

Chess Prodigy from Connecticut

In late August 2009, great news for New England chess players and fans came from Argentina – Connecticut's own Daniel Rozovsky took gold in the Pan American Youth Championship in the U14 category. Daniel, as the official #1 seed for US National U14 Team, won his title in a tough 9-round competition among the best players of North and South America. He became the first Pan American Champion in the history of Connecticut chess.

So who is he our new chess prodigy? Daniel is an 8th grader from King Phillip Middle School in West Hartford. He started playing chess when he was 3 years old with his grandpa. At age four, Daniel met Zimel Livshits (the former coach of the Belarusian Women Chess Team) who was pleasantly surprised by Daniel's chess abilities and started coaching him (Zimel is still working with Daniel today). At age 5, Daniel began to play in competitive chess tournaments. His major chess accomplishments included a 1st place finish in National Scholastic K-12 Championship (2002), two times New England Champion (2003



& 2008), 2nd place among 276 participants in US Super National Championship (2005), 2009 Connecticut Open State champion (all ages, tied w/ GM Kudrin) and finally in August of 2009 - 1st place in Pan American Youth Championship (U14, Mar del Plata, Argentina). Daniel is a FIDE Master and since 2001 he has consistently been in the top 5 players in the US for his respective age group. Daniel is a very hardworking boy who practices chess daily. At the same time Daniel is an "A" student at school, plays USTA tennis and is avid soccer player (was playing for premier soccer team for last 4 years). Daniel's dream is to become Grandmaster and to promote Connecticut chess

in the US and Internationally. The US chess federation recognized Daniel's achievements and invited him to represent the United States in the 2009 World Youth Chess Championship in Antalya, Turkey.

Please spread the news!! Daniel needs sponsors to help him to fulfill his dream of becoming one of America's Top Chess Players and to compete among world's best to proudly represent his country. Every little bit HELPS! If you wish to donate please send your checks to:

Daniel Rozovsky Chess Fund
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