

Srinath Rao wins 4th edition of MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Championship!

In a closely contested tournament of very strong players, Srinath Rao emerged as the deserving champion. Harshit Raja, who has recently won an International Master's norm tied with him for the 1st place but was placed 2nd on tie-break score. Harshit was the Runner up in 3rd edition as well!

Nikhil Dixit, who helped his Team win the Gold Medal in the recently concluded "National Schools Championship" was 3rd.

This is the 3rd series of "Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship", sponsored by "Marathe Jewellers".

Top five prizes are as follows:

1. Srinath Rao – 6 points / 25.5 Buch
2. Harshit Raja – 6 points / 22.5 Buch
3. Nikhil Dixit – 5.5 points
4. Sriram Sarja – 5 points / 23.5 Buch
5. Satyam Warude – 5 points / 21.5 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Ginwala Mustafa

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Amogh Kunte

Silver Medal – Ishan Somaiyya

Bronze Medal – Aditi Vaval

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Ojas Karnavat

Silver Medal – Kashish Jain

Bronze Medal – Riya Marathe

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Aditya Deshpande

Silver Medal – Dhaivat Apte

Bronze Medal – Gaurav Durafe

Under 16 Age group:

Gold Medal – Heramb Bhagwat

Silver Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Best Woman category – Parnavi Rane

Best Veteran category – Ravi Behere

Few important results of last round:

1. Srinath Rao (6) drew with Nikhil Dixit (5.5)
2. Sriram Sarja (5) lost to Harshit Raja (6)
3. Fawaz Mohammed (5) won against Kashish Jain (4)
4. K. Srinath (5) won against Heramb Bhagwat (4)
5. Vedant Pimpalkhare (5) won against Omkar Deshpande (4)
6. Satyam Warude (5) won against Pavan Kulkarni (4)
7. Parnavi Rane (4) lost to John Nicolas (5)
8. Anjaneya Phatak (3) lost to Avinash Singh (4.5)
9. Ojas Karnavat (4.5) won against Krunal Tekam (3)
10. Sunil Vaidya (4) won against Sudhir Vanarase (3)

Description of photos:



Last round game – Srinath Rao against Nikhil Dixit



Srinath Rao - couldn't overcome Nikhil's fortress and had to settle for a draw!



Group photo of all prize winners with Rajendra Shidore



Srinath Rao with the championship trophy

Prize distribution was done at the hands of Shri. Rajendra Shidore, International Arbitrator.

International player and National Sub Junior Champion Aakanksha Hagawane did the compereing for the entire function.

The 5th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 31st January after a gap of next Sunday at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.