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## SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CHESS TEAM GOING STRONG

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Jan. 13, 2010** – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that its **chess** team finished the fall season with a 10-0 record. Three individual players were undefeated for the season: **P. Amarasinghe '12** (10-0-0), **M. Dahl '12** (7-0-0) and **S. Dichtel '10** (9-0-1).

**Members of the team also won the following Conference Awards:**

*Outstanding players:*

- P. Amarasinghe '12 (top in league)
- S. Dichtel '10
- A. Bute '10 of Inver Grove Heights

*Honorable Mention:*

- M. Dahl '12
- M. Johnson '11 of Eagan

In addition, Amarasinghe won the Minneapolis Open Chess Championship (Dec. 19-20, 2009), ahead of International Master Victor Adler (Minnesota Open Champion), World Chess Federation Master Sean Nagle (Minnesota State Champion), National Master Kevin Wasiluk, and a number of other National Experts. Amarasinghe scored 2.5/3.0 in his games against the three masters. He beat Adler and Wasiluk. He drew his final round against Nagle. Amarasinghe's final score was 4.5/5.0. The three masters tied for the second place with 4.0 points each.

Dahl did well too, scoring 3.5/5.0. He drew his 4th round game against Nagle and lost an almost-drawn game to Adler in the final round.

### **About Saint Thomas Academy**

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit [www.cadets.com](http://www.cadets.com) <<http://www.cadets.com>> .

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