June 14th 2025

Appeal regarding Pool D round 13 game 6.1

Livio Cancedda-Dupuis v Gergely Kantor

Committee

Chairman Jon Speelman together with Hisham Al Taher and Aris Marghetis

The Incident

On move 95 while trying to win a (drawn but very playable) endgame of queen and knight v queen, Black blundered allowing a skewer which won his queen and resigned immediately after the skewer 96 Qg5+.

However, as the video evidence and the software record of the game show, after releasing the queen on g5, White knocked his queen and also slightly Black's knight as he pressed the clock and the queen returned from g5 some way towards g4..

Black claimed that the queen had been played to g4 rather than g5.

Verdict

Trhe appeal is rejected because after releasing the queen on g5 White was committed to playing that move and the subsequent collision which moved it towards g4 in no way suggested that he wanted to play that move instead (which in any case was impossible once he has released it on the other square..

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