Round 7 — Ghana v Papua New Guinea

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MATCH SCORE

The round in four numbers

30.7 team average loss per move	**9** mistakes across the match	**4** positions lost by two pawns	**2** boards in severe time trouble

Board by Board

BOARD	PLAYER	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	FLAGGED	CLOCK LOW POINT
1 B	**Hasford, John Kojo** 1956	Fancy, Stuart 1921	**Win**	42	**46.7**	3	51.5%
2 W	**Anhwere, Bernard** 1893	McCoy, Tom 1883	**Win**	55	**23.8**	3	3.1%
3 B	**Fomevor, Cephas Clinton** 1873	Jones, Rupert 1849	**Win**	31	**36.7**	6	8.1%
4 W	**Frempong-Smart Daniel** 1863	Stuart, Terry	**Win**	36	**15.4**	1	42%

Notes for the Captain

▸ Cleanest game of the round: board 4 (Frempong-Smart Daniel), average loss per move 15.4 over 36 moves, no blunders.

▸ Positions that swung by more than two pawns: 4 across the match, 2 of them on board 1.

▸ Below a tenth of the starting clock: Board 2, Board 3. The training note for tomorrow.

▸ Across the team, the middlegame was the most expensive phase (average loss 35.7 per move).

Every Game in Full

Board 1 · Hasford, John Kojo (1956) v Fancy, Stuart (1921) — Win

Black · 42 moves · Pirc Defense: Chinese Variation (B07)

46.7	19.1	67	0
average loss per move	opening (to move 15)	middlegame (16–40)	endgame (41 onward)

Where the Game Turned

16… Ne6 — Inaccuracy in the the middlegame, costing 61 centipawns. Evaluation went from -0.92 to -0.31.

20… h5 — Inaccuracy in the the middlegame, costing 61 centipawns. Evaluation went from -0.69 to -0.08.

29… Qxe4 — Mistake in the the middlegame, costing 187 centipawns. Evaluation went from -1.87 to 0.00.

Clock

Clock after move 15: 88.2% · After move 30: 62.2% · Low point: 51.5%

The complete game, move by move

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1. e4 d6 2. d4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Be2 Nf6 5. g4 Nc6 6. g5 Nd7 7. d5 Nd4 8. Bg4 e5 9. Nf3 c5?! 10. dxc6 bxc6
11. Be3 c5 12. Nd5 Nb6?! 13. Bxc8 Rxc8 14. Nxb6 Qxb6 15. b3 O-O 16. c3 Ne6?! 17. Nd2 Qc6 18. Qg4 f5 19.
gxf6 Rxf6 20. h4 h5?! 21. Qe2 Nf4 22. Qc4+ Kh7 23. O-O-O Rcf8 24. Nf3 Ne2+ 25. Qxe2 Rxf3 26. Rd5 Bh6 27.
Bxh6 Kxh6 28. Qd2+ R8f4?! 29. Rxd6 Qxe4? 30. Rg1 Rxf2 31. Rdxg6+ Qxg6 32. Rxg6+ Kxg6 33. Qd6+ Kf5 34. Qxc5
Rxa2?? 35. Kb1 Rff2 36. Qf8+ Kg4 37. Qg7+ Kxh4?? 38. Qxe5 Rae2 39. Qd4+ Kh3 40. Qd3+ Kg2 41. Qd5+ Kg1 42.
Qg5+ Kf1
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?! inaccuracy · ? mistake · ?? blunder — marked on Hasford, John Kojo's moves only.

Board 2 · Anhwere, Bernard (1893) v McCoy, Tom (1883) — Win

White · 55 moves · Semi-Slav Defense: Main Line (D45)

23.8	7.3	27.2	32.8
average loss per move	opening (to move 15)	middlegame (16–40)	endgame (41 onward)

Where the Game Turned

20. f3 — Inaccuracy in the the middlegame, costing 66 centipawns. Evaluation went from +0.82 to +0.16.

26. Qc1 — Mistake in the the middlegame, costing 149 centipawns. Evaluation went from +2.03 to +0.54.

31. Bxd5 — Inaccuracy in the the middlegame, costing 59 centipawns. Evaluation went from +1.02 to +0.43.

Clock

Clock after move 15: 86.6% · After move 30: 20.6% · Low point: 3.1% (severe time trouble)

The complete game, move by move

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 e6 4. c4 c6 5. Nc3 Bd6 6. Bd3 O-O 7. O-O Nbd7 8. e4 dxe4 9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Bxe4 f5 11. Bc2 Nf6 12. Re1 Re8 13. Bg5 h6 14. Bxf6 Qxf6 15. c5 Bc7 16. Ne5 b6 17. cxb6? axb6 18. Nxc6 Bb7 19. Ne5 Qg5 20. f3?! Rad8 21. Qd3 Rd6 22. Rad1 Red8 23. Qc4 Bb8 24. Kh1 Rd5 25. Bb3 Qf4 26. Qc1? Bxe5 27. Rxe5 Qxc1 28. Rxc1 Rxe5 29. dxe5 Bd5 30. Rd1 Kf7 31. Bxd5?! exd5 32. f4 Rc8 33. h3 Ke6 34. Rd3 Rc4 35. g3 Rc1+ 36. Kg2 Rc2+ 37. Kf3 Rxb2 38. Rb3 Rxa2 39. Rxb6+ Kf7 40. Rb3 Rh2 41. Rb7+ Kf8 42. Rd7 Rd2 43. g4 fxg4+ 44. Kxg4 d4 45. Kf5?! g5 46. Kf6?! Ke8 47. e6?! gxf4 48. Rh7 Kd8 49. Rh8+ Kc7 50. e7 Re2 51. e8=Q?? Rxe8 52. Rxe8 d3 53. Re1 f3 54. Ke5 d2 55. Rd1 f2 56. Ke4

?! inaccuracy · ? mistake · ?? blunder — marked on Anhwere, Bernard's moves only.

Board 3 · Fomevor, Cephas Clinton (1873) v Jones, Rupert (1849) — Win

Black · 31 moves · Caro-Kann Defense: Advance Variation, Botvinnik-Carls Defense (B12)

36.7	36.5	36.9	—
average loss per move	opening (to move 15)	middlegame (16–40)	endgame (41 onward)

Where the Game Turned

12… Qf6 — Mistake in the the opening, costing 170 centipawns. Evaluation went from -1.94 to -0.24.

15… Qxd4 — Mistake in the the opening, costing 158 centipawns. Evaluation went from -2.22 to -0.64.

20… Be4 — Blunder in the the middlegame, costing 203 centipawns. Evaluation went from +0.24 to +2.27.

Clock

Clock after move 15: 41.1% · After move 30: 8.1% · Low point: 8.1% (severe time trouble)

The complete game, move by move

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. cxd5 Qa5+? 7. Qd2 Qxd5 8. Nc3 Qd8 9. Nb5 e6 10. Qf4 Bc5 11. Nd6+ Bxd6 12. exd6 Qf6? 13. Bb5 Bd7 14. Bxc6 Bxc6 15. Qxd4 Qxd4? 16. Nxd4 Bxg2?! 17. Rg1 Be4 18. Rxg7 Bg6 19. Nxe6 fxe6? 20. Bg5 Be4?? 21. Rd1 Bd5? 22. d7+ Kf8 23. Rxg8+ Rxg8 24. d8=Q+ Rxd8 25. Bxd8 Rg1+ 26. Kd2 Rg2 27. Ke3 Rxh2 28. Bf6 a6 29. a3 Kf7 30. Bd8 Rh3+ 31. Kf4 Rf3+

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Board 4 · Frempong-Smart Daniel (1863) v Stuart, Terry — Win

White · 36 moves · Queen's Pawn Game: Symmetrical Variation, Pseudo-Catalan (D02)

15.4	21	11.8	—
average loss per move	opening (to move 15)	middlegame (16–40)	endgame (41 onward)

Where the Game Turned

15. Na3 — Mistake in the the opening, costing 150 centipawns. Evaluation went from +1.94 to +0.44.

Clock

Clock after move 15: 86.4% · After move 30: 42% · Low point: 42%

The complete game, move by move

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 c5 5. O-O cxd4 6. b3 Nc6 7. Nxd4 e5 8. Nxc6 bxc6 9. c4 Be6 10. Bb2 Bd6 11. Nc3 Bc7 12. cxd5 cxd5 13. Nb5 Bb8 14. Rc1 a6 15. Na3? O-O 16. Nc4 e4 17. Bxf6?! Qxf6 18. Nb6 Ra7 19. Nxd5 Qg6 20. Qd4 Rd7 21. Bxe4 Qg5 22. Rfd1 Rfd8 23. Qe3 Qxe3 24. Nxe3 Rxd1+ 25. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26. Nxd1 Bh3 27. Ne3 g6 28. Nc4 Kg7 29. Bb7 h5 30. Bxa6 g5 31. Bb7 Kg6 32. Be4+ f5 33. Bg2 Bxg2 34. Kxg2 f4 35. Kf3?! g4+ 36. Ke4 Kg5 37. Ne5

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Next round — Cape Verde (round 8)

Every game these opponents have played at this event, from the live board relay.

IM Ortega Amarelle, Mariano (2453)

3/6 so far · average loss 18.3 per move · time trouble in 5 of 6

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
1	B	Deac, Bogdan-Daniel 2680	English Opening: Agincourt Defense, Neo-Catalan Declined	1-0	47	29.8 *
2	W	Tchouka, Yakini 1932	King's Indian Attack, with e6	1-0	33	20.3 *
3	W	Romanov, Evgeny 2567	Nimzo-Indian Defense: Classical Variation	0-1	53	22.2 *
4	B	Asante Debesai Zerabruk 1908	Sicilian Defense: Modern Variations	0-1	23	9.7
5	B	Saraci, Nderim 2446	Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense, Anti-Berlin Variation	0-1	64	6 *
6	W	Meier, Georg 2591	Queen's Gambit Declined: Vienna Variation, Quiet Variation	0-1	68	21.7 *

▸ Opens d4 — 2 of 3 games as White.

▸ Meets Nf3 with d5 most often.

▸ Average loss per move 18.3, across 6 games.

▸ Severe time trouble in 5 of 6 games.

▸ Longest game so far: 68 moves, round 6.

FM Alho, Diogo (2192)

3.5/7 so far · average loss 29.6 per move · time trouble in 6 of 7

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
1	W	Shevchenko, Kirill 2673	Indian Defense: Przepiorka Variation	0-1	37	37.8 *
2	B	Egbe, Kossi Thierry 1847	Modern Defense: Three Pawns Attack	0-1	41	34.5 *
3	B	Lazov, Toni 2360	French Defense: Tarrasch Variation, Guimard Defense, Main Line	1-0	59	34.1 *
4	W	Kibrom Weldegebriel Beraki 1885	Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation, Positional Variation	1-0	30	15.7
5	W	Ondozi, Murtez 2371	Semi-Slav Defense	1/2-1/2	99	15.8 *

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
6	B	Rodriguez Vila, Andres 2417	French Defense: Chigorin Variation	0-1	59	41.4 *
7	B	Barrish, Daniel 2281	Nimzo-Indian Defense: Classical Variation, Noa Variation	1-0	51	28.1 *

▸ Opens d4 — 3 of 3 games as White.

▸ Meets e4 with e6 most often.

▸ Average loss per move 29.6, across 7 games.

▸ Severe time trouble in 6 of 7 games.

▸ Longest game so far: 99 moves, round 5.

Vaz, Jose Carlos (1909)

2.5/6 so far · average loss 31.3 per move · time trouble in 2 of 6

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
1	W	Parligras, Mircea-Emilian 2537	Sicilian Defense: Moscow Variation	0-1	51	19.2 *
2	B	Semeko, Lumen Paco 1740	Zukertort Opening: Black Mustang Defense	1/2-1/2	66	39.8
4	W	Samuel Merhawi Gebrehiwet 1788	Sicilian Defense: Dragon Variation, Yugoslav Attack, Belezky Line	1-0	52	38.3
5	W	Fejzullahu, Afrim 2221	Four Knights Game: Scotch Variation Accepted	1-0	48	16.8 *
6	W	Roselli Mailhe, Bernardo 2362	French Defense: Exchange Variation	0-1	58	31.2
7	B	Levitan, Caleb Levi 2193	Sicilian Defense: Four Knights Variation	1-0	69	42.4

▸ Opens e4 — 4 of 4 games as White.

▸ Meets Nf3 with Nc6 most often.

▸ Average loss per move 31.3, across 6 games.

▸ Severe time trouble in 2 of 6 games.

▸ Longest game so far: 69 moves, round 7.

Mirulla, David (1904)

2/6 so far · average loss 30.4 per move · time trouble in 5 of 6

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
1	B	Lupulescu, Constantin 2590	King's Indian Defense: Semi-Averbakh System	1-0	23	44.4 *

RD	COL	OPPONENT	OPENING	RESULT	MV	LOSS
2	W	Amewounou, Komlan Kouessan 1825	Italian Game: Classical Variation, Giuoco Pianissimo	**1-0**	27	6.6 *
3	W	Risteski, Emil 2367	Sicilian Defense: Classical Variation	**0-1**	27	52.1 *
4	B	Lilay Weldu Gebru 1977	Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack, Original Marshall Attack	**0-1**	27	13 *
5	B	Uruci, Endrit 2348	Italian Game: Scotch Gambit, Max Lange Attack	**1-0**	33	29.4
7	W	Karsten, Jan 2311	Sicilian Defense: Najdorf Variation, Adams Attack	**0-1**	44	36.8 *

▸ Opens e4 — 3 of 3 games as White.

▸ Meets e4 with e5 most often.

▸ Average loss per move 30.4, across 6 games.

▸ Severe time trouble in 5 of 6 games.

▸ Longest game so far: 44 moves, round 7.

Opening preparation — round 8

What each opponent opens with, and how that move has scored across 3,941 games at 45th Chess Olympiad, Budapest 2024 — every relayed game of the Open section. Lines played fewer than 25 times are left out.

IM Ortega Amarelle, Mariano (2453)

Opens 1.d4 — 2 times here; White scores 53.4% over 1,362 games

BLACK'S REPLY	GAMES	BLACK SCORED
1…Nf6	832	**49.4%**
1…d5	402	**43.3%**
1…e6	44	**36.4%**

FM Alho, Diogo (2192)

Opens 1.d4 — 3 times here; White scores 53.4% over 1,362 games

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Vaz, Jose Carlos (1909)

Opens 1.e4 — 4 times here; White scores 51.3% over 1,949 games

BLACK'S REPLY	GAMES	BLACK SCORED
1…c5	830	**53.0%**
1…c6	259	**51.2%**
1…e6	166	**50.6%**

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Which opening suits your player is your call; these are the numbers behind it.

Each player across the event

Every round played so far, and what changed between the first half and the second.

FM Hasford, John Kojo (1956)

3/9 · average loss 34.4 per move · best round 13.9 · worst 49.9 · time trouble in 2 of 9

RD	COL	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	CLOCK LOW POINT
1	B	Fawzy, Adham 2507	1-0	38	44.8	7.2% *
2	W	Khoder, Akram 2239	0-1	63	28.2	5.7% *
4	B	Alfaro, William 2133	1-0	24	37	65.1%
5	W	Moncur, Cecil 1839	1/2-1/2	35	25.7	39.4%
7	B	Fancy, Stuart 1921	0-1	42	46.7	51.5%
8	B	Ortega Amarelle, Mariano 2453	1-0	27	45.6	42.7%
9	W	De Mey, Juan Pablo 1992	1/2-1/2	51	18.2	32.5%
10	W	Ah-Kye, Benitot Emmanuel 1815	1-0	49	13.9	59.1%
11	B	Kudakwashe Chinake 1859	1-0	43	49.9	48.4%

▸ Average loss per move fell from 36.5 in the first half to 31.9 in the second.

IM Anquandah, Francis Eric (1941)

3/9 · average loss 28.9 per move · best round 7.2 · worst 49.2 · time trouble in 5 of 9

RD	COL	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	CLOCK LOW POINT
1	W	Wageih, Kareim 2402	1/2-1/2	70	7.2	17.5%
2	B	Arkadan, Adib 2181	1-0	43	46.6	7.2% *
3	B	Sihlongonyane, Sikhanyiso 1813	1/2-1/2	69	22.5	0.7% *
4	W	Rocha, Maximiliano 2156	1/2-1/2	52	19.8	3.3% *
6	W	Pace, Colin 2186	0-1	49	49.2	31.2%
8	W	Alho, Diogo 2192	0-1	42	39	4.4% *
9	B	Stetsenko, Ilya 1903	1-0	31	42.4	17.5%
10	B	Chinasamy, Devarajen 1975	1/2-1/2	38	15.7	19.2%
11	W	Young, Christopher 1758	1-0	40	17.4	3.5% *

▸ Steady across the event — 29.1 per move in the first half, 28.6 in the second.

Anhwere, Bernard (1893)

4/9 · average loss 36 per move · best round 12.9 · worst 63.2 · time trouble in 6 of 9

RD	COL	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	CLOCK LOW POINT
1	B	Wafa, Hamed 2368	**1-0**	28	53.8	0.8% *
3	W	Mbongeni, Mabuza 1784	**0-1**	46	53	6.1% *
4	B	Sanchez, Steven 2072	**1-0**	39	26.8	13.6%
5	B	Ferguson, Joseph 1797	**0-1**	41	12.9	32.6%
6	B	Darmanin, Jake 2119	**1/2-1/2**	56	42.3	7.1% *
7	W	McCoy, Tom 1883	**1-0**	55	23.8	3.1% *
8	B	Mirulla, David 1904	**0-1**	50	26	5.3% *
9	W	Pesqueira, Jose 1880	**1/2-1/2**	38	22.6	9.9% *
11	B	Shaw, Clifford 1744	**1-0**	13	63.2	50%

▸ Average loss per move fell from 37.8 in the first half to 33.9 in the second.

Fomevor, Cephas Clinton (1873)

4.5/9 · average loss 29.9 per move · best round 9.7 · worst 46.8 · time trouble in 8 of 9

RD	COL	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	CLOCK LOW POINT
1	W	Sadek, Sameh 2269	**0-1**	52	25.8	0.6% *
2	W	Assaad, Joe 2150	**0-1**	49	36.1	0.6% *
3	B	Nxumalo, Vuyo 1746	**0-1**	46	29	0.6% *
5	W	Pride, Avian 1742	**1-0**	30	26	18.2%
6	W	Novak, Attila Robert 2135	**0-1**	33	35.8	0.6% *
7	B	Jones, Rupert 1849	**0-1**	31	36.7	8.1% *
9	B	Antonio, Kyell-Jean 1763	**1/2-1/2**	30	9.7	9.9% *
10	W	Lam Kin Cheung, Stephane 1677	**0-1**	56	46.8	4% *
11	W	Tracey, Shaun M 1684	**1-0**	59	23	1.9% *

▸ Steady across the event — 30.5 per move in the first half, 29.1 in the second.

Frempong-Smart Daniel (1863)

3.5/8 · average loss 39.2 per move · best round 15.4 · worst 91.7 · time trouble in 2 of 8

RD	COL	OPPONENT	RESULT	MOVES	AVERAGE LOSS PER MOVE	CLOCK LOW POINT

2	B	Kassis, Antoine 2085	**1-0**	50	36.8	7.6% *
3	W	Mtsetfwa Philani 1688	**1-0**	104	38.5	0.7% *
4	W	Ortiz, Marcos 2191	**0-1**	35	36.9	28.6%
5	B	Whyms, Chapell 1701	**0-1**	38	32.1	14.3%
6	B	Mizzi, Jack 2053	**1/2-1/2**	77	24.8	16%
7	W	Stuart, Terry	**1-0**	36	15.4	42%
8	W	Vaz, Jose Carlos 1909	**0-1**	28	91.7	49.4%
10	B	Lee Luen Mang, Stefan 1803	**1-0**	32	37.3	52.7%

▸ Average loss per move rose from 36.1 in the first half to 42.3 in the second.

Average loss is how much each move gave away on average against the best available move, in hundredths of a pawn — lower is better. Clock low is the smallest share of the starting time the player had left; * marks below a tenth. A move is only measured when the positions either side of it were both evaluated.

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