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[Lenin](#) head in Ulan-Ude ^[2]

The **First Soviet Computer-Chess Championship 1988** was held in [Ulan-Ude](#), the capital of the [Buryat Republic](#), June 27-29, [1988](#), as part of the *Ulan-Ude Computer Festival Informatics, Peace, Communication and Ecology*. The tournament was directed by [Alexander Bitman](#) with assistance of [Mikhail Donskoy](#) and [ICCA](#) observer [Jonathan Schaeffer](#).

Six programs and computers participated, three of them variants of the [Strategist](#) program. There were four notable absentees. Not present were [Kaissa](#) (retired), [Pioneer](#) (too many bugs?), [Butenko's program](#) (he required a mainframe) and [V. Petrenko's program Elektronika IM-01](#) (travel problems). [Centaur](#) by [Victor Vikhrev](#) won with 4/5, and had two identical games versus [Strategist-1](#) and [Strategist](#) which ended in a draw ^[1].

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Final Standing

| # | Program | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | P |
|---|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----|
| 1 | Centaur | X | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | Strategist-1 | ½ | X | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 3½ |
| 3 | Algir | 0 | ½ | X | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | Strategist-A | 0 | 0 | ½ | X | ½ | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | Strategist | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | X | ½ | 1½ |
| 6 | Intellect | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | X | 1 |

Games

Round 4, [Algir](#) - [Centaur](#)

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1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 a6 3.Bd3 e5 4.c3 e4 5.Bxe4 dxe4 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Qxe4+ Be6 8
.O-O Nf6
9.Qc2 Bd6 10.c4 Bg4 11.Nc3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Rb8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4+ Qe7 1
5.Qxe7+ Kxe7
16.d4 Kf6 17.c5 Be7 18.b3 Kg6 19.a4 Rbd8 20.f4 Na5 21.Rb1 Nc6 22.b4 Rd
5 23.b5 axb5
24.axb5 Na5 25.b6 c6 26.Rb4 Rhd8 27.Kh1 Kh6 28.Rg1 g6 29.Ba3 Bf6 30.Ra
4 Nb3 31.Rb4 Nd2
32.Rd1 Ne4 33.Rf1 Ra8 34.Bb2 Nd2 35.Ra1 Rxa1+ 36.Bxa1 Kg7 37.Bc3 Ne4 3
8.Be1 Nxc5
39.dxc5 Rd1 40.Kg2 Rxe1 41.Rc4 Rd1 42.e4 Rd4 43.Rc2 Rxe4 44.Kg3 Re1 45
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.Kg2 Bd4 46.Rc4
Rd1 47.Rc2 Rd3 48.f3 Rc3 49.Rxc3 Bxc3 50.f5 gxf5 51.h4 Bd4 52.Kg3 Bxc5
53.Kf4 Kf6
54.Kg3 Bxb6 55.Kg2 Bd4 56.f4 b5 57.Kf3 c5 58.h5 c4 59.Ke2 b4 60.Kf3 b3
61.h6 Kg6
62.Kg3 c3 63.Kf3 c2 64.Kg3 c1=Q 65.Kf3 b2 66.Kg3 b1=Q 67.Kf3 Qd3+ 68.K
g2 0-1

Chess-Programming Association

After the tournament, the directors, participants, and other interested parties held a meeting to found the Soviet Computer-Chess Federation, the Chess-Programming Association (CPA) of the [USSR](#) with the goal to support computer chess and chess programming, to organize computer chess tournaments, and to establish a cooperative for producing [chess computers](#). [Alexander Timofeev](#) (Institute for Physical Culture, Sport) became its president, further executive members were [A.S. Morozov](#) (NICEVENT, Industry, member of the [Strategist](#) team) and [Mikhail Donskoy](#) (Institute for System Studies, Science).

See also

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Report

- [Mikhail Donskoy, Jonathan Schaeffer \(1988\)](#). *Report on the 1st Soviet Computer-Chess Championship or re-awakening a sleeping giant*. [ICCA Journal, Vol. 11, Nos. 2/3](#)

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