

Daniel Naroditsky Earns Second IM Norm

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Young author [Daniel Naroditsky](#) earned his second IM norm at the [Groningen Open \(December 21-30, Holland\)](#). Daniel told CLO, "I'm happy to finally achieve my second norm and to have the title within sight. I'll try my best to repeat the performance at the [Berkeley International](#), which begins very soon!" [See his complete tournament history here](#) and check out a few games below:

Groningen Open, 2010

White: Naroditsky, Daniel

Black: Bijlsma, Nick

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Ne6 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 Rc8 8.f4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qa5 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 e6 12.O-O-O Be6 13.Bb5 Nd5 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.Ne4 Be7 18.c4 b5 19.Kb1 bxc4 20.Rc1 f5 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Rxc4 Kd7 23.Rd1 Rhg8 24.g3 h5 25.Nf2 e5 26.Re1 Ke6 27.Rec1 c5 28.Ne4 Nb6 29.R4c2 Kd5 30.Re1 f5 31.Nc3+ Ke6 32.Bf4 Bf6 33.a4 Rgd8 34.a5 Nc4 35.Na4 Rd4 36.Rxc4 Rxc4 37.Nb6 Rxf4 38.gxf4 Rc7 39.fxe5 Bh4 40.Rd1 Kxe5 41.a6 c4 42.Rd7 1-0

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White: Baghdasaryan, Vahe

Black: Naroditsky, Daniel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 h6 9.Bh4 Qc7 10.O-O-O Nbd7 11.Be2 O-O 12.Rhg1 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Qxa8 Bb7 16.Ncxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nd3+ 18.Kb1 Qe5 19.Qxf8+ Kxf8 20.Bxd3 Qxh2 21.Bf2 Bxg2 22.a4 Be6 23.Bg3 Qh5 24.Rde1 Bc5 25.Rgf1 Qg4 26.Be5 Qxa4 27.Nc7 Be7 28.Re3 Bd8 29.Be2 Kg8 30.Rb3 Qe4 31.Rb8 Qxe2 32.Rxf6 gxf6 33.Rxd8+ Kg7 34.Be3 Qf1+ 35.Ka2 Qf4 0-1

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White: Naroditsky, Daniel

Black: Nijboer, Friso

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Matthew Herman of New York also played in Groningen but narrowly missed a norm with a 2429 tournament performance rating. Matt has been on a roll lately, earning two IM norms and [248 \(!\) FIDE rating points](#), even moving his friend [GM Hikaru Nakamura to tweet](#), "So impressed by my hero Matt Herman! Perhaps I can go pick up 250+ Fide points sometime!.."

2010 was also an exciting year for Daniel. In addition to publishing his first book, [Mastering Positional Chess](#), he is also qualified for the [2011 US Chess Championship](#) at the [Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis](#) via the US Open. [See an in-depth interview with Daniel from earlier this year on CLO.](#)

Find out more about Daniel's next event, the [Berkeley International from January 2nd-8th on the official site](#). Also see [details on live coverage of that event on chess.com](#).

