The 1st Running Chess Tournament

12.8.2003, Hopealahti

Rules:

Chess rules apply with the one important exception: there are no turns. Instead, the players must run short distance (about 60 meters, or around the house) after every move. The player can make new move anytime when he/she has completed the distance regardless whether the opponent has made his/her move. The goal is to make checkmate.

Results:

- 1. Olli Virmajoki
- 2. Pasi Fränti
- 3-4 *Petr Aksenov* and *Mantao Xu*
- 5-8 Alexander Akimov, Anssi Kautonen, Jarno Mielikäinen, Jussi Parkkinen

The tournament was played as Cup tournament, and the referee was *Heikki Arppi*. The complete results are shown below.

Round 1:

Parkkinen – Virmajoki	0 - 1
Mielikäinen – Aksenov	0 - 1
Kautonen – Fränti	0 - 1
Xu – Akimov	1 - 0

Round 2:

Fränti – Aksenov	1 - 0
Xu – Virmajoki	0 - 1

Final:

Fränti –	Virmajoki	0 - 1
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The 2003 East Finland Running Chess Champion is therefore:

Olli Virmajoki

Next Championship tournament will be at Lappeenranta 2004 during ECSE summer school. Other tournaments will probably be organized during the autumn, stay alert!