

PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 7

The Bosnian Borki Predojevic and the Greek Ioannis Papaioannou stayed equal first on the top of the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009, after the 7th round, with 5,5 points out of 7 games. The two players were the only from the group of the 10 players that were equal first on the previous round that won their game. Their 8th round direct encounter is expected with great interest as it might give the winner of the tournament.

Of course, the two leaders are followed by a group of 10 players with half point less (5/7): Alberto David (Luxembourg), Sergei Azarov (Belarus), Vladimir Belov (Russia), Abhijeet Gupta (India), Adam Tukhaev (Ukraine), Oleg Romanishin (Ukraine), Yuri Yakovich (Russia), Atanas Kolev (Bulgaria) and the Greeks Hristos Banikas and Athanasios Mastrovasilis. They all have a serious hope to climb on the first position in the two remaining, critical rounds.

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