

# CHESS BARBS

# QUESTIONS YOU ASK....

Questions You Ask Jude Acers  
by Jude Acers (US Senior Master)

Q. I enjoy very much the greatest games of all time series that you publish in US magazines. Are you going to publish a book of them or is one already available?

A. Yes, a book called "Chess, the Immortal Games" will be released during my 1973 US tour. I have not decided who I want to publish it. I am picking the games slowly. Many will be from lectures.

Q. Are you going to syndicate your Barb column to get it into so-called family publications?

A. No, period. I like things exactly the way they are. They like it. I like me. Max, the Barb owner, WANTS me to syndicate for my own good, but I want the Barb to have the column entirely.

Q. You can't possibly make any real profit with your Barb column. Why not give it up and play in European events and leave the US for good, since the US Chess Federation crew does not care whether you and Addison live or die?

A. No, I do the Barb column for the blast, the freaky people meeting experience. Consider the odds that a professional class chess game could appear once in the Barb, much less thousands! Besides, I have crack technical help and easy communication when on tour, so the column doesn't hurt my schedule. And besides that, I like this country!

Q. Do the chess pieces have any economic, political or social background that caused their shape?

A. No.

Q. Now that local chess organizer Martin Morrison has become National Secretary of the United States Chess Federation, won't he become Edmondson's mickey mouse "yes man" and destroy all possibility of reform in US Championship player selection and many other matters?

A. Yes, Morrison has joined the club, but you must consider his point of view. Morrison honestly believes that the USCF can be changed for the better by quiet work on committees and correspondence with chess organizers throughout the nation. He is totally wrong, of course, because Edmondson, USCF Executive Director, controls absolutely the

rigged ratings, world team player selection and US Rosenwald (New York City) Championship. Morrison has also been treated rudely or by total silence by chess masters of our area, who stupidly judge everybody from girls to organizers on the basis of their chess ability! Morrison does not know USCF history as Addison and I have bitterly experienced. Also consider that Morrison must look to the future as a PROFESSIONAL chess organizer. Edmondson has absolute power because he is totally responsible for the rule switches that shot Fischer to the world title in less than three years. Things are going to get worse, not better, and young masters will have enormous difficulties getting training against international players, while millions of dollars will pour in to USCF coffers in the next two decades. Edmondson is "grandmaster crazy" in the words of one veteran player, enjoying the association and prestige of manipulation of whole playing careers with the midnight phone call and pen stroke. He does not know that Craig Barnes (US High School Champion and already veteran master at 18, Berkeley) or Roy Ervin (US National Open Co-Champion last year, now living in Berkeley) are even alive. He speaks of regional master tournaments, but will never pay the expenses of Dennis Waterman, John Grefe, Dennis Fritzing, C. Bill Jones, William Bills, William Addison, James wrjan and others. All of these players could win games from Fischer and other top players if they were given training and financial help during tournaments.

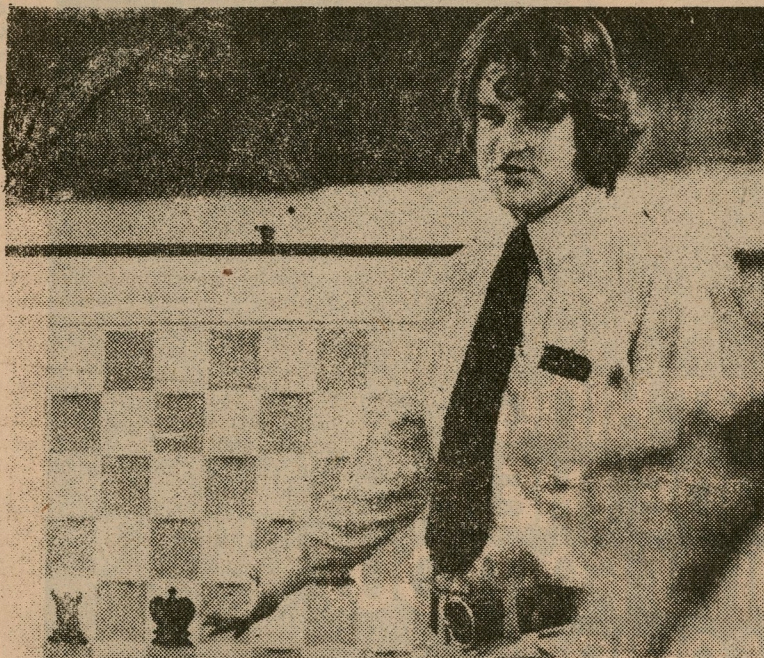
Q. I really wish you would pay more attention to the chess publications of James R. Schroeder of Ohio. I sent him ten dollars for his prison chess club fund, as you asked. He mailed me several of his soft cover chess books on great tournaments and I flipped. I have never seen such great games by Spassky or tournaments like St. Petersburg. Plug that man!

A. Right. Schroeder, the most amazing chess author living, publishes inexpensive master quality paperbacks as a hobby and is largely overlooked by Chess Life and Review and many leading chess publications. His books are of the highest standard possible for study by the chess student, and you should buy or steal every possible volume he releases. Write: J.R. Schroeder Chess Publishing, Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio 44101, for all titles. Schroeder is a correspondence and over-the-board master and has drawn games with grandmasters like Pal Benko in official USCF play. Get 'em

while you can! His volumes practically go into orbit, fueled by their quality alone. And Mr. Schroeder keeps grinding new titles out year after year.

Q. I know that you have many critics and have endured much as a professional chess master and chess lecturer. But shouldn't you stick to chess in your column rather than ladies, however nice, like Miss Asher or Clair Baker,

grandmasters like Walter Browne and Svetozar Gligorich. They delight in the eccentricities of the players and the play. When these femme fatales creep into a chess tournament or exhibition hall, popcorn self-pops, rumors self-destruct and everything becomes much more interesting! And some, like Alexandra Andrews, play far better than most men, believe me. Or am I the only chess player who



who are only in the sidelines?

A. You can't be serious. The local heavies of the chess scene like Carol "Semantha Beckett" Peterson, Patti Benson, Miss Asher and Clair "Super Mommy" Baker are people who know all, see all, speak nothing of our chess world. They are the confidants of

knows these ladies are alive? My vision is poor, but not that poor!

Q. Is it true that you are going to India?

A. Yes, and probably my manager, Russell W. Miller of Yakima, Washington, will also go. It will be a 20 city tour throughout India with one exhibition and lecture in

each place as a guest of the Indian Chess Federation. It's part of the U.S.-Indian cultural exchange program and will be in January-February 1974. The man who arranged the whole program is Dr. K.R.B. Raut, former president of the Indian Chess Federation and now a professor of chemistry in Savannah, Georgia! Dr. Raut, now the president and chief spark plug of the Georgia Chess Federation, would surely be happy to consider other chess tours by US CHESS MASTERS in India. I urge those interested to write Dr. Raut, Rt. 2, Box 450-S, Savannah, Ga. 31404. Don't delay if you'd like a hard-working, interesting, expenses-paid trip to India! Many Soviet grandmasters have already toured India, but wait, just wait, until I get there ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

Q. Is it true that you will do a freebee in Berkeley?

A. No, but I will make one exhibition and lecture appearance that will be absolutely free to all spectators in early February.

Q. But that's crazy. Maybe a thousand people would come to watch your incredible lecture and exhibition. You could make a thousand dollars in one evening, Jude.

A. There are also a lot of people who do not have the money to even watch. Besides, I'm a natural-born ham and need all the friends I can possibly get, believe me. I want to pack my exhibitions to the walls.

Q. How do we book your exhibition?

A. Write my US Tour Manager, R.W. Miller, Box 1631, Yakima, Washington 98907. He handles absolutely everything about my appearances...All-American Nice Guy, too.

Q. What are the addresses of

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the US Chess Federation and Chess Digest?

A. US Chess Federation, 479 Broadway, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550 and Chess Digest Magazine, PO Box 21225, Dallas, Texas 75211. To become a member of the US Chess Federation, receive a US chess rating and Chess Life and Review costs \$10 (or \$5 for juniors). Chess Digest is the world's largest supplier of chess books and chess equipment. Both guarantee their merchandise and are recommended to chess players for equipment or book needs. Absolutely every chess need is covered by Chess Digest from clocks to books to chess sets.