
So elicits another draw in Tata Steel tourney

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Filipino Grandmaster (GM) Wesley So dropped to third spot after settling for another draw in the prestigious 2016 Tata Steel Chess Tournament being held in Wijk aan Zee in Netherlands.

The 22-year old So and GM David Navara of the Czech Republic split the point in the fifth round of the tournament that offers a whopping 10,000 Euros to the champion and 6,500 Euros to the runner-up.

So joined GM Hou Yifan of China, GM Magnus Carlsen of Norway and GM Pavel Eljanov of Ukraine in the group of three-pointers.

They are half-a-point behind GM Fabiano Caruana of US and GM Ding Liren of China, who are sharing the lead with 3.5 points each.

Caruana agreed to a draw with Hou while Ding toppled GM Sergey Karjakin of Russia in their respective fifth-round matches.

In other results, the games of GM Wei Yi of China and GM Anish Giri of the Netherlands, Eljanov and GM Evgeny Tomashevsky of Russia ended in a draw while GM Michael Adams of England defeated GM Shakhryar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan, and Carlsen blasted GM Loek Van Wely of the Netherlands.

In the sixth round, So battles Caruana, Ding faces Navara, Karjakin meets Eljanov, Carlsen takes on Tomashevsky, Adams tackles Van Wely, Giri fights Mamedyarov, and Hou collides with Wei.