



15th Dubai Open Chess Championship

Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup

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GM Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia (left) and GM Sergey Volkov of Russia drew in the 5th round to stay in the lead pack.

Rakhmanov beats Ehlvest to grab solo lead after 5 rounds

Russian Grandmaster Aleksandr Rakhmanov beat Estonian GM Jaan Ehlvest to grab solo lead with a perfect 5-point slate after five rounds of the 15th Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE.

Rakhmanov smashed the Pirc Defense of Ehlvest winning a piece in the middle game skirmish. Ehlvest resigned on the 41st move.

Five players trail with 4.5 points each, namely top seed GM Vladimir Akopian and Gabriel Sargissian, both of Armenia, GM Sergey Volkov of Russia, GM Romain Edouard of France and, surprisingly, WGM Ju Wenjun of China, the only woman in the lead pack.

Akopian needed only 24 moves to beat GM Levan Pantsulaia of Georgia in a Modern Benoni. Edoard likewise played only 26 moves to crush the Slav defense beat of GM Mihailo Oleksienko of Ukraine. It was a day of short games at the top. Ju Wenjun got the full point in only 26 moves, outplaying the Slav defense of GM Vladimir Burmakin of Russia. Sargissian and Volkov drew in 51 moves of a Slav Defense.

Twenty players are bunched together at

4 points each in the 9-round Swiss System tournament. At stake is the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup and a total of \$50,000 in cash prizes.

The tournament has a rest day on Friday for blitz. Hostilities resume on Saturday with two games at 10am and 6pm.

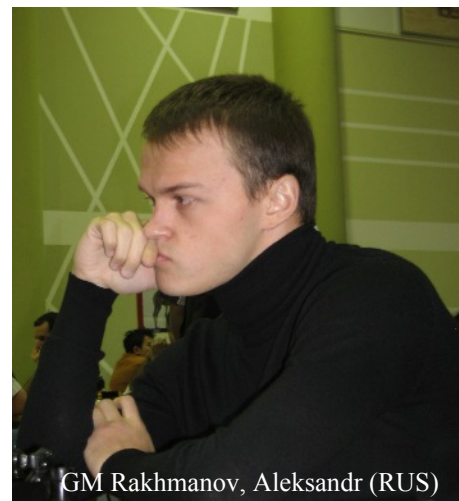
Here is the game between the leaders:

W: Rakhmanov, Aleksandr (RUS)

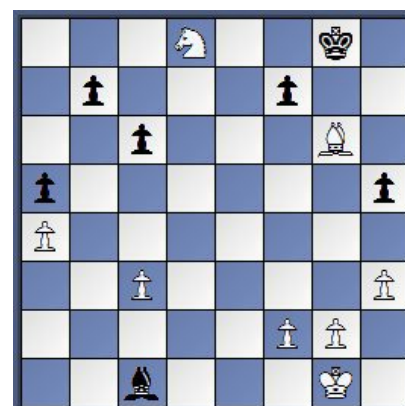
B: Ehlvest, Jaan (USA)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Nbd2 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bd3 O-O 6. O-O Nc6 7. Re1 Nd7 8. c3 e5 9. Nb3 a5 10. a4 Nf6 11. Bc2 Re8 12. Bg5 h6 13. Bh4 Qe7 14. Nbd2 Qf8 15. dxe5 Nxe5 16. Nd4 c6 17. Nf1 Ned7 18. Qf3 d5 19. exd5 Nxd5 20. Rxe8 Qxe8 21. Bg3 Ne5 22. Qd1 Nc4 23. Bb3 Ncb6 24. Qd2 Bd7 25. Re1 Qf8 26. Ne3 Re8 27. h3 h5 28. Nxd5 Nxd5 29. Rxe8 Qxe8 30. Nf3 Be6 31. Nd4 Bd7 32. Nf3 Be6 33. Qe1 Qd8 34. Be5 Nf4 35. Bc2 Bh6 36. Bxf4 Bxf4 37. Bxg6 Qb6 38. Nd4 Qxb2 39. Nxe6 Qc1 40. Qxc1 Bxc1 41. Nd8 1-0

At right is the final position. White harvests the queenside pawns for the win.



GM Rakhmanov, Aleksandr (RUS)



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Round 5 on 2013/04/11

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	GM	Sargissian Gabriel	2666	ARM	4	½ ½	4	GM	Volkov Sergey	2593	RUS
2	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2591	RUS	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Ehlvest Jaan	2611	USA
3	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2704	ARM	3½	1 - 0	3½	GM	Pantsulaia Levan	2556	GEO
4	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA	3½	1 - 0	3½	GM	Oleksienko Mikhailo	2554	UKR
5	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2561	IRI	3½	½ ½	3½	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2668	UKR
6	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2552	KAZ	3½	½ ½	3½	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2663	ARM
7	WGM	Ju Wenjun	2521	CHN	3½	1 - 0	3½	GM	Burmakin Vladimir	2580	RUS
8	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2451	IND	3½	½ ½	3	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2640	GEO
9	IM	Debashis Das	2477	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Laznicka Viktor	2674	CZE
10	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2648	FRA	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2475	IND
11	IM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2470	IND	3	½ ½	3	GM	Sokolov Ivan	2643	NED
12	GM	Amin Bassem	2641	EGY	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Narayanan Srinath	2440	IND
13	GM	Grover Sahaj	2467	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2623	IND
14	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2619	UKR	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Tania Sachdev	2409	IND
15	GM	Parligras Mircea-Emilian	2602	ROU	3	1 - 0	3	WIM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2267	IRI
16	GM	Adhiban B.	2555	IND	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Khukhashvili Sopiko	2386	GEO
17	IM	Karavade Eesha	2389	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2549	KAZ
18	GM	Michalik Peter	2535	SVK	3	1 - 0	3		Hemant Sharma (del)	2253	IND
19	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2530	UAE	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Somoff Abdo	2155	LIB
20	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2400	QAT	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Akshayraj Kore	2512	IND
21		Sagar Shah	2376	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Darini Pouria	2505	IRI
22	IM	Hayrapetyan Hovik	2503	ARM	3	1 - 0	3		Tawfeik Moustafa	2081	EGY
23	FM	De Ramos Julius	2350	PHI	3	0 - 1	3	IM	Khotenashvili Bela	2492	GEO
24	IM	Shoker Samy	2480	EGY	3	1 - 0	3		Pabalan Rocky	2138	PHI
25	GM	Wen Yang	2631	CHN	2½	1 - 0	2½	FM	Anurag Mhamal	2401	IND
26	IM	Kanter Eduard	2408	RUS	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2599	MDA
27	FM	Aravindh Chithambaram Vr.	2333	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2591	IND
28	GM	Shanava Konstantine	2578	GEO	2½	1 - 0	2½	IM	Gagare Shardul	2397	IND
29	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2336	KAZ	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2565	IND
30	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2227	GRE	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2520	SWE
31	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2517	QAT	2½	½ ½	2½	IM	Prathamesh Sunil Mokal	2389	IND
32	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2511	BAN	2½	1 - 0	2½	WIM	Olsarova Tereza	2260	CZE
33	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2303	IRI	2½	½ ½	2½	GM	Harika Dronavalli	2509	IND
34	FM	Visweswaran K.	2159	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2505	IND
35	WIM	Olsarova Karolina	2264	CZE	2½	½ ½	2½	IM	Ezat Mohamed	2461	EGY
36		Karthikeyan Murali	2432	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2250	YEM
37	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2066	SUD	2½	0 - 1	2½	IM	Ankit R. Rajpara	2421	IND
38	IM	Houska Jovanka	2417	ENG	2½	½ ½	2½	WIM	Davletbayeva Madina	2248	KAZ
39	IM	Paehtz Elisabeth	2479	GER	2	1 - 0	2½		Navalgund Niranjan	2219	IND
40	GM	Deepan Chakkkravarthy J.	2477	IND	2	1 - 0	2	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2093	IND
41	IM	Yap Kim Steven	2418	PHI	2	1 - 0	2		Sameir Ramez	2078	EGY
42	FM	Vandenbussche Thibaut	2387	BEL	2	1 - 0	2		Takrory Hosam	2044	PLE
43	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2355	TJK	2	1 - 0	2		Kohtz Andreas	2068	GER
44	IM	Purtseladze Maka	2347	GEO	2	1 - 0	2	FM	Ram Aravind L N	2035	IND
45	WGM	Hoolt Sarah	2338	GER	2	1 - 0	2		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1909	SYR
46	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria C.	2080	VEN	2	0 - 1	2		Krishna C.R.G.	2334	IND
47		Elnemr Mohamed	2073	EGY	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Galojan Lilit	2323	ARM
48	FM	Elmejibri Ali A.	2008	LBA	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Praveen Kumar C.	2312	IND

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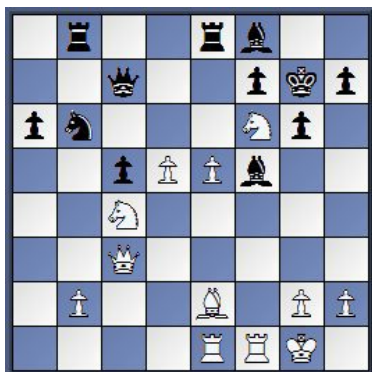
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Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
49		Madhurima Shekhar	1991	IND	2	0 - 1	2	FM	Kowsarinia Amir	2301	IRI
50	FM	Das Sayantan	2299	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Mahmoud Haitham	2005	SUD
51	FM	Chahrani Ibrahim	2244	LBA	2	1 - 0	2		Sultan Ibrahim	1886	UAE
52		Raes Abdul Kader	2241	SYR	2	1 - 0	2		Faranka Khaled	1823	LBA
53		Magdy Kassem	1943	EGY	2	½ ½	2	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2231	JOR
54		Ilhomzoda Ikrom	2212	TJK	2	1 - 0	2		Abdulla Abdulwahab	1773	UAE
55	CM	Saleh Naif	1811	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Nyazi Nehad	2203	EGY
56		Phadke Sohan	2187	IND	2	+ - -	2		Dimarucut Francis Erwin	2120	PHI
57		Khaled Ahmed Y.	1652	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Sobh Amrou	2177	EGY
58		Abdulaziz Abdulla	1610	UAE	2	0 - 1	2	CM	Nadir Samir	2135	SUD
59		Basencyan Mark	2133	ARM	2	1 - 0	2		Ahmed Fareed	1725	UAE
60	FM	Yaaqoub Rashid	2203	SUD	2	1 - 0	2	WFM	Raghavi N.	2096	IND
61		Abdalsalam Abubukr	2002	SUD	2	0 - 1	1½		Sunilduth Lyna Narayanan	2418	IND
62		Esa A H Almarazeeq	1781	UAE	1½	0 - 1	1½		Osman Abdelgadir	2157	SUD
63		Nimmy A.G.	2152	IND	1½	½ ½	1½	WFM	Nouman Amna	1809	UAE
64		Michelle Catherina P	2123	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Abdulla Ali	1746	UAE
65	WFM	Schmidt Jade	2113	GER	1½	1 - 0	1½		Sultan Marshool	1736	UAE
66		Hamdan Marshool	1756	UAE	1½	0 - 1	1½		Wenzel Birger	2109	GER
67		Adarsh Saji	1737	IND	1½	½ ½	1½	WFM	Nekrasova Elena	2089	LIB
68	FM	Harshal Shahi	1955	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Salah Romany	2085	EGY
69		Abdel Rabb Raouf	2036	YEM	1½	1 - 0	1½		Keen Cosima C	1712	ENG
70		Albers Andreas	1999	GER	1½	1 - 0	1½		Al Amoudy Khalifa	1411	UAE
71		Altaher Salman Tarek	1482	UAE	1½	0 - 1	1½		Mohammed Tarig Elther	1993	SUD
72		Walid Anwar	1893	UAE	1½	1 - 0	1½		Abdulla Shaeri	1609	UAE
73		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1854	LBA	1½	0 - 1	1½		Tabada Jobannie C.	2199	PHI
74	WGM	Mona Khaled	2147	EGY	1	1 - 0	1½		Rashid Mosallam	1388	UAE
75		Mehdi Samer	2089	IRI	1	1 - 0	1		Majed Ali Abdouli	1627	UAE
76		Saif Idrees	1633	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Rice Chris B	2032	ENG
77		Hassweh Mwaffaq	1886	SYR	1	0 - 1	1		Klyszcz Michael	2029	GER
78		Niranjan R	1614	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Ahmed Fayez	1946	UAE
79		Talal Al-Hammadi	1603	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Al Sori Mohamed	1830	LBA
80		Timi Thomas Mulavana	1590	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Alnami Salaheddin	1825	LBA
81		Vojdani Siavosh	1819	IRI	1	1 - 0	1		Santosh Sanath	1597	IND
82		Ali Rashid Ghanem	1741	UAE	1	½ ½	1		Sudharsan Surya. K	1780	IND
83		Al-Hammadi Fatima Hussein	1565	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Murad Abdulla	1741	UAE
84		Nandu Gagarin	1429	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Waleed Mohamed	1724	EGY
85		Sasikumar Anusweud	1721	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Al-Taher Saeed Tarek	1498	UAE
86		Al Hosani Omran	0	UAE	1	½ ½	1		Montaser Kamil	1700	SUD
87		Ambareesh. P	1697	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Aagney L. Narasimhan	1288	IND
88		Humaid Abdulla Ali	1668	UAE	1	1 - 0	1		Soud Mosallam	1242	UAE
89		Ali Abdulaziz	1660	UAE	1	1 - 0	1		Bennett John M	2048	ENG
90		Abdullah Al Hamed	1691	UAE	½	½ ½	½		Al-Zaabi Sultan	1447	UAE
91		Jehad Aysha	1586	UAE	½	0 - 1	½		Bashaer Khalil	1545	UAE
92		Hamad Ahmed	0	UAE	½	½ ½	½		Salem Ahmed Salem	1548	UAE
93		Mohamed Marshool	1604	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Naidu Harish	1476	IND
94		Faisal Ali	1557	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Majed Mosallam	1403	UAE
95		Al-Harmoudi Mariam	1307	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1554	IND
96		Sultan Fareed	1538	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Hamda Sarhan	1349	UAE

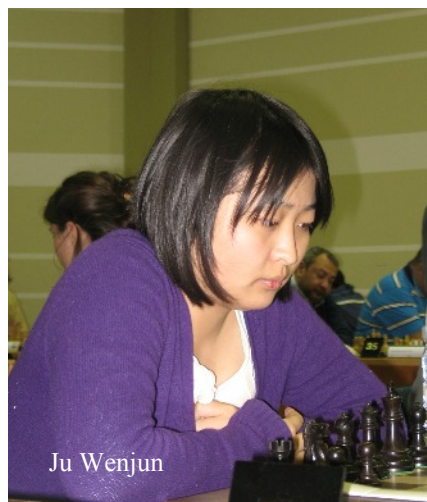
Selected Games from Rd 5

W: Akopian, Vladimir
B: Pantsulaia, Levan

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 e6 4. Nc3 exd5
 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nf3 g6 7. Bf4 a6 8. Nd2
 Nbd7 9. Qc2 Be7 10. a4 O-O 11. e4 Re8
 12. Be2 Bf8 13. O-O Ne5 14. Bxe5 Rxe5
 15. Nc4 Re8 16. f4 Nd7 17. Rae1 Rb8 18.
 a5 Qc7 19. e5 b5 20. axb6 Nxb6 21. Ne4
 Bf5 22. Nf6+ Kg7 23. Qc3 dxe5 24. fxe5
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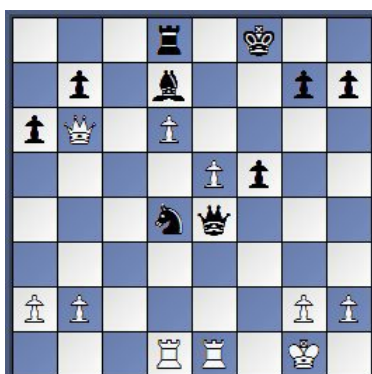


Top seed Vladimir Akopyan of Armenia (right) vs GM Levan Pantsulaia of Georgia



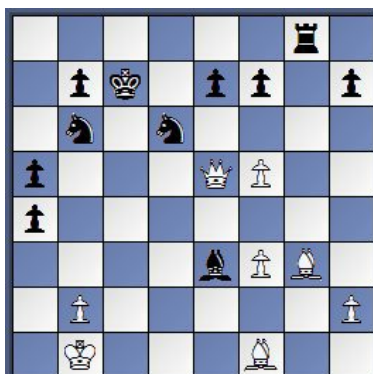
W: Ju, Wenjun
B: Burmakin, Vladimir

1. d4 c6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5
 cxd5 5. Bf4 e6 6. e3 Bd6 7. Bxd6 Qxd6 8.
 Bd3 a6 9. f4 Nc6 10. Nf3 Ng4 11. Qe2 f5
 12. O-O Bd7 13. Ne5 Ngxe5 14. fxe5 Qe7
 15. Bxf5 exf5 16. Nxd5 Qg5 17. Nc7+
 Ke7 18. Nxa8 Rxa8 19. Rad1 Rd8 20. Qc4
 Kf8 21. e4 Ne7 22. Qb3 Qg4 23. d5 Qxe4
 24. d6 Nc6 25. Rfe1 Nd4 26. Qb6 1-0



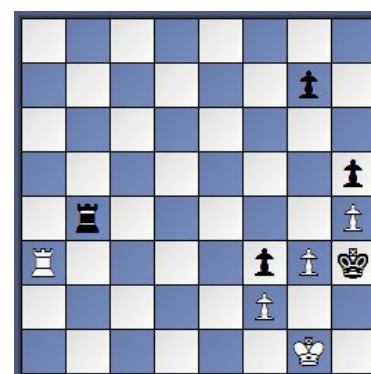
W: Edouard, Romain
B: Oleksienko, Mikhaïlo

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3
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 8. Ne5 a5 9. f3 Nfd7 10. e4 Nxe5 11. exf5
 Nec4 12. Qb3 Nd6 13. g4 g6 14. Bf4 Bg7
 15. O-O-O gxf5 16. Rg1 Qc7 17. gxf5 Bf6
 18. Kb1 O-O-O 19. Rc1 Bxd4 20. Nb5
 cxb5 21. Rxc7+ Kxc7 22. Rg4 bxa4 23.
 Qb5 Be3 24. Bg3 Rhg8 25. Rxg8 Rxg8 26.
 Qe5 1-0



W: Sargissian, Gabriel
B: Volkov, Sergey

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cxd5
 cxd5 5. Bf4 Nc6 6. e3 a6 7. Bd3 Bg4 8.
 Nge2 e6 9. O-O Be7 10. Rc1 O-O 11. Na4
 Nd7 12. a3 e5 13. dxe5 Ndx5 14. h3
 Nxd3 15. Qxd3 Bxe2 16. Qxe2 d4 17. b4
 Bg5 18. Nc5 Bxf4 19. exf4 b6 20. Nd3
 Na7 21. Ne5 Nb5 22. Qd3 Rc8 23. Rxc8
 Qxc8 24. a4 Nc3 25. Re1 Re8 26. Qxd4 f6
 27. Re3 fxe5 28. Qxc3 Qxc3 29. Rxc3 exf4
 30. Rc6 Re1+ 31. Kh2 Ra1 32. a5 bxa5 33.
 Rxa6 a4 34. b5 a3 35. b6 Rb1 36. Rxa3
 Rxb6 37. Ra4 Rf6 38. h4 h5 39. Kg1 Kh7
 40. Kf1 f3 41. g3 Rb6 42. Re4 Rb1+ 43.
 Re1 Rb3 44. Kg1 Kg6 45. Re6+ Kf5 46.
 Re8 Rb2 47. Re1 Kg4 48. Ra1 Kh3 49.
 Rc1 Rb4 50. Ra1 Rg4 51. Ra3 Rb4 1/2-1/2



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