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### Junior and Second Class Second

#### Professor Elo writes:

Here is the latest IGM rating or grading list which I prepared for presentation at the FIDE meeting in October at Lugano. The ratings given are to be construed as averages over the indicated 28 month period. Unfortunately I cannot supply what would be 'current' ratings as so far I have been unable to obtain tournament and match reports in chronological order and within a reasonable time after the respective events. FIDE had directed its membership to send me reports; however, the response to the directive was negligible; absolutely zero from behind the iron curtain.

A single important factor which casts a doubt over the validity of a ranking list such as this, regardless of what type of grading system is used, is the prevalence of the 'grand

The performances of the International Grand Masters over the period January 1966 through April 1968. Included on the list are all the F.I.D.E. grand masters as of October 22, 1967 and a few international masters who, by statistical criteria, have performed at the grand master level. The won-lost-draw records of the players are against the other players on *this list only*. The ratings of the players represent their *average* performances over the indicated period. The figures are rounded to the nearest ten since greater precision cannot be claimed.

Name	Won	Lost	Drew	Per Cent Score	Competition Average	Rating on U.S.C.F. Scale
Fischer U.S.A. ..	25	7	18	.680	2584	2710
Botvinnik U.S.S.R. ..	14	3	15	.674	2575	2690
Korchnoy U.S.S.R. ..	36	10	54	.630	2563	2660
Spassky U.S.S.R. ..	29	9	91	.578	2602	2660
Larsen Denmark ..	52	26	41	.609	2575	2650
Petrosian U.S.S.R. ..	24	11	64	.565	2602	2650
Tal U.S.S.R. ..	25	9	45	.602	2570	2650
Geller U.S.S.R. ..	27	14	69	.558	2590	2630
Smyslov U.S.S.R. ..	23	7	65	.584	2570	2630
Polugayevsky U.S.S.R. ..	15	7	37	.567	2562	2610
Portisch Hungary ..	34	23	83	.540	2580	2610
Shtein U.S.S.R. ..	27	17	57	.550	2572	2610
Unzicker W. Germany ..	6	1	33	.563	2570	2610
Bronstein U.S.S.R. ..	12	7	32	.550	2565	2600
Keres U.S.S.R. ..	5	4	33	.515	2593	2600
Kholmov U.S.S.R. ..	10	5	33	.552	2564	2600
Lutikov U.S.S.R. ..	7	5	19	.532	2580	2600
Boleslavsky U.S.S.R. ..	4	2	4	.600	2590	2590 **
Gligoric Yugoslavia ..	26	22	78	.515	2573	2590
Najdorf Argentina ..	8	10	28	.478	2605	2590
Olafsson Iceland ..	4	2	7	.577	2580	2590 **
Benko U.S.A. ..	6	4	32	.523	2556	2580
Gipslis U.S.S.R. ..	9	4	49	.540	2550	2580

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master draw'. Among the top ranked players only Fischer, Botvinnik and Larsen had more games played to a decision than draws. Even such fighting players as Korchnoy, Tal and Portisch played more than 50% of their games to draws. And how can any system truly evaluate Spassky's performance when he played 91 draws in 129 grand master games? One could paraphrase an oft quoted saying here: "the fault is not our system but in our masters"—and the way they play. At that, a grading system, even at the grand master level, could serve a useful purpose. Grand masters may pretend to be above such things as rating systems but the truth is that they are as vain about their ratings as the duffers. If they understood that draws could adversely affect their ratings we might see fewer perfunctory draws in grand master play.

Name	Won	Lost	Drew	Per Cent Score	Competition Average	Rating on U.S.C.F. Scale
Krogius U.S.S.R. ..	9	5	33	.543	2550	2580
Reshevsky U.S.A. ..	8	10	45	.485	2584	2580
Taimanov U.S.S.R. ..	13	12	34	.508	2570	2580
Darga W. Germany ..	3	3	12	.500	2575	2570 **
Furman U.S.S.R. ..	2	0	6	.625	2550	2570 **
Hort Czechoslovakia ..	16	12	73	.519	2560	2570
Lein U.S.S.R. ..	11	7	32	.540	2548	2570
Antoshin U.S.S.R. ..	10	7	15	.546	2530	2560
Evans U.S.A. ..	1	1	15	.500	2574	2560 **
Gufeld U.S.S.R. ..	7	6	18	.516	2550	2560
Ivkov Yugoslavia ..	19	24	112	.483	2565	2560
Matulovic Yugoslavia ..	25	22	50	.515	2550	2560
Zaitsev U.S.S.R. ..	7	3	9	.605	2544	2560 **
Matanovic Yugoslavia ..	10	12	82	.490	2557	2550
Mecking Brazil ..	6	8	10	.458	2570	2550
Osnos U.S.S.R. ..	5	6	19	.482	2565	2550
Savon U.S.S.R. ..	6	7	17	.482	2566	2550
Vasyukov U.S.S.R. ..	6	7	22	.485	2563	2550
Averbakh U.S.S.R. ..	3	5	10	.444	2560	2540 **
Bobotsov Bulgaria ..	8	13	54	.467	2560	2540
Panno Argentina ..	2	2	11	.500	2538	2540 **
Parma Yugoslavia ..	1	2	24	.481	2551	2540
Shamkovich U.S.S.R. ..	11	12	28	.490	2548	2540
Bilek Hungary ..	8	13	69	.472	2550	2530
Ciric Yugoslavia ..	10	15	66	.472	2550	2530
Donner Holland ..	14	27	58	.435	2570	2530
Pachman Czechoslovakia ..	7	12	57	.466	2554	2530
Suetin U.S.S.R. ..	9	14	30	.453	2565	2530
Uhlmann E. Germany ..	10	17	45	.450	2560	2530
Gheorghiu Rumania ..	8	16	57	.450	2565	2530
R. Byrne U.S.A. ..	7	15	28	.420	2575	2520
Kavalek Czechoslovakia ..	16	20	48	.475	2545	2520
Pomar Spain ..	5	10	18	.424	2573	2520
Szabo Hungary ..	9	18	52	.443	2550	2520
Filip Czechoslovakia ..	3	7	41	.442	2548	2510
Kotov U.S.S.R. ..	5	8	10	.434	2540	2510 **
Liberzon U.S.S.R. ..	4	8	11	.412	2570	2510 **
Pilnik Argentina ..	3	3	2	.500	2560	2510 **
L. Schmid W. Germany ..	2	5	14	.428	2553	2510 **
Simagin U.S.S.R. ..	9	15	26	.440	2548	2510
Barcza Hungary ..	8	15	30	.434	2543	2500
Eliskases Argentina ..	1	3	4	.375	2560	2500 **
Trifunovic Yugoslavia ..	1	2	6	.444	2540	2500 **
Janosevic Yugoslavia ..	12	24	28	.407	2545	2490
Barczay Hungary ..	6	17	41	.414	2540	2480
Padevsky Bulgaria ..	4	13	27	.398	2550	2480
Tringov Bulgaria ..	3	9	25	.418	2540	2480
Lengyel Hungary ..	2	10	34	.413	2534	2470
Yanofsky Canada ..	1	5	8	.356	2580	2470 **
O'Kelly Belgium ..	0	12	25	.338	2546	2430
Damjanovic Yugoslavia ..	6	30	30	.318	2550	2420
Pietzsch E. Germany ..	4	21	29	.342	2535	2420

Ratings marked by asterisks \*\* are in part based on performances prior to 1966 since the available sample of the performance over the 1966-68 period was less than 30 games. All other ratings constitute a self-consistent set.