

Carlsen seeks second win in world chess title duel

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Havana, December 5 (RHC)-- Norwegian Magnus Carlsen will seek his second victory today against Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi in the eighth game for the world chess title.

Carlsen achieved on Friday the first victory against the challenger by beating him in 136 sets and seven hours and 45 minutes of play, to take advantage.

However, the Russian preferred to draw in the seventh game on Saturday, despite having some initiative with the white pieces, in 41 moves of a Spanish Opening, and now the confrontation favors the Nordic by

4-3.

The challenger faced the Saturday commitment with fortitude and after only two and a half hours of play split the point.

For the fourth time in this match, the Russian appealed to the Ruy Lopez and made a novelty in move 11, but it did not surprise Carlsen, who invested time to refresh his memory on that position and then made a few very precise moves to balance the game.

Carlsen will lead this Sunday the white figures in a match agreed to 14 games and the champion will be the first to reach 7.5 units.

Game 7:

Nepomniachtchi, Ian vs Carlsen, Magnus

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. a4 Rb8 9. axb5 axb5 10. h3 d6 11. d3 h6 12. Nc3 Re8 13. Nd5 Bf8 14. Nxf6+ Qxf6 15. c3 Ne7 16. Be3 Be6 17. d4 exd4 18. cxd4 Bxb3 19. Qxb3 Ng6 20. Rec1 c5 21. e5 Qf5 22. dxc5 dxc5 23. bxc5 Bxc5 Bxc5 24. rxc5 Nxe5 25. nxe5 Rxe5 Rxe5 26. rxe5 Qxe5 Qxe5 27. qc3 Qxc3 Qxc3 28. bxc3 Rc8 29. ra5 Rxc3 30. rxb5 Rc1+ 31. Kh2 Rc3 32. h4 g6 33. g3 h5 34. Kg2 Kg7 35. Ra5 Kf6 36. Rb5 Kg7 37. Ra5 Kf6 38. Rb5 Kg7 39. Ra5 Kf6 40. Ra6+ Kg7 41. Ra7 1/2-1/2.

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