

CHESS BARBS

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DIAGRAM: It's your move! Will you miss a chance for immortality? You are White against Mikhail M. Botvinnik, the greatest player of all time. What is absolute best here? Take 15 minutes, no more. Solution at end of CHESS BARBS.

RUSSIAN CRUNCH IN MADRID: There was definitely no energy crisis in Madrid this month, as Soviet chess reigned supreme at a 16-player international tournament that included a dozen grandmasters in the lineup. Anatoly Karpov, 22, whom many authorities believe has the best chance to unhorse Robert Fischer in a future world title match, topped the field with a score of 11-4, without loss of a game. Second, at 10½ - 4½, was Vladimir Tukmakov, 27, a whiz-kid of his own, and third -- you won't believe this -- was old-man Semyon Furman, 52!, who tagged along as Karpov's trainer and proved once again that ANY Soviet grandmaster is a threat to be reckoned with ...

White: Karpov. Black: Anderson. Madrid, 1973. Queen's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb4ch 5 Nbd2 Bb7 6 Bg2 0-0 7 0-0 c5 8 a3 Bd2 9 Bd2 cd 10 Bb4 Re8 11 Bd6 (Notes by Tukmakov: "So far as I know, this is the first time this has been played here.") Ne4 12 Qd4 Na6 13 b4 Rc8 14 Racl Nd6 15 Qd6 Nc7 16 Rfd1 Re7 17 Qd3 Bf3 18 Bf3 Ne8 19 Bb7 Rc7 20 Ba6! ("Voluntarily abandoning the long diagonal!") Rc6 21 Qb3 Qb8 22 Qa4 Rc7 23 Qb5 Nf6 24 f3 d5 25 c5 h5 26 a4 Re8 27 cb ab 28 a5 Rcl 29 Rcl Qe5 ("Black strives for a counterattack, but Karpov skillfully neutralizes all of his opponent's attempts to activate his pieces.") 30 Qb4 d4 31 Khl Qf3 32 Rfl e5 33 Bd3 h4 34 gh Qf4 35 Rg1 Qh4 36 a6 g6 37 a7 Kg7 ("Planning Rf8-h8...") 38 Bg6! Black resigns.

White: Portisch. Black: Tukmakov. Madrid, 1973. English Opening 1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 e4 Nc6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Nf6 6 Nc3 d6 7 Nc2 Bg7 8 Be2 Nd7 9 Bd2 Nc5 10 0-0 0-0 11 f3 a5 12 Khl f5 13 ef Bf5 14 Ne3 Nd4 15 Nf5 Nf5 16 Rbl e6 17 b3 Kh8 18 Nb5 d5 19 cd ed 20 Rcl b6 21 g4 Nd6 22 Bc3 Nb5 23 Bg7ch Kg7 24 Bb5 d4 25 Rc4 Rf4 26 a3 Qd5 27 b4 ab 28 ab Ne6 29 Qe2 d3 30 Qb2ch Kh6 31 Bc6 Qc4 32 Ba8 d2 33 Qbl Rd4 34 White resigns.

White: Furman. Black: Panno. Madrid, 1973. Queen's Indian Defense 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 b6 3 d4 Bb7 4 Nc3 e6 5 a3 d5 6 cd Nd5 7 e3 Be7 8 Bb5ch c6 9 Bd3 0-0 10 e4 Nc3 11 bc c5 12 0-0 cd 13 cd Nc6 14 Be3 Bf6 15 Bb1 Rc8 16 Qd3 g6 17 Ba2 Qd7 18 Radl Na5 19 Bh6 Rfe8 20 Ng5 Qe7 21 f4 Qc7 22 f5 Bg5 23 Bg5 Qc3 24 fe fe 25 Qe2 Qa3 26 Qf2 Rc7 27 Rd3 Qd6 28 Bf4 Qe7 29 Bc7 Ba6 30 Bd6 Black resigns.



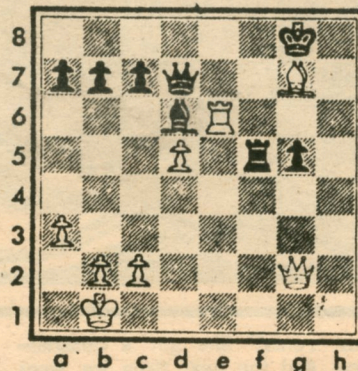
KARPOV

HALFWAY THERE: An Acer's gold star to USCF senior master James Tarjan of Berkeley for winning the first half of his long overdue international master title

at Chicago, Nov. 28-Dec. 9. Fresh from his recent triumph at the American Open (7½-½), Trajan, rated 2415 for this event beat Karklins (2200), Chellstorp (2360), Commons (2410), Vranesic (2425), and Suttles (2485); drew with Weinstein (2200), Kaufman (2400), Soltis (2420) and DeFotis (2425); and lost only to Karaklajic (2420) and Sigurjonsson (2470) to score the requisite seven points.

NOVIC TOURNEY IN HAYWARD: Open to USCF players rated below 1400 and to unrated players, the Alameda County No-

White to play, blew the win away. Can you find the blitz?



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OVER
MADRID**



TUKMAKOV

vice Championship will be held at San Felipe Park in Hayward (on D St., 1 mi. east of downtown), Sat., Dec. 29, beginning at 10 a.m. Trophies to 1st & 2nd winners in Overall, Collegiate, Sr. High, Jr. High and Unrated divisions if entries warrant. Entry fee for students under 19 only \$2.50, all others \$3.50. Phone David Smith mornings, 582-6527, for directions and details. If you have never played in a tournament before or



FURMAN

are tried of getting stomped in weekend "opens", then this is your chance for something different!

SOLUTION TO DIAGRAM: Lienthal -- Botvinnik, 3rd, Moscow International, 1936. White missed 33 Qh3!, winning easily, and drew a difficult endgame 66 moves later.

CHASING BOBBY FISCHER

A Brief Summary of the World Chess Championship Cycle

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The regulations of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (International Chess Federation), hereinafter referred to as FIDE, call for a World Chess Championship Match to be played every third year. During the summer of 1972, in Iceland, America's Bobby Fischer defeated the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky to become the first non-Soviet titleholder in 35 years. Fischer must defend his title in 1975 against the man who survives FIDE's three-year cycle of qualifying events and thereby becomes Official Challenger.

The present cycle began in 1972 when ten Zonal Championship Tournaments to qualify players into the 1973 Interzonal Tournaments were held throughout the world. The two Interzonals--each with eighteen players--were held this past summer, one in the Soviet Union and one in Brazil. The top three finishers in each of these two events became Candidates for the World Championship, joining seeded former World Champions Boris Spassky and Tigran Petrosian in this capacity.

1974, third and final year of this FIDE Qualifying Cycle, will see a series of elimination (knock-out) matches. These eight top players begin with the Quarter-Final Candidates Matches in January; the four winners meet in Semi-Final Matches next April; and the triumphant two then meet in the Final Candidates Match next September. The winner of that plays Fischer for the World Championship in 1975.

At a ceremony in Moscow this past September, lots were drawn to determine opponents in the Quarter-Final Matches. Immediately thereafter, the 1973 FIDE Congress (meeting in Helsinki, Finland) chose the host nations for the various matches. Scheduled to play in January 1974 are:

In the USA: Henrique Mecking, Brazil vs. Victor Korchnoi, USSR
In Spain: Tigran Petrosian, USSR vs. Lajos Portisch, Hungary
In Puerto Rico: Robert Byrne, USA vs. Boris Spassky, USSR.
In the USSR: Anatoly Karpov vs. Lev Polugaevsky, both of the USSR.