

# Van Wely in Clear Lead at Berkeley International

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After six rounds at the [Berkeley International \(January 2-8\)](#), GM Loek Van Wely (right) leads with 5.5/6. GM Sergey Erenburg is just half a point behind with 5/6. [See full standings](#) and [round seven pairings](#).

Leading norm hunters include Sam Shankland, Conrad Holt and Denys Shmelov.

See some game highlights below and find all games from rounds 1 to 3 here: <http://dotq.org/chess/firstthreerounds>

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**White:** Gaffagan, Steven

**Black:** Holt, Conrad

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.O-O g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.Nd4 Ndx5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.N2b3 h5 13.Re1 Ng6 14.c4 Nxd4 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.Qxd4 O-O-O 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.Qa4 Nh4 19.f3 gxf3 0-1

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**White:** Van Wely, Loek

**Black:** Sipos, Istvan

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.g3 Bd6 9.O-O Ne4 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.Kg2 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Nf6 13.c5 Be7 14.Nxg6 Ne4 15.Qe1 hxg6 16.f3 Nf6 17.Qc3 g5 18.b4 Nd7 19.e4 a5 20.a3 f5 21.exf5 exf5 22.b5 Kf7 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Bd3 g6 25.Be3 Nf8 26.Rf2 Ne6 27.Rfb2 Rab8 28.Bc2 Rhe8 29.Bf2 Kg8 30.Ba4 cxb5 31.Rxb5 Nxd4 32.Rb6 Bg7 33.Bxe8 1-0

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**White:** Shankland, Sam

**Black:** Yankovsky, Roman

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.O-O-O d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa5 15.b3 Qc7 16.Re1 Rd8 17.Qe5 Qxe5 18.Rxe5 f6 19.Re1 e5 20.Nc5 Kf7 21.g3 Bf5 22.Bc4 Rab8 23.g4 Bc8 24.g5 fxg5 25.Rxe5 Bf5 26.Rd1 Kf6 27.Rde1 Nb6 28.Be6 Re8 29.R5e2 Rbd8 30.Bxf5 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Kxf5 32.Re7 h5 33.Rxa7 Rd4 34.Rf7+ Ke5 35.Nd3+ Ke6 36.Re7 1-0

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**White:** Erenburg, Sergey

**Black:** Ris, Robert

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Nf3 O-O 10.O-O Ng4 11.h3 Nh2 12.Nxh2 Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Bf4 14.Be3 b5 15.Qd2 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Bb7 17.f4 f6 18.a3 Rae8 19.Rad1 Re7 20.Rd2 Rd8 21.Be2 Ree8 22.Rfd1 d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.Qc5 1-0