

## **Magnus League Continues For January 31st Match:**

### **Stuyvesant High School And The Dalton School Both Win Their Matches**

#### **Stuyvesant and John Chen Lead The Field, 4-0**

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As New York City continued to dig itself out of the mountainous snow left behind from the previous weekend of Jonas, the Magnus High School League blazed onward into Round 4 on January 31st. Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School hosted the games as before, and League Commissioner, International Arbiter Sophia Rohde once again provided a plentiful provender of refreshments to help wake everyone up for the Sunday morning round.

Top-ranked Stuyvesant High School of New York City (1837) continued its undefeated juggernaut, this time over third-ranked Browning School (1536) on the City's East Side. The Peg Leg Chess brethren (John Chen, Daniel Yassky, Samuel Zhang and Daniel Regassa) swept the uptown Panthers (Maxwell Beem, Takayuki Ishikawa, Hugh Chapin and Philip Raftopoulos).

The second-ranked Dalton School (1593) just fielded a trio this time (Swarup Dhar, Tristan Sollecito and Ege Ozbek), but three was just enough to dispatch Browning School's B Team duo of Michael Jozoff and Alexander Young (847). While receiving a team win on Board 3, Ozbek also won a house game against Adam Perlstein of the host school, Columbia Grammar and Prep.

Fifteen players, representing four schools, turned out for the January 31st match. After four Magnus League rounds, Stuyvesant High School has a perfect 4-0 score, with match victories in October, November, December and January. In Clear Second, 1½ points back, is the Dalton School of New York City, with 2½ match points. In the individual competition, Stuyvesant's John Chen also boasts a perfect 4-0 score, mirroring that of his team.

#### **A new addition to the Magnus League is International Grandmaster Mackenzie Molner.**

Mackenzie is from New Jersey, where he won the state championship in 2008. He is the 2013 U.S. Open Co-Champion, and was one of 12 players who qualified for the 2014 U.S. Championship. He won the Denker National Championship of State High School Champions in 2004, and is the only player to complete his Grandmaster title with norms only from the U.S.

We are very honored to have had both GM Mackenzie Molner and IM Alex Ostrovskiy, who was on site in December, with us to analyze the players' games.

The complete results from Round 4 on January 31st have been posted at:

<http://www.chesscenter.cc/Magnus/2015-2016/fs-MagnusLeague-2015-2016-January31.htm>

(Magnus standings and match results, along with USCF-rated results, can also be seen at the Magnus League webpage at [www.magnusleague.org](http://www.magnusleague.org) as well).

The next match of the Magnus League is Round 5, scheduled for **10:00 am Sunday February 21st** (please arrive about 9:30 am to confirm your participation) at **Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, 36 West 93rd Street**, just west of Central Park West, in Manhattan. Online registration will be at [www.magnusleague.org](http://www.magnusleague.org) through 6:00 pm Saturday February 20th!