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Chessnut,

a [microcomputer](#) chess program by [Geoffrey Bulmer](#) which participated at the [European MCC 1981](#), the [European MCC 1983](#) running on a modified [Acorn Computer](#) with a [6502](#) processor ^[1], and the [WMCCC 1984](#) running on a [Commodore 64](#), where it won the title of Amateur World Microcomputer Chess Champion by default ^[2]. An improved version of Chessnut was also commercially released in 1981 by [Acornsoft](#) as [Atom Chess](#) for the [Acorn Atom](#) ^[3].

Quotes

by [Tony Harrington](#) ^[4]:

There was the solitary amateur entry, [Geoff Bulmer's 'Chessnut'](#), a plucky little program running on a [Commodore 64](#) and guaranteed of the best amateur trophy even if it didn't win a game (it didn't).

Selected Games

[WMCCC 1984](#), round 5: [Intelligent Chess Software](#) - [Chessnut 3](#) ^[5]

[Event "WMCCC 1984"]
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1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nc3 dxc4 4. d5 Ne5 5. Nf3 f6 6. Nxe5 fxe5 7. e4
Nf6
8. Bxc4 Bg4 9. f3 Bh5 10. Qb3 b6 11. Qa4+ Qd7 12. Bb5 O-O-
O 13. Qxa7 Qxb5
14. Nxb5 Nxd5 15. Qa8+ Kd7 16. Qxd5+ Kc8 17. Qc6 Rd1+ 18. Kxd1 Kd8
19. Nxc7 Bf7 20. Kc2 Kc8 21. Na6+ Kd8 22. Rd1+ Bd5 23. Rxd5# 1-0

[WMCCC 1984](#), round 6: [Chessnut 3](#) - [Sargon 3 / Compaq](#) ^[6]

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1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Nc6 5. Qd3 e5 6. Nfd2 Bc5 7. Na
3 O-O
8. e4 Ng4 9. Qf3 Bxf2+ 10. Qxf2 Nxf2 11. Kxf2 Qb6+ 12. Kf3 Nd4+ 13. Kg
3 Qf6
14. Nb5 Qf4+ 15. Kh3 d6+ 16. g4 Qxg4# 0-1

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