



Huntsville Challenge

Chess Tournament Report
 March 29, 2014
 UAH Charger Village * Huntsville, AL

The Huntsville Challenge chess tournament had 84 players to participate.

The 2014 Huntsville Challenge Champion is NM Scott Varagona of Calera, AL. Scott is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of Montevallo.

The Reserve Champion is Austin Goyne of Birmingham, AL. He scored 4 points, just like his coach – Scott Varagona. Austin is a University of Montevallo student.

We are very grateful that Ms. Juanita Owen (Associate Director, Residence Life) continues to support our efforts to bring chess tournaments to the UAHuntsville campus.

The 2014 Huntsville Challenge – Section Winners

Open:

1st: NM Scott Varagona – Calera, AL - 4 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1600):

1st: Austin Goyne – Birmingham, AL – 4 points.

Knight (K-8; Rating U1200):

1st: Vishay Ram - Madison, AL – 4 points,
 Nathan Dolz – Memphis, TN – 4 points,
 Jenson Wilhelm – Madison, AL – 4 points,
 Joel Friedman – Huntsville, AL – 4 points.

Pawn (K-4; Rating U600):

1st: Jonathan Yang - Madison, AL – 4 points,
 Nikhita Chintareddy – Hoover, AL 4 points,
 Christos Prapiadis – Madison, AL – 4 points,
 Puja Chopade – Madison, AL 4 points.

Novice (K-6; Not Rated):

1st: Skyler Robinson - Trussville, AL – 6 points.

HUNTSVILLE CHALLENGE: OPEN

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	Prize
1	Scott Varagona	12744446	2245	2251	AL	W15	W7	W6	W3	4.0	Open Champion
2	Stephen Graveling	14980542	1856	1878	AL	D5	W8	W4	W9	3.5	2 nd Place

3	Joshua McClellan	12857773	2073	2066	AL	W10	D4	W5	L1	2.5	Expert
4	Logan Wu	14635610	1753	1772	TN	W11	D3	L2	W6	2.5	U1800
5	Franklin X Zhang	14674200	1656	1698	TN	D2	W12	L3	D7	2.0	
6	Christopher Lasky	12559473	1657	1666	AL	X16	W9	L1	L4	2.0	
7	Johnny B Carrido	12547212	1735	1742	CA	W13	L1	D12	D5	2.0	
8	Tanish Kothapalle	14804220	1641	1654	TN	D12	L2	W11	D10	2.0	
9	Jennifer Ishee	12737086	1820	1806	TN	W14	L6	W13	L2	2.0	Class A
10	Louis S De' Fiore	12344920	1700	1706	AL	L3	W14	H---	D8	2.0	
11	Saharsh Satheesh	14479201	1553	1554	TN	L4	B---	L8	W14	2.0	
12	Robert Presswood	12031640	1808	1781	TN	D8	L5	D7	D13	1.5	
13	Sijing Wu	14879327	1621	1628	AL	L7	W15	L9	D12	1.5	
14	Hunter Marsh	13473408	1652	1613	TN	L9	L10	B---	L11	1.0	
15	Samuel Hunt	12484526	1728	1710	KY	L1	L13	U---	U---	0.0	
16	Kirk D Petty	10459681	1919	1919	AL	F6	U---	U---	U---	0.0	

HUNTSVILLE CHALLENGE: RESERVE

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	Prize
1	Austin Goyne	15193045	1549	1575	AL	W11	W8	W2	W5	4.0	Reserve Champion
2	Chirath Illukpitiya	14321114	1270	1319	TN	W13	W7	L1	W4	3.0	2 nd Place
3	Rochelle	14901590	1374	1373	AL	L4	W15	W8	W7	3.0	2 nd Place

	Wu											
4	Campbell Dobbs	15082623	1124	1256	AL	W3	D10	W9	L2	2.5	U1200	
5	Stephen Liu	14670337	1281	1289	GA	D12	W16	W10	L1	2.5	Class D	
6	Parker Hunt	15190725	1290	1280	AL	L7	W13	D11	W10	2.5	Class D	
7	Om Badhe	14958492	1094	1152	AL	W6	L2	W12	L3	2.0		
8	Jay-el Shepherd	12993258	1207	1249	AL	W9	L1	L3	W13	2.0		
9	Binul Illukpitiya	14134858	1550	1502	TN	L8	W12	L4	W11	2.0		
10	Stephan Hans Dolz	14953495	1323	1283	TN	W15	D4	L5	L6	1.5		
11	Michael B Guthrie	14611477	1165	1163	AL	L1	W14	D6	L9	1.5		
12	Manish Nagaraj	14634052	1070	1062	AL	D5	L9	L7	W14	1.5		
13	Esther Graveling	14980578	957	967	AL	L2	L6	W15	L8	1.0		
14	Joel Scott Craig	15164886	476	469	AL	L16	L11	B---	L12	1.0		
15	Aatish Satheesh	14908792	1103	1049	TN	L10	L3	L13	B---	1.0		
16	Eswara Kothapalle	15330350	965	961	TN	W14	L5	U---	U---	1.0		

HUNTSVILLE CHALLENGE: KNIGHT

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Vishay Ram	13885430	898	1042	AL	W16	W2	W3	W5	L4	4.0	15	1st
2	Nathan Dolz	14953480	1094	1099	TN	W10	L1	W15	W9	W5	4.0	12	2nd
3	Jenson	15060980	930	992	AL	W17	W15	L1	W6	W9	4.0	11.5	3rd

	Wilhelm												
4	Joel Nick Friedman	14466418	909	959	AL	W20	W14	L5	W13	W1	4.0	11	Gold
5	Rahul Boddupalli	15127318	993	990	AL	W19	W7	W4	L1	L2	3.0	15	Gold
6	Cesar Juarez Jr	15119990	907	888	AL	L14	W17	W7	L3	W10	3.0	11.5	Silver
7	Joshua Hugh Lin	15215224	778	808	AL	W8	L5	L6	W16	W13	3.0	11	Silver
8	Gilbert Amason	15399605	unr.	788	AL	L7	W19	D11	D18	W14	3.0	9	Bronze
9	Isaac Snow II	15336543	unr.	833	AL	D18	W12	W13	L2	L3	2.5	8.5	
10	Timothy F Zhu	14875895	713	747	AL	L2	D16	W14	W11	L6	2.5	7.5	
11	Constance Wang	14905221	836	785	AL	L13	W20	D8	L10	W17	2.5	6	
12	Boone Ramsey	14857657	915	851	AL	L15	L9	D17	W20	W18	2.5	5	
13	Alex Edwards	15220328	422	579	AL	W11	W18	L9	L4	L7	2.0	9.5	
14	Erin Marie Kueck	14913744	605	665	AL	W6	L4	L10	W19	L8	2.0	9.5	
15	Claire E Mitchell	14899363	678	710	TN	W12	L3	L2	L17	W19	2.0	9	
16	William Bao	15181868	503	591	AL	L1	D10	D18	L7	W20	2.0	7	
17	Jonah Tuttle	15238123	680	681	AL	L3	L6	D12	W15	L11	1.5	10	
18	Mercedes L Zich	15058932	754	695	AL	D9	L13	D16	D8	L12	1.5	9	
19	Andrina M Bridges	14262603	690	627	TN	L5	L8	W20	L14	L15	1.0	7	
20	Dustin Springfield	14994542	651	552	AL	L4	L11	L19	L12	L16	0.0	8	

HUNTSVILLE CHALLENGE: PAWN

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Jonathan Yang	15162318	499	623	AL	W7	W6	W2	W5	L4	4.0	14	1st
2	Nikhita Chintareddy	15384980	unr.	670	AL	W3	W14	L1	W9	W6	4.0	13.5	2nd
3	Puja Chopade	15356181	328	525	AL	L2	W16	W8	W12	W5	4.0	12	3rd
4	Christos Prapiadis	15123672	382	491	AL	W15	L11	W7	W13	W1	4.0	11	Gold
5	Ashton Springfield	15136636	525	510	AL	W12	W9	W11	L1	L3	3.0	12.5	Gold
6	Shreya Sunil	15235735	378	412	AL	W17	L1	W10	W11	L2	3.0	12	Silver
7	Yashas Gentela	14967893	242	334	AL	L1	W15	L4	W16	W11	3.0	11.5	Silver
8	Raghavan Madabushi	15400603	unr.	383	AL	L9	W12	L3	W15	W13	3.0	10.5	Bronze
9	Ethan Kueck	14913738	376	371	AL	W8	L5	W16	L2	D10	2.5	8	
10	Leah Lessmann	15237230	216	208	AL	B---	L13	L6	W17	D9	2.5	5	
11	Akhil Boddupalli	15405788	unr.	305	AL	W13	W4	L5	L6	L7	2.0	11	
12	Pranaav Satheesh	15345127	258	263	AL	L5	L8	W14	L3	W17	2.0	8	
13	Neha Chopade	15356196	331	284	AL	L11	W10	W17	L4	L8	2.0	7.5	
14	Benjamin Lessmann	15059570	379	283	AL	L16	L2	L12	B---	W15	2.0	4	
15	Lucy Eliza Ramsey	15242890	132	100	AL	L4	L7	B---	L8	L14	1.0	7.5	
16	Manisha Gangasani	15340816	105	125	AL	W14	L3	L9	L7	U---	1.0	7	

17	Kathryn Mitchell	15326332	101	100	TN	L6	B---	L13	L10	L12	1.0	6		
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HUNTSVILLE CHALLENGE: NOVICE

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk[M]	Prize
1	Skyler Robinson	15374014	unr.	1150	AL	W10	W2	W8	W3	W6	W7	6.0	18	1st
2	Benjamin Kennedy	14963224	unr.	1150	AL	W12	L1	W5	W7	W3	W6	5.0	19	2nd
3	Christopher Bishop	14729216	unr.	1051	AL	W14	W6	W7	L1	L2	W11	4.0	19.5	3rd
4	Michael Kennedy	14963230	unr.	847	AL	L7	W11	W14	L6	W10	W8	4.0	14	Gold
5	Jeremiah Liu		unr.	751	GA	L8	B---	L2	D11	W12	W10	3.5	15	Gold
6	Kendall Huzar		unr.	850	AL	W9	L3	W13	W4	L1	L2	3.0	15	Silver
7	Daniel Martinez		unr.	850	AL	W4	W13	L3	L2	W15	L1	3.0	15	Silver
8	Vincent Moore	15373288	unr.	725	AL	W5	W15	L1	L10	W13	L4	3.0	11.5	Bronze
9	Damien Oliver		unr.	350	AL	L6	L14	B---	L15	B---	W13	3.0	5	Bronze
10	Pranav Gentela		unr.	663	AL	L1	D12	W15	W8	L4	L5	2.5	13.5	
11	Pranav Somu		unr.	615	AL	L13	L4	W12	D5	W14	L3	2.5	12.5	
12	Marcello Mancusi		unr.	526	AL	L2	D10	L11	B---	L5	W15	2.5	9.5	
13	Isaiah Slade	15390056	unr.	530	AL	W11	L7	L6	W14	L8	L9	2.0	12	
14	Abhishek V Emani	15363454	unr.	390	AL	L3	W9	L4	L13	L11	B---	2.0	10.5	
15	Ryan Shurtz		unr.	404	AL	B---	L8	L10	W9	L7	L12	2.0	9.5	

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: Bill Nash

Assistants to the TD: Samuel Hunt, Jessica Snow, Tracy Bishop and Manish Nagaraj

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Attendance: 84 Players (69 in Rated sections and 15 in the Novice - Not Rated section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201403291602>