

## CHESSBASE

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[F. Friedel, Editor of *Computerschach und Spiele*, is actively involved in disseminating a dedicated chess database to be run on personal computers. While ChessBase is slightly beyond this Journal's scope, its existence seems important enough to justify a short description here. – Eds.]

ChessBase is now in its 3.0 release. It provides about six thousand games annually, in six bimonthly issues, which are floppies. Of these games, some 20% are annotated by top players. An *Express Service* is available for updating by some four thousand games between issues. Entry to the database is by player, year, length, results, opening, etc. A specific player can be traced easily. Individual games can be classified in any manner desirable and may be commented by the owner. Thus, ChessBase, with its replay facilities etc. allows current opening knowledge to be updated, to be analysed and, moreover, allows human analysis of the style of potential opponents.

Many famous names from Kasparov downwards are working with this system. It is commercially available. Inquiries should be sent to the author.



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Richard Lang receiving the 1990 gold medal from IGM Raymond Keene. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Computer Olympiad, London, 1990.