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Killer Mouse ^[4]

Killer Chess (K. Chess) ^{[1] [2]}, a minimalistic chess program written by [Andy Thomason](#) in [Z80 Assembly](#) or even [machine code](#) of 2.2 KiB of [Memory](#). Killer Chess (K. Chess IV) played the [First World Microcomputer Chess Championship](#) 1980 in [London](#), and lost its first round by default, since the program had the white pieces but could only play with black. Some hurried modifications enabled it to compete the course ^[3], but it lost all remaining games as well.

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Fafner

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1. d4 f5 2. c3 Nf6 3. Bg5 d5 4. f3 Nc6 5. Qd3 Bd7 6. c4 dxc4 7. Qe3 Nd5
8. Qd2 g6 9. Bf6 Nxf6 10. e4 fxe4 11. Qf4 Nxd4 12. Bxc4 Nc2+ 13. Kd2 Ba4+
14. Bd3 Qxd3+ 15. Kc1 Nxa1 16. b4 Qc2# 0-1

Viktor

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1. d4 b6 2. Nc3 Bb7 3. e4 e6 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Nxd4 6. Nxd4 Bb4 7. O-O e5
8. Ndb5 g6 9. b3 c6 10. Ba3 Bxa3 11. Nxa3 Qh4 12. Be2 Nf6 13. Qd3 Nxe4
14. Nxe4 d5 15. Nd6+ Kd7 16. Nxb7 Kc7 17. Qa6 Qe4 18. Bf3 Qd4 19. Rad1 Qf4
20. Bxd5 cxd5 21. Nb5+ Kc8 22. Nc5+ Kd8 23. Qb7 bxc5 24. Qxa8+ Kd7
25. Rxd5+ Ke7 26. Qxh8 e4 27. Qd8+ 1-0

See also

- [Killer Heuristic](#)
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Related Publications

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