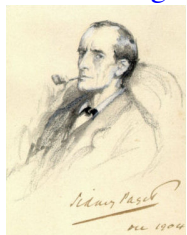


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Sherlock Holmes <sup>[2]</sup>

**Holmes**,  
a [Chess Engine Communication Protocol](#) compliant chess engine by [Andreas Herrmann](#) written in [Delphi](#). Holmes, later renamed to [BlackBishop](#) <sup>[1]</sup>, played the [IPCCC 2001](#), [IPCCC 2003](#), and the [ICT 2002](#) under its initial name. Holmes applies [NegaScout](#) with [Null Move Pruning](#), and performs [Move generation](#) with the help of [piece tables](#).

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6  
9.Be3 O-O 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Bd7 13.h4 Rac8 14.h5 e5 15.hxg6 hxg6  
16.d5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Qe1 Qf6 21.Qe2 Rc7 22.Rb4 Bc2  
23.Be1 a5 24.Rb5 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxc4 26.Rh3 Rc1 27.Rb2 Qa6+ 28.Re2 Rd8 29.Kg1 Rc5  
30.Bd2 Rcx d5 31.Qe7 Bf6 32.Qe8+ Rxe8 33.Rxe8+ Kg7 34.Bh6+ Kh7 35.Bg5+ 1/2-1/2

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