



UT Dallas Chess Team wins transatlantic tournament

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Checkmates.

The [UT Dallas Chess Team](#) took home the Transatlantic Cup last month, returning it to the United States by defeating the top-ranked University of Belgrade in an international chess match.

Sixteen players from each team battled on Nov. 9 in online games, which were broadcast via www.chessclub.com.

UTD won eight, drew six and lost two, to win handily eleven to five. In last year's first annual Transatlantic Cup, Belgrade edged won by a point.

The *UTD Mercury* [notes that](#) the school used projectors to allow audiences on campus to monitor all the games.

Talking with a Chess Master

[Click here](#) for an awkward interview with UTD chess champ Jacek Stopa (pictured above center).

The UTD cheerleaders (yes, they have them) even performed some routines, with an additional cheering squad known as the "Igorites," a group of shirtless guys with letters "I", "G", "O" and "R" spelled out on their chests to honor chess favorite, [Igor Shneider](#).

The team will partake in the upcoming UTD Grandmaster Invitational on Dec. 6, defending the title of Pan American Collegiate champions.