



# 15<sup>th</sup> Dubai Open Chess Championship

## Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup

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*Russian GMs Aleksandr Rakhmanov (left) vs. GM Sergey Volkov in round 7. Looking on are visiting Abu Dhabi Chess Club directors, from left, Sohail Tayeb, Hussein Khoury and Ismail Khoury, and Dubai Open Chief Arbiter Abdulrahim Mahdi.*

## Ju Wenjun and 5 GMs tied for lead after 7 rounds

Woman Grandmaster Ju Wenjun continued to surprise in a male dominated sport as she and five Grandmasters remain tied for the lead after 7 rounds of the 15th Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE.

Tied at 6 points each are Ju and Grandmasters Aleksandr Rakhmanov and Sergey Volkov, both of Russia, Viktor Laznicka of Czech Republic, Andrei Istratescu of France and Peter Michalik of Slovakia.

Ju used an old line, the Philidor defense, against GM Yuriy Kryvoruchko of Ukraine. She exchanged Queens on the 9th move, reached an endgame with opposite colored Bishop and drew in 34 moves.

Compatriots Rakhmanov and Volkov did not take risks as co-leaders and drew by repetition of position in 16 moves of a Slav Defense.

Laznicka used the Sicilian Defense Najdorf variation to turn back Estonian GM Jaan Ehvest who sacrificed a Bishop for a pawn on the 21st move to open Black's kingside. Laznicka weathered the storm and escaped with his King and kept the piece advantage to win in 35 moves.

Istratescu essayed the Ruy Lopez to beat IM Diptayan Ghosh of India in 47 moves. Michalik used the Catalan system against the Bogo Indian to beat Egyptian GM Amin Bassem in 48 moves.

In the running for the prize money of \$50,000 are seven GMs tied at 5.5 points each, namely Ukrainians Kryvoruchko and Yuriy Kuzubov, top seed Vladimir Akopian of Armenia, Pouria Darini of Iran, Romain Edouard of France, and Surya Ganguly and Abhijeet Gupta, both of India.

Akopian and Kuzubov drew in 30

moves of a Slav Defense. Darini played white in a Scotch Game to beat GM Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova in 44 moves. Edouard crushed the Nimzo Indian defense of IM Bela Khotenashvili of Georgia in 44 moves. Ganguly used the Sicilian Najdorf to turn back GM Pontus Carlsson of Sweden in 38 moves.

Gupta used the French defense Tarrash variation, offered a Knight sacrifice on the 25th move, followed with a temporary Queen sacrifice on the 28th move. After the exchanges, Gupta emerged a pawn up in the endgame to win in 40 moves.

With only two more rounds, the rest are out of the running for cash prizes but fight for title norms or rating points.

Top games can be seen live on the internet at the Dubai Chess Club website [www.dubaichess.ae](http://www.dubaichess.ae) with photo gallery, video coverage and pgn files of games.

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Round 7 on 2013/04/13 at 18:00

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2591	RUS	5½	½ ½	5½	GM	Volkov Sergey	2593	RUS
2	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2668	UKR	5	½ ½	5½	WGM	Ju Wenjun	2521	CHN
3	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2619	UKR	5	½ ½	5	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2704	ARM
4	GM	Ehlvest Jaan	2611	USA	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Laznicka Viktor	2674	CZE
5	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2648	FRA	5	1 - 0	5	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2451	IND
6	GM	Michalik Peter	2535	SVK	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Amin Bassem	2641	EGY
7	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA	4½	1 - 0	5	IM	Khotenashvili Bela	2492	GEO
8	GM	Sargissian Gabriel	2666	ARM	4½	½ ½	4½	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2565	IND
9	GM	Oleksienko Mikhailo	2554	UKR	4½	½ ½	4½	GM	Sokolov Ivan	2643	NED
10	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2520	SWE	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2623	IND
11	GM	Darini Pouria	2505	IRI	4½	1 - 0	4½	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2599	MDA
12	IM	Ankit R. Rajpara	2421	IND	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2591	IND
13	IM	Houska Jovanka	2417	ENG	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2663	ARM
14	GM	Parligras Mircea-Emilian	2602	ROU	4	½ ½	4	IM	Narayanan Srinath	2440	IND
15	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2400	QAT	4	½ ½	4	GM	Burmakin Vladimir	2580	RUS
16	GM	Shanava Konstantine	2578	GEO	4	1 - 0	4	IM	Tania Sachdev	2409	IND
17	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2561	IRI	4	1 - 0	4	IM	Karavade Eesha	2389	IND
18	GM	Adhiban B.	2555	IND	4	1 - 0	4	IM	Prathamesh Sunil Mokhal	2389	IND
19	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2552	KAZ	4	1 - 0	4	FM	De Ramos Julius	2350	PHI
20	IM	Purtseladze Maka	2347	GEO	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2549	KAZ
21	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2530	UAE	4	1 - 0	4	IM	Praveen Kumar C.	2312	IND
22	WGM	Hooft Sarah	2338	GER	4	½ ½	4	GM	Harika Dronavalli	2509	IND
23		Krishna C.R.G.	2334	IND	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2505	IND
24	FM	Das Sayantan	2299	IND	4	½ ½	4	IM	Hayrapetyan Hovik	2503	ARM
25	IM	Shoker Samy	2480	EGY	4	1 - 0	4	WIM	Davletbayeva Madina	2248	KAZ
26	IM	Debashis Das	2477	IND	4	1 - 0	4		Phadke Sohan	2187	IND
27	IM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2470	IND	4	1 - 0	4		Sobh Amrou	2177	EGY
28	GM	Grover Sahaj	2467	IND	4	1 - 0	4	FM	Somoff Abdo	2155	LIB
29		Basencyan Mark	2133	ARM	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Ezat Mohamed	2461	EGY
30	IM	Gagare Shardul	2397	IND	3½	½ ½	3½	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2640	GEO
31	GM	Wen Yang	2631	CHN	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2303	IRI
32	GM	Pantsulaia Levan	2556	GEO	3½	1 - 0	3½	WIM	Olsarova Tereza	2260	CZE
33	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2511	BAN	3½	1 - 0	3½	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2231	JOR
34	GM	Deepan Chakkravarthy J.	2477	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2250	YEM
35		Karthikeyan Murali	2432	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½		Mohammed Tarig Elther	1993	SUD
36	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2336	KAZ	3½	½ ½	3½		Sunilduth Lyna Narayanan	2418	IND
37	IM	Kanter Eduard	2408	RUS	3½	1 - 0	3½		Navalgund Niranjan	2219	IND
38	FM	Visweswaran K.	2159	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½	FM	Anurag Mhamal	2401	IND
39	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2517	QAT	3	1 - 0	3	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2093	IND
40	IM	Paetz Elisabeth	2479	GER	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Nekrasova Elena	2089	LIB
41	WFM	Raghavi N.	2096	IND	3	½ ½	3	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2475	IND
42	IM	Yap Kim Steven	2418	PHI	3	1 - 0	3		Kohtz Andreas	2068	GER
43	FM	Vandenbussche Thibaut	2387	BEL	3	½ ½	3		Abdel Rabb Raouf	2036	YEM
44		Mehdi Samer	2089	IRI	3	0 - 1	3	IM	Khukhashvili Sopiko	2386	GEO
45		Sagar Shah	2376	IND	3	½ ½	3	FM	Ram Aravind L N	2035	IND
46	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2355	TJK	3	1 - 0	3		Rice Chris B	2032	ENG
47	FM	Aravindh Chithambaram	2333	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Klyszcz Michael	2029	GER
48	IM	Galojan Lilit	2323	ARM	3	1 - 0	3		Mahmoud Haitham	2005	SUD

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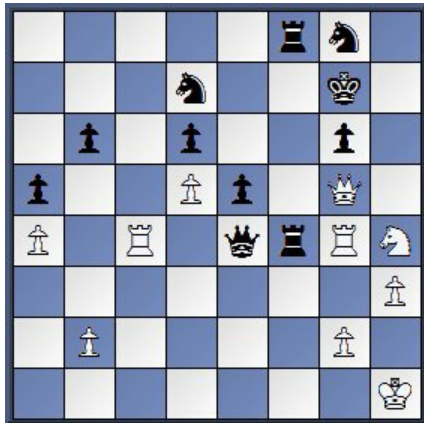
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49	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	2008	LBA	3	0 - 1	3	FM	Kowsarinia Amir	2301	IRI
50		Madhurima Shekhar	1991	IND	3	0 - 1	3	WIM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2267	IRI
51	WIM	Olsarova Karolina	2264	CZE	3	1 - 0	3		Ahmed Fayez	1946	UAE
52		Hemant Sharma (del)	2253	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Al Sori Mohamed	1830	LBA
53		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1909	SYR	3	0 - 1	3	FM	Chahrani Ibrahim	2244	LBA
54		Raes Abdul Kader	2241	SYR	3	½ ½	3	FM	Yaaqoub Rashid	2203	SUD
55		Ilhomzoda Ikrom	2212	TJK	3	1 - 0	3		Tawfeik Moustafa	2081	EGY
56		Nyazi Nehad	2203	EGY	3	+ - -	3		Pabalan Rocky	2138	PHI
57		Nimmy A.G.	2152	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Abdulla Abdulwahab	1773	UAE
58	CM	Saleh Naif	1811	UAE	3	0 - 1	3	CM	Nadir Samir	2135	SUD
59	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2227	GRE	2½	1 - 0	2½		Ali Rashid Ghanem	1741	UAE
60		Magdy Kassem	1943	EGY	2½	0 - 1	2½		Osman Abdelgadir	2157	SUD
61		Michelle Catherina P	2123	IND	2½	+ - -	2½		Murad Abdulla	1741	UAE
62	WFM	Schmidt Jade	2113	GER	2½	1 - 0	2½		Keen Cosima C	1712	ENG
63		Walid Anwar	1893	UAE	2½	1 - 0	2½		Wenzel Birger	2109	GER
64		Sasikumar Anusweud	1721	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Salah Romany	2085	EGY
65		Elnemr Mohamed	2073	EGY	2½	½ ½	2½		Abdulla Ali	1746	UAE
66	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2066	SUD	2½	½ ½	2½		Sultan Marshool	1736	UAE
67	FM	Harshal Shahi	1955	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Takrory Hosam	2044	PLE
68		Albers Andreas	1999	GER	2½	0 - 1	2½		Tabada Jobannie C.	2199	PHI
69		Humaid Abdulla Ali	1668	UAE	2	0 - 1	2	WGM	Mona Khaled	2147	EGY
70	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria C.	2080	VEN	2	0 - 1	2		Ali Abdulaziz	1660	UAE
71		Khaled Ahmed Y.	1652	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Sameir Ramez	2078	EGY
72		Niranjan R	1614	IND	2	0 - 1	2		Sultan Ibrahim	1886	UAE
73		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1854	LBA	2	½ ½	2		Majed Ali Abdouli	1627	UAE
74		Abdulaziz Abdulla	1610	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Alnami Salaheddin	1825	LBA
75		Faranka Khaled	1823	LBA	2	1 - 0	2		Abdulla Shaeri	1609	UAE
76		Vojdani Siavosh	1819	IRI	2	1 - 0	2		Timi Thomas Mulavana	1590	IND
77		Al-Hammadi Fatima Hussein	1565	UAE	2	½ ½	2	WFM	Nouman Amna	1809	UAE
78		Esa A H Almarazeeq	1781	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Santosh Sanath	1597	IND
79		Hamdan Marshool	1756	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Faisal Ali	1557	UAE
80		Adarsh Saji	1737	IND	2	½ ½	2		Bashaer Khalil	1545	UAE
81		Al-Taher Saeed Tarek	1498	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Ahmed Fareed	1725	UAE
82		Al-Zaabi Sultan	1447	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Waleed Mohamed	1724	EGY
83		Abdalsalam Abubukr	2002	SUD	2	1 - 0	2		Montaser Kamil	1700	SUD
84		Ambareesh. P	1697	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Bennett John M	2048	ENG
85		Abdullah Al Hamed	1691	UAE	2	+ - -	2		Dimarucut Francis Erwin	2120	PHI
86		Rashid Mosallam	1388	UAE	1½	1 - 0	1½		Saif Idrees	1633	UAE
87		Al Amoudy Khalifa	1411	UAE	1½	0 - 1	1½		Sudharsan Surya. K	1780	IND
88		Al Hosani Omran	0	UAE	1½	½ ½	½		Salem Ahmed Salem	1548	UAE
89		Altaher Salman Tarek	1482	UAE	1½	½ ½	1		Talal Al-Hammadi	1603	UAE
90		Mohamed Marshool	1604	UAE	1	1 - 0	1		Al-Harmoudi Mariam	1307	UAE
91		Nandu Gagarin	1429	IND	1	1 - 0	1		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1554	IND
92		Sultan Fareed	1538	UAE	1	+ - -	1		Soud Mosallam	1242	UAE
93		Aagney L. Narasimhan	1288	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Naidu Harish	1476	IND
94		Jehad Aysha	1586	UAE	½	0 - 1	1		Hamad Ahmed	0	UAE
95		Majed Mosallam	1403	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Hamda Sarhan	1349	UAE



**Selected Games from Rd 7**

**W: Ehlvest, Jaan**  
**B: Laznicka, Viktor**

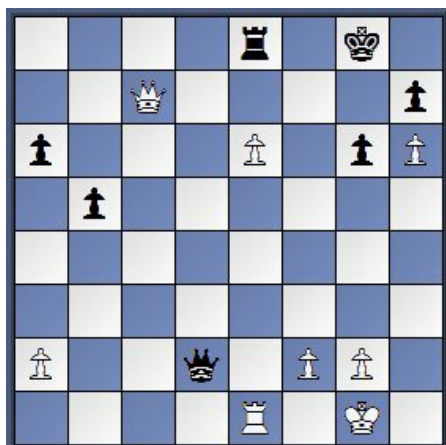
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28... Rxc4 29. hxg4 Rf1+ 30. Kh2 Qxc4 31. Qxg6+ Kf8 32. Qxd6+ Ke8 33. Qg6+ Kd8 34. Qxc8+ Rf8 35. Qg5+ 0-1

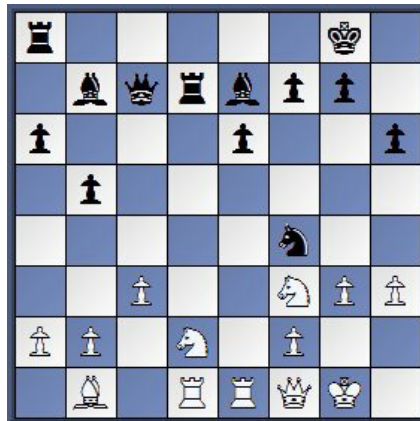
**W: Istratescu, Andrei**  
**B: Ghosh, Diptayan**

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nge7 5. c3 g6 6. d4 exd4 7. cxd4 b5 8. Bb3 Bg7 9. d5 Na5 10. Bd2 Nxb3 11. Qxb3 d6 12. Bc3 O-O 13. Bxg7 Kxg7 14. O-O Bd7 15. Nc3 Nc8 16. Ne2 Nb6 17. Qc3+ Kg8 18. Rac1 Rc8 19. Ned4 Re8 20. Rfe1 Na4 21. Qc2 Qf6 22. Re3 Bg4 23. b3 Nc5 24. Rce1 Qg7 25. h3 Bxf3 26. Nxf3 Re7 27. e5 Qf8 28. e6 fxe6 29. b4 Nd7 30. Rxe6 Rf7 31. Qc6 Ne5 32. Nxe5 dxe5 33. Qc5 Rf4 34. R6xe5 Rxb4 35. Re7 Rf4 36. Qc6 Rf6 37. R7e6 Rxe6 38. dxe6 Qd6 39. Qe4 Re8 40. h4 Re7 41. h5 Kg7 42. Qe3 c5 43. h6+ Kg8 44. Qe4 Qd8 45. Qc6 Re8 46. Qxc5 Qd2 47. Qc7 1-0



**W: Ankit, R. Rajpara**  
**B: Gupta, Abhijeet**

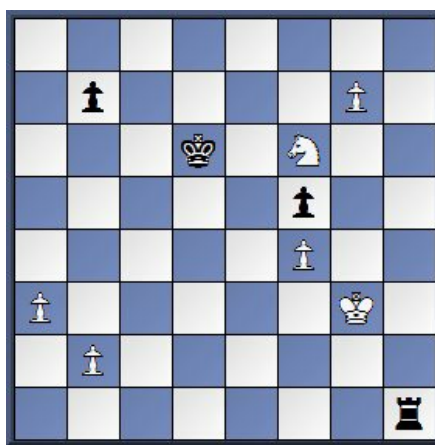
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25... Rad8! 26. gxf4 Qxf4 27. Be4 Bxe4 28. Rxe4 Qxe4 29. Nxe4 Rxd1 30. Ne1 Rb1 31. Qe2 Rdd1 32. Kf1 f5 33. Nd2 Rxe1+ 34. Qxe1 Rxe1+ 35. Kxe1 Kf7 36. Ke2 e5 37. c4 Ke6 38. b3 b4 39. Nf3 g5 40. Ne1 e4 0-1

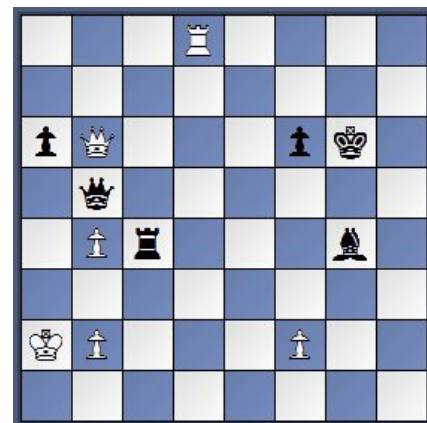
**W: Darini, Pouria**  
**B: Iordachescu, Viorel**

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bb4+ 5. c3 Bc5 6. Be3 Bb6 7. Nf5 g6 8. Bxb6 axb6 9. Ne3 d6 10. c4 Nge7 11. Bd3 O-O 12. O-O Nb4 13. Nc3 f5 14. f4 Nxd3 15. Qxd3 fxe4 16. Qxe4 c6 17. Rad1 Ra5 18. g4 h5 19. h3 Rf7 20. Qd3 hxg4 21. hxg4 d5 22. cxd5 Nxd5 23. Ncxd5 cxd5 24. a3 Rc5 25. g5 Bh3 26. Rf3 Bf5 27. Qd4 Qe8 28. Nxd5 Bc2 29. Rd2 Rc4 30. Nf6+ Kg7 31. Qe5 Rc5 32. Rh2 Rxe5 33. Rh7+ Kf8 34. Rh8+ Ke7 35. Rxc8 Rc5 36. Rxc5 bxc5 37. Rc3 Bf5 38. Rxc5 Kd6 39. Re5 Rf8 40. Kf2 Rh8 41. Rxf5 gxf5 42. g6 Rh2+ 43. Kg3 Rh1 44. g7 1-0



**W: Carlsson, Pontus**  
**B: Ganguly, Surya Shekhar**

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. Bc4 Qb6 8. Bb3 e6 9. Qd2 Be7 10. O-O-O Nc5 11. Rhe1 Qc7 12. Nf5 exf5 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Nd5 Qd8 15. exf5+ Kf8 16. Nxf6 Qxf6 17. g4 h5 18. h3 g6 19. fxf6 Qxf6 20. Qf4 Nxb3+ 21. axb3 Be6 22. Rxd6 Rc8 23. c4 Kg8 24. Re5 Qh6 25. Rg5+ Kf8 26. Rd2 hxg4 27. hxg4 f6 28. Qd6+ Kf7 29. Rh5 Qf8 30. Qh2 Bxg4 31. Rxh8 Qxh8 32. Qg2 Qh3 33. Qxb7+ Kg6 34. Kb1 Rc5 35. Qb6 Qh1+ 36. Ka2 Qh5 37. b4 Rxc4 38. Rd8 Qb5 0-1



**W: Edouard, Romain**  
**B: Khotenashvili, Bela**

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 Nf6 5. Bd3 c5 6. Nf3 cxd4 7. exd4 dxc4 8. Bxc4 Nc6 9. O-O O-O 10. a3 Be7 11. Qd3 Nd5 12. Bb3 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Bf6 14. Nd2 Ne5 15. Qe2 Ng6 16. Ne4 b6 17. Qf3 Rb8 18. Rd1 Bb7 19. Nxf6+ gxf6 20. Qh5 Kh8 21. Rd3 Be4 22. Rh3 Ne7 23. Qh4 Bg6 24. Qxf6+ Kg8 25. Bg5 Re8 26. Rf3 Nd5 27. Qxd8 Rxd8 28. Bxd8 Rxd8 29. Re1 Ne7 30. h3 Nc6 31. Rfe3 Na5 32. Ba2 Kg7 33. Rc1 Kf6 34. f3 h5 35. Kf2 h4 36. d5 e5 37. Rce1 Re8 38. d6 Rd8 39. Rxe5 Rxd6 40. Rd5 Rc6 41. Re3 Nb7 42. Rd4 Nd6 43. Rxh4 Nf5 44. Rf4 1-0

