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Short-tailed Albatross <sup>[2]</sup>

**Albatross**,  
a chess program by [Michael Parker](#)  
written in [Z80 assembly](#). Albatross  
participated at the [WMCCC 1980](#)  
<sup>[1]</sup>, the [European MCC 1981](#) and  
[European MCC 1983](#), running on a  
[Nascom 1](#) computer.

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## Don't shoot the Albatross

<sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup>

Quote by [Tony Harrington](#) on the [Albatross](#) during the [4th European MCC 1983](#) <sup>[6]</sup>  
Mike Parker's program, Albatross, which finished the Tournament with one and a half points - much to its author's delight - turned out to be vulnerable to spectators. Someone took a flashlight photo rather too close to it and the Nascom 1, on which the Albatross was running, promptly had a seizure. This prompted cries of 'Don't shoot the Albatross' for the next seven rounds whenever anyone with a camera appeared on the scene.

## Selected Games

[WMCCC 1980](#) round 1: [Sargon 2.0](#) - [Albatross](#) <sup>[7]</sup> <sup>[8]</sup>

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[Event "WMCCC 1980"]
[Site "London, United Kingdom"]
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[Black "Albatross"]
[Result "0-1"]
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1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Be7 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Qd5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Nxd5 exd5
8.Bf4 Bd6
9.Bxd6 Bf5 10.Bxc7 a5 11.Bd3 Be4 12.O-O Nf6 13.Be5 h6 14.Bxf6 O-
O 15.Be5 Nb4
16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nd2 b5 18.Nxe4 f6 0-1 {time}
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lineup: [Klaus Doldinger](#), [Curt Cress](#), [Wolfgang Schmid](#), [Kristian Schultze](#)

## References

- ↑ [Albatross' ICGA Tournaments](#)
- ↑ [Short-tailed Albatross](#) taken by - James Lloyd, Place - Eastern Island, [Midway Atoll](#), March

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  4. ^ [Why?:Shoot the albatross - Uncyclopedia, the content-free encyclopedia](#)
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