

Florida's Two Top Scholastic Players to Meet in a Chess Match Festival

The Florida Chess Association (FCA) has announced that they are sponsoring a match between two of the top Junior players in the country.... and they live in Florida! They are Ray Robson (who, at age 13, has nearly completed his quest for the FIDE IM title) and Daniel Ludwig age 17, and winner of the US Junior. These two players are good friends and currently are both rated about 2425. Last year Daniel Ludwig's team won the United States Amateur Team Championship Playoff.

The Festival will consist of a 6-game rated match at G/100+30sec, a Blitz match, and finally a Blindfold match. The FCA is providing \$3000 for the event. And in order to expose as many of Florida's junior players to this as is possible, the first part of the event will be held at the site of the Florida Scholastic Championship in Orlando April 11th-13th. These two participants will schedule their rounds to allow those playing in the scholastic to be able to see their match in progress, and also have an opportunity to attend post game lectures as the players recreate their just finished game. The FCA is currently investigating with some vendors to see if this part of the match could be carried live on the internet, and would welcome any help in making this happen.

The Festival is scheduled as follows:

April 11-13 @ the site of SUPERSTATES in Orlando. (Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel, 7499 Augusta National Dr.)

11th: Round One (G/100 +30sec for all six rounds), 7.00 p.m.

12th: Round two at noon and round three at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

13th: Round four at noon or 1:00 p.m.

April 18-20 @ The St. Peterburg Chess Club. (540 4th Avenue North St.)

18th: Round five at 7:00 p.m.

19th: Final round at 7:00 p.m.

20th: Playoff (if necessary) and rapid and blindfold games (time to be determined later - no prizes associated with these)

The prize fund will be distributed 60%/40% to the clear winner of the 6-game match. If there is a tie an Armageddon Blitz game (6min/5min) will be played with the "coin toss" to choose the colors. In this case the prize fund would be distributed 55%/45%.

It is expected that the games will be broadcast live on [ICC](#).