OTHELLO FOR THE DRAGON 32

Loading Instructions

To load Othello rewind the tape to the start and type
CLOAD "OTHELLO"

When the program is loaded type RUN and then press the ENTER key.

The screen will now display the Oasis logo, when the OK prompt shows type RUN and then press the ENTER key.

The screen will now display the operating instructions which are as follows:-

You are yellow (white),.the computer is blue (black).

On your move - Position cursor using arrow keys then press 'P' to play. Illegal moves are rejected. Press 'Z' if unable to play.

Enter level of play (1 or 2) then press
'S' :- You start
'C' :- Computer starts
'D' :- Demonstration play

If you are familiar with the game, proceed by pressing 'S' or 'C' and 1 or 2.

If you are unfamiliar with the game press 'D' and study the demonstration play. You will soon see how the game is played, but tactics play an important part and skill can be acquired with a little practice.

HOW TO PLAY OTHELLO

Othello is a game played on a board comprising of 64 squares like a chess or draughts board. Your objective is to occupy as many squares as possible and more than your opponent to win. The game is over when all the squares are occupied.

The game starts with the four centre squares filled with two of your pieces and two of your opponents. Whoever starts will make a line by joining two of his pieces together, he will place a piece next to his opponents, but on a line or diagonal with himself. Your opponents pieces in between your own change to your own colour. The other player will then attempt the same operation.

TACTICS

It is thought best to try and occupy the middle squares in the opening game. Eventually either you or the computer will see the opportunity to gain a square on the perimeter. Once this is gained you have the opportunity of holding the whole line or diagonal. Do not be tempted to rush for the corner. The four squares in each corner should be left until the end of the game unless you are sure you will gain the corner square which will give you possible control of two sides and the diagonal. Remember when you place your piece will you be giving away more than you gain.

You will only become adept with practice but discovering your skills is part of the great pleasure of the game which will grow as your skill improves.

To play again press the BREAK key, type RUN and press the ENTER key.