

Opening report

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4



A28, 4.e4

845 Games in 'OM OTB 202011'

1. History

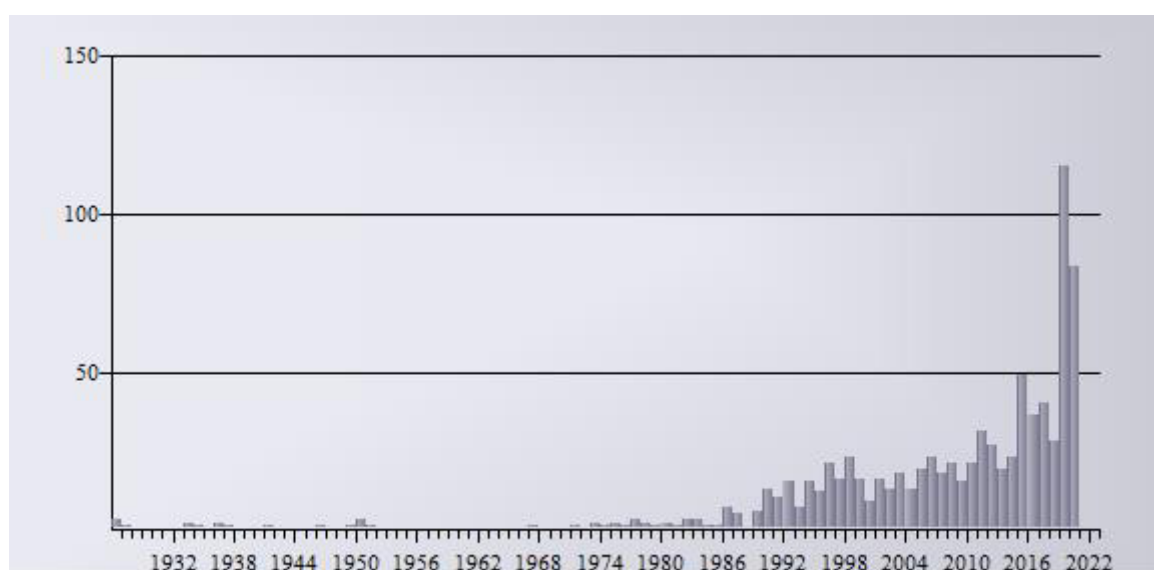
Earliest game:

[Gabarain,J - Alekhine,A 0-1](#)

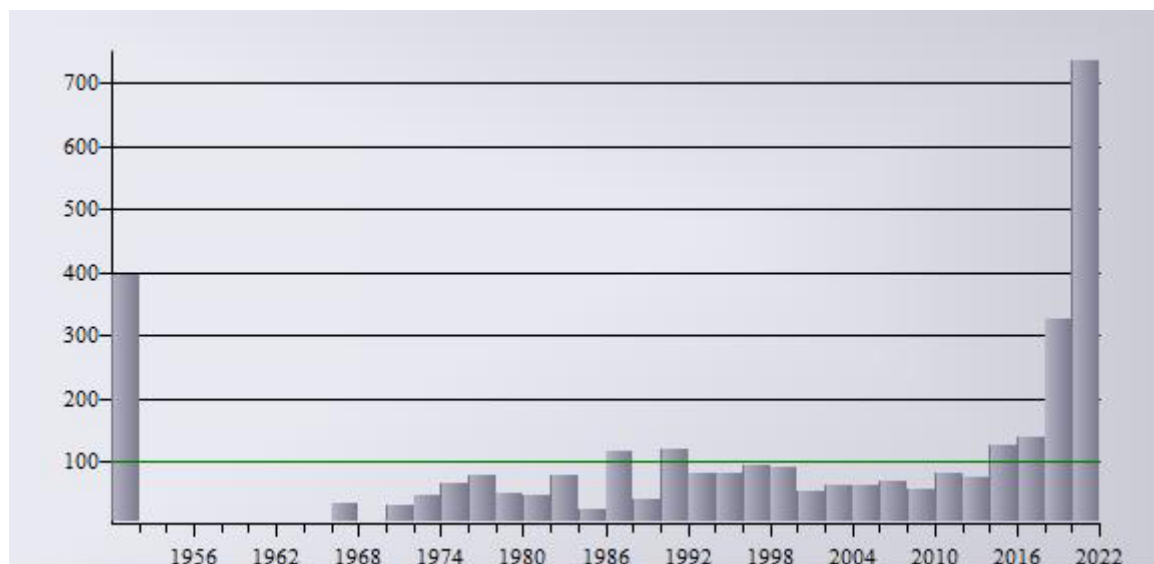
Latest grandmaster game: [Ghaem Maghami,E - Batchuluun,T 0-1](#)

Latest game:

[Paschall,W - Krstulovic,A 0-1](#)



Games played in years (845)



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

2. Players

a) Strong grandmasters who used this line as White:

<u>I Nepomniachtchi</u>	Result=5/9	2019- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2776	<u>Games:</u> <u>9</u>
<u>Magnus Carlsen</u>	Result=2.5/3	2018- 2019	Elo-Ø: 2843	<u>Games:</u> <u>3</u>
<u>Boris Grachev</u>	Result=1.5/2	2011- 2012	Elo-Ø: 2693	<u>Games:</u> <u>2</u>
<u>M Carlsen</u>	Result=1.5/3	2019- 2020	Elo-Ø: 2873	<u>Games:</u> <u>3</u>
<u>N Vitiugov</u>	Result=1/1	2019	Elo-Ø: 2732	<u>Games:</u> <u>1</u>
<u>Etienne Bacrot</u>	Result=1/2	2013- 2015	Elo-Ø: 2721	<u>Games:</u> <u>2</u>
<u>Le Quang Liem</u>	Result=1/1	2020	Elo-Ø: 2709	<u>Games:</u> <u>1</u>
<u>Hi Nakamura</u>	Result=1/1	2020	Elo-Ø: 2736	<u>Games:</u> <u>1</u>
<u>Alexander Morozevich</u>	Result=1/1	2001	Elo-Ø: 2749	<u>Games:</u> <u>1</u>
<u>Vladislav Artemiev</u>	Result=1/1	2019	Elo-Ø: 2754	<u>Games:</u> <u>1</u>

b) Other notable players:

<u>Vladimir Sr Bukal</u>	Result=15/24	1977- 2006	Elo-Ø: 2417	<u>Games:</u> <u>24</u>
<u>Andrey Esipenko</u>	Result=12/16	2020	Elo-Ø: 2680	<u>Games:</u> <u>16</u>
<u>Dimitri Reinderman</u>	Result=8.5/13	1993- 2008	Elo-Ø: 2491	<u>Games:</u> <u>13</u>
<u>Ehsan Ghaem Maghami</u>	Result=7.5/10	2014- 2018	Elo-Ø: 2564	<u>Games:</u> <u>10</u>
<u>Tigran K Harutyunian</u>	Result=7/9	2015- 2016	Elo-Ø: 2459	<u>Games: 9</u>
<u>Xiangzhi Bu</u>	Result=7/10	2006- 2016	Elo-Ø: 2681	<u>Games:</u> <u>10</u>
<u>Dmitry Andreikin</u>	Result=6.5/10	2006- 2011	Elo-Ø: 2660	<u>Games:</u> <u>10</u>

3. Statistics

White scores averagely (54%).

White performs Elo 2497 against an opposition of Elo 2469 (+28).

Black performs Elo 2427 against an opposition of Elo 2455 (-28).

White wins: 317 (=38%), Draws: 275 (=33%), Black wins: 253 (=30%)

The drawing quote is lower than average. (4% quick draws, < 20 Moves)

White wins are of average length (42).

Black wins are of average length (41).

Draws are of average length (40).

4. Moves and Plans

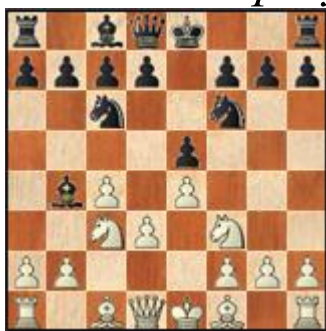
a) 4...Bb4

448 Games

Black scores above average (49%).

played by: [Carlsen](#), 2850, 0.5/1; [Kasparov](#), 2838, 0.5/1; [Ding Liren](#), 2801, 1/1; [Yu](#), 2784, 0.5/1; [Giri](#), 2772, 4/6;

You should play: [5.d3](#) [Click for games](#)



[Nepomniachtchi,I - Giri,A 1-0](#); [Morozevich,A - Adams,M 1-0](#);
[Nakamura,H - Karjakin,S 1-0](#); [Carlsen,M - Giri,A 1/2](#); [Carlsen,M - Giri,A 1/2](#); [Nakamura,H - Sevian,S 1-0](#)

Main line:

5...d6 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2	N=61, Last played 2020, 39% =>2375	Click for games
5...d6 6.g3 Bg4	N=38, Last played 2018, 45% =>2461	Click for games
5...d6 6.a3 Bc5 7.b4 Bb6 8.Na4	N=56, Last played 2020, 60% =>2658	Click for games
5...d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3	N=46, Last played 2020, 52% =>2537	Click for games
5...d6 6.Be2	N=51, Last played 2020, 41% =>2448	Click for games
5...0-0	N=45, Last played 2020, 46% =>2403	Click for games

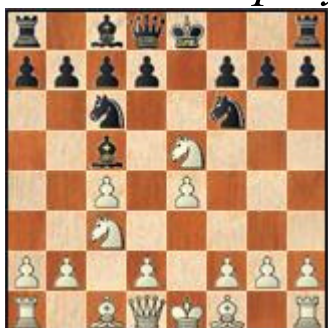
*Main Line:***5...d6 6.a3 Reference****b) 4...Bc5**

219 Games

Black scores below average (41%).

played by: [Caruana](#), 2812, 0.5/1; [Kramnik](#), 2809, 0.5/1; [Giri](#), 2783, 0/1; [Nepomniachtchi](#), 2773, 0.5/1; [Aronian](#), 2772, 0/1;

You should play: **5.Nxe5 Reference**



[Carlsen,M - Giri,A 1-0](#); [Nepomniachtchi,I - Aronian,L 1-0](#);
[Carlsen,M - Caruana,F 1/2](#); [Carlsen,M - Nepomniachtchi,I 1/2](#);
[Andreikin,D - Vitiugov,N 1-0](#); [Andreikin,D - Movsesian,S 1-0](#)

Main line:

5...Nxe5 6.d4 Bb4 7.dxe5 N=72, Last played 2019, [Reference](#)
 Nxe4 8.Qd4 53% =>2461

5...Nxe5 6.d4 Bb4 7.dxe5 N=53, Last played 2020, [Reference](#)
 Nxe4 8.Qf3 62% =>2578

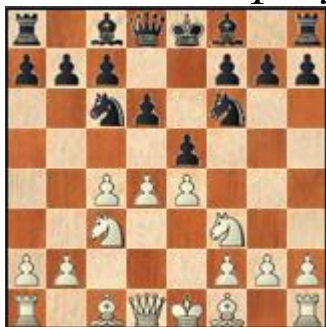
*Main Line:***5...Nxe5 6.d4 Reference****c) 4...d6**

103 Games

Black scores above average (47%).

played by: [Artemiev](#), 2716, 1/1; [Wang](#), 2714, 0.5/1; [Movsesian](#), 2699, 1/1; [Matlakov](#), 2692, 1/2; [Kamsky](#), 2674, 1/1;

You should play: [5.d4 Reference](#)



[Nepomniachtchi,I - Postny,E 1-0](#); [Gajewski,G - Socko,B 1-0](#); [Bu,X - Wang,Y 1/2](#); [Van Foreest,J - Gumularz,S 1-0](#); [Fier,A - Arutinian,D 1-0](#); [Gholami,A - Edouard,R 1-0](#)

Main line:

5...Bg4 6.d5 N=47, Last played 2020, 49%
Nd4 =>2458

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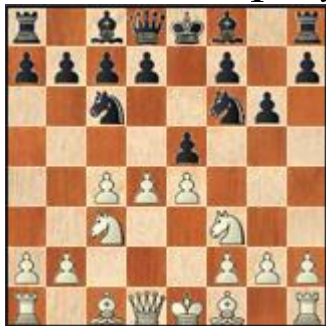
d) 4...g6

16 Games

Black scores above average (50%).

played by: [Sevian](#), 2666, 0.5/1; [Vaibhav](#), 2591, 0.5/1; [Ricardi](#), 2520, 0/1; [Studer](#), 2517, 1/1; [Triapishko](#), 2506, 1/1

You should play: [5.d4 Reference](#)



[Anton Guijarro,D - Sevian,S 1/2](#); [Esipenko,A - Sredojevic,I 1-0](#); [Paglilla,C - Ricardi,P 1-0](#); [Rahul,S - Vaibhav,S 1/2](#); [Christiansen,L -](#)

Rahls,P 1-0; Jacobson,B - Panchanathan,M 1/2

e) 4...h6

8 Games

Black scores excellently (75%).

played by: Esipenko, 2682, 0/1; Fedoseev, 2678, 0.5/1; Bareev, 2663, 1/1; Popov, 2588, 1/1; Garcia Padron, 2390, 1/1

You should play: [5.a3](#)

Gretarsson,H - Esipenko,A 1-0; Panjwani,R - Bareev,E 0-1;
Yakubboev,N - Nogerbek,K 0-1

Alternative: 5.Be2

Vitor,A - Collins,S 1/2; Valmana Canto,J - Garcia Padron,J 0-1;
Valmana Canto,J - Garcia Padron,J 0-1

f) 4...Nd4

4 Games

Black scores badly (25%).

played by: Sokolov, 2605, 0.5/1; Ivanov, 2510, 0/1; Matjushin, 2477, 0.5/1; Damaso, 2449, 0/1

You should play: [5.d3](#)

Rohde,M - Ivanov,A 1-0; Buturin,V - Matjushin,G 1/2

g) 4...Be7

4 Games

Black scores above average (50%).

played by: Ehlvest, 2600, 0.5/1; Bellaiche, 2120, 0/1; Flohr, 0.5/1

You should play: [5.g3](#)

[Collas,S - Bellaiche,E 1-0](#); [Samaganova,A - Berzina,I 0-1](#)

h) 4...Bd6

3 Games

Black scores miserably (0%).

played by: [Melkumyan](#), 2670, 0/1; [Petrosyan](#), 2564, 0/1; [Sargsyan Shant \(ARM\)](#), 2489, 0/1

You should play: [5.a3](#)

[Anton Guijarro,D - Petrosyan,M 1-0](#); [Ghaem Maghami,E - Melkumyan,H 1-0](#)

5. Endgames

Ordinary often reaches an endgame