

Alabama State Dual-Rated Chess Championship

The 2013 Alabama State Dual-Rated Chess Championship was contested on December 7, 2013, at Evangel Church in Montgomery. A total of 14 players competed in four rounds of chess at time control of 30 minutes, 40, 50, and 60 minutes, respectively. The tournament was directed by Doug Strout.

The Alabama State Dual-Rated Champion is Scott Varagona, who won all four of his games to win the title and complete a 2013 “Alabama Grand Slam” by adding the Dual-Rated title to his Blitz Championship, Quick Championship, and State Championship titles earlier this year.

The runnerup is A.J. Goldsby of Pensacola, FL, who finished with a score of 3.0/4. Scott was the only player to defeat A.J. in the tournament. The prize winner for highest score from classes A & B is Kevin Wang. Kevin is the reigning middle school champion of Alabama and represented Alabama nationally at the 2013 Barber tournament of middle school champions.

In the Reserve Section for players rated below 1500, the champion is Neil Dietsch of Tuscaloosa, who won all four of his games. Reserve runnerup is Wayne Yeargan of Pensacola. Arthur Leslie and Margen Gadd tied for highest score among players rated U1000.

Thanks to all the players who supported the event.