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## Magnus Carlsen retains the World Championship title!

The title remains in Norway and Europe

The World No. 1 Norwegian GM Magnus Carlsen defeated the challenger Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand with the result 6.5 – 4.5 and retained the World Champion title gained last

year in Chennai. The World Championship match was played in the Winter Olympic City of Sochi, Russia, and finished after 11 games.

The Norwegian took the lead in the 2nd round, but Anand immediately equalized the score in the next game, which predicted one of the most exciting chess matches. Carlsen again took the lead in the 6th game, and after that managed to keep the advantage, and again won in the penultimate 11th round, after Anand’s risky play with Black.

Congratulations to Magnus Carlsen!

More information, reports, pictures and videos at the [official website of the match](#)

**Below we present you the four decisive games of the match.**

**Carlsen, Magnus (2863) vs. Anand, Viswanathan (2792)  
World Chess Championship 2014 | Sochi | Round 2 | 9 Nov 2014 | ECO: C65 | 1-0**

This is a critical moment of the game. Anand plays 20... Bxf5 trying to get rid of the annoying Knight, but this leads to a worse position difficult to defend



21. exf5 Nf4 22. Bxf4 exf4 23. Rc3 c5 24. Re6! Rab8 25. Rc4 Qd7 26. Kh2! Rf8 27. Rce4 Rb7 28. Qe2! b5 29. b3 bxa4 30. bxa4 Rb4 31. Re7 Qd6! (the best defense) 32. Qf3 Rxe4 33. Qxe4 f3+ 34. g3 h5?? (loses at once. Better was 34... Qd2 35. Qxf3 Qxc2 36. Ra7 Re8 37. Rxa5 and White still needs to work hard to win) 35. Qb7 1-0



**Anand, Viswanathan vs. Carlsen, Magnus**

**World Chess Championship 2014 | Sochi | Round 3 | 11 Nov 2014 | ECO: D37 | 1-0**



The players were following the game between Levon Aronian and Michael Adams from Bilbao 2013, but it seemed Carlsen forgot his preparation. He was spending too much time in such a sharp line in which he should have known much more in order to continue correctly.

As it is shown on the diagram, Anand took on e4 with his Knight, an improvement compared to the game Aronian-Adams. After only 45 seconds of thinking Carlsen automatically took with the Knight which was a key mistake. After this, White is clearly better.

19. f3 Ra5 20. fxe4 Rxb5 21. Qxa4 Ra5 22. Qc6 bxa3 23. exd5 Rxd5 24. Qxb6 Qd7 25. O-O Rc8 26. Rc6 g5 27. Bg3 Bb4! 28. Ra1! 28... Ba5? Magnus makes a mistake under pressure. The rest is easy for Vishy

29. Qa6 Bxc7 30. Qc4 e5 31. Bxe5 Rxe5 32. dxe5 Qe7 33. e6 Kf8 34. Rc1 1-0

**Carlsen, Magnus vs. Anand, Viswanathan**

**World Chess Championship 2014 | Sochi | Round 6 | 15 Nov 2014 | ECO: B41 | 1-0**



In the position above of the 6<sup>th</sup> game of the match, Carlsen has a clear advantage. However, he spends about a minute thinking and makes a huge blunder 26. Kd2?? and misses Ne5 followed by Nc4, a simple 2-move pawn capture. But this is not the end of surprises.

After Carlsen's blunder another shock comes – Anand returns the favour by playing 26... a4?? At the press conference Carlsen told "I was just extremely lucky", and Anand said "The thing is, when you're not expecting a gift, sometimes you just don't take it".

**Carlsen, Magnus vs. Anand, Viswanathan**  
**World Chess Championship 2014 | Sochi | Round 11 | 23 Nov 2014 | ECO: C67 | 1-0**



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

23... b5! (diagram 1) Nice blow by Anand. 24. Bc3! Carlsen avoids the pawn capture and makes the correct decision. 24... bxa4 25. bxa4 Kc6 Anand has initiative here, and it seems the position more comfortable to play with Black 26. Kf3 Rdb8 not a mistake, but two other alternatives were better: 26... Bg7 or 26... Be7

27. Ke4 Rb4 (diagram 2) Anand tries to play all-in with this bluff.

(Black should have played 27... Rb3 28. Rb1 Rab8 29. Rxb3 Rxb3 and the game would have been ended in a draw)

28. Bxb4 cxb4 29. Nh5 (with the idea f2-f4)

29... Kb7 30. f4! gxf4 31. Nxf4 Nxf4 32. Nxf4 Bxc4 33. Rd7 Ra6 34. Nd5 Rc6 35. Rxf7 Bc5 36. Rxc7+! Rxc7 37. Nxc7 Kc6 38. Nb5 Bxb5 39. axb5+ Kxb5 40. e6 b3 41. Kd3 Be7 42. h4 a4 43. g5 hxg5 44. hxg5 a3 45. Kc3 1-0



## 14th European Youth Rapid & Blitz Championship 2014

The 14th European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship took place in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, 12-17 November, 2014 in Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel. The Championship was organized by the Estonian Chess Federation in cooperation with the European Chess Union.



The Opening ceremony was attended by the President of the Estonian Chess Federation, Mr. Andrei Korobeinik, Deputy President of the European Chess Union, Mr. Ion Dobronautescu and speaker of the Estonian Parliament, Mr. Eiki Nestor.

The Championship consisted of 5 different competitions:

**14th Individual European Championship in Rapid**

**13th European Rapid Cup – Rapid Superfinal**

**14th Team European Championships in Rapid**

**14th Individual European Championships in Blitz and**

**13th European Championship in Solving Problems**

The closing ceremony took place in Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel. Prizes and the medals specially designed for this event were handed over by Mr. Andrei Korobeinik, and representatives of the sponsors. The winners were awarded Lenovo tablets, cups and medals. The four best players in each age category received prizes. The total prize fund of the Superfinal was 2000 Euros.



Full standings in all competitions can be found [here](#)

[Official website](#)

# ECU NEWS

## 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FIDE Presidential Board Meeting

The Meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Sochi/Russia during the World Championship match between Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand. It was opened by an address by Mr. Igor Levitin, the Aid of the President of the Russian Federation. He welcomed the Board to Sochi and hoped the World Championship Match will be the first of many major chess events in Sochi.



The Presidential Board agenda included the proposals deferred from Tromso.

The ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili was also present at the meeting, among other officials. Mr. Azmaiparashvili made a report for all the ECU activities after Tromso and he negotiated the new funds for European projects.

## ECU Commissions Members

At the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October in Batumi/Georgia, the ECU Board appointed the new ECU Commissions: Educational Commission, Events Commission, Arbiters Council and Women's Commission.

The Chairman of the Educational Commission is **Jesper Hall** from Sweden, and the Secretary is Alexander Kostyev from Russia. Other members of the Educational Commission are Ferenc Maurer (HUN), Pigasios Hatzinikolaou (CYP), John Foley (ENG), Giorgi Giorgadze (GEO), Walter Raedler (GER), Darko Polimac (IRL), Boro Miljanic (MNE) and Kasim Yekeler (TUR).



The Chairman of the Arbiters Council is Armenian **Ashot Vardapetyan**, while the Secretary is Tomasz Delega from Poland. Other members are Halil Hilmi Dari (TUR), Gregor Neff (AUT) and Marika Japaridze (GEO).



The Events Commission consists of 7 members, and the Chairman is **Gunnar Bjornsson**, President of Iceland Chess Federation. Secretary is Sotiris Logothetis from Greece. Other members are Gunter Delhaes (BEL), Joachim Gries (GER) and Milan Maros (SVK), while the Ad Hoc members are the Tournament Director Petr Pisk (CZE) and Seniors Tournament Director Johann Poecksteiner (AUT).

The last commission formed in Batumi is ECU Women's Commission, which Chairperson is IM and WGM **Almira Skripchenko** from France, and the Secretary is Fiona Steil Antoni from Luxembourg. Other members of the commission are Majlinda Pilinci (ALB), Niki Vrbova (SVK) and Ilana David Glaz (ISR).

In the next ECU Board meeting will be discussed the operational plan for each commission and any other proposal from the Commissions' Chairpersons.

## **EUSA decided the European Chess University Championship 2015**

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) Convention was held from 14 to 16 November. EUSA Convention is supported by the International University Sport Federation (FISU).

The EUSA Convention formally started with a reception at the Rectorate of the University of Ljubljana on Friday, November 14.

Participants were the Organisers of the European Universities Championships 2015, Organisers of the European Universities Games 2014 and 2016, Technical and Medical Commission members, EUSA staff and invited guests met in Ljubljana, Slovenia, to develop closer cooperation and enable best conditions for the participants of EUSA sporting event – student athletes.



During the presentations the organizers from Armenia presented the European Universities Chess Championship, which will be held in Yerevan, Armenia from 6 to 10 October, 2015 with the help of the Chess Federation of Armenia and the Armenian Student Sports Federation.

Armenian Student Sports Federation is training approximately 100 students who will work as volunteers during the European Universities Chess Championship in Yerevan in October 2015. They will work in different areas: sport venues, transport, accommodation and catering, communication, award ceremonies, liaison with the European University Sports Association.

The European Chess Union expresses great thanks to Technical Delegate Chess of EUSA, Ukrainian Grandmaster Oleksandr Sulypa for his contribution in this important success.

More information [here](#)



# FUN ZONE

The first position is from the game Anton Korobov vs Vassily Ivanchuk. After an interesting sacrifice in the opening by Ivanchuk, the game went into very sharp and complicated position. Both players are in the time trouble and it is difficult to find a way to proceed. White played 28. Ka3, try to think like great Ivanchuk and find the best response!

The second position is from the last round as well, in the game between Stanislav Bogdanovich and Alexander Moiseenko. Find a mate combination for White!



Korobov vs Ivanchuk  
Ukrainian Championship  
2014 R11



Bogdanovich vs Moiseenko  
Ukrainian Championship  
2014 R11



Problem No.1  
Mate in 2

**Solutions from the NL October 2014:**

Gelfand, Boris vs Andreikin, Dmitry Baku FIDE Grand Prix 2014, Round 1, 1-0

18.e5! dxe5 19.f5 Qd8 20.f6+ Nxf6 21.Nf5+ Kh8 22.Qh6 Rg8 23.Nxf6 An excellent game by Gelfand, who completely refuted his opponent's opening play.

Melih Yurtseven - Avital Boruchovsky, EYCC Batumi 2014 R3 Boys U18 1-0

29. Rxc4 dxc4 30. d5 Rf8 31. Qf6+ Ke8 32. Nxe6 fxe6 33. Qxe6+ Be7 34. d6 Kd8 35. dxc7+ Qxc7 36. Rd1+ Ke8 37. Nf6+ 1-0

Mamedyarov, S. (2764) vs. Nakamura, Hi (2764), Tashkent FIDE GP , Tashkent UZB , Round 4 , 24 Oct 2014 1/2 - 1/2

21. Rf6! Qxf6 22. Qxb7 Rd8 23. Qxa7 Rf8 24. Nd1 Bxe2 25. Kxe2 Qd6 26. Rc5 Rb8 27. Qa5 Kd7 28. Qc3 Ra8 29. a5 Rfb8 30. b4 Rb5 31. Rxb5 cxb5 32. Qc5 Rc8! 33. Qxb5+ Ke6 34. a6! Ra8 1/2-1/2

Problem No. 1

1. Re6!

**They told about chess...**

Combinations have always been the most intriguing aspect of Chess. The masters look for them, the public applauds them, the critics praise them. It is because combinations are possible that Chess is more than a lifeless mathematical exercise. They are the poetry of the game; they are to Chess what melody is to music. They represent the triumph of mind over matter.

Reuben Fine, American chess grandmaster, psychologist, university professor and author



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

## ECU EVENTS

### EUROPEAN RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Polonia Wroclaw Chess Club, under the patronage of the European Chess Union and the Polish Chess Federation organizes the European Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2014, from 19-21 December, 2014, in Wroclaw/Poland.

The Championship will be held under the auspices of Rafal Dutkiewicz – the President of the city of Wroclaw and will bear the name the 23rd Adolf Anderssen Memorial.

The official venue will be [the Centennial Hall](#), and the official tournament hotel is Hotel ORBIS Wroclaw, Wroclaw, which is located 4 km from the playing hall.

The Championship consists of Blitz Championship, which will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December, and Rapid Championship which will be held 20-21 December, 2014.

The minimum prize fund for Blitz is 10000 €, while for rapid is 20000 € + prizes worth € 2000.

740 players in Rapid and 600 in Blitz have registered so far!

The organizers have extended the application deadline to 10 December, 2014.

[Official website of the Championship](#)



## EUROPEAN EVENTS

### LONDON CHESS CLASSIC 2014

Chess in Schools and Communities organizes the 6th London Chess Classic which will be held from 6th to 14th December, 2014 at the Olympia Conference Centre in Kensington, London.



The festival consists of several events, of which the main is the London Chess Classic, which is to be held 10-14 December. The 'Super Six' are the World Top Grandmasters Fabiano Caruana, Viswanathan Anand, Anish Giri, Hikaru Nakamura, Vladimir Kramnik and Michael Adams.

[London Chess Classic 2014](#)

At the beginning of the tournament, 6-7 December 'Chess and Mathematics – Chess and Education Conference' will take place in London. With a rich educational programme it will gather the leading experts in the fields of chess and mathematics education.

[Official website of the conference](#)

### 6TH INTERNATIONAL FEMALE TOURNAMENT 2014

To promote the women's chess, the Chess Club Corbas organizes the 6<sup>th</sup> International Female Tournament in Corbas/France from 20-23 December, 2014. The venue is, as usual, the Jean Jaurès Corbas gymnasium.

The tournament is played according to the Swiss System, in 7 rounds. So far, the top seeds are Nino Batsiashvili (2442 Georgia), Sophie Milliet (2392 France), Deimante Daulyte (2365 Lithuania), Karina Ambartsumova (2321 Russia) and Evgeniya Doluhanova (2284 Ukraine).

Here is the full list of the [registered players](#) so far.

[More information](#)

### XXV INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL SILVER CRACOVIA 2014

Malopolska Chess Association and Krakow Municipality, under the Patronage of Mayor of Krakow Jacek Majchrowski organize International Chess Festival Silver Cracovia, in Krakow/Poland 27 December 2014 – 4 January 2015.

The event consists of several events: A, B, C and D Open, Blitz tournament and Shogi (Japanese Chess). All events are played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds.

The organizers have prepared a rich prize fund, as well as side events such as excursions.

[More information](#)