

West Michigan Chess Monthly



West Michigan Teams Travel to Ypsilanti



Two teams represented the west side of the state at this year's Junior High Team Championships in Ypsilanti. Leaving at 4am and returning at about 1am made for a very long day, but both teams had a good day.

The Spring Lake Walden Green team included Pradeep Madduri, Angelo Riolo, Arno Riolo, and Nathan Brackenbury (all pictured bottom left). They had a good day too, with two match wins.



The WMAAA team included Jacob Johnson, Hobie Hagen, Mathias Waterstradt, Jonas Kaiser (all pictured top left), and Mario Arnson (right). They won three matches and drew one, winning the 7th place trophy in the reserve section. Jacob and Hobie also won silver medals with four wins each in their five games.



Monthly Events in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo

Trevor Diemel won the second Kalamazoo Scholastic of 2008 in February with 4.5 out of 5 points in a strong six player round robin. **Subhodh Kotekal** also had a good day, with four wins. We also welcomed **Abhay Goel** to his first ever USCF-rated event.

Andy Catlin held off **Peter Chen** and **Malachi King** to

win the open section. **Peter** finished second. **Malachi**, in his first USCF-rated event, took the first under 1400 prize.

In the Grand Rapids March scholastic section, **Nathan Berman** took first place, **Eric Luibakka** took first unrated (and second overall). **Grace VanRenterghem**, **Trevor**

Deimel, **Jack Emaus**, and **Lukas Zimmermann** tied for third. On tie-breaks, In the adult section, **Eugene Brumley** swept, earning his fifth straight win in a West Michigan tournament! You can find tournament director **Katy Ford's** photographs from the events at www.westmichiganchess.com.

Rulebook Tip

Spectators (including parents, coaches, teammates, and even the tournament director) should **never** point out to a player that the opponent's time has run out. Only the players are allowed to make such a claim, and spectators who interfere are often subject to penalties (including expulsion from the playing area).

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Upcoming WMCA Events:

Kalamazoo Open III
March 29
WMU Bernhard Center

Grand Rapids Open IV
April 5
Comfort Inn Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids Scholastic
May 3
Schuler Books

Kalamazoo Open IV
May 31
WMU Bernhard Center

Each of the open events will include both an open and a scholastic section.

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Major Events Across Michigan:

Michigan Junior Championships
March 15-16

Great Lakes Open
May 2-4

West Michigan Junior Futurity
June 21

Details can be found at <http://www.michess.org>