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Kempelen Intro Screen ^[4]

Kempelen,

a chess program written by [Attila Kovács](#) for [6502](#) and later [68000](#) based [home computers](#), like [Commodore 64](#), [Commodore 128](#) and [Atari ST](#). The commercial Commodore version by [Andromeda Software Inc.](#) ^[1], market in 1986 by [Sierra On-Line](#) was co-authored by [Grandmaster István Bilek](#) and [Tamás Révkirá](#) ^[2]. Kempelen played four [World Microcomputer Chess Championships](#) in the 80s, the [WMCCC 1985](#), [WMCCC 1986](#), [WMCCC 1988](#) and [WMCCC 1989](#). The program's name was in remembrance of the Hungarian inventor [Wolfgang von Kempelen](#) ^[3], in the late 18th century the constructor of [The Turk](#), the chess-playing automaton later revealed to be a [hoax](#).

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[Site "Amsterdam, NL"]  
[Date "1985.09.11"]  
[Round "4"]  
[White "PK83"]  
[Black "Kempelen I"]  
[Result "0-1"]
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.d4 Nf6 7.d5 Na7 8.Bg5 B  
e7  
9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Bc2 O-O 12.O-  
O Qe7 13.Qe2 c5 14.a4 Rfe8 15.axb5  
axb5 16.Ra5 Bg4 17.b4 cxb4 18.cxb4 Rac8 19.Bd3 Rc3 20.Bxb5 Nxb5 21.Rxb  
5  
Rec8 22.h3 Bd7 23.Rb7 Qe8 24.g4 g6 25.g5 Bxh3 26.gxf6 Bxf1 27.Kxf1 h5  
28.Ra7 Rc1+ 29.Kg2 R1c3 30.Ng5 R8c7 31.Rxc7 Rxc7 32.Qd3 Qd8 33.Qb5 Rc3  
34.Nb1 Rc1 35.Na3 Qxf6 36.Nf3 Rc3 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Nxe5 dxe5 39.Nb5 Qf3+  
0-1
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[WMCCC 1985](#), [Kempelen](#) running on a [Commodore 128](#), operated by [Gyula Horváth](#) ^[6]

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References

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