

## Schwarz and Naroditsky move up in Agoura Hills!

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**Daniel Schwarz**

There was an earthquake this weekend at the Western Class Championships in Agoura Hills. It registered 2166 on the elo scale. This earthquake came in the form of 16 year old Daniel Schwarz. He played up in the Open section seeking experience and some rating points to inch closer to that magical 2200 mark. He nearly ended up winning the entire tournament, even sitting on board 1 in the last round!

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Daniel, in the eyes of your teacher and friend, the title of National Master is both well deserved and overdue! Congratulations!

One other local junior did well in Agoura Hills. Hint: his first name also is Daniel. Kudos to 10 year old Daniel Naroditsky for sharing first place in Class A. He cruised through five rounds, winning four and drawing against co-champion Michael Schemm. All ye experts out there, watch out for the 10 year old coming to a tournament near you soon!

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