

Oliwia Kiolbasa: Another chess feat at the Olympiad in India

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As Poland's third board, the 22-year-old girl yields an astronomical rating of 3013 so far in the tournament, to become, together with the 16-year-old Indian teenager Gukesh Dommaraju, the top players in the top team competition of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), held in the tourist Indian town of Mahabalipuram.

The Indian boy is following in the footsteps of the Estonian GM Paul Keres, who achieved 13.5 units out of a possible 14 on the fourth board of the champion Soviet Union in the 1954 Amsterdam Olympiad. Meanwhile, Kiolbasa is chasing the sublime performance of Hungarian GM Judit Polgar, who achieved

12.5 out of 13 units as second board in Thessaloniki 1988, when she was only 12 years old.

With her performance in the Olympic tournament in the cradle of the Science Game, Kiolbasa adds for the moment 29.1 points to her Elo, which is now 2412.

The Polish chess player moved up 21 places in the women's live world rankings, and now owns the 45th place in the ranking led by 28-year-old Chinese Grandmaster Hou Yifan, with an Elo coefficient of 2650.

In her still short career for the Caissa kingdom, the Greek chess muse Kiolbasa won the U10 Women's European Youth Chess Championship and was runner-up in the U14 Women's World Youth Championship, and since 2016 she holds the title of Women's International Master.

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