Man Versus Machine for the World Checkers Championship

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Abstract

In August 1992, the world checkers champion, Marion Tinsley, defended his title against the computer program CHINOOK. Because of its success in human tournaments, CHINOOK had earned the right to play for the world championship. Tinsley won the best-of-40-game match with a score of 4 wins, 2 losses, and 33 draws. This event was the first time in history that a program played for a human world championship and might be a prelude to what is to come in chess. This article tells the story of the first Man versus Machine World Championship match.
Marion Tinsley defended his title against the computer program CHINOOK. After an intense, tightly contested match, Tinsley fought back from behind to win the match by scoring four wins to CHINOOK’s two, with 33 draws. Man versus Machine for the World Checkers Championship. Jonathan Schaeffer, Robert Lake, +1 author Martin Bryant. Published 1996 in AI Magazine.

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