In Dieren, 20-30 July 1992, there were 62 participants in the main group of the Open Dutch Chess Championship. Fully 35 of these were willing to play the computers. The luck of the draw made computers play among themselves too.

Saitek Brute Force scored highest, Mephisto Vancouver had by far the best tournament rating achievement. The results of Mephisto Risc were harmed by two hardware incidents, resulting in a loss of at least 1 point. In spite of the contradictory information about the speed of the Saitek Brute Force and about the length of its program, the total score, 5.5 points out of 9, and a 2176 rating achievement was adversely influenced by the occasionally very bad play of this computer's opponents. Still, the result is not without merit.

The Saitek Risc 2500 scored 5 points (out of 9) and achieved a rating of 2130. The program played capriciously, but was tactically very strong. Departing from the standard, it was equipped with a 30 MHz Risc processor and had the fastest hardware. The Vancouver 68030 at its standard 36 MHz played the best games among the computers and was the only one to play two Grandmasters and a Master, scoring 5 points for a rating performance of 2284. Due to hardware trouble the Mephisto Risc was stuck at 4.5 points, with a rating performance of 2072. It was dubbed EXP for being faster by 2 MHz (16 MHz) relative to the commercial version. Jeroen Noomen supplied it with a special tournament book for Dieren. It must be said that it, too, occasionally showed disappointing play.

The results were not brilliant but were overshadowed by the excellent promotion given to computer chess. The audience was large, also due to the 500 participating players. However irritating this mass interest may have been for the operators, it was clearly a very positive PR exercise for computer chess.

It is clear that the Dieren tournament was a high point in the history of computer chess in The Netherlands, not in the least because all computer games played have been included in the tournament bulletin. Manifestly the Royal Dutch Chess Society stimulates participation of computers in human tournaments, a fact which I hope suppliers will appreciate.

Selected Games

**Saitek Brute Force - N. Schouten** (NicKey KP 2.4.5)

**Mephisto RISC 1 MB - D. de Vries** (NicKey KF 5. 1. 31)

**Mephisto Vancouver 68030 - Mephisto RISC 1 MB** (NicKey SL 11.2.2)

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**THE OPEN DUTCH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Jan Louwman*

Rotterdam, The Netherlands
34. Kg2 Kh6 35. Bd3 Ke5 36. a3 f5 37. Ne2 Nb3 38. Kg3 g6 39. Ng1 Ne1 40. Bd1 Kd4 41. Bd1 Kd4 42. Nf3+ Kc5 43. Kh4 Nd4 44. Be2 Nxf2 45. Bxc4 Kxc4 46. Ng5 Nd3 47. Nxe7 Nxf4 48. Kg5 1/2

B. Tsoekkerman - Mephisto RISC 1 MB (NicKey QP 6.1.1)

CALENDAR OF COMPUTER-CHESS EVENTS

For the benefit of readers wishing to enter programs in computer-chess competitions or to attend, we list future events. Organizers are invited to send full details to the Editor for inclusion in the calendar.

1992

November 23-27
The 7th World Computer-Chess Championship, to be held in Madrid, Spain.
Details: David Levy, 89, Constantine Road, London NW3 2LP, UK.
[See also pages 96-98 of the June 1992 issue and pages 170-172 of this issue.]

1993

May 5-7, 10-12
The 1993 AEGON Man-Computer Tournament, to be held in The Hague, The Netherlands.

July 1-2
The Advances in Computer Chess 7 conference, to be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands.
Details: Jaap van den Herik, Department of Computer Science, University of Limburg, P.O. Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, The Netherlands.
[See also page 174 of this issue.]

August 2-6
Uniform Platform Computer-Chess Tournament, to be held in London, UK.
Details: Don Beal, Department of Computer Science, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS, UK.
[See also pages 173-174 of this issue.]

August 15-28
The 1st Mind Sports Olympiad, including the 5th Computer Olympiad. To be held in London, UK.
Details: David Levy, 89, Constantine Road, London NW3 2LP, UK.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE 7th WORLD COMPUTER-CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Madrid, November 23-27, 1992

David Levy

As previously announced, the 7th World Computer-Chess Championship will take place in the Spanish capital in late November. The idea for holding our most important tournament in Spain during the 500th anniversary year of the discovery of the New World was suggested as long ago as 1987 by Amador Cuesta. His idea was taken up with great enthusiasm by the leading Spanish chess journalist, Leontxo Garcia, who writes on chess news for El Pais and is responsible for many of the chess programmes which appear on Spanish television. Leontxo worked tirelessly for more than 2 years in order to find a way to have the championship sponsored in