

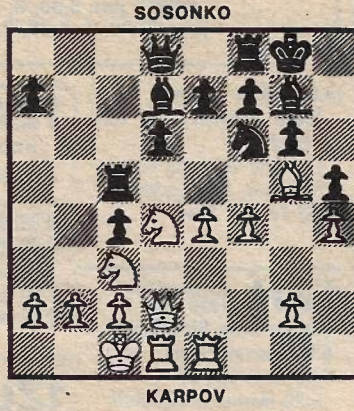
- 11. 0-0-0 Ne5
- 12. Bb3 Rc8
- 13. Bg5 Rc5
- 14. Rhe1 b5
- 15. f4 Nc4
- 16. Bxc4 bxc4

- 17. . . . Bxf6
 - 18. e5 Bg7
- Naturally not 18...Bxh4 19.Rh1, while if 18...dxe5 then 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Rxe5 21.Nf3! wins material.

- 19. e6 Bc8
- 20. exf7 ch Rxf7
- 21. Ne6 Bxe6
- 22. Rxe6 Qa5
- 23. Qe3!

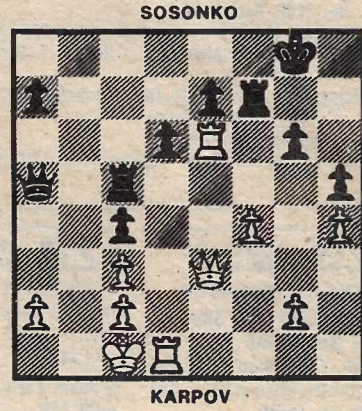
By delaying the pawn capture Rxe6 a move, Karpov makes time to bring his queen into the fray.

- 23. . . . Bxc3
- 24. bxc3



17. Bxf6!
A switch in move order from 17.e5 Qb6! 18.Bxf6 18.exf6 exf6 traps the bishop) 18...Rb8! with a big advantage to Black as in Zuidema-Sosonko, Holland 1976.

Karpov claimed after the game that his new move order refuted the whole 10...h5 variation.



- 24. . . . Qxg6
- 25. Rxf6 ch Kf8
- 26. Qe4 Qa6
- 27. Rd5

27.Qa8 ch is met by 27...Rc8, but now the combined might of White's heavy pieces hounding the Black king is just too much.

The defensive attempt 27...Qc6 now loses to 28.Rxc5! Qxe4 29.Rc8 checkmate.

- 27. . . . Rf6
- 28. Rxc5 Rxe6
- 29. Rxe5

A queen endgame after 29.Qxg6 Qa1 ch 30.Kd2 dxc5 31.Qxh5 Qf1 would have given Sosonko chances of survival.

- 29. . . . d5
- 30. Rxd5 Resigns

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Karpov's confidence trick

ANATOLY KARPOV has won yet another super-grandmaster tournament. The 28-year-old world champion from Leningrad cruised through a category 15 (average Elo rating 2605) tournament in Tilburg, Holland, outpacing three of his prospective world championship challengers due to participate in the forthcoming candidates matches.

Going into the final round at Tilburg, Karpov on 6½ points could have been caught for first place if he drew with Vassily Smyslov, and Oleg Romanishin dealt Spassky his first defeat.

Shortly after the session, started Karpov did an astonishing thing. Not wishing to have to grind out a win unless absolutely necessary, he told the arbiter he was going for a walk! Half an hour later he returned, looked at the position and judged (correctly) that Romanishin would beat Spassky — and sat down and beat Smyslov.

The draw for the candidates matches has now been made. Outspoken Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi is pitted (again) against his bitter rival Tigran Petrosian of the USSR. Hungarian Lajos Portisch meets Russian Boris Spassky, while the two most inexperienced players at this level, Robert Hubner of West Germany and Andreas Adorjan of Hungary, are due to play each other. Mikhail Tal, despite his fluctuating health, is favourite to beat Soviet compatriot Lev Polugayevsky because of the magnificent chess he has produced lately, reminiscent of his most brilliant days as world champion.

One of Karpov's finest games from Tilburg was his slaughter of Dutchman Gennadi Sosonko

SICILIAN DEFENCE

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| KARPOV | SOSONKO |
| 1. e4 c5 | |
| 2. Nf3 d6 | |
| 3. d4 cxd4 | |
| 4. Nxd4 Nf6 | |
| 5. Nc3 g6 | |
| 6. Be3 Bg7 | |
| 7. f3 Nc6 | |
| 8. Qd2 | |

Karpov is meeting the Dragon variation with the Yugoslav attack — once a favourite of American former world champion Bobby Fischer.

- 8. . . . 0-0
 - 9. Bc4 Bd7
 - 10. h4 h5
- Impeding White's mating machine of h5, Bh6 followed by hxe6, Bxe7 and Qh6. Another major line runs 10...Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.0-0-0 Nc4.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1. KARPOV, USSR	-	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	7½
2. ROMANISHIN, USSR	½	-	½	½	½	0	1	1	1	½	½	1	7
3. PORTISCH, Hungary	½	½	-	½	1	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	6½
4. SAX, Hungary	½	½	½	-	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	6
5. LARSEN, Denmark	0	½	0	1	-	0	½	1	1	½	1	0	5½
6. SOSONKO, Holland	0	1	½	½	½	-	½	0	0	1	½	½	5½
7. SPASSKY, USSR	½	0	½	½	½	½	-	½	½	1	½	½	5½
8. TIMMAN, Holland	½	0	1	0	0	1	½	-	½	½	½	1	5½
9. HORT, Czechoslovakia	0	0	½	½	0	1	½	½	-	½	½	1	5
10. HUBNER, W. Germany	½	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	-	½	1	5
11. KAVALEK, USA	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	-	½	4½
12. SMYSLOV, USSR	0	0	0	0	1	½	½	0	0	0	½	-	2½