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Chess

PETROSIAN, PORTISCH, BUEBNER TOP BRAZIL INTERZONAL

Rio de Janeiro was the site for the second of two interzonal tournaments to determine who will challenge Anatoly Karpov for the world championship in 1981. The three top finishers in each event earn the right to participate in a series of elimination matches beginning next spring. Previous finalist Viktor Korchnoi, now of Switzerland, and former titleholder Boris Spassky have already qualified for the play-offs by virtue of past performance. Complete results:

1st-3rd, Robert Huebner, West Germany, Tigran Petrosian, USSR, and Lajos Portisch, Hungary, 11½-5½; ½TH, Jan Timman, Holland, 11-6; 5th-6th, Borislav Ivkov, Yugoslavia, and Jaime Sunye, Brazil, 9½-7½; 7th-9th, Yuri Balashov, USSR, Gyula Saks, Hungary, and Eugene Torre, Philippines, 9-8; 10th-11th, Leonid Shamkovich, USA, and Jan Smejkal, Czechoslovakia, 8½-8½; 12th, Rafael Vaganian, USSR, 8-9; 13th-14th, Guillermo Garcia, Cuba, and Dragoljub Velimirovic, Yugoslavia, 7½-9½; 15th, Khossrow Harandi, Iran, 6½-10½; 16th, Luis Bronstein, Argentina, 6-11; 17th-18th, Jean Hebert, Canada, and Shimon Kagan, Israel, 4½-12½.

White: Lajos Portisch. Black: Eugene Torre.

Interzonal Tournament, Rio de Janeiro, 1979.

King's Indian Defense

1	d4	Nf6	19	Rd6	Bd6
2	c4	g6	20	Bd6	Kf7
3	Nc3	Bg7	21	Rf1	e5
4	e4	d6	22	Bd7	Nb4(f)
5	f3	c5	23	Nc7	Rad8
6	dc(a)	dc	24	Be6	Kg7
7	Qd8	Kd8	25	Be7	Ne4
8	Be3	Nfd7	26	Bd5	Bd5
9	Nge2	Nc6	27	cd	Rd5!(g)
10	O-O-O-	b6	28	g4	Rc8(h)
11	f4	Bb7	29	Nd5	Nd5
12	g3	Na5(b)	30	Bh4	c4
13	b3	e6	31	Kb2	c3
14	Bh3	Ke7	32	Ka3	Ne3
15	f5?!(c)	Be5!(d)	33	Rg1	Nc2
16	fe	fe	34	Ka4	Nd4
17	Bf4	Nc6	35	Resigns(i)	
18	Nb5	Nf6(e)			

(Notes by Soviet master A. Matsukevich, translated from "Sovetsky sport," Oct. 13, 1979, pg. 3).

(a) More popular here are the continuations 6 d5 and 6 Be3. The exchange of pawns and queens usually takes place when trying to avoid a complex struggle. However, the Hungarian grandmaster links this operation with an interesting active plan.

(b) White has signaled his clear intention to play the white-squared bishop to the h3-c8 diagonal, so Torre provokes the move b3 in order to further weaken his opponent's dark squares.

(c) A committing continuation. White gives up a pawn to open up the enemy king position. A quieter game results from 15 Rd2 Rad8 16 Rhd1.

(d) A splendid rejoinder. From this fine central square the bishop defends the most vulnerable points around the king.

(e) By hitting the outpost pawn at e4 Black is able to avenge himself for the loss of his own pawn at e6, e.g., 19 Nc7 Rad8 20 Ne6 Rd1 21 Rd1 Ne4. Portisch decides to sacrifice the exchange to fan his flagging attack.

(f) The threat was 23 Bc6 Bc6 24 Be5. Now White does not have the take at e5 because of the knight fork. Nor does the variation 23 e3 Nd3 24 Kd2 Be4 25 Ke3 work, due to 25 . . . Rad8 26 Bh3 a6.

(g) Black boldly claims an important pawn, since 28 Nd5 Nd5 29 Bh4 g5 traps White's bishop. The game is over, and further play only signifies a quest for accidental possibilities.

(h) A familiar device: by returning the exchange, Black clarifies the position on the board once and for all.

(i) After 35 Nd4 ed the passed pawns cannot be stopped, and in case of 35 Nc1 Nc5 36 Kb4 (36 Ka3 Nc2mate!) Na6 37 Ka4 Rc5 and game also comes to a swift conclusion.

White: Gyula Saks. Black: Tigran Petrosian. Interzonal Tournament, Rio de Janeiro, 1979. French Defense 1 e4 36 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 ed ed 5 Bb5 Nc6 6 Qe2 Be7 7 dc Nf6 8 Nb3 0-0 9 Nf3 Re8 10 Be3 a6 11 Ba4 Ne4 12 0-0-0 Bc5 13 Nfd4 Gd7 14 Nc6 bc 15 Rhel Bb4 16 Rf1 Qc7 17 Qd3 Qh2 18 Rh1 Qe5 19 Nd4 Rac8 20 c3 Bd6 21 Bc2 g6 22 Qa6 Ra8 23 Qd3 Ra2 24 Bb1 Ra1 25 Nc3 Raa8 26 Nd4 Qf6 27 Nf3 Ra1 28 Qc2 Bf5 29 Nd4 Rb1 30 Qb1 Nc3 31 Nf5 Nb1 32 Nh6 Kf8 33 Kb1 Rb8 34 Rd2 Bf4 35 Rb3 Be3 36 Re3 Kg7 37 Rf3 Qf3 38 Resigns.

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White: Lajos Portisch. Black: Yuri Balashov. Interzonal Tournament, Rio de Janeiro, 1979. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 c5 6 Nf3 d5 7 0-0 dc 8 Bc4 Nbd7 9 Qe2 a6 10 a4 Qc7 11 Na2 b5 12 Bd3 Ba5 13 ab ab 14 Bb5 Bb7 15 Rd1 Rab8 16 dc Bf3 17 gf Nc5 18 b4 Nb3 19 Rb1 Qe5 20 ba Rb5 21 Kh1 Qb8 22 Ba3 Rc8 23 Bd6 Qb7 24 a6 Qb6 25 Bc7 Qc6 26 a7 h6 27 Bb8 Nd7 28 Rd6 Qb7 29 Rd7 Qd7 30 a8Q Rbb8 31 Qe4 Resigns.

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White: Shimon Kagan. Black: Tigran Petrosian. Interzonal Tournament, Rio de Janeiro, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d5 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 g4 Nc6 7 g5 Nd7 8 Be3 a6 9 h4 Be7 10 Rg1 Na5 11 Qd2 Qc7 12 0-0-0 g6 13 f4 b5 14 f5 Ne5 15 Qf2 Nac4 16 Bc4 Nc4 17 Rgf1 0-0 18 f6 Bd8 19 h5 b4 20 Nce2 e5 21 Nb3 Bg4 22 hg fg 23 Kb1 Rc8 24 Rc1 a5 25 c3 Qb7 26 Ng3 a4 27 Na1 Be6 28 cb Qb4 29 b3 ab 30 Nb3 Ra8 31 Forfeit.

WOMEN'S INTERZONAL RESULTS

In an incredibly powerful performance in her first international competition, 17-year-old Nina Iseliani of Soviet Georgia swept all opposition aside with 13 wins (11 of them in a row!) and three draws at the Women's Interzonal Tournament in Rio de Janeiro, which advances three players to the women's world championship elimination matches. Complete results:

1st, Nina Ioseliani, USSR, 14½-1½; 2nd, Suza Veroci, Hungary, 12-4; 3rd, Nana Alexandria, USSR, 11-5; 4th-5th, Nimt Fischdick, West Germany, and Elisabeta Polihroniade, Rumania, 10½-5½; 6th-7th, Valentina Kozlovskaya, USSR, and Milunka Lazarevic, Yugoslavia, 9½-6½; 8th-9th, Kveta Eretova, Czechoslovakia, and Tatyana Zatulovskaya, USSR, 9-7; 10th Borislava Borisova, Sweden, 8-8; 11th, Jana Miles, England, 7½-8½; 12th-13th, Rachel Crotto, USA, and Khyzeree Khadilkhar, India, 6½-9½; 14th, Barbara Hund, West Germany, 6-10; 15th, Edith Soppe, Argentina, 4-12; 16th, Ruth Cardozo, Brazil, 1½-14½; 17th, Luisa Carvajal, Cuba, ½-15½.

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White: Nina Ioseliani. Black: Valentina Kozlovskaya. Women's Interzonal, Rio de Janeiro, 1979.

Sicilian Defense

1	e4	c5	13	b3	Rac8
2	Nf3	d6	14	g4	Qb8
3	d4	cd	15	g5	Ne8
4	Nd4	e6	16	Qe2	Kh8
5	c4	Nf6	17	h4	Nc7
6	Nc3	Be7	18	h5	Qa8
7	Be2	0-0	19	Qg2	Nc5
8	0-0	a6	20	g6	fg
9	Be3	b6	21	hg	Rf6
10	f4	Bb7	22	f5	ef
11	Bf3	Qc7	23	ef	Bf3
12	Rc1	Nbd7	24	Qh3	Resigns

LOCKHEED TOURNAMENT GAMES

White: Carl Johnson (1242). Black: Tim Wecks (1242). Sunnyvale, Sept. 22, 1979. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ed ed 4 c4 dc 5 Bc4 Nf6 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 0-0 Be7 8 Bf7 Kf7 9 Ng5 Ke8 10 Ne6 Resigns.

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White: James Jewett (1240). Black: E. G. Northam (1163). Sunnyvale, Sept. 23, 1979. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 e6 2 c4 d5 3 Nc3 c5 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 cd Nd5 6 e4 Nc3 7 bc Nc6 8 Bb5 a6 9 Bc6 bc 10 Ba3 Qa5 11 Qb3 c4 12 Qc4 Ba3 13 Qc6 Ke7 14 Qa8 Qc3 15 Ke2 Qc4 16 Ke3 Qc3 17 Ke2 Qc4 18 Ke3 Qc3 19 Kf4 Qc7 20 e5 Rf8 21 Rab1 f6 22 Rb3 fe 23 Ke3 ed 24 Nd4 Bc1 25 Ke2 Qc4 26 Rd3 Qa2 27 Kd1 Rf2 28 Nb3 Qc2 29 Ke1 Qe2mate.

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White: Tim Stevens (1799). Black: Jack Wood (1423). Sunnyvale, Sept. 22, 1979. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nf6 3 cd Nd5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 e4 Nb6 6 Nc3 Bg4 7 d5 Ne5 8 Ne5 Bd1 9 Bb5 c6 10 dc Qc7 11 cb Kd8 12 Nf7mate.