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Press Release

Midwest Chess Academy had a number of individual students perform at the peak of their abilities at the most recent KS and MO state championships.

In the Missouri championship event on February 26, 2011, Dawson Gulley, a third grader who attends Cedar Creek Elementary in Lee's Summit, MO, walked away with third place in the K-3 Division. This section was fiercely contested with two players over 1000 rating. Dawson backs up his fourth place finish from last year.



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In the Kansas state championship on March 12, 2011 we had James Dryer go perfect from the field with 6/6 points in the K-3 Division. His last round game went the entire length of time in a nail-biter. He emerged victorious claiming his first state title with many more to come. James is a 2nd grader and attends Cedar Creek Private Academy in Olathe.



Also represented in the K-5 Division was Bryce Rogers. He finished a respectable third place only bested by another one of Midwest Chess Academy's students. Bryce is a fifth grader who attends Arbor Creek Elementary in Olathe. He is coached by Curtis Hartman. Last May, Bryce won his section with a perfect score at Nationals. There's no secret to our success. We just work tirelessly to get the students prepared for top flight competition.

Then we had Karan Mehta, 5th grader who attends Liberty View Elementary (Blue Valley District) in Olathe. Karan also swept the field in the K-5 Division with a 6/6 perfect score with important wins coming in the last two rounds. This is Karan's second state title. He's been working with coaches from Midwest Chess Academy the last three years.



We also had Bryce Easton who is a 6th grader at Lawrence USD 497 Virtual School. Bryce finished in third place in the K-6 Division. We primarily work with Bryce's brother Jack who is a 4th grader, but I bet the lessons he learns working with our instructors gets spread around a bit. I'm sure we will see Jack on these pages soon.



Congratulations to all of these tournament performers. You certainly represent the level of skill and quality we like to foster here at Midwest Chess Academy.