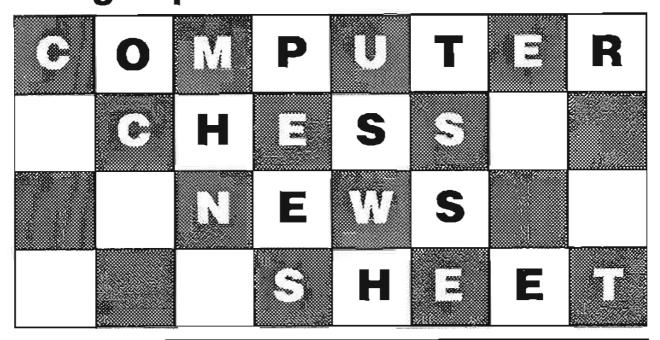
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WELSER 1993 - Big win for THE KING2.0 FRITZ2 tops the PC SOFTWARE programs!

The basic result of this MAJOR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT, now in its 8th year, was given in NS/46, but I now have the full cross-table and a selection of games from the Austrian organisers at *PC SCHACH*. Whilst the games are mostly those played by the PC programs (the Austrian Mag's main emphasis now), there are some very good ones and NS readers should certainly enjoy all of those here.

However let me first give you a run-down of the entrants, with details of the HARDWARE in use, as that is clearly a relevant point where PC programs are concerned. Normally WELSER is a 9 Round Swiss with from 30 to 40 entrants, but a break from tradition this year saw 10 selected top DEDICATED and PC PROGRAMS meet in an all-play-all. I list them in ESTIMATED RATING ORDER based on the figures in NS/46.

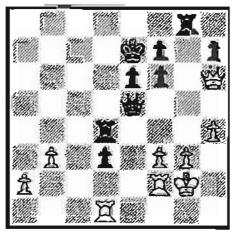
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There were a good number of surprises throughout the Tournament, none more so than in this game from round 1. Bear in mind that what we have here is the same Fidelity 68030 program which lost 18-14 to Mephisto ALMERIA as long ago as the 1988 World Computer Championship Match. At that time Fidelity had

slightly the faster hardware, but ALMERIA has come through a series of upgrades -> Portorose -> Lyon -> Vancouver -> Chess GENIUS and, on a 486/66, now also has a 2½/1 power advantage! The result therefore should be almost a foregone conclusion!

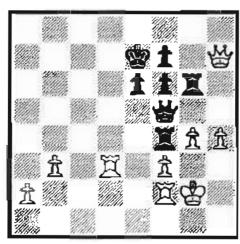
<u>C/GENIUS 486</u> (2405) - <u>Fid ELITE 030</u> (2225) (Round 1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 axb5 13.Bxb5+ Bd7 14.Nxd7 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qxb5* 16.Nxf8* Rxf8 17.b3 [Interestingly the Meph VANCOUVER would have still been in Book here, and would play 17.a4] **17...Ra3?!** [17...Qe5+ 18.Kf1 Nd5 looks a worthwhile alternative, so that Black can release the f8/Rook by Ke7 without White having Bb4+ available] 18.Bc1 Qe5+ 19.Kf1 Ra8 20.Bb2 Rd8 21.Qe2 Qd5 22.Rd1 d3 23.Qd2 Qa8 24.Bxf6?! [Freeing Black's Rook for him, and onto the dangerous g-file, is a bad mistake. We suggest 24.a4] 24...gxf6 25.h3 Rg8! 26.Rh2 [26.Rq1 appears better, but White wants to put his King here which is quite a good idea! 26...Rg5 27.Kg1 Qa3 28.h4 Rq8 29.g3 Rg4 30.Rg2 Rgd4 31.f3 Qc5 32.Rf2 Ke7! 33.Kg2 Rg8 34.Qh6 Qe5!



35.g4 Rf4! 36.Rxd3 [White had a difficult choice to make after Black's fine 35...Rf4. Here are two alternatives:- [i] 36.Qxh7 Rgxg4+!

37.fxg4 Rxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qf4+ 39.Ke1 Qe3+ 40.Kf1 Qf3+! wins the Rook and the game. [ii] 36.Re1 (a subtle choice!) Qd4 37.Ref1 (37.Rd1 Rgxg4+ 38.Kf1 Rxf3! 39.Qd2 Rgf4 is crushing) d2! 38.Rd1 Rgxg4+! 39.fxg4 Qxf2+ is mate in 4] 36...Rg6l 37.Qxh7 Qf5!! [A remarkable find which incorporates enormous complications and appears to offer White a move that gets him back into the game!]



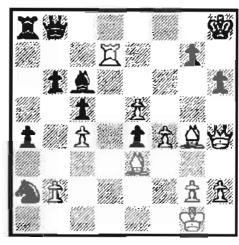
38.Rd7+ Kxd7 39.Qxf7+ Kc8 40.Kh1
Qb1+ 41.Kh2 e5! 42.Qh7 Rd4 43.h5
Rd1 44.Qh8+ Kd7 45.Qh7+ Ke6
46.hxg6 [46.Qxg6 looks better to me... Rh1+
47.Kg3 Qg1+ 48.Rg2 Qe1+ 49.Rf2 Rg1+
50.Kh3 Qxf2 wins the Rook, but now it's White's turn! 51.Qe8+. With Qg3 mate threatened, White must go for perpetual check. Can he get it?
Probably not, but I'll opt out here and let NS readers do some of their own study!]
46...Rh1+ 47.Kg3 Rxh7 48.gxh7 Qxh7
[And White resigned on move 74] 0-1. A great start for the 'old' Spracklen program which was to get another unexpected point when it beat the

But back to the first round. The KING, which in its latest version (2.0/30MHz) was 50 Elo clear top in NS/46, quickly makes certain we all know exactly why it is the current 'No.1'.

RISC 2500 in a later round!

The KING2/32 (2450) - ZARKOV2.6 486 (2227) (Round 1)

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 e4 3.Nd4 Nc6* 4.Nc2 Nf6 5.Nc3* h6 6.e3 Bb4 7.Nxb4 Nxb4 8.Qb3 Na6 9.d4 exd3 10.Bxd3 Nc5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Be2 Na6 13.0-0 Nb4 14.Qb3 c5 15.Rd1 Re8 16.f3 Nc617.Nb5 Re6?! 18.e4 a6 19.Qa3 b6
20.Bf4 Nh5 21.Be3 f5 22.f4 Nf6 23.e5
Ne4 24.Nc3 Bb7 25.Nxe4 fxe4 26.Bg4
Re7 27.Rd6 [One has to say that ZARKOV's
play is all over the place, with very little pawn or
piece co-ordination. White's better organised
position seems ready to punish this] 27... Nb4
28.Qb3 a5 29.Rad1 a4 30.Qc3 Nxa2
31.Qe1 [31.Qa3 might have looked more likely,
but The KING's strength is excellent piece
co-operation against important areas of the board]
31...Kh8 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rxd7 Qb8
34.Qh4 Bc6



[What next... would you believe a Mate in 12 announcement?!!] 35.Rxg7 Kxg7 [ZARKOV read -424 playing this] 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Be6+ Kh7 38.Bf5+ Kg8 39.Qg6+ Kf8 40.Qxh6+ Ke8 41.Qxc6+ Kf8 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Be6+ Kh7 44.Qh4+ Kg7 45.f5! [The exclamation mark is mainly because The KING managed a mate in 12 announcement earlier seeing this 'quiet' move right at the end of the sequence - quite an achievement!] 45...Qh8 46.Qe7+ 1-0

Back in 1988 the Fidelity (Spracklen) programs were well-known as Computer leaders when it came to endgame strength. But here we can compare how others have progressed since then.

Fid ELITE 030 (2225) - MChessPRO 486 (2382) (Round 2)

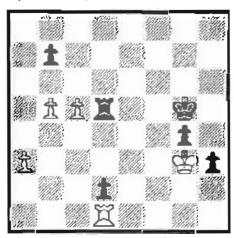
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2* Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Bf4 h6*12.Re1 0-0 13.e4 Nc4 14.Qc1 g5 15.Bd2 Nd7 16.h3 Qa5 17.Qc2

Rfb818.Reb1 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Rxb2! 20.Rxb2 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Bxc3 22.Rab1 Bxb2 23.Rxb2 Ne5 [After the exchanges we find that material is equal, but MCP's Bishop and Knight are better-placed with more scope to support his passed c/Pawn) 24.Rb3 Be2 25.a3 Kq7 26.f4 qxf4 27.gxf4 Nd3 28.f5? [A distinctly unhappy positional choice, surely, giving Black's King a straightforward route for the advance plus the reward on arrival of a strong square at e5 from which to command his (roops) 28...Kf6! 29.Bf3 Rg8 + 30.Kh2 Nf4 31.Rb2 Ke5 32.Bh1 Ra8 33.Ra2 c4 34.Rc2 Kd4 35.Ra2 Bd3 36.Kg3 Ke3! **37.N**×**c4**+ [What else? If 37.a4 c3! 38.Nb3 Bxe4 39.Bxe4 Kxe4 and Black will soon mop-up the d5/Pawn as woll, with an easy win] 37...Bxc4 38.Rc2 Ne2 + 39.Kh2 Kd4 **40.Rb2** Rxa3 [And the game lasted to move 52 before the ELITE team gave it upl 0-1

Richard Lang must be fed up with meeting ZARKOV programs in serious competition!. Though his programs, both in Mephisto boards and as Chess GENIUS on PC, have continuously been graded as much as 150-200 Elo higher, he regularly loses to ZARKOV in major Events.

However the Diagram position, at move 61, suggests that the jinx is about to end!

ZARKOV2.6 486 (2227) - CGENIUS 486 (2405) (Round 2)



61.c6 bxc6 62.bxc6 Rd3 + [So the scene for some small revenge is surely 100% set: GENIUS, showing +296 playing this, has thegame is all but won] 63.Kf2 g3 + 64.Ke2 h2?? [GENIUS reads +512, but a big evaluation]

wont make up for an altogether wrong move selection.... PC SCHACH calls it 'crass' if I translate correctly! There has to be a line of errant endgame knowledge hidden somewhere in CG to produce what really represents a 'winning' evaluation... a disaster should a Correspondence player take it for granted! Of course 64...Rc3! would have won easily. White has little choice but to play 65.Kxd2 Rxc6 66.Ke2 (If 66.a4?? Rd6+ 67.Kc2 Rxd1 68.Kxd1 g2 wins with ease) Rc2+ 67.Kd3, and now Black can win with 67...g2 68.Kxc2 h2. White's checks with the Rook will not delay the end for long 65.Kxd3 g2 66.c7 h1Q 67.c8Q Qxd1 68.Qc5+ Kh4 69.Qf2 + Kh3 [And GENIUS suddenly reads 000 here, though the operators rightly allowed play to continue to move 79 before agreeing the draw, to make sure neither program produced a follow-up blunder] 1/2-1/2

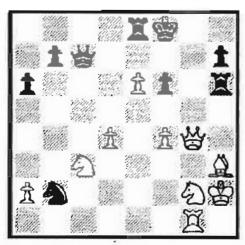
The full TOURNAMENT TABLE at the end of this selection of games will show that ZARKOV also got the draw against the VANCOUVER 68030. I suppose draws for the Lang programs are an improvement on defeats, but the series of good results achieved by ZARKOV over the past 3 years in games against Richard Lang is quite amazing. At home my VANCOUVER 68020 has always shown a clear superiority of 5:1 over ZARKOV on my 386/20 (which represents a virtually equal hardware match-up).

FRITZ2 had won its first 2 games, but now faces one of the Tournament favourites in round 3.

FRITZ2 486 (2270) - GIDEON3.1/32 (2394) (Round 3)

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.Qb3 Na5
8.Qa4 + * Bd7 9.Qc2 Rc8 10.e3 e6*
11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh4 g5 14.g4
gxh4 15.gxh5 [The exchange has produced a
rather unusual though temporary Pawn set-up
along the h-fite!] 15...Bd6 [15...f5 keeps the
strange Pawn formation on the board for a while,
and might also be a better choice] 16.Nxh4
Qe7 17.Bh3 Rg8 18.Ng2 a6 19.0-0 Bb5
20.Rfe1 Rg5 21.e4 Rxh5 22.Re3 Qc7
23.Qd1! Bxh2 + ?! [How many humans would
play this? Okay, the g/ Pawn - which springs the
g3-trap a la Fisher-Spassky - has gone, but there

may still be the chance of (4 which most strong players would fear) 24.Kh1 Rh6 25.Qg4 Kf8 26.exd5 Re8 27.f4! Nc4 28.Rxe6 Bd7 29.Kxh2 Bxe6 30.dxe6 Nxb2 31.Rg1 [Creating some potentially nasty possibilities]



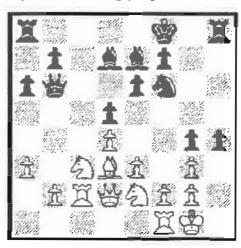
31...Rg6 [This appears quite clever. At first 1 thought that 31...Qxc3 was better. However it allows 32.Nh4! Rg6 (needed now to stop the mate on g7) 33.Nxg6+ hxg6 34.Qxg6 Mmmm. When we get there, it is clear that my Qxc3 idea was no good!] 32.Nd5 Qg7 33.Qe2 Na4 34.Rc1 f5 35.Qc2! [Easy to find, but very strong nonetheless as it attacks the a4/N and threatens mate after Qc8. Because of the latter threat the Knight cannot be saved 35...Rqxe6 36.Qxa4 Re2 37.Rc7 Qh6 38.Rxb7 R8e6 39.Qb4+ Kg8 40.Qc4 Rxg2+ 41.Kxg2 Rg6+ 42.Kh2 Kh8 43.Qc7 Rg7 44.Nf6 (With mate in 5 announcement) 44... Rg2 + 45.Kxg2 Qg6 + 46.Kh2 h6 47.Qh7 + Qxh7 48.Rxh7 + 1-0 and well done FRITZ2!

With FRITZ2 and The KING joint leaders on 3/3, we have to show their 4th round meeting.

FRITZ2 (2270) - The KING2/32 (2455) (Round 4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5* cxd5 6.e3 e6* 7.Rc1 Qb6 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.a3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Be7 14.Nb5 Kf8 [Black must defend against Nc7+, but this appears an unlikely way of doing so. Not 14...0-0?? of course, because of 15.Rxh6. But 14...Rb8 looks quite good, though 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Nf3, and now Nc5 looks clever but 17.dxc5

Qxc7 18.Qc3! gives White a definite advantage.
14.. Bd8 would therefore be my choice, though
14...Bd6 may also work out okay] 15.Nf3 o6
16.Nc3 g4 17.Ng1 Nf6 18.Nge2 Bd7
19.0-0 h5 20.Rc2 h4 [Another fascinating attack by the de Koning program is developing!]



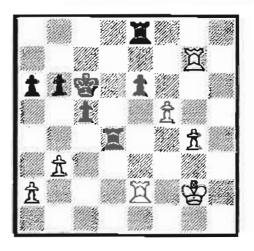
21.f3 gxf3 22.gxf3 hxg3 23.Nxg3 Bd6 **24.f4** [So White has exchanged off the Pawns which fronted the KING attack, and blocked the d6-h2 diagonal threats. We now wait to see how FRITZ2 will cope with the defence of the open g and h-files, when inevitable threats develop along these) 24...Ke7 25.Rf2 Rag8 26.Rg2 Bc6 27.Nce2 Rh3 28.Rc3 Ng4 29.Nf1 Rh4 **30.Nfg3 a5 31.e4??** [A shame, but this can't be right. After coping so well, and just as things seemed to be coming under control, White helps his opponent to open the centre which multiplies the scope and power of his 2 Bishops] 31...dxe4 32.Bxe4 Bb5 33.Rb3 a4 34.Rc3 Nf6 35.Bf3 Ba6 36.Qe3 Kd7 37.b4 axb3 38.Rxb3 Qa5 39.Nf1 Rxg2+ 40.Bxg2 Ke7 41.Qf2 Rg4 42.Qf3 Kf8 43.Re3 [43.Rc3 to block Black's next might seem better, though Bxe2! forces 44.Rc8 + Kg7 45.Qxe2, and now Qxa3 puts Black well in control] 43...Qe1! 44.f5 Nd5 45.Qxg4 Nxe3 46.Qg5 Nxf5 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.Qg5 + Kh7 49.Qh5 + Nh6 50.Bf3 Qd1 51.Kg2 Bxe2 52.Bxe2 Qxd4 53.Qf3 Qg7+ 54.Kh3 f5 55.a4 Nf7 56.Qh5 + Kg8 57.Bg4 [57.Qh4 e5 58.Ng3 14 59.Nf5 probably turns out best] **57...Ng5** + [57...fxg4+ also wins of course: 58.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 59.Kxg4 Ne5+ etc] **58.Kh4** Kf8 [A strange choice, just to stop Qe8+ one imagines] 59.Bxf5 exf5 60.Ng3 [60.Ne3?? Nf3+! 61.Qxf3 Qh6+ 62.Qh5 Be7+! winning the

Queen] 60...Bxg3 + 61.Kxg3 Ne4 + 62.Kf4 Qc7 + 63.Kxf5 [63.Kf3 Qg3 + 64.Ke2 Qg2 + 65.Kd3 Qd2 + 66.Kc4 Qc2 + 67.Kd5 (anything else allows mate) 67...Nf6 + again wins the Queen] 63...Ng3 + [Which wins Queen for Knight, and White resigned. There was some powerful play by The KING which often seemed ablo to reorganise cleverly and come up with strong alternatives whenever an initial plan was blocked] 0-1

The KING2.0 had another 'big' game in round 5, this time against the actual World Champion, though 2nd. favourite, GIDEON3.1! Koning's program triumphed once more, but only after a hard fought 95 move battle. Third favourite Chess GENIUS was matched against the tough FRITZ2 program.

C/GENIUS 486 (2405) - FRITZ2 486 (2270) (Round 5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Bf5 5.Nf3 Nd7* 6.Nd2 c6 7.Nc4 Qc7 8.Qf3* e6 [8...Bxc2?? 9.Bf4! Qd8 10.Qe2 threatening Nd6 mate! as well as the capture of the c2/B] 9.Bf4 Qd8 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Naf6 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Bg5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd3 16.cxd3 Nfd7 17.d4 h6 18.Be3 Kd8? (Heading for c7, then Rad8 taking three moves altogether to develop the Rook, whereas 18...0-0-0 gets the job done in one, with the option of Kc7 if required later] 19.Ne4 Kc7 20.Rac1 Nd5 21.Bd2 Rad8 22.Nd6 Rhf8 23.h3 f6 24.Rfe1 fxe5 25.dxe5 a6 26.Re4 g5 27.h4 Nf4 28.hxg5 hxg5 29.Rc2 b6 30.Be3 Nxe5 31.Rxe5 Rxd6 32.Rxg5 Rd1 + 33.Kh2 Nd5 34.Rg7 + Kd6 35.Bg5 Rh8 + 36.Kg3 Rd3 + 37.f3 Rd1 38.Re2 c5 39.Rf7 Re8 40.Bf6 Nxf6 41.Rxf6 Ra1 42.b3 Rd1 43.Kf2 Rh1?! (FRITZ goes onto the defensive. I prefer b5 in this almost equal position which ought to be drawn] 44.f4 Rh7 45.Kf3 Kd7 46.g4 Rh3 + [The checks achieve little.... they may even help White! Surely Black's best plan is to mobilise his Q-side Pawn majority?!] 47.Kg2 Rd3 [Considering the note at move 43 we see that the Rook has completed a wasted circuit back to the d-file, while White's K-side Pawn advantage has got nicely under wayl 48.Rf7 + Kc6 49.f5 Rd4 50.Rg7

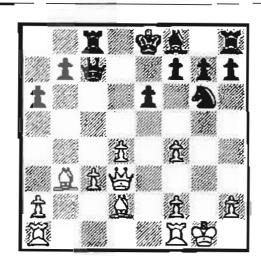


50... e5 [Reading -44 -> f6. Better was 50...Kd5, but 51.Rg6 virtually forces 51...e5 after which 52.Kg3 leaves White well placed] **51.f6** Rd7 52.f7 Rf8 53.Rf2 e4 54.g5 e3 55.Rf6 + Kc7 56.Kf3 c4? [played with resignation. Better was 56...Re7, but 57.Ke2 Kd7 58.g6 Re6 59.Rg8 undoubtably gives White the win anyway] 1-0

FRITZ2 was having a real up-and-down Tournament: starting with 3/3, then going 0/2, it now beat rival M Chess PRO in round 6 to keep in with chances of being the top software program. But the game of the round is the one that follows, with The KING entering it on 5/5!

The KING2/32 (2455) - C/GENIUS 486 (2405) (Round 6)

1.e4 <6 2.c4 d5 3.c×d5 c×d5 4.e×d5 Nf6 5.Nc3* Nxd5* 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bg4 9.d4 Qa5 10.Qd3?! [An interesting choice as it immediately allows Black to damage his K-side Pawn structure. 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 and then 11.Qd3 seems to give better balance. But that is not one of the combative KING's top priorities!] 10...Bxf3 11.qxf3 e6 12.Bf4 Rc8 13.0-0 [Another interesting choice, castling onto the half-open g-file! 13.Bc4 or Bd2 would suit me better. Still, the move played does get the King off the a5-e1 diagonal] 13...a6 14.Bc4 Ne7 15.Bd2 Ng6 16.f4 Qc7 17.Bb3 (See Diagram at top of next page 117...Nxf4? [A more understandable mistake if coming from a human - you've just spent 2 or 3 moves manouvring to win the Pawn, so you grab it as soon as it becomes 'available', generously patting yourself on the back for a plan



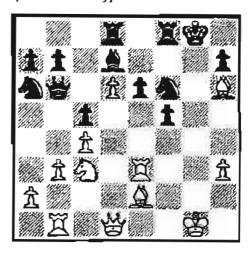
that's come together! However 17...Bd6 was a better way to proceed for winning the Pawn, forcing 18.f5 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 exf5 Even now we find that White has 20.Rae1 + Kf8 21.f4! (Shades FRITZ-GIDEON in round 3!) 21...Bxf4 22.Qxf5 f6 (22...Bxd2 23,Qxf7+ m/ 4) 23.Rxf4! with a winning position] 18.Ba4 + Kd8 [18...b5 19.Bxb5+! axb5 20.Qxb5+ Kd8 (20...Qc6 21.Qxc6+ Rxc6 22.Bxf4 Rxc3, and 23.Rfc1 also leaves White with the advantage, but not such a big one I think?!) 21.Qg5+ Be7 22.Qxf4 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 Rxc3 24.Rfb1, with a small advantage, but no more] 19.Qf3 Bd6 20.Rfe1 Nd5 21.Bg5+ Be7 22.Bd2 Nb6 23.Bb3 Ke8 24.c4 Qc6 [24...8f6 25.05 Nd7 looks better] **25.d5!** [Taking full advantage of the powerfully placed e1/Rook. The move is so much better than alternatives that I was a little disappointed to find my Meph RISC takes over 4 mins to find it, preferring until then the pale Qxc6?!] **25...exd5?!** [Or should it be !? - I'm not sure. The alternative is 25...Qd7, then 26.Bc3 is recommended by FRITZ2 and Meph RISC among others, but it seems an idle threat as 27.Bxg7? Rg8! Perhaps 26.Rac1 is best?] 26.Bb4 Rc7 27.cxd5 Qg6+ 28.Kh1 Kd8 29.Bxe7 + Rxe7 30.Rxe7 Kxe7 **31.d6** +!! [Crushing after all the exchanges] **31...K×d6** [lf 31...Qxd6 32.Qxf7+ Kd8 33.Rd1, winning Queen for Rook now, with more to follow)] 32.Qxb7 Kc5 [This appears to solve most of the problems compared with alternatives GENIUS could have tried. For example if [i] 32...Nc8 33.Rc1 Ke5 34.Qd5 + wins easily. Or [ii] 32...Rc8 33.Qxb6+ Ke7 (33...Ke5 34.Re1+ Kf5 35.Qa5+ Kg4 36.Qb4+ and mate follows in 7) 34.Qb7 + Kd6 35.Qxc8 again wins easily] 33.Rc1 + I [And the clever clogs

announced mate in 10!] 33...Kd4 34.Rd1 + Kc5 35.Qe7+ Kb5 36.a4+ Nxa4 37.Bxa4+ Kxa4 38.Rd4+ Kb5 39.Rb4+ Kc6 40.Rc4+ Kd5 41.Rc5+ Kd4 42.Qe3+ 1-0

Now on 6/6, The KING was running away with the Event.... so the next game is a 'must'!

MChess PRO 486 (2382) - The KING2/32 (2455) (Round 7)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 d6* 7.g4*?! Na6 8.Bd2 Qb6?! 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.f4! Ne8 11.h3 e6 12.Nf3 Rb8 [A strange choice with no obvious purpose that I can see] 13.e5 Rd8 14.b3 Qc7 15.0-017 [Sacrificing a Pawn, which The KING understandably takes. An alternative was 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.exd6 Nxd6 17.Rf1! and an equally good contest in view] 15...dxe5 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rf3 f5 19.Bg5 Nf6 20.Re3 Qc7 21.d6 Qb6 [21...Qb8 might enable the Queen to get back into the game more easily 22.gxf5 gxf5 [Who has the advantage? I understand that MCP read +59 here, despite being the Pawn down, so that represents some good chess knowledge on scope and activity] 23.Bh6!



[White's aim is to remove one of Black's few K-side defenders... the f6/N] 23...Rf7 24.Bh5!
Rg7+ [The alternative was 24...Nxh5 25.Qxh5 f4 to stop the deadly Rg3+, but 26.Qg5+ is mate in 6 anyway: 26...Kh8 27.Qe5+ Kg8 28.Kh2 Re7 29.Rg1+ etc] 25.Bxg7 Kxg7
26.Rg3+ Kh8 [it is worth following The KING's evals for a while. Here it is -234] 27.Qd2! [Not a hard move to find, but it's

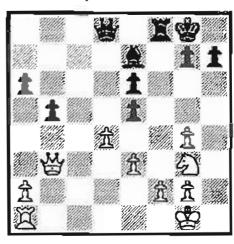
certainly a convincing one] 27...Nxh5 [Black is completely outgunned with a Knight and his Queen wasting away on the wrong wing. Perhaps the move played is best, reading -336, but maybe 27...Qa5 could have been tried here?] 28.Na4 Nxg3 [-562] 29.Qc3+ Kg8 30.Qxg3+ Kf7 [-809!] 31.Nxb6 Bc6 [If 31...axb6 32.Qh4 Rg8+ 33.Kf2 Rg6 34.Qe7+ Kg8 35.Qxd7, with an easy win] 32.Qh4 Rxd6 33.Qxh7+ Kf8 34.Nc8 Rd7 [-978] 35.Qh6+ Ke8 36.Qxe6+ Kd8 37.Qg8+ Kc7 38.Nxa7 Nb4 39.Qg3+ f4 40.Qxf4+ Kb6 41.Nc8+ Ka5 42.Qe5 b6 43.a3 Ka6 44.axb4 Kb7 45.Nd6 + Kc7 [announcing mate in 7 against itself] 46.Rd1 Bd5 47.Rxd5 etc. An excellent and exciting game by M CHESS PRO! 1-0

However, after the elation of round 7, M Chess PRO lost to GENIUS in round 8, whilst The KING returned to winning ways! On to the last round.

VANCOUVER 030 (2345) - CGENIUS 486 (2405) (Round 9)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.Bb5
Nd7 9.Qa4 Rc8* [The later version of Richard Lang's program is caught by the VANCOUVER in a line which had been shortened for the PC program to reduce memory size!] 10.0-0 a6
11.Bxc6 Rxc6 12.Rfc1* Rc4 13.Qd1
Be7 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Rxc4 dxc4 16.b3
cxb3 17.Qxb3 [CGENIUS has the 2 Bishops and distant Pawn majority for a small plus at this point. Also, of course, it has a speed advantage: 100CMHz against 40CMHz] 17...b5 18.Ng3

Bg4?! 19.Ne5! Nxe5 20.Bxe5 f6 21.h3 fxe5 22.hxg4 [As it stands here the exchanges have damaged Black's Pawn structure more than White's]



22...Kf7 [If 22...exd4, trying to 'equalise' the damaged Pawn structure, then 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Rd1! Rf6 25.Qe4 Qf8 looks guite interesting. though probably still favouring White) 23.dxe5 Qc7 24.f4 Rd8 25.Ne2 Qb6 26.Kf1 Bc5 27.Rd1?! Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Qo5 29.Qd7 + Be7 30.Nd4! Qxa2 [Wins the Pawn and protects the threatened e6 Pawn. However Black's King is left wide open to various threats and, though I haven't found it, I still wonder if Black had a better defence hereabouts 31.f5 Qo1 + 32.Kf2 Qb2 + 33.Kf3 [When Richard Lang's programs get the endgame right, their evals, really show it... +506 here.!} 33...exf5?! [If 33...Qc1!? 34.fxe6+ Kf8 35.Nf5!] **34.e6+ Kf6** [34...Kg6 **3**5.Qxe7 fxg4+ 36.Kf4 Qf2 + 37.Nf3 h6 (37...gxf3?? 38.Qg5 + ismate!) 38.Qf7 + wins easily] 35.g5 + Kxg5 36.Qxe7+ and Black resigned 1-0

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2	FRITZ2 486	0	XXX	1/2	0	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	6
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	Meph RISC 1MB	0	0	0	0	1	XXX	1	1	1/2	1	41/2
7	GIDEON3.1/32	0	0	1	1/2	1	0	XXX	1/2	1	0	4
8	FIG ELITE 68030	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	0	1/2	ххх	0	1	31/2
9	ZARKOV2.6 486	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	XXX	1/2	3
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RESULTS & NEWS from AROUND THE WORLD

We start with various RESULTS sent in by BRITISH readers of NEWS SHEET.

FRANK HOLT continues to be one of the most prolific of our COMPUTER v. COMPUTER testers. His latest endeavours have concerned the FRITZ2 program, running on his 486/66.

FRITZ2 486/66

RESULTS for RATING

F2 - MEPH RISC 51/2-61/2

F2 - MHPH BERLIN 9-3

F2 - CMACHINE KING/15 7-5

F2 - CMACHINE GIDEON/15 41/2-71/2

ACTIVE and BLITZ RESULTS

F2 - MEPH RISC 3-1

F2 - MEPH BERLIN 21/2-11/2

F2 - CMachine KING/15 1-3

F2 - CMACHINE GIDEON/15 21/2-11/2

This is an impressive set of results for FRITZ2, confirming the developing view that both it and M Chess PRO are relatively notably stronger on the 486 PC's than on the 386's - due to their use of Extended RAM for Hash.

Another set of results from Frank enable us to compare the Chess GENIUS score against Mephisto RISC:

Chess GENIUS 486/66

RESULTS for RATING CG - MEPH RISC 261/2-91/2

ACTIVE and BLITZ RESULTS

CG - MEPH RISC 5-7

Viewing these results together confirms that FRITZ2, some 200 Elo behind Chess GENIUS on the 386 machines, is still some way behind on the 486 despite the extra Hash usage. Comparing the scores, FRITZ2 486 gets 53% against Mephisto RISC, whilst Chess GENIUS 486 gets 66% - a rating gap of about 100 Elo.

Frank also sent me some interesting CHARTS and GRAPHS, showing that the NEWS SHEET Rating List has dropped by around 25 Elo

points in the period between Jan 1992 and April 1993. This happens as an outcome of the most recent RESULTS v. HUMANS and as these have been fed into my COMPUTER RATING PROGRAM some have failed to show the progress that COMPUTER v COMPUTER scores might indicate on their own.

The RATING PROGRAM is set to make its own adjustments (up or down!), always emphasising the most current performances, so it is nothing to do with a 'feeling' I or anyone else may have, but is purely the consequence of mathematical principles being applied to facts! Indeed readers will observe that this Issue, which incorporates amongst others the AEGON ratings, shows a further drop of 4 or 5 points.

Here are a couple of games from Frank's long series:-

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5

Nbd7 5.Nf3 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 c5

The KING/15 - FRITZ2 486

30 moves in 1 hour (30/60)

8.cxd5 Nxd5* 9.Bxe7* Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Be2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 h6 15.Roc1 Kh7 16.Rc7 Kg6 [Evals. are KING + 135; F2-41] 17.Bd3+ Kf6 18.Rhc1 Rd8 19.8f5 Nb6 20.Bxc8 Raxc8 21, Rxb7 Rxc1 22, Kxc1 Rd7 23.Rxd7 Nxd7 24.Nc6 Nc5 25.Kd2 a6 26.f3 Ke6 27.Nd4+ Ke5 28.b4 Nd7 29.f4+ Ke4 30.Nb3 Kf5 31.Nc5 Nxc5 32.bxc5 Ke6 33.Kd3 o5 [Frank comments that F2 constantly under-estimated the difficulty of its position in this game. Here the evals. were KING + 302; F2 - 150] 34.Kd4 g6 35.g4 f5 36.gxf5+ gxf5 37.a4 h5 38.h4 Kd7 [At this moment the F2 eval. went mad! It dropped to -3541 (!!) and resigned.... but Frank played on for a couple more moves] 39.Kxd5 Kc7 40.c6 [And KING announces m/10, confirmed by FRITZ2 as it plays 40... Kc8 41.Kd6 Kd8 42.e4 fxe4 43.c7+ Kc8 44.f5 e3 45.16 e2 47.17 e1 = R 47.18 = Q + Re848.Qxe8 + Kb7 49.c8 = Q + etc] 1-0

FRITZ2 486 - Meph RISC

30 moves in 30 mins (30/30)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.Nc5 b5 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2* a6 8.b3 Nd5* [Coming out of their Books, MR has it about equal, but F2 prefers Black's position. showing -471 9.Bd2 f6 10.Nf3 cxb3 11.Qxb3 e6 12.e4 Nc7 13.Be3 a5 14.0-0 a4 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Bf4 e5 17.dxe5 g5 18.Rad1 gxf4 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.e6 Nxe6 21.Bxe6 fxg3 22.hxg3 Qb6 23.Bq4 Bc5 24.Bh5 + Kf8 25.Qd2 Qc7 26.e5 h6 27.Qf4 Rh7 28.Ne4 Be7 29.Rfe1 f5 30.Bg6 Rg7 [F2 has + 122; MR -219... which drops to -642 after the next 2 moves! 31.Nd6 Rxq6 32.Qxf5 Rf6 33.Qh7 Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Ke8 35.Qg6+ Kf8 36.e6 Ne5 37.Rxe5 [F2 calls m/7] 37...Bxe6 38.Qxh6+ Kg8 [MR shows -m/5 now and resigns: 39.Qxe6+ Kf8 40.Rf5+ Bf6 41.Qxf6+ Kg8 42.Flg5+ Kh7 43.Qh6 matel 1-0

DAVID EGDOLL sent me a small range of results from his Kasparov TURBO ADVANCED TRAINER. This is the SAME program and processor as in the GK2000 so the results for BOTH are now included together in the Rating List.

David played it against three PC programs on his 286, the scores coming out as follows:-

Kasp TURBO ADV TRAINER (GK2000)

Mostly 40/2 - a couple 60/60

KTAT - C'MASTER 3000 286/12 21/2-11/2

KTAT - PSION2 286/12 41/2-21/2

KTAT - ZARKOV 286/12 4-0 (!)

DAVE ELLISON has completed a long Match between Kasp RISC 25000 and Fid ELITE 68000v2. From the Rating Lists one would expect the RISC machine to score around 80%, so the Fidelity did quite well!

RISC 2500 - ELITE 68000v2

GAME in 1 hour

KASP RISC 2500 - FID ELITE 68000 13-7

40 moves in 2 hours

KASP RISC 2500 - Fid ELITE 68000 14-6

Haif of the games were played with KRIS on Normal, and the other half on Offensive - the scores were IDENTICAL!

On analysing the scores afterwards, Dave discovered that KRIS scored 10/11 as White when opening with 1.e4, but 51/2/9 with 1.d4. He was unable to draw any real conclusions with KRIS as Black, as the results were much more even through the openings.

I have just completed three 10 game Matches with KRIS on different settings against Chess GENIUS 386/20.

Kasp RISC 2500 - C/GENIUS 386/20

GAME in 1 hour (G/60)

KRIS NORMAL

5 -5

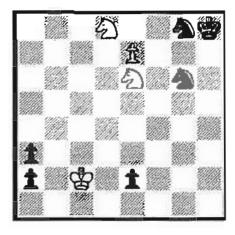
KRIS ACTIVE

51/2-41/2

KRIS SOLID

7 -3

The reason for trying a series to include Solid (for I have been more than happy with the results on both Active and Offensive), was the following reasonably straightforward position:-



It is White's move, and play quite naturally goes

1.Nf7+ Kh7 2.e8 = N e1 = N + 3.Kb3

a1 = N +

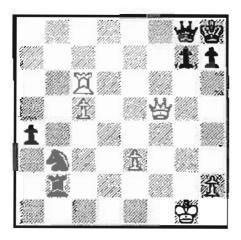
The critical moment as far as the 'KRIS discussion' is concerned. Black's checks cannot last forever... in fact much MORE than that, if White plays...

4.Ka2!

White can announce MATE IN 4 by 4...Nf3 5.Kxa1 a2 6.Kxa2 Nge5 7.Nf8 mate. On SOLID the RISC 2500 does indeed do this, within 2 secs (in fact, on SOLID it would have announced m/5 in just 8 secs when playing 3.Kb3. However on ALL others settings, KRIS inexplicably plays 4.Kxa3?? even after allowing it quite a few minutes! So something 'naughty' has crept into the program on all but the Solid setting.

That said, I have NO other such example, so it could even be unique. However having seen this I decided some proper GAME TESTING on Solid was in order, and the first result above, against C/GENIUS, makes a satisfying start.

Whilst we're looking at positions, here's another quite interesting one:-



This was brought to my attention because one of the Fidelity 68000's (CLUB | believe) failed to recognise the threat of Black's Rc8! ('a fairly obvious move' even without analysing the outcome). In fact, if allowed, it forces a draw.

The move White must play to stop it is **1.Rd2!**The FIDELITY however persisted with 1.Nd2 for a full 17 mins, though this allows 1...Rc8 and White must take the draw through perpetual check 2.Nf3+ 3.Nh2+ etc. Only at 17 mins did MACH3 change to 1.Rd2. It seemed so obvious, I wondered how some of the 'top' programs would cope. I've only tested 3, so readers might like to have a look at their own.

C/GENIUS 386 ONLY looked at 1.Rd2, which seemed very impressive! Meph RISC 1MB had 1.Nd2 +450 eval. for nearly 2 mins. Then the eval. dropped to +142 and it changed to 1.Rd2 at 2 mins 50. The story with Kasp RISC 2500 was similar, except that it changed to the correct 1.Rd2 slightly faster in 2 mins 3 on Active. On SOLID however, it got there in 1 min 24.

I then 'forced' 1.Nd2? on all the programs, to see how long they took to find 1...Rc8.

I assumed they would find it very quickly, perhaps immediately - especially C/GENIUS as it had only shown 1.Rd2 in the first place. But I was quite wrong....

C/GENIUS 386 needed no less than 3 mins 28 to change to Rc8... and was still showing -100 then! Meph RISC was MUCH better, taking only 33 secs to find Rc8 and the draw. 33 secs was actually longer than I had expected before I started, but after the GENIUS attempt it now seemed quite good! Kasp RISC 2500 was again similar to its Mephisto counterpart, slightly slower this time at 45 secs. on Active but managing 31 secs on SOLID.

Some early scores are coming through for the new COMPLETE CHESS SYSTEM for PCs - an upgrade for the Chess CHAMPION 2175 PC program by Chris WHITTINGTON and the Oxford Softworks team. The first to reach me was from regular results provider GARY SEDMAN:

COMPLETE CHESS SYSTEM - Novag SUPER FORTE C/6

40 moves in 2 hours (40/2) CCS 366/16 - NSF C/6 4½-5½

Gary is a great fan of the Novag machine at 40/2, though this differs from the 'popular' opinion that the program performs relatively better at faster speeds. Another of his recent results supports his view:

Meph LYON 68020 - Novag SUPER FORTE C/6

60 moves in 30 mins (60/30) LYON 68020 - NSF C/6 71/2-21/2

40 moves in 2 hours (40/2) LYON 68020 - NSF C/6 6-4

Gary considers the COMPLETE CHESS SYSTEM to be good value for money, though it is a bit 'fiddly' finding one's way around the otherwise generous database of 15,000 games. An Openings Key is also needed for this to make it really useful he feels. Folk with colour VGA have made glowing reference to 'dazzling graphics' but

Gary, like myself, stuck with black and white VGA on a Laptop, has trouble distinguishing the light and dark pieces.

As the next correspondent I quote has a somewhat different view and is yet to see CCS win a game, here is one from Gary's match:

Comp Chess SYSTEM 386/16 - Novag SUPER FORTE C/6

40 moves in 2 hours

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.c4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qh4+ 12.g3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qxh1 14.Qg4 Kf8? [A poor choice by Novag: 14...0-0 is 'obvious' and much better. However the NSF mistake allows CCS to produce a nice finish] 15.0-0-0 Qh2 16.Bxc4 f5 17.Qg5 Na6 18.Bxe6 Qf2 19.Nd7+ 1-0

The SUPER FORTE C/6 is graded at 2051, so the Match result implies a grading of around 2000 for CCS on a 386/16, an improvement of 40-50 Elo over the predocessor 2175 program.

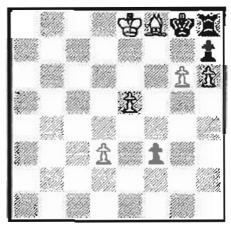
Tactical test comparisons done in *SCHACH & SPIELE* suggested a possible improvement of 100 Elo, but I still believe full games give the only reliable indication.

KEITH WHEELER's results are therefore somewhat discouraging as, in 13 games so far, mainly a couple against each of M CHESS PRO, FRITZ2, HIARCS, Novag SCORPIO, GRANDMASTER (ZARKOV), SARGON 5 and WAXMAN (a freeware chess program!), Keith's CCS 386/40 is yet to win a game, though it has managed a few draws!

Keith doesn't believe CCS is any stronger than the 2175, and has actually visited Oxford Softworks as their guest to chat things over. The RATING LIST will show the current situation, but Gary's, Keith's and my results so far suggest at present that it may struggle to reach 2000 on a 386. However Chris Whittington's use of RAM is superior to many (maybe ALL) others, so I expect it to achieve a big rating improvement of up to 200 Elo when on most 486 machines, maybe 250 on some. Time will tell.

As I mentioned in NS/45, the well-known MODUL Magazine from Austria has recently changed its name to **PC SCHACH**. Whilst British addicts continue to prefer the DEDICATED Chess Computer (so the surveys tell us!), PC's are in favour abroad and that is where the Austrian Magazine's emphasis now lies, and I hope they continue to do well. THOMAS MALLY especially is very helpful and seems a really hard worker.

In their latest Issue (1/93) they produce a rather interesting position, which readers might like to try out on their own machines.



It is White to play in this STUDY from 1940 by the Russian GULYAYEV. It looks fairly straightforward, 1.g71 will be found by most readers - all one really has to check out is what Black's promoted f-Pawn might be able to achieve.

But whilst many of the older machines find it quite quickly, some of the newer programs rather take their time about it... one or two don't manage it at all! Let's play through a few moves and see if we can work out what the problem is!

1.g7 [As above] f2 2.Be7 f1 = Q 3.Bf6 [Threatening gxh8 = Q mate] 3...Qxf6! [The only saving move and, if you analysed to here and saw that this forced move loses the Queen, you'll have been quite happy But... STOP!]

Having reached THIS position on the board, you and ALL of the Computers will quickly see that the 'automatic' **4.exf6** does 'win' the Queen.... but it's also STALEMATE! If <u>you</u> missed this fact, the Computers certainly wont have - they spotted it whilst researching 1.g7. And it appears that the usually brilliant pruning and forward selective

search techniques, whilst analysing from the INITIAL position, having spotted that 4.ext6 doesn't work, in some cases SCRAP the whole line and FAIL to find that White has a perfectly secure WIN from the position with another move:

4.gxh8 = Q(or R) + Qxh8 [Kxh8 5.exf6 m/2] **5.d4!** [Black is in zugzwang and loses all ways. E.g 5...Qxe5 6.dxe5 m/5].

How does your machine do? I set the position up on ZARKOV 386 to print the diagram and, whilst it had the wrong move for the first minute, it found and showed 1.g7 as +833 at 1 min 03. VERY good!

Whilst I did the printing I gave it to my SCORPIO and RISC 2500. The Novag machine had 1.g7 within a few seconds, but with the 000 evaluation - it had seen the stalemate, but nothing more. At least it stuck with the move and, at 3 mins 50 went to +75; then at 5 mins 50 to +253. KRIS had 1.g7 within 2 secs, but also showed 000 until 42 secs at which point it leapt to +617 (solid). Active's eval was +740 but the timing was the same. A good performance.

Now the printing was done I gave it expectantly to M CHESS PRO on my 386 and immediately got confirmation of exactly what *PC SCHACH* say happens on some Morsch and Schroeder programs. The Hirsch program showed 1.Bc5 until 4 mins 40. At this point it did go to 1.g7 showing +98 but almost immediately dropped the eval back to 000, returning to 1.Bc5 at 5 mins.... where it stayed until I'd had enough. Give it moves 1 and 2, and it jumps almost immediately to a big + eval. - but clearly some programs will not get to this moment as they stop the g7 line of search on seeing the stalemate, and apparently prune it right out! Fascinating!

The superbly produced **SCHACH & SPIELE** from Germany, where FREDERIC FRIEDEL of ChessBase and Fritz fame is another getting through mammoth amounts of work, has a couple of interesting Tournament Tables.

Before I come to those, I noticed that OSSI WEINER's company, HOBBY COMPUTER CENTRALE, shows bigger gaps between TOURNAMENT and BLITZ ratings in their advert

for various PC programs. The advert shows the Swedish PLY 40/2 Gradings alongside their Blitz Gradings and then, in bold, averages the pair to show a Rating for 'practical purposes'! It seems a neat way of giving everything a bit more than you should!

However the point I noticed is that the mathematics on the gradings indicate that Computers grade 292 Elo higher at Blitz than at Tournament. I have always worked on a figure of +200, or +250 maximum for Blitz, and +100 for Active. I will go through the PLY list and make a fuller comparison, to see if the increased figure holds up generally. I'll let you know in NS/48.

Here are the promised results:

30 secs per move To	<u>ournar</u>	nent			
	KPI	SFC	V16	тс	TOT
KASP RISC 2500		2	2	2	= 6
Nov SUP FORTE C	٥		11/2	1/2	= 3
MEPH VANC 68000	0	1/2		2	$= 2\frac{1}{2}$
KASP TRAV CHAMP	O	1/2	0		= 1/2

A comfortable win for RISC 2500, which is also reported as winning a Blitz Tourny in Istanbul with a 2535 rating; and then winning the 40/2 Open with 7½/9... no grading performance given; the best win was against ZEKI ARI (2240 Elo).

The Mephisto VANCOUVER 68030 has been busy in the MEISTER OPEN (40/2). A souped-up 66MHz version scored 6½/11 for a 2345 grade; the standard 36MHz commercial model was entered in the 'B' Section and got 8/11 for 2111.

In the following Double Rounder, all of the programs were running on 486 PC's at 33MHz with 8MB RAM under OS/2... so they competed head-to-head but no thinking in opponents time.

<u>1 m</u>	in per move (60/60)		
6 7=	CHESS GENIUS (ACT) M CHESS PRO CHESS GENIUS (SOL) CHESS GENIUS (RIS) REX CHESS M CHESS v1.63 CHESSMASTER 3000	10/14 9 8½ 8 7½ 5	
7=	FRITZ2	4 (??)	

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Eric's MS-DOS6 Autoexec.Bat and Config.Sys files

Once you start into these copies of my two FILES, you will see that I have all my chess programs installed into their own Directory, inventively called CHESS - thus CD\CHESS precedes the loading of each one.

The ordering of the instructions, especially in the CONFIG.SYS file, are slightly strange in one or two places (at least in my opinion, comparing them with the order shown in most books and which certainly applied under my MS-DOS5 system). However they are as placed by MS-DOS6's own MEMMAKER program, so they must (?!) be okay.

MEMMAKER also shows the SIZE of each L(oad) H(igh) file, but this is only so that they can be put into descending size order, which is supposed to be the optimal method.

M5-D055

Users with MS-DOS5 should be able to create BOOT.UP FLOPPIES by incorporating copies of the individual sections for each of the programs they wish to load onto a created SYSTEM disk.

E.g for FRITZ2. [1] Copy the SYSTEM files onto a floppy in the A; drive (from the C:> type SYS A: [ENTER]).

[2] Now use EDIT to create an AUTOEXEC BAT file for the floppy, comprising: @ECHO OFF

PROMPT \$p\$g

SET TEMP = C:\TEMP rem**

- ... plus the FRITZ2 listing shown opposite (excluding the top line :FRITZ2 which is an MS-DOS6 MENUMAKER line).
- [3] Again using EDIT, create a CONFIG.SYS file from my FRITZ2 listing, once more leaving out the top line ([FRITZ2]). You may also leave out those ending rem** as these are MS-DOS6 lines created by MEMMAKER. The resulting DISK should BOOT.UP for you from the At drive straight into FRITZ2 giving you the maximum memory availability for your Computer.

If you're doing one for M CHESS PRO or CHESS GENIUS, also leave out MEMMAKER's size comments (e.g. /L:1,11376). So LH /L:1,11376 MOUSE becomes LH MOUSE.

M5-DQ56

AUTOEXEC.BAT

@ECHO OFF PROMPT \$p\$g SET TEMP = C:\TEMP

GOTO %CONFIG%

:WINDOWS

rem windows section settings done and ordered by memmaker

PATH C:\WINDOWS;C:\DOS;C:\MENU;C:\BAT MODE CON CODEPAGE PREPARE = ((437) ... C:\DOS\EGA.CPI)

MODE CON CODEPAGE SELECT = 437 LH /L:0;1,43920 /S SMARTDRV 256 LH /L:1,15904 C:\DOS\KEYB ... UK,,C:\DOS\KEYBOARD.SYS LH /L:1,11376 MOUSE

LH /L:2,624 C:\CHESS\FRITZ2\CB4F2.COM C:

WIN **GOTO END**

:MCHESSPRO

rem mchesspro section settings done and ordered by memmaker PATH C:\:C:\DOS LH /L:1,15904 C:\DO\$\KEYB ... UK,,C:\DO\$\KEYBOARD.\$Y\$ LH /L:1,11376 MOUSE C: CD\CHESS\MCHPRO

MCHESS. **GOTO END**

:FRITZ2 PATH C:\;C:\DOS LH MOUSE LH C:\DOS\KEYB ... UK,,C:\DOS\KEYBOARD.SYS C: CD\CHESS\FRITZ2 FRITZ2 /X

GOTO END

:CGENIUS1

rem egenius1 section settings done and ordered

by memmaker

PATH C:\;C:\DOS

LH /L:1,15904 C:\DOS\KEYB

... UK,,C:\DOS\KEYBOARD.SYS

LH /L:1,11376 MOUSE

C:

CD\CHESS\CGENIUS1

LH CG

GOTO END

:CCSYSTEM

PATH C:\;C:\DOS

LH MOUSE

LH C:\DOS\KEYB

... UK,,C:\DOS\KEYBOARD.\$YS

C:

CD\CHESS\CCSYSTEM

CHESS

GOTO END

:END

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menuitem = WINDOWS menuitem = MCHESSPRO

menuitem = FRITZ2

menuitem = CGENIUS1

menuitem = CCSYSTEM

[WINDOWS]

rem windows section settings done and ordered

by memmaker

DEVICE = C:\DOS\HIMEM.SYS /M:PS2

DEVICE = C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE NOEMS

... HIGHSCAN min = 0 WIN = DD00-DFFF

... WIN = DA00-DCFF

BUFFERS = 20.0

FILES = 30

DOS = UMB

LASTDRIVE = E

FCBS = 4.0

DOS = HIGH

DEVICEHIGH /L:1,15792

 $\dots = C:\langle DOS \rangle DISPLAY.SYS CON = (EGA_{11})$

DEVICEHIGH /L:1,12048

... = C:\DOS\SETVER.EXE

COUNTRY = 044,437,C:\DOS\COUNTRY.SYS

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SHELL = C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM C:\DOS\ /p

[MCHESSPRO]

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ordered by memmaker

DEVICE = C:\DQS\HIMEM.SYS

DEVICE = C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE NOEMS

... HIGHSCAN

BUFFERS = 40,0

FILES = 10

DOS = UMB

LASTDRIVE = E rem**

FCBS = 4.0 rem^^

DEVICEHIGH /L:1,15792

 $... \approx C:\langle DOS \rangle DISPLAY.SYS CON = (EGA_11)$

COUNTRY = 044,437,C:\DOS\COUNTRY.SYS

DOS=HIGH

SHELL = C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM C:\DOS\ /p

[FRITZ2]

DEVICE = C:\DOS\DISPLAY.SYS CON = (EGA., 1)

COUNTRY = 044,437,C:\DOS\COUNTRY.SYS

BUFFERS = 5,0

FILES = 10

SHELL = C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM C:\DOS\ /p

[CGENIUS1]

rem cgenius1 section settings done and ordered

by memmaker

DEVICE = C:\DOS\HIMEM.SYS

DEVICE = C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE NOEMS

... HIGHSCAN I = B000-B7FF

BUFFERS = 5,0

FILES = 10

DOS = UMB

LASTDRIVE = E rem**

 $FCBS = 4.0 \text{ rem}^*$

DEVICEHIGH /L:1,15792

 $\dots = C:DOSDISPLAY.SYS CON = (EGA, 1)$

COUNTRY = 044,437,C:\DOS\COUNTRY.SYS

DOS=HIGH

SHELL = C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM C:\DOS\ /p

ICCSYSTEM

DEVICE = C:\DOS\HIMEM.SYS

DOS = HIGH, UMB

DEVICE = C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE RAM

BUFFERS = 5.0

FILES = 10

COUNTRY = 044,437,C:\DOS\COUNTRY.SYS

SHELL = C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM C:\DOS\ /p

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RISC 2500 UPGRADE arrives at last!

The long (im)patient wait is over...but it looks as if it's been worth it! Before it arrived I sent 6 positions I had selected to Saitek, to obtain timings for the UPGRADE. The SMALLEST speed-up was 17%, and the MAXIMUM 56%.

The maximum improvements occured in endgame-type positions, the best being a 6min 16secs time which was reduced to 2mins 45secs to find a winning sacrifice. Some might call this a 128% speed-up and, in a sense it is, as this one is equivalent to the 14MHz processor being speeded to nearly 32MHz!

Totalling the timings for solving all 6 positions, the RISC 2500-128 managed 18mins 49, compared with 11mins 34 for the 2500-512...an AVERAGE improvement of 38% - or the 14MHz speeded to 22½MHz. Evidence to suggest perhaps 40-50 Elo.

The price for the upgrade is £149.95 (£199.95 had been expected) so this too is good news. A RISC 2500-512K new will cost £549.95.

The actual chips to upgrade my own KRIS arrived a couple of days later, so I have now confirmed they are correct, and started a series of Matches at G/60 to measure the effect in actual play.

Though the RAM upgrade is effective at all time controls - a 28sec solution for the KRIS 128K was done in 20secs by the 512K - the largest benefits could be in endgames and at slower time controls, where the hash tables become even more efficient. Therefore a greater GRADING IMPROVEMENT might be achieved at 40/2 than at 60/60 or G/60. It will be interesting to see where RISC 2500-512 comes out on the Swedish 40/2 lists in 2 or 3 months.

In the meantime my scores so far are as follows:-

- V CHESS GENIUS 386, 31/2-21/2
- V M CHESS PRO 386, 4-2
- v M CHESS 386, 41/2-11/2
- V MEPH RISC 1MB, 3-3
- V HIARCSEXP1 B 386, 31/2-21/2

- v FRITZ2 386, 6-0
- v Novago SCORPIO, 41/2-11/2

This still small sample indicates an upgrade value of exactly 40 ELO. The RATING LIST will be printed at the last possible moment showing the fully up-to-date position but, to close, here are three of the KRIS-512K's best wins:

FRITZ2 386 (2140) - KRIS-512 (2370)

Eric's G/60-3, 1993 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bc8 7.e3 e5 8.Bxc4 e4 9.Qb3 Nd5 10.g3 Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Ng2 b6 15.Be2 Qc7 16.c4 Nf6 17.d5 Bg4 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.d6 Qd7 20.Rfd1 Ne5 21.Nf4 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Qf5 23.Bb2 Nd7 24.a5 Qc5 25.axb6 axb6 26.Qc3 Qg5 27.h3 Ra5 28.Rxa5 bxa5 29.Qc2 Qf5 30.Ra1 Qc5 31.Qc3 Nfe5 32.Rxa5 Qxd6 33.Ra7 Nf6 34.Nh5 Qb8 35.Nxf6+ gxf6 36.Ra3 Qd6 37.Ra1 c5 38.Ra2 Qe6 39.Ra5 Rc8 40.Ra7 Kg7 41.Ra4 Nd3 42.g4 Rb8 43.Ba3 Rb1!! 44.g5 Ne1+ 45.Kg3 Qd6+ 46.f4 exf3+ 47.Kh4 f2 48.Qxf6+ Qxf6 49.gxf6+. 0-1, this is worth playing through just to enjoy Black's 43rd!

M CHESS PRO 386 - RISC 2500-512.

G/60-5. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc 3.Nc3 a6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 b5 6.Be2 Bb7 7.a4 b4 8.Na2 Nf6 9.Bxc4 Nbd7 10.0-0 c5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.dxc Nxc5 14.Bxb4 Rd8 15.Rc1 Ng4 16.Ne1 h5! 17.g3 0-0 18.Qe2 a5 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Ng2 f5 22.Bb5 Ne5 23.Qxh5 (MCP reads +90 playing this) Rd2! 24.b3 g6 25.Qh6 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Bxe3 27.Qh3 Bxf2 28.Nb1 Rb2 29.Kh1 Bc5 30.Rxc5 Qxc5 31.Rd1 Ng4 32.Rf1 Ne3 (main threat Qd5+ and mate) 33.Nd2 Rxd2. 0-1, a brilliant win, on Offensive mode; as is....

RISC 2500-512 - Nov SCORPIO. G/60-2.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 e4 3.Nd4 Nc6 4.e3 Nxd4 5.exd4
Qf6 6.Nc3 Qxd4 7.d3 exd 8.Bxd3 Bb4 9.0-0
Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qf6 11.Re1 + Ne7 12.Qh5 h6
13.Qe2 d6 14.Rb1 Kd8 15.Bd2 Re8 16.f4 g5
17.fxg hxg 18.Qh5 Qg7 19.Bxg5 f6 20.Bh6! Qg8
21.Qh4 Qh8 22.c5! dxc? 23.Red1 Bd7 24.Rxb7
Nd5 25.Bc4 Nxc3 26.Qg3 Re5 27.Bg7!
Qxg728.Qxg7 Nxd1 29.Qxf6 + Re7 30.Rb3! Rc8
31.Rg3 c6 32.Rg7. 1-0, with lovely power play.

AEGON 1993 Computers v G.M's/l.M's

There was an ever-so-brief report on this well known ANNUAL TOURNAMENT in NS/46 - the final scores arrived as it was going to the printers. For the first time since its inception, the COMPUTERS WON. But it was close... 98½-93½ (cp. a 60-84 defeat in 1992!).

With 32 COMPUTERS and 32 PLAYERS involved, a cross-table is not an easy thing to organise. I hope that the following will represent a helpful compromise, and enable you to gather the best of the information readers will want.

AEGON CROS	S-TAE	3LE	l <u>iatir</u>	ng A	LLL C	Con	pute	r P <u>r</u>	<u> ogr</u>	<u>ims</u>		
	B r o n s t e i n 2444 5½	N u n n 2580 5½	H o r t 2545	G r o t e n 241	V a n D e n B e r g 02410 4V ₂	J o n g s m a) 229	L i g t e r i n k 95 2495	P a r a d a 2508	 0 s i a i i 2460 3½	0 T H E R S	Т О Т А L	G r a d e
1 THE KING2 AEGON/30-PC	1/2	1/2		1						3/3	=	2590
2 Kasparov SPARC	0								1	31/2/4	41/e	,
3 = THE KING2 AGGR/30-PC		0		0					1	3/3	4	2435
DREI-HIRN	0		1/2							31/2/4		2400
CHESS GENIUS 486-PC				0			1/2	1		21/2/3	4	2359
FRITZ2 486-PC									_	4/6	4	2317
SOCHATES-PC	0								0	4/4	4	2305
MEPHISTO RISC 1MB M CHESS PRO 486-PC			Δ		1/2	1				21/2/4		2269
10 = MEPH VANCOUVER 030/60		0	0							4/5 31/2/4	4	2210
REBELL 486-PC		U	0	0			1/2			3/2/4		2348
Zugzwang		0	U	0	1/2		72			3/3		2293
Quest		0		•	Ó		1/2	1/2		21/2/3		
KASPAHOV BRUTE FORCE				0	•		<i>-</i>	, –		31/2/5		
15 = GIDEON3.0/30-PC			1/2		0		1/2			2/3	3	2295
В* Нітєсн	0					1	0		1/2	11/2/2	3	2262
Kasp RISC 2500-128K						0	0	1		2/3	3	2251
DAPPET									0	3/5	3	2125
CHECK CHECK						_				3/6	3	2057
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ANANSE		U				0		0		21/2/4		
CUMULUS2						U		O				1956
Schach3.0												1912
27 = ZARKOV3.0 486-PC										2/6	2	2085
ZARKOV2.61 486-PC			0							2/5	2	2051
HIARCS Exp 486-PC						0				2/5	2	1893
30= TASC R30		0						0		11/2/4		2118
L CHESS					٥					11/2/5		1885
GOLDBAR										11/2/6	11⁄₂	1872

GAMES from 8th AEGON CHESS TOURNAMENT 1993

PLAYER's final scores are shown in brackets if they have not appeared in the main Cross-Table, so readers can nominally assess their ability.

1ST ROUND

John Nunn, 2580 - Tasc Chess System R30.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Qd2 0-0
10.0- 0-0 a6 11.h4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4
Qc7 14.h5 h6 15.Bd3 b6 16.g4 Bb7 17.Rdg1 Qc5
18.Ne2 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Rac8 20.g5 Nc5 21.Kd2
Ne4+ 22.Ke3 Kh8 23.Rh2 hxg5 24.fxg5 Nc5
25.g6 f6 26.exf6 Rxf6 27.h6 Nxd3 28.hxg7+
Kxg7 29.Rh7+ Kg8 30.cxd3 Rxg6 31.Rxg6+
Kxh7 32.Rxe6 Rc7 33.Rxb6 Re7+ 34.Re6 Rf7
35.Rd6 Re7+ 36.Kd2 Rf7 37.Ne6 Rf6 38.Rd7+
Kg6 39.Rxb7 Rxe6 40.Kc3 Kf5 41.Kd4 Kf4
42.Rf7+ Kg5 43.Kxd5 Rb6 44.b3 Rb5+ 45.Kc4
Ra5. 1-0

KASPAROV RISC 2500 - ROBERTO CIFUENTES Parada, 2508. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Nbd7 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 c6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 a6 9.Bg5 Re8 10.Qd2 h6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Rac1 Bf8 13.Red1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Qa7 16.b3 Nf6 17.Qe3 b5 18.a3 Bb7 19.Bd3 bxc4 20.bxc4 Ng4 21.Qe2 exd4 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Qxg4 Qc5 24.a4 Bc8 25.Qg3 Rb8 26.Bf1 a5 27.Qd3 Rb4 28.Qc2 Ba6 29.Na2 Bb7 30.Bd2 Beb8 31.Qd3 Be7 32.Rcc2 Rb1 33.Rd1 R1b3 34.Qd2 Ra3 35.Nc3 Bc8 36.Be2 Bf6 37.Na2 Be6 38.Nc1 Rxa4 39.Qxd6 Qxd6 40.Rxd6 Ra1 41.Rd1 Rbb1 42.f4 Bb2 43.f5 Bxc1 44.Kf2 Ba3 45.Rd8 + Kh7 46.fxe6 Bc5+ 47.Kg3 Ra3+ 48.Kf4 fxe6 49.Ke5 Rb7 50.Rc8 Bg1 51.Kxe6 c5 52.e5 Rab3 53.Bf3 R3b6 + 54.Bc6 Bxh2 55.Kd6 Rb8 56.Rxb8 Rxb8 57.Re2 Kg6 58.Kxc5 Rd8 59.Kb5 Kf7 60,Kxa5 Ke7 61.Kb6 Rd4 62.Bd5 Rd1 63.Kc6 Ra1 64.c5 Rc1 65.Re4 g5 66.Bb3 Rc3 67.Bg8 h5 68.Bc4 h4 69.Kd5 Rc2 70.Re2 Rc1 71.c6 Rd1+ 72.Ke4 Rc1 73.Bd5 g4 74.Kf5 Rc5 75.Rd2 Bg3 76.Kxg4 Rc1 77.Kf5 Rf1+ 78.Bf3 h3 79.Rd7+ K68 80.Rd6 hxg2 81.c7 Rxf3 + 82.Ke6. 1-0

Nona Ioseliani, 2460 - Chessmachine The Kino 2.0 ager. 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.e4 Bg6 11.Bd3 Bh5 12.Bg5 e5 13.Na2 Bd6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 exd4 16.Qe2 h6 17.Bd2 Re8 18.b4 Qc7 19.Rae1 a5 20.f4 axb4 21.e5 b3 22.Nc1 b2 23.Nb3 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Qf3 Rxa4 26.Bc2 c5 27.Qd1 Ra3 28.Rxf6 gxf6 29.Qg4 + Kf8 30.Bxh6 + Ke7 31.Bf4 b1Q 32.Bxb1 Rxb3 33.Ba2 Rb6 34.Qg7 Kd8 35.Bxf7 Ra6 36.Qg6 Rf8 37.Bc4 Bxf4 38.Bxa6 bxa6 39.Qe4 Be3 + 40.Kh1 Re8 41.Qd5 + Ke7 42.Ra1 a5 43.Rb1 Kf8 44.Rb7 Re5 45.Qf3 Qd6 46.Qg3 Bg5 47.h4 d3 48.Ra7 d2 49.Ra8 + Kg7 50.Ra7 + Kg6. 0-1

CHESSMACHINE THE KIND AEGON - TIM KRABBE
(3) 2290. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Be2 dxc4
9.Bxc4 Bg4 10.0-0 a6 11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 b5
13.gxh5 bxc4 14.h6 Qd7 15.hxg7 Kxg7 16.Kh2
Bd6+ 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxe5+ 19.f4 Bxc3
20.Qxd7 Nxd7 21.Rg1+ Kf6 22.bxc3 Rg8 23.Rg5
Rxg5 24.fxg5+ Ke6 25.Re1 Kd5 26.Bf4 Rb8
27.Re2 Kc6 28.Kg3 Rf8 29.Kg4 a5 30.h4 a4 31.a3
h6 32.gxh6 Nf6+ 33.Kf5 Nd5 34.Re4 Nxf4
35.Rxc4+ Kd6 36.Rxf4 Rg8 37.Kf6 Rg6+
38.Kxf7 Rxh6 39.Rf6+ . 1-0

Max Pam (3) - Rebell. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c6 10.h3 Na6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Bb1 Re8 13.a3 Na6 14.Qd2 Nc7 15.b4 a5 16.Bd3 Qd6. 0-1 17.Qb2 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Na6 20.Bxa6 bxa6 21.Na4 Be7 22.Nc5 Qf6 23.Ne5 Bd6 24.Nxa6 Rxe5, 0-1

COMPUTERS - PLAYERS. Round 1: 161/2-151/2

2ND ROUND

Kasparov Brute Force - Max Pam (3). 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0 • 0 Be7 8.b3 0 • 0 9.Bb2 Be6 10.Rc1 f6 11.Ne4 Qd7 12.Nc5 Bxc5 13.Rxc5 Rfd8 14.Qb1 Bf5 15.d3 Bh3 16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.Rfc1 Rd5 18.a4 Rad8 19.a5 Nxa5 20.Rxc7 Nxb3 21.R1c3 Nd4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.R3c5 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 Qe6 25.Rc7 Qd5 26.h4 h6 27.Qc2 Rd6 28.Qd2 Na4 29.Bxd4 Qxd4 30.Qa2 + Qd5 31.Qxa4 Ra6 32.Qe8 + Kh7 33.Kh2 Ra1 34.f3 b5 35.Qc7 Qg8 36.Qxf6 Ra2 37.Qf5 + Kh8 38.Qe5 Qf8 39.Qe4. 1-0

Socrates X - Nona Ioseliani, 2460, 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nge2 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bb4 9.0 a 0 0 a 0 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Qd3 h6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Qb5 Bd7 14.Qxb7 Nb4 15.a3 Rb8 16.Qxa7 Ra8 17.axb4 Rxa7

18.Rxa7 Qb8 19.Ra2 Qe5 20.b5 Qh5 21.f3 Bc5 22.Bf2 Qe5 23.Rd1 Qb8 24.Bf1 h5 25.Kg2 Qc8 26.Bd3 h4 27.gxh4 Bh3+ 28.Kh1 Ng4 29.Bg1 Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Qc7 31.fxg4 Qf4. 0-1

MEPHISTO RISC - LEX JONGSMA, 2295 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.Nf3 Ng6 6.e3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.Bc2 c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 d6 12.0-0 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.b4 Rae8 15.bxc5 e4 16.cxd6 Qd8 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qd4 ext3 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.g4 Ne5 21.gxh5 Nxc4 22.Rfc1 Nxd6 23.Bd1 Re5 24.Bxf3 Rf5 25.Bg2 Rxh5 26.Rc7 f5 27.Rac1 Kh8 28.Kh2 Rg8 29.Bf3 Rh4 30.R1c5 Ra4 31.Rd7 Rg6 32.Rcc7 Kg7 33.Rc3 Rh6 34.Rd3 Ra6 35.Rb3 Rh4 36.Be2 b5 37.Bxb5 Nxb5 38.Rxb5 Rah6 39.Rbb7 Rxh3+ 40.Kg2 Rh2+ 41.Kf3 R2h3+ 42.Ke2 Rf6 43.Rxa7 f4 44.e4 Rb3 45.e5 f3+ 46.Kd2 Rf5 47.e6 Kg6 48.e7 Rb2+ 49.Kc3 Re2 50.Rd8 Rfe5 51.d6 R2e3+ 52.fxe3 I2 53.Rg8+ Kf6 54.d7 f1Q 55.e8N + Ke7 56.d8Q+ Kxd8 57.Nd6+. 1-0

The complete mess being made by the operators in setting HIARCS' time controls, meant it's only way of winning was doing it... very quickly!

HIARCS - HENNY MAHANGKAY (2) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0 a 0 Bc5 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd3 Bd7 10.Rad1 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.c4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Bb5 16.Qc4 0 a 0 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Qd5 Rad8 19.Rc1 Qa5 20.Bg5 Rde8 21.exd6.

Loewenthal had beaten Meph RISC in Round 1.

Gunther Loewenthal (3) - Chessmachine The

King AEGON. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.0 a 0

0 a 0 9.f4 Qc7 10.Kh1 a6 11.a4 Bd7 12.Nb3 b6

13.Bf3 Rfc8 14.Qe1 Nb4 15.Qf2 Rab8 16.Rad1 e5

17.Rd2 Rb7 18.f5 Rbb8 19.g4 h6 20.h4 Nh7

21.Qg3 Qd8 22.g5 hxg5 23.Rg1 f6 24.Rh2 Nxc2

25.hxg5 fxg5 26.Qh3 Nxe3 27.Qxh7 + Kf8 28.Qg6

Bf6 29.Rh8 + Ke7 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxg5 Be8

32.Qh7 Bf7. 0-1

M-Chess Pro - Jannes van der Wal (3) 1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.exd5 Bxd5 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Ne4 Be7 8.c3 Nd7 9.0 \ 0 Ngf6 10.Nxf6+ Nxf6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 0 \ 0 13.Re1 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.Be5 Nd7 17.Bd4 Bf6 18.Be4 Qc7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Qc2 Rac8 21.Rad1 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 b5 23.Qd2 Nb6 24.Rg4 h5 25.Rg3 Qc7 26.Rxg7 + Kxg7 27.Qg5 + Kh7 28.Qxh5 + Kg8 29.Qg5 + Kh8 30.Re4 f6 31.Rh4 + Qh7 32.Rxh7 + Kxh7 33.Qh5 + Kg8 34.Qg6 + Kh8 35.Qh6 + Kg8 36.Nd4. 1-0

Computers - Players. Round 2: 17½-14½

Total: 34-30

3RD ROUND

Socrates X - Tim Krabbe (3) 2290. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Nf6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Qa4 + c6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rac1 Rfe8 13.Rfd1 Ne4 14.Nd2 Ndf6 15.Ncxe4 dxe4 16.Be2 Nd5 17.Nc4 Qh6 18.Rc2 a5 19.Nxb6 Nxb6 20.Qb3 Nd5 21.Qxb7 Nb4 22.Rc5, 1-0

HERMAN GROOTEN 2410 - REBELL. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Bh4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.e3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Be6 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.d5 Bg4 12.Bxc4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 b5 14.d6 bxc4 15.Qd5 Bxc3+ 16.Kf1 exd6 17.Qxd6 f6 18.Qe6+ Kf8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Rd1. 1-0

Computers-Players Round 3: 16½-15½

Total: 50½-45½

4TH ROUND

VLASTIMIL HORT 2545 - MEPHISTO VANCOUVER 68030/60. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Rb1 Qa5 12.Be3 Bb4 13.Ng5 h6 14.Qh5 Nd8 15.a3 Bxa3 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Nh3 Nc6 18.Nf4 Nb4 19.Be2 Nc2 20.Bd3 Qc3 21.Rfc1 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 g5 23.Rxc2 Qe1 + 24.Bf1 gxf4 25.Rc7 Rh7 26.Bxf4 Ke8 27.Qg4 Kd8 28.Rc1 Qa5 29.Qg8 + . 1-0

Computers-Players Round 4: 14-18 (are the players getting the Computers sussed out?)

Total: 64½-63½

5TH ROUND

CHESS GENIUS - ROBERTO CIFUENTES PARADA
2508. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7
5.e4 c6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8 9.Rd1
Qc7 10.b3 Nf8 11.h3 Ng6 12.Be3 Bf8 13.Rd2 b6
14.Rad1 h6 15.b4 Bb7 16.c5 dxc5 17.dxc5 b5
18.a4 a6 19.Qa2 Rad8 20.axb5 Rxd2 21.Rxd2
axb5 22.Bd1 Ra8 23.Qb1 Bc8 24.Bb3 Qe7
25.Ra2 Rxa2 26.Qxa2 Nh5 27.Qa8 Bd7 28.Qa7
Be8 29.Qb8 Bd7 30.Qc7 Be8 31.Qc8 Bd7 32.Qb8
Qf6 33.Bd1 Nhf4 34.Qc7 Be6 35.Qxc6 Nxg2
36.Nd5 Bxd5 37.Qxf6 gxf6 38.exd5 N2f4 39.d6

Nd5 40.Be2 Nxb4 41.Bxb5 Nf4 42.Bxf4 exf4 43.Nd4. 1-0

DAVID BRONSTEIN 2444 - CHESSMACHINE THE King AEGON. 1.Nf3 d5 2.q3 Bq4 3.Bq2 Nf6 4.c4 c6 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nc3 Qc7 10.Rc1 Rfd8 11.Qd3 Bf5 12.Qe3 dxc4 13.bxc4 Nq4 14.Qd2 Bb4 15.Nh4 Nb6 16.e4 Nxc4 17.Qe2 Nxb2 18.exf5 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Na4 20.Rc2 Nh6 21.fxe6 Rxd4 22,Nf3 Rd6 23.Ng5 Nb6 24.Qe4 f5 25.Qe5 Qe7 26.h4 Rd3 27.Re1 Rad8 28.Bf3 Nd5 29.Be2 Ra3 30.Bc4 Ra5 31.Bb3 Rf8 32.f3 Rd8 33.Rd1 a6 34.Rcd2 b6 35.Kh2 Kh8 36.Rd4 Re8 37.Bxd5 cxd5 38.Rxd5 Rxa2+ 39.Kh3 Rc2 40.Rd7 Qf6 41.Qxf6 qxf6 42.Rd8 Rxd8 43.Rxd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ Kg6 45.Nxh7 Rc8 46,h5+ Kxh5 47,Rq7 Nq8 48,Rxq8 Rxq8 49.Nxf6+ Kg6 50.Nxg8 a5 51.g4 fxg4+ 52.fxg4 a4 53.g5 a3 54.Nf6 a2 55.e7 a1Q 56.e8Q+ Kxg5 57.Qh5+ Kf4 58.Qq4+ Ke5 59.Nd7+ Kd6 60.Nxb6. 1/2-1/2

Tasc Chess System R30 - Jannes van der Wat (3). 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Na6 4.Bxa6 bxa6 5.e5 Bf5 6.Nge2 e6 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.0-0 h5 9.Nge2 h4 10.Nf4 Bf5 11.Be3 g5 12.Nd3 Nh6 13.Qd2 Be7 14.f3 Rb8 15.Na4 a5 16.Nac5 Bg6 17.b3 Nf5 18.Bf2 Bh5 19.c4 g4 20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.h3 Bg5 22.Qc3 Be2 23.Rfe1 Bh5 24.a3 Rg8 25.Na6 Bf4 26.Nxb8 Qg5 27.g4 hxg3e.p. 28.Be3 Nxe3 29.cxd5 g2 30.Qxc6+ Kf8 31.Nd7+ Kg7 32.Nf6 Bf3 33.Nc5 Kh8 34.Nce4 Bxe4 35.Nxe4 Bh2+ 36.Kf2 Qf4+ 37.Ke2 Qxe4. 0-1

REBELL - ALEXANDER MÜNNINGHOFF (2½). 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.b3 Nb4 8.Bc4 Nd3+ 9.Ke2 Nxc1+ 10.Rxc1 Qd6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Qc2 e6 14.Qc4 Ke8 15.d4 cxd4 16.Rhd1 Qa6 17.Qxa6 bxa6 18.Rxd4 Rd8 19.Rc7. 1-0

COMPUTERS-PLAYERS

Round 5: 161/2-151/2

Total: 81-79

6TH ROUND

HENK ARNOLDUS (3) - FRITZ 2. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 a6 4.a4 e5 5.d5 Bb4 6.e4 Qh4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nd7 9.Bxc4 Qxe4 + 10.Qe2 Qxg2 11.0-0-0 Qxh1 12.Nf3 Qg2 13.Rg1 Qh3 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Ne7 16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Re1 Qh4 18.Be5 Rg2 19.Bg3 Qg5 + 20.Kb1 Bg4 21.Qe5 Qxe5. 0-1

CHESSMACHINE THE KING AEGON - JOHN NUNN 2580. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 q6 3.Nc3 Bq7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Be2 Na6 9.Be3 Nc5 10.Bf3 Bh6 11.Nc2 Be6 12.e5 Ne8 13.b4 Na6 14.Bxb7 Bxc4 15.Qd4 d5 16.Bxa8 Qxa8 17.0-0-0 Nec7 18.g3 Qc6 19.Qxa7 Nb5 20.Nxb5 Qxb5 21, Qxe7 Re8 22, Qd6 Qa4 23, Qb6 Qxa2 24, Kd2 Bf8 25.Ra1 Bxb4 + 26.Kc1 Qb3 27.Rxa6 Bd3 28.Qc6 Bxc2 29.Qxc2 Qxe3+ 30.Kb2 d4 31.Rd1 Bc3+ 32.Ka2 Qf3 33.Rb1 Rc8 34.Rb2 Ra8 35.Rb6 Qh1 36.Ka3 Rc8 37.Rb1 Qf3 38.Qd1 Qe4 39.Ra7 Bd2 40.h3 Qd3+ 41.Kb2 Rb8+ 42.Ka2 Qc4+ 43.Rb3 d3 44.Ra3 Rxb3 45.Qxb3 Qc2+ 46.Qb2 Qc4+ 47.Kb1 Bb4 48.Ra8+ Kq7 49.e6+ Kh6 50.exf7 d2 51.Rd8 Qf1 + 52.Ka2 Qa6+ 53.Kb3 Qe6+ 54.Ka4 Qa6+ 55.Kxb4 Qb6+ 56.Kc4 Qxd8 57.Qxd2, 1/2-1/2

VLASTIMIL HORT (5) 2545 - REBELL. 1.64 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4
b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Nc5
11.Bxc5 Bxc5 12.c3 h6 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Bc2 Bg4
15.h3 Bh5 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.Rad1 Ne7 18.Nbd4 c5
19.Nf5 Ra7 20.Rfe1 Nxf5 21.Bxf5 Kh8 22.g4 Bg6
23.e6 Qf6 24.Rxd5 fxe6 25.Qxe6 Bxf5 26.Rxf5
Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Rxf5 28.gxf5 Bc7 29.Re8+ Kh7
30.Nh4 Rb7 31.Rc8 Bd6 32.Ng6 Rb8 33.Rc6 Rd8
34.Rxa6 b4 35.c4 h5 36.Kg2 Kg8 37.Ra7. 1-0

Kasparov Sparc - Nana Ioseliani 2460. 1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.i4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd3 Qxc5 8.Qe2 0-0 9.Be3 Qa5 10.h3 Nbd7 11.0-0 a6 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.a4 Nb6 14.Qe2 Be6 15.f5 Bc4 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.a5 Bxd3 18.cxd3 Nbd7 19.Rfc1 Rfc8 20.Ng5 Qd8 21.Rf1 Ne5 22.Na4 Qxa5 23.Nb6 Qb5 24.Nxa8 Rxa8 25.Ra3 Rd8 26.Qc2 Bh6 27.Rb3 Qa4 28.Kh1 Nh5 29.Kh2 Re8 30.Qc3 Nf6 31.Bd2 Qd7 32.Qb4 b5 33.Qa5 d5 34.Qxa6 Qc7 35.Kh1 Qc2 36.Qxb5 Qxd2 37.Rxf6 Rc8 38.Rc3 Rxc3 39.Qe8+ Bf8 40.Rxf7 Qe1+ 41.Kh2.1-0

Jessica Harmsen (2) 2000 - Kasp Risc 2500.

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Bd6 5.Be2 Nf6
6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Re1 0-0 8.Bf1 Qc7 9.h3 Re8 10.Nh4
Nc5 11.c3 Bd7 12.Qf3 Qb6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5
Rad8 15.Re3 Qc7 16.Rg3 Qe7 17.Nf3 Kh8
18.Bg5 dxe4 19.Nd2 exd3 20.b4 e4 21.bxc5 Bxg3
22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.fxg3 e3. 0-1

Computers - Players Round 6: 171/2-141/2 Total: 981/2-931/2

PC PROGRAMS in Active Tournament, NAPOLI

A long-standing friend and supporter of the NEWS SHEET, **GIANFRANCO IODICE**, has just sent me the Results of an OPEN ACTIVE Chess Tournament held at the end of May in NAPOLI, Italy:

The 8-ROUND Event was organised by the WESTEND CO. (a PC retailer) and, apart from 3 PC PROGRAMS, the field of 40 included G.M's BARLOV and MARIOTTI, and I.M's ALEKSIC and D'AMORE.

The PC entrants were **M CHESS PRO** on a 486/66 with 8MB RAM, **Chess GENIUS** on a 486/66, and **FRITZ2** on a 486/50 with 8MB RAM.

Let's have a look at some of the games. We start with FRITZ2 which came out as the top Computer with 6/8 (though Chess GENIUS obtained a slightly higher Tournament Grading).

This is a great game for FRITZ2, played against one of the G.M's and going a long way to ruining his chances of winning the Tournament, for which he started favourite.

BARLOV (2480 Elg) - FRITZ2

Game in 30 (G/30)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e5 4.Bxc4 exd4 5.exd4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Nf3 O-O 8.O-O Bg4 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.h3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Bh5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxd4 15.Bg3

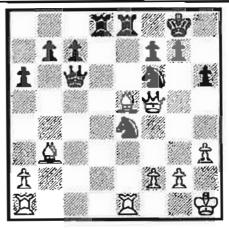
(Too obscure. Simply 15.8xf6 gxf6 16.0xf6 leaving an equal position, which a G.M should then expect to convert into the full point)

15.... Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qe4 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Qc1 Qc6 19.Re1 Rfe8 20.Qf4 Nbd5 21.Qf5 Nxc3 22.Be5 a6 23.Kh1 Nce4

(See Diagram, top of next column)

24.Bb2?

(? 24.Rac1 was probably best, though Qd7! virtually forcing the exchange of Queens



leaves the G.M with a lot to do to save this one)

24.... Rd2

(! Obvious, but clinical)

25.Rec1?

(White had little option but to play 25.Rxe4 to stop Black's next, though Qxe4 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 still leaves his position virtually hopeless)

25.... Ng3+

(! Wins the Queen as 26.fxg3 allows Qxg2 mate. 0-1)

FRITZ2's strong performance amongst the leaders for much of the Event meant that it also met the other G.M in a later Round.

MARIOTTI (2425 Elo) - FRITZ2

Game in 30 (G/30)

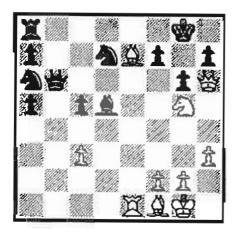
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nf3 g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Nc3 O-O 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.Bg5 Bxc3 + 11.bxc3 Qd6 12.q4 Re8 13.q5

(Taking nice advantage of FRITZ2's over-early Queen development to jam-up the other Black pieces)

13.... N6d7 14.O-O b6 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Bf1 Na6 17.Qd2 exd5 18.cxd5 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 bxa5 20.Be7

(The full point of this will be seen when h7 comes under attack)

20.... Qb6 21.Qh6 Bxd5 22.Ng5



22.... Nf6 23.Ne6

(23.Bxf6 was also winning. Black now seems to have a saving move)

23.... Nh5

(! If 23...fxe6? 24.Bxf6! with mate threat)

24.Ng5 Nf6 25.Re6

(White finds another way to block the protection of f6. Again 25.Bxf6 wins)

25.... fxe6 26.Bxf6 Qb7 27.Bxd6 (! How many had noticed that the Knight was

(! How many had noticed that the Knight wa hanging? If 27...Qxa6 28.Qg7 mate)

27.... Qb1 + 28.Kh2 Qb8 + 29.g3 Qc7 30.Bd3 Rf8 31.Bxg6! 31.... Rxf6 32.Bxh7+ Qxh7

(Sadly there is no choice - it's this or he's mated!)

33.Qxh7+ Kf8 34.Qh8+

(Italian G.M's must be the most patient in the world, as the Computer operators don't resign here though the eval is -1000 or more!)

34.... Ke7 35.Qg7+ Kd6 36.Qxf6 Kd7

(No, they've still not resigned! In fact it went on to move 43, but there' no point in our going further. The G.M conducted the attack superbly making the game, one of the best in this Issue of NS)

Now let's have a look at Chess GENIUS. I found the next game interesting because it shows how the unaware Computer-opponents still stick their heads far into a noose sometimes in pursuing their violent but ultimately hopeless attacks.

Chess GENIUS - SACCONE (2210 Elo) Game in 30 (G/30)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e5?!

(d5, Nf6, e6, d6 and b6 are all well recognised before this)

3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 a6?

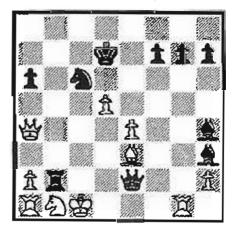
(Inviting the obvious. 4...NI6 5.d3 d6 looks better)

5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Nxe5 Qg5 7.Ng4 d5 8.Ne3 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.Qa4 dxe3??

(10...Qc5 11.Nc4 Be6 looks to be the only sane continuation. Saccone must have little experience with current computers if he expects to get away with such a material deficit in the long term.)

11.Qxc6+ Kd8 12.Qxa8 Qxg2 13.Rf1 exf2+ 14.Rxf2 Qg1+ 15.Rf1 Qg6 16.Qd5+ Ke8 17.d3 Be7 18.Be3 Bh4+ 19.Kd1 Ne7 20.Qc4 Bh3 21.Qa4+ Nc6 22.Rg1 Qh5+ 23.Kd2 Kd7 24.d4 Rb8 (Black in fact has no way of stopping White's next, which is decisive)

25.d5 Rxb2+ 26.Kc1 Qe2



(A nasty-looking threat which will never be activated)

27.Qxc6+ Kd8 28.Bb6+ Ke7 29.d6+ Ke6 30.Qd5+ Kd7 31.Qxf7+

(Mate in 5 announced: 31.... Kxd6 32 Qd5+ etc)

Chess GENIUS also played top-rated BARLOV!

BARLOV (2480 Elo) - Chess GENIUS Game in 30 (G/30)

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 d6 5.d3 d5 6.cxd5 Bb4+ 7.Nd2 Bg4 8.Qc2

(The G.M is not keen on trying out the Computer with 8.f3?! Nxd5! 9.fxg4 Nxe3)

8.... Qxd5 9.Ne2 O-O 10.Nc3 Qd7 11.h3 Bf5 12.O-O-O Rfd8 13.Nde4 Be7 14.a3 Be6 15.Ng5 Na5 16,Nxe6 Qxe6 17.b4 Nb3+ 18.Kb1 c5

(GENIUS continues the fine exposition of developing a Q-side attack, since White's 0-0-0)

19.b5 a6 20.Be2 Rac8

(I'm not convinced about this - though it turns out okay - and would have preferred to see the Rook kept on the a-file, at least for the present. In fact 20.axb Nxb5 21 Ra5 looks gutie good)

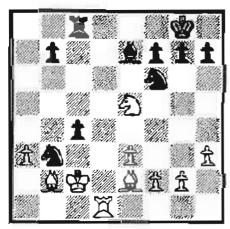
21.Ne4 axb5

(Taking the exchange at the second chance, though it doesn't look as strong now that the Rook's gone to c8)

22.Ng5 Qf5 23.Nf3?

(Why not 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.Qxb3, which looks to hold equality at least)

23.... c4 24.dxc4 Qxc2+ 25.Kxc2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 bxc4 27.Nxe5



(With the major exchanges over, my immediate thought was that the Computer has a small plus with the b and c Pawns. But White's King is the better positioned to impact the game, and Black will need to either exchange a Knight for his opponent's white-squared Bishop, or get those 'winning' Pawns onto black squares)

27.... b5 28.Bf3 Ne8 29.Rd7 Rc7 30.Rd1 f6 31.Nc6 Bd6 32.Nb4 Rc8 33.Bb7 Rb8 34.Bc6 Bxb4 35.axb4 Nc7 36.Rd7

(The G.M has taken over in the last few moves, a model of manouvering to apply pressure against weak spots. Black's 'dangerous' Q-side Pawns

now look distinctly weak! So BARLOV applies more pressure against them, not to win one, but to tie GENIUS to their defence whilst he switches the attack and obtains his own passed Pawns on the other wing. These will win the game!)

36.... Na6 37.Bc3 Rb6 38.Bd5 + Kf8
39.Rf7 + Ke8 40.Rxg7 h5 41.g4 hxg4
42.hxg4 Nb8 43.Rc7 Kd8 44.Ra7 Nd7
45.Be4 Rd6 46.Bf5 Nb6 47.Ra6 Kc7
48.Be4 Kd7 49.Ra7 + Ke8 50.Rb7 Re6
51.f3 Rd6 52.f4 Re6 53.Bg6 + Kd8
54.e4 Rd6 55.Bf5 Ke8 56.g5 fxg5
57.fxg5 Na4 58.e5 Rd5 59.g6 Nxc3
60.Kxc3 Rd1 61.g7 Rc1 + 62.Kb2 Rg1
63.Be6 Rg2 + 64.Ka3 Nd4 65.g8Q
Rxg8 66.Bxg8

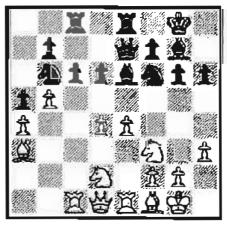
(Play worthy of study by chess fans and Computer programmers alike. The Computer's operators should have resigned here, especially as they're playing a G.M. Maybe BARLOV was short of time - but he wrapped it up very easily of course, and resignation finally came at move 73)

M CHESS PRO undid itself against I.M ALEKSIC, eventual joint Tournament winner.

ALEKSIC (2415) - M CHESS PRO (G/30)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d3 (Possibly designed to take the Computer out of book, but the big MCP book is still 'with it'!)

4.... g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.O-O d6 7.b4 O-O*
8.a4 h6 9.Re1 a5 10.b5 Ne7 11.Nbd2
Be6 12.Bf1 c6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Re8
15.Ba3 Nc8 16.h3 Nb6 17.Rb1 Bf8
18.Bb2 Bg7 19.Bc3 Qc7 20.Bb2 Rac8
21.Rc1 Qe7 22.Ba3



(The I.M manouvres for small advantages, but the often optimistic MCP still evaluates itself slightly ahead, and plays too optimistically)

22.... c5?!

(22...Qd8 keeps it tighter. But 23.bxc6 (e5?! dxe 24.dxe Nfd7 =) bxc6 24.Qc2! Re7 25.e5 still favours White. If 22...cxb5 23.Bxb5 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Rc8 +/-. The lines do show that the GM's 'fiddling around' has given him the advantage)

23.e5! Nfd7 24.exd6 Qxd6 25.Ne4 Qf4 26.g3 Qb8 27.dxc5 Bf8 28.Bb2 Nd5 29.Qd4 f6

(It's now 451 and in 2 moves MCP will read -680, so the game is effectively over. The remaining moves show ALEKSIC's excellent conclusion)

30.Bc4 Rxc5 31.Bxd5 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Qd8 33.Rd1 Qe7 34.Bxe6+ Qxe6 35.Nxf6+ Nxf6 36.Qxf6 Qxf6

(MCP doesn't want exchanges but has no choice, leaving White with an easy 'mopping up' job)

37.Bxf6 Re6 38.Bc3 b6 39.Rd8 Rd6 40.Rxd6 Bxd6 41.Bd4 Bc7 42.Nd2 Kf7 43.Nc4. (1-0)

MCP had a generally disappointing Tournament and its final tally of 5/8, though including a somewhat fortunate win, left it behind the other Computer entrants.

The lucky point came against the hapless MARTORELLI (2240) who, as in his game against Chess GENIUS, had obtained a very lavourable position. Indeed with both players having only a few minutes left at move 60 MCP showed -269, but at this very point its opponent blundered into a dead drawn position. Moments later he let his flag fall to give MCP a bonus 1-0!

However MCP also had a couple of the quickest wins, and here is one of those.

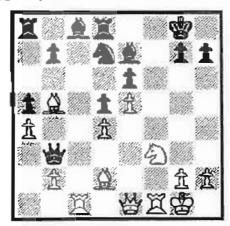
M CHESS PRO - COSENZA (2085 Elo) Game in 30 (G/30)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.Nb3 cxd4 9.cxd4* Bb4 + 10.Bd2 Be7 11.Bd3 a5 12.a4 Nb4 13.Bb5 Q-Q 14.Rc1 Rd8

15.0-0 f6

(15...Nf8 might have been best. MCP advances to + 120 playing its next)

16.Qe1 fxe5 17.fxe5 Nd3 18.Bxd3 Qxb3 19.Bb5



19.... Bb4?

(19...Qxb2 20.Bxa5 b6 looks better)

20.Qh4 Rf8 21.Rxc8! Raxc8 22.Bxb4 Qxb4 23.Bxd7 Rc2 24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.b3

(MCP has some sophisticated tactical evaluation techniques, and showed +674 playing this)

25.... Qc3 26.Bf5

(And this reads + 1137, but Black allows mate!)

26.... Qe3+

(26...h6 drags it on briefly with 27.Bxc2 Qxc2)

27.Kh1 Qe2

(It's mate in 1 for the side with the move.. White!)

28.Q×h7+ (mate, 1-0)

As COMPUTERS probably achieve 100 Elo or more above 'normal' grades at Active chess, the final figures are good, but not outstanding.

FINAL LEADERS and COMPUTER TABLE

- 1 MARIOTTI, GM, 2425 _ 7/8 ALEKSIC, IM, 2415 _ 7/8
- 3 BARLOV, GM, 2480 6½/8 D'AMORE, IM, 2415 6½/8
- 5 FRITZ2 486 6/8. ELO PERF: 2337
- ... CHESS GENIUS 486 _ 51/2/8. ELO PERF: 2370
- ... M CHESS PRO 486 __ 5/8. ELO PERF: 2245

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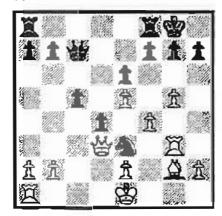
Philip GOSLING and Meph continue their so far brilliant Correspondence performance. With 8/9 and 1 to play in their first Tournament, a second is now well under way.

'MEPH' has a provisional BCCS grading of 2435, but we are sticking to an NS figure.

BCC<u>S 2445 (2495) - Vancouver</u> 020 (2275) Corr.6, 1992

19...Ne3
NS46.
Eval + 145
-> Be4.
[A second
Pawn was on
offer at b2, and
our BCCS
2445
opponent, now

promoted to 2495... which



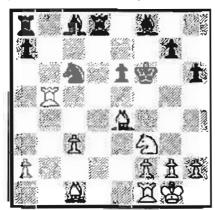
means more grading points for US!... must have been hoping that materialistic instincts would persuade the program to grab it]

20.Be4 g6 21.h4 Qa5 + 22.Kf2 Rad8 [NS47. Eval + 193 -> b3. In fact this looks forced, to stop the otherwise embarrassing

Vancouver 020 (2275) - BCCS 2445 (2495) Corr.12 (#2 v BCCS 2445/95), 1993

23...c4! Or 22.Bxb7?! Rb8!]

18.Be4
NS46
Eval + 196
-> Ba6.
[This is the return Game to no.6 against our 2445 rated Iranian friend.
What is he up to? MEPH thinks he's



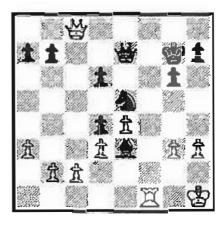
going for Ba6 to pin the two Rooks but, if so, 19.8xc6 Bxb5 20.8xb5 looks favourable to us!]

18...Ba6 19.Bxc6 Rac8 20.Ne5 Rd6?!

21.Re1 [NS47. Eval +266 -> Rcxd6. 'MEPH' thinks our Iranian opponent has blown this one - and it is hard to argue. If the expected 21...Rcxc6 22.Rb4 g5 (to stop check) 23.Nxc6. Perhaps he should take with Rdxc6?]

Vancouver 020 (2275) - BCCS 2324 (2320) Corr.13, 1993

29.g3 NS46 Eval 000 ->a5.

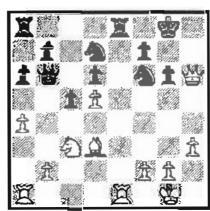


29...h5 30.Kg2 a6 31.Kh2 Bg5 32.Kg1 (NS47. Eval +21 -> Qd7. 'MEPH appears to be playing the waiting game in this one. If Black obliges with 32...Qd7, then the plan is 33.Rf8 Qxc8 34.Rxc8 Nf7 35.a4, eval +54. Will our opponent co-operate?)

BCCS 2000 (2000) - Voncouver 020 (2275) Corr.14, 1993

18...Qb6

NS45
Eval =
-> Reb1.
[It says NS/45
as this game
looked as if
the opponent
was to be
another
'drop-out'. He
returns with a



response we had not expected!]

19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Qd2 Qa5 [NS47.

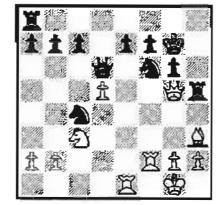
Eval +21 -> Qc2. Our opponent's d/Pawn looks a mite lonely but we remember that his est. 2000 grade is somewhat deceptive...he played for his country in the Manila Olympiad!]

<u>BCCS 2355 (2454) - Vancouver 020</u> (2275) Corr.15, 1993

[The Opening moves, a Blackmar Diemer Gambit, were agreed at the request of Roy Thomas - a BCCS player and NEWS SHEET reader... who has also recently upped his grading! A Pawn ahead MEPH is seeking to exchange Queens and/or Rooks to reduce the pressure]

19... Rh5 NS46 Eval +115 -> Qf4.

20.Qf4 Qxf4 21.Rxf4 Re5 22.Rff1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Kf8 24.g3 Rd8 25.Bg2 Nb6 26.Rd1 Nc4



27.Re1 a6 28.b3 Nb6 29.Rd1 g5 30.h3 Rd6 [NS47. Eval + 100 -> Kf2. Roy told me he was surprised that 'MEPH' didn't grab some of the Pawns it was 'supposed to' and has been

struggling a little. But the game could well be a draw even yet, knowing his endgame expertise]

BCC<u>S 2326 (2325) - Vancouver 020 (2275)</u> Corr.16, 1993 1.d4 Nc6

I told you that this was coming in NS/46! Can readers tell me what their Computers play as White here?...especially with BOOKS OFF, plus a note of evaluation and forward analysis.

2.e4

The original and impressive game was Samisch-Nimzovitsch, 1925. In Farago-Speelman, 1987, Farago played 2.c4. Ray Keene thinks 2.Nf3 best, and comments 'if 2.d5 Ne5 3.f4 Ng6 4.e4, Black gains excellent counterplay with e6'. Neither MCO nor BCO give anything more. But 2.e4 transposes to the Nimzovitsch anyway 2...e5 3.d5 Nb8 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Qf3 Be7 8.Qg3 Nh5 9.Qh4 Bxg5 10.Qxh5 d6 11.Nf3 Bh6 [NS47. Eval +75-> Bb5. Now I learn that 'MEPH' is set to Risky as well! Yeeks...and not for readers of a nervous disposition]

HIARCS - upgrade progress!

The HIARCS version at AEGON - dubbed HIARCSexp1A - was badly let down by operators who failed to set-up the time controls correctly. This affected its result in no less than 4 games. I had intended to print the positions just before things 'went wrong' so that readers could verify for themselves that these 4 losses should have been at least 2 wins and 2 draws. Of course it must also be realised that HIARCS had used up more time in getting to these positions, so to imply a 5/6 score from the best positions reached in each game would be as unhelpful as accepting the 2/6 obtained following the time disasters!

A more accurate indication of the Exp1A grading came at the KINGS HEAD tourny, 45/90, where MARK UNIACKE operated the 486/50 himself and it got 3/5 for a 2218 Grade. Incidentally a CHESS GENIUSexp1A was also there and got 3½/5 for, I believe, 2264.

Mark loaned me a HIARCSexp1A and, after 40 games on my 386/20, it was showing at 83 Elo higher than the original HIARCS 386.

Since then Exp1B has replaced 1A, with even

more knowledge added, plus a re-compile of all the coding for a 38% speed-up! This, on a 486, scored 8½-1½ against Mephisto RISC in its latest test, and leads TASC R30 2-1 in another I hear.

On my 386/20 it lost narrowly to the upgraded RISC 2500-512 by $2\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3\frac{1}{2}$, but leads Novag SCORP!O dramatically 4-0! We may well be looking at a 150+(!) Elo improvement over the original HIARCS1. Here is a game which you will find rather convincing!

HIARCSEXP1B 386-Novag SCORPIO. G/60

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 5.d4 exd4 6.0-0* dxc3 7.Nxc3 Nf6?* 8.e5 Ng4 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Bg5 (eval. +99) Be7 11.Nxe7 Nxe7 12.Qd4 (+138 -> h5) f6 13.exf6 (+334! Scorpio says it's =) Nxf6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qxf6 Rxf8 16.Qh6 Rf5 17.Nd4 Rc5 18.Qxh7 d5 (Scorpio is only -24, HIARCS says +402 showing superb awareness) 19.Bb5 + c6 20.Bd3 Qd6 21.Qh8 + Kd7 22.Rae1! Ra5 23.Ne6 (+1048! -> c5) c5 24.Qd8 + Kc6 (Scorpio now -350) 25.Qxa5 b6 26.Qb5 + Kb7 27.Nxc5 + Kb8 28.Na6 + (and Scorpio goes over -700 and resigns. Quite brilliant!)

RATING LIST and notes

There is a NEW COLUMN in the RATING LIST this Issue, so a note of the purpose of each HEADING might prove helpful.

BCF: British Chess Federation Ratings. This can also be calculated from an Elo figure by (Elo-600)/8, or from a USCF figure by (USCF-720)/8.

£'00: Cost in Britain. |1| = £100. |10| = £1,000. = > This new column has not quite been finished yet, as you can see! If anyone has any bright, helpful ideas re the possible use of further symbols, or if I've made a mistake on the price for any machine, please let me know for inclusion in NS/48.

= > a '+' after the price shows it can cost more! E.g [10+] is for Mephisto RISC in an Exclusive board; it is dearer in the Munchen board. Likewise an External card ChessMachine for your PC costs more than an Internal one, which is the one shown.

= > a '-' after the price probably shows that it is an out-of-date model or version. The price is its original cost - you may be able to buy it second-hand and cheaper now, depending on availability. If '-' is shown relating to an Upgradeable program (e.g Meph

Portorose or Lyon)owners may be able to buy an upgrade.

Elo: The Rating figure used Worldwide. Both the BCF and Elo figures used in the NEWS SHEET Rating List combine the results v. Computers and v. Humans.

+ /-: The maximum likely future rating MOVEMENT, up or down, for that particular machine. This figure is determined by the number of games played and calculated on standard deviation principles.

Games: No. of games v Computers **Human/Games:** No. of games and results v
Humans in proper Tournaments

A guide to PC Gradings:

286-PC represent the program running on an 80286 at approx. 16MHz.

386-PC represent the program running on an 80386 at approx. 25MHz, with 4MB RAM.

486-PC represent the program running on an 80486 at approx. 40MHz, with 4MB RAM.

Users should get slightly more (or less!) in each case, if the speed of their PC is significantly different.

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