



Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi, Chairman of Media Center in Sharjah, starts the clock on first board between top seed GMs Bu Xiangzhi (right) and Gao Rui, both of China. Looking on are, from left, UAE Chess Federation Finance Manager Husain Al Shamsi, former chairman of Arab & UAE Chess Federations Ali Al Dabani, Sharjah Chess Club General Secretary Omran Abdulla, UAE Youth and Sports Authority Vice General Secretary Khalid Al Midfaa, Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi, Sharjah Chess Club chairman Sheikh Saud Bin Abdulaziz Al Mualla and Asian Chess Federation General Secretary Hisham Ali Taher (photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh).

The 13th Asian Continental Chess Championship is being held in the Islamic Capital of the United Arab Emirates, Sharjah with 64 men and 32 women players from 21 countries. Among the participants are former World Champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan, former Asian Continental Champions Negi Parimarjan of India and Irene Sukandar of Indonesia. Top seed is Bu Xiangzhi of China (2699) and

compatriot Tan Zhongyi in the women's (2488).

The event is taking place in the plush Sharjah Chess and Cultural Club, the biggest chess club in the world.

The tournament is a 9-round Swiss with \$65,000 in cash prizes. The top five players in the Open qualify to the World Cup while the women's champion advances to the Women's World Championship.



Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi, Chairman of Media Center in Sharjah, starts the clock on first board between Nguyen Thi Thanh An of Vietnam (left) and top seed Tan Zhongyi of China. Looking on are, from left, Sharjah Chess Club manager Rajai Al Susi, IA Hiba Abdul Karim, IA Salwa Hadi, UAE Youth and Sports Authority Vice General Secretary Khalid Al Midfaa, Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi, Sharjah Chess Club chairman Sheikh Saud Bin Abdulaziz Al Mualla and Asian Chess Federation General Secretary Hisham Ali Taher, Sharjah Chess Club General Secretary Omran Abdulla and sponsor Obaid Al Tonaigi (photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh)..

W: Kunte, Abhijit (IND) 2470
B: Ni, Hua (CHN) 2654

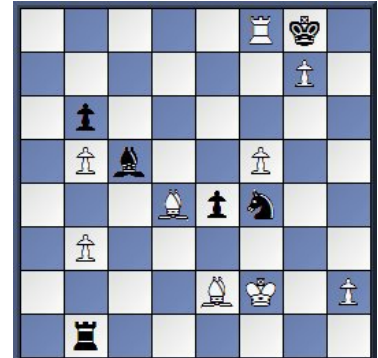
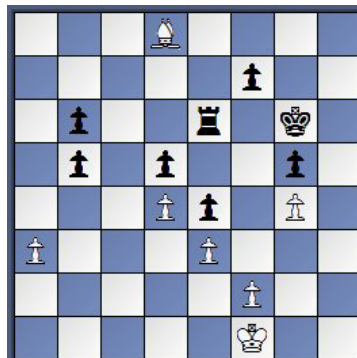
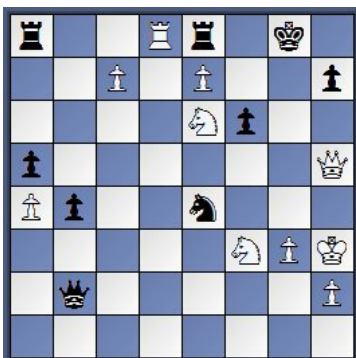
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. Bg2 Bb4+ 6. Bd2 a5 7. O-O O-O 8. Qc2 Bxd2 9. Nbx2 b5 10. a4 c6 11. b3 cxb3 12. Nxb3 b4 13. e4 Nbd7 14. Rfd1 Qe7 15. Nfd2 c5 16. dxc5 Ba6 17. Nf3 Ng4 18. Rac1 Nde5 19. Nfd4 Nc4 20. Bf1 Nge5 21. Qa2 Na3 22. Bxa6 Rxa6 23. Qe2 Raa8 24. c6 Qc7 25. f4 Ng6 26. Nf3 Rfc8 27. Qe3 Nf8 28. Qc5 f6 29. Rd6 Qf7 30. e5 Qg6 31. Nbd4 Qd3 32. f5 Nb1 33. fxe6 Nc3 34. e7 Qe3+ 35. Kg2 Qxc1 36. exf6 gxf6 37. c7 Qb2+ 38. Kh3 Re8 39. Rd8 Ne6 40. Nxe6 Ne4 41. Qh5 1-0

W: Vakhidov, Jahongir (UZB) 2472
B: Sasikiran, Krishnan (IND) 2680

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bd2 Re8 7. a3 Bxc3 8. Bxc3 Nbd7 9. e3 b6 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. O-O e5 12. Nd2 e4 13. Be2 d5 14. c5 Nf8 15. b4 Bc8 16. Rael Bg4 17. Bb5 Re6 18. h3 a6 19. Be2 Bxe2 20. Rxe2 Ng6 21. Reel Nh4 22. Qd1 h5 23. b5 axb5 24. cxb6 cxb6 25. Bb4 Nh7 26. Qxh5 Rh6 27. Qe5 Rg6 28. Kh1 Nng2 29. Rc1 Qd7 30. Qh2 Nh4 31. Rg1 Ng5 32. Rg4 Ngf3 33. Nxf3 Nxf3 34. Qg3 Rc8 35. Rg1 Rxg4 36. Qxg4 Qxg4 37. hxg4 Nxg1 38. Kxg1 Rc6 39. Kg2 Kh7 40. Kg3 Rf6 41. Be7 Rf3+ 42. Kg2 Kh6 43. Bh4 g5 44. Bg3 Rf6 45. Bc7 Kg6 46. Kf1 Rc6 47. Bd8 Re6 0-1

W: Yu, Yangyi (CHN) 2667
B: Darini, Pouria (IRI) 2471

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. Qd2 Nbd7 9. f4 Rc8 10. f5 Bxb3 11. axb3 d5 12. Nxd5 Nxe4 13. Qe2 Nb6 14. Bxb6 Qxd5 15. Ra4 Nd6 16. c4 Qe4 17. Qxe4 Nxe4 18. b4 Be7 19. Be2 O-O 20. O-O Nd2 21. Rc1 Bg5 22. Rc3 Ne4 23. Rc2 Nd6 24. g4 Rc6 25. Bc5 Rfc8 26. Ra3 h6 27. Kg2 e4 28. Ra1 Bf4 29. b3 h5 30. Rf1 Be5 31. gxh5 f6 32. Rd2 Nf7 33. Rd7 b6 34. Be3 Bc3 35. b5 axb5 36. cxb5 Rd6 37. Rd1 Rxd7 38. Rxd7 Ne5 39. Rd6 Ba5 40. h6 Rc2 41. Kf1 Rb2 42. Bd4 Rb1+ 43. Kg2 Nd3 44. hxg7 Bb4 45. Rxf6 Nf4+ 46. Kf2 Be5 47. Rf8+ 1-0



13th Asian Continental Open Chess Championships 2014

Round 1 on 2014/04/17 at 17:00

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	GM	Gao Rui	2484	CHN	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Bu Xiangzhi	2699	CHN
2	GM	Kasimdzhanov Rustam	2693	UZB	0	1 - 0	0	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
3	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Sasikiran Krishnan	2680	IND
4	GM	Yu Yangyi	2667	CHN	0	1 - 0	0	GM	Darini Pouria	2471	IRI
5	GM	Kunte Abhijit	2470	IND	0	1 - 0	0	GM	Ni Hua	2654	CHN
6	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2640	IND	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2465	IND
7	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2631	IND
8	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	0	1 - 0	0	IM	Munkhgal Gombosuren	2424	MGL
9		Wang Yiye	2415	CHN	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Wei Yi	2629	CHN
10	GM	Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son	2621	VIE	0	1 - 0	0	IM	Abdyjapar Asyl	2406	KGZ
11		Xu Yinglun	2381	CHN	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Vidit Santosh Gujrathi	2610	IND
12	GM	Adhiban B.	2609	IND	0	1 - 0	0	IM	Akshat Khamparia	2374	IND
13	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
14	GM	Wen Yang	2581	CHN	0	1 - 0	0	IM	Omar Noaman	2361	UAE
15	IM	Khader Sami	2356	JOR	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
16	GM	Sethuraman S.P.	2576	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Fang Yan	2323	CHN
17		Chu Wei Chao	2315	CHN	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2561	UAE
18	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	0	1 - 0	0	FM	Najjar Ahmad	2261	LIB
19	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Gopal G.N.	2553	IND
20	GM	Sengupta Deep	2531	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR
21	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Vaibhav Suri	2530	IND
22	GM	Batchuluun Tsegmed	2521	MGL	0	1 - 0	0	FM	Ayyad Maher	2161	BRN
23		Al Mutairi Hassan S	2106	KSA	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
24	IM	Wang Chen	2513	CHN	0	1 - 0	0		Muniz Pardino Alberto	2105	HKG
25		Al-Takrori Husam	2097	PLE	0	0 - 1	0	IM	Nguyen Duc Hoa	2508	VIE
26	GM	Gundavaa Bayarsaikhan	2507	MGL	0	1 - 0	0		Al-Hajiri Bader	2095	KUW
27		Shehab Ibrahim	2082	KUW	0	0 - 1	0	IM	Wan Yunguo	2505	CHN
28	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	0	1 - 0	0	FM	Chahrour Ibrahim	2079	LIB
29		Mamyrbay Assad	2017	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2502	QAT
30	IM	Idani Pouya	2502	IRI	0	1 - 0	0		Abdulkarim Ali	1927	UAE
31		Khayat Abdullah F	1716	KSA	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Dao Thien Hai	2490	VIE
32		Salim Ali Hamed Aliyah Almashikh	0	OMA	0	1 - 0	0		Mohd A. Altaher	2061	UAE

13th Asian Continental Women Chess Championships 2014

Round 1 on 2014/04/17 at 17:00

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	WGM	Nguyen Thi Thanh An	2237	VIE	0	1 - 0	0	WGM	Tan Zhongyi	2488	CHN
2	IM	Munguntuul Batkhuyag	2432	MGL	0	½ - ½	0	WIM	Hoang Thi Nhu Y	2207	VIE
3	WIM	Gu Tianlu	2162	CHN	0	0 - 1	0	IM	Tania Sachdev	2427	IND
4	IM	Karavade Eesha	2414	IND	0	½ - ½	0	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
5	WFM	Tohirjonova Hulkar	2126	UZB	0	½ - ½	0	WGM	Gomes Mary Ann	2386	IND
6	WIM	Abdumalik Zhansaya	2379	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0	WIM	Xu Huahua	2110	CHN
7	WFM	Khan Nazrana	2027	BAN	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND
8	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2335	IRI	0	1 - 0	0	WIM	Fuad Kamel Jamaliah Nata	2015	JOR
9	WIM	Dahdal Lougain	2003	JOR	0	½ - ½	0	IM	Pham Le Thao Nguyen	2332	VIE
10	WIM	Gong Qianyun	2327	SIN	0	1 - 0	0	WFM	Anu Bayar	2002	MGL
11	WIM	Saleh Nora Mohd	1901	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	WIM	Ni Shiqun	2325	CHN
12	WGM	Sukandar Irine Kharisma	2319	INA	0	1 - 0	0	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
13		Al Najjar Huda	1845	SYR	0	0 - 1	0	WIM	Nguyen Thi Mai Hung	2312	VIE
14	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI	0	1 - 0	0		Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn	1768	KGZ
15		Faqeeh Aseel	0	PLE	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Hoang Thi Bao Tram	2280	VIE
16	WGM	Swathi Ghate	2269	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Njoud S	0	KSA

Interview of Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed Al Qasimi

Q: Your Highness, as you may know, the Asian Continental Chess Championship is one of the major events in the FIDE Calendar. This year it is organized on a high level by Sharjah Chess and Cultural Club. Who else supports this tournament and chess in Sharjah in general?

A: The biggest support comes from His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, the ruler of Sharjah, who was the one to organize the construction of the biggest chess club in the world. We not only organize big chess competitions of the local as well as international level here, but also we organize other chess activities, like teaching and training chess for children. To my mind Sharjah chess and cultural club is the perfect place to come and enjoy a game of chess, competing with each other.

Sharjah Chess and Cultural club is not only the biggest but the highest technology club in the world.

These facilities help us to organize high level chess competitions and bring strong chess players from all over the world.

There are many Asian as well as Arab national federations here represented by their strongest players.

The UAE is represented by three chess players: Salem R Saleh, Abdulkarim Ali and Omar Noaman.

Do you have any favorite player at this tournament? Do you root for someone? I know that Salem is from Sharjah...



Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi, Chairman of Media Center in Sharjah (right).

I wish luck for all three players from our country regardless of which city they are from. I am sure all our players will show his good performance during the championship. Let's see who will be the best. I would like to add that we give full support to all of them, for they are representing our country in one of the greatest games - the game of chess.

Your Highness, please express your wishes and words to all participants of the championship

Of course I would like to wish all participants a lot of luck during the games. But also, let me hope that they will enjoy time in Sharjah and will have an opportunity to go sightseeing in our city, capital of the Islamic World.



Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al Qassimi (second from left) in discussion with Sheikh Saud Bin Abdulaziz Al Mualla. At right is UAE Youth and Sports Authority Vice General Secretary Khalid Al Midfaa (photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh).