



Tournament Report for Second TCC Double Qualifier March 17th, 2024



The Toronto Chess Centre hosted its second Double Qualifier Tournament on March 17th, 2024, at the Elgin Barrow Arena. Building upon the success of the inaugural event, this tournament proved to be a smoother and even more engaging experience for all involved. The tournament featured five sections, with genders merged: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & 18.



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A total of 117 participants eagerly took part in the tournament, each competing in five games under a time control of 20 minutes with an additional 5 seconds per move. To ensure the comfort and well-being of the players, snacks and water were provided throughout the event.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the recognition awarded to outstanding players. The top performers in each section received well-deserved medals, alongside the top female player in each category. Additionally, all attendees of the closing ceremony were presented with a small gift of their choice, accompanied by a certificate commemorating their participation.

In the U8 section, young talents showcased their skills with remarkable enthusiasm. **Jingchen Wu** emerged as the standout player, achieving a flawless record of 5 out of 5 games and securing the coveted gold medal. However, the competition was fierce for the remaining podium positions, with three participants tying for second place.



Rishav Pai and **Nathan Wang** demonstrated exceptional prowess, each earning a silver medal with a commendable score of 4 out of 5 games. Notably, **Victoria Strugach**, a remarkable 6-year-old talent, showcased her remarkable abilities by also achieving a score of 4 out of 5 games, earning her the gold medal as the top girl in the U8 category.

The U10 section witnessed fierce competition and impressive displays of talent from the young contenders. **Jacob (Zicheng) Li** emerged as the undisputed champion, showcasing impeccable skill and determination with a flawless score of 5 out of 5 games, earning him the prestigious gold medal.



However, the battle for the remaining podium positions was intense, resulting in a three-way tie for second place. **Zander Yu** and **William Han-Wang** demonstrated exceptional performance, each securing a silver medal with a score of 4 out of 5 games. **Sanya Divadalage** showcased her skills by also achieving a score of 4 out of 5 games, earning her the gold medal as the top girl in the U10 section.

The U12 section witnessed intense battles and remarkable displays of skill from its participants. **Siddharth Surendran**, the top-rated player, showcased his dominance with a dominating performance, securing the gold medal with a perfect score of 5 out of 5 games.



James (Junze) Li and **Kingsly Wong** distinguished themselves, both earning silver medals with impressive scores of 4 out of 5 games. Furthermore, the competition among the girls in the U12 category was equally fierce. **Chloe Zeng** and **Nikita Kamath** each secured a score of 3 out of 5 games and they earned gold medals as the top girls in the U12 section.

In the U14 section, Aiden Li emerged as the standout player, achieving a perfect score of 5 out of 5 games, securing the gold medal.

In a tightly contested battle for the remaining podium positions, four players distinguished themselves, resulting in a four-way tie for second place.



Eric Xie, Matthew Smolkov, Sicheng Huang, and Khurana Vihaan Bhanot each earned silver medals with strong scores of 4 out of 5 games. Additionally, **Ashley Chow** delivered a commendable performance in the U14 category, earning a gold medal as the top girl with a score of 3 out of 5 games.

In the merger of the U16 and U18 sections, all the games were competitive. **Leo Tan** and **Yifan Wang** emerged as joint champions, each securing a gold medal with scores of 4 out of 5 games. The battle for the remaining podium positions was equally intense, with **Joey Lin** and **Aarya Patil** delivering strong performances to secure bronze medals, each with a score of 3.5 out of 5 games.





The Toronto Chess Centre is excited to announce the upcoming CYCC Qualifier tournament, which will be held at the same location, the Elgin Barrow Arena, **on April 28, 2024**. The tournament will kick off with the first round starting at 10:15 a.m, providing another opportunity for young chess enthusiasts to showcase their skills and compete for qualification to the Canadian Youth Chess Championship.

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Participants can expect another day of thrilling competition, camaraderie, and opportunities to further their chess journey. Fill out the online registration form to participate in the competition and stay tuned for more details and information as the event date approaches.

The success of the tournament would not have been possible without the dedication and support of the volunteers. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jasper, Yunhui, Ardi, Eitan, and Gordon for their invaluable contributions to the event's smooth execution. Special thanks goes out to Ankur, Lina and Amy for their indispensable assistance.



Furthermore, the Toronto Chess Centre extends its appreciation to the parents for their unwavering support and encouragement in fostering their children's passion for chess. Their presence and involvement were integral to the success and enjoyment of the tournament.

In conclusion, the Toronto Chess Centre is delighted to have hosted such a vibrant and enjoyable event, and hopes that all participants and attendees left with fond memories and a renewed enthusiasm for the game of chess. Here's to many more successful tournaments in the future!

