

Spanish game ended with Ivanchuk's d3 against Morozevich, the game seemed to be quite balanced, until the pawn sacrifice in a4 and gaining back the pawn in f6 for the Ukrainian. The game turns to be chaotic and just two great stars like them can untangle that kind of situation.

Maybe Ivanchuk could have won a little bit early, however at the end he obtains the win giving mate to his opponent (like last year) and reaches Nakamura in the tournament.

Vitiugov against Caruana is out of theory since the first moves, then the game becomes wild and Vitiugov sacrifices a piece in e6. Will Fabiano hold the Russian heat? Yes seems to be the answer! In Zeitnot the Russian finds a way to complicate the situation for his opponent, who is able with strong tenaciousness to close the game with an awaited win. Finally the Italian wins and starts his placing race.

Anish Giri is a bit inattentive (it seems that he hasn't seen an eventual Rxc5, Qd4+!) and he surrenders in front of a focused Nakamura. The American gives him no respite, and in a quite critical for White and obliges him to defend. Now Nakamura is leading the tournament by taking advantage of Morozevich's stop by Ivanchuk.

Sopiko gives another chess lesson, this time her victim is Iva Videnova. With a nice pawn sacrifice, White assures herself a winning position. The Georgian player continues her road to the win. Is there someone who can stop her?

Marianna Chierici loses against Marina Brunello, the position was already almost damaged, then Black wins against the local player.

Maria De Rosa gets a precious draw against Sharevich, the position seemed to be weak for White, but Black hasn't had enough time to risk and she has suggested the draw.

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

December 31st at 3 pm

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



A very focused Maria Grazia De Rosa.



Fabiano Caruana first win in the tournament with black against Vitiugov.