



## Sagicor Open Junior Chess Championships

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### Blackman and Tjong Tjin Joe poised to win Sagicor Open Junior

Justin Blackman of Queens College and Calvin Tjong Tjin Joe of Surinam tighten the grip on the what could be their first Sagicor titles when they respectively won key matches against three time winner Martyn Del Castilho of The Lodge School and Omari Teka of Grenada in round 5 action at the 2008 Sagicor Open Junior Championships currently being played at the National Union of Public Workers' Headquarters in Dalkieth Road.

Blackman, the Number Two seed in the Open Section, maintained his composure against a hard pressing Del Castilho who, having dropped a pawn, gave it his all to try to force a win. Sadly, Del Castilho's efforts failed to avoid the inevitable and Blackman emerged victorious.



*Justin Blackman, Queens College, and Martyn Del Castilho, The Lodge School, at the start of their key Round 5 Match in the 2008 Sagicor Open Junior*

**A draw in round six against Trinidad & Tobago's Under 18 Champion Esan Wiltshire was enough to give Blackman a precious ½ point lead with 5 ½ points going into to the 7<sup>th</sup> and final round.**

**Del Castilho to his credit rebounded in round 6<sup>th</sup> with a fine win over Jamaican Junior Champion Damion Davy, thus keeping in his chances alive 5 points and joint 2<sup>nd</sup> position with Barbados Under 20 Champion Wendell Meusa.**

**Meusa had a good day winning both his matches against UWI's Craig Clermond and Akeem Cox of Combermere. Now in his last year as a junior, he faces Blackman the final round in a must win situation if he is to ever take a Sagicor Title.**

**Esan Wiltshire of Trinidad, James Stewart of Jamaica and Alex Jackman of Lester Vaughn, while tied on 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 ½ points and only ½ point behind Del Castilho and Meusa, stand no chance taking the top spot and must now tussle for, at best, silver or bronze.**

**In the Under 12 Section Calvin Tjong Tjin Joe of Surinam beat his only remaining rival Omari Teka of Grenada in round 5 and drew with Kemp Lynch of Christ Church Boys to lead the section with 5 ½ points going into the final round.**

**Tied for second place on 5 points are Omari Teka of Grenada, Rashaun Holland Christ Church Boys and Damar Austin of St. Judes Primary.**

**Tjong Tjin Joe now only need a draw against Austin in the last round to become the first winner of the Under 12 Section which was introduce this year.**