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CHESS

Garri Houdini

by Murray Chandler

IF YOU COUNT the four-player European Options Exchange event in Amsterdam as a tournament, then it was certainly the strongest yet. Garri Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov, Jan Timman and John van der Wiel played each other four times in a sort of USSR v Holland contest, crushingly won by the Soviets 15½-8½. This was not too surprising, but Kasparov's winning margin of 2½ points was remarkable even by the World Champion's standards, though he did have one narrow escape against Karpov.

Immediately after the tournament, the 25-year-old champion rushed back to Moscow to attend a reception given for President Reagan. Nowadays Kasparov devotes considerable energy to seizing power off the chessboard as well as on it. He is the self-appointed founder-president of the Grandmasters Association, an organisation which is increasingly becoming a competitor to the world chess federation, FIDE.

But stardom can take its toll. Kasparov's autobiography, *Child of Change*, was scathingly received in the West for its extraordinary claims of a monstrous Soviet plot to prevent him challenging Karpov. One American magazine reviewed it under the headline "Child," while *New in Chess Magazine* called the book "self-defamation". Particularly disturbing was Kasparov's explanation of the Vladimirov incident from the 1986 World Championship. After losing three games in a row, Kasparov had publicly sacked his unfortunate Soviet aide for allegedly leaking opening secrets. Yet in the book the World Champion admits he had no firm evidence, just "intuition".

Here is the second K-K game from Amsterdam, a violent and dramatic clash of wildly fluctuating fortunes.

CARO KANN DEFENCE

KASPAROV	KARPOV
1. e4	c6
2. d4	d5
3. Nd2	d×e4
4. N×e4	Nd7
5. Nf3	Ngf6
6. Ng3	e6
7. Bd3	Be7
8. 0-0	c5
9. Qe2	0-0
10. Rd1	Qc7
11. c4	c×d4
12. N×d4	a6
13. b3	Re8
14. Bb2	b6
15. Nh5	Bb7
16. N×e6?	

Kasparov, normally the master of attack, embarks on a dubious double-piece sacrifice.

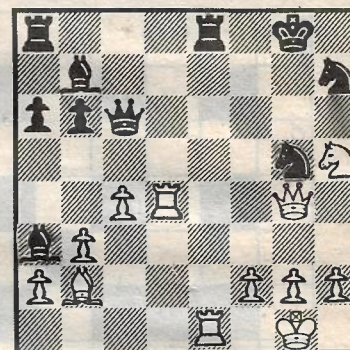
16. ...	f×e6
17. Q×e6 ch	Kf8
18. B×h7	Nc5



Kasparov: chess ambassador.

19. Qh3 N×h7
 20. B×g7 ch?
 The best chance was 20. b4! Qc8 21. Qg3.
 20. ... Kg8
 21. Bb2 Qc6
 22. Rd4 Ne4
 23. Re1 Neg5
 24. Qg4 Ba3!

Karpov knew he was winning, and played this move with a tremendous thump. If 25. R×e8 ch R×e8 26. B×a3 Black mates on the backrank with 26. ... Re1.



25. Bc3 R×e1 ch?
 An astonishing oversight to rival Spassky-Chandler from the Plaza tournament; 25. ... Bb2! wins instantly. But with two extra pieces versus four pawns, Black is winning anyhow.
 26. B×e1 Re8
 27. Bd2 Bc1
 28. h4 B×d2
 29. R×d2 Re1 ch?

29. ... Qe4 was simplest.
 30. Kh2 Re4?
 In time pressure Karpov had simply overlooked Kasparov's reply, after which matters are suddenly unclear.

31. f4! Qe6
 32. Rd8 ch Kf7
 33. Rd7 ch Kf8
 34. Q×e6 R×e6
 35. h×g5 Re7
 36. R×e7 K×e7
 37. g4 Be4
 38. Kg1 Bb1
 39. a3 Black lost on time

Both players bashed out their last few moves in seconds before Black's flag fell. When the moves were counted it was discovered that Karpov had failed to make the required 40, and had thus lost by time forfeit. After 39. ... Ba2 40. b4 B×c4 Black can probably contain the mass of white kingside pawns, and draw.

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1. Kasparov (USSR)	2750	x x x x	½ 1 ½ 1	½ ½ 1 ½	1 ½ 1 1	1 1 1 1	9	
2. Karpov (USSR)	2715	½ 0 ½ 0	x x x x	½ ½ ½ ½	1 1 ½ 1	1 ½ 1 6½		
3. Timman (Holland)	2675	½ ½ 0 ½	½ ½ ½ ½	x x x x	1 0 ½ ½	5½		
4. Van der Wiel (Holland)	2555	0 ½ 0 0	0 0 ½ 0	0 1 ½ ½	x x x x	3		