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Chinese surge. GM Ni Hua (right) beat India's GM Adhiban. Standing beside him is co-leader Bu Xiangzhi (photo by Mehrdad)

Former Asian Games champion GM Rustam Kasimjanov of Uzbekistan and three Chinese GMs share the lead with 5.5 points each after seven rounds of the Asian Continental Chess Championships at the Sharjah Chess Club in Sharjah, UAE. Top seed Bu Xiangzhi, Yu Yangyi and Ni Hua tie for the lead at the homestretch of the 9-round tournament.

In the women's division, former Asian Women's champion Irene Sukandar of Indonesia maintained solo lead with 6.5 points after 7 rounds. A full point behind alone in second slot is WGM Atousa Pourkashiyani of Iran.

In the Open, Kasimjanov and Yu Yangyi drew by 3-time repetition of

position in only 14 moves of a Queen's Gambit Declined. Ni Hua used the Gruenfeld Defense and transposed to a minor piece endgame with the advantage of Bishop for Knight and was escorting his outside passed pawn to promotion when Adhiban resigned on the 63rd move. Top seed Bu Xiangzhi crushed the Nimzo Indian defense of GM Krishnan Sasikiran. Bu sacrificed a Rook on the 30th move to make Black's king march across the board. About to lose his Queen, Sasikiran resigned on the 43rd move.

Adhiban and two others follow a half point behind the leaders at 5 points each, namely GM Ehsan Ghaem

Maghami of Iran and GM Rinat Jumabayev of Kazakhstan. Ghaem Maghami crushed the Gruenfeld defense of GM Wei Yi of China in a see-saw sacrificial battle. The Iranian transposed to the endgame with a Rook against Bishop and showed his technical prowess to promote his pawn and force resignation on the 61st move.

Jumabayev used the Colle system to beat GM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh who had to give up his Knight on the 52nd move to prevent pawn promotion and resigned on move 64.

Local hero Saleh A.R. Salem of the UAE and six other players follow with 4.5 points each, namely Indian GMs

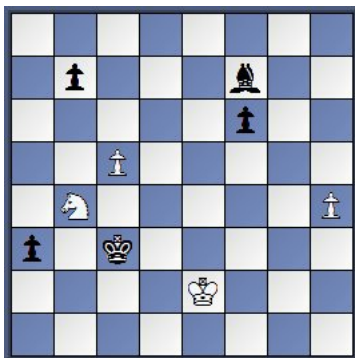
Negi Parimarjan, Deep Sengupta, Abhijeet Gupta and S.P. Sethuraman, Batchulun Tsegmed of Mongolia and Wen Yang of China.

Leadership in the women's is clearer with Sukandar and Pourkashiyani in first and second pole positions. Sukandar crushed the Caro Kann defense of WGM Hoang Thi Bao Tram of Vietnam. The Indonesian sacrificed a Bishop on the 19th move and threatened inevitable mate to force resignation two moves later. Pourkashiyani smashed the French Defense of WIM Gong Qianyun of Singapore who blundered a piece away and resigned on the 53rd move. 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.

Here are selected games of the leaders:

W: Adhiban, B. (IND) 2609
B: Ni, Hua (CHN) 2654

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5. d4 Bg7 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O Be6 8. cxd5 cxd5 9. Qb3 Qb6 10. Na4 Qxb3 11. axb3 Nc6 12. Nc5 Bc8 13. Bb5 Ne4 14. Rd1 Nxc5 15. dxc5 e6 16. h3 Bd7 17. e4 a6 18. Ba4 Rac8 19. b4 Rfd8 20. Bxc6 Bxc6 21. e5 d4 22. Nxd4 Bxe5 23. Be3 Be8 24. Rd2 Rd5 25. Rad1 Rcd8 26. b3 Bf6 27. f3 e5 28. Nc2 Bc6 29. Na3 Rxd2 30. Rxd2 Rxd2 31. Bxd2 e4 32. fxe4 Bd4+ 33. Kf1 Bxe4 34. Nc4 Kg7 35. Be3 Bc3 36. Bd2 Bd4 37. Be3 Bc3 38. Bd2 Bxd2 39. Nxd2 Bd5 40. Kf2 Kf6 41. g3 g5 42. Nc4 Ke6 43. Ke3 h5 44. Nd2 Bg2 45. h4 f6 46. Nc4 Kf5 47. Kf2 Bc6 48. Ne3+ Ke4 49. Ng2 Ke5 50. Ne3 gxh4 51. Nc4+ Kd4 52. gxh4 Kc3 53. Ne3 Kxb4 54. Nf5 Kxb3 55. Ng7 a5 56. Nxh5 a4 57. Nf4 a3 58. Nd3 Kc3 59. Nc1 Be8 60. Ke3 Bg6 61. Ke2 Kc2 62. Na2 Bf7 63. Nb4+ Kc3 0-1

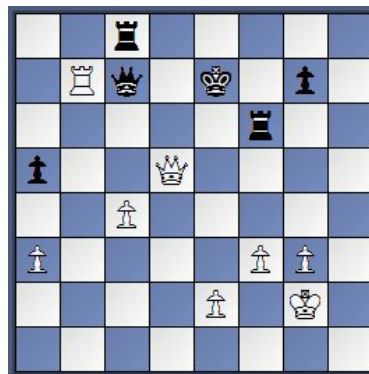


W: Bu, Xiangzhi
B: Sasikiran, Krishnan
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. a3 Bxc3 6. Qxc3 d6 7. d4 Nbd7



Arbiters and management team at the Sharjah Chess Club

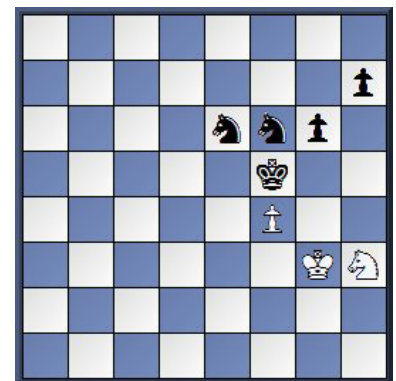
8.g3 b6 9. Bg2 Bb7 10. O-O c5 11. Rd1 Rc8 12. dxc5 d5 13. Ne5 Nxc5 14. Bf4 Nfe4 15. Qc2 f6 16. Nd3 Nd7 17. Qa4 Nec5 18. Nxc5 Nxc5 19. Qc2 d4 20. b4 Bxg2 21. Kxg2 e5 22. bxc5 exf4 23. cxb6 Qxb6 24. Qe4 fxc3 25. hxg3 Rfd8 26. Rab1 Qd6 27. Rb7 a5 28. Rh1 f5 29. Qxf5 Qc6+ 30. f3 Qxb7 31. Qxh7+ Kf7 32. Qf5+ Ke7 33. Rh4 Rd6 34. Re4+ Kd8 35. Qg5+ Rf6 36. Qe5 Kd7 37. Rxd4+ Kc6 38. Rd5 Qb8 39. Qd4 Qb6 40. Qe4 Qc7 41. Rb5+ Kd6 42. Qd5+ Ke7 43. Rb7 1-0



W: Rahman, Ziaur
B: Jumabayev, Rinat

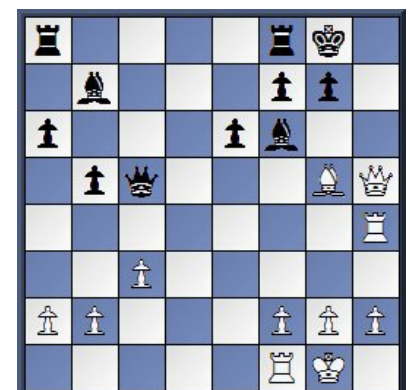
1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bf4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Nbd2 Be7 6. h3 O-O 7. Bd3 c5 8. O-O cxd4 9. exd4 d6 10. Re1 Nbd7 11. a4 Qc7 12. Bg3 a6 13. c4 a5 14. Nb1 Nb8 15. Nc3 Na6 16. Nb5 Qd8 17. Rcl Re8 18. Bb1 Rc8 19. b3 Nh5 20. d5 exd5 21. Bxd6 Nf6 22. Bxe7 Rxe7 23. Rxe7 Qxe7 24. cxd5 Rxc1 25. Qxc1 Nxd5 26. Nbd4 Nc5 27. Nf5 Qf6 28. Qe1 Kf8 29. Ne5 g6 30. Nh6 Nf4 31. Nxf7 Bxg2 32. b4 axb4 33. Qxb4 Bxh3 34. Qd2 Be6 35. Qd8+ Qxd8 36. Nxd8 Bb3 37. Ndc6 Bxa4 38. Nb4 Ne2+ 39. Kg2 Nc3 40. Bc2 Bxc2 41. Nxc2 Ke7 42. f4 Nd5 43. Kf3 b5 44. Na3 b4 45. Nac4 Kf6 46. Ng4+ Kf5 47.

Nh6+ Ke6 48. Nb2 b3 49. Ng4 Nb6 50. Ne3 Nca4 51. Nd3 b2 52. Nxb2 Nxb2 53. Kg4 N2c4 54. Nc2 Kf6 55. Nd4 Ne3+ 56. Kf3 Nf5 57. Nc6 Nd7 58. Nb4 Ke6 59. Nd3 Nf6 60. Nf2 Nd4+ 61. Ke3 Nc6 62. Nh3 Kf5 63. Kf3 Nd4+ 64. Kg3 Ne6 0-1



W: Sukandar, Irine (INA) 2319
B: Hoang, Thi Bao Tram (VIE) 2280

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Bc4 e6 6. Nf3 Ngf6 7. Nxf6+ Nxf6 8. O-O Be7 9. c3 O-O 10. Qe2 c5 11. Bg5 cxd4 12. Rad1 a6 13. Rxd4 Qc7 14. Ne5 b5 15. Bd3 Bb7 16. Nd7 Qc6 17. Nxf6+ Bxf6 18. Be4 Qc5 19. Bxh7+ Kxh7 20. Qh5+ Kg8 21. Rh4 1-0



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Round 7 on 2014/04/23 at 15:00

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Kasimdzhanov Rustam	2693	UZB	5	½ - ½	5	GM	Yu Yangyi	2667	CHN
2	GM	Adhiban B.	2609	IND	5	0 - 1	4½	GM	Ni Hua	2654	CHN
3	GM	Bu Xiangzhi	2699	CHN	4½	1 - 0	4	GM	Sasikiran Krishnan	2680	IND
4	GM	Salem A.R. Saleh	2561	UAE	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2640	IND
5	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Wei Yi	2629	CHN
6	GM	Wen Yang	2581	CHN	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Sethuraman S.P.	2576	IND
7	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
8	GM	Gundavaa Bayarsaikhan	2507	MGL	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2631	IND
9	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	IM	Wan Yunguo	2505	CHN
10	GM	Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son	2621	VIE	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Al-Sayed Mohammed	2502	QAT
11	GM	Kunte Abhijit	2470	IND	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Vidit Santosh Gujrathi	2610	IND
12	GM	Gopal G.N.	2553	IND	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Dao Thien Hai	2490	VIE
13	GM	Sengupta Deep	2531	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB
14	GM	Batchuluun Tsegmed	2521	MGL	3½	1 - 0	3½		Chu Wei Chao	2315	CHN
15	GM	Vishnu Prasanna. V	2465	IND	3½	0 - 1	3	GM	Vaibhav Suri	2530	IND
16	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
17	IM	Wang Chen	2513	CHN	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Abdyjapar Asyl	2406	KGZ
18	IM	Nguyen Duc Hoa	2508	VIE	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Munkhgal Gombosuren	2424	MGL
19	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	3	½ - ½	3		Wang Yiye	2415	CHN
20	IM	Idani Pouya	2502	IRI	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
21	IM	Omar Noaman	2361	UAE	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Gao Rui	2484	CHN
22	IM	Khader Sami	2356	JOR	2½	0 - 1	2½	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
23		Fang Yan	2323	CHN	2½	1 - 0	2½	GM	Darini Pouria	2471	IRI
24		Xu Yinglun	2381	CHN	2½	1 - 0	2½	FM	Chahrour Ibrahim	2079	LIB
25	FM	Ayyad Maher	2161	BRN	2½	- - +	2½	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
26	IM	Akshat Khamparia	2374	IND	2	1 - 0	2½		Al-Takrori Husam	2097	PLE
27		Shehab Ibrahim	2082	KUW	2	0 - 1	2	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB
28		Muniz Pardino Alberto	2105	HKG	2	½ - ½	2		Al-Hajiri Bader	2095	KUW
29		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	1½	½ - ½	1½		Abdulkarim Ali	1927	UAE
30		Mamyrbay Assad	2017	KAZ	1½	+ - -	1½		Al Mutairi Hassan S	2106	KSA
31		Salim Ali Ahmed Aliyan Almashikh	0	OMA	1	1 - 0	1		Khayat Abdullah F	1716	KSA
	FM	Najjar Ahmad	2261	LIB	1	1 - -			Bye	0	

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Round 7 on 2014/04/23 at 15:00

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	WGM	Sukandar Irine Kharisma	2319	INA	5½	1 - 0	4½	WGM	Hoang Thi Bao Tram	2280	VIE
2	WGM	Pourkashiyani Atousa	2335	IRI	4½	1 - 0	4½	WIM	Gong Qianyun	2327	SIN
3	IM	Munguntuul Batkhuyag	2432	MGL	3½	½ - ½	4	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasada	2292	IRI
4	WIM	Ni Shiqun	2325	CHN	3½	½ - ½	3½	WGM	Tan Zhongyi	2488	CHN
5	WIM	Hoang Thi Nhu Y	2207	VIE	3½	½ - ½	3½	IM	Tania Sachdev	2427	IND
6	IM	Karavade Eesha	2414	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND
7	IM	Pham Le Thao Nguyen	2332	VIE	3½	½ - ½	3½	WGM	Nguyen Thi Thanh An	2237	VIE
8	WIM	Abdumalik Zhansaya	2379	KAZ	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Anu Bayar	2002	MGL
9	WIM	Saleh Nora Mohd	1901	UAE	3	0 - 1	3	WIM	Nguyen Thi Mai Hung	2312	VIE
10	WIM	Gu Tianlu	2162	CHN	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
11	WIM	Fuad Kamel Jamaliah Natalie	2015	JOR	2½	0 - 1	2½	WGM	Gomes Mary Ann	2386	IND
12	WGM	Swathi Ghatge	2269	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
13	WFM	Tohirjonova Hulkar	2126	UZB	2½	0 - 1	2	WIM	Xu Huahua	2110	CHN
14	WFM	Khan Nazrana	2027	BAN	2	½ - ½	2		Faqeeh Aseel	0	PLE
15	WIM	Dahdal Lougain	2003	JOR	2	1 - 0	1½		Al Najar Huda	1845	SYR
16		Njoud S	0	KSA	0	- - +	1½		Shyngys Kzyz Aijarkyn	1768	KGZ

While Rustam Kasimjanov is playing, we decided to ask his wife Firusa what is going on in Rustam's life. We need to add that Firusa is not only a wife, but also a business woman, loving mother and beautiful woman above all.

Firusa, very happy to see you again. You don't accompany your husband very often and Rustam has not been seen

at chess competitions for some time. So, we have a lot of questions to you. First of all, tell me where do you live now?

Thank you so much, I am also happy to be here. Well, some months ago we moved to Hamburg and we live there with my family.

Firusa, you have been married with Rustam for many years. He became the World Champion in 2004. Tell us. has something changed in his life after he won the title?

Provocative question... (smiling). Well, in respect of chess, I think, apart from being a professional chess player during all his life, after that victory, he had started considering chess more seriously, had been training chess more and had gained more motivation to my mind.

How does he train? When he trains at home, I guess, there is a complete silence around and you try not to disturb him in these moments, don't you?

Well, players usually train during training camps, in groups, showing each other new things, sharing ideas, etc. It is easier for them. At home, yes, he trains as well. And we try not to disturb him, and try to take our children away. They have a profound respect for their father and his activities.

I have known Rustam for many years. He is one of the more social persons in chess. He can make jokes, tell interesting stories. It is always pleasant to have his company. How is he in the family?

He is the same person in the family. He knows a lot of stories, you are right. I think that all his chess friends like him a lot: thanks to his friendly attitude and positive mood. He reads a lot, watches a lot of interesting things on TV, he is cheery and sociable person. He can defuse tension, when there is such, especially when working as a second during important matches.

Apart from training and playing chess, Rustam has a good knowledge of many things, like politics, for instance. He watches some serials as well, spends time with our children when at home, attends his attention to me as well.

As you mentioned, Rustam often acts as a second or coach of other players. Can you say that he has real friends in the chess community?

Yes, of course, he has a lot of friends among chess players. You ask me this question now and I am afraid that I can forget to name someone. But there are a lot, like Sergey Karjakin, Peter Heine Nielsen, Vishy Anand, Wojtasek, Motylev, Fridman, Svidler... You took me by surprise with this question. I don't want to offend anyone, I really apologize if I have left someone unmentioned.

Firusa, apart from being a wife of a professional chess player, making a pleasant and warm atmosphere around him, bringing up his children, do you do something interesting in life?



Rustam and Firusa Kasimjanov

I am a fitness trainer, proved my license in Germany too. I had my business, a latino-american dance school. I had about 200 students there. We have moved to Hamburg and I had to abandon my school. I like to do sports a lot. I also make my husband do sports. This is very important to be in a good physical shape, if you are a professional chess player.

As for my school, I felt sorry that I had to leave it. I was proud that even though I have two kids and a husband who plays professional chess, I could manage to find myself and do what I like and can. But I do hope that I will be able to open my school in Hamburg and continue my activities there as well. Though, as you were right to mention that the first consideration in my life is my family: husband and children. I am, let's say, Rustam's non-chess manager as well. He always tells me where he is going to participate, shares his plans with me and so on. It happened also when he decided to change his work... *This is something new to us. Please tell us more about these changes, if it is not a secret.*

Well, it is not a secret of course. He had

worked for the new chess internet site: CHESS 24. He was among those who started working for it. They opened a chess school, he worked as a chess analyst. Though he planned to continue playing of course.

But as a matter of fact, it occurred not to be easy to play professional chess and at the same time do other activities. We thought that it could be combined. We were wrong, though Rustam doesn't regret that he tried himself in a different field. He enjoyed working for Chess 24. Rustam is an ambitious player. He doesn't want only to play, he wants to do it well. He will continue working but his first consideration will remain chess. Now, we are experiencing so called "comeback". *So, as far as I understood, he stopped playing chess on his level for some period. Tell me, is it difficult for him to come back and play the level he had before?*

Yes, of course, it is not easy for anyone. I always ask him to gain patience and everything will be settled back. This championship is sort of warming up competition. He won his first round, made a draw in his second. He was not happy of course, but I try to support and cheer him up. I am a sports person myself. I know how hard it is to come back after a break.

When he doesn't succeed to win and makes a draw in a game he thinks he could win, does he take it hard?

Well, of course, he is upset. He tries to find out why it happened and later on disposes himself to play better. I am proud of my husband, for he really is a good player, he knows a lot about chess. No wonder that he is invited to work as a second by many players.

Thank you, Firusa, for your comments and answers. Last but not the least, how do you like the organization of the tournament here? Hotel, food, playing conditions?

The conditions are great. It is worth to underline that we were impressed by the chess club in Sharjah. I think it is one of the best clubs in the World, though I have not seen many of them, but the conditions are impressive. The hotel is good as well, it has all the facilities. We have visited the gym already, trying to keep trim.