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Civilizations varied, wisdom umbounded CHINA MEDAL LEAD GOES U



Australia, China, Vietnam (Xiangqi)



China, Hungary, Ukraine (Chess)



China, Russia, Vietnam (Chess)

At last night's Awards Ceremony, Chinese competitors again had a busy time. Their Xiangqi woem's team collected their only gold medal, however. Two silver chess medals and a bridge bronze brought their tally to four and there probably are more to come...

Congratulations to the Hungarian Chess men who just had an edge on the hosts to win the first gold medal for their country at these 1st WMSG. Congratulations also to the Russian women who had a much easier ride in their fiunal against the hosts.

In the Xiangqi Team event, not surprisingly the gold went to China, but here we saw Australia enter the medal standings by finishing second, ahead of Vietnam.

















Today's Programs

Bridge

Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams:

At CNCC:

11.00 hrs – 13.20 hrs.: Semifinal, segment 4 14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Semifinal, segment 5 17.10 hrs – 19.30 hrs.: Semifinal, segment 6

Youth Pairs (-28), played at BICC

10.30 hrs. – 14.00 hrs.: Final, session 2 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Final, session 3

Chess

Rapid teams, Men:

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Rounds 3-4 15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Rounds 5-6

Rapid teams, Women:

10.00 hrs. -13.30 hrs: Rounds 3-4 15.00 hrs. -19.00 hrs: Rounds 5-6

Draughts

64-square Individual Men:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 7 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Playoffs 64-square Individual Women: 10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 7 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Playoffs

Checkers:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 5 16.00 hrs. – 19.30 hrs.: Round 6

Go

Teams, women:

10.00 hrs. - 13.30 hrs.: Semifinals

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Final and bronze medal playoff

ieams, men:

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 5 15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Round 6

Mixed Pairs:

10.00 hrs. – 11.30 hrs.: Round 7 13.30 hrs. – 15.00 hrs.: Round 8 16.00 hrs. – 17.30 hrs.: Round 9

Xiangqi

Teams, men:

09.00 hrs. – 12.00 hrs.: Round 5 15.00 hrs. – 18.00 hrs.: Round 6

Today's Awards Presentations

 23rd Medal
 G Teams Women
 19.00-19.10

 24th Medal
 Bridge Pairs (Youth-28)
 19.30-19.40

All awards will be presented in the Convention Hall No. 3, BICC, Ground Floor.

Go Women's Teams Quarterfinals Korea bt Great Britain DPR Korea bt Chinese Taipei Japan bt Australia China bt Germany

Chess - Team Rapid

Men					Women	
1	Philippines	4			Russia	4
2	Iceland	4		2		4
3	USA	4		3		4
4	Hungary	4		4	China Iran	4 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 2 2
5	China	4			Ukraine	3
6	Brazil	3		7	Turkey	3
7	Turkey	3		8	Latvia	3
8	Vietnam	3		-	India	3
9		3		10 11	Vietnam Lithuania	3
1	Iran		1 1		Belarus	2
10	Austria	3		13		2
Ш	India	3			Italy Estonia	2
12	Singapore	2	I I	15		2
13	Denmark	2	l I		USA	2
14	Ukraine	2		١7	FF	2 2 2 2
15	Mexico	2		18		2
16	Slovakia	2	l I		Slovakia	2
17	Mongolia	2	1 1-		Mexico Austria	2
	Latvia	2	1 1		Australia	
19	Estonia	2			Mongolia	i
1	Lithuania	2		24	Denmark	0
1				25	Norway	0
21	Italy	2		26		0
22	England	2	1 1	27	Turkmenistan	0
23	Australia	2		28	Tunisia	0

Go Results

М	Men Teams - After 3 Rounds Group I						
L	Korea	6					
'		6					
2	Russia						
3	Chinese Taipei	6					
4	Netherlands	4					
5	Chinese Taipei Netherlands Australia	4					
6	DPR Korea	4					
7	France	4					
8		4					
9	Germany	4					
10	Ukraine	4					
П	Serbia	2					
	Sweden	2					
13	Macau, China	2 2					
14	Israel	2					
15	Argentina	2					
16	Portugal	2					
17	Great Britain	2					
18		0					
19	Mongolia	0					

Mixed Pairs - After 6 Rounds Group I I China 10 2 Czech Republic 8 3 USA 8 4 Norway 6

Mi	xed Pairs - After 6 Group 3	Rounds
-	lapan .	8
2	Hungary France	6
3	France '	6
4	Germany	4
	Netherlands	4

Men Teams - After 3 Rounds									
	Group 2								
	Japan	6							
2	China	6							
3	Romania	6							
4	Hong Kong,China	4							
5	Malaysia	4							
6	Canada	4							
7	Poland	4							
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9	Finland	4							
10 11	Hungary	4							
11	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2							
12	Italy	2							
13	Spain	2							
13 14	New Zealand	2							
15	Czech Republic	2							
16	Slovakia	2							
17	Chile	2							
18	Mexico	0							
19	Azerbaijan	0							
20	Costa Rica	0							
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Mixed Pairs - After 6 Rounds Group 2 I Korea I0 2 DPR Korea 8 3 Great Britain 6 4 Russia 6 5 Finland 6

Mi	Mixed Pairs - After 6 Rounds					
	Group 4					
	Ukraine	8				
2	Mongolia	8				
3	Canada	4				
4	Chinese Taipei	4				
5	Thailand	4				

Ngo Lan Huong and Xiangqi

by Jia Zhiruo

It is the final round of Xiangqi women's team event. The whole venue was filled with a tense atmosphere. In this round Vietnam was scheduled to play against Ukraine, a relatively weaker team. Instead of playing herself, the No. I Vietnamese player Ngo Lan Huong gave the opportunity to her team mates Cao Fhuong Thanh and Nguyen Phi Liem, leaving herself taking pictures at the venue with the Xiangqi friends.

Ngo Lan Huong is quite good at Chinese. She even has an online translation job in Vietnam for the moment. She told the reporter, her main duty is to turn Cantonese into Vietnamese, for recently Vietnam has a lot of business and culture exchange with Guangdong. She has been working at this job for about one and a half months now and she thinks it's very interesting. As for Xiangqi, Ngo Lan Huong said, "I'm different from them (referring to Cao Fhuong Thanh). They have training every day with the Vietnam national Xiangqi team, but I haven't touched the pieces for long. For example, the Vietnamese players got a four-month intensive training before the World Mind Sports Games but I was the only one permitted not to take part. I feel my skills are getting worse now (laughing...). If some day I really cannot make any achievements, I may not persist with the game."

Actually Ngo Lan Huong is renowned in the Vietnamese sports circle. When the Olympic torch relay was carried on in Ho Chi Minh city this year, she was one of the most striking torchbearers. Her Xiangqi career has reached the climax since she won the championship of the Asian Indoor Games last year.

Ngo Lan Huong expressed her impressions about the 1st WMSG, "The Chinese players are quite strong. Objectively speaking, I'm inferior to them. The weather in Beijing doesn't fit me well and the slight cough made me lose my form to some extent. In Vietnam it is 38°C or 39°C. Beijing is too cold for me." Ngo Lan Huong was fiddling with a computer when the reporter came to her. She told the reporter, she was explaining an online Xiangqi set to her friends in Vietnam. She typed swiftly; maybe this has something to do with her new online translation job.



Ngo Lan Huong

BRIDGE

OPEN TEAMS S-Final, After 3 Rounds

Mat	Total	
I Italy	Norway	138 - 59
2 England	Germany	83 - 91

WOMEN TEAMS S-Final, After 3 Rounds

Mat	ch	Total
I China	USA	69 - 70
2 England	Turkey	143 - 70

SENIOR TEAMS S-Final, After 3 Rounds

Matc	h	Total
I USA	Egypt	164 - 72
2 Indonesia	Japan	70 - 99

Medal Standing for the 1st World Mind Sports Games

	Country (Region)	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	China	7	6	6
2	Russia	3	I	2
3	Norway	2	I	I
4	Korea	I	3	2
5	Ukraine	I	2	I
6	Bulgaria	I	I	0
	France	I	I	0
8	Latvia	I	0	I
9	D.P.R Korea	I	0	0
	Sweden	I	0	0
	Denmark	I	0	0
	Ecuador	I	0	0
	Hungary	I	0	0
14	Poland	0	2	0
15	Vietnam	0	I	3
16	India	0	I	1
17	Netherlands	0	I	0
	England	0	I	0
	Australia	0	I	0
20	Malaysia	0	0	1
	Singapore	0	0	I
	Greece	0	0	I
	China HongKong	0	0	1
	Iran	0	0	ı

The Go event is an attractive place to be

by Max Millot (courtesy of Ranka - International Go Federation)



Ranka: Hello Dominique. This is not the first time you are participating in a world event. So how do you look at these WMSG?

Dominique: In fact, I only played in the Women Amateur World Championships in 1992. These WSMG are something completely different in my view, they are ten times bigger, there is more variation and I cannot think of a tournament that would make a more over-

whelming impression than this one. The mix of amateurs and professionals has worked out beautifully well; both groups are treating each other with much respect. I have been able to attend when a game was commented in public and I even could ask my own questions there. In the individual tournament, an opponent, a professional player from Chinese Taipei, graciously accepted my request to go through the game together and another professional came over to join us. All the professionals are friendly and pleasant people. Of course, there may be a few language problems but they would easily enough be overcome with the help of some body language and the playing materials. Yes, this really is a delightful competition.

Ranka: Since when have you been playing? What sort of changes did you see in the French Go world during this time? Dominique: I have been playing for more than 30 years. Five or six years after I started, I put the game aside for more than 15 years. My son then discovered Go through the Hikaru No Go manga. As I had to accompany him to his tournaments and exhibitions, I restarted playing myself as well. Compared to the time at which I started, Go has developed enormously. Internet was the first revolution in the world of Go. Nowadays, there are many more players and an innumerous amount of youngsters too. Maybe, the most remarkable thing in France is that Paris is no longer the ultimate place to be, as it used to be in the past. There is an important Go club in Marseilles, of which a number of French champions are members, there is a large club in Toulouse, that won the French Clubs Championships, there is Strasbourg and its youngsters...The manga has highly contributed to this recent development, as it has for my son.

Ranka: What about women's Go in France?

Dominique: Women's progress has not been as big as in other European countries. That's what I found out at the European Championships. In some other countries, there are many very strong female players.

Ranka: Let's return to the WMSG. Some female players preferred to play in the Open event rather than the women's event. The French women, however, did not.

Dominique: This is a part of the regulations which I don't know very well. Had the communication been better, some (female) players would have chosen to play in the Open event. I like the PairGo because I think this is a more appropriate way to develop the female Go than the women's tournaments. There are already a few pairs in which the woman is the stronger player. If it is true that women don't play as much as the men, I think this is a matter of culture and education. We may possibly overcome these differences more easily if we start to try and change its direction at an early stage but the problem, alas, already starts during one's childhood. Boys often are more addicted to our game than girls.

Ranka: Apart from the WMSG, have you been anywhere else?

Dominique: Yes, we went to the Olympic Park, the place where the Chinese participants in these Games are living. It's really extraordinary that all Chinese contestants, no matter in which discipline, are living together in the same building. This would be inconceivable in France, at least for the moment. Accompanied by Wei Dong, we went to the Games Market in South West Beijing to buy stones, and goban (Go boards) for 80 Eurocents apiece. The Go boards to put on the wall also were interesting but we are afraid it may be difficult to transport them with our luggage. Anyway, Beijing has really changed over the last two years: it has become an ultramodern city!

May I finally draw your attention to the "Mondial Des Jeux d'Esprit" to be held in Aix-les-Bains, in the French Alps, from 12-19 November, 2008? This event should attract players from Italy, Switzerland and Germany but why not from the rest of Europe and the world as well? All games present here, except Xiangqi, will be played and also coinche and scrabble (in French). There will be a Go championship on November 15-16. The site is:

Français:

http://pagesperso-orange.fr/henri.cottin/tournoi_mondial_Aix.html English:

http://pagesperso-orange.fr/henri.cottin/tournoi_mondial_Aix_en.html

Invitation for Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony for the 1st World Mind Sports Games will be held at 17:00 on October 18th. The Chinese Organizing Committee welcomes captains, coaches, and players participating in the Open Teams, Women's Teams, Men's Individuals, Women's Individuals, U28 Teams, U26 Teams, U21 Teams, Youth Pairs, and Youth Individuals, and WBF officials and technical personnel to the ceremony. Captains are kindly requested to register on 15th and 16th (11:00-19:30) the number of people wishing to be present at the ceremony and pick up the invitation letters on 17th (11:00-19:30) at the volunteer service desk in the north hall of the competition venue in CNCC, or the desk of the Chinese Organizing Committee in No. I Meeting Hall on the second floor of BICC.

Show your creativity

(courtesy of FMDJ)



Ekaterina Bushueva (Russia)

Among the participants in the 64-draughts event there are 19 world champions. At the men's 64 Brazilian, there are 13 world champions present, one of them in the under 23 years old category. The women's 64 Russian competition includes 6 world champions.

The men play according to Brazilian draughts rules; the Russian draughts rules are applied in the women's tournament. There is not much difference in the rules, so the players can switch games easily. The Brazilian draughts use the exact same rules as the international game. Russian draughts have two major exceptions to those rules. First there is no majority in taking game pieces. You are free to choose taking just one piece, also when there is a possibility of taking more. The second exception is that when a game piece reaches the end of the board, it will be immediately crowned as a king and can move accordingly, even in the same move.

Tournament directors of the 64 tournaments are Lélio Marcos and Alexander Kandourov. Sunday 12th was the first day of tournament; every day two rounds will be played. In every round the participants will play a micro match, which is a two game set. One match with black game pieces and one with the white. A micro match is common since the introduction of the lottery.

Both Marcos and Kandourov strongly believe in the current lottery system that has been used in every major 64 tournament for more than 20 years now. This lottery was invented in Russia and introduced to solve the problem of too many games resulting in a draw. The draws were achieved because a lot of players studied a few opening theories and if that knowledge did not lead them to victory, they certainly did not lose either.

The principle is that by giving the players a beginning position that deviates from the original starting position, the players can no longer prepare their opening moves and following strategy in advance. They are forced to be creative and you can only do so when you know what the game is about.

There are 360 opening positions in the lottery, according to Marcos this is too many to be able to study all of them. 252 of these positions cannot be achieved in any way during a game when you start with all your pieces in three rows. The other 108 positions are 'normal' opening positions you may come across when starting the old fashioned way.

In the women's tournament only the 108 normal positions are being used. The men play with the full lottery table. They will thus have a big chance to get a really deviated position. Marcos and Kandourov are convinced that playing this way is a boost for creativity and can easily be the future for other mind sports, too. Chess has already adopted this method in some events and draughts world champion Schvarzman (10×10 en 64 Russian) tries to have the lottery applied in the international draughts game also.

The 1st World Mind Sports Games "Go Discipline-Pair Go"

The Prizes from the Japan Pair Go Association

The Japan Pair Go Association will award the following prizes to the winners, 1st and 2nd runners-up pairs of the Pair Go event in the 1st World Mind Sports Games held in Beijing, China from 12th to 17 October:

Total Cash Prize: 800,000 Yen

Winner

500,000 Yen per pair (or merchandize equivalent thereto) **Ist Runners-up**

200,000 Yen per pair (or merchandize equivalent thereto)

2nd Runners-up

100,000 Yen per pair (or merchandize equivalent thereto)

The Prizes for the 19th International Amateur Pair Go Championship

Winner

- 1) Certificate, Plate and 100,000 Yen Cash Prize from the Japan Pair Go Association
- 2) Certificate from The Prime Minister of Japan
- 3) Certificate and Plate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs(If the winners are non-Japanese)

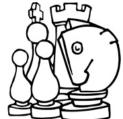
Ist Runners-up

- 1) Certificate, Plate and 50,000 Yen Cash Prize from the Japan Pair Go Association
- 2) Certificate and Plate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs(If the winners are Japanese)

2nd Runners-up

The 19th International Amateur Pair Championship Souvenir towel

Chess Teams Blitz Final Results



In the finals of 1st World Mind Sports Games Teams Blitz, the very impressive Hungarian men's team beat their counterparts from China 2.5-1.5 and 2.5-1.5 to win Gold while the Russian women took revenge for their preliminary round loss against China with a comprehensive 2.5-1.5 and 3-1 victory.

So China ended up with Silvers in both the men's and women's events.

The Bronze medals were taken by Ukraine (men) and Vietnam (women) who beat India (1.5-2.5, 3.5-0.5) and Turkey (3-1, 4-0) respectively.

Earlier, in the semifinals, China's men beat India 2.5-1.5 in the first match and did even better in the second match with a 3-1 victory to go comfortably through to play Hungary.

The Hungarian men drew a tense first match against the more favoured Ukraine side 2-2 but then won the second match decisively by 3-1 to book their place in the finals.

China's women also qualified for the finals with two 2.5-1.5 victories over a battling Turkey team while Russia trashed Vietnam 3.5-0.5 in their first match before drawing the second 2-2.

Draughts

	Draughts Brazilian, Me	en	13	Vitali Habryilian	6
	After 5 Rounds		14	Boriss Moushaillov	6
	Nikolay Struchkov	9	15	Laimonis Zalitis	6
2	Sergey Belosheev	8	16	Gennadi Shapiro	6
3	Ion Dosca	8	17	lwan Tokusarov	6
4	Alexander Schwarzman	8	18	Marcelo Ciro Martins	6
5	Oleg Dashkov	7		Markiel Fazilov	6
6	Andrius Kybartas	7	20	Abdukadir Tashtemirov	6
7	Anton Belikov	7	21	Gawril Kolesov	6
8	Valeriy Grebyonkin	7			0
9	Andrej Valjuk	7		Monea Norel	6
10	Arkadij Plakhin	7	23	Vladislav Mazur	6
11	Yury Korolev	6	24	Martins Junkurens	6
12	Kirill Ivanov	6	25	Vadim Lapin	6

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	Draughts 10x10 Rapi	ıd	/	Alexander Georgiev	8
	After 5 Rounds			Jean-Marc Ndjofang	8
	Bassirou Ba	10	9	Nikolai Gulyaev	8
2	Roberts Misans	9	10	Valery Kudriavcev	7
3	Guntis Valneris	9	Ш	Roel Boomstra	7
4	Alexander Getmanski	8	12	Leopold Kouogueu	7
5	Nikolaj Nikanorov	8	13	Dul Erdenebileg	7
6	Alexei Chizhov	8	14	Oscar Lognon	7

Women Teams Xiangqi - Final Results

女子团体象棋循环赛名次公布

Rank	Team	total match points		
名次	代表队	总场分	总局分	小分
1	CHN 中国	14	26	
2	AUS 澳大利	12	23	
3	VIE 越南	10	21	
4	SIN 新加坡	8	18	
5	INA 印尼	5	10	
6	USA 美国	3	6	4, 5
7	CAN 加拿大	3	6	2, 5
8	UKR 乌克兰	1	2	_

D	raughts Russian, Wom	en
	After 5 Rounds	
- 1	Viktoriya Motrichko	9
2	Elena Miskova	8
3	Julia Makarenkova	
4	Ekaterina Bushueva	
5	Nadiya Chyzhevska	
6	Ganina Lubov	
7	Julia Romanskaia	
8	Natalia Stepanova	(
9	Zhanna Sarshoeva	(
10	Darja Fedorovich	(
П	Simona Kulakauskaite	(
12	Zinaida Alexandrova	(
13	Antonina Langina	(
14	Regina Pironen	į
15	Olga Reynish	į
16	Sandra Laurutiene	į
17	Antra Valnere	Į
18	Elena Sorkina	Į
19	Nigina Bozorova	
20	Kaari Vainonen	Į
21	Ana Paula Araujo Brito	į

	Checkers					
	After 3 Rounds					
1	Ronald Suky King	12				
2	Alexander Moiseev	10				
3 4	Igor Martynov	8				
4	Bagtiyah Durdyev	8				
	Mustafa Durdyev	8				
6	Gintautas Petraitis	8				
7	Mikhail Shabshai	8				
8	Vladislau Habryielian	8 7				
9	Amangul Durdyeva	7				
10	Paolo Faleo	7				
Ш	William Docherty	7				
	Aleksejus Papulovas	7				
13	Oleksandr Kalin	7				
14	Shane McCosker	7				
15	lgor Keder	7 7				
16	Mirko De Grandis	7				
17	James Morrison	7				
18	Rawle Allicock	7				
19	Richard Beckwith	7				
20	Garret Owens	6				
21	Nikolay Abatsiejew	6				

Men Teams Xiangqi

男子团体象棋比赛

台次 Desk				
No.	代表队 Team	积分 Pts	代表队 Team	积分 Pts
台次	单位	前轮积分	后手单位	前轮积分
1	越南(VIE)	7	中国(CHN)	8
2	美国(USA)	6	新加坡(SIN)	6
3	中国香港(HKG)	5	印尼(INA)	5
4	中华台北(TPE)	4	法国(FRA)	4
5	日本(JPN)	4	英国(GBR)	4
6	俄罗斯(RUS)	3	荷兰(NED)	3
7	澳大利亚 (AUS)	3	中国澳门(MAC)	3
8	芬兰(FIN)	2	德国(GER)	3
9	加拿大(CAN)	2	乌克兰 (UKR)	0

Beijing - here we are!

by Ingo Zachos

Hello readers,

I am now calling "live" from the WMSG in Beijing.

The Checkers tournament started yesterday, and we have a record entry with 42 participants.

To call it a record is easy, as is the very first WMSG, but also the recent Qualifiers from the WCDF did not attract more players so far.

Especially the former Soviet Union is strongly represented, as there are 13 players from that countries and players from Germany, USA and Israel that were born as Soviet citizens.



Kim Willis

Also 6 ladies attended, most prominent amongst them the current World Champion Amangul Durdyeva and the recently dethroned World Champion Patricia Breen. Also the experienced American Kim Willis and the best Barbadian Lady Wilma Branch try to hold their own against the male competitors. Javzan Gerulchuluun from Mongolia, who already once won the US nationals in the Ladies category in 2003 and Anneli Veski-Burr from Estonia, who is the only debutant in that circle round up the Women's field.

To all of them except Amangul there is much at stake, as the best placed woman in Beijing will be endorsed as official challenger to Amangul Durdyeva in 2009. In case Amangul will be the best woman, the second placed will become challenger.

After two rounds, Amangul leads the race with 5 points ahead of Javzan Gerulchullun with 4 points, Pat Breen and Anneli Veski-Burr on 3, Kim Willis on 2 and Wilma Branch on. That standing reflects how hard it will be this time to become a World Championship contender, and I hope that in 2012 Checkers, like Draughts 100 will hold a seprate Women's event, with medals at stake.



Ron King

Spotlight on the Xiangqi Venue



Viktoriya Korsak, Ukrainia

In the 1st round of the Xiangqi Women's Team Event at the 1st World Mind Sports Games, last Saturday, Ukrainian 17-year-old girl Viktoriya Korsak found herself possibly a little embarrassed. "Do you intend to improve your skills by learning from a Xiangqi grandmaster?", asked the reporter. What he got was: "Of course I'd like to improve my skills, but I'm still a student now and I cannot afford the time. Xiangqi is only my hobby and interest is the best teacher to me."

By the participation of several beauties, the Xiangqi venue was enlivened to some extent. Naturally the two fashionable Ukrainian girls became the focus of the media and always were in the spotlights. However, they didn't seem to do well in the competition. Viktoriya Korsak was reduced to an inferior situation shortly afterwards, while things went even worse for her 13-year-old compatriot Sofiya Shevchuk. During the instruction after the game, the grandmaster Zhuang Yuting even told Sofiya Shevchuk, "The match has come to a foregone conclusion. Let's start a new match; I will make a concession."

Later, we came to know that Sofiya Shevchuk has just been learning Xiangqi for one month. Before this, she also participated in the Go competition at the WMSG and won two sets. Probably she is much better at Go. Sofiya Shevchuk said, "Go and Xiangqi are both interesting, but personally, I think Go is more difficult." While Viktoriya Korsak told the reporter," I learned Xiangqi through my father. He is pretty good at Chess and intended to teach me Chess; but I'm not interested. Xiangqi is more engaging to me."



Sofiua Shevchuk, Ukrainia



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