

MATTHIAS BLUBAUM

Born 1997. Represents Germany. ELO 2695

Qualified as being runner up in the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss.

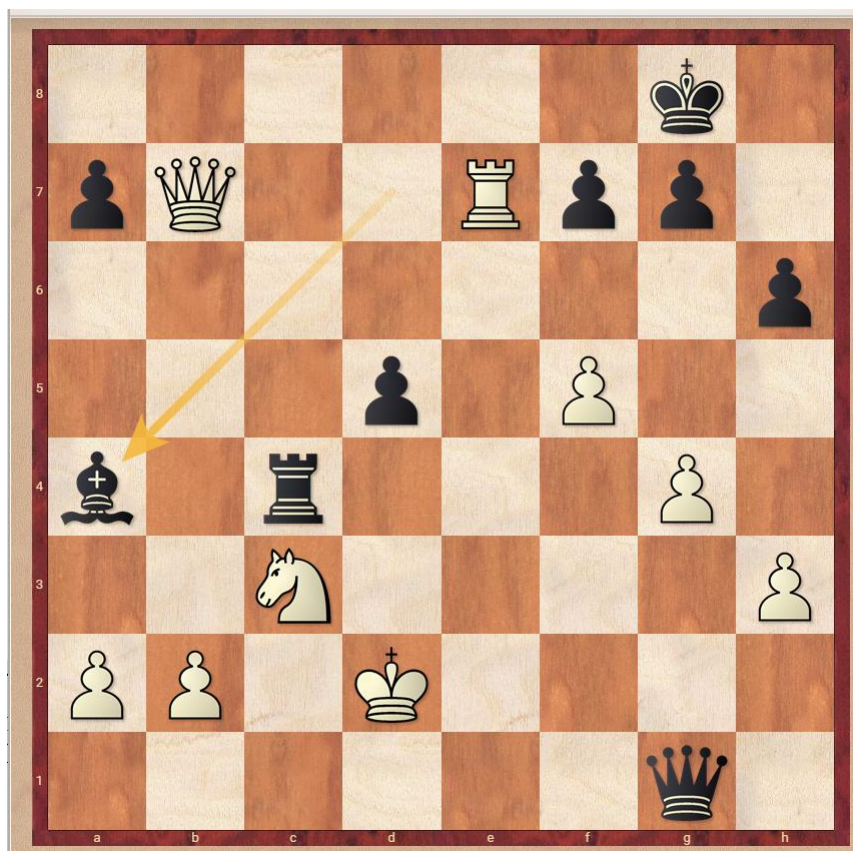
This will be his first Candidates tournament.



He admits that he is the underdog in the Candidates tournament!

He plays Blitz games to sharpen his chess skills. He has a masters degree in maths from university.

The position below shows one of his best games, played as black against Vincent Keymar. This is the moment that Keymar resigned.



It would have been white's turn to move, can you play on and see whether you can checkmate as black, or foil black's strong position as white. Notice how the black king has a runaway square if he is checked by white on the next turn. So white cannot take the initiative by hunting the black king down.