

# Too good for the cellar dwellers

HALFWAY through the fifth Marlboro Grandmasters Classic in Manila the tournament site was shifted from the downtown Makati Hotel, to the Albatross Inn at La Union, a luxurious tourist spot overlooking the sea.

The change proved fruitful for a few of the tail-enders at that stage, such as myself and Bachar Kouatly — indeed, our second day at Albatross was headlined "The day the cellar dwellers came back!" After my first win I hit form

and scored 5/8 from the final rounds, with victories over IMs Harandi, Kouatly and Sharif and GMs Balinas and Tarjan — the American in only 23 moves.

Consistency won the tournament, however. The favourite, Eugene Torre of the Philippines, Asia's first Grandmaster, led throughout to clinch the 20,000 peso first prize in round 13 with a safe draw against Ardijansah. Tarjan, chasing an 8½, could do no more than beat

Naranji in 25 moves of a Keres Sicilian to come clear second.

He did have the consolation, however, of dishing Torre his only loss. Here is the game with notes by the American Grandmaster himself.

Albatross Inn 1977

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<b>Eugene Torre</b>	<b>James Tarjan</b>
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bb5	a6

4. Ba4	Nf6
5. 0-0	Nxe4
<i>(The Open variation in which I have previously beaten Tringau, Kaplan and Rogoff.)</i>	
6. d4	b5
7. Bb3	d5
8. dxe5	Be6
9. c3	Be7
10. Nbd2	0-0
11. Bc2	f5
12. exf6	Nxf6
13. Nb3	Bg4
14. Qd3	Ne4
15. Nbd4	Nxd4
16. Nxd4	Bd6

17. Ne2	
<i>(17.h3!? Qh4 18.Nxb5 Nxj2! 19.Bg5 Nx d3 20.Bxh4 axb5 21.Bxd3 Bd7 = Ragozin — Ravinsky, Moscow 1947)</i>	
17. . . .	c6
<i>(Not the best. 17. . . . Bxh2ch 18.Kxh2 Rxf2 with at least a draw for Black)</i>	
18. f3	Qh4
<i>(If 18. . . . Qc7 19.Be3 Bxh2ch with advantage to White)</i>	
19. g3	Qh3
20. Nf4	

*(Should be 20.Bf4!, then 20. . . . Bf5 21.fxe4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 dxe4 23.Bd6 — better for Torre. Black now embarks on a combination)*

20. . . .	Bc5 ch
21. Be3	Rxf4
22. Bxc5	
<i>(Better 22.fxg4 Bxe3 ch 23.Qxe3 Rxf4 24.Qf3)</i>	
22. . . .	Nxc5
23. Qe3	

succeeded: Arovah Bactiar, a national master from Indonesia, scored a much-deserved second IM norm to become a fully fledged International Master.

Perhaps even more important than title-winning, though, was the spirit of international goodwill generated by the event among the

countries of Asia. And, as a speaker at the prizegiving pointed out, Asia did win a new GM in Manila — GM James Tarjan of the United States!

I usually say little about the organisation of chess tournaments, but the Philippines one was an inspiration to the rest of us in Asia.

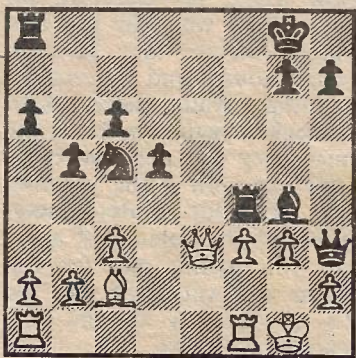
Upon arrival players were greeted at the airport and the hospitality and friendliness didn't let up until each had regretfully boarded his flight home. The tournament staff were excellent. As well as directing the tourney they typed daily bulletins and circulars, assisted with the press, and even helped the

participants when it came to sightseeing or shopping!

Thanks are due also to the media, the sponsors and of course to the overall coordinator and initiator of the event, FIDE deputy president Florencio Campomanes.

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TORRE



TARJAN

23. . . .	Rxf3
24. Rxf3	Bxf3
25. Qxf3	Re8
26. Rf1	Qe6
27. Bf5	Qe3 ch
28. Qxe3	Rxe3
29. Bg4	a5
30. b4	axb4
31. cxb4	Nd3
32. a3	g6
33. Ra1	Ne5
34. Be6 ch	Kf8
35. a4	bxa4
36. Rxa4	d4
37. Ra2	Nd3
38. Rd2	Ne5

*(38. . . . Nxb4 39.Rxd4 Rxe6! is faster)*

39. Kf2	Ke7
40. Bg8	Rd3
41. Re2	Kd6
42. Re4	

*(Sealed move)*

42. . . .	Rd2 ch
43. Kf1	

*(43.Re2 offers better chances for a draw)*

43. . . .	h6
44. h4	g5
45. hxg5	hxg5
46. Bb3	d3
47. Bc4	Rb2
48. Bg8	

*(48.Bxd3! is worth considering. 48. . . . Nxd3 49.Rd4 ch Ke5 50.Rxd3 Rxb4 is still winning for Black, though)*

48. . . .	Nf3
49. Re3	Rb1 ch
50. Kf2	d2
51. Rd3 ch	Ke5
52. Resigns	

This fifth Marlboro GM Classic had a distinctly Asian accent, being also the first Asian GM tournament. Its primary objective was to provide a medium for Asian title-seekers, particularly those after the elusive GM result. In this aim it partially