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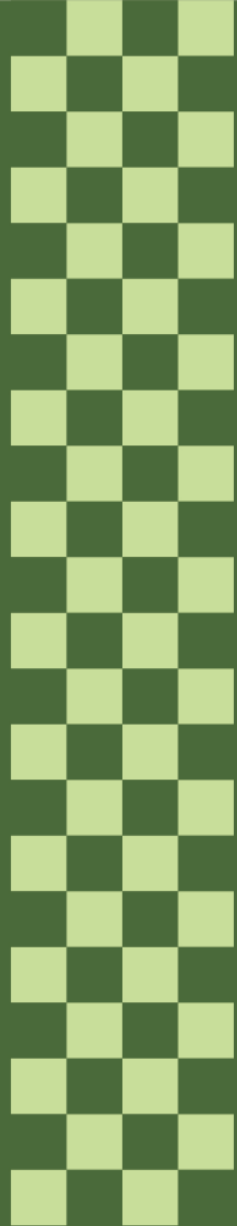
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From the editor

As you are aware, this week's magazine is dedicated to reviewing the first Unity tournament between the untitled players. I have always wondered what the main difference between masters and other players is. Tactics and calculation? Strategy and planning? Better technique and endgame skills? Better opening preparation? or studying classical games?

Of course, any person can highlight one of the above, but in my opinion, mastering the history of chess and studying classical games is one of the most important factors. A few years ago, I had the chance to translate the great book of Zurich 1953, the valuable book of David Bronstein, from the English version into Persian with the help of a friend, and during the process, Bronstein's excellent commentaries completely fascinated me. David made an informed decision to explain chess to the average players and provided excellent and understandable explanations for all levels. The effect of this book on players has been so great that it has been claimed that by reading this book, the player can increase his rating by more than 300 points. Considering the starting of the untitled player's tournament in our competitions, I decided to recommend this valuable book to you. I hope many of you increase your rating and become a master by reading this book carefully. However, the downside is that you will not be allowed to participate in our untitled tournament!

Yours sincerely

M.R.Salehzadeh





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The 20th-week report

The first Unity Chess Untitled tournament was held on August 16, 2020. The presence of 581 chess players made this competition one of the biggest online tournaments held under 2200.

After 2 hours of relentless struggle, 12-year-old Iranian chess player Reza Mahdavi managed to reach the first place with 99 points.



Iranian talented; Reza Mahdavi



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Elias Alberto Izquierdo from Peru came in second with 90 points and Indonesian player Chandra Putra Winahyu came in third with the same score.



Elias Alberto Izquierdo



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Chandra Putra Winahyu

You will see the details of the winners and prizes next.



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◆ Rating Category: Best U16-U14-U12 Boys Main Prizes

Best Under 16 Boys

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Ayush Sharma (IND) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Alizadeh, Mohammad Mahdi (IRI) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Behrooz Moghaddam, Hamed (IRI) | Free Mega |

Best Under 14 Boys

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Bhavesh Mahajan (IND) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Khorshidi, Mohammad Javad (IRI) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Kenbeilov, Timur (KAZ) | Free Mega |

Best Under 12 Boys

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | John Veny Akkarakaran (IND) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Ashraf, Artin (IRI) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Arpith S Bijoy (IND) | Free Mega |

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◆ Rating Category: Best U16-U14-U12 Girls Main Prizes

Best Under 16 Girls

1	Behzad Nazif, Parva (IRI)	\$10.00
2	Jalali, Saba (IRI)	\$5.00
3	Perez Nayeli (ESA)	\$6.00

Best Under 14 Girls

1	Sai Mahati A (IND)	\$10.00
2	Zamanbek, Mereilim (KAZ)	\$5.00
3	Bruintjies, Hailey Carla (RSA)	Free Mega

Best Under 12 Girls

1	Zakirova, Aisha (KAZ)	\$10.00
2	Mohamadi, Niyousha (IRI)	\$5.00
3	Rahmani, Melika (IRI)	Free Mega

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◆ **Rating Category: Best U10-U8 Boys Main Prizes**

Best Under 10 Boys

- | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Begmuratov, Khumoyun (UZB) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Aakash G (IND) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Alaghehmand, Arshia (IRI) | Free Mega |

Best Under 08 Boys

- | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Karakash, Kirill (KAZ) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Madhesh Kumar S (IND) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Salehi, Barman (IRI) | Free Mega |

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◆ Rating Category: Best U10-U8 Girls Main Prizes

Best Under 10 Girls

1	Yousefian, Maedeh (IRI)	\$10.00
2	Zhumagali, Raian (KAZ)	\$5.00
3	Marvi, Targol (IRI)	Free Mega

Best Under 08 Girls

1	Rojas Salas, Rihanna Irina (PER)	\$10.00
2	Hridika Das (IND)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 2100 - 2199 Main Prizes

1	Mahdavi, Reza (IRI)	\$20.00
2	Izquierdo, Elias Alberto (PER)	\$10.00
3	Katenov, Aibek (KAZ)	\$5.00
4	Ganesh Babu S (IND)	Free Mega
5	Moghaddamian, Afshin (IRI)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	- - - - -	\$10.00
2	- - - - -	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Khumalo, Keith (ZA)	\$10.00
2	- - - - -	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 2100 - 2199 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Tarazooyeadl, Mojtaba (INA)	\$10.00
2	Akbar, Akmalnaidi (INA)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Gutierrez Garcia, Vicente (MEX)	\$10.00
2	Saavedra, Moises (PER)	\$5.00
3	Terry Lujan, Cesar Alonso (PER)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 2000 - 2099 Main Prizes

1	Hille, Willian Henrique (BR)	\$20.00
2	LIM, Samson Chhiu Chhin (PH)	\$10.00
3	Pimpalkhare Vedant (IND)	\$5.00
4	Bahrami Hezaveh, Navid (IRI)	Free Mega
5	Ulikhanyan, Alexandr (RUS)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Ghomi, Parnian (IRI)	\$10.00
2	Kim, Kristina (KAZ)	\$5.00
3	Ulziikhishigjargal, Ochirkhuyag (MO)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Okeke Issac (NI)	\$10.00
2	Odendaal, Frederick (ZA)	\$5.00
3	Hamed, Mohamed (EG)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 2000 - 2099 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Yusuf (TU)	\$10.00
2	Buana, Daru Okta (INA)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Rojas Mena, Jhann Carlos (PER)	\$10.00
2	Tovar Diaz, Erick Alan (MEX)	\$5.00
3	Alarcon, Jose (PY)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1900 - 1999 Main Prizes

1	Winayuh, Chandra Putra (INA)	\$20.00
2	Orozbaev, Eldiar (KG)	\$10.00
3	Nayak, Biswajit (IND)	\$5.00
4	Vardanyan, Haik A. (ARM)	Free Mega
5	Kertaev, Natan (KAZ)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Lim, Adelaide Joie (PH)	\$10.00
2	Saranya, Y (IND)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Kabaso Bwalya (ZM)	\$10.00
2	Musasizi, Emmanuel (UG)	\$5.00
3	Rapheal Titoluwanimi (NGR)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1900 - 1999 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Manzanero, Stephen (PH)	\$10.00
2	Budhidharma, Nayaka (INA)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Barrientos, Ernesto (PY)	\$10.00
2	Garcia Torres, Francisco (MEX)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1800 - 1899 Main Prizes

1	Doroodgar, A.hosein (IRI)	\$20.00
2	Balmagambetov, Timur (KAZ)	\$10.00
3	Mazhkenov, Alisher (KAZ)	\$5.00
4	Gawai Siddhant (IND)	Free Mega
5	Lad Mandar Pradip (IND)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Kiana, Arab (USA)	\$10.00
2	Krithigga K (IND)	\$5.00
3	Kogan, Elvira (RUS)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Lawerlot, George Lee-Roy (ZA)	\$10.00
2	Tolu, Behailu Workneh (ET)	\$5.00
3	Elias Thabo (BW)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1800 - 1899 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Satria Duta Cahaya (INA)	\$10.00
2	Christopher Khalil (PH)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Alvarado Zamora, Albert (PER)	\$10.00
2	Ortiz Hernandez, Ricardo Paul (MEX)	\$5.00
3	Gutierrez Vargas, Robert (PER)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1700 - 1799 Main Prizes

1	Lemi, Daniel John (PH)	\$20.00
2	Sham R (IND)	\$10.00
3	Rashed, Ebrahim (IRI)	\$5.00
4	Suleimen, Ergali (KAZ)	Free Mega
5	Sahib Singh (IND)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Liuviann, Cecilia Natalie (INA)	\$10.00
2	Dela Torre, Marife (PH)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Igboecheonwu Clinton (NI)	\$10.00
2	Isaac AbdulSalam Isaac Hassan (SU)	\$5.00
3	Mourad, John (EG)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1700 - 1799 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Sidabalok, Tober LB	(INA)	\$10.00
2	Stevanky	(INA)	\$5.00
3	- - - - -	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Ruiz, Ronald	(PER)	\$10.00
2	Ospina Molina, Juan Fernando	(VEN)	\$5.00
3	Campos, Otavio Moraes	(BR)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1600 - 1699 Main Prizes

1	Haghdoust, Babak (IRI)	\$20.00
2	Marticio, Jeremy (PH)	\$10.00
3	Ranjith Kalaiyarasan (IND)	\$5.00
4	Borji, Parham (IRI)	Free Mega
5	Srujan Keerthan Solletti (IND)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Oviedo Acosta, Paula (PY)	\$10.00
2	Ahmadi, Seyedehe Malihe (IRI)	\$5.00
3	Seyed Tarrah, Sona (IRI)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Michuki, Francis (KY)	\$10.00
2	Akinbodewa Adebayo (NI)	\$5.00
3	Schutte, Rico (ZA)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1600 - 1699 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

- | | | |
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| 1 | Ardita Prameswari Kusuma (INA) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | - - - - - | \$5.00 |
| 3 | - - - - - | Free Mega |

Best South American Players

- | | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | Del, Cojo Miramontes Alejandro (MEX) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Raymundo Garragate, Mayra Regina (PER) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | - - - - - | Free Mega |

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◆ Rating Category: 1500 - 1599 Main Prizes

1	Amirkul, Alimzhan (KAZ)	\$20.00
2	Nguyen, Doan Giang (VIE)	\$10.00
3	Francisco Cruz, Yahir Alberto (MEX)	\$5.00
4	Bakhtaki, Amir Reza (IRI)	Free Mega
5	Prayoonthamrongthiti, Pisut (THA)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Vakcheri Mohitha (IND)	\$10.00
2	Sardorova, Robiyakhon (UZB)	\$5.00
3	Mugide, Safinah (UGA)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Levitan, Caleb Levi (RSA)	\$10.00
2	Wana Lazarus (UGA)	\$5.00
3	Njoroge, Billy Timothy (KEN)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1500 - 1599 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Romero, Gladimir Chester (PHI) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | - - - - - | \$ 5.00 |
| 3 | - - - - - | Free Mega |

Best South American Players

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Ochoa, Abrahan (ECU) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Monasterio Saucedo, Agustin (BOL) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Bartmeyer, Maria Veronica (BRA) | Free Mega |

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◆ Rating Category: 1400 - 1499 Main Prizes

1	Prawin K (IND)	\$20.00
2	Vigneshwaran K (IND)	\$10.00
3	Chandrani (IND)	\$5.00
4	Adharsh K (IND)	Free Mega
5	Kesavan G (IND)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Priyanka Bhatt (IND)	\$10.00
2	Fakhim Ghanbarnezhad, Rozhina (IRI)	\$5.00
3	Mofidi, Mehrnoosh (IR)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Mwangi, Samuel Macharia (KEN)	\$10.00
2	Irungu Brian Mwangi (KEN)	\$5.00
3	Ahjum, Savannah (RSA)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1400 - 1499 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	- - - - -	\$10.00
2	- - - - -	\$ 5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Arce Camacho, Elian (PER)	\$10.00
2	Martillo Cruz, Gregorio Gabriel (ECU)	\$5.00
3	Sosa, Juan (PAR)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1000 - 1399 Main Prizes

1	Ebrahimi Herab, Hamidreza (IRI)	\$20.00
2	Susanto, Henry (INA)	\$10.00
3	Tynyshbayev, Alibek (KAZ)	\$5.00
4	Arivarasu K P (IND)	Free Mega
5	Kulkarni Nilay (IND)	Free Mega

Best Woman Players

1	Armand, Mehrnoosh (IRI)	\$10.00
2	Harini T (IND)	\$5.00
3	Senger, Maria Clara Da Silveira (BRA)	Free Mega

Best African Players

1	Mnyasta, Tezihano (RSA)	\$10.00
2	Ehab Ahmed Mohammed Eldaw (SUD)	\$5.00
3	Levitan, Judah Nathan (RSA)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: 1000 - 1399 Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

1	Purnama, Patrick (INA)	\$10.00
2	- - - - -	\$ 5.00
3	- - - - -	Free Mega

Best South American Players

1	Dubon Mario Andre (ESA)	\$10.00
2	Bittencourt, Arian G. Decezar (BRA)	\$5.00
3	Buenano Silva, Antonella Salome (ECU)	Free Mega

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◆ Rating Category: Best Unrated Main Prizes

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | M ilham rizky maulana | \$20.00 |
| 2 | Irfansyah, Muhammad Zaki (INA) | \$10.00 |
| 3 | Gil-Morte Talens, Jose Vicente (ESP) | \$5.00 |
| 4 | Benyamin Javanshiri (IRI) | Free Mega |
| 5 | David Yong Viano Goey (INA) | Free Mega |

Best Woman Players

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Chilan Villa, Nayeli (ECU) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Berago, Josephine (PHI) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Salwa nadia maharani | Free Mega |

Best African Players

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Oluwadare Samuel (NGR) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | BELLO Samuel Olorunfemi (NGR) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Winston Dalpat (RSA) | Free Mega |

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◆ Rating Category: Best Unrated Main Prizes

Best South East Asian Players

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Marcellana, Mark James (PHI) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Muhammad ariel davinsyah putra | \$5.00 |
| 3 | - - - - - | Free Mega |

Best South American Players

- | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Juste, Sacha (FRA) | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Lekoui, Yanis (FRA) | \$5.00 |
| 3 | Adamus, Antoni (POL) | Free Mega |

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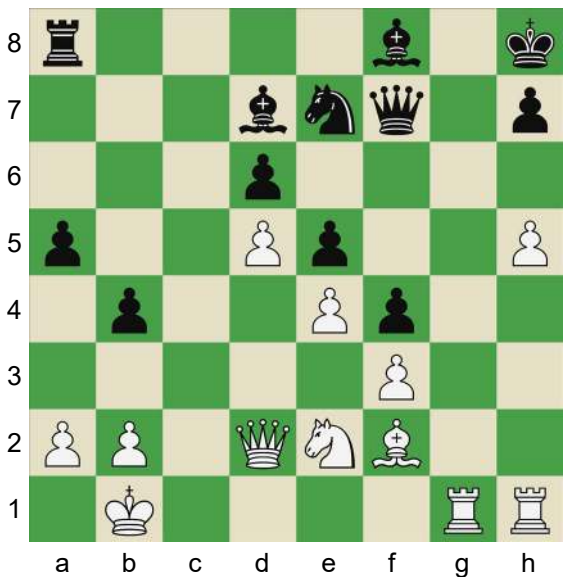
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		150	 Chilan Villa Nayeli \$5	 Bahmani Koorosh \$5	200		
		250	 Saranya Y \$5		300		
		350	 Mulkubayev Marat \$5	 Malekzadeh Amirhosein \$5	400		
		450	 Reygene Santillan \$5	Zaycev Ilya \$5	500		
		550	 Sauti Joshua \$5		600		



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□ Ashraf,Artin
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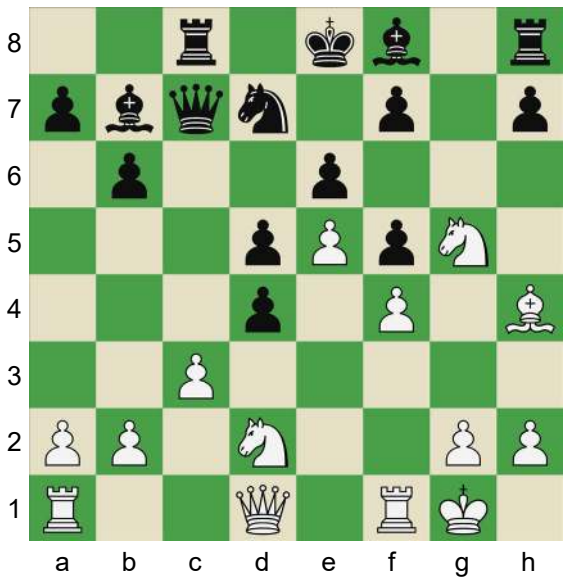
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31.Nxf4! △Ng6 31...Bh6
[31...exf4 32.Bd4+! Bg7 33.Rxg7+-]
32.Ng6+! Qxg6
[32...Nxg6 33.Qxh6! Nf4 34.Bh4 Rf8 35.Qxd6+-]
33.hxg6 Bxd2+- Normal Black resigns.
1-0

□ octo_dami
■ Carcamo,Matias
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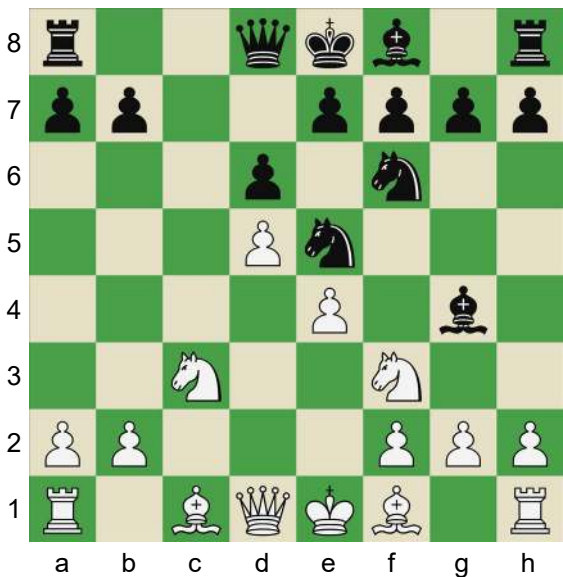
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15.Nxe6!→ Qc6
[15...fxe6 16.Qh5#+-]
16.Nxd4!+-
[16.Nxf8!? Nxf8 17.Nf3 △N×d4 dxc3 18.Nd4 Qc5 19.bxc3+-]
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□ Winayuh,Chandra Putra
■ Haghdoust,Babak
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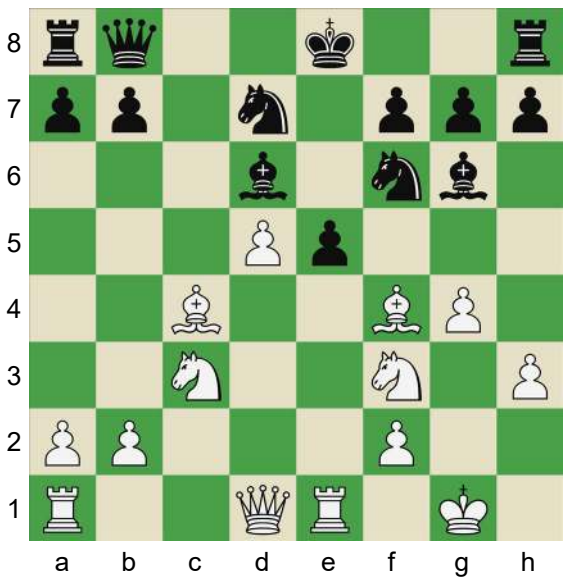
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8.Nxe5! dxe5□
[8...Bxd1?? 9.Bb5+ Nd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Nxd7 Kxd7 12.Kxd1+-]
9.Qb3!±
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□ Lim,Samson
■ Hille Willian,Henrique
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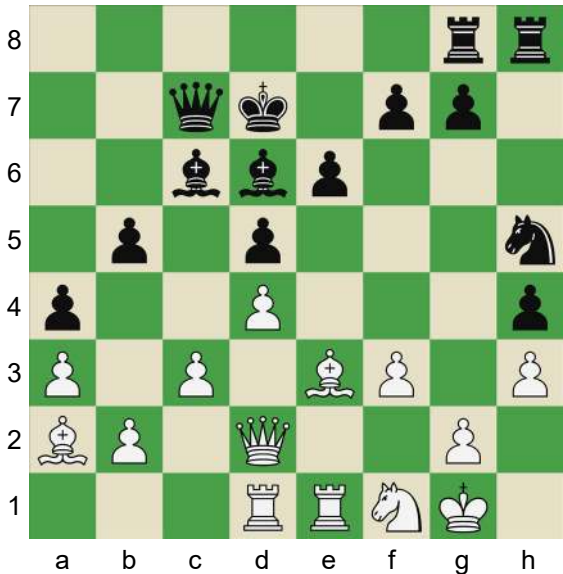
15.Nxe5! Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Qe2?
[17.f4! 0-0 18.fxe5+-]
17...Nd7= △f6
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□ mahibala
■ Hille Willian, Henrique
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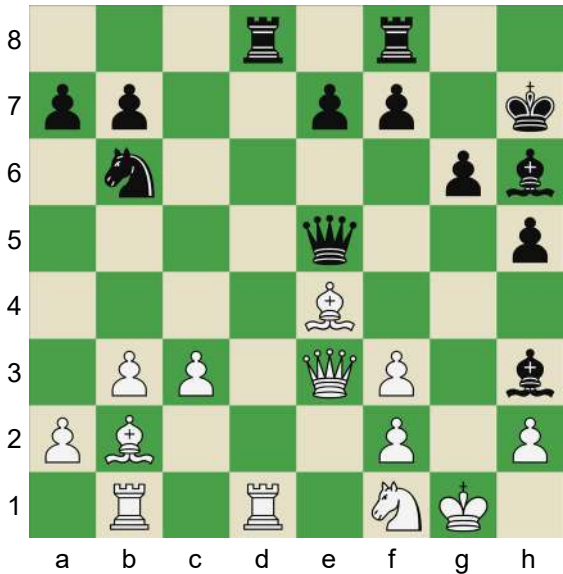
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26...g5! Δf5 27.Bxg5?
[27.Re2 f5→]
27...Bf4! 28.Bxf4□ Nxf4 ΔR×g2 29.Re2 Nxh3+! 30.Kh1 Nf4-+
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□ Orozbaev, Eldiar
■ Behrooz Moghaddam, Hamed
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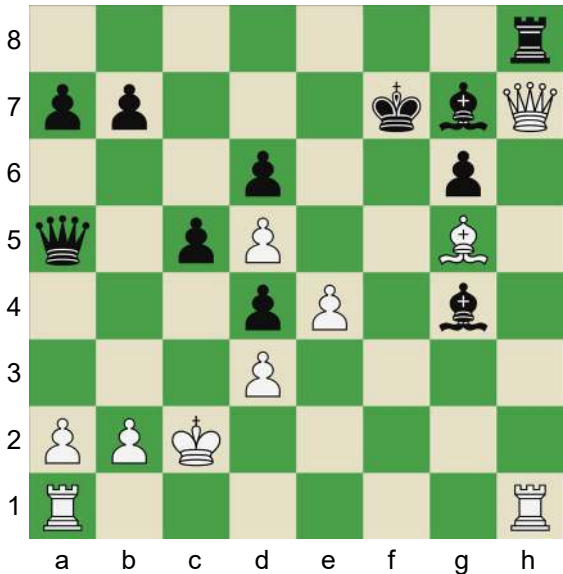
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22.Bxg6+! fxg6 23.Qxe5+-
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■ Rob14
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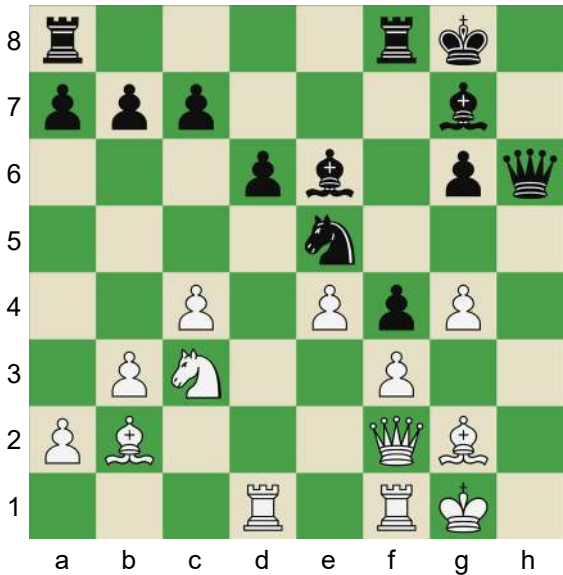
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25.Rhf1+!
[25.Raf1+!]
25...Bf5 26.Rxf5+! gxf5 27.Qxf5+ Kg8
[27...Ke8 28.Qe6+ Kf8 29.Rf1+-]
28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Rh1+- Black resigns.
1-0

□ Katenov, Aibek
■ Mahdavi, Reza
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20...Bxg4!
[20...Bf6!? ΔBh4 21.Qd2 Bh4 22.Ne2 Rf7 23.c5 g5! ΔBg3 24.cxd6 Bg3!
25.Nxg3 fxg3 26.Bh1 Nd3!-+]
21.fxg4 Nxg4-+ White resigns.
0-1

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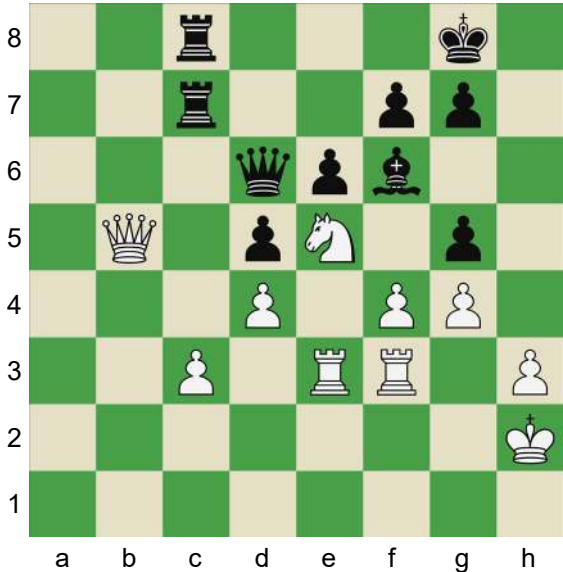
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■ Carcamo,Matias
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31.fxg5??
[31.f5 Re7+]
31...Bxg5 32.Kg2 Bxe3-+
0-1

□ Carcamo,Matias
■ Winayuh,Chandra Putra
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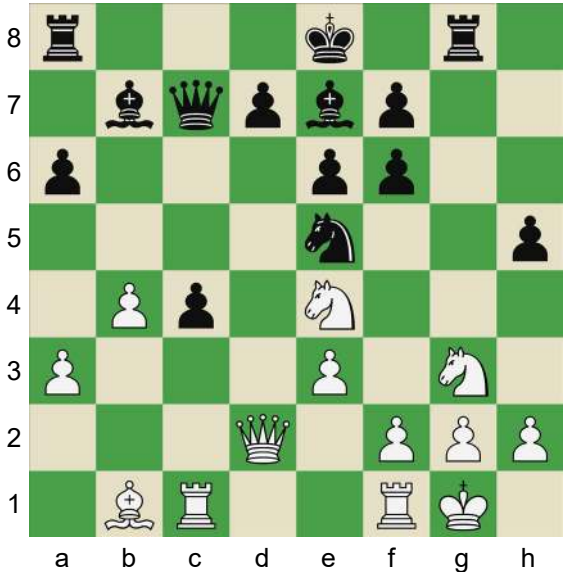
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24.Kf3?? Nd2+
0-1

□ Izquierdo,Elias Alberto
■ Budhidharma,Nayaka
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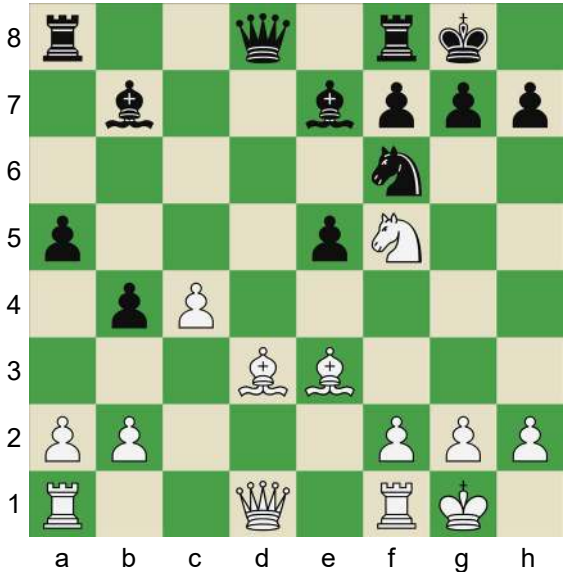
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19.Nxh5?? Nf3+ 20.Kh1 Nxd2
0-1

□ Al Jabri,Mohammed Ali
■ Haghdoust,Babak
UnityChess Untitled U2200 Arena

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16.08.2020



16...Bd6?? 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7
1-0



Interview



Reza Mahdavi, at the age of twelve, won the first Unity under 2200 tournament. He is one of the most talented players in Iran that we will definitely hear more from him in the future.

Dear Reza, 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 when I was 5 years old, and when my father played with my sister at home, I became interested and I learned by watching, and it was very interesting and enjoyable for me.



Interview



Tell us a little about the successes and achievements you have achieved so far?

The first tournament I played was the Iran under-6 championship, where I took the first place, scoring 9 out of 9, and I was the only one who knew chess notation completely, and after that, I participated in the Caspian International tournament and was able to get 1488 Fide rating at the age of 6 and became the youngest rated player in Iran. I won a bronze medal in the under-8 category of the country, and I became a champion in the under-ten category of the country, and I became the third in Asia. At the age of 10, I was able to win the third place among the masters in the Iraqi international blitz tournament. At the age of 12, I became the national champion and went to the World Championships in China, where I was able to finish 12th with a day delay and very bad conditions. From the age of 6 to 12, there was no competition for me to participate in and not get a title because I play with a lot of love and passion for chess and with high self-confidence and good spirits.



Interview



As a 12-year-old chess player with a bright future, what are your goals?

My goal is to be a grandmaster, but because my father can not support me financially, I work day and night to achieve my goal and to teach all the kids who love chess and have financial problems for free and I am sure I will succeed. hope to God.

Iranian chess has made significant progress in recent years. Tell us a little about the atmosphere of the Iranian Youth Chess Championship.

Iran's youth championships are very stressful, but in terms of holding, they are held with very high quality and good supervision.





Interview



Young players have stronger nerves and this is an important factor in Blitz. What do you think are the pros and cons of Blitz?

I think the benefit of Blitz games is that our calculation gets better and we see moves faster and we do not run into the time trouble, but on the other hand, it is not good at all for beginner children because it makes them play fast.

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

The Unity tournament is a very good and quality competition because we have the chance to play with good players and it is the best tournament I have ever participated in.



Interview



Young players enjoy playing in the Arena system. What do you think about this system?

Arena system is better than Swiss because it has Berserk and makes us get more points and play more.

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

My favorite chess player is Alekhine, Bobby Fischer, and Kasparov. At the moment, I also like GM Alireza Firouzja very much.



Interview



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

I like 4 volumes of Alexander Alekhine's books very much and I am very interested in reading books, and since I was 6 years old, although I was not literate, I used to replay all the games of the heroes, enjoying a lot. I also like tactic books very much and solve them a lot.

And finally, thank you for choosing me for the interview. In the hope that one day someone will find me and support me so that I can reach my goal and make honor.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.





Participants Biography

Gata Kamsky



Gata Kamsky is a Soviet-born, American grandmaster. He was born in Siberia, Russia, in 1974 and learned chess at 7 years old. By 9, he had won the Under-15 USSR Championship and then became a back-to-back Junior Champion of the Soviet Union at 13.

Kamsky emigrated to the U.S. in 1989 and earned his FIDE Grandmaster title the following year, also becoming the youngest player ever rated in the FIDE world top-ten.

Kamsky's impact on American chess has been profound, having won his first of four U.S. Championships in 1991, and the following year he helped America grab its first-ever gold in the World Team Chess Olympiad. In 1994, at age 20, Kamsky became the youngest-ever to challenge for the FIDE world title and the first American since Bobby Fischer. The 20-game match against reigning champion Anatoly Karpov was finally held in 1996, in Elista, Kalmykia, in Russia. Kamsky lost the match 7.5-10.5, but the substantial political controversy surrounding the event ultimately led to an eight-year hiatus from professional chess for the American GM, partially in protest.

Kamsky returned in 2004 – “past his prime” at 30 years old – for an extraordinary second chapter in his career. By 2007, he had regained his elite form, qualifying for the Candidates Tournament that year and later winning the Chess World Cup as the 11th seed, knocking off Magnus Carlsen in the semifinals. In 2010, Kamsky won his second U.S. Championship – 19 years removed from his first title – and returned to successfully defend the crown in 2011.

Kamsky earned his fourth U.S. Championship title in May of 2014, then rolled hot into the fourth stage of the FIDE Grand Prix, taking second place in Thessaloniki, Greece. His FIDE rating crested at 2763 in July, the highest ever in his career. Just before arriving in Saint Louis for the Sinquefeld Cup, Kamsky went deep in the Chess World Cup 2013 but was ultimately knocked out by GM Evgeny Tomashevsky in the quarterfinals. In nine classical games versus Carlsen, Kamsky holds a 2-1 record with six draws. In eight matches against Levon Aronian, Kamsky has won only once against five losses, with two draws. Nakamura and Kamsky are tied 1-1 with 6 draws over eight career games.

Some notable recent victories for the 2014 U.S. Champion have been first-place results at the 8th New York International tournament and the 2016 Cappelle la Grande tournament.

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Participants Biography

IM Andrew Kayonde



IM Andrew born and bred in the land of the Chipolopolo and also one of Zambia's and Africa's most celebrated chess players 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 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 young and upcoming stars as he's been able to prove his prowess through balancing his highly analytical banking career with the dynamic world of his chess pursuits

Some of his mind-boggling achievements include;

1. Became IM in 2016 with 3 norms and 2400 rating
 2. Six-time Zambian National champion
 3. He drew marvelously with GM Vassily Ivanchuk Batumi Olympiad 2018 which famed him beautifully
 3. He managed to grab the 2020 Boardwalk Open Championship just before COVID disrupted travel to mention a few.
- 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.



Participants Biography

WFM Anahita Zahedifar



Born 16 January 2003 Anahita Zahedifar is an Iranian chess player. She is a Woman FIDE Master (WFM) since 2015. She is ranked best female U18 in Iran, 8th female U18 in Asia, and 32nd female U18 in the world. Her highest rating was 2213 (in January 2020).

She won the Women Iranian Chess Championship in 2019, with 8.5 points out of 11 rounds.
She won the Iran U-12 Girls Championship in 2014 with a score of 8/9.

Asian Nations Cup U-14 Chess Team Championship and won 1st place alongside Arash Daghli, Mehdi Gholami, Seyed Kian Pourmousavai, and Borna Derakhshani.

2016 World Youth U16 Chess Olympiad and won 1st place playing Board 5 alongside Parham Maghsoodloo, Alireza Firouzja, FM Aryan Gholami, Arash Tahbaz, and team captain Khosro Harandi.
She played in the women chess olympiad in 2018.



Participants Biography

WGM Janelle Mae Frayna



Janelle Mae Frayna (born May 19, 1997) is a Filipina chess player. She was awarded the title of Woman Grandmaster by FIDE in 2017, becoming the first from the Philippines to achieve this.

Frayna started playing chess at age 11 joining the Magayon Chess Club. She started showing interest in the sport when she was still an elementary school student. During her first two years in high school, she joined chess tournaments during City Meets as well as the Palarong Bicol and the Palarong Pambansa.

At the Philippine women's national championship, Frayna became the champion in two editions. She also finished the first runner up twice in other editions of the same tournament. She also became champion multiple times at the ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championships. After going through six to eight months of extensive training, she enrolled at the Philippine Academy for Chess Excellence in 2010. In 2011, she won the Philippine National Juniors and became one of the youngest winners of that particular tournament.

Frayna gained the title of Woman FIDE Master in 2013 and a year later she became a Woman International Master.

The Filipino is part of the FEU Diliman Juniors Chess team. She first won over a grandmaster and an international master, both men, at the Battle of the Grandmasters tournament in July 2014, becoming the first woman to do so. She also became the first woman to qualify for the men's division of the said tournament by becoming one of six top players of the 2014 competition.

She was named co-recipient of the UAAP Season 77 Athlete of the Year award after leading her university's team at the UAAP Championship, along with table tennis player Ian Lariba.

At the 42nd Chess Olympiad held in September 2016, she achieved her final norm to become eligible for the title of Woman Grandmaster. After the feat, she was dubbed by the media as the Philippines' first woman grandmaster. This title was later confirmed by the Presidential Board by written resolution in early 2017.



Participants Biography

GM Anton Kovalyov



In 2004, he finished equal first at the Pan American Under-12 Championship, and thanks to this result he was awarded the title of FIDE Master.

In 2008 Kovalyov played for the Argentine team at the 38th Chess Olympiad. At the FIDE congress held during the competition, he was awarded the grandmaster title.

In 2009 he won the Quebec Invitational Championship in Quebec, Canada. He won the Quebec Junior Championship in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

He switched to the Canadian Chess Federation in 2013.[6] In August 2014, he played for Canada on the top board at the 41st Chess Olympiad. He scored 7/11 (+4–1=6) for a performance rating of 2670.

At the 2015 American Continental Chess Championship, he scored 8 points out of 11 finishing in a tie for third with the other five players, with whom he played a rapid playoff and managed to earn a spot in the Chess World Cup 2015. In the latter he knocked out Rustam Kasimdzhanov and Sandro Mareco in round one and two respectively, then he was eliminated by Fabiano Caruana in the third round.

In May 2016, he came in tied for second in the American Continental Chess Championship, qualifying for a place in the Chess World Cup 2017.

In September 2016, he competed for Canada on board 2 at the 42nd Chess Olympiad. He scored 8/10 (+6–0=4) for a performance rating of 2852. This was the second-best board 2 performance, behind only Vladimir Kramnik's 2903 performance for Russia.



Participants Biography

IM/ WGM Zhansaya Abdumalik



Zhansaya began attending a chess school, along with her older brother, at six years old, and in January 2007 she won her first trophy at a national tournament. In 2008, she won the girls U8 section at both the Asian Youth Chess Championship, held in Tehran, and the World Youth Chess Championships in Vũng Tàu, Vietnam. In the 2010 World Youth Championships in Porto Carras, she shared 1st–2nd places in the girl's U10 division, taking the silver medal on tiebreak. As a result, she earned the title of Woman FIDE Master (WFM). In 2011, she was awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title as a result of her joint first place at the girl's U20 division of the 12th ASEAN+ Age Group Championships held in Tarakan, Indonesia. Later that same year, Zhansaya won the girls U12 title at the World Youth Championships held in Caldas Novas, Brazil.

In September 2013, she finished as runner-up in the World Junior Girls Chess Championship; thanks to this achievement, she was voted the best girl under-20 player of 2013 at the 1st Annual Asian Chess Excellence Awards, held in June 2014 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. In November 2013, she won the Brno Open in the Czech Republic scoring 7½/9 points. Zhansaya won the bronze medal in the Asian Women's Blitz Championship of 2014. She won the bronze medal also at the 2015 World Junior Girls Championship in Khanty-Mansiysk. In 2016, she won the women's championship of Kazakhstan and the 6th Krystyna Hołuj-Radzikowska Memorial in Wrocław, Poland.

Zhansaya has played for team Kazakhstan in the Women's Chess Olympiad, Women's World Team Chess Championship, and Women's Asian Nations Chess Cup. In the 2016 Asian Nations Cup she won the team bronze medal and an individual silver playing board two.

In July 2017, Abdumalik earned her first GM norm with a score of 7/9 at the World Open. The following year, she earned her final two GM norms in succession at the Karpos Open in March and the Budapest Spring Festival in April.



Participants Biography

GM Diego Flores



Diego Flores (born 18 December 1982) is an Argentine chess grandmaster. He is a five-time Argentine Chess Champion.

He competed in the FIDE World Cup in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2013 and 2017. Flores won the Argentine Chess Championships of 2005, 2009, 2012 2016, and 2017. Flores has played for the Argentine national team in the Chess Olympiad, the Pan-American Team Chess Championship, and the Mercosur Chess Olympiad.

In 2010 he won the 2nd Magistral Marcel Duchamp round-robin tournament in Buenos Aires, edging out Sandro Mareco on tiebreak. In the same year, Flores was granted the Konex Award Merit Diploma as one of the top five chess players of the decade in Argentina. In 2011, he tied for 1st–2nd place with Alexandr Fier in the 2nd Latin American Cup in Montevideo, finishing second on tiebreak. The following year Flores tied for first place in the American Continental Championship, held in Mar del Plata, with Julio Granda Zuñiga, Alexander Shabalov, Gregory Kaidanov, and Eric Hansen.

He is also the chess columnist in Junín's daily Diario Democracia since 2004.



Participants Biography

GM Alexey Sarana



Alexey Sarana (born 26 January 2000) is a Russian chess grandmaster. Born in 2000, Sarana earned his international master title in 2016 and his grandmaster title in 2017. In February 2018, he participated in the Aeroflot Open. He finished forty-ninth out of ninety-two, scoring $4\frac{1}{2}/9$ (+1–1=7). In March 2018, he competed in the European Individual Chess Championship. He placed twenty-second, scoring $7\frac{1}{2}/11$ (+4–0=7). In July 2019, Sarana won the Russian Championship Higher League with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}/9$ (+4–0=5), qualifying for the Superfinals of 71st Russian men's Chess championship. In the Superfinal, he finished 9th with a score of $5/11$ (+1–2=8).

In 2019, Sarana shared first place with Alexandr Predke in the Russian Championship Higher League (second on tiebreak) with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}/9$ (+4–0=5). With this result, he qualified for the Superfinals of the Russian men's Chess championship for the second year in a row.



Participants Biography

GM Vincent Keymer



Vincent Keymer was born in Mainz, Germany, a city that has a long history of hosting rapid tournaments and Chess960 tournaments. He learned chess from his parents at the age of five. In 2015 he became a European champion with the German U18 national chess team.

Garry Kasparov in 2016 referred to Keymer as "exceptional", and Keymer at 11 demonstrated his potential with an "impressive second prize" in a strong field in the Vienna Open tournament.

In July 2017, Keymer obtained the third and final norm required for the title of International Master.

He has been coached by Peter Leko of Hungary, who was himself once considered "the world's most promising prodigy".

From 29 March to 2 April 2018, Keymer played in the A group of the Grenke Chess Open as 99th seed. He won the tournament ahead of 49 grandmasters, including four grandmasters with Elo ratings above 2700, scoring 8/9, and achieving his first norm for the title of Grandmaster at age 13. He earned one-and-a-half more points than required for the GM norm. Leonard Barden noted that Keymer's performance rating (2798) was the highest in history by an under-14 player, and The Week in Chess said Keymer's performance was "one of the most sensational results of all time."

From 10 October through 21 October 2019, Keymer played in the 2019 FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament, scoring 4½/11 (+1–3=7). This performance earned him his third and final norm required for the title of Grandmaster, making him the youngest German ever to achieve this feat. This title was approved by FIDE in early 2020. Keymer said in an interview with Fiona Steil-Antoni that his third grandmaster norm "should have come sooner".

Vincent Keymer comes from a musical family. He plays the piano. His father, Christof Keymer, is a concert pianist and a professor of music at Leibniz University Hannover; his mother, Heike, plays the cello in an orchestra; and his sister, Cecilia, plays the piano and cello. When he was ten, Keymer was in September 2015 cover of the German chess magazine, Schach Magazin, hailed as Germany's greatest talent since Emanuel Lasker.



Participants Biography

GM Nihal Sarin



Nihal was born on 13 July 2004 in Thrissur in the Indian state of Kerala. Sarin Abdulsalam, Nihal's father, is a dermatologist while his mother, Shijin Ammanam Veetil Ummar, is a psychiatrist. He spent his first few years in Kottayam.

He could recognize the capitals and the flags of all the 190 odd countries by the age of three. At the same age, he also had managed to know and recite from memory the scientific names of most of the insects and plants. By the time he was in upper kindergarten, he was speaking fluently in English. By the time he turned six and enrolled into the first standard he knew the multiplication tables till sixteen.

Nihal learned chess at the age of six. In order to not make him feel bored during school vacations, his father introduced Nihal to a chess set and his grandfather A. A. Ummar taught him the rules at Kottayam where he was a student of Excelsior English School. Nihal was formally taught chess by Mathew P. Joseph Pottoore, the school's chess coach who instructed once a week in the beginning. He defeated him within a short time span and his family had to search for a new coach.

Nihal won the gold medal in the World Blitz Championship in the Under-10 category in Al-Ain in 2013. In the same category, he was the Rapid and Blitz gold medalist in the Asian Youth Championship in Tashkent in 2014. Nihal's first big break came at the World Youth Chess Championship in the Under-10 category, which was held in Durban, South Africa in September 2014. He scored 9/11 to be crowned the Under-10 World Champion. For this achievement, he was conferred the Candidate Master (CM) title by FIDE.

The next year in 2015, he won the silver medal in the Under-12 category of World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC, Greece) starting as the 28th seed among 202 participants from 73 countries.



Participants Biography

In the last rounds of the tournament, Nihal successively defeated the top two seeds of his category: IM Awonder Liang in round seven, and FM Nodirbek Abdusattorov (rated 2432) in round eight. He was conferred the FIDE Master title by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) in the same year as he had crossed live Elo rating of 2300.

In the 2016 edition of the tournament held in Batumi, Georgia, Nihal scored $8\frac{1}{2}/11$ and tied for the second spot with three others. He was fourth on tiebreak.

At the World Youth Chess Olympiad in December 2017, Nihal played for India Green, helping the country secure a silver medal. He also won an Individual Gold on board three.

Nihal started playing competitive chess as a seven-year-old in the middle of 2011. He is a product of regular FIDE rated tournaments held in his home state Kerala and other parts of India under the aegis of the Kerala Chess Association and the All India Chess Federation.

In 2014, Nihal began to work with Ukrainian Dimitri Komarov, an experienced coach with international success in his playing days. Right after his World Youth success in 2014, Nihal scored his first victory over a titled player—IM Jonathan Westerberg of Sweden—at the World Junior Championship 2014 in Pune, India. For a year, Nihal was a regular in all the tournaments of importance held in India including the National Challengers Championship in Nagpur. He would regularly hold titled players to draws.

In February 2016, Nihal played his first International Open outside India — the prestigious Cappelle la Grande Open — and registered his first International Master norm. In the process, he defeated a grandmaster for the first time in his career.

In Hasselbacken Open 2016 held at the turn of April in Stockholm, Nihal beat Lithuanian grandmaster Eduardas Rozentalis. The database website Chess-DB dubbed this performance as the ‘Game of the Day’ on 8 May 2016.

At the Sunway Sitges Open 2016, Nihal registered his second International Master norm by scoring $5\frac{1}{2}/9$. His third International Norm was registered in the Aeroflot B Open 2017 held in February, where Nihal scored $5\frac{1}{2}/9$ as well, performing at 2539, to cross the 2400-mark and become an International Master.

At the TV2 Fagernes International 2017, Nihal tied for the second place to finish with 6.0/9. He was fourth on the tiebreak and stayed undefeated throughout the tournament. In the process, he scored his maiden Grand Master norm. In 2017, Nihal increased his rating by 192 Elo points to cross 2500 in rating.

At Reykjavik Open 2018 held in March, Nihal scored 6.0/9 with a rating performance of 2668 to score his second GM norm. The average rating of his opponents was 2543. He scored wins against grandmasters Ahmed Adly and Elshan Moradiabadi and drew with Richard Rapport, Gata Kamsky, and Mustafa Yilmaz.

Nihal made his debut at the Isbank Turkish Super League in July 2018, leading the team Genc Akademisyenler on the first board. He scored 6.0/12 against an opposition made up of an average rating of 2590.

At the Abu Dhabi Masters 2018 held in August, Nihal tallied $5\frac{1}{2}/9$ with a rating performance of 2626 to secure his third GM norm. He became the 53rd grandmaster of India and the twelfth youngest in history at the time.

Nihal made his debut in a super-tournament by competing in the TATA Steel Rapid Championship 2018. Starting as the last seed, Nihal scored 3.0/9, with draws against Viswanathan Anand, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Sergey Karjakin, Pentala Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi, and Surya Shekhar Ganguly, losing only three games to Hikaru Nakamura, Levon Aronian, and Wesley So. The event marked Nihal's first game against the legendary five-time world champion Anand who graciously commented after the game, "Going by the evidence so far, I would not rule it out (Nihal becoming a world champion in future). It's a long journey forward. At the end, he is just 14. I felt that he would really struggle in this tournament and he would be a bit out of place. It seemed the opposite. He seemed quite comfortable here. Not fully there, but he's a huge talent what I've seen of him." Anand was quoted as saying by PTI.

Nihal ended 2018 with a spectacular performance at the World Blitz Championship in Saint Petersburg, Russia where he scored $13\frac{1}{2}/21$ with a rating performance of 2777, taking the 11th place on tiebreak.

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