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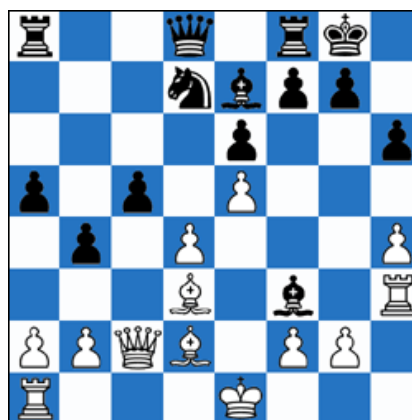
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This month we present five games from the 100 Golden Games that are serious candidates for the ten best games ever published in *Chess Informant*. A criterion for selection was that each game is less than twenty-five moves.

The first volume of *Chess Informant* was printed in 1966 and promoted at the Olympiad in La Habana, and the best game of *Informant* #2 was played at that Olympiad. Grandmaster Portisch, a player of subtle positional style, brought a valuable point to his team by way of effective sacrifices.

**1. L.Portisch – S.Johannessen**  
La Habana (ol) 1966 – 2/526 [D47]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dc4 7.Bc4 b5 8. Bd3 b4 9.Ne4 Bb7 10.Nf6! Nf6 11.Qa4 Be7 12.Bd2 a5 13.e4! (and White is superior) 0-0 14.e5 Nd7 15.Qc2 h6 16.h4! c5 17.Rh3 Bf3**



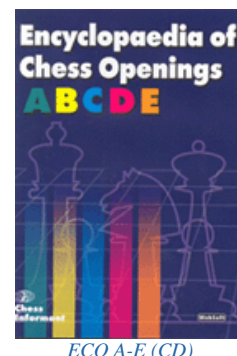
**18.Bh6!! Bh4** [18...gh6 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Qd2 Bg5 21.hg5 and White is winning; 18...Bg4 19.Rg3 f5 20.Rg4! fg4 21.Bh7 Kh8 22.Bg7!! Kg7 23. Qg6 Kh8 24.Bg8! and White is superior] **19.gf3 gh6 20.Ke2! Ne5 21.de5 Qd4 22.Rh4!** (and White is winning) **Qh4 23.Rg1 Kh8 24.Qc1! f6 25. Rg6! 1-0** [V.Sokolov]

Tigran Petrosian was one of the best defensive players; he had a gift for sensing the hidden dangers in a position, and he was nearly invincible in defending difficult positions. He lost just one or two games per year. Yet it was only an imprecise opening move that enabled Spassky to create an irresistible attack in the nineteenth game of their 1969 match.

**2. B.Spassky – T.Petrosian**  
Moscow (m/19) 1969 – 7/428 [B94]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qa5 8. Qd2 h6?! 9.Bf6! Nf6 10.0-0-0 e6** [and White is superior; 10...e5!? 11.Nf5 Bf5 12.ef5 Be7 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Bb3 Rc3! 15.Qc3 Qc3 16.bc3 Ne4 with compensation] **11.Rhe1 Be7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bb3 Re8 14.Kb1 Bf8**

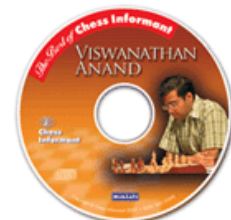
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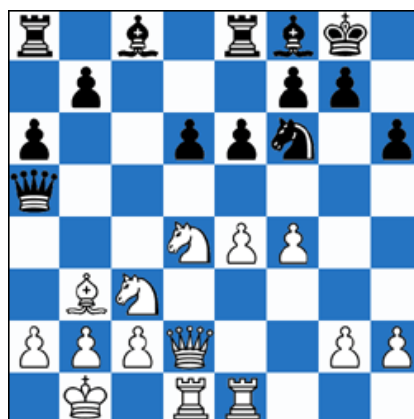
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**15.g4!! Ng4** [15...Nd7 16.h4 Nc5 17.g5 and White is superior] **16.Qg2 Nf6 17.Rg1! Bd7 18.f5 Kh8 19.Rdf1 Qd8?** [19...e5 20.Ne6! fe6 21.fe6 Be6 22.Rf6 and White is winning; 19...Qe5!? and White is superior] **20.fe6 fe6** [20...Be6 21.Ne6 fe6 22.e5 de5 23.Ne4! and White is winning] **21.e5! de5 22.Ne4 Nh5 23.Qg6 ed4** [23...Nf4 24.Rf4 ef4 25.Nf3 Qb6 26.Rg5!! Bc6 27.Nf6 and White is winning] **24.Ng5** [24...hg5 25.Qh5 Kg8 26.Qf7 Kh7 27.Rf3 and White is winning] **1-0** [E.Geller]

In 1970 the best players of the world gathered in Belgrade to challenge the USSR team. Larsen, believing he had the best results at the time, demanded to play first-board ahead of Fischer, and Fischer agreed! Perhaps it was because of this responsibility that Larsen lost as white in a miniature against the official world champion.

### 3. Be.Larsen – B.Spasky World – USSR 1970 – 9/25 [A01]

**1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nd4 Bc5 6.Nc6 dc6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Qc2 Qe7 9.Be2 0-0-0 10.f4?** [and White is superior, with the idea 11.Bf6 Qf6 12.Nc3] **Ng4! 11.g3 h5** [11...Rd2 12.Nd2 Ne3 13.Qc3 Rd8 unclear] **12.h3** [12.Nc3 Rd2! and Black is winning]



**12...h4! 13.hg4** [13.Bg4 Bg4 14.hg4 hg3 15.Rg1 Rh1! 16.Rh1 g2 17.Rg1 Qh4 18.Ke2 Qg4 19.Ke1 Qg3 20.Kd1 (20.Ke2 Qf3 21.Ke1 Be7 and Black is winning) Qf2 21.Qe4 Qg1 22.Kc2 Qf2 and Black is winning] **hg3 14.Rg1 Rh1 15.Rh1 g2 16.Rf1** [16.Rg1 Qh4 17.Kd1 Qh1 18.Qc3 Qg1 19.Kc2 Qf2 20.gf5 Qe2 21.Na3 Qd3 (21...Bb4 and Black is winning) 22.Qd3 ed3 23.Kc3 Be3 (23...a5 24.Nc2!) 24.de3 d2 25.Rd1 Rh8 and Black is winning] **Qh4 17.Kd1 gf1Q** [18.Bf1 Bg4] **0-1** [B.Spasky]

Emil Sutovsky brings about a tactical conflict in a position whenever it is possible. In the following game, he demonstrates his combinatory talent by exploiting the constantly weak square f5.

### 4. E.Sutovsky 2657 – I.Smirin 2683 Israel (ch) 2002 – 86/119 [B30]

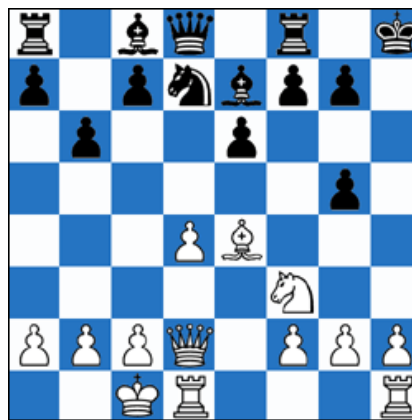


Bf6 (24...Raf8 25.Rf3 f5 26.dc4) 25.Qd6 Bd4 26.Kh1 cd3 27.c3 and White is winning] **18.Qd3** [18.Rf3 and White is winning] **Kh8 19.Rae1 Qb6** [19...Re8 20.Qc3] **20.Qh3** [20.Qg3 Rg8 21.Qh3 Nh7 22.Re7 and White is winning] **Nh7 21.Re7 c4 22.Kh1 Qb2 23.Re4! Rg8** [23...Qf6 24.Rh4 Qg6 25.Rg4! (25.Qc3 f6 26.Qa5 Rae8) Qf6 (25...Rae8 26.Rg6 fg6 27.Qc3) 26.Rg7 Qg7 27.Ng7 Kg7 28.Qc3 and White is winning] **24.Qh7!** [24...Kh7 25.Rh4 Kg6 26.Rh6 Kg5 27.h4 Kg4 28.Ne3 Kg3 29.Rf3 mate] **1-0** [E.Sutovsky]

Women's World Champions Vera Menchik, Nona Gaprindashvili and Maya Chiburdanidze each left their mark in chess history. But Judit Polgar's achievements will not be overcome for a long time.

### 5. Ju.Polgar 2715 – F.Berkes 2578 Budapest 2003 – 87/278 [C13]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 de4 5.Ne4 Be7 6.Bf6 Bf6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Bd3 b6 11.Neg5 h6 12.Bh7!? Kh8 13.Be4 hg5?** [13...Rb8 14.h4 Nf6 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Ne5 Kg8 17.Qe2 with attack; 13...Bg5! 14.Ng5 Rb8 15.Nf3 (15.h4 Nf6) Nf6 16.Bd3 Bb7 equal]



**14.g4!!** [14.Ba8? g4 15.Ne5? Bg5 and Black is winning] **Rb8** [14...Ba6 15.h4 a) 15...f5 16.hg5 Kg8 17.gf5 Rf5 18.Bf5 ef5 19.Qc3! (19.Qe3 Bc4) Bg5 20.Ng5 Qg5 21.Kb1 Rf8 (21...c5 22.Qb3 c4 23.Qa4 and White is winning; 21...Kf7 22.Qb3 Kf6 23.Qd5 Rd8 24.Rde1 and White is winning) 22.Qb3 Rf7 23.Rh8 Kh8 24.Qf7 and White is winning; b) 15...g6 16.hg5 Kg7 17.Qf4 Rh8 (17...Bd6 18.Ne5 Be7 19.Nf7 Bd6 20.Qf3 Qe7 21.Rh7 Kh7 22.Qh3 Kg8 23.Rh1 Kf7 24.Bg6 Kg6 25.Qh5 Kg7 26.Qh7 mate) 18.Rh8 Qh8 19.Ne5 Ne5 20.Qe5 Kg8 21.Qh8 Kh8 22.Rh1 Kg7 23.Ba8 and White is winning; c) 15...Kg8 16.hg5 Re8 17.Bh7 Kf8 18.Bd3 and White is winning; d) 15...gh4 16.g5 Kg8 17.Qf4 f5 18.Qh4 fe4 19.Qh7 Kf7 20.Qh5 g6 (20...Kg8 21.g6 and White is winning) 21.Qh7 Ke8 22.Qg6 Rf7 23.Rh7 Bg5 24.Ng5 Qg5 25.Qg5 Rh7 26.Qg6 Rf7 27.Qe6! Re7 (27...Kf8 28.Rh1 Nf6 29.Rh8 Ng8 30.Qe4 Rb8 31.Qg4 Rg7 32.Qf3 Ke8 33.Qb3! Kf8 34.Qa3 and White is winning) 28.Qg6 Kd8 29.Rh1 Re8 30.Rh7 Nf8 31.Qf6 Kc8 32.Qc6 Nh7 33.Qe8 Kb7 34.Qe4 and White is winning; 14...c6 15.h4 gh4 (15...g6 16.hg5 Kg7 17.Qf4 with attack) 16.g5 a) 16...Kg8 17.Qf4 f5 (17...h3 18.Rh3 and White is winning) a1) 18.Qh4?! Qc7! (18...fe4 19.Qh7 Kf7 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7 Ke8 22.Qg6 Rf7 23.Rh7 Bg5 24.Ng5 Qg5 25.Qg5 Rh7 26.Qg6 Rf7 27.Qe6 Re7 28.Qc6 and White is winning) 19.Bd3 Kf7 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7 Ke8 22.Qg6 Kd8; a2) 18.Bc6! Rb8 19.Qh4 Bd6 20.Ne5 Be5 21.de5 Kf7 22.Rd6 and White is winning; b) 16...f6 17.Nh4 Kg8 (17...fg5 18.Ng6 Kg8 19.Bc6 Rb8 20.d5 and White is winning) 18.Ng6 and White is superior] **15.h4 g6** [15...f5 16.hg5 Kg8 17.gf5 Rf5 18.Bf5 ef5 19.Qe3 Nf8 (19...Kf7 20.g6 Ke8 21.Rh8 Nf8 22.Rf8 Kf8 23.Rh1 and White is winning) 20.Ne5 Qd5 21.Qh3 Bg5 22.Kb1 Bh6 23.Rdg1 Kh8 24.Qg3 and White is winning; 15...gh4 16.g5 f5 (16...Kg8 17.Qf4) 17.Qf4 fe4 18.Qh4 Kg8 19.Qh7 Kf7 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7 Ke8 22.Qg6 Rf7 23.Rh7 Bg5 24.Ng5 Qg5 25.Qg5 Rh7 26.Qg6 Rf7 27.Qe6 Re7 28.Qg6 Rf7 29.Qe4 and White is superior; 15...Kg8 16.hg5 Re8 17.Qf4 Nf8 18.Rh3 and White is superior; 15...Bb7 16.hg5 Kg8 17.Bb7 Rb7 18.Qf4 Rb8 (18...Re8 19.Kb1! Bd6 20.Rh8 Kh8 21.Qf7 Nf8 22.Rh1 Nh7 23.

g6 and White is winning) 19.Kb1! Bd6 20.Ne5 Be5 21.de5 Re8 22.Rd3 and White is superior] **16.hg5 Kg7 17.Qf4 Bb7** [17...Bd6 18.Ne5 Be5 19.de5 Rh8 20.Rh8 Qh8 21.Bc6 Qd8 22.Kb1! a5 23.a4 Kf8 24.Rh1 and White is winning; 17...Rg8 18.Rh7 Kh7 19.Qf7 and White is winning; 17...Rh8 18.Rh8 Qh8 (18...Kh8 19.Qf7) 19.Ne5 a) 19...Ne5 20.Qe5 Kg8 21.Qc7 Bg5 22.Kb1 and White is winning; b) 19...Qe8 20.Rh1 and White is winning; c) 19...f6 20.gf6 Bf6 21.Rh1 Be5 (21...g5 22.Qf3 Qg8 23.Nd7 Bd7 24.Rh7 and White is winning) 22.de5 Qg8 23.Rh6 Nf8 24.Rh3 and White is winning; d) 19...Qg8 20.Rh1 Bd6 21.Rh7!! Qh7 (21...Kh7 22.Qh2 Kg7 23.Qh6 mate; 21...Kf8 22.Rh8 Qh8 23.Qf7 mate) 22.Qf7 Kh8 23.Ng6 Qg6 24.Bg6 Nf8 25.Qf6 Kg8 26.Bf7 Kh7 27.g6 and White is winning] **18.Rh7! Kh7 19.Qh2 Kg8** [19...Kg7 20.Qh6 Kg8 21.Bg6 (21.Rh1? Bg5! 22.Ng5 Qg5 23.Qg5 Be4) Bg5 22.Ng5 Qg5 23.Qg5 fg6 24.Qg6 Kh8 25.f3! Bf3 26.Rd2 and White is winning] **20.Rh1 Bg5 21.Ng5 Qg5** [21...Kg7 22.Ne6! Kf6 (22...fe6 23.Qh7 Kf6 24.g5! Kg5 25.Qh4 mate) 23.Nd8 Be4 24.Qf4 and White is winning] **22.f4 Qf4** [22...Qh5 23.gh5 Be4 24.hg6 Kg7 25.Qh6 Kf6 26.Qg5 Kg7 27.Rh7 Kg8 28.Qh6 and White is winning] **23.Qf4 Be4 24.Qe4 1-0** [*Ju.Polgar*]



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