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Revenge is sweet

by Murray Chandler

THERE ARE several similarities between New Zealand and Sweden: a small population, beautiful countryside, and a notable lack of top-class tournaments. I had not played a serious New Zealand event for a decade until the Plaza International last March, but until Haninge in May, Ulf Andersson, the Swedish No 1, had not played a Swedish player anywhere for 17 years, let alone participated in a tournament on home soil.

I hope these dubious records will never be improved on in either of our countries. Organiser Grant Kerr hopes the Plaza International in Wellington might be staged at least every second year, while Haninge is assured as an annual for several years. Haninge is a modest town on the outskirts of Stockholm, full of lakes and fir trees, and not far from where the Soviet submarine became embarrassingly marooned in 1981. Diplomatic relations still appear a little strained. During the tournament the Soviet grandmaster Lev Polugayevsky tried to buy a small Toshiba personal computer to run his ChessBase program on. The Toshiba management refused to sell him anything, saying it was prohibited to export such high technology to the USSR!

Still, there were compensations for "Mr Toshiba", as the 53-year-old many-times Soviet champion quickly became known. He exported a considerable quantity of international Elo rating points back to Moscow and won the tournament by a full point. The critical victory came in round 10 against Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi, and must have been especially satisfying. Of the three times Polugayevsky has made it through to the World Championship Candidates Matches, he has twice been knocked out by Korchnoi. Here is his win.

GRUNFELD DEFENCE

POLUGAYEVSKY	KORCHNOI
1. d4	Nf6
2. c4	g6
3. Nc3	d5
4. cxd5	Nxd5
5. e4	Nxc3
6. bxc3	c5
7. Bc4	Bg7
8. Ne2	0-0
9. Be3	Nc6
10. Rc1!?	

An interesting idea; against 10. 0-0 Black usually continues 10... cxd4 11. cxd4 Bg4 12. f3 Na5! but now this would lose a piece. Korchnoi's queen check, preventing castling, is the critical test.

10. ...	cxd4
11. cxd4	Qa5 ch
12. Kf1	Bd7
13. h4	e5

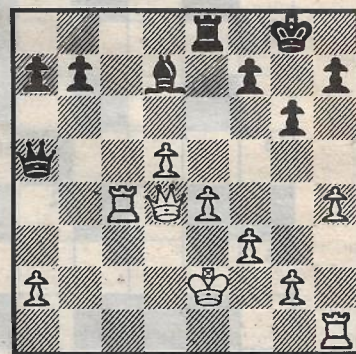
More accurate was 13... h5 14. Nf4 Kh7, to inhibit White's kingside advance before seeking counterplay with... e5.

14. d5	Nd4
15. Nxd4	exd4
16. Bxd4	Bxd4
17. Qxd4	Rac8
18. Ke2!	Rfe8
19. f3	Rxc4
20. Rxc4	



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Lev Polugayevsky: victory by a clear point, including a win over Korchnoi.



White's surprising 18th move shows the problem with Black's pawn sacrifice; the centre is still closed and Polugayevsky's king is not that unsafe. Now 20... Bb5 21. Ke3 Bxc4 22. Qxc4 favours White, so Korchnoi gives up the exchange to try for real counter-chances.

20. ...	Qxa2 ch
21. Ke3	Qxg2
22. Rhc1	f5
23. e5	g5
24. hxg5	Qh2

Or 24... Qxg5 ch 25. Kd3! and suddenly the deadly threat of 26. Rg1 looms.

25. e6! b5
After 25... Bxe6 26. dxe6 Rxe6 27. Kd3 Qe2 ch 28. Kc3 Re3 ch 29. Kb4 a5 ch 30. Kxa5! White's king comfortably escapes.

26. Rc7 **Black lost on time**
But the position is hopeless: 26... Qd6 27. R1c6! Qa3 ch 28. Kf4 and Black is lost, as 28... Bxc6 29. Qg7 is mate.

Final results at Haninge were: 1, Polugayevsky 8/11; 2, Andersson 7; 3, Agdestein (Norway) 6½; 4-5, Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Sosonko (Holland) 6; 6-8, Chandler (NZ/Eng), Chiburdanize (USSR) and Schussler (Sweden) 5½; 9-10, Karlsson and Wedberg (both Sweden) 4½; 11-12, Barlov (Yug) and Pinter (Hungary) 3½.