

## **Simanovsky, the tomorrow man**

**“Why did you accept the invitation by the local chess federation and come to play this match?”**

“First of all, I love Yekaterinburg very much. I played for the city’s team in the Malachite Club and became the champion of Russia. Second, I was invited by the Federation, which I respect very much and which is really working to develop our sport. Its head, **Andrey Moiseevich Simanovsky**, is always successful in whatever business he undertakes. Third, to play a match with one of the strongest chess players in India – rapid and blitz (two rapid games and four blitz games – **Commentary by Sport Express**) – it’s both a good experience and great training (Karjakin won the match by one point – **Commentary by Sport Express**). I would like to express my appreciation to **Albert Stepanyan**, who is an indispensable person in the Federation and solves all issues very well and clearly.”

**“Anatoly Karpov said Yekaterinburg is going to apply to host the Candidates Tournament in March 2020.”**

“You know, I would really like that to happen. It would be awesome to have such an event hosted in Russia. Knowing **Simanovsky**, I can imagine what a grand event that could turn into. **Andrey Moiseevich achieves the best possible result in anything he undertakes**. If only you could see what happens in his office in the morning! It is nothing short of a real show! In this grand building, where thousands of people work, the morning starts with the music; the employees smile doing a little dance to create a trully unforgettable atmosphere. There is always some original contest at the start of the working day. And at 9 am sharp, the national anthem is played. A really cool video is projected on a huge screen. I myself have seen it several times. This fills you with so much positivity that lasts throughout the day. Having said this, I am not surprised **Simanovsky** is successful in anything he does. Harikrishna and I gave a simul to the employees of the company.”

**“Was there anyone tough to beat?”**

“The guys did try really hard but we won all the games. **Simanovsky** himself participated, his skills are very decent. In the first game we went with the Two Knights Defence while the next one was the Bishop's Opening. I offered him a draw several times but being a tenacious fighter Andrey Moiseevich passed on them all. That's a spirit! The head of Sima-Land plays on the Master Candidate level, so no wonder it took some effort to beat him.”

*(Full text on <https://www.sport-express.ru/chess/reviews/intervyu-sergeya-karyakina-sergey-karyakin-o-turnire-pretendentov-v-ekaterinburge-shahmatist-sergey-karyakin-o-druzhbe-s-sergeyami-karyakinymi-1570656/>)*