

PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 5

The 5th round of the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 was full of surprises but not exactly on the very top boards. As the three leaders drew their games they were joined on the top by some more players who won their games. So the lead is now shared in-between 6 players, the Bosnian Borki Predojevic, the Russians Alexey Reshetnikov and Yuri Yakovich, the Luxembourgian Alberto David, the Ukrainian Adam Tukhaev and the Greek Hristos Banikas, all on 4 points out of 5 games.

The top-seed and winner of the previous two 'Acropolis', the Israeli Ilia Smirin, lost his game to Alberto David, in a spectacular way (see analyzed game). He was 'joined' by one of the others hot-favorites, the Indian Humpy Koneru who had to concede the point to compatriot Harika Dronavalli! (see also the analyzed game).

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