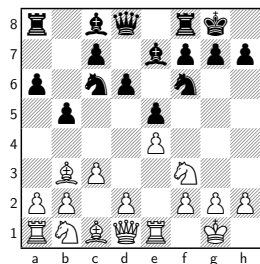
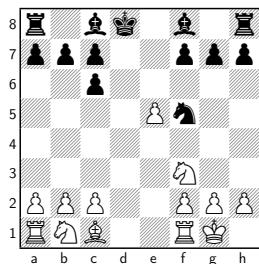


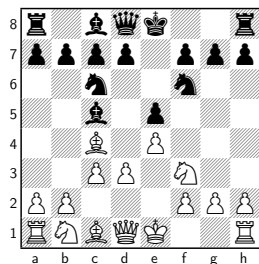
## 1 Open games



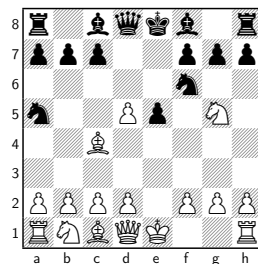
**Ruy Lopez:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 ♜b5. **Morphy Defence:** 3...a6. **Main line:** 4 ♜a4 ♗f6 5 O-O ♜e7 6 ♞e1 b5 7 ♜b3 d6 8 c3 O-O (diagram).



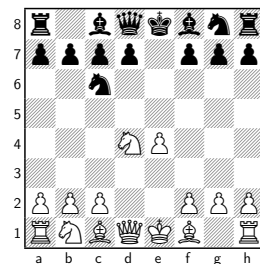
**Ruy Lopez:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 ♜b5. **Berlin Defence:** 3...♗f6. **Main line:** 4 O-O ♗e4 5 d4 ♗d6 6 ♜xc6 dxc6 7 dxe5 ♗f5 8 ♞xd8+ ♜xd8 (diagram).



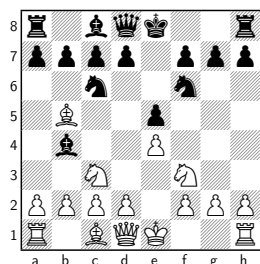
**Italian Game:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 ♜c4. **Giuoco Piano:** 3...♜c5. **Giuoco Pianissimo:** 4 c3 ♗f6 5 d3 (diagram) or **Evans Gambit:** 4 b4 followed by 4...♜xb4 5 c3.



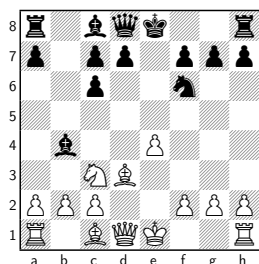
**Italian game:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 ♜c4. **Two Knights Defence:** 3...♗f6. **Main line:** 4 ♗g5 d5 5 exd5 ♗a5 (diagram). **Modern Bishop's Opening:** 4 d3 followed by 4...♜e7 5 O-O O-O 6 ♞e1 d6.



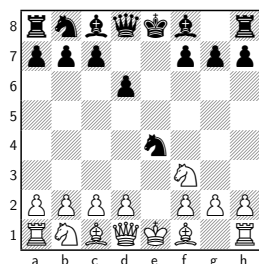
**Scotch game:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 d4 exd4. **Main line:** 4 ♗xd4 (diagram), followed by **Classical:** 4...♜c5 or **Schmidt Variation:** 4...♗f6. Other lines: **Scotch Gambit** 4 ♜c4, **Göring Gambit** 4 c3.



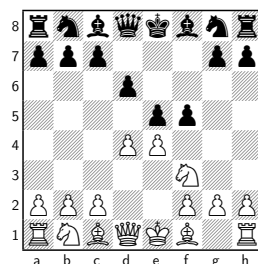
**Four Knights Game:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 c3 ♗f6. **Spanish lines:** **Double Spanish** 4 ♜b5 ♜b4 (diagram), **Rubinstein** 4...♗d4 or **Classical Variation** 4...♜c5.



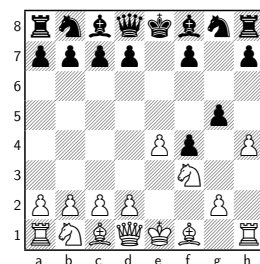
**Four Knights Game:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 c3 ♗f6. **Scotch Four Knights Game:** 4 d4, **main line:** 4...exd4 5 ♗xd4 ♜b4 6 ♗xc6 bxc6 7 ♜d3 (diagram).



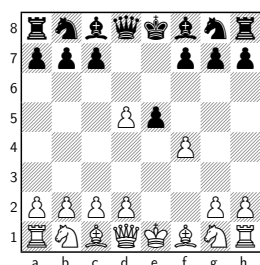
**Petrov's Defence:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 ♗f6. **Classical Variation:** 3 ♗xe5 followed by 3...d6 4 ♗f3 ♗xe4 (diagram). **Steinitz Attack:** 3 d4 followed by 3...♗xe4 or 3...exd4 4 e5 ♗e4.



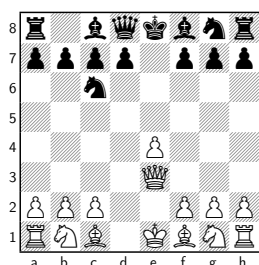
**Philidor Defence:** 1 e4 e5 2 ♖f3 d6. **Main line:** 3 d4 followed by **Philidor Countergambit** 3...f5 (diagram). Other lines: **Exchange** 3...exd4, **Nimzowitch** 3...♗f6 or **Hanham Variation** 3...♗d7.



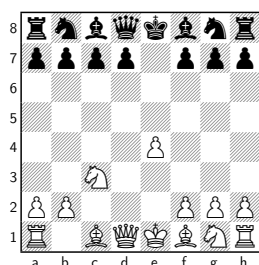
**King's Gambit Accepted:** 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4. **Paris Attack:** 3 ♗f3 g5 4 h4 (diagram). Other lines: 4 ♜c4, 4 ♗c3. **Modern Defence:** 3...d5. **Bishop's Gambit:** 3 ♜c4 followed by 3...♗f6 or 3...d5.



**King's Gambit Declined:** 1 e4 e5 2 f4. **Falkbeer Countergambit:** 2...d5 3 exd5 (diagram) followed by 3...e4 or 3...c6. **Classical Variation:** 2...♜c5 3 ♗f3 d6.

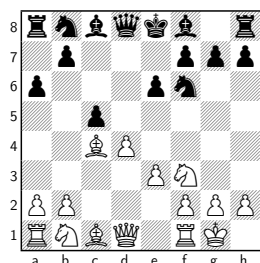


**Center Game:** 1 e4 e5 2 d4 exd4. **Universal sequence** is 3 ♞xd4 ♗c6 and **Paulsen's attack:** 4 ♞e3 (diagram).

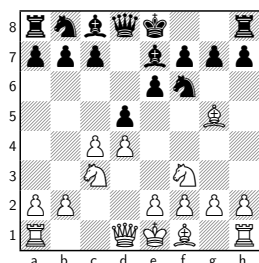


**Danish gambit accepted:** 1 e4 e5 2 d4 exd4 3 c3 dxc3. **Alekhine variation:** 4 ♗xc3 (diagram). **Lindehn's continuation** 4 ♜c4. 3...d6, 3...♞e7 or 3...d5 to decline.

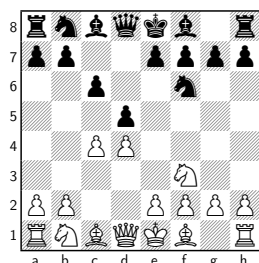
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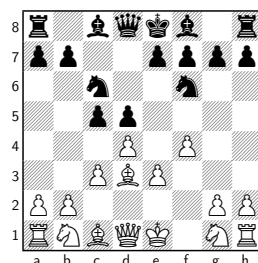
**Queen's Gambit Accepted:** 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4, **main line:** 3 ♗f3 ♗f6 4 e3 e6 5 ♜xc4 c5 6 ZZO-O a6 (diagram).



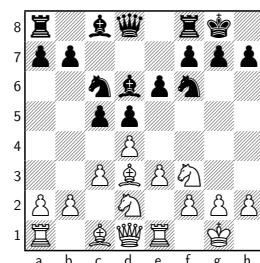
**Queen's Gambit Declined:** 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6, **main line:** 3 ♗c3 ♗f6 4 ♜g5 ♜e7 5 ♗f3 (diagram).



**Slav Defence:** 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6, **main line:** 3 ♗f3 ♗f6 (diagram) followed by 4 e3 or 4 ♗c3.

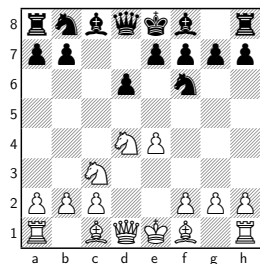


**Stonewall Attack:** 1 d4 d5 2 e3 ♗f6 3 ♜d3 c5 4 c3 ♗c6 5 f4 (regardless of how Black defends!).

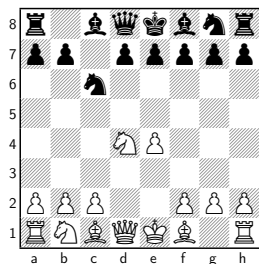


**Colle System:** 1 d4 ♗f6 2 ♗f3 d5 3 e3 e6 4 ♜d3 c5 5 O-O ♗c6 6 ♞e1 ♜d6 7 c3 O-O 8 ♗bd2 (regardless of how Black defends!).

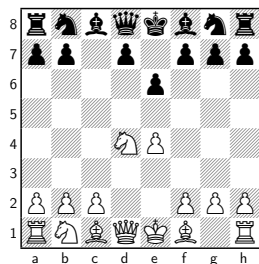
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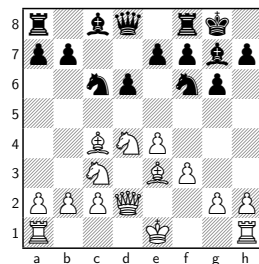
**Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5**, usually followed by **2 d3**. After **2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 dxd4 f6 5 d3** (diagram) Black can choose between four major variations: *Najdorf* **5...a6**, *Dragon* **5...g6**, *Classical* **5...c6** or *Scheveningen* **5...e6**.



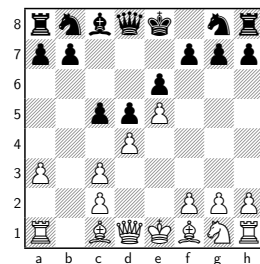
**Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5**. After **2 d3 c6 3 d4 cxd4 4 dxd4** (diagram) common move is **4...f6**. Other important moves are: *transposed Taimanov Variation* **4...e6**, *Accelerated Dragon* **4...g6** and *Kalashnikov Variation* **4...e5**.



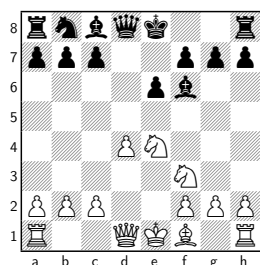
**Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5**. After **2 d3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 dxd4** (diagram) Black has three main moves: *Taimanov Variation* **4...c6**, *Kan Variation* **4...a6** and **4...f6**.



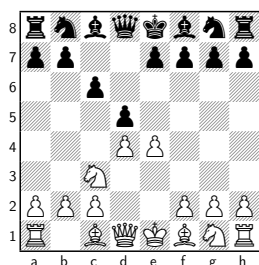
**Sicilian Defence: 1 e4 c5**. *Dragon Variation*: **2 d3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 dxd4 f6 5 d3 g6**. *Yugoslav Attack*: **6 e3 g7 f3 O-O 8 d2 c6 9 c4**. Main line: **9...d7 10 ZZO-O-O c8 11 b3 e5 12 b1 e8** (diagram).



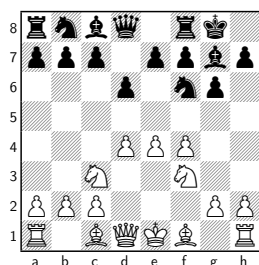
**French Defence: 1 e4 e6**, usually followed by **2 d4 d5 3 c3**. Black has three options: *Winawer* **3...b4**, main line then is: **4 e5 c5 a3 bxc3+ 6 bxc3** (diagram); *Classical* **3...f6**; *Rubinstein* **3...dxe4**.



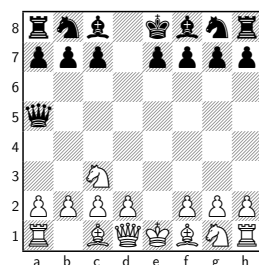
**French Defence: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 c3**. *Burn variation* is a line in classical variation: **3...f6 4 g5 dxe4 5 dxe4**, usually followed by **5...e7 6 f6 f6 7 f3** (diagram).



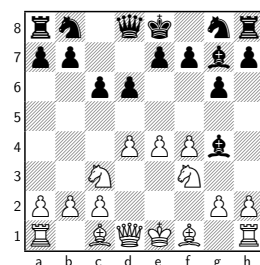
**Caro-Kann Defence: 1 e4 c6**, after **2 d4 d5** common moves are **3 c3** (diagram), **3 d2**, **3 exd5** and **3 e5**.



**Pirc Defence: 1 e4 d6 2 d4 f6 3 c3 g6** followed by **4 f4 g7 5 f3 O-O** (*Austrian attack*, diagram) or **4 f3 g7 5 e2 O-O 6 O-O** (*two knights system*).

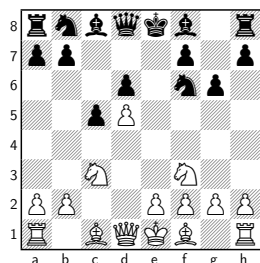


**Scandinavian Defence: 1 e4 d5 2 exd5** followed by **2...xd5 3 c3** and then **3...a5** (diagram) or **3...d8** or **3...d6**. Another main branch is **2...f6 3 d4 xd5 4 c4**,

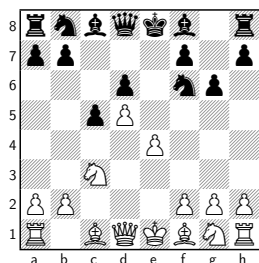


**Modern Defence: 1 e4 g6** followed by **2 d4 g7 3 c3 d6 4 f4 c6 5 f3 g4**.

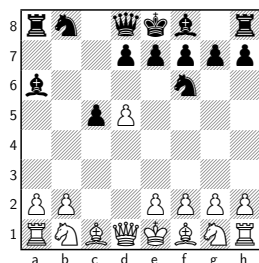
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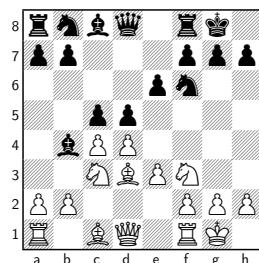
**Modern Benoni: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6**, can be followed by **4 c3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 f3 g6** and then *classical*: **7 f3 g7 8 e2 O-O 9 O-O** (diagram) or *modern* main line: **7 f3 g7 8 h3 O-O 9 d3**.



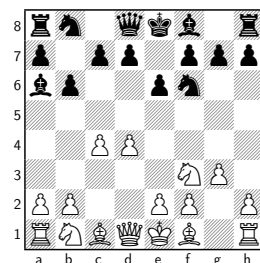
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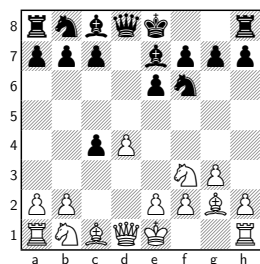
**Benko/Volga Gambit: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5**, main line: **4 cxb5 a6 5 bxa6 a6** (diagram).



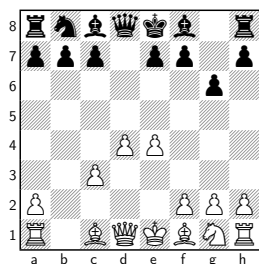
**Nimzo-Indian Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 e6 3 c3 b4**, common reply is *Rubinstein System*: **4 e3** with main line: **4...O-O 5 d3 d5 6 f3 c5 7 O-O** (diagram).



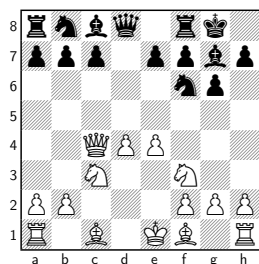
**Queen's Indian Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 e6 3 f3 b6**, main line: **4 g3 a6** (diagram).



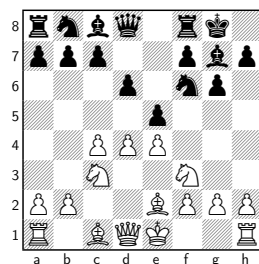
**Catalan Opening: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 e6 3 g3** with *classical* line: **3...d5 4 g2 dxc4 5 f3 e7** (diagram).



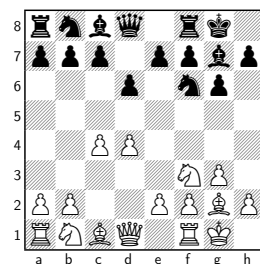
**Grünfeld Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 g6 3 c3 d5**. *Exchange Variation*: **4 cxd5 dxd5 5 e4 dxc3 6 bxc3** (diagram).



**Grünfeld Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 g6 3 c3 d5**. *Russian system*: **4 f3 g7 5 b3 dxc4 6 c4 ZZO-O 7 e4** (diagram). Another is *Taimanov's Variation* **4 f3 g7 5 g5**.



**King's Indian Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 g6**, *Classical Variation*: **3 c3 g7 4 e4 d5 5 f3 O-O 6 e2 e5** (diagram).



**King's Indian Defence: 1 d4 f6 2 c4 g6**, *Fianchetto Variation*: **3 f3 g7 4 g3 O-O 5 g2 d6 6 O-O** (diagram).