



Magic City Classic

Chess Tournament Report

December 30, 2017
 Asbury United Methodist Church
 Birmingham, AL 35242



The 10th Annual **Magic City Classic** was held at Asbury UMC. We had fifty-six (56) players from three (3) states to participate.

The Alabama players came from as far away as Phenix City, Guin, Tuscaloosa, Dothan, Auburn, Verbena, Huntsville, and Madison.

The **2017 Magic City Classic** winners:

PREMIERE (1800+; Rated) Champions

Miles Melvin III - Huntsville, AL – 3 points

Stephen Adams – Auburn, AL – 3 points

William Fox – Huntsville, AL – 3 points

RESERVE (U1800; Rated) Champion

Brian Fraiser – Phenix City, AL – 3.5 points

AMATEUR (U1400; Rated) Champion

John Cody – Gallatin, TN – 3 points

ROOK (K-12; Rated) Champion

Akhil Batchu (ChessKidsNation) – Vestavia Hills, AL – 4 points

NOVICE (K-12; Not Rated) Champions

Conley Davis (Way Home Christian School), Guin, AL – 5 points

Rex Gann (Thompson Intermediate School), Alabaster, AL – 5 points

Sasha Gann (Thompson Intermediate School), Alabaster, AL – 5 points

SwissSys Standings. Magic City Classic: MCC_Premiere

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1-3	MILES MELVIN III	1986	2037	W3	W5	L2	W4	3.0	8.5	167.00/1st
2		STEPHEN ADAMS	2201	2197	W11	D4	W1	D6	3.0	8	167.00/1st
3		WILLIAM DANIEL FOX	1790	1896	L1	W11	W8	W9	3.0	7	167.00/1st
4	4-6	JOSHUA WAKEFIELD	1757	1864	W7	D2	W10	L1	2.5	8	
5		SCOTT VARAGONA	2293	2282	W13	L1	D6	W10	2.5	7	
6		JONATHAN RASBERRY	2021	2057	W14	D10	D5	D2	2.5	7	
7	7-9	ALEXANDER RUTTEN	1922	1923	L4	D8	D13	W12	2.0	3.5	
8		TEJAS VINAY THORAT	2111	2087	D12	D7	L3	W11	2.0	3	
9		KIRK D PETTY	1908	1911	L10	W14	W12	L3	2.0	2.5	

10	10	BILL MELVIN	2206	2181	W9	D6	L4	L5	1.5	7	
11	11-13	ROGER JOHNSON	1900	1880	L2	L3	W15	L8	1.0	6.5	
12		OM BADHE	1892	1874	D8	D13	L9	L7	1.0	5.5	
13		AARON DECORD	1921	1916	L5	D12	D7	U---	1.0	3	
14	14-15	THOMAS H LAWRY	1831	1811	L6	L9	U---	U---	0.0	2	
15		MARK STRIBLING	1663	1654	U---	U---	L11	U---	0.0	0	

SwissSys Standings. Magic City Classic: MCC_Reserve

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	BRIAN T FRAISER	1609	1658	W4	W7	D2	W3	3.5	7	175.00/1st
2	2-3	JAY-EL SHEPHERD II	1618	1629	D3	W9	D1	D6	2.5	7.5	113.00/2nd
3		DIFEI ZHU	1426	1501	D2	W8	W7	L1	2.5	7	113.00 /U1500
4	4-5	JOSHUA SHEPHERD	1385	1418	L1	W6	L5	W7	2.0	4.5	
5		NITIN BADHE	1203	1356	W8	U---	W4	U---	2.0	1	
6	6	JAMES XIANG YANG	1634	1588	L7	L4	W8	D2	1.5	4	
7	7-8	CONSTANCE WANG	1456	1432	W6	L1	L3	L4	1.0	6	
8		SHANNON LEE BAKER	1479	1445	L5	L3	L6	W9	1.0	5	
9	9	MARK STRIBLING	1663	1613	H---	L2	U---	L8	0.5	1	

SwissSys Standings. Magic City Classic : MCC_Amateur

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	JOHN CODY	1051	1058	W7	D2	D4	W3	3.0	7	160.00/1st
2	2-3	WENDELL WHITAKER	1300	1249	W6	D1	D3	D4	2.5	7.5	110.00/2nd
3		MICHAEL BUFKIN	unr.	296	W4	W7	D2	L1	2.5	7.5	110.00 /U1100
4	4-5	OMVRISHANK GOPURALA	967	945	L3	W6	D1	D2	2.0	5	
5		NITIN BADHE	1203	1204	U---	U---	B---	W6	2.0	0	
6	6-7	DAVIS KIRK TALLEY	unr.	559	L2	L4	W7	L5	1.0	5	
7		JEFFREY TALLEY	unr.	100	L1	L3	L6	B---	1.0	3.5	

SwissSys Standings. Magic City Classic: MCC_Rook

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1	AKHIL REDD BATCHU	885	901	W9	W10	L2	W7	W3	4.0	11.5	1st
2	2-3	SHREYAS KESHAVA	766	882	W11	W4	W1	L3	D5	3.5	13.5	2nd
3		CAROLINE WANG	805	880	W12	D7	W4	W2	L1	3.5	13	3rd
4	4-6	RAJ PATEL	1005	951	W8	L2	L3	W11	W7	3.0	11.5	Gold
5		STEVEN PAN	967	926	L7	D6	W12	W8	D2	3.0	11	Silver
6		AADITYA SAXENA	967	930	H---	D5	L7	W9	W8	3.0	9.5	Bronze
7	7	DANIEL SEEWALD	595	779	W5	D3	W6	L1	L4	2.5	9.5	
8	8-10	JAMES GARY ZHU	599	591	L4	W12	W9	L5	L6	2.0	8.5	
9		JAMES ISAAC ARLEDGE	312	336	L1	W11	L8	L6	W10	2.0	8	
10		KEVIN WANG	104	100	B---	L1	L11	W12	L9	2.0	4	
11	11	GRANT WAKEFIELD	160	167	L2	L9	W10	L4	D12	1.5	7	
12	12	JAMES WAKEFIELD	208	155	L3	L8	L5	L10	D11	0.5	8	

SwissSys Standings. Magic City Classic: MCC_Novice

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot	TBrk [M]	Prize
1	1-3	Conley Davis	unr.	1150	W12	W4	L3	W6	W10	W2	5.0	19	1st
2		Rex Gann	unr.	1127	W9	W8	W11	W7	W3	L1	5.0	18.5	2nd
3		Sasha Gann	unr.	1130	W14	W6	W1	W12	L2	W7	5.0	17	3rd
4	4-5	Roger Ruiz	unr.	903	W7	L1	W13	W11	L5	W8	4.0	17.5	Gold
5		Nargiz Khasanov	unr.	773	L8	W10	L12	W15	W4	W13	4.0	12.5	Silver
6	6-9	Steven Liu	unr.	797	W10	L3	W8	L1	L7	B---	3.0	13.5	Bronze
7		Alisher Khasanov	unr.	787	L4	W14	W15	L2	W6	L3	3.0	13	
8		Aubrey Sanders	unr.	787	W5	L2	L6	W13	W11	L4	3.0	13	
9		Sophia Li	unr.	529	L2	L13	B---	L10	W15	W14	3.0	7	
10	10-11	Bailey Coggins	unr.	641	L6	L5	W14	W9	L1	D11	2.5	13	
11		DeMarcus Holman	unr.	667	W13	W15	L2	L4	L8	D10	2.5	12.5	
12	12-15	Zeke Sewell	unr.	428	L1	B---	W5	L3	L14	L15	2.0	12	
13		Jaylen Coggins	unr.	491	L11	W9	L4	L8	B---	L5	2.0	12	

14		Quale Beito	unr.	425	L3	L7	L10	B---	W12	L9	2.0	9.5	
15		Ethan Yang	unr.	413	B---	L11	L7	L5	L9	W12	2.0	9.5	

For information about our upcoming chess tournaments, camps and classes - send an email to: Caesar Lawrence - CaesarChess@gmail.com.

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Attendance: 56 Players (41 in Rated sections and 15 in Not Rated section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201712309722>