

REPORT ON 2022 KANSAS OPEN

The **2022 Kansas Open** was held at the Red Roof Inn Convention Center July 22-24 in Wichita, Ks near the Airport. The event was well attended. The Bughouse event had 16 teams, the Blitz had what I think was a record 62 players, and the main event had 115.

The **Bughouse** as stated had 16 teams. The event was a 4 round double robin event, each team playing two games against their opponent. Finishing in first was team of Ben Gradsky and Tony Dutiel with 7 wins in 8 games played. According to Tony his team has won the Bughouse event at Kansas Open seven years in a row. Interesting, Ben Gradsky was only able to participate in this one event during the weekend. Finishing in second place was team of Kaustabh Nimkar and Apramay Mishra with 6 points. There were six teams that finished with 5 points.

The Friday night **Blitz event**, as stated as far as this author knows, is the largest attended Blitz event in Kansas Open history with 62 participants. Of the 62 participants, 15 were from Oklahoma, 3 from Nebraska, 2 from Missouri, and the rest from Kansas. The event was 5 round double round robin event. Each player played 2 games against each opponent. There was a tie for first place between Kyle Camarda and Apramay Mishra with both having 8.5 points. Kyle is new Kansas Blitz Champion on tiebreaks. There was a two way tie for third between Oklahoma players Maxwell Barnes and Oscar Wang. Both scored 8.0 points. First under 1700 was Sky Moerlien with 6.5 points. First under 1400/unrated was Oklahoma unrated player Camilo Rubiano with 6.0 points. Scholastic winners were Oklahoma player Elizabeth Brady with 6.0 points, Oklahoma player Joseph Zacharias with 5.0 points, and Kansas player Matthew Samich with 5.0 points, finishing first second, and third respectively.

The **main event** was held Saturday and Sunday. It was five rounds. There were 115 participating in three sections: 29 in Open, 32 in Reserve (U1800), and 54 in Amateur (U1400). There was a large contingency of Oklahoma players with 29. After that Missouri had 3, Nebraska had 3, and Maine had 1. The rest were all from Kansas.

In the **Open section** there was a four way tie for first place which each player finishing with 4 points out of 5. Tied were Kansas players Josan Wawrzaszek and Aayash Wadhwa and Oklahoma players Maxwell Barnes and Oscar Wang. In fifth place by himself was Joseph Sewadda at 3.5 points. There were six players with 3.0 points. Jason Wawrzaszek by tiebreaks is the new Kansas Chess Champion.

In the **Reserve section** there was a five way tie for first place with each player having 4 points. Kansas players Samuel Mehlhaff, Brendan Jones, Marshall Lusk, Jimmy Higgins, and Oliver Ohly all finished with 4 points. Samuel Mehlhaff is new Kansas Reserve Chess Champion on tiebreaks. Samuel was also the first place scholastic player and received a plaque for that also. The second place scholastic plaque went to William Lin of Oklahoma with 3.0 points.

The **Amateur section** was won by James Myose with 5 wins in 5 rounds. He is the new Kansas Amateur Champion. In second by himself with 4.5 points was Oklahoma player Eric Bader. There was a seven way tie for third place at 4 points. There was Oklahoma players Amilton Pensamento and Leon

Harvey. There were Kansas players Erthan Rochford, Tyler Loewen, Joe Bijoy, Camden Schneider, and John Schick. First place scholastic went to Austen Tran with 3.0 points. Second place scholastic went to Oklahoma player Elliot Yii.

PHOTOS -----



Bughouse Winners Ben Gradsky and Tony Dutiel



Kansas Blitz chess winner Kyle Camarda with TD Tony Dutiel



Kansas Chess Champion Jason Wawrzaszek with TD Tony Dutiel



Kansas Reserve Section Winner Samuel Mehlhaff



Kansas Amateur Section winner James Myosse with TD Tony Dutiel



Austin Tran was first place scholastic in Amateur Section



Rick Hodges, former KCA President, was selling chess supplies



Participants Sky Moerlien, his mom Sumitta, and Tourney Organizer Thomas Tran



Last round action new Kansas Chess Champion Jason Wawrzaszek vs Maxwell Barnes from Oklahoma with lots of spectators

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