

AUBURNDALE CHESS CLUB UPDATE

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The Auburndale Chess Club of Cordova, coached by Dale Flickinger, has 125 members, which represents 18% of the school's enrollment! Since its beginning in 1981, the Elementary Team has grown into a National power. This article will serve to introduce those who aren't aware of the stuff that comprises a championship team and will indicate just how deserving Auburndale is of its acclaim.

In the Memphis City championships in October Auburndale won every team and individual championship! The role call: HS champion, Jason Coleman; JH champion, Chris Hardwick; Elementary champion, Oliver Tai; Primary champion, Nicolas Saeger; HS Girls champion, Karin Adalberth; JH Girls champion, Stephanie Tai; Elementary Girls, Jennifer Doll; Primary Girls champion, Kelly Horgan.

At the State Championships, Auburndale collected 6 State Championships and 41 trophies. The State Champions were the HS Novice Team, Elementary Team, Elementary Novice Team, and the Primary Team. In addition, 4th grader Oliver Tai won the Elementary State Championship and Alec Horgan won the Primary State Championship.

At the HS Nationals in St. Louis, Auburndale's Championship Team placed 23rd and the Novice Team placed 17th. At the JH Nationals in Terre Haute, Auburndale placed 13th in the nation. At the Elementary Nationals in Charlotte, N.C. the Elementary Team placed 5th, paced by Oliver Tai who placed 5th individually with 5 wins and 2 draws. The Auburndale Primary Team placed 4th in the nation paced by Nicolas Saeger (5 out of 7). Josh Grounds won a category trophy.

Auburndale has many players on the national top 50 lists for their age groups: Oliver Tai (2nd, 8th and under), Alec Horgan (9th, 8th and under), Nicolas Saeger (16th, 8th and under), Elian Levatino (19th, 8th and under), Vinay Kini (26th, 8th and under), Chuck Hamlett (33rd, 11th & 12th), Sarah Radford (39th, 8th and under), Jason Balogh (42nd, 11th & 12th), and Craig Klein (43rd, 9th & 10th).

Auburndale has many players on the State Top 10 lists. Auburndale also dominates the State Women's Top 10 list with (1) Karin Adalberth, 12th grade, from Sweden at 1455 and the Doll sisters (Jennifer, 4th grade-1322,

Melissa, 9th grade-1221 and Elizabeth, 10th grade-1202).

A listing of other pertinent accomplishments: Auburndale has won the Elementary State Title three (3) times in a row. In four years, Auburndale and its representatives have won over 300 trophies. In simulms, Oliver Tai has defeated GM Arthur Bisguier, and 5th grader Craig Klein defeated IM Sunil Weeramantry. Only one Auburndale elementary player is a 6th grader...watch out next year!!

1985 NATIONAL JH CHAMPIONSHIPS Bill Hall vs. Chip Pollock

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bc5 4. d3 0-0 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 Bg4 8. h3 Bh5 9. g4 Bg6 10. g5? hxc5 11. Bxc5 Bh5 12. Rg1 Nc6? 13. Nd5 Kh8 14. Qd2! Bxf3? 15. Bxf6 gxf6 16. Qh6 + +

1985 NATIONAL JH CHAMPIONSHIP Bill Hall vs. Jeffrey Querner

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be2 Be7 7. Be3 0-0 8. 0-0 Nd7 9. Nb3 a6 10. f4 b5 11. a3 Bb7 12. Bf3 Qc7 13. Qe2 Rac8 14. Qf2 e5 15. f5 h6 (15...d5 followed by e4 gives surer counterplay.) 16. Rad1 Ne8 17. g4 Bf6 18. Kh1 Nc5 19. Nxc5 dxc5 20. Nd5 Bxd5 21. Rxd5 Be7 22. h4 f6 23. Rfd1 Bd6 24. Be2 (24. g5) 24...c4 25. c3 Qc6 26. g5 hxc5 27. hxc5 fxc5 28. Bxc5 Rf7 29. Bh5 Re7 30. Bg6 Bc5? 31. Qh4 Nf6 32. Bxf6 gxf6 33. Rxd7 Kf8? 34. Qh8 mate

1985 NATIONAL JH CHAMPIONSHIP Bill Hall vs. Johnathan Soros

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. Be3 Nc6 8. Nb3 0-0 9. f4 Nd7 10. Qd2 Nb6 11. g4 e6? 12. h4 f5? 13. 0-0-0 fxg4 14. h5 gxh5 15. Rxh5 Qf6 16. Rdg1 e5 17. f5 Rf7? 18. Bg5 Bh6 19. Bxh6 Nd4 20. Rxc4 + Kh8 21. Rhg5 Nxe2 + 22. Nxe2 Bd7 23. Bg7 + Rxc7 24. Rxc7 Nc4 25. Qg5 Qxc5 26. R(4)xc5 Bb5 27. f6 Nxb2 28. Rh5 Resigns

Cleveland vs Knoxville

Knoxville met Cleveland in another titanic match on May 13 and pulled off another narrow victory. The final score was 6-4.