



Chess Openings for White

Accelerated Dragon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 [2...g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 (4.Qxd4 is an alternative) 4...Nc6 is another way to reach the Accelerated Dragon] **3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3** [5.c4 is another popular alternative] **5...Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4** [7.f3 0-0 8.Bc4 (8.Qd2 d5=) 8...Qb6 9.Bb3 Nxe4± scores well for Black and White has to prove compensation for the pawn] **7...0-0** [7...Qa5 8.0-0 (8.f3 Qb4∞ is annoying 9.Bb3 Nxe4 10.Nxc6 Bxc3+±; 8.Qd2? Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qxd2+ 10.Bxd2 (10.Nxd2 Bxd4±) 10...Nxd4±) 8...0-0 (8...Qb4 9.Bb3 Nxe4? 10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.a3 Nxc3 12.Qf3 Ne2+ 13.Kh1+-) 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 (10...Qh5 11.Qxh5±) 11.Re1 (11.f4 is an alternative) 11...Rfe8 12.Qe2 Rac8 13.Rad1± Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 15.Nd5 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qe3 Nc5 18.Qd4+ e5 19.Qe3 Nxb3 20.axb3 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Qa2 22.Qc1 Rc6 23.b4 b6 24.c3 a5 25.b5 Rc5 26.Red1 Qc4 27.Rxd6 Rxb5 28.Qg5 Rc5 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Rd8 Rc8 31.Rxe8+ Rxe8 32.Qxb6 Qxe4 33.Qxa5 Qc2 34.Qa1 Kg7 35.b4 Rc8 36.Rc1 Qb3 37.c4 Qxb4 38.Qxe5+ Kg8 39.c5 Qb5 40.Qd5 Kg7 41.Qd6 Qc6 42.Qd4+ Kg8 43.h4 h5 44.Kh2 Qc7+ 45.g3 Qc6 46.Rc3 Re8 47.Re3 Rc8 48.Re5 Qc7 49.Rd5 Re8 50.Rd6 Rc8 51.c6 Qa5 52.Qf6 Qf5 53.Rd8+ Rxd8 54.Qxd8+ Kh7 55.Qd4 Qc2 56.Qf6 Qc4 57.Qd6 Qc2 58.Kg1 Qb1+ 59.Kh2 Qc2 60.Qf6 Qc4 61.Kg2 Qd5+ 62.Qf3 Qc4 63.Kg1 Qc1+ 64.Kh2 Qc4 65.Qf6 Kg8 66.Qd8+ Kg7 67.c7 Qc5 68.Kg2 Qc6+ 69.Kf1 Qc1+ 70.Ke2 Qc2+ 71.Ke3 Qc3+ 72.Ke4 Qc6+ 1-0 Gashimov, V (2758) – Carlsen, M (2801) Moscow 2009; 7...Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4 9.Qd1± (9.0-0-0 is also strong for White) ; 7...d6 8.h3 with the idea of 0-0 (8.f3 Qb6∞ scores well for Black; 8.0-0?! Ng4=)] **8.Bb3** [8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5=] **8...d6** [8...a5 9.f3 d5 10.Bxd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 (11.exd5 Nb4∞) 11...f5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Nb6 Rb8 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Rd1 Rxd1+ 16.Kxd1 fxe4 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.b3 exf3 19.gxf3 a4 20.Ke2 Ra8 21.b4 Kf7 22.c4 Be5 23.h3 Ke6 24.Kd3 Bd6 25.Rb1 Rb8 26.a3 Rf8 27.Ke4 Rf5 28.f4 Rh5 29.Rh1 Rh4 30.Rg1 Rxh3 31.Rg5 Rh5 32.Rxh5 gxh5 33.f5+ Kf6 34.Bf4 h4 35.Bxd6 exd6 36.b5 d5+ 37.Kf3 cxb5 38.cxb5 h3 39.b6 h2 40.Kg2 1-0 Naiditsch, A (2576) – Van der Wiel, J (2542) Wijk aan Zee 2004] **9.f3 Bd7 10.Qd2 Nxd4** [10...Rc8 transposes into the Dragon variation] **11.Bxd4 b5 12.a4 b4** [12...bxa4!? 13.Bxa4=] **13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 a5 16.h4±** [16.0-0-0?! Qe8=] **16...e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.0-0-0 Bxb3 19.cxb3 Re8 20.h5 Qf6 21.Kb1 gxh5 22.g4 h4 23.g5 Qf5+ 24.Ka2 h3 25.Rh2 Kg8 26.Rdh1 Rac8 27.Qxd6 Rc2 28.Rxc2 Qxc2 29.Rxh3 Re1 30.Qd8+ Kg7 31.Qf6+ Kg8** [1/2-1/2 Anand, V (2800) – Carlsen, M (2826) Kristiansund 2010]