

Avoiding Theory

Chess

Sound openings that need very little memorisation.

Openings where understanding a setup replaces memorising lines.

As	Opening	Idea
White	London System	d4, Bf4, e3, Bd3, c3, Nbd2
White	Colle	d4, Nf3, e3, Bd3, c3
White	King's Indian Attack	Nf3, g3, Bg2, O-O, d3, e4
Black	King's Indian Defence	Nf6, g6, Bg7, O-O, d6
Black	Scandinavian	1...d5 against e4
Black	Slav	d5 and c6 against d4

Systems are a reasonable trade below club level. Above it, opponents know how to punish an automatic setup.