



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



Solo leader GM Romain Edouard (right) shakes hands with GM Sebastian Bogner of Switzerland on table 1

Grandmaster Romain Edouard of France maintained solo lead after 7 rounds of the Dubai Open Chess Championship as leaders tread carefully to play draws in the homestretch at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE.

Edouard declined the Queen's Gambit of GM Sebastian Bogner of Switzerland and an early exchange of Queens on the 9th move led to a drawn Rook and Pawn endgame as they halved the point on the 31st move. The truce kept the solo lead for Edouard at 6 points. Bogner follows half a point behind at 5½ points together with Indian GM Abhijeet Gupta and GM Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan.

Gupta used the Gruenfeld Defense to reach a Rook and Knight endgame with a pawn up against GM Yuriy Kuzubov of

Ukraine when they drew on the 42nd move after a repetition of position.

Ismagambetov essayed the Steinitz Defense of the Ruy Lopez to beat GM Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova.

Iordachescu had to give up two Knights for a Rook on the 33rd move and, faced with further loss of a piece, resigned on the 45th move.

Kuzubov and 18 other players are bunched together with 5 points each, namely GMs Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela, top see Anton Korbov of Ukraine, Hrvoje Stevic, Ante Brkic and Goran Dizdar of Croatia, Zaven Andrianian and Tigran Petrosian of Armenia, Axel Bachmann of Paraguay, Pavel Kotsur and Petr Kostenko of Kazakhstan, Aleksandr Rakhmanov of Russia, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran,

Csaba Balogh of Hungary, Bassem Amin of Egypt, Mihajlo Stojanovic of Serbia, Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, Gawain Jones of England and IM Nico Georgiadis of Switzerland.

In the penultimate 8th round, Edouard is paired with GM Ismagambetov while Gupta faces Bogner in the top two matches. In the homestretch, leaders take fewer risks and usually tread careful draws.

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](#). At stake is the Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup. A total of \$50,000 in cash prizes is up for grabs for the first 16 places with a top prize of \$10,000 for the champion.

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Round 7 on 2014/04/13 at 17:30

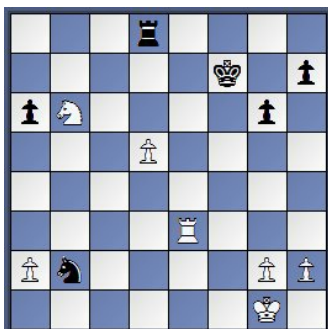
Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI	5	½ - ½	5½	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
2	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR	4½	½ - ½	5	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND
3	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR
4	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
5	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR
6	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS
7	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM
8	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ
9	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE
10	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU
11	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN
12	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG
13	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY
14	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR
15	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO
16	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS
17	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
18	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB
19	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ	4	1 - 0	4		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND
20	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO
21	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO
22		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE
23	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO	3½	½ - ½	4		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR
24	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI
25	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA	3½	0 - 1	3½	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
26	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ	3½	0 - 1	3½	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI
27	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	3½	0 - 1	3½	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS
28	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE
29		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND
30	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE	3	1 - 0	3½		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND
31	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE
32	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Fries Frederik	2154	GER
33	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
34	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD	3	0 - 1	3		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND
35	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK	3	1 - 0	3	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY
36	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR	3	1 - 0	3		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND
37	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA	3	1 - 0	3	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN
38		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR
39	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM	3	1 - 0	3	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR
40	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND	3	1 - 0	3	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR
41	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM	3	0 - 1	3		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND
42		Turar	1997	KAZ	3	0 - 1	3		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI
43		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD	3	0 - 1	3	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND
44	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI	3	0 - 1	3		Momeni E.	2194	IRI
45	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM	3	1 - 0	3		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE
46	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE	3	0 - 1	2½	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL
47		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY	2½	0 - 1	2½	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND
48		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE
49		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM	2½	½ - ½	2½		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR
50		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB
51		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE	2½	1 - 0	2½		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR
52		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR	2	0 - 1	2		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE
53		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE	2	1 - 0	2		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD
54	FM	Elmejri Ali A.	1962	LBA	2	½ - ½	2		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI
55	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY	2	1 - 0	2		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR
56	WFM	Boshra Alshaebay	1925	JOR	2	1 - 0	2		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM
57	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR	2	½ - ½	2	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN

58		Bennett John M	2043	ENG	2	½ - ½	2		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA
59	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD	2	1 - 0	2	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ
60		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR	2	1 - 0	2		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE
61		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND	2	0 - 1	2		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE
62		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG	2	1 - 0	2		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA
63		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI	2	1 - 0	2		Al Zarooni Ahmed	1713	UAE
64		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA	1½	1 - 0	1½		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE
65		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND
66		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD	1½	½ - ½	1½		Al- Meghbali Ahmed	1438	UAE
67		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA	1	½ - ½	1		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE
68		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE	1	0 - 1	1		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD
69		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE	1	½ - ½	1		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND
70		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE	0	1 - 0	1		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE

W: Kuzubov, Yuriy (UKR) 2639

B: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

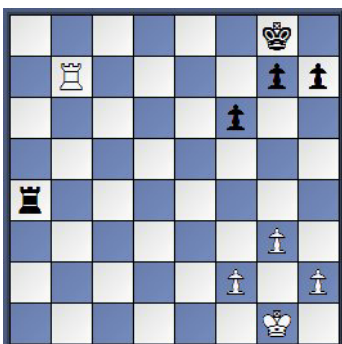
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5. Bxf6 Bxf6 6. cxd5 c5 7. dxc5 Nd7
8. Nf3 O-O 9. e3 Nxc5 10. Nd4 Qa5 11.
Bb5 a6 12. Be2 Bd7 13. O-O Rac8 14.
Rb1 Na4 15. Ne4 Bg7 16. Bf3 Rfd8 17.
Qb3 Qb6 18. Qa3 Nc5 19. Nd2 Bb5 20.
Rfc1 Bxd4 21. exd4 Nd3 22. Rxc8 Rxc8
23. Qxe7 Qxd4 24. Qe3 Qxe3 25. fxe3
Ne5 26. Nb3 Rd8 27. e4 f5 28. Rc1 b6 29.
Nd4 fxe4 30. Bxe4 Bd3 31. Nc6 Rd6 32.
Ne7+ Kf8 33. Nc8 Rd8 34. Bxd3 Nxd3
35. Rf1+ Ke8 36. Nxb6 Nxb2 37. Re1+
Kf7 38. Re3 Rb8 39. Rf3+ Ke7 40. Re3+
Kf7 41. Nd7 Rd8 42. Nb6 1/2-1/2



W: Bogner, Sebastian (SUI) 2587

B: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 c5 5.
cxd5 cxd4 6. Qxd4 exd5 7. e4 Nc6 8. Bb5
dxe4 9. Qxd8+ Kxd8 10. Ng5 Be6 11.
O-O Bb4 12. Ncxe4 Nxe4 13. Nxe4 Ke7
14. Be3 Rhd8 15. Ba4 Kf8 16. a3 Be7 17.
Nc5 Bc8 18. Rad1 Rxd1 19. Rxd1 Ne5
20. Bd4 Nc6 21. Be3 Ne5 22. Nd7+
Nxd7 23. Bxd7 Bf6 24. Bc5+ Kg8 25.
Bxc8 Rxc8 26. Bxa7 Bxb2 27. a4 f6 28.
g3 Ra8 29. Rb1 Rxa7 30. Rxb2 Rxa4 31.
Rxb7 1/2-1/2

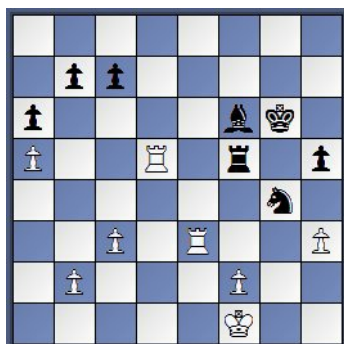


GM Abhijeet Gupta of India (left) vs. GM Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine.

W: Iordachescu, Viorel (MDA) 2601

B: Ismagambetov, Anuar (KAZ) 2493

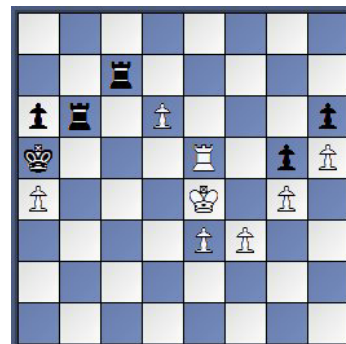
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. d3 d6
5. c3 Bd7 6. O-O g6 7. Nbd2 Bg7 8. Re1
O-O 9. a4 Qe8 10. d4 Nh5 11. Nb3 a6
12. Be2 Rd8 13. Bg5 f6 14. Be3 Kh8 15.
Rf1 Nf4 19. Bxf4 exf4 20. Re1 f5 21.
Bc4 Qf6 22. e5 dxe5 23. dxe5 Qh4 24.
Qe2 g5 25. Nf3 Qh6 26. e6 g4 27. Ne5
Bxe6 28. Bxe6 Qxe6 29. Nd4 Qg8 30.
Nd3 Ng6 31. Nc5 Rfe8 32. Nde6 Rd6 33.
Qc2 Rdx6 34. Nxe6 Rxe6 35. Qxf5 Ne5
36. Re4 Re7 37. Qxf4 Qf7 38. Qxf7 Rxf7
39. Rd1 h5 40. Rd5 Rf5 41. Kf1 Kh7 42.
a5 Kg6 43. h3 gxh3 44. gxh3 Bf6 45.
Re3 Ng4 0-1



W: Kostenko, Petr (KAZ) 2506

B: Lupulescu, Constantin (ROU) 2660

1. c4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. g3 dxc4 4. Bg2 a6
5. a4 Nc6 6. Na3 Na5 7. Qc2 Qd5 8. O-O
Nf6 9. Rd1 Bd7 10. d4 Qf5 11. Qc3 Nd5
12. Qe1 Bb4 13. Bd2 Bxd2 14. Nxd2
Nb6 15. Rdc1 O-O 16. Naxc4 Nbx4 17.
Nxc4 Nb3 18. Ne5 Nxc1 19. Qxc1 Bc6
20. Bxc6 bxc6 21. Nxc6 Qe4 22. Qc4
Rfe8 23. Rc1 Qd5 24. Qxd5 exd5 25. e3
Kf8 26. Rc5 Re6 27. Kg2 Rd6 28. g4 Ke8
29. Kg3 Kd7 30. Ne5+ Kc8 31. Nxf7
Rb6 32. Rxd5 Rxb2 33. Ng5 Rb4 34.
Ne6 Kb7 35. Nc5+ Kb6 36. Rd7 Rg8 37.
Re7 Rc4 38. h4 h6 39. h5 Rc1 40. f3
Rg1+ 41. Kf4 g5+ 42. Ke4 Rd8 43. Ne6
Rd6 44. Nxc7 Ka5 45. d5 Rb6 46. Re6
Rc1 47. d6 Rxc7 48. Re5+ 1-0



GMs in Round 7 action:., from top, first named White (photos by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh):

Tigran Petrosian (ARM) vs Axel Bachmann (PAR)

Ante Brkic (CRO) vs. Al;eksandr Rakhmanov (RUS)

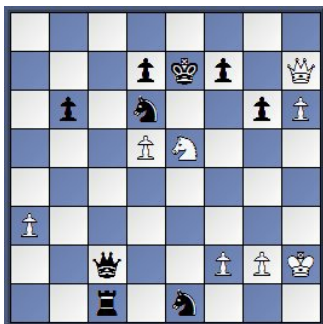
Viorel Iordachescu (MDA) vs. Anuar Ismagambetov (KAZ)

Petr Kostenko (KAZ) vs. Constantin Lupulescu (ROM)

W: Demuth, Adrien (FRA) 2482

B: Balogh, Csaba (HUN) 2656

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. d4 b6 4. a3 Bb7 5. Nc3 g6 6. d5 Bg7 7. e4 O-O 8. Be2 exd5 9. exd5 c6 10. O-O cxd5 11. cxd5 Na6 12. Bc4 Rc8 13. Ba2 Nc5 14. Re1 Re8 15. Be3 Ba6 16. Bd4 Nd3 17. Rxe8+ Nxe8 18. Bxg7 Kxg7 19. Qa4 Nxb2 20. Qxa6 Rxc3 21. Qxa7 Nd6 22. h4 Nd3 23. Rf1 Nc1 24. Qa6 Nxa2 25. Qe2 Nc1 26. Qd2 Qc7 27. h5 Qc4 28. h6+ Kf8 29. Re1 Nd3 30. Qg5 Nxe1 31. Ne5 Qc7 32. Qf6 Rc1 33. Kh2 Ke8 34. Qh8+ Ke7 35. Qxh7 Qc2 0-1



W: Ghosh, Diptayan (IND) 2485

B: Jones, Gawain C B (ENG) 2650

1. d4 d6 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 a6 5. Qd2 b5 6. f3 Nbd7 7. a4 b4 8. Nce2 Rb8 9. g4 Bb7 10. h4 e5 11. h5 exd4 12. Nxd4 Bg7 13. h6 Bf8 14. g5 Nh5 15. Rxh5 gxh5 16. Nh3 Ne5 17. Be2 Rg8 18. Nf2 Qd7 19. Nf5 d5 20. f4 dxe4 21. Qxd7+ Nxd7 22. Bxh5 Nf6 23. Be2 Nd5 24. Ng4 Rg6 25. Rd1 Nxe3 26. Ngxe3 Bd6 27. Nxd6+ Rxd6 28. Rxd6 cxd6 29. Ng4 Ke7 30. Nf6 Rh8 31. Kd2 d5 32. c3 bxc3+ 33. bxc3 Kd6 34. a5 Be8 35. c4 dxc4 36. Bxc4 Kc5 37. Kc3 Bf5 38. Bxa6 Rd8 39. Be2 e3 40. a6 Rd2 41. a7 Ra2 42. Bd3 Ra3+ 43. Kb2 Rxa7 0-1

