

# CHESS BARBS

by Jude Acers (U.S senior master)

**NATIONAL OPEN:** 301 players, 4 IMGs, 3 IMs plus 25 senior and U.S. masters gathered at the fabulous Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada for an 8-round chess spectacular directed by George Koltanowski. When the smoke had cleared, only grandmaster Arthur Bisguier basked in the winners' circle, while fellow IGMs Gheorghiu, Lengyel and Browne had to settle for lesser spots.

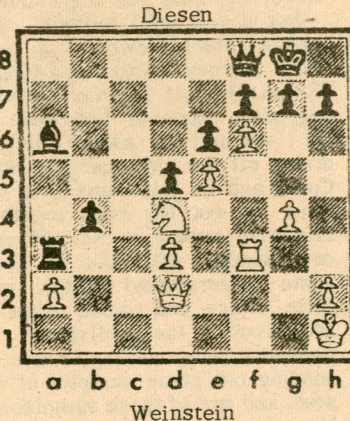
Bisguier's 7-1 score and \$700 prize money (but not his trophy) were matched by both Norman Weinstein and Edwardo Celorio in frenzied last-round do-or-die efforts. U.S. co-champion John Grefe had an easy tournament, beating a flock of weakies and drawing with Frey and Jacobs, to finish only half a point behind the leaders.

Bisguier's toughest win occurred in round 6 as Black against recent giant killer from the Phillipines, Ruben Rodriguez. This time, however, the ending was on him.

White: Ruben Rodriguez (2432). Black: Arthur Bisguier (2449). U.S., National Open, Las Vegas, 1974. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 0-0 Ne4 5 d4 Nd6 6 Bc6 dc 7 de Nf5 8 Qd8ch Kd8 9Bf4 h6 10 Nc3 Be6 11 Ne4 b6 12 Rfdich Kc8 13 Nd4 Nd4 14 Rd4 Kb7 15 c3 c5 16 Rd2 a5 17 Be3 Be7 18 f4 Rhd8 19 Rd8 Rd8 20

h3 Rd3 21 Rel Ba2 22 f5 Rd8 23 f6 Bf8 24 fe Be7 25 Nf6 Be6 26 e4 Kc6 27 Ral Kb5 28 Kf2 Kc4 29 Ra3 Kd3 30 b4 cb 31 cuch Kc2 32 ba Kb2 33 Ra4 Ra8 34 a6 Bb3 35 Bd4ch Kc2 36 Ra3 Bf8 37 Ral c5 38 Be3 Kb2 39 Rel Ra6 40 h4 Be6 41 e5 he 42 Be5 c4 43 h5 Bc5ch 44 Ke2 c3 45 h6 Bf5 46 h7 Ra8 47 Rhl Rh8 48 Kf3 Be7 49 Bclch Kb3 50 Rh6 Bf8 51 Rh5 Be6 52 Re5 Be7 53 Re2 Bf6 54 ef Rh7 55 Kf4 Rhl 56 Be3 Rflch 57 White resigns.

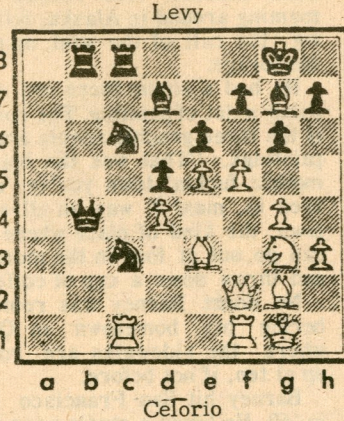
Weinstein's last game was a super-shot combo versus young master Mark Diesen:



The fireworks begins with 32 Ne6! fe 33 f7ch Qf7 (forced) 34 Rf7 Kf7 35 Qf4ch Ke8 36 Qb4 Ra2, and finishes in a flurry of checks with 37 Qb8ch Kd7 38 Qd6ch Kc8 39 Qe6ch Kb8 40 Qb6ch Bb7 41 d4 Re2 42 Qd6ch Ka7 43 e6 Bc8 (nothing helps) 44 Qc7ch Black resigns.

Celorio, who carries a master rating (2320), from Miami, pulled off his final-round coup against the English master Louis Levy (2324) in fine combinational style, too:

Levy (Black) has just picked off a white knight at c3 and is caught completely by surprise by 26 fg! Kh8 27



gf Nb5 (escaping with the loot after all?) 28 Nh5 Qf8 29 Bg5! h6 30 Bf6 31 Qf6ch Kh7 32 h4! Qh8 33 g5! and Black surrendered.

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**BERKELEY TOURNEY:** Cash prizes of up to \$1,150 will be handed out to the top scorers at the 1974 Alameda County Chess Championship, April 6-7, at the New Berkeley South YMCA (on California & Russel Streets). Open Division: 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 1st A \$150, 2nd A \$75. Entry is \$16 for Jr. and Sr. high students, \$20 for others (4-rd. USCF Swiss). Booster: 1st \$150, 2nd \$75, 1st C \$100 2nd C \$75. Entry is \$12 for Jr. and Sr. high students and \$15 for others (5rd. USCF Swiss). Novice: 1st \$80 2nd \$40, 1st under 1200 \$60, 2nd \$30, 1st unrated \$40. Entry is \$8 for Jr. and Sr. high students and \$10 for others (5-rd. USCF Swiss). Free 6-month subscription to "Chess Voice" to all entrants. Round one starts 10-11 a.m., Saturday, April 6. Bring sets and clocks.

**FLASH FROM LONE PINE:** Berkeley's international grandmaster

Walter Browne smashed and slashed his way to victory at the extra strong 1974 Lone Pine masters' tournament, sponsored by millionaire Louis Statham. Even after losing to Ruben Rodriguez (again!), our hero forged ahead to close out the show all by himself, scoring an unbeatable 6-1 and pocketing a cool \$2,000 first prize. Real class! News and games in next week's CHESS BARBS.....

**LOS ALTOS CLASS TOURNAMENT:** S. Barrett Williams will direct a 5-round USCF Swiss system event at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., April 6-7. Cashawards in 6 classes (Exp., A, B, C, D/E, Unr.) ranging from \$100 to \$30 (total, \$1,065, based on 165 entries) goes to winners. Entry fee in the Expert Division is \$20; in all other classes it is \$10 under 21 and \$13 over 21. No entries accepted after 9:15 a.m. Saturday, April 6. Round one begins at 10. The new provisional USCF pairing rules may be used in this tournament. Call Jennie Kiesling, 941-3173, or Robert Adams, 948-5412, for details.