

The second day of Reggio Emilia's tournament has been very exciting: the games between Giri Vs. Morozevich, Nakamura against Caruana and Ivanchuk opposed to Vitugov have generated great interest in the audience and in the Italian coach Giulio Borgo's analysis room.

The match between Giri and Morozevich has been the most exciting: the Dutch player starts with brave moves, but Morozevich, who has been called "the magician" among the audience, takes the control of the situation and in few moves he imprisons the white king, which becomes an easy mark. At the 22nd move special effects start: with e5 White has played Rg5 to prevent unsuccessfully exd4.

Morozevich is leading alone with 6 points (seen that in this tournament there 3 points instead of 1 for every victory and 1 for draw) and just after him we find Hikaru Nakamura who has played a very wise game, maybe too much reflective, indeed Caruana has always been already prepared for Nakamura's attacks by obstructing his opponent's efforts of breakthrough.

Quite balanced has been the endgame between Ivanchuk against Vitiugov, after the black menace with Qa8 and the exchange of two pieces for Rook and two pawns, the game turns to a drawish position, til the division of the point.

Hard day for the Italian ladies who haven't won any of the three games: De Rosa, who has faced Guramishvili, loses after a quite hard game and even the Georgian player admits that her opponent has played a good game. Chierici's loss has been a real damage, her position seemed extremely promising, and the pawn sacrifice in the opening left Black in delay for the game development. The position seemed won after Qg4, but after the black castling the Italian player realizes that Bh6 runs up against Qxc3, but in the analysis room after Rc1 the black's defense doesn't appear so clear.

The challenge between Marina Brunello and Iva Videnova takes to an extremely exciting ending with four rooks on the boards, but at the fortieth move everything finishes with a draw.

De Rosa - Guramishvili 0-1  
Brunello - Videnova 1/2  
Chierici - Sharevic 0-1

Ivanchuk - Vitiugov 1/2  
Nakamura - Caruana 1/2  
Giri - Morozevich 0-1

December 29th at 3pm

Vitiugov - Giri  
Caruana - Ivanchuk  
Morozevich - Nakamura

Videnova - De Rosa  
Guramishvili - Chierici  
Sharevic - Brunello



Sopiko Guramishvili. Second victory and first place supreme leading.



Alexander Morozevich. Imitating Sopiko takes leading.