

Tanuj Juega en Mar Del Plata

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CalChess star **Tanuj Vasudeva** traveled to Argentina to compete in the **Pan American Youth Chess Festival**. As the highest rated 7-year old (*now age 8*) earlier this year, he earned the right to represent the USA in **Mar Del Plata**. *He faces some elite kids age 7 and 8 from throughout South America plus Mexico*. Undoubtedly, none of the Latin American kids have the vast experience that Tanuj amassed over the past two years in Bay Area events!

*So far, so good! **Tanuj won his first three rounds**, including today's showdown against a 1966 FIDE rated player from Colombia. Only two have 3-0, and Tanuj is **paired** versus a Mexican kid in a battle for the early lead. *Go Tanuj!!**

There are 23 kids in the American delegation, accompanied by their parents and four coaches. Other notable participants include **Tommy He** (3-0), **Jarod Pamatmat**, **Arthur Shen** (3-0), **Victor Shen**, **Vincent Huang** (3-0),

Simone Liao, **Alisa Melekhina** and **Courtney Jamison**.

- [Official website](#)
- [Chess Results website](#)
- ***NEW!!! Tanuj Vasudeva's chess blog and Twitter page***
- [Simone Liao's chess blog](#) (from Southern California)
- Reports on Chess Life Online: [First](#), [Second](#)

Update on Wednesday afternoon: *After three more wins against the top competition, Tanuj has 6-0 and a 1.5 point lead on the field. Thanks to awesome tiebreaks, he mathematically clinches the gold medal with 1.5 in the last three rounds.*