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# Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club

Bulletin Nº 36

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Forthcoming Events

22nd-24th Jul.f Skegness Congress - single section

Sat. 23rd Jul. Knutsford Quickplay, 4 sections

1st-13th Aug. BCF Congress Blackpool - Br. Champs. & many others

\* 17th-31st Aug. Short-Speelman, Candidates Quarter-final, London

\* 20th-29th Aug. Lloyds Bank Masters Tournament, London

9th-11th Sep. f Hull Congress - open, U-151, U-111, U-60 (!)

23rd-25th Sep. f Tyne & Wear Congress - open, U-151, U-121, U-91

\* denotes new in list

f denotes entry forms available at club

## SHORT is WORLD NO3

The top thirteen in the latest FIDE rating list, dated 1/7/88, are shown in the table.

	New	List			Change	Old L:	ist
	1	2760	Kasparov	USR	+10	2750	1
	2	2725	Karpov	USR	+10	2715	2
	3=	2665	Belyavsky	USR	+20	2645	4
	3=	2665	SHORT	ENG	+35	2630	6=
	5	2645	SPEELMAN	ENG	+20	2625	9=
	6	2640	Timman	HOL	-35	2675	3
	7	2635	Portisch	HUN	+25	2610	15=
	8=	2630	Gurevich	USR	-5	2625	9=
	8=	2630	Ribli	HUN	+10	2620	12=
1	LO=	2625	NUNN	ENG	+10	2615	14
1	LO=	2625	Andersson	SWE	+20	2605	18
1	LO=	2625	Salov	USR	+30	2595	19=
1	LO=	2625	Ivanchuk	USR			

Kasparov's rating has risen for the third time in successive lists. He now has the same rating as Fischer had seventeen years ago, but is still below Fischer's maximum rating of 2785 attained in the list of 1/7/72.

Karpov has climbed back to his personal best rating of 8½ years ago.

Despite recent successes by Sokolov and Yusupov, Belyavsky has seemed for some time to be the USSR's best player after K. & K. Third equal place for him is no great surprise. The pleasing news for England is of course that Nigel Short is now 'no.1' in 'the rest of the world', and with Belyavsky heads the 'rest of the alphabet' following the K's, behind whom the rating gap has widened again.

Short's ascendence is something which has been observable for a good many years, and his successes come as less of a surprise than at one time. Jonathan Speelman's recent performances, however, have been more unexpected. Short definitely has the potential for great things. As for Speelman, it remains to be seen what happens. It is possible that after the current world championship cycle his 'annus mirabilis' may never be repeated. Equally, he may be England's first Challenger to the world champion.

Jan Timman of the Netherlands was once a young Dutch 'hope', and he is still young, but shows little sign of sufficient further improvement to challenge Kasparov and Karpov. Lajos Portisch of Hungary is the old man of the above list. The older Kortchnoi has dropped out of the top thirteen after having been fifth in the previous list. Nikolic, Tal, Vaganian and Yusupov are others to drop out of the top thirteen.

John Nunn inches his way up, though more slowly than his compatriots.

Vasily Ivanchuk won the 1987 European Junior Championship played at Gröningen, 1986/87. His rating at 1/7/86, two years ago, was 2475. By comparison, it took Short four years to get from 2475 to 2620.

		P	W	D	L	P -	- A	Pts
Yorkshire League Results	Hull	11	9	0	2	67	42	18
Hull won the Woodhouse Cup (div.1),	Bradford	11	7	3	1	691/2	40/2	17
Wakefield won the I.M.Brown Shield	Bradford Central	11	8	1	2	66	44	17
for division22. Undercliffe won	Sheffield	11	7	2	2	64	46	16
the Silver Rook for division 3, and	Bradford DCA	11	5	1	5	51	58	11
Hull 'C' won the A.G. Sunderland Cup		11	5	0	6	67	43	10
for division 4.	Huddersfield	11	4	2	5	572	51½	10
UA	Worksop	11	5	0	6	45	65	10
The Woodhouse Cup featured four	Rose Forgrove	11	4	1	6 .	51/2	5812	9
South Yorkshire teams, counting	Rotherham	11	4	0	7	421/2	662	8
Worksop as in this category for	Leeds & YTV	11	2	1	8	44	66	5
these purposes. Promotion and	Barnsley	11	0	1	10	32	78	1
relegation is based on two up and		275W 975GS 6W	NIMES - ACOUS				150000	20

two down. In fact York University, placed second in the I.M. Brown, declined promotion and so saved Leeds & YTV (now known simply as 'Leeds' again) from relegation. Barnsley is replaced by Wakefield.

### National Club Championship Results

The finals of the four sections were held at the premises of the sponsor, Peterborough Software, on July 16th. The results were:

Glasgow Polytechnic 4-2 Bristol & Clifton

Major -Cambridge University 3-3 Fulham

Intermediate - Hackney 3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2} Lichfield

Barnstaple 3-2 King's Head

(Cambridge University won on board count.)

Alongside these matches six members of the BWCA (British Women's Chess Association) played a match against six computers with the result: 4½-1½ in favour of the women.

### County Championship Results

English Counties: ½-finals - Lancashire 10-6 Essex final - Lancashire beat Kent

Gloucestershire  $5\frac{1}{2}-10\frac{1}{2}$  Kent

1/2-finals - Sussex 11/2-4/2 Bedfordshire final - Cambridgeshire Minor Counties:

Cambridgeshire 82-62 Shropshire (+1@) beat Sussex

2-finals - Kent 7-9 Lancashire Second Teams:

Middlesex 9-7 Warwickshire

5-finals - Warwickshire 14-6 Cheshire & N. Wales Third Teams:

Lancashire  $5\frac{1}{2}-13\frac{1}{2}$  Kent (+1@)

Yorkshire 1st team is so weak these days that they did not even qualify for the English Counties 4-finals. Yorkshire 2nd team qualified for the Second Teams' 4-finals, but lost to Middlesex 2nds. On board one in that match S.J. Mann drew with J.M. Quinn of Middle sex.

### 5-Minute Tournament held recently at the club.

1	W.P.Somerset	61	- 8	ro	ounds
2	G.J.Langer	6			
3	M. Emerton	51/2			
4	B.D. Stephenson	4 <del>1</del>			
5=	D.K. Hodgett	4			
5=	A.Bramall	4.			
7=	M. Turnidge	3 <sup>5</sup>			
7=	G.D. Brown	3 <del>2</del>	Man .		
9	M. Parkin	3	(out	of	six)
10	B.Emerton	$2\frac{1}{2}$	726		
11	G.Smith	2	(out	of	five)
12	D.J. Slater	0	(out	of	four)

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14	J. Hjartarson	ISD	2620
15	A. Yusupov	USSR	2615
16=	Y. Seirawan	USA	2610
16=	M. Tal	USSR	2610
16=	P. Nikolic	Yug	2610
19	Murray Chandler	Eng	2605
20 =	R. Hubner	FRG	2600
20=	G. Sax	Hun	2600
20=	A. Sokolov	USSR	2600
Ot	her leading English	ratings	include
Julian	n Hodgson 2525, Da	anny Kin	g 2520,
Jonat	than Mestel 2510, To	ny Koste	n 2510,
Willi	am Watson 2500, Mic	chael Stea	an 2500,
Jona	than Levitt 2485, S	Stuart C	onquest
2480.			
Th	e leading ratings	among	English
wome	en players are as follo	ws:	1.55.0
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vom	en players are as follows:	
1.	Susan Arkell	2355
2.	Jana Miles	2300
3.	Teresa Needham	2250
4.	Sheila Jackson	2245
5.	Mandy Hepworth	2115
6	Sarah Christopher	2105

# Life at the Top

The first International Rating List published by FIDE was the '1970' list which was based on results of games played over the period 1/1/68 to 31/12/70. For the first eleven years new lists were drawn up on a yearly basis, but from 1981 onwards new lists have been published every six months. The Elo system is used to calculate them.

Ratings in the 2700's are exceptional, only attained such ratings. There are usually on ly a dozen or so players in any list with ratings in the 2600's, but the number of players in the 2500's runs into three figures. Short's rating of 2225 in the list of 1/1/78 put him at roughly 1,450th in the world! Ratings for meninot published below 2200.

As a rough guide, international grandmasters have ratings down to about 2500, and international masters down to 2300.

The table below contains the top 2 or three places from all the lists along with all the ratings listed for Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov and England's rising star Nigel Short. The numbers given are the position in the list (in order of rating) and the rating itself. Although limited essentially to the top three places, the table illustrates the pre-eminence at different times of certain players, the arrival on the scene of Karpov and then Kasparov, and the rise albeit more gradual of Nigel Short in terms of ratings. Short's position in lists prior to 1/7/86 is omitted simply because of the time it takes to extract the information from alphabetical lists containing thousands of names.

list date 1970 1/7/71 1/7/72 1/7/73 1/5/74 1/1/75 1/1/76 1/1/77 1/1/78 1/1/79 1/1/80 1/1/81 1/7/81 1/7/82 1/7/82 1/1/83 1/7/83 1/1/84 1/7/84 1/1/85 1/7/85 1/1/86 1/7/86	Fischer (USA) 1 2740 1 2760 1 2785 1 2780 1 2780 1 2780	(USSR) 40=2545 15=2595 4 2625 3=2630 4 2640 2 2675 2 2690 2 2690 1 2710 1 2715 1 2715 2 2700 1 2720 1 2740	41=2540 38=2540 7=2630 2 2660 2 2700 2 2705 1 2695 1 2690 1 2725 1 2705 1 2725 1 2700 1 2700 1 2710 1 2710 2 2700 2 2705 2 2705 2 2705 2 2705 2 2705 2 2705 2 2705	Short (ENG)  2225 2260 2360 2440 2440 2430 2485 2510 2475 2500 2510 2535 2575 2585 9 2615 7=2615	other placings 2 2690 Spassky (USSR) 2 2690 Spassky 2 2660 Spassky 3 2655 Spassky 3 2670 Korchnoy (USSR) 3 2665 Korchnoy 2 2670 Korchnoy 2 2670 Korchnoy 2 2645 Korchnoy 2 2695 Korchnoy (USSR) 2 2695 Korchnoy 3 2645 Ljubojevic (YUG) 3 2645 Ljubojevic (YUG) 3 2645 Ljubojevic, Korchnoy 3 2650 Timman 3 2650 Timman 3 2640 Timman 3 2640 Timman 3 2645 Yusupoy Vaganian 3 2645 Yusupoy Sokoloy(USSR)
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1/7/87		1 2740	2 2700 1	0=2620	3 2635 Yusupov (USSR)
1/1/88		1 2750	2 2715	6=2630	3 2675 Timman
1/7/88		1 2760	2 2725	3=2665	3=2665 Belyavsky (USSR)

The highest ever rating was Fischer's 2785 in the 1/7/72 list. Ten days after that date Spassky started his World Championship match with Fischer! Spassky's 2690 rating of the time was itself very high, as apart from Fischer, Karpov and Kasparov, only Korchnoi (twice) and Tal (once) have exceeded that 2690 rating.

Losing to Fischer was the beginning of the end of Spassky's life at the top. Karpov pushed him into third place then Korchnoy displaced him from there. Fischer then withdrew from the scene after giving Karpov the World Championship by default in 1975. People critised Karpov as a bogus world champion. The fact that he had won his way through the Candidates' matches and had pushed his rating beyond the 2700 'barrier' did not seem to impress some people at the time!

In the absence of Fischer, Karpov and Korchn by set up the first spell of domination by the K's. This lasted about 6½ years, but a hiccup was caused when Tal became the third player, after Fischer and Karpov, to achieve a 2700+ rating. That was his 2705 in the 1/1/80 list.

Whether sliced bread reached the Netherlands before Max Euxe was born or after is unclear, but in any case Jan Timman was the best thing in the Netherlands since the two, and Timman it was who ended Korchnoy's tenure of second place in the lists. Korchnoy would have reclaimed that place had Kasparov not popped up at that point.

Kasparov first entered the rating lists as 40th equal in the world at 2545 in 1979, not in the main list but as one of the additions in the supplementary list of 1/7/79. (Prior to 1981, such mid-year lists were published with amendments and additions to the January list.) Having once reached the number 2 spot Kasparov has not fallen below it, and has since then been sharing the first two places with Karpov in the second spell of domination by the K's.

In only two of the twenty-one lists since the withdrawal of Fischer have Karpov, Korchnoy and Kasparov between them not held first place and at least equal second; but 'K' does stand for 'king'! In only the first three lists were the K's totally absent from the top two.

While Karpov and Kasparov have been squabbling with each other, the remaining grandmasters have been vying for third place. A tendency is apparent for one player to come third in about three lists, and then be displaced by another. In this fashion third place has been occupied successively by Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia, Jan Timman of the Netherlands, and Artur Yusupov of the USSR. After a solitary reappearance by Timman, the first ever English player has taken third place, albeit shared. Short's 2665 is the highest FIDE rating ever achieved by an English player.

When the first list came out, Nigel Short was 5½ and was still nine years away from earning his International Master title! Kasparov was over 7½. A few months after Short earned his IM title, the older Kasparov earned his GM title - precisely on his 17th birthday - at a tournament at Baku. A little before Baku, Kasparov had won the World Junior Championship (Dortmund 1980) with Short finishing second. These events correspond roughly to the players' first appearances in the rating lists. Karpov had turned 19½ by the time the first list appeared and by then had already won the World Junior Championship (Stockholm, 1969), while Fischer was an old man - in his 28th year.

### Club Championship - Round 3 results to date What about the others?

- (2) S.J.Mann 1-0 J.Gallagher (2) (1) B.D. Stephenson 0-1 D.K. Hodgett (1) (2) W.P. Somerset  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$  M. Emerton (2) ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) G.J. Langer 1-0 R. Lindsay ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) (2) G. Smith ? T.P. Kellman( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) (1) R. Bell ? A. Bramall ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) (1) C. France (2) (2) D. L. Sletter ? F. Clarks (5)
- (1) G.Facer 0-1 G.D.Brown (1) (0) D.J.Slater ? F.Clarke (1) M.Turnidge 0-1 M.Parkin (1)

## NOT THE 1988 ~ YCA + GRADINGS

The table below contains grading data regarding our club's members. It has been extracted from the list for the whole of Sheffield, as sent off to the Yorkshire grader. The list covers results from Association and Works competitions (excluding the Biffen-Newsome Cup) as well as the Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club Congress, the Annual Match and the G.W. Moses Trophy. Unfortunately the local grader forgot to include our Club Championship results. The only significant effect of this omission is that Geoff Facer is unlikely to have clocked up enough games to get into the Yorkshire Grading list.

The key items are the 'games' and 'score' shown towards the right of the page, being the count of games graded and the score resulting. For interest's sake the season's performance ('perfm') is shown, but it should be emphasised that this is <u>not</u> the 1988 grade.

Assuming the rules for inclusion in the Yorkshire list do not change, then a minimum of 8 games in the current season is required. That affects Geoff Facer and Matthew Cooper. Ideally, 30 results are the minimum considered statistically desirable, so where a player has less than 30 games graded in the current season ('87/88), games are brought forward from the previous season to increase the game count as far as possible up to the desired 30 games. The rightmost column headed 'bf' shows how many games would be brought forward if there were no further games to be added by the Yorkshire grader. The games brought forward are not actual results from the end of the previous season but rather notional ones with scores proportional to last seasons total score, or in effect games played at last year's performance. Again there is a requirement for a minimum of 18 games over the two seasons.

The 'bottom line' of all this is the column about two thirds of the way across, headed 'predicted grade'. This is what the 1988 grades would be if no other results were in the system, for this season or last, and assuming the method adopted for bringing forward games is as used by the Yorkshire grader.

r	seasor	n 1986,	/87			predicted	r- sea	ason 1	987/88	- 7
gs	score	perfm	grade	name	club	grade	games	score	perfm	bf
16	1534	96	88	Bell R	SKTN	85	15	1111	74	15
14	1113	80		Bird SA	SKTS	71	9	523	58	14
10	836	84		Bramall A	SK	106	18	2133	119	10
24	2353	98	101	Brough GJ	SKTR	101	16	1649		14
42	5844	139	139	Brown GD	SKTH	140	48	6725	140	0
17	1701	100		Clarke F	SKTS	106	21	2271		9
1	104		38	Cooper MN	SK	€ 88	3	249		
0				Emerton M	SK	161	24	3866		0
9	1024	114	114	Facer G	SK	€108	6	590		9
19	2477	130	125	Gallagher J	SK	127	18	2251		12
29	3573	123	123	Hodgett DK	SKTP	116	35	4061		0
28	4144	148	152	Johnson MP	SKTS	134	36	4827		0
13	1115	86	79	Kellman TP	SKTS	98	19	1983		11.
10	994	99		Langer GJ	SK	99	9	880		10
26	2724	105	104	Lindsay R	SKTR	94	21	1891		9
37	6688	181	176	Mann SJ	SKTN	179	38	6785		0
29	3672	127	127	Parkin M	SKTL	123	32	3941		0
11	1234	112		Smith G	SK	121	12	1541		11
14	1613	115		Somerset WP	SKTR	129	27	3525	131	3
22	2180	99	97	Stephenson BD	SKTS	111	21	2445		9
23	2034	88	88	Turnidge M	SKTR	95	16	1614		14
27	3187	118	118	Whitfield JT	SKTL	110	19	2008	106	11

(€ denotes a basis of less than the minimum number of games.)

### CAPTAIN'S LOG: Star Date 1987/88: Secretary Mann reporting. (Well, if Brown doesn't do it I'll have to.)

The following is an imitation (beware!) of Mick Turnidge's tabular report in bulletin no.34, this one being for the 'A' team.

date	team	venu	ie :	score	SJM	ME	MPJ	GDB	D	KH	GS	JG	MNC	WPS	MP	BDS
28/10	Aughton	'В'	A	4-2	1/1	1/3	½/2	1/2/4	1	/5	0/6					
24/11	Worksop	'Α'	Н	3-3	½/1	1/3	0/2	1/4			½/5				0/6	
1/12	Barnsley	у'В'	Α	3-3	1/1		0/2	1/3	0	/4	1/5		0/6			
9/12	Ecclesal	11'B'	Α	6-0	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1	/5	1/6					
15/12	Hope Val	lley	H	25-35	5/1	0/2	0/3	1/4			0/5		1/6			
21/12	Chest'd	'B'	А	3-3	1/2/1	0/2	1/3	1/2/1/2	1	/5				0/6		
5/1	В. & J.	'В'	Н	4-2	1/1	1/2	1/2/3	₹/4					0/5		1/6	
2/2	Aughton	'В'	Н	3-3	1/1	0/2	0/3	1/4			½/5					½/6
11/2	Worksop	'Α,	Α	15-45	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	0	/5	½/6					
22/2	W. Lion	'В'	A	4-2	1/1	1/2	1/2/3	1/4	1	/6		0/5				
1/3	Chest'd	'В'	Н	4½-1½	1/1	₹/2	1/3	0/4	1	/5				166		
21/3	В. & J.	'В,	A .	55-5	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/2	/5	1/6					
29/3	Ecclesal	11'B'	Н	4-2	1/1	1/2	1/2/3	1/2/4	0	/5	1/6					
14/4	Hope Val	lley	А	4-2	1/1	1/2	0/3	0/4	1	/5	1/6					
19/4	Barnsley	γ'Β'	Н	5-1	1/1	1/2	½/3	1/4			1/5			1/6		
26/4	W. Lion	,В,	Н	5-1	1/1	1/2		0/3	1	/4	1/5			1/6		
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		perd	ent	age	91%	73%	50%	66%	6	8%	71%	0%	33%	75%	50%	50%

(& denotes win by default.)

### Howarth, Horwath, & Haworth

In bulletin 34, the editor expressed incredulity regarding the names of players in the visiting Ecclesall team which played our 'B' team. Out of curiosity he asked one of their players about it at the Annual Match, and apparently there really are three players with anagramatic names, as cited, but they have nobody called Harwoth. Never mind.

#### Collated League Results

By popular demand, assuming W.P.S. to be typical of the populace, the results of all teams in are two teams' divisions are set out in the following pages. Missing matches are presumably defaults. Our own teams' results are printed again all together - for ease of reference.

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JR MOC	Swindell Joy	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ 0-1		Emerton		M	Emer				GQB	Havenhand	
SA	Joy	0-1		Brown		GD	Brow			1/2-1/2		Swanson	
CE	Joy	1/2-1/2	J	Gallagher		WP		rset		0-1		Glossop	
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### Candidates' 1/4-Finals

The Short-Speelman match will take place in August - see below - and the other three are expected to be played in January.

Of the four matches, Karpov-Hjartarson is on paper a very one-sided pairing: a consequence of the seeding in which these two are 1 and 8 respectively. The matches Short-Speelman and Portisch-Timman, on the other hand, are likely to be very close. In each of these two matches the two players are adjacent to each other in the latest rating list! A prognosis regarding the other match, Yusupov-Spraggett, is difficult as although Spraggett as seventh seed 'should' lose to the second seed Yususpov, the latter has been unimpressive in recent tournaments and is now rated below seeds three to six. Spragget ground down Sokolov, eventually, in the previous round (see bulletin no. ) and so on that basis could also beat Yusupov.

### SHORT - SPEELMAN

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There is a similarity between the forthcoming Short-Speelman match and the women's tennis tournament at Eastbourne. for his shorts, and Speelman's arms are of a of advantage for playing tennis, but the real connection is that both events are sponsored by Pilkington Glass who costs besides providing £20,000 prize money of which the significantly greater proportion will go to the winner. The fact that both players wear glasses is probably a coincidental fact.

The match will be played in Cinema 1 of the Barbican Centre in London, and will be for the best of six games. In the event of a 3-3 tie, a further two games will be played. If that leaves a 4-4 tie then the match will be resolved by a 'sudden death' series of quickplay games. This was the same formula as was used in the previous round. The rôle of Chief Arbiter will be filled by R.G. Wade, Assistant Arbiter.

(2 p.m. to 8 p.m.) spectators in the playing area, with plush seats overlooking the Wed. 17th Aug. main game 1 Thu. 18th Aug. main game 2 stage where the games will be Fri. 19th Aug. played, and TV monitors in the Sat. 20th Aug. main game 3 Sun. 21st Aug. main game 4 Mon. 22nd Aug. aisles. 'Expert' commentary will be available in a separate room, and it may be possible to hire Tue. 23rd Aug. main game 5 headphones allowing the commentary Wed. 24th Aug. to be followed in the playing area. Thu. 25th Aug. main game 6 Tickets are available from the Fri. 26th Aug. Barbican box office (01-638-8891) Sat. 27th Aug. extra game 1 at £5 for a single day, or £25 for Sun. 28th Aug. the whole match including any six games may be booked in advance.

<sup>£</sup> British Chess Federation accounts for the financial year ended 30th April 1987 were presented to a Finance Council meeting on \$ 21st May 1988, and stated income of £166, 119 and expenditure of £174,852 and hence showing a loss of £8,733.

British Chess Magazine Ltd reported a profit of £6,866 for the year ended 31st August 1987, despite major building repairs.

## ACTIVE CHESS

Reference was made in bulletin 30 to FIDE's endorsement of 'Active' chess as it chooses to call what in this country is 'quickplay'. Criticisms alleging potential for damage to serious chess have come from different directions. The Association of Grandmasters (GMA) - regarding which see below - devoted much of its AGM to the subject. At one stage a motion was passed, albeit with most people abstaining from the vote, bringing 'moral condemnation' on GMA members who elect to play in such FIDE oranised events. Later this matter was referred instead to a postal ballot.

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The USSR's first major Active Chess tournament took place in Tallinn in early May against a background of criticism from 20 soviet GMs including Kasparov expressed in a letter to the trade union newspaper 'Trud' (=Work). The entry comprised 40 qualifiers from different regional events, including 18 GMs and 9 IMs, and the top eight were to qualify for a tournament held later at Gijon, Spain.

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The event in Gijon comprised 109		et al.	223	_
entrants playing in a 13-round	-	4		
Swiss. Karpov clearly does not	*			
share Kasparov's apparent disdain 25	5=	William Watson	ENG	71/2
for such events. Besides winning		Maya Chiburdanidze	USR	71/2
first prize, and allegedly being				. 2
paid a large appearance fee, he als	so '	Glenn Flear	ENG	7
was awarded the best game prize		Joe Gallagher	ENG	63
of \$1,000 for a game with Kuzmin		Nigel Davies	ENG	51/2
in which the latter may have missed		Thomas Clarke	IRL	41/2
a win and in the end blundered into				
a mate in a drawn ending. It seems i	it	wasn't real best ga	ame ma	aterial.

Gijon	, 30th	May	to	4th	June
Active	(30/30)	Che	SS	tour	rnament

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Anatoly Karpov

Viktor Gavrikov

Jann Ehlvest

Igor Novikov

Hans Ree

Vladimir Tukmakov

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	11=	Tony Kosten	ENG	8
		Rafael Vaganyan	USR	
		Kiril Georgiev	BLG	8
		et al.		~
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1	25=	William Watson	ENG	7%
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Š		Maya Chiburdanidze	USK	71/2
	elco	Glenn Flear	TNO	-
	aisu	and the second control of the second	ENG	1
		Joe Gallagher	ENG	6%
		Nigel Davies	ENG	5%
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Due in part to some professional grandmasters' dissatisfaction with the organisation of their game, regarding matters such as tournament conditions, calendar clashes brought about by lack of co-ordination between organisers, and of course the matter of the size of prizes, the 'Association of Grandmasters' was formally set up in Brussels on the 14th of February 1987. Among those present at the inaugeration were Kasparov, Timman, Seirawan, Portisch, Ljubojevic and Nunn. Kasparov was elected president. Others including Spassky and Korchnoy have joined and the membership now exceeds thirty.

A problem seems to have arisen with the name which logically would be abbreviated to 'AGM'. Presumably because of the confusion that would cause, the association uses the brief name 'GMA'. So it was that the GMA had its first AGM on the 26th of April 1988.

The association enables professional GM's to voice an independent opinion on the more political aspects of chess, independant that is to say of FIDE and national federations. The most interesting thing it has done however is to set up a series of 'World Cup' tournaments.....

# WORLD CUP

The World Cup series of tournaments set up by the GMA consists of six tournaments, and was originally to have involved 24 players, but that has been increased to 25 by the addition of Nogueiras of Cuba.

Each event has a prize fund of \$100,000, with prizes on a sliding scale from \$20,000 for 1st place down to \$2,000 for last place.

Each player plays in four of the six events and scores Grand Prix point in each, calculated as his game points scored in the tournament plus 'performance' points which are 17 for 1st place, 16 for 2nd, and so on. A player's best three Grand Prix scores are added to give his final Grand Prix total. The Grand Prix prize fund totals at least \$600,000, providing a first prize of \$100,000 down to a 25th prize of \$8,000.

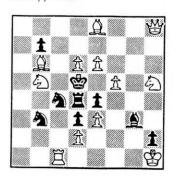
Overall, the most one player can win from the series is \$180,000, being the Grand Prix first prize plus four tournament first prizes. The least a player can win is \$16,000, being the Grand Prix 25th prize and four bottom place tournament prizes.

The schedule of tournaments is as follows. The second event was to be held in Bilbao, but had to be switched to Belfort in France. Four of the tournaments are to include a local player eligible for tournament prizes but not Grand Prix prizes.

venue: from to	Brussels Belgium 31/3/88 24/4/88	Belfort France 12/6/88 5/7/88	Reykjavik Iceland 1/10/88 26/10/88	Barcelona Spain 1/4/89 27/4/89	Rotterdam Holland 1/6/89 27/6/89	Skelleftea Sweden 10/8/89 4/9/89
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Belyavsky	\	√	3	√		
Ehlvest		√	J		J	J
Hjartarson Hübner						
Karpov		√		↓	<del></del> √	1
Kasparov					√	√
Korchnoy	√		7	<sup>1</sup> ,	√	
Ljubojevic	:		v			
Nikolic				-		
Nogueiras		J		V		
Nunn	1		√			
Portisch	1		√		J	J
Ribli		√	5	↓		
Salov	√					
Sax Seirawan					1	
Short					<u> </u>	
Sokolov						1
Spassky						
Speelman	4		3	4		
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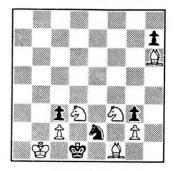
<sup>(</sup>I denotes participation of a player in a tournament. Thus Short plays at Belfort, Barcelona, Rotterdam, and Skelleftea.)

L140: V F RUDENKO Szachy, 1958



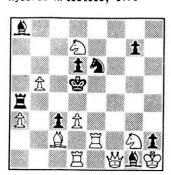
Mate in two

L143: <u>V F RUDENKO</u> 1st Prize, Suomen Shakki, 1957



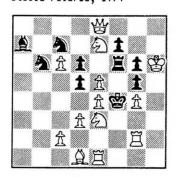
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L141: <u>V F RUDENKO</u> Ajedrez Artistico, 1973



Mate in two

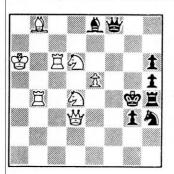
L144: <u>V F RUDENKO</u> Stella Polaris, 1974



Mate in three

L142: V F RUDENKO

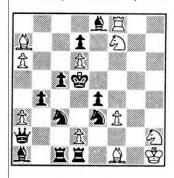
3rd Prize, Deutsche Schachzeitung, 1958



Mate in two

L145: V F RUDENKO

1st Prize, Problemista, 1962



Helpmate in two Two solutions (see text)

### FOR SOLVING

No study this issue because it is time to pay tribute to one of our elders and betters. The greatest chess problem composer in the world today is generally considered to be Valentin F RUDENKO of the Soviet Union. He is also very prolific; I have a collection of his problems published in 1983 and it contains 1162 problems - and he's still composing! Above are six of his problems for your solving delight. If you haven't tried solving before why not try this time? There's plenty of books to be won in the ladder competition. L145 is a helpmate in two with two solutions and with 3 variations on white's first move.

### SOLUTIONS (Issue 32)

#### E30 (Shinkman)

1.Ke4 Bg2+ 2.Ke5 Bc6 3.Kd6 Bxa4 4.Kc7 b5 (i) 5.Kxd7 b4+ 6.Kd6 b3 7.Kc5 b2 8.Kb4 Be8 9.Ka3= (i) 4...d5 5.Kxb6 d4 6.Ka5 Bd7 7.Kb4 Be6 8.Ka3 d3 9.Kb2= An unusual study - the point being that black can't mate with queen alone (the bK is bottled up!); he must retain his bishop, and that he hasn't got time to do.

#### L125 (Kubbel)

1.Se4 (2.Re7++) 1...Kxe4/Bxe4 2.exf3/Sg6++ Tricky! Tempting is 1.e4? (2.Sg6++) dxe4 ep/fxe4 ep/Bxe4/Rg1 2.Qc3/Qg3/Qxe4/Sxf3++ but 1...Rg2! refutes.

#### L126 (Millins)

1.Kc4 (2.Qe7++) 1...Bb5+/Sg6/c5/f6/f5/Qd3+/b5+/Rxb4+/Rxc3+ 2.Kb5/Kd3/Qd6/Qd5/Kd3/Kxd3/Kc5/Kxb4/Kxc3++ With mates set for 1...Rxb4+ and 1...Rxc3+ it seems extremely unlikely that wK will walk into 3 more checks!

### L127 (Kuznetsov & Kuzovkov)

1.Qh3 [2.Bb1 (3.Rd4++) Bf6 3.Sxd6++]

1...Sf6 2.Bb1 (2.Rd4++) Bxf3 3.Bxc2++

1...bxc6 2.Rd5 (3.cSd2++) cxd5/Kxd5/Sd4 3.fSd2/Qxf5/Rxd4++

1...Bf8 2.Sxd6+ Bxd6/Rxd6 3.Bd5/Sxg5++

1...d5 2.Rd4+ Sxd4 3.fSd2++

1...g4 2.Sg5+ Bxg5,Rxg5 3.Qd3++

### L128 (Kirillov & Udartsev)

1.Sh4 [2.Sd6+ Kd4 3.Sxf5++]

1...Rxf6 2.c4 (3.Bxd5++) Bxc4 3.Rxc4++

1...Rg5 2.c3 (3.Sd6++) Rxf4 3.Qxf4++

1...5Rxf4 2.cxd3+ Rxd3 3.Qxf4++

1...Rxe5 2.bxc3 & 3.Rc4++

The 4 moves of the bRf5 are met by the 4 moves of wPc2 (ALBINO). Such correspondence is a currently popular idea.

#### L129 (Kniest)

1.Sd7 f5 2.Kd6 Bf8++; 1.Sd5 Bh7 2.Kd4 Qxf2++

A double pin mate in each line.

### DARNALL AND HANDSWORTH SOLVING LADDER

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Bird, Steve	0	17	_	_	-	-	_		_	-	-		0	17
Bramal', Alan	0	10	_	_	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0	10
Brown, Geoff	1	378	48	37	24	-	-	20	_	-	19	68	216	594
Clarke, Frank	1	426	69	79	88	47	65	115	-	-	85	-	548	974
Emerton, Mark	0	0	_	81	98	94	88	115	-	-	102	98	676	676
Gallagher, John	0	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	20	25
Hodgett, Dave	0	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	35
Slater, David	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3
Somerset, Bill	0	243	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	243
Turnidge, Mick	0	17	-1	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	6	17
Whitfield, John	1	6	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	0	6

A fairly comfortable win for Mark Emerton even though he didn't start solving until issue 22! He has already received his prize, an openings book by world famous theoretician and Grandmaster Alexei Suetin. So be careful next time you play him - there's probably some new lines being hatched during the closed season! Geoff Brown seems to be slowing down; perhaps recent material has been too tough to solve from the diagram? Frank Clarke continues steadily and appears well placed to be the first person to achieve a second ascent. A for everybody else, well the kindest way I can put it is they all seem to be trying to achieve the record for the slowest ascent! Come on you dormant solvers, let's see some action. New solvers also always welcome! Don't forget, there's a book prize for every ladder ascent and a book prize for the best score over ten issues. The competition for the next ten issues will start with the problems in issue 33 (not 31) and will run to issue 42. Issues 31 and 32 will still count for ladder ascents.