

## Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas – Kasparov not winning!

Year	Champion	Country	Points
1989 cat. 3 (first edition)	<b>Julian Hodgson</b> (already GM)	England	<b>7'5/9</b>
1990 cat. 5	<b>Leonid Bass</b> (on tie-break, IM, then and today) <b>Mark Hebden</b> (IM then, later GM)	USA England	<b>7/9</b>
1991 cat. 7	<b>Alexander Goldin</b> (already GM) (2. Granda Zuniga, 3.= Bass)	Russia	<b>7'5/9</b>
1992 cat. 11	<b>Leonid Yudasin</b> (2. Akopian, 5. Pia Cramling; 8. Hodgson)	Israel	<b>7/9</b>
1993 cat. 13	<b>Anatoly Karpov</b> (2. Judit Polgar, 3.= Epishin, Khalifman)	Russia	<b>7'5/9</b>
1994 cat. 16	<b>Boris Gelfand</b> (2. <b>Karpov</b> , 3. Epishin, 4. Topalov)	Belarus	<b>6'5/9</b>
1995 cat. 18 supertorneo	<b>Gata Kamsky</b> (on tie-break) <b>Anatoly Karpov</b> , second win <b>Michael Adams</b> (4.-5. Gelfand, Judit Polgar, 10. Shirov)	USA Russia England	<b>5'5/9</b>
1996 cat. 19 supertorneo (nine of the top ten Elo ranked player!)	<b>Vladimir Kramnik</b> (on tie-break) <b>Veselin Topalov</b> (3.-4. Anand, Kasparov, 5. Illescas, 6.-7. Kamsky, Gelfand, 8. Ivanchuk 9.-10. Shirov, and Judit Polgar (no game win)	Russia Bulgaria	<b>6/9</b>
1997 cat. 19 supertorneo	<b>Viswanathan Anand</b> (on tie-break) <b>Vladimir Kramnik</b> , second win (3. Salov, 4. Karpov, 5. Topalov)	India	<b>6/9</b>
1998	(no tournament)		
1999 cat. 18 / 19 supertorneo (10th and jubilee edition, with three World Champions playing, but none of them winning!)	<b>Michael Adams</b> , second win (2. Kramnik; 3./4. Illescas, Topalov, 5./6. Gelfand, Karpov, 7. Korchnoi; 8.-10. Svidler, Judit Polgar, and the title defender as well as top-seeded Anand as joint last, remaining the only player without a single game win! Gelfand last minute replacement of shooting star Morozevich who got ill. Gelfand thus missed first round, Korchnoi, 68, agreed to play that game on the rest day. Gelfand won it).	England	<b>6/9</b>
2000	(no tournament)		
2001 cat. 16	<b>Alexej Dreev</b> (on tie-break) <b>Ilya Smirin</b> (3.= Almasi, Vallejo Pons)	Russia Israel	<b>5'5/9</b>
2002	(no tournament)		
2003 cat. 16	<b>Alexander Rustemov</b> (on tie-break) <b>Alexej Dreev</b> , second win (7. Karjakin)	Russia Russia	<b>6/9</b>
2004	(no tournament)		
2005 cat. 16	<b>Teimour Radjabov</b> (6.= Karjakin)	Azerbaijan	<b>5'5/9</b>
2006, 2007	(no tournaments)		
2008 (last edition) Rapid; k.-o- format	<b>Veselin Topalov</b> , second win, now Rapid (2.5-1.5 winner of final vs. Vallejo Pons)	Bulgaria	<b>5/8</b> four players

[http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/05%20Palmares/Torneos/Espana/Torneo\\_Dos\\_Hermanas.htm](http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/05%20Palmares/Torneos/Espana/Torneo_Dos_Hermanas.htm), extended

**Dos Hermanas** is a [Spanish city](#) 15 km south of [Seville](#) in [Andalusia](#), with a population of 130,000.

The Dos Hermanas tournament was remarkably growing over the years, and then slightly declining, that's why in the survey above, the category (based on Elo average of the players) is indicated, too.

The Festival did sometimes offer another minor closed tournament with GM, IM and local players mixed or / and rapid, blitz – and Internet chess activities! Often combined at Dos Hermanas with an Open tournament (not to mix with Sevilla Open!)



<http://www.chessacademy.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Chess-grandmaster-Viktor-Korchnoi.jpg>

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## Dos Hermanas, the world's best online blitz chess tournament:

In addition, Dos Hermanas has always been considered the biggest and strongest online blitz tournament in the world - and fittingly, the 11th Dos Hermanas online tournament in 2010, hosted exclusively on [www.chessclub.com](http://www.chessclub.com), was won in convincing style by arguably the strongest and best online blitz player in the world today: GM [Hikaru Nakamura](#) of USA.

Fan favorite Nakamura ([Smallville](#)) beat GM Simonian Hrair (EREBUNI), IM Federico Perez Ponsa (Federicov), GM Rodrigo Vasquez Schroeder (Kastor), and then GM Yaroslav Zinchenko (MEGAYARICK) in the final to take the title and \$2,700 first prize.

<https://www.chessclub.com/user/activities/doshermanas2010/> (2010, Internet Chess Club ICC)

<http://www.chessvibes.com/?q=reports/nakamura-wins-dos-hermanas-internet-blitz-tournament> (2009, John Henderson reports)

<https://chessdailynews.com/ciudad-de-dos-hermanas/> (2009, Susan Polgar reports)

<https://chessdailynews.com/cinderella-man/> (2008, Susan Polgar on Jorge Sammour-Hasbun:

The ICC's Cinderella Man); and <https://www.chessclub.com/user/activities/doshermanas2008/>

<https://nezhmet.wordpress.com/2008/04/06/the-fabulous-00s-dos-hermanas-online-blitz/> (overview: "The Headache of Dos Hermanas Online Blitz" by Mark Ginsburg, with some remarks on cheating)

# DOS HERMANAS 1989-2008

**Jan van Reek** (1945 – 2015, founder of [www.endgame.nl](http://www.endgame.nl), which is no longer available)

**Dos Hermanas ('two sisters')** is situated near **Sevilla**. A series of annual chess contests started in the spring of 1989. GM Julian Hodgson won the inaugural edition. It became a major event in 1992, and a supertournament from 1995 to 1999 (no tournaments in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2007).

**Nine out of the Elo top ten ranked players (!)** started from 21 v until 1 vi 1996 in Hotel La Motilla. Kramnik won on the Sonneborn-Berger score. Topalov joined the lead in points. Anand and Kasparov shared the third place. Another all-time supertournament happened in 1999 (10<sup>th</sup> Jubilee edition), Adams took clear first, surpassing three World Champions.

Major tournaments followed in 2001, 2003, and 2005. A rapid knock-out ended the series in 2008. Hereafter, mostly internet competitions were organised in Dos Hermanas.



La Motilla

## **Winners of the International Invitation tournament in Dos Hermanas**

(no GM tournaments held in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007)

**1989 Hodgson** (1<sup>st</sup> edition, from 1989 to 2005 always ten players in a round robin event)

**1990 Bass, Hebden** (both winning as an IM, Hebden later got the GM title)

**1991 Goldin** (field of moderate strength in the first three editions)

**1992 Yudasin**

**1993 Karpov**

**1994 Gelfand**

**1995 Kamsky, Karpov, Adams**

**1996 Kramnik, Topalov** (3./4. Anand, PCA-World Champion Kasparov failing to win)

**1997 Anand, Kramnik**

**1999 Adams** (including Kramnik, Karpov, Korchnoi, Judit Polgar; Anand finishing last)

**2001 Dreev, Smirin**

**2003 Rustemov, Dreev**

**2005 Radjabov**

**2008** (Rapid, k.-o. matches) Topalov (14<sup>th</sup> and last edition, Mini event of four players)

Garry Kasparov: one participation in 1996. Viktor Korchnoi: one participation in 1999.

Judit Polgar was invited in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, six times in a row; and in 2008.

Source: <http://www.endgame.nl/DosH.htm> (no longer active)

Source: [http://www.doshermanas.net/aje\\_archivos.asp](http://www.doshermanas.net/aje_archivos.asp) (no longer active)

Dos Hermanas series started moderately:

## I Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas 1989

Julian Hodgson (Eng) wins first Dos Hermanas Invitational

1	<b>Hodgson, Julian</b>	■	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	<b>7.5</b>	
2	Fernandes, Antonio	0	■	1	1	0	1	1	1	½	1	<b>6.5</b>	
3	Rodriguez Talavera, Juan	½	0	■	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	<b>5.0</b>	20.25
4	Rodriguez Aguilera, Antonio	½	0	0	■	½	½	½	1	1	1	<b>5.0</b>	18.00
5	Palacios Prida, Ernesto	0	1	½	½	■	½	½	0	½	1	<b>4.5</b>	19.00
6	Garcia Luque, Agustin	0	0	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	1	<b>4.5</b>	15.25
7	Hidalgo, Juan Jose	0	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	1	<b>4.5</b>	15.25
8	Hervas, Jose	½	0	½	0	1	½	½	■	0	½	<b>3.5</b>	
9	Pereira, Manuel	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	1	■	0	<b>2.0</b>	9.00
10	Jimenez Romero, Jose	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	■	<b>2.0</b>	6.25

## II Dos Hermanas 1990

IM Leonid Bass (USA) and Mark Hebden (Eng) win second Dos Hermanas

1	<b>Bass, Leonid</b>	2485	■	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	<b>7.0</b>	26.0
2	<b>Hebden, Mark</b>	2530	½	■	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>7.0</b>	25.0
3	Popovic, Petar	2520	½	1	■	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	<b>6.5</b>	
4	Veingold, Alexander	2435	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	1	1	<b>6.0</b>	
5	Montecatine Rios, Ricardo	2300	0	0	½	½	■	½	½	1	1	1	<b>5.0</b>	
6	Eslon, Jaan (Winner of the first Linares 1978)	2360	½	0	0	½	½	■	0	1	1	1	<b>4.5</b>	
7	Palacios, Ernesto	2285	0	0	½	0	½	1	■	1	½	0	<b>3.5</b>	
8	Niehus, Eduard	2200	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	■	1	1	<b>2.5</b>	
9	Hidalgo, Juan Jose	2275	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	■	½	<b>1.5</b>	5.75
10	Jimenez Romero, Jose	2200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	■	<b>1.5</b>	4.25

Nine out of the Elo top ten ranked players participated in 1996: Kasparov failed to win!

A fascinating mixed Jubilee supertournament with three former or future WC in 1999:

## Dos Hermanas (1999)

The 10th and jubilee Torneo Ciudad de Dos Hermanas held from April 5th to April 18th, 1999 was a category XIX event. Ten of the world's best players competed in a round robin format.

Super strong and prominent mixed! Five Top Ten, nine Top Twenty plus one Spanish player.

The participants were (in order of Elo): Vishwanathan Anand (2781, no.2 of the world), Vladimir Kramnik (2751, no. 3), Michael Adams (2716, no. 7), Peter Svidler (2713, no. 9), Anatoli Karpov (2710, no. 10), Veselin Topalov (2700, no.11), Boris Gelfand (2691, no. 14), Judit Polgar (2677, no. 18), Victor Korchnoi (2673, no. 19), and Spanish favourite Miguel Illescas-Cordoba (2585, no. 105-109).

Originally scheduled as cat. 19 event with shooting star Alexander Morozevich (2723, no. 5) who got ill just before the start of the tournament and had to be replaced by last-minute substitute Boris Gelfand.

Viktor Korchnoi (born 1931), aged 68 years and 20 to 45 years older than all others, still in the top twenty of the ELO ranking list, won against Judit Polgar (born 1976), the youngest participant, he lost to Gelfand and Adams, just missing a level score. Spanish hero Illescas-Cordoba did a good job, arrived with a plus score as clearly lowest rated player in the field, and he could beat Karpov who achieved 50%.

Adams, already co-winner at Dos Hermanas in 1995, took clear first in 1999, with 6/9pts., half a point above Kramnik, surpassing three former or future World Champions!

Vishy Anand, the Dos Hermanas tournament title defender from 1998 Dos Hermanas and top-seeded but finally tenth and last on tie-break, was the only player without a game win!

The final standings and crosstable are as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
<b>01 Adams</b>	*	=	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	=	<b>6.0</b>
02 Kramnik	=	*	1	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	5.5
03 Illescas-Cordoba	=	0	*	=	1	=	=	=	1	=	5.0
04 Topalov	=	=	=	*	=	=	=	=	1	=	5.0
05 Karpov	=	=	0	=	*	=	=	1	=	=	4.5
06 Gelfand	=	=	=	=	=	*	1	0	=	=	4.5
07 Korchnoi	0	=	=	=	=	0	*	=	1	=	4.0
08 Svidler	0	=	=	=	0	1	=	*	0	=	3.5
09 Polgar, Judit	0	=	0	0	=	=	0	1	*	1	3.5
10 Anand	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	0	*	3.5

Original collection: [Game Collection: Dos Hermanas 1999](#), by User: [suenteus po 147](#)

➔ [Dos Hermanas \(1999\) - Chessgames.com](#) (with all games to replay)



Dos Hermanas series continued as a pretty strong tournament complex:

## Dos Hermanas

### 🇪🇸 XI Dos Hermanas-A 2001

Date	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	Tourn	2634	45	9

Name	ELO	Points
 <a href="#">GM Smirin, Ilya</a>	2691	5.5
 <a href="#">GM Dreev, Aleksey</a>	2685	5.5
 GM <a href="#">Azmaiparashvili, Zurab</a>	2670	5.0
 GM <a href="#">Almasi, Zoltan</a>	2640	5.0
 GM <a href="#">Illescas Cordoba, Miguel</a>	2562	5.0
 GM <a href="#">Vallejo Pons, Francisco</a>	2559	5.0
 GM <a href="#">Gurevich, Mikhail</a>	2688	4.5
 GM <a href="#">Sokolov, Ivan</a>	2659	4.0
 GM <a href="#">Radjabov, Teimour</a>	2533	4.0
 GM <a href="#">Krasenkow, Michal</a>	2655	1.5

[http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos\\_Hermanas-A\\_2001/3868](http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas-A_2001/3868)

## Dos Hermanas

### 🇪🇸 XI Dos Hermanas-B 2001

Date	Players	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	10	Tourn	2469	45	9

Name	ELO	Points
 <a href="#">GM Campora, Daniel H</a>	2503	6.5
 GM <a href="#">Korneev, Oleg</a>	2572	6.0
 GM <a href="#">Spraggett, Kevin</a>	2526	5.5
 GM <a href="#">Cifuentes Parada, Roberto</a>	2496	5.0
 GM <a href="#">Rivas Pastor, Manuel</a>	2429	4.5
 GM <a href="#">Moreno Carnero, Javier</a>	2480	4.0
 GM <a href="#">Fernandez Garcia, Jose Luis</a>	2465	4.0
 IM <a href="#">Teran Alvarez, Ismael</a>	2382	3.5
 GM <a href="#">Oms Pallisse, Josep</a>	2427	3.0
 IM <a href="#">Vega Holm, Fernando</a>	2408	3.0

[http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos\\_Hermanas-B\\_2001/3869](http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas-B_2001/3869)

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 XI Dos Hermanas-C 2001

Date	Players	Type	Elo Average	Games	Rounds
Apr 19, 2001	10	Tourn	2328	40	9

Name	ELO	Points
 GM <a href="#">Franco Ocampos, Zenon</a>	2487	5.5
 GM <a href="#">Matamoros Franco, Carlos S</a>	2467	5.5
 GM <a href="#">Lalic, Bogdan</a>	2531	5.0
 IM <a href="#">Garcia Luque, Agustin</a>	2392	5.0
 IM <a href="#">Fernandez Romero, Ernesto</a>	2312	5.0
 <a href="#">Calvo Sanchez, Jesus Maria</a>	2272	4.5
 IM <a href="#">Barrero Garcia, Carlos</a>	2319	3.5
 FM <a href="#">Rodriguez Aguilera, Antonio</a>	2295	3.0
<a href="#">Ortega Valle, Jose R</a>	2000	2.0
 <a href="#">Diaz Castro, Sergio</a>	2204	1.0

[http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos\\_Hermanas\\_IM\\_2001/3867](http://www.365chess.com/tournaments/Dos_Hermanas_IM_2001/3867)

... and finished with a Rapid knock-out event

### XIV International Chess Tournament “CIUDAD DE DOS HERMANAS” Dos Hermanas April 17-21 2008 (Rapid, four players)

**Veselin Topalov, Alexey Shirov, Judit Polgar, Francisco Vallejo Pons**

The XIV Dos Hermanas tournament took place from April 18th-20th April, 2008, in the Teatro Municipal Juan Rodriguez Romero in Dos Hermanas, Spain.

Four players were in the knockout event, with four rapid games played at the rate of 20 minutes + 10 seconds a move. The tiebreaker is blitz games of 5 minutes + 3 seconds followed by a final sudden death game if required.

The final was played between Veselin Topalov and Francisco Vallejo Pons. Topalov won that last edition of Dos Hermanas, played as Rapid in k.o.-format.

[http://www.doshermanas.net/aje\\_xiv\\_intern2008.asp](http://www.doshermanas.net/aje_xiv_intern2008.asp)

➔ Plus, as pointed out, regular **strong Internet events** from 2000 to the 2010s

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