

Ruy Lopez: All Variations



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Ruy Lopez Chess Opening Variation Reference

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About This eBook

This ebook is **a reference on all variations of the Ruy Lopez** chess opening. The ebook will give the following information on the Ruy Lopez:

- A short description.
- The list of all variations.
- The list of 6 most common variations.

The ebook is made up of the following 5 parts:

1. About This eBook

This page.

2. The Ruy Lopez – Short Description

A **short information on the Ruy Lopez**. General data, ECO codes, answering statistics.

3. The Ruy Lopez – 182 Variations

The list of **182 variations of the Ruy Lopez**. Names, designated moves, ECO codes.

4. The Ruy Lopez – 6 Most Common Variations

The list of **6 most common variations of the Ruy Lopez**. Names, designated moves, ECO codes, main lines. They are 94% of all Ruy Lopez games.

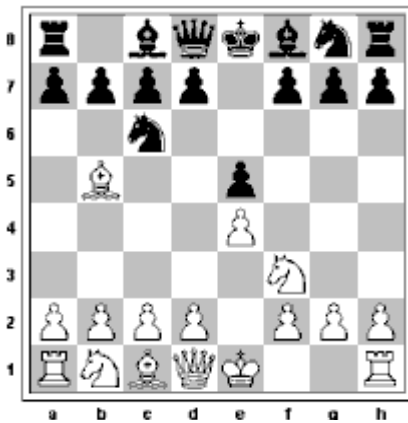
*5. Friendly Advertisement – 3 Chess Sites

This part is not related to the content of the ebook. Just friendly invitation to visit 3 chess sites which may be interesting to you.

Note. In calculating the Ruy Lopez statistics shown in this ebook, there were used a 3-million database of chessmaster games.

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The Ruy Lopez – Short Description



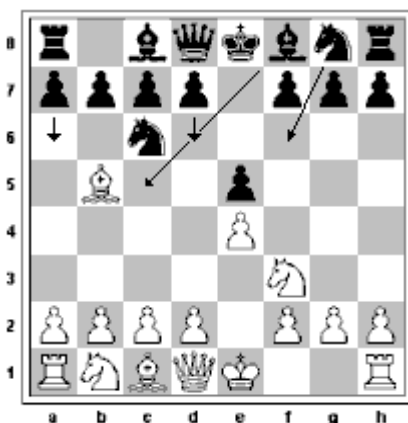
Moves: 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

ECO: C60-C99

The Ruy Lopez is a chess opening that starts with 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5. It is also called the Spanish Opening or Spanish Game. The opening was first mentioned in 1490. It is named after the Spanish priest Ruy Lopez de Segura, who made its systematic study in his chess book written in 1561.

The Ruy Lopez has gained its popularity since the mid-19th century when Carl Jaenisch, a Russian theoretician, proved its potential. Today it is one of the most popular chess openings and the most popular open game (1.e4 e5). The Ruy Lopez is simple, beautiful, and promising for White and Black.

It has 182 variations. Of them, 6 variations are the most common. The following picture will show the Black answering statistics to the Ruy Lopez:



Black Answering Statistics:

3... a6 = 67% 3... Nf6 = 12% 3... d6 = 5% 3... Bc5 = 4%,
3... other move (3... f5, 3... Nge7, 3... Nd4, 3... g6; ...) = 12%

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The Ruy Lopez – 182 Variations, of them:

51 variations starting without 3... a6

Variation 1. Ruy Lopez (Spanish Opening), C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

Variation 2. Ruy Lopez, Nuernberg variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **f6**

Variation 3. Ruy Lopez, Pollock Defense variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Na5**

Variation 4. Ruy Lopez, Lucena Defense variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Be7**

Variation 5. Ruy Lopez, Vinogradov variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Qe7**

Variation 6. Ruy Lopez, Brentano Defense variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **g5**

Variation 7. Ruy Lopez, Fianchetto (Smyslov/Barnes) Defense variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **g6**

Variation 8. Ruy Lopez, Cozio Defense variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nge7**

Variation 9. Ruy Lopez, Cozio Defense, Paulsen variation, C60:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nge7** 4.Nc3 g6

Variation 10. Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense variation, C61:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nd4**

Variation 11. Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense, Paulsen variation, C61:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nd4** 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.O-O Ne7

Variation 12. Ruy Lopez, Old Steinitz Defense variation, C62:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **d6**

Variation 13. Ruy Lopez, Old Steinitz Defense, Nimzovich Attack variation, C62:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **d6** 4.d4 Bd7 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bxc6

Variation 14. Ruy Lopez, Old Steinitz Defense, Semi-Duras variation, C62:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **d6** 4.d4 Bd7 5.c4

Variation 15. Ruy Lopez, Schliemann Defense variation, C63:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **f5**

Variation 16. Ruy Lopez, Schliemann Defense, Berger variation, C63:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **f5** 4.Nc3

Variation 17. Ruy Lopez, Classical (Cordel) Defense variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5**

Variation 18. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense, Zaitsev variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.O-O Nd4 5.b4

Variation 19. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense, 4.c3 variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.c3

Variation 20. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense, Benelux variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.c3 Nf6 5.O-O O-O 6.d4 Bb6

Variation 21. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense, Charousek variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.c3 Bb6

Variation 22. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense, Boden variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.c3 Qe7

Variation 23. Ruy Lopez, Cordel Gambit variation, C64:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5** 4.c3 f5

Variation 24. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6**

Variation 25. Ruy Lopez, Nyholm Attack variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d4 exd4 5.O-O

Variation 26. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Mortimer variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d3 Ne7

Variation 27. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Mortimer Trap variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d3 Ne7 5.Nxe5 c6

Variation 28. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Anderssen variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d3 d6 5.Bxc6+

Variation 29. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Duras variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d3 d6 5.c4

Variation 30. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Kaufmann variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.d3 Bc5 5.Be3

Variation 31. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, 4.O-O variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O

Variation 32. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Beverwijk variation, C65:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Bc5

Variation 33. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, 4... d6 variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6

Variation 34. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Hedgehog variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.Nc3 Be7

Variation 35. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Tarrasch Trap variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Re1 O-O

Variation 36. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Bernstein variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bg5

Variation 37. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Showalter variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bxc6

Variation 38. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Wolf variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.Nc3 exd4

Variation 39. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Chigorin variation, C66:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O d6 5.d4 Nd7

Variation 40. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Open variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4

Variation 41. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, l'Hermet variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.dxe5

Variation 42. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, Showalter variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Ba4

Variation 43. Ruy Lopez, Closed Berlin Defense, 5...Be7 variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7

Variation 44. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Rio de Janeiro variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nb7
9.Nc3 O-O 10.Re1 Nc5 11.Nd4 Ne6 12.Be3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 c5

Variation 45. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Zukertort variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nb7
9.c4

Variation 46. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Pillsbury variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nb7
9.b3

Variation 47. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Winawer Attack variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nb7
9.Nd4

Variation 48. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Cordel variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nf5

Variation 49. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Trifunovic variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 d5

Variation 50. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Minckwitz variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.dxe5

Variation 51. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense, Rosenthal variation, C67:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6** 4.O-O Nxe4 5.d4 a6

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Variation 52. Ruy Lopez, Exchange variation, C68:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6

Variation 53. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Alekhine variation, C68:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7

Variation 54. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Keres variation, C68:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3

Variation 55. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Romanovsky variation, C68:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3 f6 6.d3

Variation 56. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, 5.O-O variation, C69:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.O-O

Variation 57. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Alapin Gambit variation, C69:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.O-O Bg4 6.h3 h5

Variation 58. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Gligoric variation, C69:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.O-O f6

Variation 59. Ruy Lopez, Exchange, Bronstein variation, C69:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.O-O Qd6

Variation 60. Ruy Lopez, 4.Ba4 variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4

Variation 61. Ruy Lopez, Fianchetto Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 g6

Variation 62. Ruy Lopez, Cozio Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nge7

Variation 63. Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nd4

Variation 64. Ruy Lopez, Alapin's Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Bb4

Variation 65. Ruy Lopez, Classical Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Bc5

Variation 66. Ruy Lopez, Caro variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 b5

Variation 67. Ruy Lopez, Graz variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Bc5

- Variation 68. Ruy Lopez, Taimanov (Chase/Wing/Accelerated Counterthrust) variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5
- Variation 69. Ruy Lopez, Schliemann Defense Deferred variation, C70:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 f5
- Variation 70. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense variation, C71:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6
- Variation 71. Ruy Lopez, Noah's Ark Trap variation, C71:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.d4 b5 6.Bb3 Nxd4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Qxd4 c5
- Variation 72. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Three Knights variation, C71:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.Nc3
- Variation 73. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Duras (Keres) variation, C71:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c4
- Variation 74. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, 5.O-O variation, C72:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.O-O
- Variation 75. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Richter variation, C73:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d4
- Variation 76. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Alapin variation, C73:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d4 f6
- Variation 77. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, 5. c3 variation, C74:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3
- Variation 78. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Siesta variation, C74:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 f5
- Variation 79. Ruy Lopez, Siesta, Kopayev variation, C74:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 f5 6.exf5 Bxf5 7.O-O
- Variation 80. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, 5... Bd7 variation, C75:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7
- Variation 81. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Rubinstein variation, C75:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 Nge7
- Variation 82. Ruy Lopez, Modern Steinitz Defense, Fianchetto (Bronstein) variation, C76:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 g6
- Variation 83. Ruy Lopez, Morphy Defense variation, C77:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6
- Variation 84. Ruy Lopez, Four Knights (Tarrasch) variation, C77:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3
- Variation 85. Ruy Lopez, Treybal (Bayreuth, Exchange Deferred) variation, C77:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Bxc6

Variation 86. Ruy Lopez, Wormald (Alapin) Attack variation, C77:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2

Variation 87. Ruy Lopez, Wormald Attack, Gruenfeld variation, C77:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.c3 Bg4

Variation 88. Ruy Lopez, Anderssen variation, C77:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3

Variation 89. Ruy Lopez, Morphy Defense, Duras variation, C77:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c4

Variation 90. Ruy Lopez, 5.O-O variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O

Variation 91. Ruy Lopez, Wing Attack variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.a4

Variation 92. Ruy Lopez, 6... d6 variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 d6

Variation 93. Ruy Lopez, Rabinovich variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 d6 7.Ng5 d5 8.exd5 Nd4
9.Re1 Bc5 10.Rxe5+ Kf8

Variation 94. Ruy Lopez, Archangelsk (Counterthrust) variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Bb7

Variation 95. Ruy Lopez, Moeller Defense variation, C78:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Bc5

Variation 96. Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defense Deferred (Russian Defense) variation, C79:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O d6

Variation 97. Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defense Deferred, Lipnitsky variation, C79:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d4 Bg4

Variation 98. Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defense Deferred, Rubinstein variation, C79:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d4 Nxe4

Variation 99. Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defense Deferred, Boleslavsky variation, C79:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d4 Nxe4 8.Re1 f5
9.dxe5 d5 10.Nc3

Variation 100. Ruy Lopez, Open (Tarrasch) Defense variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4

Variation 101. Ruy Lopez, Open, Tartakower variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.Qe2

Variation 102. Ruy Lopez, Open, Knorre variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.Nc3

Variation 103. Ruy Lopez, Open, 6.d4 variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4

Variation 104. Ruy Lopez, Open, Riga variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 exd4

Variation 105. Ruy Lopez, Open, 6... b5 variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5

Variation 106. Ruy Lopez, Open, Friess Attack variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Nxe5

Variation 107. Ruy Lopez, Open, Richter variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.d5

Variation 108. Ruy Lopez, Open, 7.Bb3 variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3

Variation 109. Ruy Lopez, Open, Schlechter Defense variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.a4 Nxd4

Variation 110. Ruy Lopez, Open, Berger variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.a4 Nxd4
9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nc3

Variation 111. Ruy Lopez, Open, Harksen Gambit variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.c4

Variation 112. Ruy Lopez, Open, 8.dxe5 variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5

Variation 113. Ruy Lopez, Open, Zukertort variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Ne7

Variation 114. Ruy Lopez, Open, 8...Be6 variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6

Variation 115. Ruy Lopez, Open, Bernstein variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.Nbd2

Variation 116. Ruy Lopez, Open, Bernstein, Karpov Gambit variation, C80:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.Nbd2 Nc5 10.c3 d4 11.Ng5

Variation 117. Ruy Lopez, Open, Howell Attack variation, C81:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.Qe2

Variation 118. Ruy Lopez, Open, Howell Attack, Ekstroem variation, C81:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rd1 O-O 11.c4 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Qd7

Variation 119. Ruy Lopez, Open, Howell Attack, Adam variation, C81:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.Qe2 Be7 10.c4

Variation 120. Ruy Lopez, Open, 9.c3 variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3

Variation 121. Ruy Lopez, Open, Berlin variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Nc5

Variation 122. Ruy Lopez, Open, Italian variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5

Variation 123. Ruy Lopez, Open, St. Petersburg variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2

Variation 124. Ruy Lopez, Open, Dilworth variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 O-O 11.Bc2 Nxf2

Variation 125. Ruy Lopez, Open, Motzko Attack variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5 10.Qd3

Variation 126. Ruy Lopez, Open, Motzko Attack, Nenarokov variation, C82:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5 10.Qd3 Ne7

Variation 127. Ruy Lopez, Open, Classical Defense variation, C83:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Be7

Variation 128. Ruy Lopez, Open, Malkin variation, C83:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Be7 10.Nbd2 O-O 11.Qe2

Variation 129. Ruy Lopez, Open, 10.Re1 variation, C83:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Be7 10.Re1

Variation 130. Ruy Lopez, Open, Tarrasch Trap variation, C83:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Be7 10.Re1 O-O 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Rxe4

Variation 131. Ruy Lopez, Open, Breslau variation, C83:
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Be7 10.Re1 O-O 11.Nd4 Nxe5

Variation 132. Ruy Lopez, Closed Defense variation, C84:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7

Variation 133. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Center Attack variation, C84:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.d4

Variation 134. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Basque Gambit (North Spanish) variation, C84:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.d4 exd4 7.e5 Ne4 8.c3

Variation 135. Ruy Lopez, Exchange Doubly Deferred variation, C85:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Bxc6

Variation 136. Ruy Lopez, Worrall Attack variation, C86:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Qe2

Variation 137. Ruy Lopez, Worrall Attack, Sharp Line variation, C86:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Qe2 b5 7.Bb3 O-O

Variation 138. Ruy Lopez, Worrall Attack, Solid Line variation, C86:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Qe2 b5 7.Bb3 d6

Variation 139. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Averbach variation, C87:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 d6

Variation 140. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 7.Bb3 variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3

Variation 141. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Leonhardt variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 Na5
9.Bc2 c5 10.d4 Qc7 11.h3 Nc6 12.d5 Nb8 13.Nbd2 g5

Variation 142. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Balla variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 Na5
9.Bc2 c5 10.d4 Qc7 11.a4

Variation 143. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 8.d4 variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.d4

Variation 144. Ruy Lopez, Noah's Ark Trap variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.d4 Nxd4
9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qxd4 c5

Variation 145. Ruy Lopez, Trajkovic Counter-Attack variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7

Variation 146. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 7...O-O variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O

Variation 147. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Anti-Marshall 8.a4 variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.a4

Variation 148. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 8.c3 variation, C88:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3

Variation 149. Ruy Lopez, Marshall Counter-Attack variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5

Variation 150. Ruy Lopez, Marshall Counter-Attack, 11...c6 variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6

Variation 151. Ruy Lopez, Marshall, Kevitz variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re3

Variation 152. Ruy Lopez, Marshall, Main Line, 12.d4 variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4

Variation 153. Ruy Lopez, Marshall, Main Line, 14...Qh3 variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3

Variation 154. Ruy Lopez, Marshall, Main Line, Spassky variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5
9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3
15.Be3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.a4 Qh5

Variation 155. Ruy Lopez, Marshall, Herman Steiner variation, C89:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 e4

Variation 156. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 8... d6 variation, C90:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6

Variation 157. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Pilnik variation, C90:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.d3

Variation 158. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Lutikov variation, C90:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.Bc2

Variation 159. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Suetin variation, C90:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.a3

Variation 160. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 9.d4 variation, C91:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.d4

Variation 161. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Bogolyubov variation, C91:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bg4

Variation 162. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 9.h3 variation, C92:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3

Variation 163. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Keres (9... a5) variation, C92:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 a5

Variation 164. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Kholmov variation, C92:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Be6

Variation 165. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Ragozin-Petrosian (Keres) variation, C92:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nd7

Variation 166. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Flohr-Zaitsev System (Lenzerheide) variation, C92:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Bb7

Variation 167. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Smyslov Defense variation, C93:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 h6

Variation 168. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Breyer Defense variation, C94:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nb8

Variation 169. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Breyer, 10.d4 variation, C95:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nb8
10.d4

Variation 170. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Breyer, Borisenko variation, C95:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nb8
10.d4 Nbd7

Variation 171. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Breyer, Gligoric variation, C95:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nb8
10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 c5

Variation 172. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Breyer, Simagin variation, C95:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nb8
10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nh4

Variation 173. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 8... Na5 variation, C96:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2

Variation 174. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Rossolimo Defense variation, C96:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c6 11.d4 Qc7

Variation 175. Ruy Lopez, Closed, 10... c5 variation, C96:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5

Variation 176. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Borisenko Defense variation, C96:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nc6

Variation 177. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Keres Defense (11... Nd7) variation, C96:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7

Variation 178. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin Defense variation, C97:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7

Variation 179. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin, Yugoslav System variation, C97:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Bd7 13.Nf1 Rfe8 14.Ne3 g6

Variation 180. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin, 12... Nc6 variation, C98:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6

Variation 181. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin, Rauzer Attack variation, C98:

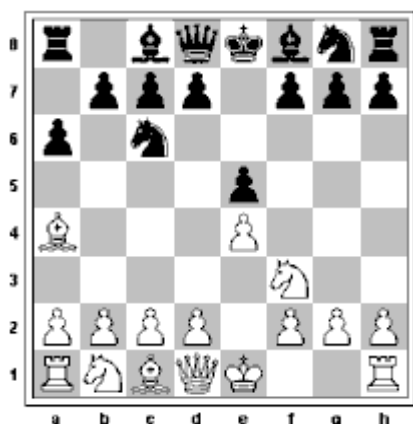
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10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.dxc5

Variation 182. Ruy Lopez, Closed, Chigorin, 13.cxd4 variation, C99:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4

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The Ruy Lopez – 6 Most Common Variations



1. The First Most Common Variation

Variation 60. Ruy Lopez, 4.Ba4 variation, C70:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Ba4

How Common: 56% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4... Nf6 5.0-0 [2] 4... d6 5.c3 [3] 4... b5 5.Bb3



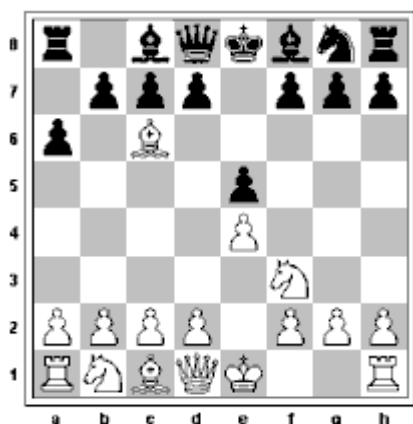
2. The Second Most Common Variation

Variation 24. Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense variation, C65:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Nf6**

How Common: 12% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4.0-0 Nxe4 [2] 4.d3 d6 [3] 4.Nc3 Bb4



3. The Third Most Common Variation

Variation 52. Ruy Lopez, Exchange variation, C68:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **a6** 4.Bxc6

How Common: 11% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4... dxc6 5.0-0 [2] 4... bxc6 5.0-0



4. The Fourth Most Common Variation

Variation 12. Ruy Lopez, Old Steinitz Defense variation, C62:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **d6**

How Common: 5% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4.d4 Bd7 [2] 4.0-0 Bd7 [3] 4.c3 Bd7



5. The Fifth Most Common Variation

Variation 17. Ruy Lopez, Classical (Cordel) Defense variation, C64:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **Bc5**

How Common: 5% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4.0-0 d6 [2] 4.c3 Nf6 [3] 4. Bxc6 dxc6



6. The Sixth Most Common Variation

Variation 15. Ruy Lopez, Schliemann Defense variation, C63:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 **f5**

How Common: 5% of all Ruy Lopez games.

Main Lines: [1] 4.Nc3 fxe4 [2] 4.d3 fxe4 [3] 4.Bxc6 dxc6

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