



# Chess Barbs

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(US senior master)

DIAGRAM NO. 7. White to move and win! How? An Acers Challenge position. Mail your answer to the BARB for checking. Out of the question is 1 Nf7ch Rf7 2 Bf7 Qc1ch and mate in one move. We defy you, good reader.

NEWS: The US Chess Championship is set for New York, April 22--May 15, 1972. All US grandmasters are invited and no player will be admitted to the 14-player field if it is not filled from the 20 invitations already mailed out! This means no young masters from our area (Commons, Waterman, Fritzinger, Grefe, Tarjan, etc.) will be allowed to play. Selection is NOT on the basis of rating, but is designed to keep expenses down. UNOFFICIALLY, many invited players will NOT play. These include Robert J. Fischer, William Addison, Andrew Soltis, Robert Byrne, Albert Horowitz and three others. The tournament is the US world zonal qualifier. First prize, \$2,000; second, \$1,200; last is \$100. Fischer's bid for the world title has cost a well earned \$300,000 so far. . . Lawrence Hughes and Edward Rosenthal, both of Berkeley, shared \$150 first prize money at the Central California Chess Association's third annual USCF regional class tournament in San Jose, April 1-2. Over 130 players participated. . .

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BRILLIANCY PRIZE GAME from the 10th annual Varna international tourney. White: Bobotsov. Black: Kolarov. Queen's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 Bg5 Be7(A)

6 Qc2 c5 7 Rdl 0-0 8 e3 Nc6 9 Be2 cd 10 Nd4 Nd4?l 11 Rd4 Bg2(B) 12 Rgl Bc6 13 Bd3l Re8(C) 14 Rh4 g6 15 Bg6lll hg 16 Rh6ll Kg7 17 Rg6chl fg 18 Bh6chl Black resigns(D). (Notes by Acers)

(A) Botvinnik has shown that 5...h6l 6 Bh4 g5 7 Bg3 Nh5l is good, securing two spears. Bobotsov probably would have tried 6 Bf6 Qf6 7e4.

(B) ll...d6. Black now wins a pawn, but White uses the opened "g" file for a murderous combination.

(C) The idea is 13...g6 14 Bh6l Re8 15 Bg6l, burying Black.

(D) White mates in four. Very pretty.

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A TOURNAMENT YOU CAN PLAY IN: Adult and Junior Central California Championships (\$800 in prizes), July 15-16, 1972 at U. C. Berkeley in the Student Union Bldg. 4th floor. Entry: Amateur, \$5; Open section, \$15. Register at 9:30 a.m. on July 15. Inquiries or advance registration may be addressed to Martin E. Morrison, USCF Regional Vice President, P.O. Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604 (phone: 582-1973). If you've never played in a chess tournament before, don't be bashful. It's fun and you'll learn a lot if nothing else and meet many interesting people!

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