



Sagikor Open Junior Chess Championships

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Blackman and Tjong Tjin Joe Sagikor 2008 Champs

Justin Blackman of Queens College and Calvin Tjong Tjin Joe of Surinam are 2008 Sagikor Open Junior Champions.

Blackman, needing only a draw in his last round match against Barbados Under-20 Champion Wendell Meusa, kept the Barbados Under-20 Champion at bay to force a draw and guarantee his first Sagikor Title.



*Justin Blackman, Queens College, 2008
Sagikor Open Junior Champion*



*Calvin Tjong Tjin Joe, Surinam, 2008
Sagikor Under-12 Champions*

Top Seed and three time Sagikor winner, Martyn Del Castilho of The Lodge School beat Stewart James of Jamaica to end tied on 6 points with Blackman and take 2nd position by virtue of the poorer tie-break score.

Meusa, on 5 ½ points, completes the clean sweep of the top positions for Barbados by capturing 3rd place.

Trinidad & Tobago Under-18 Champion Esan Wiltshire drew with Alex Jackman of Lester Vaughn to end as the highest placed overseas participant on 4th with 5 points.

Craig Clermond of UWI scored an upset win over Jamaica Junior Champion Damion Davy to also end on 5 points and take 5th position on the tie break. Jackman, who also has 5 points, takes 6th place.

Like Blackman in the Open Section, Calvin Tjong Tjin Joe of Surinam drew his final match with Damar Austin of St. Jude's Primary to win the Under-12 Section with 6 points.

Omari Tekka of Grenada beat Rashaun Holland Christ Church Boys to end on 6 points with Tjong Tjoin Joe but finish 2nd as a result of the weaker tie break score.

Damar Austin took 3rd position with 5 ½ points.