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**USING CHESS TO MAKE CHILDREN BETTER IN IRELAND SOCIALLY  
ADJUSTED, MORE INTELLIGENT, BETTER HUMAN BEINGS**

Mariya Muzychuk, 22 from Ukraine, is the new Women's World Champion.

We feature her throughout this issue, including a bumper puzzles section.

The recent roll of honour for the women's champions runs as follows:

- 10 Antoaneta STEFANOVA 2004-2006
- 11 XU Yuhua 2006-2008
- 12 Alexandra KOSTENIUK 2008-2010
- 13 HOU Yifan 2010-2012 & 2013-2015
- 14 Anna USHENINA 2012-2013
- 15 Mariya MUZYCHUK 2015-



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Women's World Champion
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Armenia 1996  
Tigran Petrosian – 9th World Champion



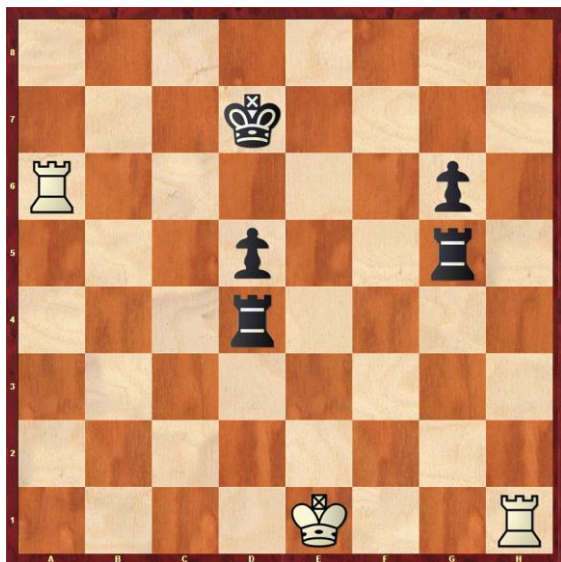
Austria 1985  
FIDE Congress, Graz

## In the Beginning

## Chess Camp 5 by Igor Sukhin Checkmate in Two

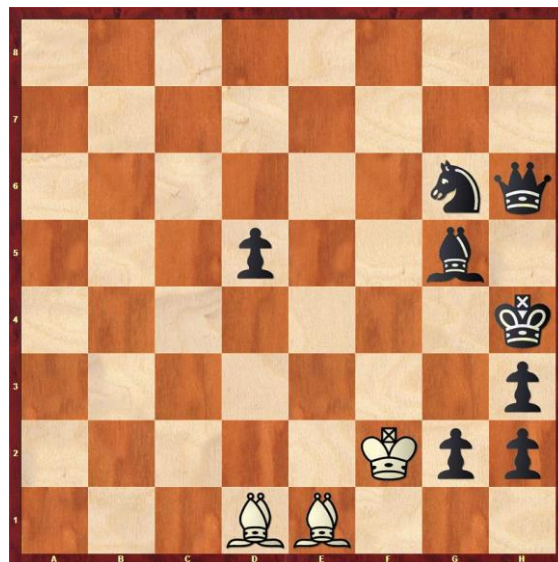
**In the Beginning – 293** (*Chess Camp 5-55*)

White to move.



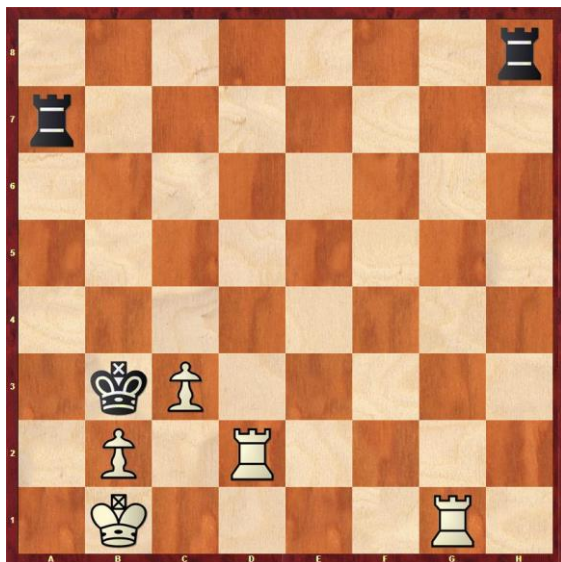
**In the Beginning – 295** (*Chess Camp 5-72*)

White to move.



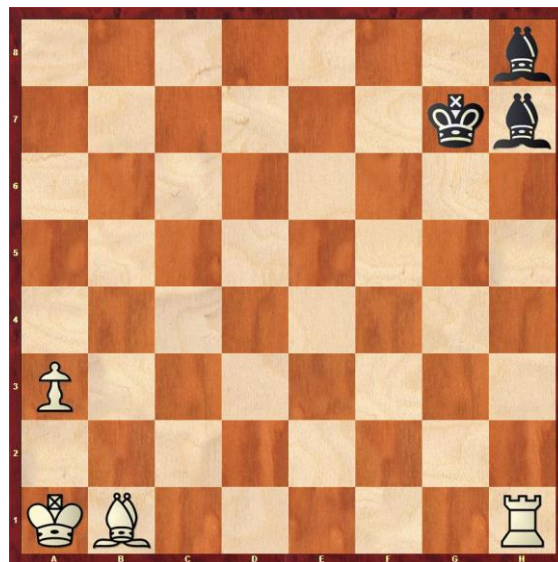
**In the Beginning – 294** (*Chess Camp 5-66*)

Black to move.



**In the Beginning – 296** (*Chess Camp 5-78*)

Black to move.



293. 1. ♖h1-h7+.

294. 1... ♜h8-a8.

295. 1. ♔f2-f3+.

296. 1... ♔g7-f8+.

## ***Mariya Muzychuk – New (15th) Women’s World Champion***



Isn't that a lovely idea? A crown made out of chess pieces!

Mariya Muzychuk, 22, is a Ukrainian Grandmaster. She was born near Lviv (Lvov).

There was always going to be a new World Champion after the third round of the 64-player knockout tournament ended with the elimination of the two past champions Antoaneta Stefanova and Alexandra Kosteniuk, the other past champion, Anna Ushenina having been knocked out the round before. Muzychuk defeated Natalia Pogonina 2.5-1.5 in the final.

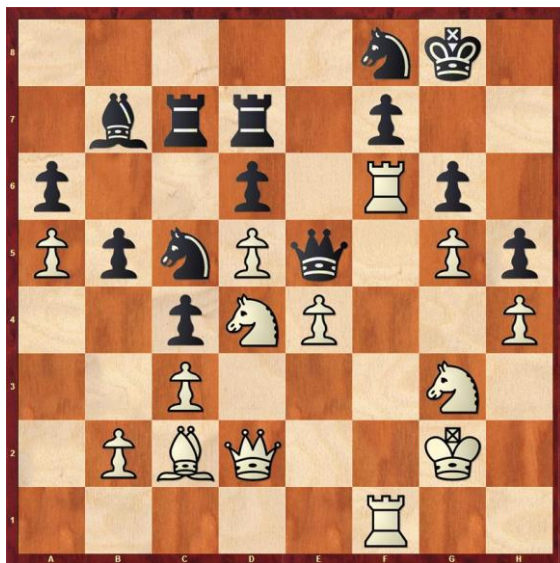
Hou Yifan did not take part but will play a match for the title against her new successor in October.



Mariya Muzychuk after winning the title: "My childhood dream came true!"  
[youtube.com/watch?v=DGXL-0...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGXL-0...) #c24live



The fantastic richness of chess is well demonstrated by the following position. It is from the second game of the four between Muzychuk and Natalia Pogonina in the final match. It was the only decisive game.



The game ended **45. ♖f6-f4 b5-b4**  
**46. ♠d4-f3 ♔e5-g7 47. c3xb4 ♠c5-d3**  
**48. ♖f4-f6 ♠f8-h7 49. ♠f3-d4 ♠h7xf6**  
**50. g5xf6 ♔g7-f8 51. ♙c2-a4 ♠d3-e5**  
**52. ♙a4xd7 ♖c7xd7 53. ♠d4-f3 ♠e5-g4**  
**54. ♠g3xh5 g6xh5 55. ♔d2-g5+ ♙g8-**  
**h8 56. ♔g5xh5+ ♠g4-h6 57. ♙g2-h2**  
**♔f8-g8 58. ♖f1-g1 1-0.**

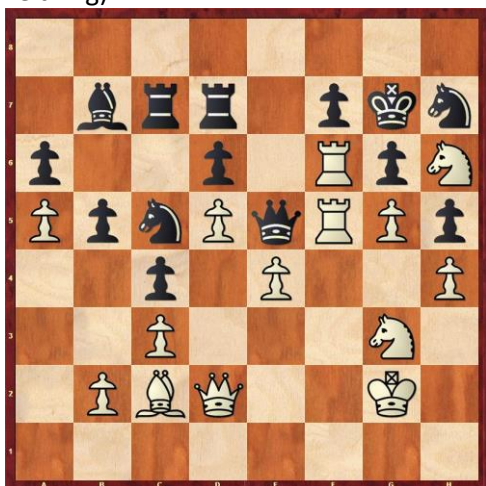
However, a fantastic variation was revealed by the chess engines: **45. ♖d4-f5!**



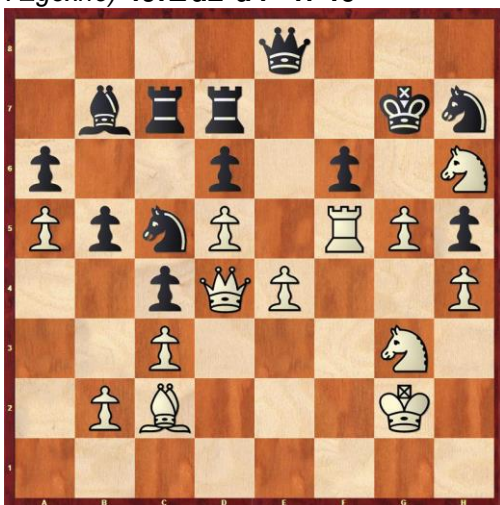
**45... ♖f8-h7** (if 45...g6xf5? 46.♟f1xf5 ♖e5-e7 (46...♖e5-e8 47.♜g3xh5 ♜f8-h7 48.♟f6-h6 and Black's position collapses.) 47.♟f6-h6 ♜f8-g6 48.♜d2-d4 ♜d7-d8 49.♜g3xh5 ♜g6-e5 50.♜h5-f6+ ♜g8-f8 51.♟h6-h8+ ♜f8-g7 52.♟h8-h7+ ♜g7-f8



53. ♖d4-d1! ♙b7-c8 54. ♖d1-h5 and the threat of Qh6 forces mate.) 46. ♗f5-h6+ ♖g8-g7 Several moves win, but who wouldn't like to play 47. ♖f1-f5 (47. ♖f6-f5 amounts to the same thing)



47... ♗g6xf5 48. ♖f6xf5 ♖e5-e8 (48... ♖e5xf5 49. ♗h6xf5+ ♖g7-g8 50. ♖d2-d4 f7-f6 51. ♗g3xh5) 49. ♖d2-d4+ f7-f6



50. ♗g5xf6+ ♖g7xh6 51. e4-e5 d6xe5 52. ♖f5xe5 and it's effectively all over but a few checks and blocks:



52... ♙b7xd5+ 53. ♖g2-h2 ♗d5-e4 54. ♖d4-e3+ ♖h6-g6 55. ♗c2xe4+ ♖g6-f7 55... ♗c5xe4 56. ♖e3xe4+ ♖g6-h6 57. ♗g3-f5+ ♖h6-g6 58. ♗f5-d6+ ♖g6-h6



59. ♖e4-f4+! ♖h6-g6 60. ♖e5-g5+ ♖g6-h6 61. ♗d6-f5#



56. ♗e4xh7 ♖d7-d2+ 57. ♖h2-h3 ♖e8-c8+ 58. ♗h7-f5 ♖c8-d8 59. ♗f5-g6+! ♖f7xg6 60. ♖e3-g5+ ♖g6-h7 61. ♖g5xh5+ ♖h7-g8 62. ♖h5-g6+ ♖g8-f8 63. ♖g6-h6+ ♖f8-g8 64. ♖e5-g5+ ♖g8-f7 65. ♖g5-g7+ ♖f7-e6 66. f6-f7+ and it is mate in a few moves, for example 66... ♖e6-e5 67. ♖g7-g5+ ♖d8xg5 68. ♖h6xg5+ ♖e5-e6 69. f7-f8 ♖e6-d7 70. ♖g5-g6 ♖d2-h2+ 71. ♖h3xh2 ♗c5-e6 72. ♖g6-e8#.



The gold medal (Adamas Fine Jewelry) and special cup (Imperial Porcelain Factory).



**– You mentioned the match with Hou Yifan. I don't think you had time to really think it over, but how do you estimate your chances? You met Hou Yifan twice, if I am not mistaken.**

– Yes, we played some games. I don't remember the exact score, but there were some draws and some wins for her. I hope it will be a close match.

**– Did you sense before the championship that you have a shot at winning it? Did you bring a dress for the closing ceremony?**

– This is actually a very interesting story. It all started with me packing at home. My sister asked: "Are you planning to be there for a long time?" And I said yes. Then she asked: "Are you taking your dress for the opening ceremony?" And I said: "No, I take it for the closing ceremony!"

**– What a deep calculation!**

– So in fact I was hoping to win the championship even before it started!

**– Do you think this victory will affect your life?**

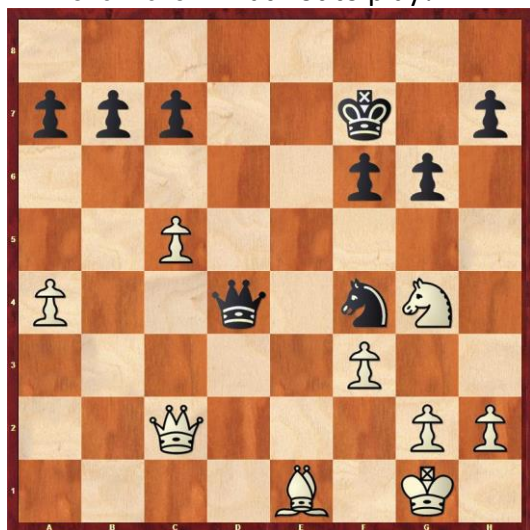
– I think it will in a big way. I will play the World Championship match and many other tournaments. I hope it will be easier for me to play after winning such a title.

(from her press conference) (interview & photos by Anastasia Karlovich)

# Puzzles

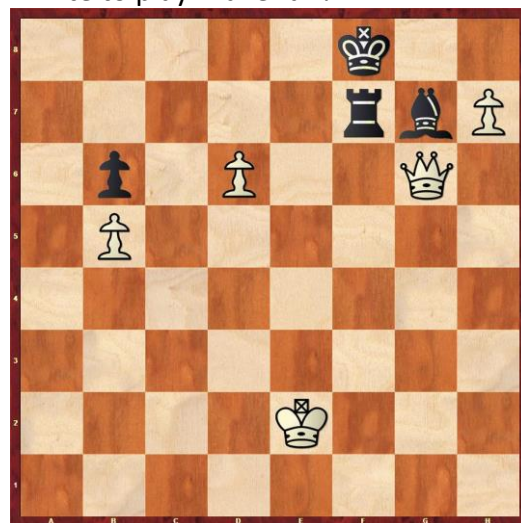
selected by FST & FM Kevin O'Connell ([www.kochess.com](http://www.kochess.com))

1 White to move. What not to play?



Anne HAAS – Mariya MUZYCHUK  
World Youth Girls u12 Championship 2004

3 White to play. Have fun!



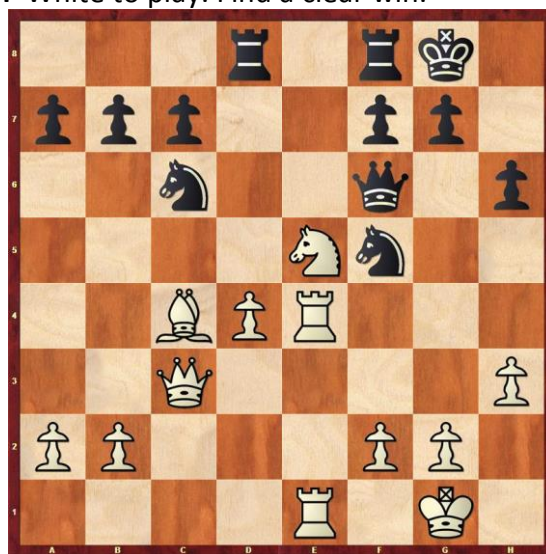
Mariya MUZYCHUK – Irine Kharisma SUKANDAR  
World Youth Girls u14 Championship 2006

2 White's move. Simple.



Mariya MUZYCHUK – Suzanne DE KOCK  
World Youth Girls u12 Championship 2004

4 White to play. Find a clear win.



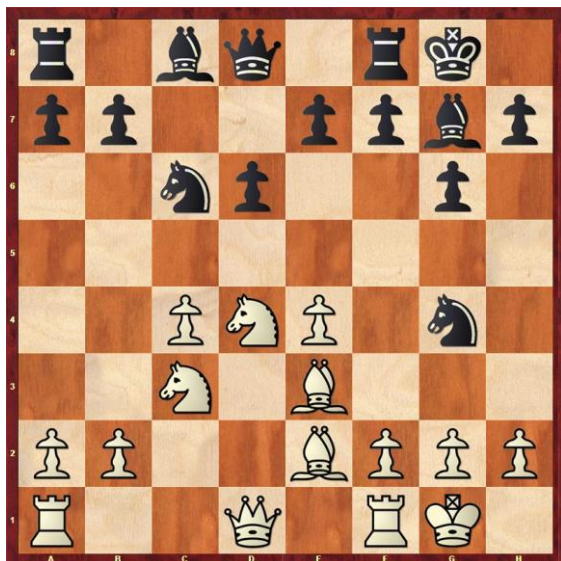
Mariya MUZYCHUK – Elena TAIROVA  
World Youth Girls u14 Championship 2005

## SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES

1. 1. e1-f2?? ♖d4-a1+ 0-1.  
2. 1. ♖e2-h5+ g7-g6 2. ♜h5xd5 ... 1-0.  
3. 1. ♜g6-h6 1-0.  
4. 1. ♜e5x7 ♜d8xd4 [1... ♜f8x7 2. ♜e4-e8! ♜f6xd4 3. ♜e8-e8+ ♜d8xe8 4. ♜e1xe8+ ♜g8-h7 5. ♜c4-d3+ ... 1-0.] 2. ♜f7xh6+ ♜g8-h7 3. ♜h6x7 ♜f6x7 4. ♜e4-h4+ ♜d4xh4

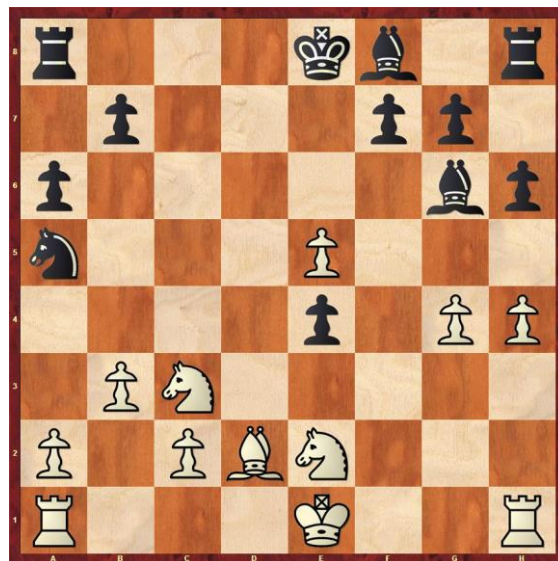


5 White to move.



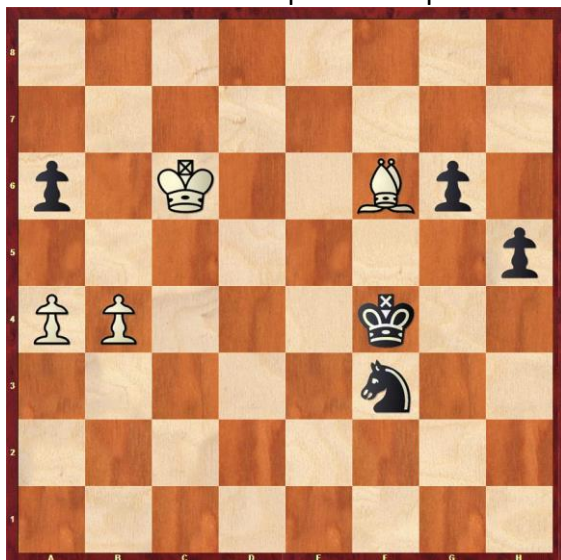
Mariya MUZYCHUK – Deysi CORI TELLO  
World Youth Girls u12 Championship 2004

7 White to move. Discover the best move!



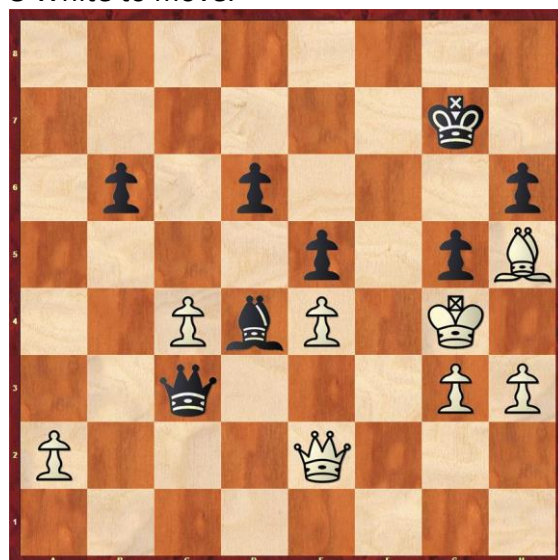
Mariya MUZYCHUK – Sandra TRIFONOVA  
World Youth Girls u14 Championship 2006

6 White to move. Simple technique?



Mariya MUZYCHUK – Alisa MELEKHINA  
World Youth Girls u14 Championship 2005

8 White to move.



Mariya MUZYCHUK – Ketis TSATSALASHVILI  
World Youth Girls u14 Championship 2006

## SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES

1. ♖e2xg4 [1...♙d4xg6 ♙g4xe3†] 1...♙c8xg4 2. ♙d4xc6 ♙g4xd1 [2...b7xc8 3. ♙d1xg4+] 3. ♙c6xd8 ♙d1-g4 4. ♙d8xb7 ♙f8-b8 5. ♙b7-a5 ♙b8xb2 6. ♙f1-c1+ ... 1-0.  
2. 1.b4-b5 a6xb5 2.a4xb5 h5-h4 3.b5-b6 h4-h3 4.b6-b7 h3-h2 5.b7-b8+ ♙f4-f5 6. ♙b8-b1+ ♙f5xf6 7. ♙b1-f1+ ... 1-0.  
3. 1.♙c3-d5 ♙a8-c8 2. ♙d2xa5 ♙c8-c5 3. ♙d5-c7+ ♙e8-d7 4. ♙a1-d1+ 1-0.  
4. 1.♙e2-f1 1-0. [1...♙d4-f2 66. ♙f1xf2 ♙c3xc4+; 1...♙c3-c2 2. ♙f1-f7+ ♙g7-h8 3. ♙f7-f8+ ♙h8-g8 4. ♙h5-f7+ ♙g8-h7 5. ♙f8-g6+ ♙h7-h8 6. ♙g6xh8#.]