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47	#2	2499	2539	15+ Yrs
NATIONAL TITLES (RECORD)	NATIONAL RANK (CURRENT)	PEAK ELO RATING	PEAK SELO RATING	COACHING EXPERIENCE

RATINGS & NATIONAL STANDING

- **Current Ratings:** ELO 2497 | SELO 2539 (Finnish ELO). **Peak Ratings:** ELO 2499 | SELO 2539 (Finnish ELO).
- **Continuous Top-5 & Former #1 Status:** Has consistently maintained a spot on the national Top 5 ranking list since 2000 (with only a few months' exception), including holding the #1 national spot.
- **Current National Standing:** Ranked 2nd across classical ELO, SELO (Finnish ELO), and Blitz rating lists.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & RECORDS

- **47 Championship Titles (All-Time Record):** Holds the highest total number of national titles in history.
- **7-Time Classical Champion:** Ranks 2nd on the all-time historical list.
- **12-Time Blitz Champion:** All-time record holder for Blitz Championships.
- **2-Time Rapid & 26-Time Team Champion:** Dominant record across individual and club competitions.

INTERNATIONAL CAREER & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **International Title:** International Master (IM) with one Grandmaster (GM) norm and multiple tournament performance ratings above 2600.
- **European Club Cup 2005:** Silver Medalist on Board 2 (Gold: Vassily Ivanchuk, Bronze: Arkadij Naiditsch).
- **National Representation:** Represented national team in 10 Chess Olympiads (2000–2018), European Team Chess Championships (2003–2017), and 13 European Club Cups.
- **Esports Nation Cup 2026:** Selected by Chess.com as sole national representative among 64 world elite invitees (including Magnus Carlsen).

ELITE LEVEL COMPETITION & GM RECORD

Decades of competing at the highest international level provide a unique, first-hand understanding of top-tier chess dynamics, psychological toughness, and elite preparation.

- **23 Official Classical Games vs. 2700+ Super-GMs:** Achieved 9 draws against world-elite grandmasters. Opponents included Fabiano Caruana, Veselin Topalov, Alexander Grischuk, Hikaru Nakamura, Peter Svidler, Boris Gelfand, Dmitry Andreikin, Vugar Gashimov, Alexander Morozevich, Leinier Domínguez, Ruslan Ponomariov, Michael Adams, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Sergey Karjakin, Pavel Eljanov and Nigel Short.
- **Online Tournaments:** Strong individual tournament performances (e.g., placing above Hikaru Nakamura and numerous elite Grandmasters in a Titled Tuesday event). Game results in online events include securing victories against Vincent Keymer (World #5), Dmitry Andreikin, Pavel Eljanov and Etienne Bacrot, as well as draws against Hans Niemann and Jan-Krzysztof Duda, alongside numerous other victories against Grandmasters.

COACHING, PEDAGOGY & CONTENT

- **15+ Years Full-Time Coaching:** Teaching professional and amateur players full-time since 2011.
- **Coaching European Champions:** Personally coached Elias Keso and Stella Zhu to European Youth Championship titles in their respective age categories — the only two players from his country to win European Youth Chess Championships.
- **Youth & Adult Development:** Guided dozens of students to youth titles, Nordic championship medals, and rating records. Extensive experience coaching adult enthusiasts to rating breakthroughs.
- **Author & Educator:** Author of 3 published chess books and thousands of specialized exercises, lectures, and training materials created for Shakkilinna Academy and private students.

MEDIA, STREAMING & DIGITAL PRESENCE

- **YouTube (Shakkilinna):** 40,000+ subscribers and over 2.5 million total views.
- **Twitch (Shakkilinna):** 5,500+ followers, with live instructional broadcasts averaging 350+ viewers and peak broadcasts reaching over 2,000 concurrent viewers.
- **Educational Impact:** Engagement and viewership metrics matching renowned global chess educators worldwide.