
TOURNAMENT REPORT

New Hitech Computer Chess Success

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Hitech's US Chess Federation (USCF) performance rating for this tournament was 2476, and its rating should rise to USCF 2396, a new high water mark for computer chess. This places it within four rating points of becoming a USCF Senior Master, the highest title awarded nationally in chess. It also means that Hitech is now ranked about 150th among registered US chess players. This tournament is Hitech's best performance since finishing first in the Pennsylvania State Championship in August, 1987. Over its last five tournaments since August 1987, Hitech has achieved a performance rating of

2460. Over this span it has scored 18-1 against players rated below it, and 3-8 against players rated above it. Of the eight points it lost against players rated above it, three were losses to International Grandmaster's, three were losses to International Master's, and there were two draws against players rated over 2500, (one an International Master).

From previous tournaments rated by FIDE, the international chess federation, Hitech has achieved a performance worthy of a FIDE rating. However, at present FIDE is declining to rate computers. Hitech has met every qualification but one for achieving a rating—it is not a human. If Hitech were eligible for a rating, its FIDE rating would be 2350, which would qualify it for the FIDE Master title.

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