

# Judit Polgár



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## ● Presentation

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Judit Polgar is a chess player, she began to excel at age 8, defeating experienced opponents in strong tournaments. We have chosen her because she was the best female chess player and has demonstrated that women can compete in chess as well as men.



# Why is she famous?

She is the only woman who has managed to appear among the top ten chess players in the world ranking, achieving it in the list of January 1996 list, defeating great masters such as Kasparov, Kamsky or Salov.



# About her career

**Judit Polgár was born in Hungary in 1976. She has been a professional chess player since childhood. At first, her parents didn't want her to play female chess tournaments, but they realized that children learn fast and they were young, so they let them begin playing.**

**The only moment she stopped playing chess since then was to give birth to her 2 children, she was a very active player.**

**On 13 August 2014 she announced her retirement from competitive chess.**



# Important matches

In early 2002, Polgár won an international tournament in Benidorm (Spain), where she played against Ruslan Ponomarev, at that time FIDE world champion, in a blitz game.

That same year she was the first woman that won against Kasparov, one of the highlights of her career.

In 2006 at the Essent Chess Tournament, she twice defeated the then world's top 1 Veselin Topalov.

In 2012 she managed to defeat Magnus Carlsen in a quick game a year before Carlsen became world champion.

# Playstyle

She played king pawn openings with white, and Sicilian defence nimzo-indian variant or najdorf variant with blacks. She played aggressively and made very powerful attacks on the king's side, she usually changed pawns and pieces very early in the game and played on open positions, where making attacks is easier. She didn't care much about defence either and most of the time she used the rook's defensive pawns to push or help on the attack.

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