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21st Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2019

Sheikh Rashed bin Hamdan AL Maktoum Cup

31st March - 11th April 2019

USD 50,000 Prize Fund

Indian Prodigy Shares Lead

Eighteen year old prodigy IM Raghunandan Kaumandur Srihari of India shares the lead with GM Aleksandar Indjic of Serbia with perfect 4 points each after as many rounds of the 21st Dubai Open Chess Championship at the Dubai Chess Club in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Raghunandan used the King's Indian Defense to upset GM Alan Pichot of Argentina. The Indian prodigy gained a Knight on the 26th move and was first to promote his pawn to Queen, forcing resignation on the 49th move. Raghunandan won the Asian Youth Under-12 championship in Iran in 2013 and earned his International Master title in 2016.



GM Aleksandar Indjic of Serbia (left), 24, crushed the Nimzo Indian defense of GM Kuybokarov Temur of Australia in 48 moves as the Aussie got his King trapped in the center.

Eleven players follow with 3.5 points each, namely top seed Le Quang Liem of Vietnam, GMs S.P. Sethurman and Deepan Chakkravarthy of India, Miguel Santos Ruiz of Spain, Maxim Matlakov of Russia, Yuriy Kuzubov of Ukraine, Sandro Mareco of Argentina, Bilel Bellahene of Algeria, Nodirbek

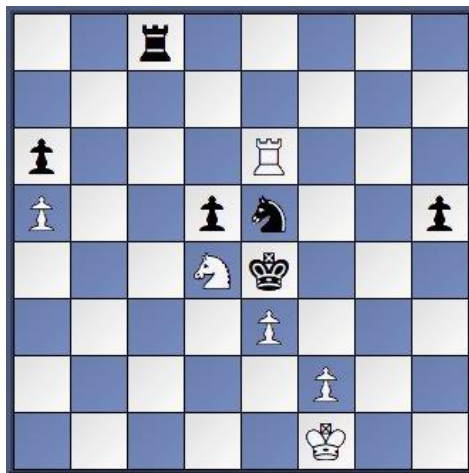
Abdusattorov and IM Shamsiddin Vokhidov of Uzbekistan and IM Yeoh Li Tian of Malaysia.

Le beat GM Vishnu Prasanna of India in 47 moves of a Closed Ruy Lopez game. Sethuraman outplayed WGM Tokhirjonova Gulrukhbegim of Uzbekistan in 46 moves of a Ruy Lopez Berlin defense. Deepan crushed the Sicilian Najdorf of GM Emre Can of Turkey in 32 moves. Bilel won in 38 moves of a Ruy Lopez against FM Assaubayeva Bibisara of Kazakhstan.

On top board, Matlakov used the Slav defense to hold Santos to a draw in 47 moves. Yeoh and Kuzubov drew in 30 moves of a Four Knights game. The two Uzbeks drew after a fierce fight in 44 moves of a Sicilian.

Twenty three players follow with 3 points each within striking distance of the \$50,000 in cash prizes. A record 156-man field with over half from India boasts 31 Grandmasters, 24 International Masters, 18 FIDE Masters, 2 WGM, 8 WIMs and 3 WFM.

At stake is the Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup. Games in the 9-round Swiss System are scheduled 5:30pm daily with two rounds at 10am and 6pm on Saturday. Top games are broadcast live on chess sites. Visit chess-results.com for round by round results and to download games.



Final position Indjic-Kuybokarov after 48.Kf1 and the Black King is helpless and cannot prevent Ke2 followed by f3+