



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

Bulletin 1

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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



Starting the clock on top board between GM Anton Korobov (right) and WIM Ivana Maria Furtado, are, from left: Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim, General Secretary Ahmad Al-Fardan of the Sharjah Sports Council, Dubai Chess Club president Ibrahim Al Bannai, General Secretary Ibrahim Abdulmalik of the General Authority of Youth and Sports, Sharjah Chess Club president Sheikh Saud Al Mualla and Vice President Abdulaziz Khoory of the UAE Chess Federation. (Photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh)

The 16th Dubai Open Chess Championship, boasting a record \$50,000 in cash prizes, has attracted a strong field of 38 GMs and 8 WGMs, 16 IMs, 3 WIMs, 10 FMs and 5 WFM in a total of 148 players from 39 countries.

GM Anton Korobov of Ukraine heads the list with a rating of 2698 followed by former Dubai Open champion Vladimir Akopian with 2674. Twenty players rated over 2600 are strong contenders for the crown.

Since its inception in 1999, the Dubai Open has been considered one of the major Swiss open tournaments in the chess world.

The tournament is a 9-round Swiss. At stake is custody of the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup, the challenge trophy of the Dubai Open Chess Championship.

The tournament is scheduled from 7th to 16th April at the Dubai Culture and Chess Club. Games start 17:00 HRS and top boards are [broadcast live](#) in the Dubai Chess Club site by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh with video coverage by Vijay Kumar on [Youtube](#) and [bliptv](#).

A blitz tournament will be held on Friday, a free day.. Two rounds, in the morning and evening, are scheduled the Saturday after.

Chief Arbiter is Mahdi Abdulrahim. Tournament Director is Dubai Chess Club manager Mohammed Husseiny. In the first round, 20-year old Woman Grandmaster Mona Khaled of Egypt, 89th seed, rocked the tournament with her upset victory over highly ranked 14th seed GM Tigran Petrosian of Armenia, rated 2647.

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Round 1 on 2014/04/07 at 18:00

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR
2	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM	0	1 - 0	0	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE
3	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
4	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA	0	1 - 0	0		Momeni E.	2194	IRI
5	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU
6	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN	0	+ - -	0		Abdel Hai Hany	2168	EGY
7	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG
8	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR	0	½ - ½	0		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR
9	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY
10	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN	0	1 - 0	0		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM
11		Fries Frederik	2154	GER	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR
12	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD
13		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO
14	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY
15	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS
16	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO	0	1 - 0	0		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND
17		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM
18	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA	0	1 - 0	0		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI
19		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS
20	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR	0	1 - 0	0		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR
21	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
22	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI	0	1 - 0	0		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR
23		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
24	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO	0	1 - 0	0		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB
25	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ
26	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	0	1 - 0	0		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR
27		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO
28	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE	0	1 - 0	0	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN
29		Bennett John M	2043	ENG	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO
30	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN	0	1 - 0	0	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD
31		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE
32	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE
33	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND
34	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND
35		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE
36	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE
37		Turar	1997	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA
38	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI
39		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY	0	0 - 1	0	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND
40	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	0	1 - 0	0		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD
41		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE	0	½ - ½	0	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO
42	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND	0	1 - 0	0	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI
43	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	1962	LBA	0	0 - 1	0	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL
44	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE
45	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY	0	0 - 1	0	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI
46	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS	0	+ - -	0		Vojdani Siavosh	1927	IRI
47	WFM	Boshra Alshaeby	1925	JOR	0	+ - -	0	IM	Sharma Dinesh K.	2372	IND
48	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND	0	1 - 0	0	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR
49		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA	0	0 - 1	0	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
50	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS	0	1 - 0	0		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR
51	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	0	½ - ½	0		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND
52	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI	0	1 - 0	0		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE
53		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND
54	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ	0	1 - 0	0		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA
55	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE	0	+ - -	0	WGM	Soumya Swaminathan	2336	IND
56	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK	0	1 - 0	0		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA
57		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA	0	0 - 1	0	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND

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58	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR	0	1 - 0	0		Boshara Mohammed Ahmed	1800	SUD
59		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN
60		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD
61		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI
62	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA	0	1 - 0	0		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD
63		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE	0	0 - 1	0	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI
64		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Montaser Kamil	1719	SUD
65		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE
66	CM	Faisal Abdulla	2270	UAE	0	- - +	0		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE
67		Al Zarooni Ahmed	1713	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND
68	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM	0	1 - 0	0		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE
69		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR
70	WIM	Raghavi N.	2231	IND	0	0 - 1	0		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND
71		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE	0	½ - ½	0	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR
72	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM	0	1 - 0	0		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND
73		Al- Meghbali Ahmed	1438	UAE	0	0 - 1	0		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI
74	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI	0	½ - ½	0	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB



Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim (left) and General Coordinator Mohammed Husseiney at the Players' Meeting.

Technical Meeting

The Players' meeting was conducted by Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim and General Coordinator Mohammed Husseiney on 6th April at the Dubai Chess Club.

Elected to the Appeals Committee were IO Najeeb Saleh of UAE as Chairman, GMs Ehsan Ghaem Maghami (IRI), Alexey Kuzmin (RUS), Pavel Kotsur (KAZ) and Grover Sahaj (IND) as members and reserves IM Melia Salome of Georgia and IA Abdulla Khaled Al Naami of Libya. It was announced that a 30 minute default time shall be

given. No draw offers shall be allowed before Black's 30th move.

As in previous years, the tournament champion should stay one day more for the closing ceremony.

Tie Breaks are:

1. Sum of the ratings of opponents (without lowest)
2. Results of players in the same score group.
3. Buccholz tie break (sum of opponents' scores)
4. Median Buccholz (as above, but discarding the highest and lowest opponents' scores)
5. Number of victories.

Organizing Committee

Dubai Chess Club president Ibrahim Al Bannai is chairman of the Organizing Committee with members Ahmed Khalifa, Jamal Al Abdooli, Najeeb Saleh and Mohamed Al Husseiney.

Arbiters Committee

IA/IO Mahdi Abdulrahim (UAE) is Chief Arbiter with Deputy Chief Arbiter IA Naji Mohamed Al Radhi (UAE) and Arbiters IA Jamal Qasim (YEM), IA Sheikha Ali (UAE), IA Maryam Mohamed (UAE), IA Waleed Abu Obaid (JOR).

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VIPs at the opening ceremony. The Dubai Open Chess Championship has full government support.

The Dubai Chess and Culture Club in the center of Dubai.

Dubai Chess Club officials being interviewed at the opening ceremony, Organizing Committee chairman Ibrahim Al Bannai, members Najeeb Saleh, Ahmed Khalifa and Secretary General Ibrahim Abdulmalik of the General Authority of Youth and Sports.

Below, flower girls at the opening ceremony and TV broadcaster Vijay Kumar at work.



Organizing Committee Chairman Ibrahim Al Bannai



Organizing Committee member Najeeb Saleh



Youth and Sports Secretary General Ibrahim Abdulmalik



Organizing Committee member Ahmed Khalifah

