

Shantanu Bhambure wins the 26th MJ's Trophy for the 1st time!

The player in form – Shantanu Bhambure who had recently won the strong Rapid 2 weeks ago won the 26th edition of the MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship.

Shantanu raced to an unaccessible lead of full point by winning 7 games in a row and then settled for a draw in the last round to lift his maiden title here. Atharva Godbole, back from his International tournaments won the Runner's Up trophy with good play, he scored 7 points.

World Under 16 Girls Champion, Aakanksha was quite off color and finished 3rd. Aakanksha lost to unfancied Gaurav Das and also was held to a draw by 11 year old Shivraj Pingale.

The tournament was held in 8 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore, assisted by Senior National Arbiter Amit Sohany.

Marathe Jewellers are the sponsors for this 3rd series of 52 "Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championships" which began on 22nd November 2015.

Top five prizes are as follows

1. Shantanu Bhambure – 7.5 points
2. Atharva Godbole – 7 points
3. Aakanksha Hagawane – 6.5 points / 6 wins
4. Gaurav Zagade – 6.5 point / 5 wins
5. Mayur Patil – 6 points

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aryan Singla

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Om Sarode

Silver Medal – Aryan Shinde

Bronze Medal – Ayushi Mittal

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aditya Samant

Silver Medal – Aditi Vaval

Bronze Medal – Shivraj Pingale

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Keval Nirgun

Silver Medal – Dhaivat Apte

Bronze Medal – Om Lamkane

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Pratham Darwatkar

Silver Medal – Vishwajit Mohite

Bronze Medal – Chaitanya Kulkarni

Best Woman category – Gayatri Shitole

Best Veteran category – Laxman Khude

Few important results of last round

1. Gaurav Zagade (6.5) drew with Shantanu Bhambure (7.5)
2. Mayur Patil (6) lost to Atharva Godbole (7)
3. Aakanksha Hagawane (6.5) won against Vivek Chavan (5)
4. Keval Nirgun (5.5) drew with Aditya Samant (5.5)
5. Laxman Khude (5.5) drew with Gayatri Shitole (5.5)
6. Aradhya Gupte (5) lost to Gaurav Das (6)
7. Yogesh Mahamuni (5) lost to Varun Deshmukh (6)
8. Pawan Kulkarni (5.5) won against Dhananjay Nagargoje (4.5)
9. Vedant Ahirrao (5) drew with Harshad Hagawane (5)
10. Parikshit Vemulkar (4.5) lost to Dhaivat Apte (5.5)

Description of photos:



Group photo of all prize winners Mrs. Neena Marathe – the Sponsors of the entire event and Shri. Sanjay Kedge – Former Secretary of Maharashtra Chess Association.



Last round game between Shantanu and Gaurav Zagade.



Shantanu with the winner's trophy!

Prize distribution was done at the hands of Mrs. Neena Marathe – the sponsors of the entire event.

The 27th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 15th January – next Sunday at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.