

Magnus League Welcomes NEST Back For December 13th Match:

Stuyvesant High School And Dalton B Team Both Win Their Matches

Stuyvesant's John Chen and Dalton's Kyle Chan Shue Lead At 3-0

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The Magnus High School League continued to grow its momentum into Round 3 on December 13th. Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School once again hosted the games and League Commissioner, International Arbiter Sophia Rohde once again provided a plentiful provender of refreshments to help wake everyone up for the 10:00 am Sunday round.

Another school from last school year made a return this year: the NEST + m High School from Manhattan's West Side. Mubassar Uddin, Maury and Aidan Ahram and team captain Anita Maksimiuk played Boards 1-4, respectively, combining to field an average team rating of 1815. They were held to a draw in a close match against their opponents from the crosstown Dalton School: Reddy Lee, Ben Goldstein, Swarup Dhar and Atticus Lee, who fielded a team rating of 1764. Reddy won the Board One game, while Anita's Board Four victory, one of the last games to finish, provided the clutch victory to hold the draw for NEST. Boards Two and Three were both drawn.

Dalton School's "B" Team, Tristan Sollecito, Kyle Chan Shue, Sam Pozner and Nathaniel Mettke (1471 average team rating) outscored its higher rated classmates to beat the Browning School's contingent of Hugh Chapin, George Allen, Michael Jozoff and Alexander Young (1196 team rating). Hugh Chapin scored the day's biggest upset on Board One for Browning, with Chan Shue and Mettke notching victories for Dalton on the even-numbered boards, while a draw ensued on Board 3 between Pozner and Jozoff.

Top-ranked Stuyvesant High School of New York (1999) continued its undefeated steamroller, this time over 2nd-ranked Bronx High School of Science (1818). Stuy's top 3 boards, Kai Kronberg, John Chen and Kevin Yan, notched wins over the Science triad of Jonathan Spinnell, Daniel Hayon and Tiothy Duda, while Board 4 was an unplayed win for Daniel Yassky.

With an odd number of teams playing, the host school, Columbia Grammar and Prep, fielding Jonathan Kogan, Adam Perlstein, Robert Millman, Eva Van Puijenbroek and Ashley Arango (team rating of 1171) garnered the bye.

Twenty-eight players, representing seven high school teams, turned out for the December 13th match. After three Magnus League rounds, Stuyvesant High School leads the rest of the field by a point, with match victories in October, November and December. Dalton's "B" team is in Second with two match victories. In the individual competition, Stuyvesant's John Chen and Dalton's Kyle Chan Shue are the only two players with perfect 3-0 scores.

A new addition to the Magnus League is International Master Alexandr Ostrovskiy. Nineteen-year-old Alex is a local scholastic star from Brooklyn. He not only won the Greater New York Elementary, Junior High and High School Championships, but he was also the captain of four National High School Champion teams (three with Hunter High School and once with Edward R Murrow High School). He is the two-time and current New York State (Overall)

Champion, and when he won the title the first time in 2010, he was the youngest player ever to do so!

We are very honored to have Alex with us to analyze the players' games, and he might even have an opportunity to show one of his 15 tournament victories against Grandmasters!

The complete results from Round 3 on December 13 have been posted at:

<http://www.chesscenter.cc/Magnus/2015-2016/fs-MagnusLeague-2015-2016-December13.htm>

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

The next match of the Magnus League is Round 4, scheduled for **10:00 am Sunday January 31st** (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 through 6:00 pm Saturday January 30th!