

Team Winners:

High School Division: Pattonville

9<sup>th</sup> and under: McKinley

8<sup>th</sup> and under: McKinley

6<sup>th</sup> and under:

Maplewood Richmond Hts ES

5<sup>th</sup> and under: Kennard

1<sup>st</sup> Board: 1000 and up

1<sup>st</sup> : William Tong, Parkway West

2<sup>nd</sup> : Stephen Zhang, Parkway W

3<sup>rd</sup> : Isaiah Gadson, Pattonville

4<sup>th</sup> : Julian Proleiko

5<sup>th</sup> : David Kim, Clayton

6<sup>th</sup> : Erik Tkachenko, Reed ES

7<sup>th</sup> : Samuel Stephens, Lindbergh

8<sup>th</sup> : Ben Boaz

9<sup>th</sup> : George Liu, Parkway West

10<sup>th</sup> : Keturah Gadson, Pattonville

2<sup>nd</sup> Board:

1<sup>st</sup> : Jonathan Gollapudi, McKelvey

2<sup>nd</sup> : Zachary Millsap, Ladue

3<sup>rd</sup> : Isabel Brieler, Grand Ctr

4<sup>th</sup> : Andrew Zhao, MICDS

5<sup>th</sup> : Max Baker, Ladue

6<sup>th</sup> : Mitul Pandya, Ft Zumwalt

7<sup>th</sup> : Jordan Hoover, Vianney

8<sup>th</sup> : Aaron Reynolds, Vianney

9<sup>th</sup> : Gage Kramer, St. Catherine

10<sup>th</sup> : Ajay Krishnaswamy,

Wildhorse

3<sup>rd</sup> Board:

1<sup>st</sup> : James Sorsen, Pattonville

2<sup>nd</sup> : Lixin Zheng, Glenridge ES

3<sup>rd</sup> : Sachin Milli, Barnwell MS

4<sup>th</sup> : Harrison Gimenez, Belleville E

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 marked the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chris Bollinger Memorial tournament where 212 students showed up to play. Chris Bollinger was an exemplary student and a great chess player. He played in the Gateway Chess League in the mid-nineties when he was at Wydown Middle school coached by Napoleon Carter. He went on to play for the Clayton High school where he was a member of the school's championship chess team. Besides chess, Chris was an outstanding soccer player, a National Honor Society member and a Life member of the Eagle Scouts association. He is fondly remembered by those who knew him. After Chris passed away in 2000, Coach Carter started the Chris Bollinger Memorial in 2001 in his honor.

Fresh faces and different winning teams were the theme of this tournament because the students were paired according to their boards or ratings versus being paired by grade.

Pattonville High School was the clear leader with a near perfect and highest team score of the day. The top two scorers, Thomas Haake (USCF 543) and James Sorsen (USCF 745) scored perfect 4/4 points. The next highest score came from Jason Jiang (545) with 3.5 point, followed by the always strong Isaiah Gadson with 3 points.

Parkway West HS came in second led by William Tong who won the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for first board this year and last year. Third place finisher went to Valley Park HS which the top 3 point getters had ratings between the 400 and 500 USCF rating. Overall the team of Jacob Waters, Cortez Snipes, David Thomas & Todd Combs had ratings in the 400-700 range. Lindbergh came in fourth place due to tie breakers. They were led by Nick Remphey, first place trophy winner in the fourth board with perfect 4/4 score.

In the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and under section, McKinley had a clear win over Vianney. McKinley's team had ratings between 300-500 and led by Isaac Zimmerman's perfect 4/4 score and 5<sup>th</sup> place 4<sup>th</sup> board trophy winner. Vianney was led by Dan Owensby and John Brennan with 3 points each.

5<sup>th</sup>: John Esswein, SLUH  
6<sup>th</sup>: Pratyush Sontha, Francis  
Howell  
7<sup>th</sup>: Rakshana Sundara, Pkwy S  
8<sup>th</sup>: Bo Hylan, McKelvey ES  
9<sup>th</sup>: Tanay Chandak, Mason Ridge  
10<sup>th</sup>: David McKnight, Pkwy W

4<sup>th</sup> Board:

1<sup>st</sup>: Nick Remphey, Lindbergh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas Haake, Pattonville HS  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Noah Ford, Concord ES  
4<sup>th</sup>: Luke Trask, McKinley  
5<sup>th</sup>: Isaac Zimmerman, McKinley  
6<sup>th</sup>: Rohan Athreya, Castlio ES  
7<sup>th</sup>: Jason Jiang, Pattonville HS  
8<sup>th</sup>: Jonathan Lake, Crossroads  
9<sup>th</sup>: Hunter Bernardi, McKinley  
10<sup>th</sup>: Sergio Goodwin, SLUH

Medal winners: Daniel Long,  
Pratway Bishnupuni, Jacob  
Waters, John Sheahan, Dan  
Owensby, Kyree Hamilton, Emma  
Simpson, Nicholas Kreitner, Jesse  
Glass, John Brennan, Galen  
Selligman, John Reinker, Alex  
Rybak, Kenji Sherman, Chris  
Corrivea, Jaden Meyerstorm, Brett  
Cole, Ben Sullins, Diana Wang,  
Andrew Maxfield, Katlyn Miller,  
Chris Thorp, Cortez Snipes, David  
Thomas, Lillian Selligman,  
Katherine Stujenske & Puneet  
Sontha

In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and under section, McKinley won the top honors again. Led by Luke Trask, 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy winner on the 4<sup>th</sup> board with a 4/4 score and Hunter Bernardi with 3.5 points easily held onto first over Ladue MS. McKinley's team had ratings between 400-500. Ladue just edged out Wydown MS by a ½ point.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> and under section, Maplewood-Richmond Heights ES with a large team of twelve easily held off its competition MICDS with a team of two players. Josh Goldberg rated 422 led Maplewood –Richmond Hts with 2.5 points. Their ratings ranged from 200-500's.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> grade & under section, the top 3 teams differed by the slimmest margin of a ½ point each. Kennard with 14 players were led by players in the 100-400 rating range. Ben Sullins & Lillian Selligman had 3 points each. The usually dominating Spodee team was led by Alex Rybak (283) and Mitchell Green (427) with 3 and 2.5 points. They narrowly beat out McKelvey ES led by Jonathan Gollapudi with 4 points and the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy winner for the second board. He was followed by Bo Hylan and younger brother Joshua Gollapudi.

Honorable mention goes to Noah Ford of Concord for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 4<sup>th</sup> Board with a 337 rating & for taking under his wing a kindergartner who was roaming around after the fire alarm went off because of the popcorn machine. Noah stayed with him until he found his mother and older brother who lost sight of him. Many thanks, Noah!

A big thank you to Nicole Hulsey, a former Gateway Chess Leaguer and daughter of webmaster Jim Hulsey for helping out and refereeing while on winter break and was to go back to Truman State the next day.

We missed you Mt. Vernon. See you at the next tournament.

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