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ROUND 2 HIGHLIGHTS

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM MAGNUS CARLSEN AND GM SERGEY KARJAKIN, ROUND 2
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At the end of a marathon 88-move game, Magnus Carlsen emerged as the only victor of the round, joining Mamedyarov and Aronian in a tie for first place. Four out of the five games ended in draws within the first three hours of the day, but the World Champion was determined to put his white pieces to good use. After 6.5 hours, Sergey Karjakin finally admitted defeat—his second in a row. Carlsen was quite satisfied with his victory, specifically because he felt as though he hadn't had a chance to win such a game in a long time, especially during his last World Championship match. Although exhausted, he was gracious enough to sign autographs and pose with fans for photos after the game. Tomorrow's round is crucial for the standing as Carlsen will be facing one of his closest rivals, Levon Aronian with the black pieces, while the other co-leader, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov will have the white pieces against Fabiano Caruana.



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MAGNUS CARLSEN - SERGEY KARJAKIN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANALYSIS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA

The games started off slowly – quite literally. Surprisingly, Carlsen spent 20 minutes on move six in a very normal position. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave explained that Carlsen had a lot of options in the opening and was trying to pick a continuation that would give him the best chances to win. The endgame position they reached was very Carlsenesque: slightly annoying for his opponent with no chances for him to lose. Carlsen sacrificed his rook for a bishop and a pawn, creating a new king of imbalance. Immediately, Karjakin made the dubious decision of giving up another pawn. In the postgame interview, Carlsen admitted that he was nervous about the unavoidable blunders that would happen, which is exactly how the game was decided. In an already tough position, Karjakin erred one last time, losing his final pawn and any hope of salvaging the game.

[The game of the round was surely the reiteration of the 2016 World Championship match. Let's see what happened this time around!]

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.d4 dxc4 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Nxc6 Qe8 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 [A typical looking Catalan, the only difference is the pawn on a2 is now on a3. In some instances that could allow black to create some extra problems due to the b3 hole in White's position.]

12.Qa4 c5 13.dxc5 [13.Qxc4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qh4 Qe6 16.0-0 Bb7 was the previous attempt. Black generally equalizes the game with ease.]

13...Qxc5 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Rd1 Nd5 16.Bd4 Rd8? [A small inaccuracy that allows the world champion to test his opponent in one of his trademark type of games, a long and one sided affair.]

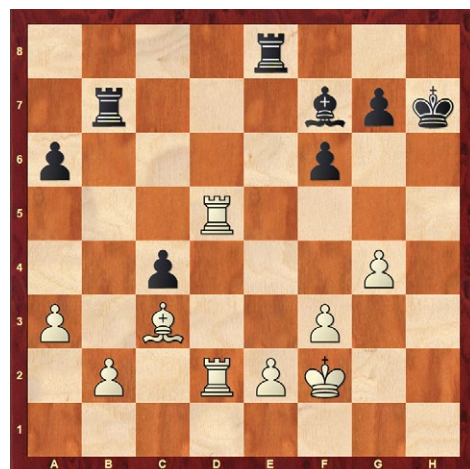
17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qc2 Qe7 19.0-0 Bh3 20.Rfe1 Rd7 21.Bc3 Re8 22.Rd4 Qg5 23.Qd2! [A powerful move, one that

forces Black to accept a torturous endgame.]

23...Qxd2 24.Rxd2 Be6 25.Red1 Rde7 26.f3 h5 [Karjakin is trying to stop Carlsen's kingside pawn expansion, with little success.]

27.Kf2 f6 28.Rd4 Kh7 29.R1d2 Bf7 30.h3 a6 31.Rf4 Kg8 32.Bd4 Kh7 33.Bc3 Kg8 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 Kh7 36.Rf5 Rb7 [36...Rd8 37.g5 Kg6 38.gxf6± was a problem; 36...Rd7 was perhaps the more precise move, not allowing White the following blow.]

37.Rfxd5! [BOOM! The world champion decides to try a new material imbalance. A solid practical shot that completely shocked Karjakin.]



37...Bxd5 38.Rxd5 Kg6? [no reason to give up the pawn]

[38...Rc8 39.Rd6 Ra7 40.e4 Rcc7= White is still pressing but the game should peter out into a draw.]

39.Rc5 Rh8 40.Kg3 Rb6 41.Rxc4 [The grind begins.]

41...Rh1 42.Rc7 Rc1 43.Rd7 Rc6 44.a4 Rg1+ 45.Kf2 Ral 46.a5 [Slowly but surely White is finding the maximum potential for all his pieces.]

46...Ra4 47.Kg3 Rac4 48.Ra7 Re6

49.e4 Rc8 50.Rd7 Rec6 51.f4 R8c7 52.f5+ Kh7 53.Rd8 Rc8 54.Rd3 Re8 55.Rd4 Rc7 56.Kf4 Rce7 57.Rc4 Kh6 58.Kf3 Rd7 59.Bd4 Kh7 60.b4 Rd6 61.Ke3 Kh6 62.Rc1 Kh7 63.Bb6 Rd7 64.Bc5 Red8 [64...Rd5 was perhaps the most precise move, allowing Black to maintain the balance in the position.]

65.Rh1+? [65.g5! would have been the killer blow, the game continuation allows black into the game. 65...Rd3+ 66.Kf4 Re8 67.Rh1+ Kg8 68.Rg1 Kf7 69.g6+ Kg8 70.Rc1± With the added pressure on the grounded Black king, White's victory prospects are starting to look appealing.]

65...Kg8 66.Kf4 Re8 [66...Rd1! is the easiest path to equality 67.Rxd1 Rxd1 68.e5 fxe5+ 69.Kxe5 g6 70.fxg6 Kg7 71.b5 axb5 72.a6 Ral 73.a7 b4 74.Kd5 Kxg6 75.Kc4 Rxa7 76.Bxa7 Kg5=]

67.Re1 g5+ 68.fxg6 Kg7 69.g5 Kxg6 70.gxf6 Kxf6 71.Rh1 Rf7 72.Ke3 Ke6 73.Rh4 Rf6 74.Rh7 Rf7 75.Rh5 Kd7 76.e5 [The position is starting to become claustrophobic. The "E" pawn approaching the promotion square, coupled with the fact that by this moment Karjakin only had 30 seconds left on his clock, will bring the resilient Russian's demise.]

76...Rf1 77.Ke4 Kc6?? [And the decisive blunder finally finds its way on the board.]

[77...Re1+ 78.Kd5 Rd1+ 79.Bd4 Rd8! 80.Rh6 Kc7+ 81.Rd6 Rxd4+ 82.Kxd4 Rxd6+ 83.exd6+ Kxd6=]

78.Rh6+ [Now Carlsen has found the path to victory. The rest is history!]

78...Kb5 79.Rb6+ Kc4 80.e6 Re1+ 81.Kf5 Rf1+ 82.Ke5 Re1+ 83.Kf6 Rf1+ 84.Kg7 Ra8 85.e7 Re1 86.Kf7 Re4 87.Rd6 Rh8 88.Rxa6

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ALEXANDER GRISCHUK - SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



MAMEDYAROV // AUSTIN FULLER

"What is funny is that yesterday I played the number two player in the world and today I played the number two player in the world" said Alexander Grischuk during his postgame interview. Of course, he was referring to his opponent's rating climb after his win over Wesley So. Mamedyarov chose a sharp line in the Winawer with the black pieces, which was played last month by Carlsen in Biel. Grischuk didn't have a high opinion of the opening line in general, humorously referring to it as a "joke line" saved in his notes. He was under the impression that it was close to losing for Black, but in fact, during the game, he realized that it was not so easy for White.



1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5 [the Armenian Variation of the Winawer is a rare sight at the top level of chess!]

[5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 is the main line of the Winawer that has been tried by Caruana and So before]

6.b4 cxd4 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.Nb5 Bb6 [8...Bc7 was tried by Magnus Carlsen last month during Biel 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qc5+ Nge7 11.Nxc7 Qxc7 12.Nf3 b6 13.Qd6 Qxd6 14.exd6 Nf5 15.Bf4 f6 16.g4 Nfd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.0-0 e5 19.Rxd4 exd4 20.Bb5 Bxg4 21.Re1 g5 22.Bg3 Rd8 23.Re7 h5 24.h4 gxh4 25.Bf4 Bf5 26.Rxa7 Rh7 27.Rc7 Bd7 28.Bc6 h3 29.Kd2 Rg7 30.Bh6 Bxc6 31.Rxg7 Rxd6 32.Rg5+ Kf7 33.Rxh5 Bb5 34.Rxh3 Re6 35.Rf3 Kg6 36.Bf4 Rc6 37.Bg3 Rc4 38.Rd3 Kf5 39.Rf3+ Ke6 40.Rd3 f5 41.f3 f4 42.Bf2 Ke5 43.c3 Rc6 44.Rxd4 Rh6 45.Kc1 Rh3 46.Rd2 Rxf3 47.Bd4+ Ke4 48.Kb2 Rd3 49.Rxd3 Kxd3 50.Bxb6 Ba4 51.Ba7 f3 52.Bg1 Kd2 53.Ba7 Bd1 54.Bc5 Ba4 55.Ba7 Ke2 56.c4 d4 57.Bxd4 Kd3 58.Ba7 Kxc4 1/2-1/2 (58) Georgiadis,N (2526)-Carlsen,M (2842) Biel 2018]

9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Bb2 Nge7 11.Bd3 [11.Nbx4 is the more common move 11...h5 12.Qf4 Ng6 13.Nxc6 Nxf4 14.Nxd8 Bxd8 15.g3 Ng6]

11...Ng6 12.Qg3 [with this move White is trying to play for an advantage]

12...f6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Nbxd4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Nf3 [16.Qxe5 was played by the 2018 US Champion Sam Shankland 16...Rh5 17.Nxe6+ Bxe6 18.Qxe6 Qe8 19.Qxe8+ Rxe8+ 20.Kd1 Rg5 21.g3 Bxf2 White won eventually but the position is equal 22.Bc1 Rf5 23.Rb1 Re4 24.Rb3 Kf7 25.Bf4 Ke6 26.h4 Bd4 27.Re1 Be5 28.Bxe5 Kxe5 29.Rc3 Rf7 30.Rxe4+ Kxe4 31.Ke2 Kd4 32.Rc8 Ke5 33.Ke3 Kf5 34.Kd4 Kg4 35.Rc3 Rf3 36.Rc7 Rxg3 37.Rxb7 Rxa3 38.Rxg7 Kh5 39.Kxd5 a5 40.Rh7+ Kg4 41.b5

Rc3 42.Rh6 Kf5 43.h5 Rxc2 44.Rxg6 Rb2 45.Kc4 Rc2+ 46.Kb3 Rh2 47.Rc6 Ke4 48.b6 Rxh5 49.Ka4 Kd5 50.Rc1 Rh2 51.Kxa5 Ra2+ 52.Kb5 Kd6 53.Rd1+ Ke7 54.b7 Rb2+ 55.Kc6 Rc2+ 56.Kb6 Rb2+ 57.Kc7 Rc2+ 58.Kb8 Ra2 59.Rd4 1-0 (59) Shankland,S (2679)-Ashwin,J (2468) Atlantic City 2016]



16...e4 17.Ne5 Kg8 18.Qxg6 Qe7 [Novelty. This position has occurred once before where 18...Qf6 was played but after 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Ng4 f5 21.Nf6+ Kf7 22.Nxd5 White won a pawn and the game]

19.Ng4 Bd7 20.Nf6+ [White decides to go for the repetition. A wise decision, otherwise after Black plays Rf8, the white king won't have a safe home]

20...Kf8 21.Nh7+ Kg8 22.Nf6+ Kf8 23.Nh7+ Kg8 24.Nf6+ Kf8

1/2-1/2

VISWANATHAN ANAND - MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANALYSIS BY GM VARUZHAN AKOBIAN



VACHIER-LAGRAVE // AUSTIN FULLER

"He's very predictable, he's very stubborn about this line and that gives you a target. On the other hand, he knows it inside out, so it's hard to surprise. But it's a clear target so I thought we could try something" — Viswanathan Anand on his opening choice. The former entered the murky waters of Vachier-Lagrave's pet line, the Najdorf. Anand was happy with his position as it transposed into more of a French like structure, as most closed positions favored him. He regretted his dark square bishop exchange on move 24, allowing his opponent to build quick counterplay. The game ended in a draw by threefold repetition.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 h6 [Maurice was joking in the post-game interview that this is the "MVL Variation" of the Najdorf. By referencing the database, MVL is clearly one of the world's leading experts in this line.]

8.Bh4 Qb6 9.a3 Be7 10.Bf2 Qc7 11.Qf3 Nbd7 12.0-0 b5 13.g4 Bb7 14.h4 Nc5 15.Bd3 Nxd3+N [This move is a novelty. MVL tried 15... d5 against Caruana at the STL Rapid and Blitz just last week. MVL also played 15...h5 against Giri in the 2017 FIDE Grand Prix. Both previous games ended in draws.]



[15...d5 16.e5 Nfe4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Rh3 h5 19.Be1 g6 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.Qg4 Qb6 1/2-1/2 (51) Caruana,F (2822)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2779) Saint Louis 2018; 15...h5 16.g5 Ng4 17.Rhg1 g6 18.Rxg4 hxg4 19.Qxg4 e5 20.Nf3 Rc8 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Kb1 Rd8 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 0-0 26.h5 Qc4 27.Qh3 Qc8 28.Qxc8 Rxc8 29.Nxe5 Bxg5 30.d6 Bf4 31.d7 1/2-1/2 (31) Giri,A (2762)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2796) Palma de Mallorca 2017]

16.Rxd3 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Be1 0-0-0 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 Qb6 21.Nce2 Kb8 22.Qg2 g6 23.Rxh8 Rxh8 24.Bb4 [Positionally, this move looks very strong as it exchanges the dark squared bishops leading to dark squared weaknesses for black, but unfortunately for Anand, MVL came up with some very bold counterplay. Anand regretted this move and mentioned in the post-game interview that perhaps 24. b4 is interesting and offers some chances for white to play for an edge.]

[24.b4 Rc8 25.Kb2 Bd8 26.Qg1 Ba8 27.Nc3 White is slightly better due to the very bad light squared bishop on a8]

24...Bxb4 25.axb4 a5!= [A very strong pawn break, creating enough initiative for black to equalize. The timing of this move is very important as white's pieces are currently discoordinated.]



26.Rh3 [26.bxa5 Qxa5 27.Nb3 Qe1+ 28.Rd1 Qf2 29.Qxf2 Nxf2 30.Rg1 with a roughly equal position]

26...Rc8! [Another very important move—it's key for black to keep the rook on the board in order to generate counterplay along the c-file.]

27.Qh2 [27.Qg1 axb4 28.Qe1 Rc4! and black is maintaining equality (28... Qa5? 29.Ra3! Qc7 30.Qxb4?) 29.b3 Was Anand's original intention, but this loses to... 29...Qa7! 30.Kb1 Rxd4 31.Nxd4 Qxd4-+]

27...axb4 28.Rh8 Qa7 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8 30.Kb1 Nd2+ 31.Kc1 Nf1 32.Qh8+ Kd7 33.Kb1 Nd2+ 34.Kc1 Ne4 35.Kb1 Nd2+ 36.Kc1 Ne4 37.Kb1 Nd2+ [Clean game by both players! MVL once again demonstrates great preparation and understanding of these complex Najdorf positions-- especially in the key moment in the game with 25... a5!]

1/2-1/2

FABIANO CARUANA - LEVON ARONIAN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANALYSIS BY GM ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ

Aronian was surprised by his opponent's first move choice: 1.d4, as Caruana usually plays 1.e4. Aronian decided to respond with a Slav and see what would happen. The World Championship contender was clearly uncomfortable in the opening and found himself in a worse position with the white pieces—a rarity at the top levels. Aronian wasn't able to make much out of his advantage, settling for a draw. Caruana didn't make the best use of having the white pieces in his first two games, but was happy to have escaped unscathed in this game.

1.d4 [The speculations about which openings will be seen in the London World Championship are all over the internet, and it is safe to assume that neither Carlsen nor Caruana will be revealing any of their cards in this tournament. Despite successfully employing 1.d4 in the Candidates, Caruana is more known for his 1.e4.]

1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qb3 [not the main variation against the Slav, but still a popular one.]

4...e6 [4...dxc4 Aronian mentioned in the post-mortem that this is also equal for black.]

5.g3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qb3 [This move looks logical, as the pressure on b5 seems to prevent the typical idea of c5, liberating Black's position. This, however, is seriously flawed tactically.]

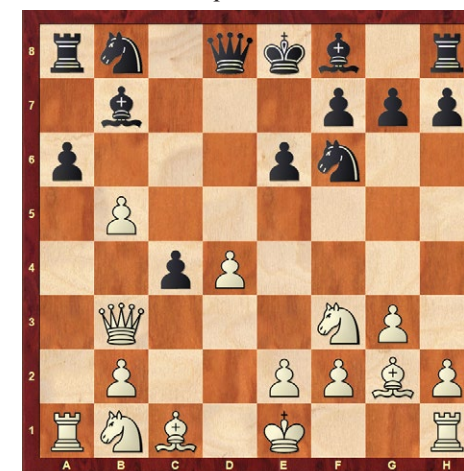
[7.Qc2 is the more popular move, with many top level games.; 7.Qd3 scores the best out of the three possible queen moves.]

7...Bb7 8.Bg2 a6 9.a4 [doesn't actually prevent c5]

[9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 Nbd7 11.Be3= is the way to pull the breaks, and White should not be worse but also is in no way playing for an advantage.]

9...c5 10.axb5 [10.0-0 cxd4?! (10... c4 11.Qd1=) 11.axb5?]

10...c4 [the point]



[10...Bd5 is also possible, with a very similar idea 11.Qc3 (11.Qa4?? axb5 and White is forced to give up his queen, since 12.Qxb5+ runs into 12...Bc6-+) 11...axb5=]

11.Qd1 [11.Qxc4 axb5 12.Qxb5+ Bc6 and black wins a ton of material, as White can't defend his queen on b5 and his rook on a1.]

11...axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.0-0 Be7 [the opening has been a bit of a failure for White, as Black has good space and active pieces. He is on time to start looking for full equality, and the following break solves a fair amount of problems.]

14.b3 cxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Bb2 Nbd7 17.Nbd2 0-0 18.Ra1 [Black's passed pawn on b4 is annoying for White, but it is difficult to push it past this square. White will try to exchange the light squared bishops and create some central dominance.]

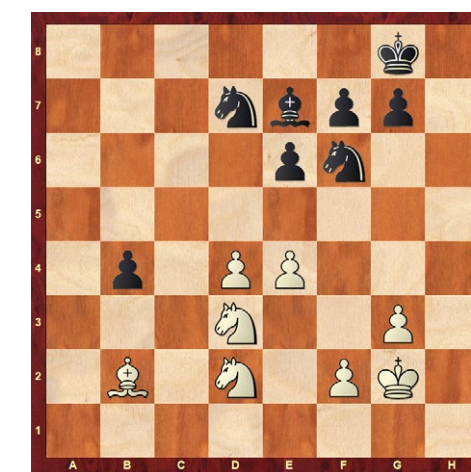
18...Qb8 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rc8 21.e4 [Similar to Black's problem of having the pawn stuck on b4, White faces that dilemma in the center. Neither the d5 nor the e5 push is desirable, so

the center is locked in place.]

21...h5 [Creating some counterplay on the kingside makes sense as White's pieces are far from it, but since Black's queen is also on b8 it is difficult to create real threats.]

22.Nd3 h4 23.Rc1 Rxc1 24.Nxc1 Qb5 25.Qd3 Qxd3 26.Nxd3 hxg3

27.hxg3 [This endgame is quite drawish. The b4 pawn is almost impossible to attack and the material is very reduced.]



27...Nb6 28.Kf3 Nfd7 29.Nb3 Nc4 30.Bc1 e5 31.dxe5 Ncx5+ 32.Nxe5 Nxe5+ 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.f4 Ng4 35.Kf3 Nh2+ 36.Kg2 Ng4 37.Kf3 Nh2+ 38.Kg2 Ng4

1/2-1/2

WESLEY SO - HIKARU NAKAMURA

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



SO VS. NAKAMURA // AUSTIN FULLER

The all-American match up was a quiet affair. After losing his game yesterday, Wesley So did not seem to want to take any chances in his game today. His opening choice in the Nimzo Indian Defense didn't make his opponent's pursuit of equality very difficult. So exchanged the pair of rooks along the a-file, leaving very little material on the board thus making the peaceful result inevitable.

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 Bb4 4.Qc2 [entering one of the main lines of the Nimzo-Indian Defense]

4...0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.Bg5 [7.Nf3 During last year's Sinquefield Cup, So opted out for this line 7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.Bg5 Ba6 10.Qa4 h6 11.Bh4 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rc2 c4 16.e3 Bb5 17.Qb4 Rc8 18.Be2 Nd7 19.0-0 Rab8 20.Rfc1 a5 21.Qc3 Kg7 22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.Nxd4 Ba6 24.Kf1 Ne5 25.Ke1 f5 26.Nf3 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Rb3 28.Bxc4 Rxc4 29.Rxc4 Bxc4 30.Rxc4 Rxb2 31.Rc5 Rb1+ 32.Ke2 Rh1 33.Rxa5 Rxb2 1/2-1/2 (33) So,W (2810)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis 2017]

7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.Rd1 [White tries to stay more flexible with this move and discourage Black's pawn break with c5]



[9.Nf3 Ba6 would have transposed to the game So-Anand from last year!]

9...Ba6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.e4 Bxf1 12.Kxf1 [White has the right to castle and is taking a long time to develop in order to take control of the center. Black has to strike back otherwise he will find himself in a worse position]

12...Qc8 13.Ne2 h6 [Novelty but it's a common move and doesn't change the structure much.]

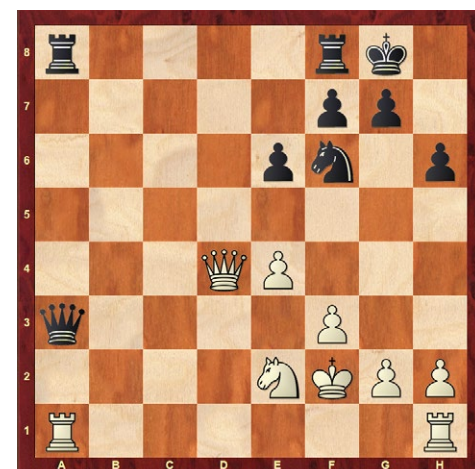
[13...c5 14.f3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxc2 16.Nxc2 Rfc8 1/2-1/2 (16) Iljin,A (2546)-Moiseenko,A (2667) Dresden 2010]

14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.f3 Qb7 [since White has to spend some time securing his king, Black can take the time with the c5 break]

16.Rc1 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 [Black will create counterplay against the b2 pawn. If White pawn was on a2 instead of a3, the b2 pawn would be secure on the b3 square]

18.Kf2 Rab8 19.Qxc5 Qxb2 20.Qxa7 Ra8 21.Qd4 Qxa3 22.Ra1 [White liquidates on the a-file]

22...Qe7 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Qxa1 Qc5+ 26.Qd4 Qc7 27.h3 Nd7 28.Qc3 Qb6+ 29.Qd4 Qc7 30.Qc3 Qb6+ 31.Qd4 Qc7



1/2-1/2

CURRENT STANDINGS

#GrandChessTour AFTER ROUND 2

POS.	PLAYER	ROUND 2 RESULT	SCORE
T-1	GM LEVON ARONIAN	.5	1.5 PTS
T-1	GM S. MAMEDYAROV	.5	1.5 PTS
T-1	GM MAGNUS CARLSEN	1	1.5 PTS
T-4	GM HIKARU NAKAMURA	.5	1 PTS
T-4	GM ALEX GRISCHUK	.5	1 PTS
T-4	GM M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE	.5	1 PTS
T-4	GM VISWANATHAN ANAND	.5	1 PTS
T-4	GM FABIANO CARUANA	.5	1 PTS
9	GM WESLEY SO	.5	.5 PTS
10	GM SERGEY KARJAKIN	0	0 PTS

PLAYER MATCHUPS

#GrandChessTour ROUND 3

WHITE	PLAYER	VS	PLAYER	BLACK
GM	LEVON ARONIAN 2794 URS		GM	MAGNUS CARLSEN 2866 URS
GM	SERGEY KARJAKIN 2791 URS		GM	VISWANATHAN ANAND 2771 URS
GM	M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE 2796 URS		GM	WESLEY SO 2794 URS
GM	HIKARU NAKAMURA 2812 URS		GM	ALEX GRISCHUK 2782 URS
GM	S. MAMEDYAROV 2782 URS		GM	FABIANO CARUANA 2785 URS

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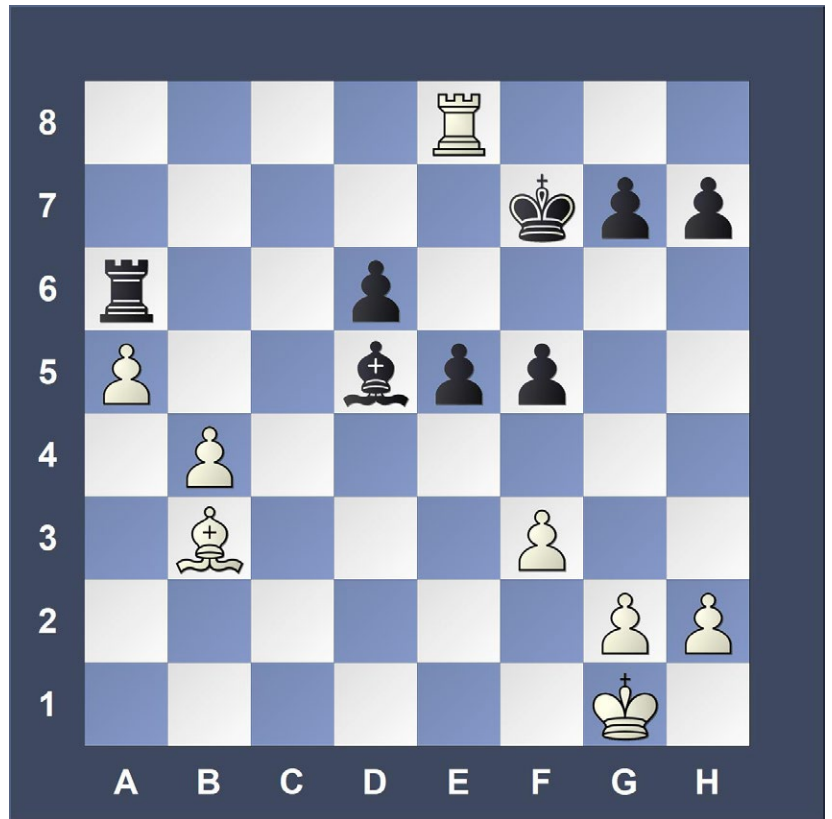
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Objective: White to move

White: Sergey Karjakin
Black: Alexandra Kosteniuk

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

1 PM Round 2

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

1 PM Round 3

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

1 PM Round 4

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

1 PM Round 5

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

1 PM Round 6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

1 PM Round 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

1 PM Round 8

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

1 PM Round 9

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

1 PM Playoff (If Necessary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

5:30 PM Closing Ceremony, World Chess Hall of Fame*

6:30 PM Chess Club 10 Year Documentary Premiere, Chase Park Plaza

*Private Event

SIDE EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Sinquefield 6-Player Swiss

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

3 Rounds | Game in 15; 2 second delay

Entry Fee

\$10

Registration

6-6:45 PM

Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.

Round 1

7:00 PM

Prizes for each flight \$40-20.

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.