

 Zapata, Alonso (28.08.1958)



Colombian Grandmaster (1994). FIDE Senior Trainer (2004). Vice World Junior Champion behind Yusupov (aka Jussupow) at Innsbruck, Austria in 1977.

The best ever Colombian chess player:

Champion of Colombia in 1980, 1981, 1982?, 1983?, 1995 (joint), 1996, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008

Zapata played twelve times for Colombia in the Chess Olympiads (1978–1992, 1996–1998, 2002 and 2012, eight times on board one).

Best results: won or shared first in **Cienfuegos (Capablanca Memorial) 1980** (joint with Ftacnik), *Zapata tied for 3rd-4th at Havana 1983 (won by Psakhis)*, Tunja 1983, Bayamo, Cuba (Cespedes Memorial) 1984, **Bogota 1984** (joint with Agzamov), *Zapata tied for 2nd-3rd at Dortmund 1984 (alongside Adorjan, behind winner Gruenfeld)*, Caracas 1985, **Amsterdam OHRA-B (Open) 1986**, **Biel-B 1988** (clear first, beating then Junior World Champion Anand in six moves), Medellin 1987, **Bogota 1989**, Cali (Zonal) 1990, Bayamo, Cuba (Cespedes Memorial) 1990, Recife (Zonal) 1991, **Bogota 1991**, Guarapuava, Open 1992, **Linares MEX (1st Copa Gobernador) 1992** (joint with Sunye Neto, 16 players), **Mérida (2nd Copa Latino-Americano) 1993** (clear first), **Matanzas (Capablanca Memorial) 1994** (joint with Miles and van Wely), **Bogota 1996**, Mar del Plata, Open 1996 (shared with IM Fiorito, Zapata second on tie-break), Santos 2001, Medellin 2002, Juegos Nacionales ABS 2008, Mayaguez Open 2012, Bridgetown RBTT Hereos Day Cup 2012. **Best ELO** 2580 in 1993. **Highest ranking** as number 48= in 1985.

Gold medal for the best individual result at board 1 of the Panamerican Team Championship 1991

Famous games:

Zapata, Alonso vs Van der Sterren, Paul, Wijk aan Zee 1995, round 1 k.-o. format

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 O-O 9. h3 Nb8 10. d3 Nbd7 11. Nbd2 Bb7 12. Nf1 Nc5 13. Bc2 Re8 14. Ng3 Bf8 15. b4 Ncd7 16. Bb3 h6 17. Nh4 Nxe4 18. Qh5 Nef6 19. Bxf7+ Kh8 20. Ng6+ Kh7 21. Qf5 **1-0**

→ Replay: <http://www.365chess.com/game.php?gid=1514572>

Zapata, Alonso vs. Anand, Viswanathan, Biel-B group 1988

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1018015>

Background story: [Biel Festival - www.chessdiagonals.ch](http://www.chessdiagonals.ch)

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http://www.ajedrecito4.galeon.com/america/ti_bogota1984.html (winning Bogota 1984)

<http://www.brasilbase.pro.br/ti1991bt.htm> (winning Bogota 1991, also 1st Copa Latino-Americana)

<http://www.brasilbase.pro.br/ti1992lm.htm> (winning Linares, Mexico in 1992)

<http://www.brasilbase.pro.br/ti1993me.htm> (winning Mérida, Mexico in 1993)

<http://www.mdpajedrez.org.ar/arch800/abierto27.htm> (sub-champion Mar del Plata Open in 1996)

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<http://www.ajedrezencolombia.com/campeones%20col.htm>

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