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# Press Release

Coach Steiner participates in the simultaneous exhibition against current reigning Women's World Champion and GM, Alexandra Kosteniuk.

This event took place shortly before the first round at the National Elementary Championships that took place in Atlanta, Georgia, May 7-9, 2010.

Steiner was tied as the top seed in the event but the eventual board 1 was granted to Steiner. As to be expected a majority of the participants were scholastic players. There were 48 boards. Most of the students were below 1000 rated. Maybe a quarter of the field was 1000-1500 rated.

Kosteniuk allowed 3 draws, only one loss and the rest were wins. The loss came at Steiner's expense.

It was a terribly interesting game as a very theoretical open Sicilian Dragon was played. Two intentional queen sacrifices were employed which made for great fireworks.

Steiner's board was the last one to finish. The game and simul lasted 3 hours 50 minutes.

Kosteniuk was very gracious after the game and exuded her usual feminine charm and etiquette.

Steiner was quoted as saying "I feel pretty good about this game, although I did have a tremendous time advantage over her. It wasn't the fairest of conditions for her, but she was a delight to play against."

#### Kosteniuk's Bio:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championship
- Grandmaster by the age of 14
- Hails from Moscow, Russia, but currently living in the United States
- 10<sup>th</sup> women in the history of chess to be awarded the male's GM title
- 5<sup>th</sup> strongest women in the world by FIDE rating
- She was a very popular fashion model in eastern Europe
- Officially known as "The Chess Queen"

#### Web links:

<http://www.kosteniuk.com/>

<http://www.chessblog.com/2010/05/kosteniuk-in-atlanta-simul-seminar.html#links>

<http://www.chesspics.com/index.php?e=134>

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