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**Bluvshtein - 2005 Canadian Chess Player of the Year**  
( submitted by David Cohen )

Mark Bluvshtein, 17, a Toronto Grade 12 student and chess International Grandmaster, was voted 2005 Canadian Chess Player of the Year. This is the second year in a row Bluvshtein has won the award.

In 2005, Bluvshtein tied for first place at the Canadian Open Chess Championship in Edmonton, Alberta. Bluvshtein also won the Canadian Under-18 Year-Old Chess Championship in Victoria, British Columbia; and finished tied for 3rd place at the World Under-18 Year-Old Chess Championship in Belfort, France.

Chess journalists representing newspapers and chess magazines across the country were asked to vote for the #1, #2 and #3 Canadian Chess Player of the Year for 2005.

Voting method:

1st place vote - 5 points

2nd place vote - 3 points

3rd place vote - 1 point

Voting results (10 of 11 invited journalists responded):

Mark Bluvshtein (Toronto, Ontario): 23 points

Nikolay Noritsyn (Richmond Hill, Ontario): 17

Alexander Ugge (Keswick, Ontario): 11

Tomas Krnan (Oakville, Ontario): 8

Zhe Quan (Richmond Hill, Ontario): 8

Sebastian Predescu (Ottawa, Ontario): 1

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Chess player accomplishments in 2005:

Mark Bluvshstein - Tied for first place at the Canadian Open Chess Championship; won the Canadian Under-18 Year-Old Chess Championship; and tied for 3rd place at the World Under-18 Year-Old Chess Championship.

Tomas Krnan - Made two qualifying Norms (3rd and final) towards the International Master title.

Nikolay Noritsyn - Made two qualifying Norms towards the International Master title in back-to-back tournaments.

Zhe Quan - Made 3rd and final qualifying Norm towards the International Master title.

Kevin Spraggett (Portugal) - Continued excellent international results, including strong

finish at American Continental Championship (0.5 points from advancing to World Cup).

Shiyam Thavandiran (Toronto, Ontario) – Canadian Junior Chess Champion with a score of 8.5/9; at age 12 (Grade 6), the youngest to ever win the title.

Alexander Ugge - Qualified for the Correspondence International Grandmaster title; qualified for the World Correspondence Chess Championship finals.

Canadian Chess Player of the Year - List of Winners

2005 Mark Bluvshtein

2004 Mark Bluvshtein

2003 Pascal Charbonneau

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Mark Bluvshtein biography :

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/canchess.html#BLUVSHTEIN>

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<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/Champions.html#PLAYER>

## **World Team Championship – Report**

This FIDE tournament, held in Israel, was completed on Nov. 10. Nine teams were involved. The suspense went right into the last round. The surprise of the tournament was the China Men's team, who were leading Russia by 2.5 pts. going into the final round. But in the last round, Russia crushed the Chinese Men's team 3.5 - .5, to take the gold medal. Here are the final results :

## Final Standings

	Team	wins	losses	draws	points
1	Russia	8	0	0	<b>22</b>
2	China Men	6	2	0	<b>21.5</b>
3	Armenia	4	1	3	<b>18.5</b>
4	Ukraine	4	3	1	<b>17.5</b>
5	USA	3	3	2	<b>16.5</b>
6	Israel	2	5	1	<b>14.5</b>
7	Georgia	2	5	1	<b>13.5</b>
8	Cuba	1	4	3	<b>13</b>
9	China Women	0	7	1	<b>7</b>

## Guelph Fall Pro-AM Report

( as reported by Hal Bond on ChessTalk )

Nikolay Noritsyn finished on top with 4/5, drawing with Hamilton and Zubac enroute. Hamilton was upset in the 4th round by Hans Jung and thus shared 2nd-3rd with him.

For the second straight tournament, 3rd grader Chris Knox was playing for first place in the final round in the U2000. This time he prevailed against veteran Tim Knechtel to capture clear first with 4/5. His 1900+ performance should hoist his rating over 1700. Tied at 3.5 were Istvan Kiss and Nikita Gusev.

The U1700 finale was also dramatic. 4th grader Cristian Dragan handed Avery Jones his first loss in round 5 to tied with him for first place. Ross Cunningham (gr. 5) took 3rd place with 3.5.

High schooler Volodymyr Vivchariuk won the U1400 with 4.5. Bruce Hurst finished 2nd with 3.5 followed by 2nd grader Steven Leu and grade 10 student Nathan Peeling at 3.0

48 players took part.

## **Autumn Open – Toronto - Report**

This one section swiss drew 31 players and was played at the Bayview Games Club from November 11 – 13. The winners were :

Open - 1<sup>st</sup> : IM Leonid Gerzhov 4 1/2 / 5 pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> = 4<sup>th</sup> : Yury Ochkoos 4/5 pts.

Vincent Tipu 4/5 pts.

Shivam Thayandiran 4/5 pts.

## A Section – Liam Henry 3 1/2 / 5 pts.

B Section – Sam Haziprodromu 3 ½ / 5 pts.

C Section – 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> : Alex Ferreira 3/5 pts.

Mathew Ramenaden 3/5 pts.

D Section – 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> : Fred Henderson 2 1/2 /5 pts.

Roman Sapozhnikov 2 ½ /5 pts.  
Ferdinand Supsup 2 ½ /5 pts.  
E Section – 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> : Haonan Zhou 1 ½ /5 pts.  
Jesse Wang 1 ½ /5 pts.

### **GTCL Grand Prix Winners 2005**

( Report by Erik Malmsten, GTCL Grand Prix Co-ordinator )

Open: Jura Ochkoos, Nikolay Noritsyn, 15.5 points  
U2200: Yevgeni Nahutin, Andrei Gulko, 13.5 points  
U2000: Alexander Martchenko, 14.5 points  
U1800: Tyler Longo, 11.5 points  
U1600: Edward Phung, 14.5 points

Bravo to the players who played in all four Grand Priz weekend Swisses:

Nikolay Noritsyn, Jura Ochkoos, Yevgeni Nahutin, Alan Ang, Alexander Martchenko, Conrad Ho, Jordan Palmer, Arthur Calugar, Nikita Gusev, Brent Zhang, Tyler Longo, Matthew Ramenaden, Edward Phung, Roman Sapozhnikov, and Nathan Farrant-Diaz.

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