Genius at work

THERE IS a growing feeling that 19-year-old Soviet Grandmaster Garri Kasparov may not only be the man to challenge world champion Anatoly Karpov — he could conceivably beat him. His victory in the Bugojno "Super-tournament" in Yugoslavia recently has led one writer to declare his results better than Fischer's at the same age. Meanwhile Garri's world ranking position moves up, and in all likelihood he will replace Dutchman Jan Timman in the number two spot when the July rating list appears.

I was still playing in a tournament in Minsk in the USSR as the results of Bugojno were coming through, and it was interesting to see the reactions of some of his Soviet contemporaries. They put him in a class of his own. "He is a genius," said Lev Psakhis, current joint USSR champion with Kasparov. He meant it too, but added: "Kasparov is very nervous. I admire his play greatly but would not want to play like him — I want to keep playing after I am 30!"

Final scores at Bugojno were: Kasparov 9½; Polugayevsky and Ljubojevic 8; Spassky and Hubner 7½; Petrosian, Larsen and Andersson 7; Ivanovic 6; Timman 5½; Najdorf and Kavalek 5; Gligoric 4½; Ivkov 3½. The Czech Grandmaster Vlastimil Hort was scheduled to play but withdrew because of a heart attack, and was replaced by 72-year-old Miguel Najdorf, originally invited to attend as arbiter.

Bugojno was Kasparov's first tournament after the Soviet championship several months previously. He shed some light on this lengthy break in an interview — headlined "The self-critical Kasparov" — in the newspaper Sovietsky Sport just after Yugoslavia. He said that in future, on the advice of Botvinnik, he would play only about three tournaments and a total of 60 games per year.

Of his recent play he implied he still had much homework to do to eradicate some of his "recurrent faults". In particular he was dissatisfied with his game against Timman in which he was fortunate to scrape the draw. However, he must have been delighted with the following encounter, having lost to Armenian ex-world champion Tigran Petrosian in two previous clashes. It features a curious "zugzwang" game. Black is tied up right out of the opening, and after 21 moves can only wait helplessly for the finish.

BOGO-INDIAN DEFENCE

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3. K	ASPAROV
	d4
	C4
	Nf3
100	Bd2
5.	g3
	Q×d2
7.	Bg2
8.	0-0
9.	Na3

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Nf6
e6
Bb4 ch
Qe7
B×d2 ch
0-0
d5
d×c4
c5?!

The game Speelman-Andersson, London 1982, had gone 9...Rd8 10.N×c4 c5 11.Rfd1 Na6 with a fairly quick draw. Petrosian's move order allows Kasparov to lure the Black queen out to the centre — and subsequently gain time by molesting it.

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10.	d×c5!	QXC
11.	Rac1	Nc6
12.	N×c4	Qe7
13.	Nfe5	NXe!
14.	N×e5	with went

White now has the ideal sort of position he hopes for from these positional kingside fianchetto openings. His bishop, raking down the h1-a8 diagonal seriously impedes Black's development.

14. ... Nd5

Attempting to block the prelate's piercing gaze, and hoping for counter chances with 15.B×d5 e×d5 16.Q×d5 Be6 17.Qa5 B×a2! when 18.Q×a2 allows 18..Q×e5.

15. Rfd1 Nb 16. Qa5!

Tying Black down completely. 16...Bd7 fails to 17.B×b7; 16...Rb8 to 17.Q×a7; and 16...Rd8 to 17.Nc4! R×d1 ch 18.R×d1 Nd7 (18...N×c4? 19.Rd8 ch) 19.Qc7 winning for white.

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17.	Rd3	Nd5
18.	e4	Nb6
19.	Bf1	Re8
20.	Rdd1	Rf8
21.	a3	Kg7
22.	b3	Kg8
23.	a4	24.0

Kasparov's previous three pawn moves, calmly improving his position while Petrosian can do nothing, remind one of a large cat toying with an exceedingly small mouse.

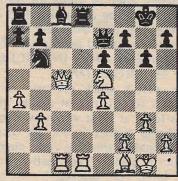
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The ex-world champion mouse decides to make a break for it...

24. Qc5!

... and is promptly pounced upon.

PETROSIAN



KASPAROV

Resigns

24...Qe8 loses to 25.Ng4! (threatening 26.Nf6 ch) and instead 24...Q×c5 25.R×d8 ch Qf8 26.R×f8 ch K×f8 26.a5 f6 (26...Nd7 27.R×c8 ch R×c8 28.N×d7 ch wins two pieces for a rook) 27.a×b6 f×e5 28.Bb5! a×b6 29.Rc7 would be too humiliating. Black's rook, bishop and king are all tied up on the back rank and White marches his king up the kingside with decisive effect. Of course the more straightforward 28.b×a7 also wins, establishing a decisive extra pawn for the endgame.

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