

# UTD chess team headed to Final Four

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While the nation's best basketball teams suit up for their Final Four in early April, the University of Texas at Dallas chess team will venture far out of college chess.

How far out of the spotlight? Try Lindsborg, Kan. That's the home of the Karpov Chess

School and also home of the April 2-3 event.

UTD enters the competition as the slight underdog to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, a team boasting two grandmasters. This fifth Final Four tournament will serve as the rubber match in the series - in the first four Final Four tournaments, each team has won twice.

UTD surprised UMBC in December at the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, taking the top tournament of its kind in the Western Hemisphere for the second year in a row.

"UMBC is going to be gunning for revenge," said Tim Redman, the director of the UTD chess program.

Aside from UTD and UMBC,

the other competitors will be Miami (Dade) Community College and Stanford.

While the school takes pride in its academic programs, it also takes pride in the success that it has had on the black-and-white squares.

"The chess team is the only thing where we can clearly say that 'We're No. 1,'" said John Senderling, a UTD spokesman.

