

## At MIT Open Spring 2012 Rubik's cube Championship:

### Three Canadian records broken by Rockland's Le Club de Cube de L'Escale



On the picture, the 6 members of le Club de Cube de L'Escale at the MIT/Boston competition: Zackary Rochon, Eric Lamarche, Antoine Cantin, Andre Cantin, Louis Cormier, et Gabriel Guay/

This past weekend (February 18 and 19), MIT's world-class Massachusetts Institute of Technology hosted "MIT Open Spring 2012" Rubik's Cube Championship. The best in North America met to see who could solve various types of Rubik-like cubes the fastest. Brendan Valance, the 2009 World's Champion was at that competition.

Le Club de Cube de L'Escale from Rockland was also at that competition! 6 members making the trip to Boston were accompanied by 4 other Rockland "cubers", and 2 other people.

Members of the Club de Cube de L'Escale were noticed, as they broke three Canadian records: Antoine Cantin bettered his own Master Magic "single" (2.00 seconds); he also broke the "average" record (2.71 seconds) in the same event. On the other hand, Louis Cormier broke the Canadian record for a 2x2x2 solve (1.43 seconds).

Louis Cormier won 8 top-3 finishes (two second places, and 6 thirds); Antoine Cantin finished first in Master Magic and third in Magic. Micaël Boulet, from Sherbrooke, Québec, beat his own Canadian record in solving 11 out of twelve cubes... blindfolded!

Canadians finished in the top-3 in 12 out of the 18 events held at the competition.

At the other end of the spectrum, it is also a Rockland attendee that finished last in the 3x3x3 resolution: Claude Cantin managed to reach an average time of 2 minutes 8.92 seconds for his 5 solves; his goal was to participate, not win!

Full results of the competition are available on the World Cube Association web site, at

<http://worldcubeassociation.org/results/c.php?allResults=All+Results&competitionId=MITSpring2012>.

Some members of the Club de Cube de L'Escale will be at the Canadian Museum of Sciences of Technology, during March break, on March 14 through to 16. They will be available to discuss how the cube can be solved; they will also hold demonstrations.

On May 19, 2012, le Club will be hosting NCR 2012, their own official WCA-sanctioned competition, at Rocklands Optimist Performance Hall. The multi-blind Canadian Champion has confirmed he will be at the competition.

Le Club would like to thank the Ontario Ministry of Education (via its "exprime-toi program"), Myers Orleans and the Caisse populaire Trillium for their generous sponsorship for the 2012 season. It would also like to thank Dr Danielle Frigault (optometrist) for her donation to the Club.

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On the picture of all Rockland competitors: Chantal Cormier, Alain Cormier, Julie Cormier, Claude Cantin. Eric Lamarche, Zachary Rochon (assis), Antoine Cantin, Andre Cantin, Louis Cormier, et Gabriel Guay.