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Aubervilliers 1982, [Elite](#) and  
[Mephisto 2](#) <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>

**The Aubervilliers Rapid Open**, a [chess open tournament](#) held yearly from 1974 to 2003 in [Aubervilliers, France](#), with around 600 humans. During years 1981 to 1999 numerous [chess computers](#) or chess programs competing, humans couldn't refuse to be pairing against machines . Time control was 30 min per game. Stronger players enter later in the tournament with full score for unplayed rounds. <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Editions

### 1981

- [Mephisto 1](#) : 5½/10 (300th of 500 players) <sup>[4]</sup>

### 1982

February, 1982:

- [Chess Challenger Elite](#) : 6½/10 (107th of 600 players)
- [Mephisto 2](#) : 5/10
- [Super System V](#) : 4/10

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[White "Chess Challenger Elite"]

[Black "Mazens"]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.O-

O c6 6.Be2 Be7 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bf4 d6

9.Nd2 h5 10.Nf3 h4 11.Nxd4 h3 12.g3 c5 13.Nb5 a6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.Bf3 b5  
16.e5

dxe5 17.Bxe5 Ra7 18.Re1 Be6 19.a4 b4 20.Ne4 Rd7 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Bf4 c  
4 23.Bc6

Kf8 24.Bxd7 Qa8 25.Re4 Bxd7 26.Qd2 f5 27.Bh6+ Ke8 28.Rxe7+ Kxe7 29.Qxb  
4+ Kf6

30.Qd6+ Be6 31.Qd4+ Ke7 32.Bg5+ f6 33.Qxf6+ Kd6 34.Bf4+ Kc5 35.Qe7+ Kd4 36.Qd6+ Bd5 37.Be5# 1-0

## 1985

11th edition, 532 players : [\[5\]](#) [\[6\]](#)

- [Super Constellation](#): 28th (6/8)
- [Elegance Challenger](#) : 131st (5/8)
- [Turbostar](#) : 141st (5/8)
- [Conchess C](#) : 204th (4½/8)
- [Conchess H](#) : 242nd: (4/8)

## 1986

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- [Mephisto Amsterdam](#) : 35th (6/8)
- [Constellation Expert](#) : 43rd (6/8)
- [Elite Avant Garde](#) : 82nd (5/8)
- [Conchess H](#) : 156th (4/7)
- [Turbostar](#) : 197th (4/7)

## 1987

700+ players

- [Par Excellence](#) beat a FM : Bernard (2300) lost a piece in the opening ![\[8\]](#)

## 1989

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900 players

- [Excel Mach III](#) : 61st (9/11), perf : 2065
- [Novag Super Expert 6](#) : 35th, perf : 2275. Beat GMF Madl(2270), MF Crepan(2320), Dussol(2250), S. Vincent (2305), lost against Miralles (2400), Bernard(2265), Z. Polgar (2295)

- [Excel Mach III](#) turbo 68020 (prototype) : 33th (9.5/11), perf : 2261. Beat IM C. Flear Leroy (2170) and IM K. Pytel(2395).
- [Mephisto Almeria](#) 32 Bit : 18th (10/12), perf : 2303.

## 1990

- [Fidelity prototype](#) : 7th/860 (11/12) <sup>[10]</sup>
- [Échec 1.6](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [386](#) 33Mhz, perf : 1871
- [Échec Y](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [386](#) 25Mhz , perf : 1797

## 1991

More than 1000 players !

- [Échec 1.9](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [486](#) 33Mhz , perf : 2172
- [Cumulus 1.2](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [386](#) 33Mhz, perf : 1907

## 1992

- [M-Chess 1.64](#) perf : 2220 <sup>[11]</sup>
- [Échec 1.95](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [SPARCstation ELC](#), perf : 2073
- [Cumulus 1.5](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [SPARCstation SLC](#), perf : 2150

## 1993

- [Chess Genius](#) : perf : 2530. Lost against Spiridonov (2420), but beat GM Bachar Kouatly (2505) and IM Lupu (2435). <sup>[12]</sup>
- [Cumulus 2.0](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [486](#) 50Mhz, perf : 2272
- [Cumulus Y](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [486](#) 50Mhz, perf : 2292

## 1994

- [Chess Genius 2](#) : 5/7, perf : 2540. Win over [Radulov](#) <sup>[13]</sup> , lost against [Vaisser](#) <sup>[14]</sup> (the [famous Nxh7!!](#) <sup>[15] [16] [17]</sup> )
- [Joker](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [486](#) 66Mhz, perf :2380
- [Écume](#) ([Weill](#) and [Baudot](#)) on a [486](#) 66Mhz, perf :1930

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+  
Nfd7  
9.a4 O-O 10.Nf3 Re8 11.O-  
O Bxc3 12.bxc3 Rxe4 13.Ng5 Re7 14.f5 Ne5 15.f6 Rc7  
16.Qe1 b6 17.Nxh7 Kxh7 18.Qh4+ Kg8 19.Bh6 Bg4 20.Bg7 Bh5 21.Qg5 Ng4 22  
.h3  
Nxf6 23.Rxf6 Kxg7 24.Rxg6+ 1-0

Game and short analyze on Lichess.org : <https://en.lichess.org/a7Dx1n6m>

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1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.O-  
O Bg4 5.d3 Nbd7 6.c4 dxc4 7.dxc4 e5 8.Nc3 Bc5  
9.Ng5 O-  
O 10.Qc2 h6 11.Nge4 Bf5 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.Bd2 Rad8 14.Be1 Nb6 15.b3 Kh8  
16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Rd1 Rd4 18.e3 Rd7 19.Rxd7 Nbxid7 20.Qd1 Ba3 21.h3 a6 22  
.g4 Bg6  
23.Qd2 Bb4 24.Qc1 h5 25.Bf3 hxg4 26.hxg4 Nc5 27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.e4 Nh7 29  
.Bd2  
Qh4 30.Be3 Ng5 31.Bg2 Bxe3 32.Qxe3 Qxg4 33.Kf1 Ne6 34.Bh3 Qg5 35.Qxg5  
Nxc5  
36.Bc8 b5 37.Bxa6 b4 38.Na4 Nxe4 39.Bb7 Nc3 {?? Zeitnot} 40.Bxc6 Nxa2  
41.Bd5  
Kg8 42.c5 Kf8 43.Ke2 Ke7 44.Ke3 f6 45.Nb6 Nc3 46.f3 Bf5 47.Bc4 g5 48.N  
a4 e4  
49.Nxc3 bxc3 50.fxe4 Bxe4 51.b4 f5 52.Bb3 c2 53.Kd2 g4 54.b5 g3 55.Bxc  
2 g2  
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Game and short analyze on Lichess.org : <https://en.lichess.org/031zWkt4>

## 1995

- [WChess](#) : 10.5/12 (8th), perf : 2581<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Novag Sapphire](#) : 8.5, perf : 2418

## 1996

- [Virtual Chess](#) : 1st ! (tied with [Vaisser](#) and [Chernin](#)), perf : 2600<sup>[19] [20]</sup>

## 1999

24th edition, 800+ players, 12 rounds<sup>[21] [22]</sup> :

- [Chess Wizard](#) ([Frédéric Louguet](#)) : 10/12 (5th), perf : 2656
- [ZChess 1.20](#) ([Franck Zibi](#)) : 9/12, perf : 2312

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Qb4 8.O-
O Bxc3
9.a3 Qa5 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.Rb1 Qa5 12.Bb2 f6 13.e5 f5 14.e6 Nf6 15.Qc1 b
6 16.Re1
O-O 17.Qh6 c4 18.dxc4 Bxe6 19.Rxe6 Rf7 20.Ng5 Rd8 1-0
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.c3 f6 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.Bb
5 Bd6
9.O-O O-
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O 10.Re1 e5 11.Qb3 Qf7 12.Re2 h6 13.Nc4 e4 14.Nxd6 cxd6 15.Ne1 a6  
16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qa4 a5 18.Qxc6 Ba6 19.Rc2 Bd3 20.Rd2 Rae8 21.h3 e3 22.  
Nxd3  
exd2 23.Bxd2 Qf5 24.Be3 Nf6 25.Rd1 Ne4 26.a4 g5 27.Qc7 h5 28.Qxa5 g4 2  
9.hxg4  
hxg4 30.Bf4 Re7 31.Rc1 Nxf2 32.Kxf2 Qxd3 33.Qxd5+ Rff7 34.Kg1 g3 35.Rf  
1 Kh7  
36.Qxd6 Qf5 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Qh4 Re4 39.Qxg3+ Kh7 40.Qh4+ Kg8 41.g3 Re2  
42.b4  
Rh7 43.Bh6 1-0

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