

**THE 10<sup>th</sup> AEGON COMPUTER-CHESS TOURNAMENT**  
**AN ANNOUNCEMENT**

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This year will see the decennial edition of the AEGON man-machine chess tournament. The venue, as usual, will be the AEGON Headquarters, Mariahoeveplein 50, The Hague, the Netherlands. Play will be split across two weeks: Wednesday 26, Thursday 27, Friday 28 April, to be followed by Monday to Wednesday, 1 to 3 May, 1995. Each round will start at 19.30 hours and will terminate at 23.30 hours.

**The rules summarized**

The tournament rules have been designed with the aim that an operator's intervention should never influence the game in progress. The operator therefore is bound to follow the computer's instructions. An external clock is decisive in determining the time available, even when at variance with internal time recording. An operator noticing an undue discrepancy between internal and external times is allowed correction under stated conditions. Human contestants play by FIDE regulations.

**Rate of play**

Play is by the Bronstein clock. The basic time allotted to each player for a game is 1.5 (one and a half) hours with an additional 15 seconds allowed for each move. Additional seconds not consumed by the move under consideration are cancelled rather than carried over to a subsequent move.

**Commentating**

IGM Vlastimil Hort will provide oral comment during each round. In this task, he will be assisted by Theo van der Storm, a computer expert and Board member of the Dutch Computer-Chess Association. The human commentators will avail themselves of the analyses by the well-known computer program THE KING. The opening ceremony on the first day of play, Wednesday 26 April, will be by one of AEGON's Board members, at 19.00 hours. The technical significance of the tournament will be set out on this occasion by Jaap van den Herik, as is usual.

**The Human participants**

Eight international grandmasters will compete. They are:

- (1) David Bronstein, with 30 years creative time at the world top, possibly one of the ten best players ever. It was said by Petrosian that chess theory only began at his birth.
- (2) Larry Christiansen, having tied for first place last year.
- (3) Yasser Seirawan, a novice in this tournament.
- (4) John Nunn, also tying for the first place last year, well-known for his books, transferring computer analyses to human ken.
- (5) Roberto Cifuentes Parada, a known virtuoso in the endgame.
- (6) Hans Ree, an unsuccessful contestant a few years ago, who may be inspired to recoup.
- (7) Zsuzsa Polgar, a novice to the tournament. We have high hopes for her, but her lack of experience against computers may hinder.
- (8) John van der Wiel, the 1992 winner with 6 out of 6; can he do it again?

The seven international masters are led by Sophia Polgar, to whom the same applies as to her more-qualified sister. The other IM's are: Herman Grooten, Gert Ligterink, Paul Boersma, Rob Hartoch, John Donaldson, and Erik Hoeksema.

Fifteen other strong players have already entered, among whom are two lady masters: Esther de Kleuver and Annemarie Benschop. We simply list the remaining hopeful entrants:

Jannes van der Wal, Klaas Steyn, Bert Kieboom, Henk de Kleynen, Nico Kuyf, Alexander Münnighoff,

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More invitations have been sent out to strong players of either gender. It is hoped to have a human field of 48 persons, equalling the number of contesting computers.

### The computer participants

The computer contestants must be well-known to our readers. Therefore, they need no introduction. It will suffice to list the names of 46 programs followed by their author(s) and this year's hardware. Two more programs are invited to participate.

Program	Author(s)	Hardware
REBEL	Schröder	Pentium
CHES GENIUS X	Lang	Pentium
HIARCS	Uniacke	Sun
W-CHESS	Kittinger	Pentium
QUEST	Morsch	Pentium
THE KING 2.5	De Koning	Pentium
HITECH	Berliner	Special chess hardware
ECUME	Baudot and Weill	Cray T3D
ZUGZWANG	Feldmann and Mysliwicz	ca 100 Power PC's
FRITZ3	Morsch	Pentium
R30	De Koning	RISC
SCHACH 3.0	Engelbach and Kreitmair	Pentium
MEPHISTO PC-BOARD REBEL	Schröder	Pentium
M-CHESS PRO	Hirsch	Pentium
CHES GENIUS Y	Lang	Pentium
MEPHISTO GENIUS 68030	Lang	68030
KALLISTO	Westrate	Pentium
MEPHISTO MONTREUX	De Koning	RISC
MEPHISTO BERLIN 68020	Lang	68020
ZARKOV	Stanback	Pentium
CHESSMASTER 4000	De Koning	Power PC
SOCRATES	Kaplan	Pentium
MIRAGE AGGR	Rybinkine and Shpeer	Pentium
NIGHTMARE D	Gellner	Pentium
JUNIOR	Bushinsky	Pentium
CENTAUR	Vikhrev, Maniakhine, and Batcherikov	Pentium
CHESSICA	Morsch	Pentium
VIRTUA CHESS	Baudot and Weill	Pentium
SAITEK BRUTE FORCE	Morsch	H8
CHECK CHECK	Delmare	Pentium
SAITEK PRESIDENT	Morsch	H8
DAPPET	Hartmann and Kouwenhoven	Pentium
CHES SYSTEM TAL	Whittington	Pentium
SAITEK GK 2100	Morsch	H8
PANDIX	G. and Z. Horvath	Pentium
NIGHTMARE N	Buys and Goldhoorn	Pentium
NOVAG SAPHIRA	Kittinger	H8
NOW	Lefler	Pentium
GANDALF	Suurballe	Pentium
L-CHESS	Loep	Pentium
ARTHUR	Ravenek	Power PC
HECTOR 2	Bults	Pentium
ANANSE	Bannerman	Pentium
SCHAAKMEESTER 2.0	Loep	Pentium
BIONIC	Secelle	Pentium
CAPTURE	Renard	Pentium