



Vilenchuk wins the 2011 Denker Tournament of High School Champions 17-year-old Michael Vilenchuk of Ohio convincingly won the [Denker tournament of high school champions in Orlando with 5.5/6](#). In addition to the prestigious title, Michael earned himself a scholarship to University of Texas at Dallas, an important incentive to the incoming senior.

Michael told CLO that he felt winning his second game of the event against Nicholas Karas of California was a key moment in the event: "It brings confidence to get off to a good start"

Despite the hectic tournament schedule and ample opportunities for socializing, with the help of his friends Michael said he was able to prepare intensively for each of his final four games. Michael pinpointed four people in particular who "seconded" him: Jonathan Doran, Jake Miller, John Gurczak and Emily Tallo. Congrats to Michael, who wasted no time in celebrating his victory and entered the six-day schedule of the US Open. See [Denker results here](#) and USCF rated results on MSA.