

PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 4

Late in the night the 4th round of the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 was concluded, ending-up a difficult day with a double round. The 18 leaders tried to upgrade their scores but only three did it in the end, the Bosnian Borki Predojevic and the Russians Yuri Yakovich and Alexey Reshetnikov, who are leading with 3,5 points out of 4 games.

The rest of the tournament's favourites are close (3/4) and in-between them are Smirin, Azarov, Gurevich and the Greek players Banikas, Papaioannou, Halkias, Mastrovasilis Athanasios & Dimitrios and Kapnisis. The Indian Koneru felled behind with just 2,5/4, but in such a strong tournament nothing is predictable. The next, 5th round, is expected to clear-up the standings on the top.

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