

# Wilshire Chess Society Newsletter

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## 12 year old Ukrainian GM smashes old record!!

Sheesh, there's nothing that says you're getting old like finding out that a 12-year old boy from the Ukraine has just become the world's youngest GM. Indeed, Sergey Karjakin (pronounced *car-yack-kin*) destroyed china's Bu Xiangzhi's record by over a year! Suddenly, Fischer's record of becoming a GM at 15 years, 6 month back in 1958 doesn't seem so amazing. And where will end? Is the day of the 10 year old GM not far off? "Now Jimmy, you need to finish your milk and cookies, and then take your nap, because your big game with Mr. Kramnik is coming up next round."



**GM Sergey Karjakin**  
(12 years old!)

Here is the official notice as given on chessbase (I've cleaned up the poor grammar):

"Ukrainian Sergey Karjakin has fulfilled the last GM norm at the international chess tournament that was held in the town of Sudak, the Crimea Peninsula, Ukraine, from the 2nd to the 12th of August. Now he will be the youngest GM in chess history. Sergey

Karjakin was born on 12 January 1990, his FIDE rating now is 2523. Sergey mastered chess at the A.V. Momot Regional Donetsk Chess Club under the guidance of Alexander Alexikov and the 1971 USSR Champion Grandmaster Vladimir Savon. Sergey is a under-12 world champion and he has won the boys championships of Ukraine many times. He also has participated in two FIDE Grand Prix tournaments in Dubai and Moscow in 2002. In January 2002 Sergey Karjakin was one of the Ruslan Ponomariov's seconds during his world championship match versus Vasily Ivanchuk."

Jeeze, the kid was already a super GM's second!? And this was BEFORE he was a GM or even an IM!! I say enough is enough! My solution? Start serving alcohol at chess tournaments. Hey, you're not 21, you don't get in. This will teach'em! Try to embarrass me will you? Go play in the sandbox with your Hotwheels and Pokemon like

a normal kid! Leave the shuffling of little plastic pieces on a vinyl board to us adults! Let's face it, as an adult, we just can't win. If you beat a little kid, you're a heartless bully, and if you lose to a shrimp, you're a patzer who can't even beat a child! Of course, the worst is having to play a little girl! You're better off just resigning on move one and then heading straight for the bar. And god forbid you should make her cry! **(Con't on Back)**

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- Congrats! to the winners of our August 25
- Tournament: **Pedro Tidoy, Jr.** (1st), **Alex**
- **Rapopot** (2nd)
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*See you September 29! Michael Jeffrey*

### The Final GM Norms' Record History

Bobby Fischer: 15 years, 6 months, 1 day  
Judit Polgar: 15 years, 4 months, 28 days  
Peter Leko: 14 years, 4 months, 22 days  
Etienne Bacrot: 14 years, 2 months, 0 days  
Ruslan Ponomariov: 14 years, 0 months, 17 days  
Teimour Radjabov: 14 years, 0 months, 14 days  
Bu Xiangzhi: 13 years, 10 months, 13 days  
Sergey Karjakin: 12 years, 7 months, 0 days

### Next W.C.S. G/45 Tournament September 29, 2002 - Sunday

Westside Pavilion, Community Room "C"  
10850 W. Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles  
(3rd Flr., West of Barnes & Noble, next to  
the SPCA pet adoption center)  
Registration 10:30 am  
Games from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm, 3-rounds  
Round robin quads (groups of 4) by rating  
Time control: G/45 mins. Entry fee: \$20.00  
Prizes: \$50.00 per quad (35.00 1st, 15.00 2nd)  
WCS Membership required (\$15.00/year) as  
well as U.S.C.F. Membership (\$40.00/year).

✓ out the WCS website at: [www.geocities.com/mjshark1](http://www.geocities.com/mjshark1) (Interviews with IM's Silman & Peters now posted!)

# Game of The Month



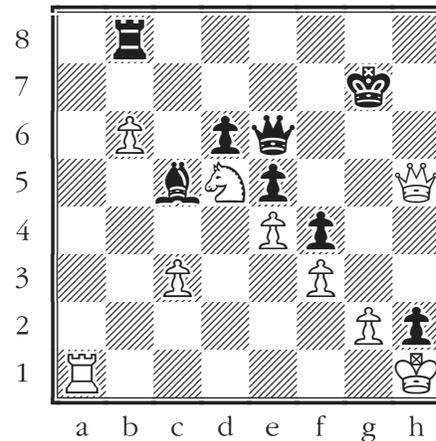
Here's a game with the White pieces when the prodigy was only 8 years old!

**Karjakin, S. - Shevtshenko, R.**

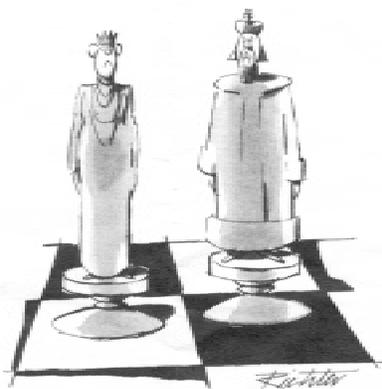
1998 Keres Memorial, Tallin

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6  
 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.a4 bxa4  
 14.Nce3 Bd7 15.Rxa4 a5 16.Bc4 Rb8 17.b3 Kh8 18.0-0 g6 19.Qd3 f5  
 20.f3 Bh6 21.Rd1 Qh4 22.Ra2 Qd8 23.Nc2 Bg7 24.Nde3 f4 25.Nd5 g5  
 26.b4 g4 27.b5 Na7 28.Ne1 g3 29.Rb1 gxh2+ 30.Kh1 Bf6 31.b6 Nc6  
 32.Nc7 Bh4 33.Bd5 Bxe1 34.Bxc6 Bh4 35.Bxd7 Qxd7 36.Rxa5 Bf2  
 37.Nd5 h5 38.Ra7 Qe6 39.Qe2 Bc5 40.Qe1 Rg8 41.Qh4 Rg7 42.Qxh5+  
 Kg8 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Ra1 1-0

**(Con't from Front)** I remember playing Vanessa West about two years ago and I was up a pawn. As would invariably happen back then, she began to cry. I thought, "Save it honey, I'm not falling for that old trick." The next thing I knew, she played a retreating knight move which I had completely overlooked that basically forked half my army! After moving my queen, she snatched my rook, through what were now completely dry eyes, and preceded to roll me off the board! I'm telling ya, let kids play in scholastic tournaments where they belong!



*Final position*  
 (The White rook coming to the 7th (or 8th) rank will decide the issue.)



"Damn it, Gwendolyn, you knew when you married me I moved only one square at a time."

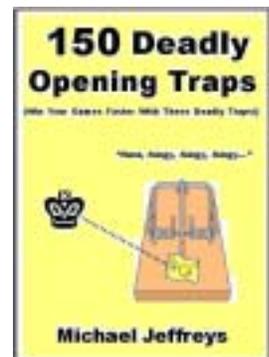
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