

1983 CROSSVILLE SCHOLASTICS

Once again records fell as 390 enthusiastic young chess players gathered in Crossville, Tennessee, for the 1983 Crossville Scholastics. The tournament was the largest of any kind ever held in Tennessee and was one of the largest ever held in the South.

Forth-six teams and individuals representing 63 different schools competed for the 95 trophies and \$500 in cash prizes awarded.

The 124-man High School Section was won by Curtis Ikeuchi of Evanston Township High School, Evanston, Illinois, with a perfect 6-0 score. Tracy Callis and Chris Bushong of Pulaski County High School, Pulaski, Virginia, Joe Kennedy of Northrup High School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Brian Budz of Forest Hill High School, Jackson, Mississippi, all tied for 2nd thru 5th place with scores of 5-1. Pulaski County repeated as team champion with 19 points, followed by Evanston High School of Evanston, Illinois, with 18 points, and Cumberland County High School of Crossville, Tennessee with 17.

Richard Brink of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Terre Haute, Indiana, took top honors in the 126-player Junior High Section with a perfect 6-0 score. Close on his heels was Chris Loyless of Martin Junior High in Crossville with 5½ points. Kevin Kirby of Albemarle Junior High School in Charlotte, North Carolina, Bobby Shewmake and Chris Evinger of Woodrow Wilson Junior High, Eric Anderson of Pulaski Middle School, Pulaski, Virginia, Travis Parham of Martin Junior High, and David Williams of Jefferson Junior High in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, took 3rd thru 8th places with 5-1 scores. Woodrow Wilson Junior High took top team honors for the second year in a row with 20½ points, followed closely by Martin Junior High of Crossville with 19 points, and Pulaski Middle School of Pulaski, Virginia, 18.

The 107-player Elementary Section found four young players tied for 1st with scores of 5½-1½. Alex Chang and his sister, Angela Chang of Cherry River Elementary in Richwood, West Virginia, and Jeff Shelton and Noah Spaulding of Pulaski Middle School, Pulaski, Virginia, all were declared co-champions.

Fifth thru 9th places went to Frank Voikers of Lost Creek Elementary in Terre Haute, Indiana, Chris Lax of Homestead Elementary, Crossville, Tennessee, Donald Schilson and Sujcet Metha of Ouabache Elementary in Terre Haute, Indiana, and Jason Balogh of Auburndale School, of Cordova, Tennessee. Pulaski Middle school of Pulaski, Virginia, won the team honors with 19½ points, edging out defending champion, Cherry River Elementary of Richwood, West Virginia, who had 18½ points. Third place in the team competition went to Auburndale School of Cordova, Tennessee, with 18 points.

Oliver Tai of Auburndale School, Cordova, Tennessee, captured 1st place outright in the Primary Section with a score of 4½-½. He was closely followed by Jason White of Homestead School, Crossville, Tennessee, Amanda Folsom of Northwood Elementary, Pulaski, Virginia, Jeremy Chason of Chapshaw Elementary, Cookeville, Tennessee, and Todd Shimabukuro of Linden Elementary, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with scores of 4-1. In the Primary Team competition Northwood Elementary of Pulaski, Virginia, and Auburndale School of Cordova, Tennessee, were co-champions each with 12 points.

Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier was once again the hit of the tournament, playing over 75 participants in a Friday night simultaneous and analyzing games and giving lectures to the young students throughout the tournament. The tournament was sponsored by the Cumberland County Chess Club and the American Chess Foundation and directed by Harry Sabine, Chief TD and a host of other volunteer workers.