

The Five Kasparov-Karpov Matches: Epic Battles for the World Chess Championship

Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov are two of the greatest chess players of all time. Their rivalry in the late 1980s and early 1990s was one of the most intense and closely fought in chess history. The five world championship matches between them were all epic battles, filled with brilliant play and dramatic moments.

The first match was held in 1984, when Kasparov was just 21 years old. Karpov was the defending champion, and he was heavily favored to win. However, Kasparov played brilliantly and won the match by a score of 13-11. This was a major upset, and it made Kasparov the youngest world champion in history.



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The second match was held in 1985, and it was even closer than the first. The match went down to the final game, and Kasparov eventually won by a score of 13-12. This confirmed Kasparov's status as the world's top player.

The third match was held in 1986, and it was the most controversial of the five. The match was stopped after 24 games, with Kasparov leading by a score of 5-3. Karpov claimed that he was too sick to continue playing, but many people believe that he simply couldn't handle the pressure of losing. The match was never resumed, and Kasparov retained his title.

The fourth match was held in 1987, and it was another close battle. Kasparov won the match by a score of 12-12, but Karpov was the only player to win a game in the match.

The fifth and final match was held in 1990, and it was the most one-sided of the five. Kasparov won the match by a score of 12-5, and he never lost a single game. This was a crushing defeat for Karpov, and it effectively ended his career as a world championship challenger.

The five Kasparov-Karpov matches were some of the most exciting and memorable in chess history. They were filled with brilliant play, dramatic moments, and controversial decisions. These matches helped to define the careers of two of the greatest chess players of all time.

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