



Two Chess Opening Mistakes

Nowadays, chess players often make some very common mistakes in the opening stage. Here, you'll learn about two chess opening mistakes you should never make!

Mistake #1

Do NOT play openings that seem strange to you, that you can't understand clearly.

- People play opening lines recommended by a computer or by a certain Grandmaster.
- If you don't fully understand those variations, don't rely on that recommendation.
- You should know the typical middlegame plans for the opening(s) you play.
- You should play the moves that correspond to your chess understanding.

Mistake #2

Do NOT try to recollect an opening line if you don't remember it firmly.

- When you try to recollect an opening theory during a game, you stop thinking by yourself.
- If you don't remember an opening theory FIRMLY – do not try to recollect it.
- Use your general understanding.
- Think for yourself.

Suggested materials:

Below are a few courses and study materials I recommend you to study.

Chess courses:

- ✓ Grandmaster's Openings Laboratory – 1 ([LINK](#))
- ✓ Grandmaster's Openings Laboratory – 2 ([LINK](#))
- ✓ Grandmaster's Positional Understanding ([LINK](#))

Premium videos:

- ✓ My Thinking System ([LINK](#))
- ✓ Chess Opening Disasters ([LINK](#))

I wish you well-deserved success!

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