

Young Globetrotter Gleb Dudin

From Moscow via Hungary to Texas

Gleb Evgenyevich Dudin (born 11 October 2004 in Moscow) took up chess relatively late by today's standards — at the age of nine. He attended Moscow School No. 57 and developed as a chess player at the Anatoly Karpov Chess School. His talent soon opened the doors to the Sirius Educational Centre near Sochi, where, according to his mother's recollections, he attended twelve-day chess training camps twice a year.

His rise was rapid: he earned the FIDE Master title in 2018, became an International Master in 2021 and a Grandmaster in 2023. After a period of playing under the neutral FIDE flag, on 19 July 2023 he transferred from the Russian Chess Federation to the Hungarian Chess Federation. Publicly available sources do not explain the personal reasons for the change; what is documented is simply that he has represented Hungary since the summer of 2023. In December 2025 he became Hungarian champion.

The United States became the next stop for the young globetrotter. At the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley he studies psychology while also playing for the university's strong chess team. Moscow, Hungary and Texas thus mark three major points on his journey so far, both in life and in chess.

At the 2026 Olympiad in Samarkand, Dudin was listed as the fifth player in the Hungarian line-up, yet he became the team's outstanding performer. He scored eight points from ten games: seven wins, two draws and just one loss. He achieved a performance rating of 2738 and won the gold medal on board five.

He added a symbolic full stop in the final round, defeating World Champion Gukesh with White. Hungary finished seventh overall.

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