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Last summer I received the picture below from the well-known German collector of chess computers Hans-Jürgen Schäfer, asking for more information about this wristwatch from Abacus. Unfortunately I now see this watch for the first time, and I could not find any data in my database. Apparently it is a rare appearance and therefore a curiosity. I am also in the dark about the date of the phenomenon, so the years zero is just a suggestion. On the right-hand side of the photo is a very old smartphone with PDA functions. Is this a Palm Treo 650 from 2003/2004? I won't go into more detail, but it is nice to see that the Abacus PDA wristwatch synchronises the chess game with the smartphone. Apparently it was a nice gadget for those days, and now for some collectors a collector's item? So I can't help Hans-Jürgen with information about this special chess wristwatch.



Left: the Abacus PDA chess wristwatch, a curiosity!

Related weblink: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSl_IEBSXUg

Backgammon...

I would like to conclude with another subject. Hans-Jürgen lives in the smallest German state of Saarland and also indicated that he has been writing a backgammon programme since 1984. For about three years now, he has been working with a Dutch co-author on their software programme.

This programme can be found on Lars Bremer's website: www.mustrum.de/blot.html.

On the website you can find their programme under Bernhard Jacob, Hans-Jürgen Schäfer and Lucas Pauws. Their programme is stronger than the well-known (chess) programmers Eric van Riet Paap and David Levy! Remarkably, the programme of Hans Berliner (BKG 9.8) from 1979 must have been at the top at the time.