

MONTILLA-MORILES



A Spanish city in Andalusia, which hosted a series of international invitation chess tournaments from **1971 until 1978**. Montilla is the largest component of the [Montilla-Moriles](#) designated wine region, producing mainly sweet dessert wines.

Spanish players Pomar, Medina, Toran, Bellon, Calvo, Diaz del Corral, et al. participated frequently but did not win.

The tournament winners:

1971 **Jan Timman** (an early win for a young Timman, IM in 1971, six player, five rounds)

1972 **Hans-Joachim Hecht** (incl. O'Kelly, Rossolimo, Kurajica)

1973 **Lubomir Kavalek** and **Helmut Pfleger** (incl. Quinteros, O'Kelly, Prins)

1974 **Ivan Radulov, clear first as lowest Elo rated player**, ahead of a pretty strong field including joint seconds Lubomir Kavalek and Helmut Pfleger, as well as Miguel Quinteros, Florin Gheorghiu, Zoltan Ribli, Bruno Parma, Ulf Andersson, Raymond Keene, and Jesus Diaz del Corral, single round robin of ten titled players)

1975 **Lev Polugaevsky** and **Ivan Radulov (second win)** (incl. Csom, Szabo, R. Byrne)

→ A portrait of Bulgarian GM Ivan Radulov follows on the next page.

1976 **Anatoly Karpov**, reigning World Champion comfortably eclipses Lubomir Kavalek, IM Dr. Ricardo Calvo, and IM (GM in 1977) Michael Stean (all at 5½/9), five players were from the hosting nation, of course, not the strongest possible line-up, but Karpov, as reigning World Champion, played in several such modestly powerful tournaments

1977 **Svetozar Gligoric** (incl. R. Byrne, Taimanov, Andersson)

1978 **Boris Spassky**, former World Champion (incl. Miles, Hort, Gligoric)

Prominent players not winning:

Miles, Taimanov, R. Byrne, Hort, Szabo, Ribli, Csom, Forintos, Andersson, Westerinen, O'Kelly de Galway, Prins, Stean, Keene, Kurajica, Parma, Gheorghiu, Ciocaltea, Quinteros, Rossolimo, Robatsch, Pomar Salamanca, Medina García, Toran Albero, Calvo Minguez, Rivas Pastor, Diaz del Corral, or Bellón López from the hosting nation

Not participating:

Botvinnik, Smyslov, Tal, Petrosian, Fischer, Kasparov, Keres, Korchnoi, Larsen, Portisch, amongst others



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Record winner is **Ivan Radulov**, GM (1972), who won twice sole or shared. Civil Engineer.

As a chess player, **Ivan Radulov** was most prominent during the 1970s, **winning the Bulgarian Championship in 1971, 1974, 1977 and 1980**. It was during this decade that Radulov, together with → **Evgenij Ermenkov**, took over from → strong IM **Oleg Neikirch**, → **Milko Bobotsov** (the first ever Bulgarian GM in 1961), → **Nikola Padevsky**, → strong IM **Nikolay Minev**, and → **Georgi Tringov** as Bulgaria's leading player, eventually giving way to → **Kiril Georgiev** in the 1980s, followed later by → superstar **Veselin Topalov**, and → **Ivan Cheparinov**.

Most important international tournament victories at **Helsinki (Zonal) 1972** (clear first, above Andersson, Westerinen, Timman, Ribli, Gheorghiu, Matanovic, Matulovic, Robatsch, Hecht or Lothar Schmid, in no particular order), **Montilla-Moriles 1974** (ahead of joint seconds **Lubomir Kavalek**, and **Helmut Pfleger**, as well as **Miguel Quinteros**, **Florin Gheorghiu** and **Ulf Andersson**), **Torremolinos (Costa del Sol) 1975** (together with **Miguel Quinteros**), **Bajmok 1975** (shared with **Milan Matulović** and **Milan Vukić**), **Montilla-Moriles 1975** again (together with **Lev Polugaevsky**).

Montilla-Moriles survey:

<http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/04%20Articulos/00%20Otros%20articulos/Pereiro/Montilla.htm>

Montilla-Moriles year-by-year statistics:

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