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CURRENT STANDINGS

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The day after the rest day produced only one decisive game but quite a lot of action! Levon Aronian took advantage of Wesley So's poor form and won the game in style, which improved his position in the standings. Magnus Carlsen, who is chasing the leader by half a point, gave his all to close the gap but had to settle for a draw against Hikaru Nakamura. After holding a dangerous position against Fabiano Caruana, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave remains the sole leader with three rounds to go. As we reach the finish line, the pressure is on the rest of the field to start winning games and attempt to leapfrog Vachier-Lagrave.



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GM LEVON ARONIAN - GM WESLEY SO

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GM LEVON ARONIAN
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This was the only decisive game of the round. The American Grandmaster hasn't been able to find his form this whole tournament and today he collapsed completely. White had a slight advantage when So first misstepped by first letting his opponent's queen enter the action then losing his central pawn in exchange for a side pawn. He was unable to hold his position once Aronian's rooks joined the action attacking his king and capturing his kingside pawns.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 [Aronian has never played this move before, but his second, GM Gabriel Sargissian, has tried it several times]

[9.Rd1 Rd8 10.Qc2 Bf8 11.a3 g6 12.Be2 Bg7 13.0-0 a5 14.Nb5 Qe7 15.Rc1 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Bd7 17.Nxc7 Rac8 18.Nb5 e5 19.Qb3 a4 20.Qa2 Na5 21.Be2 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Nb3 23.Rd1 Be6 24.Qb1 Bf5 25.e4 exd4 26.exf5 Qxe2 27.Nc3 Qe7 28.Na2 gxf5 29.Nb4 Qe4 30.Nd3 Rc8 31.Re1 Qd5 32.Nh4 Qd7 33.Qd1 Bf6 34.Qh5 Bxh4 35.Qxh4 Re8 1/2-1/2 (35) Aronian,L (2793)-So,W (2812) Leuven 2017]

9...dxc4 10.0-0 Bxc3 [10...Bd7 Aronian has played this position with the black pieces two years ago at the Sinquefield Cup 11.Bxc4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Rfd8 13.Be2 Be8 14.Qa3 Qe7 15.Qb2 b6 16.Nd2 Na5 17.Nb3 Nxb3 18.axb3 a5 19.b4 axb4

20.Qxb4 Kf8 21.Bf3 Qxb4 22.cxb4 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Ke7 24.Kf1 Kd6 25.Ke2 Bb5+ 26.Kd2 e5 27.dxe5+ Kxe5+ 28.Kc3 Rd3+ 29.Kc2 Rd8 30.Kc3 Rd3+ 31.Kc2 Rd8 32.Kc3 1/2-1/2 (32) Vachier Lagrave,M (2731)-Aronian,L (2765) Saint Louis 2015]

11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Qxc4 Rac8 [Black's idea is to move the knight and play c5 to challenge White's center]

13.Rad1 Rfd8 14.Nd2 Na5 15.Qb4 b6 16.Ba6 Rb8 17.Ne4 Qf5 18.Bd3 Bc6 19.f3 Bxe4?! [there is no reason to give up this bishop]

[19...e5 20.Ng3 Qe6 21.Nf5 Bd7÷ saving the bishop as Ne7 was a threat]

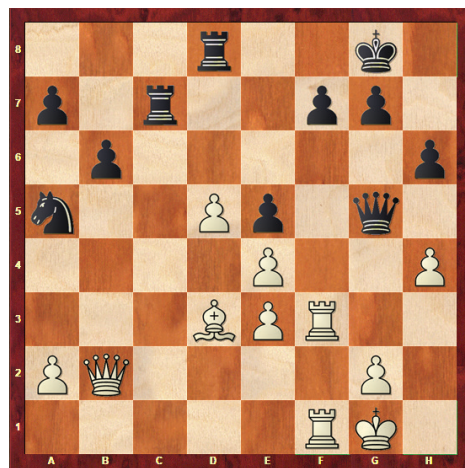
20.fxe4 Qg5 21.Rf3 [White uses the newly opened file for his rook]

21...c5 22.Qb2 e5 23.Rdf1 cxd4? [this opens the white queen's diagonal and puts pressure on e5]

[23...Nb7 the knight needs to move to a better square 24.Bc4 (24.Rxf7 allows 24...Qxe3+) 24...Nd6 25.Bd5 (25.Bxf7+ Nxf7 26.Rxf7 Qxe3+ 27.Kh1 exd4 and Black's king is safe) 25...Kh8÷]

24.cxd4 Rb7 [24...Nb7 25.Bc4 Nd6 26.Bd5 now this line doesn't work as dxe5 is a threat 26...exd4 27.exd4±]

25.d5 Rc7 26.h4! [exchanging the h2 pawn with the e5 pawn is great for White]



Position after move 26

26...Qxh4 [26...Qe7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Qxe5+÷]

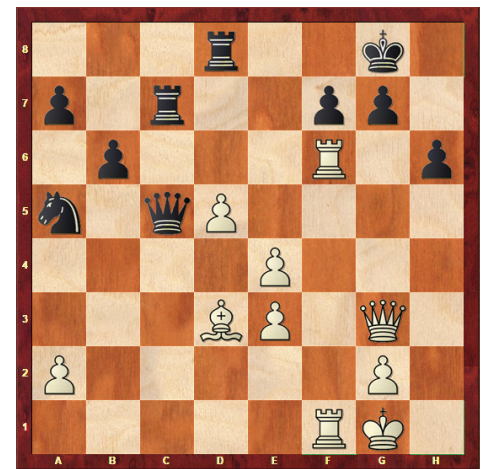
27.Qxe5 Qe7?? [the major mistake]

[27...Re7 28.Qc3 White is still better due to his strong center, passed d5 pawn and the bishop, but the game will still go on]

28.Qg3 [now the f7 pawn is under attack]

28...Qc5 [28...Qd6 29.e5 Qxd5 30.e6! attacking the rook 30...Qd6 (30...Qxd3 31.Qxc7) 31.Bh7+ Kxh7 32.Qxd6 Rxd6 33.exf7 and White should convert the material advantage without many issues]

29.Rf6 [now White is simply winning as Black's kingside is falling apart and he has no counterplay]



29...h5 30.Rh6 Qc3 31.Rxh5 g6 32.e5 [Black resigned in view of]

32...Qxd3 33.Rh3 [and Qh4 is unstoppable]

1-0

GM MAGNUS CARLSEN - GM HIKARU NAKAMURA

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANNOTATIONS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA

This marathon game lasted for over six hours and 94 moves but did not prove to be fruitful for the World Champion. Historically, Carlsen has been a problematic opponent for Nakamura, who finally managed to defeat him for the first time in a classical tournament last year. In this game, Carlsen was pressing again but missed the key opportunity in a pawn up middle game. He played a move that prevented his king from penetrating the kingside, a decision he couldn't quite explain as he knew the move was bad. Nakamura defended tenaciously and took home the hard-earned half a point.

[An extremely important battle occurred between the World Champion, Magnus Carlsen, and Hikaru Nakamura. Magnus still has a crushing score against the brash American, 12–1, but in recent years Nakamura has learned how to deal with the pressure that comes when playing Magnus and has stopped the Norwegian from scoring any important wins against him. Let's see how this game played out!]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 c5 [6...Nbd7 is the other main line in this position, leading to very closed positions in which White usually enjoys a long term space advantage 7.c5 (7.Qc2 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Qa5+ 11.Qc3 Qb6 12.a3? 1–0 (40) Svidler,P (2749)-Adams,M (2736) Geneve 2017) 7...Ne4 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.Rxc3 b6 10.c6 Nf6 11.a3 a5 12.Bd3 Ne4 13.Rc1? 1–0 (40) Aronian,L (2793)-So,W (2812) Stavanger 2017]

7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 [Now White will play against the IQP while black is lacking the resources for an attack on the kingside. In general these positions are two-sided, a white victory or a draw, a good choice by Magnus!]

10.Bd3 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 Nc6 12.0–0 Be7 13.Rc1 Bf6 14.Nf3 Qe7 [14...Bxb2 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 (15...Kxh7 16.Qc2+ Kg8 17.Qxb2 Qb6 18.Qd2?) 16.Rb1 Bf6 The exchange of pawns clearly favors white 17.Bc2±]

15.h3 g6 16.Bb5 Bd7 [16...Bxb2 17.Bxc6 (17.Rc2 Bf6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Rxc6 Be6) 17...Bxc1 18.Bxd5 Ba3 (18...Bb2 19.Bd6) 19.Bg5 (19.Bh6 Be6 20.Qd4 f6 21.Bxe6+ Qxc6 22.Bxf8 Bxf8 23.Rc1?) 19...Qb4 20.Bh6±]



17.Qxd5 Be6 18.Qe4 Bxb2 19.Bxc6 f5! [An incredible move by Nakamura, arguably the best move in the position. With that being said, uncovering your king in this manner while so many pieces are attacked is not an easy decision. Kudos to Hikaru for his bravery!]

[19...bxc6 20.Rxc6 Rac8 21.Ng5±]

20.Bg5 [20.Qb1!? Bxc1 21.Ba4 Ba3 22.Bb3± taking advantage of the open diagonals pointing at black's king. Despite the material disadvantage, White's compensation is more than obvious]

20...fxe4 21.Bxe7 Bxc1 22.Bxb7 Bxe3 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.fxe3 exf3 25.Bxf3 Rb8? [Despite the extra pawn, this endgame should be closer to a draw than a White victory]

26.a4 Rb4 27.Bc6 Rc4 28.Bb5 Re4 29.Rd1 a6 30.Bxa6 Rxa4 31.Bb7 Kf7 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.Bd5 Bf5 34.g4 Be6 35.Kf3 Ra5 36.Bxe6 Kxe6 37.h4 [Time trouble was already a factor at this point, and Hikaru starts erring under the pressure]

37...Ra2 [37...h5 was necessary 38.g5 (38.gxh5 Rxh5 39.Kg4 Re5 40.Rd3 Kf6? With clear chances of holding the draw) 38...Ke5 39.Rd8 Ra4=]

38.Rb1 [Now white activates his rook]

38...Ra7 39.Kf4 Ra4+ 40.e4 Ra7 41.Rb6+ [41.Kg5! Probably the most concrete moment of the game. The supercomputers analyzing this position sentenced black to complete demise in at most 26 moves! 41...Ke5 42.Kh6 Kxe4 43.Rf1 Ke5 44.g5 Ke6 45.Rf8 Ke5 46.Rh8 Kf5 47.Rxh7+–; 41.Rb4 Rf7+ 42.Ke3 Ra7 43.Rb8 Re7 44.Rh8 Ra7 45.Re8+ Kf7 46.Rb8 Ke6 47.Rb6+ Kf7 48.Kf4 Re7 49.Rf6+]

41...Kf7 42.Rc6 [42.h5!? gxh5 43.gxh5 Ra1 44.Kf5 Rf1+ 45.Ke5 Kg7 46.Rd6±]

42...Rd7 43.g5 [43.h5 The better break! 43...gxh5 44.gxh5 Rd1 45.Ke5 Rh1 46.Rf6+ Kg7 47.h6+ Kg8 48.Kd5+–]

43...Ra7 44.Ke5 Re7+ 45.Kd5 Rd7+ 46.Rd6 Ra7 47.Rf6+ Ke7 48.Rc6 Rd7+ 49.Ke5 Ra7 50.Rc5 Rd7 51.Ra5 Kf7 52.Ra1 Re7+ 53.Kf4 Rb7 54.Ra6 Rc7 55.Kg4 Re7 56.Rf6+ Ke8 57.Kf4 Ra7 58.Rb6 Kf7 59.Ke5 Re7+ 60.Kd5 Rd7+ 61.Rd6 Ra7 62.Rd8 Ra5+ 63.Kd4 Ra4+ 64.Ke5 Ra5+ 65.Kf4 Ra7 66.Rd4 Ke6 67.Rb4 Rf7+ 68.Ke3 Ra7 69.Rb8 Re7 70.Rh8 Ra7 71.Re8+ Kf7 72.Rb8 Ke6 73.Rb6+ Kf7 74.Kf4 Re7 75.Rf6+ Ke8 76.h5 [The last attempt at confusing Hikaru]

76...gxh5 77.e5 Rf7 78.Ke4 Rg7 79.Kf5 Rf7 80.Kf4 h4 81.Kg4 Re7 82.e6 Ra7 83.Rh6 Kf8 84.Kxh4 Ra4+ 85.Kh5 Re4 86.Rf6+ Kg7 87.Rf7+ Kg8 88.Re7 Kf8 89.Rxh7 Rxe6 90.Rh6 Re1 91.Ra6 Kg7 92.Ra7+ Kg8 93.Kh6 Re6+ 94.g6 Re8 [Magnus had a clear shot at catching up the leader, but a rather subpar technique coupled with a great defense by Hikaru has allowed MVL to keep sole leadership for at least another round!]

½–½

GM FABIANO CARUANA - GM MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



FABIANO CARUANA VS. MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE // LENNART OOTES

Once again, Vachier-Lagrave chose his pet line, the Najdorf. Caruana did not shy away from the challenge and played a novelty early on in the opening. The Frenchman was not expecting to face this line and chose a quieter continuation instead of the principled line where he would have to give up his queen. Caruana had a big advantage but underestimated his position. Instead of playing more ambitiously and energetically, he exchanged into a pawn up endgame, where he realized he no longer could play for the win.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.Bh4 Qb6 9.a3 Be7 10.Qd3 [Novelty]

[10.Bf2 is the main move here. Caruana defeated Nakamura in a beautiful game in last year's London Chess Classic 10... Qc7 11.Qf3 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 b5 13.g4 g5 14.h4 gxf4 15.Be2 b4 16.axb4 Ne5 17.Qxf4 Nxe4 18.Bxg4 e5 19.Qxf6 Bxf6 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Nf5 Rb8 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Rxd6 Be6 24.Rhd1 0-0 25.h5 Qg5+ 26.Be3 Qf6 27.Nxh6+ Kh8 28.Bf5 Qe7 29.b5 Qe8 30.Nxf7+ Rxf7 31.Rxe6 Qxb5 32.Rh6+ 1-0 (32) Caruana,F (2823)-Nakamura, H (2779) London 2016]

10...Nbd7 [Vachier-Lagrave was not expecting this move and decided not to walk into Caruana's preparation and played something more solid]

[10...Nxe4 is a forced line that leads to a crazy position 11.Bxe7 Qxb2 (11...Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Kxe7 13.0-0-0 and White has compensation for the pawn due to the bad king) 12.Nxe4 Qxa1+ 13.Kf2 Kxe7 14.Nf5+ exf5 15.Qxd6+ Ke8 16.Bb5+ axb5 17.Rxa1 fxe4 18.Qe5+ Kd8 19.Qxg7]



11.0-0-0 g5 [this is a typical idea in this line of the Najdorf, giving up the pawn to take control of the dark squares. White is ahead in development, while it will take a while for Black to castle so White can play for the advantage]

12.fxg5 Ne5 13.Qd2 Nh7 [Black wants to win the pawn back]

14.Nf3 [White doesn't want to give up the dark squares completely and wants to challenge the e5 knight]

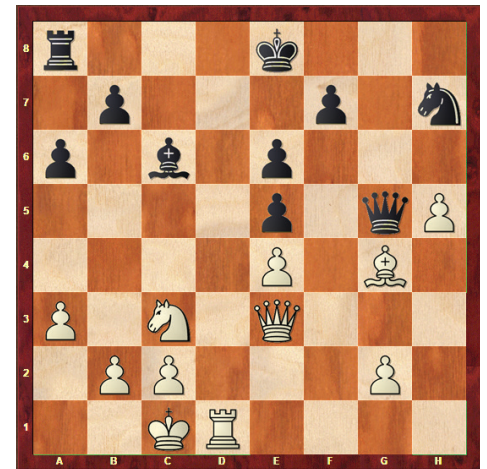
14...hxg5 15.Bf2 Qc7 16.Be2 [16.h4 White is ahead in development and should play actively to take advantage of it 16...g4 (16... Rg8 17.hxg5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Be3 trying to trap the knight 19...Bd7 20.Rh5 f6 21.Bxg5 fxg5 22.Rh7 and Black's king is stuck in the center) 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.h5]

16...Bd7 17.h4 [Caruana goes for the same idea but now Black is one move closer to castling]

17...Rg8 18.h5 g4 [necessary]

[18...0-0-0 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.g4 and the h5 protected passed pawn is very dangerous, especially so in the endgame]

19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Bh4 Bc6 21.Qe3 Bxh4 22.Rxh4 Qe7 23.Rxg4 [White gives away most of his advantage with this move]



[23.Qg3 trying to win the pawn for free 23...Qg5+ 24.Kb1 Nf6 25.Rf1 Rh8 (25... Nxe5? 26.Qf2 Rf8 27.g3 and once again the knight on h5 is out of the game) 26.Qf2 keeping the pressure and not allowing Black to castle]

23...Rxg4 24.Bxg4 Qg5 25.Qxg5 Nxe5 [White is up a pawn but the queens are gone, Black's king is safe and the e4 pawn is very weak. White cannot make any progress]

26.Bf3 Ke7 27.Kd2 Rh8 28.Rh1 f5 29.Ke3 Kf6 30.b4 b5

1/2-1/2

GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI - GM PETER SVIDLER

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI // SPECTRUM STUDIOS

The all-Russian match was quite uneventful. Nepomniachtchi had one big opportunity to play for the advantage, which he missed. At that point, it was an opposite color middlegame on the board, which meant that more exchanges meant the game would end in a draw. That is exactly what happened in the game and a draw was agreed after White managed to push his pawn all the way to b7 but had no way of making any more progress.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.Be3 Bh5 [10...exd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bc2 Nc4 13.Bc1 c5 14.b3 Nb6 is another option for Black]

11.Nbd2 Na5 [11...d5 Svidler tried this move in the World Team Championship in June 12.Bg5 exd4 13.exd5 dxc3 14.dxc6 cxd2 15.Qxd2 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 Bd6 17.Nh4 Rad8 18.Bc3 Bg4 19.h3 Bc8 20.Nf3 h6 21.a4 b4 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.a5 Rfe8 24.Bc4 Kf8 25.b3 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Bc5 27.Kf1 Rd6 28.Rc1 Ba7 29.Ne1 Rd2 30.Rc2 Rd1 31.Ke2 Ra1 32.Nd3 Rxa5 33.Nxb4 Be6 34.Rd2 Re5+ 35.Kd1 a5 36.Nd5 Bxd5 1/2-1/2 (36) Ponomarev,R (2712)-Svidler,P (2756) Khanty Mansiysk 2017]

12.Bc2 Ng4 [now White has to give up the dark square bishop for a knight]

13.Qe2 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Bxf3 [going for an opposite color bishop position]

15.Nxf3 Nc4 16.Qc1 Bf6 [b3 was a threat so Black has to defend the pawn]

17.a4 b4 18.cxb4 [simplifies the position too much]

[18.b3 Na5 19.cxb4 Nc6 20.b5 axb5 (20...Nxd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.bxa6) 21.d5! Nb4 22.Qd2 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 bxa4 24.bxa4² White has a passed pawn and the bishop is really locked in because of the pawn structure]

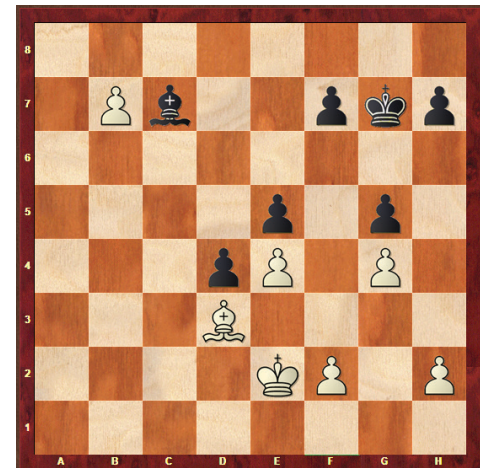


18...exd4 19.Bd3 [19.Rd1 Qb8 20.Nxd4 Qxb4]

19...Ne5 [facing White's hand. The opposite color bishop position doesn't offer either side any winning chances]

20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Qc5 Re8 22.Rec1 Be7 23.Qxc7 Bxb4 24.Qxd8 Rxd8 25.a5 Rdc8 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8= 27.Kf1 [27.Bxa6 Ra8 28.Bc4 Rxa5]

27...Rc5 28.Ra4 Bxa5 29.b4 Rc1+ 30.Ke2 Bd8 31.Rxa6 Kf8 32.b5 Rc3 33.Ra7 g5 34.g4 Bb6 35.Ra6 Bc5 36.Rh6 Kg7 37.Rc6 Bb4 38.Rxc3 Bxc3 39.b6 Ba5 40.b7 [even with the passed pawn all the way on b7, there is no way for the White king to get in]



40...Bc7 41.Bc2 Kf8 42.Kd3 Ke7 43.Kc4 f6 44.Kd5 h6 45.Bd3 Bb8 46.Kc6 Bd6 47.h3 Bb8 48.f3

1/2-1/2

GM SERGEY KARJAKIN - GM VISWANATHAN ANAND

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANNOTATIONS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA



GM VISWANATHAN ANAND // SPECTRUM STUDIOS

This game was also quite uneventful. Karjakin chose the London System, which is known for being a quiet opening that is used to avoid theory. White did not obtain any advantage out of the opening as Black played actively and equalized without any problems. A draw was agreed when all the pieces except for the knights came off the board.

[The game between the former World Champion challenger and former World Champion did not spark a lot of excitement. Karjakin essayed a fairly tame opening attempt at obtaining an advantage, and with precision the Tiger from Madras equalized and forced massive simplifications that lead to a timely draw. Let's get right into the action!]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 [A new weapon in Karjakin's repertoire]

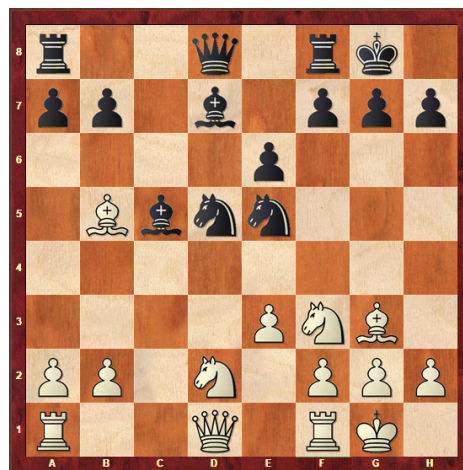
2...d5 [2...g6 3.Nc3 Is an idea that has been played quite successfully by the Russian 3...Bg7 4.e4÷]

3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Nbd2 [5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.Qg3 Nh5 12.Qh3 g6 13.Ndf3² 1-0 (51) Bindrich,F (2590)-Neelotpal,D (2463) Doha 2016; 5.Bg3 Is another interesting idea, played at top level plenty of times in recent years.

This is the main line and potentially the critical continuation at this juncture 5...0-0 6.c4 c5 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bxc4 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Qe2² 1-0 (53) Carlsen,M (2840)-Jakovenko,D (2704) Doha 2016]

5...c5 6.Bb5+ [6.Bg3! 0-0 7.c3 b6 8.Bb5 Bb7 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.f4 c4 11.Ba4 Ne4 12.Bc2 f5 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Qg4÷ 1-0 (31) Gupta,A (2645)-Borisek,J (2565) chess.com INT 2017]

6...Nc6 7.dxc5 [An idea used only by another strong Russian GM, potentially one of Karjakin's secret seconds?]



Position after move 11

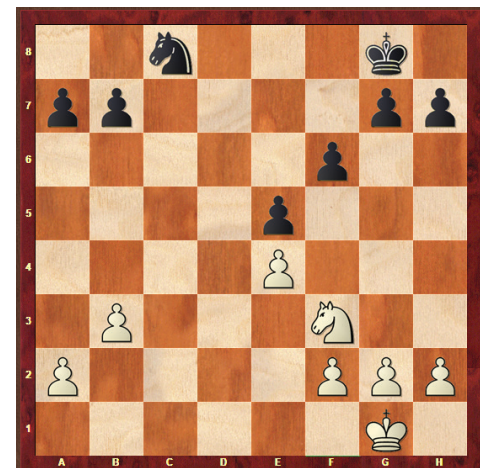
7...Bxc5 [7...Bxf4?! 8.exf4 Qa5 9.Qe2² 1-0 (53) Savchenko,B (2606)-Visakh,N (2470) Poti 2017]

8.c4 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bg3 Ne5! [A very precise simplifying move by the former world champion]

12.Bxd7 [12.Be2 Was arguably the only way to preserve some extra pieces on the board 12...Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Qb6 14.Ne5 Bb5=]

12...Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Qxd7 14.Qb3 Nb6 15.Rfd1 Qa4= [Everything comes off, the players already knew the game is surely going to end in a draw at this moment]

16.Qxa4 Nxa4 17.Be5 f6 18.b3 Nb6



19.Bd4 Rac8 20.e4 e5 21.Bxc5 Rxc5 22.Rac1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Rxc8+Nxc8 [Now both kings will come to the center of the board and the players will agree to a draw as soon as they are allowed to, at move 30!]

25.Nd2 Kf7 26.f3 Ke6 27.Kf2 Kd6 28.Ke3 Kc5 29.a3 Nd6 30.Kd3 a5

1/2-1/2



CROSS TABLE - ROUND 6

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



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ROUND 7



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

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DAILY CHESS PUZZLE

BY DANNY MACHUCA

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!

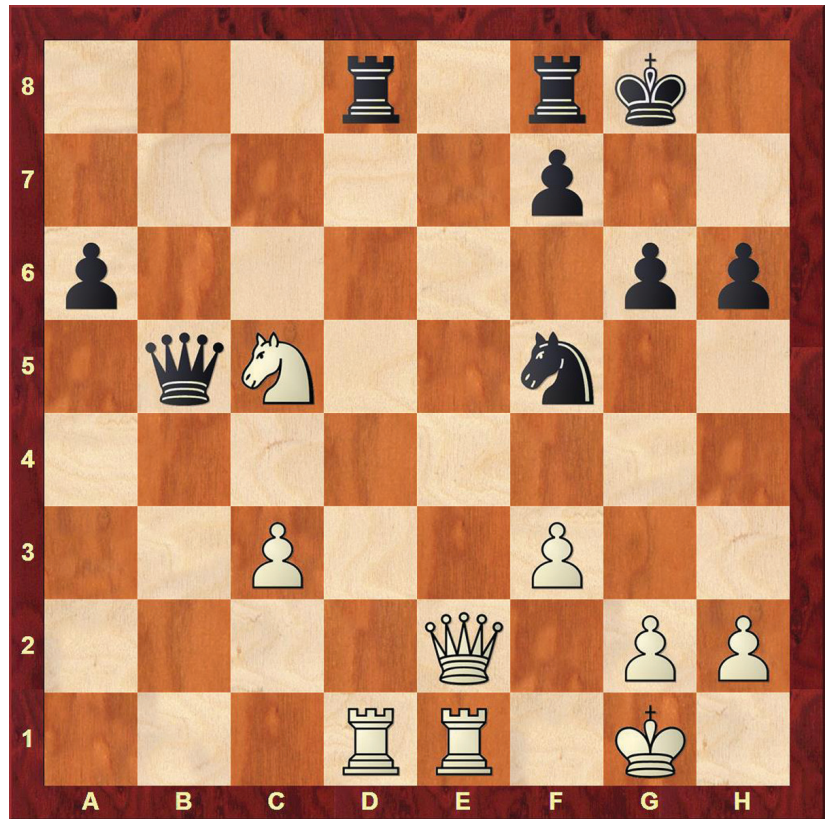
Each day, two \$25 gift cards will be drawn among those who submit a correct solution.

Objective: White to move

White: Nakamura, Hikaru

Black: Aronian, Levon

2013 Sinquefield Cup



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

4-5:30 PM Autograph Session, Kingside Diner

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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.