



THE 12TH ANNUAL
SVETOZAR GLIGORIC
TRANSATLANTIC CUP

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The University of Texas at Dallas vs. The University of Belgrade

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Hello again!

On behalf of The University of Texas at Dallas, I welcome you to the 2017 edition of the Svetozar Gligoric Transatlantic Cup!

As summer sees its way out, the warmth finally giving way to a welcome autumn breeze, we turn our thoughts toward renewing our rivalry with The University of Belgrade.

This twelfth annual Transatlantic Cup represents an opportunity for our Old World adversaries to, again, even up the all-time tally between our institutions. But, it's much more than that.

As we exchange pleasantries and moves from opposite sides of the ocean, we are reminded of what bonds us together as competitors in an increasingly small world. We are united by respect for each other as we measure our preparedness as well as our mental agility.

The UT Dallas roster features veterans of this competition as well as new faces to the experience. They will nevertheless know that they defend a narrow 6-5 lead earned last November and that each of the 16, one-on-one matches carries the same weight, regardless of what ranking you carry.

We hope you enjoy the battle about to unfold, and we wish the best of luck to our adversaries.

Best regards,

James A. Stallings
Director, Chess Program at UT Dallas



Greetings, everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 12th annual long-distance chess match between the University of Belgrade and The University of Texas at Dallas. Let me start by congratulating all the players from both teams who made their appearance at this unique event over the past decade. I would especially like to thank our students for the excellent results achieved so far. Furthermore, let me express my gratitude to all the people involved in the organization of the long-distance chess match, from both Dallas and Serbia, who made the duels between our chess teams over the internet traditional.

Since 2012, the duel carries the name of the world-famous chess grandmaster and chess legend Svetozar Gligoric, and we are grateful to our colleagues from Dallas for having accepted this. In previous matches our University has shown itself as an outstanding opponent, so all the matches had very thrilling endings. The University of Belgrade is proud to have such excellent chess players among its students and alumni.

After 11 matches played so far, the current result is 5:6. Taking into consideration the teams announced, this match will be the most challenging so far and a very close duel is expected. Nonetheless, the University of Belgrade does expect to win the Trophy in this year's match.

At our university, the match is traditionally played at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, where we also cordially invite distinguished persons from our country to be honorable guests. Famous grandmasters, government and university officials, as well as well-renowned sportsmen made their appearance and made the first moves at the chess matches played in the course of the past decade, which contributed very much to the importance of this event. As always, the media will cover this unique event happening in the chess and the academic world, and it will also be possible to follow the match online, using the Internet Chess Club (ICC), web address chessclub.com.

Best wishes to both teams!

Professor Vladimir Bumbasirevic, MD
Rector of the University of Belgrade, Serbia



Anton Kovalyov
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2648
Major: Computer Science



1



Marko Nenezic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2488
Major: Civil Engineering

Gil Popilski
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2516
Major: Computer Science



2



Milan Zajic
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2512
Major: Business Administration

Denis Kadric
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2511
Major: Finance



3



Luka Draskovic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2450
Major: Organizational Sciences

Razvan Preotu
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2507
Major: Software Engineering



4



Lazar Nestorovic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2396
Major: Sport & Physical Education

Angel Arribas
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2505
Major: Software Engineering



5



Gojko Vucinic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2410
Major: Organizational Sciences

Dani Raznikov
Grandmaster
FIDE Rating: 2497
Major: Software Engineering

6

Vladimir Lukovic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2442
Major: Mathematics

Mariam Danelia
Woman International Master
FIDE Rating: 2231
Major: Finance

12

Lazar Radusinovic
National Candidate Master
FIDE Rating: 2323
Major: Business Administration

Kacper Drozdowski
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2503
Major: Information Technology Systems

7

Miloje Ratkovic
National Master
FIDE Rating: 2409
Major: Law

Tony Yim
FIDE Rating: 2198
Major: Finance

13

Branislav Kiproski
National Candidate Master
FIDE Rating: 2269
Major: Electrotechnical

Prasanna Rao
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2464
Major: Information Technology Management

8

Nikola Potpara
National Candidate Master
FIDE Rating: 2380
Major: Physics

John Veech
FIDE Rating: 2116
Major: Actuarial Science

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Tijana Blagojevic
Woman International Master
FIDE Rating: 2266
Major: Organizational Sciences

Zurabi Javakhadze
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2452
Major: Arts and Technology

9

Milovan Ratkovic
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2405
Major: Law

Minh Duy Nguyen
FIDE Rating: 1940
Major: Biomedical Science

15

Mila Zarkovic
Woman International Master
FIDE Rating: 2241
Major: Organizational Sciences

Eylon Nakar
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2452
Major: Actuarial Science

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Pavle Dimic
FIDE Master
FIDE Rating: 2361
Major: Economics

Ram Nandula
FIDE Rating: 1819
Major: Computer Science

16

Adela Velikic
Woman International Master
FIDE Rating: 2227
Major: Electrotechnical

Titas Stremavicius
International Master
FIDE Rating: 2426
Major: Finance

11

Danilo Besedes
FIDE Master
FIDE Rating: 2287
Major: Physics

John Michael Kneen
FIDE Rating: 1639
Major: Mathematics

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Milan Jocev
National Candidate Master
FIDE Rating: 2250
Major: Electrotechnical

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Founded in 1969, **The University of Texas at Dallas** has evolved into an internationally recognized Tier 1 research institution. An array of highly lauded business, engineering and science programs have established UT Dallas' reputation for wide-ranging, interdisciplinary programs such as arts and technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, and biomedical engineering. The school also has an NCAA Division III athletics program in the American Southwest Conference and fields 13 intercollegiate teams who have won 21 conference titles. The University recruits worldwide for its chess team and has a nationally recognized debate team. The *Princeton Review* consistently names UT Dallas as one of the best values among public universities, and *Times Higher Education* ranked the University #1 in the nation and #21 in the world out of 200 outstanding schools under 50 years of age.



The University of Belgrade is the oldest and largest university in Serbia. Founded in 1808 as the Belgrade Higher School in revolutionary Serbia, by 1838 it merged with the Kragujevac-based departments into a single university. The University has nearly 90,000 students (including around 1,700 postgraduates) and over 4,200 members of teaching staff.

Since its founding, the University has educated more than 330,000 bachelors, around 21,300 magisters, 29,000 specialists and 12,600 doctors. The University comprises 31 faculties, 11 research institutes, the university library, and 7 university centers. The faculties are organized into 4 groups: social sciences and humanities; medical sciences; natural sciences and mathematics; and technological sciences.

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Match History

Year	Winner	Score
2006	Belgrade	8.5 - 7.5
2007	Dallas	11.0 - 5.0
2008	Dallas	12.5 - 3.5
2009	Dallas	8.5 - 7.5
2010	Belgrade	11.5 - 4.5
2011	Tie	8.0 - 8.0
2012	Belgrade	9.5 - 6.5
2013	Belgrade	9.0 - 7.0
2014	Tie	8.0 - 8.0
2015	Dallas	9.0 - 7.0
2016	Dallas	10.0 - 6.0



Tournament Director: Brian Yang, FIDE Arbiter

Opening ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, in the Davidson Auditorium of the Naveen Jindal School of Management. It is free and open to the public.

Time control is 40 minutes per players plus 5 seconds incremental time per move. The match will last about 2 hours.



About UT Dallas

UT Dallas is comprised of eight schools offering interdisciplinary degree programs that feature a student population as diverse as its areas of study.

With a current enrollment of nearly 28,000 students and a distinguished faculty that includes one Nobel laureate, members of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering and active, news-making researchers, UT Dallas aims to provide Texas and the nation with the benefits of educational and research programs of the highest quality. By merging theory with practice in classrooms and laboratories, we challenge students to investigate their own questions and create the future they envision for themselves.

Chess at UT Dallas

What sets the UT Dallas chess program apart is that we offer opportunities for every interest and skill level through:

- The championship-winning chess team.
- The inclusive student chess society.
- Online Chess in Education courses for college credit at UT Dallas.
- Chess education outreach efforts, including children's summer chess camps.



At UT Dallas, we have a great appreciation for the relationship between academia and chess, and we are prepared to help educators realize all that chess can offer in the classroom. Whether it is to improve students' concentration, raise test scores or to add variety in the classroom environment, our "chess in the classroom" courses provide educators with new instruction and tools.

Instructor: Dr. Alexey Root.

Chess Online consists of two for-credit undergraduate courses offered through UT Dallas eLearning.

Chess I, ED 4358: Using Chess in Schools *(three semester hours) – Using chess to teach critical thinking, math, and reading skills in elementary and secondary classrooms. This course is also appropriate for chess instructors who wish to incorporate additional academic and humanistic goals into their programs. No previous knowledge of chess is required.*

Chess II, ED 4359: Using Institutional and Cultural Contexts of Chess *(three semester hours) – Examination of the roles of chess in history and in contemporary culture and analysis of chess in education. Each student's culminating paper proposes improving an existing chess program or developing a new chess program. No prior knowledge of chess is required.*

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