

Chess

International master Alla Kushnir dispels all doubt in this game regarding her qualifications as a top-flight Soviet chess player. Quiet, efficient planning between brillancies reveals a firm grasp of sound principles typical of the modern chess master, male or female.

Her high standing was confirmed again in 1969, when she earned the right to a match with current title holder Nona Gaprindashvili for the women's world championship.

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White: A Kushnir. Black: M. Piberl
Lvov, 1962 (Match, USSR vs. Yugoslavia).

Nimzovitch Opening

1 N-KB3	N-KB3	14 N-K4!(f)	BxR
2 P-QN3	P-Q4	15 N-Q6ch	K-B1
3 B-N2	P-K3	16 QxB	K-N2
4 P-K3	P-B4	17 R-KB1	R-B1
5 N-K5	P-QR3	18 N-K4	PxP
6 B-K2	QN-Q2	19 N-B6	P-R3
7 P-KB4	NxN(a)	20 P-Q4(g)	PxQP(h)
8 PxN	N-Q2	21 PxQP	N-N3
9 0-0	Q-N4(b)	22 B-B1	R-R1
10 R-B4!	P-KN3(c)	23 B-R3!(i)	K-B1
11 Q-KB1	Q-K2	24 BxQch	KxB
12 P-B4	PxP	25 N-N8ch	Resigns
13 N-B3! (d)	B-R3(e)		

(a) Passive opening play compounded by this mistaken capture has given White a dangerous initiative.

(b) Expecting to win White's forward KP. In chess as in life, however, plans do not always work out so simply.

(c) If now 10...NxP, then 11 P-KR4 costs Black a piece.

(d) Excellent! White wastes no time in mobilizing all her forces.

(e) After 13...PxP White reacts powerfully with 14 N-K4.

(f) Here, too, this move is very strong. White's initiative more than compensates the material loss.

(g) Even more energetic is 20 R-B3!, eg., 20...PxP 21 QxPch! KxQ 22 R-R3ch K-N4 23 N-K4ch K-B4 24 P-N4ch KxN 25 P-Q3ch K-Q4 26 B-B3mate. If Black, in answer to 20 R-B3!, tries 20...R-R1, then 21 N-Q5! wins outright.

(h) Unwisely opening an attacking diagonal for White's QB.

(i) An elegant final stroke. Taking the bishop with 23...QxB loses to 24 N-K8ch, while 23...Q-B2 succumbs to 24 B-Q6.

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