

The Sunspot Observations Made In 2003

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In the photospheric observations made at the Istanbul University Observatory, observable sunspots and faculae are drawn on a projected disk of the Sun and the heliographic coordinates of the sunspots are determined from these drawings.

This paper gives the heliographic coordinates for the sunspot groups observed in 2003 and some other results.

The photosphere of the Sun is observed on every clear day at the Istanbul University Observatory. A refracting telescope is used for this purpose; the aperture of the objective and focal length are 13 cm, and 200 cm respectively. The Sunspots and faculae are drawn on a projection disk of a diameter of 25 cm. The heliographic coordinates of the sunspots are determined by using the Astronomical Almanac for which the Position Angle of the Sun's axis P_0 , Heliographic Latitude B_0 , Longitude L_0 are calculated for the time that observation was made. Each sunspot group is observed for a single rotation of the Sun and the results obtained during the period are given in Tables and in Figures.

In this paper, columns in Table I give the followings: (1): Current numbers of the groups; (2) and (3): The mean latitude of each group respectively; (4) and (5): First and last observations of the groups respectively; (6): Evolution of the groups which are classified according to McIntosh Sunspot Group Classification (Solar Geophysical Data, 1987). First letter in column gives "Modified Zürich Class", the second letter gives the penumbra of the largest spot, and the third letter gives the number of umbrae in each group. The question mark "?" denotes a group which was observed at the edge of the disk and could not be identified in the McIntosh Classification. "----" is used to express that no observation was done on that day because of bad weather conditions or other reasons.

In 2003, 334 groups were observed none of them have a latitude of 0^0 , 142 of them have an average latitude of $+11^0$ in the North Hemisphere and remained 192 groups have an average latitude of -14^0 in the South Hemisphere. The distribution of the groups according to their latitudes is shown in Table II and Figure 1.

In Table III, number of groups and umbrae are given by decimal numbers for each day; the integer part of these numbers denote the numbers of the groups and the fractional part numbers of umbrae. Letters across these numbers are the abbreviations of the observers' names; the complete names are given at the end of the Table III.

Table IV and Table V give the relative Wolf Numbers for the Istanbul University Observatory and the distribution of the groups in types, respectively. The data in Table V is summarized in Figure 2.

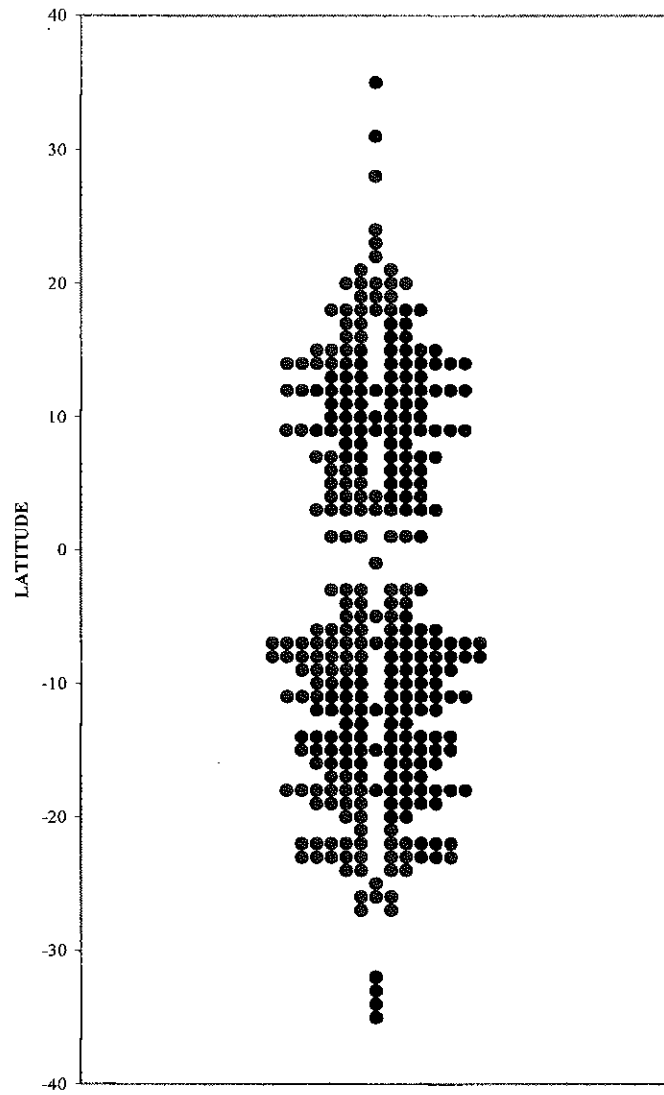


Fig. 1 : Distribution of the groups according to their latitudes.

Table II

	Latitude Intervals	North Hemisphere	South Hemisphere
	00	0	0
From	01 to 05	28	16
From	06 to 10	38	55
From	11 to 15	45	46
From	16 to 20	23	39
From	21 to 25	5	27
From	26 to 30	1	5
From	31 to 35	2	4
From	36 to 40	0	0
From	41 to 45	0	0
TOTAL		142	192

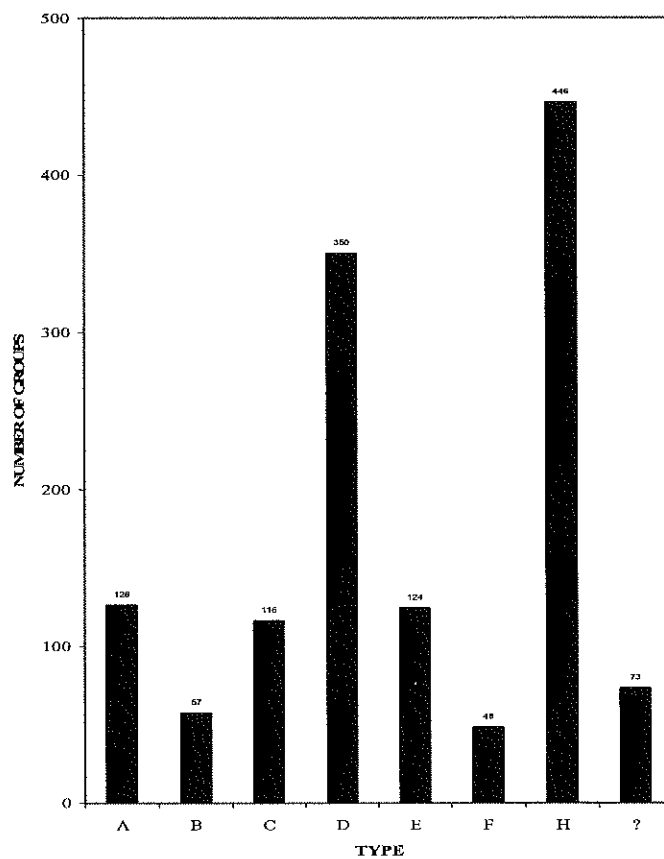


Fig. 2 : Distribution of the groups in types

Table IV

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
1	-	-	88	-	178	73	149	68	91	-	141	-
2	-	58	68	181	174	58	161	105	-	93	141	-
3	-	-	-	137	183	56	120	124	57	109	72	-
4	112	56	-	121	195	69	84	95	-	104	57	-
5	-	-	-	-	125	85	92	107	-	81	-	45
6	-	100	-	-	124	110	88	129	-	55	-	46
7	120	-	-	63	60	142	123	108	-	46	-	-
8	127	-	103	-	36	118	129	102	19	74	-	-
9	-	112	-	75	23	147	108	95	-	66	-	22
10	147	-	88	67	24	183	107	-	48	43	42	33
11	-	-	93	-	59	162	80	104	44	71	-	34
12	-	-	93	54	73	140	86	104	40	34	-	23
13	-	-	-	-	76	129	148	109	53	23	-	-
14	-	-	-	-	49	97	139	75	-	0	28	-
15	120	-	106	38	71	64	151	102	55	26	23	-
16	148	38	-	-	72	73	162	94	-	-	44	-
17	128	14	-	-	74	69	146	103	67	-	45	-
18	136	-	88	-	62	106	203	74	78	44	-	-
19	-	-	42	-	85	120	210	84	66	49	82	-
20	-	51	40	72	105	117	246	123	61	69	74	88
21	-	100	-	-	68	89	209	66	71	70	110	-
22	-	-	11	114	76	76	153	106	85	76	86	79
23	-	-	42	147	88	105	127	111	122	36	82	94
24	-	-	56	75	46	112	122	145	76	58	-	-
25	-	-	81	-	-	107	70	94	95	-	-	-
26	-	33	100	146	70	111	56	106	129	-	-	-
27	-	-	95	187	93	143	34	114	-	163	-	-
28	-	68	151	-	98	137	76	136	-	177	121	47
29	137	-	158	182	108	124	60	116	128	203	118	29
30	-	-	158	160	65	150	66	90	-	-	131	25
31	-	-	-	-	52	-	68	70	-	223	-	11
Mean	131	63	87	114	87	109	122	102	73	80	82	44

Table V

Evolution Type	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	?	Total
Number of Groups	126	57	116	350	124	48	446	73	1340
Percentage of Number	9,4	4,25	8,67	26,12	9,25	3,58	33,28	5,45	100

Table I

Current Number	Heliographic Latitude	Longitude	Observation		Evolution of the Groups
			First	Last	
1	-26	319	04.01.03	04.01.03	Ax-2
2	-20	299	04.01.03	07.01.03	Dai-16, Dao-2
3	-9	295	04.01.03	07.01.03	Hr-2, Dao-2
4	-9	218	04.01.03	10.01.03	Cai-19, Dao-9, Eac-16, Dsc-20
5	-23	212	04.01.03	10.01.03	Dai-11, Dao-4, Hr-2
6	13	190	04.01.03	08.01.03	Ha-2, Ha-5
7	-5	289	08.01.03	07.01.03	Ha-1
8	9	213	08.01.03	07.01.03	Dao-2
9	-13	189	08.01.03	08.01.03	Dac-6
10	-15	151	08.01.03	18.01.03	Dac-10, Eac-24, Dao-8, Cao-4, Bxo-3, Bxo-2
11	-15	250	08.01.03	08.01.03	Dao-3
12	-26	130	08.01.03	18.01.03	Ha-1, Dai-9, Ha-4, Ha-5, Ha-7
13	-12	130	08.01.03	18.01.03	Dko-2, Dai-8, Dac-6, He-8, He-4, Ha-3
14	11	208	10.01.03	10.01.03	Ax-2
15	-3	124	10.01.03	10.01.03	Ax-1
16	-14	100	10.01.03	18.01.03	?-1, Hs-1, Hs-3, Hs-1
17	-16	119	15.01.03	16.01.03	Ha-4, Bxo-5
18	15	112	15.01.03	18.01.03	Hs-1, Ax-1, Bxo-4
19	-16	89	15.01.03	18.01.03	Ha-1, Ha-5, Ha-2
20	7	65	15.01.03	18.01.03	Ha-1, Ha-5, Hs-1
21	11	53	15.01.03	18.01.03	Cao-3, Cao-9, Bxi-15, Dao-13
22	14	26	16.01.03	18.01.03	Ha-3, Ha-3
23	-23	82	18.01.03	18.01.03	Ax-2
24	-3	0	29.01.03	29.01.03	Ax-1
25	-21	350	29.01.03	29.01.03	Ha-5
26	-5	342	29.01.03	29.01.03	Cao-8
27	7	336	29.01.03	29.01.03	Dao-15
28	-18	321	29.01.03	29.01.03	Hs-1
29	-7	313	29.01.03	02.02.03	Hs-1, Hs-1
30	-5	298	29.01.03	02.02.03	Dac-12, Dso-2
31	-10	289	29.01.03	29.01.03	Ax-1
32	-6	223	29.01.03	09.02.03	Hs-1, Hs-5, Dsi-9, Dso-5, Dro-7
33	-14	162	02.02.03	09.02.03	?-10, Eac-27, Hs-5, Eac-23, Dro-4
34	-8	147	06.02.03	09.02.03	Dro-4, Ax-5
35	-18	131	04.02.03	09.02.03	Ax-2, Ax-5

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110	10	27.04.03	27.04.03	Ax-2			
111	-34	27.04.03	30.04.03	Dae-7,	---	Dro-6, Bxo-5	
112	-11	29.04.03	02.05.03	Dae-18,	Dae-3,	Dae-6, Dae-3	
113	-25	30.04.03	01.05.03	Ax-3,	Dro-3		
114	7	01.05.03	13.05.03	Hs-1,	Hs-1, Hr-1, Hr-1,	Hs-2, Hs-1, Hs-1, Hs-1,	Hs-1, Hs-2, Hs-1, Hs-1, Hs-1, Hs-1, Hs-1, ?-1
115	-35	02.05.03	08.05.03	Bxo-2	Cso-15,	Eai-30, Eac-18, Fac-11,	?-2
116	-6	03.05.03	03.05.03	Bxo-2			
117	1	04.05.03	04.05.03	Ax-1			
118	-17	04.05.03	04.05.03	Ax-2			
119	12	04.05.03	06.05.03	Ax-1,	Ax-3,	Hr-2	
120	19	04.05.03	08.05.03	Ha-1,	Hs-1, Hs-2,	Ha-1, Ax-2	
121	17	09.05.03	19.05.03	Dae-2,	Cao-3, Cao-2,	Ha-1, Dae-4, Dae-6,	---
122	-5	11.05.03	11.05.03	Hr-2		Ca-9,	
123	8	11.05.03	17.05.03	Ax-1,	Bxo-3, Dae-5,	Cao-5, Cso-4,	Bxo-2
124	-17	11.05.03	22.05.03	?-2,	Dae-3, Dae-2,	Cso-3, Hs-2, Hs-1,	Ha-11, Dae-17, Cao-10, Dae-5, Cao-3
125	-17	12.05.03	13.05.03	Ax-4,	Hr-1		
126	22	12.05.03	12.05.03	Hr-1			
127	-18	13.05.03	13.05.03	?-3			
128	4	14.05.03	14.05.03	Ha-1			
129	7	15.05.03	17.05.03	Ax-3,			
130	-12	15.05.03	24.05.03	?-1,	Cr-6, Bxo-2		
131	-6	17.05.03	17.05.03	Ax-2	?-4,	Dae-7,	Dae-7, Dae-11, Dae-7, Dro-3
132	-9	18.05.03	18.05.03	Cao-2			
133	21	19.05.03	19.05.03	Ax-1			
134	-27	19.05.03	22.05.03	Dae-9,			
135	-24	20.05.03	20.05.03	Ax-1			
136	20	20.05.03	20.05.03	Ax-1			
137	-8	20.05.03	23.05.03	?-3,			
138	-14	22.05.03	29.05.03	Hs-1,	Dae-5, Dae-3,	Ha-3,	Ha-7, Ax-4, Ax-2
139	13	23.05.03	23.05.03	Hr-1	Hs-1, Hs-1,	---	
140	10	23.05.03	24.05.03	Bxt-3,			
141	16	23.05.03	23.05.03	Hr-2			
142	-33	23.05.03	02.06.03	Hs-1,	Hs-1, ---,	Hs-2, Hs-5, Hs-8, Hs-11,	Ha-9, Ha-4, Ha-2, Ax-1
143	-7	26.05.03	01.06.03	Dae-21,	Dkc-28, Dkc-32,	Dkc-51, Dkc-25, Dkc-15,	Dkc-8
144	14	26.05.03	26.05.03	Ax-4			
145	-14	27.05.03	27.05.03	Hr-1			
146	-15	27.05.03	27.05.03	Ax-2			

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147	-23	207	28.05.03	28.05.03	Ax-1	Hs-4,	Hs-1,	Hs-1,	Ha-10,	Hs-7,	Dso-10,	Dao-2,	Cso-2,	Hs-1,	Hs-1,	Hs-1,	?	
148	7	83	28.05.03	09.06.03	Hs-3,	Ha-5,	Dao-11,	Eki-21,	Eai-25,	Dkc-34,	Eki-63,	Eki-40,	Ekc-56,	Fig-50,	Fkc-33,	Fkc-15,	?-1	
149	18	87	01.06.03	01.06.03	Ax-1	Dao-5,	Dao-5,	Dao-2,	Cao-2,	Cao-4								
150	12	21	01.06.03	14.06.03	?-2,	Dao-4,	Dao-6,	Dsi-5,	Dsi-13,	Esi-24,	Eso-25,	Esi-26,	Cai-12,	Cao-9,	Dao-3,	?		
151	-11	72	02.06.03	06.06.03	Cro-5,	Cao-2,	Cri-6,	Cro-3,	Ha-1									
152	3	352	04.06.03	15.06.03	?-1,	Eho-11,	Eho-15,	Eki-36,	Eki-28,	Eki-28,	Eki-25,	Eki-21,	Eai-14,	Dao-17,	Dao-3,	Hs-1,	Ha-2	
153	15	335	05.06.03	09.06.03	?-2,	Bxo-6,	Dao-5,	Dao-3,	Dro-3									
154	-19	97	06.06.03	06.06.03	Cao-3	Cao-5,	Cai-18,	Cai-16,	Dai-7,	Dso-4,	Ha-3							
155	-15	60	07.06.03	07.06.03	Cro-4	Hr-7,	He-2											
156	-17	308	07.06.03	19.06.03	?-3,	Dao-9,	Cao-4,	Dao-9,	Dao-1,	Bxo-3								
157	-18	356	10.06.03	14.06.03	Ax-2,	?-8,	Dki-18,	Dkc-33,	Dai-38,	Dai-19,	Ha-11,	Hs-7,	Ha-5,	Ax-3,	Ax-3			
158	14	353	10.06.03	10.06.03	Bxo-4	Hs-2												
159	-19	332	10.06.03	16.06.03	Hs-6,	Dai-5												
160	20	302	11.06.03	11.06.03	Bxo-4	Eao-7,	Eao-16,	Dao-11,	Eao-17,	Eao-19,	Eai-11,	Eai-10,	Eao-7,	Eao-4,	Eso-2,	Hs-1		
161	15	354	12.06.03	14.06.03	Bxo-4,	Dao-20,	Dai-18,	Dao-18,	Dao-8,	Bxo-6								
162	28	241	15.06.03	20.06.03	Dso-5,	Dai-16,	Dao-18,	Dao-10,	Cai-20,	Dao-8,	Ha-2							
163	-7	188	16.06.03	26.06.03	?-4,	Hs-2,	Ha-2,	Ha-2,	Ha-3,	Ha-2,	Hs-1,	Ha-2,	Hs-2,	Hs-1,	Hs-1,	Ax-1		
164	20	303	17.06.03	18.06.03	Cro-3,	Bxo-4,	Cao-2,	Dai-8,	Bxo-5,	Bxo-3,	Ax-1,	Ha-5						
165	-24	273	17.06.03	17.06.03	Ax-1	Hr-2,	Ax-2,	Hs-1,	Ha-1,	Ax-2,	Ax-1							
166	-19	251	18.06.03	19.06.03	Hs-1,	Hs-1,	Ha-4,	Ha-2,	Ha-2,	Ax-3,	Ha-1,	Ax-1						
167	-22	232	18.06.03	18.06.03	Ax-3	Cri-6,	Dai-8,	Dao-4,	Ha-6,	Ha-3,	Ha-1,	Ax-3						
168	18	171	18.06.03	29.06.03	Dao-2,	Dao-13,	Dao-18,	Eao-20,	Dao-5,	Cao-4								
169	-3	212	19.06.03	24.06.03	Dai-8,	?-5,	Fkc-8,	Fkc-20	Fkc-24	Ekc-50,	Ekc-39,	Fkc-35,	Fkc-41,	Fkc-28,	Fkc-27,	Fkc-21,	Eao-13,	?-5
170	-15	259	21.06.03	21.06.03	Ax-1	Ha-6,	Hr-2											
171	-10	190	23.06.03	23.06.03	Hr-2	Ha-1,	Ax-2											
172	14	164	23.06.03	29.06.03	Cro-8,	Cso-4,	Cai-12,	Dao-18,	Dao-18,	Dao-18,	Eao-19,	Dao-26,	Eao-16,	Eao-16,	Dao-11			
173	14	103	23.06.03	04.07.03	Ha-1,													
174	-15	82	24.06.03	01.07.03	Ax-1,													
175	6	83	24.06.03	30.06.03	?-1,													
176	10	64	25.06.03	02.07.03	?-1,													
177	9	107	26.06.03	02.07.03	Ax-4,													
178	-4	128	27.06.03	02.07.03	Dso-5,													
179	11	33	27.06.03	10.07.03	?-2,													
180	14	20	30.06.03	02.07.03	Ha-5,													
181	3	8	30.06.03	02.07.03	?-2,													
182	-5	5	01.07.03	01.07.03	Ha-1													
183	4	351	01.07.03	11.07.03	?-1,													

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332	-11	242	28.12.03	29.12.03	Cao-4,	Ha-1
333	-20	226	28.12.03	28.12.03	Hr-1	
334	-20	189	30.12.03	30.12.03	Hr-1	

Table II

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
1	-	-	6.28 HE	-	7.108 MS	5.23 FB	10.49 İÇ	4.28 MS	6.31 FB	-	6.81 TG	-
2	-	4.18 FB	5.18 TG	10.81 MS	7.104 FB	4.18 TA	9.71 TA	7.35 TG	6.33 MS	7.39 FB	8.61 FB	-
3	-	-	-	8.57 MS	7.113 FB	3.26 HE	6.60 MS	7.54 TG	4.17 TG	7.32 MB	4.32 MB	-
4	6.52 TA	2.36 SB	-	8.41 FB	9.105 TA	4.29 TG	3.62 FB	6.35 TG	-	5.54 FB	5.7 MS	-
5	-	-	-	-	7.55 MB	5.35 MS	3.62 FB	6.47 MS	-	4.41 TG	-	3.15 İÇ
6	-	6.40 MB	-	-	7.54 MS	6.50 FB	4.48 TA	7.59 HE	-	3.25 HE	-	3.16 MS
7	9.30 SB	-	-	5.13 SB	4.20 FB	6.82 TA	6.63 MB	7.38 MS	1.9 MB	3.16 TG	-	-
8	8.47 TG	-	7.33 FB	-	3.6 MS	5.68 MS	6.69 İÇ	6.42 SB	-	4.34 MS	-	-
9	-	8.32 MB	-	-	2.3 FB	5.97 TC	6.48 TG	5.45 MS	-	4.26 FB	-	-
10	8.67 MS	-	6.28 MS	5.17 MS	2.4 MS	6.123 SB	6.47 MS	-	2.28 FB	3.13 SB	3.12 HE	2.2 TG
11	-	-	6.33 MB	-	5.9 MB	6.102 TG	4.40 FB	5.54 SB	2.24 MS	6.11 MS	-	3.3 MS
12	-	-	6.33 SB	3.24 MB	6.13 FB	6.80 TG	5.36 MS	5.54 SB	2.20 MS	3.4 MB	-	3.4 FB
13	-	-	-	-	6.16 HE	6.69 FB	10.48 MB	6.49 TG	3.23 SB	2.3 FB	-	2.3 İÇ
14	-	-	-	-	4.9 TG	6.37 MB	9.49 FB	4.35 MS	-	0.0 TG	2.8 SB	-
15	9.30 TG	-	7.36 FB	3.8 İÇ	5.21 MS	4.24 SB	10.51 SB	4.62 MS	4.15 TC	2.6 TC	1.13 TC	-
16	10.48 FB	3.8 SB	-	-	5.22 FB	4.33 İÇ	10.62 FB	4.54 SB	-	-	3.14 SB	-
17	9.38 MS	1.4 SB	-	-	5.24 SB	5.19 MB	9.56 MS	6.43 MS	5.17 TG	-	3.15 TC	-
18	10.36 MS	-	5.38 TA	-	4.22 TC	7.36 SB	11.93 HE	4.34 TG	5.28 MS	-	-	-
19	-	-	3.12 SB	-	5.35 SB	6.60 İÇ	9.120 SB	5.34 MS	5.16 TG	3.19 TC	5.32 MS	-
20	-	3.21 MS	3.10 TG	5.22 HE	6.45 TC	4.77 FB	11.136 HE	8.43 FB	5.11 MS	3.39 İÇ	4.34 FB	6.28 İÇ
21	-	5.50 FB	-	-	4.28 TG	4.49 TC	11.99 SB	4.26 TG	4.31 TC	4.30 FB	6.50 MB	-
22	-	-	1.1 SB	7.44 TA	5.26 MS	3.46 HE	9.63 TC	5.56 FB	4.36 TG	4.46 İÇ	4.46 İÇ	5.29 TG
23	-	-	3.12 HE	8.67 FB	7.18 FB	6.45 HE	9.37 TG	5.61 MB	6.62 İÇ	1.26 MS	4.42 TG	5.44 FB
24	-	-	4.16 MS	4.35 İÇ	4.6 HE	7.42 TG	9.32 MS	7.75 FB	4.36 TG	2.38 HE	-	-
25	-	-	6.21 MB	-	-	7.37 TG	6.10 HE	5.44 TG	4.55 MS	-	-	-
26	-	3.3 MS	6.40 TG	9.56 İÇ	4.30 MB	8.31 MS	5.6 HE	6.46 MB	4.89 FB	-	-	-
27	-	-	5.45 MS	11.77 TG	5.43 İÇ	9.53 FB	3.4 FB	7.44 TG	-	5.113 SB	-	-
28	-	5.18 FB	8.71 FB	-	5.48 TG	9.47 TC	5.26 MS	8.56 MB	-	7.107 TG	8.41 HE	3.17 FB
29	9.47 TG	-	8.78 MB	8.102 MS	4.68 MS	9.34 TG	4.20 FB	8.36 FB	7.58 HE	9.113 HE	8.38 HE	2.9 İÇ
30	-	-	8.78 MS	8.80 TG	3.35 FB	9.60 FB	4.26 FB	6.30 TA	-	-	9.41 FB	2.5 FB
31	-	-	-	-	3.22 TG	-	5.18 TG	5.20 TG	-	7.153 İÇ	-	1.1 MS

Observers :
 FB : Funda Bostancı
 MB : Mevlana Başal
 TA : Tansel Ak
 HE : Hasan Esenoğlu
 MS : Melahat Sırma
 TC : M. Taştun Çay
 İÇ : İpek H. Çay
 SB : Selçuk Bilir
 TG : Tolga Güver