

PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 6

The 6th round of the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 complicated even more the fight for the top-position of the tournament. It's now 10 chessplayers sharing the first position, the Borki Predojevic (Bosnia), Yuri Yakovich, Vladimir Belov and Alexey Reshetnikov (Russia), Adam Tukhaev (Ukraine), Alberto David (Luxembourg), Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria) and the Greeks Ioannis Papaioannou, Hristos Banikas and Athanasios Mastrovasilis, with 4,5 points out of 6 games.

The top-seed and winner of the previous two 'Acropolis', the Israeli Ilia Smirin, is out of the battle for the first position as he lost for a second time in a row by Ex-World Women Champion the Bulgarian Antoaneta Stefanova. Of course, the last three rounds are enough to 'show-up' the winner, that might also come from the back of the players that follows with a half point less, with 4/6.

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