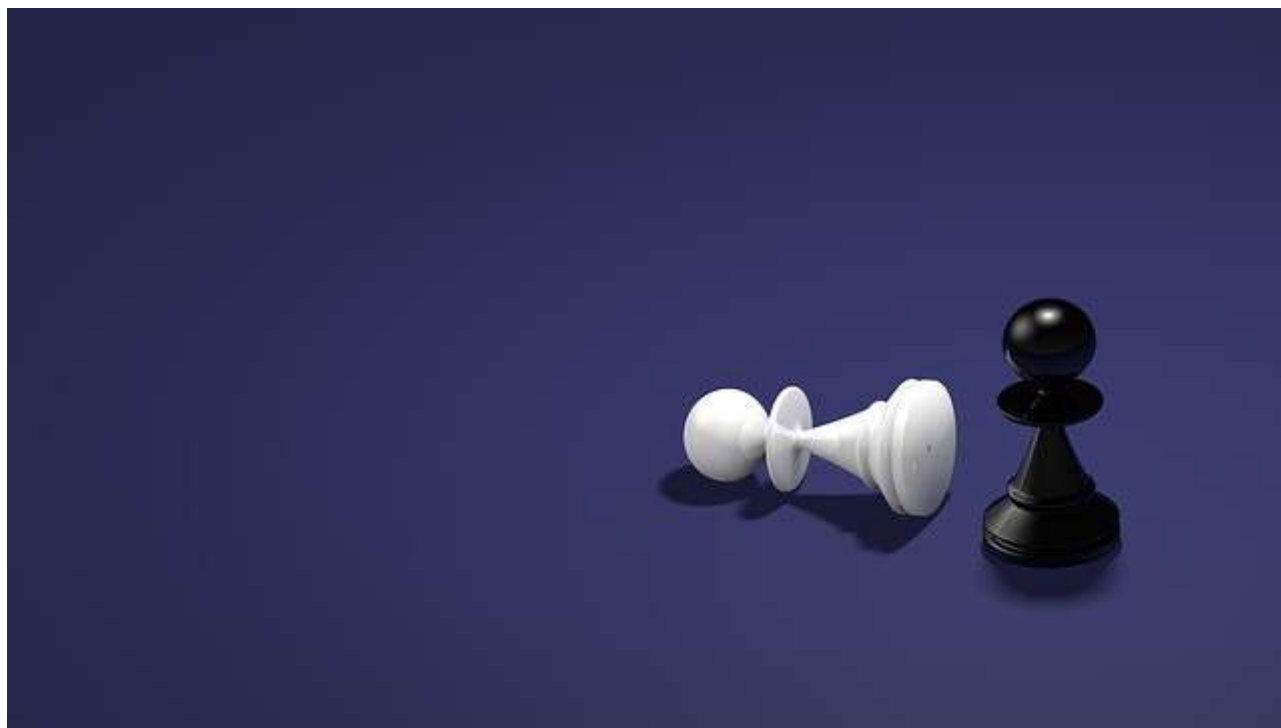


Mind Sports Olympiad Overshadowed By Tragic Death

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The Mind Sports Olympiad which opened in North London on August 23 is likely to see a record entry for recent years, but there is a very sad downside. When I arrived in the morning I was told by organiser Tony Corfe that one of the contestants had been taken ill the previous day, and had now died. Tragic though that was, Michael Uriely was just 9 years old.

A regular at Hendon Chess Club, Michael had already made his mark on the chess scene. In May 2013 he scored 6/6 in the Wembley Megafinal, part of the long-running UK Chess Challenge for juniors. In November last year he scored 4/6 in the 3rd Muswell Hill Rapidplay winning the prize for Best Junior, so was clearly one to watch.



Michael Uriely

The photograph here was taken by FIDE chess organiser Adam Raof, who knew Michael personally, and spoke movingly about him in an obituary on the English Chess Forum.

A full report on the Mind Sports Olympiad will appear here in due course. In the meantime, our condolences go out to Michael's family.

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