

Fullboards and lodgings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1 ANDERSSON (Sweden)		1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	9
2 VAGANIAN (USSR)	1/2		1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	8 1/2
3 PANNO (Arg)	1/2	1/2		1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	8 1/2
4 SMYSLOV (USSR)	1/2	1/2	1/2		1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	8 1/2
5 BROWNE (USA)	0	0	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	8
6 GHEORGHU (Rum)	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	8
7 NAJDORF (Arg)	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2		1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	6
8 DZINDZICHASHVILI (Isr)	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1/2		1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	6
9 SZMETAN (Arg)	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1/2	1	1	5 1/2
10 CHI (China)	0	1	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2		1/2	1	1/2	1/2	5
11 KEENE (Eng)	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2		1/2	0	1/2	5
12 QUINTEROS (Arg)	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2		1	0	5	
13 GARCIA PALERMO (Arg)	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	0		1/2	4 1/2	
14 TORRE (Phil)	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	3 1/2	

THE ORGANISERS of the "Clarín" Grandmasters tournament in Buenos Aires seemed determined to more than compensate for any lapses in playing conditions that might have occurred during the Chess Olympiad that had just finished. The 14 players in the event were taken on outings and to cocktail parties, and received expenses which some of them enthusiastically described as the best they had ever had — \$100 a day for food and

pocket money! Maybe they were a bit too well fed as far as the games were concerned, looking at the high number of draws, but the event was watched with interest by a capacity crowd each day in the auditorium of the Banco de Ciudad, which provided the premises. Sweden's Ulf Andersson came in tops by dint of hard work and the fact that Soviet Champion Rafael Vaganian got taken apart by Chi Ching-hsuan near the end.

Argentine Oscar Panno and former world champion Vasily Smyslov both played solidly, the former confirming himself as probably the best player in Argentina today, and the experienced latter finding it difficult to lose or even draw in some cases — Torre declined a draw against him and next move blundered horribly and trapped his own queen on the side of the board. Aside from playing, Panno also occupied himself giving

interviews saying he did not kidnap Zanolungo, the chief organiser of the Olympiad, who vanished while Panno was in Baguio helping Korchnoi. (Zanolungo, whose mysterious "disappearance" just before the Olympiad began caused a sensation and various rumours, later materialised and accused Panno and others of being involved — possibly because Panno, as well as Najdorf and Quinteros, had not been allowed to play for Argentina in the Olympiad.)

but at least he won a game! Next came Argentine player Garcia Palermo and in last place was Eugene Torre, who had a disastrous tourney.

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Right: Clarin tournament participants at the prizegiving — from left, Najdorf, Keene, Torre, Browne, Andersson, Palermo, Panno, Chi, Gheorghiu, Quinteros, tournament director Carlos Guimard, Vaganian, two Clarin officials, Szmetan, Smyslov and Dzindzichashvili.



On eight points was the temperamental American Walter Browne, ranting at organisers and players on the way (curiously, he only caused disturbances when he won his games). Level with him was Rumanian Florin Gheorghiu, who appeared to overcome his rather dubious reputation of selling points to the needy.

The grand old maestro of chess, Miguel Najdorf, finished halfway together with Soviet emigre Roman Dzindzichashvili, who now lives in Israel.

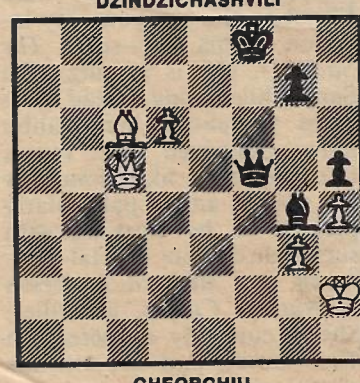
Strangely the Chinese player, Chi, did not turn up for his last-round match with Dzindzichashvili, presumably for political reasons. We couldn't quite fathom this — Chi played both Russians in the event but defaulted against a Soviet emigre who is now an Israeli!

In ninth position came Argentine International Master Jorge Szmetan, followed by Chi and English Grandmaster Raymond Keene, who drew his first eight or nine games in a row.

Equal with Keene on five points was Miguel Quinteros, who after playing so well in New Zealand and several other tournaments earlier in the year had an off event —

IN ROUND seven of the Olympiad, Rumania met Israel. On top board Gheorghiu (Rumania) won a pawn against Dzindzichashvili but had difficulty exploiting it until he gave it back — in the form of a queen sacrifice!

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1.d7 ch! Qxc5 2.d8=Q ch Kf7 3.Bd5 ch Resigns. After 3...Kg6 4.Qg5 ch Kh7, a check with the bishop wins Black's queen.