

Sriram Sarja is the MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Champion – 7th edition

There was an overwhelming response for the 7th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship held yesterday at Mangalwadi Commercial Complex, as the tournament was held after 2 months gap. In a very strong field consisting 45 rated players, many former winners of this event like Atharva Godbole, Nikhil Dixit, National Sub Junior Champion Aakanksha participated.

However, the championship was won by Shriram Sarja quite convincingly. He scored 7 points out of 8 games conceding two draws. His win over Aakanksha in the 6th round was quite impressive and crucial.

There was a four way tie for the 2nd prize, just half a point behind Sriram which elaborates the strength of the tournament.

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. Sriram Sarja – 7 points
2. Nikhil Dixit – 6.5 points / 32.5 Buch
3. Atharva Godbole – 6.5 points / 31 Buch
4. Vikas Sharma – 6.5 points / 30 Buch
5. Pratik Mulay – 6.5 points / 29 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Anshul Baswant

Silver Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Bronze Medal – Shrihari Kulkarni

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Nirav Killedar

Silver Medal – Shravani Mhetre

Bronze Medal – Aditi Vaval / Chaitanya Joglekar

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aryan Shah

Silver Medal – Ojas Karnavat

Bronze Medal – Digambar Jail

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal – Yash Watarkar

Bronze Medal – Aditya Deshpande

Under 16 Age group:

Gold Medal – Tejas Joshi

Silver Medal – Samyak Karnavat

Bronze Medal – Nameet Chavan

Best Woman category – Aakanksha Hagawane

Best Veteran category – Ravi Behere

Few important results of last round:

1. Atharva Godbole (6.5) drew with Sriram Sarja (7)
2. Vikas Sharma (6.5) won against Aryan Shah (6)
3. Rohan Joshi (5.5) lost to Nikhil Dixit (6.5)
4. Aakanksha Hagawane (5) lost to Pratik Mulay (6.5)
5. Aditya Deshpande (5) lost to Yogesh Mahamuni (6)
6. Saurabh Bhangre (5.5) drew with Yash Watarkar (5.5)

7. Soham Datar (5.5) won against Gaurav Hagawane (5)
8. Sunil Vaidya (4.5) lost to Gaurav Zagade (5.5)
9. Ajay Pancharia (5.5) won against Jay Kumar Desai (4.5)
10. Nameet Chavan (4.5) lost to Tejas Joshi (5.5)

Description of photos:



Last round game – Atharva Godbole against Sriram – Atharva allowed Sriram slip off the hook!.



Group photo of all prize winners with Chief Guest – Mr. Sanjeev Humnabadkar – Secretary Mangalwadi Coop Society and International Medal winner in Para Gliding



Sriram Sarja with the Championship trophy!

Prize distribution was done at the hands Mr. Sanjeev Humnabadkar – Secretary Mangalwadi Coop Society and International Medal winner in Para Gliding.

The 8th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on next Sunday 01st May , at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.