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## ROUND 5 HIGHLIGHTS

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ROUND 5 // LENNART OOTES

## ROUND 5 RESULTS

♔ GM V. Anand	1
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♚ GM P. Svidler	1/2

## CURRENT STANDINGS

1. GM M. Vachier-LaGrave	3 1/2
2. GM M. Carlsen	3
3. GM V. Anand	3
4. GM F. Caruana	2 1/2
5. GM L. Aronian	2 1/2
6. GM S. Karjakin	2 1/2
7. GM W. So	2
8. GM H. Nakamura	2
9. GM P. Svidler	2
10. GM I. Nepomniachtchi	2

Round 5 of the Sinquefield Cup was the final round before the day off and the players certainly gave their all. The most remarkable games were played by the current and former World Champions. Viswanathan Anand played a sparking sacrifice, completely demolishing Fabiano Caruana and winning in style. Magnus Carlsen was able to shake off yesterday's brutal loss by taking advantage of Wesley So's careless handling of the position. The rest of the games ended peacefully. There is a slight change in the standings as Magnus Carlsen is only half a point behind the leader, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, while Fabiano Caruana is now a full point behind. The second half of the tournament promises to bring a lot of excitement as the race is very close!



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# GM VISWANATHAN ANAND - GM FABIANO CARUANA

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GM VISWANATHAN ANAND  
// LENNART OOTES

This was the most spectacular game of the round. Caruana opted for a line that he had never played before. His second, former World Champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov, explained the opening choice by saying that both players came to the game ready to fight. Anand did not gain any advantage out of the opening but trouble came when Caruana miscalculated a long line. This was a costly mistake for the American, but mistakes like these allow for brilliancies. Anand did not miss the opportunity by first sacrificing his bishop then playing a dazzling move that put his queen under attack, forcing his opponent to resign.

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5** [last time Caruana played this was in 2003! Clearly, he came ready to play a new position]

**5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Bc5** [rare line]

[6...Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 is the more common continuation]

**7.0-0** [7.Nxe5 trying to win a pawn by utilizing the g2 bishop 7...Nxc3 (7...Nxe5 8.Nxd5 simply loses a pawn) 8.bxc3 (8.Nxc6 now doesn't work because of 8...Qf6 now both the queen and f2 are under attack 9.dxc3 Qxf2+ 10.Kd2 Qxg2) 8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bd6 10.dxe5 Bxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 is not really an accomplishment for White as he now has a weakness on c3]

**7...0-0 8.d3 Bb6 9.Bd2** [White's structure is a reverse dragon]

**9...Bg4 10.Rc1 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Re8 12.b4** [trying to gain space on the queenside and kick out the c6 knight which will make the g2 bishop a monster]

**12...Qd6 13.Nd2 Qh6 14.Nc4 Qh5** [interesting maneuver by Black, putting pressure on the e2 pawn]

**15.Rc2 Rad8 16.Nxb6** [winning the pair of bishops and trying to control the Nd4 ideas. Now White's main task is to open the position as Black still has good control of the center]

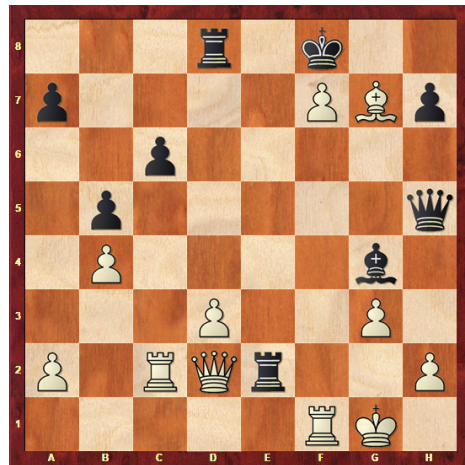
**16...cxb6 17.f3** [White is preparing the f4 break, but first he needs to kick out the bishop from g4 so his pawn on e2 will be safe]

**17...Be6 18.Qd2 b5?!** [Caruana went for this because he calculated a long line which happened in the game]

[18...Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.a4 Bd5 and the game keeps going]

**19.f4** [trying to open up the dark square bishop]

**19...Bg4 20.Bxc6** [giving up the bishop feels counterintuitive as White's king feels unsafe without it, but he wins an important pawn and gives Black another weakness on c6]

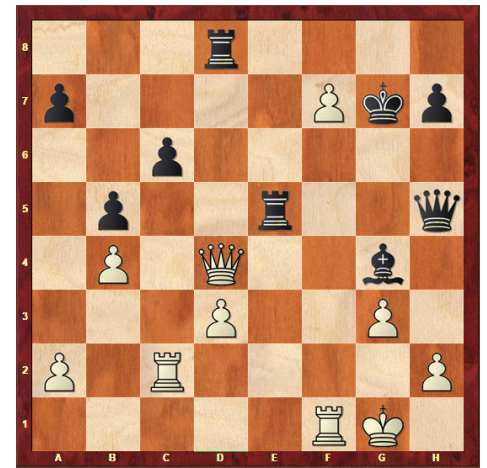


Position after move 24

**20...bxc6 21.fxe5 f6** [this was the move Caruana was counting on when he went for this but alas...]

**22.exf6 Rxe2 23.f7+ Kf8 24.Bxg7+!! Kxg7 25.Qc3+ Re5** [a better try is 25...Qe5 26.Rxe2 Qxc3 27.Re8 threatening to queen the pawn 27...Qxb4 28.f8Q+ Qxf8 29.Rxf8 Rxd3 objectively winning for White but he still has some work to do; 25...Kf8 leads to forced checkmate 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Qf6+ Kd7 28.Qxc6+ Ke7 29.Qf6+ Kd7 30.Qd4+ Ke6 31.Rc6+ Ke7 32.f8Q+ Rxf8 33.Qd6+ Ke8 34.Rxf8#]

**26.Qd4!!** [distracting the rook from defending the f8 square]



**26...Qg5** [26...Rxd4 27.f8Q+ Kg6 28.Qf6#; 26...Rf8 27.Rc5 Rx7 28.Rxe5 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 and the discovery check will end the game]

**27.Rc5 Rxd4 28.f8Q+ Kg6 29.Qf7+**

1-0



# GM WESLEY SO - GM MAGNUS CARLSEN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANNOTATIONS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA



GM MAGNUS CARLSEN  
// LENNART OOTES

The World Champion was coming off of a very heartbreaking loss in the previous round where he gave away the point. He did not waste this opportunity on a recovery, as many Grandmasters do, and proved once again why he's the strongest player in the world. So surprised his opponent in the opening by playing the Scotch Game. He obtained an advantage but started chasing ghosts by sacrificing a pawn instead of defending his advantage. The mistake was quite costly, as White had a vulnerable king and opening up the position only created problems for White. Black's pieces were able to penetrate and attack So's weak pawns. The US Champion resigned somewhat prematurely when he was down two pawns but it is doubtful Carlsen wouldn't convert that position.

[Magnus was coming in after a very demoralizing loss in the previous round, a game which he simply threw away from a winning position. In general the best players in the world magically manage to come back even stronger after such losses, a trademark of greatness, and today was no exception!]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4** [The first Scotch of the tournament, an opening that brings imbalances in the position quite quickly. In his post-mortem Magnus did mention Wesley's choice did surprise him early on]

**3...exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+** [4...Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Is the main line, leading to very sharp variations]

**5.c3 Be7 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d6 8.0-0 Nf6** [White scores very well in this line, especially due to his superior structure and central space advantage]

**9.Re1** [9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 Nd7 11.f4 a5 12.Nd2<sup>2</sup> 1/2-1/2 (59) Tari,A (2570)-Kovalenko,I (2651) Fornebu 2016]

**9...0-0 10.Nd2 Re8 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Bf4 Nc5 13.Bc2 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Be3!** [A very potent idea, one that Magnus missed during the game. the point is that White will be able to force Black to move his c6 pawn, weakening the pawn structure and the light squares in the center. This allows White to obtain a powerful advantage]

**15...Nd7 16.Ba4 c5 17.g4 Bg6 18.e5** [18. Bc6 Rb8 19.Qa4 Nb6 20.Qxa7 Taking the material was quite strong, but surely looked risky from afar 20...Rf8 21.Qa6±]

**18...Rb8 19.Bf4?** [Quite a flaccid move by Wesley, throwing away all his advantage and potentially facing an uphill battle to equalize already]

[19.b3 was necessary to maintain the advantage 19...Be4 20.Bf4 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 dxe5 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Rxe5<sup>2</sup> White enjoys a much superior structure!]

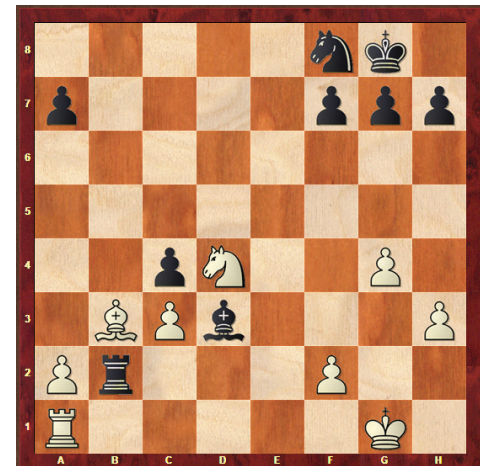


**19...Rxb2 20.exd6** [one mistake follows the other]

[20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.exd6 cxd6 22.Ne5 going for immediate simplifications was necessary 22...Qc8 23.Nxg6 hxg6 24.Bxd6 Bxd6 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qxd6=]

**20...Bxd6 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Bxd6 cxd6 23.Qxd6 Qe2μ** [Now Black's pieces are simply dominant, every single one of them is active and plays an important role in Black's mechanics]

**24.Qg3 Nf8 25.Re1** [25.Bb3 c4 26.Nd4 Qd3μ leads to a very sad endgame, which was definitely not what Wesley was willing to endure 27.Qxd3 Bxd3]



**25...Rb1 26.Rxb1 Bxb1 27.Bc6 Bxa2 28.Qd6 Qc4 29.Ne5 Qxc3** [Simply a demolition by the World Champion, who now goes into the free day only half a point behind the leader and will surely look to cut into that lead in the second half of the event. Wesley continues to struggle and will have to change something during the free day in order to get back into the tournament.]

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# GM SERGEY KARJAKIN - GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM SERGEY KARJAKIN //LENNART OOTES

Karjakin surprised everyone by playing a retreating move with his bishop in the opening. As beginners, chess players learn not to move the same piece twice in the opening when unprovoked. Karjakin explained that he did not want to go for theoretical complications and played a move that was suggested to him by a friend not remembering what the ideas of it. This inaccuracy allowed Nepomniachtchi to obtain a winning advantage which he was unable to convert as he chose to go for a rook endgame instead of keeping more pieces on the board.

**1.e4 d6** [This was a surprising choice of opening from Ian!]

**2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4** [this opening is one of the white many choices to approach pirc defense.]

**4...Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be2** [since Nepomniachtchi was playing very fast, Karjakin felt that he was not fully ready for all the theoretical sharp lines. so he chose an unknown move to surprise his opponent. Later he explained that Be2 was recommended to him by a friend of his while ago but he couldnt remember the ideas afterwards.]

**7...Bg4 8.Be3** [8.e5 Nepomniachtchi said in the commentary that he thought e5 was the idea behind Be2; 8.d5]

**8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.d5 Nd4** [black already has achieved an equal position out of the opening.]

**12.0-0** [12.Bxd4 winning the pawn doesn't work tactically 12...exd4 13.Qxd4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4?? Re8]

**12...c6 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.c3** [15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bxd4 (16.Qxd4 Ng4) 16...Rad8 and the pin is devastating for White]

**15...Nxf3+ 16.gxf3** [now the king's position is compromised]

[16.Rxf3? Nxe4μ]

**16...Nh5 17.Qd3** [17.Qc2 Nf4 18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Bd4 Qa5 20.Qf2÷]

**17...Rfd8 18.Qc4 Rd7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.b4 Qd6 22.Qa6 Qc7 23.a4 Bf6 24.a5 Kg7 25.Qc4 h6 26.a6 Bg5 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.Qc5 Kg8** [28...Kf6μ this was the winning move. white is always going to have to look out for his weak king and so white idea is to exchange the queens. Black could have used this and pushed his king towards the center now. 29.Rb1 a) 29.Qe3 Qd6 30.Ng3 (30.Rc1 Ng7) 30...Nf4; b) 29.c4 Rd2 30.Rf2 Qd7 31.Qf8 Rxe2 (31...g4) ;



**29...Rd2 30.Re1 Qd7**

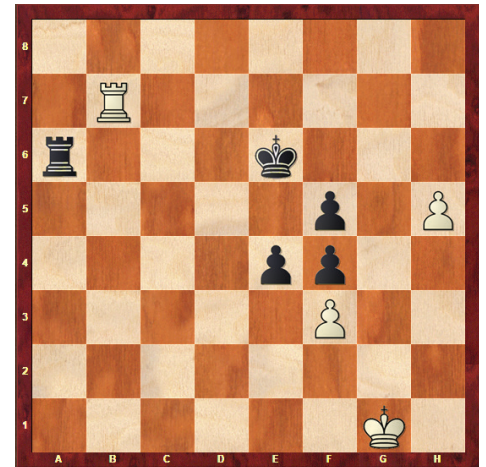
**29.b5 cxb5 30.Qxc7 Rxc7 31.Rb1 Rc5 32.Rd1 Nf4** [32...Rc6 Nepomniachtchi showed this line in the broadcast afterwards 33.Rd5 Rxa6 34.Rxb5 f6 more chances to win since the knight is still on board.]

**33.Nxf4 gxf4 34.Rd7 Rxc3 35.Kg2 Rc2+ 36.Kg1 Ra2 37.Rxa7 Kg7 38.Rb7 Rxa6 39.Rxb5 Kf6 40.h4** [white is trying to come up with counterplay]

**40...Ke6 41.Rb7** [Nepomniachtchi said that perhaps he could have delayed f5 here.]

**41...f5** [41...Rd6 42.Rb8 Ke7 still very hard to win, but more chances for fight here rather than what happened in the game.]

**42.exf5+ gxf5 43.h5 e4** [Nepomniachtchi confessed in the commentary after the game that he miscalculated here.]



**44.h6 e3** [44...Ke5 45.h7 Rg6+ 46.Kf1 Rh6 47.fxe4 (47.Rb5+ Kd4 48.Rxf5 Ke3!-+) 47...fxe4 48.Re7+ Kd4 49.Kf2 this is also a draw!]

**45.h7 Ra8 46.Kf1 Kf6 47.Ra7 Rh8 48.Ke2 Kg6 49.Ra4 Rxh7 50.Rxf4 Kg5 51.Ra4 Re7** [Nepomniachtchi explained that this was his initial idea when he pushed 43...e4. but because his rook is badly placed on h7. 52.Ra5+ Kf6 53.Ra6+ Ke5 54.Ra5+ Kd6 55.Ra6+ Kc5 56.Ra4 this line does not work out]

**52.f4+ Kg4 53.Rb4 Kg3 54.Ra4 Rb7 55.Kxe3 Re7+ 56.Kd2 Kf3 57.Kd1 Re8 58.Rb4 Rh8 59.Rb5 Rh5 60.Ke1 Kxf4**

1/2-1/2



# GM MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE - GM LEVON ARONIAN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN

This is yet another case of the result of the game not reflecting accurately what exactly went on. This was an extremely complicated game which required a lot of calculation from both sides. Aronian repeated a rare line that had occurred twice in round three of the event but Vachier-Lagrave was ready to face it with a novelty. In the middlegame, after many complications and forced variations, the game fizzled out into a rook against two minor pieces endgame. Usually this imbalance favors the side with the two minor pieces, but Aronian's active rook was enough to guarantee him the half a point.

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3** [once again, we see the Giuoco Piano make an appearance]

**5...0-0 6.a4** [Vachier-Lagrave has tried this early pawn push instead of 6.c3 before]

**6...a6** [6...a5 was tried by Aronian against Vachier-Lagrave 7.c3 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ne4 f5 14.Ng3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Ne7 16.Bg5 c6 17.Bc4+ Nxc4 18.dxc4 e4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Rf7 21.Rad1 Qc7 22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Bxe7 Qd2 24.Bc5 h6 25.Qe2 Rd8 26.Bd4 Qg5 27.Qg4 Re7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.Qf5 Re8 30.Qxa5 Qf7 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.g3 Qf7 33.Kg2 Re1 34.g4 Rd1 35.Qe5 Qg6 36.b4 b6 37.Bxb6 c5 38.Bxc5 Qc6+ 39.f3 Rd3 40.Qb8+ Kh7 41.Qf4 1-0 (41) Vachier Lagrave,M (2804)-Aronian,L (2785) London 2016]

**7.c3 Ba7** [the bishop usually retreats to make the d4 push harder for White, as it won't be with a tempo]

**8.Re1 d6 9.h3 b5** [We already saw this move happen twice in round three, in the game So-Nakamura and Karjakin-Aronian]

**10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2** [Novelty in an already rare line. White wants to preserve the bishop and opt for more classical ideas in the opening]

[13.Bc4 Qc8 14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.Nc4 Rb5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Nxe3 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rxa5 19.Rxa5 Nxa5 20.Qa4 1/2-1/2 (20) Shankland,S (2676)-Tari,A (2593) Khanty Mansiysk 2017]

**13...h6 14.Nf1** [the knight is headed to g3 and eventually f5]

**14...d5 15.exd5** [15.Ng3 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qxd1 17.Bxd1 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bc4 the exchange of the queens didn't favor White as Black has a lot of piece activity]

**15...Nxd5 16.Bd2** [16.d4! was the better move, opening up the center and most importantly the light square bishop 16...b3 (16...bxc3 17.bxc3 Nxc3?? loses a piece 18.Qd3 e4 19.Qxc3 exf3 20.Qxc6) 17.Bb1 exd4 18.Qd3 Nf6 19.Qxa6 Qd5 20.cxd4 and the a5 pawn will be very annoying for Black]

**16...b3 17.Bb1** [17.Bxb3 allows Black to get the important light square bishop tactically 17...Nxc3 18.bxc3 Bxb3]

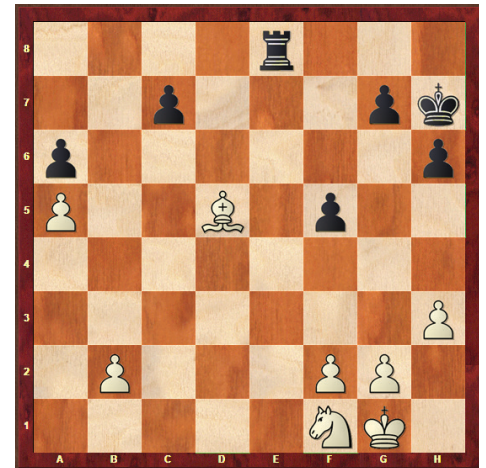
**17...Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5** [temporarily sacrificing a pawn]

**20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3** [23.Qc4 cute attempt for White, but doesn't work out tactically 23...Bxe5 24.Bb4 Qxb4 25.Qxd5+ Be6 26.Qxe5 White is up a piece, but... 26...Bf7 27.Qxf5 threatening mate 27...g6 (27...Rxe1?? 28.Qh7#) 28.Re4 Qxa3!! 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.bxa3 Rxe4 31.Bxe4 b2μ and the passed pawns are very dangerous]

**23...Rxe5** [23...Bxe5 more precise as Black won't be tangled as he was in the game 24.Qc4 Bb5]

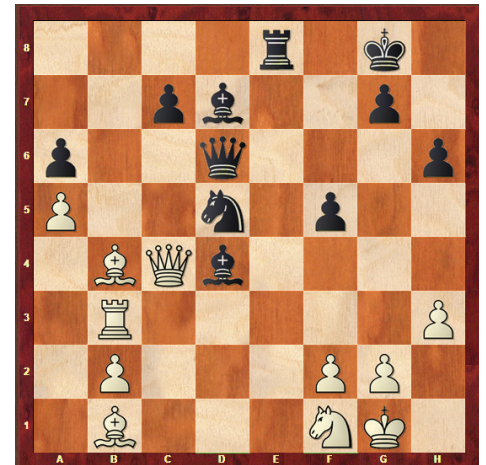
**24.Qc4** [Now this move comes with a tempo. The following sequence is forced]

**24...Rxe1 25.Bxe1 Re8 26.Bb4** [26.Qxd4 Rxe1 and the rook on e1 is annoying as it pins the f1 knight]



**26...Qe5 27.Rd3 Bb5** [only move, otherwise Black will lose a piece on the d file]

**28.Qxd4 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Nxb4 30.Qc4+ Nd5 31.Ba2 Kh7 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5** [White achieved the usually favorable imbalance of two minor pieces for the rook, but the Black rook is quite active and the White pawns are weak]



**33...Re5** [Black will already win one pawn]

**34.Bc4 Rxa5 35.f4 Ra1 36.Kf2 a5 37.Nd2** [White's problem is that he always needs to make sure he can defend the b2 pawn, which hinders him from making progress]

**37...Kg6 38.Bd3 Kf6 39.Nc4 a4 40.g4 fxg4 41.hxg4 Ke6 42.Be4 Rc1 43.Ne3 Ra1 44.Nc4 Rc1 45.Ne3 Ra1**

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# GM HIKARU NAKAMURA - GM PETER SVIDLER

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GM HIKARU NAKAMURA VS. PETER SVIDLER // AUSTIN FULLER

The ever so common Spanish opening was played and the game was balanced throughout. Svidler found a pawn sacrifice idea which equalized the position immediately as it allowed him to have a lot of piece activity in the endgame. After several more piece exchanges, there was not enough material left on the board for realistic winning chances. Nakamura played on for as long as he could with his extra pawn, but Svidler's defense was not very complicated.

[A game that many were looking forward to was the battle between the brash American, Nakamura, and the Russian "underdog" —as he proclaimed himself during the broadcast. A tense game occurred!]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 [7...d6 offers extra options against the a4 idea 8.a4 Bd7÷]**

**8.a4 b4 9.d4 d6 10.dxe5 Nxe5 [10...dxe5 11.Nbd2 (11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.h3 Na5 13.Ba2 Nd7 14.Bg5 Kf8 15.Nbd2 f6<sup>3</sup> 1/2-1/2 (41) Nakamura,H (2785)-Aronian,L (2793) Stavanger 2017) 11...Bc5 12.Qe2 Qe7÷ A lot of games have been played starting this position]**

**11.Nbd2 Ned7 12.Nd4 Bb7 13.c3 bxc3 14.bxc3 Nc5 15.Bc2 Re8 16.f3 Nfd7 17.a5 d5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Nf1 Ne6 20.Be3**

**[20.Ne3!?** Nxd4 21.cxd4 Bb4 22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Nf6 24.Bd3<sup>2</sup> White has quite a few targets for his pieces. The pawns on a6 & c7 will be weaknesses for the rest of the game]

**20...Bc5 21.Nxe6?!** [no need to rush, a better move was available]

**[21.Bf2 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nf4 23.Qd2<sup>2</sup> 21...Bxe6 22.Be4 Rb8 23.Qd3 Bxe3+**



**24.Nxe3 Nc5!=[24...g6 25.Qxa6 Nc5 26.Qc6 Nxe4 27.fxe4 and with the queens still on the board and the "a" pawn running down to promotion, black's position is hopeless]**

**25.Bxh7+ Kf8 26.Qxd8 Rxd8 27.Bc2 Rd2 28.Rad1 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rb2** [Black has sufficient compensation for the loss of a pawn]

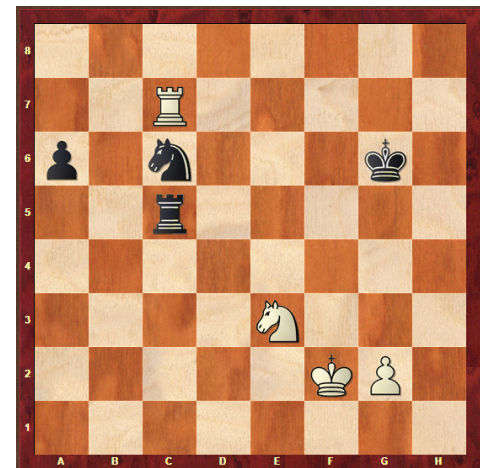
**30.Rd8+ Ke7 31.Rg8 g6 32.f4 Ra2 33.h4 Nd7?!** [A slight inaccuracy that could have costed Svidler the point]

**[33...Rxa5 34.f5 Bxf5 35.Nxf5+ gxf5 36.Bxf5 Nd7=]**

**34.Rc8 Rxa5 35.Rxc7 Kd6 36.Ra7 Ra3 37.f5** [37.Kf2 was a much better alternative to try and preserve his advantage, it is unclear how Black will be able to regain his pawn now 37...Nf6 38.Bb1 Kc5 39.f5 gxf5 40.Bxf5 Bxf5 41.Nxf5 Rxc3 42.Rxa6±]

**37...gxf5 38.Bxf5 Ne5 39.h5?** [39.Bxe6 Kxe6 40.Ra8 Rxc3 (40...Kf6 41.Rg8 Ra1+ 42.Kf2 Nd3+ 43.Kg3+-) 41.Rxa6+ Rc6 42.Ra8± the position is still probably within the realm of equality but it is much more difficult for black to defend than the game continuation]

**39...Bxf5 40.Nxf5+ Ke6= 41.Ne3 Kf6 42.h6 Kg6 43.Re7 Ra5 44.Kh2 Rc5 45.Kg3 Nc6 46.Rc7 Rxc3 47.Kf2 Rc5 48.h7 Kxh7 49.Rxf7+ Kg6 50.Rc7 Ne5!** [simplifying the position and ending the game]



**51.Rxc5 Nd3+ 52.Ke2 Nxc5 53.Kd2 Kg5**

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# CROSS TABLE - ROUND 5

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POS.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	SCORE
1	GM <b>M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE</b> 2789 (URS)		1			.5		1	.5	.5		3.5
T-2	GM <b>MAGNUS CARLSEN</b> 2850 (URS)	0		.5	.5		1	1				3
T-2	GM <b>VISWANATHAN ANAND</b> 2771 (URS)		.5		1	.5			.5	.5		3
T-4	GM <b>FABIANO CARUANA</b> 2774 (URS)		.5	0		1	.5				.5	2.5
T-4	GM <b>LEVON ARONIAN</b> 2787 (URS)	.5		.5	0		.5				1	2.5
T-4	GM <b>SERGEY KARJAKIN</b> 2770 (URS)		0		.5	.5				1	.5	2.5
T-7	GM <b>WESLEY SO</b> 2781 (URS)	0	0						.5	.5	1	2
T-7	GM <b>HIKARU NAKAMURA</b> 2798 (URS)	.5		.5				.5		.5	0	2
T-7	GM <b>PETER SVIDLER</b> 2744 (URS)	.5		.5			0	.5	.5			2
T-7	GM <b>I. NEPOMNIACHTCHI</b> 2744 (URS)				.5	0	.5	0	1			2



SINQUEFIELD CUP

# PLAYER MATCHUPS

#GrandChessTour

ROUND 6



WHITE	PLAYER	VS	PLAYER	BLACK
	GM <b>I. NEPOMNIACHTCHI</b> 2767 (URS)	—	GM <b>PETER SVIDLER</b> 2744 (URS)	
	GM <b>MAGNUS CARLSEN</b> 2850 (URS)	—	GM <b>HIKARU NAKAMURA</b> 2798 (URS)	
	GM <b>LEVON ARONIAN</b> 2787 (URS)	—	GM <b>WESLEY SO</b> 2781 (URS)	
	GM <b>FABIANO CARUANA</b> 2774 (URS)	—	GM <b>M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE</b> 2789 (URS)	
	GM <b>SERGEY KARJAKIN</b> 2770 (URS)	—	GM <b>VISWANATHAN ANAND</b> 2771 (URS)	

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# DAILY CHESS PUZZLE

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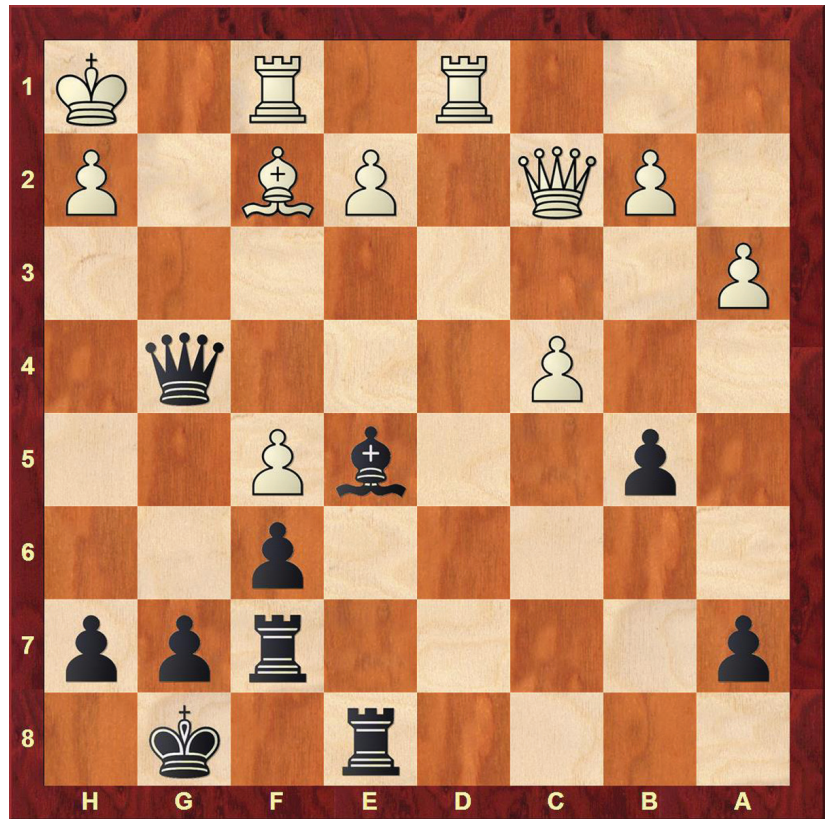
Submit your solution to our front desk staff for a chance to win a gift card to the store at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis!

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**Objective:** Black to move

White: Topalov, Veselin  
Black: Caruana, Fabiano

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

4-5:30 PM Autograph Session, Kingside Diner

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

6 PM Opening Ceremony & *PINNED! A Designer Chess Challenge* Unveiling, Windows on Washington

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Rest Day

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

1 PM Round 6

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

1 PM Round 1

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

1 PM Round 7

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

1 PM Round 2

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

1 PM Round 8

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

1 PM Round 3

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

1 PM Round 9

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

1 PM Round 4

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

1 PM Playoff *(If Necessary)*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

1 PM Round 5

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

6 PM Closing Ceremony\*

\*Private Event, World Chess Hall of Fame

## SIDE EVENT HIGHLIGHT

### Sinquefield Action Quads

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

3 Rounds | Game in 20; 3 second delay

#### Entry Fee

\$10

#### Registration

6-6:45 PM

Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.

#### Round 1

7:00 PM

**Winner of each Quad receives \$36.**  
Quick Ratings will be used for Pairings and Prize purposes.

Free Entry for GMs and IMs. USCF membership required.  
Arbiter has the discretion to appoint ratings.