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GM DING LIREN, ROUND 9
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CURRENT STANDINGS

1. GM D. Liren	5 1/2
2. GM I. Nepomniachtchi	5 1/2
3. GM V. Anand	5
4. GM S. Karjakin	5
5. GM F. Caruana	4 1/2
6. GM M. Carlsen	4 1/2
7. GM S. Mamedyarov	4 1/2
8. GM W. So	4
9. GM M. Vachier-Lagrave	4
10. GM H. Nakamura	4
11. GM A. Giri	4
12. GM L. Aronian	3 1/2

The tension is rising, as two players have separated themselves from the pack of leaders. Ding Liren defeated his immediate rival Fabiano Caruana in a well played game and was joined on top of the leaderboard by Ian Nepomniachtchi, who won against Wesley So with the black pieces. The two grandmasters are now half a point ahead of Viswanathan Anand and Sergey Karjakin, both of whom drew their games today. As the tournament enters the penultimate round tomorrow, the pressure is mounting with only two rounds left in the tournament.



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DING LIREN - FABIANO CARUANA

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LIREN VS. CARUANA // LENNART OOTES

This was a crucial win for the Chinese player, as he was tied for first with Caruana going into the round. The game itself was a great example of putting pressure on the opponent until they crack. Ding's position always looked slightly better out of the opening but he felt it became unclear after his 31.f4 as his king became weaker, allowing some attacking chances for his opponent. Caruana had a way of tactically exchanging pieces, initially heading into an equal endgame but ultimately found himself under a huge attack after a few reckless moves. The combination of the queen and the knight is known to be deadly in chess, as Ding masterfully demonstrated in this game.

- 1.d4 Nf6
- 2.c4 e6
- 3.Nf3 d5
- 4.Nc3 Be7
- 5.Bf4 0-0
- 6.e3 b6
- 7.Bd3

[7.cxd5 Was played by Ding against Carlsen in the STL Rapid and Blitz just last week. Ding went on to win the game in nice fashion 7...Nxd5 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c5 10.b3 Nc6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Rc1 a5 13.h3 g6 14.Bb5]

- 7. dxc4
- 8.Bxc4 Ba6
- 9.Bxa6 Nxa6
- 10.Qe2 Qc8
- 11.0-0 Qb7

[A novelty by Caruana, but the position quickly transposes back into known territory]

[11...c5 is considered to be the mainline, with a drawish tendency]

- 12.a3 c5
- 13.Nb5 Rac8N

[The real novelty of the game! This deviates from Carlsen-Nakamura 2018]

[13...Ne4 Was previously played by Carlsen, however black equalized quite easily 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Ne5 Nd6 16.Nxd6 Bxd6 17.Qg4 cxd4 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Nxf7 Bxf4 20.Qxe6 Nc5 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Nh6+ Kh8 1/2-1/2 (23) Carlsen,M (2835)-Nakamura,H (2746) St Petersburg 2018]

14.b4!?

[Not the computer's top choice, but very interesting and dynamic. It is clear

that Ding wanted to put pressure on Caruana from the get-go]

14. Nd5

[14...cxb4?! was not played as white would be thrilled to open the a-file 15.axb4]

- 15.bxc5 bxc5
- 16.Rab1 Rc6?!



[The first inaccuracy by Caruana. This leads to disharmony in the black pieces.]

[16...Qa8 was the necessary move to maintain equality 17.Bd6 Rfd8 18.Bxe7 Nxe7=]

- 17.Be5 Rb6
- 18.a4 Nac7
- 19.dxc5 Bxc5
- 20.Rbc1!

[A very important move. The idea is to get out of the pin along the b-file and exert pressure against black's minor pieces along the c-file. The next few moves are relatively forced.]

- 20. Nxb5
- 21.Rxc5 Nd6
- 22.a5 Rc6
- 23.Bxd6 Rxd6
- 24.Rfc1 h6
- 25.h3

[While the position appears to be

somewhat symmetrical, white has a nagging advantage due to the control of the c-file, the potential for Ne5 and the further advanced a-pawn.]

- 25. Rfd8
- 26.Ne5 Nf6
- 27.Nc6 R8d7
- 28.a6 Qb6
- 29.Ne5 Rd8
- 30.Rc8 Qa5?!

[30...Nd7!? is a better attempt to equalize 31.Nxd7 R6xd7 32.R1c6 Rxc8 33.Rxc8+ Rd8=]

31.f4 Rd2

[31...Nd7! it's very important for black to remove white's powerful knight on e5. This should now lead to equality.]

- 32.Qf3 R2d5
- 33.R1c7

[33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Qb7 Qd2 35.Qxf7+ Kh8 36.Rc4 Qxe3+ 37.Kh2 Would have offered white a larger advantage]

- 33. Kh7
- 34.Kh2 Rxc8
- 35.Rxc8 Qxa6
- 36.Ra8

[36.Rf8! Nd7 37.Nxd7 Rxd7 38.Qe4+ f5 39.Rxf5! exf5 40.Qxf5+ Qg6 41.Qxd7 a5 in the post-game interview, Ding thought that black would have good drawing chances in this endgame]

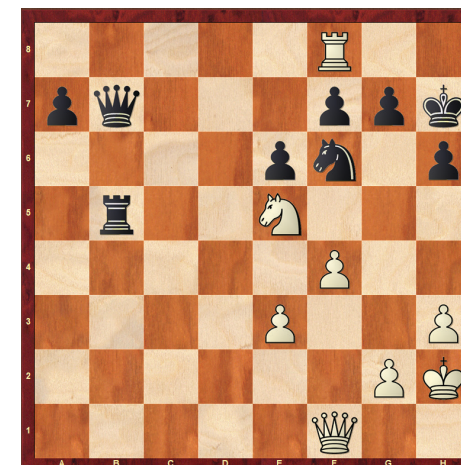
- 36. Qb7
- 37.Rf8 Rb5?

[The blunder which cost Caruana the game.]

[37...Qb4 38.Rxf7 Qb1 39.Qg3 Nh5 40.Qg4 Rd1 41.Qxh5 Rh1+ 42.Kg3 Qe1+ 43.Kg4 Qe2+ 44.Kh4 Rxf3+!! A fantastic resource which would have

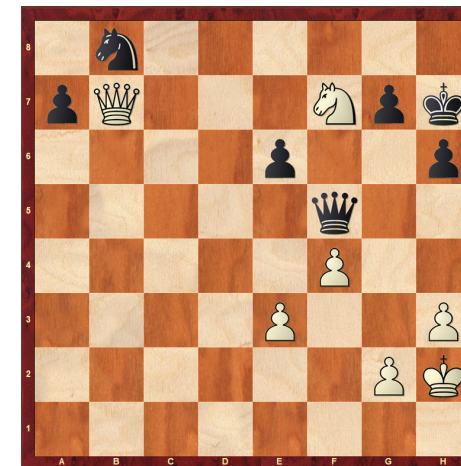
allowed Caruana to escape with a draw 45.gxh3 Qf2+ 46.Kg4 Qg2+ 47.Kh4=]

38.Qf1!



[A very strong move which leads to a winning advantage for white. The point is if black plays Rb1, white has Qd3+ followed by Qd8 with a mating attack]

- 38. Qd5
- 39.Nxf7 Nd7
- 40.Rd8 Rb8
- 41.Rxb8 Nxb8
- 42.Qb1+ Qf5
- 43.Qb7!



[Ding does not loosen his grip on the position! The conversion of his advantage was simply flawless.]

- 43. Nc6
- 44.Nd6 Qc5

- 45.Ne4 Qc2
- 46.Nf6+ Kg6
- 47.Ne8 Qc3
- 48.e4!

[Another strong move to secure the f5-square so that the black king cannot escape towards the center.]

- 48. a5
- 49.Qd7 a4
- 50.Qxe6+ Kh7
- 51.e5 Nd4
- 52.Qd7 Kg6
- 53.Qxg7+ Kf5
- 54.Nd6+ Kxf4
- 55.Qf6+ Ke3
- 56.e6 Kd3
- 57.e7

[A model game by the Chinese superstar! This once again shows why he is one of the most consistent elite players in the world and boasts the number 3 world ranking.]

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WESLEY SO - IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI

RECAP AND ANALYSIS BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM W. SO // JUSTIN KELLAR

In a theoretical Symmetrical English line, So made a positional long term pawn sacrifice. In return, he had the better minor piece, initiative, and superior pawn structure. Nepo was happy to reciprocate in order to finish his development and enter a queen endgame, which he thought would end in a draw. The American blundered a pawn the following move, but still maintained good drawing chances. Unfortunately, his mistakes started accumulating as he got very low on time. Nepomniachtchi's king traveled from g7 to c8 to g4 then back to the queenside again, escaping his opponent's checks. The marathon game ended in 132 moves after So could no longer stop his opponent's passed pawn from queening.

- 1.Nf3 c5
- 2.c4 Nc6
- 3.Nc3 g6
- 4.e3 Nf6
- 5.d4 cxd4
- 6.exd4 d5
- 7.cxd5 Nxd5
- 8.Qb3 e6

[8...Nxc3 9.Bc4 e6 10.bxc3 Bg7 is another way of playing this line, but Nepo wanted to leave his opponent with an isolated pawn]

- 9.Bb5 Bg7
- 10.0-0 0-0
- 11.Bxc6 bxc6
- 12.Na4 Qd6
- 13.Re1 Rb8
- 14.Qd1

[14.Qd3 c5 15.Nxc5 Nb4 16.Qc3 Bb7 17.a3 Nd5 18.Qd3 Ba8 was played between Radjabov and Nepomniachtchi in 2017]

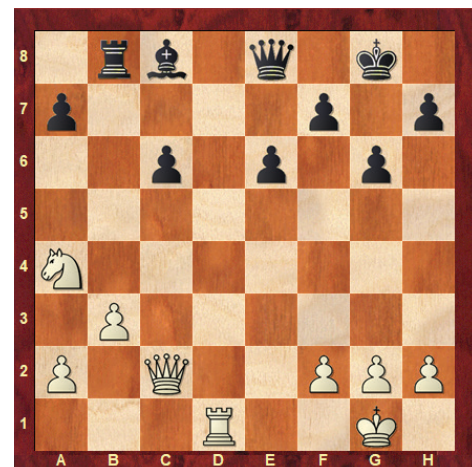
- 14. Ne7
- 15.b3 Nf5
- 16.Bb2 Rd8
- 17.Qc2 Nxd4
- 18.Bxd4 Bxd4
- 19.Nxd4 Qxd4
- 20.Rad1 Qf6

[All of this has been played before]

- 21.Rxd8+

[21.Qc3 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 e5 23.Qa5 Bf5 is how the other game developed]

- 21. Qxd8
- 22.Rd1 Qe8



- 23.h3 e5
- 24.Qc5 a6

[White is playing for the initiative. His knight is the better minor piece and the a6 and c6 pawns are very weak]

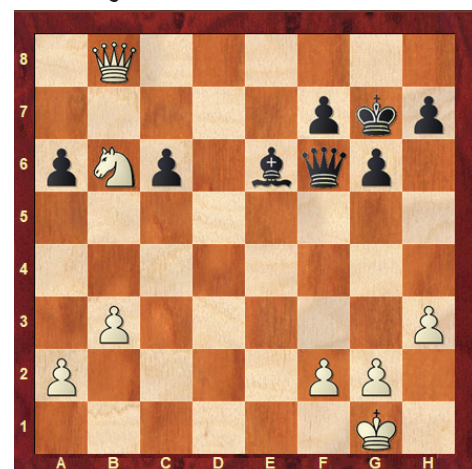
- 25.Qa5

[25.Qd6 Bf5 26.Nc5 completely controlling the position]

- 25. Kg7
- 26.Rd8 Qe7
- 27.Nb6 Qxd8

[Black is happy to give the pawn back but to exchange his useless rook for his opponent's more active one]

- 28.Qxe5+ Qf6
- 29.Qxb8 Be6



- 30.Qg3?!

[30.Qd6 A better square for the queen keeping an eye on the pawn weaknesses]

- 30. h5
- 31.Na4 Qa1+
- 32.Kh2 Qxa2

[Nepo grabs a pawn. Wesley still has the dark squares but is down material]

- 33.Nc5 Qe2
- 34.Qc3+ Kg8
- 35.Qd4 Bd5
- 36.Nd7 Qe6
- 37.Nf6+ Kf8
- 38.b4 Qd6+
- 39.Kg1 Ke7
- 40.Ng8+ Ke6
- 41.Qf6+ Kd7
- 42.Qd4 Qb8
- 43.Nf6+ Ke6
- 44.Ne4 Bxe4
- 45.Qxe4+ Kd7
- 46.Qc4

[46.Qd4+ White can win one of the pawns back or force a perpetual 46...Ke6 47.Qc4+ Ke7 48.Qe4+ Kf8 49.Qxc6 Qxb4 50.Qxa6 Qe1+ 51.Qf1 Qxf1+ 52.Kxf1 =]

- 46. Qe8
- 47.Qd4+ Kc8
- 48.Qb6 Qe1+
- 49.Kh2 Qe5+
- 50.g3 Qb5

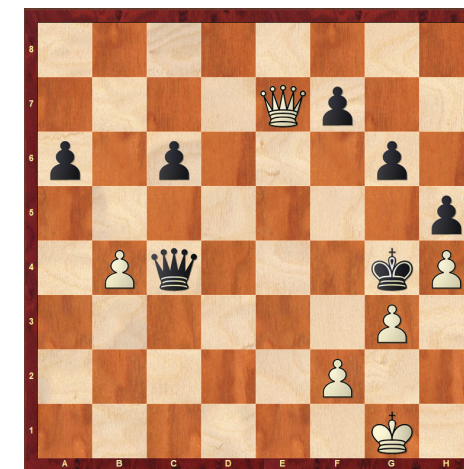
[So was starting to get low on time]

- 51.Qa7 Qb7
- 52.Qc5 Qc7
- 53.h4 Kb7
- 54.Qf8 Qd7
- 55.Kg1 Qd5
- 56.Kh2 Kc7

[Black's task isn't easy, but it feels like he's making progress]

- 57.Kg1 Kd7

- 58.Kh2 Qc4
- 59.Kg1 Qe6
- 60.Qc5 Qe2
- 61.Qd4+ Ke6
- 62.Qc5 Qb5
- 63.Qe3+ Kf6
- 64.Qc3+ Ke7
- 65.Qd4 Ke6
- 66.Qe3+ Kd7
- 67.Qa7+ Ke8
- 68.Qd4 Qd5
- 69.Qb6 Qc4
- 70.Qb8+ Ke7
- 71.Qe5+ Kd7
- 72.Qb8 Ke6
- 73.Qe8+ Kf5
- 74.Qe7 Qd5
- 75.Qe2 Qb5
- 76.Qe7 Qc4
- 77.Qe8 Qe6
- 78.Qd8 Ke4
- 79.Qd2 Qc4
- 80.Qe3+ Kf5
- 81.Qe7 Kg4



[the king marches to the other side of the board]

- 82.Qd7+ Kf3
- 83.Qd2 f6
- 84.Qe3+ Kg4
- 85.Kg2 Kf5
- 86.Kh2 g5
- 87.hxg5 fxg5
- 88.Qd2 Qd5
- 89.Qe2 Qd4
- 90.Kg1 Qxb4
- 91.Qf3+ Ke5

- 92.Qxh5 Qb1+
- 93.Kg2 Qf5
- 94.Qd1?

[94.Qh8+ Kd5 95.Qa8 attacking the a6 pawn while keeping the c6 pawn pinned 95...Qd3 96.Kh3 with Kg4 to take g5]

- 94. a5
- 95.Qd8 Ke4
- 96.Qd2 Qd5
- 97.f3+ Kf5
- 98.g4+ Ke6
- 99.Qc2 Kd6
- 100.Kg3 Qe5+
- 101.Kg2 Qf4
- 102.Qg6+ Kc7
- 103.Qh7+ Kb6
- 104.Qb1+ Qb4
- 105.Qc1 Qc5
- 106.Qb2+ Ka6
- 107.Qa2 Qb5
- 108.Qg8 a4

[now the pawn starts moving]

- 109.Qa8+ Kb6
- 110.Qd8+ Kb7
- 111.Qe7+ Ka6
- 112.Qf8 Qe2+
- 113.Kh3 Qe3
- 114.Qa8+ Kb5
- 115.Qb7+ Qb6
- 116.Qg7 Qc5
- 117.Qb2+ Ka6
- 118.Qe2+ Ka7
- 119.Qd2 a3
- 120.f4 gxf4
- 121.Qxf4 Qc3+
- 122.Kh4 Qh8+
- 123.Kg5 Qg8+
- 124.Kh5 Qd5+
- 125.g5 a2
- 126.Qa4+ Kb6
- 127.Qb4+ Qb5
- 128.Qd4+ Ka6
- 129.Qd8 Qe2+
- 130.Kh6 Qe6+
- 131.g6 Qh3+
- 132.Kg5 Qg2+

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VISWANATHAN ANAND - SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV

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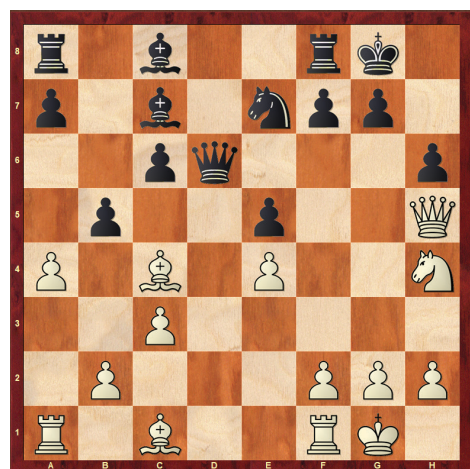


GM V. ANAND // LENNART OOTES

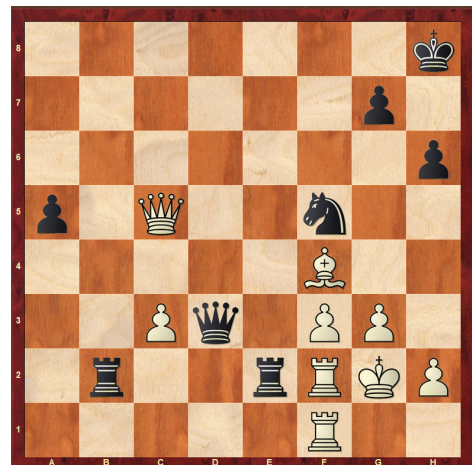
This was yet another disappointing draw for the former World Champion. Anand improved on the Giuoco Piano line played between Vachier-Lagrave and Mamedyarov from round 7 of this tournament, getting the advantage with a dangerous initiative in the opening. Much to his credit, Mamedyarov found creative counterplay by sacrificing a pawn in order to avoid getting suffocated in the normal course of action. Anand was up a pawn but the nature of the position changed to where Mamedyarov had active play. Anand couldn't keep control of the position and after allowing his opponent's rooks penetrate the second rank, he had to force a perpetual.

- 1.e4 e5
- 2.Nf3 Nc6
- 3.Bc4 Bc5
- 4.c3 Nf6
- 5.d3 d6
- 6.0-0 h6
- 7.Re1 0-0
- 8.Nbd2 Ne7
- 9.d4 Bb6
- 10.a4 c6
- 11.dxe5 Ng4
- 12.Rf1 Nxe5
- 13.Nxe5 dxe5
- 14.Qh5 Qd6

- 15.Nf3 Bc7
- 16.Nh4 b5
- 17.axb5 cxb5
- 18.Bxb5 Bb7
- 19.Qe2 Bb6
- 20.Ba6 Bc6
- 21.Nf3 f5
- 22.Bd3 Rae8
- 23.exf5 Nxf5
- 24.Be4 Kh8
- 25.Nd2 Qe6
- 26.Kh1 Bd7
- 27.Bd3 e4
- 28.Nxe4 Bc6
- 29.f3 Qe5
- 30.Bd2 Bc7
- 31.g3 Bxe4



- 32.Qxe4 Qd6
- 33.Bf4 Qd7
- 34.Qb7 Qxd3
- 35.Qxc7 Re2
- 36.Qc5 Rfe8
- 37.Rf2 a5
- 38.Raf1 Rxb2
- 39.Kg2 Ree2



- 40.Qxa5 Kh7
- 41.h4 Ne3+
- 42.Bxe3 Qxe3
- 43.Qf5+ Kh8
- 44.Qf8+ Kh7
- 45.Qf5+ Kh8
- 46.Qf8+ Kh7
- 47.Qf5+

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ANISH GIRI - SERGEY KARJAKIN

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GM S. KARJAKIN // LENNART OOTES

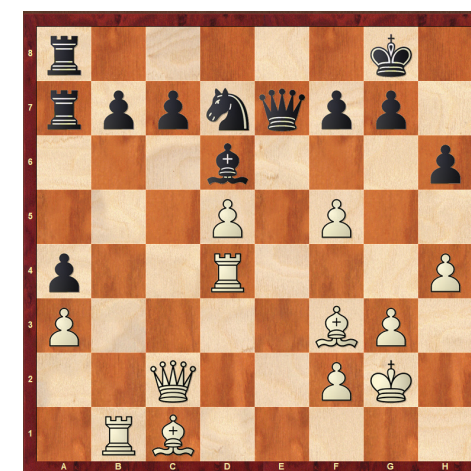
The English Opening has become one of the most popular guests at the top level, with Giri essaying it in this game. An interesting imbalance occurred, with Giri having the central pawns while Karjakin held the queenside majority. The Dutchman always had the advantage but Karjakin demonstrated once again why he has earned the nickname of the "minister of defense." Patiently, he found the most accurate moves, at times putting his pieces in their original positions thus slowly bringing the equilibrium as Giri's advantage fizzled out. The game ended in an opposite-colored bishop endgame.

- 1.c4 Nf6
- 2.Nc3 e5
- 3.Nf3 Nc6
- 4.g3 Bb4
- 5.Bg2 0-0
- 6.Nd5 Bc5
- 7.b4 Nxb4
- 8.Nxb4 Bxb4
- 9.Nxe5 d5
- 10.cxd5 Nxd5
- 11.0-0 Be6



- 12.Rb1 a5
- 13.a3 Bd6
- 14.Nf3 Nb6
- 15.Qc2 Re8
- 16.h4 h6
- 17.Nd4 Bc8
- 18.Nf5 Bf8
- 19.e4 Be6
- 20.d4 a4
- 21.d5 Bxf5
- 22.exf5 Bd6
- 23.Bf3 Ra7
- 24.Kg2 Nd7
- 25.Rd1 Qe7

- 26.Rd4 Rea8



- 27.Re4 Qf8
- 28.Qc3 Re8
- 29.Rxe8 Qxe8
- 30.Bb2 Qf8
- 31.Re1 Ra8
- 32.Bd1 Nf6
- 33.Qc4 b5
- 34.Qxb5 Rb8
- 35.Qe2 Re8
- 36.Qd2 Rxe1
- 37.Qxe1 Bxa3
- 38.Bxf6 gxf6
- 39.Bxa4 Qe7
- 40.Qxe7 Bxe7
- 41.Bb3 Bc5
- 42.Ba4 Be7
- 43.Bb3 Bc5
- 44.Ba4 Be7

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LEVON ARONIAN - MAGNUS CARLSEN

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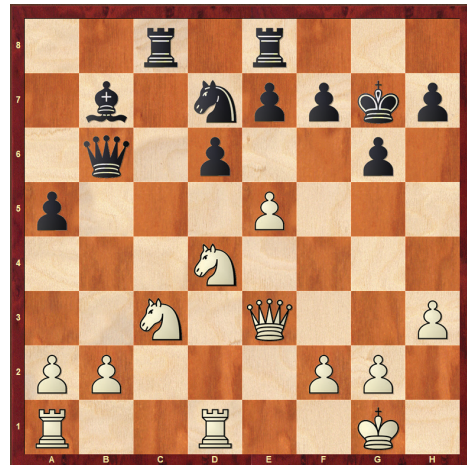


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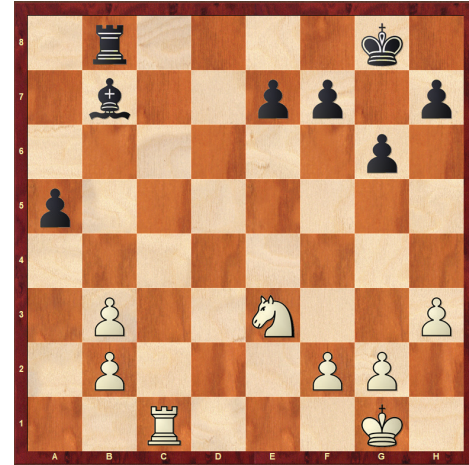
The World Champion came very close to scoring the full point he's been searching for this entire tournament. After a 30 minute think in a balanced position, Aronian played an enterprising move, giving up his central pawn in order to collect his opponent's queenside pawns. Quickly after he made the move, he realized that the resulting position would be very difficult for him to defend, finding the line that the engines were suggesting. Fortunately for him, the idea did not occur to Carlsen at all. Once the critical moment passed, the game petered out to a draw quickly as the pieces came off the board.

- 1.e4 c5
- 2.Nf3 Nc6
- 3.Bb5 g6
- 4.c3 Nf6
- 5.Qe2 Bg7
- 6.0-0 0-0
- 7.d4 cxd4
- 8.cxd4 d6
- 9.h3 Nd7
- 10.Rd1 a6
- 11.Bxc6 bxc6
- 12.Be3 a5
- 13.Qc2 c5
- 14.Nc3 cxd4

- 15.Bxd4 Bb7
- 16.Bxg7 Kxg7
- 17.Nd4 Rc8
- 18.Qd2 Re8
- 19.Qe3 Qb6
- 20.e5 dxe5



- 21.Nb3 Nc5
- 22.Qxe5+ Kg8
- 23.Qe3 Qc6
- 24.Nd5 Nxb3
- 25.axb3 Qc5
- 26.Rac1 Qxe3
- 27.Nxe3 Rxc1
- 28.Rxc1 Rb8



- 29.Rc5 Bc8
- 30.Nd5 Be6
- 31.Nxe7+ Kf8
- 32.Nc6 Rxb3
- 33.Nd4 Rxb2
- 34.Nxe6+ fxe6
- 35.Rxa5 h5
- 36.Ra6 Kf7
- 37.Ra5 Rb1+
- 38.Kh2 Rb2
- 39.Kg1 Rb1+
- 40.Kh2 Rb2
- 41.Kg1

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MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE - HIKARU NAKAMURA

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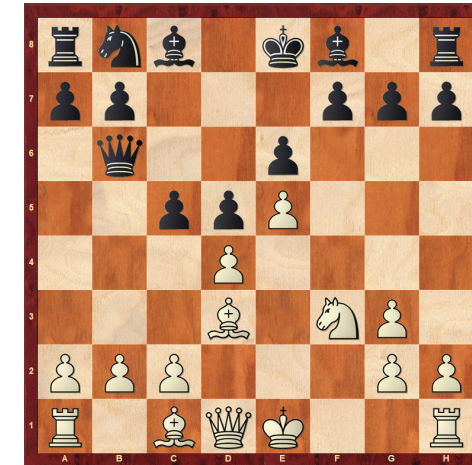


GM H. NAKAMURA // LENNART OOTES

Nakamura's Caro-Kann quickly turned into a French structure which looked favorable for White. The position looked extremely dangerous for Nakamura after Vachier-Lagrave's 9.fxg3 recapture, breaking known chess principles of capturing towards the center but opening the f file for his rook, aiming at his opponent's king. Nakamura's main mistake was on move 19, when he played the f6 pawn break, fearing the impending doom on his kingside. Instead of taking the time to calculate the sharp lines that would have given Vachier-Lagrave a winning attack, he played too quickly, finally trading into an endgame. MVL still had the advantage as the resulting endgame was a classical example of a good knight versus a bad bishop, but Nakamura was able to find enough counterplay to pull the game into a drawn territory.

- 1.e4 c6
- 2.Nf3 d5
- 3.Nc3 Nf6
- 4.e5 Ne4
- 5.Ne2 Qb6
- 6.d4 e6
- 7.Ng3 c5
- 8.Bd3 Nxc3

- 9.fxg3 cxd4



- 10.0-0 Nc6
- 11.Qe2 h6
- 12.a3 Bd7
- 13.g4 Be7
- 14.b4 a6
- 15.Rb1 Na7
- 16.Bb2 Nb5
- 17.Qf2 Qc7
- 18.Nxd4 0-0
- 19.Ne2 f6
- 20.Qe3 fxe5
- 21.Bxe5 Bd6
- 22.Bxd6 Nxd6
- 23.g5 Nf5
- 24.Bxf5 exf5



after move 19

- 25.gxh6 Rae8
- 26.Qd2 Qb6+
- 27.Nd4 Qxh6
- 28.Qxh6 gxh6
- 29.Rf3 Re4
- 30.c3 Kg7
- 31.h3 h5
- 32.Rbf1 Kg6
- 33.g3 Rc8
- 34.Kh2 b6
- 35.h4 f4
- 36.gxf4 Bg4
- 37.Rd3 Kf6
- 38.Rf2 Re7
- 39.Nf3 Bf5
- 40.Rxd5 Rxc3
- 41.Ng5 Rc6
- 42.a4 Re7
- 43.b5 axb5
- 44.axb5 Rc2
- 45.Kg2 Rxf2+
- 46.Kxf2 Rc2+
- 47.Ke3 Rc3+
- 48.Kd2 Rc2+
- 49.Kd1 Rc4
- 50.Rd6+ Ke7
- 51.Rxb6 Rxf4
- 52.Rb7+ Bd7
- 53.Kd2 Rxh4
- 54.Ke3 Rb4
- 55.Ne4 Rxb5
- 56.Rxb5 Bxb5
- 57.Ng3 h4
- 58.Nf5+ Kf6
- 59.Nxh4

1/2-1/2



GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI // LENNART OOTES



GM DING LIREN // JUSTIN KELLAR

CURRENT STANDINGS

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AFTER ROUND 9

POS.	PLAYER	ROUND 9 RESULT	SCORE
T-1	GM DING LIREN (CHN)	1	5½ PTS
T-1	GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI (RUS)	1	5½ PTS
T-3	GM VISWANATHAN ANAND (IND)	½	5 PTS
T-3	GM SERGEY KARJAKIN (RUS)	½	5 PTS
T-5	GM FABIANO CARUANA (USA)	0	4½ PTS
T-5	GM MAGNUS CARLSEN (NOR)	½	4½ PTS
T-5	GM S. MAMEDYAROV (AZE)	½	4½ PTS
T-8	GM WESLEY SO (USA)	0	4 PTS
T-8	GM M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE (FRA)	½	4 PTS
T-8	GM HIKARU NAKAMURA (USA)	½	4 PTS
T-8	GM ANISH GIRI (NLD)	½	4 PTS
12	GM LEVON ARONIAN (ARM)	½	3½ PTS

PLAYER MATCHUPS

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ROUND 10

WHITE	PLAYER	VS	PLAYER	BLACK
GM LEVON ARONIAN (ARM)			GM DING LIREN (CHN)	
GM MAGNUS CARLSEN (NOR)			GM WESLEY SO (USA)	
GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI (RUS)			GM MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE (FRA)	
GM HIKARU NAKAMURA (USA)			GM ANISH GIRI (NLD)	
GM SERGEY KARJAKIN (RUS)			GM VISWANATHAN ANAND (IND)	
GM SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV (AZE)			GM FABIANO CARUANA (USA)	

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ULTIMATE MOVES

AUGUST 29

Following the conclusion of the Sinquefield Cup, the Saint Louis Chess Club will host an Ultimate Moves Exhibition with all players on August 29 at 2pm. The event will include Saint Louis Chess Club founder Rex Sinquefield, President of Spectrum Studios Randy Sinquefield, legendary World Champion Garry Kasparov, and the Sinquefield Cup players in a team vs. team matchup. All tournament players will compete in this fun-spirited event where players swap out after every fifth move and are encouraged to talk amongst each other and their opponents throughout the match. Free admission!



2018 ULTIMATE MOVES // AUSTIN FULLER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 15

5-6 PM Autograph Session, Kingside Diner

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| Thursday, August 15
6 PM Opening Ceremony,
World Chess Hall of Fame* | Saturday, August 24
1 PM Round 7 |
| Saturday, August 17
1 PM Round 1 | Sunday, August 25
1 PM Round 8 |
| Sunday, August 18
1 PM Round 2 | Monday, August 26
1 PM Round 9 |
| Monday, August 19
1 PM Round 3 | Tuesday, August 27
1 PM Round 10 |
| Tuesday, August 20
1 PM Round 4 | Wednesday, August 28
1 PM Round 11 |
| Wednesday, August 21
1 PM Round 5 | Thursday, August 29
10 AM Playoff <i>(If Necessary)</i> |
| Thursday, August 22
Rest Day | Thursday, August 29
2 PM Ultimate Moves |
| Friday, August 23
1 PM Round 6 | Thursday, August 29
6-7 PM Closing Ceremony,
World Chess Hall of Fame* |

*Private Event

SIDE EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Sinquefield Action Quads

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

3 Rounds | Game in 20; 3 second delay

Entry Fee

\$10

Registration

6-6:50 PM

Space is limited to the first 50 players.

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.