

Viktor Korchnoi

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It is a gross overstatement, but in chess, it can be said I play against my opponent over the board and against myself on the clock.

~Viktor Korchnoi

The only positive contribution to chess from Fischer in the last 20 years.

~Viktor Korchnoi

The whole life with a wife is like an end game with two bishops of different colors.

~Viktor Korchnoi

No Chess Grandmaster is normal; they only differ in the extent of their madness

~Viktor Korchnoi

The human element, the human flaw and the human nobility - those are the reasons that chess matches are won or lost.

~Viktor Korchnoi

Chess you don't learn, chess you understand.

~Viktor Korchnoi

Skeletons of mice are often to be found in coconuts, for it is easier to get in, slim and greedy, than to get out, appeased but fat.

~Viktor Korchnoi

Those who think that it is easy to play chess are mistaken. During a game a player lives on his nerves, and at the same time he must be perfectly composed.

~Viktor Korchnoi

As a rule, the more mistakes there are in a game, the more memorable it remains, because you have suffered and worried over each mistake

at the board.

~Viktor Korchnoi

Every time I win a tournament I have to think that there is something wrong with modern chess.

~Viktor Korchnoi

I don't study; I create.

~Viktor Korchnoi

All obvious moves look dubious in analysis after the game.

~Viktor Korchnoi

Sometimes I even say that I have surpassed Lasker in using psychology. How? Well, sometimes I use psychology with a portion of risk. That is something else, something that Lasker wouldn't allow.

~Viktor Korchnoi

[Garry] Kasparov and [Anatoly] Karpov have something in common. They both want to become deputies of the Russian State Duma.

~Viktor Korchnoi

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