

My Chess Tournament Story

I went to Tennessee Chess Tournament Super Nationals III. This was my first time to a chess tournament. There were seven rounds. I won four out of seven. I like the round 4th best, because I made a name for it. It is named “the Bishop exercises game”, because my opponent moved bishop back and forth. My opponent did only two attacking moves. He did the rest of moves defending his King. He didn’t move his Knight and Rook. I learned to take a piece when it’s time to take one. I learned he is really interested in moving his Bishop. I learned not to exercise Bishops.

In the first round, I lost the game because my King has no space to escape the checkmate. I learned to pay attention to the board and to give space to my King. I learned to control the center and defend it. I have to be careful to every move I make and never to let my King get trapped.

In the second round, my opponent did not show up. I learn I need to sit still and wait until the judge claimed that I won the game. I also learned that I can not write a silly name in the pink paper.

In the third round, my opponent picked his nose, ate his eraser, kept talking and kept making noise. I can not concentrate. I did not record the game good. I learned I need to ignore him and pay attention to the board.

In the fifth round, I learned to make a combination. I learned to cheer up my opponent when he lost his game.

In the sixth round, I learned to keep attacking my opponent and defending the center when I have it. It’s power.

In the seventh round, I lose because I got sick. My opponent gave me a key ring in the beginning of the game. I know I lost the game because I gave up in the middle of the game when I was sick. I learned I had to keep trying until I can not try anymore even I got sick.

Before we went to the chess tournament, we have uniforms and hats. Matthew is the captain. He is a really good player. He was studying with Mr. Valery on the plane. I was playing my game boy with Alex. Eric let me borrow his clock. Matthew helped me to set up the clock. Mr. Valery taught me to use the clock. When we came back, Eric gave us team medals. The tournament sent my first rating. It is 660. I like my rating. I like chess tournament.