

# Karpov's revenge

THE NEW TV-World-Cup tournament, co-organised by the BBC and West German television, was certainly compelling viewing for the 400-plus spectators who watched it filmed in Hamburg. To liven things up for television a time limit of only one hour per player per game was applied, and the winners of two preliminary groups were to meet in a grand final. Not too surprisingly group A was ultimately won by Russian World Champion Anatoly Karpov, ahead of Nunn (England), Seirawan (USA) and Bouaziz (Tunisia). His compatriot Boris Spassky qualified easily from group B, ahead of Timman (Holland), Lobron (West Germany) and Torre (Philippines).

Karpov won the first game in what was to prove a gripping final, so Spassky opened with the King's Gambit in the second. Karpov won a clear exchange, but mismanaged the endgame so badly he ended up defending with queen v queen and knight — which he even managed to lose in the time scramble. So clocks were put back to just 15 minutes each and, after a draw in game three, matters were finally concluded with a Karpov victory in the fourth.

For the 31-year-old world champion, Hamburg must have been especially satisfying because of the brilliant revenge win he scored over Yasser Seirawan in the preliminaries. Back in April at the big London tournament, Seirawan had wiped out Karpov with a new idea in the opening. Rumour had it that the Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi, Karpov's sworn enemy, had helped his young American friend prepare for the clash. This was confirmed later by Seirawan, jubilantly annotating his victory in an American magazine. "A cheque from Korchnoi comes very fast!" he said, referring to his newly acquired membership of the "\$400 club" — said to be Korchnoi's personal incentive scheme for anyone who beats Karpov!

Whether Yasser will now have to send back his cheque is not yet clear.

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

<b>Y. SEIRAWAN</b>	<b>A. KARPOV</b>
1. Nf3	Nf6
2. c4	e6



Anatoly Karpov: TV winner.

3. Nc3	d5
4. d4	Be7
5. Bg5	h6
6. Bh4	0-0
7. Rc1	b6
8. cxd5	Nxd5
9. Nxd5	exd5
10. Bxe7	Qxe7
11. g3	Re8
12. Rc3	

*This was Seirawan's novel idea in the London game. It is clearly risky to play the same thing twice against Karpov, who is known to prepare thoroughly after he loses, but the American must have felt his Korchnoi preparation would stand firm.*

12. ...	Na6
13. Qa4	b5!

*A really excellent move. In London Karpov had played 13...c5? 14.Re3 Be6 15.Qxa6 cxd4 16.Rb3 and Black had insufficient compensation for his piece.*

14. Qa5

*If 14.Qxb5 Rb8 or 14.Qb3 c5.*

14. ...	Qe4!
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*It was this move that Seirawan had missed in his pre-game analysis. The queen threatens a powerful penetration to b1, and 15.Rc1 fails to 15...Qxf3.*

15. Kd2	Re6
16. b3?!	

*White's king move into the centre was unpleasant but necessary; here 16.Kc1, seeking some queenside shelter was the better chance.*

16. ...	b4
17. Re3	Qb1
18. Rxe6	Qb2 ch
19. Kd1	Bxe6!

*A finely calculated knight sacrifice to activate quickly the black bishop and rook.*

20. Qxa6	Qa1 ch
21. Kd2	Qc3 ch
22. Kd1	Bf5
23. Ne1	Rb8!

*The rook heads for c6 via b6. White's king is in desperate straits.*

24. Qxa7	Rb6
25. e3	Rc6
26. Bc4	

*This fails to halt the onslaught, but the alternative, giving up the queen by 26.Qa8 ch and 27.Qxc6 offers only minimal drawing chances.*

26. ...	Qa1 ch
27. Ke2	Qb2 ch
28. Kd1	dxc4
29. Qa8 ch	Kh7
30. Qxc6	c3
31. Resigns	

*Qd2 is threatened, and after 31.Nf3 the quickest win is 31...Qb1 ch 32.Ke2 Bd3 mate.*

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