

Nana meets Nana

GEORGIAN domination of women's chess continues, with two Georgians through to the final women's world championship candidates match. Nana Ioseliani, 19, qualified from an all-Soviet semi-final by beating ex-world champion Nona Gaprindashvili, while Nana Alexandria defeated Marta Litinskaya.

Both Alexandria and Ioseliani are fine players. Although Alexandria, at 31, has the greater experience, I tip the younger woman to take an exciting contest.

There, however, I'm afraid the challenge will end. The winner will come up against the formidable figure of Maya Chiburdanidze, the current world champion (and yet another Georgian). Maya, only 19 herself, finished halfway up a "men's" grandmaster tournament in Baku last year, and on current form should flatten any potential challenger.

Her demolition of a male grandmaster in the following game gives some indication of what "Chib" is capable of. It was played at Barcelona, 1979.

SICILIAN DEFENCE

M. CHIBURDANIDZE A. RODRIGUEZ
(USSR) (Cuba)

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| 1. e4 | c5 |
| 2. Nf3 | d6 |
| 3. d4 | cxd4 |
| 4. Nx d4 | Nf6 |
| 5. Nc3 | a6 |
| 6. a4 | Nc6 |
| 7. Be2 | e6 |
| 8. 0-0 | Be7 |
| 9. Be3 | Qc7 |
| 10. f4 | 0-0 |
| 11. Kh1 | Bd7 |
| 12. Nb3 | b6 |
| 13. Bf3 | Rfd8 |

A more circumspect continuation might be 13... Rab8 14.Qe2 Na5!? as in Vogt-Schmidt, Halle 1976.

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| 14. Qe2 | Be8 |
| 15. g4 | |

Before making such a committal move as this, the relevant factors must be carefully weighed. White's attack is dangerous, but at the same time her own king position is compromised. Chiburdanidze tilts the scales in her favour by means of a pawn sacrifice on move 21.

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| 15. ... | Nd7 |
| 16. g5 | Bf8 |
| 17. Bg2 | Nb4 |
| 18. f5 | Nc5 |

Not 18... Ne5? 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qf2 with threats on both f8 and b6.

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| 19. fxe6 | fxe6 |
| 20. Bh3 | Bd7 |

ALGEBRAIC NOTATION

The algebraic notation in this chess column is that used almost exclusively in Europe and in many countries elsewhere. Each square has one designation only. The vertical files are labelled a to h from White's left. In horizontal rank the squares are labelled 1 to 8 from White's end. Normal symbols are used, except that pawns as such are not mentioned; just the arrival square is given for a non-capturing pawn move.

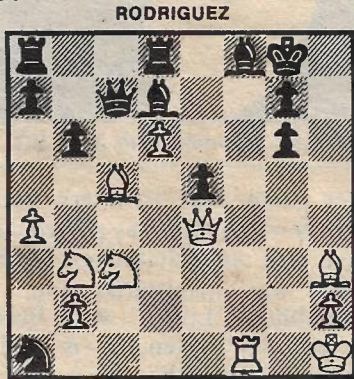
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| 21. g6! | h x g6 |
| 22. Qc4! | N x c2 |
| 23. B x c5 | d5 |

In the space of three moves, Rodriguez's king position has suddenly become precarious. On 23... N x a1 Chiburdanidze could play 24. B x e6 ch followed by Rf3 mating, while 23... Qc8 24. Racl Ne3 25. R x f8 ch R x f8 26. Qe2 wins material.

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| 24. e x d5 | N x a1 |
| 25. Qe4! | |

This would also have been the answer to 24... Ne3 or 24... B x c5.

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| 25. ... | e5 |
| 26. d6 | |



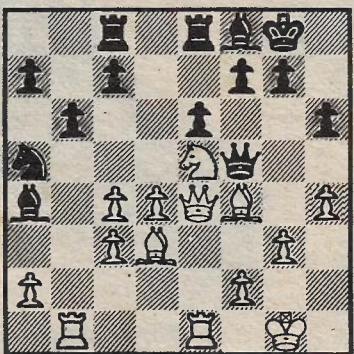
CHIBURDANIDZE

A good move, clearing the a2-g8 diagonal. Now 26... Qc6 to swap queens is not possible because of 27. Be6 ch! followed by Bd5 — a neat blend of attack and defence. Likewise 26... Bc6 27. Be6 ch and 28. Nd5 is also strong.

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| 26. ... | B x d6 |
| 27. Qc4 ch | Kh7 |
| 28. Qh4 ch | Kg8 |
| 29. Bg2! | Bc6 |

If 29... Be6 then 30. Nd5 followed by B x d6 and Ne7 ch wins. Now Chiburdanidze deftly polishes off the attack.

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| 30. Nd5 | Qb7 |
| 31. Qc4 | Kh8 |
| 32. Rf3! | B x c5 |
| 33. Rh3 ch | Kg8 |
| 34. Ne7 ch | Kf8 |
| 35. N x g6 ch | Ke8 |
| 36. Qe6 ch | Resigns |



Filguth v De La Graza, Mexico 1980.

It's your move, as White, in this position from the world youth teams championship, won in 1980 by the USSR ahead of defending champions England. What did Filguth play — and why did his opponent then resign? Solution upside down below.

Solution: 1. Qh1! resigns, as 1... Qh6 2. Bg5! h x g5 3. h x g5 wins. Black's queen through the threat of Qh7 mate.

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