

MLK Tornado

January 15, 2011

The MLK Tornado was held at Frazer UMC in Montgomery. 21 players total participated in the event organized by Caesar Chess and directed by Doug Strout.

The six-player Open section was headed by Alabama newcomer William Blackman, who won the event with 3.5/4 points. William recently relocated to Montgomery from Illinois. Welcome and congratulations to William. Ron DiQuattro, playing his first tournament since 2004, took clear second with 2.5/4. Clear third went to Doug Strout, who finished 2.0/4 despite not winning a game.

James Westberry and Kenneth Jiao shared the top spot in the six-player Reserve section with 3.0/4. Congratulations to James and Kenneth for prevailing in a competitive section whose top four players all finished within a half-point of each other. Third-place honors were shared by Geoffrey Love and Daniel Moore, with 2.5/4. This tournament was only Daniel's second since 2008.

The nine-player unrated Scholastic was dominated by David Kim, who finished with the only perfect score in the entire tournament, 5.0/5. Next was a three-way tie at 3.0/5 between Juna Kim, Katelyn Campbell and Won Heo. Tie breaks awarded the second-place trophy to Juna and third-place to Katelyn. Another three-way tie at 2.5/5 followed. So the top places were highly contested throughout the event. Special thanks to the chess club from Forest Avenue Academic Magnet school in Montgomery. Forest Avenue was represented by six of their chess students, including David and Won.

Thanks to all the players and families involved in making the MLK Tornado a success.

Chief Tournament Director: Doug Strout

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Attendance: 21 Players (12 in Rated Sections & 9 in Not Rated Section)

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