

Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas – Kasparov not winning!

Year	Champion	Country	Points
1989 cat. 3 (first ed.)	Julian Hodgson (Grandmaster since 1988)	England	7'5/9
1990 cat. 5	Leonid Bass (on tie-break, IM, then and today), Mark Hebden (then IM, later GM)	USA England	7/9
1991 cat. 7	Alexander Goldin (2. Granda Zuniga)	Russia	7'5/9
1992 cat. 11 (no PP), (no top ten player)	Leonid Yudasin (2. Akopian; 5. Pia Cramling; 8. Hodgson). PP = (all time) Prime Player	Israel	7/9
1993 cat. 13 (2 PP) (one from Elo top ten, the winner Karpov)	Anatoly Karpov (2. Judit Polgar, 3.-5. Khalifman, Rivas Pastor, Epishin, 6.-7. Yudasin, Magem Badals, etc.)	Russia	7'5/9
1994 cat. 16 (5 PP) supertorneo (three from top ten, five top twenty)	Boris Gelfand (2. Karpov, 3. Epishin (then ranked Elo no. 10), 4. Topalov, 5.-8. Judit Polgar, Lautier, Gulko, Illescas, 9. Morovic, 10. Rivas Pastor)	Belarus	6'5/9
1995 cat. 18 (9 PP) supertorneo (five from top ten, eight top twenty)	Gata Kamsky (on tie-break) Anatoly Karpov , second win Michael Adams (4.-5. Gelfand, Judit Polgar, 6.-7. Lautier, Illescas, 8. Piket, 9. Salov, 10. Shirov)	USA Russia England	5'5/9
1996 cat. 19 (9 PP) supertorneo (nine from the top ten ranked players !!, also nine top twenty)	Vladimir Kramnik (on tie-break) Veselin Topalov (3.-4. Anand, Kasparov half a point behind, 5. Illescas, 6.-7. Kamsky, Gelfand, 8. Ivanchuk, 9.-10. Shirov, Judit Polgar)	Russia Bulgaria	6/9
1997 cat. 19 (9 PP) supertorneo (seven from top ten, eight top twenty)	Viswanathan Anand (on tie-break) Vladimir Kramnik , second win (3.-5. Salov, Karpov, Topalov, 6.-8. Judit Polgar, Gelfand, Shirov, 9. Short, 10. Illescas)	India Russia	6/9
1998	(no tournament)		
1999 cat. 18/19 (9 PP) supertorneo (10th jubilee edition, five top ten, nine Elo top twenty, Adams surpassing three undisputed WCC)	Michael Adams , second win (2. Kramnik; 3.-4. Illescas, Topalov, 5.-6. Gelfand, Karpov, 7. Korchnoi ; 8.-10. Svidler, Judit Polgar, and the title defender, top-seeded (and Elo no. 2 of the world) Anand as joint last, the only in the field without a single game win. Korchnoi was 68 !! Gelfand as a last minute stand-in for Morozevich who got ill before start	England	6/9
2000	(no tournament)		
2001 cat. 16 (1 PP) (none from top ten)	Alexej Dreev (on tie-break) Ilya Smirin (3.= Almasi, Vallejo Pons, a.o.)	Russia Israel	5'5/9
2002	(no tournament)		
2003 cat. 16 (2 PP) (one from top ten)	Alexander Rustemov (on tie-break) Alexej Dreev , second win (5.= Shirov)	Russia Russia	6/9
2004	(no tournament)		
2005 cat. 16 (2 PP) (none from top ten)	Teimour Radjabov (*1987; also played 2001); incl. young Karjakin (*1990, also played 2003)	Azerbaijan	5'5/9
2006, 2007	(no tournaments)		
2008 (last ed.) Rapid; k.-o- format	Veselin Topalov , second win, but now a Rapid (2.5-1.5 winner of final vs. Vallejo Pons)	Bulgaria	5/8 four players

Dos Hermanas is a [Spanish city](#) 15 km south of [Seville](#) in [Andalusia](#), with a population of 130,000.

The Dos Hermanas tournament was remarkably growing over the years, and then slightly declining, that's why in the survey above, the category (based on Elo average of the players) is indicated, too.

The Festival did sometimes offer another minor closed tournament with GM, IM and local players mixed or / and rapid, blitz – and Internet chess activities! Often combined at Dos Hermanas with an Open tournament (not to mix with Sevilla Open!)



<http://www.chessacademy.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Chess-grandmaster-Viktor-Korchnoi.jpg>
(Photo: Keystone. Replay Chessgames: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1009903>)

Dos Hermanas, once the world's best online blitz chess tournament:

In addition, Dos Hermanas has always been considered the then biggest and strongest online blitz tournament in the world - and fittingly, the 11th Dos Hermanas online tournament in 2010, hosted exclusively on www.chessclub.com, was won in convincing style by arguably the best online blitz player in the world: GM [Hikaru Nakamura](#) of USA.

Fan favorite Nakamura ([Smallville](#)) beat GM Simonian Hrair (EREBUNI), IM Federico Perez Ponsa (Federicov), GM Rodrigo Vasquez Schroeder (Kastor), and GM Yaroslav Zinchenko (MEGAYARICK) in the final to take the title and \$2,700 first prize.

<https://www.chessclub.com/user/activities/doshermanas2010/> (2010, Internet Chess Club ICC)

<http://www.chessvibes.com/?q=reports/nakamura-wins-dos-hermanas-internet-blitz-tournament>

(2009, John Henderson reports)

<https://chessdailynews.com/ciudad-de-dos-hermanas/> (2009, Susan Polgar reports)

<https://chessdailynews.com/cinderella-man/> (2008, Susan Polgar on Jorge Sammour-Hasbun:

The ICC's Cinderella Man); and <https://www.chessclub.com/user/activities/doshermanas2008/>

<https://nezhmet.wordpress.com/2008/04/06/the-fabulous-00s-dos-hermanas-online-blitz/> (overview: "The Headache of Dos Hermanas Online Blitz" by Mark Ginsburg, with some remarks on cheating)

DOS HERMANAS 1989-2008

Jan van Reek (1945 – 2015, founder of www.endgame.nl, which is no longer available)

Dos Hermanas ('two sisters') is situated near **Sevilla in Spain**. A series of annual chess contests started in the spring of 1989. Julian Hodgson won the inaugural edition. It became a major event in 1992 and 1993, and had been **a supertournament five times in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1999** (no tournaments in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007).

Nine out of the Elo top ten ranked players (!) starred from 21 v until 1 vi 1996 in Hotel La Motilla. Kramnik won on the Sonneborn-Berger score. Topalov joined the lead in points. Anand and Kasparov shared the third place. Another all-time supertournament happened in 1999 (10th Jubilee edition), Adams took clear first, surpassing three World Champions!

Major tournaments followed in 2001, 2003, and 2005. A rapid knock-out ended the series in 2008. Hereafter, mostly internet competitions were organised in Dos Hermanas.



La Motilla

Winners of the International Invitation tournament in Dos Hermanas

(no GM tournaments held in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007)

1989 Hodgson (1st edition, from 1989 to 2005 always ten players in a round robin event)

1990 Bass, Hebden (both winning as an IM, Hebden later got the GM title)

1991 Goldin (in these first three editions, a field of moderate strength)

1992 Yudasin (still no top ten player)

1993 Karpov (incl. one FIDE Elo top ten player, the winner Karpov)

1994 Gelfand (2. Karpov, 3. Epishin, 4. Topalov, 5.= Judit Polgar)

1995 Kamsky, Karpov, Adams (4./5. Gelfand, Judit Polgar; incl. Piket, Salov, Shirov)

1996 Kramnik, Topalov (3./4. Anand, Kasparov failing to win, incl. Kamsky, Ivanchuk)

1997 Anand, Kramnik (3.-5. Salov, Karpov, Topalov, 6.-8. Judit Polgar, Gelfand, Shirov)

1999 Adams (incl. Kramnik, Karpov, Korchnoi, Judit Polgar; Anand finishing last)

2001 Dreev, Smirin (no top ten player)

2003 Rustemov, Dreev (incl. one top ten player, Shirov)

2005 Radjabov (no top ten player)

2008 (Rapid, k.-o. matches) **Topalov** (14th and last edition, Mini event of four players)

Judit Polgar was invited seven times: 1993, '94, '95, '96, '97, '99, six times in a row, and 2008 (no win). Karpov played five times: 1993 (won), '94, '95 (co-won), '97, '99. Kasparov in 1996. Korchnoi in 1999.

Organiser of Dos Hermanas series: **Joaquín Espejo**

[Joaquín Espejo hablará sobre ajedrez en la Peña Bética Nazarena \(periodicoelnazareno.es\)](http://periodicoelnazareno.es)

Dos Hermanas series started moderately:

I Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas 1989

Julian Hodgson (Eng) wins first Dos Hermanas Invitational

1	Hodgson, Julian	■	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	7.5	
2	Fernandes, Antonio	0	■	1	1	0	1	1	1	½	1	6.5	
3	Rodriguez Talavera, Juan	½	0	■	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	5.0	20.25
4	Rodriguez Aguilera, Antonio	½	0	0	■	½	½	½	1	1	1	5.0	18.00
5	Palacios Prida, Ernesto	0	1	½	½	■	½	½	0	½	1	4.5	19.00
6	Garcia Luque, Agustin	0	0	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	1	4.5	15.25
7	Hidalgo, Juan Jose	0	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	1	4.5	15.25
8	Hervas, Jose	½	0	½	0	1	½	½	■	0	½	3.5	
9	Pereira, Manuel	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	1	■	0	2.0	9.00
10	Jimenez Romero, Jose	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	■	2.0	6.25

II Dos Hermanas 1990

IM Leonid Bass (USA) and Mark Hebden (Eng) win second Dos Hermanas

1	Bass, Leonid	2485	■	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	7.0	26.0
2	Hebden, Mark	2530	½	■	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.0	25.0
3	Popovic, Petar	2520	½	1	■	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	6.5	
4	Veingold, Alexander	2435	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	1	1	6.0	
5	Montecatine Rios, Ricardo	2300	0	0	½	½	■	½	½	1	1	1	5.0	
6	Eslon, Jaan (Winner of the first Linares 1978)	2360	½	0	0	½	½	■	0	1	1	1	4.5	
7	Palacios, Ernesto	2285	0	0	½	0	½	1	■	1	½	0	3.5	
8	Niehus, Eduard	2200	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	■	1	1	2.5	
9	Hidalgo, Juan Jose	2275	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	■	½	1.5	5.75
10	Jimenez Romero, Jose	2200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	■	1.5	4.25

III Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas 1991

Alexander Goldin (USSR) wins third Dos Hermanas Invitational

Alexander Goldin (born 1964) is an American chess grandmaster of Russian origin. GM since 1989.

Alexander Goldin was <clear first at the prestigious New York Open in 1991>, ahead of players like Dreev, Ehlvest, Epishin, De Firmian, young Kamsky, or Lautier, amongst others.

He <shared first place at New York Open in 1993>, alongside with Joel Benjamin (best on tie-break), Jaan Ehlvest, Ilya Gurevich, Utut Adianto, Ferdiand Hellers, and Lev Alburt (who had already won the inaugural tournament).

The New York World Class Open series (1981 until 2000, no event held in 1982 and 1999) organised by <José Cuchi> from Spain, President of Heraldica Imports, offered then arguably the greatest chess show on earth.

In addition, Goldin is a five-time first (alone or tied) at the traditional <World Open series>, mostly played in Philadelphia.

Alexander Goldin also took a strong round robin <Young Masters held at Vilnius in 1988> (joint with Gelfand, 16 players), and won one of the earlier closed international invitationals at <Dos Hermanas in 1991>, clear first above 2. Granda Zuniga, Bass and Vladimirov joint third (remember, Kasparov later did play there too, but failed to win in the series of Dos Hermanas)

PP = Prime Players by Chessdiagonals

Hall of Fame of the 100 strongest chess players of the 20th century

(in chronological birth order from Chigorin to Svidler and Judit Polgar)

Chigorin, Tarrasch, Mieses, Janowski, Teichmann, Em. Lasker, Maroczy, Pillsbury, Schlechter, Marshall, Rubinstein, Bernstein, Duras, Spielmann, Vidmar, Nimzowitsch, Tartakower, Capablanca, Levenfish, Bogoljubov, Réti, Alekhine, Breyer, Grünfeld, Kostic, Colle, Euwe, Kashdan, Torre Repetto, Mir Sultan Khan, Menchik, Stahlberg, Flohr, Najdorf, Lilienthal, O'Kelly de Galway, Botvinnik, Reshevsky, Nezhmetdinov, Eliskases, Kotov, Fine, Keres, Szabo, Boleslavsky, Ju. Bolbochan, Smyslov, Averbakh, Gligoric, Bronstein, Pachman, Geller, Kholmov, Unzicker, Taimanov, Donner, Petrosian, **Korchnoi**, Ivkov, Stein, Polugaevsky, F. Olafsson, Larsen, Panno, Uhlmann, Tal, Spassky, Portisch, Fischer, Hort, Hübner, Browne, Ljubojevic, Andersson, **Karpov**, Vaganian, Torre, Timman, Mecking, Beliavsky, Miles, Nunn, Speelman, Jussupow, Seirawan, **Kasparov**, **Salov**, **Short**, **Gelfand**, **Piket**, **Ivanchuk**, **Anand**, **Adams**, **Shirov**, **Lautier**, **Kamsky**, **Topalov**, **Kramnik**, **Svidler**, **J. Polgar** (highlighted in bold: played in the series)

Hall of Fame of the strongest chess players of the 21st century

(not already part of the 20th century HOF, on average one player per year)

Bareev; ***Morozevich*** (invited, got ill and did not play), Leko, Aronian, Bacrot, Ponomariov, Grischuk, Mamedyarov, Gashimov, **Radjabov**, Nakamura, **Karjakin**, Nepomniachtchi, Carlsen, Vachier-Lagrave, Ding Liren, Caruana, So, Giri (as of 2020)

Women: Hou Yifan

Nine out of the Elo top ten ranked players played in 1996: Kasparov failed to win!

Fascinating mixed Jubilee supertournament with three former & future WC in 1999:

The 10th and jubilee Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas held from April 5th to April 18th, 1999 was a category XIX event. Ten of the world's best players competed in a round robin format.

Super strong and prominent mixed! Five Top Ten, nine Top Twenty plus one Spanish player.

The participants were (in order of Elo): Viswanathan Anand (2781, no. 2 of the world), Vladimir Kramnik (2751, no. 3), Michael Adams (2716, no. 7), Peter Svidler (2713, no. 9), Anatoly Karpov (2710, no. 10), Veselin Topalov (2700, no. 11), Boris Gelfand (2691, no. 14), Judit Polgar (2677, no. 18), Victor Korchnoi (2673, no. 19), and Spanish favourite Miguel Illescas-Cordoba (2585, ranked no. 105-109 in the FIDE Elo rating list).

Originally scheduled as cat. 19 event with shooting star Alexander Morozevich (2723, no. 5) who got ill just before the start of the tournament and had to be replaced by Gelfand as a last-minute substitute. Gelfand thus missed first round, Korchnoi agreed to play that game on the rest day. Gelfand won it.

Viktor Korchnoi (born 1931), aged 68 years, he's 20 at least to 45 years older than all others, still in the Elo top twenty of the FIDE Elo ranking list, won against Judit Polgar (born 1976), the youngest participant, he lost to Gelfand and Adams, just missing a level score. Spanish hero Illescas-Cordoba did a good job, arrived with a plus score as clearly lowest rated player in the field, and he could beat Karpov who achieved 50%.

Adams, already co-winner at Dos Hermanas in 1995, took clear first in 1999, with 6/9pts., half a point above Kramnik, surpassing three former, present, or future undisputed World Chess Champions (WCC)!

Vishy Anand, the Dos Hermanas tournament title defender from the 1998 edition and also top-seeded but finally tenth and last on tie-break, was the only player without a game win!

The final standings and crosstable are as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
01 Adams	*	=	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	=	6.0
02 Kramnik	=	*	1	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	5.5
03 Illescas-Cordoba	=	0	*	=	1	=	=	=	1	=	5.0
04 Topalov	=	=	=	*	=	=	=	=	1	=	5.0
05 Karpov	=	=	0	=	*	=	=	1	=	=	4.5
06 Gelfand	=	=	=	=	=	*	1	0	=	=	4.5
07 Korchnoi	0	=	=	=	=	0	*	=	1	=	4.0
08 Svidler	0	=	=	=	0	1	=	*	0	=	3.5
09 Polgar, Judit	0	=	0	0	=	=	0	1	*	1	3.5
10 Anand	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	0	*	3.5

Original collection: [Game Collection: Dos Hermanas 1999](#), by User: [suenteus po 147](#)

→ [Dos Hermanas \(1999\) - Chessgames.com](#) (with all games to replay)

Dos Hermanas series continued as a major tournament complex with A, B, C groups:

Dos Hermanas

🇪🇸 XI Dos Hermanas-A 2001

Date	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	Tourn	2634	45	9

Name	ELO	Points
 GM Smirin, Ilya	2691	5.5
 GM Dreev, Aleksey	2685	5.5
 GM Azmaiparashvili, Zurab	2670	5.0
 GM Almasi, Zoltan	2640	5.0
 GM Illescas Cordoba, Miquel	2562	5.0
 GM Vallejo Pons, Francisco	2559	5.0
 GM Gurevich, Mikhail	2688	4.5
 GM Sokolov, Ivan	2659	4.0
 GM Radjabov, Teimour	2533	4.0
 GM Krasenkow, Michal	2655	1.5

http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas-A_2001/3868

Dos Hermanas

🇪🇸 XI Dos Hermanas-B 2001

Date	Players	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	10	Tourn	2469	45	9

Name	ELO	Points
 GM Campora, Daniel H	2503	6.5
 GM Korneev, Oleg	2572	6.0
 GM Spraggett, Kevin	2526	5.5
 GM Cifuentes Parada, Roberto	2496	5.0
 GM Rivas Pastor, Manuel	2429	4.5
 GM Moreno Carnero, Javier	2480	4.0
 GM Fernandez Garcia, Jose Luis	2465	4.0
 IM Teran Alvarez, Ismael	2382	3.5
 GM Oms Pallisse, Josep	2427	3.0
 IM Vega Holm, Fernando	2408	3.0

http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas-B_2001/3869

Dos Hermanas

🇪🇸 XI Dos Hermanas-C 2001

Date	Players	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	10	Tourn	2328	40	9

Name	ELO	Points
 GM Franco Ocampos, Zenon	2487	5.5
 GM Matamoros Franco, Carlos S	2467	5.5
 GM Lalic, Bogdan	2531	5.0
 IM Garcia Luque, Agustin	2392	5.0
 IM Fernandez Romero, Ernesto	2312	5.0
 Calvo Sanchez, Jesus Maria	2272	4.5
 IM Barrero Garcia, Carlos	2319	3.5
 FM Rodriguez Aguilera, Antonio	2295	3.0
 Ortega Valle, Jose R	2000	2.0
 Diaz Castro, Sergio	2204	1.0

http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas_IM_2001/3867

... and finished with a Rapid knock-out Mini event

XIV International Chess Tournament “CIUDAD DE DOS HERMANAS” Dos Hermanas April 17-21 2008 (Rapid, four players)

Veselin Topalov, Alexey Shirov, Judit Polgar, Francisco Vallejo Pons

The XIV Dos Hermanas tournament took place from April 18th-20th April, 2008, in the Teatro Municipal Juan Rodriguez Romero in Dos Hermanas, Spain.

Four players were in the knockout event, with four rapid games played at the rate of 20 minutes + 10 seconds a move. The tiebreaker is blitz games of 5 minutes + 3 seconds followed by a final sudden death game if required.

The final was played between Veselin Topalov and Francisco Vallejo Pons. Topalov won that last edition of Dos Hermanas, played as Rapid in a k.o.-format.

➔ Plus, as pointed out, regular **strong Internet events** from 2000 to the 2010s

Sources:

http://www.doshermanas.net/aje_archivos.asp (no longer active, copies of I, II, III edition above)

Good survey in french: [Tournoi d'échecs de Dos Hermanas — Wikipédia \(wikipedia.org\)](#)

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