



16th Dubai Open Chess Championship

Bulletin 6

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Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup



GM Romain Edouard of France (left) shakes hands with GM Vladimir Akopian of Armenia as Chief Arbiter Mahdi Abdulrahim starts the top board game.

French GM Romain Edouard beat former Dubai Open champion GM Vladimir Akopian of Armenia in the 6th round Saturday to maintain solo lead with 5½ points at the homestretch of the Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai.

Edouard penetrated the Sicilian Defense of Akopian with two Rooks on the seventh rank and transposed to the endgame with the advantage of two pieces for a Rook. Facing two passed pawns, Akopian resigned on the 74th move.

Former Dubai Open champion Abhijeet Gupta of India and Sebastian Bogner of Switzerland trail in second slot at 5 points each. Gupta outplayed GM Pavel Kotsur of Kazakhstan who used the Queen's Fianchetto Defense. Faced with

mate or loss of a piece, Kotsur resigned on the 53rd move. Bogner won a piece early in the opening against the Sicilian Defense of GM Constantin Lupulescu of Romania who resigned on the 24th move.

Thirteen other players are bunched together with 4½ points each, namely, GMs Axel Bachmann of Paraguay, Eduardo Iturrizaga of Venezuela, Hrvoje Stevic and Ante Brkic of Croatia, Zaven Andriasian of Armenia, Anuar Ismagambetov of Kazakhstan, Anton Korobov and Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami of Iran, Aleksandr Rakhmanov of Russia, Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova, Tigran L. Petrosian of Armenia and Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh.

In the three other decisive games in the lead pack, Rahman smashed the Modern

Defense of Istratescu in 72 moves, Petrosian used the Slav Defense to beat GM Babu Lalith of India in 56 moves while Brkic beat Amirreza Pourramezanali of Iran from the black side of a Guico Piano when he was about to promote a pawn on the 63rd move.

The other games among the leaders were drawn. Akopian, Kotsur and 27 other players trail with 4 points each with three rounds to go in the 9-round Swiss System tournament.

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](#). 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 6 on 2014/04/12 at 18:00

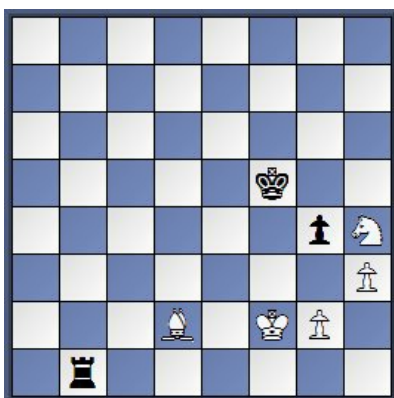
Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts	Res.	Pts		Name	Rtg	FED
1	GM	Edouard Romain	2670	FRA	4½	1 - 0	4	GM	Akopian Vladimir	2674	ARM
2	GM	Korobov Anton	2698	UKR	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	2601	MDA
3	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	2660	ROU	4	0 - 1	4	GM	Bogner Sebastian	2587	SUI
4	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2603	ARM	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Kuzubov Yuriy	2639	UKR
5	GM	Bachmann Axel	2598	PAR	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Iturrizaga Bonelli Eduardo	2635	VEN
6	GM	Gupta Abhijeet	2630	IND	4	1 - 0	4	GM	Kotsur Pavel	2557	KAZ
7	GM	Rakhmanov Aleksandr	2610	RUS	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Ghaem Maghami Ehsan	2556	IRI
8	GM	Ismagambetov Anuar	2493	KAZ	4	½ - ½	4	GM	Stevic Hrvoje	2607	CRO
9	GM	Rahman Ziaur	2513	BAN	3½	1 - 0	3½	GM	Istratescu Andrei	2667	FRA
10	GM	Balogh Csaba	2656	HUN	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Shyam Sundar M.	2481	IND
11	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2650	ENG	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Debashis Das	2504	IND
12	GM	Solak Dragan	2635	TUR	3½	½ - ½	3½	IM	Ashwin Jayaram	2454	IND
13	GM	Mchedlishvili Mikheil	2628	GEO	3½	½ - ½	3½	IM	Ghosh Diptayan	2485	IND
14	GM	Lalith Babu M.R.	2594	IND	3½	0 - 1	3½	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2627	ARM
15	GM	Volkov Sergey	2600	RUS	3½	½ - ½	3½	IM	Georgiadis Nico	2421	SUI
16	FM	Pourramezanali Amirreza	2435	IRI	3½	0 - 1	3½	GM	Brkic Ante	2568	CRO
17		Raes Abdul Kader	2248	SYR	3½	½ - ½	3½	GM	Kostenko Petr	2506	KAZ
18	GM	Jumabayev Rinat	2580	KAZ	3	1 - 0	3½	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEO
19	GM	Amin Bassem	2637	EGY	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Isaev Jamshed	2331	TJK
20	GM	Stojanovic Mihajlo	2568	SRB	3	1 - 0	3		Deshpande Aniruddha	2287	IND
21	GM	Jankovic Alojzije	2554	CRO	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Mohannad Farhan	2313	JOR
22		Abhishek Kelkar	2300	IND	3	1 - 0	3	GM	Mastrovasilis Athanasios	2535	GRE
23	GM	Dizdar Goran	2513	CRO	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Gameel Mohamed	2216	YEM
24	GM	Cicak Slavko	2507	SWE	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Al-Hadarani Hatim	2249	YEM
25	GM	Carlsson Pontus	2486	SWE	3	1 - 0	3	WIM	Ivana Maria Furtado	2204	IND
26	IM	Demuth Adrien	2482	FRA	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Khalafova Narmin	2160	AZE
27	GM	Grover Sahaj	2475	IND	3	1 - 0	3	WFM	Derakhshani Dorsa	2154	IRI
28	FM	Tabatabaei M.Amin	2298	IRI	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Vakhidov Jahongir	2472	UZB
29	WGM	Khademalsharieh Sarasadat	2292	IRI	3	½ - ½	3	IM	Das Sayantan	2371	IND
30	IM	Nezad Husein Aziz	2366	QAT	3	1 - 0	3	FM	Mayed Al-Rashedi	1838	UAE
31		Karthik V. Ap	2250	IND	3	1 - 0	3	IM	Ekdysman Mikhail	2365	RUS
32		Tabada Jobannie C.	2210	PHI	3	0 - 1	3	IM	Ahmadinia Ebrahim	2353	IRI
33	WGM	Makropoulou Marina	2201	GRE	3	½ - ½	3	WGM	Saduakassova Dinara	2342	KAZ
34	IM	Kanter Eduard	2406	RUS	2½	1 - 0	3		Nimmy A.G.	2116	IND
35		Nishant Malhotra	2118	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½	IM	Kjartansson Gudmundur	2440	ISL
36		Ravi Teja S.	2354	IND	2½	1 - 0	2½		Pratyusha Bodda	2149	IND
37	CM	Prince Bajaj	2319	IND	2½	0 - 1	2½		Siva Mahadevan	2105	IND
38	WGM	Schneider Veronika	2307	HUN	2½	½ - ½	2½		Ahmed Fareed	1767	UAE
39		Rafee Mohd Hayel	1907	SYR	2½	0 - 1	2½	FM	Gulamali Kazim	2293	USA
40	WGM	Kryvoruchko Vita	2229	UKR	2½	½ - ½	2½	WGM	Partac Elena	2101	MDA
41		Asmar Elie	2062	LIB	2½	0 - 1	2½	FM	Igonin Temur	2194	UZB
42		Krishna C.R.G.	2343	IND	2	1 - 0	2½		Harikrishnan Samyuktha	1439	IND
43	WIM	Blanco Acevedo Maria Carolina	2051	VEN	2	0 - 1	2	IM	Swapnil S. Dhopade	2438	IND
44		Lokander Martin	2280	SWE	2	½ - ½	2		Jacobson Erik	2056	SWE
45		Momeni E.	2194	IRI	2	1 - 0	2	CM	Ahmed Holi Ali Moawia	2039	SUD
46		Sultan Ibrahim	2037	UAE	2	0 - 1	2	FM	Al Badani Abdu	2175	YEM
47		Rodrigues Inacio	2019	IND	2	1 - 0	2		Basil Alshouha	2160	JOR
48		Fries Frederik	2154	GER	2	1 - 0	2		Al Yaghshi M. Hisham	2037	SYR
49		Osman Abdelgadir	2153	SUD	2	0 - 1	2	FM	Harshal Shahi	2020	IND
50	WGM	Mona Khaled	2140	EGY	2	1 - 0	2		Rice Chris B	2014	ENG
51		Guliyev Gasan Alipasha	1974	AZE	2	0 - 1	2	CM	Nadir Samir	2133	SUD
52		Marcos Marvin	2111	PHI	2	0 - 1	2		Turar	1997	KAZ
53		Ahmed Al Khatib	2101	JOR	2	0 - 1	2		Mahmoud Haitham	1979	SUD
54		Al-Subaihi Khalil	2099	YEM	2	0 - 1	2	CM	Derakhshani Borna	1964	IRI
55	CM	Alattar Rakan	2059	JOR	2	1 - 0	2	FM	Elmejbri Ali A.	1962	LBA
56		Abo-Hazeem Mohammed	2058	JOR	2	1 - 0	2	CM	Meier Kurt	1936	SEY
57		Tuomainen Felix	1940	SWE	2	0 - 1	1½		Al-Aqrabi Saleh	2154	YEM

58		Moayed Obied	2102	JOR	1½	1 - 0	1½		Latib Tameez	1907	RSA
59	WFM	Assaubayeva Bibissara	1891	KAZ	1½	½ - ½	1½		Bennett John M	2043	ENG
60		Elnaami Hashem A.K.	1840	LBA	1½	½ - ½	1½		Afshar Niusha	1993	IRI
61		Al- Meghbali Ahmed	1438	UAE	1½	0 - 1	1½		Elgantiry Ahmed	1991	EGY
62		Hamed Mohamed	1759	SUD	1	0 - 1	1	WFM	Boshra Alshaebay	1925	JOR
63	WFM	Alattar Ghayda M.	1917	JOR	1	1 - 0	1		Halvarsson Gustav	1714	SWE
64		Bit-Narva David	1882	SWE	1	1 - 0	1		Al Hamed Saif Idrees	1589	UAE
65		Ali Abdulaziz	1728	UAE	1	½ - ½	1		Akshay V Halagannavar	1878	IND
66		Faranka Khaled	1828	LBA	1	1 - 0	1		Altaher Salman Tarek	1477	UAE
67		Al Zarooni Ahmed	1713	UAE	1	1 - 0	1		Gahfer Khaled	1801	LBA
68		Abdulla Al-Hamed	1688	UAE	1	0 - 1	1		Adarsh Saji	1777	IND
69		Nandu Gagarin	1499	IND	1	½ - ½	1		Holi Sief Al Din	1776	SUD
70		Sasikumar Anusweud	1715	IND	0	1 - 0	0		Hamad Abdul Razzaq	2007	UAE

W: Edouard, Romain (FRA) 2670

B: Akopian, Vladimir (ARM) 2674

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. O-O Qc7 7. Qe2 d6 8. c4 g6 9. Nc3 Bg7 10. Rd1 O-O 11. Nf3 Nbd7 12. h3 b6 13. Be3 Bb7 14. Rac1 Nc5 15. Bf4 Nh5 16. Bg5 h6 17. Be3 Kh7 18. b4 Nxd3 19. Qxd3 Rad8 20. Na4 Qc6 21. Nc3 Nf6 22. Nd4 Qc7 23. Nde2 Nd7 24. f4 f5 25. Nd4 fxe4 26. Qd2 Rfe8 27. Na4 e5 28. Ne2 Qc6 29. Nb2 exf4 30. Nxf4 Ne5 31. Nd5 b5 32. cxb5 Qxd5 33. Qxd5 Bxd5 34. Rxd5 axb5 35. Rxb5 d5 36. Rc7 Kg8 37. Rbb7 Bh8 38. Bxh6 d4 39. Bg7 e3 40. Bxh8 e2 41. Kf2 d3 42. Bxe5 Rf8+ 43. Rf7 Rxf7+ 44. Rxf7 Kxf7 45. Bg3 Rd5 46. a4 Ke6 47. a5 Kf5 48. a6 Ke4 49. a7 Rf5+ 50. Ke1 Rf1+ 51. Kd2 Ra1 52. Nxd3 Ra2+ 53. Kc3 Rxa7 54. Nf2+ Ke3 55. Ng4+ Ke4 56. Nf2+ Ke3 57. Ng4+ Ke4 58. Kd2 Ra2+ 59. Ke1 Kd3 60. Ne5+ Ke3 61. Bf2+ Ke4 62. Nd7 Kd3 63. Nc5+ Kc4 64. b5 Kxb5 65. Ne6 Kc4 66. Nf4 g5 67. Nxe2 Rb2 68. Kf1 Kd3 69. Ng1 Rb1+ 70. Be1 Ke3 71. Nf3 Kf4 72. Kf2 g4 73. Bd2+ Kf5 74. Nh4+ 1-0



W: Lupulescu, Constantin (ROM) 2660

B: Bogner, Sebastian (SUI) 2587

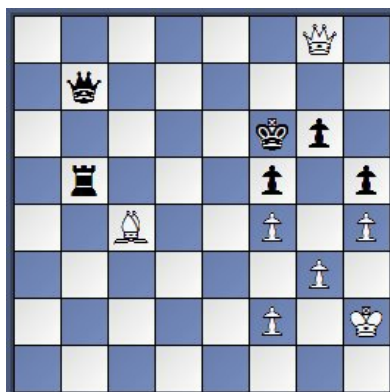
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W: Gupta, Abhijeet (IND) 2630

B: Kotsur, Pavel (KAZ) 2557

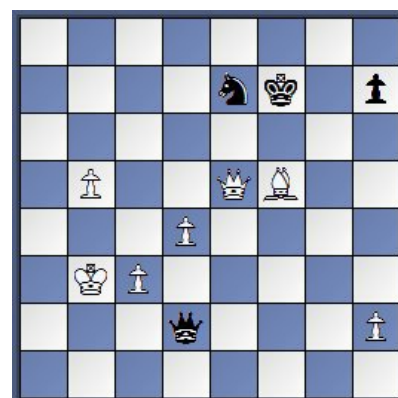
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W: Rahman, Ziaur (BAN) 2513

B: Istratescu, Andrei (FRA) 2667

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. Nc3 e6 4. Nf3 d6 5. Be3 Qb6 6. a3 Bg4 7. Bc4 e6 8. Bb3 d5 9. Qd2 Bxf3 10. gxf3 Nd7 11. O-O-O Ngf6 12. Kb1 O-O-O 13. Qe2 Qc7 14. Bg5 Rde8 15. Qd2 Nb6 16. a4 Nh5 17. a5 Nd7 18. a6 b5 19. Na2 Bf8 20. Qe1 Bd6 21. Bd2 Qb6 22. Bb4 Bc7 23. Nc1 Qxa6 24. Ba2 Kb8 25. Rd3 Qb7 26. Ra3 Rc8 27. Nb3 Ka8 28. Qc3 Bb8 29. Re1 Nhf6 30. Re3 Ne8 31. e5 Bc7 32. Bc5 Bb6 33. Bxb6 Qxb6 34. Qb4 Rc7 35. Rc3 Ng7 36. Nc5 Nxc5 37. Rxc5 Nf5 38. Ka1 Kb7 39. Bb1 Ra8 40. c3 a5 41. Qb3 Ne7 42. Bd3 Kc8 43. Qd1 a4 44. b4 Kd7 45. Qd2 Qb8 46. Kb2 Qf8 47. Ra1 Rb8 48. Qf4 Qg7 49. Re1 Rcc8 50. Qh4 Rf8 51. f4 f6 52. Qg4 fxe5 53. Rxe5 Rf6 54. Qg3 Qf7 55. f5 gxf5 56. Rxd5+ exd5 57. Qxb8 Qe6 58. Bxb5 Qd6 59. Qa7+ Ke8 60. Bxa4 Kf7 61. Bxc6 Kg6 62. b5 Re6 63. Qd7 Re2+ 64. Kb3 Qf4 65. Bxd5 Kg5 66. Bc4 Re1 67. Bd3 Qxf2 68. Qc7 Qd2 69. Qg3+ Kf6 70. Re5 Rxe5 71. Qxe5+ Kf7 72. Bxf5 1-0



GMs in Round 6 action, from top, first named White:

Anton Korobov (UKR) vs. Viorel Iordachescu (MDA)

Constantin Lupulescu (ROM) vs. Sebastian Bogner (SUI)

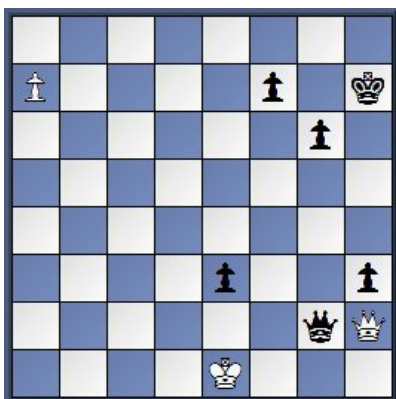
Zaven Andriasian (ARM) vs. Yuriy Kuzubov (UKR)

Axel Bachmann (PAR) vs. Eduardo Iturrizaga (VEN)

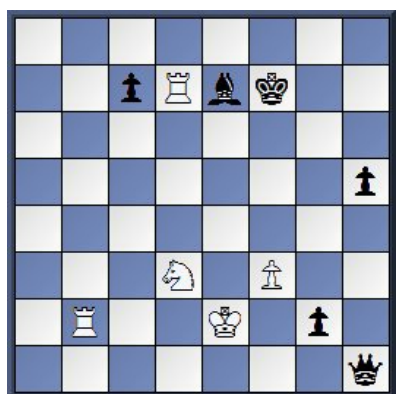
W: Lalith, Babu M.R (BAN) 2594

B: Petrosian, Tigran L (ARM) 2627

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 dxc4
 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. Nxc4 Nb6
 8. Ne3 Bg6 9. a5 Nbd5 10. Qb3 e6 11.
 Nxd5 Nxd5 12. e4 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Bxe4
 14. f3 Bd5 15. c4 Bxf3 16. gxf3 Qxd4 17.
 Ra2 Bc5 18. Rd2 Qh4+ 19. Kd1 O-O 20.
 Bd3 Rad8 21. Kc2 Be3 22. Rg2 Bxc1 23.
 Rxc1 Rd4 24. Qxb7 Rfd8 25. Rd1 g6 26.
 Rgd2 Rxd3 27. Rxd3 Qxc4+ 28. Kb2
 Rxd3 29. Rxd3 Qxd3 30. Qxa7 Qe2+ 31.
 Ka3 Qxf3+ 32. Ka4 Qd1+ 33. Ka3 Qa1+
 34. Kb3 e5 35. a6 Kg7 36. Qb7 c5 37.
 Kc2 Qa4+ 38. Kc3 Qd4+ 39. Kc2 c4 40.
 Qf3 c3 41. Qe2 h5 42. h4 Kh7 43. Qd3
 Qb4 44. Qxc3 Qxh4 45. Qa5 Qf2+ 46.
 Kd3 Qa7 47. Qb5 Qd4+ 48. Ke2 e4 49.
 Qb7 Qd3+ 50. Ke1 Qe3+ 51. Kf1 Qf4+
 52. Ke2 Qf3+ 53. Ke1 h4 54. a7 h3 55.
 Qb8 e3 56. Qh2 Qg2 0-1



W: Pourramezanali, Amirreza IRI 2435
B: Brkic, Ante (CRO) 2568



Final Position after 62.Ke2 g2

