

Bulletin 7

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Round 9

With still 2 rounds to go the program Zappa by Anthony Cozzie managed to claim first place in the thirteenth World Computer Chess Championship. So far it scored 8.5 out of 9 games. Although theoretically two programs with 6.5 points out of 9 can land on 8.5 points too it is hardly imaginable to happen. In the 9th round Zappa played Black against Shredder with was fighting for its last chance. Zappa defended his position with the Sicilian Dragon variation. It is a deeply analysed opening which was known for its fighting spirit. However theoretical investigations mostly point to opportunities at the white side and so Shredder was happy to follow the book lines up to far in the middle game. When the programs were out of book it was hard to access for human chess players which side had the better chances. Shredder had sacrificed a Pawn, had an attack and had a passed h-Pawn. However, all these advantages turned out to be not sufficient compensation for the material deficit. Zappa defended adequately, took the initiative and brought his Pawns forward to the queening rank. All in all Zappa showed a great playing style not only in this game but also in the other games of this tournament. Hence it fully deserves this victory and the computer-chess world maybe happy to have new blood among its top programs. For more information on Zappa we refer to Anthony's Cozzie website <http://volker-pittlik.name/zappa/>.

Next to Shredder there were four other programs with 5.5 points at the beginning of this round. Two of them won their games and remained at the distance of 2 points after Zappa. They are world champion Junior and newcomer Fruit. Junior won against IsiChess that made a blunder in a dead drawn rook-ending. Isenberg's problem was that he had no table bases implemented giving the results of the lost pawn-ending. Fruit won against Deep Sjeng. For a long time the game seemed to be ending in a draw but in a rook and queen endgame Fruit outsmarted Deep Sjeng and deservedly won.

Crafty drew The Baron and Diep achieved the same result against Jonny. Finally The Crazy Bishop won against Futé. The latter program is on the last place with a score of only half a point. However it is remarkable that this half a point is scored against Zappa in a normal, regular game. Futé deserved that half a point and with it our compliments.

For details on the current ranking we refer to the tables below.

9 th Round August 20, 2005			
The Crazy Bishop	1	0	Futé
Diep	.5	.5	Jonny
Crafty	.5	.5	The Baron
Shredder	0	1	Zappa
Deep Sjeng	0	1	Fruit
IsiChess	0	1	Junior

Shredder - Zappa
[ECO "B76"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. O-O-O d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Nxd5 cxd5 13. Bh6 Qc7 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. h4 h5 16. Re1 Rb8 17. g4 hxg4 18. h5 Qb6 19. c3 Rh8 20. fxg4 Bxg4 21. h6+ Kf8 22. b3 Rc8 23. Kb2 d4 24. c4 Bf5 25. Bd3 Bxd3 26. Qxd3 Qd6 27. Qd2 Rh7 28. Qg5 f5 29. Ref1 Rc5 30. Qg2 Kf7 31. Rf2 Qf6 32. Rff1 a5 33. Qa8 g5 34. Kc2 Re5 35. Kc1 g4 36. Kd1 Rh8 37. Qg2 d3 38. Qf2 a4 39. Qh4 Re2 40. Qxf6+ exf6 41. b4 Rxa2 0-1

IsiChess - Junior

[ECO "D04"]

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bf5 4. Bd3 e6 5. O-O Bd6 6. Nc3 c6 7. Qe2 Nbd7 8. e4 dxe4 9. Nxe4 Bxe4 10. Bxe4 Qa5 11. Bd2 Qh5 12. Bd3 O-O 13. Rfe1 c5 14. c3 cxd4 15. cxd4 Rac8 16. a3 Rfd8 17. g3 Nb6 18. Rac1 Rxc1 19. Rxc1 h6 20. Kg2 Qd5 21. Kf1 a6 22. Kg1 Kh8 23. Rc2 Nbd7 24. Bc4 Qf5 25. Rc1 Qg4 26. Kg2 Nb6 27. h3 Qh5 28. Bb3 Nbd7 29. Qd3 Nf8 30. g4 Qg6 31. Qe3 Kg8 32. Bc2 Nd5 33. Qb3 Qf6 34. Qxb7 Bf4 35. Rd1 Rb8 36. Qxa6 Rxb2 37. Qc4 Qe7 38. a4 Qb7 39. Be4 Ng6 40. Kg1 Bxd2 41. Rxd2 Rb4 42. Qc2 Ngf4 43. a5 Rb5 44. Qa4 Qb8 45. Bxd5 Nxh3+ 46. Kf1 exd5 47. Ne1 Rb1 48. Qd7 Qf4 49. Qf5 Qxf5 50. gxf5 Nf4 51. f3 Ra1 52. Kf2 Rxa5 53. Nd3 Nxd3+ 54. Rxd3 Ra6 55. Kg3 Rf6 56. Kg4 Rb6 57. Kf4 f6 58. Ra3 Rb4 59. Ke3 h5 60. Ra5 h4 61. Rxd5 Rb2 62. Rd8+ Kh7 63. Rc8 h3 64. Rc1 h2 65. Rh1 Kg8 66. Ke4 Kf7 67. f4 Ke7 68. Kf3 Kd6 69. Ke4 Ra2 70. Rf1 Ra3 71. Rh1 Rh3 72. d5 Rh4 73. Ke3 Kxd5 74. Rd1+ Kc4 75. Rc1+ Kb5 76. Rh1 Rh3+ 77. Kf2 Kc4 78. Kg2 Rh8 79. Kf3 Kd3 80. Rd1+ Kc2 81. Rh1 Rh6 82. Kg3 Kd3 83. Kf3 Rh4 84. Rd1+ Kc4 85. Rc1+ Kb3 86. Rh1 Rh3+ 87. Kg2 Rh8 88. Rxh2 Rxh2+ 89. Kxh2 Kc4 0-1

Deep Sjeng - Fruit

[ECO "B40"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5. Be3 Qb6 6. c3 Nc6 7. Nd2 Nxd4 8. Nc4 Qc6 9. Bxd4 Qxe4+ 10. Be2 Be7 11. O-O Nf6 12. Bf3 Qf4 13. Qa4 O-O 14. Be5 Qg5 15. Rae1 b5 16. Qxb5 d5 17. Bc7 a5 18. Nb6 Ba6 19. Qxa5 Ra7 20. Be2 Rxc7 21. Qxa6 Ne4 22. Na4 Rb8 23. Ra1 Bc5 24. Nxc5 Nxc5 25. Qa3 Rcc8 26. Rfd1 Qf5 27. Rdc1 Qe5 28. Bf1 g6 29. h3 Qf6 30. Rc2 Qf5 31. Rcc1 Ne4 32. Rc2 Ra8 33. Qb4 Ng3 34. Rd2 Nxf1 35. Kxf1 Rxa2 36. Rxa2 Qb1+ 37. Ke2 Qxa2 38. Qb7 Qc4+ 39. Ke1 Qe4+ 40. Kf1 Qb1+ 41. Ke2 Rd8 42. Qb4 Ra8 43. Kf3 h6 44. h4 Re8 45. Kg3 Rc8 46. Rd4 Qe1 47. Kf3 h5 48. Qb6 Qb1 49. Ke2 e5 50. Rd3 d4 51. Qb7 Rd8 52. Qb3 Kg7 53. g3 Rd6 54. Qb5 Kh7 55. Qb7 Rf6 56. cxd4 Qc2+ 57. Rd2 Qc4+ 58. Ke3 e4 59. Qxe4 Re6 60. Qxe6 Qxe6+ 61. Kd3 f5 62. Kc2 Qc4+ 63. Kd1 Qd5 64. Kc2 f4 65. gxf4 Kg7 66. Kc3 Qc6+ 67. Kb3 Qf3+ 68. Kc2 Kf6 69. d5 Ke7 70. b4 Qxf4 71. Kc3 Qxh4 72. b5 Qf6+ 73. Kc4 h4 0-1

Crafty - The Baron

[ECO "D46"]

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nf3 c6 4. e3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nbd7 6. O-O Bd6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. e4 dxc4 9. Bxc4 e5 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bh4 exd4 12. Qxd4 Bc5 13. Qd3 Nb6 14. e5 Qxd3 15. Bxd3 Nfd7 16. Rad1 g5 17. Bg3 Be7 18. Nd4 Nc5 19. Bf5 Ne6 20. Nf3 Re8 21. h4 Nc5 22. Bxc8 Raxc8 23. hxc5 hxc5 24. Rd4 Kg7 25. Ne4 Nxe4 26. Rxe4 Rcd8 27. Rfe1 Nd5 28. Rg4 Kg6 29. Rge4 Nc7 30. e6 Nxe6 31. Ne5+ Kg7 32. Nxf7 Kxf7 33. Rxe6 Rd7 34. R6e3 Rf8 35. Be5 Bc5 36. Rf3+ Kg8 37. Rxf8+ Kxf8 38. Bc3 g4 39. Kf1 Rf7 40. Re2 Rf5 41. g3 Kf7 42. Be1 Bd6 43. Re4 Bxg3 44. Rxg4 Be5 45. b3 Rh5 46. Ra4 a6 47. f4 Bd6 48. Kg2 Ke6 49. Kf3 Kf5 50. Rd4 Rh6 51. Bg3 Re6 52. b4 f6 53. Bh4 Rg6 54. Be1 Re6 55. Bd2 Rh6 56. a4 b5 57. a5 Re6 58. Kg3 Rg6+ 59. Kf3 Rh6 60. Kg3 Rg6+ 61. Kf3 Rh6 62. Kg3 Rf6 63. Kf3 Rg6 64. Bc3 Re6 65. Bd2 Rg6 66. Bc3 Be7 67. Rd7 Rh6 68. Rxe7 Rh3+ 69. Ke2 Rxc3 70. Ra7 Kxf4 1/2-1/2

Diep - Jonny

[ECO "E32"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 b6 7. Bg5 Bb7 8. f3 h6 9. Bh4 d5 10. e3 Nbd7 11. Nh3 Re8 12. cxd5 exd5 13. Be2 Qe7 14. Bf2 c5 15. O-O Rac8 16. Rfe1 cxd4 17. Qxd4 Nc5 18. Rad1 Nb3 19. Qa4 Na5 20. Bb5 Bc6 21. Nf4 Rd8 22. Bxc6 Nxc6 23. Qa6 Qe5 24. Nd3 Qe6 25. Rc1 Qf5 26. Bg3 Re8 27. Qb5 Qd7 28. h3 Qe6 29. Nf4 Qd7 30. Rd1 Rxe3 31. Nxd5 Nxd5 32. Qxd5 Qxd5 33. Rxd5 Re6 34. b4 Rce8 35. b5 Ne7 36. Rd7 Nf5 37. Bf2 R6e7 38. Rcc7 Rxd7 39. Rxd7 Re7 40. Rd8+ Kh7 41. g4 Ne3 42. a4 Nc4 43. Rd4 Nb2 44. Kg2 h5 45. gxh5 Kh6 46. Kg3 Kxh5 47. Rh4+ Kg6 48. Rg4+ Kf5 49. Bd4 Nxa4 50. Bxg7 Nc5 51. Rf4+ Kg6 52. Bf6 Re6 53. Bd4 Nb7 54. Rg4+ Kh5 55. f4 Nd6 56. Rg5+ Kh6 57. Rd5 Kg6 58. h4 f5 59. Kh3 Kh6 60. Bh8 Re3+ 61. Kg2 Re6 62. Kf3 Kh5 63. Be5 Nc4 64. Kg3 Rg6+ 65. Kh3 Re6 66. Bd4 Nd6 67. Bf2 Kh6 68. Bg3 Kg6 69. Kg2 Ne4 70. Kf3 Nxc3 71. Kxc3 Re3+ 72. Kf2 Rh3 73. Kg2 Rb3 74. Kf2 Ra3 75. h5+ Kxh5 76. Rxf5+ Kg4 77. Rf7 1/2-1/2

The Crazy Bishop - Fute

[ECO "C77"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Nd5 Nxd5 7. exd5 e4 8. dxc6 exf3 9. cxd7+ Bxd7 10. Bxd7+ Qxd7 11. Qxf3 Qe6+ 12. Qe3 Qxe3+ 13. fxe3 O-O 14. Ke2 Rfe8 15. Kf3 Re6 16. c3 Bd6 17. d3 c5 18. a4 Bc7 19. b4 Rd8 20. d4 cxd4 21. cxd4 Rf6+ 22. Ke2 Rh6 23. h3 Rg6 24. g4 Re6 25. Kd3 b5 26. axb5 axb5 27. Rf1 Rh6 28. Ra7 Rc6 29. Bd2 Rf8 30. Rf5 Rb8 31. e4 g6 32. Rd5 Bd8 33. Rdd7 Bb6 34. Rab7 Ra8 35. Rxf7 Ra3+ 36. Ke2 Rxh3 37. Rfd7 Rh2+ 38. Kd3 Rc8 39. Rxb6 Rh3+ 40. Be3 Rg3 41. g5 Ra8 42. d5 Ra3+ 43. Kd4 Ra8 44. Rxb5 Rh3 45. Rbb7 Re8 46. Bf4 Rh1 47. Be5 1-0

TOURNAMENT TABLE																
	Program	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	SB	Place
1	CRAFTY	x	0	1	0	1		1	1	.5	.5	1				
2	DEEP SJENG	1	x	1	0		1		.5	.5	.5	1	0			
3	DIEP	0	0	x	1	1	1	.5	0	0		1				
4	FRUIT	1	1	0	x		.5	1		1	1	1	0			
5	FUTÉ	0		0		x	0	0	0	0	0	0	.5			
6	ISIChess		0	0	.5	1	x	0	0		.5	0	0			
7	JONNY	0		.5	0	1	1	x	0	0	1		0			
8	JUNIOR	0	.5	1		1	1	1	x		1	1	0			
9	SHREDDER	.5	.5	1	0	1		1		x	.5	1	0			
10	THE BARON	.5	.5		0	1	.5	0	0	.5	x		0			
11	THE CRAZY BISHOP	0	0	0	0	1	1		0	0		x	0			
12	ZAPPA		1		1	.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	x			

PROGRESS TABLE												
Score after round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	(Tied) Place
CRAFTY	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6			
DEEP SJENG	0.5	0.5	1.5	2	3	4	5	5.5	5.5			
DIEP	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	4.5			
FRUIT	1	2	2	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	6.5			
FUTÉ	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5			
ISICHESS	0	0	0	0.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	2			
JONNY	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3.5			
JUNIOR	1	1	2	3	4	5	5	5.5	6.5			
SHREDDER	0.5	0.5	1.5	3	3	4	5	5.5	5.5			
THE BARON	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	2.5	3			
THE CRAZY BISHOP	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			
ZAPPA	1	2	3	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5			