

# board poker

Magnus Carlsen talked about choosing poker over chess after making it to Day 2 of the Norwegian Poker Championship on Wednesday. While Ian Nepomniachtchi and Ding Liren prepare to begin their battle for the World Championship, Magnus Carlsen is currently in Bratislava playing the Norwegian Poker Championship. The 32-year-old is in the Slovakian capital due to Norway's strict gambling laws. Last year, in Dublin, Carlsen made headlines as he finished in an impressive 25th place out of 1,050 players, earning a cash prize of around 5,000 Euro. Before the event today he posted a picture on his Instagram account: "Norwegian poker championship" World Chess Championship. Speaking to the official broadcast after Day 1, Carlsen jokingly confirmed that he prefers poker over chess. Magnus Carlsen was one of 435 players to make it through Day 1 of the Main Event of the Norwegian Poker Championship | photo: official YouTube broadcast. Yeah, but it does say something about me not liking the World Chess Championship. Carlsen went through to Day 2, but dropped down the rankings in the last hours of the day. "It went a bit astray the last half an hour. A lot of strange things happened. Let's try again tomorrow," said Carlsen. He's left with 47,500 chips after starting on 100,000. Asked if he thinks it's fun, he replied to the official Youtube broadcast. Yeah, it's fine. It's a bit tiring. I was sitting here for an hour or an hour and a half and I didn't win a single hand. I just folded and folded. That's not very exciting, but when something happens, it's fun. Carlsen is one of 435 players who made it to Day 2 from the 1B field in the Main Event. out of 680 players starting