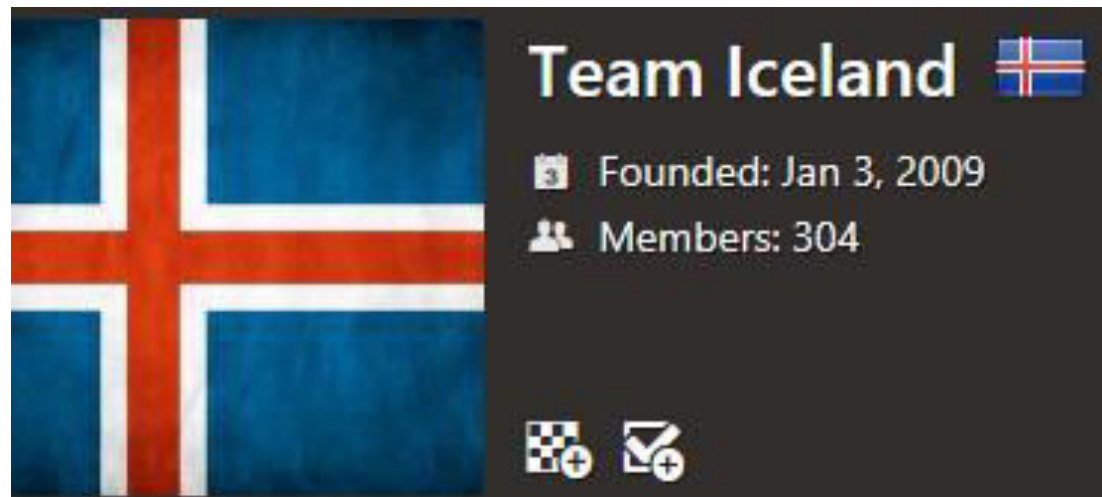




Portraits of Participants

Portrait #1 – Team Iceland



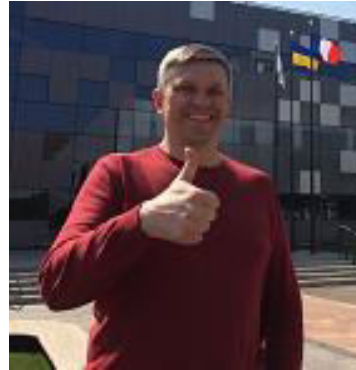
- **Author`s profile:**

Admin of **Team Ukraine**

Winner of Live Chess World League (Season 2), Blitz&Bullet
Candidate Master of former USSR (in 1991)

Stats on Chess.com:

- Blitz – 2368 (max 2412)
- Bullet – 2255 (max 2342)
- Tactics – 2747 (max 2763)



Some facts about Iceland:

Nation, small by size

Population: 335 000

Capital: Reykjavík (127 220)

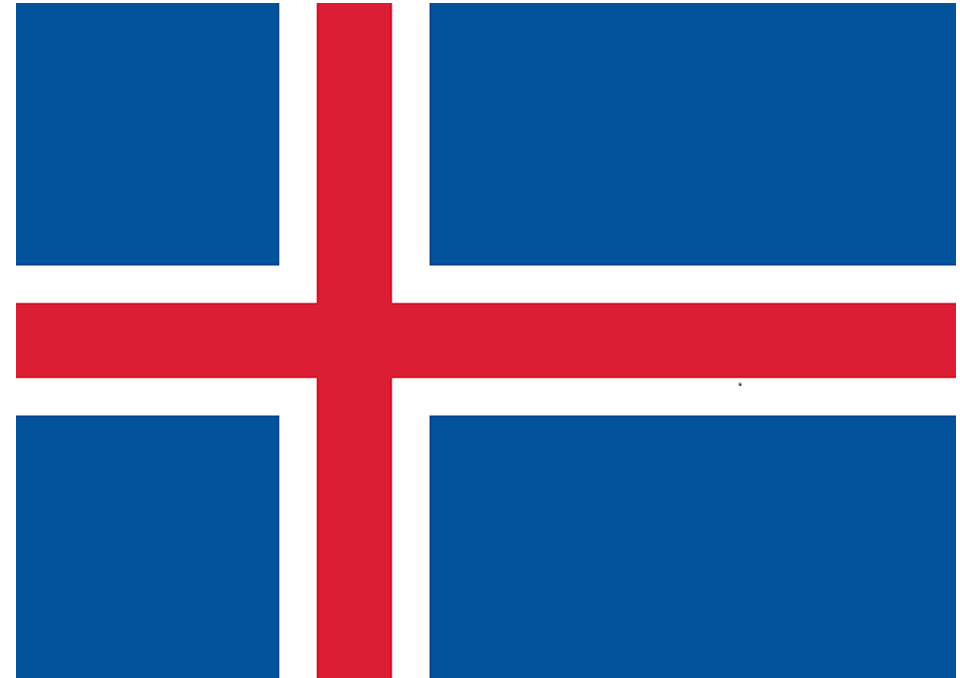
but very high-profile

- 3rd in the World by Happiness Level
- 83 years – life expectancy
- enormous number of nominations where Iceland is #1 in the World judged “per capita”

(i.e the most beautiful women, the strongest men, the best musicians and sportsmen)

Other interesting things:

- the youngest country in the world in terms of land form
- 11% of territory is covered with **ice**
- Hundreds of **volcanos**, 30 of them are active
- No **McDonalds** (!!!)
- Beer** was banned till 1989
- No standing **army**, the police forces carry **no guns**



Iceland - #1 in the World by popularity of Chess

11.10.2018	Size		Level	
	Team members	Country population, mln	Number of Grandmasters	per 1 mln
Team Iceland	304	0,34	13	38,24
Team Srbija	1064	7	61	8,71
Team Hungary	2494	10	48	4,80
Team Bulgaria	660	7	32	4,57
Team Slovakia	786	5,5	13	2,36
Team Ukraine	1448	44	93	2,11
Team Russia	4280	144	229	1,59
Team Romania	988	20	31	1,55
Team Holland	1809	17	24	1,41
Team Germany	1229	83	85	1,02
Team Poland	533	38	38	1,00
Team Spain	1886	47	36	0,77
Team England	1062	53	39	0,74
Team France	1684	67	40	0,60
Team Argentina	694	44	18	0,41
Team Iran	999	80	16	0,20
Team Italia	1749	61	12	0,20
Team Canada	1780	37	7	0,19
Team Peru	892	32	6	0,19
Team Ecuador	308	16,4	2	0,12
Team Brasil	1060	208	12	0,06
Team Venezuela	631	31,6	1	0,03
Team Mexico	618	128	3	0,02

- It is very difficult to find a country, which stands **even close to Iceland** by the level of chess popularity

Probably it`s **Armenia** (unfortunately, they don`t participate actively in chess.com tournaments)

- Iceland`s capital - **Reykjavík** is among top-10 best chess cities in the World
<https://www.chess.com/article/view/the-10-best-chess-cities-in-the-world>
- Iceland celebrated its "**Chess Day**" on January 26th, the country's first GM and ex-FIDE president **Fridrik Olafsson's** birthday

- **GM Fridrik Olafsson – Godfather of Icelandic Chess**



- Born in 1935
First Icelandic Grandmaster – since 1958
- **Participant of Candidates Tournament**
(1959, Yugoslavia)
- **Was ranked as #14 in the World**
(for example – today such titans like Karjakin and Nakamura stand lower 14th position)
- **Winner of Super-Tournaments in**
Hastings
Wijk aan Zee
- **FIDE President**
from 1978 to 1982



Fridrik Olafsson vs Mikhail Tal

GM Olafsson has victories over World Champions:

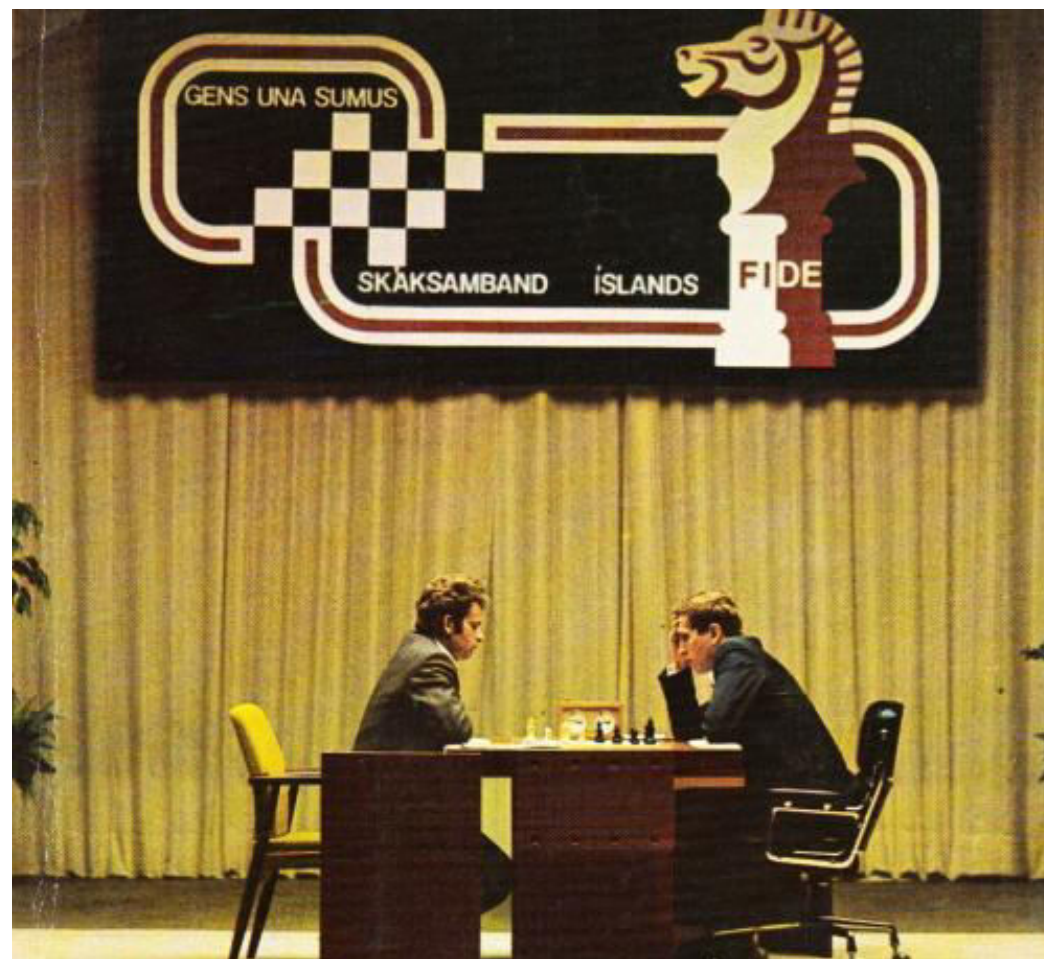
- Mikhail Tal
- Tigran Petrosian
- Bobby Fisher
- Anatoly Karpov



1972: match **Boris Spassky** (USSR) – **Robert Fisher** (USA), Reykjavík

Bobby Fisher becomes a new World Champion, finishing off Soviet hegemony in Chess

Start of chess-boom in Iceland



Iceland has become the last home for a mad and unfortunate genius.

Probably, he loved Iceland as a place, where the happiest moment in his life has happened.

And Icelanders gave him a favor too.



- **GM Jón Loftur Árnason** - World U17 Chess Champion in 1977
(ahead of Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short)
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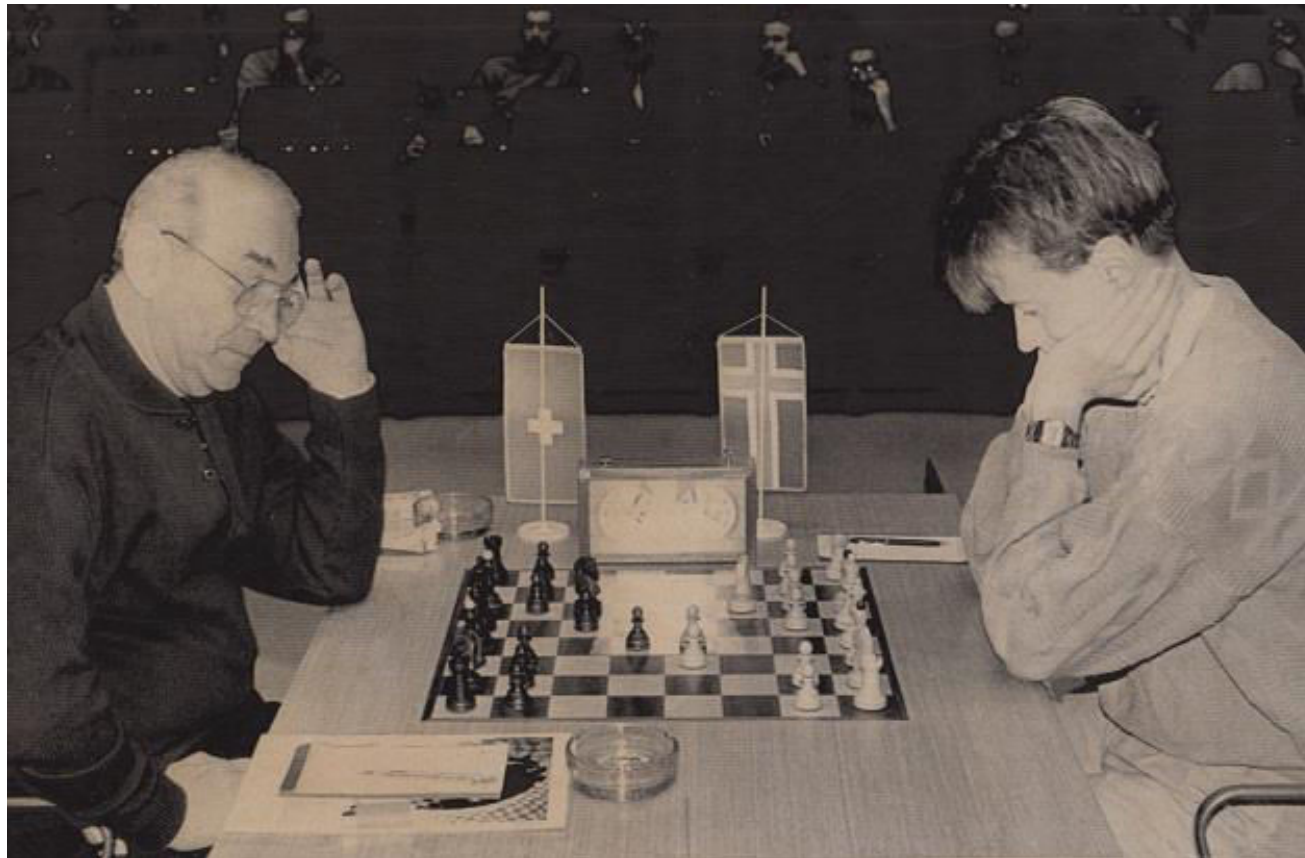


• GM Jóhann Hjartarson

- Qualified for the World Championship Candidates Tournament in 1988
- In play-off defeated **Victor Korchnoi** (Victor-the-Terrible)
- Only great **Anatoly Karpov** could stop Icelandic strongman
- Was ranked as **#11 in the World** in 1989, peak rating - **2640**

Take a note:

Mr. Hjartarson is a member of..... **Team Iceland !!!**



- **GM Margeir Pétursson**, famous Icelandic chess-player and financier
 - Participated in **11 (!!!) Chess Olympiad** for National Team of Iceland
 - Now **lives in Ukraine** (City of Lviv), owner and president of local bank Lviv

Ironically, Lviv is a stronghold of Ukrainian Chess

(on the photo below, **Mr Petursson with Ukrainian Grandmasters from Lviv:**













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Team Iceland on chess.com

⚡ Blitz ▾

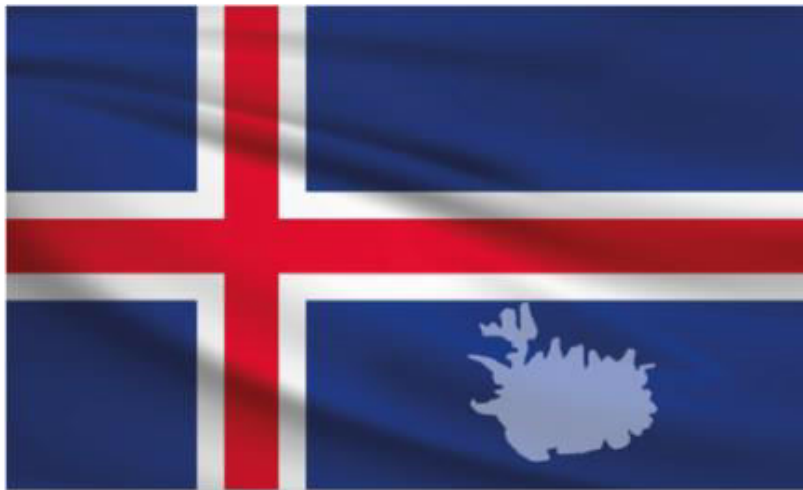
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	Player	Rating	Won / Lost / Draw
#1	 GM arnaroli 🇫🇮 💎	2649	469 / 198 / 47
#2	 GM eldur16 🇫🇮 💎	2601	209 / 74 / 22
#3	 IM Hunninn 🇫🇮 💎	2531	2092 / 1282 / 316
#4	 FM Sigurbjorn 🇫🇮 💎	2488	7966 / 6109 / 1367
#5	 IM morfius 🇫🇮 💎	2459	29 / 18 / 8
#6	 FM zibbit 🇫🇮 💎	2457	3829 / 2024 / 374
#7	 GM B-man 🇫🇮 💎	2439	724 / 507 / 84
#8	 FM DagurR 🇫🇮 💎	2400	5079 / 3921 / 574
#9	 FM Jokksi99 🇫🇮 🙌	2395	365 / 192 / 37
#10	 CM SkilmirF 🇫🇮 💎	2351	1221 / 934 / 175
#11	 IM iceboy88 🇫🇮 💎	2344	18 / 5 / 5
#12	 FM Gvala 🇫🇮 💎	2333	2250 / 1597 / 394

- National Chess portal <https://skak.is> informs about games of **Team Iceland** in LWCL:



Eftir **Tómas Veigar** - 3. september, 2018 👁 539 💬 0



Team Iceland

Live Chess World League



NÆSTU VIÐBURÐIR	
OKT 14 Sun	13:00 Haustmót Skákfélags Akureyrar 20... 18:00 TEAM ICELAND GEGN SERBÍU – LEIFT...
OKT 15 Mán	19:30 Meistaramót Hugins
OKT 16 Þri	13:00 ÆSIR -SKÁKKLÚBBUR FEB – 65 ára o...
OKT 17 Mið	13:00 RIDDARASLAGUR í Vonarhöfn 19:30 U-2000 mót TR 2018
OKT 18 Fim	12:30 KORPÚLFAR – 60 ára og eldri
OKT 20	10:30 ÁRDEGISMÓT KR – Opio öllum

Icelandic Players – Winners of LCWL-2018 as members of **Team Ukraine**



FM Sigurbjorn 

Sigurbjorn Bjornsson
Hafnarfjordur, Iceland



FM Yuwono  

David Kjartansson
Kirkjubæjarklaustur, Iceland



CM HalldorBrynjarHalldo  

Halldór Halldórsson
Iceland



Oldtimer2 

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- **LCWL Season 3 Bullet 1|1 R1:**

**Team
Iceland**



**Argentina Live
Chess**

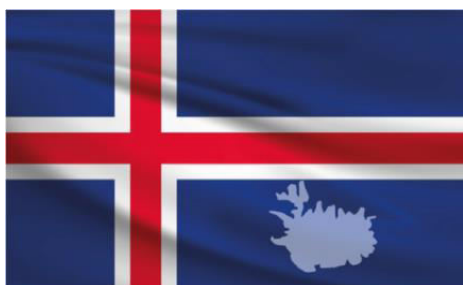
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07.10.2018

- **Season 3 Blitz 5|2 R1:**

**Team
Iceland**



**Argentina Live
Chess**

Blitz 5|2

61,5	12,5
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07.10.2018

- **LCWL Season 3 Bullet 1|1 R2:**

**Team
Iceland**



Srbija Tim

Bullet 1|1

41	23
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**14.10.2018
18-00 GMT**

- **Season 3 Blitz 5|2 R2:**

**Team
Iceland**



Srbija Tim

Blitz 5|2

41,5	36,5
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**14.10.2018
18-20 GMT**

People responsible for Icelandic magic in LCWL – Admins of Team Iceland




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**CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT**

 Active member of Team Ukraine _____ @lakituba
Tómas Veigar Sigurðarson

Has won a Tittle Winner of the 2018 Bullet (1+1) World Cup

*Dear Team-mate, a Big Thank You for your loyalty to our Team, love to Ukraine,
and your great skills in the beautiful Chess game!*

Sincerely yours, Team Ukraine's admins:
adriano81, nutaras, rainspistols, UAArtur, AlexanderMatlak, mskn_undead,
fso, Yuliya777, V1738, Yaroslav, Hedgehog404, Artem_UA

Glory to Ukraine!


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**CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT**

 Active member of Team Ukraine _____ @Sigurbjorn
Sigurbjorn Bjornsson

Has won a Tittle Winner of the 2018 Blitz (5+2) World Cup

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Glory to Ukraine!

Sigurbjorn Bjornsson – Hero of Superfinal match of LWCL S2 Ukraine vs Russia



The image shows a chessboard with a checkmate position. The white king is on g1, and the black king is on g8. The black king is in check by the white queen on e2. The black king has no legal moves. The game interface on the right shows the player FM Sigurbjorn (2532) and the Russian Grandmaster Roman Ovetchkin. The game is in the King's Indian Defense: Normal Variation. The score is 0-1.

Move	White	Black	Score
37.	a5	h4	1.6 / 0.7
38.	h3	g4+	2.9 / 4.8
39.	h2	xg5	1.6 / 0.8
40.	xh4	a7	11.8 / 3.8
41.	xc4	g1+	23.4 / 3.1

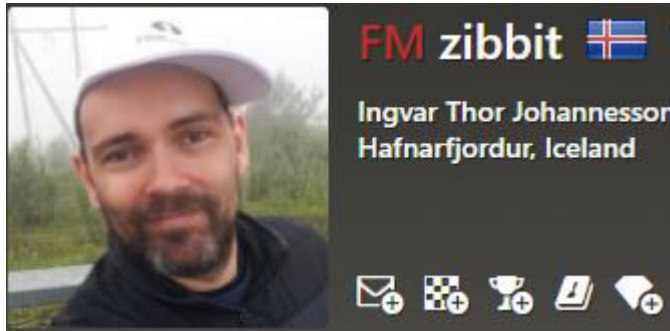
Having a Rook less, Sigurbjorn checkmated Russian Grandmaster and Streamer - Roman Ovetchkin



Good games of Team Iceland's Players vs Argentina live Chess



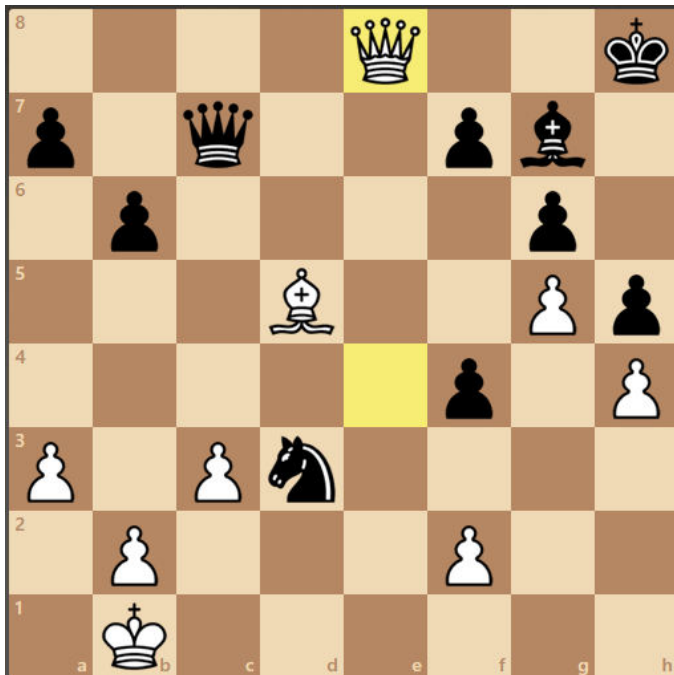
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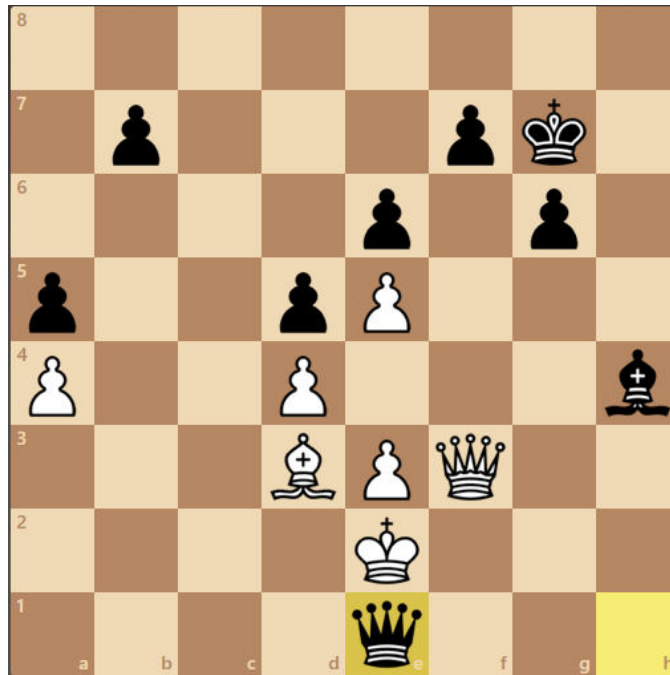
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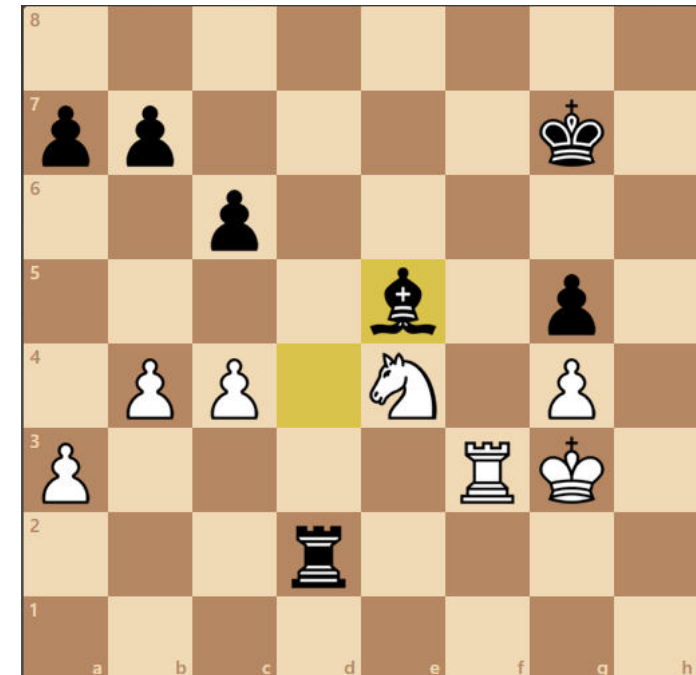
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31. Qe8+! (instead of automatical Qxd3?)
 31....Kh7 32.Bxf7 no defense from mate
1-0



Strong mating attack in opposite-colored
 bishops endgame
0-1



Very precise endgame playing mastership
 White is losing a rook or checkmated
0-1

Thanks a lot for your attention!

**Good luck to Team Iceland
in Live Chess World League!**



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