



15th Dubai Open Chess Championship

Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup

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Top seed GM Vladimir Akopian of Armenia (right) vs. Murali Karthikeyan of India.

Top seed GM Vladimir Akopian of Armenia led 38 seeded players with a perfect score of 2 points after two rounds of the Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE. Akopian used the Sicilian Defense to beat Murali Karthikeyan of India in 50 moves. Local hero GM Salem A.R. Saleh kept pace with 2 points by beating FM Das Sayantan of India in only 30 moves.

Sharing the lead with 2 points each are GMs Romain Edouard of France, Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia, Yuri Kryvoruchko and Mikhailo Oleksienko of Ukraine, Andrei Istratescu of France, Mikheil Mchdlshvili and Levan Pantsulaia of Georgia, Mircea Parligras of Romania, Jaan Ehvest of the USA, Sergey Volkov, Vladimir Burmakin and Aleksandr Rakhmanov of Russia, Pavel Kotsur and Rinat

Jumabayev of Kazakhstan, Pontus Carlsson of Sweden and GMs Surya Ganguly, Babu Lalith, Sahaj Grover and Chakkravarthy Deepan of India.

International Masters also in the lead are Hovik Hayrapetyan of Armenia, Shardul Gagare, Kore Akshayraj, Das Debashis, Diptayan Ghosh, Prasanna Vishnu, Dhopade Swapnil and Srinath Narayanan of India, Bela Khotenashvili of Georgia and Samy Shoker of Egypt. Also in the lead are Woman Grandmasters Dinara Saduakassova of Kazakhstan and Ju Wenjun of China, IM Elisabeth Paehtz of Germany and FM Amir Kowsarinia of Iran.

Top games can be seen live on the internet at the Dubai Chess Club website www.dubaichess.ae.

Six Grandmasters stumbled in the second round. Husein Aziz Nezaad of Qatar upset GM Ivan Sokolov of the

Netherlands in 35 moves of an Open Catalan. Filipino IM Kim Steven Yap used the Nimzo Indian Defense to hold second seed GM Viktor Kaznicka of the Czech Republic to a draw in 62 moves. IM Edward Kanter of Russia drew with highly rated GM Tigran L. Petrosian of Armenia in 78 moves. FM Mhamal Anurag of India halved the point with GM Amin Bassem of Egypt in 34 moves of a Rook and pawn endgame. IM Sunil Mokal Prathamesh of India drew with GM Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine in 54 moves of a French Defense. And the Sicilian Defense of GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran could not make a dent against FM Chitambaram Aravindh of India as they drew in 99 moves.

At stake is the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup and a total of \$50,000 in cash prizes.

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Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1		Karthikeyan Murali	2432	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2704	ARM
2	GM	Laznicka Viktor	2674	CZE	1	½ - ½	1	IM	Yap Kim Steven	2418	PHI
3	IM	Ankit R. Rajpara	2421	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
4	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2668	UKR	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Houska Jovanka	2417	ENG
5		Sunilduth Lyna Narayanan	2418	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Sargissian Gabriel	2666	ARM
6	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2663	ARM	1	½ - ½	1	IM	Kanter Eduard	2408	RUS
7	IM	Tania Sachdev	2409	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2648	FRA
8	GM	Sokolov Ivan	2643	NED	1	0 - 1	1	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2400	QAT
9	FM	Anurag Mhamal	2401	IND	1	½ - ½	1	GM	Amin Bassem	2641	EGY
10	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2640	GEO	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Karavade Eesha	2389	IND
11	IM	Gagare Shardul	2397	IND	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Wen Yang	2631	CHN
12	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2623	IND	1	1 - 0	1	FM	Vandenbussche Thibaut	2387	BEL
13	IM	Prathamesh Sunil Mokal	2389	IND	1	½ - ½	1	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2619	UKR
14	GM	Ehlvest Jaan	2611	USA	1	1 - 0	1		Sagar Shah	2376	IND
15	IM	Khukhashvili Sopiko	2386	GEO	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Parligras Mircea-Emilian	2602	ROU
16	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2355	TJK	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Volkov Sergey	2593	RUS
17	IM	Purtseladze Maka	2347	GEO	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2591	RUS
18	GM	Burmakin Vladimir	2580	RUS	1	1 - 0	1	FM	De Ramos Julius	2350	PHI
19	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2336	KAZ	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Shanava Konstantine	2578	GEO
20	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2565	IND	1	1 - 0	1	WGM	Hooft Sarah	2338	GER
21	FM	Aravindh Chithambaram Vr.	2333	IND	1	½ - ½	1	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2561	IRI
22	GM	Pantsulaia Levan	2556	GEO	1	1 - 0	1		Krishna C.R.G.	2334	IND
23	GM	Oleksienko Mikhailo	2554	UKR	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Galojan Lilit	2323	ARM
24	IM	Praveen Kumar C.	2312	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2552	KAZ
25	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2549	KAZ	1	1 - 0	1	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2303	IRI
26	FM	Kowsarinia Amir	2301	IRI	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Michalik Peter	2535	SVK
27	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2530	UAE	1	1 - 0	1	FM	Das Sayantan	2299	IND
28	WIM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2267	IRI	1	0 - 1	1	WGM	Ju Wenjun	2521	CHN
29	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2520	SWE	1	1 - 0	1	WIM	Olsarova Karolina	2264	CZE
30	WIM	Olsarova Tereza	2260	CZE	1	½ - ½	1	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2517	QAT
31	IM	Akshayraj Kore	2512	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Hemant Sharma (del)	2253	IND
32	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2250	YEM	1	½ - ½	1	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2511	BAN
33	GM	Harika Dronavalli	2509	IND	1	½ - ½	1	WIM	Davletbayeva Madina	2248	KAZ
34	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2231	JOR	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Darini Pouria	2505	IRI
35	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2505	IND	1	1 - 0	1	FM	Chahrani Ibrahim	2244	LBA
36		Navalgund Niranjan	2219	IND	1	0 - 1	1	IM	Hayrapetyan Hovik	2503	ARM
37	IM	Khotenashvili Bela	2492	GEO	1	1 - 0	1		Raes Abdul Kader	2241	SYR
38		Nyazi Nehad	2203	EGY	1	0 - 1	1	IM	Shoker Samy	2480	EGY
39	IM	Paetz Elisabeth	2479	GER	1	1 - 0	1	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2227	GRE
40		Sobh Amrou	2177	EGY	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Deepan Chakkravarthy J.	2477	IND
41	IM	Debashis Das	2477	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Ilhomzoda Ikrom	2212	TJK
42		Osman Abdelgadir	2157	SUD	1	0 - 1	1	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2475	IND
43	IM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2470	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Phadke Sohan	2187	IND
44		Dimarucut Francis Erwin	2120	PHI	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Grover Sahaj	2467	IND
45	IM	Ezat Mohamed	2461	EGY	1	½ - ½	1	FM	Visweswaran K.	2159	IND
46		Tabada Jobannie C.	2199	PHI	1	0 - 1	1	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2451	IND
47	IM	Narayanan Srinath	2440	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Pabalan Rocky	2138	PHI
48	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2599	MDA	½	1 - 0	1	FM	Harshal Shahi	1955	IND
49	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2591	IND	½	½ - ½	½	GM	Adhiban B.	2555	IND

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50		Mohammed Tarig Elther	1993	SUD	½	1 - 0	½	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2066	SUD
51		Nimmy A.G.	2152	IND	0	½ ½	½		Abdel Rabb Raouf	2036	YEM
52		Waleed Mohamed	1724	EGY	0	0 - 1	0	FM	Somoff Abdo	2155	LIB
53		Keen Cosima C	1712	ENG	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Mona Khaled	2147	EGY
54	CM	Nadir Samir	2135	SUD	0	1 - 0	0		Ahmed Fareed	1725	UAE
55		Ambareesh. P	1697	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Basencyan Mark	2133	ARM
56	WFM	Pujari Rucha	2132	IND	0	- - +	0		Sasikumar Anusweud	1721	IND
57		Humaid Abdulla Ali	1668	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Michelle Catherina P	2123	IND
58	WFM	Schmidt Jade	2113	GER	0	+ - -	0		Montaser Kamil	1700	SUD
59		Khaled Ahmed Y.	1652	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Wenzel Birger	2109	GER
60	WFM	Raghavi N.	2096	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Abdullah Al Hamed	1691	UAE
61		Majed Ali Abdouli	1627	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2093	IND
62	WFM	Nekrasova Elena	2089	LIB	0	1 - 0	0		Ali Abdulaziz	1660	UAE
63		Niranjan R	1614	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Mehdi Samer	2089	IRI
64		Salah Romany	2085	EGY	0	1 - 0	0		Saif Idrees	1633	UAE
65		Abdulla Shaeri	1609	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria C.	2080	VEN
66		Sameir Ramez	2078	EGY	0	1 - 0	0		Hassweh Mwaffaq	1886	SYR
67		Talal Al-Hammadi	1603	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Elnemr Mohamed	2073	EGY
68		Kohtz Andreas	2068	GER	0	1 - 0	0		Abdulaziz Abdulla	1610	UAE
69		Takrory Hosam	2044	PLE	0	1 - 0	0		Mohamed Marshool	1604	UAE
70	FM	Ram Aravind L N	2035	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Timi Thomas Mulavana	1590	IND
71		Santosh Sanath	1597	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Rice Chris B	2032	ENG
72		Klyszcz Michael	2029	GER	0	0 - 1	0		Sudharsan Surya. K	1780	IND
73		Jehad Aysha	1586	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	2008	LBA
74		Mahmoud Haitham	2005	SUD	0	1 - 0	0		Faisal Ali	1557	UAE
75		Al-Hammadi Fatima Hussein	1565	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Albers Andreas	1999	GER
76		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1554	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Madhurima Shekhar	1991	IND
77		Ahmed Fayez	1946	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Salem Ahmed Salem	1548	UAE
78		Bashaer Khalil	1545	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Magdy Kassem	1943	EGY
79		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1909	SYR	0	1 - 0	0		Sultan Fareed	1538	UAE
80		Naidu Harish	1476	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Walid Anwar	1893	UAE
81		Sultan Ibrahim	1886	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Al-Taher Saeed Tarek	1498	UAE
82		Al-Zaabi Sultan	1447	UAE	0	½ ½	0		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1854	LBA
83		Al Sori Mohamed	1830	LBA	0	0 - 1	0		Nandu Gagarin	1429	IND
84		Al Amoudy Khalifa	1411	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Alnami Salaheddin	1825	LBA
85		Faranka Khaled	1823	LBA	0	1 - 0	0		Majed Mosallam	1403	UAE
86		Rashid Mosallam	1388	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Vojdani Siavosh	1819	IRI
87	CM	Saleh Naif	1811	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Al-Harmoudi Mariam	1307	UAE
88		Hamda Sarhan	1349	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	WFM	Nouman Amna	1809	UAE
89		Aagney L. Narasimhan	1288	IND	0	½ ½	0		Esa A H Almarazeeq	1781	UAE
90		Abdulla Abdulwahab	1773	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Soud Mosallam	1242	UAE
91	FM	Yaaqoub Rashid	2203	SUD	0	1 - 0	0		Hamdan Marshool	1756	UAE
92		Abdulla Ali	1746	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Abdalsalam Abubukr	2002	SUD
93		Tawfeik Moustafa	2081	EGY	0	1 - 0	0		Ali Rashid Ghanem	1741	UAE
94		Murad Abdulla	1741	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Al Hosani Omran	0	UAE
95		Hamad Ahmed	0	UAE	0	½ ½	0		Adarsh Saji	1737	IND
96		Sultan Marshool	1736	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Bennett John M	2048	ENG
		Altaher Salman Tarek	1482	UAE	0	1 - -			Bye	0	

IM Nezad of Qatar Upsets GM Sokolov of The Netherlands

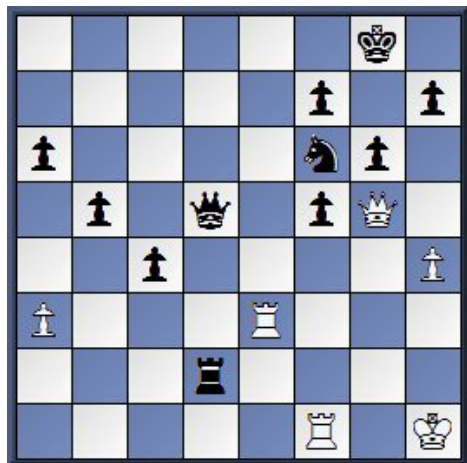
In round two action, GM Ivan Sokolov of The Netherlands, embarked on a kingside pawn storm but Nezad's timely sacrifice of the Bishop for Rook exchange on the 25th move opened lines to attack Sokolov's exposed king.



IM Husein Aziz Nezad of Qatar

W: GM Ivan Sokolov (NED)
B: IM Nezad, Husein Aziz (QAT)

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 e6 5. g3 dxc4 6. Bg2 b5 7. Ne5 a6 8. f4 Bb7 9. O-O Nbd7 10. e4 Bb4 11. Be3 O-O 12. a3 Ba5 13. Qe2 Qc7 14. Rad1 Rfe8 15. g4 Bxc3 16. bxc3 c5 17. Bf2 cxd4 18. Bxd4 Nc5 19. g5 Nfxe4 20. Ng4 Rad8 21. Rde1 Re7 22. Nf6+ Nxf6 23. gxf6 Red7 24. Qg4 g6 25. Re5 Rxd4 26. cxd4 Rxd4 27. Qg5 Nd7 28. Bxb7 Qxb7 29. Ree1 Qb6 30. Kh1 Qc6+ 31. Kg1 Rd2 32. f5 Qc5+ 33. Re3 Nxf6 34. h4 exf5 35. Kh1 Qd5+ 0-1



Sokolov-Nezad final position after 35.Qd5+

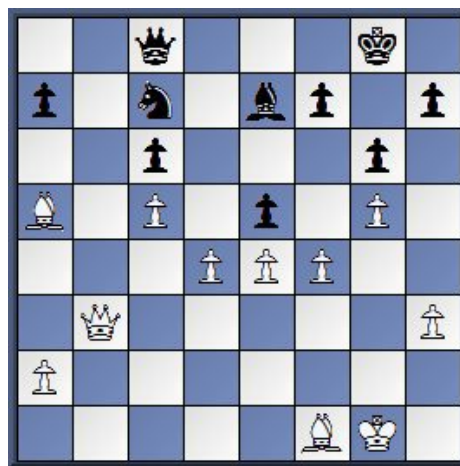


IM Kim Steven Yap of the Philippines

The youthful Filipino held his own against second seed GM Laznicka.

W: GM Laznicka, Viktor (CZE)
B: IM Yap, Kim Steven (PHI)

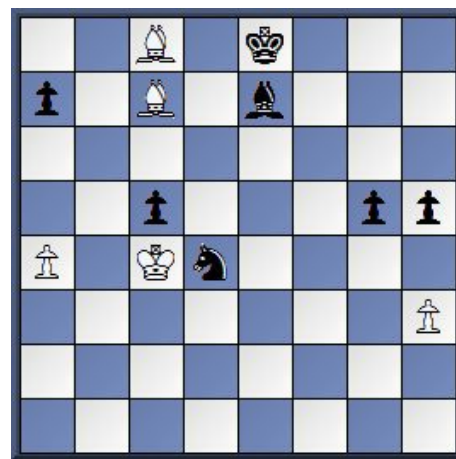
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. O-O c6 6. b3 Ne4 7. d4 d5 8. Bb2 Nd7 9. e3 Ndf6 10. Qe2 Bg4 11. h3 Bxf3 12. Bxf3 Qd7 13. Bg2 b5 14. Rc1 Rab8 15. Na3 bxc4 16. bxc4 Rb4 17. Rc2 Rfb8 18. Rd1 Bf8 19. Bc1 e6 20. g4 Qb7 21. c5 Nd7 22. f3 Nef6 23. f4 Bg7 24. Qd3 Ne8 25. Bd2 Rb2 26. Bc3 Rxc2 27. Nxc2 Nc7 28. Ba5 Nf6 29. Nb4 Nfe8 30. Bf1 Bf6 31. Rb1 Bd8 32. Rb3 Qa8 33. Qb1 Nf6 34. Nxd5 Rxb3 35. Nxf6+ Bxf6 36. Qxb3 Qc8 37. g5 Be7



Laznicka-Yap after 31...Bd8

38. e4 e5 39. fxe5 Ne6 40. Bc3 Nng5 41. e6 Nxe4 42. exf7+ Kf8 43. Bc4 Qf5 44. Be1 Kg7 45. Be6 Qf6 46. Kg2 Qxd4 47. Qb8 Qxc5 48. Qf4 Qg5+ 49. Kf3 Qxf4+ 50. Kxf4 Ng5 51. Bc3+ Kf8 52. Bd7 c5 53. Ke5 Kxf7 54. Kd5 h5 55. a4 Nf3 56. Be6+ Ke8 57. Ba5 Nd4 58. Bc8 g5 59. Bc7 Ne2 60. Kc4 Nd4 61. Kd5 Ne2 62. Kc4 Nd4 1/2-1/2

In the final position that follows, White cannot do much with his two Bishops and the two agreed to a draw after repetition of moves.



Laznicka-Yap position after 62...Nd4



GM Yuriy Kuizubov of Ukraine

W: Prathamesh, Sunil Mokal (IND)
B: GM Kuzubov, Yuriy (UKR)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 c4 7. Nbd2 Na5 8. Be2 Bd7 9. O-O Ne7 10. Re1 h6 11. Rb1 O-O-O 12. Nf1 Nb3 13. Ng3 Ba4 14. Be3 Kb8 15. Nd2 g6 16. h4 Nc6 17. Bg4 h5 18. Bh3 Be7 19. Nf3 Rd7 20. Bg5 Rc8 21. Re3 Bf8 22. Re1 a5 23. Re3 Qa7 24. Ne2 Nc5 25. Qc1 Nd3 26. Qd2 Qb6 27. b4 Na7 28. Nc1 Nxc1 29. Qxc1 Nb5 30. g3 Qa7 31. Bf1 Rc6 32. Nd2 Ra6 33. Ra1 Qb6 34. Rb1 Qa7 35. Kh2 Nxa3 36. Qxa3 Bc2 37. Qb2 Bxb1 38. b5 Rb6 39. Nxb1 Qa6 40. Na3 Bxa3 41. Qxa3 Qxb5 42. Qf8+ Ka7 43. Rf3 a4 44. Be7 Rxe7 45. Qxe7 Ra6 46. Rxf7 a3 47. Rf8 a2 48. Rc8 Rc6 49. Rxc6 Qxc6 50. Qa3+ Qa6 51. Qc5+ Qb6 52. Qa3+ Qa6 53. Qc5+ Qb6 54. Qa3+ 1/2-1/2

