

# IM Michael Brooks wins Kansas City FIDE Invitational

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The Kansas City FIDE Invitational was held at Home2 Suites by Hilton KCI Airport, Kansas City, Missouri, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>. The event was organized by Ken Fee Jr., the owner of the Kansas City Chess Club.

When nine-year Irene Fei of Ames, Iowa sat down to play her fifth and final game of the Kansas City FIDE Invitational, she had no idea that she was only the latest of the many rising Iowa chess players over the years to face IM Michael Brooks of Kansas City.

Iowa's top chess players have been squaring off against IM Brooks for over four decades. If you were ever anybody in Iowa chess since the early 1980's you've played IM Brooks, and if you were lucky, you got a draw.

Wearing a plaid western style shirt with his forest green hooded Carhart jacket hanging off the back of his chair, Brooks, now 62 years old, at one point early in the game, removed his glasses and placed his hands on his forehead and settled in for a long think in his fifth game of the tournament.

Fei is the top-rated nine-year girl in the nation on the December rating list. She's the reigning world nine-year chess champion having

captured the title this summer in Panama. Fei, met the same fate as dozens of Iowa's top players over the years met, she went down in defeat. IM Brooks remained undefeated to win the Kansas City FIDE Invitational.

Ms. Fei was not the only rising chess star participating in this event. Eight-year-old Shengjie Fan traveled from California to play in this event. Fean is the twentieth-rated Eight-year-old in the nation on the December rating list. These two youngsters met in the third round.

Two players, David Phillips of Fayetteville, AK and Eric Armstrong of Kansas City, Mo tied for second with 3.5 points each. Fan finished with three points and Sikan Baker-Nagar of Denver CO and Fei achieved two points.

Ten players representing six states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri competed in the five round Swiss system event. More of these events are being planned. The idea is to attract players with FIDE ratings of 1600 or higher giving class A and expert rated players five good games against FIDE rated opponents.

Congratulations to all who competed! Thank you for participating.

**Shengjie,Fan 1745 - Irene,Fei 1799 ½-½**

**B12 KC FIDE Invitational 03.12.2022**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.Nbd2 Ne7 7.Nb3 h6 8.0-0 a6 9.Ne1 Rc8 10.Bd2 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nxc5 Rxc5 13.Bb4 Rc8 14.c3 Nc6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Nf3 Qd7 17.Re1 b5 18.Qd2 Ke7 19.Rac1 Rhd8 20.Nd4 Bg6 21.Nxc6+ Qxc6 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Qc4 24.Qxc4 Rxc4 25.Rcd1 d4 26.cxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.g3 Rd2 29.Rb1 Re2 30.f4 g5 31.a3 gxf4 32.gxf4 Re4 33.Rf1 Kd7 34.Rf2 Kc6 35.Kg2 Kc5 36.Kf3 Kd5 37.h3 h5 38.h4 a5 39.b3 a4 40.Rb2 Rd4 41.bxa4 bxa4 42.Ke3 Re4+ 43.Kf3 Rc4 44.Rb7 Rc3+ 45.Kg2 Rxa3 46.Rxf7 Ke4 47.Rf6 Ra1 48.Rxe6 Kxf4 49.Ra6 Kxe5 50.Ra5+ Kf4 51.Rxh5 Kg4 52.Ra5 Kxh4 53.Kf2 Kg4 54.Ke2 a3 55.Kd2

½-½

**Irene,Fei 1799 - Mike,Brooks 2341 0-1**

**A41 Kansas City FIDE Invitational (5) 04.12.2022**

1.d4 d6 2.Bf4 Nd7 3.Nf3 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h3 e5 6.Bh2 Ne7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 Nf5 9.Be2 exd4 10.exd4 Re8 11.0-0 Nf8 12.d5 Nd7 13.Re1 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Bg3 Qd8 17.Qd2 Bf5 18.Rac1 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Ne4 20.Qb3 Nxb3 21.Qxg3 Qf6 22.Qb3 b6 23.Bf1 Bd7 24.Qc2 a5 25.Qd2 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.b4 axb4 29.Qxb4 Kf8 30.Be2 Qa1+ 31.Kh2 Qe5+ 32.Kg1 Qxe2 33.a4 Qc2 34.Qa3 Qxc4 35.a5 bxa5 36.Qxa5 c6 37.dxc6 Qxc6 38.Qa1 Kg8 39.Qf6 d5 40.Qd8 Kg7 41.Qg5 Qe6 42.Qf4 Qe4 43.Qd6 d4 44.Qb4 Bc6 45.f3 Qe3+ 46.Kh2 Qc3 47.Qd6 d3 48.f4 Be4 49.Kg1 d2 50.Kf2 Bd3

0-1

**Sikan,Baker-Nagar 1962 - Aayush,Wadhwa 1963 1-0**

**D00 Kansas City FIDE Invitational 03.12.2022**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 Nbd7 6.a3 Ba5 7.b4 Bb6 8.Na4 0-0 9.g4 Nxb4 10.Rg1 Qh4 11.Bg3 Qe7 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.Nf4 f5 14.h3 Nh6 15.c4 Nf6 16.Bh4 Qd6 17.Qb3 Ne4 18.cxd5 e5 19.Ne6 Bxe6 20.dxe6 f4 21.e7+ Rf7 22.Bc4 exd4 23.Bxf7+ Nxf7 24.Rd1 fxe3 25.fxe3 Qh6 26.Rg4 Nc3 27.Rf4 Qg6 28.Qxf7+ Qxf7 29.Rxf7 Kxf7 30.Rxd4 Re8 31.Rf4+ Ke6 32.Rf8 Kd7 33.Rf7 Nb5 34.Rxg7 Nxa3 35.Kd2 Nc4+ 36.Kd3 Nd6 37.e4 a5 38.bxa5 bxa5 39.Rxh7 Ra8 40.e8Q+ Kxe8 41.Rh8+

1-0



Round 5: IM Brooks v Irene Fei  
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Brooks with glasses off in deep think.  
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