Best Openings

Using databases, analyzing millions of games give us useful statistics about how different openings perform. Chess openings are ranked by scoring percentage for White and Black. It also covers the openings with the highest and lowest draw rates. Of course, player strength, time control, sample size, and opening popularity can affect the results.

For White, these openings produced the highest scores.

Queen's Gambit (1.d4 d5 2.c4)
Ruy Lopez (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5)
Bishop's Opening (1.e4 e5 2.Bc4)
Reti Opening (1.Nf3)
Vienna Game (1.e4 e5 2.Nc3)
Center Game (1.e4 e5 2.d4)
English Opening (1.c4)
Scotch Game (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4)
Italian Opening (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4)

For Black, these openings produced the highest score.

Sicilian Defense (1.e4 c5)
Nimzo-Indian Defense (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4)
Pirc Defense (1.e4 d6)
Alekhine Defense (1.e4 Nf6)
Modern Defense (1.e4 g6)
Queen's Indian Defense (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3)
King's Indian Defense (1,d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6)
Scandinavian Defense (1.e4 d5)
Caro-Kann Defense (1.e4 c6)
Petroff's Defense (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6)