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Black armor ^[2]

Black Knight,

a chess program developed in 1974 by [Fred Prouse](#), [Kenn Sogge](#), [Gary Maltzen](#) and [Lonny Lebahn](#) affiliated with [Sperry Univac](#), [Roseville, Minnesota](#) ^[1]. Black Knight was written in [Fortran](#) and ran on the [UNIVAC 1100](#) series of computers, playing four [ACM North American Computer Chess Championships](#), the [ACM 1975](#), [ACM 1976](#), [ACM 1977](#) and [ACM 1978](#), and the [2nd World Computer Chess Championship](#) 1977 in [Toronto](#). It was a selective [Shannon Type B](#) program, performing [Alpha-Beta](#) search with [leaf evaluation](#).

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Tigran Petrosian

During the [1980 Candidates Match](#) between [Viktor Korchnoi](#) and [Tigran Petrosian](#) in [Velden am Wörther See](#), Black Knight was used to analyze the games. It further played a short game vs. Petrosian, where a draw offer by Petrosian in a better position was accepted after move 14 ^[3].

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bg4 5.f3 Bf5 6.Nd2 Qd7 7.c3 e6 8.Ne2
a6 9.Ba4
Be7 10.O-O O-O 11.Qe1 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e4 Bg6 14.Nf4 Kh7
1/2-1/2 {draw offer by Petrosian accepted}
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Namesake

- [Black Knight Chess](#) by [Nirmel Murtic](#) ^[4]

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