

THE BLITZ, THE RAPID,

...AND THE MANULIFE!



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If only Ennio would be willing to compose a score for a Northern Epic!

Our second Blitz tournament saw an influx of new faces, as youth players came out to the 31st Floor of the Manulife Centre, eager to prove to the rest of us they are ready to compete.

Uncontested at the top, **IM Anthony Atanasov** swept the field with more games than he has hands to spare, finishing on 13/14! Up-and-coming **Siddharth Surendran**, with 8.5/14 placed among the masters. Not only easily clinching his section-prize by four-score groups, but also stealing the U2000 prize, riding past any U1600 competition.

On the flip-side, mixed among some seasoned veterans, a strange phenomenon: an uncoordinated showing of yester-decade's university graduates, opting for this nerve-wrecking time control as an attempt to polish off the rust.

Among them, **NM Zehn Nasir** showed no rust, finishing 2nd with 10/14. **IM Michael Barron** rounded up the podium, trailing closely, with 9.5 points.

The U1600 prize was claimed by **Kousuke Nguyen-Kawamura**, who ended the tournament on a high note and 6.5 points. Canada! Top lady prize was taken by **Liza Agustin**, who scored 5.5 points, as a first-time player in tournament chess in Canada!

December 15th, hustle up, it will be Rapid night again!

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