

# ANDREY ESIPENKO

Born 2002 in Russia. Represents FIDE. ELO 2698

Qualified by finishing third in the FIDE World Cup 2025.

This will be his first Candidates tournament.

In 2021 he played Magnus Carlsen and won!

Andrey Esipenko was playing as white.



This is the moment that Carlsen resigned. There is no way for Carlsen to prevent promotion on d8.



He played Magnus and won again in 2022. This is how the game started. Notice the Italian opening and two knights defence is played at this top level as well as being a familiar opening to juniors.

