

# 1ST ASIAN GRANDMASTERS CIRCUIT - 3RD ROUND RESULTS

# Chess

## Asian ascendancy

CHES IN Indonesia is very popular, and not only at international levels. Indonesia has an advantage over other countries because the game is indigenous to the people and has not been artificially "introduced".

That was strikingly illustrated during the third leg of the 1st Asian Grandmaster's Circuit when all the participants were invited to attend a prizegiving of the teams championship in Jakarta. We

were taken to a sports stadium, one floor of which is permanently reserved for chess. There were 400-500 people present, but also at least as many cheering school pupils outside which gave the place quite an atmosphere.

After the ceremony a band struck up while snacks and drinks were handed out. Then, amid further cheering and whistling, the reluctant participants from the circuit

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1 EUGENE TORRE (PHIL) GM		½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½
2 MIGUEL QUINTEROS (ARG) GM	½		½	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½
3 MERSHAD SHARIF (IRAN) IM	½	½		1	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	9½
4 RICO MASCARINAS (PHIL)	½	1	0		½	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	9
5 AROUAH BACTIAR (IND) IM	½	0	½	½		½	½	½	½	1	1	0	½	½	7
6 LUIS CHIONG (PHIL)	½	0	½	0	½		½	0	1	1	1	½	0	1	6½
7 O'KELLY DE GALWAY (BEL) GM	0	½	½	½	½	½		1	½	0	0	1	0	1	6
8 CRAIG LAIRD (NZ)	0	0	½	0	½	1	0		0	1	1	½	½	1	6
9 KAMRAN SHIRAZI (IRAN)	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	1		0	½	1	1	1	6
10 MURRAY CHANDLER (NZ) IM	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	0	1		½	0	1	1	5½
11 ARDIANSYAH (IND) IM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	½		1	1	1	5
12 JACOBUS SAMPOUW (IND)	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	½	0	1	0		1	0	4½
13 CHRISTIE HON (MALAYSIA)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	½	0	0	0	0		0	2½
14 HERMAN SURADIRAJA (IND) IM	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		2½

IM NORM = 8½ GM NORM = 10 CATEGORY 5

were called on stage to be introduced, and we were presented with pieces of the traditional Indonesian batik cloth.

During the grandmaster tournament at the hotel Kartika Chandra, crowds again turned up to watch, often erupting into applause after a good game. They also showed their appreciation of Filipino Rico Mascarinas who gained his second norm during the event, and qualified for the title of international master of FIDE. For Mascarinas it was a sweet reward for his efforts on the circuit this year. In Baguio he missed out only through an unlucky penultimate round loss to grandmaster Rosando Balinas; in New Zealand at the Burroughs GM, he was the highest placed untitled player, but still missed out. It was only in Jakarta, where he had also gained his first norm in 1976, that he played with unmistakable consistency and he never looked like missing out. In the end he scored 9 points, half more than the required 8½.

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### SICILIAN DEFENCE

R. Mascarinas (Philippines)	L. Chiong (Philippines)
1. e4	c5
2. Nc3	Nc6
3. g3	

Mascarinas is playing the closed variation — a shrewd decision versus Luis Chiong who is a sharp, tactical player.

3. . . .	g6
4. Bg2	Bg7
5. Nge2	e6
6. d3	Nge7
7. 0-0	0-0
8. Be3	Nd4
9. f4	d6
10. Qd2	Rb8

In Kopilov-Petrosian, USSR 1949, Black continued immediately 10. . . . f5 11. Rael Rb8 12. Ndl b5 13. c3 Nxe2 14. Qxe2 b4 with equality, but 10. . . . Rb8 as Chiong plays cannot be bad.

11. Rab1	Bd7
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Both sides play slightly inaccurately; 11. Rael makes more sense for White, while Chiong in response to 11. Rab1 could have begun his queenside counterplay immediately with 11. . . . b5.

12. Bf2	Nec6?
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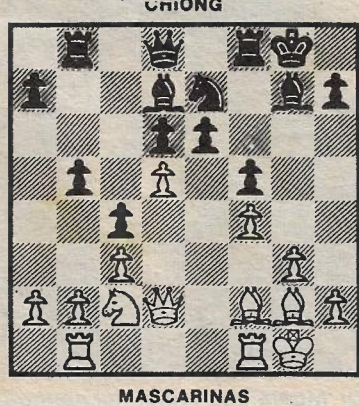
Mascarinas's gamble on Chiong not understanding the opening pays off. 12. . . . Nxe2 ch is better, since White's previous move was designed to capture on d4 with his knight.

13. Nxd4	Nxd4
14. Nd1	f5
15. c3	Nc6
16. Ne3	b5

White's position is very fine. His minor pieces are ideally posted to discourage Black's queenside play, while with his next move he threatens to advance in the centre.

17. Nc2	Ne7
18. exf5	gxf5

19. d4 c4  
20. d5!



This timely advance puts Chiong in serious difficulties. The way Black plays now White gets a passed d-pawn, but the alternative of capturing on d5 is unappetising owing to Black's hanging pawn on d6.

20. . . .	e5
21. fxe5	Bxe5
22. Bxa7	Ra8
23. Bd4	Rxa2
24. Nb4	Ra4
25. Bxe5	dxe5
26. d6	

Winning and winning . . .

26. . . .	Ng6
27. h4!	e4

28. Nd5

Planning to answer 28. . . . Ne5 with 29. Ne7 ch followed by 30. Qd4.

28. . . .	Bc6
29. h5	Qxd6
30. Rbd1!	Ne5

Or Chiong can choose 30. . . . Qxd5 31. Qxd5 Bxd5 32. Rxd5 Nf7 33. Rxb5 with a big advantage for White.

31. Qg5 ch	Kh8
32. Ne7	Qc5 ch

If 32. . . . Qf6 33. Rxf5! and again the forthcoming endgame is winning for the

good guys.

33. Kh1	Ra7
34. Rxf5	Qxe7

Taking anything with either rook gets Black mated in one.

35. Rxf8 ch	Qxf8
36. Qxe5 ch	Kg8

Black has no moves; on 36. . . . Rg7 37. h6 wins the rook, and if the queen blocks on g7 then 37. Rd8 ch is finis. As it stands Mascarinas picks up a bishop . . .

37. Qe6 ch	Resigns
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