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***Scholastic Quick Championships Held at University of New Haven***

On April 30, 2017, 36 players competed in the 2017 Connecticut State Scholastic Quick Chess Championships. The tournament was hosted by the University of New Haven.

The event was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, allClubs Chess and the University of Connecticut Chess Club. Players from 17 towns and 24 schools attended the event. Competition was directed by IM Jan van de Mortel.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization. However, the event fell well shy of covering its costs. Once more lack of area organizer support in New Haven coupled with a competing event the very next weekend slowed attendance for this Game 15 scholastic tournament.

Regardless of attendance shortfall, the event remained notably successful, introducing many new players to quick chess rules and time controls. Also, placements were expanded from prior format to create wider prize recognition for players and their schools, offering 30 individual and 18 team placements.

Additionally, the tournament included an Unrated Section, and CCO provided twelve reduced entries to players with financial hardship.

Congratulations to all of the participants!

This was the final CCO event of the 2016-17 school year.

**48 PRIZES/AWARDS**

(Certificates of participation were distributed to all players)

**High**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alex Palvinski, Barlow High (Redding)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Theodore Schrader, Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Anjaniece Wilson, Amistad High (New Haven)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Paul Castillo, Amistad High
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – John Shin, Hotchkiss School
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Xavier James, Amistad High

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – Amistad High School (New Haven)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – Barlow High School (Redding)

**Middle**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Preston Deleo, Woodbury Middle

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ethan Striff-Cave, King Philip Middle (West Hartford)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Benjamin Lee, Bethany Middle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Gavin Belcher, King Philip Middle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Carlos Freire, St. Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – David Maita, St. Martin de Porres Academy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – St. Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – Woodbury Middle School

### Elementary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jake Lumelsky, Bugbee Elementary (West Hartford)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sahil Vora, Greens Farms Elementary (Westport)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chinmay Swaminathan, West Hill Elementary (Rocky Hill)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Aditya Kurra, Harborside Middle (Milford)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Adarsh Swaminathan, West Hill Elementary
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Adittyia Chopra, Central Elementary (Simsbury)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Joshua Orsey, Bugbee Elementary
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place – Krish Munukoti, Windermere Elementary (Ellington)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Burke Reynolds, Bugbee Elementary
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place – Sarvin Bhagwagar, St. Thomas Day (New Haven)

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – Greens Farms Elementary School (Westport)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team – Harborside Elementary School (Milford)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Team – Central Elementary School (Simsbury)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place Team – Windermere Elementary School (Ellington)

### K-12 Unrated

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mason Riddle, Bugbee Elementary (West Hartford)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sebastian Hawke Lopez, Elm City Elementary (New Haven)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ryan Ricapito, Bugbee Elementary
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – John Knepshield, Lyme-Old Lyme High School (Old Lyme)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Dominic Zhalov, Braeburn School (West Hartford)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Luke Scheinfeldt, Duffy Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Jan Carlos Paladines, St. Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place – Leonardo Maita, St. Martin de Porres Academy

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