



# CHESS BARBS

by Jude Acers (US Senior Master)

**WATERMAN SWISHES LOCAL SWISS:** In competition with close to 100 entrants, USCF master Dennis Waterman punched his way through all opposition for a perfect score and \$100 cash money in the Open Division at the Fremont Class Championships, June 15-16. Waterman's highly successful Swiss system weekend madness tourney results of late are only a prelude to chucking this form of chess masochism forever as soon as he has crossed the 2400 rating barrier. More power to him!

White: Jeremy Silman. Black: Dennis Waterman. Fremont, June 16, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5, 2 Nf3 e6, 3 d4 cd, 4 Nd4 a6, 5 c4 Nf6, 6 Nc3 Bb4, 7 Bd3 Nc6, 8 Nc6 dc, 9 0-0 e5, 10 h3 Bc5, 11 Qe2 Be6, 12 Be3 Be3, 13 Qe3 Nh5, 14 Rf1 Nf4, 15 Bf1 Qg5, 16 Qg3 Qf6, 17 Rd6 h5, 18 Rad1 h4, 19 Qf3 Qg5, 20 Kh1 Rh6, 21 Ne2 Bc4, 22 Nf4 Rd6, 23 Rd6 Bf1, 24 Ne6 Qg2ch 25 Qg2 Bg2ch, 26 Kg2 Ke7, 27 Nc7 Rc8, 28 White resigns.

In second spot a point behind was Alaskan champion Peter Cleghorn. Newly certified T.D. Hans Paschman organized and directed the event in cooperation with the CCCA and the City of Fremont. ("Chess-players are dispensable, the organizer is not.")

**U.S. TEAM MAKES FINALS IN CHESS OLYMPICS:** Rated second only to the awesome Soviet chess colossus (Karpov, Korchnoi, Spassky, Petrosian, Tal and Kuzmin!), America's powerhouse seven minus one (Kavalek, Byrne, Browne, Reshevsky, Lombardy and Tarjan, minus Fischer) sailed through the preliminaries with hardly a hitch, winning all their matches by lopsided scores, except for a squeaky first-round stand-off against the Canadian team.

Especially impressive in his rough 'n ready handling of the "weakies" has been young international master James Tarjan of Berkeley, who has won a series of games in sharp tactical style.

White: Bo Jacobsen (Denmark). Black: James Tarjan (USA). XXI Chess Olympiad, Nice, 1974. English Opening 1 c4 c5, 2 Nc3 g6, 3 g3 Bg7, 4 Bg2 Nc6, 5 a3 a6, 6 Rb1 Rb8, 7 b4 cb, 8 ab b5, 9 cb ab, 10 Ne4 d5!, 11 Nc5 e5, 12 d3 Nf6, 13 Bg5 0-0, 14 Bf6 Qf6!, 15 e3(A) d4, 16 Qf3 Nb4!., 17 Qf6(B) Bf6, 18 Rb4 Be7, 19 ed ed, 20 Bc6 Rb6, 21 Rb5 Rc6, 22 Nb3 Ba6, 23 Re5 Bb4ch, 24 Kf1 f6!(C), 25 Re2 Bd3, 26 Nd4 Rd6, 27 Nc2 Bc5, 28 Ne3 Re8, 29 Nh3 Be3, 30 fe Re3, 31 Nf4 Re2, 32 Nd3(D) Ra2, 33 Ne1 Rd1, 34 h3 h5(E), 35 Rg1 g5, 36 g4 h4, 37 Rh1 Re1ch. 38 White resigns.

(Analysis by IGM Rogert Byrne in The New York Times, June 13, 1974)

(A) The beginning of a fantastic set of surprises for White, who realizes, for starters, that 15 Bd5 is punished by 15...Nb4! 16 Rb4 Qd6!

(B) Hoping for an endgame that never comes. Tarjan's incredible depth of combination would have been revealed in a double-exclam main line with 17 Rb4 Qe7, 18 Qc6 (What could possibly go wrong now?!) Bb7!! 19 Nb7 Qb4ch, 20 Ke2 Rac8, 21 Qd5 Rc2ch, 22 Kf3 Qd2, (Snaking along the back alleys after the rodent king...) 23 Nh3 Qe2ch, 24 Ke4 Qg4ch, and it's all over but the shrieking.

(C) Trapped on an open board! White can resign any time now, but since he doesn't Tarjan plays with his prey before devouring him.

(D) Even worse is 32 Ne2 Re6.

(E) Of course, James could have ended it all with 34 Re1ch, but he's waiting for White to comprehend the gravity of the situation before administering the coup de grace.

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Yugoslav ace Velimirovic (of Sozin variation fame) made another major contribution to opening theory at the Olympics, virtually demolishing an entire line of the Sicilian Defense. Najdorf addicts, take note!

White: Velimirovic (Yugoslavia) Black: Kazas (Iraq). XXI Chess Olympics, Nice, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5, 2 Nf3 d6, 3 d4 cd, 4 Nd4 Nf6, 5 Nc3 a6, 6 Bg5 e6, 7 f4 Be7, 8 Qf3 Qc7, 9 0-0-0 Nbd7, 10 Bd3(A) b5, 11 Rhe1 Bb7, 12 Qg3!(B) 0-0-0, 13 Bb5!(C) ab, 14 Ndb5 Qb6, 15 e5 d5(D) 16 f5!(E) Nh5, 17 Qh4 Bg5ch, 18 Qg5 Ne5, 19 Qh5 d4, 20 Re5 dc, 21 Nc3 Rd1ch 22 Qd1 Rd8, 23 Qel ef, 24 Rf5 Qh6ch, 25 Kbl Qh2, 26 Rf7 Qg2, 27 Qe6ch Kb8, 28 Qe5ch Black resigns.

(Notes by international master Yuri Razuvaev, translated from "64", No. 24, June 14-20, 1974, pp. 8-9)

(A) Until quite recently 10 g4 was considered almost forced, but the whims of chess theory have now relegated the move to oblivion and replaced it with 10 Bd3.

(B) A few years back Velimirovic shocked the chess world with his tactical bombshell, 12 Nd5?!, which was subsequently shown to lead to incredibly unclear complications. White's last move was first met in the Spassky--Fischer world championship match.

(C) A really brilliant innovation. Spassky played 13 Bf6 Nf6, 14

Qg7 here, which is apparently weaker. It would seem that Velimirovic has discovered a forced win in an accepted theoretical position. As a matter of fact, Velimirovic demonstrated another forced win in a well-known opening variation against Vasyukov during the USSR-Yugoslavia team match in Tbilisi, 1973.

(D) White wins both material and position after 15...de, 16 fe Nd5, 17 Be7 Ne7, 18 Nd6ch Kb8, 19 Nf7.

(E) Velimirovic presses the attack with exceptional vigor. The threat is 17 fe fe, 18 ef gf, 19 Re6 Qe6, 20 Qc7mate!

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