

Solingen (unregular)

International tournaments

1968 (100th anniversary tournament of the Solingen Chess Club) **Lengyel** clear first, ahead of 2. Parma, 3.-7. Pachman, Szabo, Damjanovic, Janosevic (16 players, including O'Kelly, Donner, Medina, Tatai, Lehmann, and Wade who wrote a tournament book; IM Gerusel shared 8th place).

This was maybe Levente Lengyel's (GM in 1964) finest tournament win, he also won at Rome 1964 (joint with Lehmann), Bari 1972 outright, and Reggio Emilia 1972/73 (joint with Popov and Torre).

MATHIAS GERUSEL (born Feb-05-1938) Germany

Mathias Gerusel is a (West) German IM who finished second to **William James Lombardy** at the **World Junior Championship (1967)**. He went on to study mathematics. His best tournament results have been 3rd at Büsum 1969 after **Bent Larsen** and **Lev Polugaevsky**, and 5th= at Solingen 1974.

1974 Polugaevsky, Kavalek, ahead of 3.-4. Spassky, Kurajica, (15 players, **Pachman boycotted**), IM Gerusel shared 5th place together with Szabo, Liberzon, and Westerinen, above 9. Uhlmann; including also Heinz Lehmann, and Hajo Hecht)

<http://www.teleschach.de/historie/solingen1974.htm> (Standings)

<http://www.zeit.de/1974/30/der-ausdruck-des-bedauerns> (Boycott of Pachman)

1986 (international club championship) **Hübner** clear first, ahead of 2./3. IM Ralf Lau, Short (Lau beat Short in their direct game) 4. Kavalek, 5.-6 Spassky, IM Lucas Brunner, 7.-8. Sunye-Neto, Westerinen (12 players, among them German IM Capelan who played already in 1968 and in 1974). Note: Brunner vs. Schneider (<https://www.365chess.com/game.php?gid=2169447>) has a wrong score, Brunner won

Ralf Lau achieved his third and final GM norm to become a grandmaster. Lucas Brunner (Germany, later settling to Switzerland) achieved his third and final IM norm to become an IM (and later GM).

RALF LAU (born Oct-19-1959) Germany

Ralf Lau was born in Bremen. He was awarded the GM title in 1986 and in tournaments he was 1st= at Budapest 1985, 2nd= at New York 1985, 2nd= at Solingen 1986 and 1st at Budapest 1986. He also played on the German Olympiad teams of 1984, 1986 and 1988. Lau was West German champion in 1987 (= **Vlastimil Hort**).

Matches

1973 **Korchnoi** (then USSR) vs. Hübner (West Germany) 4.5-3.5 (eight games)

1977 (I) **Spassky** vs. Hübner 3.5-2.5 (six games)

1977 (II) **Spassky** vs. Kavalek 4.0-2.0 (six games)

Simul exhibition with **Bobby Fischer** in 1970

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