

World Rubik's Cube Championship 2013:



## Rockland cuber wins two podiums.

Fact: according to the “sum of all ranks”, Louis Cormier and Antoine Cantin are the top 2 ranked Canadians. The “sum of all ranks” is the total sum of your rank in the World Cube Association's 17 official events. Looking at the “average” of your times in each of the events, Louis Cormier is number 1, and Antoine Cantin is number 2. But looking at the best times in each of your events, Antoine Cantin is number 1 and Louis Cormier is number 2.

It is therefore not surprising that each of them has both Canadian and North American Records.

That is why they were expected to do well at the World Rubik's Cube Championship held in Las Vegas this past July 26-28, a competition held every other year, at a different location each time. The competition includes all 17 events of the World Cube Association, of which the 3x3x3 solve is the main event. Louis Cormier's best events are the “megaminx” and solving with his feet (he holds the North American record in both). Antoine Cantin's strongest event is the 3x3x3 one-handed (he holds the North American record in that event).

They did not disappoint. Especially Louis Cormier, who was firing on all cylinders all weekend, improving on many of his personal times. He ended up with 2 podiums: second in the megaminx event, and third in the feet event.

He also made it to the finals for the 4x4x4, pyraminx, 6x6x6, 7x7x7.



*Antoine Cantin, during his attempt to solve 10 cubes blindfolded. He got 6 out of 10.*

Antoine Cantin, on the other hand, made it to the finals in both the 3x3x3 one-handed, and in the 2x2x2. He finished 4<sup>th</sup>, just behind Louis, in solving the 3x3x3 with his feet.

For Louis and Antoine, as well as André Cantin, it was a chance to mingle with celebrities like Simon Weslund of Sweden, winner of “Swedens got Talent 2011”, Mats Valk from the Netherlands, current World record holder (3x3x3 single; 5.55 seconds), Feliks Zemdegs from Australia, current 3x3x3 world record holder (3x3x3 average; 7.53 seconds), as well as many other National Champions.

Who ended up winning the biggest event of the competition? It was Feliks Zemdegs

with an average time of 8.18 seconds. Second place was Mats Valk, at 8.65 seconds.

Other interesting facts on our local cubers and the competition:

- There were close to 600 participants in the competition – the largest Rubik's Cube competition ever.
- 37 countries were represented.
- There were two stages where cubers would solve their cubes: the main one with 24 places and a “side stage” with 16 places.
- Antoine registered in all 17 events, but due to scheduling conflicts and time restrictions, participated in 16 of them.
- Louis was the best Canadian in the 5x5x5, 3x3x3 with feet, megaminx, 4x4x4, 6x6x6 (Canadian Record) and the 7x7x7 (Canadian Record)
- Antoine was the best Canadian in the 3x3x3 one-handed, 2x2x2, fewest moves and 3x3x3 blindfolded events. Had he achieved the same times as in his last two competitions, he would have won the 3x3x3 one-handed event!
- Antoine got the fastest 3x3x3 solve by a Canadian at the competition: 7.80 seconds
- In multiblind, Louis solved all of his 5 cubes; Antoine solved 6 cubes out of 10.
- There were actually six Rockland participants: in addition to Antoine and Louis, Louis' father Alain, and his mother Louise participated. Antoine's brother, André, and their father, Claude, also took part of the competition.
- The day prior to the competition, the temperature soared to 49C in the Valley of Fire, an hour from Las Vegas.



*Rockland participants: Claude, André, and Antoine Cantin; Louis, Louise, and Alain Cormier.*

Detailed results of the competition may be found at <http://worldcubeassociation.org/results/c.php?&competitionId=WC2013>.

Many of Louis and Antoine's solves may be found on Youtube, at <http://www.youtube.com/user/louiscormier12/videos> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/antoinecantin/videos> respectively.