

NOT YOUR AVERAGE SPORT

More than just accolades

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There was no doubt about the success of the team; it tied first place in the GMC with Lakota West. This could be attributed to the incredible talent of the devoted team. The only team to beat or tie Lakota West, the men had their second consecutive undefeated season.

The victorious season was led by the anchor of juniors—**Christopher Yen, 11**, and **Chester Chen, 11**. Also, leading the team was **Gautam Nagendra, 9**.

The team decreased in size after five of its top six players graduated last season.

“Even though the team has gotten smaller, the team continues to win and defeat other schools,” said **Chen**.

The team would not have been as driven if it were not inspired by their coach, **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**. Many students did not realize that the efforts of the coach determined the record of the season. **Brackenridge** not only coached chess at school, but he also played with the United States Chess Federation.

“Because of my active interests in chess outside of school, my affinity for chess is reflected in the team,” said **Brackenridge**.

New talent entered the arena with **Nagendra** and fellow freshman, **Daniel Tang**.

The team united as the season winded down. It was a way of meeting new people.

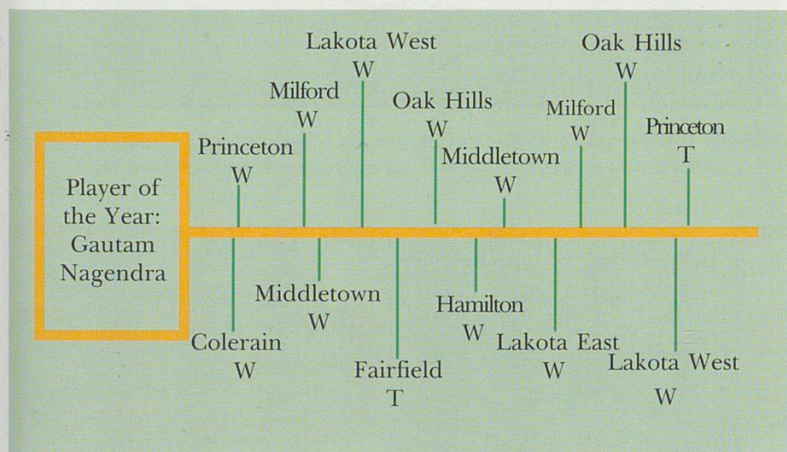
“I was surprised at how nice my opponents were and it was fun meeting new people,” said **Nagendra**.

“I WISH I WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE CHESS TEAM SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR, INSTEAD OF STARTING MY SENIOR YEAR.”

-ANTHONY SEMONES, 12.

CHESS

Final Record:15-0-2



Christopher Yen, 11, focuses on the sport he loves. “I love chess. Everything about this sport is fantastic, from the comradie to the competition,” said **Yen**. His endurance and adamant determination often benefitted the team.

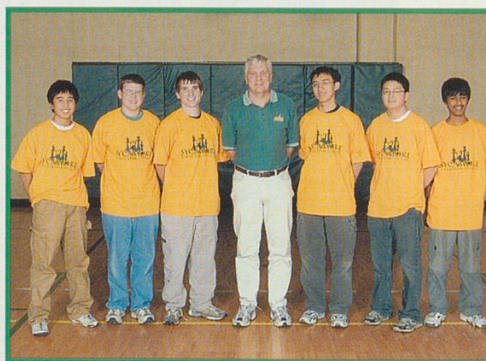
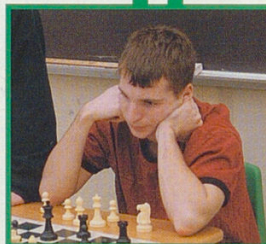
PROFILE

PLAYER'S



“As a senior, I was required to really step it up this year and lead the men to victory.”
-**Anthony Semones, 12**

“Even though I was a freshman, the whole team was very accepting of me.”
-**Gautam Nagendra, 9**



Row 1: Chester Chen, 11, Ryan Cummins, 12, Anthony Semones, 12, Coach Keith Brackenridge, Billy Tang, 11, Christopher Yen, 11, and Gautam Nagendra, 9. **Not Pictured:** Michael Kim, 12, Jason Rissover, 9, and Daniel Tang, 9.