

## DORTMUND SPARKASSEN CHESS MEETING 2006

*Grand Masters' Tournament, Duel, Sparkassen Open, Blitz Tournament*

### World Class Players Contest for the Dortmund Chess Crown –Sparkassen Chess Meeting from 29 July to 06 August

**Dortmund.** At this year's Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting from 29 July to 06 August spectators can once again look forward to a first-class team of contestants in Dortmund Civic Theatre. With a Category 19 rating the Sparkassen Chess Meeting is once again one of the most prestigious chess tournaments world-wide. This year, eight grand masters will fight for the Dortmund chess crown:

-Michael <b>Adams</b>	England	born on	17.11.1971
-Levon <b>Aronian</b>	Armenia		06.10.1982
-Boris <b>Gelfand</b>	Israel		24.06.1968
-Baadur <b>Jobava</b>	Georgia		26.11.1983
-Vladimir <b>Kramnik</b>	Russia		25.06.1975
-Peter <b>Leko</b>	Hungary		08.09.1979
-Arkadij <b>Naiditsch</b>	Germany		25.10.1985
-Peter <b>Svidler</b>	Russia		17.06.1976

The tournament: This year's Sparkassen Chess Meeting will be played over a total of seven rounds. Thereby each of the eight grand masters will meet each of his opponents once. The player who has gained most points after seven rounds is the winner of the tournament.

Dortmund Civic Theatre offers the perfect ambience for experiencing the games from close by: all matches will be relayed live to big screens, and expert commentaries via headphones will enable the audience to follow the matches minutely.

#### **Duel: Elisabeth Pähtz (Germany) – Irina Krush (USA)**

In addition to the Grand Masters' Tournament an interesting duel over six rounds will be fought at an extra table, where the currently best German female chess player will challenge the currently best female player from the USA. The match between 21-year-old **Elisabeth Pähtz** (Germany) and 22-year-old **Irina Krush** (USA) will also begin on July 29.

#### **Sparkassen Open A and Open B**

The Sparkassen Open A (Open ELO Tournament) and Open B (Open for Amateurs) with about 300 participants will be played from 28 July to 06 August 2006 in the town hall of the City of Dortmund – in close vicinity to the Civic Theatre. The invitation and information for the open tournaments may be found at [www.schachfreunde-brackel.de](http://www.schachfreunde-brackel.de).

**Blitz Tournament with the Grand Masters on July 31**

On July 31, on the day of rest in the Grand Masters' Tournament, all eight grand masters will play blitz matches against ambitious talents and amateur players in the town hall at 3 p.m. The number of participants is limited to 80. Registrations will be accepted from July 03 on by the title sponsor, Sparkasse Dortmund, via e-mail under [marketing@sparkasse-dortmund.de](mailto:marketing@sparkasse-dortmund.de). Please state your full name, e-mail, address as well as your telephone number.

## Schedule Sparkassen Chess Meeting 2006:

## Grand Masters' Tournament [Civic Theatre]

Saturday, July 29	15 hrs	Round 1
Sunday, July 30	15 hrs	Round 2
Monday, July 31	<i>Rest Day</i>	
Tuesday, August 01	15 hrs	Round 3
Wednesday, August 02	15 hrs	Round 4
Thursday, August 03	<i>Rest Day</i>	
Friday, August 04	15 hrs	Round 5
Saturday, August 05	15 hrs	Round 6
Sunday, August 06	13 hrs	Round 7

## Duel: Elisabeth Pähtz (D) – Irina Krush (USA) [Civic Theatre]

Duel over six rounds: On July 29 and 30, August 01, 02, 05 and 06.  
Each day play begins at 15 hrs; on Sunday, August 06, at 13 hrs.

## Sparkassen Open [Town Hall]

Nine rounds from 28 July to 06 August. Each day play begins at 11 hrs. Rest day: July 31.

## Blitz Tournament [Town Hall]

Monday, July 31, 15 hrs.

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