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### In Summary

- Kenyans Walela and Nyaruai give their opponents a run for their money in inaugural event
- Ugandan dominates in prestige class of tourney sponsored by Equity in Nairobi

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## Haruna soars as Ugandans rule Equity Chess Open

By **Matthews Mutai** For Citizen Digital

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Front Board: FM Harold Wanyama battles it out with IM Haruna Nsubuga during round 6.

Ugandan Fide Chess Master (FM) Nsubuga Haruna soared above a cast of first-rate East African talent to claim the top honours at the inaugural Equity Bank Open held in Nairobi over the weekend.

On a weekend that saw Ugandans outshine Kenyans, Haruna led the way as he outwitted top seeded locals Patrick Kawuma, Peter Gilruth, Mehul Gohil, Brian Toboso as well as compatriot FM Harold Wanyama and International Master, Arthur Ssegwanyi.

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With each contest proving unpredictably close fans that gathered were treated to an exciting tournament as players expressed themselves on the board with remarkable zeal.

The Kenyan team was led by the country's highest rated player and Olympian Gilruth who gave the Ugandans an even contest and a run for their money with other Olympians Gohil, FM Steve Ouma, Lawrence Kagambi, Clement Miheso and South Sudan's aggressive attacker James Panchol all in the hunt for glory.

Right from the first day, the expertly assembled Ugandan contingent ruled the roost and showed no sign of stopping all through as they sauntered their way to podium positions.

Kenya's redemption came in the Open and Ladies categories where local players recorded a clean medal haul.

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In the ladies section, Olympian debutant Nyarui, proved her mettle as she swooped down on seasoned players to carry the day in style.

Walela's hunt for points proved effective as he slashed down every king that came his way to win gold in the Open category.

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By Rodgers Ndegwa | Date: December 14, 2016

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<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/281733/ugandan-clinches-equity-bank-chess-open-crown/>

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## International masters at inaugural Equity Bank Chess Open tournament

By Sportsnewsarena Correspondent

Dec 09, 2016



The Equity Bank Chess tournament aims at raising the profile of the game in the region. The three-day tournament starts at The Luke Hotel, Thika Road on Saturday. (SNA. File Photo)

The inaugural Equity Bank Chess Open Tournament which starts at The Luke Hotel along Thika Road on Saturday has attracted over 300 competitors.

Some of the top players from the East Africa region will be in attendance. Among the 150 senior and 100 junior players for the three-day event are international masters Elijah Emojong, Arthur SSegwanyi and Fide Master Harold Wanyama leading.

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Tanzania will be represented by Nurdin Hassuji with Kangwa William representing Zambia. South Sudan, the youngest African state will be represented by Panchol Madol and Peter Diing.

Hosts, Kenya has a strong team led by CM (Candidate Master) Kenneth Omolo - current national champion, Peter Gilruth – the highest rated Kenyan, FM (FIDE Master) Steve Ouma, Githinji Hinga - Chess Kenya chairman and Gohil Mehul, who is the former national champion.

The queens will also be on the board, represented by Woman Candidate Master WFM Sanjana Deshpande and (WCM) Joyce Nyaruai. The tournament director will be FI (Fide Instructor) Brian Kidula and the chief arbiter will be Tony Mutua.

Organized in four categories, participants will battle it out for top honors in the Prestige, Open, Ladies and Junior categories with the event offering attractive prizes for winners in the respective sections.

Equity Bank chess team was established in 2004. Since then, the team has been a regular in the annual Interbank Sports Tournament that brings together all the 43 banks who are members of the Kenya Bankers Association.

In 2013, the team joined Kenya National Chess League and they are currently the silver medalist in the Kenya National Chess League which features top chess clubs across the country.

Equity emerged as the second runners- up in the 2016 Inter-Bank Games and are the current reigning Champions in the Bungoma Chess Open Tournament.

<http://sportsnewsarena.com/international-masters-at-inaugural-equity-bank-chess-open-tournament>



## Uganda's Nsubuga wins Equity Bank Chess Open

By Sportsnewsarena Correspondent

Dec 13, 2016



Harold Wanyama battles it out with Haruna Nsubuga in round six of the Equity Bank Chess Open. (Photo Courtesy)

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From day one, the tough contingent from Uganda ruled the boards. Redemption came in the Open and Ladies categories in which local players managed a clean medal haul.

In the ladies section, Olympiad debutant WCM Joyce Nyaruai, proved her mettle as she swooped down on seasoned players to carry the day.

Austin Walela's hunt for points proved effective and eventually bagged the gold in the Open category.

### Results

**Prestige:** 1. Haruna Nsubuga 5 pts (Uganda), 2. Patrick Kawuma 5 pts (Uganda), 3. Arthur Ssegwanyi, Mehul Gilruth 4.5 pts (Uganda).

**Open Category:** 1. Austin Walela 6.5 pts (Kenya), 2. Joseph Methu 6 pts (Kenya), 3. Joseph Andiwob 6 pts (Kenya)



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# Equity Bank Chess Open 2016.

By **Kenya Chess Masala** - December 6, 2016  213

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Chess players in Kenya and the neighbouring countries are looking forward to the long weekend of "Jamhuri Day" (Independence Day) when the inaugural Equity Bank Chess Open takes place.

## Equity Bank Chess Open 2016



The prize fund is a recording breaking KES 210,000 (USD 2,100) with the top prize being KES 50,000 (USD 500).

A strong contingent of players from Uganda and Tanzania are expected to turn up for the event to give the Kenyans a tough fight for the top prizes.

It is interesting to note that this is the 2nd time that Equity Bank are coming forward to support chess which is a welcome move for this small and rapidly growing sport.

Equity Bank have over the past 30 years played a key role in the transformation of the Kenyan financial sector. It now boasts of over 9 million customers in over 6 countries and has an asset base of approximately USD 3.8 billion.

The one thing that stands out for me when I hear about Equity Bank is their "Equity Group Foundation Scholarship Program" which started in 1998 and their "Wings to Fly Program" which started in 2011. In these programs academically gifted children from disadvantaged backgrounds are provided with scholarships that cover both their secondary and university education as well. Some of the beneficiaries are studying at prestigious universities such as Harvard, Yale, MIT and the London School of Economics.

I expect a seismic positive change in various spheres of Kenyan life when these youngsters

<http://www.kenyachessmasala.com/2016/12/equity-bank-chess-open-2016.html>

## Patrick Kawuma on the lead at Equity Open



1 DAY AGO

BY MARION MALINGA



Patrick Kawuma

After owning the recently concluded Tanzania Open that had International Master Arthur Ssegwanyi win on a tie-break having tied points with fellow Ugandan and IM Elijah Emojong, Ugandans are at it again.

Heading into the final day of the Equity Bank Open Chess tourney, Kenya's neighbor from the West have, as predicted stolen the headlines with five of them occupying the top five positions.

Fide Master Patrick Kawuma bettered his chances of winning the inaugural tournament with four straight wins having beaten Kamadi Akidiva, Mony Jacktone and Gohil Mehul before downing fellow Ugandan Haruna Nsubuga in the fourth round.

Kawuma who remains the only player with a perfect score at the event leads the table with 4 points.

Next on the log is rated 2118 Allan Mathias Ssonko with 3.5 points. The seventh seed in the country produced a resounding result when he subjected Ssegwanyi to a rare defeat in the third round before drawing with FM Harold Wanyama in the successive round.

Wanyama's three victories and a draw put him third with 3.5. The 35 year old beat Ramesh Vasanth, James Madol Panchol and Lawrence Kagambi.

Defeat to Ssonko had number one seed Ssegwanyi drop to fourth. The IM had seen out Peter Ding and Chomu Clement Miheso in the first two rounds before meeting Ssonko.

Nsubuga completes the top five positions with 3points from three four games.

The games return Monday 12th with the top four facing off in the fifth round.

Table leader Kawuma will have his perfect start at check when he comes face to face with fellow FM Wanyama on board one as Nsubuga battles Ssonko on board two.



## Haruna Nsubuga stuns Wanyama to win Equity Open



15 HOURS AGO

BY MARION MALINGA



Fide Master Haruna Nsubuga came out an unexpected champion at the inaugural Equity Bank Open Chess tournament held at Luke Hotel, Nairobi Kenya.

While Nsubuga's strength is undoubtedly known and admired region wide, very few expected the 24 year old to clinch the title ahead of pre-tournament favourites Arthur SSegwanyi, Harold Wanyama and Patrick Kawuma.

Having won four of his first five games, the rated 2077 out-thought fellow FM and Kireka teammate Wanyama in the final round of the event to emerge the top dog on a tie-break with 5 points.

Nsubuga tied points with Kawuma – a man he lost to in the fourth round, but bagged home the top prize on a Bucholz tie-break basis.

Despite winning against the eventual winner, Kawuma who won his four straight games settled for a runners-up position after drawing against Wanyama and Ssegwanyi in his last two rounds.

Ssegwanyi, a recent champion at the Tanzania Open finished third with four points. The top seed in East Africa shocked many when he lost to untitled Allan Mathias Ssonko in the third round.

Defeat to Ssonko came with its repercussion as it meant Ssegwanyi who had attained Elos after his tremendous performance at the Tanzania Open to earn a 2381 rating lost points.

Wanyama's loss to the eventual champion sent him to a sixth finish with 4 points.



# TELEVISION

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12-Dec-2016	KBC Channel 1	<a href="#">Austine Mwalela, Joyce Nyaruai wins Equity Bank Chase Open</a>	19:30	00:01:30	293550	1467750	Austine Mwalela and Joyce Nyaruai are the winners of 2016 Equity Bank Chase open championship which ended today in Nairobi.
06-Dec-2016	KTN News	<a href="#">INTERVIEW: MCHEZO WA CHESS</a>	17:13	00:18:27	4557150	22785750	The segment features discussion on the Chess tournament that will be held in December. The tournament is sponsored by Equity Bank.

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12-Dec-2016	KBC English Service	<a href="#">Osteen,Joyce win Equity Bank open championship</a>	20:53	00:00:56	15420	77100	Osteen Walela and Joyce Nyaruai are the champions of the 2016 Equity Bank open championship which ended today in Nairobi
12-Dec-2016	Radio Taifa	<a href="#">Osteen,Joyce win Equity Bank open championship</a>	21:10	00:01:14	40700	203500	Osteen Walela and Joyce Nyaruai are the champions of the 2016 Equity Bank open championship which ended today in Nairobi

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