

# MacFarlane Knight Chess Club Rocks!



With the Macfarlane Chess program resuming this week after a long Summer, there was scarcely time to notify anyone that the first tournament of the season would take place at St Pete this past Saturday, Sept 8. The short notice took its toll in that only 7 (out of our usual 18-22 players) came to face the challenges of this first competition. Macfarlane, lest you forget, had snagged 1st place at the last tournament before the Summer. Now our 7 warriors came ready to pick up where we left off in May; team size notwithstanding! And we did!!

In spite of being undermanned, the Knight Club topped 31 other scholastic teams to come out a convincing victor and give a running start to the new season! As usual, the team demonstrated great camaraderie and sportsmanship. No better example of our unity and spirit occurred when A.B Taiwade had a perfect 4/4 entering the last round. The whole team gathered before the round for a little pep rally to wish him luck. A.B. responded with another key win to clinch the K5 division with a spectacular 5/5 performance!! Regardless of the result, I couldn't be prouder of the team for their display. **MACFARLANE CHESS ROCKS!!**

## Here are the official individual results:

**K5 Division:** As mentioned above, A.B. Taiwade mowed down one opponent after another to take home the 1st place trophy! They say nobody's perfect but they forgot to tell A.B.! Chris Ayers and Cole Brown had their best performance yet (3/5) and earned the 4th place and 7th place trophies for their mantles! Wow!

**K8 Division:** A terrific 4/5 result brought Saral Kumar the 3rd place trophy!

**K12 Division:** Arun Ramesh and Rakim Johnson earned the right to compete in this tough section for the first time. Arun had dominated the K8 division last Spring (two straight 5/5 performances!) but needs some time before he can do the same with this section. He still finished with an impressive result to take home the 7th place trophy! Rakim also had to deal with the new challenge and emerged with the 10th place trophy! Way to go, guys!

**K2 Division:** Klaus Matthews went undefeated throughout 5 rounds and earned the 3rd place trophy! Klaus's trophy case must be getting crowded!

See you at the next tournament on Oct. 6 !

