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# Press Release

**A yearly pilgrimage for Jack Easton is to attend the USCF National Grade Championships. As usual, Jack comes away from the event with hardware to become a Peak Performer.**

On December 11-14, 2014, Jack Easton travelled to Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. Jack finished clear 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade section, his highest placing at this event ever. In doing so, he achieved three accomplishments: he earned his first national title, he earned his first Candidate Master norm and also crossed the Candidate Master rating qualification coming in at 2049. Congratulations to him and his dedication towards mastery.

2014 National K12 Championship  
Eighth Grade Championship  
12-14 December 2014  
Orlando, Florida

#### Individual Awards

Place	Name/Team	Rate	Score	#Med	Med	Solk	SBx2
1	EASTON, Jack Richard (8,Kingsbrooks Schools, Manhattan,K)		1949	6.5	30	24.5	34 62.5
2	KOBLA, Vishal (4,Stonehill Middle School, Ashburn)		2023	6	28	22.5	31 52.5
3	HOANG, Truman (6,Williams Ib Middle School, Tampa)		2001	6	27	22	29 49
4	SINHA, Sahil (1)		2202	5.5	30.5	24	34.5 51
5	KALGHATGI, Akhil (5,Whitney Young Academic Center, C)		2011	5.5	29	22.5	33 48.5
6	HOYOS, Carlos D (2,GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL, MIRAMAR,FL)		2184	5.5	29	22.5	32.5 48.5
7	KEUCHEL, Brennen (12,Hawken School, Lyndhurst,OH)		1880	5.5	27	21	30 44
8	WISEMAN, Camden Alton (14,Joyce Kilmer, Fairfax,VA)		1851	5.5	24	19.5	27 42.5
9	KALGHATGI, Nikhil (11,Whitney Young Academic Center, C)		1900	5	30.5	24.5	34 45
10	PREMKUMAR, Hiren (9,Lamar Middle School, Flower Moun)		1947	5	30.5	24.5	32.5 41.5
10	WANG, Nancy (23,I.S. 318, Brooklyn,NY)		1792	5	29	22.5	32.5 40
10	JIE, Tianhui (cindy (15,Lincoln Middle School, Gainesvil)		1841	5	26.5	21.5	30 42.5
10	JAYARAMAN, Roshan (7,Williams Ib Middle School, Tampa)		2001	5	26	21.5	29.5 41
10	LEE, Reddy Young-Jai Sohn (22,Dalton, New York,NY)		1798	5	26	20.5	29.5 40
10	BARASH, Anton (16,Boston Latin School, Boston,MA)		1837	5	25.5	20	28.5 36
10	CHEN, Mengnan (25,I.S. 318, Brooklyn,NY)		1756	5	25	20	28 36
10	CUNNINGHAM, Omar Elijah (13,I.S. 318, Brooklyn,NY)		1860	5	25	19.5	28 38
10	GONZALEZ, Marc (3,Home School, Southwest Ranches,F)		2058	5	24	19	26.5 37.5
10	TISSERAND, Miles (27,Lusher, New Orleans,LA)		1721	5	22.5	17.5	24.5 33

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In addition to capturing the title he got an opportunity to challenge the female US Champion GM Irina Krush. The game didn't go in his favor but it's always an honor and a privilege to play such qualified players and learn something in the process.

Jack's game with GM Krush was featured on uschess online and in addition had another shout out by Irina after the event.

<http://www.uschess.org/content/view/12891/793>

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Official Standings

<http://www.uschess.org/results/14/k12/?page=WINNERS&xsection=8>

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">JACK RICHARD EASTON</a> KS   14510393 / R: 1968 ->2049	6.5	W 46	W 35	W 25	W 14	W 4	D 6	W 5
			W	B	W	B	W	B	W

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# Local boy takes top spot at chess tournament

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A 13-year-old Manhattanite was the best eighth-grader at a national chess tournament in Orlando, Fla., last weekend.

Jack Easton won the number one spot at the eighth grade U.S. Chess Federation Tournament and moved up to an expert level in the competition with a 2049 rating.

"We're real proud of him," his mother Kelly Easton said. "He's fairly self-motivated though."

Last year, Jack placed fifth in the same K-12 Grade

Championship Tournament under the United States Chess Federation.

He's been working for his No. 1 spot since then, Jack said. He has been playing chess since he was 3 and competing since he was 9, his mother said. Jack is also the son of Todd Easton.

Jack said he has practiced two hours a day for the last three years.

"I want to be the best at something, I guess," he said.

Jack's next competition will be a class tournament in San Diego called the Dreaming King Open on Jan. 17.