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Scaramanga,

a [Clone](#) of [Mark Lefler's](#) program [Now](#) and "successor" of [Almond](#), both by fake author "Richard Hall" ^[1], an alleged student from [University of Michigan](#). He asked the [CSVN](#) via [Jan Krabbenbos](#) and [Hans Secelle](#) to play the [ICT 2010](#) with *Almond* as well the [DOCCC 2010](#) with *Scaramanga*, operated by [Hans Secelle](#) who regularly contacted "Richard Hall" ^[2].

[Harvey Williamson](#) raised suspicions after *Scaramanga* was connected from an Indian server at [Playchess](#), and [Hans Secelle](#) sent the source code applied to [Don Dailey](#) forwarded for confirmation to Mark Lefler. Mark admitted he had naively shared his source code with someone who said he was named "Chinmay" who offered to run Now in a tournament with faster hardware and better compiler, and said he had operated [Rybka](#) at [ACCA 2008](#) ^[3].

External Links

- [Bedrog \(Fraud\) CSVN site](#) (Dutch), [translated](#) by [Babel Fish](#)
- [Francisco Scaramanga from Wikipedia](#)

References

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