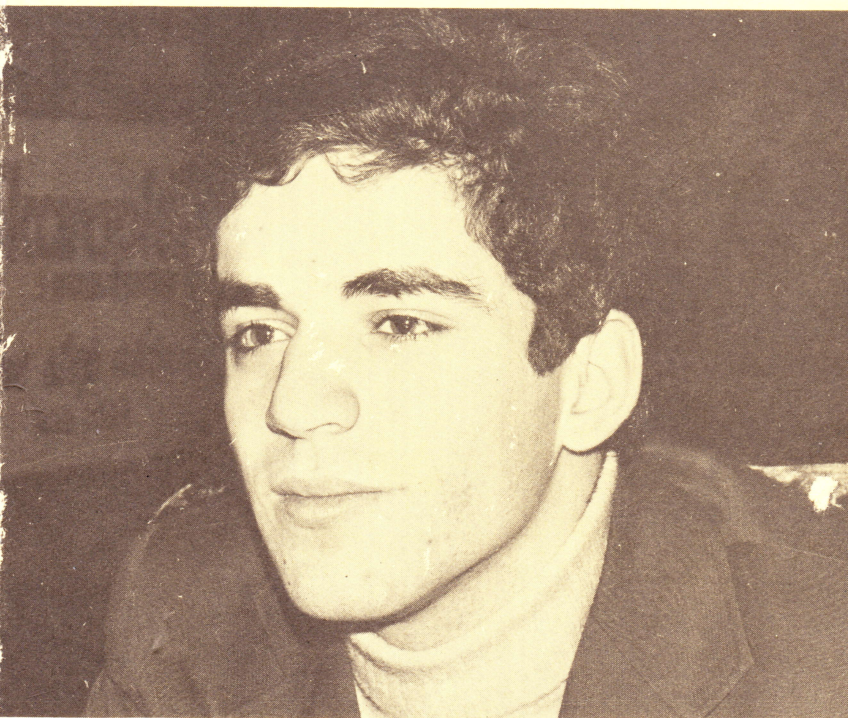


Garri Kasparov

The chess prodigy from Baku



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Foreword

This is the story of a remarkable chess talent – true it is only the beginning of GARRI KASPAROV'S fantastic career but who dares to doubt that this boy will go as far as Boris Spassky and Robert Fischer did before him?

Today Kasparov is 17 years old, he is the strongest international master in the world but if he had had the opportunity he could easily have challenged Fischer's record set in 1959 as the youngest grandmaster ever.

The collection of Kasparov games is not "complete" nor is it a selection of "best games". It contains games dated as early as 1974-that is to say when the boy was only 11 years old-and up to 1980-that is today, when he is 17. (Date of birth: 13-4 1963) Many of the games, mostly against grandmasters, are commented in detail, and it is my wish that the collection should give a picture of the development of a rare chess genius from "only" a chess prodigy into a determined youngster ready to challenge the mightiest trees in the forest!

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