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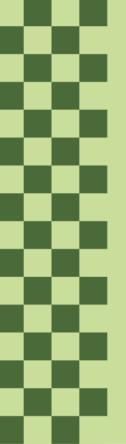
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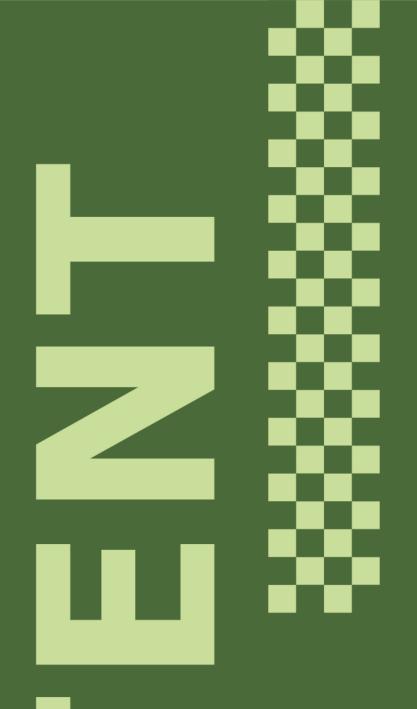
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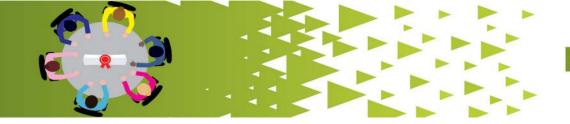








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From the editor



From the Editor

The International translation day in the world calendar is September 30th. Translation Day is an excuse to remind everyone of the importance of translation and translators at the same time. There is a belief all over the world that one of the hardest jobs to earn is not commensurate with the difficulties of one's job environment. If you are a translator, you will probably be happy to know, along

with other sensitive jobs in the community such as medicine, nursing, piloting and teaching; In the international calendar, one day is dedicated to the day of interpreters.

Given the importance of transmitting information in chess and the benefit of all players around the world, I considered it necessary to congratulate all those who work hard in this field.

M.R.Salehzadeh Editor-in-Chief



21st Unity MEGA EVENT Championship

The 22nd Mega Unity
Tournament was held
on September 27th,
2020, with 1,320 chess
players from around
the world. The
presence of 66 GM, 75
IM, 145 FM, 12
WGM, 28 WIM, 33
WFM, and 15 CM
made this tournament
one of the most
powerful online
competitions.

India, Iran, and
South Africa had
the highest
participation in
this competition.



In the end, after 2 hours of hard fighting, the strong German grandmaster

Matthias Bluebaum (2672) managed to take first place with 100 points.



GM Mark Paragua (2529) from the Philippines came in second with 98 points.



Vietnamian IM Le Tuan Minh (2501) got third place.



WIM Havanecz Bianka
In the women's section,
Hungarian WIM Havanecz
Bianka (2253) won first place.



IM Ilze Berzina (2192) from Latvia got second place and WCM Parnian Ghomi (2006) from Iran came in third place.



Uzbekistan's prodigy **GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov** (2627) got first place in U16 category.



































GM M. Amin Tabatabaei





























▶ Women's Section

September 27th 2020







WIM Havanecz Bianka

\$60



\$50









Parnian Ghomi

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IM Meri Arabidze

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WIM Yuxin Song

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WIM Ummi Fisabilillah

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FM Aliyev Ravan

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Top 3

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FM Tamerlin

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FM Gerasimenyuk

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FM Alex

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Marco

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Top 3 Women













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Top 3 Asia







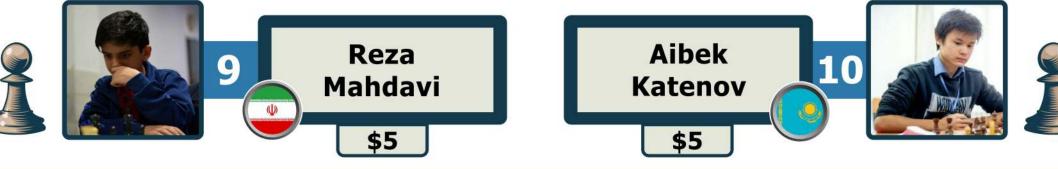
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Top 3 Women







Top 3 African







MEGA EVENT

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Alexander Dronov

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MEGA EVENT

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► Under 2000-2099

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MEGA EVENT

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Top 3







Latin America











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Top 3

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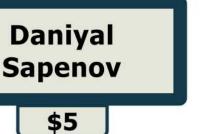


















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WCM Kiana Arab











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Top 3







Latin America





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MEGA EVENT

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1700-1799





WCM Alma Jaqueline Mora Velasco
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Top 3









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Latin America

















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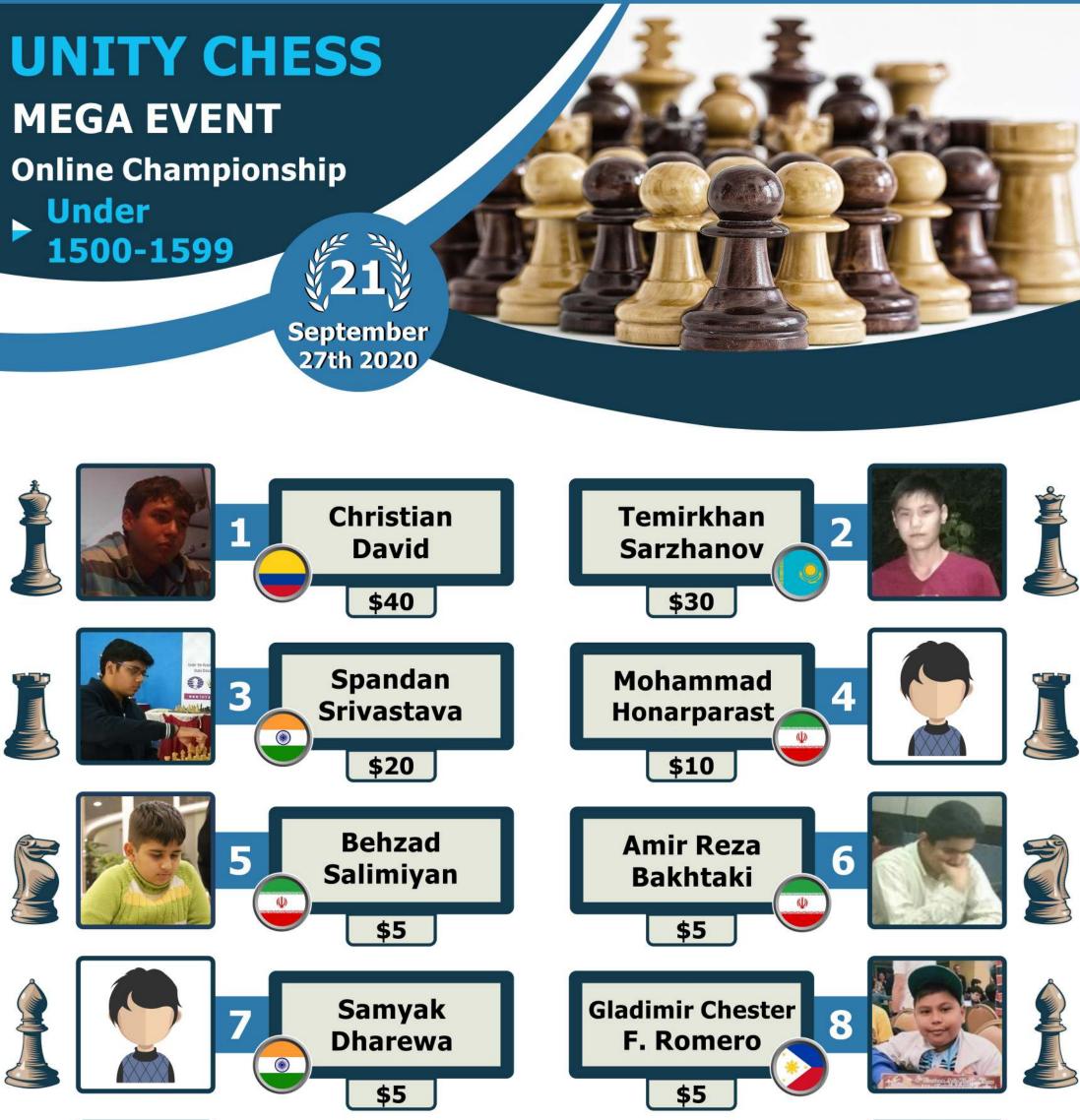
















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Top 3 Women













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Top 3







Latin America







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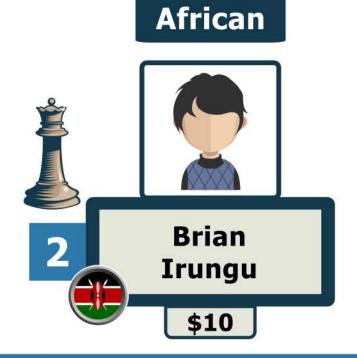




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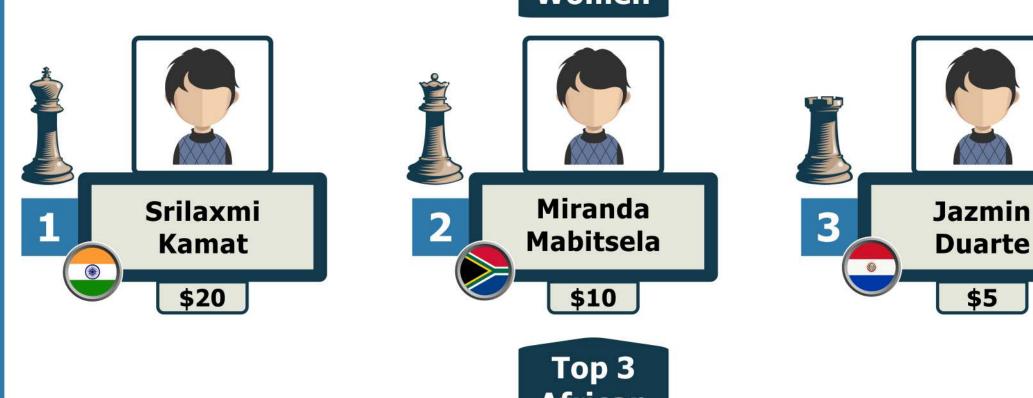
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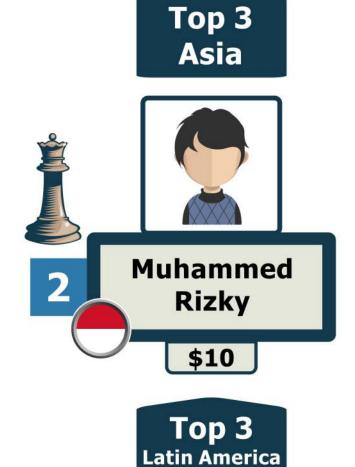
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Boys

21) September 27th 2020







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MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under 16-14
Girls

21 September 27th 2020





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Opening

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1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8 8.Qg3?!



a b c d e f g h

Rxe4! The best response to refute White's dubious opening. 9.a3
[9.Nxe4? Nxe4 10.Qf4 Bxd2+ 11.Rxd2 Nxd2 12.Kxd2 d6-+]
9...Bd6

10.f4 Re8 11.Bd3 Ne7?

[11...Bf8 12.Nf3 d5 13.Rhe1 Rxe1 14.Rxe1 Ne7 15.Qf2 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 \mp 0-1 (22) Kassinopoullos,D (2079)-Harikrishna,P (2680) Turin 2006]

12.Nf3?! Missing a golden opportunity to gain a huge advantage.

[12.Nb5! Bc5 13.Bc3→]

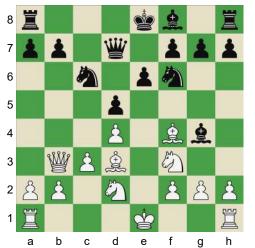
12...Ng6 13.Rde1≌

1-0

☐ Kotsur,Pavel■ Svane,RasmusUnityChess Mega Event Arena

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nd2 e6 9.Ngf3



Bd6!?

[9...Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qxb7 Rb8 13.Qa6 0-0 14.Bb5 Rb6 15.Qa4 Ne7≌ 0-1 (48) Morozevich,A (2590)-Oll,L (2645) Groningen 1997 CBM 063 [Mueller, Karsten]]

10.Ne5

[10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 Ne7 13.Ne5 Bf5 14.a4 Bxd3 15.Nxd3 Rab8= 1/2-1/2 (38) Carlsen,M (2863)-Firouzja,A (2728) Lichess.org INT 2020]

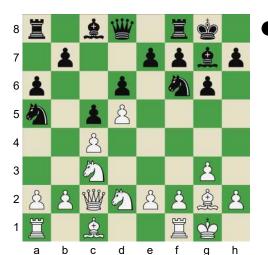
10...Qc7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rae1 Bh5 13.Bg3 Rab8 14.Qc2 Rfc8 15.Qb1 b5

□ 0-1

☐ Zubritskiy,Artyom■ Chigaev,MaksimUnityChess Mega Event Arena

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1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d5 Na5 8.Nd2 c5 9.0-0 a6 10.Qc2



b5!? A real pawn sacrifice for positional purposes in the spirit of the Benko Gambit. **11.b3?** A mistake.

[White should have accepted the pawn: 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.Nc3 Bf5 14.Qd1 Rfb8 15.h3 Qa6 16.b3 c4≌ 0-1 (49) Ivanchuk,V (2753)-Giri,A (2734) Leon 2013]

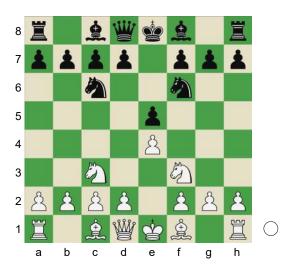
11...b4 12.Nd1 Bf5! 13.e4 Nxe4! 14.Nxe4 Bxa1 15.Nb2 Bxb2 16.Bxb2 f6∓

□ Vokhidov,Shamsiddin■ Okpongete,EdidiongUnityChess Mega Event Arena

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6



4.Be2!? Bc5?!

[4...d5! 5.exd5 Nxd5=]

5.Nxe5! Nxe5 6.d4 Bd6 7.dxe5 Bxe5 8.Nb5! Preventing Black from playing 8...Bd6. 8...a6 9.f4 axb5 10.fxe5 Nxe4 11.Qd4 Ng5 12.0-0↑ 1-0



□ Bluebaum, Matthias

■ Ferreira, Vitor Hugo Vieira Unity Chess Mega Event Arena **2672 2123** 27.09.2020

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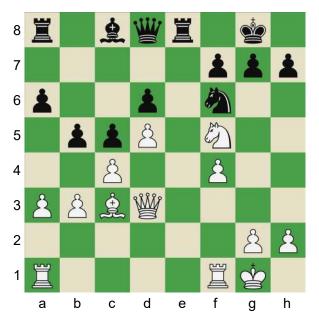
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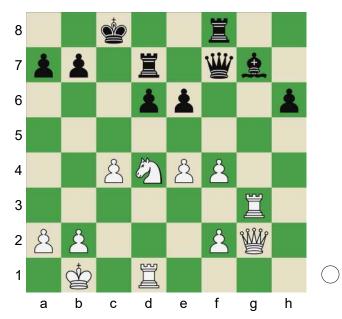
20.Nxg7! \rightarrow Kxg7 21.Qg3+! \triangle Qg5 21...Kh8 22.Qg5!+- \triangle B×f6 **1-0**

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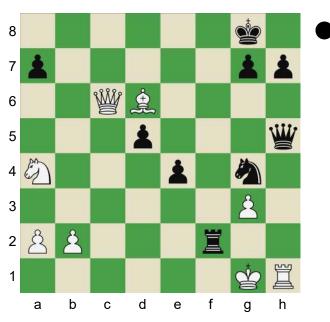
27.Rxe7!+- △ Q×a8 **1-0**



32.Rxg7! Qxg7 33.Qxg7! \triangle N×e6 33...Rxg7 34.Nxe6 Rgf7 35.Nxf8 Rxf8 36.f5!+- **1-0**

☐ Gagare, Shardul☐ Paragua, MarkUnity Chess Mega Event Arena

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28...Rf1+! △Ne3 [28...Rg2+!? △Ne3 29.Kxg2 Ne3+! 30.Kf2 Qf3+ 31.Ke1 Qd1+ 32.Kf2 Qd2+! 33.Kg1 Qg2#-+] 29.Kxf1 Ne3+! 30.Ke1 Qd1+ 31.Kf2 Qd2+! 32.Kg1 Qg2#





■ Paragua, Mark UnityChess Mega Event Arena

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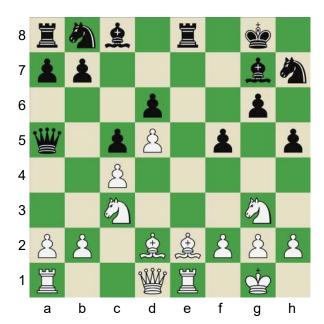
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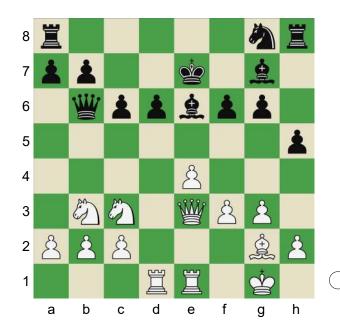
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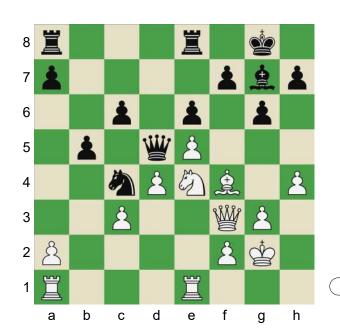
14.Bxh5!→ Rxe1+ 15.Qxe1! △Qe8 15...gxh5 16.Qe8+ Nf8 17.Qxc8+-0-1

□ Svane,Rasmus ■ Dajtkah UnityChess Mega Event Arena 2613 2520

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[19...Bxd5 20.exd5+ Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3+ Kf7 22.dxc6 bxc6 23.Rxd6+-] 20.exd5 Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3 f5 22.Rxe6+!+- △Na5 1-0

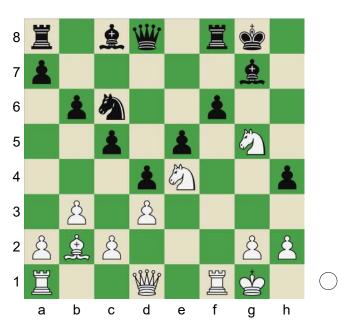


20.Bh6!→ Kh8 [20...Bxh6 21.Nf6+!+-] **21.Bxg7+! Kxg7 22.h5! a5 23.h6++-** △Qf6 [△23.Qf6+! Kf8 24.hxg6! hxg6 25.f3!+- △Rh1]

☐ Chigaev,Maksim

■ Paragua, Mark UnityChess Mega Event Arena

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18.Qh5!→ fxg5□ 19.Nxg5 Rf4

[19...Rf6 20.Rxf6 Qxf6 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Rf1 Qxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Nd8 24.Qg6!+-_ △Nh7]

20.Rxf4?

[20.Rae1! $\triangle R \times f4$ Bd7 21.g3! hxg3 22.hxg3+-] 20...exf4 21.Re1! Bd7 22.Qf7+ Kh8 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Qf7+?= [24.Qh7+! Kf8 25.Qxh4!± \(\triangle Q\times f4 \)] \(\frac{1}{2}\)-\frac{1}{2}



Strategy Corner

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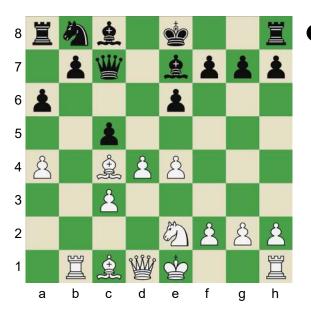
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10...cxd4!→ 11.Qxd4□ 0-0!\(\pi\) \(\triangle \text{Nd7}\) **1-0**

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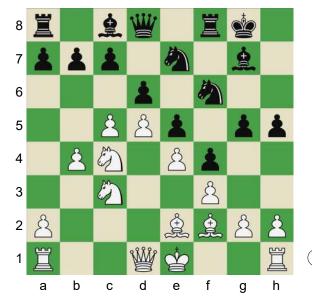
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33.Qxb4! \(\triangle Nd4 \) 33...cxb4 \(34.Nd4! \(\triangle Nc6 \) 34...Kf7 \(35.Nc6 \) Rb7 \(36.f3! +-1-0 \)

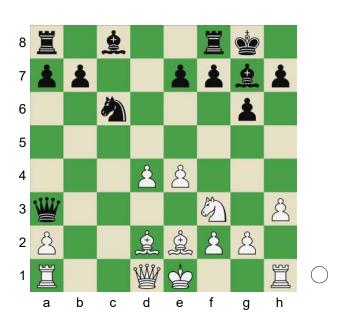
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■ Mosadeghpour,Masoud UnityChess Mega Event Arena **2498** 27.09.2020

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15.cxd6! △Nb5 **15...cxd6 16.Nb5!**→ **Ne8 17.Nxa7!+**[17.Bxa7!? Bd7 18.Bb6! Qc8 19.Nd2+-] **1-0**



13.d5! Nb4?
 [13...Ne5! 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qxa2 16.0-0=]
14.0-0!±
1-0



Analyze Your Game!

Analyzed by: Daria Khokhlova

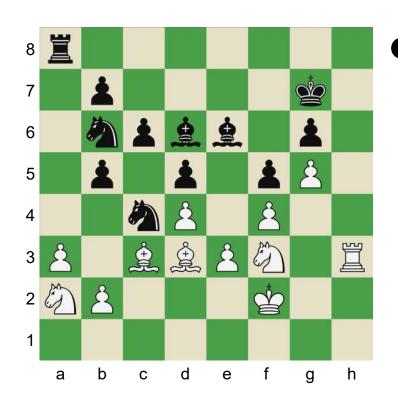
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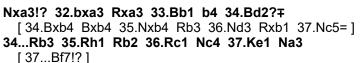
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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Qxb6 axb6 9.f3 Bc2 10.g3 Nbd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd2 h6 [12...h5!?]

13.Rc1 Bh7 14.g4 b5 15.a3 Nb6 16.Nf5 h5 17.h3 g6 18.Nh4 hxg4? [18...Bd6 19.Kf2 g5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.gxf5 h4∓]

19.hxg4 Bg8 20.g5 Nfd7 21.Bd3 Be7 22.f4 f5 23.Ke2 Kf7 24.Na2 Nc4 25.Bc3 Bf8 26.Rcd1 Ndb6 27.Kf2 Kg7 28.Rh3 Bd6 29.Rdh1 Be6 30.Nf3 Rxh3 31.Rxh3





38.Bxb4 Bxb4+ 39.Nxb4 Rxb4 40.Bd3 Nc4 41.Ke2 Kf8 42.Rb1 Rxb1 43.Bxb1 Bf7 44.Ba2 Na5 45.Ne5 Be8 46.Kd3 Ke7 47.Kc3 Kd6 48.Nd3 b6 49.Nb2 c5 50.Nd3 Nc6 51.Bb1 Na7 52.Ne5 Nb5+ 53.Kd3 c4+ 54.Kd2 Na3 55.Ba2 Nb5 56.Nf3 Nc7 57.Ne1 Kc6 58.Kc3 Kb5 59.Bb1 Ka5 60.Nc2 Na6 0-1











Interview



Andrew Tang (born November 29, 1999) is an American chess prodigy. He was awarded the title Grandmaster by FIDE in 2018. He is known online for his bullet, hyperbullet, and ultrabullet (one-minute, 30-second, and 15-second chess, respectively) skills, even playing blindfold and is a popular streamer.

Dear Andrew, thank you for giving us your time and participating in this interview. How did you learn chess and how did you become a grandmaster?

No problem! I learned chess when I was 4 years old, in preschool actually. Some parents ran an afterschool chess class and I found out about it and wanted to join. Since then I just simply played regularly; in high school, I mainly had to play during school breaks, but I managed to get my last norm during Thanksgiving break during my senior year of high school.



You had the chance to face Magnus Carlsen in an online match. Tell us a little about that encounter and Magnus style.

Of course, it's amazing to face Magnus, he simply outplays you in all aspects of the game, he is good at everything. Sometimes I manage to outplay him, but more often I can only rely on the clock.



You are a strong grandmaster and well known for blitz skills as well. What are the pros and cons of playing blitz games?

Blitz for me is especially useful in sharpening my understanding of the openings I play, you can play many games and quickly see what's working and what's not working out of the opening.

I don't really feel that there are cons to playing blitz as long as you don't treat it like it's classical, besides the fact that that time could be used on more focused studying.

What is your opinion about Sundays With Unity tournaments? How can it become more useful and attractive?

I think it's a great initiative! With OTB chess has gone I'm always looking for strong online events to play, and this is certainly one of the strongest. I'm quite happy with the tournament as it is right now, maybe with more marketing or some official coverage it can become more popular, but I don't really know.



Young players enjoy playing in the Arena system. What do you think about this system? Do you want our tournament to be held in the Arena system or Swiss one?

Yes, I like the Arena system a lot. In Swiss tournaments, it's a lot easier for your tournament to be ruined by a cheater, and there's also a lot of time that you're just waiting for the next round to start. At least right now I prefer to play in tournaments that use the Arena system.





Interview



How much time do you spend on chess during the current pandemic, and how is it divided?

Probably I spend a couple of hours a day on average on chess right now, and the large majority of that is playing online/streaming.

Who is your favorite chess player in history? What about the current players?

In history, I would say Kasparov, but I have not studied historical players very much. I was lucky to meet Garry when I was in 1st grade since my sister went to the same high school as his daughter, and he signed my magnetic chessboard. I guess his games are also cool. For current players definitely Magnus, there's a lot to admire about his chess but I also admire him a lot as a person.



Please name some of your favorite chess books?
And tell us why you like them?

Reading chess books was never my favorite activity, but I really appreciated Endgame Strategy by Shereshevsky; I think around that time I became more of a positional player. It was the first time I read a chess book and really felt that I was learning useful practical positional concepts. I also liked My Great Predecessors a lot



What do you think about the future of chess?

OTB chess will come back eventually as it was, but the online chess world is growing a lot and is here to stay. It's more convenient than having to travel and bullet/blitz/rapid are exciting, but we just need to find the solution to the rampant cheating plaguing these online tournaments.

First of all, we have to understand what communism is. I mean, to me, real communism, the Soviet communism, is basically a mask for Bolshevism, which is a mask for Judaism.

Bobby Fischer





Participants Biography

Hrant Melkumyan



Hrant Melkumyan (born April 30, 1989 in Yerevan) is an Armenian chess Grandmaster and European Blitz Champion in 2011.

He won the international Internet championship organized by the ICC chess Internet portal. In 2006, he won the U18 silver medal at the World Youth Chess Championship. In 2009, he tied for 1st–5th with Sergey Volkov, Andrey Rychagov, Andrei Deviatkin and Zhou Weiqi in the Chigorin Memorial. In 2010, tied for 1st-8th with Sergey Volkov, Viorel Iordachescu, Eduardo Iturrizaga, Gadir Guseinov, David Arutinian, Aleksej Aleksandrov and Tornike Sanikidze in the 12th Dubai Open.

In 2011, he tied for 2nd–4th with Borki Predojević and Mircea Pârligras in 41st International Bosna Tournament in Sarajevo; tied for 1st-2nd with Baadur Jobava in the Lake Sevan tournament in Martuni and finished second on tie-break; tied for 3rd–15th in the open section of the 15th Corsican Circuit. In December 2011 Melkumyan tied for 1st-3rd with Alexei Dreev and Radoslaw Wojtaszek in the European Blitz Chess Championship and won the event on tie-break. In January 2012 he won the 2nd Armenian Chess960 Championship and in February 2012 tied for 4th-8th with Alexander Khalifman, Maxim Rodshtein, Fabiano Caruana and Dmitry Andreikin in the 11th Aeroflot Open. In 2013 he tied for 1st–8th with Alexander Moiseenko, Evgeny Romanov, Alexander G Beliavsky, Constantin Lupulescu, Francisco Vallejo Pons, Sergei Movsesian, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Alexey Dreev and Evgeny Alekseev in the European Individual Chess Championship. On February 21, 2014, Melkumyan won the Casino Graz International held in Graz, Austria. On June 2014, he won International Chess Tournament Teplice Open in Czech Republic.

On July 12, 2014, Melkumyan won the XXXIV Open International Villa de Benasque held in Benasque, Spain. In August 2014, he won the Riga Technical University Open with a score of 7,5/9. In 2017, he shared 1st–3rd places with Gabriel Sargissian and Sebastien Maze in 9th CSC London Chess Classic FIDE Open.

Mobina Alinasab



Mobina Alinasab (born 7 August 2000), is an Iranian Woman International Master (since 2017).

In 2016, Mobina Alinasab won Asian Youth Chess Championship and won 2nd place in World Youth Chess Championship in girls U16 age group. In 2017, Mobina Alinasab won Iranian Women's Chess Championship. In 2017, she won Women's World Chess Championship Asian Zonal 3.1 tournament, and qualified for the Women's World Chess Championship 2018

Mobina Alinasab played for Iran in the Women's Chess Olympiads: In 2018, at third board in the 43rd Chess Olympiad (women) in Batumi (+6=4-1).

In 2017, she was awarded the FIDE International Women Master (WIM) title.





Participants Biography

Raven Sturt



Raven Sturt grew up in New York City. Playing in tournaments since he was 8 years old, he made National Master at the age of 15 and the titles of FIDE Master and Senior Master at 17. He is the 2010 National 12th Grade Champion and a member of the 2011 All-American team. He graduated from McGill University with a degree in Economics and Mathematics. After graduating he continued to play chess, making International Master in 2017.

Vladimir Fedoseev



Vladimir Vasilyevich Fedoseev (born February 16, 1995) is a Russian chess grandmaster. He competed in the FIDE World Cup in 2015 and 2017.

Fedoseev tied for second place in the Chigorin Memorial 2010 tournament, finishing seventh on tiebreak. In 2011, Fedoseev won the under 18 section of the Russian Youth Championships and finished runner-up in the same division at the World Youth Chess Championship. In the same year, he played for the gold medal-winning Russian team in the World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad in Kocaeli, Turkey.

In 2012, Fedoseev tied for first place with Alexei Shirov in the Paul Keres Memorial rapid tournament in Tallinn, finishing second after playoffs. In 2013, in Budva, Montenegro, he won the under-18 division of the European Youth Chess Championship, and also won the blitz and rapid events in the under-18 category.

Fedoseev won the bronze medal at the 2014 European Individual Chess Championship in Yerevan, therefore qualifying for the 2015 FIDE World Cup. Later that year, he finished third in the "Lake Sevan" round-robin tournament in Martuni, Armenia and in the World Junior Chess Championship.

In December 2014, he took part in the "Nutcracker Match of the Generations", a match between two teams, Princes (made up of Vladislav Artemiev, Daniil Dubov, Fedoseev, and Grigoriy Oparin) and Kings (Alexei Dreev, Peter Leko, Alexander Morozevich, and Alexei Shirov), held in Moscow with the Scheveningen system. Fedoseev was the top scorer of the event with 11/16 points. In January 2015, he won the Vladimir Dvorkovich Memorial in Taganrog. In April of that year, he tied for first place in the Dubai Open, placing third on tiebreak; he also won the blitz tournament from the event. In 2016 Fedoseev shared first place in the Grenke Chess Open in Karlsruhe, Germany with Matthias Bluebaum, Nikita Vitiugov, Milos Perunovic, Ni Hua, and Francisco Vallejo Pons, taking second place on tiebreak.In March 2017 Fedoseev came first in the Aeroflot Open. This victory earned him an invitation to the Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting, held in July of the same year. In this event he won against Vladimir Kramnik in the opening round and eventually finished second, edging out Maxime Vachier-Lagrave on tiebreak. In June 2017, Fedoseev tied for first place with Maxim Matlakov and Baadur Jobava in the European Individual Championship in Minsk and took the bronze medal on tiebreak. Later in the same month, Fedoseev was part of the Russian team which won the silver medal in the World Team Chess Championship in

Khanty-Mansiysk. In September, he reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup in Tbilisi, after knocking out Yusnel Bacallao Alonso, Ernesto Inarkiev, Hikaru Nakamura and Maxim Rodshtein. Fedoseev was then eliminated from the competition by Wesley So.

Two months later, Fedoseev won the Urii Eliseev Memorial in Moscow with a score of 4½/5 points. In December he shared 3rd-4th places with Daniil Dubov in the Russian Championship Superfinal in St. Petersburg, finishing fourth on tiebreak, and won the silver medal in the World Rapid Chess Championship in Riyadh, after losing the playoff to Viswanathan Anand.





Participants Biography

Oliver Barbosa



Oliver Barbosa

(born September 29, 1986) is a Filipino chess grandmaster. He earned his International Master title in 2008 and his grandmaster title in 2011. Barbosa won the 10th Parsvnath International Grandmasters Tournament in New Delhi, with 9.5/11 and an astounding performance rating of 2710. He earned his first GM norm in the Asian Individual in Mashad, Iran, and his second norm in the Philippines National Championships. In 2014, he tied for 1st–2nd with Francisco Vallejo Pons in the Thailand Open Chess Championship.

He has trained with Wesley So and John Paul Gomez. Barbosa played in the 42nd Chess Olympiad and scored 7/10, with an overall performance rating of 2668.



Yusnel Bacallao Alonso

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(born 21 June 1988) is a Cuban chess player. He was awarded the title of Grandmaster (GM) by FIDE in 2012. He played in the Chess World Cup 2017, where he was defeated in the first round by Vladimir Fedoseev. Alonso is ranked 2nd best chess player in Cuba. (May 2020)



Richmond Phiri

Richmond Phiri is a Zambian chess International Master.

Richmond Phiri is a Zambian chess International Master. He has represented his country in a number of chess olympiads, including 2006 and 2014, and won the Zambian Chess Championship in 2008 and 2014. He played in the Chess World Cup 2015, being defeated by Hikaru Nakamura in the first round.



Vaishali Rameshbabu

Vaishali Rameshbabu (born 2001) is an Indian chess player from Chennai.

Vaishali Rameshbabu (born 2001) is an Indian chess player from Chennai. She has won the Girls' World Youth Chess Championship for Under-14s and Under-12s. Since 2016 she is a Woman International Master (WIM). As of October 2016, she is ranked second in India and world no. 12 girl U16-player. At that time she had an Elo rating of 2300. She became a Woman Grandmaster (WGM) by completing her final norm in the Riga Technical University Open chess tournament in Riga, Latvia on 12 August 2018. She is the sibling of Praggnanandhaa R, the youngest IM in history and the fourth-youngest GM in history.

Djurabek Khamrakulov



Djurabek Khamrakulov was born in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. His father taught him to play chess at just five years old. Djurabek was the Uzbek Championship winner three times (2008, 2009, 2013). He was also a member of the national Uzbekistan team at the World Chess Olympiad in 2008 in Dresden, Germany, 2010 in Khanta Mansisk, Russia, and 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Outside of national tournaments, Djurabek has won several international tournaments in Spain, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, and Turkey. He is currently an International Master, but he has 2 GM norms. Almost ten years ago, he was in peak form and had a 2554 FIDE rating. Now, Djurabek hopes that this "10 year anniversary" at the Saint Louis Norm Congress will be his lucky charm and he will receive his third GM norm.



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