



Former Asian woman's champion Irene Sukandar of Indonesia (left) vs Ni Shiqun of China in round 5 action.

Irene Sukandar of Indonesia grabbed solo lead of the Asian Continental Women's Chess Championship while in the Open division, seven Grandmasters remained tied for the lead at the halfway mark of the \$65,000 tournament at the Sharjah Chess Club in Sharjah, UAE.

Sukandar beat Ni Shiqun of China in a marathon 73 moves of a Giuoco Piano game. The Indonesian changed two rooks for a Queen and two pawns on the 44th move and advanced passed pawns on both wings to force resignation and lead alone with 4.5 points out of 5 rounds.

In the Open division, GMs B. Adhiban and SP Sethuraman of India are tied for the lead at 4 points each together with Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran, Yu Yangyi of China and Rustam Kasimjanov of Uzbekistan.

Adhiban and Ghaem Maghami drew with each other in 71 moves of Ruy Lopez game. Yu Yangyi drew with compatriot Wei Yi in 36 moves of a Sicilian Najdorf by repetition of position after sacrificing a Rook to penetrate with his checks on an exposed King. In decisive games, Rahman beat GM Nguyen

Ngoc Truong Son of Vietnam in 64 moves of a Queen's Gambit declined. Sethuraman crushed the Sicilian defense of untitled Chinese Chu Wei Chao, threatening mate in 55 moves. GM Rinat Jumabayev used the Berlin defence of the Ruy Lopez to beat GM Prasanna Vishnu of India who was facing checkmate after 44 moves.

Six players trail a half point behind with 3.5 points each, namely local hero Saleh A. R. Salem of the UAE, Chinese GMs Ni Hua, Bu Xiangzhi, Wen Yang and Wei Yi, and Mohammed Al Sayed of Qatar.

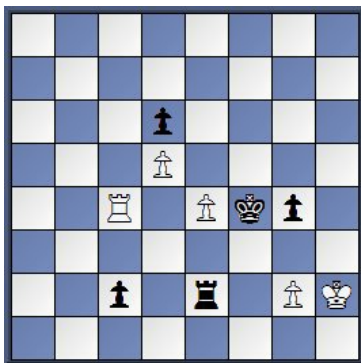
In the women's division, Sarasadat Khademalsharieh of Iran used the Queen's Indian defense against WGM Nguyen Thi Thanh An of Vietnam to win and trail in second slot with 4 points. Faced with mating threats, the Vietnamese lost a Rook and resigned in 58 moves.

Six players trail in third slot at 3.5 points each, namely Ni Shiqun, IM Tania Sachdev of India, WGM Atousa Pourkashian of Iran, WGM Hoang Thi Boa Tram of Vietnam and IM Munguntuul Batkhuyag of Mongolia.

W: Gopal, G.N. (IND) 2553

B: Kasimjanov, Rustam (UZB) 2693

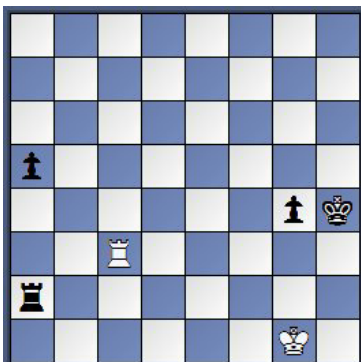
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6
5. O-O Be7 6. d3 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. Nc3
d6 9. a3 Na5 10. Ba2 Be6 11. Bg5 Nc6
12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Nd5 Rb8 14. c3 g6
15. Nxf6+ Qxf6 16. Bxe6 Qxe6 17. b4 f5
18. Nd2 Kg7 19. a4 Rbe8 20. Qc2 Qd7
21. Rael Nd8 22. axb5 axb5 23. d4 fxe4
24. Nxe4 exd4 25. cxd4 Qc6 26. Qd3
Qc4 27. Qxc4 bxc4 28. d5 Nf7 29. Nc3
Ne5 30. Re4 g5 31. h4 h6 32. Nb5 Rf7
33. Nd4 Kg6 34. f3 Rf4 35. hxg5 Rxe4
36. fxe4 hxg5 37. Ne6 Nd3 38. Nxc7
Rb8 39. Ne6 Rxb4 40. Nd4 c3 41. Nc2
Rb2 42. Rf3 Rxc2 43. Rxd3 Kf6 44. Rd4
Ke5 45. Rc4 Kf4 46. Kh2 g4 47. Ra4 Re2
48. Rc4 c2 0-1



W: Nguyen, N Truong Son (VIE) 2621

B: Rahman, Ziaur (BAN) 2513

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. cxd5
exd5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c5 7. e3 Nc6
8. Bd3 Nge7 9. Ne2 c4 10. Bc2 Bf5 11. a4
Qd7 12. Ba3 O-O-O 13. a5 Bxc2 14.
Qxc2 h5 15. Qa4 a6 16. e4 Ng6 17. O-O
h4 18. f3 f5 19. Bc5 h3 20. g3 fxe4 21.
fxe4 Qg4 22. Rael dxe4 23. Qxc4 Nh4
24. Rf4 Nf3+ 25. Kh1 Qg6 26. Ra1 Nd2
27. Qf7 Qxf7 28. Rxf7 Nb3 29. Rb1
Nxc5 30. dxc5 Rd2 31. Nd4 e3 32. Ne6
Rd7 33. Rxd7 Kxd7 34. Nd4 Nxd4 35.
cxd4 Kc6 36. Kg1 Rf8 37. Rb6+ Kd5 38.
Rxb7 Kxd4 39. c6 e2 40. Rb1 Rb8 41.
Ra1 Rf8 42. c7 Kc3 43. Rb1 Kd2 44.
Rb2+ Kd3 45. Rb1 Rc8 46. Kf2 Rxc7 47.
Rb3+ Kd2 48. Rb2+ Rc2 49. Rb1 Ra2
50. g4 g5 51. Re1 Kd3 52. Rb1 e1=Q+
53. Kxe1 Rxh2 54. Rb3+ Ke4 55. Kf1
Kf4 56. Kg1 Rg2+ 57. Kh1 Ra2 58.
Rxh3 Rxa5 59. Rc3 Ra2 60. Kg1 Kxg4
61. Rc4+ Kh5 62. Rc6 g4 63. Rc5+ Kh4
64. Rc3 a5 0-1

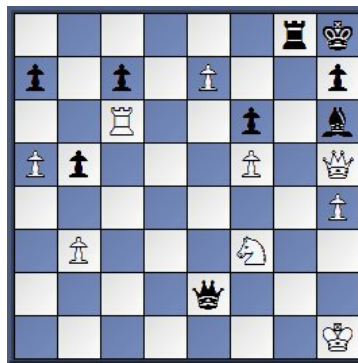


Co-leaders GM B. Adhiban of India (left) and GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran.

W: Vishnu, Prasanna (IND) 2465

B: Jumabayev, Rinat (KAZ) 2580

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. d3 Bc5
5. Bxc6 dxc6 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. O-O Nd7
8. Nc4 Re8 9. Kh1 Bd6 10. a4 c5 11. a5
Nb8 12. Bg5 f6 13. Be3 Nc6 14. Nh4 Bf8
15. g3 Be6 16. b3 b6 17. Bd2 Qd7 18.
Ne3 b5 19. Bc3 Nd4 20. f4 exf4 21. gxf4
Rad8 22. Rg1 Qc6 23. Bxd4 cxd4 24.
Nef5 Bxf5 25. Nxf5 g6 26. Rg2 Kh8 27.
Nh4 Rd7 28. f5 g5 29. Qh5 Rg7 30. Nf3
Rd8 31. h4 g4 32. Rxg4 Qxc2 33. Rag1
Qxd3 34. Rxg7 Bxg7 35. Qg4 Bh6 36. e5
Qe3 37. e6 d3 38. Re1 Qc5 39. e7 Re8
40. Qh5 Qc6 41. Re6 d2 42. Rxc6 d1=Q+
43. Kg2 Qe2+ 44. Kh1 Rg8 0-1

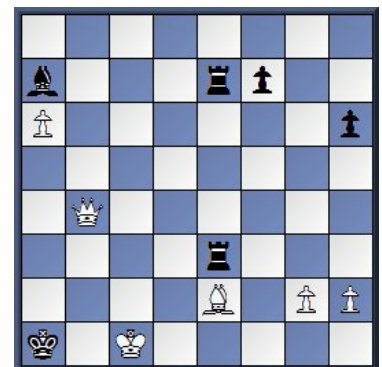


W: Sethuraman, S.P (IND) 2576

B: Chu, Wei Chao (CHN) 2315

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4
Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. Qe2 e6 8.
f4 Qc7 9. O-O-O b5 10. a3 Rb8 11. f5
Ne5 12. Bxf6 gxf6 13. Qh5 Qc5 14. Kb1
Nc4 15. Be2 Nxa3+ 16. bxa3 Qxc3 17.
Rd3 Qc4 18. Nxe6 Bxe6 19. fxe6 Qxe6
20. Bg4 Qe5 21. Qh3 b4 22. a4 Be7 23.
Bd7+ Kd8 24. Bc6 f5 25. Rhd1 Kc7 26.
Bd5 Bf6 27. Rd4 fxe4 28. Bxe4 Qxd4 29.
Rxd4 Bxd4 30. Qd3 Bc5 31. Qxa6 b3 32.
Qc6+ Kd8 33. cxb3 Rxb3+ 34. Kc2 Rb8
35. a5 Ke7 36. Qc7+ Kf6 37. Bd5 Rhf8
38. a6 Rbe8 39. Qa5 Re2+ 40. Kd1 Rfe8
41. Qc3+ R2e5 42. Bc4 R8e7 43. Qg3 h6

44. Qg8 Re3 45. Qh7 Ke5 46. Qg7+ Ke4
47. Qg4+ Ke5 48. Qg7+ Ke4 49. Qf6 d5
50. Qc6 Kd4 51. Qxd5+ Kc3 52. Be2
Ba7 53. Qc4+ Kb2 54. Qb4+ Ka1 55.
Kc1 1-0



GM Ziaur Rahman (BAN)

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Round 5 on 2014/04/21 at 15:00

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Adhiban B.	2609	IND	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI
2	GM	Yu Yangyi	2667	CHN	3½	½ - ½	3	GM	Wei Yi	2629	CHN
3	GM	Bu Xiangzhi	2699	CHN	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2561	UAE
4	GM	Gopal G.N.	2553	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Kasimdzhanov Rustam	2693	UZB
5	GM	Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son	2621	VIE	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
6	GM	Wen Yang	2581	CHN	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2502	QAT
7	GM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2465	IND	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
8	GM	Sethuraman S.P.	2576	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Chu Wei Chao	2315	CHN
9	GM	Vidit Santosh Gujrathi	2610	IND	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Sasikiran Krishnan	2680	IND
10	IM	Nguyen Duc Hoa	2508	VIE	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Ni Hua	2654	CHN
11	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2640	IND
12	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2631	IND
13	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	2	½ - ½	2½	GM	Dao Thien Hai	2490	VIE
14	GM	Kunte Abhijit	2470	IND	2	1 - 0	2	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
15	GM	Batchuluun Tsegmed	2521	MGL	2	½ - ½	2	IM	Munkhgal Gombosuren	2424	MGL
16	IM	Wang Chen	2513	CHN	2	½ - ½	2		Wang Yiye	2415	CHN
17	GM	Gundavaa Bayarsaikhan	2507	MGL	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Abdyjapar Asyl	2406	KGZ
18	IM	Akshat Khamparia	2374	IND	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Wan Yunguo	2505	CHN
19	IM	Idani Pouya	2502	IRI	2	1 - 0	2		Xu Yinglun	2381	CHN
20	IM	Omar Noaman	2361	UAE	2	½ - ½	2	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
21	GM	Sengupta Deep	2531	IND	1½	1 - 0	2		Fang Yan	2323	CHN
22	IM	Khader Sami	2356	JOR	1½	0 - 1	1½	GM	Vaibhav Suri	2530	IND
23		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	1½	0 - 1	1½	GM	Gao Rui	2484	CHN
24	GM	Darini Pouria	2471	IRI	1½	1 - 0	1½	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
25	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	1½	1 - 0	1½		Mamyrbay Assad	2017	KAZ
26	FM	Najjar Ahmad	2261	LIB	1	0 - 1	1		Muniz Pardino Alberto	2105	HKG
27		Shehab Ibrahim	2082	KUW	1	0 - 1	1	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
28	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	1	1 - 0	1		Al-Hajiri Bader	2095	KUW
29	FM	Ayyad Maher	2161	BRN	1	½ - ½	1	FM	Chahrour Ibrahim	2079	LIB
30		Salim Ali Ahmed Aliyan Almashikh	0	OMA	1	0 - 1	½		Abdulkarim Ali	1927	UAE
31		Al Mutairi Hassan S	2106	KSA	½	0 - 1	½		Al-Takrori Husam	2097	PLE
		Khayat Abdullah F	1716	KSA	0	1 - -			Bye	0	

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Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	WIM	Ni Shiqun	2325	CHN	3½	0 - 1	3½	WGM	Sukandar Irine Kharisma	2319	INA
2	WGM	Hoang Thi Bao Tram	2280	VIE	3	½ - ½	3	WIM	Gong Qianyun	2327	SIN
3	WGM	Nguyen Thi Thanh An	2237	VIE	3	0 - 1	3	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasada	2292	IRI
4	IM	Munguntuul Batkhuyag	2432	MGL	2½	1 - 0	2½	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND
5	WIM	Abdumalik Zhansaya	2379	KAZ	2½	0 - 1	2½	IM	Tania Sachdev	2427	IND
6	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2335	IRI	2½	1 - 0	2½	WIM	Nguyen Thi Mai Hung	2312	VIE
7	WIM	Hoang Thi Nhu Y	2207	VIE	2½	½ - ½	2	WGM	Tan Zhongyi	2488	CHN
8	IM	Karavade Eesha	2414	IND	2	1 - 0	2	WIM	Saleh Nora Mohd	1901	UAE
9	WGM	Swathi Ghate	2269	IND	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Pham Le Thao Nguyen	2332	VIE
10	WGM	Gomes Mary Ann	2386	IND	1½	½ - ½	2	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
11	WFM	Khan Nazrana	2027	BAN	1½	½ - ½	1½	WIM	Gu Tianlu	2162	CHN
12	WFM	Tohirjonova Hulkar	2126	UZB	1½	1 - 0	1½		Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn	1768	KGZ
13	WIM	Fuad Kamel Jamaliah Natalie	2015	JOR	1½	1 - 0	1½		Al Najar Huda	1845	SYR
14	WIM	Xu Huahua	2110	CHN	1	0 - 1	1	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
15	WIM	Dahdal Lougain	2003	JOR	1	0 - 1	1	WFM	Anu Bayar	2002	MGL
16		Faqeeh Aseel	0	PLE	1	1 - 0	0		Njoud S	0	KSA



Rajai N Alsusi, General Manager of Sharjah Cultural and Chess Club: We are very happy and proud to host many strong Grandmasters from many Asian federations.

Mr. Rajai, first of all, thank you so much for organizing such a nice event in such a pleasant place. Can you tell us more about the establishment of the Sharjah Cultural and Chess Club?

Thank you so much for your warm words. Sharjah Cultural and Chess club was established one year ago by Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Qasimi, the ruler of Sharjah. Since then we have been organizing many national as well as international chess competitions in Sharjah Chess Club, the biggest club in the world.

Apart from organizing chess competitions, your club functions as a chess school for children. Do many children come to train chess here?

Yes, we have regular chess classes in our club. Around 200 children come here to train chess. There are four coaches working with children.

When you plan to organize a chess competition of an international as well as national level, do you receive financial support from your government?

Sure, we have support from the Sharjah government, namely from the Sports Council of Sharjah. Also, we have many sponsors supporting us as well.

Are you happy with the composition of the championship? Have all registered players arrived to Sharjah? Do all Asian federations participate in the Asian Continental of this year?

We are very happy and proud to host many strong Grandmasters from many Asian federations. For instance this year the former World Chess Champion came to Sharjah to participate in the Asian Championship, and many other strong players from China, Vietnam, India and other countries. We plan to organize more international tournaments in future and we do hope that we will host more chess players from more countries. During Ramadan, we are organizing another tournament.

This was actually my next question. So, Ramadan chess competition will be the next tournament Sharjah chess club will organize, right?

Yes, more than 250 strong players will arrive to participate in Ramadan chess tournament.

I know that some top players from the Open and women's sections will be qualified for the World Cup and for the Women's World Championship respectively. Is there any prize fund at the championship now?

You are right, five players from open section will be qualified for the World Chess Cup. One player from the Women's section will be qualified for the Women's World Chess Championship. Of course there is a prize fund, 65,000 US dollars for 32 players from the Open section and 15 players from the Women's section.

