

Maritza Arribas contributes with a draw in World Team Chess Championship

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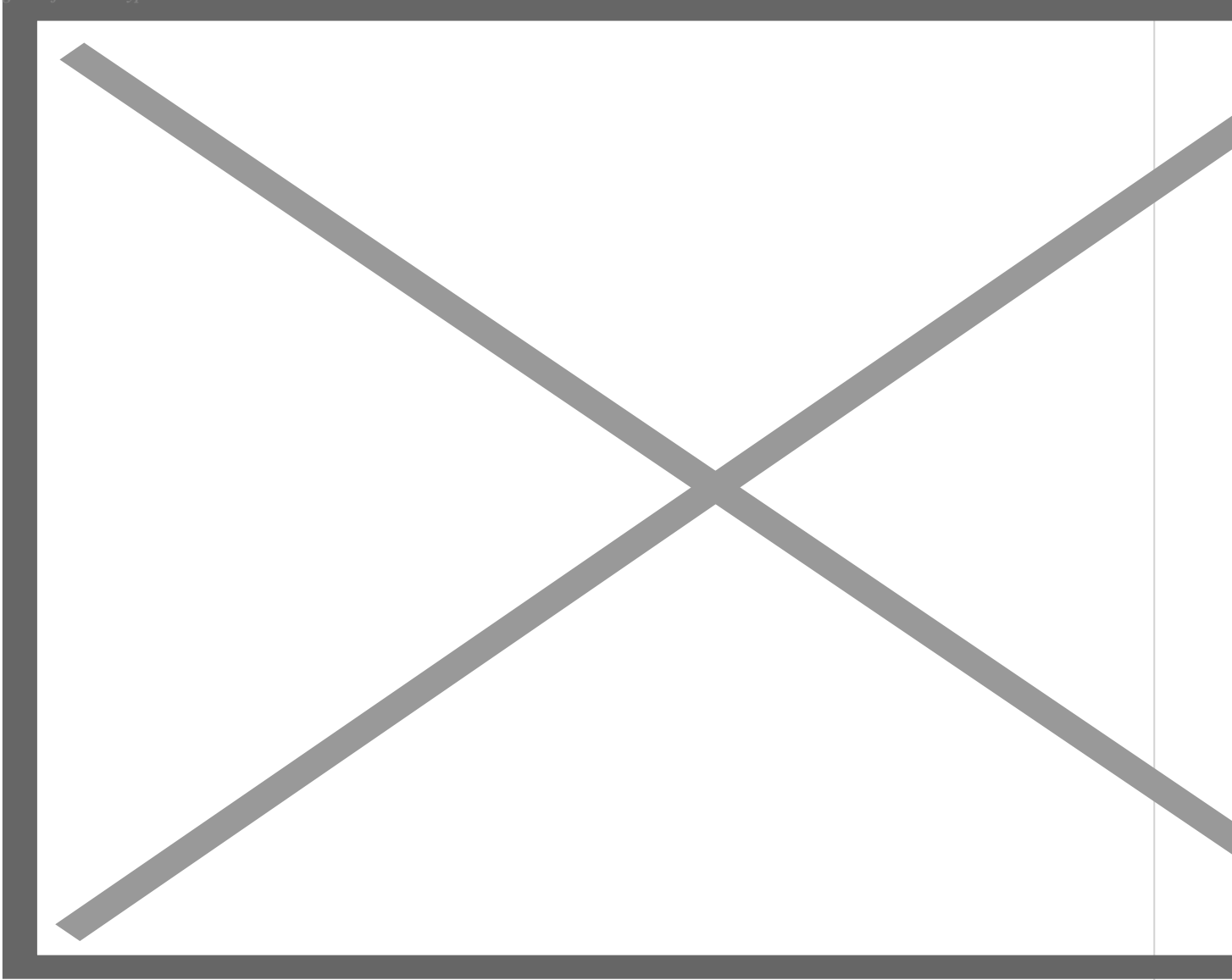


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Havana, September 29 (RHC)-- Cuban Maritza Arribas agreed a draw in her only participation in the World Team Chess Championship for women, which has only one elimination day left in the Spanish city of Sitges.

Maritza defended the fourth board of the Fide Americas team in the match against Germany and split the point with Melanie Lubbe to accumulate so far 1.5 points, after three games played in the competition.

In the end, the confrontation with the Germans ended 2-2, as the Canadian Maili-Jade Oullet also made peace with Hanna Marie Klek, the Argentinean Carolina Lujan won against Jana Schneider and the leader of the group, the Peruvian Deysi Cori, lost to the well-known Elisabeth Paehtz.

After four rounds, the representative of the American continent occupies the fourth place in group B with 6.5 points, having previously lost 1.5 - 2.5 against Kazakhstan.

In that duel Maritza took a break and the best result went to Oullet, who defeated Meruert Kamalidenova.

Georgia, with 10.5 points, leads the section and will have no problems to be included in the crossings, as it starts as favorite in the farewell match against the American team. Ukraine, with nine points, and Kazakhstan, with 8.5 points, also look comfortable to remain in the competition.

The fourth qualification ticket is the least "clear-cut", as the Americans and the Germans appear with the same number of points.

In Pool A, the CFR Team, made up of Russian players, separated itself from the rest and with 14 points is already assured of a place in the next phase. Armenia (9.5), India (8) and France (7) are the other teams with the best chances of advancing.

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