

**June 7, 2001**

**SCHAKOWSKY HAILS ETHS CHESS TEAM VICTORY  
IN ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - I wish to congratulate the Evanston Township High School Chess Team for winning its 3rd state championship in four years.[] []**

**This year's state meet was held on March 23-24 and the Wildkits team scored 396.5 out of a possible 475 points.[] Juniors Yahshua Hosch (6-0-1) and Ben Yarnoff earned first-place individuals records, freshman Jusuf Pekovic placed third, sophomores Daniel Summerhays and Mark Aburano-Meister both took fourth place, and senior David Summerhays placed eighth.[] Other members of the championship team include junior Gershon Bialer, senior Aaron Walsman, sophomore Tyler Drendel and freshman Amelia Townsend.[] Science Teacher Ken Lewandowski is the ETHS team coach and he is assisted by ETHS teachers Paul Kash and Sam Sibley (retired).[] []**

**Adding to the success of this season, the ETHS team also placed at the national chess championship in April coming in 8th (just 4 points away from 1st place) at the championship level and first-place at the intermediate level of play.[] Gershon Bialer is the national Champion at the Intermediate level and Yuhshua Hosch placed 16th at the championship level.[] []**

**Once again, I am proud to congratulate the Evanston chess players on their continued success this year.[] I appreciate the Chess team's efforts in maintaining the great tradition of competitive excellence that is associated with the Wildkit name.[] They have made their school, their families, and the city of Evanston proud.**