



Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

No. 11



Welcome to Newsletter No 12.

As the summer holidays draw to a close and a new school year begins, along with the start of autumn, it's not clear yet what the next few weeks and months will bring chess wise. Hopefully junior chess will continue to thrive and grow in various forms and formats; looking back there have been some fantastic successes over the past few months.

Dorset Junior Chess shine against Hampshire, Devon and Berkshire, coming third in second Inter- County junior chess tournament.

The second Inter-county junior chess team battle took place on **Saturday 17th July** and the **Dorset junior Chess team** certainly did itself **proud**.

With a somewhat depleted team due to the Delancey UK Chess Challenge **Gigafinals** taking place over the same weekend and a few other players not available, the team improved upon its performance in the first inter-county battle, coming **third** overall.

With a team of just eight players, every score counted and, indeed, every player on the team contributed to the team total of 134 points. **A fantastic team effort; well done to everyone!**

Saturday Afternoon Event Team Battle			
1	Hampshire Junior Chess Association	67 + 39 + 35 + 28 + 25 + 20 + 16 + 10	240
2	Devon Junior Chess Association	44 + 26 + 26 + 19 + 17 + 16 + 14 + 13	175
3	Dorset Junior Chess	28 + 22 + 20 + 18 + 18 + 17 + 7 + 4	134
4	Berkshire Junior Chess	24 + 14 + 12 + 11 + 11 + 11 + 10 + 9	102

The **Dorset Junior Chess** team got off to a great start and, at around a third of the way into the 2 hour tournament, the team was lying in second place in a tight battle with Devon junior chess, with trading second and third places continuing for much of the match. At around the half way point, **Dorset Juniors** were dominating the leader board with 5 players in the top 10.

Overall, Dorset had the **highest average performance** across all four county teams and the **second highest average score** per player. **Extremely well done indeed!** Top scorer for Dorset Juniors was again **Jamie Doyle** with an excellent score of 28 points from just 11 games but there were notable performances by all players. For the full report see: <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/dorset-juniors-shine-in-inter-county-junior-chess-tournament/>

Delancey UK Chess Challenge Gigafinal round up

The weekends of 3rd & 4th July and 17th & 18th July saw the next stage of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge, the Gigafinal, being played across all age groups.



Well done to **Zander Booth (Boys U10)**, **Jamie Doyle (Mixed U14)** and **Merlin Cork (Mixed U18)** who all achieved the qualifying scores in their respective Gigafinals and to **Larissa Cuthbert (Girls U12)** who also qualified as one of the top 3 U12 girls. All have reached the online **Preliminary Terafinal** stage, the next stage of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge competition, taking place in early **September**.

We wish **Jamie, Larissa, Merlin and Zander** all the very best of luck in the Preliminary Terafinal on 4th and 5th September!

In qualifying, **Jamie** achieved a performance rating of **2191**, nearly 100 points higher than his actual rating and a fantastic win rate of **71%**, triumphing over opponents rated **2219** and **2193** in the process. **Merlin** (rated 2019) meanwhile took on opponents with an average rating of **2121** and clocked up a performance rating of a massive **2267**, beating players rated **2199** (a Candidate Master) and **2178**.

Other Dorset juniors, **Max, Leo** and **Jack** also performed well in their sections but, sadly, did not quite make it. **Florence** played very well in the **Girls U12 Gigafinal** but unfortunately missed out on the qualification score by only half a point, ending on the same score and tie break as Larissa but with a slightly lower on the day performance rating.

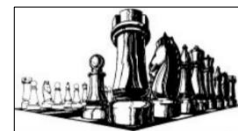
Upcoming Chess Activities and Tournaments

For juniors looking for chess events during September, the following are a selection of some of the offerings available:

- **26th 4NCL Congress @ Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa. Sept 10th @ 7:00 pm – Sept 12th @ 7:00 pm.** Open, Under 2000, Under 1700; Five rounds; Entry fee £30.00. Web: <http://www.4ncl.co.uk/>
- **Barnet Knights LJCC Qualifier @ Garden Suburb School, Childs Way, London NW11 6XU. Sept 12th from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.** This is a London Junior Chess Championship qualifying event. Web: <https://barnetknights.com/online-registration/barnet-knights-tournament>.
- **Sussex Junior Crowborough Tournament @ Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove Crowborough TN6 1FE. Sept 18th from 9.45am to 6.00pm.** Junior 6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major. See <http://sussexjuniorchess.org/>
- **3rd Surrey Kings Junior Rapidplay @ Ongar Place School. Milton Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 1NY. Sept 19th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.** ECF rated rapidplay for juniors aged U16. A qualifying event for the London Junior Chess Championships 2021. Web: <https://www.surreyknings.com/>

Search for more on the English Chess Federation (ECF) website at [Calendar – English Chess Federation](#)

News from the local BCP and Dorset chess clubs



Many of the chess clubs in and around the BCP area have restarted over the board chess. Whilst these are adult chess clubs, they **also welcome junior players**:

- **Southbourne Chess Club** has resumed its chess at the Tuckton Social Club, 222 Tuckton Road, Bournemouth on Friday evenings from 6.30pm, averaging 15 -20 players, including several new juniors. Informal free junior coaching from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact nikkiforster2015@gmail.com
- **Poole Chess Club** has resumed its chess at the Royal British Legion, North Road, Poole on Thursday evenings from 7.15pm with good attendances.
- **Wimborne Chess Club** has resumed its chess at the Wimborne Royal British Legion on Friday mornings from 10am, averaging around 8 players.
- **New Milton Chess Club** reports from the beginning of August, social chess has resumed at the New Milton Conservative Club on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm and Thursday afternoons.
- **Bournemouth Chess Club** is now meeting again at the Winton Liberal Club on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm, averaging 12 to 15 players including many new younger members.
- **Purbeck and Dorchester/Weymouth, Highcliffe and Ringwood chess clubs** plan to resume in September.

Further details of these chess clubs can be found from their links on the Dorset Chess website.

[Dorset Chess](#) | [Dorset Chess League](#)

Chess Fun Time

Fancy testing your chess knowledge with a Kahoot Quiz?



Chess in schools and Communities have some fun Kahoot Quizzes available to test not only your chess knowledge but also your speed at answering! Why not try these “beginner” quizzes covering pawns, rooks, bishops and knights:

Pawns: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

Rooks: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

Bishops: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

Knights: [Play Kahoot! - Enter game PIN here!](#)

Chess jokes:

Q: where did the chess player sleep? A: In a KING size bed !!

Q: Why did the pirate raid the tournament? A: He was looking for a treasure chest

World's Youngest Grandmaster: Abhimanyu Mishra at 12 years and 4 months!

So all junior chess players, why aren't you grandmasters yet????

On 30th June 2021, Abhimanyu Mishra earned his third and final GM norm to become the youngest Grandmaster in history at just **12 years 4 months** and **25 days**.



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Mishra, who is from New Jersey, US, broke Sergey Karjakin's record of 12 years and seven months which had stood for 19 years, by more than two months. And he might have achieved the Grandmaster title even earlier than this but his campaign to compete in tournaments and earn the GM title was put on hold for a while due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Abhimanyu first learned to play chess when he was just two and a half years old.

To become a grandmaster in chess, a player must achieve three grandmaster norms -- an award given for a high level of performance in a chess tournament - - as well as achieving a 2500 Elo rating by FIDE, the rankings that govern international chess competition.

So, if you see yourself as a future grandmaster, here are the top ten youngest of all time...

Top Ten Youngest Grandmasters

The top ten of youngest Grandmasters are:

	Player	Federation	Age
1	Abhimanyu Mishra	USA	12 years, 4 months, 25 days
2	Sergey Karjakin	Russia	12 years, 7 months, 0 days
3	Gukesh Dommaraju	India	12 years, 7 months, 17 days
4	Javokhir Sindarov	Uzbekistan	12 years, 10 months, 5 days
5	Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu	India	12 years, 10 months, 13 days
6	Norirbek Abdusattorov	Uzbekistan	13 years, 1 month, 11 days
7	Parimarjan Negi	India	13 years, 4 months, 22 days
8	Magnus Carlsen	Norway	13 years, 4 months, 27 days
9	Wei Yi	China	13 years, 8 months, 23 days
10	Raunak Sadhwani	India	13 years, 9 months, 28 days

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. We always welcome new juniors of all levels and volunteers, so please contact the B&DCL and DCCA junior chess coordinator, **Nikki Forster** at nikkiforster2015@gmail.com if you wish to find out more on any junior chess matters or check out the Dorset Junior chess webpage <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess>