

#### A NOTE ON KBBK

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By his publication in *Computerschach und Spiele* (1985, Vol.2, No.5, pp. 27-28) our attention has been drawn to Hans Zellner's efforts to compress databases into a Commodore C64. The matter became more acute after we noted a discrepancy between our own publication (*ICCA Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 141-149, esp. p. 145) and Ken Thompson's results as published in *EG* (1986, Vol.VI, No.83, p. 23).

The discrepancy seemed most serious at first blush: whereas we listed 16 KBBK positions with a 19-move maximin, Roycroft reporting Thompson listed no more than 15 of these. The dispute was soon resolved: the respective results were identical, except for the fact that we had chosen to distinguish between the positions WKa1, Be7, Bd3, BKd4 and WKa1, Bg5, Bc4, BKd4, whereas Ken Thompson, noticing their relation by symmetry due to reflection in the a1-h8 diagonal, had coalesced them. Hence, the discrepancy did not point to a difference, but merely indicated a different classification of positions by symmetry class. The material identity of our respective results was confirmed by Hans Zellner of Mellersdorf, FRG, who favoured us with a letter contained in the note to follow.