

**INTERNET YOUTH CHESS MATCH "NEW RISING STARS 2014"  
PLAYED ONLINE AT THE ECU CHESS PLATFORM**



Secretary General of the European Chess Union Ms. Sava Stoisavljevic attended the opening ceremony of the internet chess match "New Rising Stars 2014" and made the first symbolic move in one of the games.

The match was held on Saturday, 7th June, 2014, and organized by the association "Zivojin Misic" in cooperation with the Chess Federation of Serbia and Slovenia, and the European Chess Union, for the first time in Belgrade.



12 young chess players, aged 8 to 18 from Serbia and Slovenia tested their skills in chess.

The match was played online, and the virtual host of the match was the ECU chess server – ECU Playing Zone.

Ms. Stoisavljevic, who was the first to address the participants and all present stressed that she was very proud that the European Chess Union was one of the co-organizers of this event, offering the participants a chance to show their chess knowledge through the chess platform ECU Playing Zone. She expressed her hopes that the event will become traditional, and said that the European Chess Union is always glad to support youth chess.



The connection between Belgrade and Ljubljana was established without any problems, and transmission was perfect during the whole event. The opening ceremony was, apart from Ms. Stoisavljevic, attended by Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Srdjan Verbic, Slovenian Ambassador in Serbia, His Excellency Mr. Franc But, the President of the Chess Federation of Serbia, Mr. Miroslav Kopanja, and Mr. Veselin Jevrosimovic, director of Comtrade company, while the opening ceremony in Ljubljana was attended by the Ambassador of Serbia in Slovenia Mr. Aleksandar Radovanovic.

The match was played in the premises of the company Comtrade, both in Belgrade and Ljubljana. Mr. Jevrosimovic, the director of Comtrade expressed his thrill that

his company had the honour to support such an important event, and said he was looking forward to the cooperation with the European Chess Union in the future.

The Ambassador of Serbia in Slovenia Mr. Aleksandar Radovanovic expressed his pleasure for attending this event, while his colleague from Slovenia Mr. Franc But said he was glad to support such an event. He added that chess develops logical thinking and that modern technology brings together young people from Serbia and Slovenia in this way.

Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Srdjan Verbic explained that the combination of chess and Internet is something that requires skills that everyone will need to have in the future. - What chess or the Internet lacks compared to people is passion, and this is exactly what these participants in Belgrade and Ljubljana are showing us today - said the Minister. Mr. Verbic said that six years ago chess was introduced in Serbian primary schools as an optional subject, and that Chess in Schools project is very important for youth in Serbia.

The match was played on 12 boards (one boy and girl of the following age groups: under 8, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 18 years), with the time control 40 minutes + 5 seconds per move. Since the result is of minimal importance in a friendly chess event like this one, let us just mention that Serbia finished with a slightly better score than Slovenia.

Official website: [www.ecuonline.net](http://www.ecuonline.net)



## **PYUNIK WINS THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ARMENIAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**



Pyunik won the 9<sup>th</sup> Armenian Club Championship with the final result of 10 matchpoints. The silver went to PN BKMA with 8 pts, while Shakhmati olimpiakan dproc won the bronze with 7 pts.

The Championship took place from 09-13 June, 2014 in Yerevan.

Chief Arbiter of the competition, organized by the Armenian Chess Federation, was IA Vardapetyan Ashot, Tournament Director - FM Khalikyan Hovik.

The average ELO rating was 2037. Seventeen teams took part in the battle.

Team composition of the winners was: GMs Grigoryan Avetik (ELO- 2546), Andriasian Zaven (ELO- 2629), Grigoryan Karen H. (ELO- 2607), Simonian Hrair (ELO- 2459), Chibukhchian Artur (ELO- 2449), Harutjunyan Gevorg D. (ELO- 2431), Danielian Elina (ELO- 2458) and FM Martirosyan Haik M. (ELO- 2271).

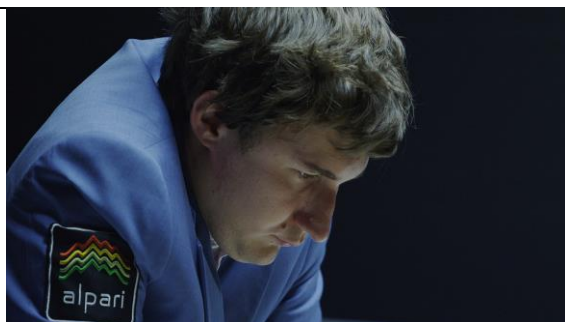
### **Final Ranking after 5 rounds - first 10 positions**

Rk.	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2
1	Pyunik	5	5	0	0	10	22
2	PN BKMA	5	4	0	1	8	20
3	Shakhmati olimpiakan dproc	5	3	1	1	7	21
4	FIMA	5	3	0	2	6	20
5	Gyumri Instigate	5	3	0	2	6	18
6	Politekhnik Yerevan	5	3	0	2	6	17
7	Tsaghkadzor	5	3	0	2	6	12
8	Yerevan	5	2	1	2	5	18
9	Veteranner	5	2	1	2	5	16
10	Kotayk	5	2	1	2	5	14

Official website: [www.chessfed.am](http://www.chessfed.am)



### **SERGEY KARJAKIN WINS NO LOGO NORWAY CHESS 2014**

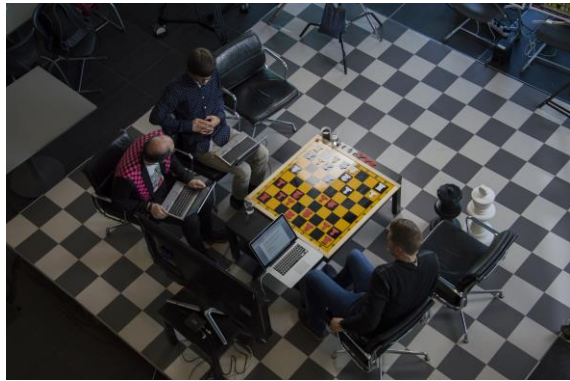


Sergey Karjakin won No Logo Norway Chess 2014 with the final result of 6 points. The silver medal went to Magnus Carlsen, who finished on a half point distance from the winner. Alexander Grischuk came third with 5 points.

Sergey Karjakin won the Norway Chess tournament for the second year in a row.

No Logo Norway Chess Tournament was held from 02-13 June, 2014 in Stavanger, and it is considered to be the strongest chess tournament this year worldwide.

Participants in the second edition of the tournament were: Magnus Carlsen, Levon Aronian, Alexander Grischuk, Fabiano Caruana, Vladimir Kramnik, Veselin Topalov, Sergey Karjakin, Peter Svidler, Anish Giri and Simen Agdestein.



### **Final Ranking**

Pl	Name	Points	Berger
1	GM Sergey Karjakin	6,0	26,25
2	GM Magnus Carlsen	5,5	23,50
3	GM Alexander Grischuk	5,0	21,00
4	GM Fabiano Caruana	4,5	19,75
5	GM Veselin Topalov	4,5	19,50
6	GM Levon Aronian	4,0	18,25
7	GM Peter Svidler	4,0	18,25
8	GM Anish Giri	4,0	17,75
9	GM Vladimir Kramnik	4,0	17,00
10	GM Simen Agdestein	3,5	15,75

Official website: <http://norwaychess.com>

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CHESS IN SCHOOLS- YEREVAN, ARMENIA



The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, the World Chess Federation (FIDE), as well as the Armenian Chess Federation and the Chess Academy of Armenia, in cooperation with the Armenian State Pedagogical University named after Kh. Abovyan, are organizing an International

Conference, entitled “Chess in Schools” which will be held in Yerevan, Armenia from 16 to 18 October, 2014.

Working languages are Armenian and English. Russian will be used in case of a large number of Russian reports.

The Conference will include discussions related to the following themes:

- “Chess in Schools” Program Preparation Activities
- “Chess in Schools” Program Organizational Activities
- Methodological Directions of Chess
- Scientific Research in Schools of Armenia
- Chess Research Laboratory
- Sociological Research in Schools of Armenia
- Teacher Training and Retraining
- Distance/Virtual Teacher Training

Chess has become a mandatory subject in the primary schools of Armenia since 2011. Armenia was the first country in the world that embarked on the realization of such a project.

During these three years significant work has been accomplished, such as psychological research to assess the effectiveness of teaching chess and the influence of chess as a school subject on the development of children’s logic, creative thinking, intellect and other qualities. Thus, this Conference will be an excellent occasion for participants and attendees to share experience and best practices to promote further development and to enhance the role and importance of Chess in educational systems. During the Conference, Panel Discussions in different thematic directions (organizational, methodological, psychological, sociological) will take place as well.

## DATE AND VENUE

Armenian State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan

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October 16(arrival day)-18, 2014

Official website: [www.iccs.chessacademy.am](http://www.iccs.chessacademy.am)

## THE ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION SUPPORTS SILVIO DANAILOV IN THE EUROPEAN CHESS UNION ELECTION AND GARRY KASPAROV IN THE FIDE ELECTION

Following a vote by the Board, the English Chess Federation is pleased to announce its formal decision to vote for Garry Kasparov in the FIDE election and for Silvio Danailov in the European Chess Union election.

Find the ECF decision here: <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/>

The English Chess Federation

## THE IRISH CHESS UNION WILL VOTE FOR SILVIO DANAILOV AND GARRY KASPAROV IN THE ECU AND FIDE ELECTIONS RESPECTIVELY

On 15th of June, 2014 the ICU executive debated which candidates to vote for in the upcoming elections to be held during the Olympiad in Tromsø. The outcome was as follows:

- For president of FIDE the ICU will vote for Garry Kasparov
- For president of ECU the ICU will vote for Silvio Danailov

The ICU decision you could see on the website of the Irish Chess Union: <http://www.icu.ie/>



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