

Aakanksha Hagawane registers 2nd tournament victory for consecutive 2nd week in the 11th MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Championship

It was a “hat-trick” performance for Aakanksha – she had won the last week’s MJ’s Trophy, then yesterday she won another Rapid event at Sangvi and made three in a row by winning 11th MJ’s Trophy yesterday! With Maharashtra Chess League, just a week after, her performances must have sent a chill down the spine of her opposing teams for sure!

Like last Sunday, Aakanksha was close enough to a white wash and well poised to score all 8 wins from as many rounds but Pavan’s crafty Knight move saved the game and also enabled him to snatch half a point from Aakanksha. Atharva Godbole was consistent and once again won the Runner’s Up trophy for the consecutive 2nd week.

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. Aakanksha Hagawane – 7.5 points
2. Atharva Godbole – 6.5 points / 31.5 Buch
3. Abhishek Varma – 6.5 points / 31 Buch
4. Shantanu Bhambure – 6 points / 30.5 Buch
5. Ketan Khaire – 6 points / 29.5 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Advait Patil

Silver Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Bronze Medal – Mrudul Kambale

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aditya Prabhu

Silver Medal – Shreyas Purkar

Bronze Medal – Prathamesh Kashid

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Kashish Jain

Silver Medal – Digambar Jail

Bronze Medal – Manas Pandit

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Vedang Gosavi

Silver Medal – Keval Nirgun

Bronze Medal – Aditya Deshpande

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Vedant Ahirrao

Silver Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Bronze Medal – Hrishikesh Gokhale

Best Woman category – Aditi Kayal

Best Veteran category – Prakash Karmarkar

Few important results of last round

1. Aakanksha Hagawane (7.5) drew with Pavan Katkade (6)
2. Ketan Khaire (6) drew with Atharva Godbole (6.5)
3. Anjaneya Phatak (5.5) lost to Abhishek Varma (6.5)
4. Harshad Hagawane (5) lost to Shantanu Bhambure (6)
5. Vedant Pimpalkhare (5.5) drew with Manas Pandit (5.5)
6. Kashish Jain (5.5) won against Vaibhav Barhate (5)
7. Vedant Ahirrao (5.5) won against Aditya Deshpande (4.5)
8. Deven Joshi (5.5) won against Heramb Bhagwat (4.5)
9. Kulwantsinh Nimbalkar (4.5) lost to Digambar Jail (5.5)
10. Prakash Karmarkar (4) lost to Hrishikesh Gokhale (5)

Description of photos:



Last round game – Aakanksha against Pavan Katkade.



Group photo of all prize winners with Chief Guest International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore.



Aakanksha with the trophy

Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore.

The 12th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 19th June – after a gap of next Sunday, at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.