

Trained in nappies

CHILD PRODIGY Garri Kasparov of the USSR had a phenomenal success in the Banja Luka international tournament in Yugoslavia which may be the finest result ever for a player of his age.

Kasparov, recently turned 16, amassed 11½ points out of a possible 16 — two points ahead of Andersson and

Smejkal on 9½. Former world champion Tigran Petrosian scored 9 points, while lower down were such names as Browne, Adorjan, Kurajica and Matanovic.

After catapulting into the lead by drawing with Petrosian in round one and winning his next three games, Kasparov was quoted in the Soviet press as saying he was a little surprised that nobody was challenging him! His around 2700 performance rating probably betters any results that the great Cuban Jose Capablanca had at a comparable age — and may even outdo any of Bobby Fischer's.

Rumour has it that Kasparov's original name of Weinstein was changed to a more Russian-sounding one by the Soviet authorities as part of the "grooming for a world champion" as Tony Miles put it in the *New Statesman*. However when I played Kasparov in France in 1976 he was only 12 — and already called Kasparov. This seems a pretty young age to spot superstar potential, but I guess if you start training them in nappies . . .

Anyway, this year's Interzonals, in the cycle for the world championships, will be particularly hard fought — last chance before Kasparov comes in!

Here is how Kasparov defeated Walter Browne, several times US champion.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

G. Kasparov	W. Browne
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	e6
3. Nf3	b6
4. a3	c5?!

A safer line is 4...Bb7 5.Nc3 d5.

5. d5

Perhaps 5.e3! is stronger.

5. . . .	Ba6
6. Qc2	e×d5?

Now White is definitely better. Browne should have played 6...Qe7! preventing 7.e4 and threatening 7...e×d5, as in Olafsson-Timman, Reykjavik 1976.

7. c×d5 d6

Not 7...N×d5? which fails to 8.Qe4 ch.

8. Nc3	Nbd7
9. Bf4	Be7
10. g3	0-0
11. Bg2	Re8
12. 0-0	Nh5?

A waste of time, bearing a striking resemblance to Korchnoi's pointless knight manoeuvre in his final match game with Anatoly Karpov. Here 12...Bf8 is natural and best, but 12...b5 meets the uncomfortable 13.b4!?

13. Bd2	Nh6
14. Rfe1	Bf8
15. a4	Ng4
16. Nb5	Bb7
17. e4	a6
18. Na3	Rb8
19. h3	Ngf6

On 19...Nge5 White captures, clearing the way for the advance of the f-pawn. Browne's constricted position is an example of a Benoni where Black has failed to organise his freeing break of ...b5 quickly enough.

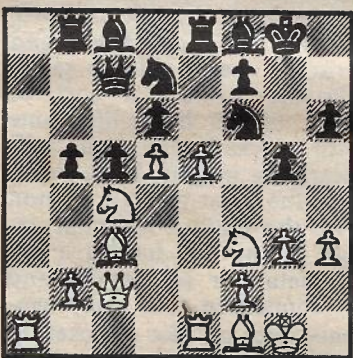
20. Bc3	Qc7
21. Nd2	Bc8
22. Bf1	

Holding up ...b5.

22. . . . g5 (?)

It is easy to brand this ghastly-looking move as an error, but Browne was probably terrified — and justifiably so — of getting steamrollered down the middle, for example 22...g6 23.f4 Bg7 24.e5! d×e5 25.d×e5 N×e5 26.R×e5! R×e5 27.d6 Q×d6 28.Nac4 winning.

23. Nf3	h6
24. Nc4	b5
25. a×b5	a×b5
26. e5!	



26. . . .	N×d5
27. N×d6	B×d6
28. e×d6	Qd8
29. Ne5	Nb4

If 29...N×c3 30.Nc6!

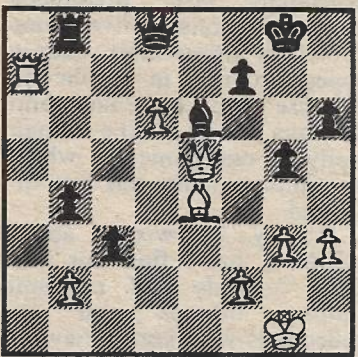
30. Qd2

Here 30.B×b4 would be a mistake because of 30...N×e5.

30. . . .	N×e5
31. R×e5	R×e5
32. B×e5	Nc6
33. Qe3	N×e5

Black cannot escape with either 33...Qe8 34.d7! or 33...f6 34.B×f6! Q×f6 35.Qe8 ch and 36.Q×c6.

34. Q×e5	c4
35. Bg2	Be6
36. Ra7	b4
37. Be4	c3



Browne almost appears to have survived, but his exposed kingside tells in the end.

38. Bh7 ch!	K×h7
39. Q×e6	Resigns

The pin on the seventh rank decides.

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