

US Open in Indianapolis!

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Kyle Shin and Evan Sandberg
chow down between rounds.

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The **110th US Open** attracted about **450 chess players to Indianapolis**, including 10 Grandmasters and 13 International Masters. A number of high profile players came to compete for **five qualifying spots** available for next year's US Championship. The three different schedules (9-day, 6-day and 4-day) merged tonight, leaving four players at the top with 6.0 out of 7: Grandmasters **Sergey Kudrin**, **Alex Yermolinsky**, **Alexandra Kosteniuk** and **Alex Lenderman**, International Masters **Michael Mulyar** and **Ron Burnett** plus rapidly improving teenager **Jonathan Hilton**. One additional celebrity in attendance is the **2009 US Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura**, who hosted a simul today. The festival wraps up with rounds 8 and 9 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Unfortunately, only nine Bay Area players made the trip East this year, plus one or two more will attend the political meetings this weekend. Here is the local scorecard:

(final results in red; click here for [rating report](#))

- GM **Jesse Kraai** (2552) = 5.5/7 = **7.5/9 tied for 1st and qualified for US Champ**
- IM **Emory Tate** (2372) = 5.5/7 = **6.5/9**
- NM **Paul Gallegos** (2211) = 4.5/7 = **6.5/9**
- **Evan Sandberg** (2131) = 4.0/7 = **5.5/9**
- **Kyle Shin** (1997) = 3.5/7 = **5.5/9**
- WIM **Ruth Haring** (1885) = 4.0/7 = **5.0/9**
- Tony Pabon (1800) = 2.5/7 = **4.5/9**
- Theo Biyiasas (1706) = 3.5/7 = **4.5/9**
- Mike Goodall (1800) = 3.0/7 = **3.5/9**