



58th Annual
Alabama State Chess Championship
Tournament Report
September 16-18, 2011
AUM Taylor Center * Montgomery, AL

The 58th Annual Alabama State Chess Championship was held at Auburn University Montgomery. Just like last year, IM Emory Tate had to compete with a strong field of players. He lost his last round game. Therefore, we have a new state chess champion – Will Stevenson from Athens, AL. Will won 5 games and drew one. Congratulations Will!

In the Reserve section, Varun Yerramsetti won the top honors with a 5.5 score. Varun is one of Birmingham's aspiring young chess players. He has come a long way in two years. At the 2009 ASCC, he won the Class E prize. Now he is the Reserve Champion. Congratulations Varun!

We want to give recognition and "Thanks" to Ms. Carla Taylor (Sr Administrative Associate) for helping us get the Taylor Center facility. Also, our special "Thanks" goes to Dr. Karen Stine (Dean, School of Science) for supporting the Montgomery Chess Club. We truly appreciate AUM's continuous support and assistance. And, thanks to the players who came from five (5) states.

On October 8th, the USA will be celebrating National Chess Day. Come play chess with us at the **Chess Day Scholastic** in Birmingham? The proceeds will go to Children's Hospital of Alabama. The host site will be Brookwood Village Mall in the Food Court area. For more information about chess tournaments, classes and/or camps – search your local newspapers for chess events. Also, you can send an email to Caesar Lawrence at CaesarChess@yahoo.com and/or visit the ACF website – www.AlabamaChess.com.

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship Top Winners:

Open Champion: **Will Stevenson**, Athens, AL – 5.5 points

2nd: Gerald Larson, Huntsville, AL – 5 points

3rd: Emory Tate, Midway, AL – 4 points

Bryan Tillis, Hattiesburg, MS – 4 points

Brent Inman, Mobile, AL – 4 points

Class A: William Blackman, Montgomery, AL – 4 points

Benjamin Levine, Brentwood, TN – 4 points

Stephen Adams, Birmingham, AL – 4 points

U1800: Jonathan Anders, Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points

U1600: Steve Chen, Mobile, AL – 2.5 points

Reserve Champion: **Varun Yerramsetti**, Birmingham, AL – 5.5 points

2nd: Robert Buchanan, Auburn, AL – 4.5 points

3rd: Ainesh Balaga, Alpharetta, GA – 4 points

Don Halimunanda, Mobile, AL – 4 points

Shawn Gu, Alpharetta, GA – 4 points

Cheng Zhou, Madison, AL – 4 points

Sidharth Balaga, Alpharetta, GA – 4 points

U1200: Wesley Brown, Alabaster, AL – 3 points

Leonard Bloom, Brentwood, TN – 3 points

David Morris-Diaz, Mobile, AL – 3 points

U1000: William McArdle, Dothan, AL – 2.5 points

Knight (K-12) Champion: **JiBri Weathers**, Jackson, MS – 4.5 points

2nd: Samson Sands, Birmingham, AL – 3.5 points

3rd: Adam Thomas, Birmingham, AL – 3 points

Jonathan Rasberry, Birmingham, AL – 3 points
 Dhruval Gadhia, Hoover, AL – 3 points
 6th: Rachel Garner, Montgomery, AL – 2 points
 7th: Jon Garner, Montgomery, AL – 1 point
 Pawn (K-6) Champion: **Adam Young**, Jackson, MS – 5 points
 2nd: Sayuj Shajith, Suwanee, GA – 3 points
 Jaemin Ashley, Montgomery, AL – 3 points
 Thanushri Srikantha, Pelham, AL – 3 points
 5th: Teja Ginjupalli, Montgomery, AL – 2.5 points
 6th: Sherwood Dong, Madison, AL – 2 points
 7th: Sanay Shajith, Suwanee, GA – 1.5 points
 8th: Jason Salim-Shabazz, Jackson, MS – 0 points

Novice (K-6; NR) Champion: **Kyle Camlic**, Pelham, AL – 5.5 points

2nd: Neil Furman, Pelham, AL – 4.5 points

3rd: Abby Camlic, Pelham, AL – 3 points

4th: Adam Camlic, Pelham, AL – 0 points

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – Open Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
<u>1</u> AL	<u>WILL T STEVENSON</u> 12857774 / R: 2148 ->2163	5.0	W 20	W 13	D 3	D 4	W 8	W 9
<u>2</u> AL	<u>GERALD A LARSON</u> 10422159 / R: 2150 ->2161	4.5	W 15	D 6	W 10	H 0	D 5	W 3
<u>3</u> AL	<u>EMORY A TATE</u> 11126545 / R: 2384 ->2368	4.0	W 7	W 16	D 1	W 5	D 4	L 2
<u>4</u> MS	<u>BRYAN TILLIS</u> 12893033 / R: 2143 ->2151	4.0	W 18	H 0	W 6	D 1	D 3	D 5
<u>5</u> AL	<u>BRENT H INMAN</u> 11337546 / R: 2100 ->2113	4.0	W 21	W 8	W 25	L 3	D 2	D 4
<u>6</u> AL	<u>WILLIAM BLACKMAN</u> 12729656 / R: 1863 ->1897	4.0	W 23	D 2	L 4	W 12	W 16	D 11
<u>7</u> AL	<u>STEPHEN W ADAMS</u> 13184803 / R: 1814 ->1871	4.0	L 3	H 0	W 21	W 25	H 0	W 14
<u>8</u> TN	<u>BENJAMIN LEVINE</u> 13544181 / R: 1816 ->1838	4.0	B 0	L 5	W 18	W 20	L 1	W 15
<u>9</u> AL	<u>BEN L SIDES</u> 10239028 / R: 2002 ->1995	3.5	H 0	D 26	D 15	W 17	W 11	L 1
<u>10</u> AL	<u>CLARENCE KALENIAN</u> 10162351 / R: 1900 ->1901	3.5	H 0	W 12	L 2	D 14	H 0	W 18
<u>11</u> AL	<u>CHARLES DAVIS</u> 10382645 / R: 1880 ->1885	3.5	H 0	W 24	W 17	D 16	L 9	D 6
<u>12</u> AL	<u>JONATHAN ANDERS</u> 14123032 / R: 1652 ->1680	3.5	H 0	L 10	W 24	L 6	W 23	W 17
<u>13</u> FL	<u>HUGH E CLINE JR</u> 11201474 / R: 1890 ->1872	3.0	W 19	L 1	H 0	D 15	L 14	W 24

14	RHODES PEELE		3.0	D	28	L	25	W	27	D	10	W	13	L	7	
AL	10206294 / R: 1710	->1756														
15	BRIAN MCCORMICK		3.0	L	2	W	22	D	9	D	13	W	20	L	8	
AL	12698834 / R: 1667	->1723														
16	JAMES R LINHOLM		2.5	W	22	L	3	W	26	D	11	L	6	U	0	
AL	12269580 / R: 1970	->1960														
17	TIM BOND		2.5	D	25	X	0	L	11	L	9	W	19	L	12	
AL	10239974 / R: 1800	->1800														
18	DENNIS S DERGUNOV		2.5	L	4	W	19	L	8	D	23	W	22	L	10	
AL	12863286 / R: 1658	->1659														
19	STEVE MENGXI CHEN		2.5	L	13	L	18	B	0	W	26	L	17	D	22	
AL	13737518 / R: 1515	->1525														
20	MILES MELVIN		2.0	L	1	W	27	W	23	L	8	L	15	U	0	
AL	12699798 / R: 1781	->1762														
21	DOUGLAS L STROUT		2.0	L	5	H	0	L	7	L	24	D	27	B	0	
AL	13592632 / R: 1678	->1640														
22	STEVEN F CULLIFER JR		2.0	L	16	L	15	H	0	W	27	L	18	D	19	
FL	12846071 / R: 1666	->1638														
23	KEVIN WANG		2.0	L	6	B	0	L	20	D	18	L	12	D	27	
AL	14455644 / R: 1485	->1475														
24	VIKHRAM BALAGEE		2.0	H	0	L	11	L	12	W	21	D	26	L	13	
AL	13444162 / R: 1382	->1432														
25	BILL MELVIN		1.5	D	17	W	14	L	5	L	7	U	0	U	0	
AL	12406133 / R: 2211	->2200														
26	JOHNNY B CARRIDO		1.5	H	0	D	9	L	16	L	19	D	24	U	0	
CA	12547212 / R: 1727	->1702														
27	KENNETH JIAO		1.5	H	0	L	20	L	14	L	22	D	21	D	23	
AL	14023818 / R: 1471	->1459														
28	SCOTT VARAGONA		0.5	D	14	F	0	U	0	U	0	U	0	U	0	
AL	12744446 / R: 2163	->2156														

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – Reserve Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6								
1	VARUN SAI YERRAMSETTI AL 13789435 / R: 1325	->1480	5.5	H	0	W	20	W	6	W	5	W	3	W	4	
2	ROBERT BUCHANAN AL 12708796 / R: 1283	->1379	4.5	H	0	W	18	W	16	D	4	W	14	D	3	
3	SHAWN GU GA 13882100 / R: 1342	->1387	4.0	W	19	D	4	W	14	W	8	L	1	D	2	
4	AINESH BALAGA GA 13926728 / R: 1320	->1384	4.0	W	17	D	3	W	9	D	2	W	5	L	1	

5	DON HALIMUNANDA	4.0	W	13 W	12 W	7 L	1 L	4 W	8
AL	13017292 / R: 1339 ->1367								
6	SIDHARTH BALAGA	4.0	H	0 B	0 L	1 W	11 D	10 W	14
GA	14251342 / R: 1276 ->1323								
7	CHENG ZHOU	4.0	D	11 W	15 L	5 D	9 W	12 W	10
AL	13897062 / R: 1300 ->1311								
8	NELSON MARCHANT	3.0	L	9 W	13 W	12 L	3 W	17 L	5
FL	12462494 / R: 1444 ->1400								
9	WENDELL WHITAKER	3.0	W	8 H	0 L	4 D	7 H	0 D	11
AL	13729200 / R: 1304 ->1309								
10	NEIL DIETSCH	3.0	L	15 W	17 W	19 H	0 D	6 L	7
AL	13601903 / R: 1309 ->1269								
11	JAMES WESLEY BROWN	3.0	D	7 L	14 W	18 L	6 W	16 D	9
AL	14667450 / R: 1222P18->1233P24								
12	LEONARD BLOOM	3.0	B	0 L	5 L	8 W	19 L	7 W	17
TN	14141050 / R: 1082 ->1093								
13	DAVID CHRISTOPHER MORRIS-DIAZ	3.0	L	5 L	8 L	17 W	18 W	19 W	15
AL	12742647 / R: 1079P23->1078								
14	JOSHUA ANDERS	2.5	H	0 W	11 L	3 W	15 L	2 L	6
AL	14123047 / R: 1356 ->1318								
15	WILLIAM TRAVIS MCARDLE	2.5	W	10 L	7 W	20 L	14 H	0 L	13
AL	14682456 / R: 767P5 -> 946P10								
16	DAN WILLIAMS	2.0	H	0 H	0 L	2 L	17 L	11 B	0
AL	13709281 / R: 1460 ->1379								
17	STEPHEN ANHOW LIU	2.0	L	4 L	10 W	13 W	16 L	8 L	12
GA	14670337 / R: 1062P17->1081P23								
18	MATTHEW JONATHON LEE	2.0	H	0 L	2 L	11 L	13 B	0 D	19
AL	14699916 / R: 938P4 -> 790P8								
19	TIMOTHY PATRICK STALEY	1.5	L	3 B	0 L	10 L	12 L	13 D	18
GA	12625534 / R: 943 -> 896								
20	SCOTT INMAN	0.5	H	0 L	1 L	15 U	0 U	0 U	0
GA	14473594 / R: 1144P9 ->1080P11								

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – Knight (K-12) Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	JIBRI M WEATHERS	4.5	W	5 W	3 D	2 W	7 W	4
MS	13401631 / R: 1105 ->1174							
	Q: 1102 ->1161							
2	SAMSON MITCHELL SANDS	3.5	W	4 W	6 D	1 L	3 B	0
AL	14547360 / R: 1190 ->1166							
	Q: 1150 ->1128							
3	ADAM THOMAS	3.0	W	7 L	1 W	6 W	2 L	5

AL		14611126 / R: 996 -> 992									
		Q: 966 -> 963									
4		DHRUVAL GADHIA		3.0		L	2 W	5 W	7 B	0 L	1
AL		14400032 / R: 949 -> 952									
		Q: 933 -> 934									
5		JONATHAN RASBERRY		3.0		L	1 L	4 B	0 W	6 W	3
AL		14678910 / R: 894P16-> 901P20									
		Q: 861P16-> 871P20									
6		RACHEL A GARNER		2.0		B	0 L	2 L	3 L	5 W	7
AL		13650595 / R: 428 -> 475									
		Q: 403 -> 450									
7		JON A GARNER		1.0		L	3 B	0 L	4 L	1 L	6
AL		13650580 / R: 535P14-> 489P18									
		Q: 511P14-> 465P18									

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – Pawn (K-6) Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	ADAM YOUNG		5.0	W	4 W	3 W	2 W	7 W	5
MS	14428335 / R: 764P17-> 884P22								
	Q: 913P22-> 959								
2	THANUSHRI SRIKANTHA		3.0	W	6 W	7 L	1 L	3 W	8
AL	14419264 / R: 739 -> 709								
	Q: 693 -> 675								
3	SAYUJ SHAJITH		3.0	W	5 L	1 W	6 W	2 L	4
GA	14516701 / R: 500 -> 616								
	Q: 464 -> 605								
4	JAEMIN F ASHLEY		3.0	L	1 L	5 W	8 W	6 W	3
AL	14130127 / R: 455P14-> 534P19								
	Q: 431P10-> 528P15								
5	TEJA GINJUPALLI		2.5	L	3 W	4 D	7 W	8 L	1
AL	14712986 / R: Unrated-> 541P5								
	Q: Unrated-> 546P5								
6	SHERWOOD DONG		2.0	L	2 W	8 L	3 L	4 W	7
AL	14582202 / R: 448P24-> 441								
	Q: 469P24-> 451								
7	SANAY SHAJITH		1.5	W	8 L	2 D	5 L	1 L	6
GA	14516696 / R: 592 -> 522								
	Q: 540 -> 483								
8	JASON SALIM-SHABAZZ		0.0	L	7 L	6 L	4 L	5 L	2
MS	14715222 / R: Unrated-> 101P5								
	Q: Unrated-> 101P5								

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – Novice (K-6; NR) Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
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1	KYLE CAMLIC	5.5	W	4	D	2	W	3	W	4	W	2	W	3
AL														
2	NEIL FURMAN	4.5	L	3	D	1	W	4	W	2	L	1	W	4
AL														
3	ABBY CAMLIC	3.0	W	2	W	4	L	1	L	2	W	4	L	1
AL														
2	ADAM CAMLIC	0.0	L	1	L	3	L	2	L	1	L	3	L	2

The 2011 Alabama State Chess Championship – G/15 Match Final Standings:

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1 AL	CAESAR W LAWRENCE 12480636 / Q: 1765 ->1764	3.0	W	2 W	2 W	2 L 2
2 AL	DOUGLAS L STROUT 13592632 / Q: 1564 ->1566	1.0	L	1 L	1 L	1 W 1

Chief Tournament Director: **Caesar Lawrence**

Assistant Tournament Director: **James Garner and Doug Strout**

Sponsor: **Montgomery Chess Club**

Attendance: **67 Players**

USCF Tournament Rating Report: <http://main.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201109188341>