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UMBC AT A GLANCE:
UMBC is a dynamic public research university integrating teaching, research and service to benefit the citizens of Maryland. As an Honors University, the campus offers academically talented students a strong undergraduate liberal arts foundation that prepares them for graduate and professional study, entry into the workforce, and community service and leadership. UMBC emphasizes science, engineering, information technology, human services and public policy at the graduate level. UMBC contributes to the economic development of the State and the region through entrepreneurial initiatives, workforce training, K-16 partnerships, and technology commercialization in collaboration with public agencies and the corporate community. UMBC is dedicated to cultural and ethnic diversity, social responsibility and lifelong learning. UMBC combines the emphasis on teaching found at the best liberal arts colleges with the innovation of a research university.

TEAM AVERAGE USCF RATING: 2521

BOARD 1: GM LEONID “CHIEF” KRITZ (USCF 2659, FIDE 2611)
- Germany
- World Champion under 16 years. Spain 1999.
- Participant in 2004 FIDE World Championship in Libya

BOARD 2: GM GIORGI MARGVELASHVILI (USCF 2566, FIDE 2547)
- Republic of Georgia
- Enjoys Soccer
- 8th Place, World Junior Championship, 2009
- 1st Place, European Championship Under 14, 2004

BOARD 3: IM SASHA KAPLAN (USCF 2440, FIDE 2405)
- Israel
- Enjoys music, soccer and tennis
- Israeli Junior champion under 20, 2007
- Israeli Army champion, 2008
- Second place, Herzliya International Round Robin

BOARD 4: WGM SABINA “SUNSHINE” FOISOR (USCF 2417, FIDE 2361)
- USA, Maryland
- Member USA Olympic team
- Finalist of the USA Women Chess Championships
- Enjoys music, soccer, tennis and linguistics.

FIRST ALTERNATE: LM ADITYA BALASUBRAMANIAN, USA, Virginia (USCF 2318, FIDE 2233)
SECOND ALTERNATE: BENJAMIN KRAUSE, USA, Maryland (USCF 2264, FIDE 2209)

DIRECTOR: DR. ALAN T. SHERMAN
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: GM SAM PALATNIK
COACH: IGOR EPSHTeyN

UT DALLAS AT A GLANCE:
UT Dallas is a young, dynamic research institution on the cutting edge of science, technology, medicine, business and the arts. Born at the dawn of the information age, UT Dallas helped pioneer new fields in science and technology and created sought-after degree programs that did not exist a generation ago. These include geospatial information science, cognitive sciences, emerging economies, natural resources and materials science, among others. It is host to seven schools, offers an array of disciplinary degree programs and features a student population as diverse as its areas of study. The University has a unique heritage born of its pioneering spirit. Located in the center of one of the most dynamic economic and demographic regions of the nation, UT Dallas owes its existence to three visionaries, Cecil Green, J. Erik Jonsson and Eugene McDermott, who deeply valued education and entrepreneurial activity.

TEAM AVERAGE USCF RATING: 2597

BOARD 1: GM VALENTIN YOTOV (USCF 2613, FIDE 2560)
- Bulgaria
- Freshman in Arts & Technology
- Other interests/hobbies: Reading books

BOARD 2: GM CRISTIAN CHIRILA (USCF 2588, FIDE 2539)
- Romania
- Sophomore in International Political Economic Studies
- Other interests/hobbies: Soccer

BOARD 3: GM JULIO SADORRA (USCF 2607, FIDE 2525)
- Philippines
- Junior in Business Administration
- Other interests/hobbies: Table tennis, documentary films, working out at the gym

BOARD 4: GM-ELECT CONRAD HOLT (USCF 2580, FIDE 2499)
- USA, Kansas
- Academic accomplishments: Biomedical Engineering, freshman
- Other interests/hobbies: Reading, programming

FIRST ALTERNATE: IM MILOS PAVLOVIC, Serbia (USCF 2526, FIDE 2482)
SECOND ALTERNATE: IM SALVIJUS BERCYS, USA, New York (USCF 2506, FIDE 2438)

DIRECTOR: JAMES STALLINGS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: LUIS SALINAS
COACH: IM RADE MILYOANOVIC

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UMBC University of Maryland, Baltimore County
New York University at a Glance:

More than 175 years ago, Albert Gallatin, the distinguished statesman who served as secretary of the treasury under Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, declared his intention to establish “in this immense and fast-growing city... a system of rational and practical education fitting for all and graciously opened to all.” Founded in 1831, New York University is now one of the largest private universities in the United States. Of the more than 3,000 colleges and universities in America, New York University is one of only 60 members of the distinguished Association of American Universities.

From a student body of 158 during NYU’s very first semester, enrollment has grown to more than 40,000 students attending 18 schools and colleges at five major centers in Manhattan and in sites in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America. Today, students come from every state in the union and from 133 foreign countries. The faculty, which initially consisted of 14 professors and lecturers, now totals over 3,100 full-time members whose research and teaching encompasses the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences, the law, medicine, business, education, the fine arts, studio art, the performing and cinematic arts, music, social work, public administration, the ancient world, and continuing and professional studies. With more than 2,500 courses offered, the University awards more than 25 different degrees.

Team Average USCF Rating: 2211

Board 1: IM Zhe Quan (USCF 2546, FIDE 2427)
- Canada
- Economics Major
- 12th place at the 2004 World Junior Championships at the age of 14
- Favorite Adele song is “Rolling in the Deep”

Board 2: IM Andrew Shvartsman (USCF 2541, FIDE 2267)
- USA, New Jersey
- Finance and Global Business Major
- Silver Medal, U16 division at the 2009 Pan-Am Youth Championships
- Favorite Adele song is “Someone Like You”

Board 3: IM Evan Rosenberg (USCF 2246; FIDE 2161)
- USA, New York
- Graduate Student in Business
- Silver Medal, U16 division at the 2009 Pan-Am Youth Championships
- Favorite Adele song is “Someone Like You”

Board 4: Kyle Cameron (USCF 1800, FIDE UNR)
- USA, Pennsylvania
- Finance Major, Social Entrepreneurship Minor
- 1st place at the 2010 World Open G/65
- Favorite Adele song is “Rumor Has It”

University Sponsor: BOB BUTLER, Executive Director, NYU Center for Student Activities, Leadership & Service

Texas Tech University at a Glance:

Texas Tech University prides itself on being a major comprehensive research university that retains the sense of a smaller liberal arts institution. Although enrollment is over 32,000, Texas Tech students boast of one-on-one interaction with top faculty and an environment that stresses student accomplishment above all else. We’re large enough to provide the best in facilities and academics, but small enough to focus on YOU. We are committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world. Texas Tech students come from every county in Texas, all 50 states and more than 90 foreign countries. Tech offers 150 undergraduate degree programs through 11 academic colleges, a graduate school and a school of law. We offer more than 100 master’s degree programs and over 50 doctoral degree programs. The Texas Tech Red Raiders are the defending National Champions.

Team Average USCF Rating: 2629

Board 1: GM Georges “The German Precision” Meier (USCF 2740, FIDE 2647)
- Germany
- Freshman in Finance
- 2011 European Team Championship Gold medalist, winner of the 19th Pamplona International, 2-time runner up of the SPICE Cup A-group, No. 2 player on the German Olympiad

Board 2: GM Elshan “The Knowledge Tree” Moradiabadi (USCF 2598, FIDE 2542)
- Iran
- Graduate Student in Business
- Former National Champion of Iran, World Mind Sports Games Bronze medalist, No. 2 player on the Iranian Olympiad

Board 3: GM Anatoly “The Rocket” Bykhovsky (USCF 2640, FIDE 2532)
- Israel
- Sophomore in Finance
- 1-time National Youth Champion, 2-time Israeli Blitz Champion, 2-time SPICE Cup Champion, Key member of the 2011 National Collegiate Chess Championship Team

Board 4: GM Andre “The Shiny” Diament (USCF 2538, FIDE 2504)
- Brazil
- Sophomore in Economics
- Former National Champion of Brazil, former top ranked Brazilian junior, member of the Brazilian Olympiad team, key member of the 2011 National Collegiate Championship team

First Alternate: Giedrius “The Entertainer” Koros (Hungary (USCF 2524, FIDE 2467)
Second Alternate: In Vitally “The Diplomat” Nemec (Israel (USCF 2411, FIDE 2374)
Head Coach: GM Susan Polgar
Coach: FH Paul Truong
Team Assistant: IM-elect Faik Aleskerov