

# Welcome Spring Tournament featured victories for female players

While male scholastic players dominated the tournament in sheer numbers and in the higher sections of play, it appears Edmonton has a crop of younger beginning girls who can more than hold their own in competitions.

There were 10 female elementary-age competitors among a total of 61 in Sunday's Welcome Spring Scholastic Tournament held at Greenfield Hall.

The girls won three first places, three seconds, one third and three fourths.

Two of the female trophy winners, Brianna Dayman and Ella Sharples, are from Meyonohk School, while Michelle Enkhtaivan is a student from G.P. Nicholson School.

In the 15 sections of play based on players' national Chess'n Math ratings, there were a few tiebreaks having to be held to determine the winners of first-place trophies or runner-up gold, silver and bronze medals.

Section A combatants because of their higher



Highest rated players in the tournament battled in Section A. Their chess ratings ranged from 1090 to 1289.

skill level took the longest to complete their three games each and three of the four - Ron Offengenden, James Windram and

Nathan Thunder - tied with two points.

With no time left to hold a three-way tiebreak series of games, organizers

Roving ChessNuts decided that a trophy would be awarded to each of the players with fourth place finisher Christopher Bai having to settle with a runner-up medal.

Players from Meyonohk School have been dominating scholastic chess in Edmonton since last spring and they continued that at the Welcome Spring event, winning first place in five of the 15 sections.

See complete results and more photos on backside

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### Sections of players who welcomed spring by battling over chess boards!



Section 0



Section C

#### Upcoming Scholastic Competitions:

Next major open event  
**Sunday, April 30**  
at Greenfield Hall

All-Girls Championship  
expected during April

Good Friday, April 14  
training tournament

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**March 20 Update:** Sorry, all-day seats have been filled. We can only accept half-day registrations. We will consider adding a Monday, if enough students register! E-mail us.

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# More players competing over chess boards before spring starts!



**Section M**



**Section E**



**Section K**



**Section I**

## Results of Welcome Spring Tournament

March 19 at Greenfield Hall

Each Section was battling for a first-place trophy and runners-up gold, silver and bronze medals.

**Section A:** 1. Ron Offengenden, James Windram and Nathan Thunder tied for first place with with 2.0 points each; 4. Christopher Bai, 0.0.

**Section B:** 1. Alex Wang won on tiebreak with a total of 3.5 points; 2. Alex Han with tiebreak draws scored 3.0; 3. Huatong Zhang with tiebreak scored 2.5; 4. Paris Dorn, 0.0.

**Section C:** 1. Garrick Johnson with perfect 3.0; 2 - 4 tied: Hastings Radbourne, Ethan Chin and Nick Pkhovelishvili with 1.0 each.

**Section D:** 1. Andrew Xiao on tiebreak with 3.0; 2. Max Pankewitz lost tiebreak, 2.0; 3 - 4. Sam Hoekman and Nathan Rao-Maillet , 1.0 each.

**Section E:** 1. Pranavan Mahendran on tiebreak with 3.0; 2. Daniel Wang lost tiebreak, 2.0; 3. Max Serikov on tiebreak, 2.0; 4. Haywood Huang lost tiebreak.

**Section F:** 1. Rogan Eskow, 3.0; 2. Eric Jin, 2.0; 3. Nolan Putz, 1.0; 4. Anu Purevjamts, 0.0.

**Section G:** 1. Michelle Enkhtaivan on tiebreak, 3.0; 2. Cheng Hua lost tiebreak, 2.0; 3. Tobi Li on tiebreak, 2.0; 4. Mark Jorgenson, lost tiebreak, 1.0.

**Section H:** 1. Terri Li, perfect score 3.0; 2. Leo Li 2.0; 3. Vasily Melnikov, 1.0; 4. Melody Wang, 0.0.

**Section I:** 1. Carter Brinkman, 3.0; 2. Caleb Menard; 3. Jotis Kung, 1.0; 4. Viktor Merritt.

**Section J:** 1. Zidong Liu, 3.0; 2. Mehlysa Cetinkaya, 1.5; 3. Owen Pankewitz, 1.0; 4. Matei Lupu, 0.5.

**Section K:** 1. Brianna Dayman, 2.5; 2. Anya Haas-Hollenback, 2.0; 3. Liam Chalifoux, 1.0; 4. Andrew Guo, 0.5.

**Section L:** 1. Ella Sharples with perfect score 4.0; 2-3. Alexander Melnikov and Martin Lee, 2.0 each; 4. Johthymius Kung, 1.5; 5. Nathan York, 0.5.

**Section M:** 1. Arthur Jiang, 2.5; 2. Isabelle Der, 2.0, 3. Marina Lalic, 1.0; 4. Leo Wang, 0.5.

**Section N:** 1. Owen Lee, 3.0; 2. Shreyas Prasanna, 2.0; 3. Ryan Atkinson, 1.0; 4. Aysu Centinkaya, 0.0.

**Section O:** 1. William Gao, 2.5; 2. Armaan Patel, 1.5 3-4 Jack Putz and Liam Cerbas, 1.0.

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