 Ree Hans (15.09.1944)



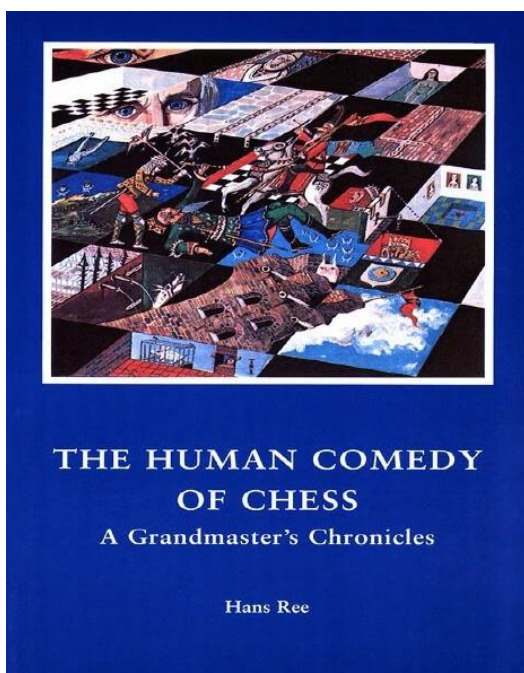
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Dutch Grandmaster (1980). Author and journalist for the *NRC Handelsblad* and columnist for Chess Cafe's website and New in Chess. Twice in a row **first place shared in the European Junior Championships 1964-65 and 1965-66**, after Ree won already two titles of Dutch U20 Champion (1961-62). **Ree was the Champion of Netherlands in 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1982**. Hans Ree also worked as an assistant / second of Viktor Korchnoi.

Best results in international chess: **Ter Apel 1966, 1st**; **Vancouver (Canadian Open) 1971, 1st-2nd joint with then reigning World Champion Boris Spassky**; **Tunis (6th Int. tournament) 1972, 1st** (above 2./3. Robatsch, the only gm, and Roberto Consulich (1946-1980), ten players, incl. Bouaziz); **Karlovac 1977, 1st-3rd** with Vlatko Kovacevic, and Diesen (14 players, many from Yugoslavia); **Graz International Invitation 1979, 1st** (incl. Igor Zaitsev, Lengyel, Darga, Dückstein, Bellin); **IBM Amsterdam - B 1980, 1st-2nd** with Unzicker (3. Panno, incl. Smejkal, Rogoff, 12 players); **Ostende Open 1985, 1st-2nd with Miles** (incl. Gheorghiu, Ghitescu, Sosonko, Hellers, Winants, 136 players); **Ter Apel (second edition) 1987, 1st-3rd, Ree first on tie-break** with Van der Wiel, and Lobron (above 4. Miles, 5. Smejkal, and 6. Ligterink). This was only the second edition from the relaunched Klooster (Cloister) series, after the inauguration event in 1966, also won by Ree.

In 1971, Hans Ree beat [Jan Hein Donner](#) in match play (+2, =5, -1). Best FIDE Elo: 2520 in 1980. Ten times in a row, a participant in the Chess Olympiads from 1966 until 1984 for The Netherlands.

Author of *Een blinde reus* (1989), *Rode dagen en zwarte dagen* and *Schaakstukjes* (1993), *Holland verlicht* (1998), *The Human Comedy of Chess. A Grandmaster's Chronicle* (2001), *My Chess* (2013) (selection)



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Prominent games:

Browne vs. Ree 0-1, Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1976

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1035367>

Korchnoi vs. Ree 1-0, Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1968

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1081887>



Korchnoi wins (pic: <http://sah.hr/forum/index.php?action=dlattach;topic=516.0;attach=4023;image>)

Ree vs. Korchnoi 1-0, Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1971

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1082100>



Hans Ree wins (pic: <http://sah.hr/forum/index.php?action=dlattach;topic=516.0;attach=4565;image>)

Background Wijk aan Zee 1971, where Hans Ree beat the tournament winner Viktor Korchnoi:

Korchnoi and F. Olafsson were co-leading after 14 rounds, in the last round Korchnoi beat Hübner, meanwhile Olafsson drew Donner, thus Viktor Korchnoi won the traditional Wijk tournament at his second and last participation for the USSR a second time outright (he previously won in 1968), this time half a point ahead of four joint runners-up, Gligoric, Petrosian, Ivkov and Olafsson, followed by another joint four players, namely Mecking, Andersson, Hort and Hübner. Hans Ree shared the 11th place together with Lengyel and Donner (in total 16 participants, including veteran Najdorf).

Ree vs. Tal 1-0, Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1982

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1140663>



Grandmaster Hans Ree (1944) is a four-time Dutch champion, and represented his country from 1966 through 1994 in every Chess Olympiad.

During his active chess career, Hans Ree battled with almost all the great chessplayers, including eight world champions, from Max Euwe to Anatoly Karpov.

From 2001-2007, he was the wearer of the Euwe Ring, an award for outstanding service to Dutch chess. He writes about chess in *NRC Handelsblad*, *New in Chess* magazine, and on the American website Russell-Enterprises.com.

Internationally, Hans Ree is considered to be one of the best chess writers of his era.

«A grandmaster, excellent writer and careful researcher who doesn't seek out controversy, but is equally unafraid to plumb the sometimes murky depths of chess politics, Ree is an ideal chess journalist.» ” Jon Speelman, *The Observer*