

# Karpov — beating the best

IN HOLLAND World Champion Anatoly Karpov has won the Tilburg Interpolis Tournament against a prodigiously strong field. Each of the 12 contestants was a Grandmaster and the average Elo (International rating) was 2582.

Karpov conceded 6 draws and no losses to finish a clear point ahead of his nearest challenger, Tony Miles of England, who has of late

made a quite remarkable jump in playing strength.

In their individual game Miles had a score to settle with the Russian. The last time they met, in Las Palmas, Karpov had opened 1.c4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.d5! and had wiped Miles off the board. Unfortunately, however, Karpov crushed him again here in a little more even, but nevertheless rather brief, skirmish.

## ENGLISH OPENING

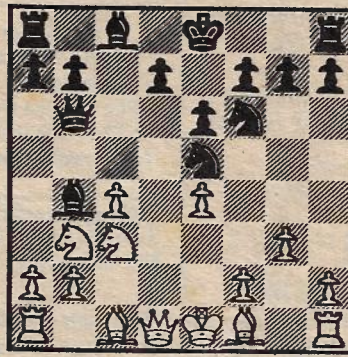
**A. KARPOV (USSR)**      **A. J. MILES (ENGLAND)**  
 1. c4  
*Karpov seems to like playing the English opening against the English! Miles replies with a more orthodox move than last time's 1... b6.*  
 1. . . . . c5  
 2. Nf3      Nf6  
 3. Nc3      Nc6  
*Against Smyslov, also at Tilburg, Miles played*

3. . . . . d5 in this position and won with some sharp tactical play later in the game.

- 4. d4      cXd4
- 5. NXd4    e6
- 6. g3      Qb6
- 7. Nb3      Ne5
- 8. e4      Bb4

- 9. Qe2      a5
- 10. Be3

Karpov, in rejecting the forceful pawn-push 10.f4, calculated Black's saving grace to be the line 10 . . . . a4! e.g. 11.fxe5 aXb3 12.eXf6 Rxa2! with the threat of 13 . . . . Bxc3 ch. The main line ends in perpetual check after 11.Nd2 Neg4 12.e5 Ne3 13.eXf6 Nc2 ch 14.Kd1 Ne3 ch etc. White can try 13.Qd3 to stop the knight check in this line but Black can secure the initiative with 13 . . . . Nfg4 14.Nde4 d5!



- 10. . . . . Qc6
- 11. f3      0-0
- 12. Nd4      Qa6
- After 12 . . . . Bxc3 ch

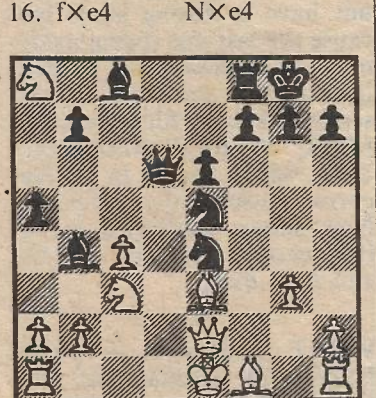
13.bxc3 Qa4 14.f4 Neg4 15:e5 Nxe3 White can obtain an advantage by capturing with his queen, 16.Qxe3 Ne8 17.Nb5 or he can set a trap by 16.eXf6 Nxf7? (16 . . . . Nf5) 17.Qg4! g6 18.Qg5 with an unavoidable mate, viz 18 . . . . Kh8 19.Qh6 Rg8 20.Nf3! to be followed by 21.Ng5.

13. Ndb5      d5  
 Hello, hello, what's this, a rook?  
 14. Nc7  
 We're in!



14. . . . . Qd6  
 After 14 . . . . Qc6 15.Nxa8 Karpov in "64" gives the line 15 . . . . Nxc4 16.Bd4 (planning 17.e5) e5 17.eXd5 NXd5! 18.Qxc4 eXd4 19.Qxc6 (Or 19.0-0-0 Qh6! ch 20.f4 Ne3! 21.QXd4 NXd1 White has no good way to recapture.) bxc6 20.a3 dxc3 21.aXb4 cxb2 22.Rb1 aXb4 23.Rxb2 Bf5 24.Nb6 (not 24.Bc4 Rxa8 25.BXd5 Ral ch!) Nxb6 25.Rxb4 with a material advantage to White in the endgame.

15. Nxa8      dXe4  
 15 . . . . d4 meets 16.0-0-0 when neither 16 . . . . d3 17.RXd3 or 16 . . . . Bxc3 17.bxc3 Qa3 ch 18.Qb2 Qxb2 ch 19.Kxb2 dXe3 20.Be2 will save Miles.



16. fXe4      Nxe4  
 17. Rdl!  
 Putting Black in desperate straits. White is fast catching up in development and Miles's envisaged compensation begins to evaporate, beginning with 17 . . . . Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bxc3 ch 19.Kf2 and Black has nothing for the rook minus.  
 17. . . . . Qc6  
 18. Bg2      Nxc4  
 19. Bd4      Bxc3 ch  
 20. bxc3      f5  
 21. 0-0      Ncd6

Seeing that trying to regain a piece by the immediate 21 . . . . b5 goes under to 22.Bxe4 fXe4 23.RXf8 ch

Kxf8 24.Qf2 ch etc, Miles must know he's dead but he kicks for a few more moves.

22. Nb6      e5  
 23. Nxc8      Rxc8  
 24. Bxe5      Qc5 ch  
 25. Bd4      Resigns  
 Results: 1st Interpolis — A. Karpov (USSR) 8; A. Miles (Eng) 7; V. Hort 6 (CZ); R. Hubner (BRD) 6; L. Kavelek (USA) 6; J. Timman (NL) 6; S. Gligoric (Y) 5½; V. Andersson (S) 5; Y. Balashov (USSR) 5; V. Smyslov (USSR) 4½; G. Sosonko (NL) 4; F. Olafsson (IS) 3.

Both Hort and Kavelek finished with 10 draws, 1 win, no losses!

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## ALGEBRAIC NOTATION

The algebraic notation in this chess column is that used almost exclusively in Europe and in many other countries elsewhere. Each square has one designation only. The vertical files are labeled a to h from White's left. In horizontal rank the squares are labelled 1 to 8 from White's end. Normal symbols are used, except that pawns as such are not mentioned; just the arrival square is given for a non-capturing pawn move.

## How they finished at the Philips Asian Chess Team Championship at Auckland, November 1977

COUNTRY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Philippines		2½	3	3½	3	3	4	4	4	3½	30½
China	1½		3	2	3	2½	4	3½	4	4	27½
Indonesia	1	1		3½	2	2½	2½	4	3	4	23½
Australia	½	2	½		2½	3½	2½	3	4	4	22½
New Zealand	1	1	2	1½		1½	3½	3½	4	4	22
Singapore	1	1½	1½	½	2½		2	2½	3	4	18½
India	0	0	1½	1½	½	2		2	3½	3½	14½
Thailand	0	½	0	1	½	1½	2		2	4	11½
Malaysia	0	0	1	0	0	1	½	2		3½	8
Papua - New Guinea	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½		1½