



The
2021
International Chess Calendar

100 years ago, September 1921:

Alekhine wins at Budapest 8½-2½ over Grünfeld, Kostic, Tartakower, Balla, Euwe, Bogoljubow, Sämisch *et al.* Rubinstein issues a formal challenge to Capablanca for the world title.

75 years ago, September 1946:

Botvinnik wins at Groningen 14½-4½ ahead of Euwe, Smyslov, Najdorf, Szabó, Flohr, Boleslavsky and 13 others. In a ten-board team match in Moscow, the USSR, led by Botvinnik and Keres, defeats the USA, led by Reshevsky and Fine, 12½-7½.

50 years ago, September 1971:

Vasyukov wins at Varna 11-4 over Gheorghiu, Smejkal and 13 others. At Polanica Zdrój, Beliavsky wins the Rubinstein Memorial 7-4 ahead of Nikolic, Rublevsky, Hübner *et al.* Bellón wins the 35th Spanish Ch 9½-½ over Diez del Corral and 50 others. Hort wins at Gloggnitz 9½-1½ over Dückstein, Ostožić *et al.*

25 years ago, September 1996:

13-year-old Etienne Bacrot defeats former world champion Smyslov +4 -0 =2 in an exhibition match. Igor Ivanov wins the Los Angeles Open 5-0 ahead of Walter Browne. Fedorowicz and Wojtkiewicz share the Manhattan CC Ch 4½-½ over Zlotnikov *et al.*

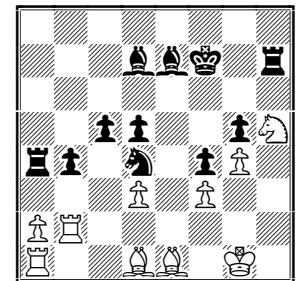


Max Euwe and Mikhail Botvinnik, Groningen 1946

That chess was rising back up from the ashes of World War II was shown by the tournament completed 75 years ago this month in the Dutch city of Groningen. From three continents came 20 of the world's best, including most of the top ten, to play a grueling 19 rounds. Mikhail Botvinnik of the USSR came 1st at 14½-4½ (+13 -3 =3), ½-point ahead of former world champion Max Euwe, followed by Smyslov, Najdorf, Szabó, Flohr, Boleslavsky, Lundin, Stoltz, Denker, Kotov, Tartakower, Kottnauer, Yanofsky, Bernstein, Guimard, Vidmar, H. Steiner, O'Kelly and Christoffel. In *Chess Review*, Reuben Fine would write "If ... we were to enumerate the ten most important tournaments in chess history, Groningen would most certainly be included."

**Lundin-Botvinnik
Groningen 1946**

1.d4 $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 2.c4 e6 3. $\mathbb{Q}f3$ b6 4.g3 $\mathbb{Q}b7$ 5. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}e7$ 6.0-0 0-0 7. $\mathbb{Q}c3$ d5 8. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 9.cxd5 $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ 10. $\mathbb{Q}xd5$ exd5 11. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 12. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ $\mathbb{Q}d8$ 13. $\mathbb{Q}e3$ c6 14. $\mathbb{Q}fd1$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 15. $\mathbb{Q}ac1$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 16. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}e4$ 17. $\mathbb{Q}dc1$ $\mathbb{Q}ac8$ 18. $\mathbb{Q}f4$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 19. $\mathbb{Q}a4$ a5 20. $\mathbb{Q}b3$ b5 21. $\mathbb{Q}d3$ g5 22. $\mathbb{Q}h5$ f5 23.f3 $\mathbb{Q}d6$ 24. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 25.b3 $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 26.h3 $\mathbb{Q}e6$ 27.g4 $\mathbb{Q}g6$ 28. $\mathbb{Q}g3$ f4 29. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}xd3$ 30.exd3 b4 31. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}c7$ 32. $\mathbb{Q}e5$ $\mathbb{Q}b5$ 33. $\mathbb{Q}h2$ $\mathbb{Q}c8$ 34.h4 h6 35.hxg5 hxg5 36. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}d7$ 37. $\mathbb{Q}ce2$ $\mathbb{Q}f8$ 38. $\mathbb{Q}c2$ $\mathbb{Q}a7$ 39. $\mathbb{Q}f1$ a4 40.bxa4 $\mathbb{Q}xa4$ 41. $\mathbb{Q}b2$ $\mathbb{Q}c3$ 42. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}h7$ 43. $\mathbb{Q}a1$ $\mathbb{Q}f7$ 44. $\mathbb{Q}e1$ $\mathbb{Q}b5$ 45. $\mathbb{Q}e2$ $\mathbb{Q}xd4$ 46. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ c5?



47. $\mathbb{Q}xa4?$ [△ 47. $\mathbb{Q}f2=$] 47... $\mathbb{Q}xf3+$ 48. $\mathbb{Q}f2$ $\mathbb{Q}xg4!$ 49. $\mathbb{Q}d1$ $\mathbb{Q}e5$ 50. $\mathbb{Q}xg4$ $\mathbb{Q}xg4+$ 51. $\mathbb{Q}g1$ $\mathbb{Q}xh5$ 52. $\mathbb{Q}g2$ $\mathbb{Q}f6$ 0-1

September

Sunday

Monday

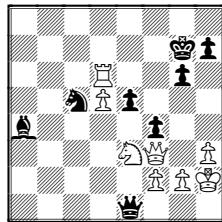
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



White to move and win

- 5** Nikolai Ryumin * 1908
Jørn Sloth * 1944
John Watson * 1951
Vera Jürgens * 1969
Sergei Iskusnyh * 1974
Zhong Zhang * 1978
Ivajlo Enchev * 1989

- 6** Valery Grechihin * 1937
John Grefe * 1947
Zoltan Ribli * 1951
William Napier + 1952
Georgy Agzamov * 1954
Ram Soffer * 1965
Ben Finegold * 1969
Cao Sang * 1973
Mesgen Amanov * 1986
Valentin Iotov * 1988

- 7** F-A. Philidor * 1726
Samuel Rosenthal * 1837
Johannes Zukertort * 1842
Rex Sinquefield * 1944
Sergei Kudrin * 1959
Salvador Alonso * 1974
Sahaj Grover * 1995

- 1** 1972: Fischer defeats Spassky to become World Champion
1998: Karpov defeats Anand to win FIDE World Championship
Alexander Kevitz * 1902
Joseph Blackburne + 1924
Arturo Pomar * 1931

- 2** 1895: Pillsbury wins at Hastings
Pierre Saint-Amant * 1800
Martin Christoffel * 1922
Peter Schmidt * 1969
Alexandre Qashashvili * 1975
Viktor Erdős * 1987
Shardul Gagare * 1997

- 3** A.Ilyin-Genevsky + 1941
Boris Maryasin * 1950
Vladislav Nevedichy * 1969
Natasa Bojkovic * 1971
Alexander Onischuk * 1975
Rashad Babaev * 1981
Imre Hera Jr. * 1986
Erigaisi Arjun * 2003

- 4** Michael Stean * 1953
Thomas Pähz * 1956
Piotr Staniszewski * 1966
Fedor Bohatirchuk + 1984
Matthieu Cornette * 1985
Stephen J. Gordon * 1986

- 12** Elias Stein + 1812
S. Rosenthal + 1902
Magnus Smith + 1934
Constantin Ionescu * 1958
Alexander Shabalov * 1967
Janos Balogh + 1980
André Chéron + 1980
Bojan Vučković * 1980
A Riazantsev * 1985

- 13** Kenneth Regan * 1959
M.Santo Roman * 1960
Alvar Alonso Rosell * 1992
P.Iniyam * 2002

- 14** A. McDonnell + 1835
Charles Moreau * 1837
Adolf Albin * 1848
Gregory Serper * 1969
Ruslan Sherbakov * 1969
Mikheil Kekelidze * 1974
Lucian-Costin Miron * 1987
Lin Chen * 1988
Li Ruifeng * 2001
Dmitry Chuprov + 2012

- 15** Hans Ree * 1944
Peter Michalik * 1990

- 16** P.R. von Bilguer + 1840
H. Bouwmeester * 1929
Jan Przewoznik * 1957
Igor Efimov * 1959
Berge Østenstad * 1964
Himanshu Sharma * 1983

- 17** G. Koltanowski * 1903
Daniel Fiske + 1904
Michel Jadoul * 1957
Jun Xu * 1962
N. Delgado Ramirez * 1981
David Smerdon * 1984
Tigran L. Petrosian * 1984

- 18** G.Hertneck * 1963
Curt Hansen * 1964
Andrey Zhigalko + 1985
Michael Valvo + 2004
Nodirbek Abdusattorov * 2004

- 19** R. Charousek * 1873
Andreas Kofidis * 1964
Emil Sutovsky * 1977
Mikhail Yudovich + 1987
Michael Hoffman * 1970
Samvel Ter-Sahakyan * 1993
Xu Xiangyu * 1999
Karl Robatsch + 2000

- 20** F.Sämisch * 1896
T.Csonkics * 1958
Davit G. Petrosian * 1984
Shukrat Safin + 2009

- 21** P.R. von Bilguer * 1815
René Letelier * 1915
Joszef Michenka * 1955
Robert Zelcic * 1955
Ivan Leventic * 1970
Vlastimil Nedela * 1972
Ilya Khmelniker * 1985
Vasily Papin * 1988
Mariya Muzychuk * 1992

- 22** G. Nadareishvili * 1921
Ronen Lev * 1968
Yannick Pelletier * 1976
Pouya Idani * 1995
Kirill Shevchenko * 2002

- 23** John Collins * 1912
Mark Tseitlin * 1943
Vojislav Milanovic * 1961
Tibor Tolnai * 1964
Timofey Galinsky * 1975
L. Dominguez Pérez * 1983
Krzysztof Jakubowski * 1983
Aleksandr Lenderman * 1989
Michal Olszewski * 1989
A. Pourramezanali * 1992
Eduard Gufeld + 2002

- 24** A. Machulsky * 1956
John Donaldson * 1958
Raj Tischbierek * 1962
Lars Bo Hansen * 1968
Konstantin Lerner + 2011

- 25** André Chéron * 1895
Vitaly Tseshkovsky * 1944
Otto Borik * 1947
G. Sigurjonsson * 1947
Vladimir Simagin + 1968
Mher Hovhannisyan * 1978
Nino Kirov + 2008

- 26** Vladimir Savon * 1940
Lev Gutman * 1945
Stuart Rachels * 1969
Martín Lorenzini * 1975
Melor Bedia * 1979
Ilja Zaragatski * 1985
Artem Chernobay * 1989
Ricardo Calvo + 2002
Mark Dvoretsky + 2016

- 27** V.Petrovs * 1907
Braslav Rabar * 1919
John Fedorowicz * 1958
Igor Stohl * 1964
Alexei Fedorov * 1972
Vlad-Cristian Jianu * 1984
David Baramidze * 1988
Jan Krejčí * 1992

- 28** Reinhard Fuchs * 1934
Stellan Brynell * 1962
Vladimir Chuchelov * 1969
Eldar Gasanov * 1982
Pavel Potapov * 1990
Aleksandra Goryachkina * 1998

- 29** 2007: Anand wins at Mexico City to become World Champion
Kira Zvorikina * 1919
Yevgeny Emenkov * 1949
Sergey Ivanov * 1961
Vigen Mirumian * 1977
Irving Chernev + 1981
Oliver Barbosa * 1986
Andreas Diermair * 1986

- 30** 1908: Lasker defeats Tarrasch to retain title
Janos Flesch * 1933
Gyula Emadi * 1950
Enamul Hossain * 1981
Mikhail Oleksienko * 1986

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