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Press Release

Father of Midwest Chess Academy student gets golden opportunity to play prodigy and world's highest rated player in simul.

Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen was scheduled to give a simultaneous exhibition at a convention for the tech/IT industry in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 4th, 2013.

The simul was hosted by Parallels Summit. Information about the event can be obtained here: <http://www.parallels.com/summit/2013/networking/>

Krishnakumar K B Nair (father of Chinmay Krishna, 4th grade student at Arbor Creek Elementary) was selected through a drawing process and was one of the lucky individuals for a chance of a lifetime.

Krishna of course consulted the Midwest Chess Academy for advice. Tim Steiner who has played many Grandmasters in simuls over the years recommended that Krishna attempt to draw Carlsen instead of trying to attack him.

Krishna played a great game that lasted 40+ moves and was rewarded with being the last player to survive. Unfortunately, Carlsen won all his matches.

GM Carlsen uncharacteristically chose to play with the black pieces in all his games. It is custom for the simul giver to take the white pieces. This bad luck ruined a good deal of opening preparation (not that it would help a great deal).

I can remember when I first started playing chess 25 years ago; a number of older men were telling stories about how they played Bobby Fischer when he went on his worldwide tour to support his travels abroad. These old men didn't forget their experience with Fischer and I suspect Krishna won't soon forget his either.

The game with notes will be provided on this site. Check it out and enjoy.

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