

 Eljanov Pavel (10.05.1983)



Ukrainian Grandmaster (2000), Kharkiv, USSR (now Ukraine), graduated in Law. Vice champion of Ukraine in 2011, vice Ukrainian U18 champion in 2000.

Won or shared first: Alushta (closed) 2000 joint first (playing together with his father Vladimir); Biel MTO Open 2004, 1st-5th (Bauer won on tie-break); Amsterdam ACT Open 2005; Montreal Empresa-A (closed) 2006; **Corus, Wijk aan Zee B 2007; Sarajevo, Bosna (GM Invitation) 2009** (ahead of 2./3. Wang Hao and Predojevic, six players), then considered his best individual result so far: <http://www.chessvibes.com/?q=reports/pavel-eljanov-yes-i-think-this-is-my-best-result/#more-11629>; **Astrakhan FIDE Grand Prix stage 2010**, clear first; **Copenhagen, Politiken Cup (Open) 2010**, clear first; **Moscow Aeroflot Open 2011**, 1st-3rd (Bartel won on tie-break); **Reykjavik Open 2013**, 1st-3rd, won on tie-break above So and Amin; **Poikovsky, Karpov GM Tournament 2013** (ahead of 2. Motylev, 3. Inarkiev, ten players), **St. Petersburg Chigorin Memorial (Open) 2013** 1st-11th (!), won on tie-break; **Shamkir (Gashimov Memorial) B 2014; Douglas, Chess.com Isle of Man (Open) 2016**, 1st-2nd, won on tie-break above Caruana (in a strong field including the three (US) top ten players Nakamura, Caruana, and So, plus amongst others Shirov, Leko, Adams, and Hou Yifan)

At the **World Cup (2015)**, Eljanov defeated **Rinat Jumabayev**, **Alexander Ipatov** and **Alexander Grischuk** in successive rounds, each time winning both standard time games without resorting to tiebreakers, ie: a 6-0 result in the first three rounds. He defeated **Dmitry Jakovenko** in the Round of Sixteen (fourth round) to proceed to the quarter final where he defeated **Hikaru Nakamura** by 1.5-0.5. He met **Sergey Karjakin** in the semi final but lost in a tense see-sawing tiebreaker, the ultimate result of their match being 2.5-3.5. (Quotation from: Chessgames)

A member of the national team who won the **gold medal at the 2004 and 2010 Chess Olympiads**.

In 2007 and in 2011 Pavel Eljanov was a second of Boris Gelfand at the World Championship Candidates Tournaments.

His father, Vladimir Eljanov (1951 – 2013), was an International Master.

His highest rating and ranking to date were in September 2010 when **he was rated 2761 Elo and ranked sole #6 in the world** (behind leading Carlsen, Topalov, Anand, Aronian, and Kramnik).



Photo CNC

Eljanov-Anand, Wijk aan Zee 2008

Kiroski, Toni (2403) - Eljanov, Pavel (2558)

EU-ch 2nd Ohrid (3), 2001.06.03

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nc4 O-O
10.Bb6 Qd7 11.Be2 Rb8 12.Qd2 Bd8 13.Rd1 Bxb6 14.Nxb6 Qd8 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qxd6 Qb6
17.Qa3 Nd4 18.Bd3 Ng4 19.O-O Qh6 20.h3 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Ng5 22.f3 Nxb3 23.fxg4 Nf2+ 24.Kg1
Nxb3 25.Rf5 Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qxg2+ 28.Ke1 Qg3+ 29.Ke2 g6 30.Rdf1 gxf5 31.Nd5
fxe4 32.Ne7+ Kh8 33.Bxe4 Qxa3 34.bxa3 Rc7 35.Nd5 Rc4 36.Bf5 Rd8 **0-1**

→ Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1165814>



Winner at Isle of Man (Open) 2016: Pavel Eljanov in play (photo from his own Twitter)

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