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Press Release

Time for another addition of Peak Performers.

It is with great pride that I announce Jack Easton is the Kansas state adult champion for 2016. It is our very first student who has won this prestigious award. I know this item was on his list of things to accomplish. I can't wait to see what else he has planned.



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Jack had to get through IM Michael Brooks to win this title. Actually, Jack and Michael drew their game which allowed Jack to win on tie-breaks. Jack was the only player to nick Brooks.

Here is the write-up for the event. [Link](#)
Here is the crosstable from the event. [Link](#)

Not only did Jack win a state title, but he also made a new high on his rating of 2214. Congrats young man.

Other students of ours that did well July 15-17 at the KS state event Reserve division were Ankith Sheshappa finishing in first for scholastics for the blitz event. High placed finishers in the main tournament included Vera Vancsa 3/5, Ethan Bui 3/5, Cael Province 3/5 and Eddison Chen 3/5. In the amateur section we had Sameeth Sheshappa with 3/5. In the bughouse event there was the team of Ethan Bui and Vera Vancsa finishing in 4th place with a pretty high score. These two must practice bughouse in their free time. ☺

July 23-28 in St. Louis, Missouri, Vera Vancsa participated in the Susan Polgar Girls Invitational at Webster University. Two years ago she finished with 2.5 points and this year she finishes with 3.5/6 and a 22nd place finish. [Link](#)





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As usual, we cover all the students who are nationally ranked. What this means is the national federation ranks the top players according to age across the country. It is very prestigious to land on these lists. They list the top 100 players every month.

Age 15, Jack Easton, #27

Girls Age 10, Veronika Vancsa, #5

Age 7 & Under, Eddison Chen, #24