

Magnus Carlsen revalidated world chess title

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Havana, December 11 (RHC)-- Norwegian Magnus Carlsen once again showed his potential to beat Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi in the eleventh round of the match and revalidate his world chess champion title.

With black pieces, the Nordic player, 31 years old, needed 39 moves to tilt the king of "Nepo", who made a serious mistake in move 23 which, in the end, defined the game against him.

The result put the dispute at 7.5-3.5, an unreachable difference for the Russian, which determined the end this Friday without the need to play the last three rounds scheduled in the calendar.

"Ian (Nepomniachtchi) could not show his best chess, but this happens sometimes when you are in a complicated situation. Then it doesn't matter all the previous preparation if you don't know how to cope with that moment", declared the winner in a press conference.

In this way, Magnus Carlsen won for the fifth time the reign in the so-called science game, which he has dominated uninterruptedly since 2013.

Moreover, he came within one title of the record number of victories in world championships, set by the German Emanuel Lasker at the end of the 19th century and the first two decades of the 20th, until the setback against the Cuban José Raúl Capablanca in 1921.

Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, both Russians, also have six crowns, but some of them took place when two federations coexisted, which were later unified.

Despite retaining the lead, Carlsen does not plan to take a vacation and announced that he plans to play the World blitz and rapid championship in Warsaw, Poland, scheduled for December 25-31.

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