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# Roush takes top prize at chess championship

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Experience prevailed as the 2007 West Virginia State Chess Championship came to a conclusion on Labor Day.

The winner was John Roush from Charleston who, after a 10-year intermission, won his seventh state title.

"At 50, this may be my last chance," said the happy winner, who took home a trophy, \$250 in cash, and a special prize donated by local artist and chess aficionado Justin Jenkins.

On the last day of the tournament, Roush had first knocked out Ben Good, of Hinton, who had topped the leader board after four

rounds. This set up a final showdown with tournament organizer Jens Madsen, of Morgantown, who was the only other player at four points. After an eventful game, it was Roush who prevailed.

The Junior Championship title was shared by Caleb Aites, of Fairmont, and Arpan Prabhu, of Morgantown.

The State Championship tournament was played in Morgantown for the first time since 1987. The 2008 State Chess Championship will be hosted by Charleston, while Morgantown will host the annual Action Chess Championship for the first time in 2008.