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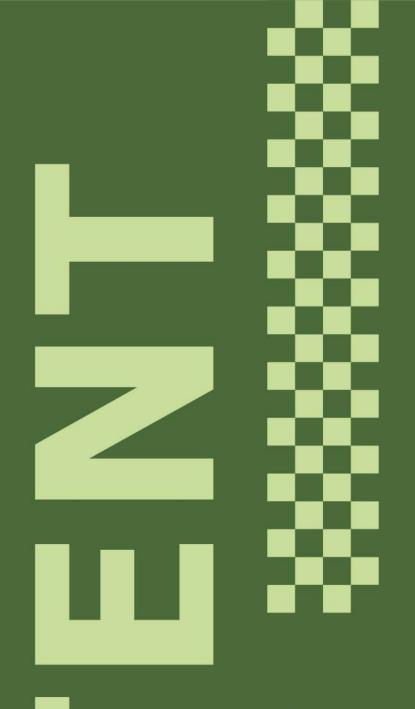
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From the editor



From the editor

Having passed 19 weeks since the start of the big Sundays With Unity tournaments, these tournaments will enter a new phase. As a matter of fact, these 19 weeks were an excellent warm-up for the new season!

With the initiative of the Unity team and many studies, we have come to the conclusion that the competitions will be held in 4 separate tables, one of which will be held every week. As a result, the chances of winning chess players at different levels will increase and more excitement will prevail in the tournament. The prize pool for these tournaments will be \$ 7,200 per month. These 4 tables are:

First Sunday of each month we will have our Women Championship tournaments with a prize fund of \$500 for 33 players. The second Sunday we will have Untitled U2200 Championship with \$1200 prize fund for 220 players, the third Sunday Kids U8-U16 Championship with a prize fund of \$500 for 33 players, and finally, we have our Mega Event with the prize fund of \$5000 for more than 260 players every last Sunday of each month. Those months that include 5 Sundays, the Senior Championship will be held on the 4th Sunday of that month.

We will let you know the details of this great plan soon.

M.R.Salehzadeh





19th Sundays With Unity Online International Blitz Tournament 26 July 2020

The 19th week report

The 19th week of the Sunday With Unity tournament was held on July 26 with 1092 players from 58 countries. 83 GM, 123 IM, and 194 FM participated in this tournament.

The following three countries had the highest number of players:



The tournament was played in a fighting spirit throughout, with young and older players, and inexperienced and experienced players, enjoying some fun chess. This week David Paravyan (2635), a strong GM from Russia led the field with 97 points.



The winner of the tournament: GM David Paravyan





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GM Parham Maghsoodloo (2676) from Iran came second in the tournament with 94 points followed by Azerbaijani GM Vugar Rasulov (2553) with 90 points.



Parham and Alireza: The Golden Generation of Iranian Chess





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GM Vugar Rasulov





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In the women's section, WGM Anna Sargsyan (2405) from Armenia got first place, WIM Jan Jodilyn Fronda (2152) and WIM Vantika Agrawal (2286) got second and third place.



WGM Anna Sargsyan

Anna M. Sargsyan participated in European Youth Chess Championships and World Youth Chess Championships and reached the best result in 2017 when she ranked 4th in European Youth Chess Championship in girl's U16 age group. Since 2016 she participated in Armenian Women's Chess Championship finals where her best result is 4th place in 2016.





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Among the under-16 players, India's star Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (2608) won the best title.



GM Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa vs Wesley So

The full results for each category are attached.





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July 26th 2020

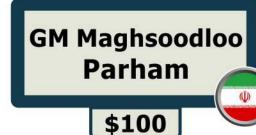






GM Paravyan David

\$150











GM Rasulov Vugar

\$60



\$40









GM Sarana Alexey

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\$20









GM Ponkratov Pavel

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GM Kovalyov Anton

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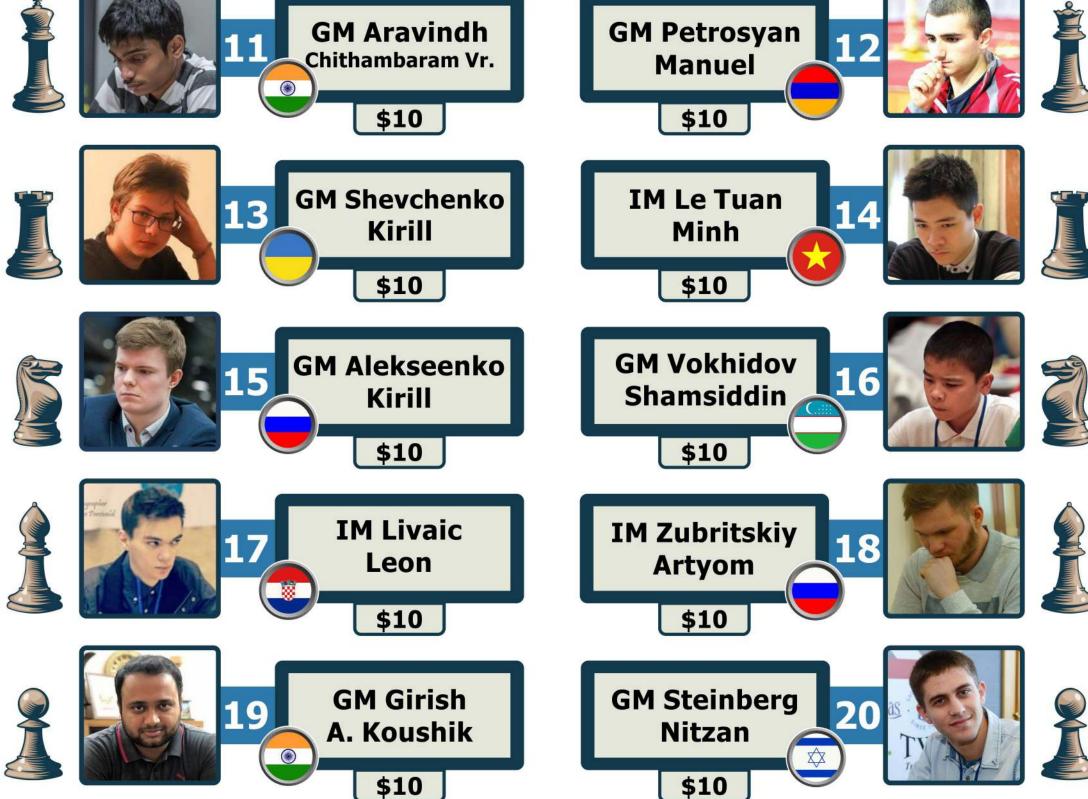
GM Grachev Boris

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▶ Women's Section

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WGM Sargsyan Anna M.

\$30



\$20









WIM Vantika Agrawal

\$10



\$5









Teodora Injac

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Charkhalashvili

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WFM Zahedifar Anahita

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WFM Francisco Guecamburu Candela Be





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Online Chess Tournament

Senior 65+_50+

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Online Chess Tournament

Under 2300-2399

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FM Lianes
Garcia Marcos

\$30



\$20









IM Ravichandran Siddharth

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FM Nitish Belurkar

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FM Quirhuayo Chumbe German Gonzalo

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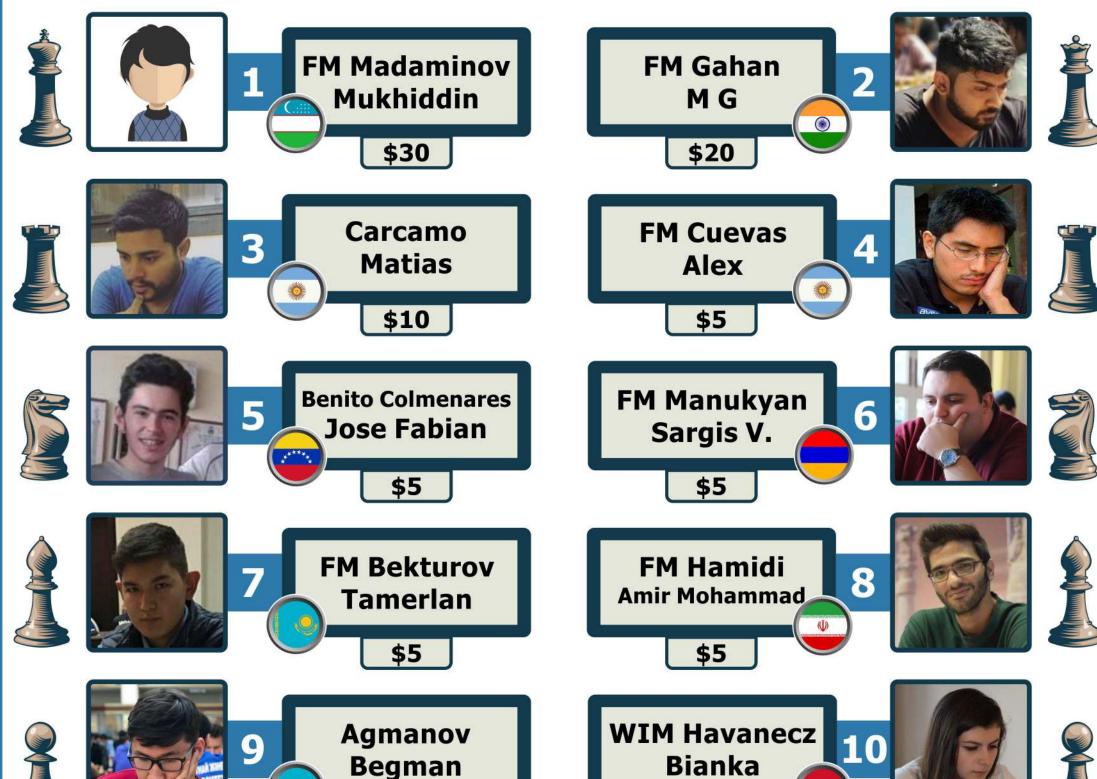
FM Yashmetov Mikhail \$5

FM Saydaliev Saidakbar \$5









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Under 2100-2199

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FM Rojas Salas Steven

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Ramezani Mahan

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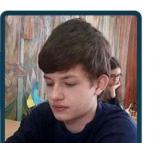


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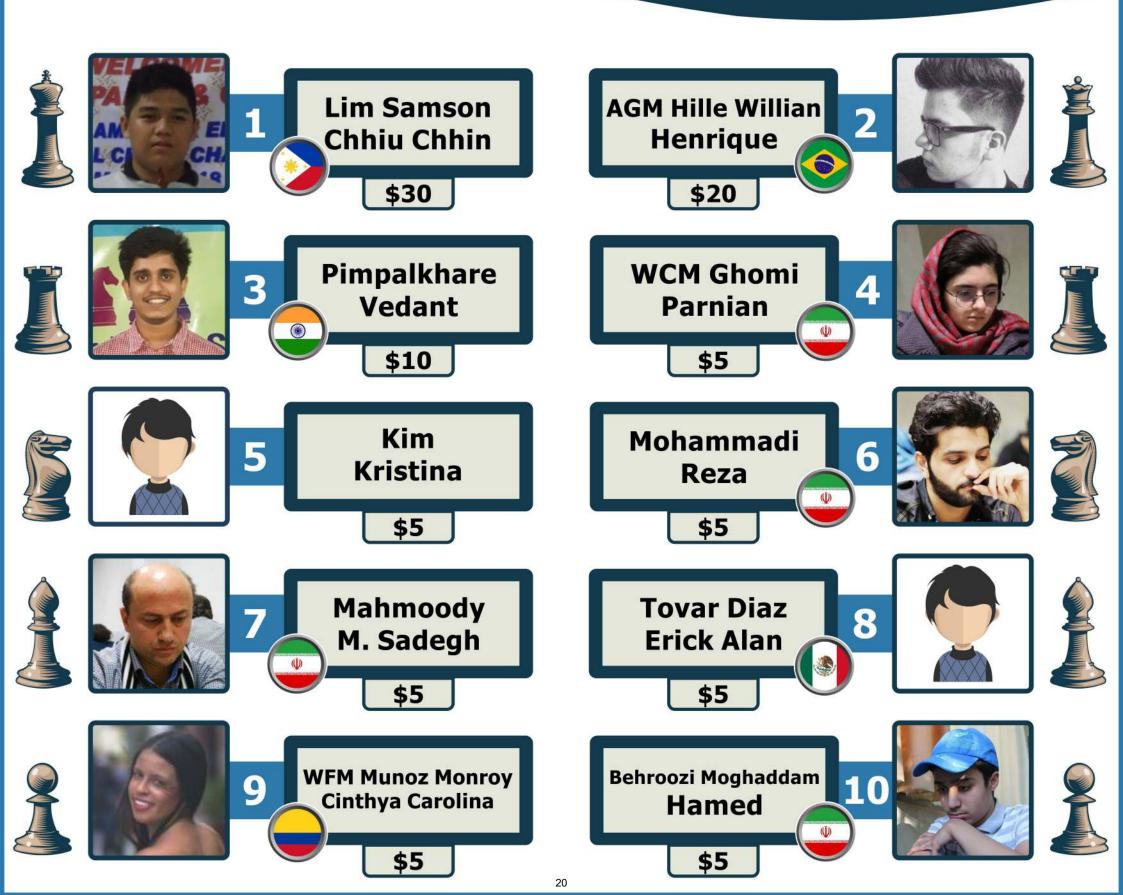
CM Bhavesh Mahajan \$5 CM Coca Cubillos Jesus Alberto

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Under 1900-1999

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CM Akhmedinov Satbek

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Garcia Campitelli Gonzalo

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Moradi Sajad

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CM Orozbaev Eldiar

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Sharan Rao

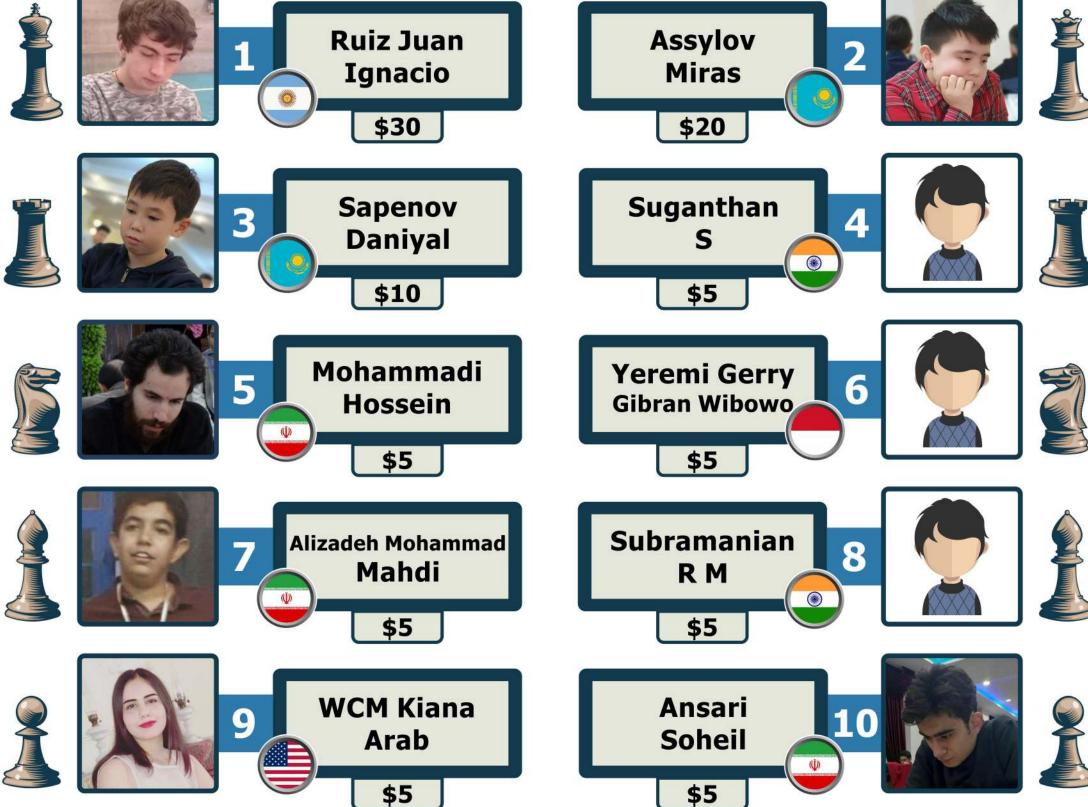
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Abylkasymov Kairatbek \$5













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Abbaspoorrad Nikoo \$5

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Under 1600-1699

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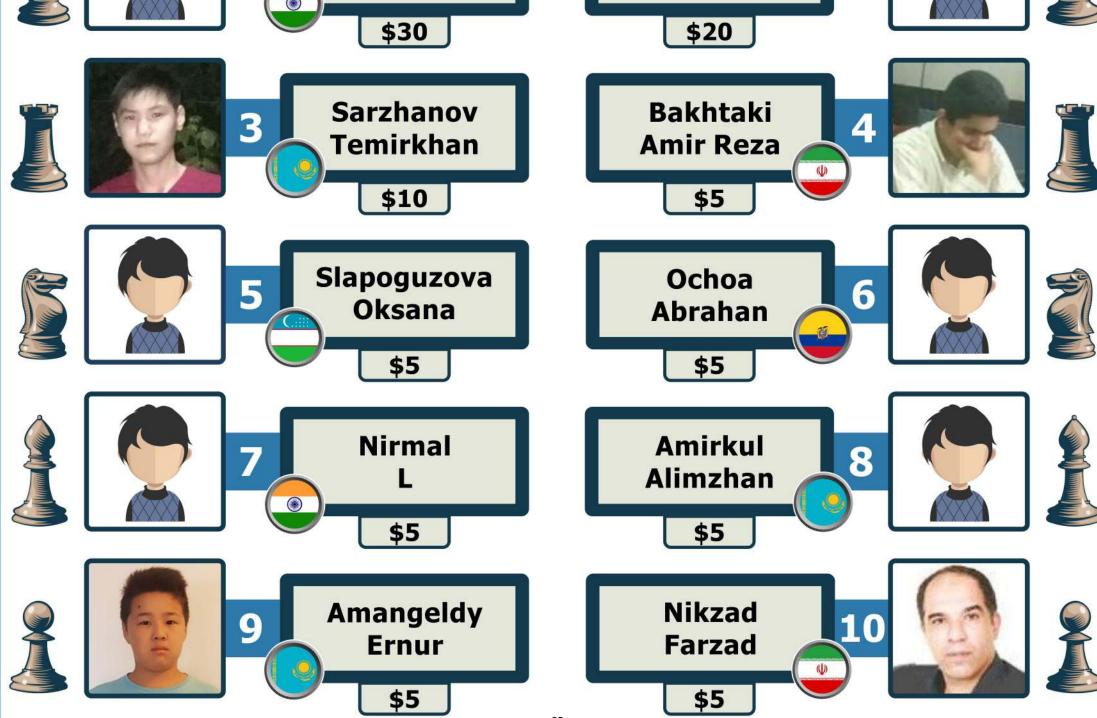






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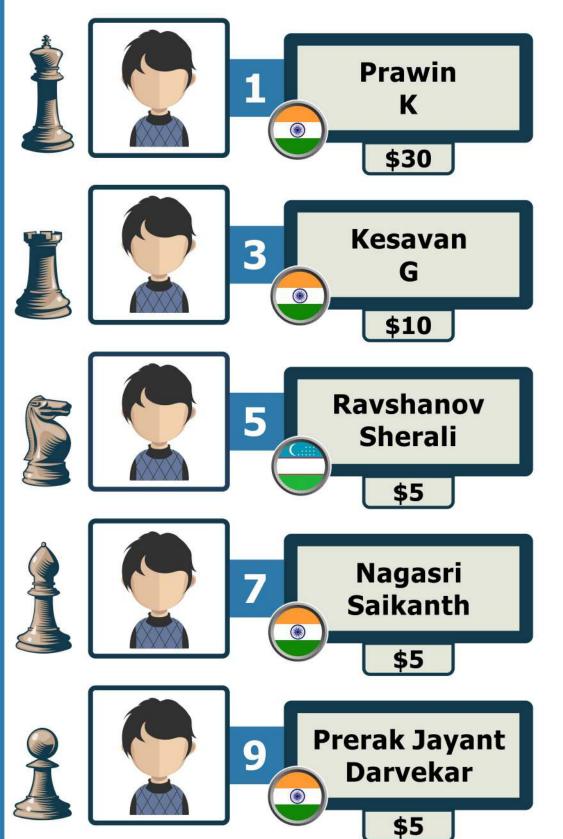
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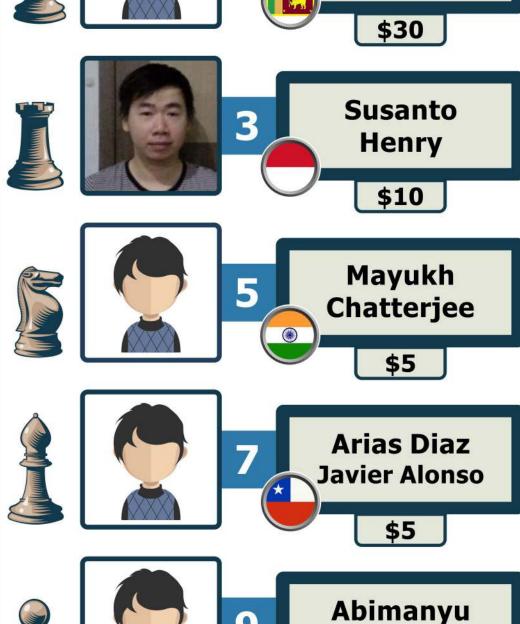
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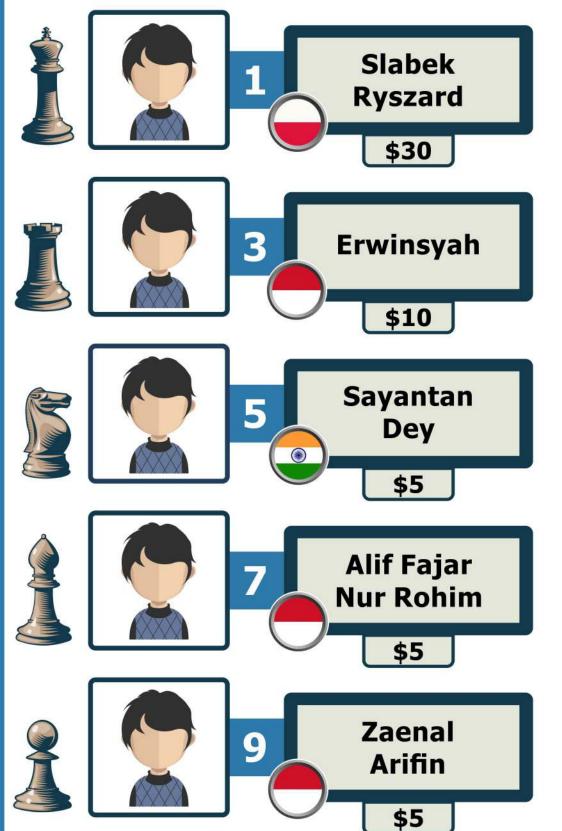
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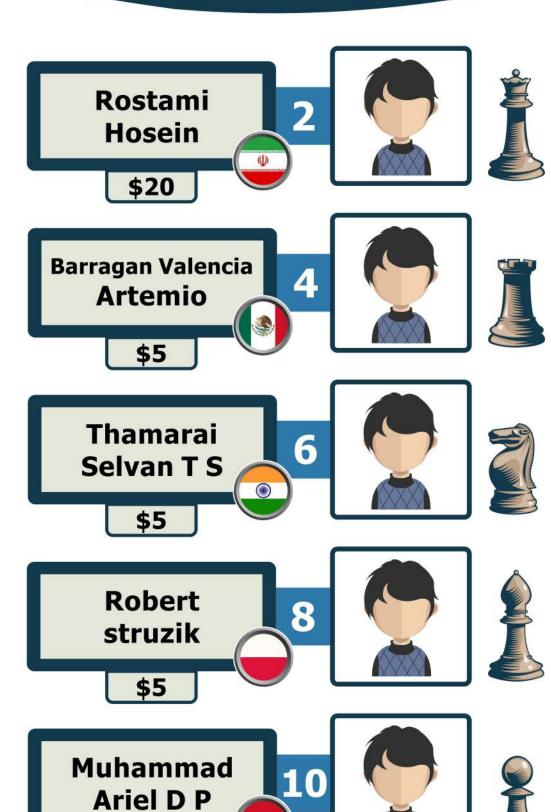
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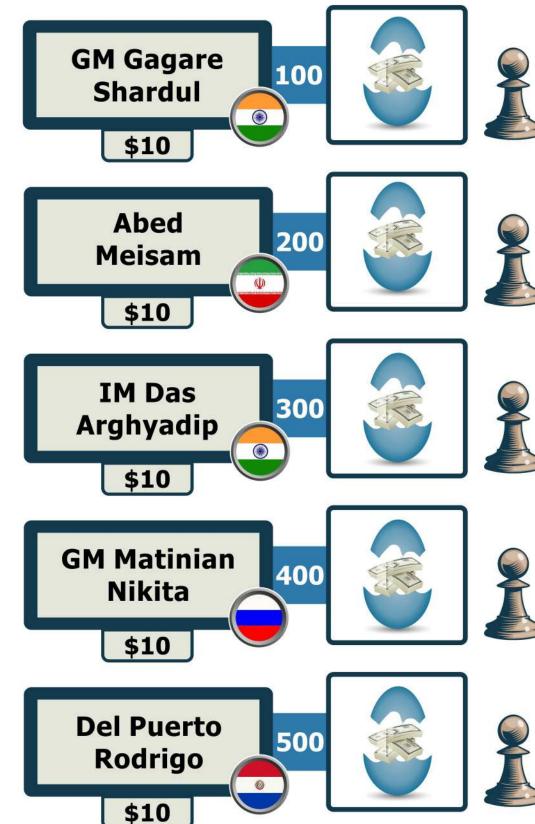
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Lucky Prizes

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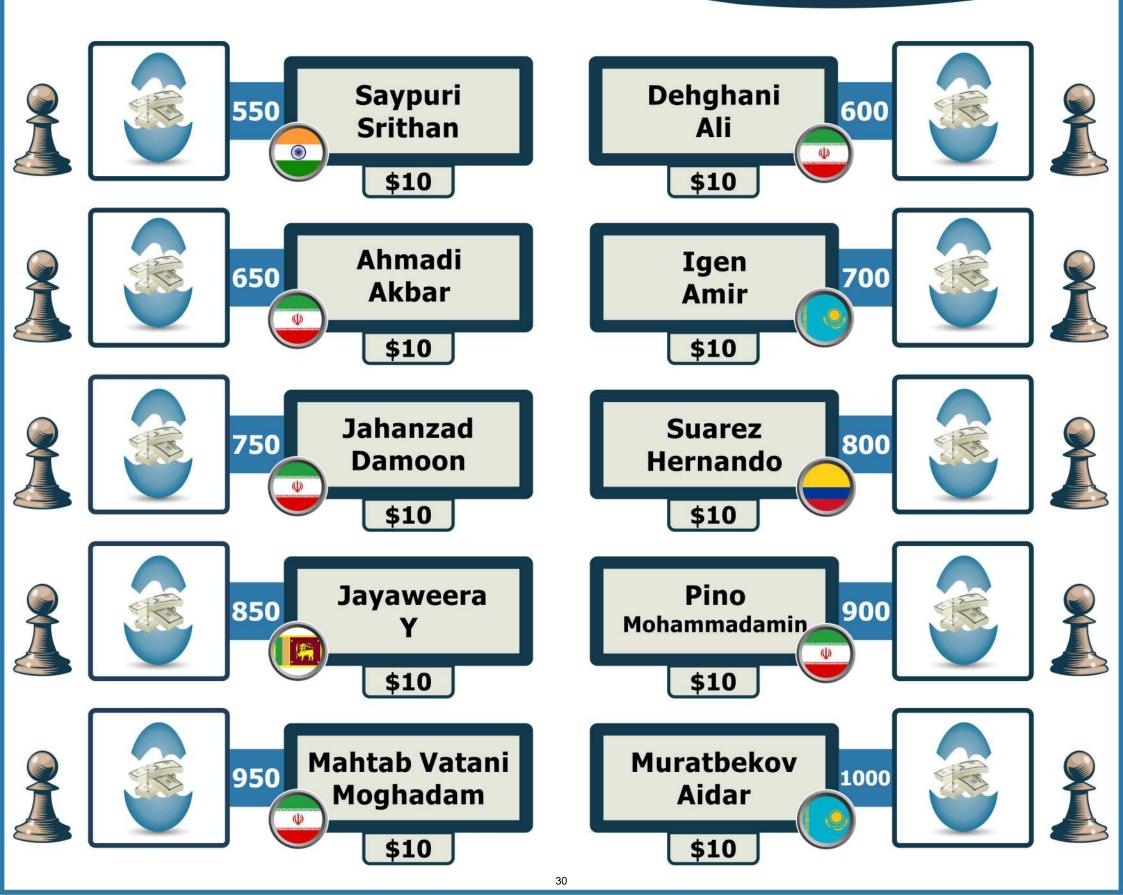
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▶ Lucky Prizes

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Top 40 Players who didn't win the individual prizes





1 GM Harsha Bharathakoti

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GM Narayanan S.L









IM Aronyak Ghosh IM Neelash Saha









IM Siva Mahadevan GM Sengupta Deep









FM Srihari L R IM Rathanvel V S



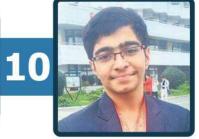
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FM Manu David Suthandram R CM Kushagra Mohan





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Top 40 Players who didn't win the individual prizes





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FM Audi Ameya









FM Wagh Suyog Dere Pushkar









FM Gunasekaran K.

IM Das Sayantan









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Gireman Ja

IM Arjun Kalyan









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FM Vinoth Kumar M.

Debankan Dhara





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Champion Country INDIA

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Top 40 Players who didn't win the individual prizes





FM Om Kharola

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Mahindrakar Indrajeet









Pavan B N B GM Himanshu Sharma









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Ramdas Sinha Harshit Ranjan Sahu









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IM Muthaiah Al IM Das Arghyadip





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Online Chess Tournament

Champion Country INDIA

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Top 40 Players who didn't win the individual prizes





WGM Vaishali

Pradip Ghosh 32









33 Ambarish Sharma Gawai Siddhant









GM Swayams Mishra Manigandan S S









IM Kulkarni Vikramaditya Ganesh Babu S









FM Aaryan Varshney Ram S. Krishnan







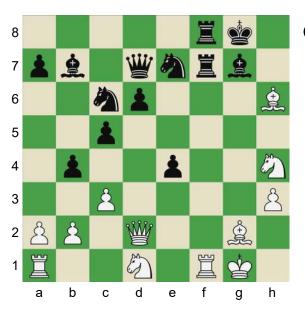
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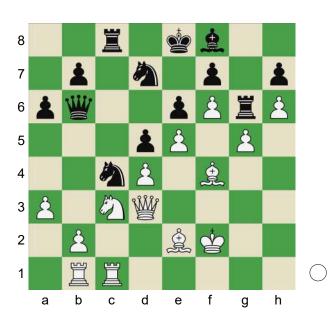
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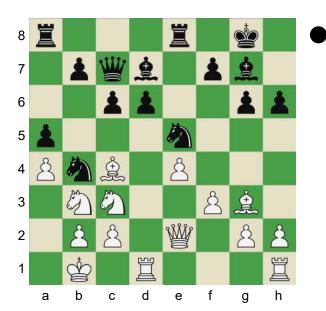
21...Rxf1+ \rightarrow 22.Bxf1 Rxf1+! Δ Qh3 23.Kxf1 Qxh3+ 24.Qg2 Qxg2+!? 25.Kxg2 Bxh6-+ **0-1**

■ Maghsoodloo,Parham■ Kobo,OriUnityChessClub Arena

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27.Nxd5! exd5 28.b3 Nc5 29.dxc5□ Bxc5+ 30.Kg3 Nxa3 31.b4! Nxb1 [31...Bf2+ 32.Kg2 Rc4 33.Qxd5+-] 32.bxc5 Rxc5 33.Rxb1+- 0-1



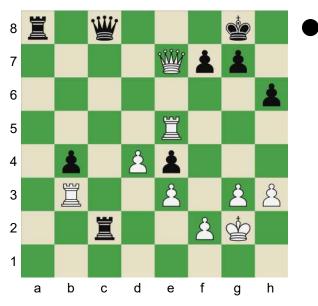
18...b5!→ 19.axb5

[19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Bd3 bxa4 21.Nxa4 Nxd3! 22.Qxd3 c5!-+]
19...a4! / \a3 20.Nd4 a3 21.bxc6 Bxc6!

[□21...axb2!? 22.cxd7 Nxc4 23.dxe8Q+ Rxe8-+]
22.Bb3 axb2 23.Kxb2 Rec8-+
1-0

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 $38...Rxf2+!-+ \Delta Qc2$ **0-1**



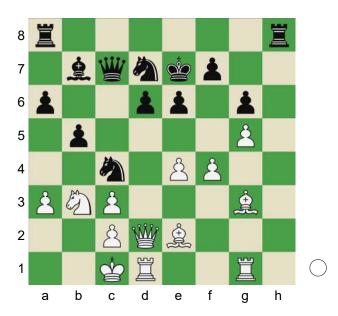


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20.Bxc4!→ bxc4 21.f5! ∆B×d6 21...e5 22.Na5!→ Rab8?

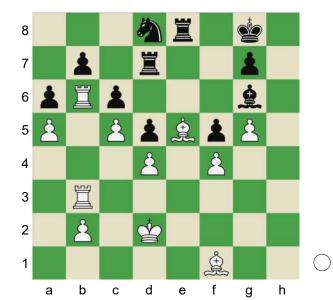
[\triangle 22...Bxe4 23.f6+! \triangle Q×d6 Ke6 24.Rge1 Bf3 25.Qf4! Bxd1 26.Kxd1 Qxa5 27.Qg4+ Kd5 28.Qxd7 \triangle R×e5 Qxc3 29.Bxe5 Qxe1+ 30.Kxe1 Kxe5 31.Qxf7±]

23.f6+ Ke6 24.Nxc4! Normal Black resigns.

[24.Nxb7!? Rxb7 25.Qd5#+-] **1-0**

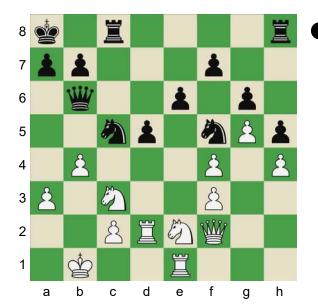
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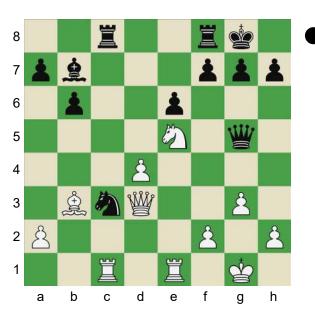
38.Bxa6! bxa6 39.Rxa6 Bh5 40.Rb8 Kf7 41.Raa8 Kf8 42.a6 Ne6 43.Rxe8+ Bxe8 44.a7 Nd8 45.b4+-

[△45.Rxd8! ΔBb8 Rxa7 46.Bd6+ Kf7 47.g6+ Kxg6 48.Rxe8+-]



24...Nb3! 25.Qxb6 Nxd2+ Δa×b6 **0-1**

☐ Chhiu Chhin,Samson ■ Girish,A. Koushik UnityChessClub Arena **2454 2690**26.07.2020



19...Ne2+! △R×c1 20.Qxe2 Rxc1 21.Bd1 [21.Nxf7 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Rxf7 23.Bxe6 Kf8 24.Bxf7 Kxf7-+] 21...Rfc8-+ 0-1





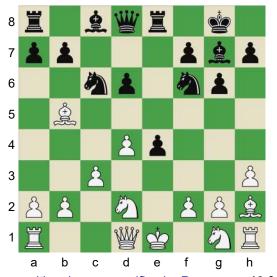
Strategy Corner

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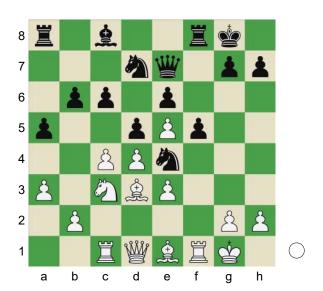


12...e3!→ A strong positional pawn sacrifice by Paranyan. 13.fxe3 Nd5! ∆N×e3

[13...Rxe3+? 14.Ne2∓] [13...Bh6!? 14.Ngf3 Bxe3 15.Kf1 Nd5-+] 14.Nf1 Qh4+-+ [14...Bh6!-+] 0-1

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15.cxd5! cxd5

[15...exd5 16.Ne2! Δ Nf4 Bb7 17.Nf4 Rfe8 18.a4 c5 19.Bxe4! fxe4 20.e6 Nf8 21.dxc5! Δ N×d5]

16.Nxe4?!

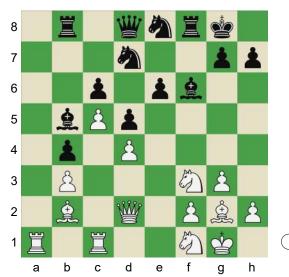
[16.Qh5!± ΔBh4]

16...dxe4?

[16...fxe4 17.Bb5 Rxf1+ 18.Bxf1 Nf8±]

17.Bb5!± 0-1

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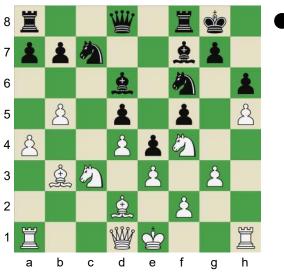
20.Ne3! \(\Delta \text{Ng4-e5} \) 20...Nc7 21.Ng4 Be7 22.Re1!

[22.Nge5!? Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Bf6 24.Re1 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Ra8 26.Qxb4 Rxa1+ 27.Bxa1 Bd3±]

22...Qe8 23.Nge5! Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Bf6 25.Ra7± 1-0

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19...Bxf4! Eliminating one of the defenders of h5. 20.gxf4 Qe8! $\Delta B \times h5$ 21.Qc2 Rc8

[\(\times 21 \)...Bxh5!-+]

22.Qb2 Kh7 23.0-0-0 Bxh5 24.Rdg1 Bf3-+ 0-1



Funny Blunders

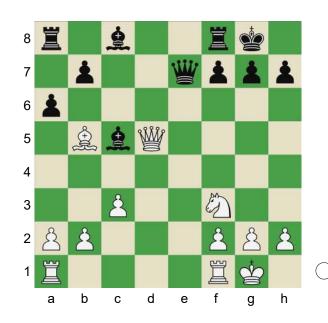
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15.Rfe1??

[15.Ba4] [15.Bd3]

15...Be6 Black wins a piece. 0-1

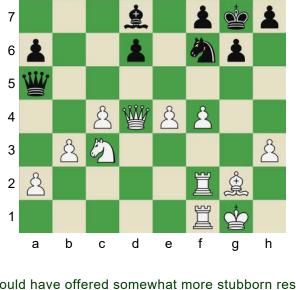
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30...Nc3?? Black still has 52 seconds but he throws away everything with this untimely pre-move.

[30...Nd2=]

31.Rxc3 1-0



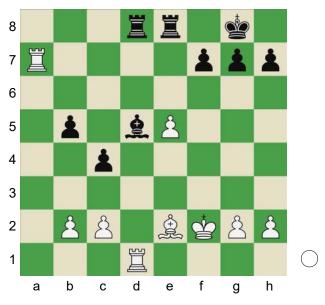
22...Rfd8??

[22...Qc5 would have offered somewhat more stubborn resistance. 23.Rd1 Qxd4 24.Rxd4+-]

23.Nd5 1-0

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25.Rb7?? White makes a strange blunder with 53 seconds on the clock. [25.Ra5±]

25...Bxb7

0-1







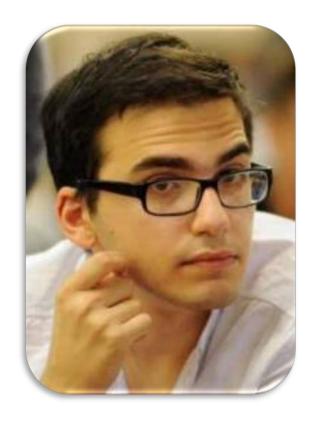




Born in 1998, David Paravyan earned his international master title in 2013 and his grandmaster title in 2017. He won the Gibraltar Masters in January 2020. After tying for first on a score of $7\frac{1}{2}/10$ (+5–0=5), Paravyan won a four-way playoff to take the title. He defeated Wang Hao in the finals.

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

The culture of spending time behind the chessboard has taken root in our family since the time of my great-grandfather, Leva. He used to play with his brothers, cousins, son-in-law (my grandfather David), etc. Learning the game was simple, first observational, then practical. In the same way, has been the process of becoming a grandmaster, given that my family has created a comfortable setting to aid me in doing my favorite activity, that is- playing chess.



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

Overall, the tournament is already quite fun. Of course, all chess players who can expect to win the tournament, including me, would like a different distribution of the prize pool, but it is quite possible that the first prize of \$1,000 will push many to foul play, as we see in other online tournaments. The first prize of \$150 kills the sports component, but it can be fun.







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?

The arena should be left, at least for people like me, who during a long break manage to fall into depression because of the blunder in their last game. And, in general, this is a more dynamic format, there are also enough Swiss tournaments on the Internet.

You won Gibraltar 2020 after a thrilling tiebreak and defeated Wang Hao in the final. Tell us something about this experience especially winning in the rapid and blitz section.





It was a tedious day! In all honesty, I really like the idea of determining the winner with equality in the classics. It can be both like in Gibraltar, the final of 4, and like in Stavanger Armageddon after a draw. Classics is the most important control for me, only there can I create beautiful games, but rapid, blitz and even bullet games are also very important, they're all a significant part of chess.







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

I play a lot on the Internet, and I analyze even more, and not always make my debut. I think I'll go crazy soon!



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

I often watch old games from the past, and my favorite players often change. Lately, I've greatly admired the crazy schemes of Lasker. There are a lot of modern epic players. In terms of style, I like Aronian and Gelfand.

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

All of Kasparov's books are my favorite, because they are written by one of the greatest players in history, and at the same time are useful and interesting for players of any qualifications.









What do you think about the future of chess?

I think it will all depend directly on the development (or fading!) of the pandemic. In any case, the worst time is right now, although it was somehow incredibly productive for me personally.

Thank you very much!





