

14 year old prefers chess to clarinet

By SUSAN AVERILL

Minoru Togasaki of Farmington Hills. "I spend just about all my free time studying chess theory and strategy," he said. And his mother agreed. "He takes his chessboard everywhere and sometimes sets it up while sitting in the car or at a restaurant," she said. If he isn't taking the chessboard, he is armed with a school traditional—a blue looseleaf notebook. The notebook, however, has nothing to do with school subjects. Instead, Danny tucks

sheets of strategy notes, chess magazines and catalogues and tournament notices. He also carries a book or two on technique and theory.

Any spare minute is an excuse to open the notebook and continue his study.

Danny said he's been playing chess for six or seven years and isn't quite sure what started his interest.

"Some friends taught me how to play it, and I've been playing ever since."

After spending two years in an informal chess club supervised by Richard Curry, a science and sociology teacher at O. E. Daniels Junior High School, he now belongs to five other chess organizations and plays in tournaments and team matches.

The matches sometimes prove a problem, though, because the absence of any one of his three other chess

playing friends at North reduces the number of players below that required for a team.

"Somebody would always not show up," he said.

He has entered several state and local tournaments and placed first in his class at last year's national tournament in Cleveland, Ohio.

While tournaments may be exciting and challenging, they are also expensive, his mother said.

"They cost about \$5-15 to enter, and some of them run for a weekend or longer. That means you have to pay for a hotel room and food," she said.

Pursuit of the game doesn't have to be that expensive. Although Danny owns two timers, four chess boards and six chess sets, he said that local discount stores offer a good tournament set for around \$5.

Familiarity with the game may produce unexpected benefits. Danny found chess helped him in problem solving.

"It helps train the mind and helps you learn how to think things through," he explained.

He will sit quietly for an average of three-and-a-half minutes before making each move, while he mentally explores the consequences of certain plays. It's here that study of opening moves and middle-game theory become useful.

Despite his studying, Danny denies the importance of memorization in playing a good game.

"It's more good understanding. There was a man who memorized book after book on chess and could just reel it off. But when someone used a move that wasn't in the books, he got lost," Danny said.

Psychology can be another important component of a good game, especially when over-confident players underestimate opponents.

While encouraging his interest in chess, Danny's parents insist he maintain his membership in the Boy

Scouts and study the clarinet. Otherwise, he would probably drop all other extracurricular activities for chess, if he had the chance, his mother said.

Asked how he finds time to practice the clarinet, he said with a little smile, "It has to come before chess."

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