

Magnus League Winds Up Its Third Regular Season On March 6th:

Stuyvesant, Bronx Science And Browning All Win In Round Six;

Stuyvesant Finishes Season Undefeated While John Chen and Kyle Chan Shue Finish Atop The Individual Standings, 4-0

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Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School, 36 West 93rd Street, just west of Central Park West in Manhattan, hosted the final regular season match of the 2015-2016 Magnus High School games on March 6th. League Founder and Commissioner, International Arbiter Sophia Rohde once again provided a plentiful provender of refreshments to help wake everyone up for the Sunday morning round.

Stuyvesant High School (1781.5), ranked second by rating by just 6.8 points, nevertheless put the finishing touches on its perfect season. Having played, and defeated, all their opponents in the Magnus League, they proceeded once again to defeat their eastside rivals from the Dalton School (1679.5) in a rematch from Round 2, November 22nd. While First Board was a draw between Stuy's Daniel Yassky and Zachary Morris of Dalton, the rest was a West Side story. Zachary Yu and William Yen defeated their Dalton opponents of Swarup Dhar and Oliver Neubauer, respectively. Daniel Regassa won on forfeit on Board 4 for Stuyvesant, and he also picked up a rated win in his extra game against Michael Jozoff of Browning as well.

This time it was the Bronx High School of Science which had the honor of fielding the top-rated team (1788.3). The Wolverines won a close match against the Collegiate School, whose First Board, Expert Matthew Miyasaka, the tournament's top-rated player, defeated Bronx Science's Jonathan Spinnell. The pendulum swung the other way on the next board, with Daniel Hayon coming back with a victory over Collegiate's Christopher Rovinski. Things remained equalized on Board 3, with Collegiate's David Moon holding David Chen Yi to a draw. The Wolverine's margin of victory was reflected in Timothy Duda's win over Stephen Moon of Collegiate, sealing a 2½ - 1½ win for Bronx Science over the Collegiate Lions.

On Team Match Board 3, it was the Browning School (1449.3) which posted its first victory of the season, against a duo of players from Columbia Grammar and Prep (992.5). Max Beem won on forfeit on Board One, although things went the other way as well, as Eszter Morvay, a visitor from Hunter High School, won their extra rated game. Board Two saw Browning's Hugh Chapin defeat Columbia's Jack Dildabanian, who made a return to rated chess at the Magnus League after a seven-year hiatus! Robert Millman of the home team was an upset winner over George Allen of Browning. On Fourth Board, Michael Jozoff assisted the Panthers in their victory with a forfeit win as well.

International Grandmaster Mackenzie Molner was once again on hand to analyze the players' games and provide chess guidance and advice.

We are very happy to have had both Mackenzie in January and March, and IM Alex Ostrovskiy with us in December and February.

Twenty-two players from seven schools turned out on March 6th, and six teams competed in that match. After six Magnus League rounds, Stuyvesant High School has a perfect 6-0 score, with match victories in October, November, December, January, February and March. In Clear Second, 2½ points back, is the Dalton School of New York City, with 3½ match points. In the individual competition, Stuyvesant's John Chen and Dalton's Kyle Chan Shue are each 4-0.

The complete results from Round 6 on March 6th have been posted at:

<http://www.chesscenter.cc/Magnus/2015-2016/fs-MagnusLeague-2015-2016-March6.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).

Watch your emails and check our website at www.magnusleague.org for information on possible dates for post-season playoff matches, as well as a round-up on the Magnus High School League's Third Season.

Thank you all for your time and your participation this season!