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Individual results (<http://www.olimpbase.org/1988g/1988in.html>)

<p>Note: Scheveningen system Piece colours were assigned to the Soviets. For The World please read them opposite.</p>				<p>1. GM Kortschnoj, Viktor (5.5/8; best individual performance of all players)</p> <p>2. GM Speelman, Jonathan Simon</p> <p>3. GM Ljubojević, Ljubomir</p> <p>4. GM Portisch, Lajos</p> <p>5. GM Andersson, Ulf</p> <p>6. GM Hjartarson, Jóhann</p> <p>7. GM Illescas Córdoba, Miguel</p> <p>8. GM Nogueiras, Jesús</p>																			
												pts	gms	+	=	-	%	ELOav	ELOp				
				2640	2625	2610	2610	2605	2590	2495	2560												
				1.	GM Kasparov, Garry (5.5/8)		2750	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	5½	8	3	5	0	68.8	2592	2732
				2.	GM Sokolov, Andrei		2595	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	2½	8	0	5	3	31.3	2592	2450
				3.	GM Beliavsky, Alexander		2645	0	1	0	0	½	½	1	1	4	8	3	2	3	50.0	2592	2592
				4.	GM Gurevich, Mikhail (5.5/8)		2625	½	½	1	1	½	1	0	1	5½	8	4	3	1	68.8	2592	2732
				5.	GM Dolmatov, Sergei		2565	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	0	4½	8	2	5	1	56.3	2592	2634
				6.	GM Chernin, Alexander		2560	½	1	0	½	1	0	1	1	5	8	4	2	2	62.5	2592	2686
7.	GM Psakhis, Lev		2550	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	0	2½	8	2	1	5	31.3	2592	2450				
8.	GM Azmaiparashvili, Zurab		2540	0	½	½	0	0	0	1	1	3	8	2	2	4	37.5	2592	2504				
points				5½	3½	3½	4½	4½	3½	3	3½												
games				8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8												
+				3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3												
=				5	3	3	5	5	1	2	1												
-				0	3	3	1	1	4	4	4												
%				68.8	43.8	43.8	56.3	56.3	43.8	37.5	43.8												
ELOav				2604	2604	2604	2604	2604	2604	2604	2604												
ELOp				2744	2560	2560	2646	2646	2560	2516	2560												

USSR 32½
World 31½

Executive Summary

«**USSR**» (Kasparov as playing captain) vs. «**Rest of the World**» (Ljubojević as playing captain) **Rapid match in 1988 at Madrid**, Scheveningen system, eight rounds, time control of 25 minutes per game. This was one of the first big Rapid events in chess history.

Date: 14th – 18th December 1988

The board were electronically connected to 16 telebeams that broadcasted moves live to the audience.

The event was a charity one: the organizers donated 18.5 million pesetas (ca. \$160,000) to the UNICEF Childcare Aid Fund.

USSR beat Rest of the World narrowly by 32.5:31.5

(The Soviet Union also beat the Rest of the World in both previous encounters in 1970 at Belgrade and in 1984 at London)

Viktor Korchnoi, the oldest competitor, **achieved the best individual Elo performance** of all players.

Mikhail Gurevich (+4=3-1), Kasparov, and Korchnoi (both unbeaten +3=5), scored the best individual point / percentage result at 5.5/8, followed by Chernin 5, Andersson, Dolmatov, Portisch 4.5, Beljavsky 4, Hjartarson, Ljubojević, Nogueiras 3.5 (alphabetical order), etc.

39 of the 64 rapid games ended with a decision, 25 games were drawn. Sole Kasparov and Korchnoi remained unbeaten.

Btw.: Andrei Sokolov (peak ranking no. 3= of the world in January and July 1987) was the only player without winning a single game, he indeed disappeared quickly afterwards from the very top. // Mikhail Gurevich (peak ranking no. 5= of the world in January 1990 and January 1991) had a splendid appearance, but his fine results from Madrid in 1988 (as all games) were not rated, because at that time, there was no rapid / blitz rating.

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