

# Together again

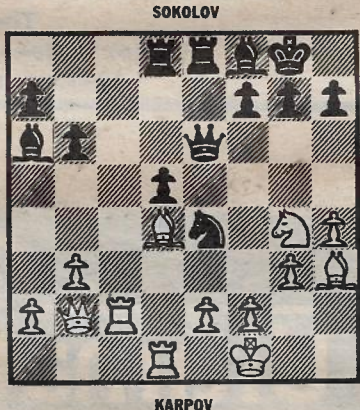
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**A**FTER SOME 500 hours of glaring at each other over the chessboard, Kasparov and Karpov must be sick of each other — and soon they will be even sicker. Having just convincingly won his Candidates Final against Andrei Sokolov in Linares, Spain, Anatoly Karpov will again be challenging Garri Kasparov in a match for the World Championship. Although this title match — their fourth in four years — is supposed to take place before Christmas, no firm venue or dates have yet been decided.

The Candidates Final was an amusing battle of opening strategy. With his first move as Black in game one, the wily Karpov ruined months of Sokolov opening preparation by playing the Caro Kann defence. All 24-year-old Sokolov had to offer was the well-charted Queen's Indian Defence, hardly a shock. Thus all 11 match games were Caro Kanns or Queens Indians, but whereas Sokolov lost three times with Black he was unable to breach 35-year-old Karpov's defences at all. Curiously, he came closest in the very first game (see col 3), but it is not easy suddenly to prepare new ideas and surprises in the middle of a contest. Maybe he and his team of Soviet helpers, led by grandmaster Gennadi Kuzmin, had

left all their books on the Caro at home!

One of Sokolov's great strengths is his extraordinary tactical vision. In game six it nearly brought rewards with this series of remarkable piece sacrifices. The first bishop is given up purely to decoy the White queen away from the defence.



Play went 1. ... Ba3! 2.Qx a3 Bxe2 ch! 3.Rxe2 N×g3 ch! Now 4.f×g3 loses to 4. ... Qxe2 ch followed by 5. ... Qxd1 ch and 6. ... Qxd4, but Karpov wriggled out with 4.Kg2 Qxe2 5.Qc1! Nh5 6.Kh2! Rd6 7.Qd2. Technically Black still has a modest material edge (rook and two pawns for two pieces is about a half pawn advantage) but after a queen swap the White knight and bishops

became very active. All Sokolov got for his amazing technical conception was a second depressing zero on the scoretable ...

**CARO KANN DEFENCE**

Game 1, Spain 1987

**A SOKOLOV**      **A KARPOV**  
1. e4                      c6!

A real stunner — the Caro has never been a regular in Karpov's opening repertoire. His intention, as seen later in the match, was the ultra-solid Smyslov system (2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 d×e4 4. N×e4 Nd7). Sokolov's somewhat rarer alternative gives a more open and active game.

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| 2. c4!? | d5   |
| 3. c×d5 | c×d5 |
| 4. e×d5 | Nf6  |
| 5. Nc3  | N×d5 |
| 6. Nf3  | e6   |

In game 11 Karpov varied with 6. ... N×c3!? 7. b×c3 g6 and won in only 25 moves after Sokolov committed suicide attempting to win.

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| 7. d4    | Be7  |
| 8. Bc4   | O-O  |
| 9. O-O   | Nc6  |
| 10. Re1  | a6   |
| 11. Bb3  | N×c3 |
| 12. b×c3 | b5   |
| 13. Qd3  | Ra7  |
| 14. Bc2  | g6   |
| 15. Bh6  | Re8  |
| 16. Qe3  | Rd7  |
| 17. h4!  |      |

A typical thrust, intending to soften the Black king position with h5. 17. ... B×h4? 18. N×h4 Q×h4 19. Bg5 puts the queen in dire straits.

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| 17. ... | Bf6 |
| 18. Bg5 | Bb7 |

**KARPOV**  
**SOKOLOV**

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| 19. Qf4  | B×g5 |
| 20. N×g5 |      |

White stands better as the dark squares around Black's kingside are weak after the bishop exchanges. 20. h×g5 was also good.

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| 20. ... | Qc7  |
| 21. Qf6 | N×d4 |

Only a pseudo-sacrifice; on 22. c×d4 Q×c2.

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| 22. B×g6 | h×g6 |
| 23. c×d4 | Rd5  |
| 24. Rac1 | Qd7  |
| 25. Rc5  |      |

Correct was 25.Ne4!, which wins outright after 25. ... R×d4 26.Nc5 Qd5 27.N×b7 Q×b7 28.Q×d4 or 25. ... Rf5 26.Q×f5! g×f5 27.Nf6 ch. Black's best chance is 25. ... Rh5 26.Q×g6 ch! f×g6 27.Nf6 ch Kh8 28.N×d7 R×h4 29.Rc7. Material is equal but White has a major positional advantage.

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| 25. ...   | Qe7   |
| 26. R×e6! | Q×f6! |

Not 26. ... f×e6 27.Q×g6 ch when 27. ... Qg7 28.Q×e8 ch, 27. ... Kh8 28. Nf7 ch or 27. ... Kf8 28.Nh7 ch all win for White. With the game move Karpov swaps queens and manages to regain his lost pawn a few moves later.

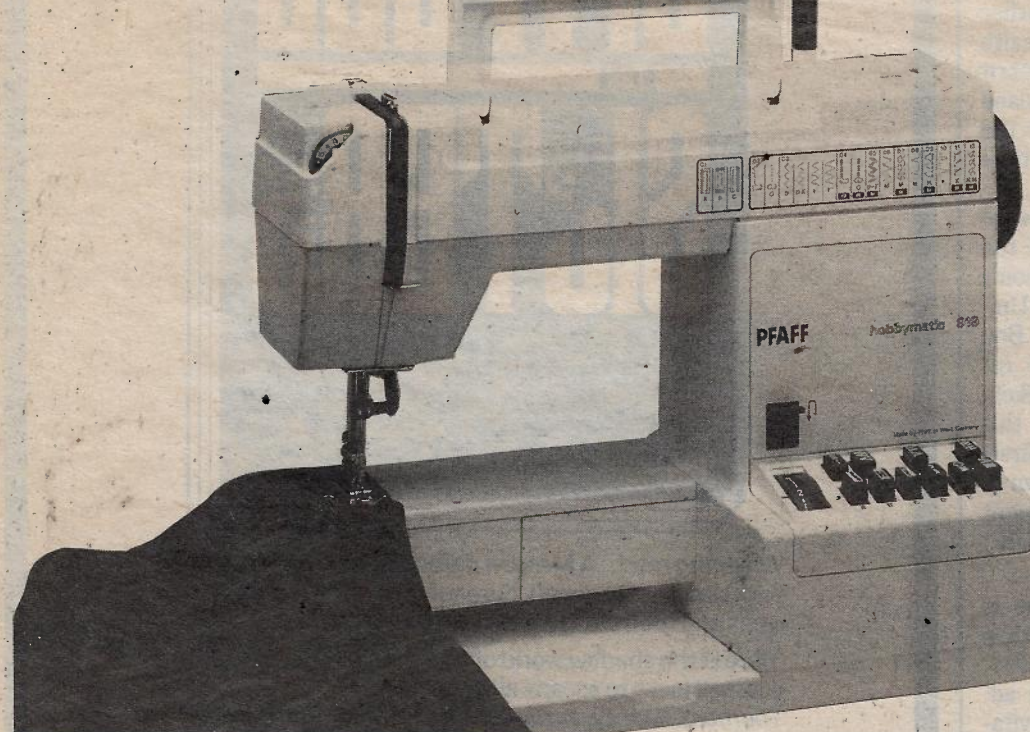
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| 27. R×f6 | Rd7     |
| 28. a3   | Kg7     |
| 29. Rb6  | Re2     |
| 30. Rc3  | Rd2     |
| 31. Nf3  | B×f3    |
| 32. R×f3 | R(2)×d4 |
| 33. R×a6 | R×h4    |
| 34. g3   | Rh5     |
| 35. Kg2  | Rhd5    |

Draw agreed

Maybe even after queens came off Sokolov could have improved, but now the endgame is dead equal.

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