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Press Release

Blazing hot in the Summer, Peak Performers set personal records.

I would like to highlight two players who accomplished amazing feats over the past few months.

NM Jack Easton beat his first Grandmaster in June, beating GM Mark Paragua at the Philadelphia Open June 24-29, 2017. Even more impressive, he did so with the black pieces.

This was his opponent



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He was a prodigy in his youth becoming a master at age 9. Widely considered the strongest Filipino player outside of Wesley So. He is probably a multiple time champion of his country.

World Rank	
World (all players):	733
World (active players):	616
National Rank PHI	
National (all players):	2
National (active players):	2
Continent Rank Asia	
Rank (all players):	81
Rank (active players):	73
FIDE Titles (year)	
Grand Master (GM)	2005
International Master (IM)	2001



Shortly before all the fireworks happened

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And within days of Jack making that special moment, Eddison Chen completed an achievement that has not been done before. He is the youngest player to have defeated a master. At the prestigious Marshall Chess Club in New York City, Eddison beat NM Cory Evans (USCF 2225). Eddison is only 7 years, 8 months, and 15 days old. You can verify the record here.

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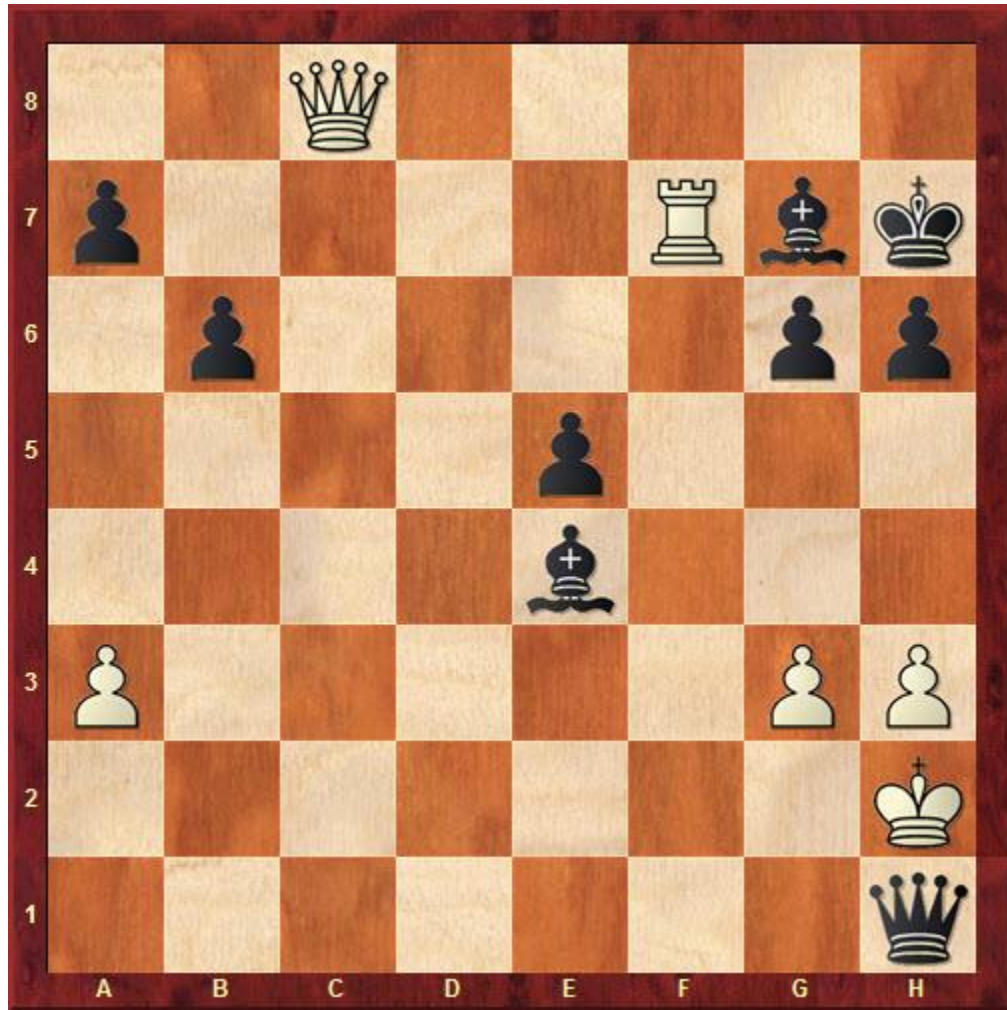
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Cory Evans was a prodigy himself at Eddison's age having won the national K-1 title.

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Here was the ending position from his game. In all fairness, the master was controlling most of the game but then Evans walked into a tactic and then Eddison was able to capitalize from a worse position. Eddison was black here.



Quite an amazing feat since Eddison has only been playing for 2 years.

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In May, Eddison played at Supernationals and earned a place at the top board to play top-rated Steve Wongso. The game did not end in his favor but he played well enough to make it to the top table.



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The two 1800 players are both 6-0 as 7 year olds Steve Wongso and Eddison Chen face off in the final round of the K1 Championship.



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A month later, Eddison participated in the Chesskid.com Online National Invitational Chess Championship where he competed against other top players from across the country in his age grouping.

2017 CONIC Age 7 | Final Standings

#	State	Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	KS	Chen, Eddison	1818		1	1	1	½	1	4.5
2	NY	Hardaway, Brewington	1683	0		1	1	1	1	4.0
3	NY	Mou, Iris	1712	0	0		½	½	1	2.0
4	CA	Xie, Bryan	1686	0	0	½		½	1	2.0
5	AZ	Xia, Ruoxiao	1654	0	0	½	½		½	1.5
6	NY	Buchanan, Royal	1642	½	0	0	0	½		1.0

This one turned out in his favor but there was some tough competition in this group.

<https://www.chess.com/article/view/america-s-got-talent-8-winners-crowned-chesskid-national-champions>

<https://www.chess.com/blog/ChessKid/chen-outclasses-the-age-8-conic-field>

Something tells me we are going to see more of these achievements from Eddison.