

## ***PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 2***

The 24<sup>th</sup> ICT Acropolis 2009 was continued with its second round games, after the un-expected free day due to the sad death of Greek player Nikolaos Karapanos over the board. As the tournament is quite strong due to the presence of 86 titled players out of 100 in total participants (!), there were many hard encounters.

The tournament's favorites the Israeli Iliia Smirin and the Bosnian Borki Predojevic continued positively, and together with Yuri Yakovich and Vladimir Belov (Russia), Eduards Rozentalis (Lithuania), Sergei Azarov (Belarus), Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria) and the Greek players Stelios Halkias and Spiros Kapnisis leads the event with the absolute (2/2).

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