

TORNEO INTERNACIONAL DE ALICANTE

Alekhine simul in 1935, **eight invitation tournaments in series from 1973 to 1981** (without 1976).

Notable players: Pomar, Medina, Eslon, O'Kelly, Robatsch, Tatai, Eslon, Westerinen, Damjanovic, Keene, Hartston, Bellon, Chandler, Mikhail Rohde, Mark Diesen, Andrew Soltis, and, of course, Alexander Beliavsky.

1973 I Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante

IM William Hartston, England

1974 II Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante

IM Orestes Rodríguez Vargas, Peru

1975 III Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

GM Arturo Pomar Salamnaca, Spain

<http://www.belgianchesshistory.be/tournament/3rd-luis-gimeno-brotons-memorial-alicante/>

1977 IV Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

GM Raymond Keene, England

1978 V Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

GM Alexander Beliavsky with a perfect score (13/13), five points ahead of Ermenkov and Diesen

1979 VI Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

IM William Hartston, England on tie-break, above Eslon, Rodriguez Vargas, Castro Rojas

1979 Women's Interzonal in Alicante: Tatjana Lematschko on tie-break

In Alicante, Lematschko and Akhmilovskaya tied first place, well ahead of Gurieli and Litinskaya. However, Lematschko, the winner on tie-break subsequently defected from socialist Bulgaria and was unable to take part in the Candidates Tournament 1980-81, so her place was given to Fischdick as fourth-placed from the Rio Interzonal (on tie-breaks). Lematschko later settled in Switzerland and reached the Candidates Tournament again in the following cycle, representing her new country.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women's_World_Chess_Championship_1981

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interzonenturnier_Alicante_1979 (with picture)

1980 VII Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

Ángel Martín González, Spain, on tie-break, above Eslon and Castro Rojas

1981 VIII Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, *Memorial Gimeno Brotons*

IM Oscar Humberto Castro Rojas, Columbia

1983 Candidate's quarterfinal in Alicante: Ribli vs. Torre 6-4

Three more Candidate's quarterfinal matches were played in parallel, namely Smyslov vs. Hübner in Velden, Korchnoi vs. Portisch in Bad Kissingen, and Kasparov - Beliavsky in Moscow.

[Ribli - Torre Candidates Quarterfinal \(1983\) \(chessgames.com\)](#)

Later (during the 1980s, 1990s, and after 2000 up and till today), there had been held several minor **Open Festivals in Alicante**, ie. in 2021: [Movsziszian with a perfect score in Alicante | ChessBase](#)

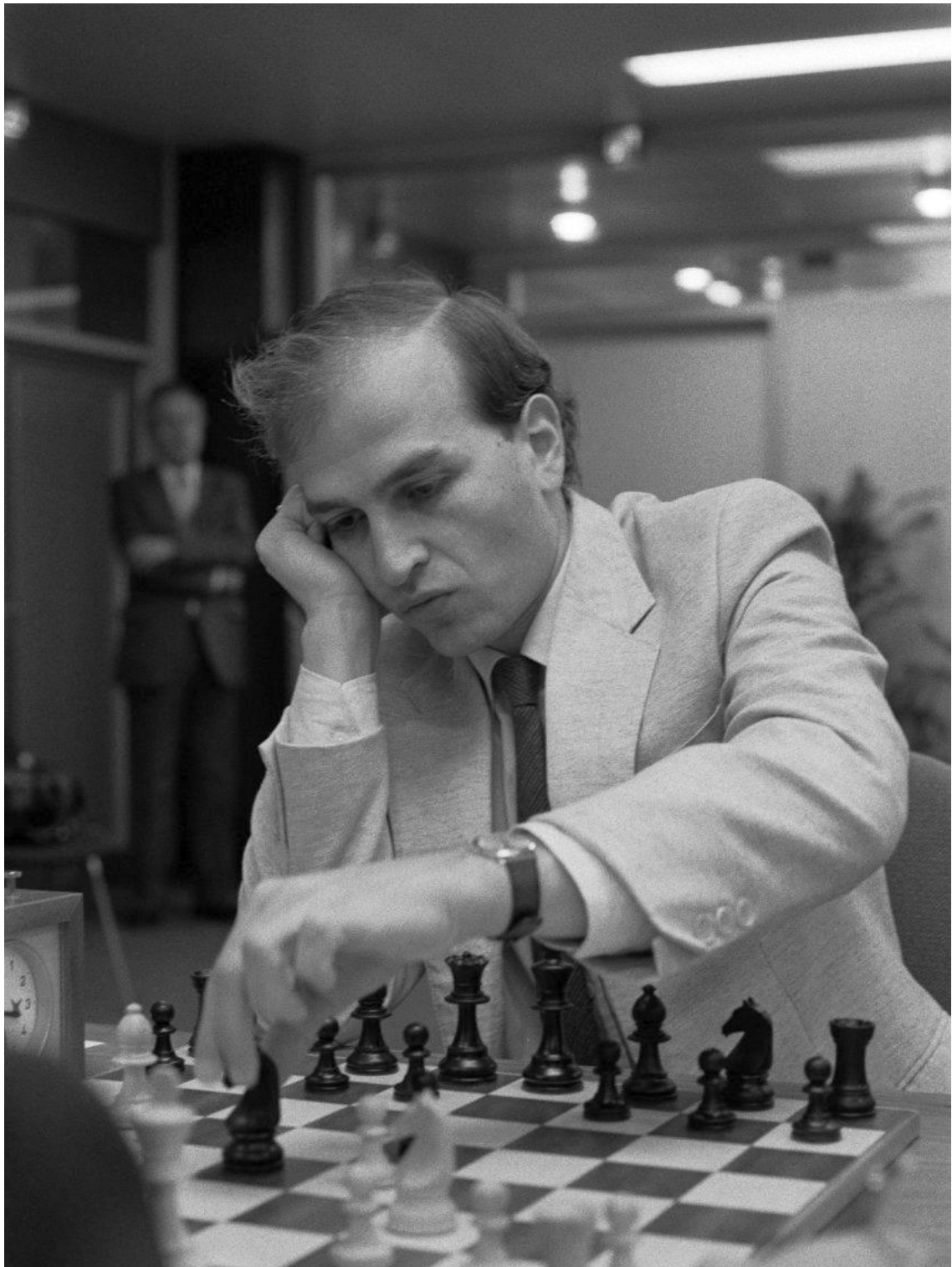
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GM Alexander Beliavsky in play at Tilburg, which he won in 1981 and 1986 (Anefo 1986)

Perfect score: 1978 (5th) Torneo Internacional Ciudad de Alicante, Memorial Gimeno Brotons.
Beliavsky at a clean 13/13 !!, finishing five points ahead of joint Diesen and Ermenkov.