

Chess Olympiad

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Today we won 2.5 - 1.5 which is a good result because there is no more week teams. Gata had better position. His opponent only wanted to have a draw which he finally deserved. Naka easily equalized his game, but then tried to play for a win and got in trouble. After that he had to play very carefully to equalize his game again. Akobian made a strong attack and won nicely. I play again the longest game in a round. At the end happened to be a draw. I thought that my position at the end was better and I had to get the whole point easily. But my opponent always found the only one correct move not to be in zugzwang. We analyzed that position with all team about an hour and could not find a win. But after a detailed analysis I found the win. I had to play 44. Bc6 not allow the Black Knight to go to g7 where he can only go through e8. To find such move I had to have at least 20 min of my time, but we played almost blitz game at the end. It was a problem with the FIDE time control of 90 min for the game 30 sec for a move. With such time control you can not have enough time to analyze such interesting endgames. After such game I wish Bessel Kok team to win the FIDE election!

There are not much news after the round. The organizers are trying to make appropriate changes on accommodations during the tournament. There is almost no line for food.

The most important that we have a great atmosphere among our team members and hope for the team potential good results.