



Chess Barbs

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DIAGRAM NO. 8: White won with a classic combination in 12 moves (Tchigorin--Bird, New York 1889). How? Game continuation elsewhere in this issue.

NEWS: At the Lone Pine International Masters' Tournament last month Dennis Fritzing, Berkeley USCF master, scored a sensational defeat of 3-time US champion, grandmaster Larry Evans plus winning games from L. Binet (Venezuela) and Arnold Denker (US). In the \$2,000 money game it took Svetozar Gligorich of Yugoslavia to stop Fritzing from winning first prize and Fritzing has become famous overnight. He is a cool headed, practical master with enormous tenacity and experience. Already a ten-year veteran of tournaments and play, Fritzing is very quiet and unobtrusive. It was Fritzing who talked me into coming to live in San Francisco in 1968 and he gave me a presto Fritzing guided tour of the city, complete with Orange Julius oh wow! We crashed for one year on Haight, studying and playing chess constantly. At no time did I imagine the incredible professional class player that Dennis Fritzing was to become in a thousand days. Dazed Berkeley and San Francisco players who took Fritzing lightly now awoken to a candidate grandmaster ten years in the making! Now if only the US Chess Federation will play him in international tournaments. ... Only one player besides me really expressed a belief that Fritzing could be a world class player as late as 1971 -- William Addison. ... Fritzing knows Addison and me better than anybody alive. If for no matter than human interest, I am absolutely agog at his 1972 play. Durability is the hallmark of a professional master like Fritzing and he has it in spades. He is a Stoic poet. And he's getting better all the time. ...

White: Larry Evans. Black: Dennis Fritzing. Statham International Masters' Tournament, Lone Pine, Calif. Round six, March 1972. English Opening, Sicilian Reversed (Notes by USCF master Dennis Fritzing, written especially for THE BERKELEY BARB)
 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6
 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 Rb1 a5 6 a3 d6
 7 d3 Be6 8 Nf3 h6 9 Bd2 Nge7
 10 Qc1 Qc8 11 b4 ab 12 ab Bh3
 13 0-0 Bg2 14 Kg2 Nf5 15 e4

Nfd4 16 Nd4 Nd4 17 f4 ef 18 Bf4 Ne6 19 Be3 Ng5! 20 Rf2 Nh3 21 Rc2 h5 22 d4h4 23 Qd2 g5! 24 Kf3 hg 25 hg f5 26 Qg2 0-0 27 Rhl g4ch(A) 28 Ke2 f4 29 gf Rf4 30 Nd5(B) Rf7 31 Rfl Qd7 32 Rf7 Kf7 33 Qflch Kg8 34 Nf6ch(C) Bf6 35 Qf6 Qf7 36 Qf7ch Kf7 37 c5 Ke7 38 cdch(D) Kd6 39 e5ch(E) Kd5 40 Rc7 Ke4 41 Rg7 Ra2ch 42 Bd2 Nglch 43 Kdl(F) Kd3 44 Bcl Ne2! 45 e6 Ral 46 Kel g3! 47 White resigns(G).

(A) 27...f4 is the right move, winning immediately. (B) With this move White cleverly steers into an endgame with about even chances. (C) Better may be 34 Qf5. (D) 38 b5 followed by b6 is more natural. (E) Precipitate. (F) Now White loses. Necessary was 43 Kfl. (G) The finish would be 47 Kfl Rclch 48 Kg2 Nf4ch 49 Kf3 g2, etc.

MORE NEWS: An incredible 258 players in five sections at the Central California Chess Association Congress in March... Results in the master section were Peter Manetti and Donald Dean with 6½-2½ in first place tie. Junior rocket Craig Barnes, who has already scored in games with several grandmasters and who just won the US National High School Chess Championship in New York, April 7-9, bombed the Open and High School sections. Edward Rosenthal was 1st amateur. A \$1,000 prize event!

'COMING-UP' TOURNAMENTS: Mechanics' Institute Chess Room Summer Rating Tournament, May 13-14, 1972. Four games. Register by 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 13. Tournament director is Charles Pardini. Time control, 40 moves in two hours. Entry, \$5. ... Hilton Inn Open Chess Tournament, May 6-7. In three sections, open to all but rated expert and master players with \$700 in prizes. Five games. Register before 10:00 a.m. at the International Airport Hilton Inn or by mail: Alfred Hannsen, 1035 Whitwell Rd., Hillsborough, CA 94010. Entry fee, \$8 before April 28 or \$10 after. Try to play in both of these tournaments, particularly if you are an absolute beginner!

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS: Berkeley YMCA, Fri., 7:30 p.m. ... Hardcastle Coffee Shop, 2516 Telegraph, all hours. ... S. F. Mechanics' Institute Chess Room, 57 Post, 4th floor, all hours. ... in Oakland, East Asia Book & Game Center, 5897 College.