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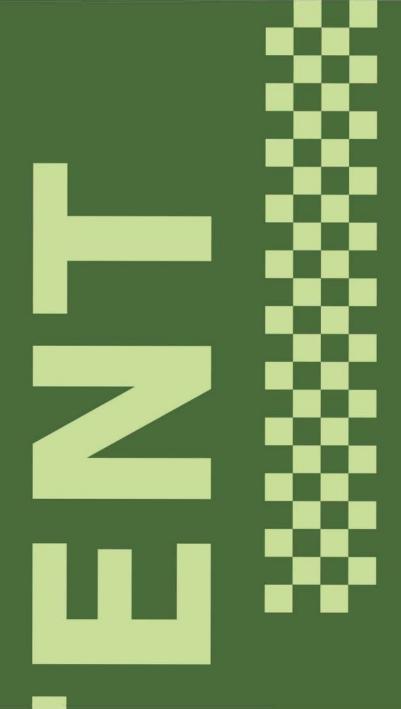
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From the editor



From the editor

September 1 has been named World Referee Day. A group that plays an undeniable and vital role in sports and their decisions can be decisive.

This is especially important in online chess tournaments, and the Unity team has become increasingly aware of the importance of the refereeing role in identifying winners and detecting cheating.

On the occasion of World Referee Day, I have found it necessary to seize the opportunity and appreciate the efforts of these hardworking and unassuming men and women.

Those who tirelessly continue their endless efforts in the path of justice and fairness.

M.R.Salehzadeh





20th Unity MEGA EVENT Championship

The 20th tournament report

The 20th Mega Unity Tournament was held on August 30th, 2020, with 1,459 chess players from around the world.

The presence of 119 grandmasters, 137 international masters, and 238 FIDE masters from 44 countries made this tournament one of the most powerful online competitions.

India, Iran, and Indonesia had the highest participation in this competition.



Fast and strong:
GM Andrew Tang

In the end, after 2 hours of hard fighting, the young American grandmaster Andrew Tang (2584) managed to take the first place with 118 points.

Russian grandmaster David Paravyan (2635) came in second with 98 points and Vietnamian IM Tuan Minh Le (2501) got third place.



IM Gulnar Mammadova

In the women's section, the Azeri international master Gulnar Mammadova (2400) won first place. WFM Dubnikova Anastasia (2148) and WGM Daria Voit (2361) ,both from Russia, got second and third.



Young but experienced: GM Raunak Sadhwani

The first place in the under-16 category was also reached to Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani (2545) from India.

The full results for each category are attached.







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Online Championship

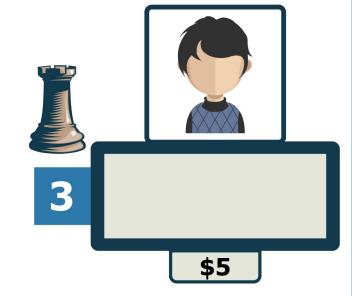
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UNITY CHESS MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under 16-14
Boys

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UNITY CHESS MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under 16-14 Girls

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Under 16





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Online Championship

Under

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Top 3 Women















MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under

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Top 3 Women















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Top 3 Women





















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Top 3 Women















MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

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Top 3 Women















MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under

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Top 3 Women















MEGA EVENT

Online Championship

Under

1700-1799

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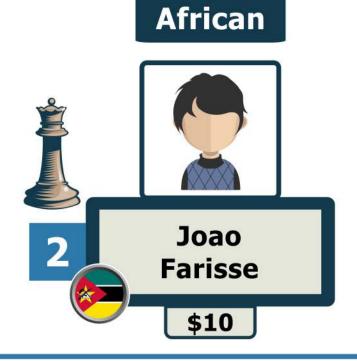
















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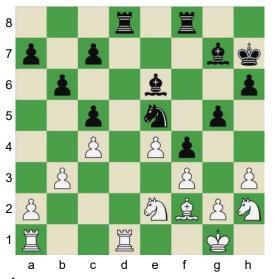
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19...Nxc4! 20.bxc4

[20.Rac1 Na3!-+ ΔBb2]

20...Bxc4!→ 21.Rxd8 Inaccuracy. Ng3 was best.

[21.Ng3 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 fxg3 23.Bxg3 Rd7 24.a4 h5 25.Rc1 Bb3 26.a5 c4 27.Nf1 b5]

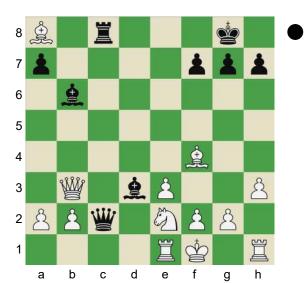
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[22...Rd2! \rightarrow 23.Nc1 Rxf2!-+ \triangle Bd4]

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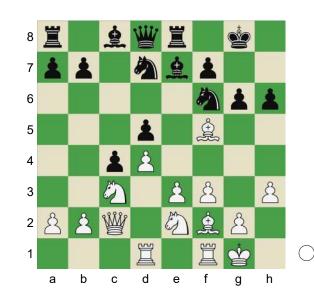


20...Qxe2+! 21.Kg1□ [21.Rxe2 Rc1+-+] 21...Qxe1+ 22.Kh2 Qxf2!

[22...Qe2? 23.Bd5 Bg6 24.Bg3+-]

23.Qxd3 Rxa8 24.Qb1? Mistake. Rf1 was best.

24...Bxe3= 0-1



17.Bxg6!

[17.Bg4?! h5 18.Bxd7 Bxd7±]

17...fxg6 18.Qxg6+→ Kh8 19.Qxh6+ Nh7

[19...Kg8 20.Nf4! ΔNe6 Bf8 21.Qg6+ Bg7 22.Ncxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne6! Qe7 24.Nxg7 Qf7 25.Qxf7+ Kxf7 26.Nxe8 Kxe8 27.e4+-] 20.Nxd5+-

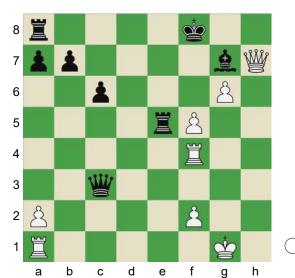
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■ Sadhwani Raunak UnityChessClub Arena 2545

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31.f6! Qxa1+ 32.Kh2□

[32.Kg2?? Rg5+ 33.Kf3 Qc3+! 34.Ke2 Re8+-+]

32...Rh5+ 33.Qxh5 Bxf6 34.Qh7! ΔQf7

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Tactic and Combination

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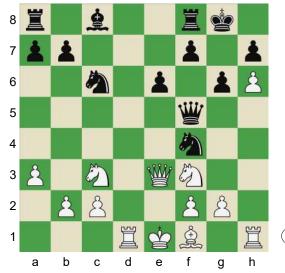
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18.g4! ∆Rh4 18...Qxg4 [18...Qf6 19.Ne4! Qe7 20.Qxf4+-] 19.Rh4! Ng2+ 20.Bxg2 Qxg2 21.Ne4 [21.Ke2!+- ΔRg1] 21...e5 22.Rh2!+-1-0

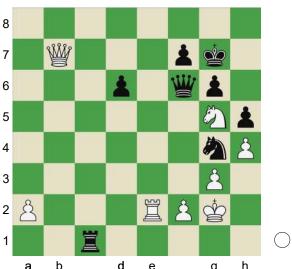
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33.Bxf6! ΔR×d5 33...Rxf6 34.Rxd5! Kf7 35.Rd6+-1-0



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42.Nxf7!→ ∆Ng5 42...Qxf7 43.Re7 Qxe7 44.Qxe7+ Kg8 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Qd7+ Kh6 47.Qd8+-[47.Qxd6+-] 1-0



Strategy Corner

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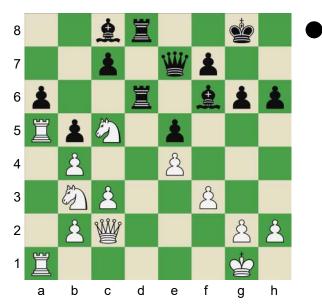
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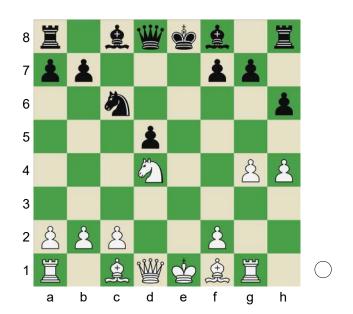
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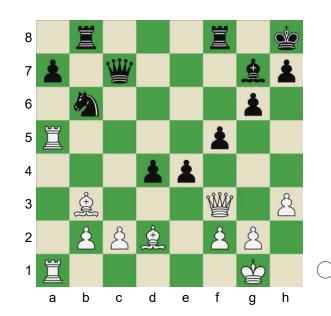
23...Bg5! ΔRd2, Be3 24.Qe2
[24.Re1 Rd2! 25.Nxd2 Rxd2 26.Qb3 Be3+!-+ ΔQg5]
24...Bf4! ΔQh4 25.g3 Qg5 26.Kh1 Bxg3!?
[26...Be3! ΔB×c5 27.Re1 Bxc5 28.bxc5 Rd3-+ ΔBe6]
27.hxg3 Qxg3 28.Rg1 Qh3+!-+
[28...Qh3+ 29.Qh2 Qxf3+ 30.Qg2 Qh5+! 31.Qh2 Bh3!-+ ΔQf3]

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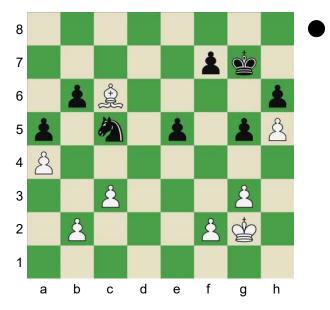
11.Be3! Qxh4 12.Qe2 Δo-o-o 12...Qe7 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Bg2 0-0-0 [14...Be6 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.c4 0-0-0 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rxd5+-] 15.Bxd5!+-1-0



24.Qf4! Qxf4 25.Bxf4 d3?? [□25...Rbd8 26.Rxa7 Nd5 27.Bg5 Nf6±] 26.Bxb8 Rxb8 27.cxd3 exd3 28.Rxa7 Bxb2 29.Rd1 +-1-0

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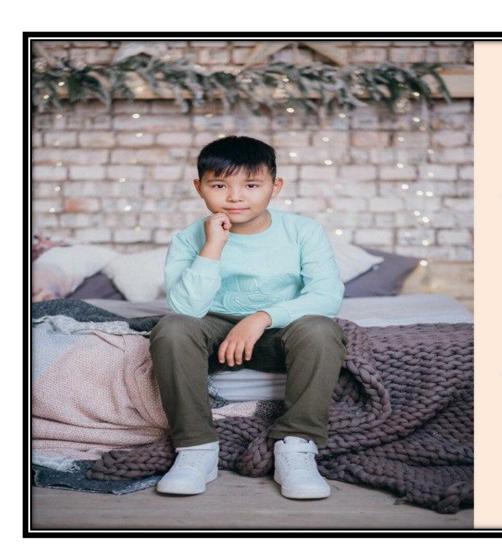
42...Nd3!→ △F5 **43.b3 f5!** △e4 [43...Nc1?! 44.Kf3! Nxb3 45.Ke4 f6 46.Kd5 Nc5 47.Bb5=]

[44.f3 Nc1! 45.b4 Ne2 \rightarrow 46.bxa5 bxa5 47.c4 Nd4 48.Bb7 Kf6-+] 44...e4+ 45.Ke3 Ne5 46.Bd5 Kf6 47.b4 Ng4+ 48.Ke2 Ke5! 49.Bf7 Nf6 50.Ke3 f4+ 51.gxf4+ gxf4+-+ 0-1



Testimonial





Playing in "Sundays With Unity" is a big experience for us, because it's a rarity to meet such an opportunity in the daily life.

"It is worth to play. All family members support and cheer for us. In this tournament, we played together with grandmasters and masters from different countries. It is a big experience for us, because it's a rarity to meet such an opportunity in the daily life", says one of our participants of our tournament from Kazakhstan Sadyk Khammat

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Weekly tournament with prize fund \$2500!

Join us and play chess!

Tournament website:www.unitychess.com





Interview



International Master Tuan Minh Le got third this week in the unity Mega Event. On this occasion, we invited him to participate in our interview this week

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

I learned chess 17 years ago, and I started being a master at the age of 12.

Tell us a little about the chess education system in Vietnam and the chess schools there.

Well in Vietnam the chess system has been developing recently. A lot of chess schools have been opened, there are many young talents...



What are your biggest successes?

My biggest success in chess is getting the 2nd shared place at the HD bank 2018 open tournament.

You are a strong player and well-known for blitz skills as well. What are the pros and cons of playing blitz games?

Thanks for that compliment. Of course, playing online is very different from playing OTB, if we want to get good results playing online so we need to practice a lot, move our mouse in a place that surely is not a mouse slip, and somehow, even more, focus than playing OTB. The pros is that we don't need to go anywhere to get the prizes, at online events. I myself can meet a lot of strong opponents that I never met before OTB, etc... Besides, if you are a good OTB player, concentrating on another platform like playing online is not that easy.



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

It was a very nice event! A nice experience to play there as well. There are tons of strong GMs joined in, and fighting for prizes. I must say that I am very lucky to get the prizes. In my opinion, it is only a matter of time for the event to get

famous. I guess you can even try to get up the prizes to get more strong players?

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

I like the Arena format. We never play this in our life, so it must be a good experience, right?



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

In history, I really like Bobby Fischer. And now, although quite surprising, my favorite is GM Levon Aronian.

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

I love some books from the legendary Mark Dvoretsky, and the whole Grandmaster Preparation series.

What do you think about the future of chess?

Well, I think rapid and blitz may become more and more popular in the future. Playing online may become an important part of the chess world, maybe.





Participants Biography

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Andrew Tang



Andrew Tang (born November 29, 1999) is an American chess player. He was awarded the title Grandmaster by FIDE in 2018.

He is known online for his bullet, hyperbullet, and ultrabullet (one-minute, 30-second, and 15-second chess, respectively) skills, even playing blindfold, and is a popular streamer.

Tang began playing chess in preschool. He was instructed by John Bartholomew as he was growing up.

[citation needed] He earned the title of International Master in 2014 by winning the North American Junior Chess Championship.

Tang earned the title of Grandmaster in November 2017, when he achieved his final norm and an Elo rating over 2500, both required for the title, in the Fall 2017 CCCSA GM Norm Invitational tournament, held in Charlotte,

North Carolina.FIDE awarded him the title in April 2018.

In December 2018, he participated in the World Rapid Chess Championship in Saint Petersburg. Initially placed 190th of the seeding, Tang achieved a good result, scoring 8.5 points out of 15 rounds, and placing himself 59th.

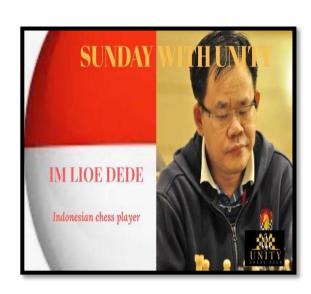
In the tournament, he also played his first live match against world champion Magnus Carlsen.

In the 2019 U.S. Junior Championship, Tang placed 4th out of 10 with 5/9.

Tang streams chess live on Twitch, preferring fast bullet chess games of 15, 30, or 60-second chess with no increment.

Tang graduated from Wayzata High School in Plymouth, Minnesota, and attends Princeton University.

Lioe Dede



International master Lioe Dede was born in Bandung on March 9, 1970. He started playing chess at the age of 8. Got IM title in 1994. Moved to Jakarta, became a Jakarta PON athlete, and won gold medals in 2000, 2004, and 2012. 4 times member of the Indonesian team for Sea Games in 2003, 2011, 2013, and 2019 and member of the Indonesian chess olympiad in 2004. His favorite opening is Sicilian defence and Ruy Lopez.

Boris Savchenko



Savchenko competed in the FIDE World Cup 2007 as one of the five FIDE president nominees and was eliminated in the first round by compatriot Alexander Motylev. In 2008, he won the championship of Moscow and tied for 1st–6th with Sergei Tiviakov, Vladimir Malakhov, Yuriy Kuzubov, Peter Heine Nielsen and Jonny Hector in the Politiken Cup, held in Helsingør, Denmark.

In 2009, Savchenko won the Baku Open edging out Gata Kamsky on tiebreak, after both players finished on $7\frac{1}{2}$ 9 points, and competed in the FIDE World Cup, where he was knocked out by Wang Yue in the second round. Savchenko came first in the 34th Rashid Nezhmetdinov Cup in Kazan in 2012. The following year he won the Moscow Open. In 2014 he finished first in the Nakhchivan Open on tiebreak over Eltaj Safarli, Aleksandr Shimanov and Rauf Mamedov.Savchenko took clear first place in the PSC/Puregold International Chess Challenge in Olongapo, Philippines in 2015 with a score of 9½/10, two and half points ahead of the closest followers.

He tied for first with Rauf Mamedov at the 2015 European Blitz Championship in Minsk scoring 18/22 points, but took the silver medal on tiebreak. In 2016 Savchenko won for the second time the Moscow championship.He also won the Moscow Open again in 2019





Participants Biography

Narayanan.S.L



Sunilduth Lyna Narayanan (born 1998) is an Indian chess player with the title of Grandmaster (GM).In 2016, he won the bronze medal in the World Junior Chess Championship held at Bhubaneswar.

In January 2019, Narayanan won the Chess.com Titled Tuesday, defeating a field including Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So.

Narayanan qualified for the Chess World Cup 2019, where he was defeated in the first round 2.5 - 1.5 by David Antón Guijarro.

Meier Georg



Georg Meier (born August 26, 1987) is a German grandmaster of chess. He competed in the FIDE World Cup in 2009.

In December 2009, Meier tied for 1st-4th places with Julio Granda, Viktor Láznička and Kiril Georgiev in the 19th Magistral Pamplona Tournament. In 2014, he shared second place with Peter Leko in the

Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting, which was won by Fabiano Caruana. Meier won the main Grandmaster tournament at the 2017 Maccabiah Games in Jerusalem, ahead of Ukrainian Alexander Moiseenko.

In team events, he played for Germany in the Chess Olympiad, World Team Chess Championship, European Team Chess Championship and Mitropa Cup. His team won the gold medal in the 2011 European Team Championship in Porto Carras, Greece.

Since the season 2013/14, Georg Meier plays for the team OSG Baden-Baden in the chess Bundesliga.

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 a 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.

Source: www.uschesschamps.com

Mohammad Amin Tabatabaei



Born in 2001, Tabatabaei earned his international master (IM) title in 2015 and was awarded his grandmaster (GM) title by FIDE in April 2018. In February 2018, he participated in the Aeroflot Open. He finished the seventeenth out of ninety-two, scoring $5\frac{1}{2}$ /9 (+5–3=1), earning an additional GM norm in the process.

Tabatabaei competed in the Asian Chess Championship in December 2018. He finished second on 6½/9 (+4–0=5), and thus qualified for the Chess World Cup 2019. He won the Biel Masters in July 2019 with 7/9 (+6–1=2) and Josef Kupper Memorial in August 2019 with 6/7 (+5–0=2). At the Chess World Cup in September, he defeated Bassem Amin in the first round, then was eliminated by Jeffery Xiong in the second round.





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Amin Bassem



Amin Bassem (born 9 September 1988) is an Egyptian chess grandmaster. He is the highest rated of Egypt's five grandmasters. Amin graduated from the faculty of Medicine of the Tanta University in 2012. He is one of three doctors who are also chess grandmasters (along with Alex Scherzer and Yona Kosashvili).

- Arab Champion U10, U12, and U14 two times.
- Fourth place sharing second in World Youth Under 16 in Greece 2004
- African Champion Under 20 Libya 2004
- Arab men Champion (UAE) 2005 (His 1st GM norm)
- In 2005 he won the African championship and took part in World Youth Chess Championship (U18), finishing third.
- Arab Champion Under 20 3 times: (Jordan) 2005 (His 2nd GM norm), July 2006 and August 2007
- African Champion Under 20 Botswana 2005 (3rd GM norm)
- Bronze Medalist In World Youth Under 18 (Georgia) 2006
- Arab men Champion (UAE) 2006

- In 2007, he tied for first with Ashot Anastasian in the Abu Dhabi Chess Festival, with a performance rating of 2747.
- Bronze Medalist In World Juniors (Turkey) 2008
- African Chess Champion Libya 2009
- He took part in the Chess World Cup 2009 and was knocked out by Vladimir Malakhov in the first round.
- African Chess Champion Tunis 2013
- Co-Winner of Reykjavik Open 2013
- Arab Men Champion UAE 2013
- Mediterranean Chess Champion Greece 2014
- Scored 8.5 points out of 11 on Board 1 at the 41st World Chess Olympiad, leading the Egyptian National Chess Team to achieve the best result in Egyptian Chess history And win A Gold Medal in Category B
- African Chess Champion Cairo 2015

Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara



Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara (born 1999) is a Peruvian chess player. He was awarded the title of Grandmaster by FIDE in 2018.

Alcantara won the U-18 World Championship in 2017 before going on to represent Peru in the 2018 Chess Olympiad.

He won the Zonal Tournament of South America in Ecuador with 7.5 points out of 9, thus qualifying for the Chess World Cup 2019, where he was defeated by Dmitry Jakovenko in the first round.

In the 6th Arica Open in 2019 he tied 2nd-8th place with Nikita Petrov, Deivy Vera Siguenas, Renato R. Quintiliano Pinto, Cristobal Henriquez Villagra, Salvador Alonso, and Diego Saul Rod Flores Quillas.







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