



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



French GM Romain Edouard (second from left) receives the cup and winner's prize from General Secretary Ibrahim Abdulmalik of the General Authority of Youth and Sports. Looking on are, from left, Dr. Ahmed Al Sharif, General Secretary of the Dubai Sports Council, Dubai Chess Club president Ibrahim Al Bannai and General Coordinator Mohammed Hussein.

French GM Romain Edouard, 23, defeated top seed GM Anton Korobov of Ukraine yesterday to win the 16th Dubai Open Chess Championship alone in first place, undefeated with an impressive 8 points out of 9 rounds. Edouard won the Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup and the top cash prize of \$10,000 in the event organized by the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, UAE.

The Frenchman played the Black side of a Queen's Pawn game and sacrificed the exchange of a Rook for Knight on the 30th move to expose his opponent's castled King. Faced with a mating net, Korobov resigned two moves later.

GM Abhijeet Gupta of India lost to GM Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela. Gupta used the Gruenfeld defense but was squeezed in as Iturrizaga maintained the initiative of the White pieces and controlled the center files. Gupta was

forced to exchange Queens on the 22nd move and lost two pawns which proved crucial in the endgame where he resigned on the 51st move. The win gave Iturrizaga a total of 7 points and a share of 2nd and 3rd places.

GM Yuriy Kozubov of Ukraine extracted revenge against Russian GM Aleksandr Rakhmanov to finish in a tie Iturrizaga at 7 points each. Kuzubov crushed the Modern Defense of Rakhmanov in 58 moves. The Ukrainian created passed pawns on both wings and managed to promote his pawn to a Queen when the Russian resigned on the 58th move.

Gupta finished in a tie for 4th to 9th places at 6.5 points each together with GMs Zaven Andriasian and Tigran L. Petrosian of Armenia, Hrvoje Stevic of Croatia, Andrei Istratescu of France and Gawain Jones of England. Andriasian beat GM Anuar Ismagambetov of

Kazakhstan, Petrosian outplayed IM Ebrahim Ahmadiania of Iran, Stevic and Jones drew with each other while Istratescu won over Pontus Carlsson of Sweden.

Nineteen other players trail with 6 points each to share in the spoils, namely Korobov Anton of Ukraine, Rakhmanov Aleksandr or Russia, Akopian Vladimir of Armenia, Kotsur Pavel and Petr Kostenko of Kazakhstan, Balogh Csaba of Hungary, Rahman Ziaur of Bangladesh, Brkic Ante and Jankovic Alojzije of Croatia, Ghaem Maghami Ehsan of Iran, Solak Dragan of Turkey, Shyam Sundar and Babu Lalith of India, Bogner Sebastian and IM Nico Georgiadis of Switzerland, Amin Bassem of Egypt, Iordachescu Viorel of Moldova, Mchedlishvili Mikheil of Georgia, Stojanovic Mihajlo of Serbia.

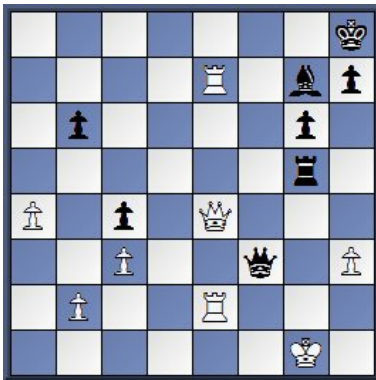
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Round 9 on 2014/04/15 at 17:30

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR	6	0 - 1	7	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA
2	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN	6	1 - 0	6½	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND
3	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO	6	½ - ½	6	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG
4	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR	6	1 - 0	6	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS
5	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA	5½	1 - 0	5½	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE
6	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI	5½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN
7	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO	5½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY
8	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI	5½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR
9	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO	5½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO
10	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM	5½	1 - 0	5½	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI
11	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ	5½	0 - 1	5½	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM
12	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND	5½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND
13	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND
14	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA	5	½ - ½	5	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU
15	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA	5	1 - 0	5	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO
16	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR	5	½ - ½	5	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND
17	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB
18	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ	5	1 - 0	5	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI
19	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE	5	½ - ½	5		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR
20	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI	5	1 - 0	5	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO
21	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN	5	1 - 0	5		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND
22	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT	5	0 - 1	5	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ
23	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI	5	0 - 1	4½	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS
24	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND	4½	½ - ½	4½	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND
25	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND	4½	½ - ½	4½		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND
26	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB	4½	1 - 0	4½	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI
27	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND	4½	1 - 0	4½		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE
28	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ	4½	0 - 1	4½	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL
29	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA	4½	1 - 0	4½	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS
30	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND	4½	1 - 0	4½	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND
31	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS	4½	0 - 1	4½		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI
32		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND	4½	½ - ½	4½		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND
33	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ
34	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR	4	1 - 0	4		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR
35	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD	4	½ - ½	4		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND
36		Turar	1997	KAZ	4	½ - ½	4	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
37	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM	4	0 - 1	4		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE
38		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE	4	0 - 1	4	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND
39	WFM	Boshra Alshaebay	1925	JOR	4	1 - 0	4	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM
40		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI	4	0 - 1	4	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE
41	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE	4	1 - 0	4		Fries Frederik	2154	GER
42	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY	4	½ - ½	4		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND
43		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR
44		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE	3½	0 - 1	3½	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE
45	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB	3½	1 - 0	3½	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN
46		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND	3½	1 - 0	3½	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI
47	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD	3½	1 - 0	3½		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR
48		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR	3½	0 - 1	3½		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND
49		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA	3½	0 - 1	3½		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI
50	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN	3	½ - ½	3½		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA
51		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR	3	½ - ½	3		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR
52		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG	3	0 - 1	3	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
53		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD	3	0 - 1	3		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM
54		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND	3	1 - 0	3		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE
55	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	3	0 - 1	3		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR
56	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY	3	0 - 1	3		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM
57		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND	3	0 - 1	3	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR

58		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB	2½	- - -	3		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE
59		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD
60		Bennett John M	2043	ENG	2½	1 - 0	2½		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE
61	FM	Elmejri Ali A.	1962	LBA	2½	1 - 0	2½		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND
62	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR	2½	1 - 0	2½		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND
63		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD	2	1 - 0	2		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE
64		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD	2	1 - 0	2		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA
65		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE	2	0 - 1	2		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND
66		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE	1½	½ - ½	1½		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE
67		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA	1½	+ - -	1		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE

W: Korobov, Anton (UKR) 2698
B: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

1. d4 d5 2. Bf4 Nf6 3. Nf3 g6 4. e3 Bg7
5. h3 O-O 6. Nbd2 c5 7. c3 b6 8. a4 Nc6
9. Be2 Nd7 10. Qb3 e5 11. Qxd5 exf4 12.
Qxc6 fxe3 13. fxe3 Rb8 14. O-O Nf6
15. Rae1 Qe7 16. Bd3 Bb7 17. Qb5 Nh5
18. Qb3 Kh8 19. d5 Ng3 20. Rf2 f5 21.
e4 fxe4 22. Nxe4 Nxe4 23. Rxe4 Qf7 24.
Bc4 Rbd8 25. Rfe2 Bxd5 26. Bxd5 Rxd5
27. Re7 Qf5 28. Rxa7 Qd3 29. Qc2 c4 30.
Rae7 Rxf3 31. gxf3 Qxf3 32. Qe4 Rg5+
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W: Iturrizaga, Eduardo (VEN) 2635
B: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

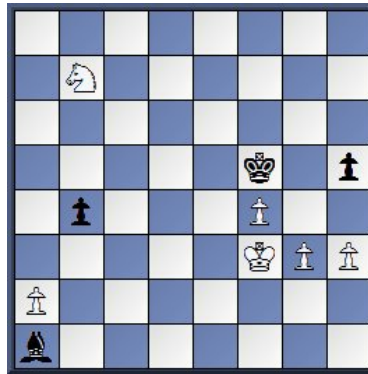
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5
Nxd5 5. Qb3 Nb6 6. d4 Bg7 7. Bf4 Be6
8. Qa3 O-O 9. e4 c6 10. Be2 Bg4 11. Ng5
Bxe2 12. Nxe2 h6 13. Nf3 N8d7 14. O-O
c5 15. Rac1 cxd4 16. Bc7 Qe8 17. Nexd4
e5 18. Nb5 Nf6 19. Qb3 Nxe4 20. Rfe1
Nf6 21. Nxe5 Qe6 22. Qxe6 fxe6 23.
Nxxg6 Rf7 24. Ne5 Rff8 25. Ng6 Rf7 26.
Rxe6 Nbd5 27. Bg3 Nh5 28. Be5 Nhf4
29. Nxf4 Nxf4 30. Bxf4 Rxf4 31. b3 Rd8
32. g3 Rf3 33. Rc2 a6 34. Nd6 Rd7 35.
Kg2 Rf8 36. f4 Kh7 37. Ne8 Ba1 38. Kf3
Rd3+ 39. Kg4 Rf7 40. Nd6 Rg7+ 41. Kh3
Rd5 42. Ne4 Rf7 43. Rc5 Rxc5 44. Nxc5
Rc7 45. b4 a5 46. Rb6 axb4 47. Rxb7
Rxb7 48. Nxb7 Kg6 49. Kg4 h5+ 50. Kf3
Kf5 51. h3 1-0

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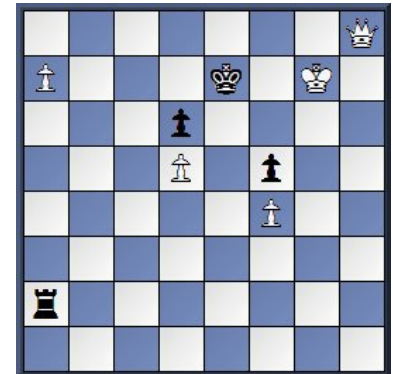
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B: Rakhmanov, Aleksandr (RUS) 2610
1. c4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nc6 5.



GM Romain Edouard of France (right) shaking hands with top seed GM Anton Korobov of Ukraine. Looking on are Mohammed Hussein (right) and Deputy Chief Arbiter IA Naji Mohamed Al Radhi.



d5 Nd4 6. Be3 e5 7. Nge2 Nxe2 8. Bxe2
f5 9. exf5 gxf5 10. Bh5+ Kf8 11. f4 e4
12. c5 Nf6 13. O-O Bd7 14. Rc1 b6
15. cxd6 cxd6 16. a4 Rc8 17. Be2 h5 18.
Qd2 Ng4 19. Bxg4 Bxc3 20. Rxc3 hxg4
21. Rxc8 Bxc8 22. Rc1 Bd7 23. Bf2 Kf7
24. Qd4 Rh7 25. Rc3 Qh8 26. Rc7 Ke7
27. Qxh8 Rxh8 28. Rxa7 Rc8 29. Bxb6
Rc1+ 30. Kf2 Rc2+ 31. Kg3 Rxb2 32. a5
Rb3+ 33. Kf2 Rb2+ 34. Kg3 Rb3+ 35.
Kh4 e3 36. Kg3 Ke8 37. Ra8+ Kf7 38.
Ra7 Ke8 39. Kh4 e2 40. Bf2 Rb1 41. a6
e1=Q 42. Bxe1 Rxe1 43. Rb7 Ra1 44. a7
Ke7 45. Kg5 Ra3 46. Kg6 Ra2 47. h4
gxxh3 48. gxxh3 Rg2+ 49. Kh6 Ra2 50. h4
Ra1 51. h5 Ra2 52. Kg7 Rg2+ 53. Kh8
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Kxd7 57. Kg7 Ke7 58. h8=Q 1-0

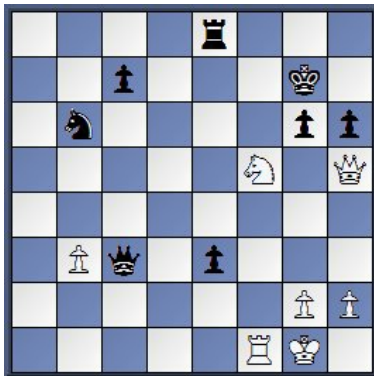


W: Istratescu, Andrei (FRA) 2667
B: Carlsson, Pontus (SWE) 2486
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Ba6 5.
Qb3 c5 6. d5 exd5 7. cxd5 d6 8. g3 g6 9.
Bf4 Bg7 10. Qe3+ Qe7 11. Qxe7+ Kxe7
12. Nc3 Nbd7 13. e4 Bxf1 14. Rxf1 Ng4
15. O-O-O a6 16. Kc2 b5 17. h3 Nge5 18.
Bg5+ Kf8 19. Nxe5 Nxe5 20. Bc1 Nf3
21. Ne2 c4 22. Ng1 Nd4+ 23. Kb1 Re8
24. Rfe1 Nb3 25. Bf4 Ke7 26. Be3 Kd7
27. f3 Rhf8 28. Ne2 Re7 29. Nc3 Rb8 30.
Kc2 f5 31. Bg5 Ree8 32. Kb1 Nc5 33.
exf5 gxf5 34. g4 Nd3 35. Rxe8 Rxe8 36.
gxf5 Rf8 37. f6 Bxf6 38. Bxf6 Rxf6 39.
Rg1 Rf7 40. Rg8 Rxf3 41. Rg7+ Kd8 42.
Ne4 Re3 43. Nxd6 Nc5 44. Rxh7 Na4 45.
Nb7+ Kc8 46. d6 Nb6 47. Rc7+ Kb8 48.
Nc5 Re1+ 49. Kc2 1-0

W: Akopian, Vladimir (ARM) 2674

B: Debashis, Das (IND) 2504

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6
5. O-O b5 6. Bb3 Bc5 7. c3 d6 8. a4 Rb8
9. d4 Bb6 10. axb5 axb5 11. Qd3 O-O
12. Bg5 h6 13. Bxf6 Qxf6 14. Qxb5 Bb7
15. Bd5 Na7 16. dxe5 dxe5 17. Qe2
Bxd5 18. exd5 Rbe8 19. Ra4 Qd6 20.
Rd1 f5 21. Na3 e4 22. Nd4 Qxd5 23. Nc4
Nc8 24. Nxb6 Nxb6 25. Rb4 f4 26. Rb5
Qc4 27. Qg4 Rf7 28. Rf5 e3 29. fxe3
fxe3 30. b3 Qxc3 31. Rxf7 Kxf7 32.
Qh5+ g6 33. Rf1+ Kg7 34. Nf5+

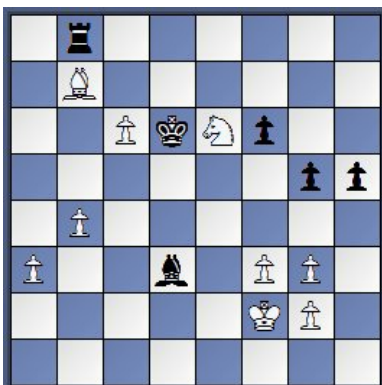


34... gxf5 35. Qxe8 Qd4 36. Qe7+ Kg8
37. Qe6+ Kg7 38. Kh1 Nd5 39. Qd7+
Kg8 40. Qxf5 1-0

W: Kotsur, Pavel (KAZ) 2557

B: Pourramezanali, Amirreza IRI 2435

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. cxd5
exd5 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 c6 7. Bd3 Nbd7
8. Qc2 Nh5 9. Bxe7 Qxe7 10. Nge2 Nb6
11. O-O g6 12. Rae1 O-O 13. Nc1 Be6
14. f3 c5 15. dxc5 Qxc5 16. Nb3 Qe7 17.
Nd4 Rac8 18. Qf2 Ng7 19. Rc1 Bd7 20.
Rf1 Ne6 21. Rcd1 Nxd4 22. exd4 Qd6
23. a3 Rfe8 24. Qg3 Qxg3 25. hxg3
Rxe1+ 26. Rxe1 Re8 27. Rd1 h5 28. Kf2
Kg7 29. Ne2 Kf6 30. Nf4 Re8 31. Re1
Re8 32. Rc1 Ke7 33. Rc7 Rb8 34. b4
Kd6 35. Rc5 a6 36. Be2 g5 37. Nd3 Nc4
38. Bb3 b6 39. Bxc4 bxc5 40. dxc5+ Kc7
41. Bxa6 d4 42. Ne5 Be8 43. Nc4 f6 44.
Nd6 Bg6 45. Nb5+ Kc6 46. Nxd4+ Kd5
47. c6 Kd6 48. Bb7 Bd3 49. Ne6 1-0



GM Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela (right) vs. GM Abhijeet Gupta of India



GM Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine (right) vs. GM Aleksandr Rakhmanov of Russia.



GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran (right) vs. GM Dragan Solak of Turkey