



Schach-Club Untergrombach

Interview with GM Davor Rogic

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Davor, you saved the club last year by grinding down experienced GM Jozsef Pinter from Buchen in a nerve-wrecking 135-move-thriller – was this your best game of the last years for Untergrombach? How did you feel during the game? And, did you finally catch your plane?

This was very, very tense game with more than 6 hours struggle. Everything what can expect from chess game happened in this game: strategy, dynamic play, combination and finally long play endgame, with a lot of nice moves and some mistakes. All of it under time pressure during almost the whole game. Definitely it was one of the more important games for me in last ten Years, because I outplayed experience opponent and saved my club. After all, I catch my plane.

The club recently signed GM Krasimir Rusev from Bulgaria. Also, the other GM from Bulgaria, Dejan Bojkov stayed in the team and strong IM Oleg Spirin joined the ranks. All strong players, but still you will be number one of the team. What does it mean to you to play the top board of the team?

I think that the league is stronger and stronger every Year and our team must adapt on such condition. Also I must say that it is always privileges and responsibility to sitting on board one.

Do you know Krasimir Rusev, have you played with him before?

Unfortunately I play very rarely in last six Year and I didn't see many young players in action. I think if he's like Dejan and Vladimir then we will have a strong reinforcement.

What are your expectations for the next season? Will it be "business as usual", fighting for place 7 until the end? Where do you see SC Untergrombach in respect to the other teams? What to make of the new teams?

I think that we make great success to stay in league in last eight years, but we must make improvements. The league is stronger and stronger and to 'survive' more seasons we must be better. Also, with such a team composition we have chance for 1st Bundesliga but then financial and organization question come in mind.

Are you a chess professional or do you have a regular job?

I'm electrical engineer and I working 18 Years in Citty Hall of Slavonski Brod (60.000 inhabitants). First like IT engineer, then chief of IT sector and in last six Years I'm head of

department for local government with 24 employees. Very intensive and time consuming job and I haven't time to play single tournaments. I hope for some 'step back' in my career to have more time for chess. Chess is my passion and love. It's a such a nice game.

Do you play for any other clubs than SC Untergrombach? Do you have plans to play an open or any other competition in the next future?

I play for Sankt Veit in Austria (16 Years), Celje in Slovenia (10 Years) and for my hometown 'Duro Dakovic' Slavonski Brod in 1A Croatia league. All in all 30 games per Year and I can't play any other tournament.

You also work as a chess trainer. Can you tell us a little bit about your experiences and how training with you works and to contact you for training services?

In some moment I start to give a lecture everybody was very happy because I play like grandmaster but can speak about chess like beginner and understand his mental process. So, I have some opportunity to start working via Skype with my Austrian and Slovenian chess friends. Then they recommended me to others and I have start to learn people. I always adapt to special needs of any player. Usually I analyze they games and talk with them about how to make progress. Then we start to work, send analyzes and exercises and always, but always play chess games. In my opinion playing is most important part of training!

Last question: Any chance you will come and win the Untergrombach Open in 2016?

I hope, really hope, to have some more free time to play single chess tournaments. Then I promised Untergrombach will be one of the top in the list.