

Jusupov takes the Junior

THE 1977 World Junior Chess Championships in Austria resulted in a runaway win for USSR representative Arthur Jusupov. Most of his pre-tournament rivals, including American IM Michael Rhode and David Goodman of England, lost badly in the first few rounds and because the event was run on the Swiss

system Jusupov didn't have to meet them. I stayed with the leaders until round 7 but fell ill (a combination of too much chess, cold climate and awful food, I think) and I scored only 2½ points from my last six games.

Results: 1 Jusupov (USSR), 10½/13; 2 Zapata (Columbia), 9½; 3-6 Popovic (Yug), Vera

(Cuba), Skembris (Greece), Fries-Nielsen (Denmark), 8½; 7-10 Sisniaga (Mexico), Rivas (Spain), Georgiev (Bul), Ionescu (Rum) 8; 11-14 Dur (Austria), Groszpete (Hun), Rayner (Wales), Chandler (NZ), 7½; 15-20 Jensen (NZ), Stempin (Poland), Barry (Ireland), Maki (Finland), Grinberg (Israel), Cramling

(Sweden) 7; 21-27 . . . included IMs Rhode (USA), Kouatly (Lebanon), Goodman (England), Yap (Philippines) . . . 6½.

Forty-eight competed but only 47 finished the event because of the mysterious withdrawal of Ole Scot Knudsen of Norway who disappeared without a trace after losing a par-

ticularly bad game in round 7. His luggage was still in his room but his passport was missing and he had "checked out". He had still not been discovered when we left Innsbruck!

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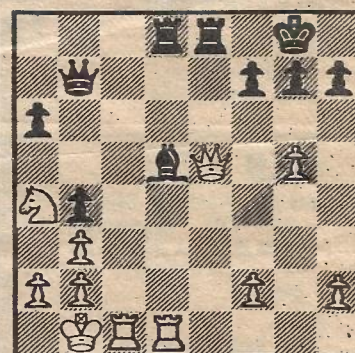
If you're wondering why there were two New Zealand representatives when FIDE regulations specify that only the host country may have more than one, the reason is that as part of my prize for winning the Asian Junior Champs I was given an all-expenses-paid trip to the World Junior. The trip was sponsored by the Asian countries who sent a delegate to the First Asian Chess President's Congress held at the same time as the Asian Junior. (New Zealand was not among them.) Of course, when the prize was offered it was assumed that anyone who won the tourney would be his country's rep in Austria, and there were some very surprised faces when I said I had not been nominated by the New Zealand Association.

However a phone call to world chess federation president Max Euwe in Holland cleared things up and I was allowed to play as the Asian representative — a precedent. This ambitious move has still to be ratified by the FIDE. If it is vetoed I don't know what will happen.

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Kai Jensen from New Zealand played well considering he has not played outside New Zealand much at all. In his game against the Philippine National Junior Champ though, he missed a vital opportunity.

JENSEN



YAP

In this position Yap played what he thought to be a "very good move", 1.Nc5? Jensen evidently respected it also and replied 1 . . . Qc6? eventually losing after 2.Qf4 a5 3.Ka1 Qg6 4.h4 Ba8 5.Rxd8 Rxd8 6.Qc7 Re8 7.Nd7 h6 8.f4 hXg5 9. hXg5 Qf5 10. Rg1 Kh7?? 11.Nf6 ch! Resigns.

However after the game the Russian second found Black's correct line after 1.Nc5?

1 . . . Rxe5! 2. Nx b7 Be4 ch 3. Ka1 Rxd1 4.Rxd1 h6! and now that White has no back rank mate he must do something about his attacked knight on b7. All variations offer Black good winning chances, e.g. 5.Nd6 Bf3! followed by capturing on g5; or 5.f4 Rf5 6.Nd6 Rxf4 and of course 7.Rd4 is not possible because of the threats of a backrank mate to Whites king. The most critical variation 5.Re1 is not critical at all if one finds 5 . . . R Xg5! with a much superior ending.

So, one chance missed, but Jensen (who, incidentally, speaks fluent German and was a great help on more than one occasion) played well during the later rounds. And since he will be staying in Europe for some time, he will gain some more valuable experience in international events.

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The Russian played quite impressive chess throughout the tournament and deserved to win. The following game against IM Kouatly is a powerful display of his skill.

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B. Kouatly (Lebanon) A. Jusupov (USSR)

1. d4 c5!?

Kouatly is immediately told he is not going to get a chance to play his favourite pawn attack against the Benoni. (See last week's game!)

2. d5 e5
3. c4?! d6
4. Nc3 Be7
5. e4 Bg5!

Off with the bad bishop.

6. g3 Bxc1
7. Qxc1 Nh6!

Much superior to 7. . . . Nf6. The path is left open for a possible f5 and, in case of defence, Black can set up a solid structure with . . . f6 and Nf7.

8. f4?! eXf4
9. Qxf4 0-0
10. 0-0-0

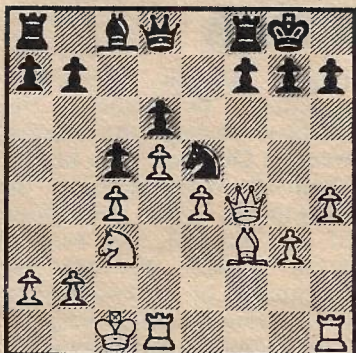
10.Nb5 does not win a pawn, viz 10 . . . a6! 11.NXd6 g5 12.Qe5 f6 and the queen must leave the defence of the knight. With his next move Jusupov shows he has won the opening battle.

10 . . . Ng4!
11. Be2

11.Nf3 fails to 11 . . . Nf2 winning the exchange.

11 . . . Ne5
12. Nf3 Nbd7
13. h4 Nxf3
14. Bxf3 Ne5

Black is winning this position very easily. His knight on e5 is a fortress of strength and ideally placed for both attack and defence. Kouatly has no possible way of challenging the knight short of attempting a ridiculous knight manoeuvre of his own, Ne2 — f4 — d3.



15. Be2 a6
16. g4 b5
17. cxb5 aXb5
18. Bxb5 B Xg4
19. Rdg1 h5
20. Rg3 c4
21. Kb1 f5!
22. eXf5 R Xf5
23. Qd4 Qf8
24. a4 Rf4
25. Qb6 Nd3

26. Rxd3
26. Bxc4 meets 26 . . .
Rxc4 27. Rxd3 Bf5.
26 . . . Bf5
27. Ka2 BXd3
28. a5 Rb8
29. Qa7 Rf7
30. Qd4 Qd8
31. a6 Qa5 ch
32. Ba4 Rb4

33. Ka3 Bc2

It almost hurts to look at such a position. Kouatly's death throes last a few more moves.

34. b3 R Xb3 ch
35. Ka2 R Xc3
36. Resigns

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