 Ree Hans (15.09.1944)



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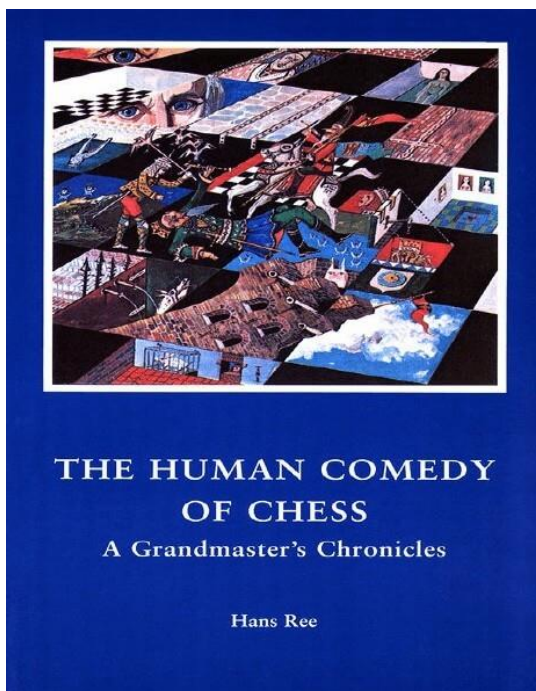
Dutch Grandmaster (1980). Author and journalist for the *NRC Handelsblad* and columnist for Chess Cafe's website and New in Chess. Twice in a row **first place shared in the European Junior Championships 1964-65 and 1965-66**, after Ree won already two titles of Dutch U20 Champion (1961-62). **Ree was the Champion of Netherlands in 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1982**. Hans Ree also worked as an assistant 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 1973, 1st; Karlovac 1977, 1st-3rd; **Graz international invitation tournament 1979, 1st** (14 players incl. I. Zaitsev, Lengyel, Darga, Dückstein, Duer, Bellin); IBM Amsterdam-B 1980, 1st-2nd Ostende Open 1985, 1st-2nd (with Miles), **Ter Apel 1987, 1st-3rd, first on tie-break** (second win).

In 1971, Hans Ree beat [Jan Hein Donner](#) in match play (+2, =5, -1). Best 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)



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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>

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

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

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>)

In 1971, with one round to go, Korchnoi and Olafsson were co-leading, then 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).



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*