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TN Chess News



Tennessee State Scholastic Team Finals, March 26, 2016

Tennessee Tech University hosted TCA and 261 players competing for the title of TN State Team Champion last month. The college offers scholarships to the High School winners, and this year's Champions are Douglass High

School from Memphis. The team was led by High School Senior, Emmanuel Paxton (middle) who says he plans to use his 4-year scholarship at TN Tech beginning in the fall. His team was undefeated scoring 3.5 out of 4 points. His teammates were Aleha Cole, Jerrica Randle, Christy Thomas, Jasmine Thomas, and Tykes Tyler Edgar. Congratulations to Douglass High School for their well-deserved Championship title!



The Junior High Champions are Campbell Home School from Nashville. These guys had a perfect 4.0 score for the day bringing home their first State Team Championship title. They've been building up to this for seven years straight, so it was well-earned! The team consists of Joshua Campbell, Turner Gough, Johnny Mac Byrd, and Harrison Campbell. Their coach is Rock Campbell.



Grahamwood Elementary School from Memphis wins in the Elementary section! This team tied for first with White Station Middle School and won their playoff game for the Championship. Teammates are Sydney Kong, Evan Wu, Jason Fang, Manish Rangan, Than Liu, and Jonathan Mehrotra. Great work, Grahamwood!



Our youngest players battle like the best of them! In the Primary section, a two-game playoff ensued between Grahamwood Elementary School from Memphis and Harding Academy from Nashville with Grahamwood taking the Championship.



Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic State Championship, February 13, 2016

The Nashville Chess Center hosted some of Tennessee's brightest female chess players for the 2016 All-Girls Tournament in February. Congratulations to our K-12 Champion, Esha Karam (back row, 2nd from left) from University School of Nashville.

She will represent Tennessee this August as she attends the US Girls National Championship at the 2016 US Open. Best wishes, Esha! Our K-6 Champion for 2016 is Jessica Muellenbach!

Chess Puzzle



Emmanuel Paxton- Kaleb Gosdin (0-1) Tennessee State Team Finals, High School Section, Round 2
White plays Bf4, then black to move and win material.

Emmanuel Paxton is the Captain of the 2016 K-12 Team State Champions. Kaleb Gosdin is the 2016 Tennessee Individual K-12 Champion. Look for this full game and others to appear in What A Game updates coming soon to our website.

Upcoming Tournaments & Events

April 15-17, 2016 [Junior High K-9 Nationals](#)
Indianapolis, IN

April 16, 2016 [Cumberland County Spring Open](#)
Crossville, TN

April 22-24, 2016 [All-Girls National Championship](#)
Chicago, IL

April 23, 2016, [TCCS Spring Individual / Team Scholastic](#)
Blountville, TN

May 6-8, 2016 [Elementary K-6 Nationals](#)
Nashville, TN

May 13-15, 2016, [Tennessee Senior Open](#)
Crossville, TN

May 28-30, 2016, [US Amateur Championship East](#)
Morristown, NJ

June 18, 2016, [Oak Ridge Summer Open II](#)
Oak Ridge, TN

June 20, 2016 [Nashville Chess Center Scholastic Summer Chess Camps](#)
Nashville, TN

June 24-26, 2016 [National Open](#)
Las Vegas, NV

July 16, 2016, [Clinton H. Pearson, Jr. Memorial](#)
Crossville, TN

July 18-22, 2016 [Williamson County Parks and Recreation Scholastic Chess Camp](#)
Fairview, TN

July 30- August 7, 2016 [117th Annual US Open](#)
Indianapolis, IN

September 2-4, 2016 [Tennessee Open State Championship](#)
Nashville, TN

October 8, 2016 [Cumberland County Fall Open](#)
Crossville, TN

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

JUNE 4-5 Memphis Open

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 15

5SS, G/90 d5. SIDE EVENT: Sat., 6/4: Scholastic Tourn. (K-12). Lausanne Collegiate School, 1381 W. Massey Rd., Memphis, TN 38120. Main Event Sat. & Sun., June 4-5. No Entry Fee for GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs. PRIZES: \$4,000 b/80 full-pd. ent., \$2,000 gtd. 3 Sects: OPEN: \$800+plaque-550-350-200; U1800: \$600+plaque-400-200-100; U1400/Unr: \$450+plaque-200-100-50; Unrated players may only win 50% of the prize fund unless playing in the Open Sect. Plaque winners determined by USCF-recommended computer tiebreaks. Byes: Avail. all Rds., must commit before Rd. 3. Reg. Sat. 9-9:30am. Rds: Sat. 10-2-6; Sun. 9-1. EF: \$59 by 5/27. \$69 thereafter and at site. Re-Entry Fee: \$20, avail. up to Rd. 3 in all sects. 3 Re-entries count as one additional entry for prize fund. CAJUN BOUNTY: Defeat the top ranked player in the Open Sect. and win free entry to our next tournament! FREE GIFT to oldest player and to player who travels farthest to Main Event! MEMPHIS OPEN SCHOLASTIC INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sat., 6/4: Open to all K-12 individual players; 4SS, G/30 d5. 4 Sects: U1200, U800, U500, RESERVE (Unrated). Reg: Sat. 10-10:30am; Rd. 1 at 11am – other rds. will immed. follow. Prizes: Trophies to top 5 individuals in each section. All non-trophy winners receive a souvenir chess medal. USCF-recommended computer tiebreaks will decide trophy and medal placements for winners of all schol. sections. EF for Schol. Tourn: \$20 by 5/27; \$25 thereafter and at site. Hotel Rate: \$119 (1 and 2-bedroom suites avail.), Homewood Suites by Hilton Memphis-Germantown, 7855 Wolf River Blvd., Germantown, TN 38138. Ph: 901-751-2500, mention chess tourn. and reserve by May 20th to assure group rate. ENT: On-line registration and printable entry form at www.cajunchess.com, click on "Tournaments," or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. Info or Phone Ent: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971. Email: cajunchess@yahoo.com. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site).

A GREAT MIND EXPANDING SUMMER CAMP IN MEMPHIS

Mid-South Chess Camp 2016 At
Lausanne

Spring is here and it's time to
start thinking about summer!

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mixture of classroom lessons,
hands-on activities, and over-
the-board practice, so students
will never find a dull moment in
this exciting chess camp. Also, includes an optional camp tournament on June
11.



And, what is a summer camp without getting out and enjoying the outdoors?
Chess, known as a mental activity, requires a healthy body to foster a healthy
mind. Optional group contests, races, field games and “Soccer with the
Grandmasters” are annual traditions of the Mid-South Chess Camp.

Registration is now open for a week full of friends, fun, and memories that will last
a lifetime!

See: Mid-South Chess Camp, www.chesscamp.us

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Bids

Deadline May 22, 2016- 2017 TN Winter Open

Deadline September 4, 2016- 2017 TN All-Girls State Championship

Deadline September 4, 2016- 2017 Senior Open

Deadline January 22, 2017- 2017 TN Open State Championship

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