

UGANDANS SET THE PACE

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By Julius Kafuluma in Harare, Zimbabwe

Africa Youth Chess championships

● U18 category

S. Rafael (ZAM)	1	E. Pido (UGA)	0
Omprakash (UGA)	1	A. Amrouni (SA)	0

● U16 Category

Gwanzura (ZIM)	0	D. Zalwango (UGA)	1
P. Shivashai (MW)	0	Omprakash (UGA)	1

● U14 category

Odokonyero (UGA)	1	M. Kamogelo (SA)	0
G. Froom (SA)	0	S. Omara (UG)	1
Asaba Juliet (UGA)	1	B. Viha (SA)	0

● U12 category

A. Miriti (KEN)	0	Suhana Anil (UGA)	1
N. Moyo (ZIM)	1	A. Kirabo (UGA)	0
A. Mali (KEN)	0	R. Wabwire (UGA)	1
A. Apollo (UGA)	1	S. Oyang (UGA)	0

● U8 Category

P. Nicole (UGA)	0	F. Malemane (SA)	1
J. myles (MAW)	0	A. Kagoda (UGA)	1
E. Kiggundu (UGA)	1	Z. Tonny (ZIM)	0
S. Mulema (UGA)	1	C. Kudakwase (ZIM)	0



Uganda's Suhana Anil (right) taking on a Kenya's Angela Miriti yesterday

Uganda gained top spots in three categories after an impressive run on day two of the ongoing Africa Youth Chess championships in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Sana Omprakash (U18), Daniel Odokonyero (U14) and Apollo Ahumuza (U12) secured top spots in their respective categories after collecting maximum points from their first three matches.

WFM Sana Omprakash who is ranked number two in Africa defeated 5th ranked Amrouni Alexia from South Africa before humbling WFM Banda Natalie from Botswana on board 1 to top the table with four points out of four matches.

Uganda's other competitor in the U18 category, Edwin Pido bounced back from a loss against Africa's number one FM Sharon

Rafael from Zambia with a sweet win against South Africa's Yan Weilun.

Daniel Odokonyero and Apollo Ahumuza also gained top spots in the U14 and U12 categories respectively after dispatching their opponents.

Odokonyero defeated South African Maruma Kamogelo while Ahumuza trounced fellow Ugandan Oyang Sankara on board two.

However yesterday morning Odokonyero was subjected to his first loss by Kenyan David Warimwe who is ranked number three in the U14 category while Ahumuza secured only a draw against Zimbabwean Ihude Omunujok.

Soubith Omprakash (U16), Suhana

Ani Yadav (U12), Ronald Wabwire (U12) and Talia Atubet seat in second positions in their respective categories after maintaining winning runs after three rounds of play.

Soubith drew his fourth game against Matyire Prosper from Zimbabwe and slipped to third position.

Last year's AYCC bronze medalist Talia Atubet maintained her winning streak with 4 wins out of four in the U10 category. Other Ugandan youngsters including Elvis Tumusiime (U10), Kagoda Aaron, Ernest Kiggundu and Mulema Sean (U8), Omara Samora and Juliet Asaba (U14) and Dasha Zalwango (U16) gathered wins on day two.