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Dragons in the big leagues

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Dragons aren't just for the young tikes, no sir.

[Pro Tour – Venice](#) reminded us that sometimes the best strategies in **Magic** involve big creatures, and that event was not the first time that large red flyers dominated the skies on the professional level.

David Price immortalized himself in **Magic** lore with his win at Pro Tour LA 1998 with a mono-red deck featuring **Rathi Dragon**. The great Kai Budde's first Pro Tour win also came using Dragons—this time **Covetous Dragon** in a mono-red artifact-based deck. Pro Tour – Chicago 2000 showcased two Top 8 decks with Dragons: Zvi Mowshowitz's Fires deck employed **Two-Headed Dragon** and Brian Kibler's Red Zone made use of **Rith**, the **Awakener**. And who could forget Darwin Kastle's Dragon deck at Venice?

All five decklists are provided below.



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Deadguy Red (Tempest Block)

David Price - Winner - PT Los Angeles 1998

Main Deck 60 cards		Sideboard
16 Mountain	4 Giant Strength	1 Rathi Dragon
4 Wasteland	4 Cursed Scroll	1 Apocalypse
20 land	4 Kindle	2 Jinxed Idol
2 Rathi Dragon	2 Scalding Tongues	2 Scalding Tongues
4 Canyon Wildcat	14 other spells	4 Shatter
4 Fireslinger		4 Stone Rain
4 Jackal Pup		1 Torture Chamber
4 Mogg Conscripts		15 sideboard cards
4 Mogg Fanatic		
4 Mogg Raider		
26 creatures		

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Covetous Wildfire (Standard)

Kai Budde – World Champion 1999

Main Deck 60 cards		Sideboard
3 Ancient Tomb	4 Cursed Scroll	2 Boil
4 City of Traitors	4 Fire Diamond	3 Earthquake
13 Mountain	4 Grim Monolith	1 Mishra's Helix
20 land	2 Mishra's Helix	1 Phyrexian Processor
4 Covetous Dragon	4 Temporal Aperture	2 Rack and Ruin
1 Karn, Silver Golem	4 Thran Dynamo	2 Shattering Pulse
3 Masticore	4 Voltaic Key	4 Spellshock
8 creatures	4 Wildfire	15 sideboard cards
	2 Worn Powerstone	
	32 other spells	

My Fires (Standard)

Zvi Mowshowitz – Top 8 – PT Chicago 2000

Main Deck 60 cards		Sideboard
10 Forest	4 Chimeric Idol	4 Kavu Chameleon
5 Mountain	4 Fires of Yavimaya	3 Earthquake
4 Karplusan Forest	4 Saproling Burst	3 Flashfires
4 Rishadan Port	4 Assault/Battery	2 Reverent Silence
2 Dust Bowl	1 Earthquake	2 Tangle
<hr/>		1 Obliterate
25 land	17 other spells	15 sideboard cards
3 Two-Headed Dragon		
4 Birds of Paradise		
4 Llanowar Elves		
4 Blastoderm		
3 Jade Leech		
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18 creatures		

Red Zone (Standard)

Brian Kibler – Top 8 – PT Chicago 2000



Main Deck 60 cards		Sideboard
8 Forest	4 Chimeric Idol	4 Armadillo Cloak
4 City of Brass	4 Armageddon	3 Tsabo's Decree
4 Brushland	3 Wax/Wane	3 Kavu Chameleon
4 Karplusan Forest	11 other spells	2 Flashfires
4 Rishadan Port		2 Simoon
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24 land		15 sideboard cards
2 Rith, the Awakener		
4 Birds of Paradise		
4 Llanowar Elves		
4 River Boa		
4 Blastoderm		
4 Ancient Hydra		
3 Jade Leech		
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25 creatures		

The Claw (Onslaught Block)

Darwin Kastle – Top 8 – PT Venice 2003



Main Deck 60 cards		Sideboard
2 Contested Cliffs	4 Starstorm	1 Slice and Dice
4 Wooded Foothills	4 Explosive Vegetation	2 Insurrection
8 Mountain	8 other spells	4 Shock
11 Forest		4 Naturalize
<hr/>		4 Silkflash Spider
25 land		15 sideboard cards
4 Wirewood Elf		
4 Krosan Tusker		
4 Ravenous Baloth		
4 Goblin Clearcutter		
4 Kilnmouth Dragon		
4 Imperial Hellkite		
3 Rorix Bladewing		
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27 creatures		



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