

Three Tie for Lead in Open Irene Sukandar Grabs Solo Lead in Women's

India's GM B. Adhiban, Uzbekitan's Rustam Kasimjanov and China's Yu Yangyi beat their respective opponents to remain tied for the lead at 5 points each after six rounds of the Asian Continental Chess Championship at the Sharjah Chess Club in Sharjah, UAE. In the women's division, former Asian women's champion Irene Sukandar of Indonesia maintained solo lead with 5.5 points after six rounds.

Adhiban used the Bogo-Indian defense against GM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh and won his opponent's Queen on the 44th move to force resignation five moves later.

Kasimjanov played black against the English Opening of GM Rinat Jumabayev of Kazakhstan and embarked on a king hunt to expose his opponent's monarch and threaten mate or loss of material in 40 moves to score the full point.

Yu Yangyi used the Sicilian Defense against GM S. P. Sethuraman of India and made a temporary Knight sacrifice on the 25th move and followed through with a two Bishop attack with Rook on the lower ranks to force resignation on the 34th move.

Half a point behind the lead pack are two Chinese GMs, top seed Bu Xiangzhi and Ni Hua. In an Open Catalan game, Bu transposed to a Rook and Pawn endgame against GM Mohammed Al Sayed of Qatar and was about to promote his pawn when the Qatari resigned on the 43rd move. Ni Hua needed only 30 moves to crush the Gruenfeld defense of



World Chess Federation Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos makes the ceremonial moves starting the round in the Asian Continental Chess Championship between co-leader Rustam Kasimjanov of Uzbekistan (right) and Rinat Jumabayev of Kazakhstan. Looking on are Sharjah Chess Club chairman Sheikh Saud Bin Abdulaziz Al Mualla (center), Director Sultan Al Taher and manager Rajai Al Susi. (Photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh)

GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran.

Local hero GM Saleh A. R. Salem and eight other players trail behind at 4 points each, namely Rahman, Ghaem, Maghami, Jumabayev, Sethuraman, GM Krishnan Sasikiran and Negi Parimarjan of India and Chinese GMs Wen Yang and Wei Yi. The top five qualify to the World Cup.

The champion of the Women's division qualifies to the Women's world cup. In the sixth round, Sukandar used the Queen's Indian defense against Sarasadat Khademalsharieh of Iran and penetrated her back rank. In the endgame, Sukandar had a centralized

King poised to harvest pawns when Sarasadat resigned on the 60th move. Three players follow a point behind at 4.5 points each, namely WGMs Atousa Pourkashiyan of Iran, Hoang Thi Bao Tram of Vietnam and Gong Qianyun of Singapore. Sarasadat trails alone with 4 points.

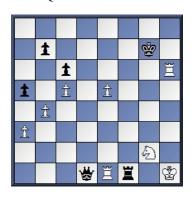
Games are broadcast live over the official site http://asianchesscont-shj2014.com/ with games download, photo gallery and links to video coverage on youtube. Results and standings are in chess-results.com.

W: Jumabayev, Rinat (KAZ) 2580 B: Kasimdzhanov, Rustam (UZB) 2693 1. c4 e6 2. g3 d5 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. Qa4+ Nbd7 6. Qxc4 a6 7. Qb3 Rb8 8.O-O b5 9. Nd4 Nc5 10. Bc6+ Bd7 11. Qc2 e5 12. Bxd7+ Qxd7 13. Nf3 e4 14. Ne5 Qh3 15. d4 exd3 16. exd3 Bd6 17. Be3 O-O 18. Bxc5 Bxe5 19. Nd2 Rfe8 20. Rfe1 Qf5 21. Rad1 Bxb2 22. Ba7 Ra8 23. Rxe8+ Nxe8 24. Re1 Nf6 25. Ne4 Rxa7 26. Nxf6+ gxf6 27. Qxb2 c5 28. Re4 Rd7 29. Qe2 Kg7 30. h4 Rd4 31. Re3 Qd5 32. Kh2 b4 33.Re8 Qd7 34. h5 h6 35. Ra8 Rxd3 36. Rxa6 Qd4 37. Kh3 Rd2 38. Qe3 Qd5 39. Kh4 Qh1+ 40. Kg4 0 - 1



W: Rahman, Ziaur (BAN) 2513 B: Adhiban, B. (IND) 2609

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. g3 Bb4+ 5. Bd2 Be7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9. Rd1 a5 10. Bf4 Nh5 11. Bc1 f5 12. Nc3 Bd6 13. Bg5 Qe8 14. e3 h6 15.Bf4 Be7 16. Ne2 Nhf6 17. Bc7 g5 18. Ne5 Ne4 19. Nxd7 Bxd7 20. c5 Qc8 21. Be5 Be8 22. Nc3 Bh5 23. Re1 Nf6 24. Na4 Nd7 25, Oc3 Od8 26, a3 Nxe5 27, dxe5 f4 28.exf4 gxf4 29. Bh3 fxg3 30. Bxe6+ Kh8 31. hxg3 d4 32. Qd3 Bg5 33. Bf5 Qe7 34.Nb6 Rad8 35. b4 Qf7 36. g4 Bxg4 37. Bxg4 Qxf2+ 38. Kh1 Be3 39. Re2 Qh4+ 40. Rh2 Qxg4 41. Qe2 Rf3 42. Nc4 Qe4 43. Qg2 Rg8 44. Nxe3 Rxg2 45. Nxg2 d3 46. Re1 d2 47. Rxh6+ Kg7 48. Rxe4 d1=Q+49. Re1 Rf1+0-1



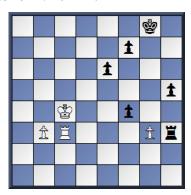
W: Al-Sayed, Mohammed (QAT) 2502 B: Bu, Xiangzhi (CHN) 2699

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 c5 3. Bg2 d5 4. O-O Nc6 5. d4 e6 6. c4 dxc4 7. Qa4 Bd7 8. Qxc4 b5 9. Qd3 c4 10. Qd1 Rc8 11. Bg5 Be7 12. Nc3 b4 13. Bxf6 gxf6 14. Ne4 O-O 15.Qd2 f5 16. Nc5 Be8 17. e3 Bxc5



FIDE Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos making the ceremonial moves to start round 6 of the women's division on top board between WGM Irene Sukandar of Indonesia (right) and Sarasadat Khademalsharieh of Iran. (Photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh)

18. dxc5 Qxd2 19. Nxd2 Ne5 20. f4 c3 21. fxe5 cxd2 22. Rad1 Rxc5 23. Rxd2 Rxe5 24. Rf4 b3 25. axb3 Rxe3 26. Rb4 Re5 27. Rb7 a6 28. Ra7 Bb5 29. Bb7 Re3 30. Bxa6 Re1+ 31. Kf2 Ra1 32. Rd6 Ra2 33. Ke3 Rb8 34. Kd4 Bxa6 35. Kc3 Rc8+ 36. Kb4 Rxb2 37. Raxa6 Rb8+ 38. Rab6 Rxb6+ 39. Rxb6 Rxh2 40. Rc6 Rh3 41. Rc3 h5 42. Kc4 f4 0-1



W: Ni, Hua (CHN) 2654 B: Ghaem Maghami, Ehsan (IRI) 2556

1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 g6 4. e3 Nf6 5. d4 cxd4 6. exd4 d5 7. cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bc4 Nb6 9. Bb3 Bg7 10. d5 Na5 11. O-O O-O 12. h3 Nxb3 13. axb3 Qd6 14. Ra5 Qd8 15. Bg5 h6 16. Bh4 f5 17. Re1 g5 18. Nxg5 hxg5 19. Bxg5 Rf7 20. d6 Qxd6 21. Nd5 Nxd5 22. Rxd5 Qg6 23. Rd8+ Kh7 24. Rxe7 Rxe7 25. Bxe7 Qf7 26. Bb4 Bxb2 27. Rf8 Qg6 28. Qd5 Be6 29. Qxb7+ Bg7 30. Rxa8 1-0

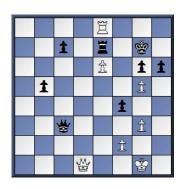




GM Negi Parimarjan (IND)

W: Negi, Parimarjan (IND) 2640 B: Idani, Pouya (IRI) 2502

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nge7 5. c3 g6 6. d4 exd4 7. cxd4 b5 8. Bc2 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. O-O Be6 11. Nc3 Bg7 12. Bg5 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Qd7 14. Be4 f5 15. Bc2 Na5 16. Ne1 O-O 17. Nd3 Bc4 18. Re1 Rfe8 19. Rxe8+ Rxe8 20. a4 Nb7 21.axb5 axb5 22. Ra7 Qc6 23. Ne5 Bxe5 24. dxe5 Nc5 25. h4 Ne6 26. Bb3 Nxg5 27.hxg5 Bxb3 28. Qxb3+ Kg7 29. Qd1 Qxc3 30. e6 Re7 31. g3 f4 32. Ra8 h6 33. Re8 1-0



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Round 6 on 2014/04/22 at 15:00

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

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Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasada	2292	IRI	4	0 - 1	4½	WGM	Sukandar Irine Kharisma	2319	INA
2	WIM	Gong Qianyun	2327	SIN	3½	1 - 0	3½	IM	Munguntuul Batkhuyag	2432	MGL
3	IM	Tania Sachdev	2427	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½	WGM	Pourkashiyan Atousa	2335	IRI
4	WGM	Hoang Thi Bao Tram	2280	VIE	3½	1 - 0	3½	WIM	Ni Shiqun	2325	CHN
5	WGM	Nguyen Thi Thanh An	2237	VIE	3	1/2 - 1/2	3	IM	Karavade Eesha	2414	IND
6	IM	Pham Le Thao Nguyen	2332	VIE	3	1/2 - 1/2	3	WIM	Hoang Thi Nhu Y	2207	VIE
7	WGM	Tan Zhongyi	2488	CHN	2½	1 - 0	2½	WIM	Fuad Kamel Jamaliah Natalie	2015	JOR
8	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI	2½	1/2 - 1/2	2½	WIM	Abdumalik Zhansaya	2379	KAZ
9	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½	WFM	Tohirjonova Hulkar	2126	UZB
10	WIM	Nguyen Thi Mai Hung	2312	VIE	2½	1/2 - 1/2	2	WGM	Swathi Ghate	2269	IND
11	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	2	1/2 - 1/2	2	WGM	Gomes Mary Ann	2386	IND
12		Faqeeh Aseel	0	PLE	2	0 - 1	2	WIM	Gu Tianlu	2162	CHN
13	WFM	Anu Bayar	2002	MGL	2	1 - 0	2	WFM	Khan Nazrana	2027	BAN
14		Al Najar Huda	1845	SYR	1½	0 - 1	2	WIM	Saleh Nora Mohd	1901	UAE
15		Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn	1768	KGZ	1½	0 - 1	1	WIM	Xu Huahua	2110	CHN
16		Njoud S	0	KSA	0	0 - 1	1	WIM	Dahdal Lougain	2003	JOR



Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn: it is always good to play against strong players. You gain experience and knowledge.

Please tell our readers about yourself.

My name is Shyngys Kyzy Aijarkyn, I am from Kyrgyzstan. I have started to play chess at the age of 10. I did not train a lot of chess. Chess in my country is not developed well. But I train on my own and always happy when there is a chance to participate in chess competitions.

How were you qualified for this championship? Do you consider this championship important for your chess development? Is it difficult for you to play here?

I am the national champion of the last year. So, I officially represent my country at the Asian Continental championship.

Well, the Asian continental is always a tough competition. Best of the best from Asian countries gather to compete in it

I recall my participation in the Asian Youth Continental U-20 2013, which took place here in Sharjah as well. It was much easier for me indeed. The composition is very strong now.

Whom do you consider favorites in the women's section?

I think Zhansaya from Kazakhstan is doing good at this championship. Chinese chess players are also strong. Top ten players can be called favorites by all means. But it is always good to play against strong players, I gain experience and learn a lot. I have 1.5 out of four so far. For instance, I lost my first game against Iranian

Khademalsharieh Sarasadat. It seemed that I got a pleasant position after the opening, playing black. But I made a strategical mistake. I disposed myself for a win, but after that blunder I could not make a balance and failed to even lead it to a draw. I lost my second game too, to an Indian IM Karavade Eesha. I sacrificed my pawn on move 12, out of the blue. It happened due to my first loss, I think. It was a lot of tension and dissapointment that I could not win my game when having got such a good position with black. Another game against my opponent from Bangladesh, was played very badly. I had one pawn up, it was a winning position. But I spent about two hours of thinking what to do. In addition, I blundered an exchange at one point. But I managed to win that game. But my play leaves much to be desired. Today before the start of the 4th round, I decided not to hurry, not to seek the result and just play.

I had some chances to win the game of today. But my opponent stood firmly on a draw and I could not succeed to move her.

She managed not to make any blunders and we made a draw.

How do you like the organization here?

Everything is just perfect. I like playing in Sharjah. The hotel is good, weather is nice.

Do you find time to enjoy the weather and sea?

I came here with my sister. During the tournament I try to concentrate on chess. But after the tournamnet we are planning to stay for some days in Dubai. I hope I will have some rest there.