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This issue is all about the World Team Championship in Armenia and the Women's World Team Championship in China.

In each case, our special emphasis is on the juniors taking part.

Tsaghkadzor or Tsakhkadzor (really Ծաղկաձոր because Armenian language is very different) means literally *Valley of flowers*.

World Team Championship Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

Photos: Arman Karakhanyan from the official tournament site



An unusual thing about the Ukraine team – the current Women's World Champion Mariya Muzychuk played on second board, below... her sister Anna!

Women's World Team Champ. Chengdu, China

Photos by Liu Yunpeng & Anatasiya Karlovich (via ChessBase)



The victorious Chinese team



The coveted medals



Ukraine wore the silver medals



Armenia - bronze

Star of the show was China's 15-year-old WEI Yi.



WEI Yi



This position is from Wei's game (White) against Maxim RODSHTEIN. Of course, playing at this level is difficult. Here's how it ended:

67.c6-c7 豐h1-c1+ 68.皇d4-c3 罝h3-h4+69.堂c4-d5 豐c1-d1+ 70.堂d5-c5 豐d1-g1+71.堂c5-b5

[71.\(\mathbb{L}\)c3-d4!





71... 幽g1-b1+ 72. 含b5-c5 幽b1-g1+73. 含c3-d4 幽g1-c1+74. 含c5-b6 幽c1-b1+75. 含b6-a7 幽b1-a2+76. 幽f6-a6 幽a2-f77. 幽a6-b5+含b5-g6 78. 幽b5-b6+含g6-f579. 含a7-b81-0.





Georgia – the surprise winners



Russia took silver



Home team China had to settle for bronze.



The playing hall



Board prize medals



Neither player nor spectator but the free day



At the Panda Sanctuary

Youth was to the fore in several respects in the Women's World Team Championship in Chengdu. First, we must mention the remarkable composition of the team from Kazakhstan, with juniors on the top two boards: Zhansaya ABDUMALIK (age 15) and Dinara SADUAKASSOVA (age 18). The prize for the best score on board 4 went to LEI Tingjie (age 18) with 72.2% just ahead of Alexandra GORYACHKINA (age 16) who scored 71.4%.



Zhansaya ABDUMALIK A tough time on top board



Dinara SADUAKASSOVA
4.5/8 on board 2
Including a win against ex-World Champion
Kosteniuk:



Saduakassova – Kosteniuk

42.⊈f3-**e2 Ξ**d3-b3 [42... **Ξ**d3-d4 43. **½**e1-c3]

43. 堂e2-d1 b6-b5 [43... 罩b3-b2 44. 罩a7-a1 罩b2-b3 45. 堂d1-c2; 43... 罩b3-b1+44. 堂d1-c2]

44.c4xb5 ②g6-f8 45.\$d1-c2+- ቯb3xe3 46.f2xe3 ②f8-d7 47.b5-b6 ②d7xb6 48.\$c2d3 ቯc8-b8 49.\$e1-d2 ②b6-c8 50. ቯa7-a6 ②c8-b6 51.ቯf1-a1 \$g8-f7 52. ቯa6-a7 \$f7-e8 53.\$d2-c3 \$e8-d7 54. ቯa1-f1 \$d8-f6 55. ቯf1-f5 ቯb8-h8 56.b4-b5 ②b6c8 57. ቯa7-b7 ②c8-e7 58.b5-b6 \$d7-c8 59. ቯb7xc7+ \$c8-b8 60.ቯf5xf6 1-0.

Alexandra Kosteniuk was Women's World Champion 2008-2010.



LEI Tingjie

Both Lei and Goryachkina were featured on the Puzzles page of FSM104. You will see them both again on the Puzzles page of FSM106. Goryachkina makes it a hattrick of issues – she's also featured in this issue's puzzles.

Our puzzles page this time features one of Zhansaya Abdumalik's losses, but it was against the reigning Women's World Champion!

Puzzles

selected by FST & FM Kevin O'Connell (www.kochess.com)

1 White to move. Simple?



WEI Yi – Mohamed EZAT World Team Championship 2015

2 Black's move. Just a little bit of care.



Zhansaya ABDUMALIK – Mariya MUZYCHUK Women's World Team Championship 2015

3 White to play. Have fun!



Alexandra GORYACHKINA – Nino BATSIASHVILI Women's World Team Championship 2015

4 Black to play. Find a clear win.



Evgeny POSTNY – Daniel NARODITSKY World Team Championship 2015

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES

- て9-71堂…74] **hs-hb邑 8b-8g邑.74** [+7g-8g邑.84 79-81堂…74] **71-81垈 +8g-2g邑.34** . ε
 - 2. 35... \$\frac{1}{36}\$\frac{1}{26}\$\frac{1}
 - [+cɔ-cə韋.85 81x8n益...75] 0-1 81x81基.75
- **7.9-89-4-+80-40-401-69** (24...45) **25.92-93 (4+) 25.92-93 (4-) 25.92-93 (4+) 25.92-93 (4+) 25.92-93 (4+)**