

of 80 to arrive at a value representing the difference in pieces between white and black. I confess to not having fully experimented with this change, but there it is for you to try. I'd love to know what you find out. (VIPER would, too, I bet!)

The only requirement you must stick to if you want to attempt a totally new approach to an evaluation sub is to return a weight as the value of Chip-8's V2. (This is at 02F2 -- see appendix for explanations of Chip-8 Interpreter modifications that were made.) The sub must be in machine language and begin at 08B1, but you are otherwise free to experiment. If you have a friend with a VIP, you could even play your strategies against each other as a contest to see who can write the best routine! Cosmac computer clubs, how about a programming tournament?

One idea would be to change strategies during, say, the middle of the game or to write a special killer routine that plays a brutal end game. Another would be to adjust strategies according to what the opponent does and try to give the computer a firmer base on which to decide your next most probable move.

I have wondered if the evaluation could use a look-ahead of its own as part of the evaluation. Can you figure a way out of the resulting Catch-22 situation?