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World Chess Championship Won GM Viswanathan Anand of India won the World Championship, September 2007 in Mexico City, a point ahead of his nearest rivals, GMs Vladimir Kramnik of Russia and Boris Gelfand of Israel. Anand's final score was +3; four (or) Tj T* BT /F1 12 Tf 50 604 Td

he did not lose a single game, we can also write his score as +4-0=10, meaning four wins, no losses, and ten draws. His closest rivals finished at +3-1=10. The diagram shows the last position from the last game (Rd.14: Anand - Leko). White has just played 20.Bg5-e3. The material left on the board is balanced, the Pawn structure is balanced, and neither side has a significant weakness. The game was drawn at this point, making Anand the new World Champion. In this tutorial, we'll look at some of the crucial games and positions from Mexico City that Anand encountered on his way to winning the championship. We are indebted to the Chessbase site (see the box) Tj T* BT

he videos by Vijay Kumar of the post game press conferences. The Openings: Anand Playing White (+3-0=4) The strategy of top tier chess players often uses a simple formula: Win with White; draw with Black. This means that all players follow the same opening strategy. They play opening systems that maximize their chances of winning with White and of drawing with Black. Mexico City was no different. The eight participants played each other twice, and the four games per round over 14 rounds produced 56 games. White won 18, Black won 2, and 36 were drawn (+18-2=36). Anand opened all seven of his games as White with 1.e4. One opponent responded 1...c5, and the other six replied 1...e5. Against those six, Anand played 2.Nf3. Two opponents replied 2...Nf6 (the Petrov [Petroff] Defense) Tj T* BT /F

other four replied 2...Nc6. All four games followed the main