Chess Fest '95 UMBC
Saturday, September 16, 1995

A scholastic chess festival featuring chess instruction by:
International Grandmaster Ilya Smirin (ranked 28th in world),
National Master and UMBC Chess Coach Igor Epshteyn,
Senior Master and 1995 Maryland Champion William Morrison,
and other members of the UMBC Chess Team.

Sponsored by the Chess Project of the Baltimore City Public Schools, the Abell Foundation, and the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Chess Club.

Description

Come to UMBC for a special day to learn and enjoy chess. In the morning, participants will be divided into three groups; each will receive three instructional sessions covering the three major phases of a chess game: opening, middle game, and ending. At midday, participants will enjoy a complimentary box lunch. In the afternoon, there will be a three-round thematic tournament. For each round, all games will begin from a specified practice position drawing upon ideas discussed in the morning sessions. During the thematic tournament, coaches are invited to a Coach's Seminar lead by Igor Epshteyn, former Coach of the National Olympic Reserve School and Junior Chess Team of Belarus. BCPS coaches who attend with their players will receive a $50 stipend.

Schedule

Time	Activity
8:30am	Buses depart Baltimore City College High School
9:00am	Buses arrive UMBC
9:15am	Greetings, *University Center Ballroom*
9:30am	Instructional Session I
10:20am	Instructional Session II
11:10am	Instructional Session III
12:00pm	Lunch (and Tactical Challenge), *Ballroom*
1:00pm	Thematic Tournament, Round I: Opening (Coach's Seminar in UC 310)
2:00pm	Thematic Tournament, Round II: Middle Game
3:00pm	Thematic Tournament, Round III: Ending
4:00pm	Closing remarks
4:15pm	Adjourn
4:30pm	Buses depart UMBC
5:00pm	Buses arrive Baltimore City College High School

Organizer

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Future Chess Events at UMBC

Simultaneous Exhibition by Grandmaster Ilya Smirin: Saturday, February 17, 1996.
UMBC Open (5 round Swiss-system tournament): Saturday–Sunday, March 16–17, 1996.
UMBC Chess Day Camp: Last week of June 1996.

The festival is dedicated to the late Marvin B. Cooper, whose collection of chess books is available to all Maryland residents through the UMBC Albin O. Kuhn Library.