

We were expecting great games today at the 54th New Year's Eve Tournament of Reggio Emilia: the national star Fabiano Caruana has faced one of the giants of chess Vassily Ivanchuk, while the ranking leader Morozevich has challenged the American player Hikaru Nakamura and last but not least we find the Vitugov and Giri's face off.

Morozevich does his best to preserve the advantage, but he faces a great Nakamura, who defends himself pretty well. White is unable to take home the victory, but he's still leading the tournament ranking.

Caruana Versus Ivanchuk's game is a face off on Sveshnikov, the g3 variation is considered to be one of the most solid for White. Black plays a new move at the 19th one with Kh8. After some changes and moves we arrive at a kind of advantage for the Black and just before the time control White's position perishes and Fabiano has to be very careful in defending, but the few pieces on the board seem to help him to maintain the control of the situation. But after five hours game, a very tough ending and totally crazy Zeitnot White gives up.

Vitjugov starts the game by using a variation of the Indian Grünfeld, but Giri isn't unprepared: he has always been very solid in defense. White's efforts to attack are without an effective success, the game is so balanced that we arrive at the White's Zeitnot and after the time control the game ends with a draw.

Sopiko wins again and even if Chierici tries to stem the Georgian's attacks, at the end of the game she has to obey to the law of the strong. Let's see what will happen tomorrow against Iva Videnova.

Marina Brunello gives to Italy the first victory against a foreign player. During the last moves Black gets an extremely useful pawn which will be crucial for winning.

Maria De Rosa, after a long and suffered game where she keeps the position til arriving to a just theoretic advantage, can't win and she has to please a draw.

Videnova - De Rosa	1/2
Sharevic - Brunello	0-1
Guramishvili - Chierici	1-0
Vitiugov - Giri	1/2
Morozevich - Nakamura	1/2
Caruana - Ivanchuk	1/2

December 30th at 3 pm

Giri - Nakamura	De Rosa - Sharevic
Vitiugov - Caruana	Chierici - Brunello
Ivanchuk - Morozevich	Guramishvili - Videnova



Vassily Ivanchuk ready to face Fabiano Caruana.



Marina happy for her first win.