

# *Suspense spreads in the National Chess Championship (f)*

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Havana, February 9 (RHC)-- A draw that kept the embrace at the top, signed by Lisandra Ordaz from Pinar del Rio and Yaniela Forgas from Santiago during the seventh round of the National Women's Chess Championship, which is almost leaving the city of Holguin and still nobody dares to predict a winner.

Ordaz defends the title conquered in 2020, but this time she has not managed to "escape" from the pack, as Yaniela continues without yielding and now both exhibit 5.5 points after dividing honors in 33 moves of a Bird defense.

"It's a bit of an unusual opening, which got them into an interesting position. Lisandra had perhaps a more favorable position and then in the middle game it was Yaniela who was able to find better winning options," Aramís Álvarez, coach of the women's Olympic team, described to JIT GM Aramís Álvarez.

"Yaniela missed her chances and finally Lisandra came out of complications, until they reached an equilibrium," he summed up about the most followed duel of the date at the Eradio Dominguez academy.

The other player from Pinar del Río, Yerisbel Miranda, was able to exercise her mastery over Yuleisy Hernández from the capital and scored a victory that left her as the only escort of the leaders, now with five points.

For Camagüey's Ineymig Hernández and Santiago's Maritza Arribas it was also a good afternoon because they won over Santiago's Leannet Bosch and Zirka Frómata, in that order.

Ineymig has 4.5 units, while Maritza has four and shares position with Yuleisy.

Completing Tuesday's results were the victory of Yoanna Gonzalez (HAB) against Patricia Hernandez (VCL), and the draw of Karen Gutierrez (MTZ) with Oleiny Linares (SCU).

In the eighth round, Ordaz will take white pieces against Oleiny and Yaniela against Yoanna; Ineymig will have the same color of figures against Yuleisy and Maritza will also make the first move against Leannet.

Finally, Yerisbel will have a board against Karen and Patricia against Zirka, the first mentioned always in possession of the light figures.

## TODAY'S GAMES

Yaniela-Ordaz:

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.d3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.c3 Nc6 8.De1 Te8 9.Df2 b6 10.Ce5 Bb7 11.h3 Dc7 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd2 Db7 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.f5 d4 16.cxd4 cxd4 17.g4 Tf8 18. Dh4 Tae8 19.Ng5 h6 20.Axc6 Dxc6 21.Ce4 g5 22.Df2 Ae5 23.h4 f6 24.Df3 Tc8 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Ad2 Rg7 27.Rf2 Da8 28.b4 Th8 29.Th1 Txx1 30.Txx1 Th8 31.b5 Txx1 32.Dxx1 Nc5 33.Df3 Nxe4+ (½-½).

Yuleisy-Yerisbel:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 Aa7 8.b4 Ce7 9.Te1 Ng6 10.h3 0-0 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxe4 13. Axf7+ Txf7 14.Txe4 Ad7 15.Ta2 Df6 16.Dh5 Axd4 17.cxd4 Df5 18.Dxf5 Axf5 19.Tae2 Axe4 20.Txe4 Te7 21.f3 Tae8 22.Nc3 c6 23.Bg5 d5 24. Txe7 Nxe7 25.g4 Ng6 26.Rf2 Tf8 27.Rg3 Rf7 28.a5 h6 29.Ae3 Te8 30.Rf2 Nf8 31.Ca4 Ce6 32.Nc5 b6 33.axb6 Tb8 34.Ca4 g5 35.Rg3 Ta8 36. h4 a5 37.bxa5 Txa5 38.b7 Tb5 39.Nc5 Nxc5 40.dxc5 Rg6 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.f4 Txb7 43.fxg5 Tb4 44.Rf3 Tc4 45.Re2 Txg4 46.Rd3 Tg3 (0-1).

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