

# Lichess Elite April 2021

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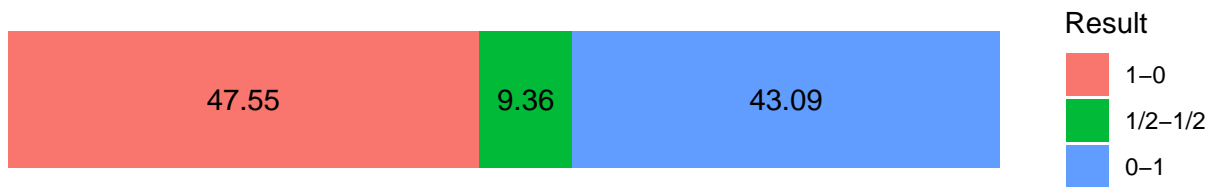
**What time controls are played the most:**

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## # A tibble: 10 x 2
##   TimeControl      n
##   <chr>         <int>
## 1 180+0         468357
## 2 180+2         111347
## 3 300+0         58478
## 4 600+0         29075
## 5 180+1         2305
## 6 300+3         2013
## 7 600+5         1562
## 8 480+0         1337
## 9 240+0         1148
## 10 300+5         775
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There is a heavy favor towards Blitz games (< 10 minutes).

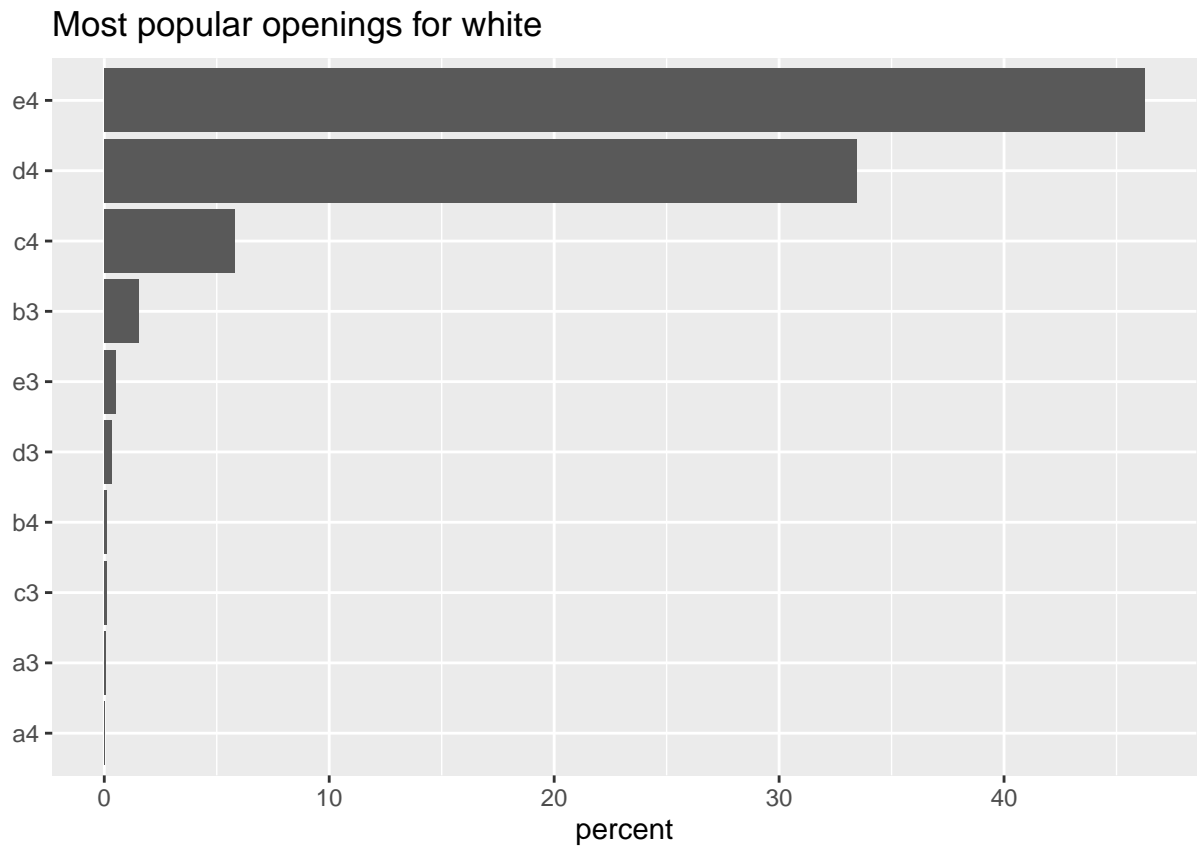
## Breakdown of game results

### Results of Lichess elite games April 2021

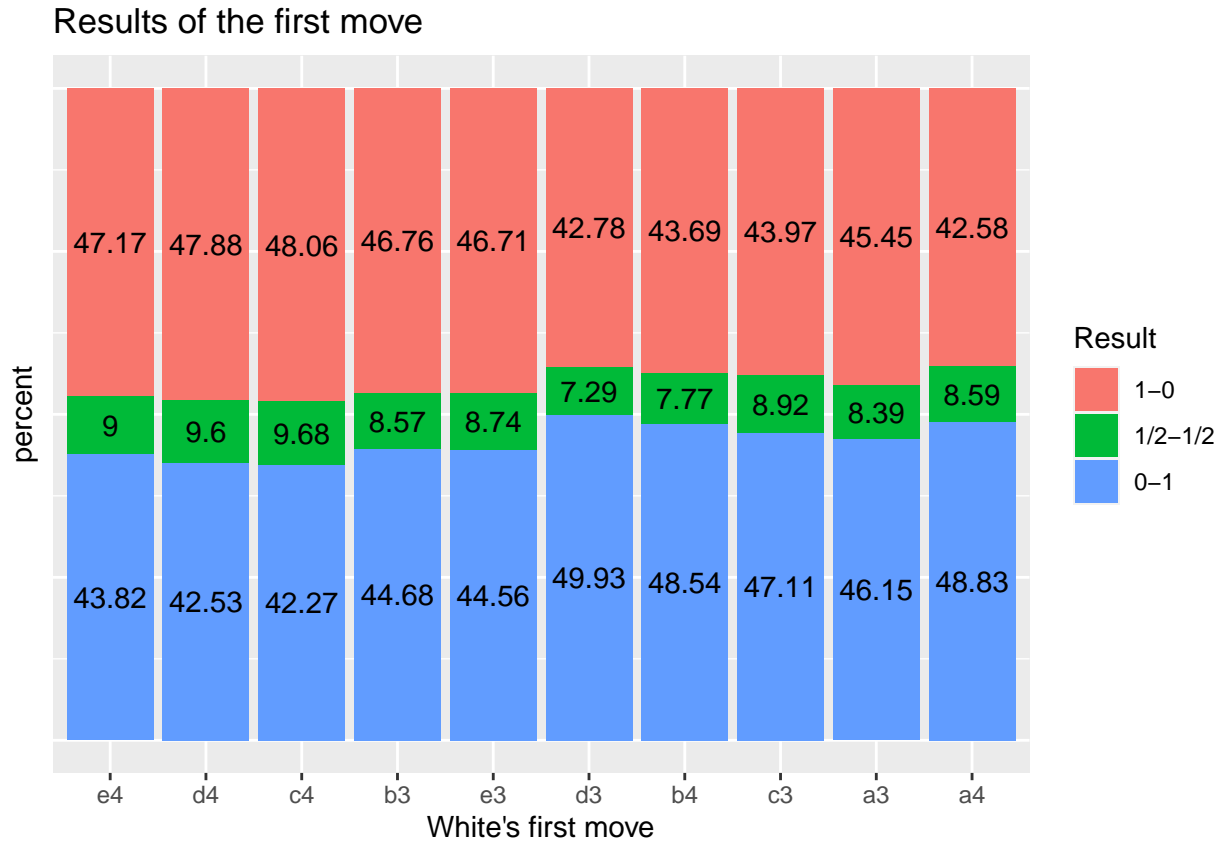


White has a slightly better winrate than black here

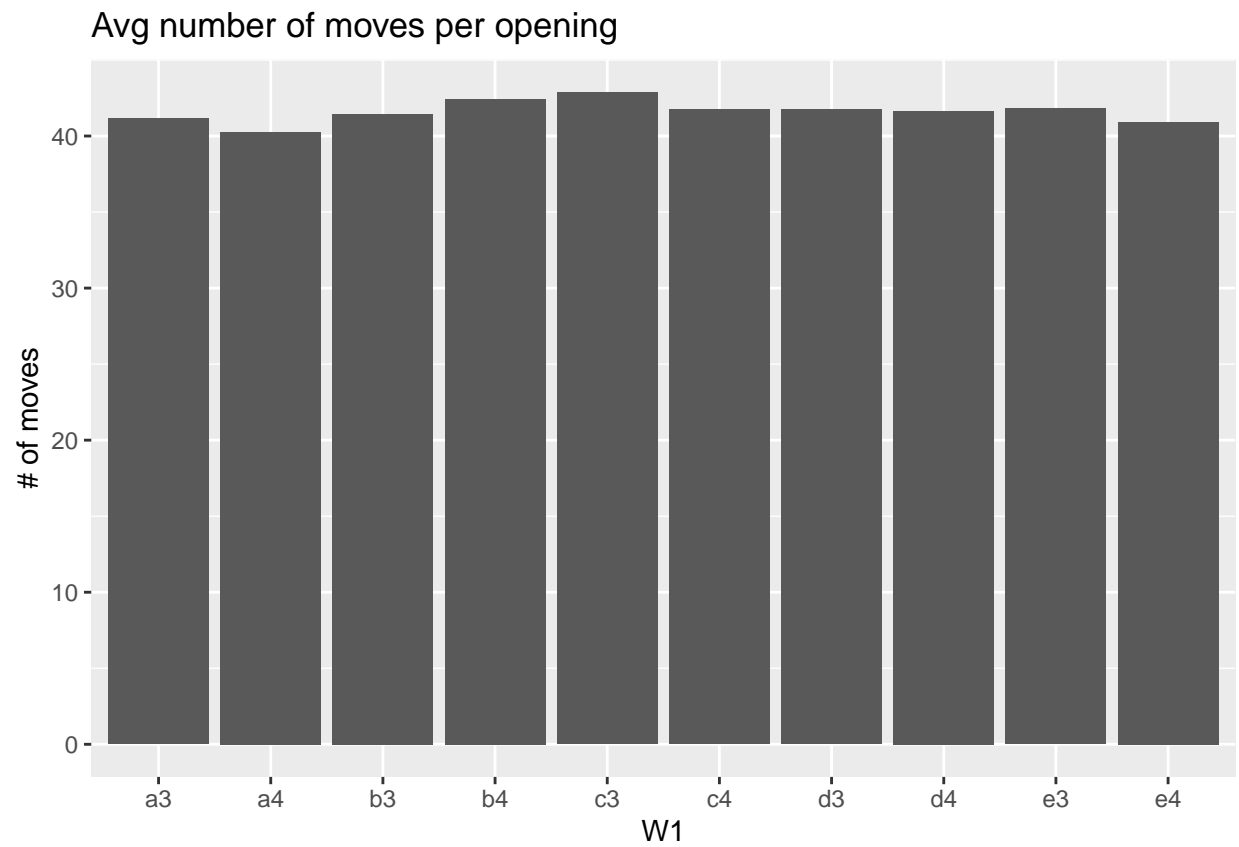
The most popular openings for each side



The ten most popular openings for white. e4 and d4 follow the concept of putting pieces in the center

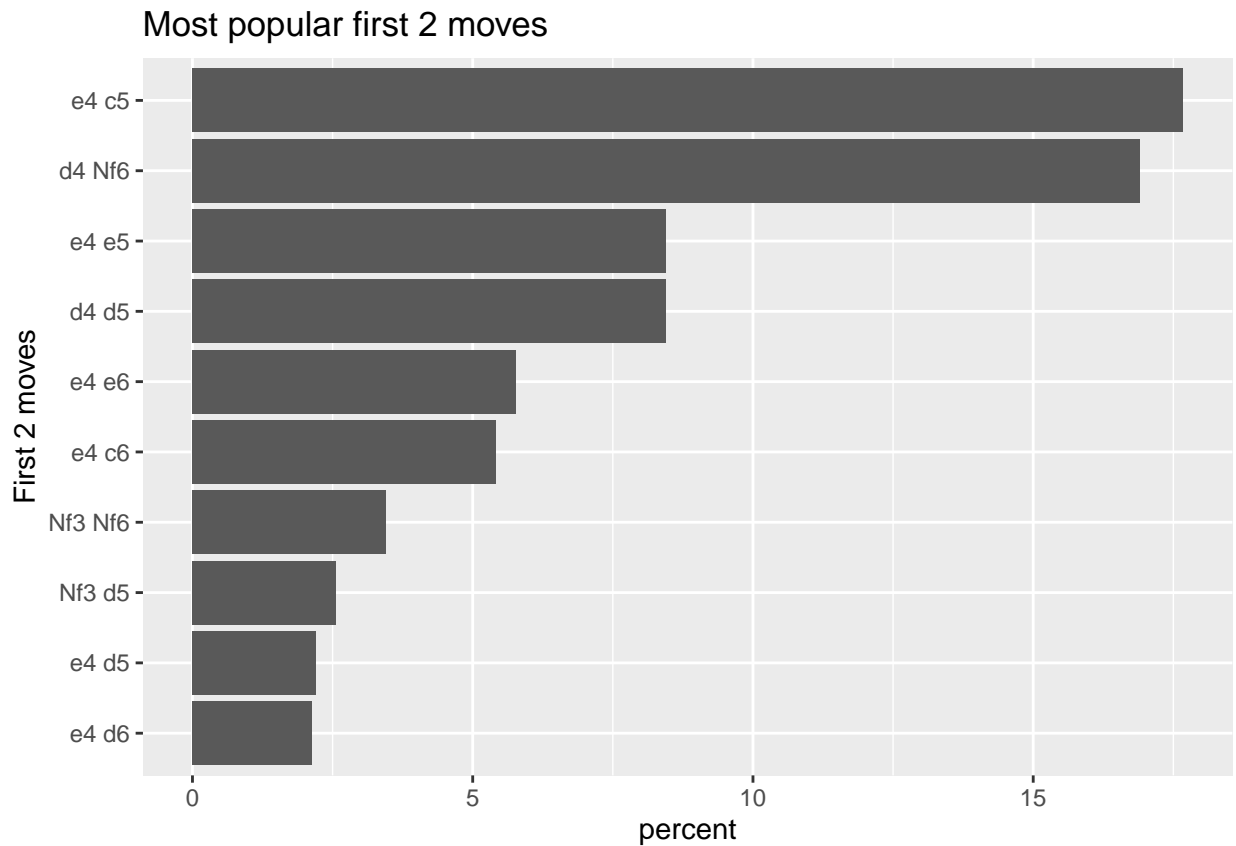


**Notes:** Opening with c4 has the most draws e4 and d4 openings have strong win percentages for white and also the lowest win percents for black, however they also have a higher number of draws compared to the other openings



No matter which of the popular openings is played, games last roughly the same number of moves

Getting into specific opening variations:



When faced with e4/d4 most players will opt for c5/Nf6 respectively (Non symmetrical openings) e5/d5 are still the 2nd most popular responses to those moves

Let's look at the most popular continuations to each opening

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## [[1]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening                                n
##   <chr> <chr>                                <int>
## 1 e4 c5 Sicilian Defense: Closed                9494
## 2 e4 c5 Sicilian Defense: Najdorf Variation    4979
## 3 e4 c5 Sicilian Defense                      4148
## 4 e4 c5 Sicilian Defense: Alapin Variation    3718
## 5 e4 c5 Sicilian Defense: Nyezhmetdinov-Rossolimo Attack 3244
##
## [[2]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening                                n
##   <chr> <chr>                                <int>
## 1 d4 Nf6 Indian Game                          12038
## 2 d4 Nf6 Trompowsky Attack                    5825
## 3 d4 Nf6 Torre Attack                        2203
## 4 d4 Nf6 London System                       1895
## 5 d4 Nf6 Indian Game: Knights Variation      1821
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## [[3]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n
##   <chr> <chr>      <int>
## 1 e4 e5 Italian Game: Classical Variation, Giuoco Pianissimo 1730
## 2 e4 e5 Italian Game: Two Knights Defense, Modern Bishop's Opening 1587
## 3 e4 e5 Ruy Lopez: Morphy Defense, Anderssen Variation 1135
## 4 e4 e5 Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense 1108
## 5 e4 e5 Italian Game: Giuoco Pianissimo, Normal 1090
##
## [[4]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n
##   <chr> <chr>      <int>
## 1 d4 d5 Queen's Pawn Game: Mason Variation 4670
## 2 d4 d5 Queen's Pawn Game: Zukertort Variation 2597
## 3 d4 d5 Queen's Gambit Declined 2214
## 4 d4 d5 Queen's Pawn Game: London System 2158
## 5 d4 d5 Slav Defense: Exchange Variation 1863
##
## [[5]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n
##   <chr> <chr>      <int>
## 1 e4 e6 French Defense: Exchange Variation 2695
## 2 e4 e6 French Defense: King's Indian Attack 2561
## 3 e4 e6 French Defense: Steinitz Variation, Boleslavsky Variation 1526
## 4 e4 e6 French Defense: Winawer Variation, Advance Variation 1398
## 5 e4 e6 French Defense: Tarrasch Variation, Closed Variation 1387
##
## [[6]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n
##   <chr> <chr>      <int>
## 1 e4 c6 Caro-Kann Defense 4960
## 2 e4 c6 Caro-Kann Defense: Exchange Variation 2810
## 3 e4 c6 Caro-Kann Defense: Two Knights Attack 2753
## 4 e4 c6 Caro-Kann Defense: Tartakower Variation 2459
## 5 e4 c6 Caro-Kann Defense: Advance Variation, Botvinnik-Carls Defense 2262
##
## [[7]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n
##   <chr> <chr>      <int>
## 1 Nf3 Nf6 King's Indian Attack: Symmetrical Defense 2936
## 2 Nf3 Nf6 Zukertort Opening 2485
## 3 Nf3 Nf6 English Opening: Anglo-Indian Defense, King's Indian Formation 1479
## 4 Nf3 Nf6 Zukertort Opening: Nimzo-Larsen Variation 1402
## 5 Nf3 Nf6 English Opening: Anglo-Indian Defense, King's Knight Variation 1275
##
## [[8]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening      n

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##   <chr>   <chr>                                     <int>
## 1 Nf3 d5 King's Indian Attack                        4063
## 2 Nf3 d5 Zukertort Opening                           1169
## 3 Nf3 d5 Nimzo-Larsen Attack: Classical Variation    915
## 4 Nf3 d5 RÅoti Opening                               778
## 5 Nf3 d5 RÅoti Opening: Advance Variation           699
##
## [[9]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening                                     n
##   <chr> <chr>                                     <int>
## 1 e4 d5 Scandinavian Defense: Mieses-Kotroc Variation 3750
## 2 e4 d5 Scandinavian Defense: Modern Variation        1883
## 3 e4 d5 Scandinavian Defense: Main Line              1464
## 4 e4 d5 Scandinavian Defense: Gubinsky-Melts Defense 1367
## 5 e4 d5 Scandinavian Defense                        1311
##
## [[10]]
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
##   M1      Opening                                     n
##   <chr> <chr>                                     <int>
## 1 e4 d6 Pirc Defense                                6043
## 2 e4 d6 Philidor Defense: Lion Variation            1438
## 3 e4 d6 Czech Defense                               775
## 4 e4 d6 Modern Defense: Standard Defense            639
## 5 e4 d6 Pirc Defense: Classical Variation           540

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