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**1962 Elementary Chess Competitors Battled in Denver  
 For National Titles**

**(Crossville, TN)** The U. S. Chess Federation (USCF), held its 31<sup>st</sup> National Elementary (K-6) School Chess Championship May 12-14, 2006 in Denver, Colorado at the Hyatt Denver Convention Center located at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and California Street. This year's event (as well as for 2007 and 2008) has been re-named in honor of longtime supporter of scholastic chess since 1972, Burt Lerner, on behalf of his family.

This seven round event began Friday, May 12 at 1:00 pm. The event concluded Sunday evening, May 14 with an award ceremony at 7:00 pm. The time control for players above the K-1 section was G/120 for each of their seven games. This allows players two hours each to make their moves. Those competing in the K-1 level each get 90 minutes on their chess clock to complete their games.

Section champions are:

**K-6 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**INDIVIDUAL**

1 XU, BORIS (5, DULUTH MS, DULUTH, GA) 1902 6.5

**TEAM**

1 HUNTER COLLEGE CAMPUS SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY 19.5

**K-5 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**INDIVIDUAL**

1 MOON, RYAN JOSEPH R (1, DULUTH, GA) 1876 6.5

2 DESIRAZU, RAHUL (17, SAN JOSE, CA) 1557 6.5

**TEAM**

1 HARRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEXINGTON, MA 20.0

**K-3 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**INDIVIDUAL**

1 NIP, NICHOLAS (5, SAN FRANCISCO, CA) 1668 6.0

2 LIAO, ERIC N (4, RANDOLPH, NJ) 1669 6.0

3 MENDEZ, FERNANDO L, J (2, BROWNSVILLE, TX) 1760 6.0

4 LEE, BRENNEN (3, PHOENIX, AZ) 1719 6.0

5 SPADA, FERNANDO (1, BROWNSVILLE, TX) 1779 6.0

6 MC CLANAHAN, GAVIN J (12, GLENVIEW, IL) 1514 6.0

7 MOON, BENJAMIN B (8, DULUTH, GA) 1565 6.0

8 CHU, KEN N (25, CHARLOTTE, NC) 1320 6.0

9 SCHEIN, AARON O (17, NEW YORK, NY) 1383 6.0

**TEAM**  
1 DALTON, NEW YORK ,NY 18.5

**K-1 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 KAMGAR, LEO (130, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA) 435 7.0  
2 WU, CHRISTOPHER (1, SOMERSET, NJ) 1580 7.0

**TEAM**  
1 HUNTER COLLEGE CAMPUS SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY 21.5

**K-6 UNDER 1000:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 CHIN, BENJAMIN (36, VANCOUVER, WA) 938 7.0

**TEAM**  
1 HUNTER COLLEGE CAMPUS SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY 21.0

**K-5 UNDER 900:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 LEI, BENJAMIN (75, NEW YORK, NY) 793 7.0

**TEAM**  
1 PS 291, BRONX, NY 20.5

**K-3 UNDER 800:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 DIRICKSON, MASON (17, BEAVERTON,OR) 760 7.0  
2 ISSROFF, BENJAMIN (34, NEW YORK, NY) 726 7.0

**TEAM**  
1 PS 291, BRONX, NY 19.5  
2 PS 116, NEW YORK, NY 19.5  
3 MEDINA ELEMENTARY, MEDINA, WA 19.5

**K-6 UNRATED:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 GORECTKE, ANDREW MCDERMOTT (6, NEW BERLIN, WI) 7.0

**TEAM**  
1 DUFFIELD ELEMENTARY, DETROIT, MI 20.5

**K-3 UNRATED:**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
1 PECHERSKI, DANIEL (3, PHOENIX, AZ) 6.5

**TEAM**  
1 ARROWROCK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, BOISE, ID 16.0

Leo Kamgar (San Juan Capistrano, CA scored the highest upset of the tournament while playing in the K1 section. He beat a rated 1,061 points higher than himself to win the \$250 scholarship donated by ChessPhotos.com!

The National Elementary School Bughouse Championship was on S. Baker and D. Ho with a final score of 10 points. The National Elementary School Blitz K-6 Co-Champions were: Boris Xu of Georgia, Sebastian E. Baker of Washington, Curtis P. Crockett of Colorado and Ryan Joseph R. Moon of Georgia all tied with 9 points. The National Elementary School Blitz K-3 was won by Benjamin B. Moon of Georgia with 11.0 points. These two events are unique in that each side receives 5 minutes per game!

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Grandmaster Susan Polgar had a simultaneous exhibition Friday, May 12 at 9:00 am and only gave up one draw!

The iD Tech Camps \$700.00 scholarship was won by Kishore Narayan of Arizona!

Additional details, final results and program book can be found at:

<http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2006/elem/>. Chief Tournament Director was Carol Jarecki. A special thank you also goes to Colorado Chess Association, Tom Nelson and Karen Herbst Volunteer Coordinators and the tournament staff: Todd Bardwick, Robert Singletary, Chris Merli, Wayne Clark, Glenn Panner, Betsy Dynako, Al Losoff, Franc Guadelupe, Luis Salinas, Ernie Schlich, Susan Breeding, Phil Smith, Kiki Huerta, Mike Zacate, Walter Brown, John Sherpinkas, Audrey Coletti, Karen Pennock, Elizabeth Tanner, Tony Dutiel, Jon Shacter, Dave Sachs, Charles Hatherhill, Kime King-Patraw, Larry Grohn, Mary Nelson, Sheldon Gelbart, Terry Likens, Kim Cramer, Kim Sherpinkas, Jill Likens, Diane Reese National Events Coordinator and Scholastic Director Jerry Nash. The Chess Store was provided by Rochester Chess Center.



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