

### III Mindsports GM Super Swiss Open 2023 Report




























Dear Chess Community,

It is with great pleasure to announce that the Mindsports Grandmasters Open has been a success! The third edition of titled tournaments at the London Mindsports Centre.

The tournament took place from the 13th - 17th September, and was advertised as a Super Swiss Open tournament. The idea was taken from the 1000GM Las Vegas Super Swiss - credit goes to the 1000GM organisation and the project manager IM Josiah Stearman. The Las Vegas tournament can be found [here](#).
































The Mindsports GM Super Swiss achieved an average rating greater than 2400 after the first twenty registrations. An amazing feat! The final field of players included 32 total players with an average rating of 2305, including 5 GMs, 9 IMs, 1 WGM, 5 FMs, & 3 CMs. The starting rank cross table can be found below...

#### [III Mindsports GM Super Swiss Open Starting Rank Cross Table](#)

Starting rank					
No.		Name	FidelID	FED	Rtg
1		GM Frode Olav Olsen Urkedal	1506102	NOR	2506
2		GM Alexander Kovchan	14103052	UKR	2480
3		IM Marcus R. Harvey	400092	ENG	2480
4		GM Eldar Gasanov	14104466	UKR	2476
5		GM Boris Chatalbashev	2900440	DEN	2466
6		IM Benjamin Haldorsen	1512633	NOR	2460
7		IM Peter T Roberson	412384	ENG	2433
8		IM Matthew J Wadsworth	415804	ENG	2432
9		IM Filip Boe Olsen	1440640	DEN	2428
10		IM Jonah B Willow	438804	ENG	2410
11		GM Alexander Cherniaev	4117301	ENG	2390
12		IM James P Jackson	416860	ENG	2376
13		FM Maciej Czopor	21805431	POL	2358
14		IM Graeme N Buckley	402265	ENG	2349
15		FM Alex Browning	12984019	GER	2347
16		IM Vardaan Nagpal	25089544	IND	2322
17		FM Tom O'Gorman	2508249	IRL	2313
18		FM Frederick Waldhausen Gordon	2409143	SCO	2302
19		Steven A Jones	419630	ENG	2289
20		CM Ankush Khandelwal	413470	ENG	2277
21		FM Roland Bezuidenhout	14304562	RSA	2267
22		Viktor Stoyanov	450308	ENG	2262
23		WGM Andreea Navrotescu	675946	FRA	2228
24		AFM Elias Ruzhansky	472824	BEL	2216
25		CM Peter Finn	432156	ENG	2212
26		Aditya Verma	426202	ENG	2140
27		Lorenzo Fava	2837434	ITA	2121
28		CM Peter D Lalic	416711	ENG	2117
29		Oscar Pollack	429414	ENG	2110
30		Jude Shearsby	462527	ENG	2100
31		Frankie Badacsonyi	460400	ENG	2080
32		Supratit Banerjee	2410079	SCO	2017

Heading into the 8th round, there were 6 potential title norm opportunities on the line. Going into round 9, there were only 2 opportunities available. It just shows how difficult Swiss tournaments are.

At the conclusion of the tournament, no player title norms were achieved unfortunately! This is the nature of playing in a Swiss Open tournament where the pairings can sometimes be unpredictable and produce some questions.

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds										
Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	TB1	TB2	K	rtg+/-	
1	1		GM Frode Olav Olsen Urkedal	NOR	2506	7	2626	10	13,2	
2	8		IM Matthew J Wadsworth	ENG	2432	6	2544	10	13,8	
3	10		IM Jonah B Willow	ENG	2410	6	2526	10	14,5	
4	5		GM Boris Chatalbashev	DEN	2466	6	2513	10	5,7	
5	2		GM Alexander Kovchan	UKR	2480	6	2509	10	3,7	
6	4		GM Eldar Gasanov	UKR	2476	5,5	2484	10	1,6	
7	20		CM Ankush Khandelwal	ENG	2277	5,5	2422	20	31,8	
8	17		FM Tom O'Gorman	IRL	2313	5,5	2380	10	8,8	
9	9		IM Filip Boe Olsen	DEN	2428	5,5	2374	10	-5	
10	22		Viktor Stoyanov	ENG	2262	5	2442	20	42,2	
11	6		IM Benjamin Haldorsen	NOR	2460	5	2414	10	-5,7	
12	18		FM Frederick Waldhausen Gordon	SCO	2302	5	2402	20	24,4	
13	11		GM Alexander Cherniaev	ENG	2390	5	2314	10	-8,5	
14	16		IM Vardaan Nagpal	IND	2322	5	2305	10	-1,9	
15	15		FM Alex Browning	GER	2347	4,5	2344	20	-0,4	
16	21		FM Roland Bezuidenhout	RSA	2267	4,5	2293	20	6	
17	24		AFM Elias Ruzhansky	BEL	2216	4,5	2209	40	-5,2	
18	14		IM Graeme N Buckley	ENG	2349	4	2295	10	-5,4	
19	27		Lorenzo Fava	ITA	2121	4	2225	40	36,4	
20	31		Frankie Badacsonyi	ENG	2080	4	2148	40	30,8	
21	13		FM Maciej Czopor	POL	2358	3,5	2325	10	-3,6	
22	19		Steven A Jones	ENG	2289	3,5	2194	20	-23,4	
23	26		Aditya Verma	ENG	2140	3,5	2081	20	-14,8	
24	7		IM Peter T Roberson	ENG	2433	3	2224	10	-15,7	
25	30		Jude Shearsby	ENG	2100	3	2154	40	13,2	
26	29		Oscar Pollack	ENG	2110	3	2088	20	-5,8	
27	25		CM Peter Finn	ENG	2212	3	2045	20	-35	
28	3		IM Marcus R Harvey	ENG	2480	2,5	2273	10	-16,7	
29	23		WGM Andreea Navrotescu	FRA	2228	2,5	2120	20	-21,6	
30	28		CM Peter D Lalic	ENG	2117	2,5	2084	20	-8,6	
31	12		IM James P Jackson	ENG	2376	2	2284	10	-4,8	
32	32		Supratit Banerjee	SCO	2017	2	1874	40	-40,8	

**Annotation:**  
Tie Break1: points (game-points)  
Tie Break2: Performance (variable with parameter)

Organising titled tournaments in the UK is quite a challenge, and having prizes is even more challenging. A big thanks to Chessable for supporting the tournament with pens, merchandise and £1,000 in vouchers. The prizes were distributed as follows...

### Chessable Vouchers

1st [£300] - GM Frode Urkedal (7/9)

Tied 2nd [£400/4 = £100 each] - IM Matthew Wadsworth, IM Jonah Willow, GM Boris Chatalbashev, & GM Alex Kovchan (6/9)

Best Junior [£100] - FM Freddy Gordon (5/9)

Norm Seekers [£200/2 = £100 each] - CM Ankush Khandelwal, & Viktor Stoyanov

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I would also like to express my gratitude to the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, which provided the venue for the tournament and the chief arbiter - Alan Atkinson for running the event effortlessly. The equipment provided by the London Chess League (John Sargent & Andy Heard). Score sheets, pens, board numbers, fair play equipment, & banners provided by International Arbiter / Organiser Adam Raouf.

The tournament was deemed to be one of the strongest open swiss title norm events in recent times in the UK having obtained an extremely healthy average player rating.

The mission is to keep organising title norm tournaments in the London area and to continue providing title norm opportunities at the highest level for English chess.

Images from the tournament have been included below. All images / photos can be found on the chess results website [here](#).



*Playing hall*



*Round 1*



*Round 7*



*GM Frode Urkedal (Tournament Winner)*



*IM Matthew Wadsworth (Runner-up)*



*GM Boris Chatalbashev (Runner-up)*



*Viktor Stoyanov*



*CM Ankush Khandelwal*



*GM Alexander Cherniaev*



*IM Benjamin Haldorsen*



*FM Tom O'Gorman*

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