

## Bad Homburg International 1927; 1986, 1987, and 1998 (new with Soccer Scoring)

The first three-points-per-win scoring in a world elite chess tournament (1998)



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Number	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Points	Place
1	<b>Kortschnoi</b>		3	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	19	1
2	Dautov	0		3	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	9	7
3	Larsen	1	0		1	3	1	0	3	0	3	12	5
4	<b>Svidler</b>	1	1	1		3	1	1	1	3	3	15	2
5	Lobron	0	3	0	0		0	1	3	1	0	8	9
6	Torre	0	3	1	1	3		1	3	1	0	13	3
7	Jussupow	1	1	3	1	1	1		3	1	1	13	3
8	Zhu Chen	0	3	0	1	0	0	0		3	0	7	10
9	Hort	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0		3	9	7
10	Gabriel	1	1	0	0	3	3	1	3	0		12	5

1998: Erstmals wird nach der Drei-Punkte-Regel gespielt, d.h. Sieg = 3 P.; Remis = 1 P.

Note: Six players, Korchnoi, Larsen, Hort, Torre, Jussupow, and Svidler have all had a Candidate's status during their career. Zhu Chen (China, later playing for Qatar) has been Women's World Chess Champion. Top seeded was Svidler, 1997 Tilburg winner, top ten player in the ranking of both bodies, FIDE and PCA.

Official Website: <http://www.ebc.de/gmturnier98/allgemein.htm>;  
<http://ebc.de/gmturnier98/ergebnisse.htm>; <http://ebc.de/gmturnier98/index.htm>

## Korchnoi wins in Bad Homburg (near Frankfurt), Germany in 1998

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Bad Homburg chess tournament took place in the Parkhotel 16-26th July 1998. Stunning veteran Viktor Korchnoi (67) won. Second was young Russian star Peter Svidler (22). As a novelty, there was an alternative scoring method in use throughout the event with three points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss. Dominating Korchnoi won anyway, on the top final standings, Torre shared 3rd place with Jussupow, instead of coming fourth.

Source: <http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic194.html#2> ("The Week In Chess", Mark Crowther)

Report: <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/crosswords/chess/980909text.html? r=0>  
 «Full of Youthful Fire at 67, Korchnoi Keeps Winning», New York Times, by GM Robert Byrne

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**Schachklub Bad Homburg**, founded in 1927:  
[https://www.schachklub-bad-homburg.de/?page\\_id=3845](https://www.schachklub-bad-homburg.de/?page_id=3845)

**Rhein-Main Open (ROM)**, since 1998 annually played in Bad Homburg:  
[http://www.rhein-main-open.de/chronik/2017/rmo\\_frameset.php](http://www.rhein-main-open.de/chronik/2017/rmo_frameset.php)  
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round-by-round results: WebDesign & WebManagement by [EBC](#)

#### Runde 1

Kortschnoi	- Gabriel	1 - 1
Dautov	- Hort	3 - 0
Larsen	- Zhu	3 - 0
Svidler	- Jussupow	1 - 1
Lobron	- Torre	0 - 3

#### Runde 2

Gabriel	- Torre	3 - 0
Jussupow	- Lobron	1 - 1
Zhu	- Svidler	1 - 1
Hort	- Larsen	3 - 0
Kortschnoi	- Dautov	3 - 0

#### Runde 3

Dautov	- Gabriel	1 - 1
Larsen	- Kortschnoi	1 - 1
Svidler	- Hort	3 - 0
Lobron	- Zhu	3 - 0
Torre	- Jussupow	1 - 1

#### Runde 4

Gabriel	- Jussupow	1 - 1
Zhu	- Torre	0 - 3
Hort	- Lobron	1 - 1
Kortschnoi	- Svidler	1 - 1
Dautov	- Larsen	3 - 0

#### Runde 5

Larsen	- Gabriel	3 - 0
Svidler	- Dautov	1 - 1
Lobron	- Kortschnoi	0 - 3
Torre	- Hort	1 - 1
Jussupow	- Zhu	3 - 0

#### Runde 6

Gabriel	- Zhu	3 - 0
Hort	- Jussupow	1 - 1
Kortschnoi	- Torre	3 - 0
Dautov	- Lobron	0 - 3
Larsen	- Svidler	1 - 1

#### Runde 7

Svidler	- Gabriel	3 - 0
Lobron	- Larsen	0 - 3
Torre	- Dautov	3 - 0
Jussupow	- Kortschnoi	1 - 1
Zhu	- Hort	3 - 0

#### Runde 8

Gabriel	- Hort	0 - 3
Kortschnoi	- Zhu	3 - 0
Dautov	- Jussupow	1 - 1
Larsen	- Torre	1 - 1
Svidler	- Lobron	3 - 0

#### Runde 9

Lobron	- Gabriel	0 - 3
Torre	- Svidler	1 - 1
Jussupow	- Larsen	3 - 0
Zhu	- Dautov	3 - 0
Hort	- Kortschnoi	0 - 3

Note: **Lippstadt in 1997** (7th edition) already presented the Soccer Scoring, but none of the 12 players had a rating of 2600 Elo or higher (Roman Slobodjan and Philipp Schlosser were top seeds, Maia Chiburdnidze won), and some local players from the LSV/Turm Lippstadt '96 as well as the computer 'Zugzwang' competed: a strong tournament, but not world elite status.

#### Previous winners at Bad Homburg international invitational tournaments:

International invitation tournament of note with six participants in a double round robin:  
**1927 1. Efim Bogoljubov**, 2. Reti, 3. Tartakower, 4. Wilhelm Orbach (German chess master, he died in the [Auschwitz concentration camp](#) in 1944), 5. Sämisch, 6. Yates

Later on, Bad Homburg organised a trilogy of tournaments (ten players each):

**1996 1. Boris Alterman** as best on tie-break, and Christian Gabriel

**1997 1. Rustem Dautov**, 2.= Svidler (moderate strong field in 1996 and 1997)

**1998 (Soccer Scoring) 1. Viktor Korchnoi**, 2. Svidler (major, incl. Larsen, Hort, Jussupow)