

# Short explanation of the Arbiters' Riddle (IA Tania Karali)

Arbiters' Riddle made by IA Tania Karali was published in the June 2020 edition of the ECU E-Magazine, as well as on the ECU Arbiters' Council Website.

And the winner is...

ECU Arbiters Council received correct solutions from 14 arbiters. They were all given a number from 1 to 14. During a video call Geert Bailleul, Secretary of ECU Arbiters' Council and Tania Karali, author of the riddle, used the random number generator of this website: [https://www.mathgoodies.com/calculators/random\\_no\\_custom](https://www.mathgoodies.com/calculators/random_no_custom) to choose a winning number.

The lucky winner was No 3. This number corresponds to *David Gonzalez Gandara* from Spain. Congratulations! David will receive an electronic chess clock.

IA Geert Bailleul, Secretary of ECU Arbiters' Council.

IA Tania Karali, author of the riddle.

### Explanation of the clues:

- 1) A male player's flag fell on board 42 ("him"/"he"), but not Bill or Steve (clue No 6). So, it was Bob.
- 2) Kate was on board 18 or 37 (clues No 2, 3, 6). The number should be higher than Bill's (who is not on No 11), so it is 37.
- 3) Mary had a 3-fold repetition request on board 18 or 23 (clues No 1, 2, 6). But it was during the 7th round (see previous hint), so it's board 18.
- 4) The flag fall could only happen during round 1, so Bill's incident happened during round 3 (clue No 2) and Steve's during round 9.
- 5) The incident of the 3rd round on board 23 was not an illegal move (clue No 3), so it was a "dead" position.



### The solution.

ROUND	PLAYER	INCIDENT	<u>B.No.</u>
1	Bob	Flag fall	42
3	Bill	Dead position	23
5	Kate	Illegal move	37
7	Mary	3-fold	18
9	Steve	disturbance	11