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Indian 16-year-old stuns chess world champion Carlsen

Indian 16-year-old Praggnanandhaa Praggnanandhaa stunned chess world champion Carlsen, 31, in a 39-move victory on Wednesday. The prodigy’s win made him the youngest ever to defeat a grandmaster. Carlsen, who had defeated the 14-year-old in a previous match, was unable to find a way to stop Praggnanandhaa’s aggressive play.

Praggnanandhaa, who is now ranked 25th in the world, made several strong moves, including a sacrifice that forced Carlsen to weaken his position. Carlsen was unable to find a way to counter Praggnanandhaa’s attack, and the 39th move saw Carlsen concede the game.

Carlsen, who was playing his 500th match, commented on the game, saying, “I was not able to find a way to stop him. It was a very strong game by him.”

Praggnanandhaa, who is from Chennai, said, “I was really happy to win. I didn’t expect to do so well against such a strong player. I was just trying to play my best.”

The win has put Praggnanandhaa on the map and could open up opportunities for him in the future. He has been tipped to become the youngest world champion in history.

The match was part of the 2022 World Chess Championship, which is being held in Reykjavik, Iceland. It is the first time that a grandmaster match has been played in Iceland, and it is the first time that a 16-year-old has played in a world chess championship.

Carlsen, who is the world’s top-rated player, has been playing in the championship for the past few years. He has won the previous two editions and is looking to claim another title.

The match is being played under the sponsorship of the Reykjavik Chess Club and the Icelandic Chess Federation. The tournament is being held in a casino on the edge of the city, and the players are staying in luxury hotels.

The match is being broadcast live on various channels and websites, and it is attracting a lot of attention from chess fans around the world.

Praggnanandhaa, who is the highest-ranked Indian player, has been playing chess since he was 10 years old. He has won several national and international tournaments and is considered one of the most promising young players in the world.

The win against Carlsen is a significant achievement for Praggnanandhaa and could boost his confidence as he continues to rise through the ranks of chess. It is a step towards realizing the ambitious goal set by him and his coaches of becoming the world chess champion by the age of 20.
Tony Cascarino has given Tottenham ace Harry Kane a reality check as he desarrollo contract talks.

Cascarino was speaking after City's 2-1 defeat to Lyon in the Champions League on Wednesday night. He said: “I think Tony, as usual, is being a bit too optimistic.”

City were outplayed by a masterful Lyon, who had VAR go with them after a late penalty awarded to the French side by a for TV’s planned marquee match this year.

It is a serious worry for City because they are still struggling to find their feet in the Premier League and are currently in fourth place, four points behind leaders Manchester United.

City did not have it all their own way in France, with Lyon's菱 sharing the spoils in the first half.

But City were far more composed in the second half and eventually sealed the victory through a late goal from defender John Stones.

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Kane had a golden chance to put City ahead in the first half but missed the target from close range after being picked out by midfielder Riyad Mahrez.

In the second half, City dominated possession but were unable to find a way past Lyon's resilient defence.

But City's fans were left disappointed as they failed to find the breakthrough they had been waiting for.

City manager Pep Guardiola said: “We have to improve our finishing. We had many chances to score but we couldn't take them.”

But City were not the only team to struggle in France, as Lyon also failed to convert their chances into goals.

For City, it was a night to forget as they failed to make the most of their opportunities.

But for Lyon, it was a night to celebrate as they secured their place in the next round of the Champions League.
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Manchester United’s Rangnick ready for emotional battle at Atletico

Multiple United coach Ralf Rangnick said his side are preparing for an “emotionally charged” match against Atletico Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday. The Portuguese giants welcome the Dutch side to the Estadio da Luz in Lisbon in a Group B clash which will be crucial for both teams. United have won two of their three matches in the group stage, while Rangnick is looking to make it three in a row.

The German said: “This will be an emotionally charged match. We have to make sure we are well prepared for this game.”

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