

# Yian Liou Shares U.S. Cadet Title

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In round five of the 2010 Cadet Championship in Crossville, TN, the two leaders at the time and the eventual winners faced off. Michael Yang (right), from Minnesota, almost took over the top spot as he battled Yian Liou (left), from California. Yang, up two pawns, accidentally repeated the position three times, thinking it was just

twice, in an attempt to gain 30 seconds on his clock (an earlier version of this article omitted this fact.) Liou successfully claimed three-fold perpetual.



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**White:** Yang, Michael

**Black:** Liou, Yian

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.O-O Nbd7 5.d3 e5 6.Nbd2 c6 7.a4 Bc5 8.a5 O-O 9.c3 Qe7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Rfd8 12.Qc2 Nf8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Kh2 Qc7 15.b4 Be7 16.Nc4 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 b5 18.Ne3 c5 19.bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qb3 Rab8 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Qd6 23.Be4 Nd7 24.Bg2 f5 25.Bg5 Re8 26.Rad1 h6 27.Bc1 a6 28.c4 b4 29.Bd2 Rb7 30.Rb1 e4 31.Qa4 Rc8 32.Bf4 Ne5 33.Qa2 g5 34.Bxe5 Qxe5 35.d6 Rd7 36.f4 gxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxd6 38.Qe2 Bd4 39.Rxe4 fxe4 40.Qg4+ Kh7 41.Bxe4+ Kh8 42.Qxc8+ Kg7 43.Qb7+ Kf8 44.Rf1+ Rf6 45.Qxb4+ Ke8 46.Bc6+ Kf7 47.Bd5+ Ke8 48.Bc6+ Kf7 49.Qb7+ Kf8 50.Qc8+ Kg7 51.Qd7+ Kf8 52.Qc8+ Kg7 53.Qg4+ Kf8 54.Qc8+ 1/2-1/2

## Round 5

Ryan Joseph Moon 0-1 David Adelberg

Aleksandr Ostrovskiy ½-½ Adarsh Jayakumar

Michael Yang ½-½ Yian Liou

Jarod Pamatmat 1-0 Atulya Shetty

Yang and Liou both won their round six games as they inched closer to the title with one round to go.

## Round 6

David Adelberg 0-1 Aleksandr Ostrovskiy

Adarsh Jayakumar 0-1 Michael Yang

Yian Liou 1-0 Jarod Pamatmat

Atulya Shetty ½-½ Ryan Joseph Moon

In round seven, Liou drew against Jayakumar to secure 5/7 and at least at tie for first. Yang caught up with him to tie for first by defeating Adelberg in the following game:

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**Black:** Adelberg, David

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6 10.O-O-O Bb7 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.Bd3 Nfd7 13.f4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ne4 Nc5 16.f5 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Nc3+ 18.bxc3 Bxe4 19.Bg5 Qd5 20.Rhe1 Be5 21.Qf4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 24.Kd3 O-O 25.Qd2 Qb3 26.Be7 Rfe8 27.f6 b4 28.Rxb4 Qd5+ 29.Kc2 Qa2+ 30.Kd1 Qa1+ 31.Ke2 Qa5 32.Kf1 Rb8 33.Kg1 h5 34.Qe3 Rec8 35.Rxb8 Rxb8 36.gxh5 Qxh5 37.Qg3 Qg6 38.Qxg6 fxg6 39.Rxe6 a5 40.Ra6 Kf7 41.Rxa5 gxf6 42.Be5 Ke6 43.Bd4 Rf8 44.Ra6+ Kf5 45.Rxf6+ Rxf6 46.Bxf6 Kxf6 47.Kf2 Ke5 48.Kf3 Kd5 49.Kg4 1-0

Congrats to Yian Liou and Michael Yang! Look for more details on this event on [uschess.org](http://uschess.org) and Chess Life For Kids.

**Final Standings**

1-2- Yian Liou and Michael Yang-5

3-Aleksandr Ostrovskiy-4

4-6- David Adelberg, Atulya Shetty and Ryan Joseph Moon- 3

7-8-Jarod Pamatmat and Adarsh Jayakumar-2.5

*See crosstable and rating changes on the [Cadet MSA page](#). You can play through all the games on [Monroi.com](#).*

*[http://monroi.com/watch/?tnm\\_id=1411](http://monroi.com/watch/?tnm_id=1411).*