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From the Editor

The Origin of chess can be traced as far back as 1500 years. Despite there being uncertainties about the origins, the earliest predecessor of the game is believed to have originated from India before the 6th Century AD. The game had then spread to Persia and Arab nations. Chess evolved in the 15th century and the style of play was called “Romantic Chess”. It focused on quick, tactical maneuvers rather than Long-term strategic Planning. This was in the 1800s. In the 19th Century Romantic Chess evolved to Hyper-modern and dynamic chess. Modern chess tournaments began and the first official World Championship was held in 1886.

In the 20th Century the world chess federation (FIDE) was established.

In 1997 there was development of computer program, an example is the game that was played by Deep Blue Versus Garry Kasparov.

A survey done in 2012 found that “chess players now make up one of the largest communities in the world. 605 million adults play chess regularly”. 12% of British People, 15% of American People, 23% of German People, 43% of Russian People and 70% of Indian People play chess at least once a year.

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Unity Chess

TOURNAMENT REPORT

This weeks Unity Chess tournament was dedicated to the women's Championship and took place on 04.10.2020.

The tournament attracted a total of 154 players from all over the Globe, It Comprised of **7 WGMs, 19 WIMs, 22 WFMs, 4 WCMs, 1 WNM** in participation.

Arena was the tournament Type with the berserk option available to the players. The duration of the tournament was a total of **120 minutes** . It started at 16:00hrs GMT.

After Completion of the Tournament **WIM GULNAR MAMMADOVA** reigned Superior among her chess peers in the Open Section.

It had an attractive Prize bag worth **\$500** for **43** places to be won



WGM Daria VOIT



WIM GULNAR MAMMADOVA

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TOP 3 OPEN SECTION



**IM Gulnar
Mammadova**

1



\$50



**WIM Margarita
Potapova**

2



\$30



**IM Meri
Arabidze**

3



\$20

TOP 3 2100 - 2199



**Kiran Manisha
Mohanty**

1



\$20

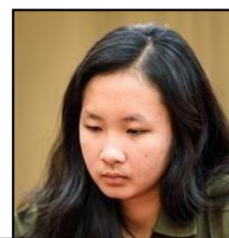


**Sakshi
Chitlange**

2



\$10



**Ummi
Fisabilillah**

3



\$5

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TOP 3 2000 - 2009



**Kristina
Kim**

1



\$20



**Parnian
Ghomi**

2



\$10



**Motahare
Asadi**

3



\$5

TOP 3 1900 - 1999



**WFM Jennys
Dailin
Soler Guerra**

1



\$20



**Regita Desyari
Putti**

2



\$10



**Ksenia
Strukova**

3



\$5

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TOP 3 1800 - 1899



1



**Jerlyn Mae
San Diego**

\$20

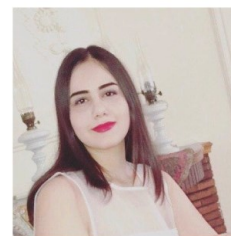


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**Francois Marie
Magpily**

\$10



3



**WCM Kiana
Arab**

\$5

TOP 3 1700 - 1799



1



**Tanvi Vasudev
Hadkokar**

\$20



2



**Cecilia Natalie
Liuviann**

\$10



3



**Safoura
Ghane**

\$5

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TOP 3 1600 - 1699



1



**Sara Francine
Olendo**

\$20



2



**Linda
Shaba**

\$10



3



**Mayra Regina
Raymundo
Garragate**

\$5

TOP 3 1500 - 1599



1



**Vakcheri
Mohitha**

\$20



2



**Barchinoy
Shokirjonova**

\$10



3



**Aizhan
Sezdbekova**

\$5

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TOP 3 1400 - 1499



1



**Zahra
Gorbani**

\$20



2



**Rozhina
Ghanbarnezhad**

\$10



3



**Priyanka
Bhatt**

\$5

TOP 3 U1400



1



**Mirinda
Mabitsela**

\$20



2



**Shraddha
Bajaj**

\$10



3



**Zahra
Farahani**

\$5

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TOP 3 UNRATED

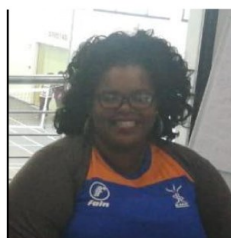


1



**Surbhi
Soni**

\$20



2



**Mihle Zizo
Mbanga**

\$10



3



**Lebo Ralekwape
Seroka**

\$5

LUCKY PRIZES



1



**Cecilia Natalie
Liuviann**

\$20



2



**Tsholofelo
Molefe**

\$10

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All Winners!



1



**IM Gulnar
Mammadova**

2400



2



**WIM Margarita
Potapova**

2270



3



**IM Meri
Arabidze**

2437



5



**Kristina
Kim**

2019



7



**Parnian
Ghomi**

2006



8



**Motahare
Asadi**

2093



12



**WFM Jennys
Dailin
Soler Guerra**

1988



13



**Regita Desyari
Putti**

1901



16



**Kiran Manisha
Mohanty**

2168

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All Winners!



20

**Ksenia
Strukova**



1988



23

**Vakcheri
Mohitha**



1544

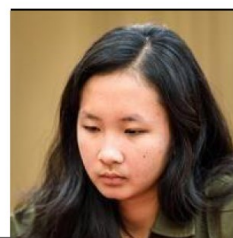


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**Sakshi
Chitlange**



2167



27

**Umami
Fisabililah**



2182



28

**Mirinda
Mabitselah**



1207



31

**Jerlyn Mae
San Diego**



1836



32

**Francois Marie
Magpily**



1816



34

**Shraddha
Bajaj**



1128



39

**Tanvi Vasudev
Hadkonkar**



1713

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All Winners!

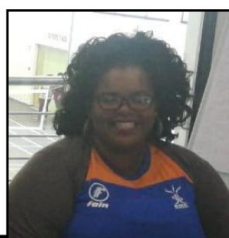


**Surbhi
Soni**

40



Null



**Mihle Zizo
Mbanga**

41



Null



**Zahra
Farahani**

42



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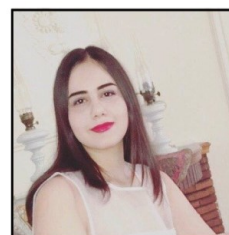


**Barchinoy
Shokirjonova**

43



1594



**WCM Kiana
Arab**

46



1859



**Cecilia Natalie
Liuviann**

50



1735



**Sara Francine
Olendo**

52



1692



**Linda
Shaba**

53



1672



**Safoura
Ghane**

55



1765

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11

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All Winners!



**Aizhan
Sezdbekova**

56



1554



**Lebo Ralekwape
Seroka**

57



Null



**Mayra Regina
Raymundo
Garragate**

63



1678



**Zahra
Gorbani**

67



1427



**Rozhina
Garbarnezhad**

78



1419



**Priyanka
Bhatt**

84



1412



**Tsholofelo
Molefe**

100

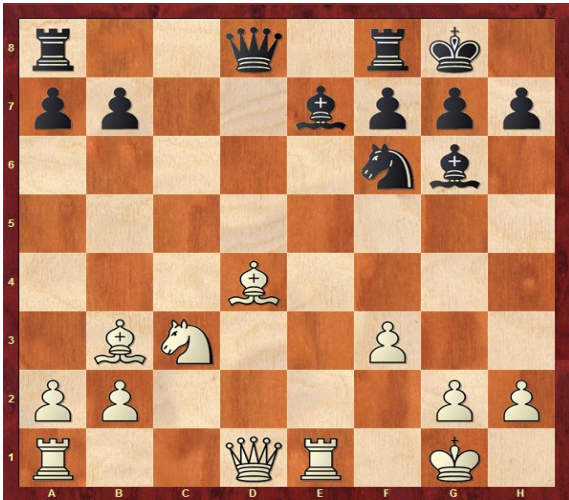


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OPENING

Unity Chess

Alinasab, Mobina 2317
Potapova, Margarita 2270
Unity Women Championship 04.10.20
Blitz 3 min **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4**
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 Nc6 6.c4 e6 7.Nc3
Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Be2 d5! A standard



freeing

Move **10.exd5 exd5**

[10.cxd5] [10.Nxc6]

11.0-0 Nxd4?! 12.Bxd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4

[11..Bc5 12.Kh1 Qe7 13.Bf2 Rd8

14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.cxd6 Bxf2 16.Rxf2

Nxd5 0-1 (56) Das A (2373) - Jones, G
(2430) Calvia 2006]

13...Bf5 14.Bb3 Bg6 15.Re1+ 0-1

Alinasab, Mobina 2317
Sargysyan, Anna M 2405
Unity Women Championship 04.10.20
Blitz 3min **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4**
4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6
7.N1e2[#] 7...e5!? [7..Nf6 8.Nf4 Bh7



9.Bc4 e6 is the main line]

8.dxe5 Qa5+? 9.Bd2 Qxe5 10.Bc3 Qc7

[...Qxd1+ would be correct: 9.Kxd1 Nd7

10.h5 Bh7 11.e6?! Fxe6 12.Nf4 Nc5

13.Bc4 0-0-0 14.Bd2 Bd6 15.Nxe6

Nxe6 16.Bxe6+ Kc7 17.Bf5 Bxg3

18.Bxh7 Rxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Bf4+ 20.Kd3

Rxh7 21.Rae1Bd6 22.Re8 Nf6. 1/2-1/2

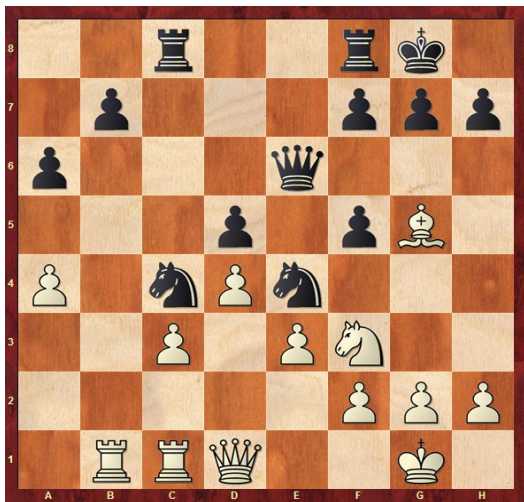
(22)Azarov, S (2648)-Jakubiec A (2528)

Czechia 2012]. **11.Qd2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-1**

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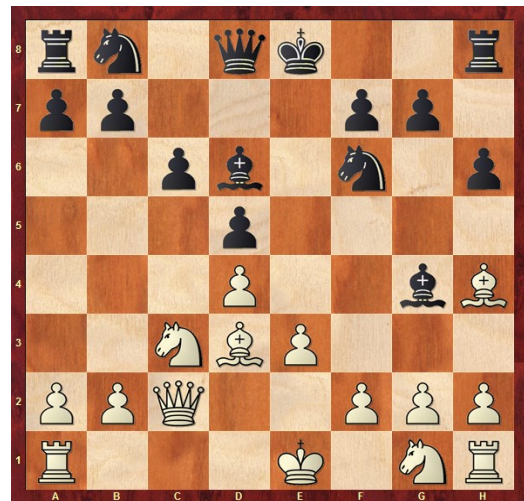
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Arabidze, Meri 2437
 Sargsyan, Anna M 2405
 Unity Women Championship 04.10.20
 Blitz 3 min **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5**
cx d5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bf5
7.e3 e6 8.Qb3 Bb4 9.Bb5 0-0 10.0-0
Qe7[#] 11.Rfc1?!



[11.Bxc6 would be correct for exam-
 ple: bxc6 12.Rfc1 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5
 14.Na4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nd4 Bg6
 17.Rfc1 Qe5?! 18.Rac1. 0-1 Seirawan, Y
 (2620) - (2702) Berlin 2015] **11.Na5**
12.Qd1 a6 13.Bd3 Rac8!? 14.Bxf5 exf5
[...Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nc4] 15.Bg5 Bxc3
16.Bxc3 Nc4 17.a4?! Qe6 18.Rab1?
[18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Rab1] 18.Ne4. 0-1

Zahedifar, Anahita 2213
 Mohammadi, Niyousha 1566
 Unity Women Championship 04.10.20
 Blitz 3 min
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Qc2[#] 7..h6?



A mistake 8.Bh4? Mission the oppor-
 tunity to win a pawn or damage Black's
 pawn structure

[8.Bxf6 gxf6 (..Qxf6 9.Nxd5) 9.Bd3

8...Bg4?!

[(8..0-0)

9.Bd3

1-0

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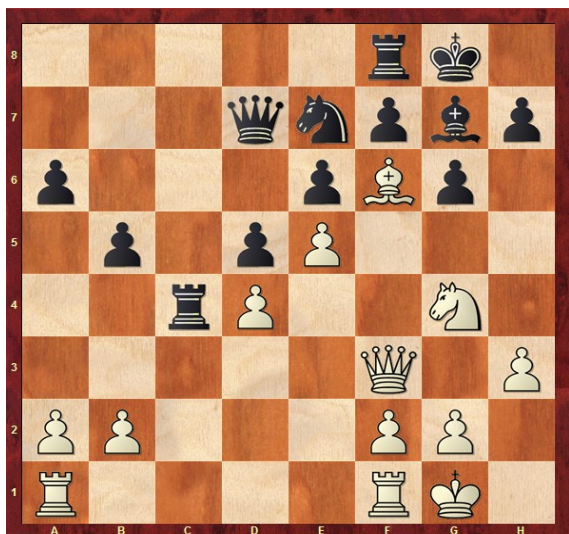
Mammadova, Gulnar	2382	Arabidze, Meri	2437
Seroka, Lebo		Mammadova, Gulnar	2382
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Blitz 3 min [#] **17...Rxd4??** Neglecting the Opens threat, instead, Black should have played:

[17..Nf5 18.Ne3 Bxf6 19.exf6

[19.Nxc4 Bg7 20.Na3 Nxd4 21.Qe3 Nf5 22.Qe2 Qc7#]

18.Bxg7



Blitz 3 mins [#] **18...Ng3+! 19.Kg1** The Only Move

[..hxg3 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 fxc3+]

19...Nxff1

[19..Nh3+! Would be strong: 20.gxh3 Nxe2+ 21.Kh1 Nxc1 22.Qxc1 Bxh3 23.Rg1 Qf7]



[18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qf6+ Kg8 20.Nh6#] 1 **20.Kxf1 Qh5 21.Kg1 Bd7. 0-1**
-0

TACTICS AND COMBINATIONS

Unity Chess

Potapova, Margarita 2270

Alavi, Home 2003

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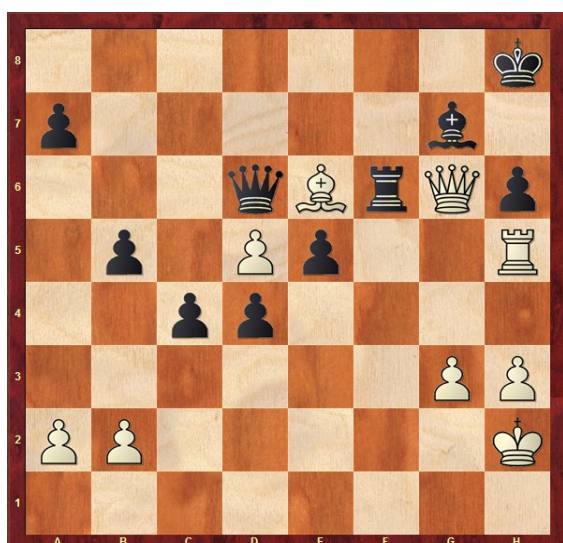
Blitz 3 min [#]

Arabidze, Meri 2437

Huda, Maryana 2128

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Blitz 3 min [#] **12..exd4! 13.Nxd4**



34.Rxh6+! Bxh6 35.Qg8# 1-0



Bxh2+! 14.Kxh2 Qe5+ 15.F4?

[More stubborn resistance would have been possible after 15.Kg1 Qxd4 16.Bf1 Ng4 17.BF4]

15..Qxd4 16.b3 Ng4+ 17.Kg3 Nb6?

[..Ndf6-+]

18.Qd2 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 Nxc4 20.bxc4 Rd8+ 1-0

TACTICS AND COMBINATIONS

Unity Chess

Kim, Kristina

2019

Secopito, Catherine

2075

Lapasova-Z

1979

Ghomi, Parnian

2006

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Blitz 3 min [#] **18.d5! Rad8?**

19.Bh4 g6 20.Rxe6! Kg7

[20..fxe6 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Bxf6 Bxf6
23.Qh7#]

Blitz 3 min [#]20..Rxc2+! 21.Kxc2

Bxh3+!

[21..Qxh3+?? 22.Kg1=]



21.Bxf6+ Bcf6 22.Rxf6?! Kxf6 23.Ne4+ Kg7 24.Qc3+ f6 25.dxc6 Rc8 26.Nd4 f5 27.Nxf5+ Kg8 28.Qg7#

22.Kh2 Bg4+ 23.Kg1 Qg3+ 24.Kh1 Bxd1. 0-1

TACTICS AND COMBINATIONS

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 Fisabilillah, Ummi 2159
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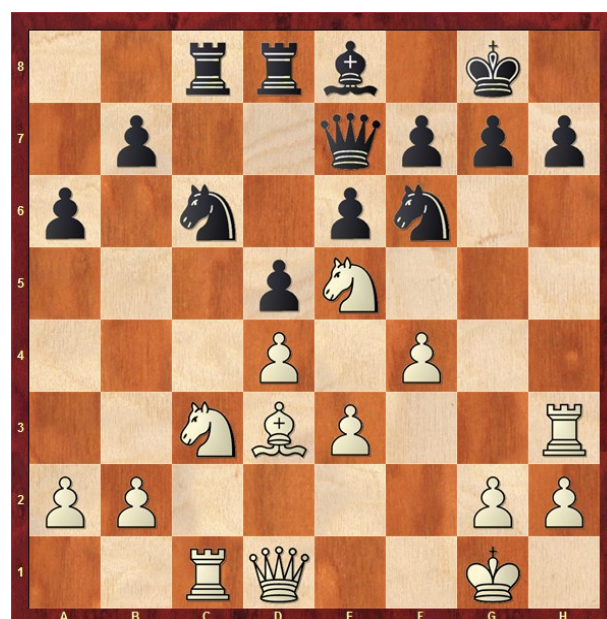
Franco Valencia, Beatriz Irene 2103
 Tokhirjonova, Gulruki
 Unity Women Championship 04.10.20

Blitz 3 mins [#] **20.d5! Nxc4 21.Bxc4**
Qxc4 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxh6 e5??
 [23..Qg4 24.Qxf6 Qg7 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7
 26.dxe6 Bxf3 27.gxf3 fxe6 28.Rxe6
 Rxf3]



24.Qxf6 Bxd5 25.Rxe5. 1-0

Blitz 3 min [#] **16.Bxh7+! Kf8**
 [16..Nxb7 17.Qh5+ -]
17.Ng4?
 [17.Bd3 Kg8 18.Qf3+
17..Nxb7?



[...g6 18.Nxf6 Qxf6=]
18.Rxh7. 1/2-1/2

STRATEGY CORNER

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Franco Valencia, Beatriz Irene 2103

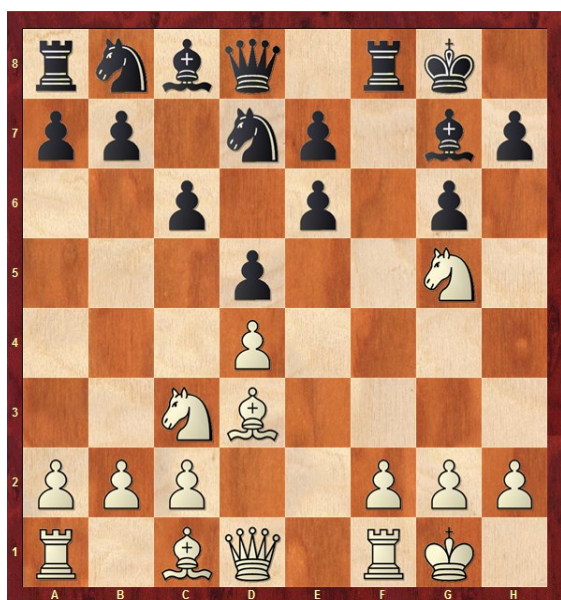
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Strukova, Ksenia 1978

Potapova, Margarita 2270

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Blitz 3 min [#] **6.e6!?** An interesting pawn sacrifice. [Although 6.h4 would be better. Bg7 7.h5]



6...fxe6 7.Bd3?!

[7...e5!]

8. 0-0 0-0 9.Ng5. 1-0

Blitz 3 min [#] **16...f5!** A typical move in such positions to stop white's attack.

17.exf5



[17.gxf5 gxf5 18.Kh2 e5!?!]

17...Bxf3 18.Rxf3 gxf5 19.Bf2 Ng6!

[18..exf5 19.g5 d5]

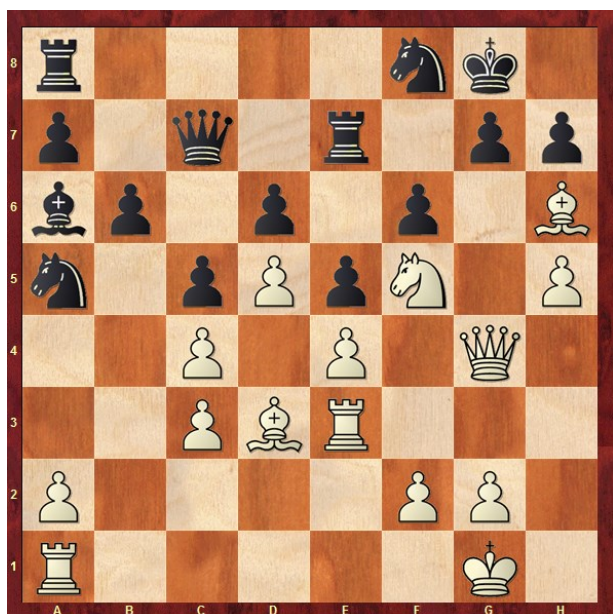
20.Rxe6?! Qd7 21.Qe3 Ne5! 22.fxe5 Qxe6. 0-1

STRATEGY CORNER

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Arabidze, Meri	2437	Sviridova, Vlada	2144
Putri, Regita Desyari	1897	Ghomi, Parnia	2006
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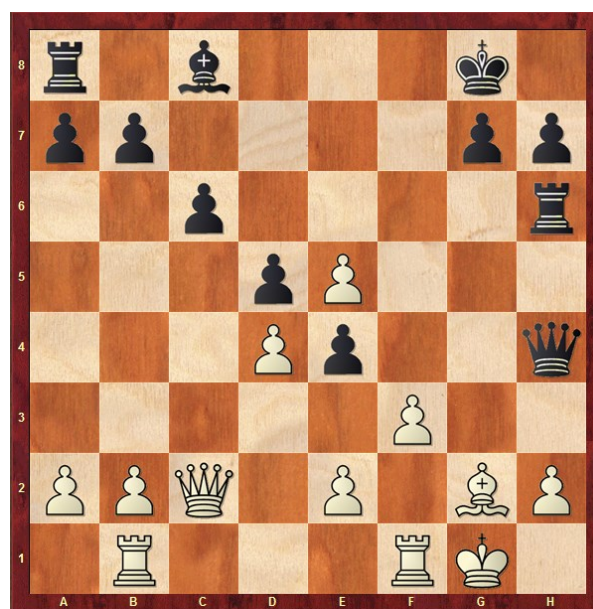
Blitz 3 mins [#] **13.Re1!** Clearing the f1-Square for the Knight to transfer it to f5 via f1-e3. 13...b6 14.Nf1 Ba6 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Ne3 Nf8



17.Nf5 Qc7 18.Qg4 Ng6 19.h4 f6 20.h5 Nf8 21.Bh6 Re7 22.Re3. 1/2-1/2

Blitz 3 mins [#] 12...Rf6! Black intends to transfer the rook to attack 13.Ne5? White should have kept the knight close to his king. **13...Rh6?!**

[13..Nxe5 14.dxe5 Rh6]



14.Nxe4?

[14.Nf3]

14...fxe4 15.f3? Nxe5 16.fxe5 Qh4. 0-1

ANALYZE YOUR GAME

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Khokhlova, Daria 2155

Voit, Daria 2343

Memorial Panchenko (5) 11.09.20

[Phoenix]

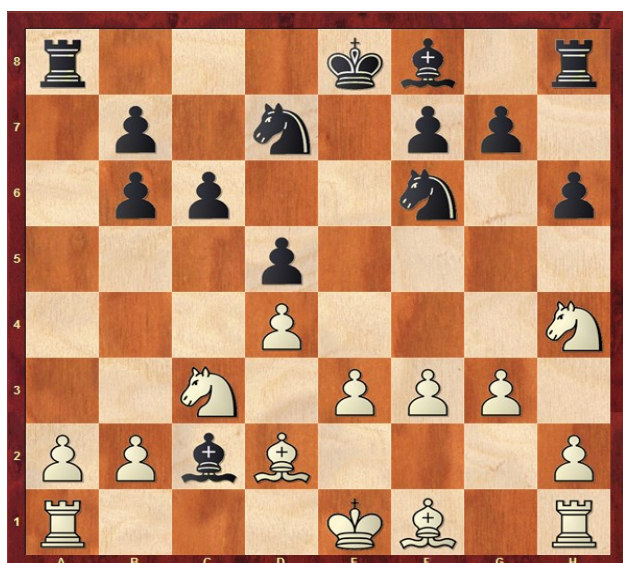
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bf5

5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4 7.Qb3 Qb6

8.Qxb6 axb6 9.f3 Bc2 10.g3 Nbd7

11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd2 h6

[12...h5!?]



13.Rc1 Bh7 14.g4 b5 15.a3 Nb6

16.Nf5 h5 17.h3 g6 18.Nh4 hxg4?

[18..Bd6 19.Kf2 g5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.gxf5

h4]

19.hxg4 Bg8 20.g5 Nfd7 21.Bd3 Be7

22.f4 f5 23.Ke2 Kf7 24.Na2 Nc4

25.Bc3 Bf8 26.Rcd1 Ndb6 27.Kf2 Kg7

28.Rh3 Bd6 29.Rdh1 Be6 30.Nf3 Rxh3

31.Rxh3[#] 31...Nxa3!? 32.bxa3 Rxa3

33.Bb1 b4 34.Bd2?

[34.Bxb4 Bxb4 35.Nxb4 Rb3 36.Nd3

Rxb1 37.Nc5=]

34..Rb3 35.Rh1 Rb2 36.Rc1 Nc4

37.Ke1 Na3



[37..Bf7!?]

38.Bxb4 Bxb4+ 39.Nxb4 Rxb4 40.Bd3

Nc4 41.Ke2 Kf8 42.Rb1 Rxb1 43.Bxb1

Bf7 44.Ba2 Na5 45.Ne5 Be8 46.Kd3

Ke7 47.Kc3 Kd6 48.Nd3 b6

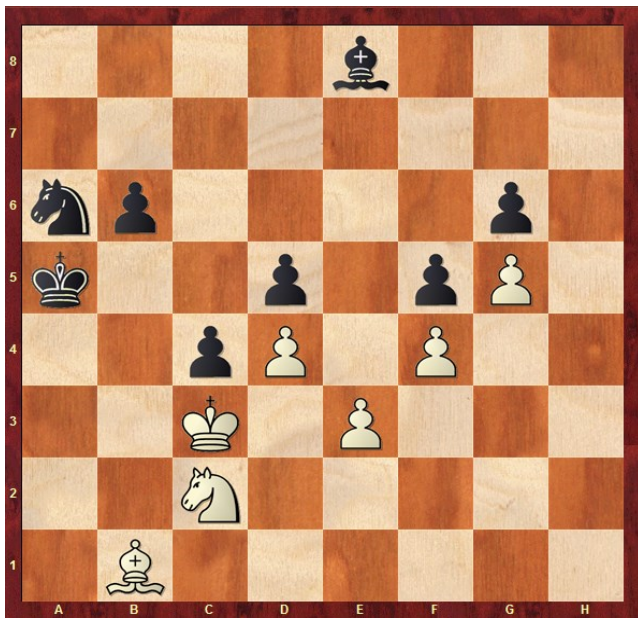
ANALYZE YOUR GAME

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49.Nb2 c5 50.Nd3 Nc6 51.Bb1 Na7

52.Ne5 Nb5+ 53.Kd3 c4+ 54.Kd2 Na3

55.Ba2 Nb5. 0-1



INTERVIEW

Unity Chess



Dear Daria

Thank you for giving us time and participating in this Interview. How did you learn chess and how did you become a Woman Grandmaster?

When I was 3 years old I saw my father and Brother playing chess and asked them to teach me. Since chess became a part of my life.

I became a grandmaster late in 2017, when I had a break through in my career.

I showed good results in the Super final of the Russian Championship 2016, in Gibraltar 2017 and the women's European Championship 2017. My maximum Rating was 2427

What are your biggest Successes?

My Successes are the Champion of Russian among Women in Rapid chess 2019 and 3 times Champion of Europe for students 2015, 2017, 2019.



What is your Opinion about Sundays With Unity Tournaments? How can it become more useful and Attractive?

I want to thank the Organizers for creating this tournament, where each participant cannot only enjoy the game, but also win some prize.

INTERVIEW

Unity Chess



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

Each System is Interesting in it's own way, if you look at it from the point of view of entertainment, then the Arena system is very fun.

How Much time do you spend on Chess during the current pandemic, how is it divided?

I play chess Everyday. During the pandemic, many strong chess players started streaming. It was very interesting and informative for me!

Who is your Favorite Chess Player in history? What about the current Players?

I like to see how every chess player brings something Unique to chess and I don't want to focus on just one Person

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

Famous books by Kasparov, Dvoretsky about the approach to chess and Linder about the history of Chess.

What do you think about the Future of chess?

Time Will show

INTERVIEW

Unity Chess



Dear Anna

Thank you for giving us time and participating in this interview. How did you learn chess and how did you become a woman Grandmaster?

When I was a little girl my grandfather's friend started to teach me different table games, and the queue reached to chess. In that time I was 8 years old and got attracted to chess immediately.

I then asked my mother to bring me to the chess trainings. It is very important to work hard, practice a lot and also have strong nerves. That's what makes players stronger.

What are your biggest successes?

In 2017 I became Armenian girl's champion. In 2019 I won individual gold medal in European team chess championship.

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

I enjoy playing these tournaments, and as I see there are always

1000+ players, so I think it is already attractive enough

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

My first tournament in this Arena system was 'Sundays With Unity' tournament. I really liked this type of tournament because as such as in Swiss after 3-4 losses

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There is no chance for high ranking, but this system gives much more chances. However, it has its bad sides also, such as I feel very tired after 120 minutes

How Much time do you spend on Chess during the current pandemic, how is it divided?

Actually my days are very regulated, I have some hobbies, such as walking, listening to music, watching some TV shows or something like that. After that I dedicate my day to

Chess. Unfortunately, I'm a student and my classes will begin from the 15th September, so I can't spend as much time on chess as did in summer.

Who is your Favorite Chess Player in history? What about the current Players?

My Favorite chess player is Garry Kasparov, he is really the greatest. From the current players I prefer Fabiano Caruana.

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

I love books by Boris Gelfand very much , 'Positional decision making in chess' and 'dynamic decision making in chess'.

I am impressed how the author explains positions, I feel that he talks with the reader and it makes it enjoyable to read his books.

What do you think about the Future of chess?

Chess is a very ancient game and it becomes more and more popular. In Armenia, this is even compulsory subject. I hope the other countries will imitate us

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Maxim Matlakov



Maxim Sergeevich Matlakov (born 5 March 1991) is a Russian chess grandmaster. He won the European Individual Chess Championship in 2017. He acted as a second for Peter Svidler in the Candidates Tournaments of 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Matlakov won three medals at the World Youth Chess Championships: two bronze, in the Under 12 section in 2003 and Under 14 in 2005, and a gold, in the Under 18 in 2009. Also in 2009, he won the Saint Petersburg Chess Championship and the Aivars Gipslis Memorial. Matlakov won the Russian Junior (U20) Championship of 2011.

He tied for second, finishing sixth on tiebreak, at the 13th European Individual Chess Championship in 2012 with a score of 8/11

points and qualified for the Chess World Cup 2013. He defeated Dutch GM Jan Smeets in the first round and was eliminated by Azerbaijani GM Shakhriyar Mamedyarov in the second round tiebreaker. In 2013 Matlakov tied for first in the Chigorin Memorial in Saint Petersburg, placing third on tiebreak, behind Pavel Eljanov and Dmitry Kokarev respectively.

In February 2014, he was joint winner with Alexander Moiseenko of the Moscow Open.

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In July 2014, he tied for second with Parimarjan Negi, Gawain Jones and Maxim Rodshtein at the Politiken Cup in Helsingør, placing third on countback. Matlakov won the blitz event from the tournament. At the Chess World Cup 2015 he was knocked out in the first round by Gadir Guseinov after losing the first set of rapid tie-breakers.

In April 2017, he finished tied for first with Nikita Vitiugov, Etienne Bacrot and Zdenko Kozul in the Grenke Chess Open in Karlsruhe,

Germany Matlakov took second place on tie-break score.

In June, he won the European Individual Championship in Minsk edging out Baadur Jobava and Vladimir Fedoseev on tiebreak, after all three players scored $8\frac{1}{2}/11$ points.

Matlakov won individual silver medal playing board 5 for Saint Petersburg in the 2013 European Club Cup .

Two years later, in the same event he won team bronze medal with St. Petersburg's team "Mednyi Vsadnik"

In 2017, Matlakov played for team Russia, which won the silver medal in the World Team Chess Championship in Khanty-Mansiysk.

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Olexandr Bortnyk



Olexandr Bortnyk (born 18 October 1996) is a Ukrainian chess player. He was awarded the title Grandmaster by FIDE in 2015, at the age of 19. He is considered a top blitz and bullet chess player.

In 2014, Bortnyk won the World Youth Chess Championships in the Under 18 category.

Oleksandr Bortnyk

has an older brother, Mykola Bortnyk, who also plays chess and holds the title International Master.

Both Oleksandr and Mykola play chess online at Chess.com. Oleksander reached the finals of their Bullet Chess Championship, but was then defeated by the winner, Hikaru Nakamura.

Praveen Balakrishnan



IM Praveen Balakrish-

nan is the 2017 Denker Champion and is also the current Virginia State Champion. Praveen also won the Cadet Championship in 2016. He also led his high school team, Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology of Virginia, to Championship titles in both the blitz and main categories at the National High School Championships held in Columbus, Ohio this year. He won the individual blitz title in that event as well.

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Carlos Daniel Albornoz Cabrera



Carlos Daniel Albornoz Cabrera (born 26 December 2000) is a Cuban chess player. He was awarded the title of Grandmaster (GM) by FIDE in 2019. Carlos is the 2nd best player in Cuba.

In 2018, he won the 30th Carlos Torre Memorial, finishing with 7/9 points

and beating Lelys Stanley Martinez Duany, Yuri Gonzalez Vidal, and Evgeny Shtembuliak on tie-break. In 2009, he won the 31st Carlos Torre Memorial, again scoring 7/9 points and beating on tie-break Luis Fernando Ibarra Chami, Elier Miranda Mesa, and Bartłomiej Maciejka.

He played in the Chess World Cup 2019, where he was defeated by Peter Svidler in the first round.

Shohreh Bayat



Shohreh Bayat (born 1987) is an Iranian chess referee based in England. She was chief arbiter of the Women's World Chess Championship 2020. Bayat is an International Arbiter for FIDE.

1998. Bayat completed a master's degree in natural resources engineering.

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Bayat was born in 1987 to an Iranian family. Her Jewish paternal grandmother emigrated to Iran from Baku, Azerbaijan during World War II. They kept their Jewish ancestry hidden. She became the Iranian girls under-12 champion, in 1998. Bayat completed a master's degree in natural resources engineering. At the age of 25, Bayat began a career as a chess referee with the FIDE. Bayat is the only Grade A arbiter from Asia and was a prominent figure in Iran's chess scene.

She served as the chief arbiter of the Women's World Chess Championship 2020 (WWCC).

Richmond Phiri

Richmond Phiri is a Zambian chess International Master.



He has represented his country in several chess Olympiads, including 2006 and 2014, and won the Zambian

Chess Championship in 2008 and 2014.

He played in the Chess World Cup 2015, being defeated by Hikaru Nakamura in the first round.

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DJURABEK KHAMRAKULOV



Djurabek Khamrakulov was born in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. His father taught him to play chess at just five years old. Djurabek was the Uzbek Championship winner three times (2008, 2009, 2013).

He was also a member of the national Uzbekistan team at the World Chess Olympiad in 2008 in Dresden, Germany, 2010 in Khanta Mansisk, Russia, and 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Outside of national tournaments, Djurabek has won several international tournaments in Spain, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, and Turkey. He is currently an International Master, but he has 2 GM norms. Almost ten years ago, he was in peak form and had 2554 FIDE rating.

Now, Djurabek hopes that this “10 year anniversary” at the Saint Louis Norm Congress will be his lucky charm and he will receive his third GM norm.

Rogelio Antonio Jr.



Rogelio Antonio Jr. (born February 19, 1962) is a Filipino chess grandmaster, who was awarded the title in 1993

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He is affectionately known as "Joey" Antonio or GM Joey. Antonio finished third in the 2009 Asia Continental Chess Championship and became the first player in the Philippines' history to qualify for the World Cup later in 2009. As of December 2012, his Elo rating was 2541, making him the second ranked player in the Philippines and number 391 in the world.

Antonio has played many times for the Philippines Olympiad team, mostly on board 2, behind Philippine's

first grandmaster Eugenio Torre. Antonio's tally in this arena has never fallen below 50% and in 2000, at Istanbul, he scored 7/10 with a performance rating of 2682. Best dressed Grandmaster in the World.

Some of Antonio's best results include 3rd at the Manapla, Negros Occidental event in 2001, 2nd at the Leuven Open 2003 and 2nd at the Malaysian Open of 2005.

Also in 2005, he took a bronze medal at the blitz event of the South East Asian (SEA) Games

and a board one gold medal at the National Open Team Championship for club side Tagaytay City, with a score of 6/7.

Baskaran Adhiban

Born 15 August 1992 in Mayiladuthurai) is an In-



dian chess Grandmaster. He was the 2008 World Under-16 Champion and the 2009 Indian champion.

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In 2007 he won the Asian under-16 championship in Tashkent. Adhiban played on the first board for the gold medal-winning Indian team at the Under-16 Chess Olympiad of 2007 and 2008.

In 2011, he won the Cultural Village tournament in Wijk aan Zee and thanks to this victory he qualified for the 2012 Tata Steel C tournament.

In this latter event, he tied for 3rd–4th with Daan Brandenburg with a score of 8.5/13

In the Chess World Cup 2013, Adhiban caused an upset in the first two rounds, beating 2710-rated Russian GM Evgeny Alekseev in the first round, and Alexandr Fier in the second one.

Adhiban won the 2013 Sants Open in Barcelona with a score of 8.5 points out of 10. This event included 23 GMs and 28 IMs.

In July 2014 he won the Masters open tournament of the Biel Chess Festival. on board four.

In the following month, he contributed to India's

bronze medal at the 41st Chess Olympiad in Tromsø scoring 7/11.

He was also a member of the winning team of the Spanish League 2015, Solvay, along with teammates Pentala Harikrishna, Surya Shekhar Ganguly, Aleksander Delchev, Sergio Cacho Reigadas, Jesus Maria De La Villa Garcia, and Elizbar Ubilava.

Adhiban competed in the Chess World Cup 2015, where he was knocked out by Vladimir Fedoseev in the first round, after the rapid tiebreaks.

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In January 2016, Adhiban won the 2016 Tata Steel Challengers Tournament in a 3-way tie. The co-leaders were GM Alexei Dreev and GM Eltaj Safarli, all of whom earned 9 points out of 13 (+4-2=7). He defeated Sergey Karjakin, Dmitry Andreikin, Richárd Rapport, and Radosław Wojtaszek.

Adhiban won the 2018 Reykjavik Open, scoring $7\frac{1}{2}/9$ (+6-0=3). He recorded victories over Alejandro Ramírez, Maxime Lagarde and Richárd Rapport. Because Adhiban defeated them both, he had the better tiebreaks and was therefore awarded the spot in the next Tata Steel Masters tournament.

Despite being the lowest rated player at the 2017 Tata Steel Masters Tournament, he managed to finish third with a score of 7.5

Titled Players

RUSSIA

Part 1

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Titled Players Russia



**WIM Olga
Karavaeva**



**WIM Olga
Zhuravleva**



**IM Oleg
Vastrukhin**



**IM Alexandr
Ulanov**



**FM Ivan
Yeletsky**



**WIM Elizaveta
Solozhenkina**

Titled Players

RUSSIA

Part 2

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Titled Players Russia



**WFM Anastasiya
Protopopova**



**WFM Anastasia
Dubnikova**



**WFM Polina
Gutkovich**



**WIM Margarita
Potapova**



**WFM Ekaterina
Kabanova**



**WCM Ksenia
Strukova**

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RUSSIA

Part 3

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Titled Players Russia



**FM Artem
Galaktionov**



**FM Mikhail
Chernov**



**FM Konstantin
Popov**



**FM Mikhail
Pesotskiy**



**FM Marat
Denishev**



**FM Roman
Yanchenko**

Titled Players

RUSSIA

Part 4

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Titled Players Russia



**FM Vitaly
Gurvich**



**FM Valery
Skatchkov**



**FM Danila
Bilan**



**FM Azat
Gabdrakhmanov**



**FM Mikhail
Yashmetov**



**FM Vladimir
Alachihin**

Titled Players

RUSSIA

Part 5

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Titled Players Russia



**FM Kirill
Klugin**



**FM Matvey
Galchenko**



**FM Zaur
Tekeyev**



**FM Zakhar
Aleksandrov**



**FM Ayrat
Vafin**



**FM Grigorii
Ter-Saakian**

Titled Players
INDIA

Part 1

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Titled Players India



**WFM Pandey
Srishti**



**WIM Priyanka
Nutakki**



**WFM Bommini
Mounika Akshaya**



**WIM Shalmali
Gagare**



**WIM Mrudul
Dehankar**



**WIM Mukherjee
Arpita**

Titled Players
INDIA

Part 2

Sundays with Unity

Titled Players India



**FM Manish
Anto Cristiano**



**WIM Divya
Deshmukh**



**WIM Sharma
Isha**



**FM Arvinder
Preet Singh**



**M Vinoth
Kumar**



**WIM Vantika
Agrawal**

Titled Players
INDIA

Part 3

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Titled Players India




FM Gahan
M G


FM Srihari
L R


FM Wagh
Suyog


FM Manu
David Suthandram


FM Aaryan
Varshney


FM Nikhil
Dixit

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INDIA

Part 4

Sundays with Unity

Titled Players India



**WGM P
V Nandhidhaa**



**FM Ajay
Karthikeyan**



**FM Jubin
Jimmy**



**WGM Vaishali
R**



**FM Nitish
Balurkar**



**FM Om
Kharola**

Titled Players

INDIA

Part 5

Sundays with Unity

Titled Players India



**IM Muthaiah
AI**



**IM Rajdeep
Sarkar**



**IM Siddharth
Ravichandran**



**IM VS
Rathanvel**



**IM Amit
Doshi**



**IM P.D.S
Girinath**

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Part 1

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India

Part 1

SS Manigandan

Naveen Jain

Bansode Swapnil Deepak

Jeet Shah

Jaeel Atharva

Sharma Ambarish

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Part 2

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India

Part 2

BN B Pawan

Babu Ganesh

Gajengi Rajababu

V Muthukmaran

Shrivastava Spandan

RM Subramanian

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IRAN

Part 1



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Part 1

 Seyed Ali Ebadi	 Mohammad Hossein Darvishi	 Hassan Hajisalimi
 Hamid Reza Ebrahimi Herab	 Mohammad Reza Abedi	 Ariyan Farmani Anuoshe

Untitled Players

INDONESIA

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Indonesia

Part 1

M Ariel DP

Alberto Silaen

Gerald P

Osaka Hendra Ginting

Zaenal Arifin

Arifa Rizky Syahputra

Untitled Players

COLOMBIA

Part 1



The poster features a central map of South America with Colombia highlighted. On the left, a classical column is topped with a chess king piece. A sign on the column reads "COLOMBIA", and a Colombian flag is positioned below it. The text "Part 1" is written on the column's shaft. At the top, the "Sundays with Unity" logo is displayed, including the text "Weekly International Online Chess Tournament", the website "www.unitychess.com", and "Registered Untitled Players". Six photographs of players are arranged in two rows of three, each with their name printed below.

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COLOMBIA

Part 1

Hernandez Alvaro

Zapata Juan Carlos

Romero Juan Sebastian

Franco Felipe

Univio CM German

Espinoza Carlos

Untitled Players

UKRAINE

Part 1

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Registered Untitled Players

Ukraine

Part 1

Ivan Kovalenko

Mykola Galevskiy

Severyn Smykalo

Nazar Ustianovich

Anzhelika Lomakina

Yevheniia Osmolovska

Untitled Players

KAZAKHSTAN

Part 1

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Kazakhstan

Part 1

Igen Amir

Sapenov Daniyal

Razbekov Alisher

Serik Rakhymbergen

Arnash Bauyrzhan

Amangeldi Yernur

Untitled Players

PHILIPPINES

Part 1



The poster features a central banner with the text "Sundays with Unity" in a large, bold, serif font. To the left of the banner is a decorative column with a capital featuring two lions. Below the column is a sign that reads "Philippines" and a Philippine flag. To the right of the banner is the text "Registered Untitled Players". Below the banner are six photographs of chess players, each with their name underneath. The background is a light beige color with a faint map of the Philippines.

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Registered Untitled Players

Philippines

Part 1

Alphecca Gonzales

John Jerish Velard

Adrian Basilgo

Gladimir Chester Romero

Marife Dela Torre

Daniel John Lemi

Untitled Players

BOLIVIA

Part 1

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Bolivia

Part.1

Alexandra Prado

Maxi Vargas

Fagima Mustafa

Matias Barja

Caely El Hage

Fernando Justiniano

Untitled Players

MEXICO

Part 1



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Mexico

Part 1

 Aaron Gonzalez Tun	 CM Gonzalo Alberto Navarrete Mendez	 Jesus Amezcua Luria
 Angel Ivan Quiroga Jaquez	 Emilio Agustin Catellanos Hernandez	 Carlos Martin Noriega

WINNERS' PROFILE

Sundays

with Unity

Winners Profile



**WGM Janelle Mae
Frayna**

Country: Philippines

♔ **B-Year: 1997**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2179**

♔ **Lichess ID: jmf24**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 7**

♔ **Top Results: 149**

♔ **Highest Points: 53**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Pleyed: 34**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 3
Without Berserk: 4

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2410**

WINNERS' PROFILE

Sundays with Unity

Winners Profile



**IM Zhansaya
Abdumalik**

Country: Kazakhstan

♔ **B-Year: 2000**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2478**

♔ **Lichess ID: ZAbdumalik**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 2**

♔ **Top Results: 77**

♔ **Highest Points: 58**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 34**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins
With Berserk: 1
Without Berserk: 3**

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2599**



WINNERS' PROFILE

Sundays

with Unity

Winners Profile



**IM Osmak
Lulija**

Country: Ukraine

♔ **B-Year: 1998**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2438**

♔ **Lichess ID: Zajka-molotok**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 10**

♔ **Top Results: 126**

♔ **Highest Points: 55**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 31**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 4
Without Berserk: 5

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2512**

WINNERS' PROFILE

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with Unity

Winners Profile



**WGM Elena
Tomilova**

Country: Russia

♔ **B-Year: 1986**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2353**

♔ **Lichess ID: TigraLev**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 6**

♔ **Top Results: 85**

♔ **Highest Points: 58**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Pleyed: 28**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 0
Without Berserk: 8

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2533**

WINNERS' PROFILE

Sundays

with Unity

Winners Profile



**WGM Anna
M. Sargsyan**

Country: Armenia

♔ **B-Year: 2001**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2405**

♔ **Lichess ID: asargsyan**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 14**

♔ **Top Results: 83-91**

♔ **Highest Points: 65**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 35**

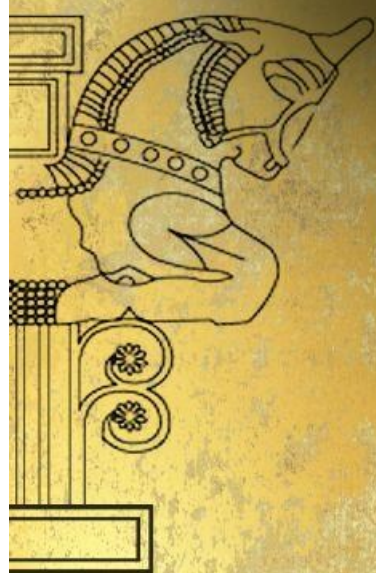
♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins
With Berserk: 4
Without Berserk: 6**

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2570**





WINNERS' PROFILE



Sundays

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Unity

Winners Profile



**WFM Anahita
Zahedifar**

Country: IRAN

♔ **B-Year: 2003**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2213**

♔ **Lichess ID: azchess21**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 19**

♔ **Top Results: 20-28**

♔ **Highest Points: 67**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Pleyed: 42**

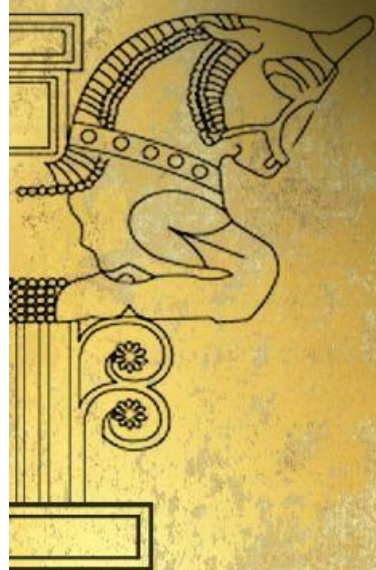
♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins
With Berserk: 2
Without Berserk: 4**

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2513**





WINNERS' PROFILE



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Unity

Winners Profile



Country: Mongolia

♔ **B-Year: 2002**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2278**

♔ **Lichess ID: munkhzul_turmunkh**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 8**

♔ **Top Results: 99**

♔ **Highest Points: 63**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 31**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 3
Without Berserk: 8

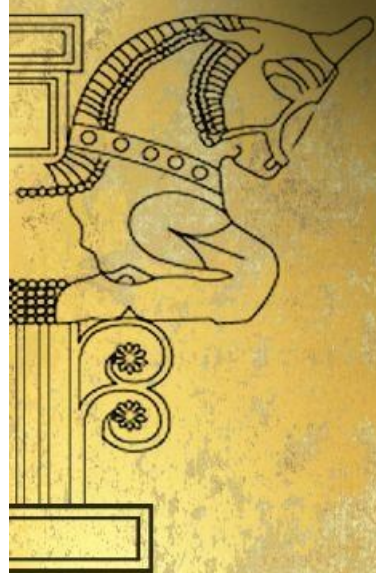
♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2569**

**WIM Munkhzul
Turmunkh**





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Winners Profile



Country: Azerbaijan

♔ **B-Year: 1991**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2383**

♔ **Lichess ID: aisa86**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 7**

♔ **Top Results: 63**

♔ **Highest Points: 69**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 41**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 4
Without Berserk: 5

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2686**

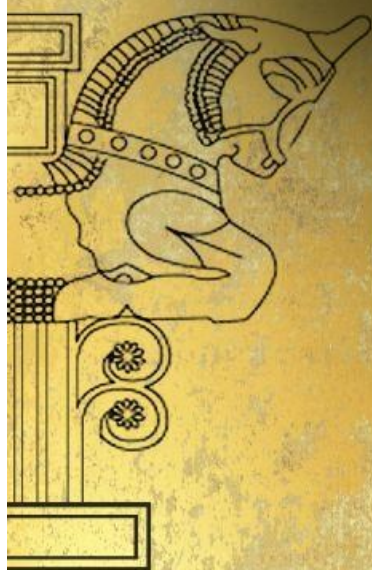


**IM Gulnar
Mammadova**





WINNERS' PROFILE



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Winners Profile



**IM Meri
Arabidze**

Country: Georgia

♔ **B-Year: 1994**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2428**

♔ **Lichess ID: Meri-Arabidze**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 9**

♔ **Top Results: 49**

♔ **Highest Points: 63**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Pleyed: 39**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 5
Without Berserk: 7

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2684**



WINNERS' PROFILE

Sundays

with

Unity

Winners Profile



**WIM Divya
Deshmukh**

Country: India

♔ **B-Year: 2005**

♔ **Fide Standard Rating: 2305**

♔ **Lichess ID: burning_Phoenix**

♔ **Tournament Attendance: 3**

♔ **Top Results: 130-96**

♔ **Highest Points: 56**

♔ **Highest Number of Games Played: 32**

♔ **Highest Number of Back to Back Wins**
With Berserk: 4
Without Berserk: 6

♔ **The Best Rating Performance: 2570**



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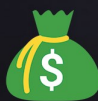
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