

Your Coach - Dominic Allen-Perez



Dominic was born in Waltham Abbey in Essex and played for his local club, Powdermill. He was thrown in at the deep end and started playing adults in league chess at the age of 10!

Dominic was taught how to move the pieces by his father at the age of 9. He played chess at lunch times at school and still remembers winning the school chess championship by capturing his opponent's king with his king!! Since his father too good, Dominic played his first chess games against his school mates and, his biggest nemesis – his mother! It felt like forever that his mum was beating him, game after

game and doesn't ever remember improving. But one day he started to beat her and his mother refused to play him again!

He won many junior tournaments and at the age of 13, he won the Essex junior county championships, ahead of all the England Internationals. However, like most juniors, he had various other interests. He was very sporty and held the school records for sprinting and high jump, competing in national competitions.

Dominic turned to chess teaching 5 years ago and teaches in some of the top schools in the country. Some of his teams have had national success and produced England Internationals.