

True to form

AFTER THE UPSETS of the two previous Interzonals, order finally reigned in Moscow. The top two places, ensuring qualification to the elite World Championship Candidates matches, were taken by the two brilliant young Soviet players, Gari Kasparov and Alexander Belyavsky. Most observers had felt Moscow was in fact the least likely tournament for a dark horse to emerge from, but even so the Cuban Guillermo Garcia steamed into a sensational early lead before losing in rounds nine and ten.

The final results of Moscow were: 1, Kasparov 10 points; 2, Belyavsky 8½; 3-4, Andersson (Sweden) and Tal (USSR) 8; 5-6, Garcia (Cuba) and Geller (USSR) 7½; 7, Murey (Israel) 6½; 8-9, Christiansen (USA) and Sax (Hungary) 6; 10, Velimirovic (Yugoslavia) 5½; 11-12, Gheorghiu (Romania) and van der Wiel (Holland) 5; 13, Rodriguez (Philippines) 4½; 14, Quinteros (Argentina) 3. Kasparov's victory in this gripping and ferociously contested event looked easy — he lost no games and massacred the lower half of the field. Still only 19, he must surely start favourite in the eight-man Candidates matches, the winner of which will challenge world champion Anatoly Karpov.

Belyavsky's performance was also highly impressive. He had seemed destined for second place some games from the finish, but this was thrown into jeopardy by a penultimate-round loss to John van der Wiel, from a position where Belyavsky was a rook up! Fortunately he defeated Romanian Florin Gheorghiu in the final round, while his chief rivals Mikhail Tal and Ulf Andersson agreed to a quick, colourless draw. Personally I am quite pleased to see the 31-year-old Grandmaster through to the Candidates. It has always struck me as curious that Belyavsky has played so few foreign super-tournaments. It will be intriguing to see if the Soviet selectors will choose him this time for the Olympiad.

For each victor in an Interzonal there are of course several disappointed losers. Larry Christiansen was unfortunate enough to have his woes compounded after being given a 12-page article by the dissident Soviet Grandmaster Boris Gulko during the tournament, for publication in the Californian-based *Players Chess News*, of which Larry was recently appointed editor. Security men met him and his second, Ray Keene, at Moscow airport, ransacked their luggage and duly confiscated the offending papers. Gulko next, apparently, plans another Olympiad hunger strike to try to get the authorities to grant exit visas to himself and his wife.

An outstanding game from the 11th round:

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

G. KASPAROV	F. GHEORGHIU
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	e6

3. Nf3 b6
4. a3!

Kasparov's favourite sharp variation, which is currently undermining the Queen's Indian's reputation for solidity.

4. ...	Bb7
5. Nc3	d5
6. cxd5	Nxd5
7. Qc2	c5
8. e4	Nxc3
9. bxc3	Be7

Instead the game Kasparov-Murey from round three at Moscow went 9... Nc6 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Rd1! cxd4 12.cxd4 a6 13.Qd2! and White broke through with his mobile pawn centre.

10. Bb5 ch

A cunning check to lure Black's bishop to an inferior square.

10. ...	Bc6
11. Bd3	Nd7
12. 0-0	h6

Understandably Gheorghiu is loath to castle because of 12... 0-0 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Bxh7 ch weakening the Black kingside.

13. Rd1 Qc7

Again 13... 0-0 is met by 14.d5 (14... exd5 15.exd5 Bxd5? 16.Bh7 ch followed by Rxd5), but now it comes as a powerful sacrifice.



14. d5!	exd5
15. exd5	Bxd5
16. Bb5	a6?

This meets a crushing blow, but instead 16... Be6 17.Qe4 Rd8 (17... 0-0 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.Qxe7 wins a piece) 18.Bf4 Qc8 19.Ne5 gives White overwhelming pressure. The best chance was probably 16... Bc6 17.Bf4 Qb7.

17. B14!

This sidesteps the Gheorghiu trick of 17.Bxd7 ch Qxd7 18.c4 Be4! and sentences Black's king to life in the centre.

17. ...	Qx14
18. Bxd7 ch	Kxd7
19. Rxd5 ch	Kc7
20. Re1	Bd6

If 20... Bf6 then 21.Re4! neatly traps the Black queen in mid-board. After the text Kasparov regains his pawn and effortlessly follows through to victory.

21. Rf5	Qc4
22. Re4	Qb5
23. Rxf7 ch	Kb8
24. Re6	Rd8
25. c4	Qc6
26. Ne5	Qc8
27. Qb1!	

Even stronger than 27.Qe4. Mate is threatened by 28.Qxb6 ch and 27... b5 28.cxb5 is clearly hopeless.

27. ... Resigns

Solution to last week's final help-mate problem: 1... Ra8 2.f8=Q Rga7 3.Ba2 Kh7 4.Bxb1 checkmate.

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