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## Helps Launch National Collegiate Chess League

### **U.T. Dallas Beats Princeton U. in Chess Match Played Over the Internet**

RICHARDSON, Texas (February 22, 1999) – The University of Texas at Dallas helped launch the National Collegiate Chess League (NCCL), where top college teams will play weekly chess matches over the Internet, with a 3-1 victory on Sunday over Princeton University.

U.T. Dallas' number one board, Jason Doss, lost his game to the top Princeton player, Daniel Erlikhman. However, the other three UTD team members – John Hendrick, Steven Grubbs and Kairat Amir Khanov – defeated their Princeton counterparts to provide the margin of victory.

This is the inaugural season for the NCCL, which is sponsored by the U.S. Chess Federation and hosted on the World Wide Web by the Internet Chess Club. The six-team league will play weekly matches through March 14 beginning at 2 p.m. CST each Sunday.

Chess enthusiasts are invited to follow the matches live on the Internet Chess Club's website at <http://www.chessclub.com>.

"The NCCL is the first Internet-based, team-on-team chess competition for college students," said Tim Redman, a U.T. Dallas professor and director of the school's

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chess program. "While the league has begun with just six teams, we see the potential for almost exponential growth in coming years.

"Competing via the Internet permits some of the top collegiate chess programs across the country to play each other without the time and expense of travel," Redman said. "It also permits interested individuals to view the competition on a real-time basis."

UTD has chess matches scheduled for the next three Sundays: versus Bryn Athyn College on February 28, the United States Air Force Academy on March 7 and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on March 14. In addition, UTD is still seeking a make-up date for a match with Cornell University which had to be cancelled.

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