

Magistral de Madrid

Torneo Magistral de Ajedrez “Comunidad de Madrid“

Incredibly impressive list of winners – overshadowed by the absence of Kasparov

YEAR	WINNER	COUNTRY	POINTS
1992 (I) (3 Prime Players)	Anatoly Karpov (ahead of Judit Polgar, Epishin, Yudasin, Salov, San Segundo, Granda Zuniga, Zsuzsa Polgar, a.o.)	Russia	7'5/9
1993 (II) (6 Prime Players)	* Vladimir Kramnik, Veselin Topalov, Vishy Anand (ahead of Salov, Judit Polgar, Illescas, Rivas Pastor, San Segundo, Lautier, a.o.)	Russia	6'5/9
1994 (III) (5 Prime Players)	Judit Polgar at age of 18 (ahead of I. Sokolov, Shirov, Kamsky, Illescas, Salov, Tiviakov, Magem Badals, San Segundo, Bareev)	Hungary	7/9
1995 (IV) (7 Prime Players)	Viktor Korchnoi at age of 64 (ahead of Salov, Jussupow, Epishin, Judit Polgar, San Segundo, Illescas, Beliavsky, Short, Timman)	Switzerland	6'5/9
1996 (V) (7 Prime Players)	* Veselin Topalov, Miguel Illescas Cordoba (ahead of Salov, Shirov, Gelfand, Adams, Morozevich, Korchnoi, San Segundo, a.o.)	Bulgaria	6'5/9
1997 (VI) (7 Prime Players)	** Veselin Topalov after play-off, Alexey Shirov (ahead of Beliavsky, Akopian, Judit Polgar, Illescas, Short, Salov, Piket, a.o.)	Bulgaria	6'5/9
1998 (VII) (5 Prime Players)	Viswanathan Anand (ahead of Svidler, San Segundo, Leko, Adams, Illescas, Beliavsky, Granda Zuniga, a.o.)	India	6'5/9

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1992 and 1993 with three to four players from Spain, 1994 – 1998 reduced to the two strongest Spanish born players then: Illescas Cordoba (joint winner with Topalov 1996) and San Segundo.

* 1993 and 1996: Winner based on tie-break score (Sonneborn-Berger)

** 1997: Winner after tie-break **play-off**: 2 Rapid games/20 min., then **Armageddon** Blitz (6 minutes for White, 5 minutes for Black with draw odds), Topalov got Black (by chance in a game of skill), a draw after 68 moves and thus Topalov the tournament winner.

Trivia:

1997 Madrid saw the first Armageddon tie-break decision in an international supertournament

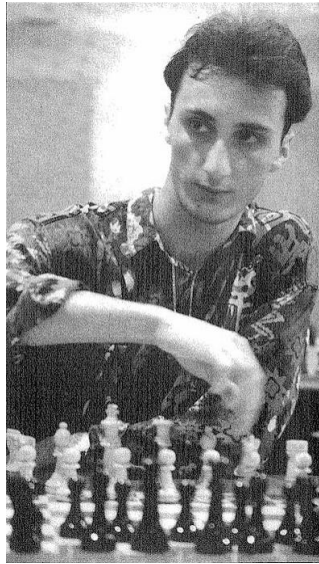
Held in May. Venue: ONCE buildings in Madrid. Sponsor: «Movi line» (Mobile phone), a.o.

Record (co-)winner: Topalov, 1993 (shared), 1996 (shared) & 1997 (after speed play-off).

Record participants: San Segundo all 7 editions, Illescas 6x in a row, Salov 6x in a row.

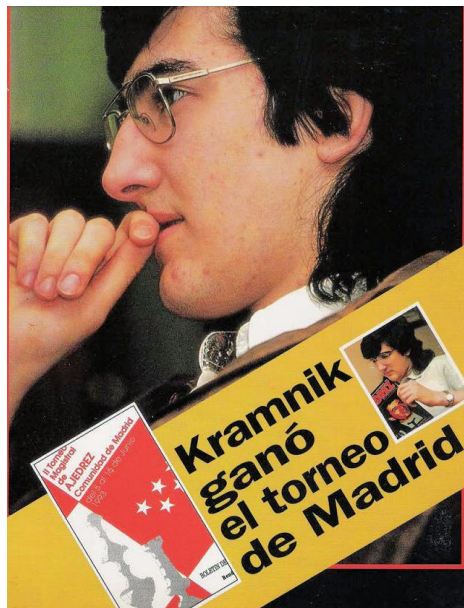
Oldest winner: In 1995, **Viktor Korchnoi** won outright **at the age of 64** and two months, ahead of Valery Salov, then ranked no. 3= of the world, in a field with seven top-25 players (Victor Elo no. 22-25), incl. Timman and Short (both in the mid-1990s challenger in a world championship title match), Jussupow, Beliavsky, plus Judit Polgar, tournament title defender.

Youngest winner: In 1994, **Judit Polgar** won outright **at the age of 18** minus two months, Polgar won ahead of four FIDE Elo top-ten ranked players (Shirov, Kamsky, Salov, Bareev) and two top-twenty players (I. Sokolov, Tiviakov); this was also her best career performance according to Sonas up to the year 2005, followed by her 2nd place at Wijk aan Zee in 2003.



Miguel Illescas Cordoba, eight-time Spanish Champion, Madrid co-winner in 1996:
<http://www.tabladeflandes.com/listado-campeonatos-palmares.php?idTitulo=1>

The 1990s saw the emergence of a new generation of players:
 Illescas joined Kramnik as a second for his world championship clash with Kasparov in 2000.
 Kramnik became champion and the winning partnership was restored for the 2004 defence match against Peter Leko and the 2006 reunification match with Veselin Topalov.



II. Magistral de Madrid 1993: Young Kramnik winner on tie-break

Madrid 1993

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TB	Perf.	+/-	
1 Kramnik, Vladimir	2685	*	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	½	6.5 / 9	27.75	2757 +9
2 Topalov, Veselin	2635	½	*	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	6.5 / 9	25.75	2762 +15
3 Anand, Viswanathan	2710	½	½	*	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	6.5 / 9	25.50	2754 +6
4 Salov, Valery	2660	0	½	½	*	½	1	1	1	½	½	6.0 / 9		2714 +7
5 Polgar, Judit	2595	0	0	0	½	*	½	1	½	1	½	4.0 / 9		2563 -4
6 Illescas Cordoba, Miguel	2615	½	0	½	0	½	*	½	0	½	1	3.5 / 9	13.75	2521 -12
7 San Segundo Carrillo, Pablo	2440	0	½	½	0	0	½	*	1	0	1	3.5 / 9	13.75	2539 +11
8 Rivas Pastor, Manuel	2515	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	*	1	1	3.5 / 9	10.50	2531 +2
9 Lautier, Joel	2645	½	½	0	0	0	½	1	0	*	½	3.0 / 9		2476 -21
10 Izeta Txabarri, Felix	2505	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	*	2.0 / 9		2394 -12

Media Elo: 2600 <=> Cat: 14
 gm = 4.77 m = 2.97
 (45 Partidas)

For the Madrid tournaments prior to the Magistral series 1992 – 1998 series, see separate pdf.

PP = Prime Players by Chessdiagonals

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

The following 21 Prime Players participated at Madrid Magistral series
between 1992 and 1998 (in chronological birth order from Korchnoi to Leko):

**Korchnoi, Karpov, Timman, Beliavsky, Jussupow, Salov, Short, Bareev,
Gelfand, Piket, Anand, Adams, Shirov, Lautier, Kamsky, Topalov, Kramnik,
Svidler, J. Polgar, Morozevich, Leko**

Portrait of a forgotten player: **Valery Salov** (born May 26, 1964 in Wroclaw, Poland. Later Resident of Spain. He has not played any FIDE-rated chess tournaments since January 2000.

Salov was **no. 3 = of the world in January – June 1995** FIDE Elo rating list, winner of the **Euwe Memorial, Amsterdam 1991** (together with Short, above 3.-4. Kasparov and Karpov, 5. Korchnoi, ten elite players), twice winner at **Wijk aan Zee 1992** (with Gelfand) and again **Wijk aan Zee 1997** (outright, his last big success), at **Tilburg 1994** (knock-out format in classical chess, winning the final versus Bareev; semi-finalists were Ivanchuk and Karpov), at the strong **Sicilian theme tournament (Lev Polugaevsky tribute for his 60th anniversary) Najdorf tournament in Buenos Aires 1994** (ahead of 2. Anand, 3.-4. Ivanchuk, Judit Polgar, 5.-6. Kamsky, Karpov, beating him with white and black (!), 7. Shirov, 8. Ljubojevic, eight players). Salov won also the **1987 Szirak Interzonal** (with Hjartarson).

Salov was European Junior Champion in 1983-84.

Another great achievement for GM Salov was the third place in the closed GMA World Cup cycle 1988/89 behind only Garry Kasparov, and Anatoli Karpov (25 participants, point scoring system).

He qualified twice for the [Candidates Tournament](#) for the [World Chess Championship](#). In the [1988 Candidates Tournament](#) for the [1990 Classical Chess World Championship](#) *he was defeated in the round of 16 (the first match) by Jan Timman (+0-1=5)*. In the [Candidates Tournament](#) for the [1996 FIDE World Chess Championship](#) **Salov won his first two matches against Alexander Khalifman (+4-0=2) and against Jan Timman (+2-1=5)** to reach the quarterfinals, where *he was defeated in February 1995 in Sangi Nagar, India, by Gata Kamsky (+0-4=3)*, a brutal loss for Salov.

Salov shared first place with Alexander Beliavsky in the 1987 USSR Championship, but he lost the tie-breaker match with Beliavsky (+0-2=2), Salov gaining thus only the Silver medal.

A year later, at the 1988 USSR Championship, he finished 3rd= with Artur Yusupov, behind the joint winners Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov (no play-off this time, both awarded the Gold medal).

Salov acted as assistant of Shirov for the World Chess Council Candidates Final in Cazorla in 1998, beating Kramnik, which **qualified Shirov to play Kasparov**. However, this match never took place..