



# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen of Hearts

Chess Tournament Report  
February 18-19, 2012

AUM Taylor Center \* Montgomery, AL

The Montgomery Chess Club sponsored the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen of Hearts. This year, the tournament featured 50 rated players – representing 5 states. We had 10 beginner chess students to participate in the Novice section.

The 2012 Queen of Hearts Open champion is Scott Varagona of Birmingham. He scored 4.5/5 points and clinched the first place honors. The Reserve section was won by Gi Yun Lee – a senior at Indian Springs School (Pelham, AL).

We are grateful that Dr. Karen Stine (Dean, School of Sciences) and the AUM Division of Continuing Education co-sponsored the Queen of Hearts tournament again this year. Their continuous support for the Montgomery Chess Club is truly appreciated.

The 2012 Queen of Hearts – Section Winners:

Open (Rating 1500+ & UNR):

1<sup>st</sup>: Scott Varagona – Birmingham, AL - 4.5 points.

Reserve (Rating: U1499):

1<sup>st</sup>: Gi Yun Lee – Pelham, AL - 4.5 points.

Premier (Rating U1200; K-12):

1<sup>st</sup>: David Kim, Baldwin Magnet - Montgomery, AL – 5 points.

Novice (Not Rated; K-8):

1<sup>st</sup>: Christopher Chen, MCCU - Birmingham, AL – 6 points.

## Final Wall Chart - QUEEN OF HEARTS: OPEN

#	Name/Rtng/ID	St/Tm	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Rex E Blalock	AL	B 15	W 27	B 16	W 8	B 10	
	2232 11089739		0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
2	Gerald A Larson	AL	W 16	B 9	bye	W 4	----	
	2184 10422159		1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	U2.5	2.5
3	Bryan Tillis	MS	B 17	W 8	B 6	W 9	----	
	2170 12893033		1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	U2.0	2.0
4	<b>Scott Varagona</b>	AL	W 18	B 10	W 5	B 2	W 6	

	2156 12744446		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
5	Brent H Inman	AL	B 19	W 12	B 4	W 28	----	
	2145 11337546		1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	U2.0	2.0
6	Donny Gray	GA	W 20	B 14	W 3	B 13	B 4	
	2073 10381878		1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	4.0	4.0
7	David A Hater	GA	B 21	W 15	B 28	W 10	----	
	2008 12334630		1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	U2.0	2.0
8	Mark Lloyd Liatti	AL	W 22	B 3	bye	B 1	W 16	
	1935 12494481		1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
9	William Blackman	AL	B 23	W 2	B 17	B 3	W 28	
	1925 12729656		1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
10	Terrence Edinburgh	AL	W 24	W 4	B 18	B 7	W 1	
	1912 12499847		1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
11	Stephen W Adams	AL	B 25	W 28	B 19	bye	W 18	
	1872 13184803		0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.0
12	David W Schell	FL	W 26	B 5	bye	----	----	
	1848 12800439		1.0	1.0	1.5	U1.5	U1.5	1.5
13	Charles A Smith	AL	B 27	W 25	B 15	W 6	B 19	
	1844 12500014		0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
14	Adam Shaw	GA	W 29	W 6	B 26	W 25	----	
	1837 12824805		1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	U1.5	1.5
15	Tim Bond	AL	W 1	B 7	W 13	B 26	W 25	
	1813 10239974		1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	3.5
16	Kenneth W Goodman	AL	B 2	W 21	W 1	B 24	B 8	
	1805 12435248		0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
17	Jeff S Story	AL	W 3	B 22	W 9	W 18	B 21	
	1787 11264999		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
18	Rhodes Peele	AL	B 4	W 23	W 10	B 17	B 11	
	1756 10206294		0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

19	Dennis Dergunov	AL	W 5	B 24	W 11	B 27	W 13	
	1690 12863286		0.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	3.5
20	Lars Edmond Britt	AL	B 6	W 29	B 25	W 23	B 22	
	1674 10240409		0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
21	Orville Story III	AL	W 7	B 16	B 27	bye	W 17	
	1669 12586686		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
22	Jerome Flowers	AL	B 8	W 17	B 23	B 29	W 20	
	1666 14454662		0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0
23	Muhammad Amin	FL	W 9	B 18	W 22	B 20	W 27	
	1651 13303960		0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
24	Steven R Boshears	GA	B 10	W 19	bye	W 16	----	
	1644 14001322		0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	U1.0	1.0
25	Steve Mengxi Chen	AL	W 11	B 13	W 20	B 14	B 15	
	1640 13737518		0.5	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
26	Douglas L Strout	AL	B 12	bye	W 14	W 15	B 29	
	1636 13592632		0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0
27	Kenneth Jiao	AL	W 13	B 1	W 21	W 19	B 23	
	1590 14023818		0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
28	Kevin Wang	AL	bye	B 11	W 7	B 5	B 9	
	1559 14455644		1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
29	Steven D Evans	IL	B 14	B 20	bye	W 22	W 26	
	1310 12542730		0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0

### Final Wall Chart - QUEEN OF HEARTS: RESERVE

#	Name/Rtng/ID	St/Tm	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Wendell Whitaker	AL	B 10	W 12	W 14	B 5	W 13	
	1413 13729200		0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0
2	Andrew Hater	GA	W 11	B 9	W 13	B 10	W 15	
	1388 12884991		1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0

3	Don Halimunanda	AL	B 12	W 8	B 10	W 14	----	
	1353 13017292		1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	U2.5	2.5
4	Na'Tan Shipman	AL	W 13	B 17	W 9	B 11	W 7	
	1322 14101430		0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
5	Cheng Zhou	AL	bye	B 14	W 12	W 1	B 11	
	1278 13897062		0.5	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	3.5
6	Neil Dietsch	AL	W 15	B 13	W 11	B 8	W 9	
	1252 13601903		1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
7	Randall Tew	AL	B 16	W 10	B 15	W 17	B 4	
	1210 12808659		1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
8	James S Hunter	AL	W 17	B 3	bye	W 6	B 18	
	1186 12552712		1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
9	Timothy Staley	GA	B 18	W 2	B 4	W 16	B 6	
	1146 12625534		1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
10	<b>Gi Yun Lee</b>	AL	W 1	B 7	W 3	W 2	B 14	
	1115 14246425		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
11	William Knapp	AL	B 2	W 16	B 6	W 4	W 5	
	1080 14162213		0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
12	Sydney Morris	AL	W 3	B 1	B 5	W 18	bye	
	1057 13503567		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
13	Jasmine Berry	AL	B 4	W 6	B 2	W 15	B 1	
	1046 13829611		1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
14	Jian Yu Chen	AL	bye	W 5	B 1	B 3	W 10	
	1022 14481305		1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.5
15	William T McArdle	AL	B 6	W 18	W 7	B 13	B 2	
	998 14682456		0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
16	Mei Shou Chen	AL	W 7	B 11	bye	B 9	B 17	
	578 14610411		0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
17	Bowen Lu	AL	B 8	W 4	B 18	B 7	W 16	

	unr. 14850978		0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
18	Caleb Wakeford	AL	W 9	B 15	W 17	B 12	W 8	
	unr. 14853110		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Final Wall Chart - QUEEN OF HEARTS: PREMIER

#	Name/Rtng/ID	St/Tm	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Teja Ginjupalli	AL	W 3	bye	W 2	B 3	bye	W 2	
	541 14712986		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
2	Michael Beach	AL	bye	W 3	B 1	bye	W 3	B 1	
	unr. 14771448		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.5
3	<b>David Kim</b>	AL	B 1	B 2	bye	W 1	B 2	bye	
	unr. 14841618		1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0

### Final Wall Chart - QUEEN OF HEARTS: NOVICE

#	Name/Rtng/ID	St/Tm	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Rafi Israil	AL	bye	W 7	B 11	W 3	B 5	B 8	
	unr.	FAAM	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
2	James Paterson	AL	B 7	W 11	W 8	B 10	B 3	W 9	
	unr.	EVANGE	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
3	Sarah Kim	AL	W 8	B 10	W 6	B 1	W 2	W 5	
	unr.	FAAM	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
4	Michael Beach	AL	B 9	----	----	----	----	----	
	unr.	Dothan CC	1.0	U1.0	U1.0	U1.0	U1.0	U1.0	1.0
5	<b>Christopher Chen</b>	AL	W 10	B 8	W 7	B 11	W 1	B 3	
	unr.	MCCU	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
6	Eric Messina	AL	B 11	W 9	B 3	B 7	W 8	W 10	

	unr.	FAAM	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
7	Jonathan Lee	AL	W 2	B 1	B 5	W 6	B 9	W 11	
	unr.	Chess Fusion	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
8	Miles Haughery	AL	B 3	W 5	B 2	W 9	B 6	W 1	
	unr.	FAAM	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5
9	Preston Knepper	AL	W 4	B 6	W 10	B 8	W 7	B 2	
	unr.	FAAM	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
10	Ian Kim	AL	B 5	W 3	B 9	W 2	W 11	B 6	
	unr.	FAAM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Bryan Zhou	AL	W 6	B 2	W 1	W 5	B 10	B 7	
	unr.	MCCU	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0

Chief Tournament Director: Caesar Lawrence

Assistant Tournament Director: William Blackman, James Garner, and Rhodes Peele

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Attendance: 60 Players (50 in Rated Sections and 10 in Not Rated Section)

USCF Rating Report: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201202196852.0>