

 Pinter Jozsef (09.11.1953)



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Hungarian Grandmaster (1982, IM 1976). **Hungarian Champion in 1978 and in 1979**. Writer, coach, leading instructor at the Hungarian junior chess school and captain of the national team.

Won or shared first Plovdiv 1979 (outright), three times winner of the Rome Invitation series: **Rome 1979** (outright), **Rome 1982** (together with Viktor Korchnoi) and **Rome 1983** (outright), Balatonbereny 1983, Prague zonal 1985 (together with Mihai Suba and Vlastimil Jansa, surpassing amongst others Lubomír Ftacnik, Florin Gheorghiu, Andras Adorjan, Ivan Farago, or Istvan Csom), **Copenhagen (Jubilee) 1985** (best performance of Pinter according to chessmetrics, clear first, full 1.5 point ahead of 2.-4. Bent Larsen, Helgi Olafsson, Curt Hansen, followed by Vasily Smyslov, Nick DeFirmian, Johan Hjartarson, James Plaskett, Carsten Hoi, Lars Karlsson, etc.), a strong international invitational held to celebrate **the 50 years jubilee of the chess club Brønshøj**, the corresponding district is part of the municipality of Copenhagen, **Szirak 1985** (together with Vladimir Tukmakov, ahead of Gyula Sax, Andras Adorjan, Kiril Georgiev, Anatoly Vaisser, Andronico Yap, Wolfgang Uhlmann, Rainer Knaak, Josef Klingler, a.o.), Warsaw zonal 1987, **Léon GM 1989** (together with Zsuzsa Polgar, who had the better tie-break, the official website shows him as first in a retrospective survey), Budapest (Perenyi Memorial) 1989 (together with Jozsef Horvath), **Beersheba 1991** (ahead of Sergey Dolmatov in a closed double round robin), **Montpellier 1996** (together with Hichem Hamdouchi, ahead of Glenn Flear, including young Etienne Bacrot), Budapest zonal (played as an Open in swiss system) 2000 (five way tie, in the rapid play-off, Pinter missed out a spot to advance), Balaton GM-A in 2001; **2nd at Szirak 1986** (Lev Psakhis won, Pinter as sole second ahead of Jesus Nogueiras, Ian Rogers, Andras Adorjan, Oleg Romanishin, a.o.), **=2nd at Dortmund 1988** (joint with Daniel King, Smbat Lputian won).

Jozsef Pinter is thrice and record winner at Rome International GM ("Banco di Roma"), see above.

He qualified three times in a row for an Interzonal tournament: 1982 in Las Palmas, 1985 in Taxco, and 1987 in Zagreb. He finished always on a solid midfield place.

A participant in eight Olympiads from 1980 until 1998 where Pinter collected one **individual gold medal in 1984** for the best performance at board five and a team silver medallist in 1980.

Gold medal on board four and silver with Hungary at the inaugural edition of the World Team Chess Championship, played in Lucerne 1985 (six boards, eight players per nation participating). Hungary *au grand complet*, just before the fabulous rise of the Polgar sisters: **Portisch, Ribli, Sax, Pinter, Adorjan, Farago, Csom, and (then IM) Groszpete**r.

European Club Cup Champion.

Highest ranking **=22 in 1985** (July – December list). Highest ELO rating of 2595 later in 1988 (July – December list), then ranked as no. =88 of the world (→ FIDE Elo rating inflation).



Jozsef Pinter (Wikipedia)

Famous games:

Pinter is well known for a **1984 brilliancy against his compatriot Lajos Portisch** in that year's Hungarian Championship: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1063968>. More about his immortal game: <http://en.chessbase.com/post/pinter-s-brilliance-against-portisch>.

Kasparov close to loose, French Team-ch 1993: Kasparov (Auxerre) vs. Pinter (Montpellier) ½- ½, <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1064295>, a battle of 114 moves!

Apr-26-08 **percyblakeney**: Garry Kasparov never lost (with classical time controls) against a Hungarian opponent! He played lots of games versus for example Leko, Portisch, Judit Polgar, Almasi, Ribli, Sax, Adorjan, Csom, and several others without losing, but here it wasn't that far away against the somehow less known Jozsef Pinter. The endgame reminds of [Radjabov vs Van Wely, 2008](#) (posting in chessgames)

Author of *1000 Minor Piece Endings* (2007), *1000 Queen Endings*, *1000 Rook Endings* (2007), *1000 Combinations*.

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