

a quick series of beeps. The computer's choice is blinked first (to give you a chance to see it among what will eventually be a sea of black and white pieces), the move is made and it is again your turn.

If you want the computer to make the first move, press Key C before any moves are made. After the opening move if you press Key C when it is your turn, VIP-FLOP will suggest a move for you geared to whatever level of difficulty you had previously selected. The recommended move will shimmer on the chosen square just as if you had selected it, and you then have the option, as before, to Enter or Cancel the move with Keys E or F. There is no guarantee that you'll win by using all computer suggestions, but at least the computer does not cheat -- I think.

At the end of the game, the winner is shown and a new game (or a different version or level of play) may be selected by first pressing Key 0 to restart the game, and then following the instructions printed on the screen. You never have to flip the run switch down at the end of a game no matter how many new games you want to play.

If you already know the rules to Othello, you are now ready to play VIP-FLOP. (If these are not familiar to you, please go on to the next section.) After