

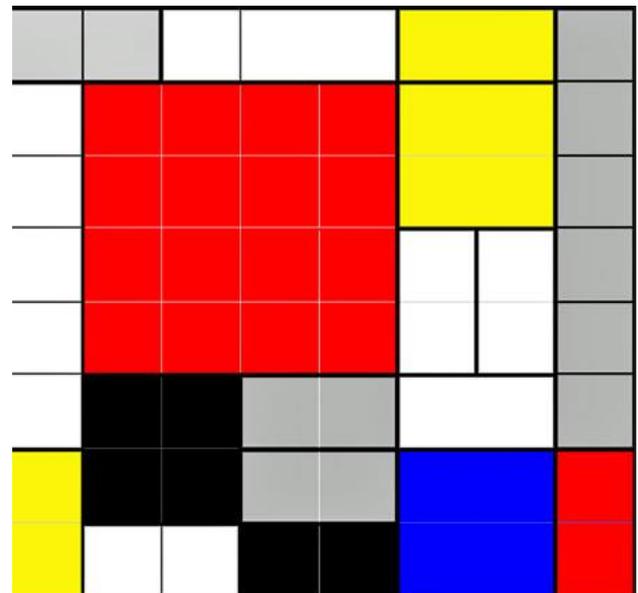
"Stylish" opening action

Leiden Chess Tournament popular to Indian players

The eleventh edition of the Leiden Chess Tournament (July 13th – July 23rd, 2017) seems to be very popular to players from India. From the start in 2007, the international chess tournament has proved to be very attractive to grandmasters and masters from India. The reigning champion of the Dutch Open for example - Chanda Sandipan from India - again will attend the tournament. All together fifteen chess adapts from India will be playing in the tournament and who knows maybe even more since it is still possible to register.

Not only from India but in total ten grandmasters and more than twenty masters from eleven different countries are being expected in the Mind Sports Centre. On top of the playing list is British champion David Howell. The English grandmaster has already won the Leiden Chess Tournament twice, as well as the Dutch grandmaster and title defender Roeland Pruijssers. In addition to a large number of young Dutch talents, Dutch grandmother Friso Nijboer and the Russian grandmaster Alex Gavrilov play for the first time in Leiden.

Due to the theme year of 'De Stijl' (a very famous Dutch art movement with well-known names such as Piet Mondriaan and Theo van Doesburg – for more information see the site of [Leiden, key to discoveries](#)) , the tournament will start on July 13th in a 'stylish' way with two chess players who have to play with coloured pieces on Mondriaan playing boards. Grandmasters John van der Wiel and Friso Nijboer will face this challenge. In addition, main sponsor Roel Piket (Adhoc & Solide) will face a similar challenge to former champion of the northern competition of the Netherlands Bert van der Marel. The opening event takes place at the Mind Sports Centre at 19:00 h.



The 9-round event will be held from July 14th to July 23rd in the Mind Sports Centre at Robijnstraat 4 in Leiden. Visitors are welcome to watch the masters' performance in the playing hall during week days and in the weekends. Please check the site for the complete programme. The highest boards can also be followed live through the website: www.leidenchess.com.

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