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SOVIET GIRL AWARDED I.M. TITLE

Playing abroad for the first time, 13-year-old Maiya Chiburdanidze scored a resounding success by winning an international women's tournament in Brashov, Rumania, undefeated and three points ahead of the field.

In recognition of her splendid achievement the FIDE congress has awarded Chiburdanidze the title of international

master.

If her progress continues unabated, this gifted youngster promises to earn worldwide renown as the first woman ever

to attain grandmaster status.

White: Chiburdanidze. Black: Porubski. Brashov, 1974. King's Indian Attack (Condensed notes by Yuri Karzhavin, translated from "64", No. 26, June 28-July 4, 1974, pg. 5) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 (Purposely choosing a close opening system instead of the sharp tactics initiated by 3 d4, in order to give full rein to her superior positional judgment and overall understanding of chess in a complex maneuvering game.) Nc6 4 Nbd2 g6 5 g3 Bg7 6 Bg2 Nge7 7 0-0 d5 8 Re1 0-0 9 e5 Qc7 10 Qe2 Nd4 11 Nd4 cd 12 Nf3 Nc6 13 Bf4 Bd7 14 h4 (Development complete, White moves into action on the king side.) h5 15 a3 (Taking precautions against a possible Nb4 by Black.)
Rac8 16 Ng5 Ne7 17 Rac1 Qb6 18 g4 hg 19 Qg4 Nf5 20 h5 (Played with courage and conviction. White is prepared to grant counterchances on the queen side in return for an attack on the enemy king. When Maiya's trainer asked her after the game why she sacrificed the "b" pawn, she replied, "I didn't want to lose any tempi.") Nh6 21 Qh3 Qb2 (Tactics being her strong point, Porubski accepts the challenge.) 22 Bd5! ed 23 Qd7 Rc2 (The situation has sharpened markedly, but Mains correctly correctly that the correctly correctly that the challenge. markedly, but Maiya correctly senses that White's threats are more dangerous.) 24 Rc2 Qc2 25 hg Qd3 26 of Nf7 27 Qd5 Qf5 28 Nf7 Rf7 29 Bg3 Qd7 30 Qc4 b5 31 Qb3 Qc6 32 e6 Re7 33 Bh4 Re8 34 e7 Qc4 35 Qh3 d3 (Consuming virtually all the time remaining on her clock, Black staked everything on this pawn push.) 36 Qd7 Kf7 (A time pressure error, but Black's game is beyond redemption in any event.) 37 Re3 Qh4? 38 Qe6mate.

MORE CHESS FROM THE OLYMPICS

The best performance on the all-powerful Soviet team at the XXI Chess Olympics in France was turned in by former world champion Tigran Petrosian on board four: 11 wins, 3 draws and no losses

White: Petrosian (USSR). XXI Chess Olympics, Nice, 1974. Black: Vizier (Spain).

King's Indian Defens

B-R3 BxB N-R3
N-R3
N-B1
R-R2
N-K3
BPxP
R-QB2(h)
R-KB1(i)
PxR
N-N2
R-B5(j)
QR-B2
Resigns

(Notes translated from "64", No. 27, July 5-11, 1974, pp. 8-9)

(a) There are those who hold the opinion that the Samisch variation confers no advantage upon White in this opening. But personal style also plays a considerable role in the selection of an opening system.

(b) Other ideas tried here have been 7 P-QR4, 7 B-Q3, 7 KN-K2 and 7 Q-Q2 followed by 8 0-0-0. Petrosian's choice accurately reflects his taste, blockading the queen side and permitting

Black a minimum of activity.

(c) Korchnoi—Gheorghiu, Moscow, 1971, continued 7...P-QN4 8 PxQP PxP 9 P-QR4 B-N2 10 N-R3 0-0 11 B-K2 QN-Q2, with equality.

(d) A wrong plan. Robert Byrne played stronger versus Larsen at the Leningrad Interzonal, 1973 by 8...QN-Q2 9 N-B1

P-QN4 10 B-K2 PxP 11 PxP N-K4 12 Q-B2 B-K3, etc.

(e) This demonstration of force on the queen side only leads to the formation of weak pawns and blockaded squares. Black should concentrate on developing his pieces. (f) Launching a model attack of the wing under cover of a

secure center

(g) The QBP was indireitly defended by 21 RxP? Q-Q2 22

KR-QB1 N-N1 23 N-N6 Q-N2 24 R-B6 R-R3 25 N-R4 Q-N4ch. (h) Black seems to have miscalculated (24 RxP RxR 25 OxRPch K-B1 26 Q-R8ch K-B2 27 R-R7ch N-N2 28 RxNch K-K3 29 Q-R3mate), but he has only set another trap: 24 RxP QxR 25 QxQ RxR.

(i) Allowing an elegant finish.
(j) The position is full of pretty variations, e.g., 27...Q-K1 28 Q-R7ch K-B2 29 N-KB5!

White: Velimirovic (Yugoslavia). Black: Ribli (Hungary). XXI Chess Olympics, Nice, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 Qc7 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Kh1 d6 9 f4 Be7 10 Bf3 0-0 11 g4 Nd4 12 Qd4 Nd7 13 g5 b5 14 a4 Bb7 15 ab ab 16 Be3 Bc6 17 Bg2 Rfb8 18 Ra8 Ba8 19 f5 b4 20 Ne2 ef 21 Rf5 Qc2 22 Ng3 g6 23 Ra5 Bd8 24 Ra1 Bb6 25 Qd6 Be3 26 Qd7 Qb2 27 Rf1 Rf8 28 Qe7 b3 29 Rd1 Qc3 30 Nf1 Bc5 31 Qc7 b2 32 Rb1 Bd4 33 Qc3 Bc3 34 Ne3 Bd4 35 Nd5 Bb7 36 Bf1 Rc8 37 Bd3 Ba6 38 Resigns. FISCHER'S MESSAGE TO F.I.D.E.

When world champion Robert Fischer learned of the World Chess Federation's decision to set an upper limit of 36 games on the next title bout, he immediately sent a cable to Max Euwe, president of the FIDE, stating his position:

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