

Samuel Sevian Youngest US Master Ever!

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Bay Area youngster Samuel Sevian broke the record for the youngest USCF master ever! He did it in 9 years, 11 months and 11 days, which beats Nicholas Nip's previous record by 11 days. A quad at [the historic Mechanics Institute in San Francisco](#) put Samuel peak rating at 2201. [See Samuel's full USCF tournament history here.](#)

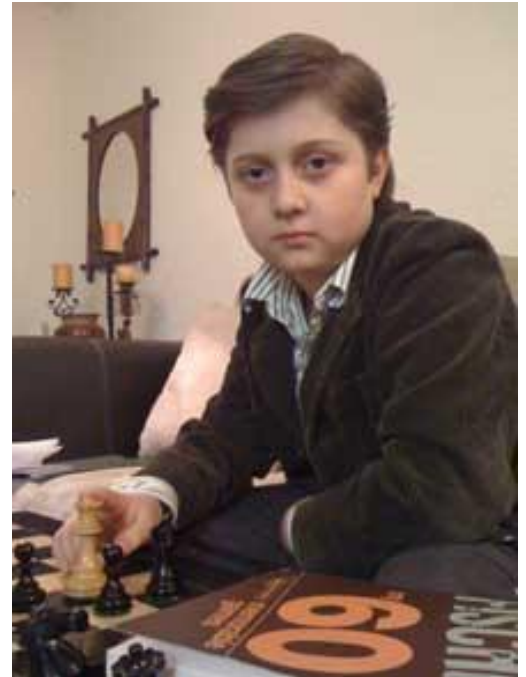
Sevian made a big jump [at a Game/45 at the Mechanics in early December](#), where he beat IM De Guzman with Black on the way to clear first.

Mechanics Institute, 2010

White: De Guzman, Ricardo IM.

Black: Sevian, Samuel

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.O-O e6 6.d3 h6 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Nbd2 O-O 10.Re1 Bh7 11.a3 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rfe8 13.b4 a6 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 e5 17.c5 Bf8 18.Bf1 a5 19.Bd3 axb4 20.axb4 b6 21.Ba3 bxc5 22.bxc5 Qa7 23.Qc3 Rcd8 24.Bb1 Ra8 25.Bb4 Reb8 26.Bd3 Rxb4 27.Qxb4 Bxc5 28.Rxc5 Qxc5 29.Qxc5 Nxc5 30.Bb1 Re8 31.Rc1 Ncxe4 32.Bxe4 Nxe4 33.Rxc6 Nxd2 34.Nxd2 e4 35.Nc4 Bg6 36.Rc7 Re6 37.h3 f5 38.Ne3 Kh7 39.h4 Ra6 40.Nd5 Bh5 41.Rc1 Bf3 42.Ne3 Kg6 43.Kh2 Ra2 44.Kg1 Ra5 45.Kh2 Kh5 46.Kh3 g5 47.hxg5 hxg5 48.g4+ Bxg4+ 49.Nxg4 fxg4+ 50.Kg3 Ra3+ 51.Kg2 g3 52.Rc8 gxf2 53.Rh8+ Kg4 54.Kxf2 Rf3+ 0-1



Samuel's advice for aspiring youngsters is to be critical to your own weaknesses as a chessplayer. He also recommends playing up in section tournaments and solving plenty of studies, compositions and tactics.

Sevian is coached by IM Andranik Matikozyan and also his father, Armen Sevian. [Next on Sevian's agenda is the US Chess School in Los Angeles](#), where he'll also receive instruction from GM Melikset Khachiyan. He plans to participate in several IM norm tournaments in 2011.

Samuel will have much to celebrate on his tenth birthday just a day after Christmas on December 26th, 2010. Congratulations!