

Sankarsh Shelke makes history – scores all wins in the 9th MJ’s Trophy Rapid Chess Championship:

Surprising almost everyone, Sankarsh Shelke – Former winner of “Mayor’s Trophy Tournament in Mumbai” won the 9th edition of MJ’s Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship. He was in such a devastating form that the gap of 2 points between him and 2nd prize winner is noteworthy. Sankarsh, won all the 8 games – defeating Sriram Sarja, Aakanksha Hagawane and Jay Kumar Desai.

There was a big tie for the 2nd prize between 4 players and amongst them Vaibhav Barhate - who recently won the Rapid event last Sunday finished Runner Up.

Marathe Jewellers are the sponsors for this 3rd series of 52 “Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championships” which began on 2nd November 2015.

Top five prizes are as follows

1. Sankarsh Shelke – 8 points
2. Vaibhav Barhate – 6 points / 33.5 Buch
3. Nikhil Dixit – 6 points / 32.5 Buch
4. Gaurav Zagade – 6 points / 32 Buch
5. Sriram Sarja – 6 points / 31.5 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Shreyas Purkar

Silver Medal – Neerav Killedar

Bronze Medal – Prathamesh Kashid

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Amit Dhumal

Silver Medal – Rahul Moghe

Bronze Medal – Shravani Halkude

Under 14 Age group:

Gold Medal – Saurabh Mhamane

Silver Medal – Keval Nirgun

Bronze Medal – Ashwat Jain

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Mithilesh Pandit

Silver Medal – Nameet Chavan

Bronze Medal – Tejas Joshi

Best Woman category – Aakanksha Hagawane

Best Veteran category – Raghubar Tyagi

Few important results of last round

1. Jay Kumar Desai (6) lost to Sankarsh Shelke (8)
2. Pratik Mulay (6) drew with Nikhil Dixit (6)
3. Aakanksha Hagawane (6) drew with Vaibhav Barhate (6)
4. Sriram Sarja (6) won against Tejas Joshi (5)
5. Sameer Ghela (5) lost to Jitendra Patil (6)
6. Gaurav Zagade (6) won against Raghubar Tyagi (5)
7. Shekhar Sirsat (5.5) won against Omkar Shelke (4.5)
8. Keval Nirgun (4.5) lost to Mayur Moghe (5.5)
9. Nameet Chavan (5.5) won against Pratham Darwatkar (4.5)
10. Ashwat Jain (4.5) lost to Amol Dhamale (5.5)

Description of photos:



Last round game – Sankarsh against Jay Kumar Desai.



Sankarsh – assured of his championship played his last game with same vigour and won against Jay Kumar Desai.



International Master Abhimanyu presenting 1st prize and trophy to Sankarsh.



Group photo of all prize winners with Chief Guest International Master Abhimanyu Puranik



Sankarsh with the trophy!

Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Master Abhimanyu Puranik.

The 10th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 29th May – after a gap of next Sunday, at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.