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Nightmare,

a private chess program by [Joost Buijs](#). The first version of Nightmare was developed already during fall of 1977 on a [Heathkit H8](#) with [8080](#) CPU @ 2 MHz and 16 kiB [RAM](#), and made it's first moves in early 1978. It played some friendly matches against [Schak-123](#) by [Hans](#) and [Henk van der Liet](#), and [Gabmol](#), the first program of [Wim Rens](#) and forerunner of [Gambiet 80 and 81](#).

Nightmare had its official tournament debut at the [3rd Dutch Computer Chess Championship 1983](#), and played further 12 [Dutch Open Computer Chess Championships](#) until 1996, the [3rd Computer Olympiad 1991](#) the [ICT 2002](#), and [Aegon Tournaments](#) from 1994 ^[2] until 1997. After some years with less tournament activity, the new Nightmare started its comeback in 2010, playing the [DOCCC 2010](#), [ICT 2011](#), [CCT Tournaments](#) and [ACCA World Computer Rapid Chess Championships](#), where it became strong runner-up behind [Arasan](#) at the [WCRCC 2013](#) with 9½/11. Further, Nightmare played multiple [TCEC](#) seasons, so far [TCEC Season 6](#) , [TCEC Season 7](#) and [TCEC Season 8](#).

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Nc6
9.b4 Bb6 10.c5 dxc5 11.bxc5 Bxc5 12.Qxb7 Bd7 13.Nb5 Rb8 14.Qa6 Rb6 15.
Qa4
a6 16.Nbc3 Nb4 17.axb4 Bxa4 18.bxc5 Rb8 19.Rxa4 Qxd3 20.Nc1 Qd7 21.Rxa
6 0-0
22.Nd3 e4 23.Ne5 Qe8 24.f4 Rb2 25.Bc4 Qd8 26.Bc1 Rxd2 27.Nxf7 Rxf7 28.
Bxf7+
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Kxf7 29.Ra5 Rc2 30.Na2 Qd3 31.Nc3 Qxc3+ 32.Kf1 Qd3+ 33.Ke1 Qe2# 0-1

WCRCC 2013

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O Bg6 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Nh4 c5
9.c3 Qb6 10.Ndf3 Be4 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Nd4 Nc6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.f3 Qxh4 15.
Bf2
Qg5 16.fxe4 dxe4 17.Qa4 Ncxe5 18.Nb5 Qd8 19.Qxe4 a6 20.Bg3 Qb6+ 21.Kh1
axb5
22.Bxe5 Qc6 23.Qe3 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 f6 25.Rxf6 gxf6 26.Qxf6 Rg8 27.Bh5+ Rg
6
28.Bxg6+ hxg6 29.Rf1 Kd7 30.Qf7+ Kd6 31.Rd1+ Ke5 32.h4 Rc8 33.Rd4 Bh6
34.Qxg6 Rh8 35.Rb4 Kd6 36.Qf6 Qe8 37.a4 Be3 38.Re4 Ba7 39.Qe5+ Kd7 40.
Qxb5+
Kc8 41.Qe5 Qd8 42.Rc4+ Kd7 43.g3 Qb8 44.Qg7+ Kd6 45.Rb4 Qf8 46.Qxf8+ R
xf8
47.Rxb7 e5 48.Rxa7 e4 49.b3 e3 50.Ra6+ Kd5 51.c4+ Ke5 52.Ra5+ Ke4 53.R
a6 Rf1+
54.Kg2 e2 55.Re6+ Kd3 56.g4 e1=Q 57.Rxe1 Rxe1 58.h5 Ke3 59.b4 Kf4 60.b
5 Re2+
61.Kf1 Kf3 62.a5 Ra2 63.Ke1 Ke3 64.Kf1 Rf2+ 65.Kg1 Kf3 66.b6 Rg2+ 67.K
f1 Ra2
68.Ke1 Ke3 69.Kd1 Kd3 70.Kc1 Kc3 71.Kd1 Kd3 72.Kc1 Kc3 73.Kd1 Kd3 1/2-
1/2
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