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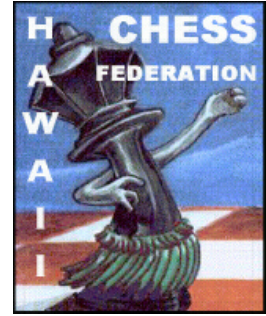
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Hawaii's 1st Ever National Chess Champion Becomes Hawaii's 2nd National Champ!

Robert Lau Wins the 9th Grade National Title!

Robert Lau of Mililani Mauka won his second national title at the 2005 K12/Collegiate Chess Championship, December 2-4, in Houston, Texas. . Lau tied for first place in his grade level and takes home the first place trophy on tie breaks with a score of five wins and two draws. He shares the title of Ninth Grade National Chess Champion with Troy Daly of Florida. Lau, 14, also won the Sixth Grade National Championship three years ago. He is homeschooled and a member of the Hawaii Homeschool Association.

Hawaii's only other competitor Tristan Kaonohi also brings home a Trophy. The fifth grade Kamehameha student tied for 14th place (out of 162) in the Fifth Grade Nationals. Both boys are members of the Mililani Chess Club.

Scholastic chess players from 40 states competed in the 2005 K12/Collegiate Chess Championship sponsored by the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Each player had seven games with 90 minutes per person on the clock for each game.

Complete results are available at: <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2005/k12/>

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