

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 Ljubovjevic 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

G. KASPAROV	T. PETROSIAN
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	e6
3. Nf3	Bb4 ch
4. Bd2	Qe7
5. g3	Bxd2 ch
6. Qxd2	0-0
7. Bg2	d5
8. 0-0	dxc4
9. Na3	c5?!

The game Speelman-Andersson, London 1982, had gone 9...Rd8 10.Nxc4 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.

10. dxc5!	Qxc5
11. Rac1	Nc6
12. Nxc4	Qe7
13. Nfe5	Nxe5
14. Nxe5	

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.Bxd5 exd5 16.Qxd5 Be6 17.Qa5 Bxa2! when 18.Qxa2 allows 18...Qxe5.

15. Rfd1 Nb6
16. Qa5!

Tying Black down completely. 16...Bd7 fails to 17.Bxb7; 16...Rb8 to 17.Qxa7; and 16...Rd8 to 17.Nc4! Rxd1 ch 18.Rxd1 Nd7 (18...Nxc4? 19.Rd8 ch) 19.Qc7 winning for white.

16. ...	g6
17. Rd3	Nd5
18. e4	Nb6
19. Bf1	Re8
20. Rdd1	Rf8
21. a3	Kg7
22. b3	Kg8
23. a4	

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.

23. ... Rd8

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

24. Qc5!
...and is promptly pounced upon.



24. ... Resigns
24...Qe8 loses to 25.Ng4! (threatening 26.Nf6 ch) and instead 24...Qxc5 25.Rxd8 ch Qf8 26.Rxf8 ch Kxf8 26.a5 f6 (26...Nd7 27.Rxc8 ch Rxc8 28.Nxd7 ch wins two pieces for a rook) 27.axb6 fxe5 28.Bb5! axb6 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.bxa7 also wins, establishing a decisive extra pawn for the endgame.

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