Transatlantic trounce

The UTD chess team plays Belgrade for the third year. UTD won with 11 wins, three draws and two losses.

Chess team keeps European rivals in check for second year

UTD's chess team successfully defended the Trans-Atlantic Cup against Belgrade, Europe's top college chess team. The match took place on Oct. 31 in the University of Belgrade Oct. 31 with delayed the match but after about half an hour the UTD chess team sat down. The Chess team were in front of their laptops. The Chess teamatts aim was to win. The Chess teamatts aim was to win.

Most of the day's chess matches ended around 3 p.m. but Ramírez finished the game against Belgrade's Milos Pavlovic, an International chess master, taking out a pawn with his queen and ended the game victorious.

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minutes, considered a rapid time control, is not much of an issue for me, personally.”

Outside, in the lobby of the School of Management, a projector displayed individual games and Karina Vazirova, UTD chess first alternate and economics sophomore, discussed strategy and explained the players’ moves to a small, dedicated segment of the audience.

There was also a viewing party in the McDermott Library where the audience could and ask questions of Rodney Thomas, president of the UTD Chess Program Advisory Board, and John Jacobs, World Chess Federation master and senior vice president of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

On Board 9, finance junior Igor Schneider played a tough match that ended in a draw.

“Schneider is showing an aggressive style, which is unlike him.

He’s usually quiet,” Thomas said. “Chess shows a person’s true personality.”

Both universities’ representatives exchanged congratulations as the competition ended.

“It was an excellent match for you, but not so much for us!” said Milos Nedeljkovic.

Ramirez, who made the last move of the competition, said he was proud of his team.

“It is always gratifying to represent UTD, especially against such a powerhouse as the University of Belgrade,” Ramirez said. “UTD is among the best in the world, and I don’t think people realize what it really means.”

There’s more online at utdmercury.com

Check out the UTD chess team standings and a YouTube video of Alejandro Ramirez vs. Belgrade’s Milo Pavlovic at www.utdmercury.com.