

BLITZ

Volume 03

with the participation of Garry Kasparov: Protagonist and Supervisor of the manga

Type: Shônen

Style: Sport / Adventure

Target: All publics

Reading direction: Japanese

Format: 12 x 18 cm

Pages: 224

Price: 7,95€

Release date: February 26, 2021

ISBN : 978-2-9570036-4-8



THE TSUBASA CHESS CAPTAIN

WITH GARRY KASPAROV!

Pitch

The intercollegiate championship of the Kanto region continues, under the eyes of Karl, who came to watch the potential emergence of new talents and opponents.

Although, capable of real feats, Tom is obsessed by his desire to beat his rival Kô and lets himself be overwhelmed by his emotions that are undermining his concentration...

Our friends from the ISS all find themselves facing strong personalities. Even the impassive Harmony is going to be disturbed in an unexpected way!

How will Tom and his teammates come out of this tournament stronger?

Biographies

Cédric BISCAY

Born in 1979 in Nice.

Creator of *Blitz* universe and co-writer, Cédric Biscay is the producer behind the triumphal comeback of the **Shenmue** saga in 2019 on PS4 and PC materialized by 3 world records in the Guinness book. He also produced the multi-award-winning documentary **Sad Hill Unearthed**, available on Netflix worldwide, and the upcoming **Astroboy Reboot** series. This year, he is the recipient of the Japanese Foreign Minister's Certificate of Honor.

Daitaro NISHIHARA

Blitz manga artist

Born in 1971 in Hiroshima, Daitaro Nishihara made his debut as a mangaka in *Monthly Shōnen Jump* magazine. Starting from 2001, several of his series are pre-published in *Korokoro Comic* (Shōgakukan) magazine, including *Pokémon 6 - Jirachi the genius of wishes*.

Tsukasa MORI

Blitz co-writer, also working in the advertising field.

Garry KASPAROV

Protagonist and Godfather of the manga *Blitz*

Born in 1963 in Baku, Azerbaijan, Soviet Union, Garry Kasparov became, at the age of 12, chess champion of the USSR's under-18 age group. Then, at the age of 17, he won the Under-20 World Chess Champion title. In 1985, at the age of 22, he gained international notoriety as the youngest World Chess Champion in history.

He defended his title five times, including a series of legendary matches against his great rival Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov broke Bobby Fischer's record in 1990 and his own record remained undefeated until 2013.

His famous matches against IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer in 1996-97 played a key role in the integration of artificial intelligence into the world of chess.

Produced between Monaco, Japan, France and the United States, BLITZ is the most international manga ever!

The Editor

Created in 2019, IWA (The Rock in Japanese) is the publishing house of Shibuya Productions.

Its first title Blitz is an original shonen manga, in which the plot is set in the very cozy and prestigious universe of the chess world.

By creating a manga on this theme, Shibuya Productions has sparked the interest of a well-known player in this discipline. Mr. Garry Kasparov, undisputed chess master, who agreed to supervise and sponsor the series.

Blitz is the result of a close collaboration between Monaco, Japan and the USA, allowing the teams to work together according to Japanese productions techniques for a manga.

IWA has published 3 volumes in only 1 year, a great performance in the publishing world, out of Japan.

This project has proved to be a success, as volume 1 has already been reprinted and more than 10,000 copies have been sold on the French market alone.

In Japan the title is available via the very famous Shonen Jump.

Social Media

BLITZ

Facebook : blitz.officiel

Istagram : blitzofficiel

Twitter : Blitz Officiel

#BlitzManga

IWA

Facebook : iwapublishing

Twitter : @ iwa_publishing

#IWA

