

CHESS NEWS

International Master Jim Tarjan recently returned from Spain where he participated in international chess competition.

In the IV Tournament International in Orense Jan. 16-31, Grandmaster Bent Larsen of Denmark won first place with $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, Ulf Anderson, Sweden, and Ljubomir Ljubojevic, Yugoslavia, 2nd, 3rd, $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; Florin Gheorghiu, Rumania, and Miguel Quinteros, Argentina, 4th-5th, 10-5; Rev. William Lombardy, USA, and Arturo Pomar, Spain, 6th-7th, 9-6; Gildardo Garcia, Cuba, 8th, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; Raymond Keene, England, 9th, 7-8; Jim Tarjan, USA, and Jesus Diez del Corral, Spain, 10th-11th, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$; Juan Bellon, Spain, 12th, 6-9; Tan Cardoso, Philippines, and Orestes Rodriguez, Peru, 13th-14th, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$; Hernando, Spain, 15th, 4-11; Duro, Portugal, 16th, 1-14. The GM and IM norm were 9-6 and $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ respectively.

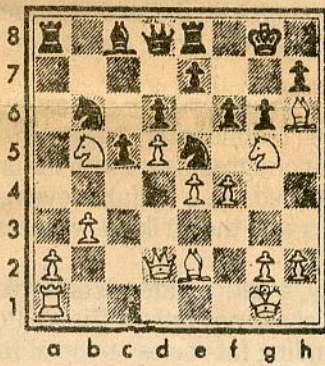
At the XV International Tournament in Malaga, played in the Hotel Cervantes, 1st and 2nd place was shared between Ivan Radulov, Bulgaria, and Miguel Quinteros, Argentina, with $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; Raymond Keene, England, and Juan Bellon, Spain, 3rd-4th, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Jim Tarjan, USA, 5th, 8-6; Tan Cardoso, Philippines, 6th, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$; Pal Benko, USA, 7th, 7-7; Gildardo Garcia, Cuba, 8th, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; Orestes Rodriguez, Peru, 9th, 6-8; Norman Weinstein, USA, 10th, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$; Pares, Spain, 11th, 4-11; Ruiz, Fraguera and Martin, all from Spain, 12th-14th, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$. The GM and IM norm were set at $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. Jim had a tough time of it in Orense losing games to Larsen and Cardoso which he should have won! However, at Malaga he once again confirmed his IM title by scoring 8-6, taking 5th place. Here is an interesting game from Malaga.

White: IM Jim Tarjan, USA
Black: Fraguera, Spain (Student of Larsen!)
 Feb. 15, 1975

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1. P-QB4 | P-KN3 | 5. P-K4 | 9. Q-Q2 |
| 2. P-Q4 | N-KN3 | 6. PxP | P-QN4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-B4 | 7. N-B3 | B-KN2 |
| 4. P-Q5 | P-Q3 | 8. B-N5 | N/3-Q2 |
| | | | 0-0 |

Here it was also possible to play 9. P-QR4, P-QR3 10. B-K2 followed by 0-0 holding the pawn on N5 without problems. Jim likes to get things going early so he prefers to develop his pieces.

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|------------|---------|
| 9. . . . | R-K1 | 14. N-N5 | N/ 1-Q2 |
| 10. B-Q3 | P-QR3 | 15. P-QN3! | BxR |
| 11. 0-0 | PxP | 16. RxB | N-K4 |
| 12. NxP | N-N3 | 17. B-K2 | P-B3 |
| 13. B-R6 | B-R1 | 18. P-B4 | |



Tarjan — Fraguera
Position after 18. P-B4

18. . . . N-B2

An interesting alternative is 18. . . N-N5 19. BxN, BxB 20. P-B5, PxN 21. Q-B3! (not 21. QxP, P-K3 22. QxN, PxBP 23. PxP, Q-B3 24. R-KB1, RxP 25. PxP, R-R8! or 21. PxP, P-Ke 22. P-N7, Q-K2 23. PxP, BxP 24. NxP, R/K-Q1 25. P-K5, N-Qw with black winning) . . . P-K4 22. APxP, R-K2 23. P-B6, RxKP 24. P-B7ch, KxP 25. Q-N7 ch, K-K1 26. N-B7ch winning everything or in this last line 22 . . . Q-K2 23. NxP (threatening 24. N-B7!) 23 . . . R-KB1 24. BxR, RxB (on 24 . . . QxB there follows 25. N-B7, Q-N2 26. P-B6, Q-B1 27. NxP mating shortly) 25. N-B7, RxN 26. PxRch, KxP 27. P-KR3, B-K7 28. R-K1, B-R3 29. Q-R5, Q-N2 30. QxP with an easily won position.

- | | | | |
|-----------|------|------------|------|
| 19. NxN | KxN | 22. P-K6ch | K-N1 |
| 20. R-KB1 | B-R3 | 23. P-Qr4 | P-B5 |
| 21. P-K5 | Q-N1 | 24. P-B5?! | |

On with the attack! It was better to have played here 24. PxP, NxRP 25. P-B5! Why give your opponent undeserved counter chances when your not forced too.

- | | | | |
|-----------|------|----------|-------|
| 24. . . . | BxN | 26. PxP | PxP |
| 25. PxB | PxNP | 27. B-Q3 | R-R7? |

Now was his chance to show the slight mistake of Jim's 24th move. With 27 . . . NxP! 28. BxP, Q-N3ch 29. K-R1, QxP 30. R-KN1 (Not 30. Q-Q1, N-B6 31. BxR, NxQ 32. BxQ, P-N7 33. B-Q3, N-B7ch and wins, or 31. Q-B3, XxRch 32. QxQ, P-N7! This is a strong pawn) 30 . . . Q-B5! (Not too fast as 30. . . P-N7? loses to 31. B-B7ch, K-R2 (Not 31 . . . K-R1 cause 32. B-B8 forces mate) 32. Q-B2ch, K-R1 33. B-N7ch, KxB 34. Q-N6ch and mates) with complications.

- | | | | |
|------------|------|------------|---------|
| 28. Q-K3 | K-R2 | 32. Q-N4ch | K-R3 |
| 29. BxPch! | KxB | 33. R-B3 | R-R8ch |
| 30. Q-N3ch | KxB | 34. K-B2 | R-R7ch |
| 31. Q-R4ch | K-N3 | 35. K-B3 | Resigns |

—Alan Benson