

# CHESS BARBS

by Jude Acers (US senior master)  
**ANNOTATED GAME:** Berkeley chess master Dennis Fritzing has contributed exclusive notes to his fascinating struggle with Subramaniam, played at the Paul Masson American Class, Champion ships in Saratoga.

White: Subramaniam. Black: Fritzing. Saratoga, 1973. Robatsch Defense 1 e g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c6 4 a417(A) d5 5 Nf3 Bg4 6 Be3(B) Nf6 7 h3(C) Bf3 8 gf(D) Qa5 9 e5(E) Nfd7(F) 10 Qd2 e6(G) 11 h4(H) a6(I) 12 b471 Qb4 13 Rb1 Qa5 14 Rb7 c5 15 f4 cd 16 Bd4 Nc6 17 Be2(J) Nd47 (K) 18 Qd4 Rc8(L) 19 Rh3 (DIAGRAM) Nc5(M) 20 Rb4 Bf8 21 Kf1 Ne47 (N) 22 Ne4 Bb4 23 Nf6ch(O) Kf8 24 h5 Bc5 25 Qb2 gh 26 Qb7(P) Qc7 27Nd7ch Ke8 28 Nf6ch Kd87 (Q) 29 Qa61(R) Be7 30 Nh577 (S) Qc2 31 Qb6ch Ke8 32 Bb5ch Kf8 33 Nf6(T) Bf6 34 ef Qdlch 35 Kg2 Rg8ch 36 Rg3 Rg3ch 37 fg(U) Rc2ch 38 Kh3 Qh5mate.

(A) A new move. Gurgenzidze's system is 4 f4 d5 5 e5 h5.  
 (B) Or 6 e5 f6.  
 (C) I expected 7 Bd3, keeping the center fluid.  
 (D) If 8 Qf3, then 8...Qb61, with pressure on White's queen side.  
 (E) Leads to sharp and interesting play. More solid is 9 Qd2.

(F) Better than other retreats.  
 (G) Bad for Black would be 10 ...Qb4?, e.g., 11 Ra3! Qb2 12 Rb3 Qalch 13 Ke2, followed by 14 Bg2, trapping the queen.

(H) Now 11 b4? fails, as after 11...Qb4 12 Rb1 Qa5 13 Rb7 Nb6 Black wins a pawn.

(I) Safe enough would be 11...h5, but Black is anxious to begin his counterattack.

(J) On 17 Be3, 17...0-0-1 looks amazing.

(K) The right way is 17...Rc8 18 Rh3 Bf8!, threatening Bb4.

(L) Not 18...Nc5? 19 Bb5chl, winning.

(M) If 19...Bf87!, then 20 Qa71 Rc3 21 Rc3 Qc3ch 22 Kf1, and (a) 22...Qc8? 23 Rc7 Qd8 24 Qb7 Nc5 25 Qc6ch, etc.; (b) 22...Bb4 23 Qa8chl (23 Rd7 0-0!) Ke7 24 Qh8 Qelch 25 Kg2 Qe2 26 Qf6ch Ke8 27 Qh8ch Bf8 28 Rd7 Kd7 29 Qf8, with a dead level position.

(N) Black obtains better chances after 21...h5 with Be7 and 0-0.

(O) White should have continued 23 Nd6ch (or 23 Rb3 ed1) Bd6 24 ed, and if 24...0-0?, then 25 h5, with a winning attack. Stronger is 24...Kd7 25 Qf6 (25 Rb3 Rhd8!) Kd6, with unclear prospects.

(P) Alternatively, 26 Rh5 h61 27 f5!, but Black still stands better.

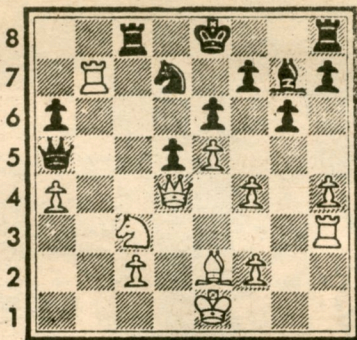
(Q) Should lose. Objectively forced was 28...Ke8, with a probable

draw by repetition.

(R) Playable, though not as good as the textmove was 30 Ba6.

(S) Here 31 Rb3! wins (31...Bf6 32 Rb7 Qc2 33 Qd6ch, forcing mate), whereas White's actual ch-

Black: SUBRAMANIAM



White: FRITZINGER

Position after 19 Rh3

oice leads to a loss.

(T) Else 33 Rg3 Qdlcn wins the knight, or, even worse, 33 Ng3 Bc5 the queen.

(U) After 32 Kg3 Rc3ch Black forces mate.

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**WORLD JR. CHAMPIONSHIP:** Larry Christiansen, 17 yearus junior champion, barely qualified

on tie-breakers to play in the finals of the World Junior Champion at Teesside, England. Christiansen and eight others had scored four points out of seven rounds in the semi-final Swiss system event, designed to separate the weak from the strong before the 12-man round-robin final competition. The excellent game which follows shows him outplayed in a fierce fight from start to finish against the winner of the preliminaries, Alexander Belyavsky (USSR).

White: Belyavsky. Black: Christiansen. Teesside, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Be3 Nf6 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 d6 9 Khl Bd7 10 f4 Rc8 11 Nb3 Na5 12 e5 Ne8 13 Na5 Qa5 14 Nd5 Qd8 15 Ba7 Be6 16 c4! de 17 Nb6 Qdl 18 Radl Rc7 19 Bb8 Rc6 20 N47 Bd7 21 Rd7 Rb6 22 Be5 Be5 23 fe Rb2 24 Bf3 b6 25 Re7 Kg7 26 g4 Ne6 27 Bd5 Nd8 28 a4 Rb4 29 Ra7 Re8 30 Ra8 Kf8 31 Rd8 Rd8 32 Rf7ch Ke8 33 Rh7 Rc8 34 Rh8ch

Kd7 35 e6ch Kc7 36 Rh7ch Kd6 37 Rd7ch Ke5 38 e7 Rblch 39 Kg2 Rb2ch 40 Kg3 Rb3ch 41 Kh4 Re8 42 Kg5! (Sidestepping Christiansen's diabolical twilight snare, 42 Bf7?? Kf6!) Black re-

sists.

Favored to win the world junior or place close to the top are Belyavsky, Miles, Marjanovic and Christiansen (who has Craig Barnes of Berkeley along with him, acting as "second").

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**INTERZONAL NO. 2:** Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic got off to an early lead in the second interzonal tournament, taking place at Petropolis, Brazil, by winning three in a row. Nonetheless, Lajos Portisch of Hungary is believed to have the best chances for capturing the first of three qualifying spots at the 17-round tourney. The Soviet contingent consists of Savon, Bronstein (who took Stein's place,) Polugaevsky, Keres, Smyslov and Geller. The US IS REPRESENTED BY VETERAN MASTER Samuel Reshevsky.

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**GAME PLACE TOURNAMENT:** S. Barrett Williams will host and direct a five-round Swiss system tournament (open, in six divisions) at The Game Place, 915 E. Duane Ave., Sunnysvale, Aug. 4-5. Cash prizes of \$350 are based on approximately 100 participants, with trophies and books awarded for best juniors, top upset game, etc. Entry fee is \$12 plus USCF membership. Round one begins at 11 a.m., Sat., Aug. 4.