

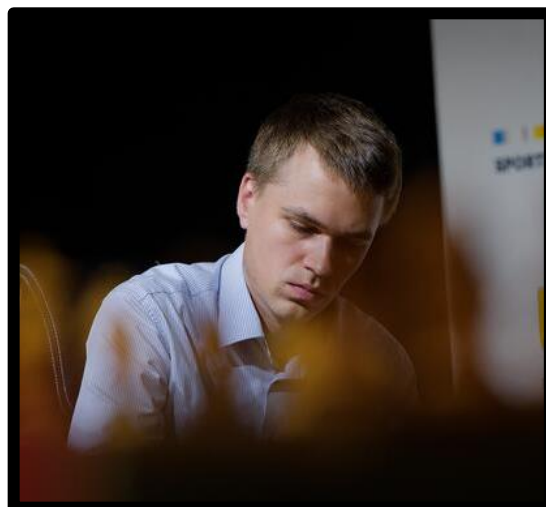


Frauenturnier der Sparkassen Chess Trophy 2026



The Sparkassen Chess Trophy 2026 is a tournament of international calibre. Past champions include former World Champions Garry Kasparov (1992), Anatoly Karpov (1993), Vladimir Kramnik (10 times!) and Viswanathan Anand (2004). It is considered one of the largest tournaments in the German Chess Calendar. Around 400 participants from 43 federations were competing in three parallel events – the A-Open, the B-Open, and the International Women's Tournament.

The total prize fund was €20,000. The tournament was held at the Alte Schmiede Cultural Centre, near the city of Dortmund from 1st till 9th August. The German contingent in the A-Open was led by defending champion and top seed Grandmaster Matthias Blübaum (FIDE Rating: 2689).



After 9 days of battle, Norwegian GM Almar Elham emerged as the clear winner of the 53rd edition of the A-Open of the Sparkassen Trophy with 7.5/9. He took home the first prize fund of 4,000 euros. The International Women's Open was won by Song Yuxin of China, a Chinese National Player and ranked Number 22nd in the world. She celebrated her third consecutive title. Max Pick of Germany was the Champion of the B-Open.

IM Poh Yu Tian

Rd	Opponent/Country	Rating	Score
1	Kiren Nasta (USA)	2175	1-0
2	FM Mykhailo Nezhyvenko	2270	1-0
3	FM Nazar Talgatov (Kazakhstan)	2357	1-0
4	GM Matthias Bluebaum (Germany)	2689	0.5
5	GM David Navarra (Czechia)	2619	1-0
6	GM Dmitrij Kollars (Germany)	2627	0.5
7	GM Kacper Piorun (Poland)	2519	0.5
8	GM Shekhar Ganguly (India)	2556	0-1
9	IM Max Hess (Germany)	2385	1-0
	Total Score		6.5

Malaysia's IM Poh Yu Tian started at a ranking of 16th. Poh won his first 3 games and drew against the top seed GM Matthias Bluebaum of Germany in the fourth round at the top table. A win against GM Navarra in the fifth placed him among the contenders for the championship.



It was followed by two draws against GM Kollars and GM Piorun in the 6th and 7th round. In the 8th round, Poh lost against last year's runner-up GM Sekhar Ganguly, dashing his hopes of a top 5 finish. His final game was a win against IM Max Hess. A score of 6.5/9 is good enough to place him in 8th position and most importantly, his first GM norm. His performance rating was 2630. A fantastic outing!



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Sparkassen Chess Trophy: The A-Open

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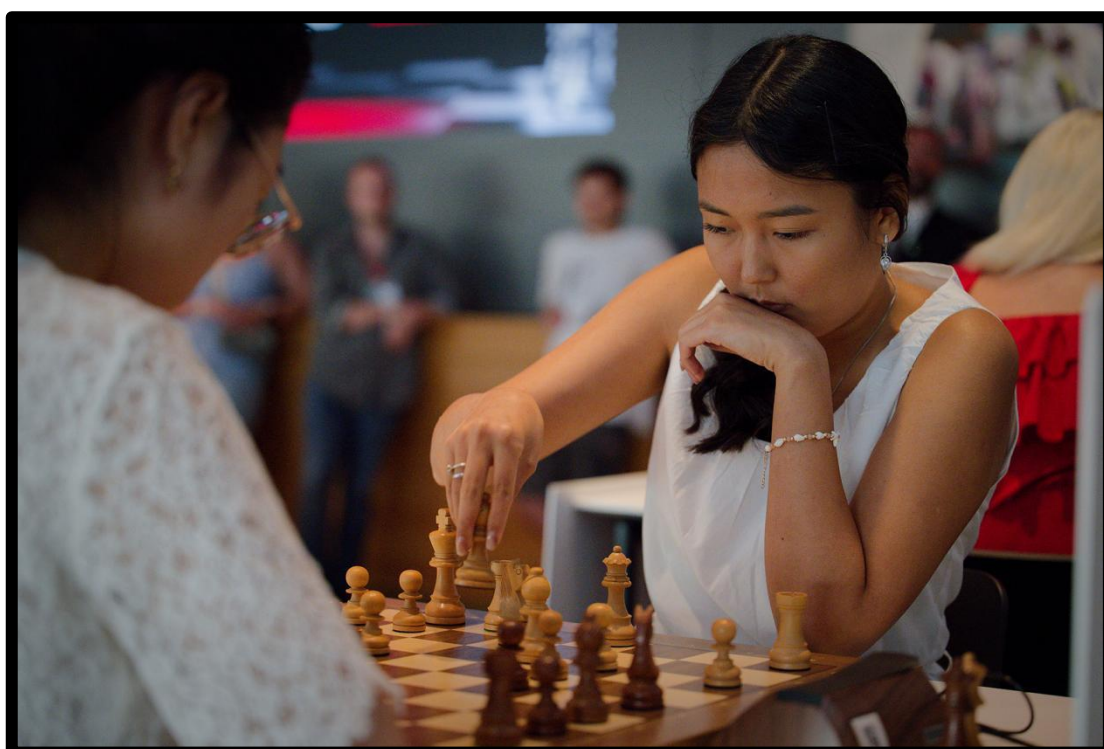
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Sparkassen Chess Trophy: The Women's International Tournament



Max Pick won the B-Open of the Sparkassen Chess Trophy.

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Song Yuxin (China) won the International Women's Tournament for the 3rd consecutive time.