

Batchimeg Tuvshintugs Defeats GM in Round 1 of US Chess Championship!

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Batchimeg Tuvshintugs (from U.S. Champ website)

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Local teenager NM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs started out the 2006 United States Championship with a bang. She defeated GM Alex Fishbein of New Jersey in a marathon game that lasted 70 moves and 6 1/2 hours. The U.S. Championship website reports this was her first victory against a Grandmaster in a tournament. Congratulations!

Four local players are participating in this year's U.S. Championship in San Diego. Grandmasters Alex Yermolinsky (GM-in-Residence at the Mechanics' Institute) and Walter Browne (6-time U.S. Champion) are joined top women WGM Camilla Baginskaite (2000 U.S. Women's Champion) and Tuvshintugs. Several other players, including FM Alan Stein and GMs Larry Christiansen and Nick DeFirmian, have local ties but no longer live in the area.

The 9-round tournament began on March 2 and will culminate with a championship match on March 12. A total of 64 players are competing in two balanced swiss sections, with the winners meeting on the final day. The defending champion is GM Hikaru Nakamura, but he has an uphill battle ahead following a first round defeat by fellow teenager IM Josh Friedel.

Check out the [U.S. Championship website](#) for daily coverage or watch the games live on the [Internet Chess Club!](#) Games begin at 1:00pm each afternoon.