

Wholly terror

by Murray Chandler

IT'S TIME, I think, to dig out those old game scores and see how many wins one had against Nigel Short when he was a kiddy. So far this year the 21-year-old English grandmaster has swept through two supertournaments and will probably be terrorising another by the time you read this. His latest victory was outright first prize of \$US10,000 at the Reykjavik supertournament in Iceland, ahead of several world class contemporaries. His formula seems simple enough. First you win all your games at the beginning (5/6 in Wijk aan Zee, 6/6 in Reykjavik). Then you cruise home with draws, and perhaps the odd loss to an Iclander (keeps the natives happy). In Holland's Wijk aan Zee tournament in January Victor Korchnoi managed, by heroic efforts, to catch Short and tie for first. There was little chance of that in Iceland.

Like the young Russian, Andrei Sokolov — just ousted by Anatoly Karpov in the World Championship Candidates Final at Linares — Short has made a quantum leap in the past 18 months. Already No 8 on the January 1987 international Elo rating list, Short must now rank as a potential challenger to Soviet superstar Garri Kasparov. But this probably has nothing to do with Kasparov's current campaign to have the World Championship revert back to a three-year cycle, so that he won't have to defend his title so soon. Understandably Kasparov says he is sick of playing Karpov so much; when these two clash as scheduled in another Brussels supertournament this month it will be their 100th game! Unfortunately for Kasparov, Karpov's win over Sokolov means another K-K slugging match.

Listener readers will already have seen one of Short's early wins from Iceland, against Yugoslav grandmaster Lubomir Ljubojevic, last column. This game from round six, against Dutch No 1 Jan Timman, also features a brilliant burst of finishing tactics.

FRENCH DEFENCE

N SHORT	J TIMMAN
1. e4	e6
2. d4	d5
3. Nc3	Bb4
4. e5	c5
5. a3	Bxc3 ch
6. bxc3	Ne7
7. Nf3	Qa5

Aiming for the interesting new idea 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. Be2 cxd4 10. cxd4 Qa4! as in Short-Korchnoi, Brussels 1986, among other games.

	Eng	USSR	Hol	Sz	Hun	USSR	No	Ice	Ice	Yug	Ice	Ice	Ice
1. Short	2615	2605	2590	2625	2610	2585	2560	2540	2555	2620	2555	2535	
2. Tal													
3. Timman													
4. Korchnoi													
5. Portisch													
6. Polugayevsky													
7. Agdestein													
8. Arnason													
9. Hjartarson													
10. Ljubojevic													
11. Olafsson													
12. Petursson													

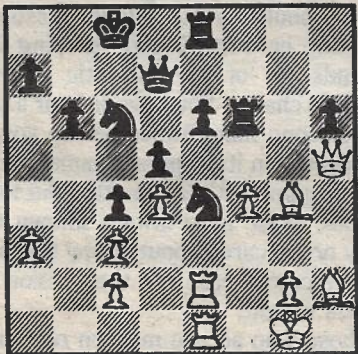
- 8. Qd2! Bd7
- 9. Rb1 Bc6
- 10. Bd3 Nd7
- 11. 0-0 c4
- 12. Be2 h6
- 13. h4 0-0-0
- 14. Bd1 f5
- 15. exf6 e.p. Nxf6?

A few moves later this knight is expelled from the e4 square, and Black's e-pawn comes under attack. Instead 15. ... gxf6! looks fine for Timman.

- 16. Qe1 Ne4
- 17. Rb4 Rhf8
- 18. Ne5 Qc7
- 19. Bg4 Rf6
- 20. f3 Nd6
- 21. Bh3 Bd7
- 22. Rf2 Nc6
- 23. Rb1 Nf7
- 24. Nxd7 Qxd7
- 25. Bf4! g5

In 10 moves the position has been transformed. Both White bishops will secure menacing diagonals, as 25. ... Rxf4? 26. Bxe6 would cost Black the queen.

- 26. Re2 Re8
- If 26. ... gxf4 27. Rxe6 wins.
- 27. Bh2 gxh4
- 28. Qxh4 Ng5
- 29. Bg4 Qg7
- 30. Rbe1 b6
- 31. Qh5 Qd7
- 32. f4 Ne4



- 33. Rxe4! dxe4
- 34. d5 Nd8
- 35. Qe5!

The point to White's lovely positional exchange sacrifice. Next move Black will be painfully caught on the diagonals by 36. f5!, threatening Qb8 checkmate.

- 35. ... Rf5
- 36. dxe6!

Ignoring Timman's desperate attempt to close the position, now 36. ... Rxe5 37. exd7 ch wins.

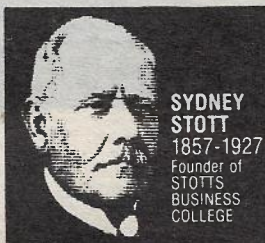
- 36. ... Qd2
- 37. Qxe4 Rd5
- 38. e7 dis.ch Kc7
- 39. f5 dis.ch Resigns

39. ... Kb7 40. Rd1 is one way to go. The final table of the IBM Tournament in Reykjavik, which was Fide category 14 (average Elo rating 2583):

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