

What to Study First

Chess

Where club players actually lose games, against where they spend study time.

Where games are lost

- Hanging a piece
- Missing an opponent's threat
- Missing a tactic for yourself
- No plan in the middlegame
- Losing a won endgame

Where time is spent

- Opening theory
- Watching games
- Reading about strategy
- Playing more blitz
- Very little endgame work

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

The mismatch is the whole problem. Study should follow where your own games are actually decided.

Review your last twenty losses and count the causes. The tally decides your study plan more reliably than any book.