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Chess Barbs

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(Diagram no. 1)

White: Tarjan
Black: Rubin

Berkeley's James Tarjan, world champion student team member (1970), finds a crusher. White to make his 28th move; find his brilliant plan and work out all variations!

Berkeley teenage sensation James Tarjan is going to Norwich, England, all expenses paid, for a world tournament of young masters. Tarjan was rated 12th in the U.S. in 1971 and drew a match with Australian grandmaster Walter Browne in 1968! Tournament is set for March. Tarjan is one of only 26 senior masters in the U.S. (out of approximately 8 million U.S. chess players and 32,000 officially rated ones). Here is an outstanding example of his thematic, studied play with analysis. Try to take it apart and you will learn a lot.

1971-2 Calif. Open, Fresno. White: Tarjan. Black: Rubin. French Defense, Advance Variation. 1 d4 e6 2 e4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Bd7 5 Nd2(A) Nc6 6 Nge3 cd 7 cd Rc8(B) 8 Be2 Qb6 9 Nb3 Nb4?!(C) 10 0-0 Bb5 11 Bd2?!(C) 12 Rcl Nge7 13 Rc5 Be2 14 Qe2 a6(E) 15 Rfcl Ng6 16 Ba5! Qa7 17 R5c2 Be7 18 g3(F) 0-0 19 h4! Rca8?(G) 20 Bd2 Rfe8(H) 21 h5 Nf8 22 h6 g6 23 Bg5 Nd7 24 Qe3 Bf8(I) 25 Qf4 a5 26 a4 Qb6 27 Rc3 Bb4 (Diagram) 28 Nc5! (J) Bc5 29 Rc5! Rac8(K) 30 Nh2! Qb2 31 Ng4! Black

resigns (L).

(Notes by Acers) (A) A novelty and dangerous. Tarjan's games are full of fantastic ideas like this. Usual is 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 Be2 Bb5 (Wade).

(B) 7. . . Qb6 8 Nb3 a5.

(C) Interesting; played to exchange white-squared bishops, but it loses time. 9. . . Nh6 and . . . Nf5 is

mechanical play to put heat on d4. (D) Wild is 11. . . Be2 12 Qe2 Na2 (12. . . Rc2? 13 Qd1!) 13 Ra2 Qb3 14 Ra7 Qb2. Now Black is passive.

(E) 14. . . Ng6 15 Ba5 Qa6 16 Qa6 is difficult for Black.

(F) 18 h4! 0-0 19 g3 transposes. Black can't take at h4 though.

(G) 19 Rfe8 (intends Bf8 and Nce7) is the only try.

(H) Horrible is 20. . . h5 21 Nh2 or Ng5, winning the house.

(I) 24. . . Bg5 25 Qg5, threatening 26 Nc5 Nc5 27 Qf6 Kf8 28 Ng5! and mate in 2.

(J) Accurate. Fascinating, too, is 28 Nh2?! Now K-boom in 4 moves.

(K) 29. . . Nc5 30 Qf6 and mate next.

(L) If 31. . . f5 32 ef Kf7 33 Qd6 Rcd8 34 Rb5 kills.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS: Berkeley Chess Club, Berkeley YMCA, Fri., 6:30 pm; info., 582-1973. (Officially rated U.S. tournaments often held.); Hardcastle Coffee Shop, all hours, 2516 Telegraph (Many of the nation's top masters hang out here. Groovy management.). . . S.F.: Mechanics' Institute Chess Room, 57 Post St., 4th floor; info., 392-9515 (Oldest chess room in U.S.; shoes required and be cool, all hours).