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FROM THE EDITOR

BUPE GERALD CHIBOMBA

Over the years Online chess has been trending and has led to the development of various chess platforms where players from all over the world can interact with each other. Among these platforms include, **Chess24**, **chess.com**, **Lichess.org** but to name a few.

ond most popular platform in the whole world. Chess.com being more popular and therefore it has more users.

Online chess became significant when humanity was tested during Covid-19 Era. As a result of minimizing spread of the Covid-19 Virus, chess players from around the world were required to self quarantine as this was a measure to control transmission. Despite living in the mentioned harsh circumstances,

Chess prevailed and tournaments were now being played Online and the lichess.org platform is among those fully utilized for this purpose.

Lichess is a free and Open-source Internet chess server run by a non-profit organization of the same name. Anyone can play Anonymously, although players may register an account on the site to play rated games. Lichess is ad-free and all the features are available for free, as the site is funded by donations from patrons.

It was founded in **2010** by French programmer **Thibault Duplessis**. The Software running Lichess and the design are Open source.

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TOURNAMENT REPORT

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The tournament held on 25.10.20 attracted a total of 924 chess players composed of 59 GMs, 66 IMs, 12 WGMs, 27 WIMs, 126 FMs, 30 WFMs, 16 CMs, 2 WCM, 4 NMs, 1 WNM

The tournament type was **Arena** with **berserk** Option available. The tournament started at **16 GMT** and lasted a duration of **120 minutes** or **2 hours**.

The tournament was **Open** to everyone and had attracted a total number of **924** participants from across the globe, both **Titled** and **Untitled** Players.

It had an **attractive Prize bag**, the Open section having **\$1000** as the first Prize. The beautiful Prize bag attracted Super GMs such as **Firouzja**, **Alireza** who won the first position in the Open Section.



GM Alireza, Firouzja



GM Arjun Erigaisi (IND)



GM David Paravyan (RUS)



GM Vladimir Fedoseev (RUS)



GM Vugar Rasulov (AZE)



Unity Chess Club was founded in the Summer 2008 by Mr. Pedram Atoufi who holds the title of Fide Master (FM).

About twenty eight years ago Mr. Pedram Atoufi won the Iranian Juniors' Championship U20, and later immigrated to the U.S. and achieved the Fide Master title. In Arizona he founded "Unity Chess Club".

As of now FM Pedram is a trainer, runs tournaments and chess camps.

He has taken the initiative to bring Online chess to the next level by

pushing a series of tournaments with good prize Funds Dabbed "Sundays With Unity"

He has a powerful team of more than **50** representatives from around the world.

World Class training along with a rich learning environment that caters for each individual. The Club is committed to providing warm hospitality, high quality facilities, and learning resources that the modern chess student will appreciate.

professional chess player spends about 10 hours of chess study and practice on a daily basis. This input minimizes their margin of making errors during tournament games differentiates this and them from a **novice**. Unity chess club has made it possible to attract the Attention of **Top Players** from around the world because of the amazing prize bag for over **340** places to be won. The previous Mega Event had \$1000 as it's first prize and this prompted everyone to participate.

























Best Asian!

























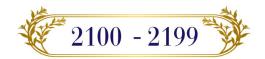


























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Best Asian!



Best African!



































































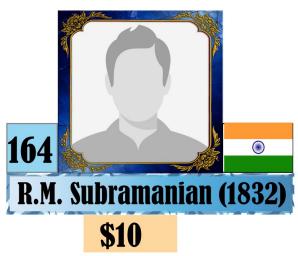






























































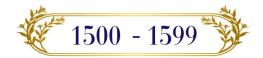
























Best Woman!



Best Asian!



Best African!































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Leon Livaic 2540 Erigaisi Arjun 2609

A43 Unity Mega Event 25.10.20

Blitz 3 minutes

1.d4 first The move known as Super solid first move! 1...e6 c5 considered a sharp move which tilts the balance and eventually the result of the game. 3.d5 exd5 4.cxd5 d6 After the fixing of pawns in the Centre the plans on both sides are dictated by orientation of the pawns. White possibly can use his Centre pawn majority to break through e5! And eventually overrun black

forces if he succeeds. On the other hand Black has the duty of forcing through a passed pawn on the queenside before white manages e5 breakthrough. **5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Bd3**



Bb5+ would be a better option followed by a4 supporting the Bishop as you will later see how the disruption would have delayed Black.

8...0-0 9.0-0 a6 Black immediately sets out with his plan to expand on the queenside and gets a misetback with a4. nor 10.a4 Bg4! Black immediately sets out to eliminate the only piece controlling e5 at the moment and white should respond with Bf4 developing a piece and attacking whites weakest point d6. but h3 allows a capture and full development of the black pieces 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nd7 13.Re1 Ne5 14.Qe2 f5 Black has equalized and is on the offensive with full piece play in the

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centre with only the queenside rook underdeveloped. 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Bf4 Nd4 17.Qd2 Nxd3! Simple nice deflection theme that wins the game for black. 18.Bg518...Nxe1 19.Bxd8 Nef3+ 20.gxf3 Nxf3+[#] 0-1



Lebo Seroka Unrated

Parsa Vesalikhah 1305

A17 Unity Mega Event **25.10.20**

Blitz 3 minutes

1.c4 This position arose in those games of worldChampionship in 19901..e6 [#]



2.Nc3 d5 3.g3 Nf6
4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg2 Be6
6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 d4 8.Nb1
Nc6 9.d3 Bd5 10.Nbd2
Bd6 11.b3 0-0 12.Nc4
Bxc4 17.Rb1 Rb8 18.Bf4
Rcd8 . 1/2-1/2

Kiran Benmarkar 1215

Andri Suryadi

B43 Unity Mega Event 25.10.20

Blitz 3 minutes

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 The Sicilian defense open variation (khan) and one of the best tries for Black against the 1.e4! 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qd2 d6 10.Nb3 Ba7 11.Bxa7 Rxa7 12.Qe3 b5



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the opening was okay for black not until this point when white would have seized the moment with Bxb5+-. Ng4 is met with Qg3. 13.f4 Nbd7 14.Rae1 Ra8 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Ng4 17.Qe4 g6 18.Qxa8 Bb7 19.Qa7 Ngxe5 20.Qd4 [#]



white has gained a who rook and is clearly winning. 20...Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qc6 22.Qg3 Nf6 23.Na5 Qc5+ 24.Kh1 Ba8

25.Rxf6 **b**4 26.Ne4 Qxa5 27.Rf4 b3 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.axb3 Bc6 30.Ref1 Qe5 31.Ng4 Qd5 32.Qh3 h5 33.Nf6 Qg5 34.Qg3 35.hxg3 Qxg3 **e**5 36.R4f2 e4 37.b4 Bb5 38.b3 Bxf1 39.Rxf1 e3 **40.Re1 Kxf6** white made a series of blunders but was nothing related with opening. 0-1

Andrii Palchuk 2384
Sengupta Deep 2527
A84 Unity Mega Event 25.10.20

Blitz 3 minutes

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 b6 3.g3Bb7 4.Bg2 f5 5.0-0 Nf6The dutch on the board

6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3 Qe8 9.Bb2 Qh5 10.e3 **Nc6** Both sides complete development and ready for action 11.d5! Trying to close up the bishop freeing the d4 square for the knight. 11...Nd8 12.Nd4! A multi-purpose move that offers queen trade, protection to the d pawn and pressure on the e pawn. 12...Qg6 **13.Ncb5 e5 14.Nf3** The mounted and pressure black loses a pawn in the process 14...d6 15.Nxc7 Rc8 16.Nb5 a6 17.Na7 intending Nc6 opening up position 17...Ra8 the 18.Nc6 Nxc6 19.dxc6 Bc8

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Bxc6 allows Nxe5 regaining the piece after a series of captures

20.Rc1 Ra7 21.h4 Rc7 22.Ne1 e4 23.Nc2 Rxc6 24.Nb4 Rc5

This allows Bd4, Rc7 allows Bxf6 and Nd5 gaining the b6 pawn

25.Bd4 Ng4 26.Bxc5 bxc5 27.Nd5+- 27...Bd8 [#]



The Bishops are usually an asset in open positions but not here

28.Nf4 Qh6 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Rfd1

white quickly consolidates and coordinates his pieces for the offence

30...Be7 31.Rd2 Ne5 32.Rcd1

All the pieces are ready for the final blow

32...Bd7 33.Rc2 Bc6 34.Qd2 g5 35.hxg5 Qxg5 36.Nd5 Bd8 37.Qc3 Rg8 38.Rcd2 Qh5 white to move and make
a discovered attack and
winning **39.Nf4[#]**



Qg4 40.Rxd6. 1-0

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Treasur Tiro

Andrew Kayonde 2393

D11 Unity Mega Event 23.10.20

Blitz 3 minutes

1.d4 The solid d4 move. 1...d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 dxc4 4.a4 Nf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Ng5 Bd5 7.Nc3 h6 8.Nf3 e6 9.Be2 Bb4 A very theoretical position has been reached in the slav where black tries to hold on to the pawn at the cost of giving up the two bishops. Plans on both sides are clear with black expanding the on queenside and white opening up the game in

The Centre and utilizing his bishop-pair possibly. 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxc3 **12.bxc3 b5 13.axb5** f3! Would be more chalblack lenging for 13..cxb5 14.Bf3 Nbd7 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 white has compensation and black is clearly better possibly and winning. 16.Qc2 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qc7 18.f4 Qc5-+ 19.Qd2 Rfd8 20.Qe1 a5 21.Kh1 b4 22.cxb4 axb4 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.f5 exf5 25.Qg3 Qc6 26.Rxf5 Ra1 27.Rf1 Black wins from here 27...b3 28.Qf3 Qd7 29.e4 c3 [#]



Black decides to sacrifice knight with intent of playing b2 forking bishop and rook. If Bxb2 then Raxf1+ followed by Qxf1 then cxb2 black wins material **30.h3** white realizes their back rank weakness and decide to move h3 allowing b2 fork. 30...b2 31.exd5 Rxc1 32.e6 Rxf1 fxe6 34.dxe6 33.Qxf1 Qxe6 35.Qb1 Qb3 36.Qe4 b1Q+37.Qxb1.0-1

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Tober Sidabalok LB 1795
Adriana Sakorenko 2216
C4 Unity Mega Event
25.10.20

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1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.d4 f5 The sharp Schliemann variation in the Ruy Lopez Board and on the proves difficult for Black 4...e4 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.Nxc6 this just helps Black to develop 6...bxc6 7.g3 d5Black grabs the Centre and it will be very difficult to dislodge him 8.Be3 Bxf5 9.Be2 Qd7 10.Nc3 h5 11.h4 Ng4 12.Qd2 Rb8 13.b3 Bb4 14.a3 Bd6 15.Na4 Qe7 16.Bg5 Qf7

17.Nc5 Bxc5 0-0 would have better completing development. **18.dxc5** [#]



Ne5 19.Bf4 Qe6 20.Qd4
Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 exf3+
22.Kf1 0-0 black is slightly better because of the weak light squares which cannot be defended and the poor position of the king 23.Re1?? Black to play and win-can you spot the winning move?

23...Bh3+ 24.Kg1 Qxe1+
25.Kh2 Qe6 the position completely wins and it's easy here onwards but since it was a blitz games black won on time after blundering pieces

26.Be5 Bg2 27.g4 hxg4
28.Bg3 Rf5 29.Qxg4 Rbf8
30.Rg1 Qh6 31.Re1 Rf4
32.Qe6+ Qxe6 33.Rxe6
Re4 34.Rxc6 Re1 35.Bxc7
Rf5 36.Kg3 Rf6 37.Bd6
Rh1 38.Rc8+ Kh7 39.Bf4
Rh3+ 40.Kg4 Rh1. 0-1



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Aleksie Pridorozhni 2596
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25.10.20

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 **Nc6** The Sicilian taimanov on the board and has reputable results. **6.Ndb5** Bc5 7.Nd6+ Ke7 The king makes this one move finds a home on the e7 square like in most Sicilipositions 8.Nxc8+ an Rxc8 9.Be2 Qc7 10.0-0 a6Stopping Nb5 and preparing a kingside pawn storm possibly. 11.Bg5 h6 **12.Bh4 Bd6** immediately

forcing the bishop retreat or push pawns to weaken the position 13.Bg3 Bxg3 14.hxg3 h5! Tying to bust open the kings shelter 15.Qd2 h4 16.g4 h3 17.g3 h2+ 18.Kh1 d6 19.Rad1 Ne5 20.g5 Nh5 21.Qe3 Nc4 g6 was necessary as this loses material with Bxc4 then g4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.Qb6 Qc7 24.Qe3 g6 25.Rd2 Ng7 26.Rfd1 Ne8 the knight defends the weak d6 square 27.Qf4 Qc5 28.Ne2 Rh5! Threatens To win the pawn 29...e5 [#]



30.Nf5+ gxf5 31.Qxf5 Qc6 32.Rd3 Qd7 33.Qf3 Rh8 34.Rd5 Qe6 35.Qb3 Rc7 36.Qb6 Qg4 37.R1d3 Qxe4+. 0-1

Soroush Roshani 1605
Eldiar Orozbaev 1973
C01 Unity Mega Event
25.10.20

Blitz 3 minute

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 The exchange French employed on the board 4.c4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be3 Nge7

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Black develops the kingside and is ready to castle. 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 Nd5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.Rad1 Rae8 with this move black is ready to play on the central files. 14.a3 Bd6!?

Interesting move that aligns with enemy king. 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qxd5+ Kh8 17.Nc3

a piece move from the protection of the king which can be very dangerous especially the bishop eyeing the enemy king.

17...Rf5 rook moves with tempo 18.Qc4 Rh5 19.h3 Rxh3 indeed black is brave giving up a rook for two pawns and an attack on

the king. 20.gxh3 Qxh3 21.f4 Rxe3 22.Rd2 Rg3+ 23.Kf2 Rg2+ Bishop captures f4 is crushing but black attack has an 24.ke1 Qe3+ 25.Ne2 h6 26.Qd3 Qe7 27.f5 Na5 trying to add another piece to the attack as a number one rule-all your pieces should participate when you are attacking 28.f6 gxf6 white desperately tries to create counter play but black has everything under control 29.Qf3 Rg6 30.Kd1 Nc4

Black regains material and wins easily from here **31....Nxb2+** [#]

31.Rd3



32.Kc2 Nxd3 33.Qxd3 Rg2 34.Kd1 Bxa3 35.Qh3 Qxe2#. 0-1



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M, Amirkhanlou 1744
Nikita Matinian 2470
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1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d6 3.e5 g6

The game started out like caro-khan but transposed to a pirc like position. e5 is not ideal in the position as it loses tempo in the opening.

4.Bc4 d5! Gains tempo in the opening by hitting the Bishop and possibly fixing the pawn structure in the future.

5.Bb3 Bg7 6.d4 Bg4![#]



towel. Best try was Nxe4 though black would still be better because of the lead in development 14...e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5. 0-1

A true caro-khan spirit solving the bad bishop problem that arises in 7.h3 Structures Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nd7 9.e6?? Bad completely move neglecting opening principles by moving the same piece three times in the Opening. **9...fxe6 10.c3** e5 11.h4 e4 12.Qe2 Ngf6 **13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nf1** After this move white com-

Kaveh Ghaziolsharif 2190

Arthur Lucas 2299

B06 Unity mega Event **25.10.20**

Blitz 3 minutes

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3
d6 The pirc defence on the board very reputable with a decent score.
4.Bg5 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.0-0-0 Bb7 7.f3 [#]

pletely throws in the

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Clearly the Battle ground has drawn and with white occupying the Centre and black attacking it from afar with the fianchetted bishops.

7...Nd7 8.h4 very typical in such positions intending to break through with h5.

8...h6 9.Be3 Rc8 10.h5 g5 11.Nh3 c5 12.dxc5[#]



white accepts the challenge otherwise if he lets black play c4, his king will never be safe. The only sure way is to open the center and take advantage of the lead. 13.Bd4 12...Nxc5 Nf6 14.Be2 Ne6 15.Be3 b4 16.Nd5 a5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Kb1 Bxd5 19.exd5 Nc5 20.Bc6 After the series of moves and misjudgment of the position

by Black, white strategy involves taking full advantage of his opponent's king position.

20...Qc7 21.Nf2 a4 22.Qxb4

white takes the challenge Because his Opponents pieces are not fully developed!

22...Rb8 23.Qc4 Nfd7 24.Bd4 Ne5 25.Qc3 Qb6 26.Ne4?

Bad move by white which could have secured the e5 square for black though white would still be slightly better.

26...e6?? 27.Nxc5 [#]

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game over for black as white gains a piece 27...dxc5 28.Bxe5 Bxe5 29.Oxe5 Ke7 30.d6+ 1-0

Yousef Khaled 1902
Michael Jr. Concio 2297
D05 Unity Mega Event
25.10.20

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1.e3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c3 e64.Be2 c5 5.Nf3 The torresystem with Bishop

placed on e2 instead of d3 which could potentially be problematic for white later. 5...Nc6 6.0-0 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nb3 b6 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.f4 Ne4 12.Bd3 f6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Re1 Ne7



black solidifying his position in the Centre as compared to his opponent who still has Pieces that are

underdeveloped. Thus black is ready to push forward in this position. 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Rc8 18.Nf3 Kh8 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Qe2 Ng8 21.Qe3 h6 22.Bh4 g5 [#]



After this move black shows his intentions of expanding on the kingside and his strategy is clear, rally the heavy pieces behind the pawns 23.Bf2 g4 24.Nh4 f4?

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25.Qe2 white misses his chances to get back in the game with Ng6+.
25...Qg7 26.Rf1 f3
27.Qe3 Ne7 28.Kh1 Nf5

29.Nxf5 Rxf5-+[#]

Black is clearly winning with his Strategy paying Off, the rest is easy. 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Bg3 Rcf8 32.Rf2 fxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Rf3 34.Rxf3 Rxf3 35.Qe2 e3 36.Kg1 Qg6 37.Rf1 Qe4 38.Rxf3 gxf3 39.Qb5 f2+

40.Kf1 e2+ 41.Qxe2 Qg2#

Jose F Benito 2249
Eldiar Orozbaev 1973
B40 Unity Mega Event
25.10.20

Blitz 3 minutes

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5
4.c3 d4 Quite an unusual position that needs further investigations.
5.cxd4 cxd4 6.Qa4+ Nc6
7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6
9.Qxd4!?

The fun begins with this move

9...Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxg2 11.Rg1 Bd5 12.Nc3 [#]



White has three pawn islands and has developed three pieces. On the other hand, blacks structure is good and has two bishops. It could be said, it roughly equal with black having long term chances if white doesn't take advantage of his lead in development. 12...f6 0-0-0 would have been better in this position, developing the rook and king

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32.Rc8

Kxb7

31...Ka7

33.Rxe8. 1-0

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in one move. 13.Nxd5 **exd5 14.e6 Bc5** not the best of moves, In this position. g6 is slow but Nb5 will pose serious problems for black. 15.Nb3 Bb6 16.Rxg7 Ne7 17.d4 Nf5 18.Rxb7 Nxd4 Nc2+ 20.Kd1 19.Rxb6 Nxb3 Nxa1 21.Rb7 22.axb3 [#]

rook in the Seventh rank
accompanied with a
monster pawn on e6
which will be supported
with Bishop in a few
moves white is better.

22...0-0-0 23.Rxa7 Rde8

24.e7 Rhg8 25.Bf4 f5

26.Rc7+ Kb8 27.b4 Ka8

28.b5 Rg4 29.Bd6 Re4

30.b6 Re6 31.b7+ [#]





After the series of moves, black is still underdeveloped. White has a

White misses mate in one but still is winning.

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ANALYZE YOUR GAME

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Munenga Douglas 2327

Swatu Tebby 2038

B99 LPCA Elite League

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bh4 b5 12.a3 Bb7 **13.Rhe1 Rc8** This is a standard position in the Sicilian defense and I wanted to mix things up but I knew my opponent being lower rated a lot goes on in psychology, rating and experiments was at play here. 14.Bf2 not a standard plan but

wanted to counter Queen ideas on b6 or c5. 14...g5 my opponent wants to follow a standard plan by placing a knight on e5. A plan well known introduced by famous Tigran position. I have played the black side a number of times. 15.Qh3!? I had to do something with my lead in development without wasting much time. **15...gxf4** my opponent accepts the challenge and thought I was bluffing. 16.Bh4 involving my bishop before I sacrifice on e6 was the idea **16...Qc5** Qb6 was better

According to me. I had seen the analysis of Anand Vs Shirov some time back. 17.e5!



I move forward with my plan 17...dxe5 18.Nxe6
Thi was my super human move 18...fxe6 19.Bg6+
Kf8 20.Rxd7!! Black is totally lost in this position 20...Qc6 21.Rxb7 The rest is easy 21...Qxb7 22.Qxe6
Bd8 23.Bxf6 Bxf6
24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Be4

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INTERVIEW

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Dear Arjun



Thank you for accepting our invitation for this interview. As a first question, at what age did you start playing chess and how did you get acquainted with it?

I started Playing chess as a hobby at age 8, later on I got interested in it. Since then I have been pursuing chess professionally. Tell us a little about the successes and achievements you have achieved so far?

- National U-11 Boys
 Puri, June 2014 4th
 place
- U-13 Nationals Ahmedabad 2016 Gold
- U-15 Nationals Delhi,
 2016. Silver
- U-14 World Youth
 Uruguay 2017 Gold
- U-15 Nationals, Ahmedabad 2017.
 Bronze
- IM Norms 2018
- January IIFL Mumbai1st GM Norm

- February Aeroflot Russia 2nd IM Norm
- March HD Bank Vietnam 3rd GM Norm
- IM title
- GM Norms 2018
- May Kolkata 1st GM
 Norm
- June Serbia 2nd GM
 Norm
- August Abu Dhabi 3rd
 GM Norm
- GM Title
- U-16 Youth Olympiad November 2018, Turkey Team Silver
- U-16 July 2019 Commonwealth Gold



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What are your goals in chess?

I want to become World Champion

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

Unity Tournaments are extremely good and attractive. Only downside is that quite a few cheat. The lesser the number of cheaters the better it gets

Who is your favorite chess player in history?

My favorite chess player in history is Garry Kasparov and Current is Ding Liren and Magnus Carlen



How regular do you train?

I work around 10 hours a day





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

I really like the book 'My System' by Aaron Nimzowitsch. The way he explains everything in the book is just insane

Thanks very much for taking part in the Interview. Unity Chess Club wishes you good Luck in your Endeavors

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Kylen Joy Mordido



Kylen Joy Mordido (born May 25, 2002) is an eighteen year-old Woman International Master from the Philippines. She is undoubtedly one of the teenage sensations in terms of chess in the Philippines. She achieved her WIM title and a Woman Grand Master norm in the year 2018 in Eastern Asia Juniors and Girls

chess championship held in South Korea. Then she was able to get her second Woman Grand Master norm year 2019 in the SOE International Open held in Myanmar with a Whopping 2498 performance rating. Her Fide rating as of now is 2014 in standard category, 1923 in rapid, and 1807 in blitz.

At a young age, WIM Kylen Mordido already had some great milestones in her chess career. Aside from her two WGM norms and being the youngest female to have these

Chess credentials, she was also a record-setter in a national setting as she was the very first female to attain the Overall champion in the Shell National youth Active chess championship Grand Finals. She also represented the country in various international tournaments and brought pride and glory for the Philippines.

Currently WIM Kylen Mordido just started college in the National University with the degree of Bachelor of science Major in Psychology. In terms of Chess, she is

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Definitely someone to keep an eye on, one who can be the next Woman Grand Master in the Philippines.

Daniel Barria Zuniga



Daniel Barria Zuniga (born April 2, 1974 in Temuco, Chile), his lichess ID is manitodeplomo and he is an extremely fast player, he ranked 22nd in the Last Mega Event and

Was best Latin American.

He learned to play chess at the age of eight in Sweden. He lived there he was eleven until when the family moved to Chile. In 2020 he moved to Valencia. Spain and made a living there with translation and chess. He is married to the Chilean Chess Player Giovanna Arbunic Castro and has a Son.

In the Catalan League he plays at Sant Adria de Besos and in Spain at LALfa del Pi.

With the Chilean

Under-26 team, he participated in the Under-26 World Championships in Paranague in 1993 (on the second reserve board), in Parnaiba the 1995 (on second board) and in 1997 in the Presidency Roque Saenz Pena (also on the second board). In 1995 he received an individual gold medal for his score of 4.5 points in 6 games. With the Chilean team, he parthe 2006 ticipated in chess Olympiad in Turin and in the Pan American Championship 1995, when he achieved the second best result on

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the third board.

Since October 2004 he has held the title of IM. He reached the standards this in December for 2001 at the Castellar del Valles tournament in Bar-November celona. in 2012 at the 8th International Open in Valencia, against which he won Khamrakulov, **Ibragim** and in January 2004 at the 29th tournament in Seville. The title has not been requested for the FIDE congress in February and July 2004, since Daniel Zuniga Barria had not reached the necessary Elo for 2400

He's Elo rating is 2341 (as of June 2020), which places it in 18th place in the Chilean Elo ranking. It's highest rating to date was 2462 in January 2007.

Andrew Kayonde



IM **Andrew Kayonde** 32 years of age and a Zambian by Nationality.

He was born and bred in

the land of the Chhipolopolo and also one of Zambia's and Africa's most celebrated chess player.

He started out as a 12 year old checkers enthusiast and only deviated to chess artistry upon the realization of a close friend that his sharp skills would be of much use elsewhere.

His humble countenance would however cause many to let their guards down, however his nickname AK47 is attributed to the fact that he's quite the killer over the board.

An inspiration to many

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young and upcoming stars as he's been able to prove his prowess through balancing his highly analytical Banking career with dynamic world of chess Pursuits.

Some of his mind boggling achievements include;

- Became IM in 2016with 3 Norms and2400+ rating.
- Six time Zambian National champion
- He drew marvelously with GM Vassily Ivanchuk in Batumi Olympiad 2018 which famed him beautifully

He managed to grab the 2020 Boardwalk Open Championship just before Covid-19 disrupted travel. But to mention a few of his accolades.

Being a perfectionist he's eyeing the GM title and also seeks to dominate on online chess events which might as well be the future of many chess events.

Aleksandr lenderman



Aleksandr Lenderman was born September 23, 1989 is **American** an Chess grandmaster. He won the 2005 World U16 Championship in Belfort with a score of 9/10 becoming the first American to win a gold Medal at the World Youth Chess Championship since Tal Shook and won the World Junior Championship in 1997.

He attended Edward R. Murrow High School in Brooklyn where, from 2004 to 2007, he was part of the "dream team" winning four straight national high school titles

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For the school, along with now IM Salvijus Bercys.

He played an important role in the book "The Kings of New York".

Lenderman was first in the 2008 USCF Grand Prix, scoring higher than all Grandmasters he competed against by playing and championing in Smaller events, including WCL tournaments.

In 2009, he announced after completing his second year at Brooklyn College, he planned to end his studies there and become a professional chess player. He finished

First in the 2009 Atlantic Open, in front of several other GMs. He also won the 2009 USCF Grand Prix and was a Cochampion of the 2009 U.S. Open. Lenderman earned three GM norms in quick succession in the summer of 2009.

- He earned his first GM norm at the Copper state International tournament in Mesa AZ, May 29 to June 3, 2009.
- A second GM norm was earned at the Philadelphia International tournament June 25-29, 2009.

He earned his third GM norm on July 5, 2009, at the World Open in Philadelphia. He went on to win a few other events but to mention a few of his accolades.

Sethuraman S.P.



Sethuraman Panayappan
Sethuraman was born
25 February 1993
in Chennai and is
an Indian chess grandmas
ter.



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He achieved the three norms required for grandmaster the title with shared second place and score of 8/10 а points at the Parsynath Open in New Delhi in 2009, third place and 6.5/9 score at the Paris International Championship in 2010, and winning the Voivoda Cup in Legnica with 7/9 in the same year.

Sethuraman won the 2004 Asian under-12 championship in Singapore and the 2009 world U16 championship in Antalya.

In 2014, Sethuraman took team bronze medal with the Indian team at the 41st Chess Olympiad in Tromsø and won the Indian National Premier Championship.

With this win, he qualified for the Chess World Cup 2015, where he knocked out Sanan Sjugirov in round one and compatriot Pentala Harikrishna in the second round, before being eliminated by Shakhriyar Mamedyarov in the third.

In 2016 he won the Asian
Chess Championship in Tashkent

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GM Roman Ovetchkin



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GM Ivan Rozum



GM Mikhail Demidov





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GM Mikhail Panarin



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GM Aleksei Pridorozhni





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FM Justin Chen



IM Christopher Woojin Yoo



FM Balaji **Daggupati**



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IM Praveen Balakrishnan





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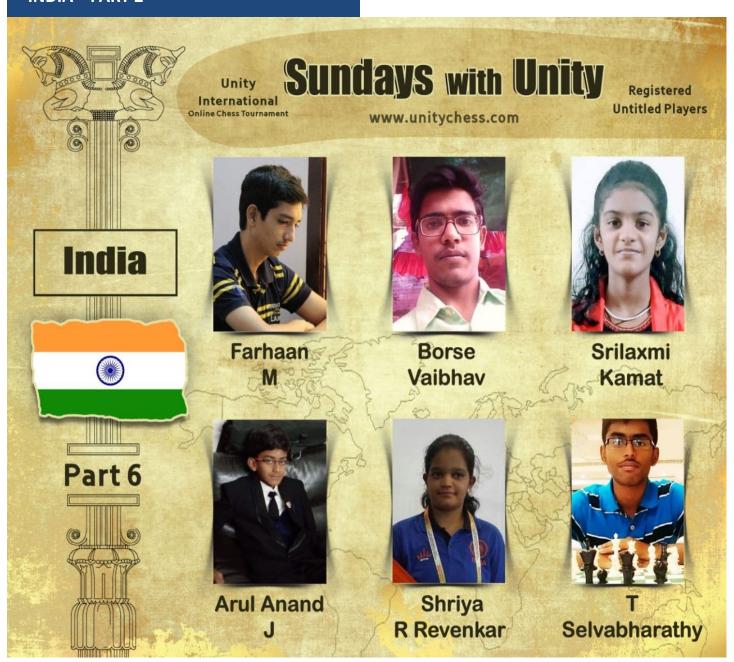




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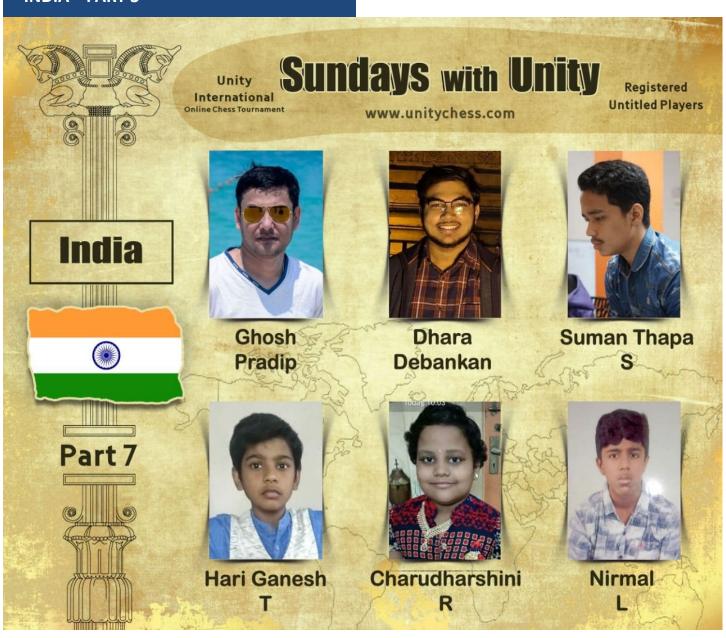




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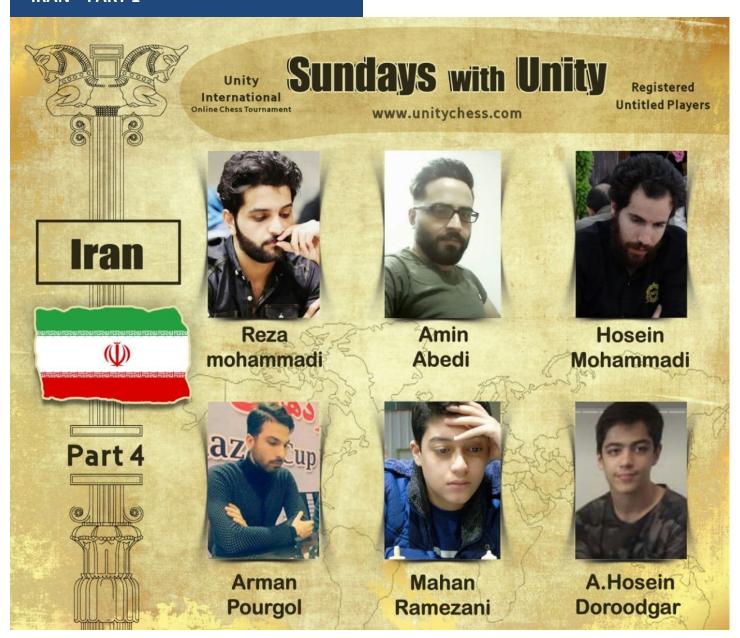




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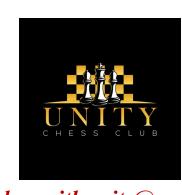




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