Alex Grossman Lights Up Australian U10 National Chess Championship

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Australian Champion Alex Grossman

9 year old Alex Grossman recently competed in the Australian Chess Championships in Brisbane, Australia. His participation was allowed because he holds an Australian passport. (Alex's mother is Australian and his parents originally met in Melbourne.)

The tournament was played out over 13 grueling days and there were three events: Australian Junior Championship (G60/60) , Australian Junior Rapid Championship (G20/20), and Australian Junior Lightning (G5) Championship. Alex shared the 1st place prize in the Australian Junior U10 Championship, but lost the title on tie breaks. He then won both the Australian Junior U10 Rapid and Australian Junior U10 Lightning events outright.

The Junior Rapid was a particular highlight because Alex was the 2nd highest U12 finisher and defeated the U18 Girls champion (rating >1,700) along the way.

It is now possible that Alex will be selected to represent Australia in the World Junior Championships to be held in Turkey in November.

Alex hard-at- work down under

with his chess friends

Alex at Harbour Bridge