

How old were you when you learned the moves? Or when you played your first tournament? How do you compare with our Young, Younger, Youngest?

Did you know there are real chess planets? See pages 6-7.



Planet Chess object by James Flear



Barbados 1984





In this issue:

- 2 In the Beginning (297-300) by Igor Sukhin
- 3 Young, Younger, Youngest? Timur Yonal & Ivan Planella 6 Planet Anand & other chess objects in space
- 8 Puzzles
 Anand as a junior
 by FST Kevin O'Connell



FIDE – 60th anniversary



In the Beginning

Chess Camp 5 by Igor Sukhin Checkmate in Two

In the Beginning – 297 (Chess Camp 5-79) White to move.



In the Beginning – 299 (Chess Camp 5-91) White to move.



In the Beginning – 298 (*Chess Camp* 5-90) Black to move.



In the Beginning – 300 (Chess Camp 5-102) Black to move.



297. 1. ව්)e4-f6+.

299. 1. ≌a1-h1+.

300. 1... ₩a8 -h1+.

Young, Younger, Youngest...

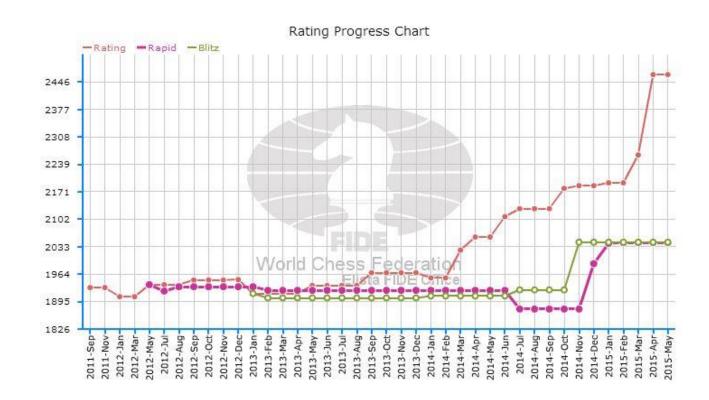
Young FIDE Master Nodirbek ABDUSATTOROV, age 10, from Uzbekistan, has made astonishing progress. On the April rating list, he gained 202 rating points, taking him to 2465, by far the highest rated player of his age.

He was World Youth u8 Champion in 2012. In the World Youth u10 Championship, he shared 14th-24th in 2013, while last year he won the silver medal, half a point behind Sarin Nihal of India.

Here he is pictured at the Agzamov Memorial Open in Tashkent last year.



Seeded 60th, he finished 30th, with 5/9, behind 16 Grandmasters, two of whom he defeated.



Next we have news of Iván PLANELLA Zavala, age 6, from Spain.

Is this a record? We think so. Iván has now turned 6 years old, but a couple of months ago, when he was 5 years 11 months old, we came across a description (in the Spanish section of ChessBase news) of his chess exploits.



Here he is with some of his trophies. The statistics are remarkable:

Tournaments played: 37 Games played: 241 Points scored: 102.5 His first FIDE rating was gained at the age of 4 – a world record.

He learned to play when he was just 2, playing his first full game at the age of two and a half!



Learning to play—a 'chess baby' (age 16 months!)

Timur YONAL of Russia is just 4 years old. In February he played in the u9 section of the Moscow Open. He scored 4/9 (+3 = 2 - 4) and ended 74-95= of 137 competitors.

At just four years old, Timur Yonal already has plenty to brag about - he holds 20 cups of various tournaments, as well as the title of champion of Alexandra Kosteniuk's children's chess school.



One of the educational benefits of chess for very young children is that they learn to write.



He can just about reach the eighth rank!

These children are just a few of the youngsters having fun, learning and perhaps going on to become great chess players.

Planet Anand & other chess objects in space

You may have read our Planet Chess series for chess beginners. The whole series is available for free download from http://cis.fide.com/en/teaching-materials.



However, have you heard of Planet Anand? This was featured by our friends at ChessBase on April 1 this year. They have since posted a link showing exactly how Planet Anand moves:

http://en.chessbase.com/post/googletooth-you-must-be-kidding

Many of their readers naturally thought that this was an April Fool joke. The original ChessBase story stated:

In 1988 an asteroid or minor planet was discovered, but remained unnamed for more than ten years. Michael Rudenko, committee member of the Minor Planet Center, a chess buff with a Playchess account, decided it was appropriate to name the object after Viswanathan Anand, himself an astronomy buff. It is now officially known as '(4538) Vishyanand'.

Would you have believed it? Well, it was completely true. Here's what ChessBase said a few days after the first news item:

Michael Rudenko proposed the name "Vishyanand" (adhering to rules requiring names to be 16 characters or fewer, and preferably without spaces), along with a brief citation explaining the reason for the name. To his delight, the committee gave its approval, and minor planet (4538) is now officially known as "(4538) Vishyanand". The citation reads: "Viswanathan (Vishy) Anand (b. 1969) was India's first chess grandmaster. He went on to become the fifteenth undisputed world chess champion. In addition to his passion for chess, he is also an avid astrophotography enthusiast."

Not only that, they also gave a couple of photos 'taken' by Vishy. Here is one of them. ChessBase further explained:



In 2013 Vishy targeted the Lagoon Nebula (M8), which is about 5000 light years from earth with a size of 110 by 50 light years. He used the 20 inch telescope (T31 from ITelescope) in Australia to image this nebula....

Vishy is not the only chess player to have been honoured in this way. Here is the list, courtesy of ChessBase:

(1909) Alekhin = 1972 RW2

Discovered at Nauchnyj on 1972-09-04 by L. V. Zhuravleva. Named in honor of Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Alekhin (1892-1946), an outstanding Russian chessplayer, the world chess champion (1927-1935, 1937-1946).

(5413) Smyslov = 1977 EC2

Discovered at Nauchnyj on 1977-03-13 by N. S. Chernykh. Named in honor of Vasilij Vasilevich Smyslov (b. 1921), Soviet chess grandmaster and world chess champion during 1957-1958. He is known also as a gifted amateur singer, performing operatic arias and Russian folk songs.

(5570) Kirsan = 1976 GM7

Discovered at Nauchnyj on 1976-04-04 by N. S. Chernykh. Named in honor of Kirsan Nikolaevich Ilyumzhinov (b. 1962), chess grandmaster and president of the International Chess Federation, elected in 1996 for a second term.

(7268) Chigorin = 1972 TF

Discovered at Nauchnyj on 1972-10-03 by L. V. Zhuravleva. Mikhail Ivanovich Chigorin (1850-1908), founder of the Russian chess school, was Russian chess champion from 1899 to 1906. He gained victories in international chess tournaments in New York (1889), Budapest (1896) and Vienna (1903).

(90414) Karpov = 2003 YP110

Discovered at Pla D'Arguines on 2003-12-19 by R. Ferrando. Anatoly Karpov (b. 1951) learned chess from his father at the age of four and was soon able to beat older players. He was world chess champion from 1975 to 1985 and from 1993 to 1999. He has won more tournaments than any other player in the history of the game.



Michael Rudenko is a staff member of the International Astronomical Union Minor Planet Center in Cambridge,

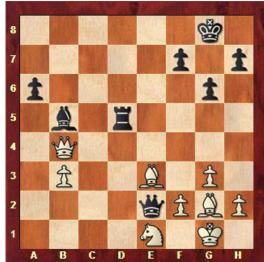
Massachusetts, USA. After receiving an SB in mathematics from MIT in 1977, he has been engaged in computer programming ever since. His name is attached to three comet discoveries he made during the 1980s.

More about such things, including *Will the* world end on *Kasparov's 66th birthday?* At the ChessBase link above.

Puzzles

selected by FST & FM Kevin O'Connell (www.kochess.com)

1 White to move. What not to play?



Gad RECHLIS – Viswanathan ANAND World Junior u20 Championship 1984

3 White to play. Have fun!



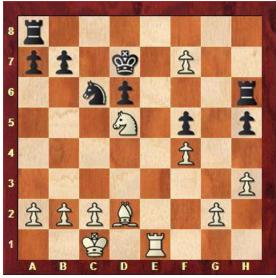
Viswanathan ANAND – Ivan Boere SOUZA World Junior u20 Championship 1984

2 Black's move. Simple.



N.R. SRIDHAR – Viswanathan ANAND Tamil Nadu Junior Championship 1982

4 White to play. Find a clear win.



Viswanathan ANAND – Varugeese KOSHY India Championship, Tenali 1985

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLES

.[cɔ-hb单.48d-8xeb 2.避d6xc6 [3... 莒a8-b8 4.单d4-c5].

. 1.-04A-8b轡SrkTg耸.S⁺Srk&ah基...1 ..S

1. 1. **耸g2xd5??** [32. 兔e3-h6! 茁d5-d8 33.h2-h4+-] 1..**營e2-f1#**.