

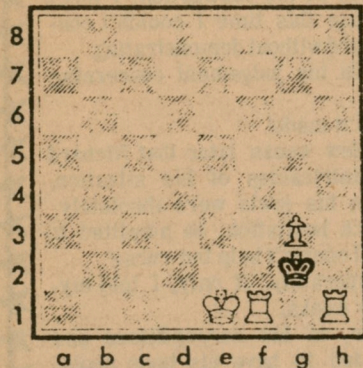
CHESS

BARBS

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DIAGRAM: An Acers' chess challenge! Solve this mini-mate in three (that's right, White moves first, up the board, and checkmates Black on the third



White to play
and mate in 3
(Lotsa luck!)

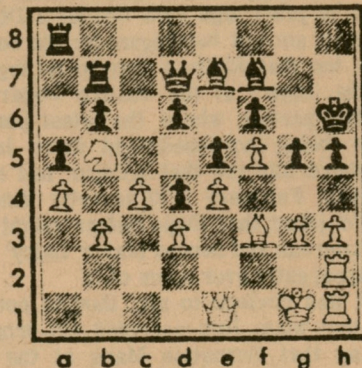
move against any defense) and earn your honorary "Barb Star." Looks easy, but look again; even the supergreat Acers was stumped on this one! Solution will appear in next week's CHESS BARBS.

TOURNAMENT IN MONTEREY: Alex Suhobeck, an instructor at the Presidio of Monterey, took first place clean with a score of 4-1 at the Monterey Coast Chess Classic, Dec. 1-2. Top money in the 58-player Swiss was \$150, Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directing.

Here is how Suhobeck racked up Clifford Kull of Los Altos (winner of the A prize) in the fourth round, sac-ing a bishop for a pawn break-through.

Clifford Kull (1801)

41 Bh5! 42 g4ch Kh6 43 h4 Kg7 44 hg fg 45 Rh7ch Kf8 46 Rh8ch Bg8 47 Rph7 Qc8 48 Rh6 Kg7 49 Qg3 Qf8 50 Qh2 (at last!) Bd8 51 Qh5 Rab8 52 Qg6mate.



Alex Suhobeck (2154)