

Tanuj Captures Gold at Pan Am Under 8!

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South America, you've just been Tanuj'ed! With the final round yet to be played tomorrow, **Bay Area star Tanuj Vasudeva** (1902 USCF) **already clinched the gold medal for U-8 at the 20th Campeonato Panamericano de Ajedrez**. After winning his first eight rounds, the only remaining question is whether he can complete a perfect 9-0 sweep. Even more impressively, several of his games have been miniatures (*under 25 moves*). **Kudos to Tanuj on winning your first international tournament!**

Update on Friday morning: Tanuj finished with an impressive 9-0 sweep!

(The photo at left from the official website shows our young hero practicing the classical Sicilian against an unidentified victim.)

For first-hand insight on this adventure to **Mar Del Plata, Argentina** (see *photo of the beach at right*) and the experience of playing chess in another country, check out the blogs by Tanuj and **Girls U-10 gold medalist Simone Liao** (1847 USCF) from Southern California. While the parents help out with the blog, they try to report from the perspective of their child.

The final round takes place on Friday morning, with the awards ceremony to follow. In addition to Tanuj and Simone, the **23 member American delegation has good chances to pick up more medals** in Girls-8, Boys-10, Boys-12, Boys-14, Boys-16 and Girls-18.