



15th Dubai Open Chess Championship

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Russian GM Aleksandr Rakhmanov (left) beat second seed GM Viktor Laznicka to grab solo lead after the 8th round.

Rakhmanov Grabs Solo Lead after Penultimate Round

Russian Grandmaster Aleksandr Rakhmanov beat second seed Viktor Laznicka of Czech Republic to grab solo lead with one round remaining in the Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE.

Rakhmanov used the King's Indian Defense and reached an endgame with opposite colored Bishops. Laznicka blundered by allowing Rakhmanov to promote his passed pawn and resigned on the 57th move. The win gave Rakhmanov 7 points out of 8 rounds.

Five players follow with 6½ points each, namely GMs Sergey Volkov of Russia, Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine, Andrei Istratescu of France and Peter Michalik of Slovakia, and Woman Grandmaster Ju Wenjun of China.

Kuzubov crushed the Sicilian defense

of GM Romain Edouard of France who fell into an opening trap. Edouard captured a pawn but lost his Knight in the process. In the endgame, Edouard could not stop pawn promotion and resigned on the 37th move.

Michalik essayed the Queen's Gambit which Istratescu accepted, and the early exchange of Queens on the 7th move led to a long game and a draw was agreed after 63 moves.

Ju Wenjun, the only Woman Grandmaster who has kept pace for the lead in the history of the Dubai Open, played carefully against Volkov. She counterattacked with the King's Indian and halved the point in a Rook and pawn endgame in 54 moves.

Fifteen players follow with 6 points each in the race for the \$50,000 in cash

prizes, namely Laznicka, GMs Vladimir Akopian and Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia, Yuriy Kryvoruchko of Ukraine, Jaan Ehlovest of the USA, Salem A. R. Saleh of the UAE, Ivan Sokolov of the Netherlands and six Indian players.

14-year-old Diptayan Ghosh of India leads his compatriots with 6 points. His victory over GM Pavel Kotsur of Kazakhstan gave the young boy his first Grandmaster norm.

Other players from India with 6 points each are GM Surya Ganguly, Babu Lalith, B. Adhiban, Sahaj Grover and IM Dash Debashis.

In the exciting final round, Rakhmanov faces second running Kuzubov, Istratescu plays Volkov and Ju Wenjun matches wits with Michalik.

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Round 8 on 2013/04/14 at 17:30

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	GM	Laznicka Viktor	2674	CZE	6	0 - 1	6	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2591	RUS
2	GM	Michalik Peter	2535	SVK	6	½ ½	6	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2648	FRA
3	GM	Volkov Sergey	2593	RUS	6	½ ½	6	WGM	Ju Wenjun	2521	CHN
4	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2623	IND	5½	½ ½	5½	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2704	ARM
5	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2619	UKR	5½	1 - 0	5½	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
6	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2591	IND	5½	½ ½	5½	GM	Kryvoruchko Yuriy	2668	UKR
7	GM	Darini Pouria	2505	IRI	5½	0 - 1	5	GM	Sargissian Gabriel	2666	ARM
8	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2663	ARM	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2530	UAE
9	GM	Sokolov Ivan	2643	NED	5	1 - 0	5	IM	Shoker Samy	2480	EGY
10	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2549	KAZ	5	½ ½	5	GM	Amin Bassem	2641	EGY
11	IM	Khotenashvili Bela	2492	GEO	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Ehlvest Jaan	2611	USA
12	GM	Shanava Konstantine	2578	GEO	5	0 - 1	5	IM	Debashis Das	2477	IND
13	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2565	IND	5	1 - 0	5	IM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2470	IND
14	GM	Grover Sahaj	2467	IND	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2561	IRI
15	IM	Ezat Mohamed	2461	EGY	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Adhiban B.	2555	IND
16	GM	Oleksienko Mikhailo	2554	UKR	5	1 - 0	5		Krishna C.R.G.	2334	IND
17	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2451	IND	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2552	KAZ
18	GM	Deepan Chakkravarthy J.	2477	IND	4½	½ ½	4½	GM	Wen Yang	2631	CHN
19		Karthikeyan Murali	2432	IND	4½	1 - 0	4½	GM	Parligras Mircea-Emilian	2602	ROU
20	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2599	MDA	4½	½ ½	4½	IM	Ankit R. Rajpara	2421	IND
21	GM	Burmakin Vladimir	2580	RUS	4½	½ ½	4½	IM	Kanter Eduard	2408	RUS
22	GM	Pantsulaia Levan	2556	GEO	4½	1 - 0	4½	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2400	QAT
23	IM	Narayanan Srinath	2440	IND	4½	½ ½	4½	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2520	SWE
24	FM	Anurag Mhamal	2401	IND	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2511	BAN
25	GM	Harika Dronavalli	2509	IND	4½	½ ½	4½	FM	Das Sayantan	2299	IND
26	IM	Hayrapetyan Hovik	2503	ARM	4½	1 - 0	4½	WGM	Hoolt Sarah	2338	GER
27	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2640	GEO	4	1 - 0	4	FM	Aravindh Chithambaram	2333	IND
28	IM	Praveen Kumar C.	2312	IND	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2517	QAT
29	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2505	IND	4	1 - 0	4	IM	Galojan Lilit	2323	ARM
30	FM	Kowsarinia Amir	2301	IRI	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Paetz Elisabeth	2479	GER
31	WIM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2267	IRI	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Yap Kim Steven	2418	PHI
32		Sunilduth Lyna Narayanan	2418	IND	4	½ ½	4	WIM	Olsarova Karolina	2264	CZE
33		Phadke Sohan	2187	IND	4	½ ½	4	IM	Houska Jovanka	2417	ENG
34	IM	Tania Sachdev	2409	IND	4	1 - 0	4		Hemant Sharma (del)	2253	IND
35	FM	Chahrani Ibrahim	2244	LBA	4	½ ½	4	IM	Gagare Shardul	2397	IND
36	IM	Karavade Eesha	2389	IND	4	1 - 0	4	WIM	Davletbayeva Madina	2248	KAZ
37	IM	Prathamesh Sunil Mokhal	2389	IND	4	1 - 0	4		Nyazi Nehad	2203	EGY
38	IM	Khukhashvili Sopiko	2386	GEO	4	1 - 0	4		Ilhomzoda Ikrom	2212	TJK
39		Sobh Amrou	2177	EGY	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2355	TJK
40	FM	De Ramos Julius	2350	PHI	4	1 - 0	4		Basencyan Mark	2133	ARM
41	FM	Somoff Abdo	2155	LIB	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Purtseladze Maka	2347	GEO
42		Nimmy A.G.	2152	IND	4	0 - 1	4	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2336	KAZ
43	CM	Nadir Samir	2135	SUD	4	0 - 1	3½	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2475	IND
44		Michelle Catherina P	2123	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½	FM	Vandenbussche Thibaut	2387	BEL
45	WFM	Raghavi N.	2096	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½		Sagar Shah	2376	IND
46		Salah Romany	2085	EGY	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2303	IRI
47	WIM	Olsarova Tereza	2260	CZE	3½	1 - 0	3½	WFM	Schmidt Jade	2113	GER

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Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
48	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2250	YEM	3½	½ ½	3½		Takrory Hosam	2044	PLE
49	FM	Ram Aravind L N	2035	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½		Raes Abdul Kader	2241	SYR
50	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2231	JOR	3½	1 - 0	3½		Abdel Rabb Raouf	2036	YEM
51	FM	Yaaqoub Rashid	2203	SUD	3½	0 - 1	3½	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2227	GRE
52		Navalgund Niranjan	2219	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½		Walid Anwar	1893	UAE
53		Mohammed Tarig Elther	1993	SUD	3½	0 - 1	3½	FM	Visweswaran K.	2159	IND
54		Osman Abdelgadir	2157	SUD	3½	0 - 1	3½		Tabada Jobannie C.	2199	PHI
55	WGM	Mona Khaled	2147	EGY	3	0 - 1	3		Faranka Khaled	1823	LBA
56	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2093	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Vojdani Siavosh	1819	IRI
57	WFM	Nekrasova Elena	2089	LIB	3	+ - -	3	CM	Saleh Naif	1811	UAE
58		Abdulla Abdulwahab	1773	UAE	3	1 - 0	3		Mehdi Samer	2089	IRI
59		Sameir Ramez	2078	EGY	3	1 - 0	3		Esa A H Almarazeeq	1781	UAE
60		Sultan Marshool	1736	UAE	3	0 - 1	3		Elnemr Mohamed	2073	EGY
61		Kohtz Andreas	2068	GER	3	0 - 1	3		Abdulla Ali	1746	UAE
62		Ahmed Fareed	1725	UAE	3	0 - 1	3	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2066	SUD
63		Waleed Mohamed	1724	EGY	3	0 - 1	3		Rice Chris B	2032	ENG
64		Klyszcz Michael	2029	GER	3	1 - 0	3		Ambareesh. P	1697	IND
65		Abdullah Al Hamed	1691	UAE	3	0 - 1	3	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	2008	LBA
66		Mahmoud Haitham	2005	SUD	3	1 - 0	3		Abdalsalam Abubukr	2002	SUD
67		Ali Abdulaziz	1660	UAE	3	0 - 1	3		Madhurima Shekhar	1991	IND
68		Faisal Ali	1557	UAE	3	0 - 1	3		Ahmed Fayez	1946	UAE
69		Tawfeik Moustafa	2081	EGY	3	½ ½	3		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1909	SYR
70		Sultan Ibrahim	1886	UAE	3	1 - 0	3		Abdulaziz Abdulla	1610	UAE
71		Al Sori Mohamed	1830	LBA	3	+ - -	3		Pabalan Rocky	2138	PHI
72		Wenzel Birger	2109	GER	2½	1 - 0	2½		Sasikumar Anusweud	1721	IND
73		Keen Cosima C	1712	ENG	2½	0 - 1	2½		Albers Andreas	1999	GER
74		Majed Ali Abdouli	1627	UAE	2½	0 - 1	2½		Magdy Kassem	1943	EGY
75		Sudharsan Surya. K	1780	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1854	LBA
76	WFM	Nouman Amna	1809	UAE	2½	½ ½	2½		Rashid Mosallam	1388	UAE
77		Ali Rashid Ghanem	1741	UAE	2½	1 - 0	2½		Al-Hammadi Fatima Hussein	1565	UAE
78		Bashaer Khalil	1545	UAE	2½	½ ½	2½		Murad Abdulla	1741	UAE
79	FM	Harshal Shahi	1955	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½		Adarsh Saji	1737	IND
80		Timi Thomas Mulavana	1590	IND	2	½ ½	2	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria C.	2080	VEN
81		Alnami Salaheddin	1825	LBA	2	- - +	2		Al-Taher Saeed Tarek	1498	UAE
82		Salem Ahmed Salem	1548	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Hamdan Marshool	1756	UAE
83		Montaser Kamil	1700	SUD	2	½ ½	2		Al-Zaabi Sultan	1447	UAE
84		Humaid Abdulla Ali	1668	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Nandu Gagarin	1429	IND
85		Sultan Fareed	1538	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Khaled Ahmed Y.	1652	UAE
86		Hamad Ahmed	0	UAE	2	0 - 1	2		Niranjan R	1614	IND
87		Abdulla Shaeri	1609	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Al Hosani Omran	0	UAE
88		Bennett John M	2048	ENG	2	1 - 0	2		Mohamed Marshool	1604	UAE
89		Santosh Sanath	1597	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Altaher Salman Tarek	1482	UAE
90		Saif Idrees	1633	UAE	1½	1 - 0	2		Naidu Harish	1476	IND
91		Al Amoudy Khalifa	1411	UAE	1½	½ ½	1½		Talal Al-Hammadi	1603	UAE
92		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1554	IND	1	½ ½	1		Aagney L. Narasimhan	1288	IND
93		Al-Harmoudi Mariam	1307	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Majed Mosallam	1403	UAE
94		Hamda Sarhan	1349	UAE	0	+ - -	½		Jehad Aysha	1586	UAE

Selected Games from Rd 8

W: Laznicka, Viktor
B: Rakhmanov, Aleksandr

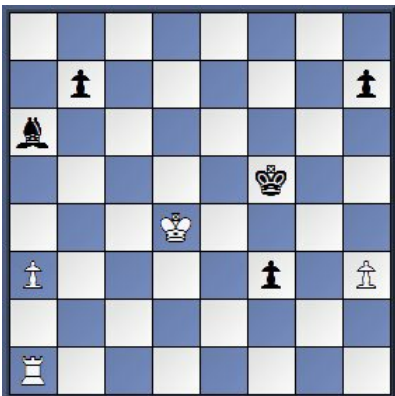
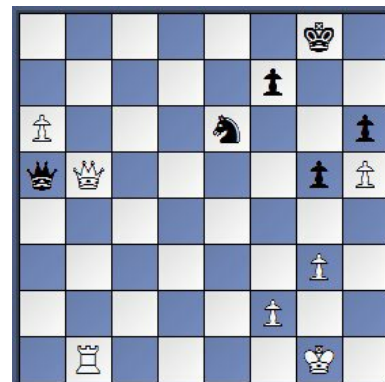
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. d4 c6 6. Be2 d5 7. e5 Ne4 8. O-O Nxc3 9. bxc3 dxc4 10. Bxc4 c5 11. dxc5 Qxd1 12. Rxd1 Nc6 13. Rb1 Bxe5 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. Be2 Nc6 16. Bg5 Kg7 17. Bf3 f6 18. Bf4 Rd8 19. Bd5 e5 20. Be3 Rb8 21. f4 Bf5 22. Rb2 Be6 23. c4 Bf7 24. Rdd2 Na5 25. Rb4 Nc6 26. Rb5 Ne7 27. fxe5 Nxd5 28. cxd5 Rxd5 29. Rxd5 Bxd5 30. Bd4 f5 31. e6+ Kg8 32. c6 Bxc6 33. Bxa7 Rd8 34. Rb2 Re8 35. Re2 Be4 36. Rd2 Rxe6 37. Rd8+ Kf7 38. Rd7+ Ke8 39. Rd2 g5 40. g3 Kf7 41. Kf2 Rh6 42. Ke3 Bc6 43. Bc5 f4+ 44. gxf4 Rh3+ 45. Kd4 gxf4 46. Rf2 f3 47. Ke3 Rh5 48. Bd4 Ke6 49. a3 Ra5 50. Ra2 Bd5 51. Ra1 Ra4 52. h3 Kf5 53. Bc5 Re4+ 54. Kd3 Bc4+ 55. Kc3 Ba6 56. Bd4 Rxd4 57. Kxd4 0-1



W: Petrosian, Tigran L.
B: Salem, A.R. Saleh

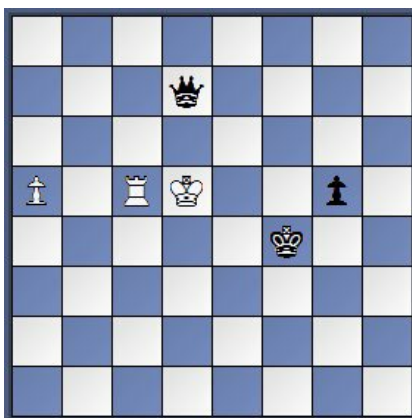
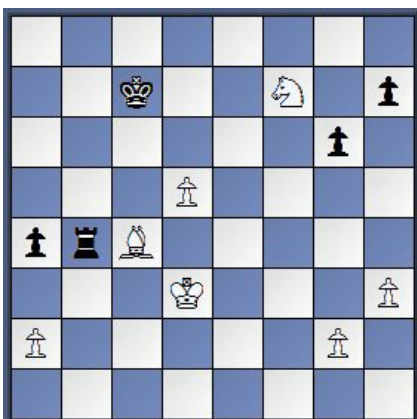
1. Nf3 c5 2. e4 Nc6 3. Bb5 e6 4. O-O Nge7 5. Re1 a6 6. Bf1 d5 7. exd5 Qxd5 8. c3 Nf5 9. d4 cxd4 10. g4 Nfe7 11. cxd4 Qd7 12. Nc3 f6 13. d5 exd5 14. Nxd5 Kf7 15. Bg2 h5 16. Qb3 Na5 17. Ng5+ fxg5 18. Qf3+ Kg8 19. Nb6 Qd8 20. Nxa8 Bxg4 21. Qc3 Nec6 22. a3 g6 23. b4 Bg7 24. Qc2 Kh7 25. Bb2 Nd4 26. Bxd4 Bxd4 27. bxa5 Bxa1 28. Rxa1 Qxa8 29. Qc7+ Kh6 30. Bxb7 Qb8 31. Rc1 Qxc7 32. Rxc7 Be2 33. Re7 Rb8 34. Be4 Bc4 35. Rc7 Bb5 36. f3 Rd8 37. h3 g4 38. h4 gxf3 39. Kf2 Rd4 40. Re7 Bd3 41. Bxf3 Rxh4 42. Ke3 Bb5 43. Re6 Kg7 44. Be4 Rg4 45. Rb6 h4 46. Rb7+ Kh6 47. Rb8 Kg5 48. a4 Rg3+ 49. Kd4 Be2 50. Rg8 Bh5 51. Ra8 h3 52. Rxa6 h2 53. Rb6 Ra3 54. Rb1 Kf4 55. Rf1+ Bf3 56. Bxf3 Rxf3 57. Ra1 Ra3 58. Rxa3 h1=Q 59. Rb3 Qc6 60. Rb5 g5 61. Rc5 Qxa4+ 62. Kd5 Qd7+ 0-1

30. Bf1 Qd5 31. Bxd3 Bxd3 32. Rxd3 Qc4 33. Rb3 Rd8 34. Rb1 Qb5 35. Qe3 Rd3 36. Qe4 Ra3 37. Rc1 Qd7 38. Ne5 Qd2 39. Qe1 Qd5 40. Rd1 Qa8 41. Qe2 Rb3 42. Qc4 Rb2 43. h4 g5 44. h5 Qa7 45. Ng4 Qb7 46. Nf6+ Kg7 47. Nd5 Kg8 48. Qc3 Re2 49. Qf3 Qa6 50. b5 Qxb5 51. Nc3 Qb3 52. Qxe2 Qxc3 53. a6 Qa3 54. Qd3 Qa4 55. Rb1 Qa5 56. Qb5 1-0



W: Kuzubov, Yuriy
B: Edouard, Romain

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. c3 Nf6 4. h3 g6 5. Bd3 Bg7 6. O-O O-O 7. Bc2 e5 8. d4 cxd4 9. cxd4 Nc6 10. d5 Nb4 11. Bb3 Nxe4 12. Qe1 Nxf2 13. Qxf2 Nd3 14. Qe3 e4 15. Qxe4 Nxc1 16. Rxc1 Bxb2 17. Nc3 Bf5 18. Qe2 Bxa1 19. Rxa1 Qf6 20. Qd2 Rac8 21. Nd4 Bd7 22. Ne4 Qe5 23. Re1 Rce8 24. Nf3 Qg7 25. Nxd6 Rxe1+ 26. Qxe1 Qf6 27. Qe5 Kg7 28. Nxb7 Re8 29. Qxf6+ Kxf6 30. Kf2 Rb8 31. Nc5 Ke7 32. Nxd7 Kxd7 33. Ne5+ Kc7 34. Nxf7 Rb4 35. Ke3 a5 36. Kd3 a4 37. Bc4 1-0



W: Ghosh, Diptayan
B: Kotsur, Pavel

1. c4 e5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c6 4. d4 exd4 5. Qxd4 d5 6. Nf3 Be6 7. cxd5 cxd5 8. O-O Nc6 9. Qa4 Bc5 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bxf6 Qxf6 12. Qb5 Bb6 13. Nc3 O-O 14. Na4 d4 15. Nxb6 axb6 16. Qxb6 Bc4 17. Rf1 Rae8 18. Nd2 Rxe2 19. Rxe2 Bxe2 20. Qxb7 Nd8 21. Qb4 Ne6 22. a4 Qe5 23. a5 Rb8 24. Qa3 Ba6 25. Nf3 Qd5 26. Nd2 Qe5 27. Nf3 Qd5 28. b4 d3 29. Rd1 Qd6



With his win above, 14-year-old Diptayan Ghosh achieved his first Grandmaster norm with one round to spare. Another chess prodigy from India, product of Calcutta.

W: Sokolov, Ivan
B: Shoker, Samy

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 g6 6. Nc3 Bxa6 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 d6 9. Nf3 Bg7 10. g3 O-O 11. Kg2 Nbd7 12. a4 Nb6 13. Qe2 Qc8 14. Ra3 Qa6 15. Nb5 Ne8 16. Re1 Qb7 17. b3 h6 18. Nd2 f5 19. Nc4 Nd7 20. exf5 Qxd5+ 21. Qe4 Qxe4+ 22. Rxe4 Bf6 23. Ne3 Ne5 24. Bb2 g5 25. Nd5 Rf7 26. a5 Nc6 27. Bxf6 Nxf6 28. Nxf6+ Rxf6 29. a6 d5 30. Re6 d4 31. Rxf6 exf6 32. a7 d3 33. Kf1 Kf7 34. Ke1 Ke7 35. Kd2 c4 36. bxc4 Ne5 37. Ra4 Kd7 38. f4 gxf4 39. gxf4 Nf3+ 40. Kxd3 Nxh2 41. Ra6 Ng4 42. c5 h5 43. c6+ Kc8 44. Rb6 h4 45. Rb7 1-0