



Co-leaders GM Yu Yangyi of China (left) and GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran

Grandmasters B. Adhiban of India, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran and Yu Yangi of China remained tied for the lead in the Open while WGM Irene Sukandar of Indonesia and WIM Ni Shiqun of China tie for the lead in the Women's division after four rounds of the Asian Continental Chess Championships at the Sharjah Chess Club in Sharjah, UAE.

Adhiban used the King's Indian Defense to hold former Asian champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan to a draw in 25 moves. Ghaem Maghami essayed the Nimzo Indian defense to draw with co-leader Yu Yangyi in 42 moves and tie Adhiban at 3.5 points each.

Kasimdzhanov follows with 3 points together with 12 other players, namely local hero GM Salem A. R. Saleh of the UAE, Chu Wei Chao, Wen Yang, Bu Xiangzhi and Wei Yi of China, G. N. Gopal, Vishnu Prasanna and S.P. Sethuraman of India, Mohammed Al Sayed of Qatar, Ziaur Rahman of

Bangladezh, Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son of Vietnam. The top five qualify to the World Cup.

In the women's division, two former Asian women's champion faced off and Irene Sukandar of Indonesia beat Atousa Pourkashiyan of Iran in 61 moves of a Giuoco Piano game. WIM Ni Shiqun of China crushed the Sicilian defense of 13-year-old Zhansaya Abdumalik of Kazakhstan in 43 moves. Ni Shiqun and Sukandar are tied at 3.5 points each. Four players follow at 3 points each, namely WGMs Nguyen Thi Thanh An and Hoang Thi Bao Tram of Vietnam, Sarasadat Khademalsharieh of Iran and Gong Qianyun of Singapore. next phase of the Women's World Championship.

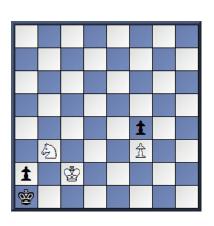
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Clash of two former Asian Women's champions: Atousa Pourkashiyan of Iran (left) and Irene Sukandar of Indonesia.

W: Al-Sayed, Mohammed (QAT) 2502 B: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

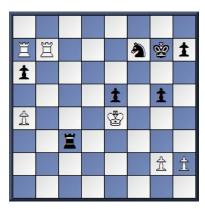
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. Bd2 Bg7 6. e4 Nxc3 7. Bxc3 O-O 8.Qd2 c5 9. d5 e6 10. Bc4 exd5 11. Bxd5 Nd7 12. O-O-O Bxc3 13. Qxc3 Qg5+ 14. Qd2 Qxd2+ 15. Rxd2 Nf6 16. Ne2 Nxd5 17. exd5 Bd7 18. Nc3 Kg7 19. Ne4 b6 20. Nd6 Rad8 21. Re1 Ba4 22. Nc4 Rfe8 23. Rxe8 Rxe8 24. b3 Bd7 25. a4 Re1+ 26. Kb2 Kf8 27. a5 b5 28. Nd6 Ke7 29. Nb7 c4 30. bxc4 bxc4 31. Kc3 Rc1+ 32. Kb2 c3+ 33.Kxc1 cxd2+ 34. Kxd2 Bc8 35. Nc5 Kd6 36. Ne4+ Kxd5 37. Ng5 Kc5 38. Nxh7 Kb5 39.Ng5 f5 40. Nf7 Kxa5 41. Ne5 g5 42. f4 gxf4 43. h4 f3 44. gxf3 f4 45. h5 Bf5 46.Kc3 Ka4 47. h6 Ka3 48. Nc6 a6 49. Nd4 Bg6 50. Ne6 a5 51. Nf8 Bf5 52. h7 Bxh7 53. Nxh7 a4 54. Nf6 Ka2 55. Kc2 a3 56. Ne4 Ka1 57. Nc5 a2 58. Nb3# 1-0



W: Ni Shiqun (CHN) 2325 B: Abdumalik, Zhansaya (KAZ) 2379 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Bd3 Nf6 7. f4 d6 8. O-O Be7 9. Nf3 Nbd7 10. Qe2 e5 11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. exd5 O-O 13. Kh1 g6 14. fxe5 dxe5 15. Bh6 Re8 16. d6 Qxd6 17. Bc4 Nb6 18. Rad1 Qc5 19. Bb3 Be6 20. Bxe6 fxe6 21.Nxe5 Bf8 22. Ng4 Bxh6 23. Nxh6+ Kh8 24. Qf3 Qe7 25. Nf7+ Kg8 26. Qc3 e5 27. Nd6 Qe6 28. Nxe8 Rxe8 29. Rfe1 Nc4 30. b3 Nd6 31. Qd3 Nf7 32. Qd7 b5 33. a4 Qxd7 34. Rxd7 bxa4

Rb1 Rxc2 39. Rb8+ Kg7 40.Rbb7 Rc1+ 41. Kf2 Rc2+ 42. Ke3 Rc3+ 43. Ke4 1-0

35. bxa4 Rc8 36. Ra7 Rc6 37. Kg1 g5 38.

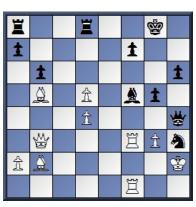


W: Wei, Yi (CHN) 2629 B: Idani, Pouya (IRI) 2502 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4 Bxb4 5. c3 Be7 6. d4 Na5 7. Bd3 d6 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Nxe5 Nf6 10. O-O O-O 11.



Qc2 Bd6 12. Nf3 Nc6 13. Nbd2 Re8 14. h3 h6 15.Nc4 Nd7 16. Rd1 Qf6 17. Nd4 Nde5 18. Nxd6 cxd6 19. Bf1 Qg6 20. f4 Nxd4 21. cxd4 Nc6 22. f5 Qf6 23. Bb2 d5 24. exd5 Ne7 25. Re1 Bxf5 26. Qb3 b6 27. Bb5 Red8 28.Re5 Ng6 29. Re3

Nf4 30. Rf1 Qg5 31. Rg3 Qh4 32. Rgf3 g5 33. g3 Nxh3+ 34. Kh2 1-0



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Round 3 on 2014/04/19 at 11:00

Bo.		Name	IRtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	IRtg	FED
1	GM	Yu Yangyi	2667	CHN	2	1 - 0	2	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2561	UAE
2	GM	Adhiban B.	2609	IND	2	1 - 0	2	GM	Gopal G.N.	2553	IND
3	GM	Wen Yang	2581	CHN	2	1/2 - 1/2	2	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
4	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	2	1 - 0	1½	GM	Sasikiran Krishnan	2680	IND
5	GM	Bu Xiangzhi	2699	CHN	1½	1 - 0	1½	GM	Sengupta Deep	2531	IND
6	GM	Kasimdzhanov Rustam	2693	UZB	1½	1 - 0	1½	IM	Nguyen Duc Hoa	2508	VIE
7	GM	Batchuluun Tsegmed	2521	MGL	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2631	IND
8	GM	Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son	2621	VIE	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	IM	Idani Pouya	2502	IRI
9	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	GM	Vidit Santosh Gujrathi	2610	IND
10	IM	Wang Chen	2513	CHN	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
11	GM	Sethuraman S.P.	2576	IND	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	GM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2465	IND
12	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	1	1/2 - 1/2	1	GM	Ni Hua	2654	CHN
13	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2640	IND	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Munkhgal Gombosuren	2424	MGL
14	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Abdyjapar Asyl	2406	KGZ
15	IM	Akshat Khamparia	2374	IND	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Wei Yi	2629	CHN
16		Xu Yinglun	2381	CHN	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
17	IM	Omar Noaman	2361	UAE	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Vaibhav Suri	2530	IND
18		Fang Yan	2323	CHN	1	1 - 0	1	GM	Gundavaa Bayarsaikhan	2507	MGL
19		Chu Wei Chao	2315	CHN	1	1 - 0	1	IM	Wan Yunguo	2505	CHN
20	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2502	QAT
21		Mamyrbay Assad	2017	KAZ	1	1/2 - 1/2	1	GM	Dao Thien Hai	2490	VIE
22		Salim Ali Ahmed Aliyan Almashikh	0	OMA	1	0 - 1	1	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
23	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	1	1 - 0	1	FM	Najjar Ahmad	2261	LIB
24	GM	Kunte Abhijit	2470	IND	1	1 - 0	1	FM	Chahrour Ibrahim	2079	LIB
25	GM	Gao Rui	2484	CHN	1/2	1 - 0	1/2	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
26		Wang Yiye	2415	CHN	1/2	1/2 - 1/2	0	GM	Darini Pouria	2471	IRI
27	IM	Khader Sami	2356	JOR	0	1/2 - 1/2	0		Al-Takrori Husam	2097	PLE
28		Al-Hajiri Bader	2095	KUW	0	1 - 0	0	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
29		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	0	1 - 0	0		Shehab Ibrahim	2082	KUW
30		Mohd A. Altaher	2061	UAE	0	+	0	FM	Ayyad Maher	2161	BRN
31		Al Mutairi Hassan S	2106	KSA	0	1/2 - 1/2	0		Abdulkarim Ali	1927	UAE
32		Khayat Abdullah F	1716	KSA	0	0 - 1	0		Muniz Pardino Alberto	2105	HKG

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1	WIM	Abdumalik Zhansaya	2379	KAZ	2	1/2 - 1/2	2	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasada		IRI
2	IM	Munguntuul Batkhuyag	2432	MGL	1½	1/2 - 1/2	1½	WGM	Hoang Thi Bao Tram	2280	VIE
3	WGM	Nguyen Thi Thanh An	2237	VIE	1½	1 - 0	1½	IM	Tania Sachdev	2427	IND
4	WGM	Sukandar Irine Kharisma	2319	INA	1½	1 - 0	1½	WGM	Gomes Mary Ann	2386	IND
5	WGM	Pourkashiyan Atousa	2335	IRI	1½	1 - 0	1½	WGM	Swathi Ghate	2269	IND
6	WIM	Gong Qianyun	2327	SIN	1½	1 - 0	1½	WIM	Hoang Thi Nhu Y	2207	VIE
7	WFM	Tohirjonova Hulkar	2126	UZB	1½	0 - 1	1½	WIM	Ni Shiqun	2325	CHN
8	WIM	Xu Huahua	2110	CHN	1	0 - 1	1	WGM	Tan Zhongyi	2488	CHN
9	WIM	Fuad Kamel Jamaliah Natalie	2015	JOR	1	0 - 1	1	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND
10	WFM	Anu Bayar	2002	MGL	1	0 - 1	1	WIM	Nguyen Thi Mai Hung	2312	VIE
11	IM	Karavade Eesha	2414	IND	1/2	1 - 0	1		Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn	1768	KGZ
12	WIM	Gu Tianlu	2162	CHN	1/2	0 - 1	1/2	IM	Pham Le Thao Nguyen	2332	VIE
13	WIM	Dahdal Lougain	2003	JOR	1/2	0 - 1	1/2	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
14	WFM	Khan Nazrana	2027	BAN	0	1 - 0	1/2	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
15	WIM	Saleh Nora Mohd	1901	UAE	0	1 - 0	0		Faqeeh Aseel	0	PLE
16		Njoud S	0	KSA	0	0 - 1	0		Al Najar Huda	1845	SYR

Sukendar Irine Kharisma: I hope that during coming six rounds I will be able to maintain a good play...



Irine, please tell us a little about yourself.

My name is Irine, I come from Indonesia, first WGM in my country. This year another WGM has joined me. I am the only representative from my country at this championship. Usually our federation supports our players and assists financially when participating in international competition. Unfortunately, this year, there is some political situation in there and there was no support this time, I have come on my own.

How do you like the organization and the championship itself.

As fas as the championship is concerned, it is the Asian Continental, usually every country sends its best player to represent it: this is what makes this tournament really tough. Every player from China, India, Vietnam, Mongolia, they are really good. It has been my fourth or fifth participation in this event. The strongest players from Asian Continent come to compete against each other. So, it is an important and not easy event. About the organization, I think it is pretty good. Everything is perfect, the hotel, the conditions in the playing hall, etc.

How are you doing so far? were there any crucial moments during your games?

I am doing pretty good, I think. I have made 2.5 out of 3 rounds so far. I made a draw in my second round against Tania Sachdev. It was a good long game. Tania and I tried to show

our best to win. In the begining there was an opening preparation from both sides. Tania looked pretty well prepared. Fortunately I also knew what I could do against that line. In the middlegame I made some mistakes, but Tania could not convert it well. So, I returned our game to stable position. In the endgame it was already pretty drawish. I guess both sides had chances, though Tania was slightly better, she had more chances than me. But I was lucky to have draw absolutely in my favor. I hope that during coming 6 rounds I will be able to maintain a good play.

The other two games were not very difficult, for you have won them, weren't they?

No, you are wrong (smiles). My first round I played against one small girl from Kazakhstan, Bibissara Assaubayeva. But I know she can make some troubles to any of her competitors. I heard about her achievements, she won the World Youth championship under 8, I think. So, I expected that she may be pretty good at her age. I did my best, I did not want to underestimate her, although she is like ten or so, is she? We played very nice game. She made some mistakes in the end. So, I could convert my advantage and won the game. Also, today, my game against Mairanne Gomes was not easy at all too. At the beginning of our game, we exchanged queens. And when you exchange the queens so early, there is no fire anymore. Basically you play just maneuvering the pieces, maintaining the pawn structure and so on. We reached the endgame very quickly. I won one pawn and could maintain it till the end of the game. I have got king, rook and pawn up. My pawn was about to promote, so, my opponent resigned.

Thank you for your comments. How do you estimate your chances during this championship?

I surely have chances. As I said before, this tournament is very touch and unpredictable. As you may ask many other female players, no one can be sure 100 percent about the result. But I just try to play my best. Also, I have some confidence in myself, having won this Championship two years ago. But of course, playing all the giants from Asia, no one can be sure.

Irine, are you going to represent Indonesia in the up-coming World Chess Olympiad in Tromso?

Yes, the teams are already confirmed. Both men and women are going to represent our country in the Olympiad.

How do you usually get prepared for such big international competitions? Do you have training camps or everyone gets prepared on his/her own?

We have training camps of course. Also, I do some initial things to myself. I play more, let's say, before an event. I will try to do my best to show my best performance. Unfortunately I did not participate in the last Olympiad in Turkey because of my personal reasons. So, I am ready to show what I can at the coming Olympiad. Let me add that our girls did pretty good. We were on 24th place. And we are Indonesians, we are not Indians *(smiling)*. With me playing in this Olympiad, I hope that we will get better results.