

**FIDE Arbiters' Commission
Disciplinary Subcommittee
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**The final decision regarding the behaviour of both arbiters from
India, brothers FA Joythi Ganesh Amarnath and FA Inaganti
Amarnath during the 2014 WYCC in Durban RPA**

The Disciplinary Subcommittee composed of Chairman IA Andrzej Filipowicz (POL) and members IA Carol Jarecki (IVB), IA Ivan Syrový (SVK), IA Klaus Deventer (GER) and IA Haroon Or Rashid (BAN) has discussed the case of Indian arbiters, that was sent to us by IA Takis Nikolopoulos, Chairman of FIDE Arbiters' Commission.

The Facts

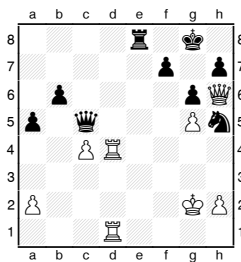
In the last round, in the group under 10, of the 2014 WYCC the Ukrainian player V. Larkin properly claimed a draw. The critical will appear the third time after the move written on the scoresheet

□ **V. Larkin** (Ukraine - 1751)

■ **T. Malkoc** (Slovenia - 1488)

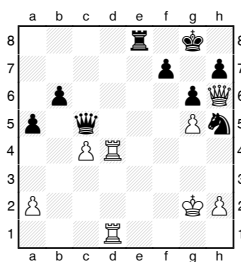
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**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nbd7 5.0-0 c6 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c4 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.f4 c5
11.e3 Qc7 12.Nc3 a6 13.g4 dxc4 14.Bxb7 Qxb7 15.bxc4 Rad8 16.g5 Ne8 17.Qh5 cxd4 18.exd4
Nxe5 19.fxe5 Bb4 20.Rf4 g6 21.Qh6 Bxc3 22.Bxc3 Ng7 23.Rh4 Nh5 24.Bb4 Rfe8 25.Rf1
a5 26.Bd6 Rd7 27.d5 exd5 28.e6 Rde7 29.Bxe7 Rxe7 30.Rd4 Rxe6 31.Rxd5 Qc7 32.Rfd1 Re8
33.R5d4 Qc5 34.Kg2 (D)**



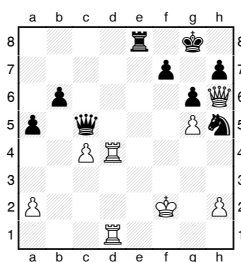
The first position.

34...Qc6+ 35.Kf2 Qc5 36.Kg2 (D)



The second position.

36...Qc6+ 37.Kf2 Qc5 (D)



According to the White player V. Larkin, in this position he wrote the move to be played (38.Kg2), stopped the clock and called the Arbiter.

We think there is no doubts regarding the manner of player proceeding, because despite the age, he is rated 1751 and quite experienced player. This procedure was confirmed by the Chief Arbiter and Appeal Committee.

The called **Arbiter FA Inaganti Amarnath of India**, who came to the board and later said: „when the boy V.Larkin raised hand to call Arbiter I moved to him (from the other side Mr. Ganesh also) and asked the boy about his claim, he replied that he like to claim draw through threefold repetition, at the same time a neighbour board was finished their game, as Mr. Ganesh was available I requested him to take care of the claim as I am nearer to the board which is finished”.

Remark: This argument is doubtful – the arbiter is obliged to check the position immediately after the claim. The position was quiet simple to check it. It means he made nothing in the case and transfered the duty to his brother. According to our feeling the claim for a draw was made properly. White wrote the move 38.Kg2, stopped the clock and called arbiter.

Arbiter did not take the task at all – see: „I am humbly telling that I never entered into claim. Myself and Mr. Pramateftakis George (colleague Arbiter) were busy there to take care of remaining boards when Mr. Ganesh is engaged with claim”.

FA Inaganti Jyothi Ganesh: „I was given the responsibility to arbitrate in the Under -10 section of the tournament”. Mr. Amarnath Inaganti who was also an arbiter in U-10 section asked me to attend a claim on 15th board Larkin Vladislav, UKR vs Malkoc Tilen, SLO as he was busy with another board and the sector arbiter was not around. One player on the board made a claim for three fold repetition. I took the score sheet and checked the game on another board to verify the claim while the clocks were stopped. On checking the game, I found that there was only two fold repetition. Since the claim is technically wrong, I asked both the players to continue the game”.

Remark: if this is true, what about two minutes to the opponent?

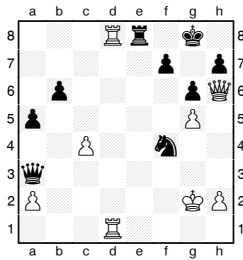
The story continue: „player **V.Larkin** stated crying and called for the arbiter. When I went to the board I noticed that the position has significantly changed and the player was in a losing position. He was crying that the draw was not awarded to him. As the sector arbiter was not present, I went to the Chief arbiter (on the advice of the neighboring sector arbiter) and sought his advice. The chief arbiter came to the board. Meanwhile the sector arbiter also came and together we all verified the game from the score sheet. Our sector arbiter also opined that a draw could not be awarded as the claim was not proper (since it was made after second repetition of the position). However the Chief arbiter awarded the draw”

Remark: this confirms the lack of basic chess knowledge of the arbiter.

The facts - continuation

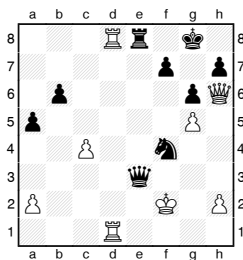
According to both players the Arbiters **FA Inaganti Amarnath** and **FA Inaganti Jyothi Ganesh** and rejected the claim and ordered to continue the game. According to the Arbiters, in this position never any claim was done. They pointed out Arbiter 3 to have interfered in some way... The later rejected their statement and rightly claimed that he wasn't even responsible for this Board.

38.Kg2 Qa3 39.Rd8 Nf4+ (D)



This is the second disputed position that Arbiters **FA Inaganti Amarnath** and **FA Inaganti Jyothi Ganesh** claimed that the White player asked them to be awarded a draw due to the triple repetition made on moves 34, 36 & 38. They rightly rejected the claim. Here comes the Arbiter 3, who was passing by and advised them to examine the game before to decide. The Arbiters 1 & 2 reconstructed the game and rejected the draw claim. Here, all parties agreed during the examination.

40.Kf2 Qe3+ (D)



In this position the White player went to the Chief Arbiter and asked him (in English) to announce a draw due to his right claim before He played his 38th move. He said that the Arbiter 1 wrongly rejected his claim. The Chief Arbiter reconstructed the game in the presence of both players. As the Black player remained silent (He knows no English) the Chief Arbiter announced the game drawn. 1/2-1/2

Chief Arbiter Report

Before playing through the game, I asked the UKR player what and why he is claiming. He said that he is claiming 3-fold repetition of the position based on the fact that his next move (it was his turn to play) would result in the position being repeated 3 times (he wanted to play Kf2 – the king was on e2). We then proceeded playing through the game (with Carlos assisting). When we came to where the position appears for the 1st time, the UKR player told us that this is the position that will be appearing later again. We packed this position on another board (duplicating the position) we played on. When the position appeared again (2nd time), we played on again and just before the position appeared for the 3rd time (the white king is currently standing on f2), the UKR player said that this is the moment where he stopped the clocks and claimed a draw (he wanted to play Kg2 resulting in the position appearing for the 3rd time). Carlos and I noted - It was clear that the UKR player was claiming correctly and that the position will indeed appear for the 3rd time.

I asked the UKR player why there were more moves notated on his score sheet. He said that the “arbiters” did not agree that it was a valid 3-fold claim and instructed him to play on. We played through the remaining few moves. Black: instead of playing Qc5 to c7 (this needs to be checked on the original score sheets as I cannot clearly remember if the black queen was on c6 or c7 or perhaps another square) he now played and notated Nf4. The remaining sequence invalidated any 3-fold positions possible appearing (in fact, if I remember correctly, the very final position was a mate-in-2 for Black).

I reinstated the position to where the UKR player was claiming. I asked him again what happened and he told me the same story: he wanted to claim 3-fold (was about the play his king to f2) but the arbiter said it would not have been 3-fold and told him to play on. After that he played his king to f2).

Based on the evidence I declared the game drawn.

Additional remarks of Chief Arbiter IA Gunther van den Bergh

All arbiters were on time for all rounds as required. The general feedback I received from the sector arbiters were that "they" (the 2 Indian arbiters) were just "there". On very rare occasions they would assist at boards but these were with very trivial things such as "my pen is not working", etc.

At no stage did they get involved with making actual decision based on the Laws. If such an instance occurred, they would refer the matter to another arbiter or ask for assistance. It was a case of "en passant" - where one players said "you cannot move like that" and the opponent would say "yes I can". The arbiter was unable to solve this. I found this extremely strange that an FA was unable to react to a case like this.

I was very impressed with the level of knowledge and work done by all arbiters, except for the 3 names mentioned in my report, of which 2 of them were the 2 Indian arbiters. I was not impressed with them. I got the impression that they do not have a lot of experience, lack skill and have poor knowledge of the Laws of Chess. It is my opinion that these 2 arbiters are not up to the required level to even be FA.

During the Larkin - Malkoc case: at some time during the appeal, the appeal members took a break. They kept on insisting that they did nothing wrong but also acted very nervously. At no time did the younger of the two brothers talk. During the whole appeal process only the elder brother talked. Myself, Carlos and Jean-Baka tried to ask them why they refused the draw but they kept on insisting that they never refused anything. We were not convinced that they were telling the truth.

My overall impression: I feel that these two arbiters were not up to standard to execute their duties and responsibilities as arbiters. In my personal opinion I do not believe they are even up to standard with the minimum requirements for FA. I have worked with many many arbiters before of different levels. If an arbiter makes a mistake then he must admit it and you solve the problem. Never in my life have I encountered a case where it is so blatantly obvious that an arbiter lies. I do not tolerate this.

The final conclusion of the The Appeals Committee of WYCC 2014 is as follow:

The Appeals Committee strongly feels that the Arbiters FA Joythi Ganesh Amarnath (India) and FA Inaganti Amarnath (India) shouldn't allow being Arbiters never in the future, neither in FIDE nor in Indian events.

The decision of the All India Chess Federation sent two both Indian arbiters was

The Chief arbiter of WYCC had stated that: „Either one or both of players were lying or both of the Indian arbiters were lying. The Chief arbiter went to add that it was also noted that the evidence suggests that one or both Indian Arbiters were lying and refusing to admit guilt, instead of just saying: „sorry I made incorrect ruling”.

The members decided that till such time you these two arbiters improve their knowledge, they should not be posted as Chief Arbiter in any tournament including District level tournaments. Therefore you are here by informel that till such time you both improve ypur knowledge, you will be not allowed to officiate as Chief Arbiters in any tournament. Please be guided by the above.

Resume - the opinion and decision of the Disciplinary Subcommittee is as follows

1. There is no any doubts that both Indian arbiters never fulfilled their duties properly. It was not difficult problem to find the repetition. The three positions appeared in a few moves. It looks they did not know rules, regarding the appearance the same position.

2. Both Indian arbiters lied during the hearing of the Appeals Committee by denying the fact that there was a claim of threefold repetition.
3. Both brothers Inaganti have demonstrated
 - (a) Lack of sufficient basic chess knowledge for the FA title,
 - (b) Insufficient attention to duties, lack of ambition to properly supervise in a timely manner and actively and intentionally lying about their actions and trying to cover up their errors with more lies,
 - (c) Lack of transparency in their actions and statements in relation to these duties.
3. They fulfilled the requirements of the Disciplinary Regulations for Arbiters **see Art. 1.3h** *Failure to comply with the provisions of the Tournament Regulations and with the Rules, instructions, circulars and decisions of the arbitration bodies (written reprimand or/and disqualification up to six months)* **and 1.3i** The verbal or by acts abusive, indecent, inappropriate behavior towards members of the governing bodies of all kinds of chess and arbitration, to the players, coaches, other persons involved in the games and the spectators (disqualification for 3 to 12 months).

Decision

1. **The both Jyothi Ganesh Inaganti and Amarnath Inaganti of India should have their FA titles suspended and only reissued at a time after the suspension is satisfied and a new FA Seminar has been taken with satisfactory examination.**
2. **The both Indian arbiters should be disqualified for 9 months.**

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