

# Zierk Golden at World Youth

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Steven Zierk takes gold at the [World Youth Championship in Greece!](#) In the final round, Zierk won while his Armenian rival [Samvel Ter-Sahakyan](#) finally lost pace, allowing Zierk to pass him without the need to crunch tiebreaks. For this, Steven earns a Grandmaster norm and the IM title! Steven also posted a huge 9.5/11 score along with a 2700+ FIDE performance rating. Congratulations!



**World Youth Championship, Halkidiki, Greece, 2010**  
**White:** Zierk, Steven  
**Black:** Durarbeyli, Vasif

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be3 cxd4 7.cxd4 g6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Qb3 Bg7 10.Ne5 O-O 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Nb6 Ra7 13.d5 Bf5 14.Rc1 Qd8 15.Be2 Ng4 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Qc4 f5 18.d6+ Kh8 19.Nbd5 e6 20.Nf4 Qxd6 21.Bxa7 Nc6 22.Be5 Qe5+ 23.Be3 g5 24.Nd3 Qf6 25.O-O f4 26.Be5 Rc8 27.Ne4 Qg6 28.f3 Bf5 29.Qb3 Bxe4 30.fxe4 Rd8 31.Qxb7 Qxe4 32.Nf2 1-0

You can read more about Steve here in this New York Times article:

<http://gambit.blogs.nytimes.com/tag/steven-zierk/>

and this San Jose Mercury News article:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/los-gatos/ci\\_16494924](http://www.mercurynews.com/los-gatos/ci_16494924)

Dana Mackenzie also gives some insight into a Mackenzie-Zierk game here:

<http://www.danamackenzie.com/blog/?p=947>

as well as Michael Aigner's blog:

<http://fpawn.blogspot.com/2010/10/world-under-18-champion.html>

