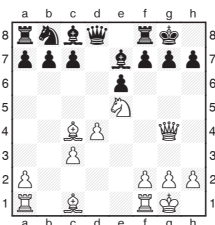


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## Teenager conquers China again

Ding Liren won the Chinese Championship for the third time this month, while still a teenager. It's particularly noteworthy as it is hard for young male players to make a mark on the world scene - unlike their female counterparts.



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**10... c7-c5**

It's wiser to immediately challenge White's imposing knight with 10...Nb8-c6.

**11.Bc1-h6 Be7-f6**

**12.Bc4-d3 Rf8-e8**

Black could have baled out with 12...Nb8-d7 13.Qg4-e4 g7-g6 but it was hard to foresee how powerful White's impressively conducted attack would be.

**13.f2-f4 g7-g6**

There are many attractive lines, one of the neater ones goes 13...Nb8-d7 14.Rf1-f3 Nd7-f8 15.Bd3xh7+ when white decisively strikes at the point Black had just protected. 15...Kg8xh7 (or 15...Nf8xh7 16.Rf3-g3 Bf6xe5 17.Bh6xg7) 16.Bh6xg7 Bf6xg7 17.Qg4-h5+ soon leads to mate.

**14.Bd3xg6**  
It's important to capture with the bishop preventing

the defence 14.Ne5xg6 f7xg6 15.Bd3xg6 Re8-e7.

**14... f7xg6**

**15.Ne5xg6 h7xg6**

White also wins following

15...Qd8-c7 16.Ng6-e5+

Kg8-h8 17.Qg4-h5

**16.Qg4xg6+ Kg8-h8**

**17.Bh6-g5 Bf6xg5**

If 17...Re8-f8 18.Rf1-f3

e6-e5 19.Bg5xf6+ Qd8xf6

20.Qg6-h5+ Kh8-g8 21.Rf3-

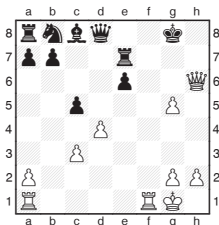
g3+ Qf6-g7 22.Rg3xg7+

Kg8xg7 23.Qh5-g5+

White's queen reigns supreme.

**18.f4xg5 Re8-e7**

**19.Qg6-h6+ Kh8-g8**



**20.g5-g6 Nb8-d7**

**21.Rf1-f3 Nd7-f8**

After 21...Qd8-f8

22.Rf3xf8+ Nd7xf8 23.Qh6-

g5 Re7-g7 24.Qg5-d8

White's queen paralyses Black's pieces.

**22.Ra1-f1 Nf8xg6**

**23.Rf3-g3**

23.Qh6xg6+ Re7-g7

24.Qg6-h5 e6-e5 25.Rf3-f7

stripping the king bare is even more effective.

**23... Re7-g7**

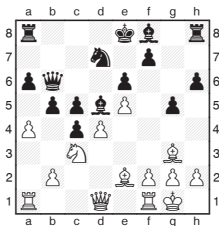
**24.Rg3xg6**

Black resigned, as

24...Qd8-d7 25.Rf1-f8+

Kg8xf8 26.Qh6-h8+ is

curtains.



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**16... Bf8-g7**

Black plays the first new move but his opponent proves well prepared.

**17.Nc3xd5 e6xd5**

**18.Be2-g4 Ra8-d8**

Black should have tried 18...c5xd4 19.a4xb5 Nd7-c5.

**19.e5-e6**

Exploiting Black's tardy development.

**19... Nd7-f6**

19...f7xe6 20.Bg4xe6

Qb6xe6 21.Rf1-e1 Bg7-e5

22.a4xb5 a6xb5 23.Bg3xe5

O-O 24.Be5-g7 is also difficult for Black.

**20.a4xb5 a6xb5**

**21.Rf1-e1 Nf6-e4**

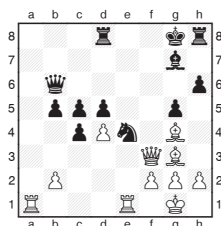
**22.e6xf7+ Ke8xf7**

**23.Qd1-f3+ Kf7-g7**

23...Bg7-f6 24.d4xc5

Qb6xc5 25.Bg4-h5+ Kf7-

g7 26.Qf3-f5 infiltrates decisively.



**24.Re1xe4**

There was an instant strike with 24.Bg3-c7 as 24...Qb6xc7 25.Bg4-e6+ Kg8-h7 26.Qf3-f5 leads to a pretty light-square mate.

**24... d5xe4**

**25.Qf3xe4 Rh8-h7**

**26.Bg4-f5 Kg8-h8**

**27.Bf5xh7 c5xd4**

**28.Bh7-f5 Qb6-f6**

Preventing the bishop swap that would occur after 28...d4-d3 29.Bg3-e5.

**29.Ra1-a7 d4-d3**

**30.Ra7xg7 d3-d2**

30...Kh8xg7 31.Bg3-e5

d3-d2 32.Be5xf6+ Kg7xf6

33.Qe4-e6+ Kf6-g7 34.Qe6-

g6+ doesn't help.

**31.Rg7-h7+ Kh8-g8**

**32.Bf5-e6+ Kg8-f8**

**33.Rh7-h8+**

Black resigned, as

33...Qf6xh8 34.Qe4-f5+ is

mate in two.