

Magnus League Continues 2014-2015 Competition With November 23rd Match: Stuyvesant Leads Field With Sweep in Round 2: NEST and Dalton Also Victorious

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The Magnus High School League continued its second season with its second match of the school year on November 23rd. Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School on Manhattan's Upper West Side again hosted the games, with League Commissioner Sophia Rohde offering her usual plentiful provender of coffee, bagels and donuts to help wake everyone up for the 10:00 round on Sunday morning.

The Magnus League welcomed two new schools this month as the NEST + m High School and the Dalton School joined the competition for the first time this year. The NEST team, comprised of Mubassar Uddin, Jack Wen, Anita Maksimiuk and Stefek Yurgel combined for an average rating of 1798. Jack and Anita won their games on the middle boards, assisted by forfeit wins on the top and bottom boards, as NEST swept the Dutchmen of Collegiate.

The squad from the Dalton School of Ben Goldstein, Oliver Newbauer, Sam Chapin and Swarup Dhar put together an average rating of 1558, which held true to form as they swept the Columbia Grammar and Prep "B" team.

Top-rated Stuyvesant added an even higher-rated player, Expert Alexander Spinnell, to its already formidable lineup. With John Chen, Miguel Garcia and Kevin Yan, the Peglegs raised their average rating to 1926-- 100 points higher than last month. Their opponents this time were the home team players of Columbia Prep, and the visitors' rating advantage translated into the season's second sweep for Stuyvesant. The matchup on Board One between Spinnell and Matthew Hertz was an interesting game— the last of the day to finish.

Twenty-three players attended the November 23rd event, and NTDs Steve Immitt and Sophia Rohde handled the tournament directing duties. The results have been posted at: <http://www.chesscenter.cc/Magnus/2014/fs-MagnusLeague-2014-2015-Nov23.htm>

The next regular match of the Magnus League is scheduled for **10:00 am, Sunday January 25th** at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, Five West 93rd Street (just West of Central Park West) in Manhattan.

Team Standings After 2 Rounds

Stuyvesant High School:	2-0
NEST + m High School:	1-0
Dalton School:	1-0
Columbia Grammar and Preparatory:	1-1
Columbia Grammar "B Team:"	1-1
Collegiate School:	0-2
Collegiate School "B Team:"	0-2