

# Garri wins fans

THE TIME when world champion Anatoly Karpov's consistent tournament victories won unreserved praise has now passed, and the reason for this is clear. One has only to compare Karpov's recent first in Hanover, West Germany, with the result of his Soviet compatriot and younger rival Garri Kasparov soon after in Niksic, Yugoslavia. In Hanover Karpov scored 11 points from 15 games against a medium-strength field, a total comprised of eight wins, one loss and the rest draws. Against elite grandmaster opposition in Niksic, Kasparov made 11 points from 14 games (nine wins, one loss and four draws) — a tournament performance ranking of 2814 that statisticians believe may rank as the fifth best in history.

Final results of the two tournaments were—

Hanover: 1, Karpov 11 points; 2, Georgadze (USSR) 10½; 3, Balashov (USSR) 10; 4, Torre (Philippines) 9; 5, Ostermeyer (West Germany) 8½; 6, Kavalek (USA) 8; 7, Pflieger (West Germany) 7½; 8-9, Sosonko (Holland) and Bastian (West Germany) 7; 10-11, Quinteros (Argentina) and Lobron (West Germany) 6½; 12-13, Shen De and Qi Jingxuang (both China) 6; 14-16, Hartmann, Glienke (both West Germany) and Bouaziz (Tunisia) 5½.

Niksic: 1, Kasparov 11 points; 2, Larsen (Denmark) 9; 3-4 Portisch (Hungary) and Spassky (USSR) 8; 5-6, Andersson (Sweden) and Miles (England) 7½; 7-8, Tal (USSR) and Timman (Holland) 7; 9-10, Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) and Seirawan (USA) 6½; 11-12, Gligoric (Yugoslavia) and Petrosian (USSR) 6; 13, Nikolic (Yugoslavia) 5½; 14, Sax (Hungary) 5; 15, Ivanovic (Yugoslavia) 4½.

Karpov suffered his loss in the first round to little-known West German master Wolfgang Hartmann as White in a Sicilian. After fighting back he eventually took the lead in the penultimate round with a scrappy win over Tamas Georgadze — in contrast to Kasparov who shredded his opponents from the start. Yet even after Yugoslavia many of the Niksic competitors believed young Garri's exuberant style of play would be exploited by Karpov in a championship match. This remains to be seen. The real shame is Karpov's all-too-obvious reluctance to meet his 20-year-old rival in ordinary tournament play, an attitude fewer and fewer fans appreciate as Kasparov's rating and popularity soar.

Fortunately there are signs that another boycott, under which the Soviet Union will not let its players mix with defector Viktor Korchnoi, may soon be lifted. After Niksic, Korchnoi met Kasparov to discuss the world championship cycle, and they came up with a joint statement urging Fide, the World Chess Federation, to rearrange their abortive Candidates match — technically won by Korchnoi on

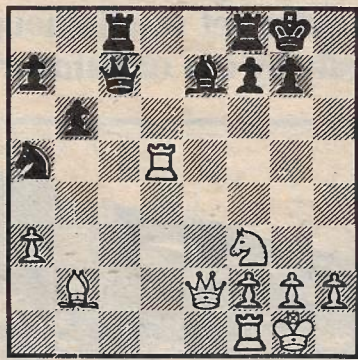
default. In return Kasparov declared himself ready to break the Soviet boycott, and the bargain was sealed in a blitz (five-minute) invitation tourney arranged by the Yugoslavs in Herceg Novi. Leading scores were: Kasparov 13½/16, Korchnoi 10½ and Tal 9½, with Kasparov winning both games played against Korchnoi.

## QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

G. KASPAROV	L. PORTISCH
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	e6
3. Nf3	b6
4. Nc3	Bb7
5. a3	d5
6. cxd5	Nxd5
7. e3	Nxc3
8. bxc3	Be7
9. Bb5 ch	c6
10. Bd3	c5
11. O-O	Nc6
12. Bb2	Rc8
13. Qe2	O-O
14. Rad1	Qc7
15. c4!	cxd4
16. exd4	Na5
17. d5	exd5

If 17... Nxc4 then 18.Qe4 g6 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Qe5 gives a decisive initiative.

18. cxd5	Bxd5
19. Bxh7 ch	Kxh7
20. Rxd5	Kg8



21. Bxg7!

A brilliant positional bishop sacrifice which shatters the Black defences.

21. ...	Kxg7
22. Ne5!	Rfd8

The best chance and preventing 23.Rd7 Qc5 24.Nd3, If 22... Rh8 White wins with 23.Qg4 ch Kf8 24.Qf5 f6 25.Rel! threatening Ng6 ch.

23. Qg4 ch	Kf8
24. Qf5!	f6

After 23... Bd6 the attack is continued with 24.Qf6.

25. Nd7 ch	Rxd7
16. Rxd7	Qc5
27. Qh7	Rc7
28. Qh8 ch	

Sidestepping the trap 28.Rd3? Qxf2 ch! 29.Kxf2 (29.Rxf2 Rcl ch 30.Rf1 Bc5 ch 31.Kh1 Rxf1 mate) Bc5 ch 30.Kg3 Rxf7 with a probable draw.

28. ...	Kf7
29. Rd3	Nc4
30. Rfd1	Ne5?

This loses outright. Better resistance was offered by 30... Bd6!, though 31.Rd5! Qc6 (31... Qxa3 32.Rxd6 Nxd6 33.Qh7 ch followed by Qxc7) 32.h4 retains White's winning chances.

31. Qh7 ch	Ke6
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If 31... Kf8 32.Rd8 ch forces checkmate.

32. Qg8 ch	Kf5
33. g4 ch!	Kf4
34. Rd4 ch	Kf3
35. Qb3 ch	Resigns

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