

# Scholars' Chess

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## Maurice Ashley Visits 43rd ACTA!

On Sunday, October 16, 2005, the children playing in the 43rd ACTA Scholastic were delighted to meet a special guest, Grandmaster Maurice Ashley. GM Ashley, one of the most well liked figures in chess today, is also widely known as the chess commentator for ESPN2.

GM Ashley was on-hand to sign his new book, "Chess for Success," and was sponsored by R. J. Julia at Elm Street Books in New Canaan. Between rounds, he discussed his career and how chess benefits children. He enthralled both children and adults alike with his motivational talk on how much chess would mean for their lives.

After his address, he played against nine of the best young chess players in Connecticut: Kapil Chandran (CT 1st grade champion), Connor Allsteadt (CT 5th grade champion), Martin Goman (National K-6 Co-Champion), Daniel Nussbaum (US Top 100 for his age) and Stephanie Nussbaum, Siwen Wu (CT 10th grade champion), Divakar Ahuja (CT Middle School 6th grade champion), Zachary Allen (US Top 100 for his age) and Zachary Siegel (CT 2nd grade champion). GM Ashley had to play his best to win all his games against such a stellar group. In particular, he praised the play of Martin Goman and congratulated everyone for their skill. GM Ashley delighted the Kindergarten and First Grade players by handing out their trophies.



GM Maurice Ashley

The ACTA would like to thank Norwalk College for Kids and the director, Lynn Boyar, for allowing us and GM Ashley to hold this wonderful event at Norwalk Community College.

## C O N T A C T

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# The Winners

**41st ACTA** – October 16, 2005  
 West School, New Canaan, CT  
 World's First "Trophy And Toy" Tournament



From Left: Charlie Snedaker, Andrew Kirjner, Kevin Zentner



From Left: Tor Aronson, Kevin Zentner

Section	Winner
Kindergarten	Tor Aronson
First Grade	Kevin Zentner
Primary Novice	Charlie Snedaker
Primary Open	Andrew Kirjner
Elementary Novice	Lev Podelko
Elementary Open	Tucker Apy
Middle School Open	Christopher Wagner Logan Phillips

**42nd ACTA** – October 8, 2005  
 Saugatuck Elementary, Westport, CT

Individual Results		Team Results	
Section	Winner	Section	Winner
Kindergarten	Benjamin Wilson	Primary	Mead School, Stamford
First Grade	Kion Bruno	Elementary	Cider Mill School, Wilton
Primary Novice	Matthew Lichtenberg		
Primary Open	Andrew Kirjner		
Elementary Novice	Andrew Osorio		
Elementary Open	Ethan Segall		



Left To Right: Benjamin Wilson, Kion Bruno, Neal Soni, Matthew Lichtenberg, Ethan Segall, Andrew Kirjner

# 43rd ACTA – October 16, 2005

## Norwalk Community College

Individual Results		Team Results	
Section	Winner	Section	Winner
Kindergarten	Nicholas Crovatto	K-1	Greenwich Country Day School, Greenwich
K-1	Kevin Jordan		
Primary Novice	Spencer Gabor	Primary	Greens Farms Elementary, Westport
Primary Open	Andrew Kirjner		
Elementary Novice	Jake Landau	Elementary	Riverfield Elementary, Fairfield
Elementary Open	Greg Wagner		
Middle School Open	Logan Phillips	Middle School	Saxe Middle School, New Canaan
	David Scherban		
	Max Krall		
Expert	Kapil Chandran		



GM Ashley against Martin Goman



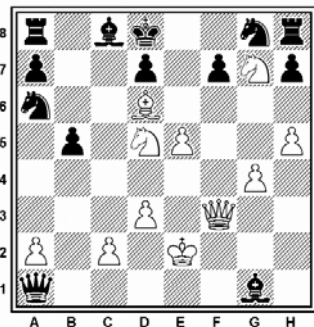
From left to right: Spencer Gabor, Andrew Kirjner, Gregory Wagner



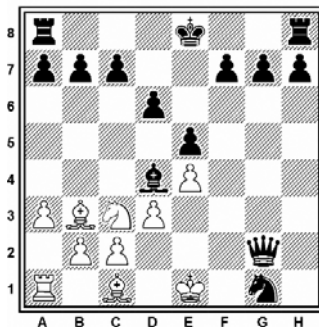
Logan Phillips

Kapil Chandran

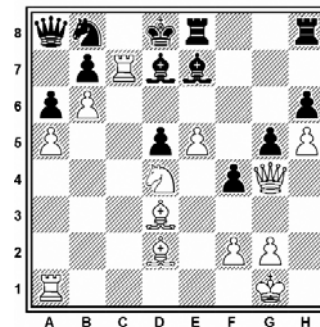
### Try Your Checkmating Skills (solutions on page 4)



White to play and mate in 2



Black to play and mate in 2



White to play and mate in 2

# ACTA Tournament Schedule



Event	Date	Location
46th ACTA	Sun., Jan. 8, 2006	Coleytown Middle, Westport, CT Westport Championships
47th ACTA	Sun., Jan. 29, 2006	West School, New Canaan, CT New Canaan Championships
48th ACTA	Sun., Feb. 12, 2006	Brien McMahon High, Norwalk, CT Norwalk Championships
49th ACTA	Sun., Mar. 19, 2006	East School, New Canaan, CT
50th ACTA	Sun., Apr. 30, 2006	Middlesex Middle, Darien, CT Darien Championships
51st ACTA	Sun., May 21, 2006	Stamford Holiday Inn Stamford Championships
52nd ACTA	Sun., June 3, 2006	Saxe Middle, New Canaan, CT

Schedule subject to change  
Registration forms can be obtained from the ACTA website:  
[www.actachess.com](http://www.actachess.com)

## S O L U T I O N S

Diagram 1: 1. Qf6+ Nxf6 (or ...Ne7 Qxe7#) 2. Be7#

Diagram 2: 1. ...Bxc3+ 2. bc (or Kd1) Qe2#

Diagram 3: 1. Qxd7+ Nxd7 2. Ne6#