

## Naroditsky and others win at Supernationals

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April 8-10, 2005. This past weekend saw the largest chess tournament in U.S. history taking place in Nashville, Tennessee: the third Supernationals. Over 5200 children representing 48 different states participated in these national scholastic championships. About 30 players from northern California travelled to Nashville. And many successfully came back home with trophies!

**Daniel Naroditsky Makes One of Many Smooth Moves** The story of the weekend was the first place finish by third grader Daniel Naroditsky in the K-3 championship section. In a tournament full of upsets, Daniel had the skill, poise and determination required to win every game. Daniel's victory was hardly a fluke, since his USCF rating is an incredible 1847 after his 5.5-0.5 result in the B section in Reno last month. Alan Kirshner reports that Daniel became the first local national champion since Vinay Bhat and Jordy Mont-Reynaud in the mid 1990s.

Other players earning top 10 finishes were David Chock and Sam Shankland. David took 4th place in K-9 championship, just behind the three co-winners. His biggest victory came in the last round against New York junior high school champion Sarkis Agaian (2174 USCF). David also finished 6th in both the K-12 blitz and K-12 bughouse (partner Elisha Garg). Sam blitzed his way to a perfect score and a first place trophy on tiebreaks in the K-8 blitz tournament.

The following players earned trophies at Supernationals III. Trophies were awarded to the top 25 finishers plus all ties for 25th.

Nicholas Nip: 15th place in K-1 championship  
Daniel Naroditsky: 1st place in K-3 championship  
Hugo Kitano: 33rd place in K-5 championship  
Christopher Tsai: 34th place in K-6 championship  
Sam Shankland: 17th place in K-8 championship, 1st place in K-8 blitz  
Jeff Young: 34th place in K-8 championship,  
11th place in K-12 bughouse  
Avinash Kumar: 57th place in K-8 u1250  
David Chock: 4th place in K-9 championship,  
6th in K-12 blitz, 6th place in K-12 bughouse  
Jojo Zhao: 28th place in K-9 championship  
Elisha Garg: 6th place in K-12 bughouse

Over half of the northern California players in Nashville represented two local scholastic communities: Saratoga H.S. / Redwood M.S. in Saratoga and St. Mark's School in San Rafael. The rest were independent from any school teams, but many had ties to the Mechanics' Institute, East Bay Chess Club, Berkeley Chess School, Academic Chess or Success Chess.

Saratoga High School: 9th place team in K-9 championship  
Redwood Middle School: 13th place team in K-8 championship  
St. Mark's School: 17th place team in K-8 u1250  
St. Mark's School: 11th place team in K-8 u1000

For complete results, please check the following website:  
<http://alchess.com/chess/05/super/?page=STANDINGS&xsection=>

Tong,William - Naroditsky,Daniel (1847) Supernationals III, K-3 championship (3) 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. Nf3 O-O 5. Nc3 d6 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 Re8 8. Qc2 e5 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. Bg5 c6 11. O-O-O Qa5 12. Kb1 Nc5 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Ne4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 Be6 16. h4 Qb4 17. Bd3 e4 18. Bxe4 Bxc4 19. Nd2 Be2 20. Rde1 Bb5 21. a3 Qa5 22. Nb3 Qb6 23. h5 Ba4 24. hxg6 hxg6 25. Bxg6 Bxb3 26. Qf5 Ba2+ 27. Kc1 Qxb2+ 28. Kd1 Rad8+ 29. Qd3 Bb3# 0-1

Chock,David (1913) - Agaian,Sarkis (2174) Supernationals III, K-9 championship (7) 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Be3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. f3 Be7 9. Qd2 O-O 10. O-O-O b5 11. g4 b4 12. Nd5 Bxd5 13. exd5 a5 14. Kb1 Qc7 15. g5 Nfd7 16. h4 a4 17. Nc1 Na6 18. Qf2 f5 19. f4 Nac5 20. Bg2 a3 21. b3 Ne4 22. Bxe4 fxe4 23. Ne2 Rac8 24. Rc1 exf4 25. Bxf4 Ne5 26. Qd4 Rxf4 27. Nxf4 Nf3 28. Qxb4 Qa7 29. Rhd1 e3 30. Qe4 Ne5 31. Nd3 Qc7 32. c4 Rb8 33. Nxe5 dxe5 34. d6 1-0