

Miles top but Nigel falls short

LONDON'S GREATEST tournament for over 50 years, the Phillips and Drew Kings, produced some superb chess and, from the English point of view, both success and disappointment. Winners of the category 13 event, with all but two of the players Grandmasters, were Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland, Ulf Andersson of Sweden and Tony Miles of England, an exceptional performance from Britain's No 1. But at the other end of the scale was 14-year-old prodigy Nigel Short making a disastrous failure, with only two points.

As a whole, the tournament — with £10,000 in prizemoney — was a huge success, generating unprecedented press and spectator interest.

World Champion Anatoly Karpov had been invited, but when he pulled out for unclear reasons (Soviet retaliation over the Olympics?) Viktor Korchnoi, a Soviet defector, was asked as a replacement.

In one time-trouble incident the Yugoslav Grandmaster Lubomir Ljubojevic, playing Englishman Jon Speelman, accidentally fumbled a Queen move and instead of landing on g8 it slithered along to h8 — where it was *en pris*. Assistant arbiter and tournament organiser Stuart Reuben promptly ruled the Queen must stay, whereupon the temperamental Yugoslav's howls of protest shattered the silence of the room. The disturbance was only resolved when, while

Reuben and chief arbiter Harry Golombek were debating the problem, Speelman offered Ljubojevic a draw! Speelman went on to make a much deserved first Grandmaster norm by scoring the prescribed 7½ points.

Here is some of the fine chess: England 1980

SICILIAN with 3.c3.

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| G. SAX (Hungary) | L. LJUBOJEVIC (Yugoslavia) |
| 1. e4 | c5 |
| 2. Nf3 | e6 |
| 3. c3 | d5 |
| 4. e5?! | d4! |

Of course. Black prevents a transposition to the French defence and gums up White's development at the same time.

5. Bd3
After 5.cxd4 cxd4 6.Bb5 ch Nc6 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Qxd4 Bxf3!? (also 9...Qxd4) 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.gxf3 White has less than equality. Probably he stands worse anyway — the text looks very artificial.

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| 5. . . . | Nc6 |
| 6. Qe2 | Nge7 |
| 7. 0-0 | Ng6 |
| 8. Qe4! | Be7 |

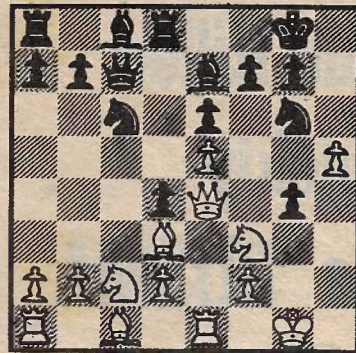
The expected complications between these two gifted attacking players have already begun — the e-pawn is taboo because of 8...dxc3 9.dxc3 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bb5 ch Nd7 12.Rd1 with dangerous pressure.

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| 9. Na3 | 0-0 |
| 10. cxd4 | cxd4 |
| 11. Nc2 | Qc7! |
| 12. Re1 | Rd8 |
| 13. h4 | |

With his next two aggressive moves Sax tries to deflect Ljubojevic from his

plan of ...Rd5, but gets an unfortunate surprise.

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| 13. . . . | h5 |
| 14. g4 | hxg4 |
| 15. h5 | |



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| 15. . . . | Ncxe5!! |
| 16. Nxe5 | f5! |
| 17. Qe2 | Nf4 |
| 18. Qf1 | b5! |

And although White is a piece up, he is completely lost positionally. Black's threats of ...Bb7, ...Nh3 ch and ...Bf6 cannot be countered, so . . .

19. Resigns.

A sparkling miniature from Ljubojevic. There is an amusing postscript to this game. The boy on the demonstration board did not see Sax resign so, when the game ended, he counted the pieces and seeing White had one extra sent his score of the game to the analysis room as 1-0! Apparently International Master Bill Hartston, who did an excellent day-by-day commentary on the games, spent some time with his audience trying to fathom why Black had given up until the truth dawned!

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Phillips & Drew Kings, London 1980

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1. Andersson	GM 2590 Sweden	X	½	0	½	1	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	8½
2. Korchnoi	GM 2695 Switz.	½	X	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	0	½	1	1	8½
3. Miles	GM 2545 England	1	½	X	0	1	1	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	½	8½
4. Sosonko	GM 2545 Holland	½	½	1	X	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	1	1	7½
5. Speelman	IM 2495 England	0	½	0	1	X	1	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	7½
6. Gheorghiu	GM 2605 Rom.	1	½	0	½	0	X	½	½	½	1	1	½	0	1	7
7. Ljubojevic	GM 2590 Yug.	½	0	½	½	½	½	X	½	1	½	0	1	½	1	7
8. Timman	GM 2600 Holland	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	X	0	1	1	0	1	½	7
9. Sax	GM 2570 Hungary	½	0	1	½	½	½	0	1	X	0	½	½	½	1	6½
10. Browne	GM 2540 USA	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	0	1	X	0	½	½	1	5½
11. Larsen	GM 2560 Denmark	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	X	½	½	1	5½
12. Stean	GM 2530 England	0	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	½	½	½	X	½	½	5½
13. Nunn	GM 2515 England	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	½	½	½	½	X	½	4½
14. Short	IM 2360 England	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	X	2

Category 13 GM norm = 7½