

BORKI PREDOJEVIC - BIOGRAPHY

Born on 6th April 1987, Borki became an International Master by the age of 15; his Grandmaster title followed soon thereafter, when he fulfilled the third norm at the 36th Chess Olympiad (Càlvia, 2004) at the age of 17, becoming the youngest GM in the region.

His junior career was incredibly successful, and his national titles is difficult to number, as he won numerable titles in Yugoslavia, Republika Srpska, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. **In 1999, he won the U-12 European Youth Championship (Lithoro, Greece), two years later he became the U-14 European Champion (Kallithea, Greece), and in 2003 he won the U-16 World Junior Championship (also held in Kallithea).**

Individual career:

Borki transitioned to professional chess seamlessly and achieved his peak rating of 2655 as the result of many successful performances over the years, including wins at the following tournaments:

1st place – First Saturday GM Round Robin Tournament, Budapest /Hungary 2004,

1st place – Open Metalis, Bizovac/Croatia 2006,

1st place – Open Zagreb, Zagreb/Croatia 2007,

1st place – Hit Open, Nova Gorica/Slovenia 2008,

1st place – Acropolis Open, Chalkida/Greece 2009,

1st place – Zadar Open, Zadar/Croatia 2012,

2nd place - XXXVII Supertournament “Bosna” Sarajevo, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007,

2nd place - XXXIX Supertournament “Bosna” Sarajevo, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina 2009,

4th place – Aeroflot Open, Moscow/Russia 2009,

Silver medal - 5th board on 34th European Club Cup held in Greece – 2018.

Team career:

Borki is currently member of following chess clubs: CC “Bosna” Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina, SK “Tajfun” Ljubljana/Slovenia, CC “Solin-Cemex” Solin/Croatia, “PEP” Jelica - Goracici/Serbia, SK “Vålerenga” Oslo/Norway, CC “Absam”, Absam/Austria and SC “Kirchweyhe” Kirchweyhe/Germany.

The most important results in team career are:

2nd place – Chess Club “Bosna” Sarajevo, 20th European Club Cup, Cesme/Izmir, Turkey 2004 (Team lineup: Alexey Shirov, Nigel Short, Ivan Sokolov, Viktor-Viorel Bologan, Sergej Movsesian, Zdenko Kozul, Suat Atalik and Borki Predojevic);

4th place – Chess Club “Bosna” Sarajevo, 24th European Club Cup, Kalithea, Greece 2008;

16 times Winner of Premier league in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Chess Club “Bosna” Sarajevo (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023),

Croatian Champion – CC “Liburnija” Rijeka 2016; CC “Solin” Split 2023;

5 time Norwegian Champion – SK “Vålerenga” 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2021/2022;

Winner of Austrian Bundesliga – SPO “Maria Saal” 2015/2016;

Serbian Champion with PEP Jelica – Goracici 2021;

4 time Vice champion in Hungary – Chess Club Paks, Paks (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011);

3 time Vice champion of Premier league in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Chess Club “Bosna” Sarajevo (2007, 2010, 2014);

5 time Vice champion in Austrian Bundesliga – SPO “Maria Saal” (2012/2013, 2014/2015, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020),

2 time Croatian Vice champion – CC “Liburnija” 2015, 2017;

Norwegian Vice champion – SK “Vaalerenga” 2014/2015;

Vice Champion in German Bundesliga – “Solingen” 2017/2018;

From January 2023, Borki is cooperating with Chess Team of UTD “Dallas” as project coach and second of 1st and 2nd team of University.

Representative career:

Borki had played on six Chess Olympiads (Calvia/Mallorca/Spain – 2004, Turin/Italy – 2006, Dresden/Germany – 2008, Khanty Mansiysk/Russia – 2010, Tromso/Norway – 2014, Baku/Azerbaijan – 2016). **He achieved 4th best Individual result on 2nd board (8,5 points out of 11 games) on 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden in 2008 and 6th best Individual result on 4th board (8 points out of 11 games) on 36th Chess Olympiad in Calvia/Mallorca in 2004.**

Trainer career:

Borki started to work as professional chess coach in beginning of 2014. Previously he has been helping to grandmasters Viktor-Viorel Bologan, Ivan Sokolov, Ferenc Berkes and others. From 2014 till today his students achieved many great results. Some of them are mentioned above:

Grandmaster Akshat Chandra (USA) (period of work 2014-2018):

Achieved GM title (2017);

US Chess National High School Champion (K-12) for 2015;

US Chess National High School Blitz Champion for 2015;

US Chess Junior Champion (U-21)

Grandmaster Johan – Sebastian Christiansen (NOR) (period of work 2014-2019):

Achieved FM title (2014);

Achieved IM title (2015);

Achieved GM title (2018)

Norwegian Chess Champion U-16 (2014);

Norwegian Chess Champion U-18 (2016);

Nordic Champion U-16 (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland and Faroe Islands) (2014);

Nordic Champion U-16 (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland and Faroe Islands) (2016).

From 2017 Borki is head coach of National Team of Austria – best result 14th place on 43rd Chess Olympiad (2018).

Awards:

He has won many national awards, most notably “Most Outstanding Sportsman in Republika Srpska” in 1999 and 2003, Top 5 sportsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2008 in election of Daily News “Nezavisne Novine” and Top 10 sportsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2005 in election of Daily News “Nezavisne Novine”.

In 2013 he got award “**Chess For Peace**” by Nansen Dialogue Center in Lillehammer as a result of promoting chess between three nations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and promoting friendship between Norway and Bosnia and Herzegovina in period 2001-2012.

Books/Articles:

A keen writer and analyst, Borki authored “My Creativity in Chess” (2010), and appears as a contributor in several volumes of “Chess Evolution” as well as numerous other chess periodicals. He was publishing articles and his own games in many editions of “Chess Informant”, “Modern Chess” (Serbia) and “Chess Journal” Serbia. In period 2014-2019 he was providing articles and encyclopedia lines for company Chess Openings 24/7.

Other achievements:

In period 2009 – 2014 Borki was studying Economy and Business Faculty “Slobomir P” in Doboj, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He successfully finish it in October 2014 by getting BBA title (4 years – 240 ECTS) by defending dissertation “ Formulation and Implementation of Strategy in Company”.

In 2012 he was coordinator in front of Humanitarian Organization “Sport Senza Frontiere” from Rome thru chess education of homeless children in “SOS Childrens Village” in Sarajevo.

He played friendly rapid match versus current World Champion Magnus Carlsen on 28th and 29th June in Lillehammer, Norway (2013). Match was finished in favour of World Champion with result 2,5 – 1,5.

In 2015 he was official commentator of 31st European Club Cup which has been held in Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Beside many obligations he finds time for his roles with Chess Club Bosna (the former European Club Cup winners from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina) & Chess Club “Mat” from his hometown Teslic as team captain (Bosna) and member of Board of Management (Mat). He is captain & coach of Chess Club Tajfun (Slovenia) from 2023.