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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



GM Romain Edouard (left) shaking hands with GM Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan. (Photo by Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh)

Grandmasters Romain Edouard of France and Abhijeet Gupta of India beat their respective 8th round opponents to lead alone in first and second slots, respectively, after the penultimate round of the Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai.

Edouard smashed the Modern Benoni defense of GM Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan by controlling the center and attacking on the kingside. Constricted in space and facing a mating attack, Ismagambetov resigned on the 31st move, giving solo lead to Edouard at 7 points.

Gupta crushed the Slav Defense of GM Sebastian Bogner of Switzerland, penetrating with his Rook on the seventh rank on move 25. Bogner was forced to give the exchange on the 37th move and

resigned six moves later. Gupta is alone in second slot with 6.5 points.

Six players trail with 6 points each, namely GMs Hrvoje Stevic of Croatia, top seed Anton Korobov and Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine, Aleksandr Rakhmanov of Russia, Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela and Gawain Jones of England.

In the 8th round, Korobov beat GM Axel Bachmann of Paraguay, Jones outplayed GM Pavel Kotsur of Kazakhstan, Iturrizaga won over GM Goran Dizdar of Croatia, Rakhmanov bested GM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, Stevic beat GM Petr Kostenko of Kazakhstan and Kuzubov outplayed GM Mihajlo Stojanovic of Serbia.

Sixteen players follow with 5.5 points each in the race for the \$50,000 in cash prizes for the top 16 places with a first prize of \$10,000.

In the last round, leader Romain Edouard faces top seed GM Antono Korobov, Abhijeet Gupta meets Eduardo Iturrizaga, Stevic and Jones play each other while Ukraine's GM Yuriy Kuzubov has a chance to get even with Russian GM Aleksandr Rakhmanov.

Other exciting last round matches among 5.5 pointers, with first named playing White and GMs unless otherwise indicated, are: Andrei Istratescu (FRA) vs. Pontus Carlsson (SWE), Sebastian Bogner (SUI) vs. Csaba Balogh (HUN), Ante Brkic (CRO) vs. Bassem Amin (EGY), Ehsan Ghaem Maghami (IRI) vs. Dragan Solak (TUR), Alojzije Jankovic (CRO) vs. Mikhjeil Mchedlishvili (GEO), Tigran Petrosian (ARM) vs. Ebrahim Ahmadiania (IRI), Anuar Ismagambetov (KAZ) vs. Zaven Andriasian (ARM) and Sundar Shyam (IND) vs. Babu Lalith (IND).

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Round 8 on 2014/04/14 at 17:30

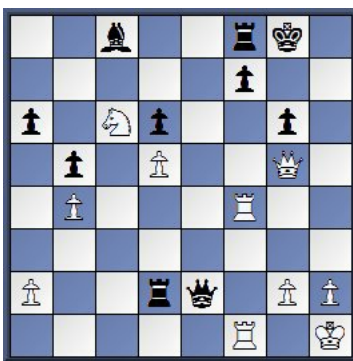
Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA	6	1 - 0	5½	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ
2	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	5½	1 - 0	5½	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI
3	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR
4	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN	5	½ - ½	5	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO
5	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ
6	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR
7	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY	5	½ - ½	5	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI
8	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN
9	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM	5	½ - ½	5	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM
10	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN
11	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO
12	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR	4½	1 - 0	5	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI
13	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM
14	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA
15	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO	4½	1 - 0	4½	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND
16		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	4½	½ - ½	4½	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA
17	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS	4½	0 - 1	4½	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
18	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND	4½	1 - 0	4½	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND
19	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO	4½	1 - 0	4½	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND
20	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE	4½	- - +	4½	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI
21	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE	4½	1 - 0	4½		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND
22		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND	4½	0 - 1	4	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND
23	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU	4	1 - 0	4	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR
24	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ	4	0 - 1	4	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI
25		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE
26		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND	4	½ - ½	4	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND
27	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA
28		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI	4	½ - ½	4	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB
29	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO
30		Momeni E.	2194	IRI	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND
31	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT
32	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND	4	½ - ½	4	IM	Ekdyshman Mikhail	2365	RUS
33		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND	4	1 - 0	4	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA
34		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND	4	0 - 1	4	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK
35	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL	3½	1 - 0	3½	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB
36		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ
37	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE
38	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE	3½	0 - 1	3½	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA
39	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI	3½	1 - 0	3½		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND
40		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE	3½	1 - 0	3½		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND
41	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN	3	0 - 1	3	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD
42	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR	3	½ - ½	3		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR
43		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE	3	0 - 1	3	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM
44	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE	3	1 - 0	3		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG
45	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI	3	0 - 1	3		Turar	1997	KAZ
46		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM	3	0 - 1	3		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI
47		Fries Frederik	2154	GER	3	1 - 0	3		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD
48		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE	3	0 - 1	3	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY
49	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI	3	½ - ½	3	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD
50		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND	3	0 - 1	3		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE
51		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR	3	1 - 0	3	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY
52	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR	3	0 - 1	3	WFM	Boshra Alshaeby	1925	JOR
53		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR	3	0 - 1	3	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE
54		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE	3	1 - 0	2½		Bennett John M	2043	ENG
55		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI	2½	1 - 0	2½	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR
56		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB	2½	0 - 1	2½		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA
57	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN	2½	1 - 0	2½		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND

58	Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR	2½	1 - 0	2½		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY
59	Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA	2½	1 - 0	2½	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	1962	LBA
60	Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD	2	½ - ½	2½		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND
61	Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA	2	0 - 1	2		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR
62	Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR	2	1 - 0	2		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND
63	Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM	2	1 - 0	2		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD
64	WFM Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	2	1 - 0	2		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD
65	Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE	2	1 - 0	2		Al- Meghbali Ahmed	1438	UAE
66	Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA
67	Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE	1½	1 - 0	1½		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE
68	Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND	1½	1 - 0	1½		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE
69	Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE
	Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE	1	1 - -			Bye	0	

W: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

B: Ismagambetov, Anuar (KAZ) 2493

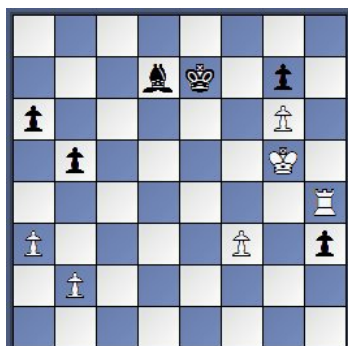
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. f4 Bg7 8. Bb5+ Nfd7 9. Nf3 O-O 10. O-O a6 11. Bd3 b5 12. Kh1 c4 13. Bc2 Nc5 14. f5 Nbd7 15. Bg5 Bf6 16. Qd2 Ra7 17. b4 Nd3 18. Bxf6 Qxf6 19. Bxd3 cxd3 20. Qxd3 Rc7 21. Ne2 Ne5 22. Nxe5 Qxe5 23. Nd4 Rc4 24. Rad1 Re8 25. fxe6 hxe6 26. Qf3 Rf8 27. Nc6 Qxe4 28. Qg3 Rc2 29. Rd4 Qe2 30. Rdf4 Rd2 31. Qg5 1-0



W: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

B: Bogner, Sebastian (SUI) 2587

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 a6 5. e3 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Qb3 Qc7 8. cxd5 Nxe5 9. dxe5 Nxd5 10. Nxd5 cxd5 11. Bd2 e6 12. Rc1 Qd7 13. Be2 Be7 14. Ba5 Rc8 15. Rxc8+ Qxc8 16. Kd2 O-O 17. Rc1 Qa8 18. Qc3 h6 19. a3 f6 20. Bb4 d4 21. exd4 Bxb4 22. Qxb4 fxe5 23. g4 Bg6 24. Qd6 exd4 25. Rc7 b5 26. Qxe6+ Bf7 27. Qf5 Qd5 28. Bd3 Qxf5 29. Bxf5 Bc4 30. f3 h5 31. h3 h4 32. Be4 Bf1 33. Rc5 Rf6 34. g5 Rf4 35. g6 Bxh3 36. Re5 Bd7 37. Re7 Rxe4 38. Rxe4 h3 39. Rxd4 Be8 40. Rh4 Bd7 41. Ke3 Kf8 42. Kf4 Ke7 43. Kg5 1-0

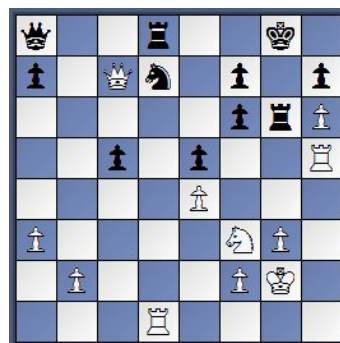


GM Abhijeet Gupta (right) pondering his strategy before his game with GM Sebastian Bogner (left) of Switzerland.

W: Korobov, Anton (UKR) 2698

B: Bachmann, Axel (PAR) 2598

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. Nf3 d5 6. a3 Bxc3+ 7. Qxc3 dxc4 8. Qxc4 b6 9. Bg5 Ba6 10. Qc2 c5 11. dxc5 bxc5 12. e4 Bxf1 13. Kxf1 Qb6 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. h4 Nd7 16. Rh3 Kh8 17. h5 Rg8 18. Rd1 Rad8 19. Kg1 Qc7 20. h6 Qf4 21. Qd3 Qb8 22. Qc3 Rg4 23. g3 Kg8 24. Rh5 Rg6 25. Nh4 Rg4 26. Nf3 Rg6 27. Kg2 Qa8 28. Qa5 e5 29. Qc7 1-0

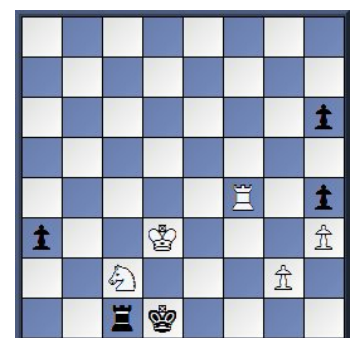


W: Jones, Gawain (ENG) 2650

B: Kotsur, Pavel (KAZ) 2557

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Nd7 4. O-O a6 5. Bd3 e6 6. c3 Ne7 7. Bc2 d5 8. exd5

Nxd5 9. d4 cxd4 10. Nxd4 g6 11. Re1 Nc7 12. Bf4 Nf6 13. Qf3 Ncd5 14. Bg5 Be7 15. Ba4+ Bd7 16. Bxd7+ Qxd7 17. c4 h6 18. Bh4 Nf4 19. Qxf4 g5 20. Qe5 gxh4 21. Nc3 O-O-O 22. Nf5 Ng4 23. Nxe7+ Qxe7 24. Qf4 Rhg8 25. Nd5 Qe5 26. b4 Nxf2 27. bxc5 Nh3+ 28. Kf1 Nxf4 29. Nxf4 Rd4 30. Nh3 Rxc4 31. Rac1 Rgg4 32. Nf2 Rxc1 33. Rxc1 Ra4 34. Rc2 Kc7 35. h3 f5 36. Re2 Kc6 37. Rxe6+ Kxc5 38. Nd3+ Kd4 39. Nc1 Kc3 40. Rb6 Kc2 41. Ne2 Rxa2 42. Rxb7 a5 43. Ke1 Ra1+ 44. Kf2 a4 45. Ke3 a3 46. Nd4+ Kd1 47. Rb3 f4+ 48. Kd3 Kc1 49. Rb6 Kd1 50. Rb3 Kc1 51. b4 Kd1 52. Nc2 Rc1 53. Rxf4 1-0



From top, first named White: FM Pourramezani Amirreza (IRI) vs. GM Vladimir Akopian (ARM)

GM Bassem Amin (EGY) vs. GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami (IRI)

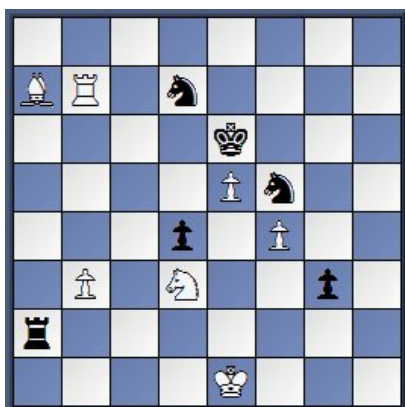
GM Dragan Solak (TUR) vs. Nico Georgiadis (SUI)

GM Stojanovic Mihajlo (SRB)

W: Kostenko, Petr (KAZ) 2506

B: Stevic, Hrvoje (CRO) 2607

1. c4 e5 2. g3 d6 3. Nc3 f5 4. d4 c6 5. dxe5 dxe5 6. Qxd8+ Kxd8 7. Nf3 Bd6 8. Bg5+ Kc7 9. c5 Bxc5 10. Nxe5 Be6 11. Rc1 Nd7 12. Nd3 Be7 13. Bf4+ Kd8 14. Bh3 g5 15. Be3 Ke8 16. Bg2 Bf6 17. Bd2 Ne7 18. b3 Kf7 19. f4 g4 20. e4 Bd4 21. h3 h5 22. e5 h4 23. hxg4 hxg3 24. gxf5 Nxf5 25. Ne4 Rxh1+ 26. Bxh1 Rh8 27. Bf3 Bd5 28. Bc3 Rh2 29. Nd6+ Nxd6 30. Bxd5+ cxd5 31. Bxd4 Nf5 32. Bxa7 Rxa2 33. Rc7 Ke6 34. Rxb7 d4 0-1



W: Stojanovic, Mihajlo (SRB) 2568

B: Kuzubov, Yuriy (UKR) 2639

1. Nf3 g6 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. Bf4 O-O 6. e3 c5 7. dxc5 Qa5 8. Rc1 Ne4 9. Be5 Bxe5 10. Nxe5 Nc6 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. cxd5 Nxc3 13. Rxc3 Rb8 14. Qd2 Rd8 15. Rb3 Qxd2+ 16. Kxd2 Rxd5+ 17. Kc3 Rxb3+ 18. axb3 Rd1 19. g3 Rc1+ 20. Kb4 Be6 21. Bg2 a5+ 22. Kxa5 Rxc5+ 23. Kb4 Rc2 24. Ka3 c5 25. Rf1 f5 26. Bc6 g5 27. e4 f4 28. gxf4 gxf4 29. h4 Bh3 30. Rg1+ Kf7 31. f3 e5 32. Rg5 Kf6 33. Rh5 Rf2 34. Rxh7 Rxf3 35. Bd5 Rd3 36. Rf7+ Kg6 37. Rf8 f3 38. h5+ Kg7 39. Rg8+ Kh7 40. Rf8 Bg4 41. Ka4 Rxd5 42. exd5 e4 43. Rf4 e3 44. Rxc4 f2 45. Rf4 e2 46. Rxf2 e1=Q 47. Rf4 Qa1+ 48. Kb5 Qxb2 49. Kxc5 Qxb3 50. d6 Qb7 51. Rd4 Qd7 52. Re4 Qa7+ 53. Kd5 Qb7+ 54. Kd4 Kh6 55. Re7 Qb5 56. Re6+ Kg7 57. h6+ Kh7 58. Ke4 Kg8 59. Rf6 Qc5 60. Re6 Qa5 61. Rf6 Qg5 62. Re6 Qd2 63. Rf6 Qa2 64. Ke5 Qe2+ 65. Kf4 Kh7 66. Rf7+ Kg6 67. Rg7+ Kxh6 68. Re7 Qb5 69. Rc7 Qd5 70. Rd7 Qg5+ 0-1

