

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)	Anatoly Karpov (ahead of Epishin, Salov, Judasin, Judit Polgar, San Segundo, Granda Zuniga, Zsuzsa Polgar, a.o.)	Russia	7'5/9
1993 (II)	* 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)	Judith Polgar (ahead of Ivan Sokolov, Shirov, Kamsky, Illescas, Salov, Tiviakov, Bareev, San Segundo, a.o.)	Hungary	7/9
1995 (IV)	Viktor Korchnoi (ahead of Salov, Yusupov, Epishin, Judit Polgar, San Segundo, Illescas, Beliavsky, Short, Timman)	Switzerland	6'5/9
1996 (V)	* Veselin Topalov, Miguel Illescas Cordoba (ahead of Salov, Shirov, Gelfand, Adams, Morozevich, Korchnoi, San Segundo, a.o.)	Bulgaria	6'5/9
1997 (VI)	** Veselin Topalov, Alexey Shirov (ahead of Beliavsky, Akopian, Judit Polgar, Illescas, Short, Salov, Piket, San Segundo)	Bulgaria	6'5/9
1998 (VII)	Viswanathan Anand (ahead of Svidler, San Segundo, Leko, Adams, Illescas, Beliavsky, Granda Zuniga, a.o.)	India	6'5/9

<http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/05%20Palmares/Torneos/Espana/Madrid.htm>

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 after tie-break score (Sonneborn-Berger)

** 1997: Winner after tie-break **play-off**: 2 Rapid games/20 min., then **Armageddon** Blitz: Topalov with Black (by chance), a draw after 68 moves and thus tournament winner again. Held in May. Venue: ONCE buildings in Madrid. Sponsor: «Movi line» (Mobile phone), a.o.

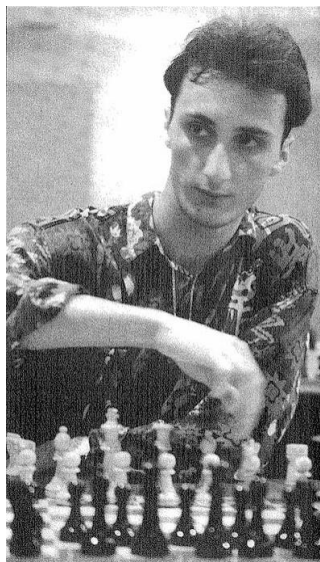
Trivia:

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

Record (co-)winner: Topalov, 1993, 1996 & 1997. Record participant: Salov, 6x in a row.

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

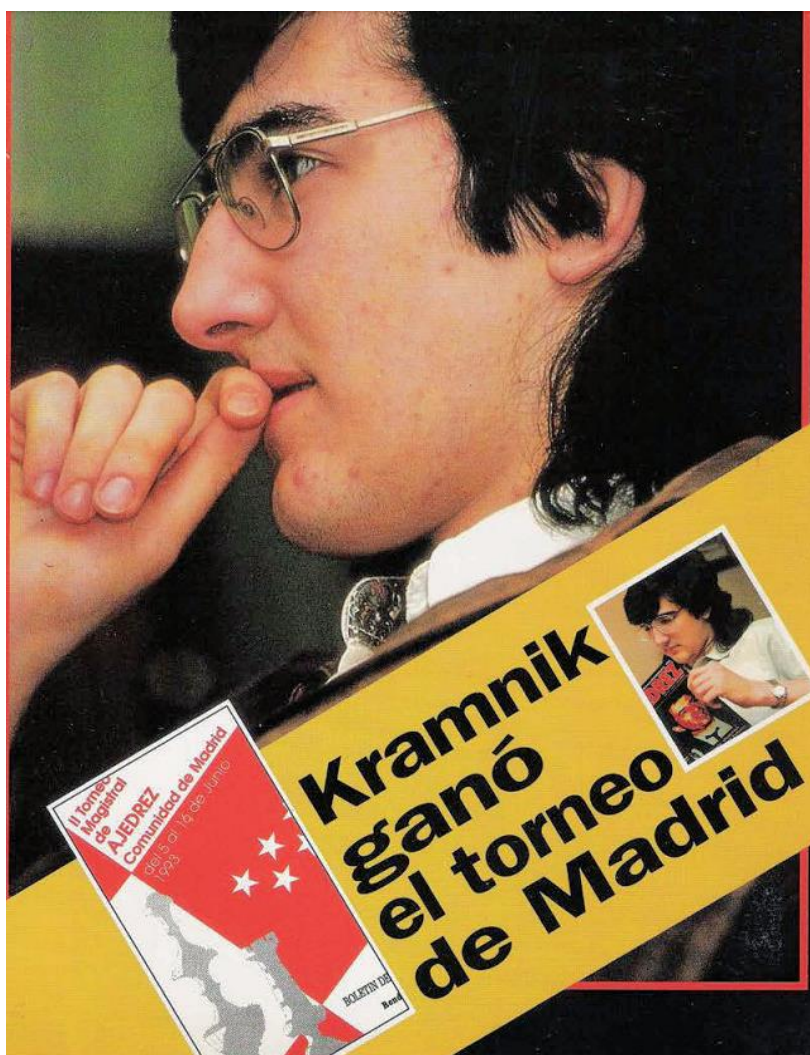
Youngest winner: In 1994, **Judit Polgar** had her maybe most impressive tournament win (in fact, according to Chessmetrics by Sonas this was her best chess career performance), where **at the age of 18** minus two months, she won ahead of four top-ten ranked players (Shirov, Kamsky, Salov, Bareev) and two top-twenty players (I. Sokolov, Tiviakov).



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 against Peter Leko and the 2006 reunification match with Veselin Topalov.



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			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	1	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)

Madrid tournaments prior to the 1992 – 1998 series, see separate section.

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

Salov was no. 3 = of the world in the 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), 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.

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