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McGrew Family Cleans Up in Kalamazoo



Bethel McGrew stormed through the field in Kalamazoo on September 27, as she tied for first with **Kevin Czuhai** in the open section at the first Western Michigan University Challenge of the season.

Bethel held Kevin to a draw and managed to win all of her remaining games against strong opposition. In the process, she demonstrated a performance rating of 2336 and shot up into second place on the Performance Leader Board and third place in the Grand Prix.

Meanwhile, **Clara McGrew** kept pace with her sister. Clara swept through the young open section with five wins and a strong enough performance to put her into third place on the Performance Leader Board. **Subhodh Kotekal** and **Bradley Horstman** tied for second. **Ben Ploehn** also continued his strong pace and claimed the top spot on the board.

Anjan Kotekal and **Caleb Chi-Kei Wen** tied for first in the scholastic section, while **Johnny Young** took home the third place medal.

Upcoming WMCA Grand Prix and Performance Challenge Events

Calvin College Challenge II
October 4 in Grand Rapids

West Michigan Open
November 1-2 in Kalamazoo

Calvin College Challenge III
December 6 in Grand Rapids

WMU Challenge II
December 13 in Kalamazoo

WMCA Performance Challenge Leaders

Place	Name	Points
1	Ben Ploehn	259
2	Bethel McGrew	215
3	Clara McGrew	194
4	Bennario Chapman	178
5	Darnell Anderson	166
6	Jovone Cohen-Reed	156
7	Subhodh Kotekal	135
8	Freddie Noe	132
9	Marshall Quander	130
10	Anjan Kotekal	122
11	Ratko Bojanovic	118
12	Michael Chen	112

WMCA Grand Prix Current Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Kevin Czuhai	5.33
2	Ratko Bojanovic	5
3	Bethel McGrew	4
4	Andy Catlin	1.67
5	Marshall Quander	1.33
6	DeWayne VanHorn	0.33
6	Michael Chen	0.33

Performance Challenge and Grand Prix results are based on the Calvin College Challenge on September 6 and the WMU Kalamazoo Challenge on September 27. The full Performance standings are on our website.

See the event listings on pp. 2-3 for full details.

Upcoming Events

Events are listed here as a service for organizers. All events require USCF membership unless otherwise noted, and some non-WMCA events may require additional memberships to groups such as the Michigan Chess Association. We strive for accuracy in our listings, but occasionally mistakes may creep in or plans may change. All players are encouraged to contact the organizers ahead of time to verify that the event is still on as scheduled.

If you have an event that you would like listed here, please contact the Editor, Mike Schulte, by phone at 248-496-0869 or by e-mail at michaelfschulte@yahoo.com.

Upcoming WMCA Events

October 4 Calvin College Challenge II in Grand Rapids

DeVos Communication Center, Calvin College, room 150. 1800 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Open: 4-SS, G/60. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. EF: \$25. Prizes: 70% of entry fees returned as prizes. Scholastic: 5-SS, G/30. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-11:15-1-2-3. Rounds often start earlier when possible, so this is a tentative schedule. EF: \$10. Prizes: medals to top three finishers, top unrated. For further information watch our website or contact Katy Ford by phone at 616-240-0832 or by e-mail at katymford@sbcglobal.net.

November 1-2 West Michigan Open Championships

WMU Bernhard Center room 157, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008. 5-SS G/120 in two sections (open and U1600). EF: \$45 if received by October 24, \$60 after or at site. Unrated players EF \$25 by October 24, \$40 after or at site. Registration (on site): Saturday 9-9:45am. Rounds: Saturday 10am-2:30pm-7pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm. Prizes: \$2700 b/80 (min. 75% each prize guaranteed). Open: \$350-275-200, U2000 \$180-90, U1800 \$160-80, top upset \$25. U1600: \$325-250-175, U1400 \$160-80, U1200 \$140-70, U1000/Unrated \$120, top upset \$20. Unrated may only win unrated or open prizes and count as half entries. All entries beyond the 80th full entry will be added to the prize fund. Ent/Inf: Mike Schulte, 921 W. Kalamazoo Ave. Apt. 4, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, by phone at 269-385-3055, or by e-mail at michaelfschulte@yahoo.com.

November 1-2 West Michigan Open Scholastic Events

On Saturday, we'll have a 4-SS G/30 scholastic (K-12 rated under 1100) event. Registration will be from 9-9:45am and rounds will begin at 10:30am. On Sunday we'll have a 3-SS or 3-RR scholastic event with registration from 12-1pm and rounds beginning at 1:30pm. Players are encouraged to play one or both days! EF: \$5 each day. Medals as prizes.

December 6 Calvin College Challenge III in Grand Rapids

DeVos Communication Center, Calvin College, room 150. 1800 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Open: 4-SS, G/60. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. EF: \$25. Prizes: 70% of entry fees returned as prizes. Scholastic: 5-SS, G/30. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-11:15-1-2-3.

Rounds often start earlier when possible, so this is a tentative schedule. EF: \$10. Prizes: medals to top three finishers, top unrated. For further information watch our website or contact Katy Ford by phone at 616-240-0832 or by e-mail at katymford@sbcglobal.net.

December 13 WMU Challenge II in Kalamazoo

WMU Bernhard Center rooms 157-158, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Open: 4-SS, G/60. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-12:30-2:30-4:30. EF: \$25. Prizes: 70% of entry fees returned as prizes. Scholastic: 5-SS, G/30. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rounds: 10-11:15-1-2-3. Rounds often start earlier when possible, so this is a tentative schedule. EF: \$10. Prizes: medals to top three finishers, top unrated. For further information watch our website or contact Mike Schulte by phone at 248-496-0869 or e-mail michaelfschulte@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Regional Events

October 11-12 Michigan Amateur Championship

McCamly Plaza Hotel, 50 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek, MI 49017. Open to players rated Under 2000. 5-SS Rds. 1-3 G/120, Rds. 4-5 G/150. Registration: 8:30-9:30am. Rounds: Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 10-3:30. One half point bye allowed in rounds 1-4, must be requested by round 2. EF: \$20 by October 10, \$25 at site. Juniors subtract \$5 from entry fee. E-mail entries okay, must pay by end of on-site registration. Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st and 2nd each U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, 1st unrated, 1st under 18 years old, 1st over 64 years old. HR: \$99 by October 1, call 269-963-7050. Ent/Inf: Brad Rogers, 57767 Karam Ave, Washington, MI 48094, 586-944-3206, bradleyrogers22@msn.com.

October 11 Toledo Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Center for Creative Education - Room CE0111, 3000 Arlington Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. EF: \$20 by 10/9 \$25 at site. Reg.: 9-10 a.m., Rds.: 10, 1, 4, & 7. Prizes: \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st Class A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. Ent: James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willowycck Rd., Maumee OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

October 17-19 Indiana State Chess Championships

5SS, 40/2 SD/1 (2-day option, rds 1-2 G/75) Ramada Conference Center, 3550 E. Market St. Logansport IN 46947. \$\$2800 b/80. In 2 Sections Championship: EF: \$73 rcvd by 10/14, \$80 at site. 50% discount off at site EF to former State Champions rcvd by 8/30. \$\$: \$500-250. U2300 \$245, U2200 \$240, U2000 \$235, Upset \$50. \$100 State Champion Award. 1st Place Guaranteed. Reserve: Open to 1799 & under. EF: \$58 rcvd by 10/14, \$65 at site. \$\$: \$300-215-210. Class C \$205, Class D & Under \$200, Upset \$50. ALL: July discount \$13 off adv EF, August discount \$6 off adv EF. Memb. Req'd: ISCA. OSA. Reg: Ends Fri. 6:30pm (2-day option: Regs. ends Sat. 9:30am). Rds: Fri. 7pm, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 9-3:30 (2-day option: Sat. 10-1:30-5, Sun. 9-3:30).

Annual Meeting 2: 30pm Sunday. Car load discount, sign up in groups of 4 and receive 10% off adv EF excluding discounts, rcvd by 9/26. 10% cancellation fee. ENT: Gary J Fox, 134 Wheatland Ave. Logansport, IN 46947. INFO: 574-722-4965 info@donleychess.org. HR: \$75 574-753-6351, Reservation by 10/10/08, code CGSCA. <http://www.indiananchess.org>.

October 18 C3 Standard Open

Carrel Chess Club, 5820 N. Canton Center Rd., Suite 140, Canton, MI 48187. 4-SS G/60. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rds: 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30. Free lunch (pizza) and refreshments! Trophies for place winners. Cash prizes dependent upon participation. For more information visit <http://www.carrelchessclub.com> or call Mike Carrel at 734-377-4907. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

October 19 Lansing Mini-Swiss (Note Date Change)

North Network Center, 730 W. Maple (in the Gym), Lansing, MI 48933. 3-SS G/90 in sections of 8-10 by rating. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rds: 10-1:30-4:30. EF: \$21. Prizes: \$75 1st, \$48 2nd each section, \$100 to any 3 point winner in a section with at least 8 players. Ent/Inf: Tony Nichols, sensie48910@yahoo.com. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

October 19 Great Wraps French Dip and Mini-Swiss

310 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. 3-SS G/67 in sections of 8-10. Registration: 11-11:30am. Rds: 12, 2:45, 5:30. \$\$90-45 each section. For more information contact Jennifer Skidmore at jmscamelot@gmail.com or 734-678-0463. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

November 1-2 West Michigan Open Championships

See WMCA Events on the previous page for full details.

November 8 Toledo Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Center for Creative Education - Room CE0111, 3000 Arlington Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. EF: \$20 by 10/9 \$25 at site. Reg.: 9-10 a.m., Rds.: 10, 1, 4, & 7. Prizes: \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st Class A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. Ent: James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willowyck Rd., Maumee OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

November 9 Lansing Mini-Swiss

North Network Center, 730 W. Maple (in the Gym), Lansing, MI 48933. 3-SS G/90 in sections of 8-10 by rating. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rds: 10-1:30-4:30. EF: \$21. Prizes: \$75 1st, \$48 2nd each section, \$100 to any 3 point winner in a section with at least 8 players. Ent/Inf: Tony Nichols, sensie48910@yahoo.com. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

November 15 MCA Scholastic Club Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

November 23 Michigan Women's Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. Note that the event includes a side event open to all players. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

November 28-30 Motor City Open

An annual Thanksgiving Weekend event! For further information visit the Michigan Chess Association website: <http://www.michess.org>. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

December 13-14 MCA Action/Quick/Speed Championships

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December 13 Toledo Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd 1 G/75, Rnds 2-4 G/90. The University of Toledo Health Science Campus, Center for Creative Education - Room CE0111, 3000 Arlington Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43614. Can split into 2 sections if enough players. EF: \$20 by 10/9 \$25 at site. Reg.: 9-10 a.m., Rds.: 10, 1, 4, & 7. Prizes: \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st Class A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50. Ent: James Jagodzinski, 7031 Willowyck Rd., Maumee OH 43537. 419-367-9450.

December 14 Lansing Mini-Swiss

North Network Center, 730 W. Maple (in the Gym), Lansing, MI 48933. 3-SS G/90 in sections of 8-10 by rating. Registration: 9-9:45am. Rds: 10-1:30-4:30. EF: \$21. Prizes: \$75 1st, \$48 2nd each section, \$100 to any 3 point winner in a section with at least 8 players. Ent/Inf: Tony Nichols, sensie48910@yahoo.com. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

January 18-19 MCA Master/Expert & Class Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, or watch for further details in upcoming issues. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

February 7 MCA Elementary/Primary Team Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

February 14 MCA Junior High Team Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

February 28 MCA High School Team Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

March 14 Michigan Junior Championships

See the MCA website, <http://www.michess.org/>, for further information. Note that there are several sections in addition to the main championship tournament. USCF and MCA memberships are required.

New Magazine Rotation

In order to maintain our high standards and regular publication schedule while also reducing costs and easing the demands on our publishing staff, we are switching to a bimonthly full issue with a brief bulletin in the alternating months.

This allows us more flexibility with content while also continuing to share the most important news quickly! Look for thorough coverage of the first Kalamazoo Challenge and the first two Calvin College Challenges in the October issue of *Lake Effect Chess*.

West Michigan Open

November 1-2 at the WMU
Bernhard Center in Kalamazoo

Scholastic side events on both Saturday and
Sunday for beginners (players both in grades
K-12 and rated under 1100)

A WMCA Grand Prix Event!

Full details inside...

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