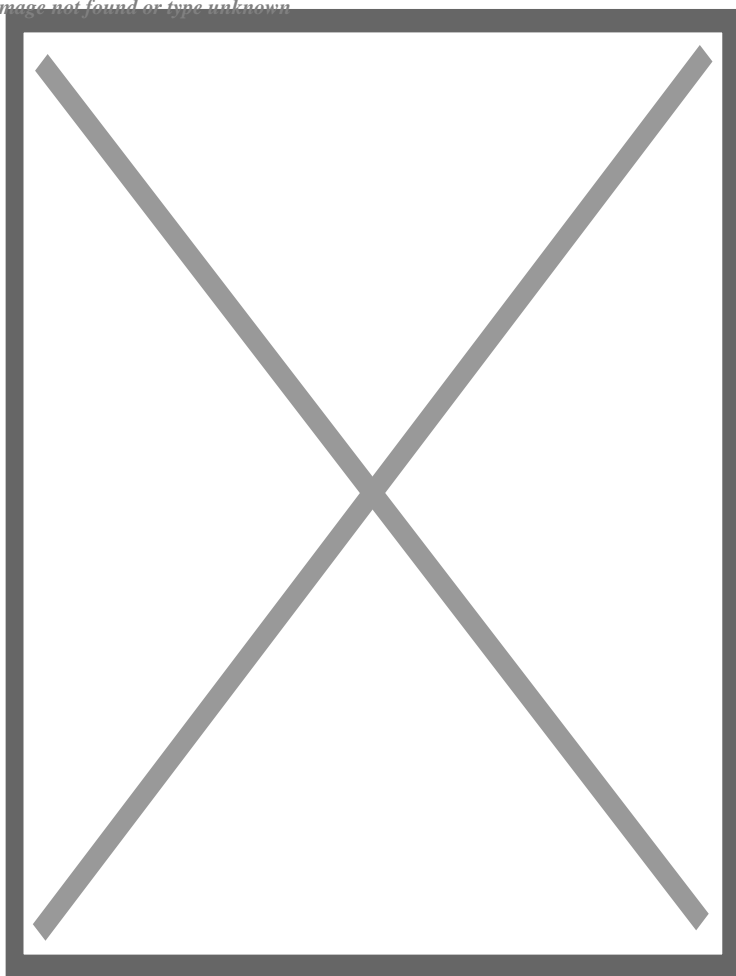


Seven Latinos in the World Chess Championship

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Baku, August 3 (PL) - Seven players from Latin America and the Caribbean among both sexes drew in the second round of the World Chess Cup being played in Baku.

The Cuban Calor Albornoz reached an armistice with the Qatari Amin Bassem, as did the Peruvian Gianmarco Leiva with the Emirati Saleh Salem.

For his part, the Uruguayan Georg Meier drew with the Spaniard Jaime Santos, as did the Brazilian Alexandr Fier with the American Robson Ray and the Chileans Pablo Salinas and Cristobal Henriquez

with the Iranian Amin Tabatabaei and the Ukrainian laureate Vasyly Ivanchuk, respectively.

On the other hand, the Peruvian Emilio Cordova lost to the Czech Jan-Krzysztof Duda, and the Paraguayan Axel Bachmann also lost to the Indian Sarin Nidal, the Argentine Pablo Ismael Acosta to the Romanian Bogdan-Daniel Deac and the Brazilian Luis Paulo Supi to the Chinese Wei Yi.

During the day there were also successes of the top favorites for the throne, the Norwegian Magnus Carlsen, the Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi and the Italian-American Fabiano Caruana.

In the women's competition, Cuba's Lisandra Ordaz drew with Russia's Aleksandra Goryachkina, and Peru's Deysi Cori and Argentina's Candela Francisco lost to Georgia's Meri Arabidze and China's Jiner Zhu, in that order.

This Thursday the second games of these bilateral duels will be held, and in case of a draw they will have to play on the following date the tiebreaker games to define the qualifiers for the third round.

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