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## ROUND 3 HIGHLIGHTS

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## ROUND 3 RESULTS

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♚ GM H. Nakamura	1/2

## CURRENT STANDINGS

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

Today was the most peaceful round so far with all draws, but the results don't tell the entire story! Maxime Vachier-Lagrave had a dominating position against Peter Svidler, but one slip allowed his opponent to solve all his problems tactically. Fabiano Caruana also had great winning chances against Ian Nepomniachtchi but the position was very complicated with a lot of room to err. Sergey Karjakin and Levon Aronian, both of whom suffered tough losses yesterday, played a quick draw. In the all American match up of Wesley So and Hikaru Nakamura, the current US champion was pressing with the white pieces but could not convert his extra pawn. All eyes, once again, were on Magnus Carlsen who had to face another rival, Vishy Anand. The World Champion won a pawn tactically, but the resulting rook endgame did not offer winning chances. Carlsen, Vachier-Lagrave and Caruana remain in the lead.



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# GM FABIANO CARUANA - GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



CARUANA VS. NEPOMNIACHTCHI // AUSTIN FULLER

Black chose the Sicilian Defense which usually leads to complicated and attacking chess. Caruana chose the closed variation, committing to a kingside attack while allowing his opponent to enter through the queenside. It looked as though either his attack would be enough or he would find himself with extra material, but the position was extremely complicated. Caruana chose the wrong path and while he still managed to win material, his opponent had enough counterplay with his active pieces. The game ended with a threefold repetition as neither player wanted to take unnecessary risks.

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3** [Caruana has played closed Sicilian three times already this year]

**2...d6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.d3 Bg7 7.h3 Rb8 8.a4 a6 9.f4 Bd7 10.Be3 b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.Qd2 b4 13.Nd1** [both players have developed their pieces according to the normal ideas of closed Sicilian. White's idea is to attack on the king side and Black's idea is to play on the Queenside]

**13...0-0 14.0-0 Qc7 15.g4 Ra8 16.Rb1** [White is basically giving up the only open file and is completely committed to the play on the king side]

**16...Ra2 17.f5** [the beginning of the attack. Unfortunately for White, he gives up the e5 square forever, which will be occupied by a black knight]

**17...Ne5 18.Bh6 Qa7 19.Kh1 Bb5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nf4 c4?** [21...g5! without the dark squared bishops, it makes sense for black to put his pawns on the dark squares 22.Nh5+ Kh8 (22...Nxh5? 23.Qxg5+ Kh8 24.Qxh5 is a clear pawn for White) 23.Qxg5 Rg8 24.Qe3 Nxh5 25.gxh5]

**22.g5 Nfd7 23.Ne3** [White goes for the attack ignoring the free pawn on b4]



**23...b3** [more accurate was 23...cxd3 24.cxd3 Nc5 25.Ned5 Nxd3 26.f6+ exf6 27.gxf6+ Kh8 28.Nxd3?? is now a mistake 28...Bxd3 29.Qh6 Rg8 and Black wins the exchange]

**24.d4! bxc2 25.Nxc2 Nd3 26.Nd5 e5 27.Nc3 Qa5 28.dxe5** [28.Qe3 Ba4 29.Nxa2 Bxc2 30.Ra1 Qb6 this is the position that Caruana was worried about but after 31.Qd2 Qxb2 32.dxe5 N7xe5 33.Nc3 and the c4 pawn isn't going anywhere]



**28...N7xe5 29.Nd4** [29.Qe3 moving out of the pin. The rook on a2 is now trapped 29...Ba4 (29...Rxb2 30.Rxb2 Qxc3 (30...Nxb2 31.Rb1 wins a piece on the b file) 31.Rxb5 Qxc2) 30.Nxa2 Bxc2 31.Ra1]

**29...Bd7 30.Rfd1** [30.Qe3 is still good for White 30...Rxb2 31.Rxb2 Nxb2 (31...Qxc3 32.Rb6 Qa3) 32.Nd5 Nbd3 33.Qg3 Kh8 34.Nf6 and the attack still looks very strong for White]

**30...Qc5 31.Nxa2 Qxd4 32.Rf1** [White wins the exchange, but unlike in the previous position he has a lot of activity and White is forced to defend the b2 pawn]

**32...Bc6 33.Nc3 Rb8 34.Qe2 Rb3 35.Nd1 Nc5** [going for a repetition]

[35...gxf5 is a try for Black 36.Rxf5 Nc5 37.Nc3 Nxe4 38.Bxe4 Rxc3 39.Bxc6 Rxh3+ 40.Kg2 Qh4 41.Rxe5!! only move! 41...Rh2+ 42.Kf1 Rxe2 43.Rxe2 Qh3+ and Black has a perpetual]

**36.Nc3 Ncd3 37.Nd1 Nc5 38.Nc3**

1/2-1/2

# GM SERGEY KARJAKIN - GM LEVON ARONIAN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM LEVON ARONIAN // AUSTIN FULLER

Yesterday was an unfortunate day for both players as they both lost their games. Usually, tough losses require recovery time and it seemed that neither player wanted to go for complications today. Aronian was unhappy with his position and was low on time, but Karjakin simply went for the repetition and did not play too ambitiously with the white pieces.

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3** [this is the first time Karjakin has played this move! It usually doesn't matter, as these positions transpose to a main line]

**4...Nf6 5.d3** [the main idea behind c3 is to play quick 5.d4 but most top players prefer the closed positions with d3]



**5...0-0 6.a4 a6 7.0-0 Ba7 8.Re1 d6 9.h3 b5** [a very rare move that has only been played twice before and was being played between So and Nakamura!]

**10.Ba2** [10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 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; Capturing the pawn is, of course, bad 10.axb5 axb5 11.Bxb5 Bxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Rxa1 winning the exchange]

**10...b4 11.d4 bxc3** [opening up the b file, but in the game only White was able to use it]

**12.bxc3 Re8 13.Be3 h6 14.Nbd2 Na5** [the knight has to move so the bishop can go to e6]

[14...Be6?? 15.d5]

**15.Rb1 Be6 16.Qc2 Bxa2 17.Qxa2 Bb6 18.Qc2** [the following analysis are by Aronian. He was worried about: 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Red1 Bxe3 20.Nc4 transferring the knight to f5 20...Qe7 (20...Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 (21.Kxf2? Qe7 22.Nxa5 Qc5+ winning the piece back) 21...Nxc4 now Black is forced to go for this as both his queen and knight are under attack 22.Rxd8 Raxd8 23.Qe2 Nd6 24.Qxa6 Black might be able to hold this but White should be able to win with accurate play) 21.Nxe3 Nxe4 22.Qd5 with a double attack on the knights 22...Nc5! initially, he had missed this move, but it saves Black's knights and leaves him with an extra pawn]



**18...Nd7 19.Qd3** [19.Nf1 the knight wants to go to f5. Aronian thought this move should give White an advantage 19...Qf6 20.Ng3 Nc4 21.Bc1 c6 Karjakin felt that this position is fine for Black and didn't go for it]

**19...Qe7 20.Rb2 Nc6 21.Qc4 Na5 22.Qd3 Nc6 23.Qc4** [23.Rc1 a5 24.d5 Ncb8 and the knight will land on c5 via a6]

**23...Na5 24.Qe2 Nc6**

1/2-1/2

# GM VISWANATHAN ANAND - GM MAGNUS CARLSEN

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN, ANNOTATIONS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA



GM V. ANAND // LENNART OOTES

Once again, this game was the center of the attention as all chess fans remember the epic World Championship battles between two players. It was as long strategical battle turned into a long rook and knight endgame battle until Anand blundered a pawn. Winning the pawn meant simplifying the position into a rook ending, where Carlsen could not use his king without losing a pawn. The former World Champion made a draw without any trouble.

[The game between the current and former world champions was surely going to be a staple in today's round. Magnus has once again managed to outfox his opponent in the opening and get the type of position he very much excels in, let's see if he managed to crack the experienced Anand!]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5** [A Ruy Lopez, always a breath of fresh air in a pool of Giucco Piannos]

**3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** [must have come as a surprise for Anand. The last time Magnus tried the Arhangelsk was during the World Championship match against Karjakin, a game in which he found himself in trouble early on!]

**7.Nc3** [7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh5 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Be3 c5 19.e5 Qe6 20.exd6 c4 21.b3 cxb3 22.Bxb3 Qxd6 23.Ra6<sup>2</sup> 1/2-1/2 (74) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) New York 2016]

**7...0-0 8.d3 d6 9.Nd5 h6** [9...Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Bd7 11.c3 Rb8 12.d4 Bb6÷ 0-1 (40) Steinberg,N (2532)-Jones,G (2654) Minsk 2017]

**10.c3 Rb8 11.Re1** [now d4 is more or less a threat, Magnus decides to play prophylactic chess and prepares for the central break by retreating his B/0]

**11...Ba7 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Re8 14.a4 b4 15.a5 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6?** [preserving the B on the board was better]

[17.Ba4 Bd7 18.Qc2 Na7 19.Bb3 Nb5 (19... Be6 20.Bxe6 Rxe6 21.Reb1<sup>2</sup>) 20.Reb1<sup>2</sup> with a slight advantage for white]

**17...Rxe6 18.Nd5 Ne7 19.Nxf6+ Rxf6 20.d4 Ng6** [Now the position is completely equal. Black's control over the "b" file and white's overextended pawn on a5 could potentially give black the advantage in the ensuing endgames, which is exactly what happened in the game!]

**21.g3 Qc8 22.Re3 Rb5 23.Nd2 h5 24.h4 Qh3 25.Qf1 Qg4 26.Qe2 Qxe2 27.Rxe2 Re6 28.Nf1?!** [28.d5 Re8 29.c4 Rb2 30.c5 dxc5 31.Rc1 Rb5 32.Nc4 Reb8 33.Kg2=] 28...Nf8 29.Rc2 exd4 30.cxd4 c5 31.dxc5 dxc5 32.Nd2 Rd6 [Black controls both open files and has the more active pieces. If black manages to stabilize his control and centralize the king, white will find himself tied up and facing a much worse position]

**33.Nc4 Rd4 34.Kg2 Ne6 35.Ra3 g6 36.Nd2** [36.e5 Kf8 37.Rc1 Rb4 38.Rac3 Ra4 39.Nd6 (39.f4 would be too weakening 39...Nc7 40.Nd6 Rd2+ 41.Kf3 Ne6f) ]

**36...Kg7 37.Rac3 Rdb4 38.Ra2 Rd4 39.Rac2 Ra4 40.Nb3!?** [Despite the fact that it allows a cute tactic that wins a pawn, this move is actually forcing a technically

drawn endgame. A very good practical decision by the experienced Anand!]

[40.Rc1 Rxa5 41.Nc4 Ra2 42.Nd6 Rb8 43.e5 Re2 44.Rf3 Rf8 45.Nc4 Nd4<sup>3</sup>]



**40...Rxb3 41.Rxb3 Nd4 42.Rcb2 Nxb3 43.Rxb3 Rxe4** [now the position is a theoretical draw, and Anand knows his endgames!]

[43...Rxa5 44.Rb6 c4 45.Rc6 Ra4 46.e5 a5 47.Rc5 Kf8 48.Kf3 Ke7 49.Ke4 c3+ 50.Kd3 Ra3 51.Kc2 its still within the drawing boundaries, but perhaps allows white more chances to misstep]

**44.Rb6 Re6 45.Rb7 c4** [45...Rc6 46.Rb6 Rc6=]

**46.Rc7 Re5 47.Rxc4 Rxa5 48.Rc6 Ra2 49.Kf3 a5 50.Ra6 a4 51.Ke3 a3 52.Kf3 f6 53.Ra7+ Kf8 54.Kg2 Ra1 55.Kf3 Ke8 56.Ra6 Ke7 57.Kg2 Kf7 58.Kf3 Ra2 59.Kg2 g5 60.g4!** [60.Kf3 Is probably still a draw but the game continuation forces the liquidation of pawns and further cements the draw]

**60...gxh4 61.gxh5 Ra1 62.Ra7+ Kg8 63.h6 Kh8 64.Kh2 f5 65.f4** [65.Kg2 f4 66.f3 a2 67.Kh2 h3 68.h7=]

**65...a2 66.Kg2**

1/2-1/2

# GM MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE - GM PETER SVIDLER

BY WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN



GM MVL // LENNART OOTES

The Frenchman reached a winning position in the middlegame, where his opponent had to decide between giving up a pawn or allowing an attack on his king that looked devastating. Svidler gave up a pawn, but in the postgame interview after looking at the game with the engine, decided that allowing the attack was the better option. Vachier-Lagrave's task was to slowly build up his position until his extra material was devastating for his opponent. Unfortunately for him, he allowed a tactical break and consequently a perpetual.

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 Na5 9.Ba2 c5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Nh4** [11.Bg5 0-0 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.a4 g6 15.c3 was tried by Vachier-Lagrave in Gibraltar earlier this year and he went on to win a long game 1-0 (63) Vachier Lagrave,M (2796)-Piorun,K (2651) Caleta 2017]

**11...0-0 12.Nf5 Nc6 13.Nd5N** [Novelty, now Black has to react somehow as Nf7 is a threat]

**13...Bxf5** [accurate move]

[13...Nxd5 14.Nh6+! gxh6 15.exd5 White will get the piece back while ruining his opponent's king structure; 13...Bxd5 14.exd5 and now the c6 knight doesn't have a good retreat square 14...Nd4 15.Ng3 threatening c3 to trap the knight]

**14.exf5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Rc8 16.a4** [White wants to open the a file to penetrate with the rook and take advantage of his bishop pair]

**16...Bf6** [16...b4 keeping the a file closed make sense as the White rook cannot be countered]

**17.axb5 axb5 18.c4** [after this move Vachier-Lagrave went into the confession booth to talk about his game. He mentioned that he likes his positions, is happy to have kept his bishop pair and if Black ever captures on c4, it will allow his rook to join the action via a3]

**18...bxc4 19.dxc4 Bg5 20.Be3 Kh8?** [the idea of this move to play Qf6 and the variation shown below after 20...Qf6 no longer work]

[Svidler played 19...Bg5 with the intention of playing this line but the resulting position is still unpleasant for him 20...Qf6 21.Ra6 Nd4 (this was Svidler's initial intention when he played Bg5 but it doesn't work 21...Nb4 22.Rxd6 Qxf5 (22...Qxd6? 23.Bxf7+ winning the queen. This was the point of Kh8, to make this line impossible) 23.g4) 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.b4±]

**21.Qh5** [and now the position is very difficult for Black]



**21...h6** [21...Bxe3 22.fxe3 Qf6 (22...f6 23.Rf3 threatening mate with Qh7 and Rh3 23...h6 24.Rg3 with the idea of Rg6 and to

Svidler the position looked unholdable) 23.g4 h6 24.h4]

**22.Bxf7 Nd4 23.h4 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Qf6 25.Ra7** [25.Bg6 simpler and white can start working on covering the extra pawn]

**25...Ne2+** [giving the opportunity to the opponent to make a mistake]

**26.Qxe2** [26.Kf2 looks winning by force but... 26...e4 27.Kxe2 Qxb2+ 28.Ke1 Rb8 and the White king is in trouble]

**26...Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Qg4 Rb8 29.Ra1 Qf6 30.Qe4 Kh7 31.Ra2 h5 32.Kh2??** [32.g3 and White will slowly build up his position]



**32...d5! 33.Qxd5** [33.cxd5 Rb4 34.Qb1 covering the e1 square 34...Qxh4+ 35.Kg1 Qg3]

**33...Qxh4+ 34.Kg1 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Qxe3** [35...Qh4+ 36.Kg1 Qe1+ would immediately end the game, but Black started entertaining the thought of playing for a win]

**36.Qf7** [precise play by White]

**36...Qf4+ 37.Kh1 Qh4+ 38.Kg1 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qh4+** [realizing that his own king is unsafe, Black decided to repeat the position]

**40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh1**

½-½

# GM WESLEY SO - GM HIKARU NAKAMURA

BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA, ANNOTATIONS BY GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA



GM HIKARU NAKAMURA // AUSTIN FULLER

Up until move 10, the game was identical to Vachier-Lagrave-Svidler. Both Svidler and Nakamura played a rare idea but Nakamura fared better as he did not have any problems out of the opening. White had more space and a little pressure which eventually allowed him to win a pawn. At that point, all the central and queenside pawns were exchanged and with little material on the board, So could not do much to win the game.

[The battle of the Americans was surely going to produce a lot of fireworks. Both players are extremely competitive and want to prove their dominance over their opponents, let's see how this important battle of the 3rd round fared!]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4** [The Gioco Pianno has become one of the most popular openings at the top level, going as far as being labeled "as dangerous as the Najdorf" by the former world champion Vishy Anand]

**3...Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a4 a6 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1 Ba7 9.h3 b5!?** [an interesting new approach that has gained traction in the past month. We have seen three top level games being played since June]

**10.Bb3** [10.Ba2 b4 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 h6 13.Bh4 Be6 14.Bc4 (14.Bxe6?! fxe6 15.Nc4 Qd7 16.d4 bxc3 17.bxc3 exd4

18.cxd4 Nh5<sup>3</sup> and black already enjoys the better piece placement) 14...g5?! 15.Bg3 Na5 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.d4<sup>2</sup> 1/2-1/2 (34) Harikrishna,P (2737)-Mamedyarov, S (2800) Geneve 2017]

**10...h6 11.axb5 axb5 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Nbd2** [14.Rxa7 Nxa7 15.Nbd2 c5 16.Nf1 Nc6 17.Ne3 Qc7=]

**14...Rxa1 15.Qxa1 Nh5 16.Nf1 Qf6** [Black is slowly taking over the initiative due to the more proactive piece placement on the kingside. White's expansion on the queenside has proven fruitless]

**17.Qd1 b4** [17...Nf4 18.Kh2 b4 19.d4 Rb8<sup>3</sup>]

**18.d4 bxc3 19.bxc3 Nf4 20.Ne3 Qg6 21.Kh2 Re8** [21...exd4!? 22.cxd4 Rb8 23.Bc2 Nb4 24.Qd2 Qh5÷]

**22.Ba4 Qf6 23.Ng4 Qe7 24.Ne3 Qf6 25.Bb5 exd4** [not the most timely moment to release the tension in the center, better would have been]

[25...Rb8 26.c4 exd4 27.Nd5 Nxd5 28.exd5 Ne5 29.Nxe5 Bxb5 30.Ng4 Qg6 31.cxb5 h5=]

**26.cxd4 Nb8 27.Bf1 Ng6 28.Nd5 Qd8 29.Qc2 c6 30.Nc3 c5 31.Rd1<sup>2</sup> Nc6 32.dxc5 dxc5 33.Nb5 Qb8+?** [quite an inaccurate check, now white's pieces are clearly superior]



[33...Qe7 would have been much better 34.Nd6 Nd4 35.Rxd4 (35.Qxc5 Nxf3+ 36.gxf3 Ra8°) 35...cxd4 36.Nxe8 Qxe8 37.g3 Ba4 38.Qe2 Bc6 39.Nxd4 Qxe4= with complete equality]

**34.Kg1 Nb4 35.Qxc5 Bxb5 36.Qxb4** [36.Bxb5!? Rxe4 37.g3 Nf8 38.Nd4 Black's N on b4 is having a really difficult time coming back into the game. Despite the material equality, the position is clearly better for white! 38...g6 39.Bf1± (39.Qxb4 Ne6=)]

**36...Bc6 37.Qxb8 Rxb8 38.Bd3 Rb4 39.Rb1 Ra4 40.Bc2 Rc4 41.Rb8+ Kh7 42.Bb3** [Despite the extra pawn, the position remains very much within the boundaries of equality due to the limited material left on the board]



**42...Rc1+ 43.Kh2 Bxe4 44.Bxf7 Ne7 45.Re8 Rc7 46.Ne5 Bd5 47.Bh5 g6 48.Be2 Nc6 49.Ng4 Kg7 50.Ne3 Bf7 51.Re4 Rb7 52.Bf3 Rb4!** [After this exchange the position is simply an easy technical draw]

**53.Rxb4 Nxb4 54.Be4 Na6 55.f4 Nc5 56.Bb1 Nd7 57.g4 Nf6 58.Kg3 Nd5 59.Nd1 Be8 60.Be4 Ba4 61.Nb2 Nc3 62.Kf3 Bb5 63.Bb7 g5 64.fxg5 hxg5 65.Be4 Nxe4 66.Kxe4 Bf1 67.Kf5 Bxh3 68.Kxg5 Bxg4 69.Kxg4** [A fighting game in which Wesley pressed his opponent but Hikaru's fighting spirit and resilience prevailed.]

1/2-1/2



# CROSS TABLE - ROUND 3

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POS.	PLAYER		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	SCORE
T-1	GM <b>MAGNUS CARLSEN</b> 2850 (URS)			.5					.5	1			2
T-1	GM <b>FABIANO CARUANA</b> 2774 (URS)	.5					1					.5	2
T-1	GM <b>M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE</b> 2789 (URS)				1		.5			.5			2
T-4	GM <b>WESLEY SO</b> 2781 (URS)			0			.5					1	1.5
T-4	GM <b>LEVON ARONIAN</b> 2787 (URS)		0						.5			1	1.5
T-4	GM <b>HIKARU NAKAMURA</b> 2798 (URS)			.5	.5				.5				1.5
T-4	GM <b>VISWANATHAN ANAND</b> 2771 (URS)	.5					.5			.5			1.5
T-4	GM <b>SERGEY KARJAKIN</b> 2770 (URS)	0				.5					1		1.5
9	GM <b>PETER SVIDLER</b> 2744 (URS)			.5				.5	0				1
10	GM <b>I. NEPOMNIACHTCHI</b> 2744 (URS)		.5		0	0							0



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# PLAYER MATCHUPS

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ROUND 4

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

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# DAILY CHESS PUZZLE

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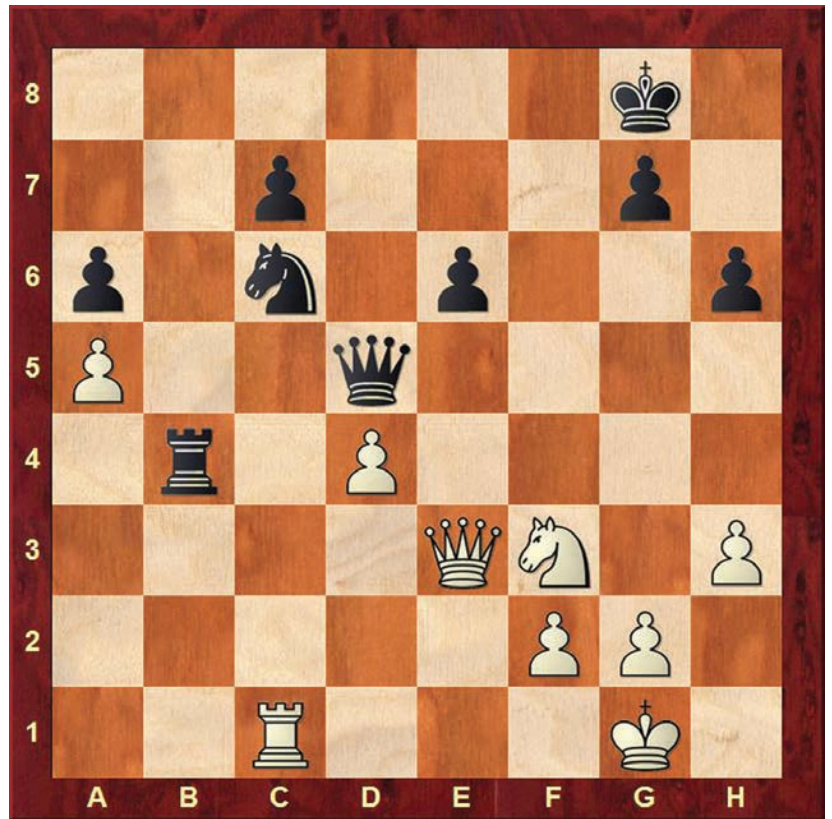
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**Objective:** White to move.

White: Topalov, Veselin  
Black: Svidler, Peter

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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 G/15 Tournament

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

3 Rounds | Game in 15; 3 second delay

**Entry Fee**  
\$10

**Registration**  
6-6:45 PM

Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.

**Round 1**  
7:00 PM

**Guaranteed Prize Fund \$250.**  
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.