



CHECKMATE

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Although considered a sport, this game doesn't involve athleticism, but instead strategy, knowledge, and thinking. Like any other sport, dedication and energy must be invested to win.

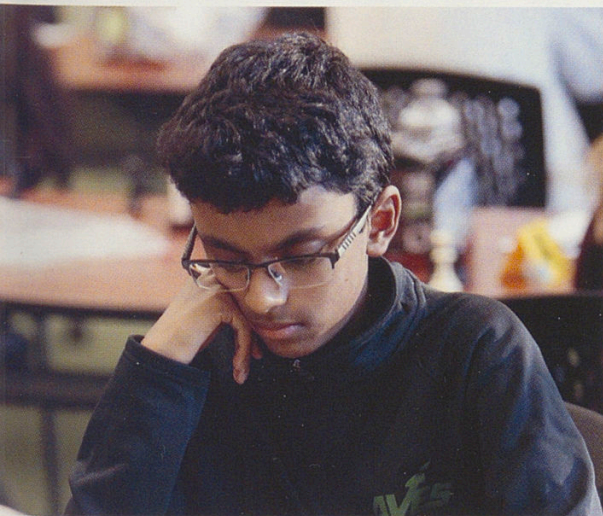
Practices are student-led and involve learning new strategies and tactics for future matches.

Sophomore Colin Seper said, "During a practice we typically have one of our varsity boards go over chess strategies like openings in the

beginning or just give advice on problems they have noticed in our games."

Teamwork is a huge factor in determining the team's success. The Aves finished the season winning every regular season game, and placing second in the GMC's.

"I'm super proud of the team and I'm happy that there are a lot of passionate underclassmen who will continue carrying the team when the seniors go," said **Senior Nandita Kulkarni**.



CONCENTRATE

Sophomore Arvind Prasad focuses on the board as time winds down. He was Board One both his freshman and sophomore year. Team members are allowed to challenge each other to get a higher board number.