

After seven days, we have a transition round. Two games drew after few moves, but the one between Morozevich – Giri was expected to be very exciting, unfortunately after 17 moves in Giri's opinion the conclusion is very clear.

Caruana – Nakamura finishes after 20 moves, a draw is of course fine for both at this point.

Vitiugov – Ivanchuk seems to go towards a draw, but suddenly he unusefully loses a piece. Since his defeat against Nakamura, (when he could have won at the 40th move with a decisive Ng4), Ivanchuk isn't in a good mood, yesterday's game was already a worrying warning, but today the great champion is even worse than the previous round. We're waiting for the Ukrainian revenge as soon as possible. First win for Vitiugov, who can redeem himself starting from now.

Today is a ladies' day!

Marianna Chierici seems to be enough strong with black against Sharevic, but at the 23rd move black plays too fast Rc8, while e6 controlling d5 could have been a better choice. After Rd1 the position seems compromised and even if she tries to fight unfortunately she loses.

Great game between Maria De Rosa and Sopiko Guramishvili. The Italian plays with black and puts a strain on the Georgian player, but after exciting moves Maria can't really defend herself and losing is unavoidable.

Very interesting also the game between Videnova and Brunello, classical sacrifice against the Sicilian. The compensation is really evident: a pawn and a Knight fix in e5. At Zeitnot it seems that white has an advantage, but the dangerous Nf2+ changes the final result. The ending with three pawns up is hopeless. Well done Marina!

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

January 4 at 3pm

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

ranking

Nakamura	15
Morozevich	11
Giri	9
Caruana	8
Ivanchuk	8
Vitiugov	5
Guramishvili	6
Sharevic	5
Brunello	4
De Rosa	3
Videnova	1,5
Chierici	1,5



Vitiugov finally wins.