [D06]**

Brunn, 1925

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 dxc4 4.Nc3 cxd4?! [4...e6] 5.Qxd4 Qxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 [6...e5]  
7.Nd5 Kd8 8.Bd2 Nd7?? [8...a5] 9.Ba5+ b6 10.Nc6+ Ke8 11.Nc7# 1-0****Mattison - Tartakower,S [D20]**

Budapest, 1926

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bxc4 Nf6 7.0-0 b5 8.Be2 Nc6  
9.dxc5 Qc7 [9...Bb7] 10.Nd4 Bxc5 [10...Bb7] 11.Nxc6! [11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Bf3] 1-0****Berliner,H - Rott [D06]**

Montreal, 1956

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb6 5.Nc3 Nc6 [5...e6] 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.d5 Ne5??  
[7...Bxf3] 8.Nxe5 Bxd1 9.Bb5+ c6 10.dxc6 Qb8 11.c7+ Nd7 12.Bxd7# 1-0****Denker,A - Chiera [D06]**

Washington D.C., 1936

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.cxd5 Qa5+ 5.Qd2 Qxd5 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Nc3  
Qa5 9.Bb5 e6 10.0-0 Rd8 [10...a6] 11.Ne5 Nge7?? [11...Qc7] 12.Nd5 [12.Nd5!]  
12...Qxd2 [12...exd5 13.Qxa5] 13.Nc7# 1-0****Aragon - Winfield [D20]**

Denver, 1986

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 Bb7 6.axb5 axb5 7.Rxa8 Bxa8 8.Nxb5  
Bxe4 9.Bxc4 Bxg2 10.Bf4 Na6 [10...Bxh1 11.Nxc7+] 11.Qa4 Nf6?? [11...Qd7  
12.Qxa6] 12.Nxc7# 1-0****Lahlum - Bozzo [D33]**

Gausdal, 1992

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg5 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7  
[8...Bc5] 9.Bg2 0-0 10.e3 Bg4 11.Qa4 h6? [11...Qd7] 12.Nxc6 [12.Nxc6 bxc6  
13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qxg4] 1-0**

**Junge - Andre [D36]**

Germany, 1990

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Qc2 0-0  
9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 [10...a5] 11.Bf4 b5?? [11...Nf8] 12.Nxb5! [12.Nxb5 cxb5  
13.Bc7] 1-0**

**Blackmar Diemer Gambit Miniatures****Diemer,E - NN [D00]**

Switzerland, 1956

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.dxe5 Bb4 6.e6 Bxb5? [6...fxe6] 7.exf7+  
Ke7 8.fxg8N+ Qxg8 9.Bg5+ Ke6?? [9...Kf8] 10.Qd5# 1-0**

**Bartsch - Jennen [D00]**

Germany, 1948

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Qxf3 Qxd4 6.Be3 Qb4 7.0-0-0 Bg4  
8.Nb5 e5?? [8...Na6] 9.Nxc7+ Ke7 10.Qxb7 Qxb7 11.Bc5# 1-0**

**Paschmann - Kuraschat [D00]**

Postal, 1986

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Qxf3 Qxd4 6.Be3 Qb4 7.0-0-0 Bg4  
8.Nb5 Nbd7?? [8...Na6] 9.Qxb7 Rb8 10.Qxb8+! Nxb8 11.Nxc7# 1-0**

**Plath - Knies [D00]**

German Postal, 1985

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Qxf3 Qxd4 6.Be3 Qb4 7.0-0-0 a6 8.Rd4  
Qa5 9.Be2 Bg4?? [9...Nc6] 10.Qxb7 e5 11.Ra4 1-0**

**Wallis - NN [D00]**

Sydney, 1923

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bf5 5.Qe2 Nc6 6.0-0-0 e6 7.d5 Nb4??  
[7...exd5] 8.Qb5+ Qd7 9.Qxb7 Qc8 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Rxd7  
[12.Rxd7!] 12...Bxd7 13.Qxe4+ Be7 14.Qxe7# 1-0**

## Ruy Lopez Miniatures

### Begic V - Belcic V [C62]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d3 Bd7 5.Nc3 f6? 6.h3 a6 7.Bc4 Nh6? 8.Bxh6 gxh6  
9.Ng5 hxg5 10.Qh5+ Ke7 11.Qf7# 1-0

### Begic v NN [C66]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 f6 6.Re1 Nd6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.dxe5  
fxe5 9.Nxe5 Be7 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Nxg6 Kd7 12.Ne5+ Ke6 13.Ng6+ Kd7 14.Nxe7  
Qxe7 15.Rxe7+ Kxe7 16.Bg5+- 1-0

### Begic V - Okan K [C66]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 a6 6.Bd3 d5 7.c4 exd4? 8.cxd5 Nxf2  
9.Qe2+ Be7 10.dxc6 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 1-0

### Jelic M v NN [C66]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nxe5  
Bxe4 9.Re1 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qxe5 11.Rxe4 1-0

### Jelic M - NN [C66]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5? 8.Qh5+  
g6 9.Qxc5 1-0

### Jelic M - NN [C66]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Nxe5 Nxe4 7.Qe2 Nxe5 8.Qxe4  
Qf6 9.d4 Bxd4 10.c3 Bb6 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Qxe5 1-0

### Jelic M - Belcic V [C66]

Ruy Lopez - deflection

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 f5 6.d4 fxe4 7.Ng5 b5 8.Bb3 d5 9.dxe5  
Nce7 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bf7+ Kxf7 12.Qxd8 1-0

### Jelic M - NN [C66]

Ruy Lopez - double attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Bc5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4  
Bb6? 9.dxe5 Nxe4 10.Qd5 Line

### Variation [C66]

Ruy Lopez - mating attack

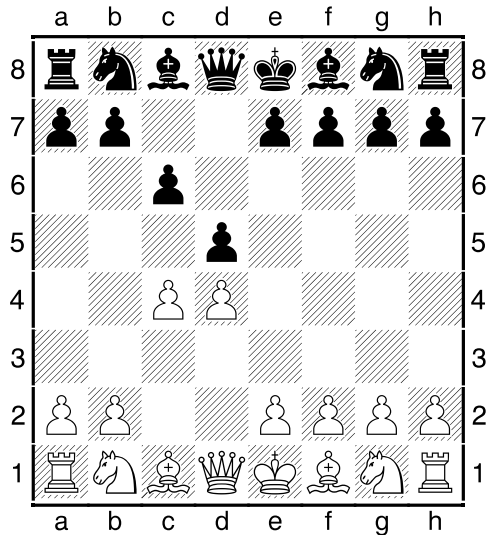
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9.cxd4 Bb6 10.Ng5 0-0 [10...f6] 11.Qh5 h6 12.Nxf7 Rxf7 13.Bxf7+ Kh7 +--

### Variation [C66]

Ruy Lopez - mating attack

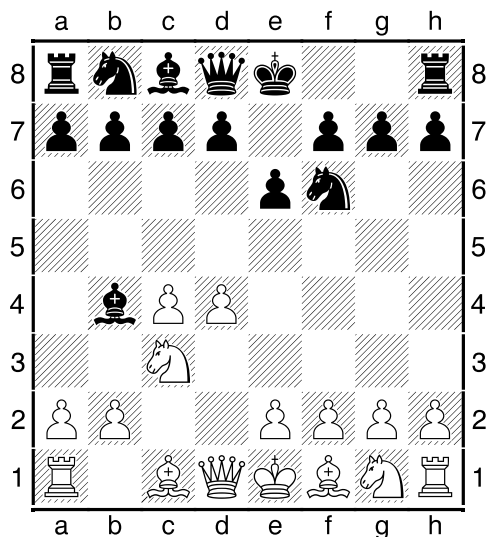
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9.Bc4+ Ke7 10.Qh5 Qe8 11.Qg5+ hxg5 12.Bxg5# 1-0

### Slav Defence



1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6

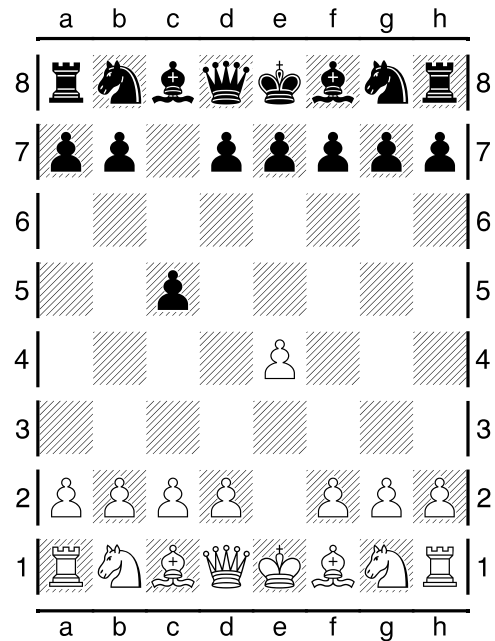
### Nimzo -Indian Defence



1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

### The Best by Test

### Sicilian Defence



1e4 c5

The Sicilian is the most popular and best-scoring response to White's first move 1.e4. Statistical surveys shows that 1.d4 is the most successful first move for White, but only because 1...c5 scores so highly against 1.e4.