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**Untitled  
U2200**

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**Benyamin Babaniya**

**Interview**



**Strategy Corner**

**Opening**

**Tactic and Combination**

2nd Unity Untitled  
Under 2200  
Championship



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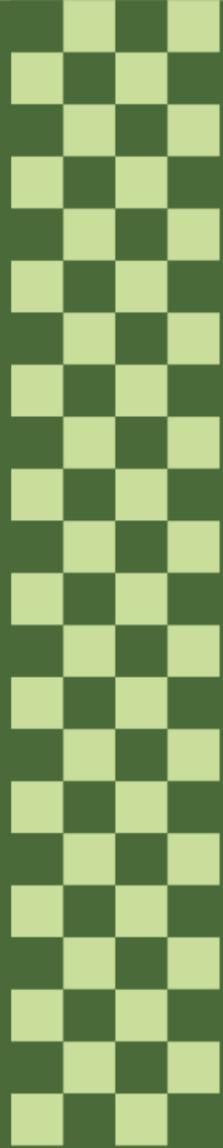
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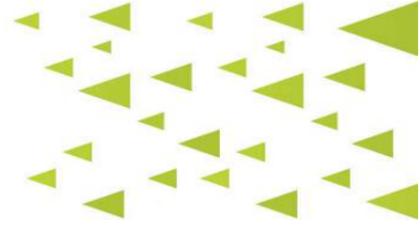
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### From the Editor

September 7 is coincident with the birth of François-André Danican Philidor a French composer and chess player. He was the best chess player of his age, and an opening (Philidor Defence), as well as a checkmate pattern (Smothered mate), are both named after him.

Philidor was the last member of a large family of prominent musicians. He pursued music until the age of eighteen and then he took an interest in chess.

With the advent of Philidor, chess entered a new phase in Europe. Philidor believed a mobile mass of pawns is one of the key positional factors in the middlegame. He also believed an attack would fail unless the pawn structure was not there to support the attack. He warned about pawn weaknesses such as isolated backward and doubled pawns! He also linked the complementary nature of pawns and pieces e.g. good and bad bishops. He also emphasized a purely positional sacrifice - sacrificing for getting better pawn structure or piece mobility.

Back in the 18th century, Philidor uttered the words: “Pawns are the soul of chess: it is they which uniquely determine the attack and the defense, and on their good or bad arrangement depends entirely the winning or losing of the game.”

In 1749, Philidor published his famous book *Analyse du jeu des Échecs*. The book was such an advance in chess knowledge that, by 1871, 70 editions of this book had been published and translated into English, Spanish, German, Russian and Italian.

In it, Philidor analyzed nine different types of game openings.

It took one hundred years until the ideas of Philidor were realized by Wilhelm Steinitz, the first official world champion...

**M.R.Salehzadeh**



# 2nd Unity Untitled Under 2200 Championship

## The tournament report

The second Unity Chess Untitled tournament was held on September 13, 2020.

The presence of 467 chess players from all over the world gave a lot of excitement to this tournament.



**Benyamin Babaniya**

At the end of another exciting day of chess, Benyamin Babaniya (2187) from Iran managed to get the first place with 103 points.



**Aibek Katenov**

Iran with 103 chess players, Indonesia with 43 and Kazakhstan, and India each with 26 chess players had the highest participation.



**Elias Alberto Izquierdo**

Elias Alberto Izquierdo (2141) from Peru came in second in the tournament with 94 points followed by Aibek Katenov (2146) from Kazakhstan with 89 points.

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

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		<b>1</b>	<b>Benyamin Babaniya</b> \$50		<b>Elias Alberto Izquierdo</b> \$30	<b>2</b>		
		<b>3</b>	<b>Aibek Katenov</b> \$20		<b>Ivan Panov</b> \$10	<b>4</b>		
		<b>5</b>	<b>Amirabbas Maleki</b> \$10		<b>Hamidreza Ebrahimi Herab</b> \$10	<b>6</b>		
		<b>7</b>	<b>Chandra Putra Winahyu</b> \$10		<b>William Mwape</b> \$10	<b>8</b>		
		<b>9</b>	<b>John Ranel Morazo</b> \$10		<b>Artin Ashraf</b> \$10	<b>10</b>		

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		11	<b>Bakhytzhan Kembayev</b>		\$5		<b>Aditya Gampa</b>	12		
		13	<b>Hamidreza Tahmasebi</b>		\$5		<b>Mohammad Matin Shams</b>	14		
		15	<b>Valentyn Hulka</b>		\$5		<b>Afshin Moghaddamian</b>	16		
		17	<b>Mahan Khoshkalam</b>		\$5		<b>Mohammed Ali Al Jabri</b>	18		
		19	<b>Arsha Heidarzadeh</b>		\$5		<b>Mohammad Javad Khorshidi</b>	20		

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### Online Championship

#### Under2200

#### Open

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1



**Kaveh  
Ghaziolsharif**

\$20



2



**Keith  
Khumalo**

\$10

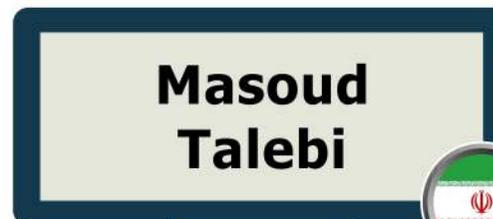


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**Kazybek  
Umbetov**

\$5



4



**Masoud  
Talebi**

\$FREE



5



**Anthony Javier  
Paredes Lagos**

\$FREE

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### Online Championship

Under  
2100-2199

**2**  
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### Women

   
**1**  
\$10

   
**2**  
\$5

   
**3**  
\$FREE

### African

   
**1**  
**Amir Hergli**  
\$10

   
**2**  
**Musatwe Simutowe**  
\$5

   
**3**  
\$FREE

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2100-2199

**2**  
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### South American

   
**1** **Luis Felipe Franco Gomez**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Samid Escalona**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Angel Ivan Quiroga Jaquez**  
 **\$FREE**

### Southeast Asian

   
**1** **Eric Jr Labog**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Arya Wisang Hakasa**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Akmalnaldi Akbar**  
 **\$FREE**

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### Online Championship

#### Under2100

#### Open

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1

Willian Henrique  
Hille



\$20

Manuel Barria  
Arbunic

2



\$10



3

Yoga  
Nugraha



\$5

M.sadegh  
Mahmoody

4



\$FREE



5

Pooyan  
Doostkam



\$FREE

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Under  
2000-2099

2  
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### Women



**1**

**Parnian Ghomi**



**\$10**



**2**

**Homa Alavi**



**\$5**



**3**

**Kristina Kim**



**\$FREE**

### African



**1**

**Roy Mwadzura**



**\$10**

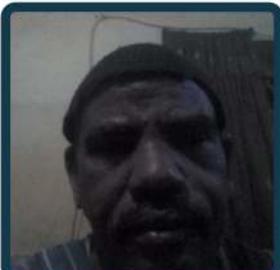


**2**

**Frederick Odendaal**



**\$5**



**3**

**Alshabee Alsharief**



**\$FREE**

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2000-2099

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## South American



**1** Cristian camilo  
Arrieta Hernández



\$10



**2** Jhann Carlos  
Rojas Mena



\$5



**3** Rogelio Lara  
Olvera



\$FREE

## Southeast Asian



**1** Samson Chhiu  
Chhin Lim



\$10



**2** Purnama  
Alam



\$5



**3** Iwayan Ekanata  
Darma Ya Radnyana



\$FREE

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#### Under2000

#### Open

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1

**Mark Jay  
Bacojo**



\$20

**Natan  
Kertaev**

2



\$10



3

**Satbek  
Akhmedinov**



\$5

**Erzhan  
Zhakshylykov**

4



\$FREE



5

**Sobhan  
Zahmati**



\$FREE

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1900-1999

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### Women

   
**1** **Laysa Latifah**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Gladys Hazelle Romero**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **[Name Redacted]**  
**\$FREE**

### African

   
**1** **Khaled Yousef**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Kabaso Bwalya**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Davies Phiri**  
 **\$FREE**

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1900-1999

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### South American

   
**1** **Gonzalo Garcia Campitelli**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Cesar Talledo Lagos**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Roberto Crespo**  
 **\$FREE**

### Southeast Asian

   
**1** **Adelaide Joie Lim**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Mark Gerald Reyes**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **[Name Redacted]**  
**\$FREE**

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#### Under1900

#### Open

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1

**Chester Neil  
Reyes**



\$20

**S  
Suganthan**



\$10

2



3

**Pedram  
Rahmani**



\$5

**Timur  
Balmagambetov**



\$FREE

4



5

**Mohammad Mahdi  
Alizadeh**



\$FREE

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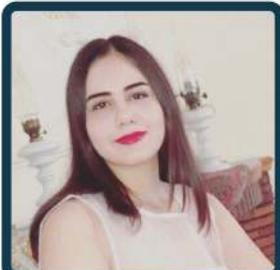
Under  
1800-1899

2  
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### Women

   
**1** **Theodora Paulina  
Walukow**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Kiana  
Arab**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **[Name Redacted]**  
**\$FREE**

### African

   
**1** **Vasco  
Viageiro**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Taimon  
Mukupa**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Mugoda  
Solomon**  
 **\$FREE**

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Under  
1800-1899

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### South American



**1** Ricardo Paul Ortiz Hernandez



\$10



**2** Hamilton Cruz



\$5



**3** Juan Esteban Castañeda



\$FREE

### Southeast Asian



**1** Satria Duta Cahaya



\$10



**2** Wildan Sul Khan Mahizton



\$5



**3** Jerish John Velarde



\$FREE

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### Online Championship

#### Under1800

#### Open

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1



Parsa  
Jafari

\$20

Morteza  
Amirkhanlou

2



\$10



3



Arsha  
Heidarzadeh

\$5

Sham  
R

4



\$FREE



5



Arshiya  
Alagemand

\$FREE

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Under  
1700-1799

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## Women



**1**

**Nikoo  
Abbaspuorrad**



**\$10**



**2**

**Alma Jaqueline  
Mora Velasco**



**\$5**



**3**

**Melika  
Mohammadi**



**\$FREE**

## African

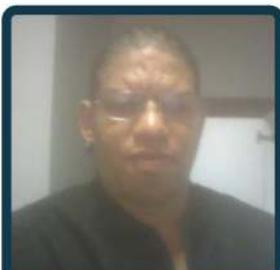


**1**

**John  
Mourad**



**\$10**



**2**

**Ricardo  
Stambull**



**\$5**



**3**

**Barnabas  
Chitula**



**\$FREE**

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1700-1799

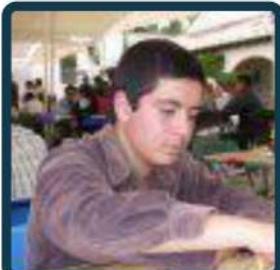
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## South American

   
**1** **Ronald Ruiz**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Atl Tenoc Moreno Palacios**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Alma Jaqueline Mora Velasco**  
 **\$FREE**

## Southeast Asian

   
**1** **Muhammad Hudan Nurrohman**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Muhammad Aditya Farhan**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Aditya Ganta Saputra**  
 **\$FREE**

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#### Under1700

#### Open

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1

Muhammadzohid  
Suyarov



\$20

Soroush  
Roshani

2



\$10



3

Mommad Hossein  
Rashidi



\$5

R  
Shailesh

4



\$FREE



5

Alimzhan  
Ayapov



\$FREE

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Online Championship

Under  
1600-1699

2

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## Women



1

Linda  
Shaba



\$10



2

Nurai  
Sovetbekova



\$5



3

Seyedeh Maliheh  
Ahmadi



\$FREE

## African

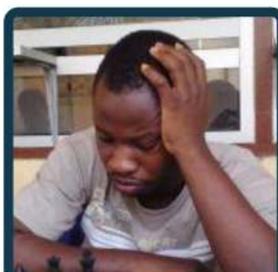


1

Hluli  
Mashigo



\$10

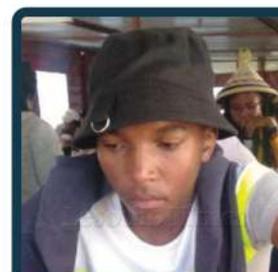


2

Ajavon Ayayi  
Jean le Clair



\$5



3

Lebajoa  
Tsephe



\$FREE



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Under  
1600-1699

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### South American

   
**1** Oscar Puente Arana  
 \$10

   
**2** Arthur Franco Galvao  
 \$5

   
**3** Bertha Hiromi Carrillo Aguayo  
 \$FREE

### Southeast Asian

   
**1** Jarel Renz Lacambra  
 \$10

   
**2** [Redacted]  
\$5

   
**3** [Redacted]  
\$FREE

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#### Under1600

#### Open

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1



**Nirmal  
L**

\$20

**Spandan  
Srivastava**

2



\$10



3



**Supritam  
Ghosh**

\$5

**Temirkhan  
Sarzhanov**

4



\$FREE



5



**Mahdi  
Molai**

\$FREE

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Online Championship

Under  
1500-1599

2

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## Women

  
  
**1**  
**Tsholofelo Molefe**  
  
\$10

  
  
**2**  
**Diba Partovi Rad**  
  
\$5

  
  
**3**  
**Oksana Slapoguzova**  
  
\$FREE

## African

  
  
**1**  
**Joao Farisse**  
  
\$10

  
  
**2**  
**Billy Timothy Njoroge**  
  
\$5

  
  
**3**  
**Petrus Sturman**  
  
\$FREE

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Under  
1500-1599

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### South American

1    
**Cristian David León Sarria**  
\$10 

2    
**Andres Chilan**  
\$5 

3    
**Yahir Alberto Francisco Cruz**  
\$FREE 

### Southeast Asian

1    
**Doan Giang Nguyen**  
\$10 

2    
**Gladimir Chester Romero**  
\$5 

3    
\$FREE

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#### Under1500

#### Open

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1400-1499

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### Women

1  **Rozhina Fakhim**  
\$10

2  **Aidana Madi**  
\$5

3  **Maedeh Yousefian**  
\$FREE

### African

1  **Brian Irungu**  
\$10

2  **Tauray Chipungu**  
\$5

3  **Hamid Harmon Gulamo Jamal**  
\$FREE

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1400-1499

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### South American

1    
**Elian Arce Camacho**  
\$10 

2    
**Juan Sosa**  
\$5 

3    
\$FREE

### Southeast Asian

1    
**Ikhsanul Amri Utama Muhammad**  
\$10 

2    
\$5

3    
\$FREE

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Under1400

Open

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1

Sundaram  
Kumar



\$20

Shankhadeep  
Maity

2



\$10



3

Shervin  
Rafigh



\$5

Avazbek  
Normammedov

4



\$FREE



5

Davod  
Mirzaiee



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### Women



**1**  
**Mehrnoosh Armand**  
\$10



**2**  
**Nika Venskaya**  
\$5



**3**  
**T Harini**  
\$FREE



### African



**1**  
**Tezihano Robbin Mnyasta**  
\$10



**2**  
**Raphael Felix**  
\$5



**3**  
**Jimmy Simiyu**  
\$FREE



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### South American

1    
**Alex Beethoven**  
Arape Rangel  
 \$10

2    
**Agustin Mercado**  
Tirao  
 \$5

3    
**Paul Daner**  
Condori Mamani  
 \$FREE

### Southeast Asian

1    
**Patrick**  
Purnama  
 \$10

2    
**Precious Eve**  
Ferrer  
 \$5

3    
**Veyron Fraser**  
Saerang  
 \$FREE

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1



**Samuel  
Oluwadare**

\$20

**Zaenal  
Arifin**

\$10

2



3



**Mark James  
Marcellana**

\$5

**Benyamin  
Javanshiri**

\$FREE

4



5



**Putu Agus  
Sujana**

\$FREE

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## Women

   
**1** **Felia Paschalia Ariawan**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Yeni Indraini**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Zarnigor Lapasova**  
 **\$FREE**

## African

   
**1** **Charlton Mnyasta**  
 **\$10**

   
**2** **Iyanuoluwa Olowe**  
 **\$5**

   
**3** **Misheck Chiyaba**  
 **\$FREE**

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## South American



**1** **Rodrigo Ocampo Hernández**



**\$10**



**2** **Juan Carlos Delgado Gutierrez**



**\$5**



**3** **Francisco Jose Urrea López**



**\$FREE**

## Southeast Asian



**1** **Nurul Afni Hanifah**



**\$10**



**2** **Fikri Alkatiri**



**\$5**



**3** **Hardian Anwar**



**\$FREE**

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▶ **Under 16-14**  
**Boys**

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### Under 16

  
  
**1** **Hamed Behroozi Moghaddam**  
  
\$10

  
  
**2** **Aziz Degenbaev**  
  
\$5

  
  
**3** **Mohammadreza Amjad Yazdandoust**  
  
\$FREE

### Under 14

  
  
**1** **Eldiar Orozbaw**  
  
\$10

  
  
**2** **Mahendra Teja Mekala**  
  
\$5

  
  
**3** **Shlok Chandrani**  
  
\$FREE

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▶ **Under 16-14**  
**Girls**

**2**  
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### Under 16

   
**1** **M**  
**said Divya**  
  
\$10

   
**2** **Aulia Putri**  
**Nabila**  
  
\$5

   
**3** **Cecilia Natalie**  
**Liuviann**  
  
\$FREE

### Under 14

   
**1** **Mohitha**  
**Vakcheri**  
  
\$10

   
**2** **Paula**  
**Oviedo**  
  
\$5

   
**3** **Barchinoy**  
**Shokirjonova**  
  
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Under 12-10-8  
Boys

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## Under 12

  
  
  
**Mahdavi Reza**  
  
\$10

  
  
  
**Ergali Suleiman**  
  
\$10

  
  
  
**Asrorjon Omonove**  
  
\$FREE

## Under 10

  
  
  
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# Opening

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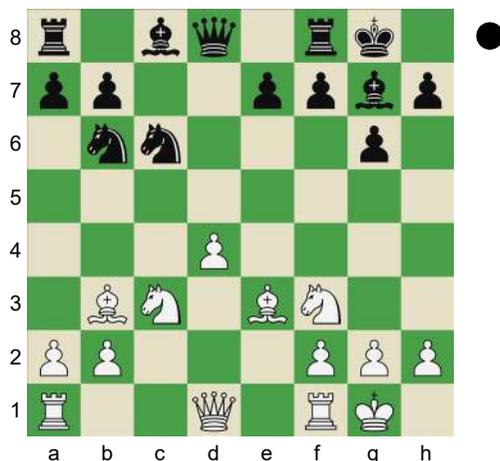
1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 e5



**8.e4?** A positional mistake that weakens the d4-square.  
 [ 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 b6 10.Rb1 a5 11.Re1 Nd7 12.a3 h6 13.Nh4 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Qc2± 1-0 Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020 ]  
**8...Bg4! 9.d5 Nd4 10.Be3 Nd7! 11.Nb5?**  
 [ 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Ne2 Re8 13.Ne1 Nc5± ]  
**11...Qf6?**  
 [ 11...f5! 12.Bxd4 fxe4-+ ]  
**12.Nbxd4 exd4 13.Bxd4± 1-0**

□ Panov,Ivan 2069  
 ■ Rashidi,mommadhossein 1627  
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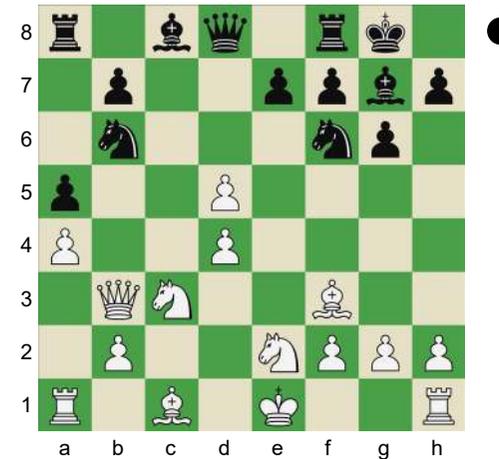
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3



**Bg4!?** An interesting attempt in this isolated pawn position.  
 [ 11...Na5! would be better: 12.d5 ( 12.Bc2?! Nac4 13.Bc1 Bg4± 14.b3? Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qxd4 16.bxc4 Qxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxc3 18.Rb1 Rfc8-+ ) 12...Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxb3 16.Bxb6 ( 16.axb3 Qxd5= ) 16...Nd2! 17.Qd3 Qxb6 18.Qxd2 Qc5= ]  
**12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Bxd4?**  
 [ 13...Nxd4 14.Qxb7 e5= ]  
**14.Rad1 e5 15.Nb5**  
 [ 15.Bh6± ]  
**15...a6? 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxb7 Qd6 18.Bh6+- 1-0**

□ R,Sham 1696  
 ■ Maleki,Amirabas 1901  
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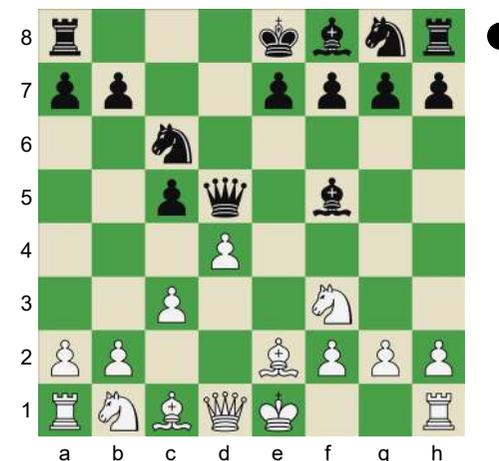
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.Bf3 Nb6 10.a4 a5 11.Nge2



**Bf5!** A standard maneuver with the idea of Bf5-d3-c4. **12.0-0**  
 [ 12.Qb5!? Ne8! 13.Bf4 Nd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6± 0-1 Durban Piera,J (2255)-Rogers,I (2600) Las Palmas 1995 ]  
**12...Bd3 13.Re1?!**  
 [ 13.d6 exd6 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Bf3 Nbd5 16.Nb5 Nb4± ]  
**13...Bc4 14.Qc2 Nfxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5± 0-1**

□ Orozbaev,Eldiar 1973  
 ■ Ebrahimi Herab,Hamidreza 2020  
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d4 Bf5 6.Be2



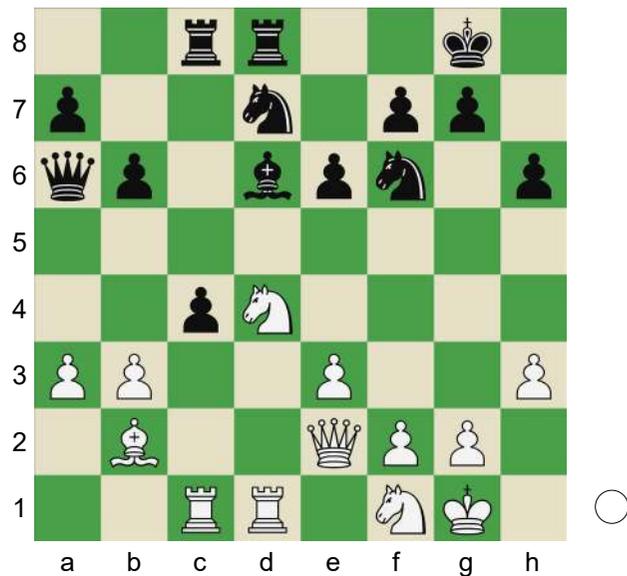
**e6?** A carelessness.  
 [ 6...cxd4 would be correct: 7.cxd4 Bxb1 8.Rxb1 e6 9.0-0 Bd6= ]  
**7.0-0** Missing the opportunity to obtain an advantage.  
 [ 7.c4! Qd7 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 Nb4 10.0-0! 0-0-0 ( 10...Nc2 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Bb5+ Kd8 13.d6! Bxd6 14.Nxf7+ Ke7 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qf3 Bd7 17.Bf4 Qe6 18.Na3 Nxa1 19.Bc4 Qc6 20.Re1+ Kd8 21.Bd5 Qf6 22.Bxb7+- ) 11.Nc3 Nf6 ( 11...Nc2? 12.Bf4! Nxa1 13.Nb5+- ) 12.Bg5± ]  
**7...0-0-0**  
 [ 7...Nf6± ]  
**8.Be3↑ 1-0**



# Tactic and Combination

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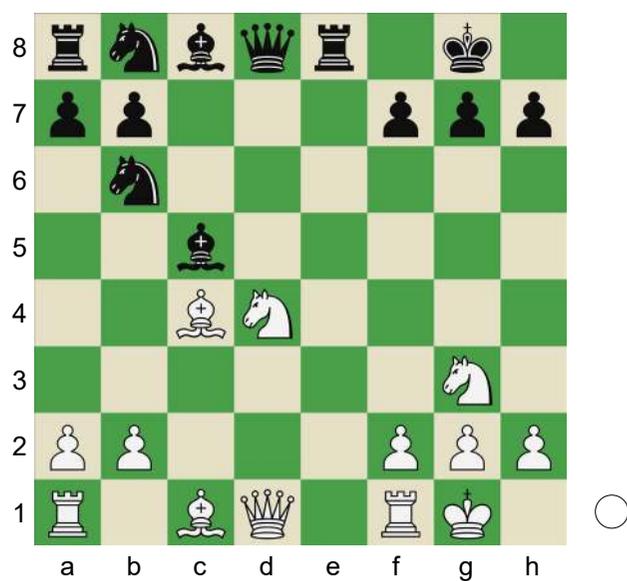
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21.Nxe6! ΔR×d6  
 [ 21.Rxc4? Rxc4 22.bxc4 Bf8 ]  
 21...fxe6 22.Rxd6 Qb5 23.bxc4+-  
 0-1

□ Ghaziolsharif, Kaveh  
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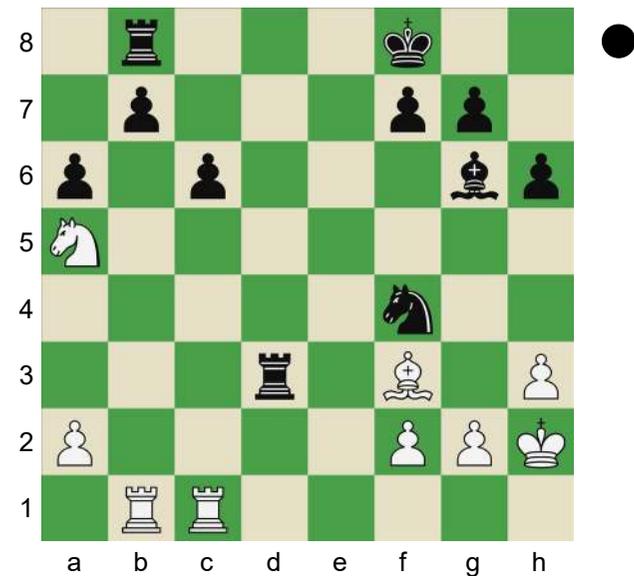
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15.Bxf7+!→ Kxf7 16.Qh5+ ΔQ×c5 16...Kg8 17.Qxc5 Na6 18.Qc3+-  
 [ Δ18.Qh5! Be6 19.Be3+- ]  
 0-1

□ Lim, Samson Chhiu Chhin  
 ■ Izquierdo Segovia, Elias Alberto  
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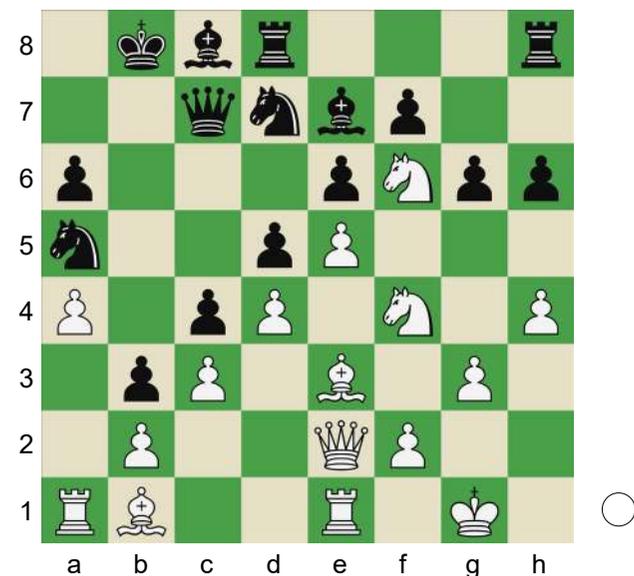
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30...Rxf3!  
 [ 30...b5?! 31.Nxc6! Rc8 32.Nb4 Rdc3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3 34.Re1 ]  
 31.gxf3 Bxb1 32.Rxb1 b5+-  
 [ Δ32...c5! 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Nxb7 c4! Δc3-c2 35.Na5 c3 36.Nb3 c2  
 37.Nc1 Ke7+- ]  
 1-0

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 ■ Garcia Campitelli, Gonzalo  
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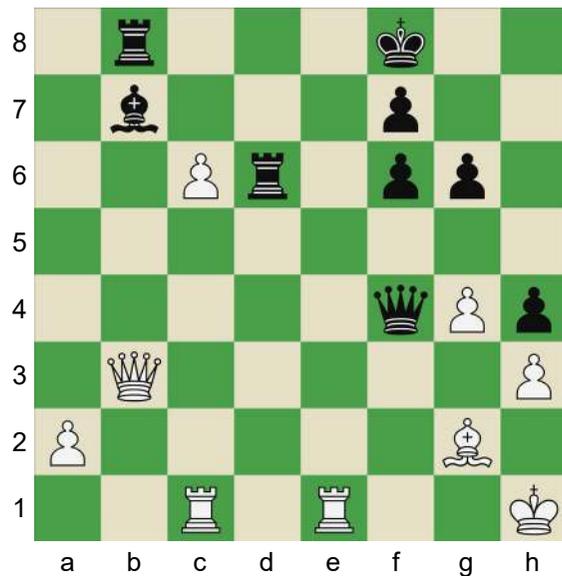
23.N4xd5!  
 [ 23.N6xd5! exd5 24.Nxd5+- ]  
 23...exd5 24.Nxd5 Qb7 25.Nxe7+- ΔN×c8  
 1-0



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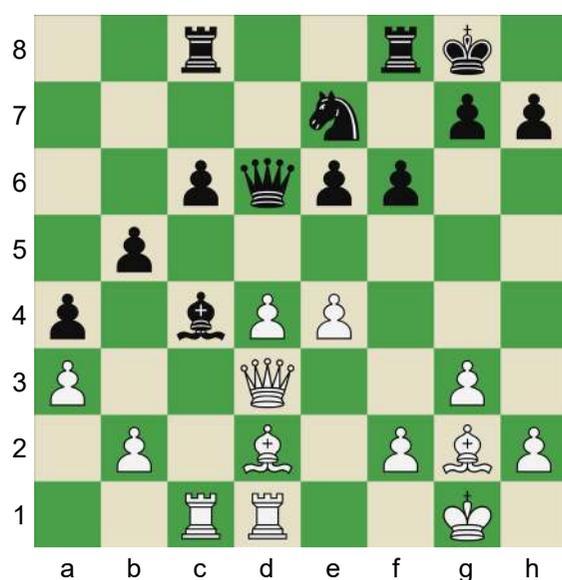
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34...Rxc6□ 35.Rxc6 Bxc6 36.Qa3+ Kg7! 37.Bxc6 Qf2! ΔRb2  
 [ 37...Qd2!± ΔRb2 ]  
 38.Qe3 Qxa2!± ΔRb2  
 1-0

□ Katenov,Aibek  
 ■ Hulka,Valentyn  
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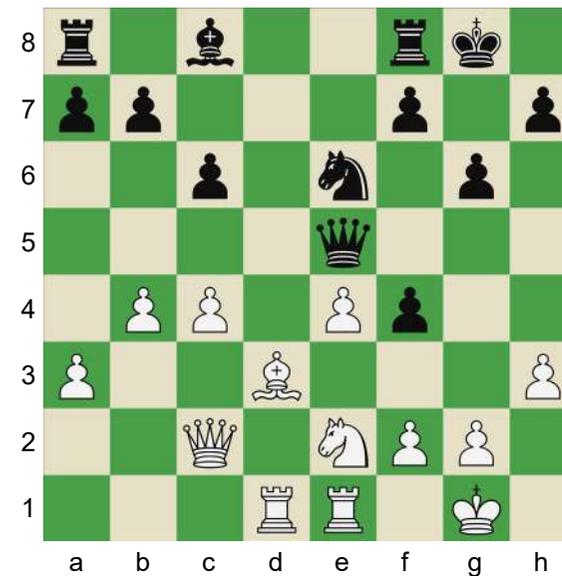
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27.Rxc4!  
 [ 27.Qe3?! Qd7 28.Bb4 Rfe8 29.Bc5 f5± ]  
 27...bxc4 28.Qxc4 Kh8 29.Bb4! ΔBc5  
 [ 29.Qxa4!? Rfd8 30.Ba5! Ra8 31.Qb4 Qxb4 32.Bxb4 Ng6 33.f4± ]  
 29...Qd7 30.Bc5! Rfd8 31.Qxa4+-  
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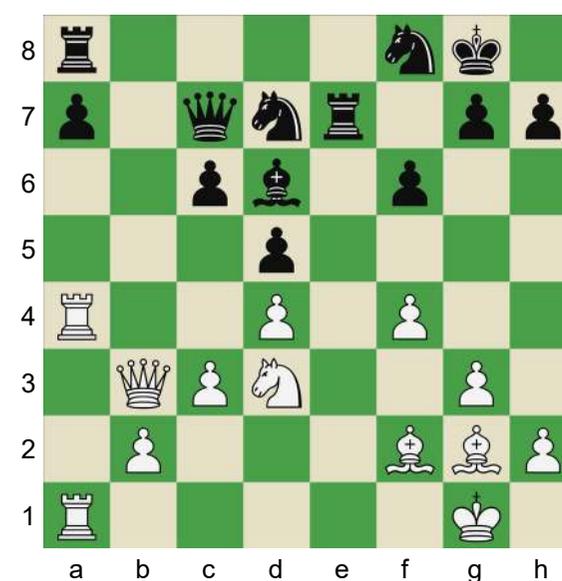
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19...f3! 20.gxf3  
 [ 20.Ng3 fxf2! ΔNg5 ]  
 20...Ng5!  
 [ 20...Qg5+!? ΔQh4 21.Kh2 Qh4 22.Ng1 Nd4! 23.Qb2 Bxh3! 24.Nxh3 Nxf3+ 25.Kg2 Qg4+ 26.Kf1 Nh2#-+ ]  
 21.Kg2 Bxh3+ 22.Kh1 Nxf3-+  
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□ Hille,Willian Henrique  
 ■ Lim,Samson Chhiu Chhin  
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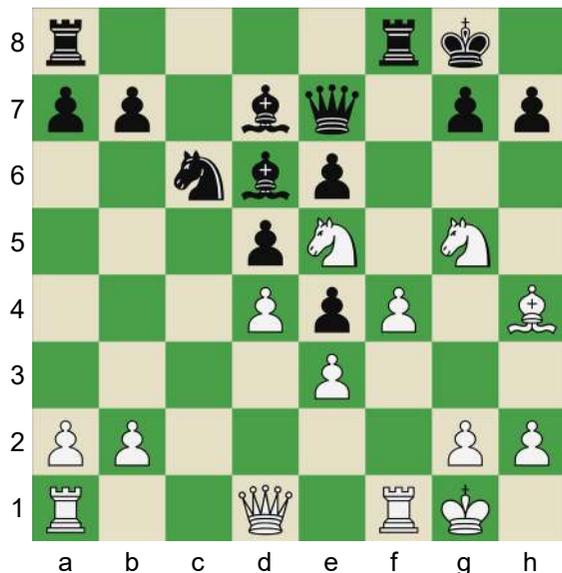
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22.Bxd5+! Kh8  
 [ 22...cxd5 23.Qxd5+ Rf7 24.Qxa8+- ]  
 23.Bf3+-  
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□ Jafari,parsa  
 ■ Babaniya,Benyamin  
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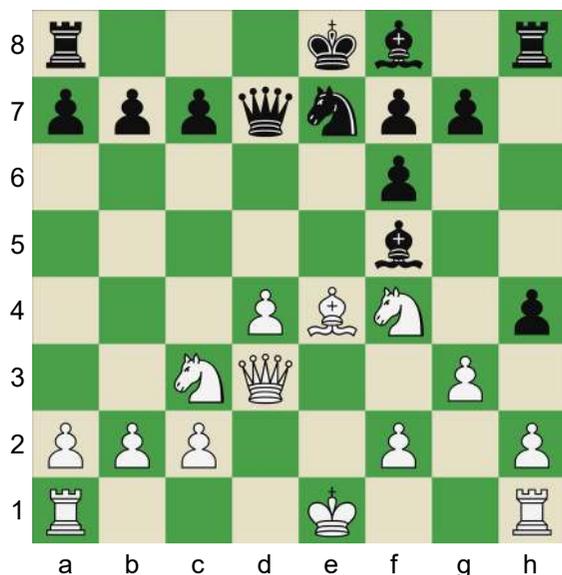
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16...Bxe5! Δh6 17.dxe5 h6! 18.Nf3 g5!→ Δe×f3 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 Qg7 0-1

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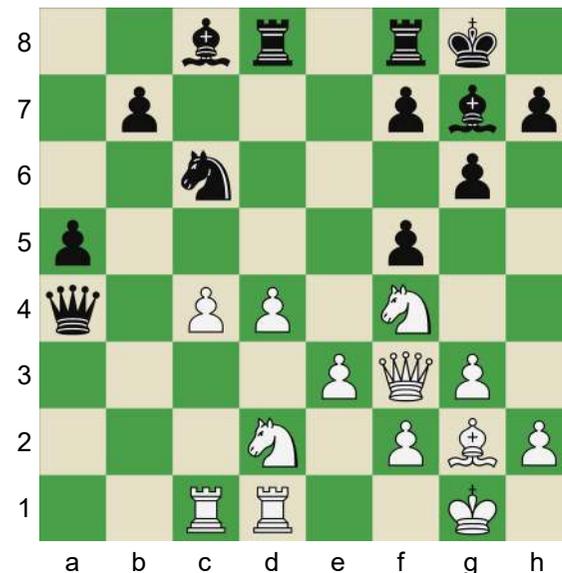
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12...hxg3! 13.fxg3□  
 [ 13.Qxg3?? Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Qxd4+- ]  
 13...0-0-0! 14.0-0-0 g6 15.h4 Bh6! 1-0

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 ■ Hergli,Amir  
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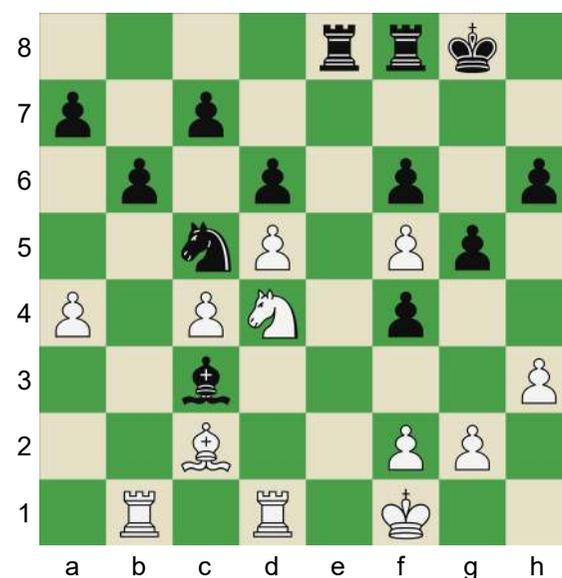


20.c5! ΔNc4 20...Nb4 21.Ra1  
 [ 21.Nc4! ΔNb6 ,Nd6 ]  
 21...Qe8 22.Nc4! a4 23.Nd6!+-  
 1-0

□ Tahmasebi,Hamidreza  
 ■ Katenov,Aibek  
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Blitz 3min



26...Bxd4! 1  
 [ 26...Re7? 27.Ne6! Rc8 28.h4 Be5 29.Rd2 27 ]  
 27.Rxd4 0 Re5 1 28.Rd2 2 a5 0 29.Rbd1 4 Rfe8-+ 1  
 0-1

# Analyze Your Game!

Analyzed by: Kaveh Ghaziolsharif

□ Ghaziolsharif, Kaveh

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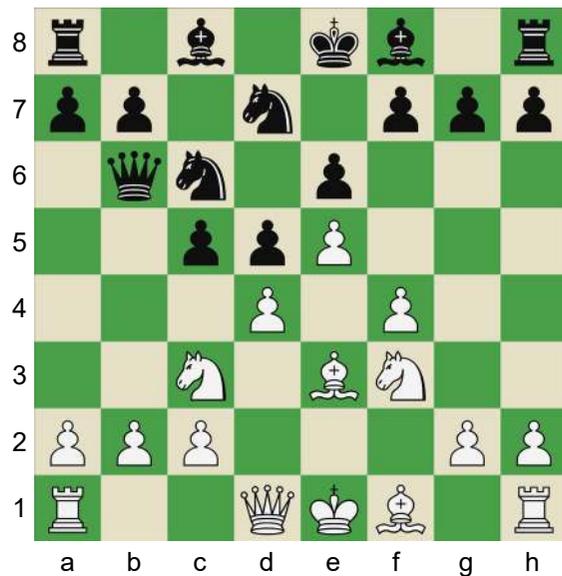
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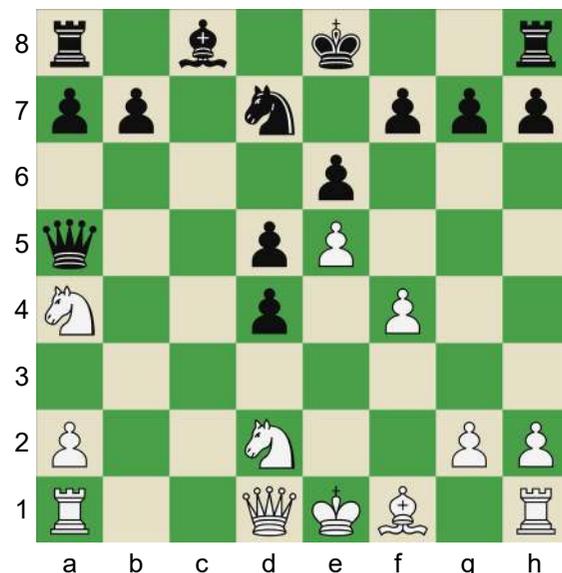
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Knowing my opponent was not a French expert, I decided to choose 3.Nc3. Although I didn't have a lot of knowledge about that! 3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6



I had seen this variation about 3 years ago in the videos of GM Victor Bologan and after a little thought, I remembered the move order.. 8.Na4 Qa5+ 9.c3 cxd4 10.b4 Nxb4 In this variation, Black sacrifices a piece for 3 pawns in order to seize the initiative. 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2



**b6?!** A passive move that restricts both Black's queen and knight.

[However, the mainline is also gives White a huge advantage: 13...0-0 14.Bd3 b5 15.Nb2 Nb6 16.0-0 Nc4 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Nbxc4 bxc4 20.Nf3

**A) 20...f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 ( 21...Qc7 22.fxc7 Qxc7 23.Ne5 Rf5 24.Qh4 Qf6 25.Qh3 d3 26.Rab1 d2 27.Qe3 Qe7 28.Qxd2 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 a5 30.Ng4 Kf8 31.Nh6 Rh5 32.f5 ) 22.Ng5 Qd8 23.f5! Rh6 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.fxe6 Qxg5 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Rf8 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Rxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qh6+ 30.Kg1 Qe3+ 31.Rf2 c3 32.e7 Bb7 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qf7+ Kh7 35.Rd1 c2 36.Qf5+ Kg8 37.Qxc2 Qxe7 38.Rxd4+-;**

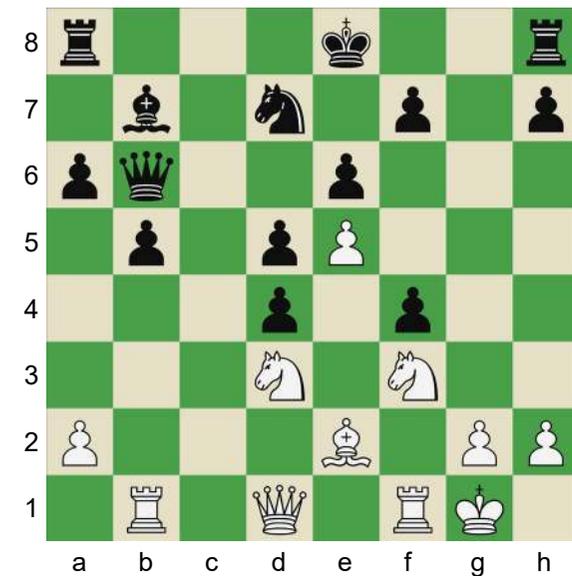
**B) 20...g6 21.Qh6 Qc7 22.f5 exf5 23.Rae1! f6 24.exf6 Qh7 25.Qf4 Qf7 26.Re7 Qxf6 27.Rfe1+- ]**

14.Rb1 with the idea of Rb5. 14...a6 15.Be2 g5 Finding himself in a bad position,

Black tries to complicate matters. 16.0-0 gxf4 17.Nf3! White is properly activating her pieces to take advantage of the position.

[ 17.Rxf4?! b5 18.Nb2 Nxe5 and Black could have put up more stubborn resistance. ]

17...b5 18.Nb2 Qb6 19.Nd3 Bb7



**20.Qc1** After opening the file and activating my pieces, I was thinking about how to attack the Black King, which is still stuck in the center even after 20 moves. The ideas behind the move are attacking the f4-pawn and preventing Black from castling.

[ 20.Qd2 0-0-0 ]

**20...Rc8 21.Qxf4 Rc2 22.Rf2 f5 23.exf6 Rf8 24.Nfe5 Rxf6 25.Qg5 Rxe2 26.Qg8+**

[ 26.Qg8+ Ke7 ( 26...Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Nxf8 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qxf8+ Kc7 30.Rc1+-) 27.Qxh7+ Ke8 28.Qxd7+ Kf8 29.Rxf6+ Kg8 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Rh6# ]

1-0



Kaveh Ghaziolsharif



Mersad Khodashenas



# Interview



**Kaveh Ghazisharif**  
**is one of the successful players**  
**in Unity tournaments.**  
**Do not miss the following**  
**interesting interview!**

**Dear Kaveh, 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?**

Thank you for your invitation.  
I started playing chess professionally at the age of 9 with IM Khosro Harandi. Of course, before that, Farzaneh Ghorbani, an experienced woman player was teaching me.  
According to my parents, after a few days of teaching me how to move the pieces, I would invite the guests who came to our house to my room and play chess, which made my family feel that I am interested in chess.



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

As a child, I was encouraged by Master Harandi, who was my main motivator at the beginning of this path, to continue this field more seriously, and at the age of 10, I won a place in the provincial age category competitions.

After a relatively short break in the process of practicing professional chess at the age of 11, I lost the last round of the prestigious Fajr International Tournament and failed to win third place. In that tournament, the current grandmaster of Azerbaijan, Ulvi Bajarani, became the champion of the tournament with 8.5 points out of 9 games. His only draw in the tournament was with me! At the age of 12, I was ranked No. 12 at the World Championships in Turkey-Antalya (2007) with a rating of 2122. Unfortunately, due to my 2-year absence from chess, I could not achieve the desired results. Interestingly, the champion of the tournament, the American current grandmaster, Daniel Naroditsky was also ranked No.13 at the starting rank.

At the age of 15, I won second place in the Tehran championship, which was considered one of the biggest competitions in the country, and in the same year, I also won second place in the under-16 age category in the country. At the age of 17, I became the country's under-18 champion, and after participating in the Asian Games in Sri Lanka, I won second place in the blitz section. At different ages, I managed to win a place in several prestigious Iranian open tournaments.

**WHEN YOU SEE A GOOD MOVE, LOOK FOR A BETTER ONE.**  
**EMANUEL LASKER**



# Interview



**Kaveh Ghazisharif, FM Farzad Bolorchi, and Koosha Jaferian in childhood!**

**We know that you are a strong player, but for some reason, you have not been able to become a master so far. What caused you not to obtain that?**

Thank you for your kindness. Definitely, the first reason and the main issue why I did not become a better player, I blame myself, because I did not fight hard enough to make my dreams come true.

As a child, after my relative talent in this field was discovered, those around me many times made me study in other topics more seriously, such as taking the Talent Test at the age of 11, the exams of the country's top schools at the age of 14, and the entrance exam at the age of 18, and this is the point at which I had to insist on my dreams, and unfortunately, this did not happen on my part, in each of these stages I was about 2 years or more away from chess.



**Iranian chess has made significant progress in recent years. Tell us a little about that.**

Yes, fortunately, Iran's chess talents have flourished in recent years, and the reflection of this issue can be clearly seen in the world of chess. The Iranian national team with a very young average age has achieved amazing results and this promises bright days for Iranian chess in the world.

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

Yes, young players are much more adept at blitz and rapid games, and with respect to veteran players, in my opinion, aging from different perspectives creates confusing thoughts in the mind, which in turn reduces concentration and dominance in the game. This is especially true in Blitz because the playing time is short and the power of quick decision-making is more challenging.

Of course, like any other topic, there are definitely exceptions. Both in the losing position, we should not be disappointed and in the winning position, we should not underestimate the opponent and his possibilities. In my opinion, this is one of my strengths in blitz and rapid games.



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

Excellent! The fascination that Unity has had for me over the last few months has been replaced by almost nothing else.

All the times I participated in the tournament, even if I did not get the desired result, I enjoyed attending it and playing against world-class players.

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Especially since I sometimes managed to score points against them! I hope we return to the previous routine and hold competitions every week! Maybe if some interesting and informative games and even influential in the final results of the competitions in each series of competitions are reviewed by the masters, it can help to make that more useful, but in this format, I think it is very useful and attractive.

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

I agree with them, the attraction of the Arena format is very high because, in addition to competing with chess players,

we are also competing with the time factor, I agree with them, the attraction of the Arena format is very high because, in addition to competing with chess players, we are also competing with the time factor, we have to win and we have to try to win as fast as possible, but we must not forget the draw system of this format also includes the chance factor in the competitions. In any case, the attractiveness of this method has made me no longer very interested in participating in competitions with the Swiss system in online competitions! Of course, there is also the issue of the presence of people who get help from engines. Due to the limited number of games in the Swiss system, you may lose a game in competition with these people, and due to the limited number of rounds, it will be difficult to make up for it. Of course, I must thank and appreciate the efforts of your team in fighting these people!

**EDUCATION IN CHESS HAS TO BE AN EDUCATION IN INDEPENDENT THINKING AND JUDGING. CHESS MUST NOT BE MEMORIZED.**

**EMANUEL LASKER**



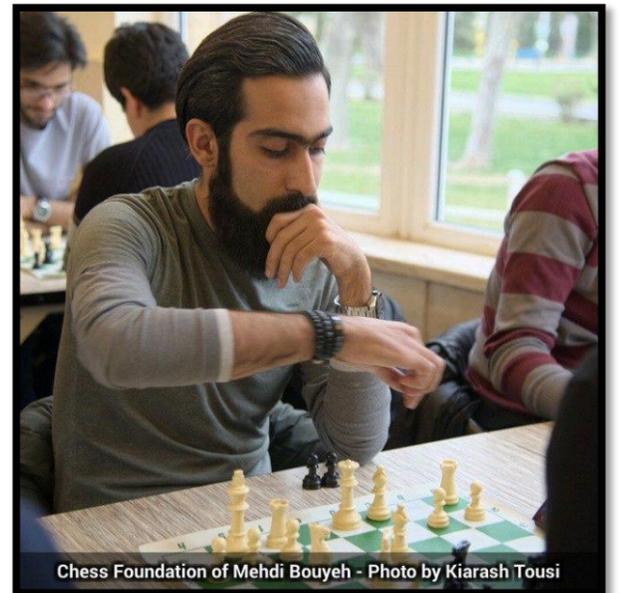
**Who is your favorite chess player in history? What about the current players?**

When I was younger, I used to bring a picture of Karpov with me in some competitions! My chess friends used to say that your style is like Karpov, you are patient and you do not rush to win and in time you catch your opponent in your traps!

That's why I loved Karpov and his games since I was a child. Now I am very interested in the style of Magnus and Ian Nepomniachtchi, I hope the next final of the World Championship will be between these two players.

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

The book I love and feel that has changed the level of my chess game is the book Training for the Tournament Player by Mark Dvoretsky & Arthur Yusupov. I read this book at the age of 15 before the national age category competitions. In addition to practical chess points, sometimes very interesting psychological points are mentioned in the book, many of which helped me. Another useful book is Calculation by Grandmaster Jacob Aagaard. I think reading and solving the exercises in this book can help any professional chess player, of course, I am currently reading the book! The book that taught me a lot of interesting psychological discussions of chess is the book of Chess for Tigers, of course, I recommend this book for professional chess players and I think it helps a lot in the psychological part of chess.



**What do you think about the future of chess?**

It is currently thought that in the future, as in recent months, online chess games will be doubly important in the future. Due to the outbreak of coronavirus, we may be less able to participate in face-to-face tournaments as before, but I hope that in the near future we will all be able to compete together in chess halls as in previous years. I think the future of chess is getting harder every day with the advancement of technology, more competition between creative and highly knowledgeable people is pursued, especially the opening knowledge!



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### Gadir Guseinov



Gadir Guseinov (born 21 May 1986) is an Azerbaijani chess grandmaster. As of November 2019, he is ranked as No. 3 in Azerbaijan and No. 83 in the world.

Born in Moscow, Guseinov started playing chess under the guidance of Shahin Hajiev. He lived in his native city and played for Russia from 1994 to 1998.

In 1994, he won the European under-10 championship in Băile Herculane.

In 2008 tied for 1st–8th with Nigel Short, Vadim Milov, Aleksej Aleksandrov, Baadur Jobava, Alexander Lastin, Tamaz Gelashvili, and Farid Abbasov in the President's Cup in Baku. Guseinov won the Ugra Governor's Chess Blitz Cup in 2011. In 2013 he tied for 1st–3rd with Igor Kurnosov and Aleksandr Shimanov in the Nakhchivan Open.

Guseinov was nominated by FIDE president to compete in the Chess World Cup 2015 in Baku. He knocked out Maxim Matlakov and David Navara in the first two rounds before losing to Ding Liren in round 3.

Guseinov won the Sitges Open in 2018 by scoring 7.5/9 points.

He played in the gold medal-winning Azerbaijani team at the European Team Chess Championships in Novi Sad in 2009 and in Warsaw in 2013, alongside Shahriyar Mammadyarov, Teimour Radjabov, Vugar Gashimov (in 2009), Eltaj Safarli (in 2013) and Rauf Mammadov, previously winning bronze medal in 2007 and silver in 2011.

### Axel Bachmann



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Bachmann won, or tied for first, the following tournaments:

- Pan American Under-16 Championship in Camboriú, Brazil (2005)
- Magistral Mercosur (2007)
- Rochefort International Chess Festival (2014)
- 30th Cappelle-la-Grande Open (2014)
- Iași International Chess Festival (2014)
- Golden Sands Open (2014)
- World Open 2015
- Magistral Ciutat de Barcelona 2015

Bachmann played for Paraguay in the Chess Olympiads:

- of 2004 in Calvià, on the second board (+5 -5 =2)
- of 2006 in Turin, on board three (+6 -2 =4)
- of 2008 in Dresden, on the first board (+4 -4 =2)
- of 2012 in Istanbul, on board one (+5 -3 =2)
- of 2014 in Tromsø, on the top board (+2 -3 =4)



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## Amirreza Pourramezanali



Amirreza Pourramezanali (born September 23, 1992) is an Iranian chess Grandmaster (2016). On the May 2016 FIDE list, he had an Elo rating of 2515.



- Grandmaster since 2016
- International Master since 2014
- Fide Master since 2010
- 2nd Place Young talents Anatoly Karpov Trophy-Cap d'agde France 2017
- Participant of Fide Chess World Cup Tbilisi 2017
- Champion of Asian Zonal 3.1 Tehran 2017
- Bronze Medal With Iranian Team in World Chess University Championship 2016
- Bronze Medal With Iranian National Team in Asian Nations Cup 2014
- Bronze Medal Asian Youth Championship Under 18
- Silver Medal With Iranian Team in Asian Youth Championship
- Champion Of Moscow Grandmaster Tournament 2015
- Champion Of Tblissi Grandmaster Summer Tournament 2016
- Champion Of 6th Lian Open (2014)
- Champion Of Ardebil International Blitz Cup 2015
- Silver Medal Of Iranian Blitz Championship 2015
- Silver medal in Poland Open 2008
- Gold medal Iran youth Championship under 14,16,18



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### Akshat Chandra



Akshat Chandra (born 1999) is an American chess prodigy, who has recorded one of the fastest rises in chess history.

Chandra started playing Chess during a visit to India in 2009 when he was about 9 1/2 years old. Later, when his family relocated to India for a few years, Akshat was further drawn into the game. In January 2010, Chandra received his starting FIDE rating of 1548. In May 2015, within a period of 5 years and 5 months, he crossed the 2500 Grand Master (GM) rating level in realtime rating.

This 952 point gain is the fastest rating improvement in the world of this magnitude recorded in such a short time. The gains were achieved prior to FIDE's change of K-factor multiple effective July 2014 for players aged 18 and less, which inflated the point gains by 33% for the same level of performance as before.

In the 2016 Saint Louis Autumn Invitational, Chandra achieved the 6-day norm and completed his grandmaster title requirements. He was officially awarded the Grandmaster title in March 2017.

In April 2015, at the age of 15, Chandra won the highest Scholastic Chess title in the US—the National K-12 Championship. In July 2015, he became the US Junior Champion (Closed). This was the first time in US Chess that both the top Scholastic and the Junior titles were held by the same individual in a single year.

In addition, Chandra was the 2015 National High School Blitz Chess Champion as well.

In April 2013, as a 13-year old, Chandra won the K-9 Super-National championship. These are the only two US scholastic tournaments Chandra ever played in, winning them both in his first attempt.

Chandra has been consistently ranked as the number 1 player in the US in his age category since 2013. He has also been part of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) All America Chess Team for each year and has qualified to represent the US at the World Youth Championships in all years since 2013. At the age of 14, Chandra won the gold at the North American Youth Championship, U-18 section, in Toronto, Canada.

Since April 2014, at the age of 14, Chandra has remained the highest USCF rated Junior Rapid Chess player (U21) in the country.

After learning chess from local part-time coaches, Chandra, at the age of 10, began working with his first professional coach, the Serbian GM Predrag Trajkovic, who worked with him for about 4 1/2 years until early 2014. Trajkovic exposed him to the typical Soviet style of chess, with its focus on positional understanding.

Chandra is also an avid writer. He has documented his journey from a beginner to Grandmaster level on his blog Quest to GM, which was then converted to his personal website after achieving the GM title. He was also the youngest regular writer for the most visited chess media website in the world, Chessbase, and also contributed articles to the USCF official website.

Besides growing up in the US, Chandra has also lived in India for a few years, and for a few months in Europe in 2012.

Chandra was a recipient of the 2016 U.S. Chess Trust Scholar-Player award, sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust and the National Scholastic Chess Foundation.

In 2019, Chandra won the 13th annual SPICE Cup Open.



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### Andrey Esipenko



Andrey Evgenyevich Esipenko (born 22 March 2002) is a Russian chess grandmaster. He won the European U10 Chess Championship in 2012, and both the European U16 and World U16 Chess Championship in 2017.

Born in 2002, Esipenko became the European U10 Chess Champion in 2012. He earned his FIDE master title in 2013. He secured all of his grandmaster norms by late 2017 and was awarded the title by FIDE in April 2018.

From 30 May to 10 June 2017, he took part in the 2017 European Individual Chess Championship.

He scored  $6\frac{1}{2}/11$  (+4–2=5). His performance rating was 2618.

He won both the European U16 and World U16 Chess Championship in 2017.

He competed in the 2017 World Rapid Chess Championship in December, scoring  $7\frac{1}{2}/15$  for a performance rating of 2622.

During the tournament, he played a queen sacrifice against Sergey Karjakin, which Leonard Barden said maybe "the move of the year".

He scored  $11\frac{1}{2}/21$  in the World Blitz Chess Championship, placing 41st out of 138.

In February 2018, Esipenko participated in the Aeroflot Open. He finished fifty-seventh out of ninety-two, scoring  $4/9$  (+1–2=6). In March 2018, he competed in the European Individual Chess Championship. He placed forty-eighth, scoring  $7/11$  (+4–1=6).

Esipenko competed in the Tata Steel Challengers in January 2019, placing second with  $8\frac{1}{2}/13$  (+5–1=7). In March, he participated in the European Individual Chess Championship. He placed 16th with  $7\frac{1}{2}/11$  (+6–2=3) and qualified for the Chess World Cup 2019.



### Samy Shoker



Samy Shoker (born 1987) is an Egyptian chess grandmaster.

Born in 1987, Shoker earned his international master (IM) title in 2006 and was awarded the title of grandmaster (GM) by FIDE in 2014. He played in the Chess World Cup 2013, where he was defeated in the first round by Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. He represented his country at the 2014 Chess Olympiad, scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}/9$  (+4–4=1).



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### Diptayan Ghosh



Diptayan Ghosh (born 10 August 1998) is a chess player from Kolkata, India. He qualified as a grandmaster at the age of 17 after achieving his third and final norm required for the title at the HDBank International Chess Open Tournament in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in March 2016.

Ghosh won the gold medal at the Asian Youth Chess Championships in the Under 10 section in 2008 and the Under 12 in 2009. He was a member of the gold medal-winning Indian team in the World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad in 2013 and 2014.

### Susanto Megaranto



Susanto Megaranto (born 8 October 1987) is an Indonesian chess player. In 2004, he became the youngest Indonesian ever to qualify for the title Grandmaster at 17, beating out Utut Adianto's record by four years. He won the Indonesian Chess Championship four times in a row from 2006 to 2010.

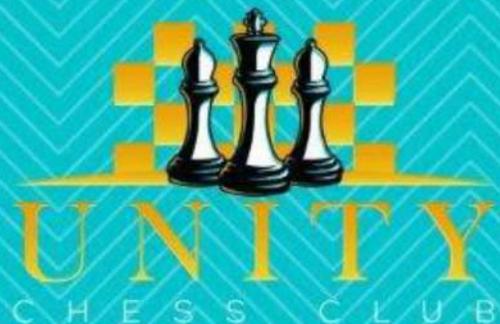
In 2004 he tied for 2nd-3rd with Eugenio Torre in the SEA Games in Vietnam. In the same year, he tied for first with Mark Paragua in the Singapore Masters Open and won the event on tie-break. In 2007 he tied for 3rd-8th with Abhijit Kunte, Zhao Jun, Wen Yang, Darwin Laylo, and Zhou Jianchao in the Asian Chess Championship. In 2008, he tied for 3rd-7th with Marat Dzhumaev, Darwin Laylo, Dražen Sermeck, and Ashot Nadanian in the 5th Dato' Arthur Tan Malaysia Open Championship in Kuala Lumpur and tied for 3rd-6th with Nguyen Anh Dung, Irwanto Sadikin, and Magesh Chandran Panchanathan in the Kuala Lumpur Open. He took part in the Chess World Cup 2011, where he was eliminated in the first round by Lê Quang Liêm. In 2015, he won the first Asian University Chess Championship, which was held in Beijing.

### Javokhir Sindarov



Javokhir Sindarov (born 8 December 2005) is an Uzbek chess prodigy. He earned the title of grandmaster in October 2018, at the age of 12 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

Sindarov was born on 8 December 2005. He was awarded the international master title in October 2017. He achieved his first grandmaster (GM) norm at the Alekhine Memorial in June 2018. He achieved the second at the World Junior Chess Championship in September, improving his rating to 2500 in the process. In October, he scored his third GM norm at the First Saturday tournament, becoming the third-youngest grandmaster in history. The title was awarded by FIDE in March 2019.



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