



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

Bulletin 5

12 April 2014



Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



GM Eduardo Iturrizaga (second from right) receives the blitz winner's trophy from Najeeb Saleh of the Organizing Committee and Dubai Chess Club General Coordinator Mohammed Hussein (left) and Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim (right).

French Grandmaster Romain Edouard won in the 5th round in the morning of 12 April to grab solo lead with 4½ points at the halfway mark of the Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai. Edouard beat erstwhile solo leader Abhijeet Gupta of India, a former Dubai Open champion.

Gupta essayed the Queen's Gambit and had a strong attack against Edouard but wrongly sacrificed a Knight on the 43rd move and resigned five moves later.

Gupta and 14 other players are tied at 4 points each in the race for \$50,000 in cash prizes, namely GMs top seed Anton Korobov and Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine, Zaven Andriasian and Vladimir Akopian of Armenia, Axel Bachmann of Paraguay, Constantin Lupulescu of Romania, Aleksandr Rakhmanov of

Russia, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran, Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela, Pavel Kotsur and Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan, Hrvoje Stevic of Croatia, Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova and Sebastian Boner of Switzerland.

In the decisive games, Korobov used the Nimzoindian Defense beat Athanasios Mastrovasilis of Greece in 48 moves. Akopian crushed the Sicilian Defense of GM Alojzije Jankovic of Croatia in 37 moves. Kuzubov needed only 34 moves of his English Opening to beat Goran Dizdar of Croatia. Rakhmanov used the King's Indian Defense to turn back Jahongir Vakhidov of Uzbekistan in 52 moves, Stevic trounced the Sicilian Defense of Slavko Cicak of Sweden in 67 moves while Iordachescu beat Pontus Carlsson of Sweden in 37 moves

On the free day last Friday, GM Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela won the Dubai Open Blitz championship where players have five minutes each for the whole game. Fifty five players joined the one-day 9-round Swiss and four players ended in a tie with 7 points each. Sudden death tie break matches were held. In the semifinals, Iturrizaga beat Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine while Tigran Petrosian of Armenia thrashed Romain Edouard. In the finals Iturrizaga beat Petrosian to claim the blitz title.

Top boards are broadcast live at the [Dubai Chess Club web site](#) with photo gallery, games download and links to video coverage on Youtube. See results and standings in [chess-results.com](#). Cash prizes will be awarded the first 16 places with a top prize of \$10,000 for the champion.

16th Dubai Open 2014

Round 5 on 2014/04/12 at 10:00

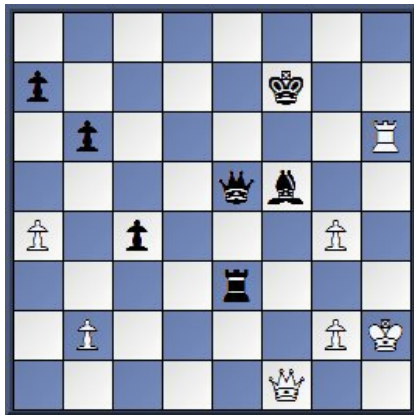
Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	4	0 - 1	3½	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
2	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU
3	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM
4	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA	3	½ - ½	3½	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ
5	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR
6	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO
7	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN
8	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO
9	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR
10	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO
11	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	3	0 - 1	3	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS
12	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE
13	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE
14	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS
15	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
16	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND
17	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI	3	½ - ½	3	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO
18	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI
19	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
20	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI	3	0 - 1	2½	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG
21	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM	2½	1 - 0	2½		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND
22		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND	2½	½ - ½	2½	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB
23	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN	2½	1 - 0	2½	WIM	Raghavi N.	2231	IND
24	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND
25	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR	2½	½ - ½	2½	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA
26	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL	2½	0 - 1	2½		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR
27	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	2½	0 - 1	2½	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI
28		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE	2½	0 - 1	2	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY
29		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR	2	0 - 1	2	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
30	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI	2	1 - 0	2	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND
31		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND	2	½ - ½	2	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS
32	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Fries Frederik	2154	GER
33	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
34	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS	2	1 - 0	2	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY
35		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND
36	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ	2	1 - 0	2		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI
37	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK	2	1 - 0	2		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM
38		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND	2	½ - ½	2	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN
39	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA	2	½ - ½	2		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB
40		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE	2	0 - 1	2	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI
41		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND	2	1 - 0	2	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR
42		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR	2	0 - 1	2		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND
43	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM	2	1 - 0	2		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR
44	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND	2	0 - 1	2		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI
45	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND	2	1 - 0	2	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN
46	FM	Elmejri Ali A.	1962	LBA	2	0 - 1	2	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE
47	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE	2	1 - 0	2		Momeni E.	2194	IRI
48	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE	2	1 - 0	2		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE
49		Bennett John M	2043	ENG	1½	0 - 1	1½	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR
50	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM	1½	½ - ½	1½		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE
51		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR	1½	1 - 0	1½		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM
52		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Al- Meghbali Ahmed	1438	UAE
53		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR
54	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA	1½	1 - 0	1½	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
55		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE
56		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND	1	0 - 1	1		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD
57		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD	1	0 - 1	1		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR

58	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD	1	1 - 0	1	WFM	Boshra Alshaebay	1925	JOR
59		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD	1	0 - 1	1		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND
60		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG	1	1 - 0	1	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR
61		Turarar	1997	KAZ	1	1 - 0	1		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE
62		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY	1	½ - ½	1		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA
63		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE	1	- - +	1		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD
64		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE	1	0 - 1	1	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI
65		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE
66	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY	1	1 - 0	1		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA
67		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA	½	1 - 0	1		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND
68		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE	½	½ - ½	½		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE
69		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE	0	- - +	½		Afshar Niussha	1993	IRI
70		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA	0	1 - 0	0		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND
		Al Zarooni Ahmed	1713	UAE	0	1 - -			Bye	0	

W: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

B: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 e5 4. Nf3 Bb4+ 5. Nc3 exd4 6. Nxd4 Nd7 7. Bxc4 Ngf6 8. O-O O-O 9. Bg5 Ne5 10. Be2 c6 11. a3 Be7 12. h3 Qc7 13. Be3 Rd8 14. Qe1 Ng6 15. f4 Bc5 16. Rd1 Bxd4 17. Bxd4 Nxf4 18. Bxf6 Nxe2+ 19. Nxe2 Rxd1 20. Qxd1 gxf6 21. Nf4 Kh8 22. Nh5 Be6 23. Nxf6 Qe5 24. Qd2 Kg7 25. Rf3 c5 26. Kh1 c4 27. a4 b6 28. Rf4 Rc8 29. Qf2 h6 30. Nd7 Qd6 31. Qg3+ Kh8 32. Qc3+ Kg8 33. Qg3+ Kh8 34. Qc3+ Kg8 35. Nf6+ Kf8 36. Rf3 Rd8 37. Rg3 Qc5 38. Kh2 Rd3 39. Rg8+ Ke7 40. e5 Bd7 41. Qe1 Ke6 42. Ng4 h5 43. Rh8 hxg4 44. Rh6+ f6 45. exf6+ Re3 46. f7+ Kxf7 47. Qf1+ Bf5 48. hxg4 Qe5+ 0-1



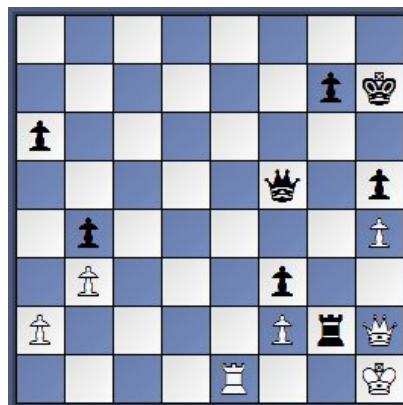
W: Mastrovasilis, Athanasios (GRE) 2535

B: Korobov, Anton (UKR) 2698

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 O-O 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nf3 c5 7. O-O Nc6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. dxc5 Bxc5 10. h3 Qe7 11. b3 Rd8 12. Bb2 Ne4 13. Ne2 Bf5 14. Ned4 Nxd4 15. Nxd4 Bg6 16. Qg4 h5 17. Qe2 a6 18. Rad1 Re8 19. Qf3 Qe5 20. h4 Be7 21. g3 Bf6 22. Ba1 Qc7 23. Bxe4 dxe4 24. Qg2 Rad8 25. Ne2 Bxa1 26. Rxa1 Bf5 27. Nd4 Bg4 28. Rfc1 Qe5 29. Rc4 b5 30. Rc2 Rxd4 31. exd4 Qxd4 32. Re1 Re6 33. Qf1 f5 34. Re3 f4 35. gxf4 Bf3 36. f5 Rf6 37. Rc1 Rxf5 38. Qh3 Rf4 39. Kf1 Qf6 40. Rcc3 b4 41. Rxf3 exf3 42. Re3 Kh7 43. Qg3 Qa1+ 44. Re1 Qd4 45. Qh3 Qd3+ 46. Kgl Rg4+ 47. Kh1 Qf5 48. Qh2 Rg2 0-1



Abu Dhabi Chess Club Chairman Hussein Khouri (center) visits the tournament, shown here with Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim (left) and Deputy Chief Arbiter IA Naji Mohamed Al Radhi.

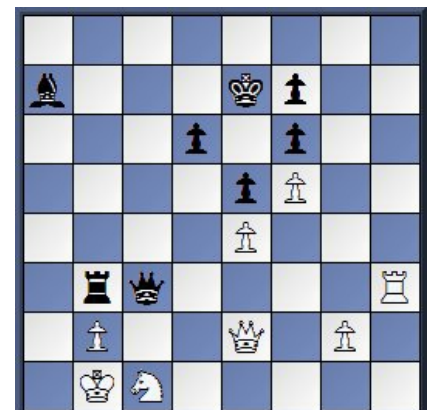


W: Akopian, Vladimir (ARM) 2674

B: Jankovic, Alojzije (CRO) 2554

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8. O-O O-O Bd7 9. f4 b5 10. Bxf6 gxf6 11. Kb1 Qb6 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. f5 Qc5 14. Bd3 b4 15. Ne2 e5 16. c3 b3 17. axb3 h5 18.

Qc2 a5 19. Bc4 Rb8 20. Bd5 Bd7 21. Nc1 Bh6 22. Nd3 Qb6 23. Qe2 Be3 24. Rhe1 Bg5 25. h4 Bxh4 26. Rh1 Bg5 27. Rxh5 Ke7 28. Rdh1 Rxh5 29. Rxh5 Bc6 30. Bxc6 Qxc6 31. b4 Qc4 32. bxa5 Qxc3 33. Rh8 Rb3 34. a6 Be3 35. Rh3 Bd4 36. a7 Bxa7 37. Nc1 1-0



Rd 5 action, from top, first named White, GMs unless otherwise indicated:

Eduardo Iturrizaga (VEN) vs. Zaven Andriasian (ARM)

Vladimir Akopian (ARM) vs. Alojzije Jankovic (CRO)

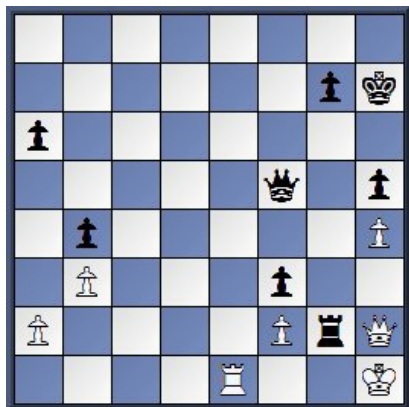
Mastrovasilis Athanasios (GRE) vs. Anton Korobov (UKR)

IM Ghosh Diptayan (IND) vs. Dragan Solac (TUR)

W: Kuzubov, Yuriy (UKR) 2639

B: Dizdar, Goran (CRO) 2513

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 d5 4. e5 d4 5. exf6 dxc3 6. bxc3 Qxf6 7. Bd3 e5 8. Nf3 Na6 9. O-O Bd6 10. Be2 Bg4 11. d4 Bxf3 12. Qxf3 Qxf3 13. gxf3 exd4 14. Re1+ Kd8 15. cxd4 c5 16. d5 Kc7 17. Bb2 Rhe8 18. a3 Rad8 19. Re4 Rxe4 20. fxe4 f6 21. Kh1 Be5 22. Bxe5+ fxe5 23. Rg1 g6 24. Rg5 Kd6 25. f4 exf4 26. e5+ Ke7 27. h4 Rf8 28. h5 f3 29. Kg1 Rf4 30. hxg6 hxg6 31. Rxg6 Rxc4 32. d6+ Kf8 33. Bf5 Rh4 34. d7 1-0



W: Bogner, Sebastian (SUI) 2587

B: Grover, Sahaj (IND) 2475

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. O-O O-O 6. c4 d6 7. Nc3 c6 8. Re1 Na6 9. b3 Qa5 10. Bb2 e5 11. e4 fxe4 12. Nxe4 Nxe4 13. Rxe4 Bf5 14. Re1 e4 15. Ng5 d5 16. cxd5 cxd5 17. f3 Nc5 18. fxe4 dxe4 19. Nxe4 Nxe4 20. Bxe4 Rae8 21. Bxf5 Qxf5 22. Rf1 Qe4 23. Re1 Qf5 24. Qd2 Bh6 25. Qg2 Be3+ 26. Kh1 Qd7 27. Rf1 Rxf1+ 28. Rxf1 Bxd4 29. Bxd4 Qxd4 30. Qxb7 Rf8 31. Rxf8+ Kxf8 32. Qf3+ Kg7 33. Qe2 Qd5+ 34. Kg1 Qd4+ 35. Kg2 Qd5+ 36. Kf2 Qd4+ 37. Kf3 Qd5+ 38. Ke3 Qe5+ 39. Kd3 Qb5+ 40. Kd2 Qa5+ 41. Kc1 Qc3+ 42. Kb1 Kh6 43. Qc4 Qa5 44. Qh4+ Kg7 45. Qd4+ Kf7 46. Kb2 h5 47. b4 Qa4 48. a3 Ke6 49. Qe3+ Kf6 50. Qd4+ Ke6 1-0

