



Birmingham MLK Scholastic Tournament Report January 15, 2011 Sun Valley Elementary School Birmingham, AL

The 2nd Annual MLK Scholastic was held at Sun Valley Elementary School. This year the host school chess club won many of the trophies and medals.

We are grateful that Sun Valley hosted the tournament. Many “Thanks” to their chess coach – Mr. Brad Fournier and the SVES PTA for managing the concession. They gave us another exciting and competitive tournament.

2011 MLK Scholastic Final Standings:

Open K-12 Rated Section:

- 1st: Hriday Bhambhani (Alabama School of Fine Arts) – 4.5 points
- 2nd: Cheng Zhou (Heritage Elementary) – 3.5 points .
- 3rd: Sydney Morris (W. J. Christian) – 3 points.
- 4th: Joseph Shi (Monrovia Elementary) – 3 points.
- 5th: Na'Tan Shipman (W. J. Christian) – 3 points.
- 6th: Abdallah Nassar (Ramsey High) – 1.5 points.

Knight K-6 Rated Section:

- 1st: Eric Wang (Vestavia Hills Elementary West) – 4 points.
- 2nd: John Lawrence (Advent) – 4 points.
- 3rd: Khaled Nassar (Martha Gaskins Middle) – 3.5 points.
- 4th: Jack Markert (Advent) – 3 points.
- 5th: Christian Owens (Advent) – 3 points.
- 6th: Raj Ramey-Rodgers (Freedom Chess Academy) – 2 points.

Top Team Knight K-6 Standing:

- 1st: John Lawrence, Jack Markert and Christian Owens
(Advent Chess Club – Coach: Michael Ciamarra)

Middle K-8 Not Rated Section:

- 1st: Samson Sands (Cherokee Bend Elementary) – 4 points.
- 2nd: Wesley Brown (Thompson Middle) – 4 points.
- 3rd: Jacob Sherman (Thompson 6th Grade Center) – 3 points.
- 4th: Harvey He (Liberty Park Middle) – 3 points.
- 5th: John Pitts (Phillips Academy) – 1 point.

Intermediate K-5 Not Rated Section:

- 1st: Easan Ganesh (Valley Intermediate) – 5 points.
- 2nd: Rachael McKinney (Sun Valley Elementary) – 4 points.
- 3rd: Andrea Carter (Sun Valley Elementary) – 3 points.
- 4th: Caleb Tillman (Sun Valley Intermediate) - 3 points.
- 5th: Jaylin Young (Sun Valley Elementary) – 3 points.
- 6th: Joshua Smith (Sun Valley Elementary) – 3 points.

Top Team Intermediate K-5 Standing:

- 1st: Andrea Carter, Tristan Rogers, Rachael McKinney, and Jaylin Young
(Sun Valley Elementary – Knights Chess Club, Team 1 – Coach: Brad Fournier)
- 2nd: Terri Sturdivant, Caleb Tillman, Mattheu Woodall, and Cameron Humes
(Sun Valley Elementary – Knights Chess Club, Team 2 – Coach: Brad Fournier)

Elementary K-3 Not Rated Section:

1st: Eric He (Vestavia Hills Elementary Liberty Park) – 4.5 points.

2nd: Hooper Markert (Advent) – 3.5 points.

3rd: Neal Carlson (Advent) – 3 points.

4th: Aidan Ganesh (Valley Elementary) – 3 points.

5th: Preston Davis (Advent) – 2.5 points.

6th: Keith “KC” Owens (Advent) – 2.5 points.

Top Team Elementary K-3 Standing:

1st: Hooper Markert, Neal Carlson, Preston Davis, and Keith Owens
(Advent Chess Club – Coach: Michael Ciamarra)

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant TD: Brad Fournier

Sponsor: Caesar Chess - www.CaesarChess.com

Attendance: 43 Players (15 in Rated Sections & 28 in Not Rated Sections)

USCF Rating Report: <http://main.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201101153701>