



Chess Openings for Black

Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack – Part 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 [6...Ng4?? 7.Bb5+ Bd7 (7...Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bxc6+ Bd7 10.Bxa8+-) 8.Qxg4+-] **7.f3** [7.Qd2 Ng4 is an independent try (7...Nc6 will normally transpose to 7.f3 lines; 7...0-0 will normally transpose to 7.f3 lines) 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Nxc6 (9.Nb3 Be6=) 9...bxc6 10.h3 h6 11.Bf4 g5 12.Bg3 (12.hxg4 gxf4 13.Qxf4 Qa5=) 12...Ne5 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Nd1 Be6 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Rc1 Ng6 17.b3 Qc5 18.c3 h5 (18...0-0=) 19.Ne3 Nf4 20.Bc4 0-0= 21.Rfe1 a5 22.Bxf4 gxf4 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 Qxf5 25.Rxe7 d5 26.Bd3 Qg5 27.Rce1 Bf6 28.Rc7 Rbc8 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.c4 1/2-1/2 Socko, B (2631) – Gashimov, V (2723) Gibraltar 2009] **7...0-0** [7...Nc6 will normally transpose into 7...0-0 lines] **8.Qd2** [8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qd2 transposes to 8.Qd2 (9.Qe2 Bd7 (9...Na5 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0-0 b5= is an alternative) 10.0-0 Rc8 11.g4 Ne5 12.Bb3 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Bd2 a5 15.a4= 1/2-1/2 Nunn, J (2575) – Kudrin, S (2550) London 1984)] **8...Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0** [10.h4 h5 will normally transpose to 10.0-0-0 lines] **10...Rc8 11.Bb3** [11.Be2 a6 12.Kb1 b5 13.g4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.Be3 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.fxe4 Re8 19.Bd4 (19.Bf3 Qf6-+) 19...Rxe4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.h3 a5 22.Rhf1 Qe7 23.Bd3 Re5 24.Qf2 Rxd5 25.Rde1 Re5 26.Qd4 Rcc5 27.Re4 Be6 28.b3 Kg8 29.Rfe1 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Qc7 31.h4 Re5 32.g5 Rxe4 33.Qxe4 Qc5 34.Qa8+ Kg7 35.Qf3 Qg1+ 36.Kb2 Qd4+ 37.Kb1 h5 38.Qf1 Bd5 39.Qe1 Kf8 40.Qg3 Ke7 41.Qe1+ Be6 42.Qh1 Bd5 43.Qe1+ Qe5 44.Qf2 Be6 45.Qf1 Bf5 46.Bxf5 gxf5 47.Qd1 f4 48.Qxh5 Qe1+ 49.Kb2 Qc3+ 50.Kb1 f3 51.g6 Qe1+ 52.Kb2 f2 53.Qg5+ f6 0-1 Carlsen, M (2847) – Vachier Lagrave, M (2760) chess24.com INT 2021; 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bb3 b5 13.Bxa7 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 (15.Bxd5? Bxd5 16.Qxd5 (16.exd5 Qa5 17.Bd4 Qxa2-+) 16...Qc7-+) 15...Qa5 16.dxc6 (16.Bd4 Bxd5 17.Bxg7 Bxb3 18.Bxf8 Qxa2-+; 16.Be3 Ba4=) 16...Qxa7=; 11.h4?? Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Ng4 13.Qd3 Nxe3-+; 11.Bh6?? Nxd4 12.Bxg7 Rxc4 13.Bxf8 Qxf8-+] **11...Ne5** [11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Nd5 (13.Bxa7 b4=; 13.h4 a5 14.h5 a4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.hxg6 e6= 17.e5 Bg7 18.Rxh7 Bxe5 19.Rdh1 fxg6 20.Bd5 Rf7 21.Rxf7 Kxf7 22.Be4 Qf6 23.Kb1 Rh8 24.Rxh8 Qxh8 25.Nd1 d5 26.Bd3 Qh4 27.a3 Bd6 28.c3 Bf4 29.Qe2 Qh1 30.Bc2 e5 31.g4 Be6 32.Qxb5 Qxf3 33.Qxa4 Qxg4 34.Qa7+ Kf6 35.a4 Qe2 36.Qg1 e4 37.Qd4+ Be5 38.Qc5 Qd2 39.a5 Bf4 40.Bb3 e3 41.Qf8+ Bf7 42.Nxe3 Qxe3 43.Bxd5 Qd3+ 0-1 Polgar, J (2693) – Jones, G (2654) London ENG 2013) 13...Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.exd5 a5 16.a3 Kg8 17.Rhe1 Rc5 18.g4?! (18.Re3± planning Rde1) 18...b4! 19.axb4 axb4 20.Qxb4 Qa8 21.Kd2 Rb8



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22.Ra1 Rxd5+! 23.Ke3 Re5+ 24.Kd2 1/2-1/2 Karjakin, S (2722) – Shirov, A (2730) Bilbao 2009] **12.Kb1** [12.h4 h5 13.Kb1 transposes to 12.Kb1 lines **a**) 13.Bg5 Re8= normally transposes to 12.Kb1 and 14.Bg5 lines **a1**) 13...Rc5∞ is also possible, for instance 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Nd5 Rxd5∞; **a2**) 13...a6?! 14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Nd5+-; **a3**) 13...Nc4 is possible but it scores well for White 14.Qe2!?± Na5 (14...Nxb2? this idea does not work in this position 15.Kxb2 Rxc3 16.Kxc3 Qa5+ 17.Kb2+- and Black does not have Qxg5 as the bishop is defended by the pawn on h4.) ; **b**) 13.Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7∞;; 12.g4 b5!± 13.g5 (13.Ndxb5 Nxf3-+; 13.Ncxb5 Nxf3 14.Nxf3 Bxb5-+) 13...b4 14.Nce2 Nh5 15.f4 (15.Qxb4 a5-+) 15...Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.b3 Rc7 18.Ng3 Rc3?! (18...Qa8-+) 19.Nxh5 gxh5 20.Kb1 Qa5 21.f5 Rfc8 22.f6 e5 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 Rxc2 25.Qxc2 Rxc2 26.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 27.Kd3 Bf8 28.Rc1 d5 29.Rhd1 Qb2 30.Bd2 Qxb3+ 31.Ke2 e4 32.Be3 Qb2+ 33.Ke1 Qxh2 34.Rxd5 Qb8 35.Rcd1 b3 36.Rd8 Qb4+ 37.Kf2 b2 38.Rb1 Qa5 39.Ra8 Qxf5+ 40.Ke1 Qa5+ 41.Kf2 Qc7 42.Rd1 Qh2+ 43.Ke1 Qh1+ 44.Ke2 Qxd1+ 0-1 Polgar, J (2711) – Carlsen, M (2775) Mainz 2008; 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Rxc3! 14.bxc3 a5 15.a4 b5?! (15...Qc7 16.Qe3 Qc5 17.Kd2 Bxa4!= 18.Ra1 (18.Bxa4?? Nc4+)) 16.Nxb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 a4 18.Ba2 Qa5 19.Qe3 Qxb5 20.Rd4 Nc6 21.Rc4 Nd7 22.e5 Ncxe5 23.Rb4 Qa5 24.h4 Qc5 25.Re1 Qc7 26.h5 gxh5 27.Rh1 Nf6 28.g4 Qc5 29.Qxc5 dxc5 30.Rxa4 hxg4 31.fxg4 Nexg4 32.Ra7 e6 33.Re1 h5 34.Rc7 Ra8 35.Kb2 Ra5 36.Bc4 Kf8 37.Kb3 Ne8 38.Rc6 Ngf6 39.Re5 Nd7 40.Rxh5 Nef6 41.Rh1 Ke7 42.Re1 Ng4 43.Rc8 Nge5 44.Bf1 Nb6 45.Rb8 c4+ 46.Kb2 Ned7 47.Rb7 f5 48.Rd1 e5 49.Rc7 Nd5 50.Rb7 N5b6 51.Rc7 Nd5 52.Rb7 N5b6 53.Rc7 Nd5 1/2-1/2 Dzhumaev, M (2509) – Stoczek, J (2561) Trieste 2006; 12.Bg5 Nc4! 13.Bxc4 **a**) 13.Qe2? Nxb2! 14.Kxb2 Rxc3! 15.Bxf6 (15.Kxc3 Qa5+ 16.Kb2 Qxg5± Black has more than enough compensation as White's king is exposed) 15...Rxb3+ 16.cxb3 Bxf6±; **b**) 13.Qd3 b5!± 14.Ndxb5? (14.Ncxb5 Bxb5 is similar) 14...Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nxb2! 16.Kxb2 Nxe4+ 17.Kb1 Nxg5-+; 13...Rxc4 14.e5 (14.Nde2 Qa5=) 14...dxe5 15.Nde2 Rc7 16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Nb5 Bf5! 18.Nxc7 (18.Qxd8 Rxc2+ 19.Kb1 Rd2+-) 18...Qxc7∞ 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Kb1 Be6 21.Ne4 Qc4 22.b3 Qc6 23.c4 f5 24.Ng5 Bxc4 25.Rc1 Qb5 26.Rhd1 e4 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.Qd8+ Bf8 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Rd7+ Kg8 31.Qe8 Rc1+ 32.Kxc1 Qc5+ 33.Kb2 Qf2+ 34.Kc3 Qe3+ 35.Kc2 Qc5+ 36.Kb2 Qf2+ 37.Kc3 1/2-1/2 Kindermann, S (2515) – Georgiev, K (2585) Dortmund 1991] **12...Re8** [12...Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4±] **13.h4** [13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3 15.bxc3 a5±] **13...h5** **14.Bh6** [14.g4 hxg4 15.h5 Nxh5 16.Bh6 (16.Rdg1 Qa5 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.f4 Nc4± 19.Qd3 Qc5 20.Nde2 Nxb2 21.Kxb2 Bb5 22.Qxb5 Qxb5 23.e5 Qc6 24.exf6 Nxf6 25.Bg5 Kg7 26.Rh4 Rh8 27.Bxf6+ Kxf6 28.Rhxg4 e6 29.R4g3 Ke7 30.Rd1 Rh2 31.Nd4 Qc5 32.Ne4 Qh5 33.Nf3 Rh3 34.Rxh3 Qxh3 35.Nfg5 Qh8+ 36.Kb1 d5 37.Nf2 Qh2 38.Nd3 f6 39.Nxe6 Kxe6 40.Nb4 Rd8



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41.Nxd5 Rxd5 42.Rxd5 Ke7 43.f5 g5 44.Kc1 g4 45.Rd2 Qe5 46.Kd1 Qxf5 47.Ke1 Qa5 48.Ke2 Qb5+ 49.Ke1 f5 50.Bd5 Kf6 0-1 Nukin, A (2338) – Kanter, E (2411) Izhevsk 2011; 16.Rxh5 gxh5 17.Qh2 e6! 18.Qxh5 Qf6+ 16...Kh7 (16...Rc5?? 17.Rxh5 gxh5 18.Qg5 Ng6 19.Qxg6+) 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.fxg4 (18.Rxh5 gxh5 19.Qg5+ Ng6 20.Nf5+ Bxf5 21.exf5 e6 22.Qxd8 Rcx d8 23.fxg6 Kxg6+) 18...Bxg4 19.Nf5+ (19.Rdg1 e6+) 19...Bxf5 (19...gxf5? 20.Qg5+ Ng6 21.exf5+-) 20.exf5 Rh8 21.fxg6 Nxg6 (21...fxg6 22.Ne4+- with the idea of Ng5) 22.Nd5 (22.Ne4 Nf6) 22...Nf6 23.Nxf6 (23.Rxh8 Qxh8 24.Qg2!?±; 23.c3 Qa5±) 23...exf6 (23...Kxf6?? 24.Qf2+-) 24.Rxh8 Qxh8 25.Qd5 Rc7 26.Rh1 Re7 27.a3 Qe8 28.Ka2 b6 29.Qh5 Qh8 30.Qf3 Qc8 31.Qh5 Qh8 32.Qf3 Qc8 1/2-1/2 Dominguez Perez, L (2719) – Kasimdzhanov, R (2672) Dresden 2008; 14.Bg5 Rc5 (14...Nc4 is also possible) 15.g4 (15.Bh6 transposes to 14.Bh6 lines 15...Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7; 15.Rhe1 b5!=) 15...hxg4 16.h5 Nxh5 17.Rxh5 gxh5 18.Qh2 Ng6 19.Qxh5 Qa5 20.f4 Rxg5 21.fxg5 e6+ 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Qxg6 Be6 24.Qh5 fxe4 25.Rf1 Qe5 26.Rxf7 Bxb3 27.axb3 g3 28.Ka2 Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Qg4 e3 31.g6 e2 32.Qf3+ Ke8 33.Qf7+ Kd8 34.Qg8+ Kd7 35.Qf7+ Qe7 36.Qf5+ Kd8 37.Qa5+ b6 38.Qd5 e1Q 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qb7+ Ke8 0-1 Radjabov, T (2751) – Carlsen, M (2765) Baku 2008; 14.Rhe1 Qa5=] **14...Nc4** [14...Bxh6?! 15.Qxh6 Rxc3?! 16.bxc3 a5 17.f4! Neg4 (17...Nfg4 18.Qg5 a4 19.fxe5+-) 18.Qxg6+-] **15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nd5** [17.g4 hxg4 18.h5 Rh8 (18...Nxh5?? 19.Rxh5 gxh5 20.Qg5+ Kf8 21.Qxh5 e6 22.Qh6+ Ke7 23.Nf5+ exf5 24.Qxd6#) 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.f4 e5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Ne6+?! Bxe6 23.Qxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxd8 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Kc1 Kf6 27.Kd2 Bf5 28.Re1 Rf4 29.Re3 Kg5? (29...e4+ 30.Rb8 Rf2+ 31.Kd1 Kg5 32.Rxb7 Kf4+) 30.Ke2 Bxc2 31.Rxe5+ Bf5 32.Re3 Be4 33.b3 Bc6 34.a4 Rf5 35.Rd6 Bd5 36.Kd2 a6 37.Ke2 Bf7 38.Rb6 Bd5 39.Rd6 Bf7 40.Rb6 Bd5 1/2-1/2 Berg, E (2623) – Kasimdzhanov, R (2672) Dresden 2008] **17...e5! 18.Nxf6 Qxf6 19.Nb3** [19.Ne2 Rc6=] **19...Rec8!** [19...Re6 20.Qe3±] **20.Qxd6 Be6 21.c3 b5** [22...Qe7= planning ...b4] **23.Qg5?! [23.Nxa5 Ra4 24.Nb3±] 23...Qxg5 24.hxg5 a4 25.Nd2 R4c7 26.a3 Rd7 27.Kc1 f6 28.gxf6+ Kxf6 29.Nf1 Rxd1+ 30.Kxd1 Rd8+ 31.Ke1 Kg5 32.g3 Rd3 33.Nd2 Bc4 34.Nxc4 bxc4 35.Ke2 Rd6 36.Rh2** [1/2-1/2 Leko, P (2741) – Carlsen, M (2765) Miskolc 2008]