

## Round 4

Another gorgeous sunny day at Porto Carras and both Hugo and Ifan were in a positive mood ahead of Round 4.

Hugo faced a tricky match as black, against an unknown quantity from Chile. Although, superficially, it appeared that his opponent had a relatively low FIDE rating of 1411, he had played few FIDE rated tournaments and had no games published online. Hugo was well aware that his opponent was likely to be underrated. The only information available came from our friends in the Irish delegation (one of their U16s had faced the Chilean player the day before).

As it turned out the game was relatively straightforward. Hugo obtained a nice position and maintained pressure on his opponent. When the Chilean strayed into time trouble, Hugo was able to take advantage and secure the point.

Ifan in the U14s faced an Ukrainian graded 1963. This was a protracted and difficult game. After a spirited fight for 5 hours Ifan finally succumbed.

Both boys are pleased to be now off the mark in the tournament and hoping to increase their tally in the rounds ahead.