

Karpov is top Kats

WORLD CHAMPION Anatoly Karpov has had a phenomenal run of successes since he gained his title in 1975. At the recent Kats Grandmaster Quadrangle tournament in Waddinxveen, Holland, he again cleaned up, scoring five points out of a possible six.

Following behind in the

double-round tourney were Lubomir Kavalek (USA) on three, Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovakia) on 2½ and Genadi Sosenko (Holland) in last place on 1½ points. The competition was in honour of Dr Max Euwe, himself world champion from 1935 to 1937, who has recently retired as president of Fide, the World

Chess Federation.

Karpov's score of five out of six against three other top Grandmasters is the sort of fantastic result we have come to expect from one of the most active ever world champions. It seems his, recent rather secretive marriage to a blue-eyed 24-year-old Leningrad girl named Irena has not had even a temporary effect on his considerable chess activities.

In round four the 27-year-old Russian demonstrated calmness and foresight

against Sosenko. They castled on opposite wings, but instead of storming the kingside immediately Karpov played to halt Black's offensive. Only then did he embark on his own mating attack.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

A. KARPOV (USSR) **G. SOSONKO (Holland)**

1. e4 c5

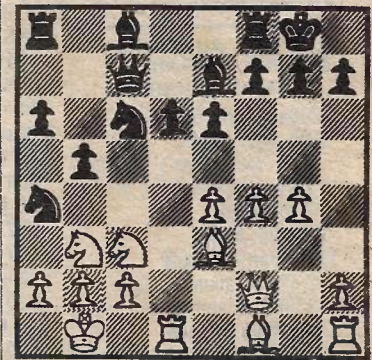
Karpov's expertise against almost all variations of the Sicilian led Korchnoi to refuse to even consider the defence against him in their world

championship encounter last year.

2. Nf3 d6
3. d4 cxd4
4. Nxd4 Nf6
5. Nc3 Nc6
6. Bg5 e6
7. Qd2 Be7
8. 0-0-0 0-0
9. Nb3 Qb6
10. Be3 Qc7
11. f3 a6
12. g4 b5
13. Kb1 Nd7
14. f4 Nb6

More double-edged is 14...b4 15.Na4! When it is not clear if Black can exploit the precarious position of White's knight.

15. Qf2 Na4?



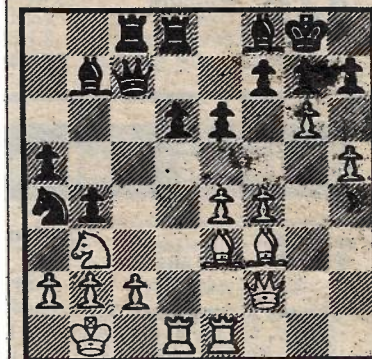
Instead 15...Nc4 fails to 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Bb6 Qb7 18.Nd2 winning a pawn as 18...d5 drops a piece to 19.exd5 exd5 20.Nxd5 Bxg4 21.Rdg1 Be6 22.Qg2! g6 23.Nxe7ch Qxe7 24.Qxc6.

Correct however is: 15...Rb8 enabling Black to proceed with his attack by ...b4 followed with the advance of his a-pawn.

16. Ne2 Bb7
17. Bg2 Rac8
18. Nec1 b4
19. g5 Rfe8
20. h4 Na5
21. Nxa5 Qxa5
22. Nb3

The exchanged White knight is immediately replaced by another defender. The drawback of Black's 15th move is dawning — his own knight on a4 blocks the advance of his a-pawn which he needs to attack the enemy king.

22. . . . Qc7
23. h5 a5
24. Rhe1 Bf8
25. Bf3 Red8
26. g6!



26. . . . hxg6
27. hxg6 fxg6
28. Rg1 Nc5

Sosenko's kingside has been laid bare so he seeks solace in multiple exchanges. But the swaps do not check White's attack.

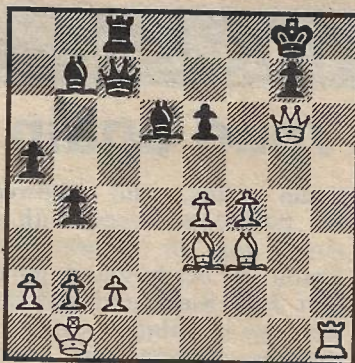
29. Nxc5 dxc5
30. Rxd8 Rxd8
31. Rxg6 Qf7
32. Rg1 c4?!
33. Rh1 Be7

33...Qg6? attacking the e-pawn is too slow after 34.Qh4 simultaneously threatening 35.Qxd8 and 35.Qh8ch Kf7 36.Bh5 pinning the queen.

34. Qh2 Kf8
35. Qe2!

Showing Sosenko's 32nd move up as a mistake. The c-pawn is unguarded while Black must attend to the immediate threat of 36.Rh8ch.

35. . . . Kg8
36. Qxc4 Rc8
37. Qb5 Bd6
38. Qg5 Qc7
39. Qg6!



Going from one extreme to the other! During the first half of the game Karpov took con-

siderable precautions to secure the safety of his king. Now he ignores the attack on his c-pawn to set up his own deadly mating net.

39. . . . Qxc2ch
40. Ka1 Qc4 and lost on time.

In playing his final move Sosenko's flag fell and he lost on time. However, Karpov's intended 41.Bg4! is murderous in any case.

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