

2010 PRESIDENT'S CUP THE FINAL FOUR OF COLLEGE CHESS



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Hosted by
The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College



TOURNAMENT RULES.

The President's Cup is a team round-robin scored by total individual points. Each team has four players and up to two alternates. United States Chess Federation rules apply. Each player must satisfy the eligibility requirements established by the USCF College Chess Committee (CCC).

In the event of a tie, the title is not shared. The following tie-breaking systems will be applied in order:

1. Total team match wins.
2. Head-to-head outcome determines winner.
3. Armageddon (five- to six-minute "shootout") on one board: White must win with six minutes, and Black must win or draw with five minutes. The winner of a coin toss chooses the color. The clock will be set with a delay of two seconds per move.

Official Time Controls: Game 90 with a 30 second increment each move. This means that each player has total of 90 minutes to make all of their moves for the entire game. Each player is accumulating some extra time at the rate of 30 seconds per move.

SCHEDULE.

Friday, April 9, 2010

- Banquet Dinner (private) • 7 p.m.
- Meeting for players and coaches to follow dinner.
- Education and Business Complex • Salón Cassia

Saturday, April 10, 2010

- Opening Ceremony • 9:45 a.m.
- 1st round • 10 a.m.
- 2nd round • 5 p.m.
- Education and Business Complex • Salón Cassia

Sunday, April 11, 2010

- 1st round • 9 a.m.
- Awards Ceremony (after end of round)
- Education and Business Complex • Salón Cassia

Commentary: Throughout each round, International Grandmaster Alfonso Almeida will provide free move-by-move commentary in the Education and Business Complex, 1.224. (No player is allowed in the commentary room while his or her game is in progress.)

Webcast of Games: All games will be broadcast move-by-move using the handheld MonRoi wireless technology from www.monroi.com.

Skittles: Chess sets will be available in the Education and Business Complex, 1.220, for informal games.

Parking: Use the University Blvd. parking lots, across the street from the Education and Business Complex.

UTB/TSC Chess Program proudly hosts the

2010 President's Cup

The "Final Four of College Chess"

A United States Chess Federation national event.
Spectators are welcome and have free entrance.

April 9-11, 2010
Education and Business Complex • Salón Cassia
80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 78520

Featuring the top four USA schools from the
2009 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship:

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The University of Texas at Dallas

Texas Tech University

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College



Tournament Director: IA Frank Berry

Commentator: IM Alfonso Almedia

MonRoi Expert: Luis Salinas

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.

A medium-sized honors university granting bachelor's, post-bachelor's certificates, master's and doctoral degrees, UMBC offers academically talented students a strong foundation in the liberal arts, close mentorship from professors who are also leaders in their fields and abundant co-curricular activities. The Carnegie Foundation ranks UMBC in the category of Research Universities with high research activity. UMBC was named the top up-and-coming national university and ranked fourth in undergraduate teaching among national universities in U.S. News & World Report's "2010 Best Colleges Guide."

UMBC's prominence and well-established industry partnerships help to provide outstanding graduate school and career opportunities for its students. UMBC offers 42 majors, 41 minors and 17 certificate programs in the physical and biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, mathematics, information technology, humanities, and visual and performing arts. At the graduate and professional levels, UMBC emphasizes science, engineering, information technology, human services and public policy.

Located on 530 wooded acres in suburban Baltimore, UMBC is just 15 minutes by car from downtown Baltimore and 30 minutes from Washington, DC. The atmosphere on campus is friendly and spirited, energized by a genuinely diverse population of more than 9,900 undergraduates and over 2,900 graduate students. They participate in more than 210 student groups, and the college hosts a wide variety of performances and sporting events. Nearly three-quarters of UMBC's first-year students live on campus. For more information, visit www.umbc.edu.

Director: Dr. Alan T. Sherman • Associate Director: GM Sam Palatnik • Coach: Igor Epshteyn





GM Leonid "Chief" Kritz [USCF rating: 2667, FIDE rating: 2616], Board 1

Chess accomplishments:

1. 1999 World Champion, Under 16, Spain
2. Winner, 2001 Round Robin Youth Stars, Cat. 12, Switzerland
3. 1st Place (tied), 2008 SPICE Cup, Round-robin, Cat. 15
4. 1st Place (tied), 2006 Biel Chess Festival, Switzerland
5. Performance 2748, Holland, 2007
6. Participant, 2004 FIDE World Championship, Libya
7. 2004 Chess Olympiad, Spain
8. 2005 Team European Championship, Sweden
9. 2007 Team European Championship, Crete



GM Sergey "The Stealth" Erenburg [USCF rating: 2608, FIDE rating: 2580], Board 2 (Captain)

Home country: Israel • Major: mathematics and financial economics

Other interests: soccer and other sports

Chess accomplishments:

1. 1st Place, 2004 Israeli Championship
2. 9th Place, World Blitz Championship
3. 2nd Place (with Israeli national team), 2005 European Championship
4. Participant, 2006 World Cup
5. 1st Place, 2004 Dresden Open
6. 1st Place (tied), 2006 Amsterdam Open
7. 2005 World Team Championship
8. Winner — 2007 and 2008 New Jersey Futurity, 2008 Cleveland Open, 2008 Atlantic Open and 2008 New England Masters



GM Giorgi Margvelashvili [USCF rating: 2534, FIDE rating: 2519], Board 3

Home country: Republic of Georgia • Other interests: soccer

Chess accomplishments:

1. 2009 World Junior Championship
2. 2008 Georgian Vice Champion
3. 2004 European Championship, Under 14



M Sasha "Plaplan" Kaplan [USCF rating: 2521, FIDE rating: 2430], Board 4

Other interests: music, soccer, tennis

Chess accomplishments:

1. 2007 Israel Junior Champion, Under 20
2. 2008 Army Champion
3. 2nd Place, Herzeliya International Round Robin Tournament



WGM Sabina Francesca "Sunshine" Foisor [USCF rating: 2356, FIDE rating: 2302], Alternate

Home country: Romania • Major: modern languages and linguistics

Other interests: karate, jogging, learning new cultures

Chess accomplishments:

1. Qualified, 2008 World Women's Championship, Russian Federation
2. 2004 European Vice Champion, Girls Under 16, Turkey
3. Bronze Medal, European Championship – Girls Under 14, Montenegro, 2003; Girls Under 18, Croatia, 2007
4. Six-time Romanian Champion, Girls
5. Three-time Rapid European Champion, Girls
6. Two-time Romanian Champion (2006-7 with team), two-time Vice Champion



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS.

UT Dallas comprises seven schools, offers an array of interdisciplinary degree programs, and features a student population as diverse as its areas of study. With a current enrollment of more than 15,000 students and a world-class faculty that includes one Nobel laureate, members of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering and active, news-making researchers, UT Dallas aims to provide Texas and the nation with the benefits of educational and research programs of the highest quality. For more information, visit www.utdallas.edu.

Director: James Stallings • Assistant Director: Luis Salinas • Coach: IM Rade Milovanovic



IM Marko Zivanic [USCF rating: 2584, FIDE rating: 2476], Board 1

Home state or country: Serbia

Chess accomplishments: International Master

Academic accomplishments: computer science major, senior

Other interests or hobbies: soccer



IM Daniel Ludwig [USCF rating: 2545, FIDE rating: 2466], Board 2

Home state or country: Florida

Chess accomplishments: International Master

Academic accomplishments: statistics major, freshman

Other interests or hobbies: cross-country team



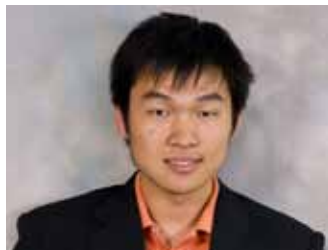
IM Julio Sadorra [USCF rating: 2506, FIDE rating: 2466], Board 3

Home state or country: Philippines

Chess accomplishments: International Master

Academic accomplishments: psychology major, freshman

Other interests or hobbies: table tennis, soccer, basketball, reading



IM Puchen Wang [USCF rating: 2524, FIDE rating: 2476], Board 4

Home state or country: New Zealand

Chess accomplishments: International Master

Academic accomplishments: business administration major, junior

Other interests or hobbies: table tennis, soccer, pool



Alternate

IM Salvius Bercys [USCF rating: 2510, FIDE rating: 2432]

Home state or country: New York

Chess accomplishments: International Master

Academic accomplishments: finance major, junior

Other interests or hobbies: tennis



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY.

Founded in 1923, Texas Tech University has more than 30,000 students pursuing 150 bachelor's, 100 master's and 50 doctoral degree programs through 11 colleges. Texas Tech is the only university in the state to house a university, medical school and law school on the same campus. Its Phi Beta Kappa chapter received the highest possible rating for 2008-9 from the national Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Located in Lubbock on Texas' High Plains, the university's Spanish Renaissance-themed campus was described by author James Michener as "the most beautiful west of the Mississippi until you get to Stanford." Its public art collection ranks among the ten best in the United States.

Texas Tech faculty members are nationally known for their work in a variety of fields such as wind energy, food safety and water conservation. They have contributed to Nobel-prize winning climate panels and helped build calorimeters for the CERN's Large Hadron Collider and Compact Muon Solenoid. Law school graduates regularly score among the highest in the state on the bar exam and Texas Tech students won national honors in moot court, debate, chess, meat and livestock judging competitions in 2009.

Director: GM Susan Polgar • Coach: GM Susan Polgar



Davorin Kuljasevic (USCF rating: 2585, FIDE rating: 2544), Board 1

Home state or country: Croatia

Chess accomplishments: International Master; 4th Place, 2002 World Youth (U-16)

Academic accomplishments: finance graduate

Other interests or hobbies: soccer



Gabor Papp (USCF rating: 2578, FIDE rating: 2547), Board 2

Home state or country: Hungary

Chess accomplishments: International Master; 1st Place, 2003 World Youth Team, Turkey; 3rd Place, 2000

European Youth, Spain; 2nd place, 1999 European Youth (U-12), Greece

Academic accomplishments: finance undergraduate

Other interests or hobbies: sports, travel



Gergely Antal (USCF rating: 2557, FIDE rating: 2509), Board 3

Home state or country: Hungary

Chess accomplishments: International Master; 1st Place, 2009 Tournament of College Champions,

Indianapolis; 1st Place, 2009 Texas State Collegiate Championship, Houston; 1st Place, 2003 European

Team Championship (U-18), Hungary; 4th Place, 2001 European Youth (U-16), Greece

Academic accomplishments: economics undergraduate

Other interests or hobbies: soccer, travel



Chase Watters (USCF rating: 2078, FIDE rating: 2183), Board 4

Home state or country: Texas

Chess accomplishments: 2nd Place, 2008 Lubbock Open; 1st Place, 2007 SPICE Cup Open

Academic accomplishments: 3rd-year medical microbiology doctoral student, Master of Science in

Biotechnology, Bachelor of Science in Biology

Other interests or hobbies: mad science, yoga, offbeat strategic board games



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE AND TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE.

A UNIQUE BLEND

At the confluence of two cultures, UTB/TSC has history and high-tech, exquisite buildings and natural beauty. Located at the extreme southern tip of Texas and right on the U.S.-Mexico border, the university offers a unique bicultural educational experience. At UTB/TSC, we believe knowledge knows no boundaries.

YEAR-ROUND SUBTROPICAL BEAUTY

Brownsville sits along the Rio Grande River, just 30 minutes from the Gulf of Mexico and South Padre Island. The Rio Grande Valley has the greatest diversity of bird life in North America, including indigenous green parrots that call from campus trees. Palms are native, and nearby farmers grow some of the best citrus in the United States. Temperatures are mild year-round; outdoor activities never stop.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Fort Brown Campus is located on the site of historic Fort Brown. UTB/TSC's newest buildings have the latest amenities, yet their designs harmonize with the fort's architecture and the sparkling resacas (oxbow lakes) to reflect the Mexican-American flavor of the Valley. UTB/TSC is located across the street from an international bridge to Matamoros, Mexico. American students visit Mexico casually, and the university community includes many international students and faculty. Most classes are in English, but several programs feature Spanish-language course offerings. Spanish is spoken as often as English in everyday conversation.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

UTB/TSC Scorpions are making their mark in the world. Current students and recent graduates have performed at Carnegie Hall, participated in exclusive undergraduate internships at the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, and studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. The most prestigious graduate schools in the United States seek out Scorpions to join their programs. UTB/TSC has more than 150 programs of study, from certificates and associate degrees to bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs. Renowned and caring faculty guide more than 17,000 students toward achieving their goals in diverse fields, such as the health professions, classical music, the sciences, and education. The special partnership between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College allows us to offer open enrollment and the lowest fees in The University of Texas System so that every student can reach for their dreams. We have a program of study that is right for you.

Chess Program Director: Russell Harwood • Chess Coach: GM Ronen Har-Zvi





Timur Gareev (USCF rating: 2633, FIDE rating: 2590), Board 1

Home state or country: Uzbekistan
Chess accomplishments: Grandmaster, three-time Uzbekistan Vice Champion, Asian Champion (U-14), two-time Olympiad participant for Uzbekistan team
Academic accomplishments: business administration, junior
Other interests or hobbies: basketball, music



Mauricio Flores (USCF rating: 2631, FIDE rating: 2513), Board 2

Home state or country: Chile
Chess accomplishments: Grandmaster; 3rd Place (tie), 2009 Continental; 2006 and 2008 Pan-American Champion; 2006, 2007 and 2008 Absolute Chilean Champion
Academic accomplishments: ARCC Scholar in Astrophysics, physics major, sophomore
Other interests or hobbies: music



Axel Bachmann (USCF rating: 2602, FIDE rating: 2553), Board 3

Home state or country: Paraguay
Chess accomplishments: Grandmaster, 2005 Pan-American Champion (U-16), 2004 Absolute Paraguayan Champion, three-time Olympiad participant for Paraguay
Academic accomplishments: business administration major, sophomore
Other interests or hobbies: soccer, tennis, music



Max Cornejo (USCF rating: 2473, FIDE rating: 2410), Board 4

Home state or country: Peru
Chess accomplishments: International Master; 2nd Place, 2008 South American Championship
Academic accomplishments: business and finance major, junior
Other interests or hobbies: tennis and soccer



Nadya Ortiz (USCF rating: 2218, FIDE rating: 2211), Alternate

Home state or country: Colombia
Chess accomplishments: Woman International Master; top-rated female in Colombia; 1st Place, 2005 Pan-American Champion (U-18)
Academic accomplishments: computer science major, junior; 2009 UTB/TSC Academic Award for Computer Science; top female chess student in 2009-10
Other interests or hobbies: traveling



Luciana Morales (USCF rating: 2135, FIDE rating: 2193), Alternate

Home state or country: Peru
Chess Accomplishments: Woman International Master, three-time Pan-American Champion (U-16, U-18, U-20), two-time Olympiad player for Peru
Academic accomplishments: government and communication major, senior; 2010 New York Times Student Journalism Institute, Tucson, Ariz.; 2009 Who's Who Among College Students in America
Other interests or hobbies: photography, reporting



HISTORY OF CHESS IN BROWNSVILLE.

Thousands of children in Brownsville play chess, a phenomenon that started in the classroom of Jose J. Guajardo.

About 1990, the principal of Russell Elementary School assigned Guajardo to teach at-risk fourth grade students. The young teacher was inspired to engage the students through chess by his experience teaching his own precocious son the game, and he proceeded to teach his students as well. Soon, Guajardo's kids were beating their young teacher.

The Russell Elementary School chess team went on to win seven state championships from 1993-1999.

Guajardo's accomplishments paved the way for the best-known example of student excellence in chess in Brownsville.

Chess at Morningside Elementary School began in summer 1997 under the leadership of Remy Ferrari, Alfred Molina and Rusty Harwood, who later became the chess program director at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. After a few months of practice and training, Morningside Elementary entered its first tournament in January 1998.

In February 1999, the Morningside students traveled to a regional tournament held a couple of hours away from Brownsville. The students won the tournament.

Parents and faculty raised money to send Morningside students to a state tournament in Dallas, where the students won second place.

Soon, plans began for the students to attend a national chess championship in Phoenix, Ariz. Local businesses raised money to supplement state funds, with everyone donating what they could to help get the team to nationals. The Morningside team placed second in the tournament, half a point behind Hunter College Campus Elementary School from New York City.

In the upcoming years, Paredes and Hudson elementary schools, Oliveira and Vela middle schools, and Hanna and Porter high schools have all won national chess championships, led by Paredes' seven national championships.

Chess has also been competitive at UTB/TSC since its team's inception in the 2001-2002 school year.

Since spring 2002, UTB/TSC's chess team has won several state, regional and collegiate championships, and Southwest Collegiate Championships. The team won the National K-12/Collegiate Championships in 2005 and has placed in the final four U.S. schools at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship.

The university was named Chess College of Year by the U.S. Chess Federation in August 2007.

The chess students placed third in the team's first appearance at The President's Cup competition, also known as the "Final Four of College Chess," in April 2009 in Dallas.

The university has been able to recruit players from throughout the United States, but also Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uzbekistan. El Paso native and UTB/TSC graduate Nelly Estrada was the team's first female player when she began playing in spring 2006, and she is now in medical school on a full scholarship. Overall, the team has grown from seven to 19 players.

Program staff has traveled to the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi and Tamaulipas to spread interest in chess to students.

For more information about the UTB/TSC chess program, go to www.utb.edu/chess.





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At UTB/TSC, you'll find endless opportunities. Take a tour of historic Fort Brown or come bird watch on our resacas, and we know you'll return for engaging lectures, musical performances, cultural events and continuing education classes. Embrace South Texas at UTB/TSC.

CONOCIMIENTO SI FRONTERAS.

En UTB/TSC encontrarás interminables oportunidades. Da un recorrido por el histórico Fuerte Brown o ven a observar las aves en nuestras resacas y te aseguramos que te cautivarán nuestros cursos, nuestros eventos musicales y culturales así como las clases de educación continua. Aproveche el sur de Texas a través de UTB/TSC.