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2nd European Small Nations Individual Women Chess Championship

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Round 4

Serni Ribera leads the tournament solo with 4 points. Elvira Berend and Andrea Henderson lead with 3½ points.

Open Category



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The match of the day was, without a doubt, the one between the two youngest players of the tournament, the Andorran Serni Ribera and the Faroese Luitjen A. Apol.

The game was quite complicated. Serni chose a solid variation to combat the Sicilian Najdorf Defense posed by his opponent and gained his reward in the middlegame, where he enjoyed a space advantage and thus a superior position. He maneuvered well on the queenside until he achieved a passed pawn supported at c6, which tied the opponent's pieces to defense. He was finally able to promote it and, despite having to control some threats, secured an important victory.

He is followed with 3½ points by the international master from Luxembourg, Fred Berend, who in a long game managed to overcome Renato Frick (LIE). In an endgame where he had to play cautiously, the



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ROUND 4 RESULTS

4. ROUND 2024/06/25 at 15:00

B.	ELO		NAME	RESULT		NAME		ELO
1	1957		Strade, Arita	0 - 1	FM	Michaelides, Konstantinos		2317
2	2184	CM	Pace, Colin	0 - 1	GM	Efimov, Igor		2312
3	1907		Frick, Renato	0 - 1	IM	Berend, Fred		2235
4	2341	FM	Ribera Veganzones, Serni	1 - 0		Apol, Luitjen Akselsson		2251
5	1832		D'amico, Nicola	0 - 1		Carpenter, Paul A		1969

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B.	ELO		NAME	RESULT		NAME		ELO
1	0		Biordi, Mariane	0 - 1	WFM	Henderson De La Fuente, Andrea		1966
2	2230	WGM	Berend, Elvira	1 - 0		De La Riva Real, Ariadna		1774
3	1676	WFM	Markidou, Christianna	0 - 1		Muratet Carmona, Julia		1834
4	1872	AFM	Nevska, Gerda	1 - 0	WCM	Ruddy, Rachel		1719
5	1787	WFM	Thornton, Filipina	0 - 1	WIM	Zvereva, Marija		2040



GM Igor Efimov (MNC)

Liechtenstein player made a mistake that led to the loss of a pawn, and despite his resistance, Berend eventually took the point.

With 3 points, the grandmaster Igor Efimov (MNC) after winning with the black pieces against Colin Pace from Malta in a complicated game where the white pieces rushed on the queenside, a mistake that the Monegasque player exploited very well.

The fastest game of the day, with only 15 moves, was between Arita Strade (GCI) and the FIDE master Konstantinos Michaelides. The white pieces made a mistake in a theoretical variation, and soon after the black pieces were winning material, leading the Guernsey player to resign.

The last game to finish was between Nicola D'Amico (SMR) and Paul A. Carpenter (JCI). The San Marino player reached a rook end-game with a pawn down and couldn't stop his opponent's progression, who gradually improved his pieces to secure the final victory.



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Women's Category

Thanks to their victories in this fourth round, the players Elvira Berend (LUX) and Andrea Henderson (AND) share the lead in the women's category, tied with 3½ points.

The Luxembourg player won today with the white pieces against the Andorran Ariadna de la Riva. The truth is that our player, thanks to a tactical theme in the center right out of the opening, won a pawn and gained a clear advantage. Unfortunately, her play was not precise from that point on, and she also used up a lot of time. When her opponent decided to recover the pawn, the position seemed equal, but in time trouble, she made a mistake and allowed Elvira to build a checkmate net and take the point.

On the other hand, Andrea Henderson had a more peaceful game and won against the representative from San Marino, Mariane Biordi. With the black pieces, she gained a positional advantage in the middlegame that she steadily increased until converting it into a victory.

Just half a point behind, with 3 points, are the players Marija Zvereva (MNC) and Gerda Nevska (GCI). Both clearly overcame their opponents, Filipina Thornton (MLT) and Rachel Ruddy (JCI), in two games where they gained a clear advantage in the middlegame, leading to material gains.

Finally, the player from the Principality, Júlia Muratet, secured her first victory of the tournament against the player from Cyprus, Christiana Markidou. On this occasion, Júlia had the luck that had eluded her in previous rounds and won on time on move 38 when her position was actually inferior.

Tomorrow, there will be a double round again, at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, in a day that could clarify who the candidates for the final victory will be.

Photo Gallery Round 4



THE GAME OF THE ROUND



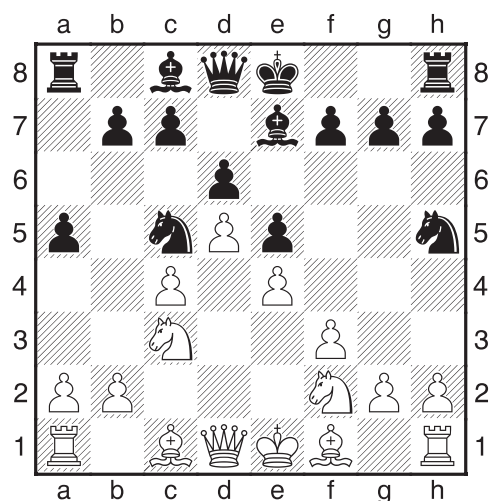
Thornton, Filipina (1787) (MLT)
Zvereva, Marija (2040) (MNC)
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[De la Riva Aguado, Oscar]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 ♗bd7 4.f3 e5 5.d5
 ♗h5 [5...e4!? This is an interesting possibility, which might be better than the one played.]

6.♗h3! [Good manoeuvre. The knight heads to f2 square, where it will be very well placed.]

6...♘c5 7.♗f2 a5 8.e4 ♕e7



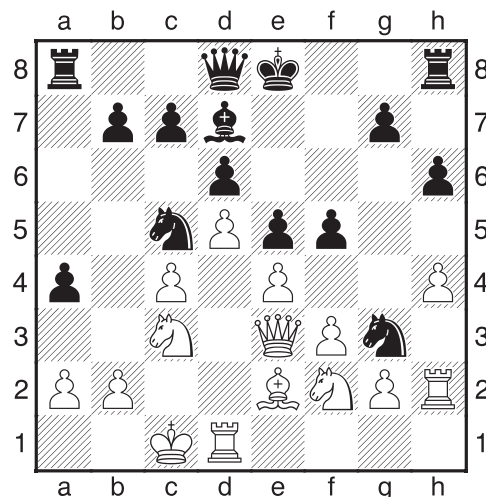
9.♕e3 [It was better 9.g3! avoiding the move 9...♕g5?? by 10.f4!+- and the knight on h5 is hanging.]

9...♕g5 [Black takes the opportunity to exchange the bishop] **10.♖d2 h6 11.♕e2** [11.♗d3 to change the horse with an equal position.]

11...♕d7 12.0-0-0 [A risky decision. It seems better to capture on g5 and play solidly. 12.♕xg5 ♖xg5 (12...hxg5 13.g3) 13.g3=]

12...a4 13.h4? [This is an error as it seriously weakens the black squares, Monaco's player will exploit it very well. It was not too late to exchange on g5.]

13...♕xe3 14.♖xe3 ♗g3 15.♖h2 f5+



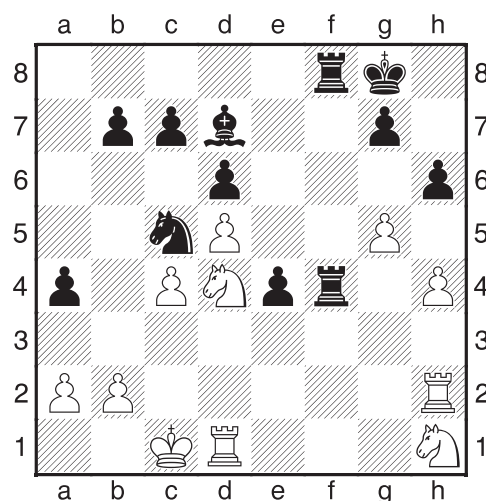
Suddenly White is in a big trouble and the following move aggravates the situation.

16.f4? [16.♗d3 f4 17.♖d2 It was for the best, although White lacks active plans.]

16...exf4 17.♖xf4 ♗xe2+ 18.♗xe2 0-0! 19.♖e3
 [19.exf5 ♕xf5-+]

19...fxe4 20.♗d4 [20.♗xe4 ♖e7 21.♗2c3 ♖ae8 22.♖e1 ♗xe4 23.♗xe4 (23.♖xe4 ♖f6-+) 23...♕f5-+]

20...♖f6 21.g4 ♖f4 [21...♖e5-+] **22.♖xf4 ♖xf4 23.g5 ♖af8 24.♗h1**



24...♗d3+ 25.♗b1 ♕g4 26.♖dd2 ♖f1+ 27.♗c2
 ♖c1# 0-1



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Serni Ribera, líder en solitari de l'Open dels Petits Estats d'Europa

El representant andorrà és l'únic jugador que compta amb tres punts

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El representant d'Andorra Serni Ribera (2341 FIDE) continua líder en solitari del cinquè Campionat dels Petits Estats d'Eu-

ropa després de signar dilluns una nova victòria contra el jugador de Jersey, Paul A. Carpenter (1969 FIDE). Gràcies a un pla de joc molt ambiciós, Ribera va aconseguir ràpidament avançar que no va deixar escapar en cap moment de la partida. Així, el tricolor és l'únic jugador amb tres punts.

En el campionat femení, la sorpresa la va donar una de les representants andorranes, Jú-



Serni Ribera, líder en solitari del torneig.

lia Muratet (1834 FIDE), qui va aconseguir fer taules amb la favorita del torneig, la Gran Mestre femenina de Luxemburg, Elvira Berend (2230 FIDE). Pel que fa al duel andorrà entre Ariadna de la Riva (1774 FIDE) i An-

drea Henderson (1966 FIDE) la disputa va durar poc, ja que de seguida les jugadores van signar taules. Actualment, la classificació del segon campionat femení l'encapçalen amb 2,5 punts Berend, Henderson i de la Riva. ●

en solitari el Campionat de Petits Estats

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ANDORRA LA VELLA

Serni Ribera lidera en solitari el Campionat individual de Petits Estats d'escacs després de vèncer en la tercera ronda el jugador de Jersey Paul A. Carpenter, un lideratge que, al tancament de l'edició, defensava davant el jove escaquista d'Iles Feroe Luitjen Akselson Apol.

Pel que fa al Campionat femení, Júlia Muratet va donar la sorpresa en fer taules davant la favorita del torneig, la luxemburguesa Elvira Berend, mentre que el duel andorrà entre Ariadna de la Riva i Andrea Henderson també va acabar en igualada després que les dues jugadores signessin les taules ràpidament. Així, Berend, Henderson i De la Riva encapçalen la classificació amb 2,5 punts. Avui, doble ronda de matí i tarda.



Serni Ribera, en una partida.

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