FABIANO CARUANA

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Qualified to be a Candidate by winning the 2024 FIDE circuit. He has been a Candidate 5 times previously. He is one of the favourites to win the title. He came 2nd last year. He has been in the world top 10 since 2013.

This is a game from 2024-v- Bogdan Daniel Deac. Caruana was white.

Notice how, in the middle game, the white pieces have **control of the centre.**

This is a game v-Grigorly Oparin in 2025. Caruana was white.

Notice **the pin** in the middle game. The knight cannot move else the queen would be captured. White plans to advance the pawn and break open the kingside.

Notice the rook and queen **battery** on the g file in the end game.
Notice the potential for the bishop to check on e5. The queen will checkmate on g7 regardless of how black defends.