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Chess

Auburn student takes third in state chess tournament

PEORIA -- Auburn High School junior Zack Beach, competing against the state's toughest competition, placed third in his category at the state high school chess tournament Saturday.

Beach was competing on Board 1, where Robert Rasmussen, a senior from Maine South, won the championship. Sophomore Alex Martin of Mundelein was second.

Beach's finish led Auburn to 28th place as a team, the top showing in the Rock River Valley. In all, 111 teams competed in the IHSA tournament.

Grant Titterton, a Byron senior, finished second on Board 6, behind Alexander Ratnikov, a senior at Naperville North.

Elsewhere on Board 1, Michael Dunn of Ohio was 69th, Joey Petrusa of Byron 84th, Nick Ross of Kaneland 88th and Megan Gratz of North Boone 107th.

Complete Rock River Valley results

Team results	Board 1
28. Auburn 69. Byron 87. Stillman Valley 109. Ohio 111. North Boone	3. Zack Beach, Auburn 69. Michael Dunn, Ohio 84. Joey Petrusa, Byron 88. Nick Ross, Kaneland 107. Megan Gratz, North Boone
Board 2	Board 3
18. J.P. Roman, Auburn 57. Mark Wilson, Byron 92. Dan Owen, Stillman Valley 96. Will Mueller, North Boone 106. Mark Yucus, Ohio	49. Mike Rayburn, Stillman Valley 90. Nathan Abel, North Boone 91. Brandon Jones, Auburn 93. James Ross, Kaneland 95. John Kauzlarich, Byron 111. Ryan Becker, Ohio

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Board 4	Board 5
44. Ben Cork, Kaneland 49. Jeffrey Dunn, Ohio 80. Ross Makulec, Auburn 98. Geno Olson, Byron 109. Dana Szarzynski, North Boone	35. Justin Passmore, Byron 73. Josh Whitmire, Stillman Valley 85. Paul Dammann, Auburn 99. Nick Hertzberg, Kaneland 109. James Sturm, North Boone
Board 6	Board 7
2. Grant Titterton, Byron 40. Eric Mosher, Auburn 68. Jacob Albrecht, Ohio 91. Alex Benson, North Boone 104. David Roach, Stillman Valley	23. Adam Morand, Auburn 34. Nathan Schievie, Kaneland 40. Patrick Rozum, Byron 100. Tyler Gorseger, Stillman Valley 114. Eddie Smith, North Boone 117. Chris Piper, Ohio 118. Kevin Eller, Stillman Valley 121. Steve Kulin, North Boone
Board 8	
7. Aashesh Vermal, Auburn 29. Andrew Beerli, Byron 84. Hanna Albrecht, Ohio 109. Mike Maier, Stillman Valley 110. Jen Hollandsworth, Stillman Valley 135. Greg Albrecht, Ohio	



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