



Nisha Mohota (facing page) won the National junior chess championship for girls. She finished ahead of M. R. Sangeetha (above) on better progressive score.

These days she looks smarter, with a new hair-cut and more suavely dressed than before. But it was miserable, the way she played at Thalassery.

She lost to Manasi Dadarkar, Chitra Sreedhar and Arthie Ramaswamy, escaped with a draw against Sangeetha and allowed Pallavi to get away with a draw. "After that loss to Manasi in the sixth round, I just lost interest," she tried to reason. And when she saw the resplendent champion's trophy, on display on the final day, she said wistfully, "They should have shown us the trophy earlier. How beautiful! I would have tried to win it."

Pallavi was also impressed by the trophy. "Whenever I am not winning, they are giving wonderful trophies, and when I win I get pretty ordinary ones. For winning a National championship I once got a picture as the prize," she said.

That much-coveted trophy was pocketed by Nisha a few moments after the final round got under way. Chitra Sreedhar accepted her offer of

draw after 10 moves. "I feel relieved that I am able to win again after these four barren years," she said. This was the fourth National title for the 18-year-old collegian from Calcutta, who became India's youngest IWM.

Nisha was not the first girl to take the sole lead. Neha was. The 18-year-old Jamshedpur girl emerged as the leader after shocking Pallavi in the fifth round. She met Nisha in the sixth round and lost. Nisha thus was in the lead (joint) for the first time.

Neha, whose results hardly do justice to her talent, was one of the most impressive girls of the championship. She can play good, attacking chess, but lack of exposure is her main problem.

Nisha took the sole lead at the end of the seventh round and did not let it go thereafter. She played solid chess to remain one of the two unbeaten players, Sangeetha being the other. But she was lucky too. J. E. Kavitha (Tamil Nadu), Sasinas Haritha (Kerala) and Arthie Ramaswamy were very generous to Nisha, gifting her full points.

Sangeetha had no such luck. She finally came out of her younger brother M. R. Venkatesh's shadow with a splendid display that almost fetched her the title. She finished a remarkable year for her on a most gratifying note. She had won the under-18, junior and senior championships in Tamil Nadu in 1998. If she could improve her end-game - she messed up her chances of the title with poor end-games with Swati and Haritha - she would become an even better player.

Manasi Dadarkar of Maharashtra, Pazha Sivakami of T.Nagar Chess Academy, Chennai, and the 11-year-old Eesha Karvade (Maharashtra) were the others to catch the eye.

Final placings:

1-2. Nisha Mohota (Ben) and M. R. Sangeetha (T.N.) 7.5; 3-4. Neha Singh (Bih) and Pazha Sivakami (T.Nagar Academy, Chennai) 6.5; 5-9. Manasi Dadarkar (Mah), Pallavi Shah (Mah), Arthie Ramaswamy (T.N.), Chitra Sreedhar (Kar) and J. E. Kavitha (T.N.) 6; 10-14. Sasinas Haritha (Ker), Shradha Samani (Mah), Pannaga Magal (Mah), S. Cynthia (T.N.) and Eesha Karvade (Mah) 5.5. - P. K. Ajith Kumar



M. R. Sangeetha (above, right) and Koneru Chandra Hawsa (below, right) also scored seven points each but finished second and third respectively, on progressive scores. — Pics. RAMESH KURUP

body else played with more confidence. And nobody else played on the top board as often as she did.

Sangeetha, who finished runner-up, did look better at one stage in that final round encounter against Hawsa, who was placed third in the end. But she could not quite convert her advantage to a decisive edge.

Sangeetha had reasons to believe that she was a bit unlucky. She was in fact the sole leader after

the sixth round, with 5.5 points. She could anyway take heart from the fact she was only one of the three women who had confirmed their 'A' berths with a round to spare (Hawsa was the third one). The three had scored seven points each, and progressive scores were applied to break the tie.

Bhagyashree (2237 Elo points), who was seeded third behind Swati Ghate (2280) and Tania (2245), opened her campaign with an easy

victory against Anila Shah from Ahmedabad, whose daughter Arpi — on a temporary break from chess, following the birth of her child — is comparatively a better player. Bhagyashree was never really stretched in any of her games, as she scored fluent victories against Madhuri Patil, N. Vinuthana, M. Priyadarshini and M. Safira Shanaz, the unfortunate Tamil Nadu girl who's still without a job despite an engineering degree and





Nisha Mohota makes a point to her opponent M. R. Sangeetha during their match. Nisha, who tied with Harika (facing page) on 10 points, finished third on tie-break score. — PICS. RAMESH KURUP

to have won nine consecutive rounds (he did that in a National junior meet).

Humpy made it 11/11 when she beat Anupama Gokhale of Bharat Petroleum, who, like many of the Andhra girl's opponents, got into an inferior position in the opening itself. In the 12th round, Humpy came face to face with the Guntur girl Dronavalli Harika, undoubtedly the fastest improving player in Indian women's chess and an ardent admirer of her more famous opponent. This was only their second meeting. The first one was also at Kozhikode, at the Asian women's championship in August, in which too Humpy was the champion. Harika held Humpy to a draw, a result which helped her win the silver.

She did it here again, bringing to an end Humpy's incredible run. Humpy had a chance to press for a win a minor piece ending. That draw, not surprisingly, rankled her for the rest of the tournament. "I should've won that game," she said, even after the event was over.

However, like a true champion, she didn't allow that result to upset her and promptly regained her touch. In the 13th

round, she beat Aarthie, the defending champion from Chennai, who probably had the worst tournament of her career, and in the 14th she beat M. R. Sangeetha, another Chennai girl, who had a disappointing tournament. But the lowly-rated Sangeetha did succeed in giving Humpy a problem or two, something many of the higher-rated players couldn't. "It was my only win that I didn't like in the whole tournament," said Humpy.

She rather liked her next two victories though, against Nisha and Kruttika. She had ensured the title with her 16th round win against Kruttika, as she had a lead of 1.5 points over her closest rival Viji.

The gritty Viji, who finished with 14.5 points, had indeed given everything she had, once again. But there wasn't much she could do to stop Humpy, who was on the rampage. Her best chance was to meet the leader herself and try to beat her. But the draw meant that the two would meet only in the final round, by which of course the title was decided.

Viji herself had a long winning streak, but that was, not surprisingly, overshadowed by Humpy. After the two draws on the opening day, she

won her next nine games on the trot. She may not have played flawless chess in each of those games, but her fighting qualities were very much evident, though she was troubled in the early stages by fever.

The Indian Airlines star was brought to the ground by Nisha in the 12th round. She could've easily drawn that game, but she decided to stretch herself and paid the penalty. "I wanted to win that game, and I could've," she said, "but I made a mistake."

It proved a costly mistake, especially for her sister. Meenakshi's chances to join her older sister for a second straight Olympiad would've been better if Viji had won that game, or even drawn it (for she was fighting for a place in the top four with Nisha). Interestingly, in the last edition of the tournament, Meenakshi had squandered her winning chances and had to draw the final round game with Aarthie, which forced Viji to abdicate her crown, for the first time in six years.

To be fair to Viji, Meenakshi still had her chances after that game. Her penultimate round encounter with Nisha had now virtually become a



M. R. Sangeetha receiving the women's trophy from Mr. & Mrs. V. Anand.

tie with Kasturi. Like Gunasekaran in the men's section, Sangeetha had a better tie-break score to emerge champion for the fourth time. Sangeetha won eight games, lost to international Safira Shanaz of Virudhunagar district and drew against Kasturi and Nilavoli.

All the IM's were provided with good accommodation in Pollachi but Konguvel opted to stay in the hostel with the other players as he has nostalgic memories of having stayed in that hostel while playing in age limited state championships long ago.

After many years of absence from tournament chess, IM Murugan, who is an administrator in the Sports Department of NLC, did surprisingly well to finish just half a point behind the top two.

GM-elect G.B. Prakash, who is waiting for his rating to reach 2500 to claim his GM title and IM T.S. Ravi, are glad that this championship was not FIDE-rated. Prakash was seventh and Ravi 16th.

Arun Prasad of Salem who won the National sub-junior championship in Calicut, justifiably finished fourth. With a string of good performances in National championships, he is certain to become a

Master in the next few years. A. Muthuswamy of Coimbatore followed up his second place performance in the previous State championship with an equally good display here, finishing sixth.

Gunasekaran, a sports recruit of ICF, is doing his M.A. by correspondence. This is his second State championship title. At 26, success is coming to him rather late. He is a calm, quiet player not given to extravagance.

M. R. Sangeetha, 22, has just finished her B.Com and is looking for either a job or a sponsor. Unlike Gunasekaran she has won quite a few State championships and represented the country abroad.

The climax of these two State championships was that former World champion V. Anand and his wife Aruna distributed the prizes to the winners at the closing function presided over by the doyen of Indian chess, Dr. N. Mahalingam. Anand said that "he came to this function as he wanted to greet Dr. N. Mahalingam, on his completion of 80 years and for all the great things that he has done for Tamil Nadu and Indian chess." Pollachi was not a new place for Anand, who has participated in an age-lim-

ited TN State championship some years back.

Top final standings:

Women: 1-2. M.R. Sangeetha, M. Kasturi 9; 3. Safira Shanaz (Vnr) 8.5; 4. Y. Prathiba (Kan) 8; 5-10. H. Nilavoli (Che), Saimeera Ravi (IB), Nabeela Farheen (Che), C.V. Rajalakshmi (Kan), H. Sowmya (Ero), K.E.R. Ranjitha (Che) 7; 11-17. L. Iswarya Shobana (Slm), S. Harini (Kan), S. Bharathi (Cud), P.K. Jayashree (Slm), Kiruba H. Arasu (Mdu), Aneeqha Tahseen (Che) 6.5 each. (45 players).

Men: 1-2. K. Gunasekaran, P. Konguvel 9; 3. K. Murugan 8.5; 4-7. S. Arun Prasad (Slm), S. Kidambi, A. Muthuswamy (Cbe), G.B. Prakash 8; 9-20. R. Balasubramanian (Tlr), Deepan Chakravarthy, C. Natarajan (ICF), T.J. Suresh Kumar (ICF), R. Siddharth (Che), Meryston Scanny (Tnv), P. Maheswaran (Vnr), T.S. Ravi, T. Abhay (Slm), S. Venkatasundaram (Kan), S. Anand Kumar (Cbe), M. Vinodh Kumar (Ero) 7.5. (136 players).— Manuel Aaron



Aarthie Ramaswamy (left) is pitted against M. R. Sangeetha. Aarthie, who finished 18th, just about managed to qualify for the World meet. Below: A young fan captures all the action in his camera. — PICS. RAMESH KURUP

straight games to lesser rated opponents.

She was beaten by three Indians, prompting one of them, Saimera Ravi, to comment that she may not want to come to India again. Wang Pin said she was playing after a long lay off. "That was why I played so poorly," she said.

Li Ruofan, the defending champion and the sixth seed, also disappointed. The champion from

Chennai 2001 did manage to qualify, by finishing ninth, but she wasn't happy. "It is nice to qualify, but I'm not at all happy with my performance," she said.

Not surprisingly, there were nine Chinese players in the top 18. Vietnam had three, and all the players the nation fielded made the grade.

Le Kieu Thien Kim had the best placing after Hoang, as she finished

fifth, which was a very good show for someone seeded 15th. Nguyen Thi Thanh Anh was placed 12th (as was her seeding).

The tournament did produce some good chess over nine rainy days. It was a well fought-out affair. And the tournament was well-conducted too. The All India Chess Federation secretary P. T. Ummer Koya once again showed he was a capable organiser. He had also conduct-





Mohota. For the major part of the game Swati was winning, having won her opponent's rook for bishop and pawn. Perhaps Nisha's dour defence unnerved her because in a clearly drawn position after six hours of play, Swati blundered and allowed her opponent to queen a pawn.

The second seed was Koneru Humpy, the World U-10 girls' champion. She won her first three games. Then she drew her next two against M. R. Sangeetha and Nisha. But these were near disasters as she was losing in both and was lucky to draw. Then she lost two games in a row, both to Maharashtra girls, Nivedita Sagade and Ashwini Kulkarni, and her challenge was finished.

International Woman Master and third seed Nisha Mohota of West Bengal drew with Aarthie and Humpy in the fourth and fifth rounds. In the seventh she was outplayed by J. E. Kavitha, a former U-15 girls' champion from Tamil Nadu. This was a big blow to her chances. However, in the last round she was lucky to win a point from Swati Ghatge to finish clear second.

Aarthie's great victory was not unexpected as she had won the Asian sub-junior girls' chess championship last December with a 11/11 score. She was fourth seed here and played all her games like a champion. She was never in danger of defeat. During the second half of the championship the question was: who will finish second to Aarthie? And not who would be first.

Though the Maharashtra girls did not take the top prizes they impressed with their play. Most of them were from Pune and their trainer is IM Arun Vaidya. We may hear more about the 11-year-old twins, Eesha and Rusha Karavade who displayed chess maturity beyond their age.

The National under-18 boys' chess championship which was held concurrently at the Railway Auditorium at Bikaner was entirely different.

ANAND WINS LEON



World Rapid Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand proved playing quickly is his forte when he beat World Champion Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria 2.5-1.5 in the finals at Leon, Spain in June.

Anand, won the second game in a 4-game match and drew the others. Anand could have stretched his opponent in the last game too where he accepted a draw in a better position.

However, he had struggled in the semifinals to defeat Lazaro Bruzon, a former World Junior Champion from Cuba.

It was Anand's sixth overall title and the second in a row at Leon. His first was a match victory over Miguel Illescas of Spain in 1997. He won again in 1999, 2000 and 2001 when it was played in the Advanced Chess format. He returned to win the title in 2005 in rapid chess and now has retained his title.

The event was part of the 19th City of Leon Chess Festival. It is held at the Provincial Headquarters of Leon in the basement auditorium.

Last year, Anand beat prodigy Magnus Carlsen of Norway 3-1 and the then World Champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan 2.5-1.5 for the title.

ASIAN YOUTH AT IRAN



S. Nitin of Salem won the Gold medal and B.Adhiban of Chennai Silver in the U-14 Asian Chess Championship.

ASHWATH NATIONAL SUBJUNIOR CHAMPION

R.Ashwath of Chennai with 8 points won the CMR 32nd National Sub Junior Boys Chess Championship, organized by East Coast Chess Academy from 5th to 13th July at Visakhapatnam. It was a good tournament for us as five of the 10 prize winners were from TN including Nos. 1-2-3



Left to Right: Ashwath's parents, Ashwath and the Principal of S.B.O.A school Mrs.Rajeswari Menon But in the Girls category Andhra got the 1-2-3!

The top ten standings: 1-2. R.Ashwath, B.Adhiban 9.5 each, 3-7. S.Nitin, Swayams Mishra, Shyam Nikhil, Chatterjee Sandipan, V.A.V.Rajesh 8 each, 8-10. Bitan Batterjee, K.Narayanan, Ramnath Bhuvanesh 7.5 each.

Top ten in 23rd National Sub-Junior Girls Championship: 1. P.Laxmi Sahiti 10, 2. I.Ramya Krishna 9, 3. Kanuri Tejaswi 8.5, 4-6. P.Uthra, Padmini Rout, S.Athirai 8 each, 7-8. Mitali Madhukar Patil, Mohana Sengupta 7.5 each, 9-10. Devangi Patankar, Dave Dhyani 7 each

SAI MEERA WINS NATIONAL WOMEN "B"



The 11 TN qualifiers smile: Standing (l to r): Mahima Rajmohan, R.Preethi, S.Harini, H.Nilavoli, P.Priya, N.Raghavi, P.Sivasankari. Squatting: Sai Meera, S.Sujatha, Pon N Krithika and M.R.Sangeetha

TN took 11 of the 20 qualifying seats in the 33rd National Women "B" at Chennai!

The 33rd St Joseph's National B Chess Championship concluded with Indian Bank's Sai Meera Ravi, 29, winning the title with a score of nine points from eleven rounds. The event organized by Mount Chess Academy under the leadership of V.Ravichandran, was held at St. Joseph's College of Engineering near Chennai.

This is Sai Meera's, biggest triumph as she returns to the National A. She is married to IM T.S.Ravi and the mother of a baby girl.

This event is going to be remembered for many things. For the first time twenty (previously ten) players qualified from the "B" to the "A" as the Women's A is going to be a 30-player Swiss this time. Belong to the sponsoring college: H.Nilavoli and P.Sivasankari.

In the closing ceremony WGM Aarthie Ramaswamy distributed the prizes in the presence of Dr Babu Manoharan, Director, St.Joseph's College of Engineering. Speaking at the ceremony, AICF Secretary D.V.Sundar suggested to the hosts to organize the coming National "A" too.

List of qualifiers: 1 Sai Meera (BSB) 9/11, 2 R.Mahima (TN) 8.5, 3 Baisakhi Das (Jha) 8, 4-13. R.Preethi (TN), Nimmy A.G. (Ker), P.Priya (TN), Padmini Rout (Ori), Pon N.Krithika (TN), Sahali Nath (Ben), M.R.Sangeetha (TN), Bhakti Kulkarni (Goa), S.Harini (TN), Kiran

Rtn. PHF G.SUN

Rtn.PHF.G. Sundararajan, 65, is the backbone of most sports bodies in Dindigul. Apart from being the President of the Dindigul District Chess Association he also heads 16 other bodies like Basketball, Volleyball, Football, the Olympic Association and the Dindigul Tamil Sangam. A former Vice President of our Association he is now the Vice President of the Tamil Nadu Football and Handball Associations.

He has been intensely involved in Rotary Club affairs for decades and has served as President of Rotary Club of Dindigul West 3000. Currently he is the Chairman of the Rotary Interact Club.

Happily married to S.Prema he is the father M.Tech) both of whom are married. "GS" as G. grandsons and one grand-daughter.

Mr.G.Sundararajan is the president of Dindigul Chess Association. He is 65, he is able to do justice to all the posts he holds. He is the President of 17 Associations including the District Chess Association.

Apart from Sports, he is the TATA Chemicals Zone and is acknowledged as the No.1 in the serving society in various designations like President, Trustee, Secretary etc, in diverse fields.

He is in the forefront of all chess tournaments and philanthropist.

The Gopalakrishna Naidu Kaveri Ammal Chess Club is exclusively played for the last 15 years. The Sri Gopalakrishna Naidu Kaveri Ammal Chess Club is a chess player can play in this Club. The Sri Gopalakrishna Naidu Kaveri Ammal Chess Club FIDE-Rated Open tournament whose third edition was held from 13 to 18, 2007 is sponsored by him to perpetuate the name of the late Gopalakrishna Naidu Kaveri Ammal.

K.C.G. VERGHESE MEMOR



Kneeling: The boys winner R.Premnath, M. Madura and Girls titles in the K.C.G. Verghease Memor Chess Championship held at the K.C.G College of Technology, Kanchipuram.

Kanchipuram's R.Premnath and Madura and Girls titles in the K.C.G. Verghease Memor Chess Championship held at the K.C.G College of Technology, Kanchipuram.

Both, Premnath and Rajadarshini scored 10 points in the Kanchipuram Tournaments.

GM K.Sasikiran and Thiru G.A.Raj Kumar Government of Tamil Nadu gave away the prizes.

For the first time in the history of the State Chess Championships, prizes were provided to all participants. The event was held from 13 to 18, 2007.



Left to Right: Lion Ashok Kumar Seth, President of Lionis Club of South Madras, Mr. A.D. Ranjan, Publisher Adyar Times, Winner D.P. Singh of Jharkhand, J.C.D. Prabhakar, Vice-President of TNSCA International Master Diwakar Prasad Singh of Jharkhand emerged champion, scoring 9.5 points out of a possible ten in the 6th Adyar Times New Millennium FIDE-Rated Open in August.

The champion carried home a cash award of Rs. 16,000 plus the winner's trophy.

Singh stamped his authority on the tournament as he out-distanced former TN State champion Ram.S. Krishnan and Asian U-14 champion S Nitin (Salem) who were second and third by 1.5 points.

The top ten were: 1. D.P. Singh 9.5, 2-4. Ram.S. Krishnan, S. Nitin, P. Shyam Nikhil 8 each,

5-7. R. Arun Karthik, K.V. Shantharam, J. Sridhar 7.5 each, 8-10. Hariharan Venkatachalam, Vinoth Kumar, O.T. Anil Kumar 7 each.

TN STATE WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP



Participants in the 34th TN Women's Chess Championship

Nabeela Farheen of Chennai with 7 points from 9 rounds won the State title for the first time at the 34th Tamil Nadu State Women's Chess Championship organised by VBS Chess Academy at Trichy.

The second and third places were shared by P. Sivasankari and International M.R. Sangeetha with 6.5 points. The tournament totally had 34 players.

SRINATH SECOND IN DUBAI



World Under-12 champion N. Srinath of Chennai narrowly missed winning the overall title in the Dubai Junior Chess Championship in July. He finished second. Srinath however, retained his title in the Under-12 group.

IM F. G. Safied of Azerbaijan won the Championship with eight points



The 16th TN State Team Championship organized at Neyveli from 18th to 22nd Sep was won by ICF Chennai.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation who organized the Championship provided free hospitality for everyone for the first time. The players of the ICF were Y. Syed Anwar Shazuli, K. Gunasekaran, C. Natarajan, T.J. Suresh Kumar and IM R. Balasubramaniam.

Shri. K.S. Anandan, Director of Mines, NLC Ltd, Neyveli distributed the prizes at the closing ceremony.

Final standings: 1. ICF Chennai 20, 2-4. Indian Bank, Velammal School (A), NLC Team (A) 19 each, 5. Southern Railway 18.5, 6. Coimbatore 17.5, 7-8. St. Joseph Chennai, Tuticurin 16.5 each, 9-10. Sivakasi, Jawahar School CBSE (A) 15.5 each, 11-13. Velammal School (B), Trichy, Kanyakumari 15 each, 14. Tirunelveli 14, 15-17. Pudukkottai, Cuddalore (A), Cuddalore (B) 13.5 each, 18-20. NLC Team (B), Salem, Jawahar School CBSE (B) 13 each, 21-22. Kancheepuram, Nilgiris 12.5 each, 23-24. Dharmapuri, S.J.N. School Chennai 11.5 each, 25. Velammal School (C) 10.5, 26. Cuddalore (C) 8.5, 27. Velammal School (D) 5, 28. Velammal School (E) 4.5.

Board Prize Winners: 1. IM Manuel Aaron, 2. IM P. Mithrakanth, 3. C.S. Rajesh, 4. T.J. Suresh Kumar, 5. IM R. Balasubramaniam.

The 10th TN Blitz Championship was won by school boy P. Karthikeyan (Velammal) who scored 7.5 out of 9. He was half a point ahead of K. Gunasekaran (ICF)

VPM TRUST FIDE RATED OPEN:

S. Nitin was the surprise winner ahead as many higher rated players of the 2nd VPM Trust FIDE-Rated Open at Palani. He got the better of R. Preetham Sharma of Southern Railway on tie break. They had scored 8 points from 11 rounds.

The top ten were: 1-2. S. Nitin, R. Preetham Sharma 8, 3-6. Ram.S. Krishnan, P. Shyam Nikhil, R. Pounraj, Sivagnana Manikandaswamy 7.5; 7-10. C. Natarajan, Y. Syed Anwar Shazuli, M.V. Lakshmi Narayanan, J. Mohana Priya 7;



Left to Right: N.N. Sivagnan and the w

T. Gowtham of Guntur won, the who is a coach in Andhra's Guntur 1 final round, when he took on 14-year both played with the same points. Playing under a 'must win' situation win his sixth game in a row and th

This 10-round Swiss for 105 Saranya Chess Centre who has re named after his daughter Saranya prizes which should be a record fo

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K. Murali Mohan, Rtn. A. Subram Former Asian U-12 Champion, Champion, J. Saranya of Thiru Under-13 Chess Championship 3230 and CAPA Chess Acad concluded in August had 209 p A. Nagaarjuna and M. Jagadh Rtn A. Subramaniam, District C the winners of the Champions

SPIC



The 19th SPIC FIDE Rating Tour 24th Sep to 1st Oct at Tuticorin Surprisingly, 15-year old Dust beating top seed IM Diwakar round he was beaten by last y contested till the end.

Mr N.K. Raghupathy L.A.S., Chair of Mr R. Muthu Manoharan, V future SPIC chess tournament

Winners in the Open: 1-2 Du R.R. Laxman, S. Nitin 8.5 each (Ker), M.V. Lakshmi Narayan (Kar), P. Maheswaran 7.5 each

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 short notice outside the budget.



K.Muralimohan to
 introduce chess to
 village children in
 interior Cuddalore
 district. Thus, from 29th January to 3rd February Muralimohan organized camps
 for about 190 enthusiastic children at Thennambakkam: (25 players),
 Thookanambakkam (45) and Nallathur (120).

Dr.S.Sharmila, the managing trustee of Asirwad, a Vice-President of Chennai
 District Chess Association and the mother of B.Vignesh, the TN State U-7 Champion
 is the initiator of this programme. Dr Sharmila who works at Apollo Hospitals hails
 from Thennambakkam. She presented all the children with mementos like chess
 sets, chess books and lunch boxes. Mr.A.M.Balasubramanian, the Secretary of
 Cuddalore District Chess Association will be organising the follow-up work in these villages.

CHY SOUVENIR RELEASED



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SARAVANAN IN PUDUKKOTAI



Saravanan making a move against S.Ganesan, Vice President of Pudukkotali DCA.
 IM V.Saravanan was in Pudukkotali from November 30 to
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CHESS IN MADURAI:



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 Kathirvel (Patron, MDCA, 6th from left) and
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RACHEL PARANJOTHY WOMEN'S CHESS:

M.R.Sangeetha won the 24th
 Rachel Paranjothy Women's
 Chess Tournament at Ethiraj
 College for Women.

Mrs Nirmala Raja of Ramco,
 the Chief Guest praised the
 Ethiraj College for running this
 event year after year. The Principal
 of Ethiraj College,
 Dr Mrs M.Davamani
 lauded the
 sponsorship
 provided by Ramco.
 She promised to
 make next year's
 edition of this event,
 the 25th, a grand
 affair. The Physical
 Director of Ethiraj,
 Mrs Neeta Seelan
 thanked the
 sponsors for their support.



L to r: M.R.Sangeetha, Aarthie Ramaswamy, Mrs Nirmala Raja
 of Ramco and Mrs Davamani, Principal of Ethiraj College.

She won all seven games in
 a seven round swiss for a record
 90 players to lift the Trophy for the
 first time and took home the first
 prize of Rs 3,300.

The second and third prizes
 were shared by S.Harini of Kanchi
 District and Jenitha Anto of Trichy
 who played some gritty games.

Mrs M.Suneetha Jain and Mrs
 U.Bhuvanewari conducted the
 tournament as Arbiters.

TOP FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1 M.R.Sangeetha 7; 2-3.
- S.Harini, Jenita Anto 6; 4. P.Priya
- 5.5; 5-19. L.Iswarya Shobana,
- P.Uthra, H.Nilavoli, S.Apoorva,
- M.Aruthi, U.Ashwini, J.Sharanya,
- R.Abirami, Amina Taj.,
- G.Sangeetha, S.Aarthisri,
- R.Lalitha, M.Kushboo,
- K.Subashree, R.Nithya 5 each.

ON IN TIRUCHENGODE:

du Chess Club took advantage of the visit of IM Manuel
 g of the founder Secretary of the Namakkal District Chess
 enthil Raja on 27 November 2005 to organise a grand
 simul, Aaron played the black pieces on all the boards except
 one and won 15 games. He



lost to S.G.Saravanakumar,
 R. Mahudeeswaran,
 S. Vigneswaran,
 M. Devaraj,
 M.V.Lakshminarayanan
 and T.A.Sundaram.

One of Aaron's losses
 is given in the Games
 Section.

the centre, taken at the conclusion
 lay.

3RD FIDE-RATED OPEN AT DINDIGUL



L to R: Chief Guest Mr. Raja Ravi Sekar inaugurates the event with National U-9 Champion Shardul.S.Gagare while others are Axiom S. Abdul Nazer, Secretary, DDCA, Rtn.PHF.P.S.D.Chandrasekar, IM P. Mithrakanth, Balu, President, Rotary Club of Dindigul West, Rtn.PHF.G. Sundararajan, President, A. R. Anantharam, International Arbitrator, S.Balasubramanian, Secretary and Rotary Club of Dindigul West.

S.Krishnan won the 3rd Gopalakrishna Naidu Kaveriammal Memorial FIDE Rated Tournament sponsored by P.S.N.A. Engineering College and Rotary Club of Dindigul West. It was organized as a 10-round Swiss by Dindigul District Chess Association and held at P.S.N.A. Mahal during January 2007.

The event was inaugurated by IM Raja Ravi Sekhar on the board of National U-9 Champion Shardul Gagare by making the symbolic move.

The event had 199 players of whom 29 were from outside Tamil Nadu, 85 were already FIDE-rated, with IM P.Mithrakanth being the star attraction. By their good performance, 48 players had their names entered into the FIDE computer for Ratings and 16 players ceased their ratings.

Final standings:

1-3. S.Krishnan 9; 2-6. P.Phoobalan (SRM College, Chennai), Kunal (Madurai), Syed Anwar Shazuli, P. Mithrakanth and Y.G. Chandra 8.5 7-13. S.Nitin, Sriram Sarja, J.Arun, A.Nagaarjuna, M. V. Thirai, R.Muralidharan, C.S.Rajesh 8;

STATE RAPID AT SIVAKASI

Syed Anwar Shazuli of ICF won the Prasan Fireworks 13th TN State Rapid Chess Championship organized by Sivakasi Chess Club in February.

Shazuli and M.Kunal of Madurai tied for first after the eleventh round. The progressive score favoured Shazuli. The top seed, P. Shyam Nikhil who won the Pink City FIDE rating tournament at Jaipur recently, was leading until the sixth round but lost to the champion in the seventh.

Kunal came from behind to beat Shazuli in the penultimate round, and Shyam Nikhil won in the last round to finish the tie-break.

Prasanna Moorthy, the sponsor, and TNSCA distributed the prizes.



Top standings:

1-2 Syed Anwar Shazuli (Kan), M.Kunal (Mdu) 8.5; 3-5 P.Shyam Nikhil, P.Maheswaran, Dusthageer Ibrahim 8; 6 S.Ganesh Babu 7.5; 7-12 M.J.Noohu, R.Ramnath Bhuvanesh, A.Sankar, R.Preetham Sharma, M.Paramasivam, D.V.Surjeet 7.

25th RACHEL PARANJOTHY

M.R.Sangeetha of Chennai once again became the Queen of the Rachel Paranjothy Chess Tournament for Women when the 74-player, 25th edition sponsored by Ramco Cements was held at Ethiraj College in January.

Sangeetha won the event scoring 7 points in an eight round Swiss and was awarded Rs.5000. Ishwarya Shobana of MOP Vaishnav and K. Radhika of Ethiraj were second and third with 6.5 each. Others were: 4-8. J.Mohanapriya, R.Bharathi, P.Malarselvi, S.Aarthysri, J.Sharanya 6; 9-10. R.Sneha, V.Malavigha 5.5.

Special prizes for Ethiraj students went to A.Surya, D.K.Abirami and A.Radha.

Mr.D.V. Sunder, Secretary, All India Chess Federation delivered the Valedictory address of the event which was combined with the ESPO Inter Collegiate prize distribution. Nearly 800 students and staff of different colleges were present at this ceremony.

Mr.C.Palani, Assistant General Manager of Canara Bank distributed the prizes to the winners of the sports event. Dr. Mrs. M. Thavamani welcomed the gathering and the Physical Directress Dr. Neeta Gunaseelan traced the history of the Rachel Paranjothy Women's Tournament from the beginning. She reminisced on how the late Rajnikant Mehta a diamond merchant and President of Madras District Chess Association, Dr.N.Mahalingam, the patron of Indian Chess, IM Parameswaran of Air India and now Ramco Cements have helped the tournament at different times in different ways.



M.R. SANGEETHA

The tournament has been held at the Ethiraj College Campus itself (except on one occasion) for the past 25 years. The dynamism of Neeta Seelan, the Physical Directress of Ethiraj College has kept this tournament chugging along for over 25 years, said IM Manuel Aaron.

SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP



TN STATE UNDER-7 & VETERANS

R.Adhithya of Kanchi district and M.A.Sai Lathecka of Chennai won the boys and girls' titles in the 20th State Under-7 Championship organized by the Kanchi District Chess Association at Zion Matriculation School, Selaiyur. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri. M.S. Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner of Police, TN and presided over by Er.K.Parthasarathy, President, Kanchi District Chess Association.



The event attracted 75 players.

At the closing ceremony, M.P.Kongave distributed the prizes and Dr. N. Vijayan, Vice-President, Kanchi District Chess Association presided.

The top standings:

Boys

1. R.Adhithya (Kan) 8.5; 2. Anirudh Aiyengar (Che) 8.5; 3-6 S.Ashwath (Che), R.Anirudh, R.Narendhiran, M.Hemanth Raam, 7-11. M.Sabhareesh, S.Sukirthi, S.Adithya, N.Niranjan, N.R.S.Sanathalan 7.

Girls

1. M.A.Lathecka Sai (Che) 9.5; 2-4. C.M.N.Sunayuktha (Kan), A.Nithila, S.Aarushya 8; 5. S.P.Rakshitha Shree 7.5; 6. K.Rakshana 7; 7-13. K.Nagadrithi, Vaishnavi Murali, V.Sharanya, M.Vidhya, S.S.Hashini, K.Krithiggaa, M.C.Akshaya 6;

The 5th TN Veterans' State Championship was organized simultaneously with the U-7 after a long, 10-year gap. This was won by veteran T.V.Subramaniam of Trichy. He put an end to the 4 straight victories of K.N.Kalyanasundaram who finished second. There were only 8 participants.

Final Standings:

1-2. T.V.Subramaniam, K.N.Kalyanasundaram 6; 3. N.Ramachandran 5.5; 4. A.V.Sriramulu 3.5; 5-6. J.P.Dinkaran, E.J.D.Albert 3; 7. K.Vital Ram 2; 8. V.Radha Krishnan.

prizes for the winners. Dr. N. Mohanraj, Principal, A.P.S.A College, Thiruppathur distributed the prizes to the winners.

Top two winners in each category.



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They won each in 10 were awarded Champion to top Kanchi attracted

Kanchi boys were Kumar, M S.Ram Pr Priya.

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Top 10: Boys: 1. Aswath.P. Vallabha 10.G.Vis R.V.Adith 7.5.

Girls: 1. G 9; 3. M.Ma 8; 5. R.A C.R.Varsh Prankruthi.

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My elder child Tarun currently aged 6yrs old started attending chess classes with Ms. Sangeeta. It has been 9 months Tarun has been attending classes with teacher.

I find the following characteristics of the teacher to be best suited for children learning Chess.

- Ms. Sangeeta is a very friendly teacher and makes the one to one learning very productive and fun filled for my child
- She is extremely patient and explains every little concept in a language that my child understands
- She is conceptually very strong and attends to minute details
- She creates an excellent environment for learning a very challenging game like chess
- Moreover she keeps great control over the kid's attention while learning over internet
- She is good in articulating tough concepts with easy examples
- She generates the interest in the child for the game
- She is extraordinary in generating the right environment for the one to one classes over internet

During the course of attending her one to one classes, I find my son Tarun to improve with various aspects of the game leaps and bounds.

- He was more of a careless player who made rash moves without understanding the implications and consequences
- His previous classes were group lessons with children in different ages and thus was deprived of that good purposeful learning environment
- His learning in the last 9 months has been more purposeful with Ms. Sangeeta, who increased his confidence levels tremendously and that he now regularly beats adults
- His openings, middle and end game strategies have improved a lot with practice of ideas and concepts taught by Ms. Sangeeta
- He has improved in analysing the consequences of every move of them and has become an avid learner of the game
- His variations with moves and approaches in the game have improved a lot and he nowadays amazes everyone with his variations.

Overall it has been a satisfying and definitely a positive and purposeful learning for my son Tarun with Ms. Sangeeta. She has played vital role in my son's learning.

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TESTIMONAL:

My two sons Yuvik (12 Years – currently rated @ 1700) and Vrithik (6 Years – currently rated @ 970) are taking online chess coaching with Sangeetha since 2008. Sangeetha is extremely talented professional chess trainer, she has a way to engage the kids and stretch their understanding of the game. My kids' never want to miss the class!

Thanks

Umapathy Bhakthavatsulu (Umy)

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To Future Students of Sangeetha,

Maanav Ganthapodi is my son who started to take classes with Sangeetha when he was 5 years old. Maanav had few coaches before but the way Sangeetha coached Maanav, Maanav felt more comfortable with Sangeetha than any other coach. Maanav U.S chess rating was around 600 when he started the class, but now he is around 1400 which is great achievement. During the two year coaching period, Maanav won New Jersey state champion in 1st grade (1st Standard) and 2nd grade (2nd Standard). Also he came 10th and 11th in U.S. National champion during his grades. Apart from these, he came top 5 in other National, State and privately held tournaments.

Sangeetha has a wonderful rapport with kids of various ages. Her ability to connect with her students and her talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced topics, are both truly superior. She accomplishes these tasks with great initiative, patient, dedicated and with a positive attitude. I myself a chess player so I can identify these teaching skills set of Sangeetha and also heard the same response from other parents whose kids takes classes with Sangeetha

I recommend Sangeetha to any chess students (beginners – Advanced) without any second thoughts. For any further details, you can reach me at the below email address.

Sincerely,

Suresh Ganthapodi

Hello Madam,

Last week I took Mayuraditya to a tournament organized by a local Chess Academy. Totally there were 35 participants. He got the first place with a champion trophy.

Thank you for your efforts and excellent coaching in imparting your knowledge, without which this would not have been possible.

He started playing Chess in 2010(5y old), when he saw me playing with my wife. Then he picked up within two game watching and started playing with us.

So far I have taken him to about 6 tournaments since then.

Thank you once again. Attached is the result sheet of that match.

regards
Chandra

11th November 2010

Hi Sangeetha,

I wanted to share the good news around Rohit becoming a National co-champion in the recently held National Youth Action in Long Branch, NJ!

With this, his rating has now crossed 1400. We thank you very much for your guidance that enabled him make such a progress from unrated upto this point. You have great skills in understanding the psyche of kids at this age and have made the learning real fun for Rohit. He enjoys the coaching sessions with you and always looks forward to it.

Thanks very much and we look forward to Rohit making further progress under your guidance.

Thanks and Regards,

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My son Rishi has been taking online lessons from Mrs Sangeetha for the past 3 years. Mrs Sangeetha has such a talent and passion for teaching chess and she really knows how to meet the individual needs of a student; She has a captivating voice which really helps students hold their attention; Her lessons are very clear and instructional. Sangeetha's coaching helped Rishi to become the State Champion for 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 4th grade; He achieved second in the Third grade section at the K-12 Grade Level National Championships in December 2009; He won several high rated players in local tournaments; Recently, Rishi won the K-6 National Youth Championship. Rishi is very thankful for the solid foundation given by Ms Sangeetha in chess and we wish Ms Sangeetha great success in her career.

Rajedran
Mahalkshmi

(Rishi s Parents)

Edison, NJ
Feb 06 2011

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Praveen Balakrishnan Accomplishments

Feb 2011 Rating List: Ranked # 1 in USA for his age group
First Place in National Youth Action 2010 held in Long Branch, NJ
Represented USA in the world youth championship in Greece - won 7 games out of 11 and was placed 21 out of 124
Bronze Medalist - North American Youth Championship 2010 U-8
NJ Grade 2 State Champion 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

MR Sangeetha has been coaching Praveen since March 09. Praveen's USCF rating was 1000 then and since then he has gained about 900 points in less than 2 years. MR Sangeetha was instrumental in Praveen's rapid success. Her experience as a player, comprehensive chess knowledge, fluency in English and good communication skills make her the most sought-after coach for kids. She helped him build an opening repertoire, one that suits his style. Her careful selection of Grand Master games and end game puzzles for study in class helped him strengthen his middle and end game. She analyzes his tournament games with him, praising his good moves and pointing out his mistakes. If Praveen is not convinced, she would start playing with him from that position on to prove her point. Overall she makes chess learning a fun experience. A testament to how good a coach she is, is to look at the results of the K-3 National youth action championship 2010 held in Long Branch, NJ. The top four places were bagged by her students.

I would strongly recommend her for anyone who is interested in learning chess.

Yours truly,
Venkat Balakrishnan
(Praveen's Dad)

SPORT

CHESS

Sangeetha storms into lead

By P. K. Ajith Kumar

KOZHIKODE, JUNE 3. On a calm day, she stormed into the lead alone.

As five of the top six boards ended in draws, M.R. Sangeetha's victory on the third, against N. Vinuthna, helped her move ahead of the crowd. At the end of the sixth round of the 30th National women's 'B' chess championship on Tuesday, the Chennai lass has a very creditable 5.5 points, half-a-point ahead of Bhagyashree Thipsay of IDBI, Anupama Gokhale of Bharat Petroleum, Koneru Chandra Hawsa of Champion Chess Academy, Andhra, and Sreeparna Chakraborty of Alekhine Chess Club, Kolkata. Three rounds remain.

The top seed Swati Ghate, badly out of form here, was held to a draw by Nimmy A. George of the host. Sixth seed Saheli Dhar Barua, another former champion who's having a terrible time, lost to little-known Kiran Monisha Mohanty of Assam.

In the seventh round on Wednesday, Sangeetha meets Anupama Gokhale of Bharat Petroleum, Sreeparna takes on Chandra Hawsa, Bhagyashree plays M. Safira Shanaz of Tamil Nadu and second seed Tania Sachdev of Delhi, who finally posted a victory, faces local girl N. Sandhya.

Sangeetha, a shy 21-year-old, played Centre Counter against N. Vinuthna of Andhra, doing exactly what her younger brother, M.R. Venkatesh, a former World under-10 bronze medallist who's helping her here in her preparations, asked her to. Her position was to be better after the opening, but a weak move from her helped Vinuthna equalise.

The Andhra girl, however, slipped into time trouble, of which Black took full advantage. Vinuthna blundered a piece on the 36th move, and resigned a couple of moves later.

Bhagyashree went Dutch (Defence) with Chandra on the top board. After the queens were exchanged on the 34th move, the game reached a minor piece ending. The peace treaty was signed after 39 moves. "I didn't want to take any risk with this new time control," said Bhagyashree, who last won this tournament two



A thoughtful M.R. Sangeetha of Tamil Nadu (right) studying her options during her sixth round encounter against Andhra's N. Vinuthna in the National women's 'B' chess championship at Kozhikode on Tuesday. — Photo: Ramesh Kurup

years ago.

Anupama Gokhale faced semi-Slav Defence from Sreeparna on the second board and though she won a pawn in a rook-pawn ending it wasn't enough to press for a victory. So they decided to share the point after 50 moves.

On the third board, P. Sivasankari of Aaron Academy, Chennai, adopted Sicilian Defence against Sandhya, who enjoyed an edge in the middle-game. But, following the exchange of queens on the 21st move, an opposite colour bishop ending arose, and the game was drawn after 39 moves.

It was an opposite colour bishop ending on the very next board too, as Nimmy and Swati drew their Two Knights Game in 43 moves. Swati's pawn gambit did give her some chances to attack. But there never was any real threat for Nimmy, who made no obvious mistake to take a honourable half-a-point.

Relief was writ large on Tania's face today, after beating P. Sudha of Lakshadweep. She played Reti Opening and won in 39 moves, with Black blundering an exchange in time pressure. "Yes, a victory at last," smiled the 16-

year-old. She had drawn her last three games with lesser rated opponents.

• The results (sixth round):

Koneru Chandra Hawsa (Champion Academy, AP) 5 drew with Bhagyashree Thipsay (IDBI) 5; Anupama Gokhale (BP) 5 drew with Sreeparna Chakraborty (Alekhine Club, Kolkata) 5; N. Vinuthna (AP) 4 lost to M.R. Sangeetha (TN) 5.5; N. Sandhya (Ker) 4.5 drew with P. Sivasankari (Aaron Academy, Chennai) 4.5; Nimmy A. George (Ker) 4 drew with Swati Ghate (LIC) 4; P. Sudha (Lak) 3.5 lost to Tania Sachdev (Del) 4.5; Saimeera Ravi (BSB) 3.5 lost to C.V. Rajalakshmi (Chromepet Academy, Chennai) 4.5; Krutika Nadig (Mah) 4.5 bt Soumya Swaminathan (Mah) 3.5; M. Safira Shanaz (TN) 4.5 bt Saheli Nath (Ben) 3.5; C. Delphin (Mount Academy, Chennai) 4 drew with Baisakhi Das (Jhar) 4; M. Priyadarshini (Emanuel Academy, Chennai) 4 drew with Swati Mohota (Ben) 4; Purabi Singha (Asm) 3.5 lost to Anuprita Patil (Mah) 4.5; Supriya Maji (GNCA, Kolkata) 4.5 bt Amruta Mokal (Mah) 3.5; Nabeela Farheen (TN)

3 lost to Eesha Karvade (Mah) 4; Saheli Dhar Barua (Ben) 3 lost to Kiran Monisha Mohanty (Ori) 4; E. Sheena (Ker) 3 lost to Y. Prathiba (TN) 4; P. Malar Selvi (Chromepet) 4 bt Mary Ann Gomes (GNCA) 3; Anjana N. Sowjanya (Capa Academy, Chennai) 3 lost to H. Nilavoli (TN) 4; D.S. Manasa Priya (Masters Academy, Bangalore) 3.5 drew with Alka Das (Jha) 3.5; Madhuri M. Patil (Mah) 4 bt Dhyani Dave (Guj) 3; Shah Ja-been (Cht) 3 lost to N. Raghavi (Capa) 4; M. Rajadarshini (Emanuel) 4 bt Gundala Madanasri (T'Nagar Academy, AP) 3; Pushpalata Mangal (BSB) 3.5 drew with Sunetri Das (Ben) 3.5; P. Priya (TN) 3.5 bt R. Bhanumati (AICF) 2.5; Bishnu Priya Bala (Jha) 2.5 lost to Ketaki Kulkarni (Mah) 3.5; I. Ramya Krishna (AP) 3.5 w/o P. Lakshmi Sahithi (Champion) 2.5; Aneeqha Thahseen (T'Nagar Academy, Chennai) 2.5 lost to Dolan Champa Bose (Jha) 3.5; Sougajjam Victoria (Man) 2.5 lost to Kajri Chokshi (Guj) 3.5; Rupu Moni Dowarah (Asm) 2.5 lost to J.E. Kavitha (Mount) 3.5; Ayushi Ray Choudhury (Ori) 3 drew with K. Prajeesha (Ker) 3; Amita Kashikar

CHESS / BAD DAY AS CAPTAIN

Bhagyashree, Palla back on

Abhijit Sen Gupta

VISAKHAPATNAM JULY 28. Bhagyashree Thipsay of IDBI and Pallavi Shah of LIC with four points each were jointly in the lead at the end of the fourth round of the YMCA 28th National 'B' chess championship for women here on Saturday.

In the fourth round matches, third-seeded Bhagyashree Thipsay playing black pieces defeated J.E. Kavitha of Tamil Nadu in 35 moves, while fifth seed Pallavi Shah with white pieces prevailed over Krithika Nadig of Maharashtra also in 35 moves.

Top-seeded Anupama Gokhale had a bad day today, registering draws in the third and fourth rounds. In the third round this morning Anupama was held to a draw by the under-14 National champion Eesha Karwade of Maharashtra. In a closed Sicilian defence game the players fought it out on equal terms and eventually the draw came about after 37 moves. In the evening match, Anupama

was held to a draw by Sowmya Swaminathan of Tamil Nadu.

Second-seeded Saheli Dhar Barua also lost half point when she had to settle for a draw against M.R. Sangeetha of Tamil Nadu in the third round. In a Kings Indian set up the match progressed to a stage wherein the players seemed to be on even terms and a draw resulted after only 23 moves. However in the evening Saheli chalked up a win against Arpi Shah of Gujarat to stay in the running.

Andhra Pradesh's under seven National champion P. Lakshmi Sahiti also forced a draw against fourth seed Nisha Mohota in the fourth round. Sahiti decided on a Kings Indian defence against the d4 opening of Nisha. After 32 moves with the position seemingly equal, the match ended in a draw.

● **The results (fourth round):** J.E. Kavitha (3) lost to Bhagyashree Thipsay (4); Pallavi Shah (4) bt Krithika Nadig (3); Sowmya Swaminathan (3) drew with



... kara fails to make his ground whips off the balls.

straight down the ground. However, when the Delhi batsman was promising more, he attempted to hit offie Kumara Dharmasena over mid-on, only succeeding in finding Kumara Sangakkara in that region. Sehwag made 27, but more importantly had added 66 in 81 balls with Laxman for the second wicket.

Laxman gave a hint of a chance at 35, but Jayawardene at silly point was slow to react when the ball flew off the edge as the Hyderabad batsman pushed at off-spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan.

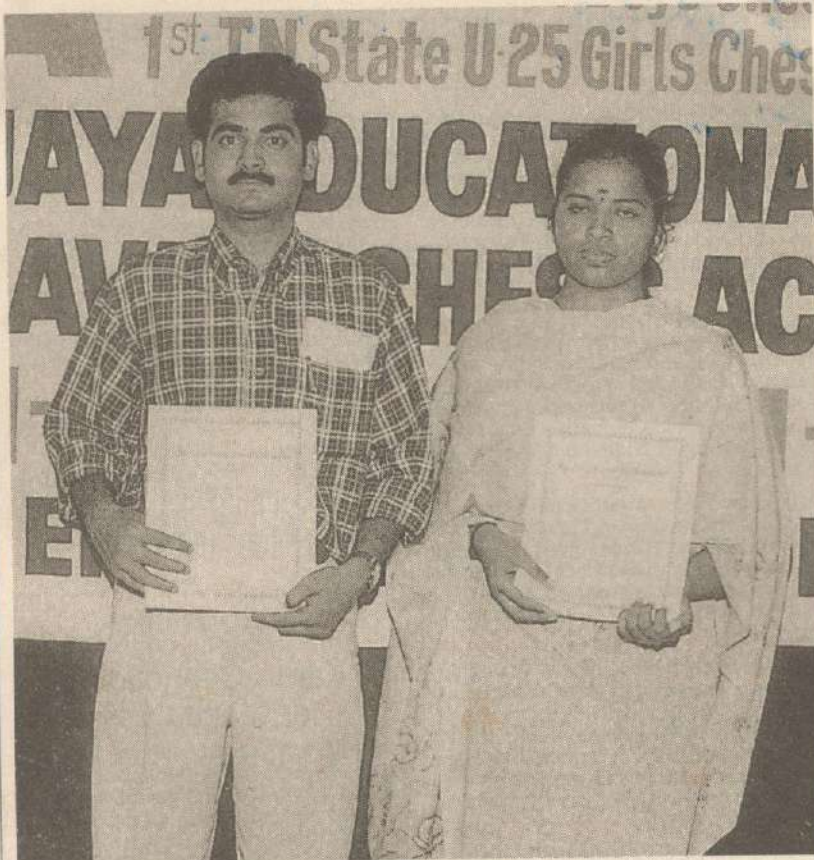
Dravid, looking solid, joined Laxman and the two senior batsmen gradually put the game beyond Lanka, which for once, did not quite come up with the right answers.

Muralitharan sent down a teasing spell, but did not have the runs to back him, while Dharmasena was accurate more than threatening. Lanka needed wickets, but they weren't coming.

The hundred was reached in 23.3 overs, and Dravid too was getting into his stride with fine drives, the one through mid-on off Dharmasena standing out.



Saheli Dhar Barua (right) and M.R. Sangeetha analyse their drawn game in the 28th National women's 'B' championship in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. — Photo K.R. Deepak



Kanchipuram's Syed Anwar Shazuli (left) and M.R. Sangeetha of Chennai, who emerged winners of the boys' and girls' crowns, respectively, in the Jaya-Tamil Nadu State under-25 chess championship at the Jaya Engineering College, Tiruninravur, on Monday.

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Shazuli, Sangeetha crowned

CHENNAI, NOV. 13. Y. Syed Anwar Shazuli (Kanchi), with 9.5 points, and Chennai's M.R. Sangeetha (9.5 points) clinched the titles in the boys' and girls' sections, respectively, in the Jaya-Tamil Nadu under-25 chess championship, sponsored by the Jaya Educational Trust, at Jaya Engineering College, Tiruninravur, here on Monday. Shazuli and Sangeetha received Rs. 3000 and Rs. 1000 respectively.

Mr. A. Kanakaraj, Chairman, Jaya Educational Trust, was the chief guest and Mr. J.C.D. Prabhakaran, Vice-President, TNCA, gave away the prizes.

• The results (11th round):

Boys: Y. Syed Anwar Shazuli (Kanchi) 9.5 bt M. Vinoth Kumar (Che) 6; Ram S. Krishnan (Che) 8.5 lost to R. Navaneetha Krishnan (TNTA) 7; K. Gunasekaran (Tiruvallur) 7.5 lost to S. Sanjay Kumar (Che) 7; C. Delphin (Mdu) 7.5 bt H. Venkatesh (Kanchi) 6.5; ERS Vijayasathy (Mdu) 5.5 lost to D. Prabhakaran (Tiruchi) 6.5; T.U. Kiran Kanna (Tiruvallur) 5.5 lost to T.U. Navin Kanna (Tiruvallur) 6.5; D. Devendra Kumar (Tiruvallur) 6 drew with R. Uttam Sharma (Tiruvallur) 6; G. Gnanasekar (Tiruvallur) 6 bt R. Praveen Kumar (Vellore) 5.5; S. Venkatasundaram (Kanchi) 6 bt Adam Anand

(Kanchi) 5; F.A. Ashfaq (Che) 5 drew with S. Balakrishnan (Tiruchi) 5; V. Suresh Balaji (Tiruvallur) 5.5 bt T.S. Nanda Kumar (Mdu) 4.5; K. Enose (Tiruvallur) 5 drew with M.J. Jaffar Ali (Tiruvallur) 5; Mohammed Etheshamuddin (Che) 2.5 lost to C.R. Arunharriharan (Kanchi) 5.5; Karthik Babu (Mdu) 5.5 bye.

Girls: R. Sharanya (Kanchi) 5 drew with H. Nilavoli (Che) 9; P. Uthra (Tiruvallur) 4 lost to M.R. Sangeetha (Che) 9.5; P. Sangeetha (Tiruvallur) 4.5 lost to Y. Prathiba (Kanchi) 8; S. Sujatha (Che) 6 drew with T.T. Lakshmi Priya (Che) 7; S. Harini (Kanchi) 5 lost to Sai Meera Ravi (Che) 7.5; S. Kavitha (Che) 2.5 lost to P.L. Sivakami (Sivagangai) 7; P. Sivasankari (Tiruvallur) 6 bt M. Aruthi (Avadi Chess) 1.5; M. Padmashree (Avadi Chess) 2 bye.

• Final placings:

Boys: 1. Y. Syed Anwar Shazuli (Kanchi) 9.5; 2. Ram S. Krishnan (Che) 8.5; 3. K. Gunasekaran (Tiruvallur) 7.5; 4. C. Delphin (Mdu) 7.5; 5. R. Navaneethakrishnan (Kanchi) 7; 6. S. Sanjai Kumar (Che) 7.

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Resolute Sangeetha takes state title

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Chennai, Nov 10: MR Sangeetha, who required a draw to win the title, reached a clear winning position against P Priya in the eighth round. But knowing that a draw would be sufficient,

she accepted the peace offer to engrave her name on the Paruben Manilal Mehta Shield, which is given for Tamil Nadu state women champions. Sangeetha has scored 7 points.

Krishna S Babu, with 6 points virtually sealed a qualifying spot for forthcoming National 'B' in Chennai, with a hard-fought victory over M Renuka in the 24th state chess championship for women at Nehru stadium on Tuesday.

Krishna, despite having material advantage in the form of pawns had technical difficulties in the Queen and pawn endgame.



Her opponent had only one idea up her sleeve, checking the king without any respite. But 'time' was not on her side and she lost.

Sangeetha, who won with a round to spare, added one more state title to her bag. This is her third state crown of the year (under-16 and 18). Her

next aim will be to qualify for National 'A'. She practices with her brother MR Venkatesh, who is just back after taking part in the World Youth Championship in Spain. She is only 17 years and has her mind clearly focussed on chess. Nothing succeeds like success goes a saying. Sangeetha having tasted success will strive harder for achieving more.

Results (8th round): MR Sangeetha (7) drew P Priya (5.5), S Sujatha (5) drew C Delphin (5.5), M Renuka (4.5) lost to Krishna Babu (6), M Priyadarshini (5.5) bt CV Rajalakshmi (4.5), R Anitha (4.5) lost to M Kasturi (5.5), P Malarselvi (4.5) drew KR Indulakshmi (4.5), TT Lakshmi Priya (4.5) drew Jayashree Ilango (4.5), RA Mahima (4) lost to PN Harini (5), Nilavoli (4.5) drew JE Kavitha (4), M Geethamani (4.5) bt T Saritha (3.5), Nabeela Farheen (4) w/o G.Vidya (3.5), K Uma Maheswari (3) lost to Aparna Krishnan (4), Madonna Fullmoon (3) lost to Malarvizhi (4), Jaya Arunmathi (3) lost to Isal Amudhu (4), Aneeqha Tahseen (2) lost to Shakthi Saranya (3.5), SM Raga Sudha (3) bt K Mahalakshmi (2.5), S Sruthi (2) lost to M Roopavathy (2.5).

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Sangeetha clinches title

By Manuel Aaron

CHENNAI, Nov. 10. M.R. Sangeetha of Chennai won the 10th State women's chess championship for the first time. She had won the title in 1974. She had won the Tamil Nadu girls' under-20 titles in July and October.

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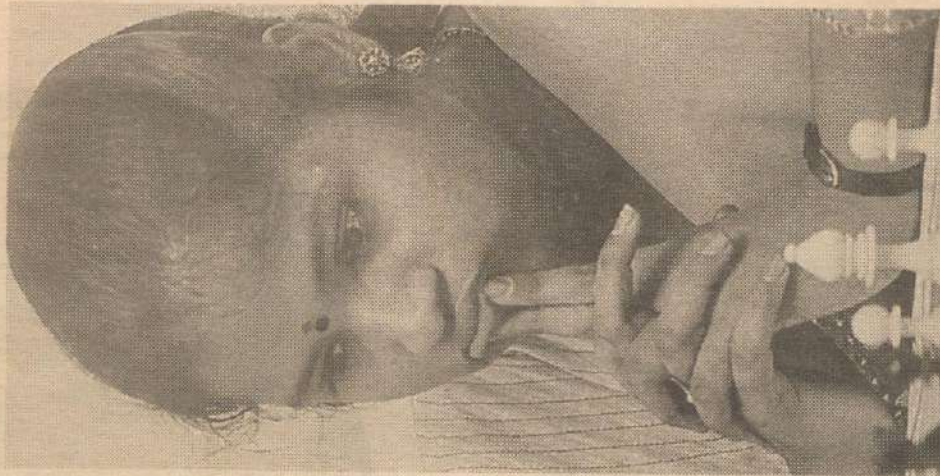
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Krishna finishes behind Sangeetha

By Manuel Aaron

CHENNAI, Nov. 11. Krishna Sudhakar Babu finished in clear second place behind M.R. Sangeetha in the 24th Tamil Nadu State women's chess championship for the Parvathi Mamilal Mehta Shield. The championship concluded this evening at the Nehru Stadium.

Sangeetha celebrated her becoming champion with a round to spare, with a fighting victory over Madurai's M. Kasturi in the last round today. In the white side of a Sicilian Alapin, Kasturi achieved a very fine position and won a pawn. Sangeetha was playing for a draw and she repeated moves. Kasturi, however, went for a win. But she went about it the wrong way and allowed Sangeetha some counter-chances.

On the 48th move Sangeetha played a not too difficult combination offering a rook. In return she took a rook with check and captured a bishop as bonus through a double attack. After that Kasturi put up a vain battle and resigned on the 69th move. On the second table, P. Priya drew with Krishna Sudhakar playing the exchange variation in the Ruy Lopez. The game lasted only 16 moves.

C. Delphin and M. Priyadharshini, both of Madurai, played out a well-fought draw which lasted 40 moves. Both qualified. Defending champion S. Sujatha of Ethiraj College jumped into the qualifiers circle by defeating P. Malarselvi in 49 moves.

The six qualifiers are: M.R. Sangeetha, Krishna Sudhakar, C. Delphin, M. Priyadharshini, P. Priya and S. Sujatha. Of these, Delphin, Priyadharshini and Priya have qualified for the Women's 'B' for the first time. Krishna Sudhakar is a veteran of five National Women's 'A' championships, in all of which she had

represented Maharashtra. After marrying International Master Sudhakar Babu, she has been living in Chennai for the past three years.

Sangeetha is a first year B. Com. student. Apart from Sangeetha, Krishna and Sujatha, who is in Ethiraj College, the other three qualifiers are school girls. Priyadharshini and Priya are both 11 years old. Delphin is 13.

Mr. D. V. Sundar, the Vice-President of the All India Chess Federation, distributed the prizes to the winners. He held up Koneru Humpy, who has won two World titles in two years, as an example for Tamil Nadu girls to follow. During the prize distribution there was considerable merriment when the Chief Arbitrer, Mr. Vijayakumar, by a slip of the tongue called 'Dolphin' to receive her prize when he meant Delphin.

Final standings: 1. M.R. Sangeetha (Che) 8; 2. Krishna Sudhakar (Che) 6.5; 3-6. C. Delphin, M. Priyadharshini (both Mdu) P. Priya, S. Sujatha (both Che) 6 each; 7-8. P.N. Harini (Che), M. Kasturi (Mdu) 5.5 each; 9-17. K.R. Indulaxmi (Tvir), Jayashree Ilango (Mdu), R. Anitha (Che), M. Renuka (Chromepet Cd), H. Nilavoli (Che), N. Geethamani (Dind), T.T. Lakshmi Priya (Emmanuel CC), H. Isaiamuthu (Che), Nabeela Farheen (Che) 5 each; 18-22. P. Malarselvi (Che), J.E. Kavitha, C.V. Rajalakshmi (both Kap), R. Mahima (Mdu), R. Shakthi Sharanayi (Kan) 4.5 each; 23-26. Madonna Fullmoon (Emmanuel CC), Aparna Krishnan (Che), Malarvizhi Haribaran (Che), Jaya Arumathy (Mdu) 4 each; 27-29. T. Saritha (Kan), G. Vidya (Tvir), M. Roopavathy (Chromepet C) 3.5; 30-32. K. Umamaheswari (Tvir), S.M. Ragasudha (Capa CA), S. Sruthi (Tnagar CA) 3 each; 33. K. Mahalakshmi (Kan) 2.5; 34. Aneeqha Tahseen (Capa CA) 2; 35. Swetha Narayanan (Kan) 1.

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Swathi Ghate back with a win

CHESS / Sangeetha's tactical win

H.S. Manjunath

BANGALORE: The two overnight leaders, R. Aarthie and Mary-Ann Gomes met a tartar in the fourth round that saw the resurgence of Swathi Ghate in the National Women's 'A' chess championship here on Wednesday afternoon. The toast of the day was M.R. Sangeetha's tactical win over Aarthie.

With two successive defeats, Swathi Ghate may have been a bit low on spirits but the seasoned performer that she is, she hardly allowed these setbacks to affect her. She got down to play a game of minimal risks from the white side of an English variation to the Najdorf defence, a mainline Sicilian formation and always had Mary-Ann's grand designs within her sights.

Though, Mary-Ann came out nearly equal in the opening, her choice of an ambitious pawn offer on the queen side in expectation for some purchase on mobility of her pieces brought her no real worth. That was indeed the beginning of Mary Gomes' end, so to speak.

Absolute dominance

On one hand, Swathi Ghate's pair of bishops assumed absolute dominance. On the other Mary-Ann's pawn structure was not only crippled but it came in the way of one of her pieces moving about freely. That was clearly an invita-

tion for trouble. From such an advantageous position it was just a matter of time and technique for Swathi.

The choice of Sangeetha's opening, French Defence, perhaps had a hidden message for Aarthie. Normally this opening calls for solidity of positional play and to Sangeetha's credit it must be said that she had more or less emerged equal from the opening within the first half a dozen moves. It was in the early middle game that Aarthie gave the impression that she had no concrete plan to pursue.

With her steps with either her queen or rooks uncertain, Sangeetha stumbled upon a chance to do some tactical fishing. One such move was a bishop advance, which arraigned Aarthie's queen and a rook both of which were in the same line.

To avoid loss of material, Aarthie was forced to capture this bishop for the loss of a very well placed knight. Even after this passive play, Aarthie had chances to go in for a relatively safe ending.

But by allowing Sangeetha a pawn push to 'e3', fortunes dramatically changed for Aarthie.

The results (fourth round): Bhagyashree Thipsay (2) drew with Nimmy George (1), Raghavi drew with Swati Mohota (2), Kruttika Nadig (2) lost to Nisha Mohota (2.5), Swathi Ghate (2) bt Mary-Ann Gomes (3), Aarthie (3) lost to M.R. Sangeetha (3), Priya (2) bt Shivashankari (1), Anupama Gokhale (2.5) drew with Anuprita Patil (1).

Sangeetha wins title with one round to spare

By Manuel Aaron

TIRUNELVELI, JUNE 8. M. R. Sangeetha of Chennai won the ABT-Rm. K. V. sponsored 26th Tamil Nadu State women's chess championship for the Paruben Manilal Mehta Shield when the eighth and penultimate round concluded this afternoon at Sri Sarada College here.

Sangeetha drew her game against reigning champion C. V. Rajalakshmi of Kanchi District and now has a one point lead over Sivagangai's Pazha Sivakame. Even if Sangeetha loses her last round game tomorrow and Sivakame wins, Sangeetha will still be champion as her Progressive tie-break score would be the best in the championship.

Curiously, after her confident play so far, Sangeetha almost lost to Rajalakshmi in this round. Playing the black pieces in a Symmetrical English Opening, Rajalakshmi copied white move for move till the 13th turn. Strangely, Rajalakshmi won white's important d3 pawn by force on the 18th turn.

Sangeetha offered a second pawn banking on a discovered attack against the black queen. But Rajalakshmi surprised her by capturing that pawn and sacrificing her queen for rook and bishop. Thereafter, black was winning, but it required quite a bit of experience and thinking. Rajalakshmi pushed the wrong central pawn and her pawns got blocked. The players repeated moves and drew on the 47th turn.

Sivakame played the most brilliant game of the championship so far. She defeated Chennai's P. Priya in a dazzling attack which reminded one of a Morphy game. The game started as a Petroff's Defence and appeared to be level until Sivakame surprisingly played her knight to h7 on the 14th move. The knight appeared trapped inside black's castled position but two moves later she sacrificed her bishop on h6. Priya did not accept the bishop and sought to exchange off a pair of bishops. Sivakame did not pull back her bishop from h6 and Priya captured it on the 20th move.

It looked as if Sivakame had insufficient compensation for the bishop but on the 22nd move she played a brilliant knight move offering it on c7 and taking control of the e-file.

White's attack raged unabated and Priya found no way to be free of the virulent attack. When the writing was on the wall Priya suddenly made it easy for white by offering her fianchettoed bishop. With seven forceful moves Sivakame hunted the black king and mated it on the f4 square.

Nabeela Farheen of Chennai, the National Under-14 Girls Champion played a patient game to down Beulah Alagammal of Tirunelveli. Beulah got a satisfactory position against the King's Indian Defence. But at the outset of the ending, she became planless and lost a pawn. Nabeela won a knight in the ending to notch a full point.

Points position (Round 8): 1 Sangeetha 7.5; 2 Sivakame 6.5; 3-5 Nabeela, P. Priya, C. V. Rajalakshmi 5.5; 6-7 Mahima, T. T. Lakshmi Priya 5; 8-14 Beulah, Nilavoli, Isaiamudhu, Malarsetvi, P. N. Harini, Niranjana Devi, Varsha 4.5 each.

The results (Round 8): Sangeetha 7.5 drew C. V. Rajalakshmi 5.5; P. Sivakame 6.5 bt P. Priya 5.5; Beulah Alagammal 4.5 lost to Nabeela Farheen 5.5; H. Nilavoli 4.5 drew R. Mahima 5; P. Malarsetvi (Che) 4.5 drew H. Isaiamudhu (Che) 4.5; T. T. Lakshmi Priya (Che) 5 bt M. Kasturi (Mdu) 4; G. Dharanya (Mdu) 3.5 lost to P. N. Harini (Che) 4.5; J. Rajasurya (Mdu) 4 drew H. Praja Devi (Tvl) 4; R. Sushmitha (Che) 3.5 lost to H. Niranjana Devi (Tvl) 4.5; Aneeqha Tahseen (Che) 3.5 lost to R. Varsha (Mdu) 4.5; G. Sowmya (Mdu) 3.5 drew Malarvizi Hariharan (Che) 3.5; G. Sasikala (Vir) 4 bt S. Harini (Che) 3; N. Janani Priya (Tvl) 3.5 bt R. Janani (Kan) 2; K. Sivanandhi (Tvl) 2 lost to A. N. Sowjanya (Kan) 3.5; A. Chudrar (Tvl) 3 bt Shilpa Gnanamuthu (Tvl) 3.



எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்

சுடந்த ஆண்டு சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை வென்ற காஞ்சிபுரத்தைச் சேர்ந்த சி.வி. ராஜலட்சுமி இந்த ஆண்டு 6-வது இடத்துக்குத் தள்ளப்பட்டார். இப் போட்டியில் முதல் 10 இடங்களைப் பெற்ற வீரர்களின் பெயர்களும், அவர்கள் பெற்ற புள்ளிகளும் வருமாறு:

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3. சென்னை பி. பிரியா (6),
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5. மதுரை ஆர். மஹிமா (6),
6. காஞ்சிபுரம் சி.வி. ராஜலட்சுமி (6),
7. சென்னை எச்.நிலவொளி (5.5),
8. சென்னை எச்.இசை அமுது (5.5),
9. திருநெல்வேலி எச்.நிரஞ்சனா தேவி (5.5),
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திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் கி. தனவேல் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு பேசினார்.

போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கு சங்கரநகர் இந்தியா சிமென்ட்ஸ் நிறுவனத்தின் முதுநிலைப் பொது மேலாளர் டி. சிவகுருநாதன் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார்.

முதலிடத்தை வென்ற சங்கீதா, பருபென் மணி வால் மேடத்தா கழல் சோப்பையைப் பெற்றார்.

முன்னதாக, திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக் கழகச் செயலர் விஜயராம் வரமேற்றுப் பேசினார்.

திருநெல்வேலி ஸார்தா மக னிர் கல்லூரியில் நடைபெற்ற மாநில அளவி லான மகளிர் சது ரங்கப் போட்டியில் சென்னை யைச் சேர்ந்த முன்னணி வீரங் களை எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா (பட்டம்) டத்தை வெண் றார்.



மறையாக அவர் வென்றுள்ளார். சிவகங்கையைச் சேர்ந்த பழ. திவகாமி 7 புள்ளி ன் எடுத்த இரண்டாம் இடத்தைப் பெற்றார். சிவகாமி, சென்னையைச் சேர்ந்த நடுவல்லா பர் ஹீன் இடையிலான ஆட்டம் முடிந்தது.

ஆட்டத்தில் சங்கீதா, சென்னையைச் சேர்ந்த டி. மலர்ச்செல்லியுடன் டிரா செய்தார். மொத்தம் ஒன்பது சுற்றுகளைக் கொண்ட இப் போட்டியில் 8 புள்ளிகளைப் பெற்று சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தைத் தட்டிச் சென்றார் சங்கீதா. மாநில அள விலான போட்டியில் சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை முதன் திலகங்களைக் கொண்டு வென்றார்.

Kidambi & Sangeetha corner glory

By Manuel Aaron

CHENNAI, Oct. 2.

Chennai District players, Sundararajan Kidambi (16) and M.R. Sangeetha (17) won the boys' and girls' titles in the Evergreen Uniglory Line 27th Tamil Nadu State junior boys & girls chess championships which concluded this evening at the Nehru Stadium.

In the ninth and last round today, Kidambi defeated P. Phoobalan of Coimbatore. But T.V. Karthikeyan who was leading along with Kidambi at the end of the penultimate round was held to a draw by his Chennai and Loyola College team mate C.J. Arvind.

Karthikeyan finished third as Tamil Nadu senior state champion P. Mahesh Chandran swept into second place. The fourth place went to C.J. Arvind. These four players would be representing Tamil Nadu in the National Junior to be held at Jalandhar from December 24.

In the girls' section, both leaders of the previous round, M.R. Sangeetha, and M. Kasturi (11) of Madurai won their last round games to tie for the first place. But Sangeetha won the championship on a higher tie-break score. Sangeetha beat Madonna Fullmoon of Chennai while Kasturi accounted for



M.R. Sangeetha



S. Kidambi

Chennai's H. Isaiamuthu. Kasturi finished second. Third place went to Isaiamuthu while Nabeela Farheen took the last qualifying slot for the National Junior girls by defeating P.N. Harini also of Chennai.

The prizes were distributed by Mr R. Swaminathan, Chief Executive of Evergreen Uniglory Line this evening at the function organised by the Chennai District Chess Association.

Final top standings:

Boys: 1. Kidambi 8; 2-3. P. Mahesh Chandran, T.V. Karthikeyan 7.5; 4-6. C.J. Arvind, S. Ravichandran, K.V. Sreenath 6.5; 7-15. R. Preetham Sharma (Tvlr), Ram S. Krishnan (Che), P. Phoobalan (Cbe), A. Suresh Kumar (Tvli), A.V.K. Venkat (Che), G. Lakshminarayanan (Kan), R. Siddarth (Vell), S. Gayathri (Che), R. Muthukumaran (Che) 6; 16-22. R. Shivram (Che), V. Vijai Amal Raj (Tvlr), R. Naveen (Che), K. Mahendran (Tvlr), S. Raghuraman (Che), R. Navaneetha Krishnan (Kan), Bharat Raj Kidambi 5.5.

Girls: 1-2. M.R. Sangeetha, M. Kasturi 7.5; 3-5. S. Cynthia (Mdu), H. Isaiamuthu (Che), Nabeela Farheen (Che) 6; 6-12. P.N. Harini, S. Sujatha, V.T. Sindhujah, T.T. LakshmiPriyaa, Madonna Fullmoon, K. Preethi (all Chennai), B. Umamaheswari (Tvlr) 5.5; 13-17. Jayashree Ilango (Mdu), C.S. Smitha (Kan), T. Sangeetha, R. Niranjani, R. Sushmita (all Chennai) 5.

ஜூனியர் செஸ்; சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்



சென்னை, நேரு ஸ்டேடியத்தில் மாநில ஜூனியர் செஸ் போட்டிகள் நடந்தது. 19 வயதுக்குட்பட்டோருக்கான இந்த ஆட்டத்தின் இறுதி சுற்றுப் போட்டிகள் நேற்று நடந்தது. இதில் ஆண்கள் பிரிவில் சுந்தர்ராஜன் கிடாம்பி சாம்பியன் பட்டம் வென்றார். பெண்கள் பிரிவில் எம்.ஆர்.சங்கீதா சாம்பியன் பட்டம் வென்றார்.

கிடாம்பி கடைசி சுற்றுப் போட்டியில் கோவை வீரர் பூபாலனை வெற்றி கண்டார்.

சங்கீதா, மடோனா புல்லுமனை வெற்றி கண்டு பட்டத்தை வென்றார்.

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சென்னை 5-10-98



EVERGREEN UNIGLORY LINE 27TH TAMIL NADU STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 1978 TO 1998

Sangeetha is new champion

By Manuel Aaron

CHENNAI July 11. P.L. Sivakami, who led from the beginning was sensationally beaten in the last round of the Tamil Nadu Under-18 girls chess championship which concluded this evening. The new champion is 17-year old M.R. Sangeetha from Chennai.

Sivakami was defeated by her team-mate from Madurai, M. Sigappi, who is the reigning Tamil Nadu sub-junior girls champion.

Sivakami (Madurai) mishandled the Petroff's Defence and lost a pawn early in the game. Sigappi played precisely in the skirmishes that followed to force a victory in a pawn-up rook end-game. Even after Sigappi had queened her pawn, Sivakami continued desperately till she was about to lose her rook. After resigning the game a distraught Sivakami dashed off from the tournament hall without a word to anybody.

Sangeetha won her game quickly and easily against R.A. Mahima of Madurai and then waited for the result of the key Sigappi-Sivakami game.

Sangeetha and Sivagami have qualified to represent Tamil Nadu in the 8th National Under-18 girls championship to be held at Bikaner from July 26.

Having won the championship yesterday in the penultimate round itself, there was little of interest to Sundararajan Kidambi in the boys section. But he still made short work of Ram S Krishnan and enjoyed the day watching other games.

Kidambi and R.R.Laxman, who had a lucky victory over C.J. Arvind, will be represent Tamil Nadu at Bikaner.

The Asian Sub-junior girls champion R. Aarthie, who is also known as Arthie Ramaswamy, sprung a big surprise by defeating State Champion P. Mahesh Chandran in a very fine game.

Final standings:

Boys: 1 Sundararajan Kidambi 8; 2-3 R.R. Laxman, R. Aarthie 7; 4-5 R. Naveen, Poobesh Anand 6.5; 6-14 P. Mahesh Chandran, C.J. Arvind, T.V. Karthikeyan, R. Siddarth, V. Arvindh, S. Meenakshi, Ram S Krishnan, P. Lakshminarasimhan 6; 15-18 R. Preetham Sharma, Bharat Raj Kidambi, K. Phanindra Reddy, K.Sriram 5.5; 19-28 M.R. Venkatesh, M.K. Narayanan, J. Deepan Chakravarthi, K.V. Sreenath, J. Karthik, R. Ramprakash, V. Haribalu, R.S. Prasanna, J.L. Rajavenkatraman, G. Lakshminarayanan 5.

Girls: 1 M.R. Sangeetha 7.5; 2-3 P.L. Sivakami, C.V. Rajalakshmi 7; 4-7 T.S. Subhashini, M. Priyadarshini, M. Sigappi, K.R. Indulakshmi 6; 8-11 R.A. Mahima, J.E. Kavitha, V.T. Sindhujah, V. Aishwarya 5.5; 12-16 M. Renuka, M. Kasturi, Madonna Fullmoon, P. Malarselvi, P.N. Harini 5; 17-20 M. Roopavathy, M. Rajadharshini, Nabeela Farheen, Isai Amudhu 4.5; 21-30 T.T. LakshmiPriyaa, S.M. Raga Sudha, R. Sharanya, P. Priya, T. Sangeetha, Aneeqha Tahseen, P.D. Deepika, V.K.V. Sindhu, Archana Srinivasan, L. Lakshmi 4.

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M.R. Sangeetha, who claimed the girls' title in the Tamil Nadu under-18 boys and girls' chess championships in Chennai on Saturday. Right: Sunderarajan Kidambi, who won the boys' title.

SPORT

CHESS

Sangeetha is champion

CHENNAI, JUNE 17. M.R. Sangeetha of Chennai, with 8 points, lifted the Paruban Manilal Mehta Rolling Trophy in the 30th Tamil Nadu State women's chess tournament, organised by the Thirunelveli District Chess Association at ESI Complex, Vannarpettai, recently.

Madurai's Mahima Rajmohan (8) emerged runner-up while S. Nabeela Farheen (Chennai) (8) came third.

The top four will represent Tamil Nadu in the forthcoming National women's 'B' championship.

● **Final placings:** 1. M.R. Sangeetha (Chennai) 8 (progressive score 55.5); 2. Mahima Rajmohan (Madurai) 8 (52.5); 3. S. Nabeela Farheen (Chennai) 8 (51); 4. R. Shakthi Sharanya (Kanchi) 7.5; 5. C. Delphin (Sairam) 7; 6. Anjana N. Sowjanya (Kanchi) 7; 7. H. Nilavoli (Chennai) 7; 8. PL. Sivakami (Sivagangai) 7.

மாநில மகளிர் செஸ்: எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்

சென்னை, ஜூன் 17: திருநெல்வேலியில் அண்மையில் முடிவடைந்த 30-வது மாநில அளவிலான மகளிர் செஸ் போட்டியில் சென்னையின் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா சாம்பியன் பட்டம் வென்றார்.

இப்போட்டியை திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்ட செஸ் சங்கம் நடத்தியது.

முதல் 3 இடங்களைப் பிடித்தவர்கள் தலா 8 புள்ளிகள் பெற்றிருந்தாலும், ப்ரோகிரஸிவ் ஸ்கோர் அடிப்படையில் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா முதலிடத்தைப் பிடித்தார்.

முதல் 5 இடங்களைப் பெற்றவர்கள் விவரம்:

(1). எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா (சென்னை)- 8 புள்ளிகள் (55.5).

(2). மஹிமா ராஜ்மோகன் (மதுரை)- 8 புள்ளிகள் (52.5).

(3). எஸ். நடீலா ஃபர்ஹீன் (சென்னை)- 8 புள்ளிகள் (51).

(4). ஆர். சக்தி சரண்யா (காஞ்சி)- 7.5 புள்ளிகள்.

(5). சி. டெல்பின் (சாய்ராம்)- 7 புள்ளிகள்.

முதல் 4 இடங்களைப் பெற்றவர்கள், நடைபெற உள்ள தேசிய மகளிர் 'பி' செஸ் போட்டியில் தமிழகத்தின் சார்பில் பங்கேற்பார்.

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17.06.2002.

CHESS

Gunasekaran, Sangeetha win

POLLACHI, MAY 14. K. Gunasekaran of Thiruvallur retained the men's title on a better progressive score in the P. Nachimuthu Gounder Centenary 51st Tamil Nadu State chess championship here on Wednesday.

M.R. Sangeetha of Chennai also retained the women's title defeating Kiruba H. Arasu in 35 moves. She collected 9 points.

Earlier, Viswanathan Anand inaugurated the last round.

● **Important results: men (round 11):** Sundararajan Kidambi (KDCA) 8 drew with P. Konguvel (Che) 9; A. Muthuswamy (CBE) 8 drew with K. Murugan (NLC) 8.5; K. Gunasekaran (TLR) 9 bt S. Venkatasundaram (KDCA) 7.5; G.B. Prakash (IB) 8 bt D. Prabhakaran (ACA) 7.5; T.J. Sureshkumar (TLR) 7.5 drew with Deepan Chakravarthy 7.5; C. Natrajan (ICF) 7.5 drew with T.S.

Ravi (IOC) 7.5; S. Arun Prasad (Salem) 8 bt N. Vigneswaran (SAIRAM) 7; R. Balasubramanian (ICF) 7.5 bt P. Stanley Samson (TUT) 6.5; R. Sidharth (Che) 7.5 bt J. Sridhar (Try) 6.5; M. Vinodh Kumar (ERO) 7.5 bt P. Phoobalan (CBE) 6.5.

Women: (round 11): H. Nilavoli (TNCA) 7 lost to M. Kasturi (MDU) 8; M.R. Sangeetha (Che) 9 bt Kiruba H. Arasu (KCA) 6.5; C.V. Rajalakshmi (CCI) 7 lost to Safira Shanaz (Vir) 8.5; Y. Prathiba (KDCA) 8 bt Ishwarya Shobana (Slm) 6.5; Babeela Farheen (Che) 7 drew with Saimeera Ravi (IB) 7.

Final placings (top 5): Men: 1. K. Gunasekaran, 2. P. Konguvel, 3. K. Murugan, 4. S. Arun Prasad and 5. Sundararajan Kidambi.

Women: 1. M.R. Sangeetha, 2. M. Kasturi, 3. Safira Shanaz, 4. Y. Prathiba and 5. H. Nilavoli.

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BSB and Tamil Nadu win titles

By Abhijit Sen Gupta

HYDERABAD Nov. 9.

Banks Sports Board retained its title in the 20th National teams chess championship sponsored by CDR Hospitals which concluded here today. The first ever womens team championship was won by Tamil Nadu.

In the men's category today, the Bankmen defeated South Central Railway by a margin of 3-1 to finish at the top of the table with a tally of 21 points.

Top seeded Indian Oil Corporation, which had a good chance yesterday, had its hopes dashed when it could take only 2.5 points against Tamil Nadu in its last league fixture today.

For the Bankmen International Master Ravi Hegde beat G. Vijaya Kumar of SCR while Sekhar Sahu of BSB defeated M. Y. Raju. The other two games ended in a draw. Sudhakar Babu of BSB was held by P. D. S. Girinath while G. B. Prakash was also involved in a draw against G. C. S. Bharathi.

IOC had a setback today when GM norm holder D. V. Prasad lost to Ebenezer Joseph of Tamil Nadu in a Modern defence game. T. S. Ravi of IOC beat T. K. Chandrasekharan in a contest featuring the Caro Kann defence while IM R. B. Ramesh was held to a draw by Tajuddin of Tamil Nadu in a French defence game. Abhijit Kunte gave IOC another point when he beat Dhanasekharan Suresh but the 2.5-1.5 victory margin was not enough to give IOC the top spot on the table. It finished with 20 points to take the second place.

In the women's section Tamil Nadu scored an easy 3-0 win over Kings Chess Academy in the last league fixture to overtake host Andhra Pradesh and finish at the top of the table with 11.5 points. Andhra Pradesh, which had a bye in today's round was second with 9 points.

Besides team prizes, individual prizes were also awarded for best performances on each board.

The final placings (where points are equal, teams have been ranked on progressive score):

Men: 1. Banks Sports Board (21 points). 2. IOC

(20). 3. LIC (19.5). 4. Manipur (17.5). 5. Southern Railway (17). 6. South Central Railway (16.5). 7. Indian Airlines (16). 8. Tamil Nadu (15). 9. Andhra Pradesh (15). 10. AP Juniors (15). 11. Kerala (13.5). 12. SPACE (13). 13. T. Nagar C.C. (13). 14. SBH (13). 15. AISPWA (12.5). 16. Nalgonda DCA (12.5). 17. Rising Stars (12). 18. Surya Shelters (11.5). 19. State Bank of India (11). 20. Fiery Four (10.5). 21. Bhagyanagar CC (10.5). 22. AGORC (9). 23. Sai Krupa CC (7).

Women: 1. Tamil Nadu (11.5). 2. Andhra Pradesh (9). 3. Hyderabad Blues (4). 4. Kings Chess Academy (3.5). 5. Charminar CC (1.5).

Board prizes:

Men: First board: Anup Deshmukh (LIC). Second board: T. S. Ravi (IOC). Third Board: Maibam Arun Kumar (Manipur). Fourth/Reserve board: A. L. Kasi (Tamilnadu).

Women: First board: S. Vijayalakshmi (Tamil Nadu). Second board: S. Meenakshi (Tamil Nadu). Third board: R. Arathi (Tamil Nadu). Reserve Board: R. Sangeetha (Tamil Nadu).

The results (final round):

Men:

Banks Sports Board beat SC Railway 3-1 (N. Sudhakar Babu drew with P. D. S. Girinath. R. G. Hegde beat G. Vijaya Kumar. G. B. Prakash drew with G. C. S. Bharathi. S. C. Sahu beat M. Y. Raju.).

IOC beat Tamil Nadu 2.5-1.5 (D. V. Prasad lost to Ebenezer Joseph. T. S. Ravi beat T. K. Chandrasekharan. R. B. Ramesh drew with Tajuddin. Abhijit Kunte beat R. Dhanasekharan Suresh).

LIC beat Indian Airlines 2.5-1.5 (Anup Deshmukh beat R. G. Shetty. Atanu Lahari beat G. B. Joshi. Dinesh Kumar Sharma drew with S. J. Kamath. Narayan Bhat lost to V. S. Negi).

Manipur beat Kerala 4-0 (Lalrenmayum Anand Metel beat K. R. Madhusudhan. Kangabam Dilip Singh beat M. A. Joy Lazar. Maibam Arun Kumar beat Joy Antony. S. S. Sharma beat Babu Raj).

Southern Railway beat T. Nagar C.C. 4-0 (A.

Shankar beat T. V. Karthikeyan. S. Mari Arul beat P. Rajesh. B. T. Muralikrishna beat C. Natarajan. C. S. Sridhar beat C. J. Arvind).

Andhra Pradesh beat SBH 2.5-1.5 (T. Damodara Rao beat N. Seshagiri Rao. S. V. C. Chakravarthy drew with I. M. D. Naidu. S. Srinath lost to V. U. Divakar. Beenish Bhatia beat V. V. V. Satyanarayana).

AP Juniors beat Fiery Four 4-0 (Rishipal Singh beat Maninderpal Singh. Avish Chaddha beat B. Ramesh. T. L. B. Charles beat S. Srivatsava. Amitpal Singh beat Bhanu Suchandra).

SPACE beat SBI 3-1 (J. Ramakrishna beat K. Satyanarayana. Y. Kalyan Kumar drew with T. Venkateswara Rao. P. Kamalakar drew with P. V. Satyanarayana. K. V. Subrahmanyam beat P. Vee Raju).

Bhagyanagar C.C. beat Surya Shelters 2.5-1.5 (G. Harish beat C. Bapi Raju. Muralinath beat K. Ganadhar Rao. Venu Madhav drew with K. B. K. Rao. B. Satyanarayana lost to Kumaraswamy).

AISPWA beat Sai Krupa CC 3-1 (Abdul Hameed lost to G. Srinivas. N. Jawaharlal beat T. Sarang. K. I. Dharmendera beat B. Siva Chaitanya. P. Ramnath beat A. Muralikrishna).

Nalgonda DCA beat AGORC 4-0 (M. A. Zaheer got w.o K. Venkateswara Rao. B. Satyanarayana beat P. V. V. Satyanarayana. Ch. Venkateswarlu beat T. V. Parthasarathy. M. S. Sai Baba beat K. Moses).

Rising Stars got a bye.

Women:

Tamil Nadu beat Kings Chess Academy 3-0 (S. Vijayalakshmi beat N. Yinutha. Meenakshi beat Y. Sahitya. R. Arathi beat Srivalli).

Hyderabad Blues beat Charminar Women's Chess Centre 2.5-0.5 (Ayesha Qamar beat Y. Praveenya. Fathima Qamar beat Y. Chaitanya. K. Krishna Manjusha drew with Srivani).

Andhra Pradesh got a bye.



Banks Sports Board, which won the CDR National teams chess championship for men at Hyderabad on Saturday (from left) Sajandas Joshi, Ravi Hegde, and G. B. Prakash. (Sudhakar Babu and S. C. Sahu are not in the picture) (Right) The Tamil Nadu team which won the women's title (from left) S. Vijayalakshmi, Meenakshi, R. Arathi, and M. R. Sangeetha. — Photos: P. V. Sivakumar.

TIMES SPORT

Sasikiran joins Konguvel in lead

By Our Chess Correspondent

NEW DELHI: GM Krishnan Sasikiran is a happy man. The top seed was unsatisfied with his performance in the men's National A thus far as he had overlooked some winning chances in two the games in which he was held to draw.

But on Monday, everything went right for the 20-year-old from Chennai as he scored successive wins to join overnight leader P Konguvel at the top with 4 points from five rounds.

Sasikiran, who came into the tournament with the Asian Zonal title under his belt and a third place finish in the prestigious Olympic Young Masters tournament in Lausanne, Switzerland, outplayed Nassir Wajih in the fourth round and then handed Lanka Ravi a comprehensive defeat in the next as two rounds were played on the third day of the event.

What would have made him more happy was the victory against Ravi as it came with black pieces. It augurs well for him as he needs to get a high score to avoid losing ELO points.

In the Neo Grunfeld defense game, Sasi got easy equality after the opening. Both players had their chances in the middle game but Ravi played a wrong move as he attempted to simplify the position and Sasikiran capitalised on it and slowly ground out his opponent's resistance. He was also helped by mistake from his opponent in time pressure.

Konguvel beat Lanka Ravi in the fourth round and then played out a safe draw against Surya Sekhar Ganguly to maintain his share of lead. In the Sicilian Accelerated Dragon game, Ganguly went for the drawish line by playing d5 and made the offer. Konguvel accepted it immediately.

N K Mishra of Tata Steel upset GM Praveen Thipsay from a seemingly lost position. Thipsay was pawn up in the Sicilian Taimanov game but committed some mistakes in time pressure.

He first overlooked a chance to grab the rival rook through a pawn fork and then made another mistake on the next move.

IM P Harikrishna brought to an end the unbeaten run of seasoned Sekhar Sahu, who returned to the National A after a long time. Sahu had upset IM K Murugan in the morning session after holding Sasikiran in the opening round but Harikrishna got the better of him in the Benoni system.

Results: Men (5th Round): Lanka Ravi (2) lost to K Sasikiran (4); Pravin Thipsay (2.5) lost to N K Mishra (3); P Harikrishna (3) bt S C Sahu (2); Nassir Wajih (0.5) drew with Neelotpal Das (1); Dibyendu Barua (2.5) drew with Sriram Jha (2); Surya Sekhar Ganguly (3) drew with P Konguvel (4); Abhijit Kunte (3) drew with DV Prasad (2.5); V Saravanan (1) drew with GB Prakash (2.5); Saptarishi Roy Chowdhry (2) drew with Atanu Lahiri (3); K Murugan bye.

4th round: Sriram Jha (1) drew with V Saravanan (0.5); G B Prakash (2) drew with Abhijit Kunte (2.5); D V Prasad (2) drew with Praveen Thipsay (2.5); N K Mishra (2) drew with Saptrishi Roy Chowdhury (1.5); Atanu Lahiri (2.5) drew with Surya Sekhar Ganguly (2.5); P Konguvel (3.5) bt Lanka Ravi (2); K Sasikiran (3) bt Nassir Wajih (0); Neelotpal Das (0.5) lost to P Harikrishna (2); S C Sahu (2) bt K Murugan (1.5); Dibyendu Barua bye.

Good start for Sangeeta

By Our Chess Correspondent

NEW DELHI: M R Sangeetha made a sensational start in the women's National A chess championship here on Monday. Joining the fray in the third round because of her exams, Sangeetha looked anything but out of preparation in beating seasoned Saheli Dhar Barua at the CDC Eventspecific Complex here.

Sangeetha, who will be playing her first two rounds on June 7, the rest day, got a minor advantage from the opening. Playing white in French Defence Tarrasch Variation Sangeetha put the rival king under pressure with some good combinations. Saheli created some counterplay by exchanging pieces but overlooked a clear trap when she grabbed a piece offered by her rival. Sangeetha managed to manoeuvre her rooks to the rival back line and with her queen working in tandem, trapped the rival king to clinch full point. Top seed and defending champion WGM S Vijayalakshmi of Indian Airlines avenged her recent defeat to Pallavi Shah in the Asian Zonal championship with a crushing win.

Vijayalakshmi was sharing the lead with seasoned Anupama Gokhale, a five-time winner who scored a well-crafted victory against Dolan Champa Bose of Bihar.

In the Benoni defence, Pallavi played badly and allowed Viji the advantage in the middle game. Pallavi could not develop her pieces and they were rooted to the back line while Vijayalakshmi weaved simple combinations to launch a king side attack and ripped open the defence with a piece sacrifice.

Results: Women (3rd Round): Y Prathiba (2) bt D Harika (0.5); D C Bose (0.5) lost to Anupama Gokhale (2.5); S Vijayalakshmi (2.5) bt Pallavi Shah (0.5); Swati Ghate (2) bt Meenakshi (1.5); R Aarthie (2) bt Nisha Mohota (1); Saimera Ravi (0.5) drew with Bhagyashree Thipsay (1.5); M R Sangeetha (1) bt Saheli Dhar Barua (1).

Resolute Sangeetha takes state title

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, Nov 10: MR Sangeetha, who required a draw to win the title, reached a clear winning position against P Priya in the eighth round. But knowing that a draw would be sufficient,

she accepted the peace offer to engrave her name on the Paruben Manilal Mehta Shield, which is given for Tamil Nadu state women champions. Sangeetha has scored 7 points.

Krishna S Babu, with 6 points virtually sealed a qualifying spot for forthcoming National 'B' in Chennai, with a hard-fought victory over M Renuka in the 24th state chess championship for women at Nehru stadium on Tuesday.

Krishna, despite having material advantage in the form of pawns had technical difficulties in the Queen and pawn endgame.



Her opponent had only one idea up her sleeve, checking the king without any respite. But 'time' was not on her side and she lost.

Sangeetha, who won with a round to spare, added one more state title to her bag. This is her third state crown of the year (under-16 and 18). Her

next aim will be to qualify for National 'A'. She practices with her brother MR Venkatesh, who is just back after taking part in the World Youth Championship in Spain. She is only 17 years and has her mind clearly focussed on chess. Nothing succeeds like success goes a saying. Sangeetha having tasted success will strive harder for achieving more.

Results (8th round): MR Sangeetha (7) drew P Priya (5.5), S Sujatha (5) drew C Delphin (5.5), M Renuka (4.5) lost to Krishna Babu (6), M Priyadarshini (5.5) bt CV Rajalakshmi (4.5), R Anitha (4.5) lost to M Kasturi (5.5), P Malarselvi (4.5) drew KR Indulakshmi (4.5), TT Lakshmi Priya (4.5) drew Jayashree Ilango (4.5), RA Mahima (4) lost to PN Harini (5), Nilavoli (4.5) drew JE Kavitha (4), M Geethamani (4.5) bt T Saritha (3.5), Nabeela Farheen (4) w/o G.Vidya (3.5), K Uma Maheswari (3) lost to Aparna Krishnan (4), Madonna Fullmoon (3) lost to Malarvizhi (4), Jaya Arunmathi (3) lost to Isal Amudhu (4), Aneeqha Tahseen (2) lost to Shakthi Saranya (3.5), SM Raga Sudha (3) bt K Mahalakshmi (2.5), S Sruthi (2) lost to M Roopavathy (2.5).

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சென்னை, நவ. 10—
மாநில மகளிர் செஸ் போட்டியில் சங்கீதா பட்டம் வென்றார்.

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Sangeetha has the last laugh

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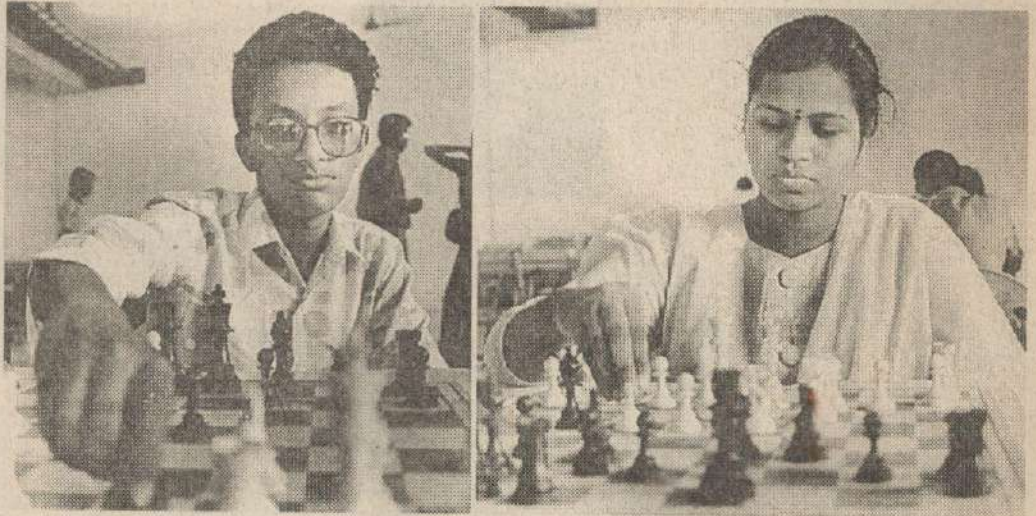
Chennai, July 11: Keeping your nerves under check and maintaining the level of play when requiring a draw to clinch the title isn't easy. Sivakami,

who required a draw to win the title felt the pressure on Saturday, going down to Sigappi which helped local girl MR Sangeetha bag the under-18 girls crown in the Tamil Nadu state under-18 boys and girls chess championship.

Sangeetha, who scored 7.5 points defeated Mahima in the ninth round. The only consolation for Sivakami, who finished second was her qualification for the forthcoming Nationals in Bikaner.

Already having the title in his grasp, Sundararajan Kidambi, looking relaxed but not complacent, had little trouble against Ram S Krishnan, who went wrong early in the Open Ruy Lopez. Kidambi tightened the grip and finished the job without much ado. Kidambi, who scored eight points and has a rating of 2285 is taking a break from schooling for a year to pursue chess with more vigour.

RR Laxman, with seven poi-



THE WINNERS: Sundararajan Kidambi and M R Sangeetha. Express

nts booked his berth for the Nationals capitalising on CJ Arvind's blunder in the endgame to finish second.

Aarthie, who had an excellent tournament was distinctly unlucky in not qualifying for the Nationals despite tying for the second spot. She was pushed to the third spot due to a lesser progressive score. Aarthie finished the tournament with a thumping victory over state champion Mahesh Chandran, whose faulty knight move in the middle-game backfired.

TI Cycles of India presented the winners with a cycle each.

Final Placings: Boys: 1. Sundararajan Kidambi (Kanchi) 8. 2. RR Laxman (Chennai) 7. 3. R Aarthie (Chennai) 7. 4. R Naveen (Chennai) 6.5. 5. S Poobesh Anand (Madurai) 6.5. 6. P Magesh Chandran (Chennai) 6. 7. CJ Arvind (Chennai) 6. 8. TV Karthikeyan (Chennai) 6. 9. R Siddarth (North Arcot) 6. 10. V Arvind (Thiruvallur) 6.

Girls: 1. MR Sangeetha (Chennai) 7.5. 2. PL Sivakami (Madurai) 7. 3. CV Rajalakshmi 7. 4. TS Subashini (Chromepet Chess Institute) 6. 5. M Priyadarshini (Madurai) 6. M Sigappi (Madurai) 6. 7. KR Indulakshmi (Thiruvallur) 6. 8. RA Mahima (Madurai) 5.5. 9. JE Kavitha (Kanchi) 5.5.

Results (9th round) Boys: Ram S

Krishnan (6) lost to Sundararajan Kidambi (8), P Magesh Chandran (6) lost to R Aarthie (7), RR Laxman (7) bt CJ Arvind (6), R Preetham Sharma (5.5) lost to Poobesh Anand (6.5), P Lakshmi Narasimhan (6) drew with V Arvind (6), R Naveen (6.5) bt MR Venkatesh (5), MK Narayanan (5) lost to S Meenakshi (6), TV Karthikeyan (6) bt V Haribalu (5), R Siddarth (6) bt J Karthik (5), M Vinoth Kumar (6) bt AVK Venkat (4.5).

Girls: M Sigappi (6) bt PL Sivakami (7), CV Rajalakshmi (7) drew with TS Subashini (6), MR Sangeetha (7.5) bt RA Mahima (5.5), VT Sindhuja (5.5) drew with JE Kavitha (5.5), M Kasturi (5) lost to M Priyadarshini (6), Isai Amudhu (4.5) lost to KR Indulakshmi (6).

Prakash, Sangeetha win titles

Chennai, July 15:

G.B. Prakash of Indian Bank and M.R. Sangeetha (CSI Monohan) won the Chennai District men and women chess championships respectively, organised by Capa Chess Academy at Sister Subbulakshmi Hall, T. Nagar here.

In the men's event IM norm holder G.B. Prakash drew his last round match with R.R. Laxman (Don Bosco) to take his tally to seven points out of eight rounds. He was awarded A.M. Parasuraman Memorial Rolling Trophy plus Rs.1000.

B.T. Murali Krishnan (S.Rly) played an excellent game to draw with A.L. Kasi. Both Laxman and Murali Krishnan finished with 6.5 points each but Laxman was declared the runner up on account of better tie break score. While T.V. Karthikeyan (P.S. Sr. Sec. School) defeated T.K. Chandrasekar, C.J. Arvind played a good game to prevail over Aarthie Ramaswami. G. Dinesh Kumar (Loyola College) won against P. Sivakumar.

R.R. Laxman, B.T. Murali Krishnan, C.J. Arvind (Santhome HSS), G. Dinesh Kumar and T.V. Karthikeyan tied for second to sixth places with 6.5 points each.

J. Venkataramana (ICF), A.L. Kasi, A.V.K. Venkat (PSBB), R.R. Vasudevan (Canara Bank), P.P.K. Raja, M.R. Venkatesh (Wesley) and K. Ranganathan with six points each finished seventh to 13th places respectively



Chennai district champions G.B. Prakash (with A.N. Parasuraman Rolling Trophy) and M.R. Sangeetha

in that order.

In women's section M.R. Sangeetha (CSI Monohan) emerged as champion with 4.5 points to her credit. In the fifth and final round Sangeetha defeated her younger rival Nabeela Farheen (Sri Krishnaswami Matric school). Sangeetha was awarded a trophy plus Rs.500.

S.M. Ragasudha and B. Shantha drew

their game with each other. B. Shantha and S.M. Ragasudha tied with 3.5 points each to finish second and third respectively. V. Ayshwarya and Nabeela Farheen with three points each finished fourth and fifth respectively.

V.K. Raman, Executive Director, Lakshmi General Finance Ltd. and Feroz Ali Shroff, Secretary, Chennai Dist. Chess Assn gave away the prizes.

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Prakash, Sangeetha emerge champs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Chennai, July 14: G.B. Prakash (Indian Bank) and M.R. Sangeetha (CSI M) claimed the men's and women's titles in the Chennai District Chess Championship, conducted by the Capa Chess Academy, at the Sister Subbulakshmi Hall on Monday.

In the eighth and final round, Prakash, an International Master Norm holder, drew with R.R. Laxman (Don Bosco) to take his tally to seven points and bag the the A.N. Parasuraman Trophy and a purse of Rs. 1,000.

R.R. Laxman, who finished second on better tie-break score, B.T. Murali Krishnan (S. Rly), C.J. Aravind (Santhome HSS),

G. Dinesh Kumar and T.V. Karthikeyan (PS SSS), with 6.5 points each, tied for the second place.

J. Venkataramana (ICF), A.L. Kasi, A.V.K. Venkat (PSBB), R.R. Vasudevan (Canara Bank), P.P.K. Raja, M.R. Venkatesh (Wesley) and K. Ranganathan, with six points each, finished sixth to 13th in that order.

In the fifth and final round in the women's section, Sangeetha, who took home a winners cheque of Rs. 500, defeated Nabeela Farheen (Krishnaswami MHSS) to finish with 4.5 points.

B. Shantha (Guntur Subbiah Pillai School) and S.M. Ragasudha (PSBB), who played out a draw today, finished second



THE CHAMPS: G.B. Prakash and M.R. Sangeetha with their trophies.

and third respectively with 3.5 points each.

V. Aishwarya (PSBB) and

Nabeela Farheen, with three points each, took the fourth and fifth places respectively.



சென்னையில் நடந்த நகர அளவிலான சதுரங்க போட்டியில் ஆண்கள் பிரிவில் சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தைப் பெற்ற பிரகாஷ், பெண்கள் பிரிவில் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் வென்ற சங்கீதா இருவரும் டிராபியுடன் இருப்பதை படத்தில் காணலாம்.

பிரகாஷ், சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்

சென்னை, ஜூலை 15— சென்னையில் கேபா சதுரங்க அகாடமி நடத்திய நகர அளவிலான சதுரங்க போட்டியில் ஆண்கள் பிரிவில் பிரகாஷும், பெண்கள் பிரிவில் சங்கீதாவும் சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தைப் பெற்றனர்.

நேற்று நடந்த கடைசி (எட்டாவது) சுற்று போட்டியில் ஜி.பி. பிரகாஷ், ஆர்.ஆர். லட்சுமணுடன் டிரா செய்து தனது புள்ளிக் கணக்கை ஏழுக்கு உயர்த்தி சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தைத் தட்டிச் சென்றார். அவருக்கு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் ரொக்கப் பரிசும் ஏ.என். பரசுராமன் நினைவு கழற் கோப்பையும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

ஆர்.ஆர். லட்சுமணன், பி.டி. முரளிகிருஷ்ணன் (தெ. ரயில்வே), சி.ஜே. அரவிந்த் (சாந்தோம்பள்ளி), ஜி. தினேஷ்குமார் (லயோலா) மற்றும் டி.வி. கார்த்திகேயன் (பி.எஸ். சீனியர்) ஆகியோர் தலா 6 1/2 புள்ளிகளுடன் முறையே இரண்டாவதிலிருந்து ஆறாவது இடங்களை பிடித்தனர்.

ஆறு புள்ளிகள் எடுத்த ஜே. வெங்கட்ரமணா (ஐ.சி.எப்), ஏ.எல்.காசி, ஏ.வி.கே. வெங்கட் (பத்மசேஷாத்ரி), ஆர்.ஆர். வாக

தேவன் (கனரா வங்கி), பி.பி.கே. ராஜா, எம்.ஆர். வெங்கடேஷ் (வெஸ்லி) மற்றும் கே. ரங்கநாதன் (ஸ்டேட் பாங்க்) முறையே ஏழாவது, திவிரந்து பதிமூன்றாவது பரிசுகளைப் பெற்றனர்.

பெண்கள் பிரிவில் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா 5 சுற்றுகளுக்கு 4 1/2 புள்ளிகள் எடுத்து சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை வென்றார். அவர் கடைசி சுற்றில் நபீலா பார்ஹூனைத் தோற்கடித்தார்.

பி. சாந்தா (குண்டுர் சுப்பையா பிள்ளை பள்ளி), எஸ்.எம். ராகசுதா (பத்மசேஷாத்ரி) உடன் டிரா செய்தார். பி. சாந்தாவும், ராகசுதாவும் தலா 3 1/2 புள்ளிகள் எடுத்து முறையே இரண்டாவது மூன்றாவது பரிசுகளை வென்றனர். 3 புள்ளிகள் எடுத்த வி. ஜஸ்வந்தியாவும், நபீலா பார்ஹூனும் முறையே நான்காவது ஐந்தாவது பரிசுகளை வென்றனர்.

பரிசளிப்பு விழாவில், லட்சுமி ஜெனரல் பைனான்ஸ் நிறுவனத்தின் நிர்வாக இயக்குனர் வி.கே. ராமனும், சென்னை மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக்கழக செயலாளர் பிரோஜ் அலியும் வெற்றி பெற்றோருக்கு பரிசுகளை வழங்கினர்.

Ravichandran & Sangeetha score shocking wins

CHENNAI, Feb. 3.

International Master, Verghese Koshy (ONGC) went down to Madurai Youngster, K. Ravichandran as eighteen players shared the lead with three points each at the end of the third round in the Microsense open rapid chess tournament, organised by Capa Academy here.

School girl, M.R. Sangeetha (CSI Monohan) shocked experienced V. Hariharan of Indian Bank in another match.

In all over 150 players including International Masters and several FIDE rated players are taking part in this tournament.

The results: T.J. Suresh kumar (2) lost to G.B. Prakash (3); R.B. Ramesh (3) beat M. Sai Meera (2); K. Ravichandran (3) beat V. Koshy (2); S. Mariarul (3) beat S. Babu (2); C. Natarajan (3) beat M. Intikab Alam (2); K. Gunasekharan (2) lost to B.T. Muralikrishna (3); R. Balasubramaniam (3) beat M.R. Venkatesh (2); R. Preetham Sharma (2) lost to K. Visweswaran (3); K. Ranganathan (2) lost to C.J. Arvind (3).

K.V. Sreenath (3) beat S. Subramaniam (2); V. Hariharan (2) lost to M.R. Sangeetha (3); M.J. Noohu (3) beat George Daniel (2); K.S. Sudhakar (3) beat Sekar Karthik (2); G. Dinesh Kumar (2) lost to S. Rajan Kidambi (3); G. Srikanth (2.5) drew with P. Rajesh (2.5); K.P. Prathap (2) lost to S. Paul Arokia-raj (3); M. Safira Shanaz (3) beat P. Ajoy (2); S. Sanjay Kumar (2) lost to T.V. Karthikeyan (3); K. Sriram (2) lost to K. Gopalakrishnan (3).

சங்கீதா-லட்சுமணனுக்கு சாம்பியன் பட்டம்!

சிறுவர் பிரிவில்!!

மதுரை மாநில சதுரங்க போட்டியில் சங்கீதா-லட்சுமணன் ஆகியோர் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் பெற்றனர்.

சதுரங்க போட்டி

மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில் நடத்தப் பட்ட தமிழ்நாடு மாநில சதுரங்க சாம்பியன்ஷிப் போட்டிகள் (16 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட சிறுவர், சிறுமியர் போட்டிகள்) மதுரை அருகே உள்ள திருப் பரங்குன்றத்தில் ருக்மணி கல் யாண மண்பத்தில் நடைபெற்றது.

சாம்பியன் பட்டம்

இதில் எம்.ஆர்.சங்கீதா (சென்னை) தனது சக ஆட்டக் காரரும் சர்வதேச மதிப்பீடு பெற்ற வீராங்கனையுமான ஆர்த்தியை தோல்வியடையச் செய்து சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தினை தட்டிச் சென்றார். செங்கை-எம்.ஜி.ஆர். வீராங்கனை சி.வி. ராஜ லட்சுமி ஜே.சி. கவிதையை அதிர்ச்சி தோல்வியடையச் செய்து தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். சென்னை வீராங்கனை பிரியா பன்னீர் செல்வம், 10 வயது சிறுமியர் நடப்புச் சாம்பியன் பிரியதர்ஷி னியை வெற்றி கொண்டு தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா, சி.வி.ராஜ லட்சுமி, எஸ்சிந்தியா, பிரியா

கமதி, டி.எஸ்.சுபாஷினி, ஆர்த்தி, மி.மி. ப்ழலா அழகம் மாள், மஞ்சளா, விஜேம்ஸ் ஆகியோர் முறைப்படியே முதல் 10 இடங்களை கைப் பற்றியுள்ளார்கள்.

சர்வதேச மதிப்பீடு பெற்ற வீரரும், போட்டியில் முதல் நிலை ஆட்டக்காரருமான ஆர். ஆர்.லெட்சுமணன், சென்னை வீரரும், இரண்டாம் நிலை ஆட்டக்காரரான அரவிந்த் நாராயணனுடன் சமன் செய்து 8 சுற்றுக்கு 7½ புள்ளிகள் பெற்று சாம்பியன் ஷிப்பை தக்க வைத்துக் கொண்டார்.

தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு

இரண்டாவது போட்டி சி.ஜே. அரவிந்த் (சென்னை) எம்.ஆர்.வெங்கடேசை தோல்வியடைச் செய்து தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். சென்னை வீரர் ராம், எஸ். கிருஷ்ணன், கோவை வீரர் பூபாலனை கடுமையாகப் போராடி வெற்றி பெற்று தேசியப் போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார்.

ஆர். ஆர். லட்சுமணன், அரவிந்த் நாராயணன், ராம், கிருஷ்ணன், சி.ஜே.அரவிந்த் இவர்களுடன் பி.மகேஷ் சந்திரன் ஆகிய 5 சென்னை வீரர்களும் வருகிற ஆகஸ்டு 5 முதல் 15 முடிய நடைபெறும் அகில இந்திய சதுரங்க சாம்பியன் ஷிப் போட்டிக்கு தமிழகத்தின் சார்பில் போட்டிகளில் பங்கு

பெறுகிறார்கள்.

சிறுமியர் பிரிவில் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா (சென்னை) சி.வி.ராஜ லட்சுமி (செங்கை எம்.ஜி.ஆர்) எஸ்சிந்தியா (மதுரை) பிரியா பன்னீர் செல்வம் (சென்னை) ஆகிய நான்கு வீராங்கனைகளும் தமிழகத்தின் சார்பில் தேசியப் போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றுள்ளார்கள். தேசிய போட்டிகள் நடைபெறும் இடமும் நாளும் பின்னர் அறிவிக்கப்படும்.

சிறுவர் பிரிவில் ஆர்.ஆர். லட்சுமணன், அரவிந்த் நாராயணன், ராம், எஸ்சி.ருஷ்ணன், சி.ஜே.அரவிந்த், எம்.ஆர். (வெங்கடேஷ்), எஸ்.ஆனந்த குமார், மகேஷ் சந்திரன், பி. தம் சர்மா, பூபாலன், பிரவீன் குமார் ஆகியோர் முறையே முதல் 10 இடங்களை கைப் பற்றியுள்ளார்கள்.

இந்த போட்டியின் பரிசளிப்பு விழாவில் மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் தலைவர் பால்பின் ராமநாதன் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகளை வழங்கி கவுரவித்தார். முன்னதாக போட்டியின் அமைப்பாளரும், சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் துணை தலைவருமான டாக்டர் ஹனிமன் வரவேற்றார். தமிழ்நாடு சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் இணைச் செயலாளர் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

சுழற்கேடயம்

இவ்விழாவில் 23-வது மதுரை மாவட்ட சாம்பியன் ஷிப் போட்டிக்கான சுரேஷ் குமார் சுழல் கேடயத்திற்கான பரிசளிப்பு விழா நடைபெற்றது. தனசேகரன்- சுரேஷ் (சாம்பியன்) எம்.கே.அழகு ராஜன், ஆர்.கிருபாகரன், பிரேம் ஆனந்தராஜ், பிரஜேந்திரன் ஆகிய ஐந்து வீரர்களுக்கும் ரூ. 1500 பரிசாக வழங்கப் பட்டது. இப்போட்டிக்கான பரிசுத்தொகை ரூ. 1500-ஐ ஆத்மரால் நன்கொடையாக வழங்கியுள்ளார்.

பரிசு தொகை

16 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட மாநில போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கான பரிசுத் தொகை 5000 ரூபாய் மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில் வழங்கப்பட்டது. டாக்டர்கள் பஞ்சநாதன் வீரர்களுக்கும், சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களுக்கும் நினைவுப் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார்.

மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் செயலாளர் எம்.நாகலிங்கம் நன்றி கூறினார்.



சதுரங்க போட்டியில் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் பெற்ற எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா மற்றும் ஆர்.ஆர்.லட்சுமணனை படத்தில் காணலாம். அருகில் டாக்டர் ஜி.பி.ஹனிமன், பால்பின் ஏ.ஆர்.ராமநாதன் உள்ளனர்.

Kidambi, Sangeetha triumph

Chennai, Oct 2: Sundararajan Kidambi (Kanchi) and M R Sangeetha (CDCA) came up trumps in the boys and girls sections respectively of the Evergreen Uniglory Line Tamil Nadu State Junior under-19 chess championship at the Nehru Stadium on Friday.

In the last round matches, Kidambi beat P Phoobalan (Coimbatore) in 35 moves in the Nimzo-Indian Defence. Phoobalan's opening error proved to be his undoing which his opponent was quick to capitalise on.



M R Sangeetha

Sangeetha was on a roll against Madonna Fullmoon (CDCA):

Final position - Boys: 1. S Kidambi (Kanchi - 8), 2. P Magesh Chandran (Chennai - 7.5), 3. T V Karthikeyan (Chennai - 7.5), 4. C J Arvind (Chennai - 6.5), 5. S Ravichandran (Cuddalore - 6.5).

Girls: 1. M R Sangeetha (CDCA - 7.5), 2. M Kasturi (Madurai - 7.5), 3. S Cynthia (Madurai - 6), 4. H Isai Amutha (CDCA - 6), 5. Nabeela Farheen (Chennai - 6).

9th round results - Boys: S Kidambi bt P Phoobalan, T V Karthikeyan drew C J Arvind, P Magesh Chandran bt Ram Krishnan, Vijay Amal Raj lost to S Ravichandran, K V Sreenath bt R Shivram, S Gayatri drew G Lakshminarayanan, AVK Venkat bt S Raghuraman, Preetam Sharma bt Antoo Solar, Suresh Kumar bt A Suresh Kumar, J Karthik lost to R Muthukumar, N Swaminathan lost to R Sidarth, J L Raja Venkatraman lost to Navaneetha Krishnan, M K Narayanan drew V Aravindh, R Naveen bt D Devendra Kumar, Bharat Raj Kidambi bt K K Lochan, K Magendran bt S Hari Haran, V Hari Balu bt B Siva Sankar, S Bharath lost to P Umesh Krishnan, A Ganesh bt V Srinivas, R Praveen Kumar lost to M K Narasimhan.

Girls 9th round: M R Sangeetha



Sundararajan Kidambi

bt Madonna Fullmoon, M Kasturi bt H Isai Amutha, S Sujatha drew S Cynthia, P N Harini drew Nabeela Farheen, V T Sindhujah drew T T Lakshmi Priya, N Kousalya Devi lost to K Preethi, K R Indulakshmi lost to B Uma Maheshwari, H Nilavoli drew C S Smitha, R Niranjani bt Raja Surya, T Sangeetha bt Jaya Arunmathi, Aneque Tahseen lost to Jayashree Ilango, R Sharanya lost to R Sushmitha, S Janani bt C Divya, V Salome drew A Sumana, V Amritha bt R Defrol, Gowri Selvam lost to R Gayathri, S Vishnupriya bt S Rohini.

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சங்கீதா, கிடாம்பி சாம்பியன்



சங்கீதா

சென்னை, அக். 2 - சென்னையில் நடைபெற்று வரும் மாநில ஆடவர், மகளிர் ஜூனியர் (19 வயதுக்குள்பட்டோர்) செஸ் போட்டியில் ஆடவர், மகளிர் பிரிவில் முறையே சுந்தர்ராஜன் கிடாம்பி, எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா

சாம்பியன் பட்டம் வென்றனர். நேரு ஸ்டேடியத்தில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை கடைசிச் சுற்று சுற்றுப் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன.

கிடாம்பி கடைசி சுற்றில் கோவை வீரர் பி. பூபாலனை வென்றார். 35 நகர்த்தல்களில் போட்டியை முடிவுக்குக் கொண்டு வந்தார் அவர்.

போட்டியின் முடிவில் மொத்தம் 8 புள்ளிகளைப் பெற்று முதலிடத்தைத் தட்டிச் சென்றார் கிடாம்பி.

மகளிர் பிரிவில் சங்கீதா, மடோனா ஃபுல்முனை வீழ்த்தினார். மொத்தம் ஏழரை புள்ளிகளைப் பெற்று முதலிடத்தை வசப்படுத்தினார் அவர்.

ஆடவர் பிரிவில் முதல் 10 இடங்களைப் பெற்றவர்கள் (பெற்ற புள்ளிகள் அடைப்புக்குறியில்):

1. சுந்தர்ராஜன் கிடாம்பி (8), 2. பி. மகேஷ் சந்திரன் (ஏழரை),



சுந்தர்ராஜன் கிடாம்பி

3. டி.வி. கார்த்திகேயன் (ஏழரை), 4. சி.ஜே. அரவிந்த் (ஆறரை), 5. எஸ். ரவிச்சந்திரன் (ஆறரை), 6. கே.வி. ஸ்ரீநாத், 7. ஆர். பரீத்தம்ஷர்மா (6), 8. ராம் எஸ். கிருஷ்ணன் (6), 9. பி. பூபாலன் (6), 10. ஏ. கரேஷ் குமார் (6),

மாநில சதுரங்கப்போட்டி:

சங்கீதா-லட்சுமணனுக்கு சாம்பியன் பட்டம்!

சிறுவர் பிரிவில்!!

மதுரை ஆக்டிவ் அருகே நடந்த மாநில சிறுவர் சதுரங்க போட்டியில் சங்கீதா-லட்சுமணன் ஆகியோர் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் பெற்றனர்.

சதுரங்க போட்டி

மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில் நடத்தப்பட்ட தமிழ்நாடு மாநில சதுரங்க சாம்பியன்ஷிப் போட்டிகள் 16 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட சிறுவர் சிறுமியர் போட்டிகள்) மதுரை அருகே உள்ள திருப்பரங்குன்றத்தில் ரூக்மணி கல்யாண மண்டபத்தில் நடைபெற்றது.

சாம்பியன் பட்டம்

இதில் எம்.ஆர்.சங்கீதா (சென்னை) தனது சக ஆட்டக் காரரும் சர்வதேச மதிப்பீடு பெற்ற வீராங்கனையுமான ஆர்த்தியை தோல்வியடையச் செய்து சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தினை தட்டிச் சென்றார். சென்னை-எம்.ஜி.ஆர். வீராங்கனை சி.வி.ராஜ லட்சுமி ஜே.சி. கவிதாவை அதிர்ச்சி தோல்வியடையச் செய்து தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். சென்னை வீராங்கனை பிரியா பன்னீர் செல்வம், 10 வயது சிறுமியர் நட்புச் சாம்பியன் பிரியதர்ஷினியை வெற்றி கொண்டு தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா, சி.வி.ராஜ லட்சுமி, எல்.சிந்தியா, பிரியா

சுமதி, டி.எஸ்.சுபாஷினி, ஆர்த்தி, மி. ப்ரூலா அழகம், மாள், மஞ்சளா, வி.ஜே.மல்ல ஆகியோர் முறைப்படியே முதல் 10 இடங்களை கைப்பற்றியுள்ளார்கள்.

சர்வதேச மதிப்பீடு பெற்ற வீரரும், போட்டியில் முதல் நிலை ஆட்டக்காரருமான ஆர். ஆர்.லெட்சுமணன், சென்னை வீரரும், இரண்டாம் நிலை ஆட்டக்காரரான அரவிந்த் நாராயணனுடன் சமன் செய்து 8 சுற்றுக்கு 7½ புள்ளிகள் பெற்று சாம்பியன் ஷிப்பை தக்க வைத்துக் கொண்டார்.

தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு

இரண்டாவது போட்டி சி.ஜே. அரவிந்த் (சென்னை) எம்.ஆர்.வெங்கடேசை தோல்வியடைச் செய்து தேசிய போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார். சென்னை வீரர் ராம், எல். கிருஷ்ணன், கோவை வீரர் பூபாலனை கடுமையாகப் போராடி வெற்றி பெற்று தேசியப் போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றார்.

ஆர். ஆர். லட்சுமணன், அரவிந்த் நாராயணன், ராம், கிருஷ்ணன், சி.ஜே.அரவிந்த் இவர்களுடன் பி.மகேஷ் சந்திரன் ஆகிய 5 சென்னை வீரர்களும் வருகிற ஆகஸ்டு 5 முதல் 15 முடிய நடைபெறும் அகில இந்திய சதுரங்க சாம்பியன்ஷிப் போட்டிக்கு தமிழகத்தின் சார்பில் போட்டிகளில் பங்கு

பெறுகிறார்கள்.

சிறுமியர் பிரிவில் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா (சென்னை) சி.வி.ராஜ லட்சுமி (சென்னை) எம்.ஜி.ஆர்) எல்.சிந்தியா (மதுரை) பிரியா பன்னீர் செல்வம் (சென்னை) ஆகிய நான்கு வீராங்கனைகளும் தமிழகத்தின் சார்பில் தேசியப் போட்டிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றுள்ளார்கள். தேசிய போட்டிகள் நடைபெறும் இடமும் நாளும் பின்னர் அறிவிக்கப்படும்.

சிறுவர் பிரிவில் ஆர்.ஆர். லட்சுமணன், அரவிந்த் நாராயணன், ராம், எல்.கிருஷ்ணன், சி.ஜே.அரவிந்த், எம்.ஆர். (வெங்கடேஷ், எஸ்.ஆனந்த குமார், மகேஷ் சந்திரன், பிரதீப்தம் சர்மா, பூபாலன், பிரவீன் குமார் ஆகியோர் முறையே முதல் 10 இடங்களை கைப்பற்றியுள்ளார்கள்.

இந்த போட்டியின் பரிசளிப்பு விழாவில் மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் தலைவர் பால்பிள்ளை ராமநாதன் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகளை வழங்கி கவுரவித்தார். முன்னதாக போட்டியின் அமைப்பாளரும், சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் துணை தலைவருமான டாக்டர் ஹனிமன் வரவேற்றார். தமிழ்நாடு சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் இணைச் செயலாளர் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

சுழற்செடயம்

இவ்விழாவில் 23-வது மதுரை மாவட்ட சாம்பியன்ஷிப் போட்டிக்கான சுரேஷ் குமார் சுழல் கேடயத்திற்கான பரிசளிப்பு விழா நடைபெற்றது. தனசேகரன்-சுரேஷ் (சாம்பியன்) எம்.கே.அழகுராஜன், ஆர்.கிருபாகரன், பரேம் ஆனந்தராஜ், பிராஜேந்திரன் ஆகிய ஐந்து வீரர்களுக்கும் ரூ. 1500 பரிசாக வழங்கப்பட்டது. இப்போட்டிக்கான பரிசுத்தொகை ரூ. 1500/யை ஆத்மரால் நன்கொடையாக வழங்கியுள்ளார்.

பரிசு தொகை

16 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட மாநில போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கான பரிசுத் தொகை 5000 ரூபாய் மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்கக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில் வழங்கப்பட்டது. டாக்டர்கள் பஞ்சநாதன் வீரர்களுக்கும், சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களுக்கும் நினைவுப் பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார். மதுரை மாவட்ட சதுரங்க கழகத்தின் செயலாளர் எம்.நாகலிங்கம் நன்றி கூறினார்.



சதுரங்க போட்டியில் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் பெற்ற எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா மற்றும் ஆர்.ஆர்.லட்சுமணனை படத்தில் காணலாம். அருகில் டாக்டர் ஜி.வி.ஹனிமன், பால்பிள்ளை ஏ.ஆர்.ராமநாதன் உள்ளனர்.



The chief guest, Mr. J.C.D. Prabhakaran, President, Madras District Chess Association flanked by the winners of the Madras District Championship, R. B. Ramesh (left) and M. R. Sangeetha (right). Mr. V. Kameswaran, Secretary, MDCA, is at extreme right.

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Ramesh, Sangeetha clinch titles

MADRAS, June 22.

International Master norm holder, R. B. Ramesh of Indian Bank with a tally of 7.5 points won the Madras District Chess Championship, which was organised by the Capa Chess Academy.

In the eighth and final round, Ramesh defeated A. Shankar to qualify for the A. N. Parasuram Memorial Rolling Trophy and Rs 1000 cash award.

International Master N. Sudhakar Babu, M. J. Noohu and G. B. Prakash with 7 points each were placed in that order on tie breaker score. Behind them with 6.5 points came A. Shankar, George Daniel, T. B. Sundar, Sekhar Karthik (Leo Matric School) and J. S. K. Wari (BP) in that order.

In the women's section, M. R. Sangeetha (CSI Monohan) won the title with four points to her credit. She tied with P. Malarselvi (Holy Angels) and Manju James (SBOA) but better tie break score brought her the top place. T. V. Sinduja (SBOA) and B. Shantha (Guntur Subhiah Pillai) with 3.5 were placed fourth and fifth.

Mr. J. C. D. Prabhakaran, President, Madras District Chess Association gave away the prizes. At the function tributes were paid to the late A. N. Parasuram, former President MDCA.

Results: Men: R. B. Ramesh (7.5) beat A. Shankar (6.5); G. B. Prakash (7) beat George Daniel (6.5); Ebenezer Joseph (6) lost to N. S. Babu (7); K. Krishnamurthy (6) lost to M. J. Noohu (7); J. S. K. Wari (6.5) lost to T. B. Sundar (6.5); Sekhar Karthik (6.5) beat M. Intikab Alam (5.5); K. Visweswaran (6) beat R. R. Laxman (5.5); K. Srinivasa Raghavan (6) beat J. Dharendra Kumar (5); C. Natarjan (6) beat N. N. Sivagnanam (5); S. Dillibabu (6) beat K. Muralimohan (5); K. S. Ramesh (5) lost to T. K. Chandrasekhar (6); S. Harishankar (6) beat K. Suresh (5); P. S. Satish (6) beat K. Venkatnathan (5); R. Sundaresan (5.5) drew with Sasirekha (5.5); P. Venkatesah (5) lost to C. J. Arvind (6); M. P. Sasikumar (5) lost to H. Venkatesh (6); R. Bhaskar (5.5) beat P. Muthukrishnan (4.5); Mahaboob Pacha (5.5) beat C. P. Arunkumar (4.5).

Women: Manju James (4) beat M. R. Sangeetha (4); T. V. Sinduja (3.5) drew with B. Shantha (3.5); P. Malarselvi (4) beat N. Koushalya (3); A. Vidya (2) lost to P. Malleswari (3); P. Priya (3) lost to S. Gayathri (3); Charanya (2) beat T. Sangeetha.

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Ramesh joins leaders

MADRAS, June 22. International Master norm holder R. B. Ramesh (Indian Bank) with 6-1/2 points joined the leaders George Daniel and A. Shankar at the end of the seventh and penultimate round in the Madras district chess championship conducted by the Capa Academy. Ramesh beat T. B. Sundar in 42 moves while Shankar and George Daniel drew their match on the top board. In the third board, International Master norm holder G. B. Prakash (Indian Bank) defeated K. Murali Mohan (UCO Bank). G. Prakash, N. Sudhakar Babu, N. Gokul, M. J. Noohu, Ebenezer Joseph and K. Krishnamurthy are in the second spot with six points each. In the women's section, M. R. Sangeetha assured herself of the title by scoring her fourth straight win.

Important results: Shankar (6-1/2) drew with George Daniel (6-1/2); T. B. Sundar (5-1/2) lost to R. B. Ramesh (6-1/2); K. Murali Mohan (5) to G. B. Prakash (6); N. S. Babu (6) beat C. Natarajan (5); Sekhar Karthik (5-1/2) drew with J. S. K. Wari (5-1/2); M. J. Noohu (6) beat T. K. Chandrasekhar (5); Ebenezer Joseph (6) beat R. Venkatesh (5); N. Gokul (6) beat K. Visweswaran (5); K. Krishnamurthy (6) beat R. Venkat (4-1/2); C. P. Arun Kumar lost to S. Dillibabu (5-1/2); K. Thajudeen (5) drew with S. Dillibabu (5-1/2); M. P. Sasikumar (5-1/2) beat Sakthi Prabhakar (4-1/2); R. R. Sundaresan (5-1/2) beat R. Bhaskar (4-1/2); V. Parameswaran (4) to K. Srinivasa Raghavan (5); A. Sarathi (4) lost to S. Harishankar (5); Ram S. Krishnan (4) lost to K. Venkatnathan (5); P. Venkatesah (5) beat R. Naveen (4); C. J. Arvind (5) beat P. P. Raja (4); K. P. Pratap (4) lost to Ramanathan (5); S. Agora (4) lost to K. S. Ramesh (5).

Women: M. R. Sangeetha (4) beat P. Malarselvi; Manju James (4) beat A. Vidya (2); Gayathri (2) lost to T. V. Sinduja (2); B. Shantha (2) beat P. Priya (2); N. Kousalya (3) beat E. Divya (1); T. Sangeetha lost to Malleswari (2); E. Aparna Krishnan (2) beat Charanya Kannan (1).

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ரமேஷ், சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்

சென்னை, ஜூன் 22—
கேபா செஸ் அகாதமி நடத்திய
சென்னை மாவட்ட ஆடவருக்
கான செஸ் போட்டியில்
ஆர்.பி.ரமேஷ் வெற்றிபெற்
றார். மகளிர் பிரிவுக்கு நடை
பெற்ற போட்டியில் சங்கீதா
வென்றார்.

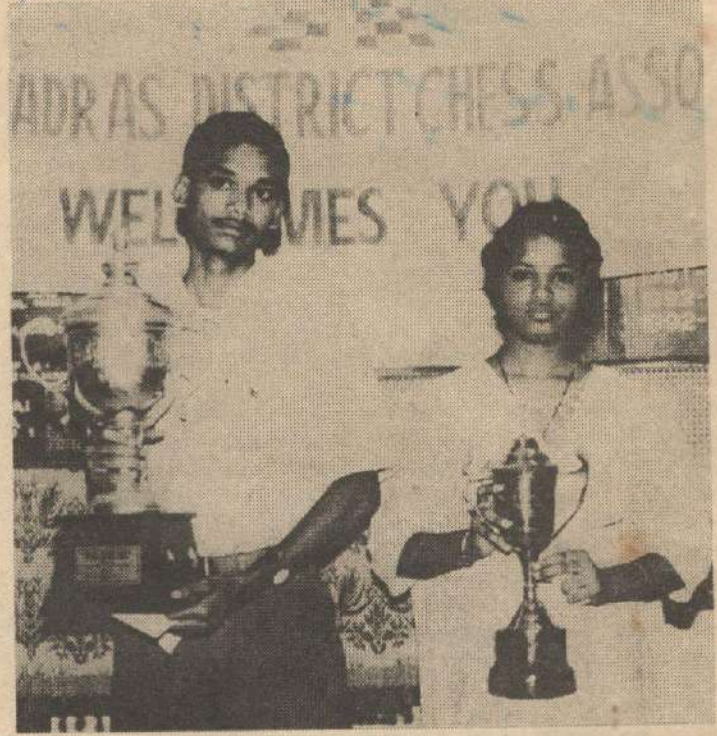
வியாழக்கிழமை சென்னை
செஞ்சிலுவைச் சங்கத்தில் இறு
திச்சுற்றுப் போட்டிகள் நடை
பெற்றன.

இந்தியன் வங்கியைச் சேர்ந்த
ரமேஷ் சென்னையைச் சேர்ந்த
ஏ.சங்கரை வென்று 7.5 புள்ளி
கள் பெற்றார். இதனையடுத்து,
ஏ.என்.பரசுராம் நினைவு சுழற்
கோப்பையும், ரூ.1000 ரொக்கப்
பரிசும் வென்றார்.

சி.எஸ்.ஐ.மோனோஉறன்
பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த
எம்.ஆர்.சங்கீதா 4 புள்ளிகள்
பெற்று எஸ்பிஓஏ மெட்ரிக்
பள்ளியின் மஞ்சு ஜேம்ஸிடம்
தோற்றபோதிலும், டை பிரேக்
கர் ஸ்கோர் மூலம் சாம்பிய
னாக அறிவிக்கப்பட்டார்.

ஆடவர் பிரிவில் சர்வதேச
மாஸ்டர் என்.சுகாதகர் பாபு,
எம்.ஜே.நாரு மற்றும் ஜி.பி.பிர
காஷ் ஆகியோர் 6.5 புள்ளிகளு
டன் இரண்டாவது, மூன்றா
வது, நான்காவது பரிசுகளை
முறையே வென்றனர்.

இறுதிச் சுற்றில் சங்கர்,
ஜார்ஜ் டேனியல், டி.பி.சுந்தர்,



பரசுராம் நினைவு சுழற்கோப்பையை வென்ற ஆர்.பி. ரமேஷ்,
மகளிர் சாம்பியன் எம்.ஆர். சங்கீதா.

சேகர்	கார்த்திக்,	மஞ்சு ஜேம்ஸ் ஆகியோர் தலா
ஜே.எஸ்.கே.வாரி	ஆகியோர்	4 புள்ளிகளும் டி.வி.சிந்துஜா
தலா 6.5 புள்ளிகள் பெற்றனர்.	மகளிர் பிரிவில்	(எஸ்பிஓஏ), பி.சாந்தா (லியோ
மகனிர்	பி.மலர்ச்	மெட்ரிக்) ஆகியோர் 3.5 புள்ளி
செல்வி (ஹோலி	ஏஞ்சல்),	களும் எடுத்தனர்.



கேபா செஸ் அகாடமி சார்பில் சென்னை மாவட்ட செஸ்
போட்டி நடத்தப்பட்டது. அதன் ஆண்கள் பிரிவில் ஆர்.பி.
ரமேஷ் (இந்தியன் பாங்கி), மகளிர் பிரிவில் சங்கீதாவும்



R.B.Ramesh and M.R.Sangeetha, who won the boys and girls titles in the Madras District Chess championship on Wednesday, seen with their trophies.

Ramesh, Sangeetha take titles

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MADRAS

IM NORM holder R.B. Ramesh (Indian Bank), with a tally of 7.5 points, won the Madras District Chess Championship, conducted by the Capa Chess Academy. In the eighth and final round here on Wednesday, he defeated A. Sankar.

Ramesh bagged the A.N. Parasuram Memorial Trophy, and a cash prize of Rs. 1000.

IM N. Sudhakar Babu, M.J. Noohu and G.B. Prakash, with seven points each, finished second, third and fourth respectively on tie-break score.

M.R. Sangeetha (CSI), with four points, but a better tie-break score, claimed the women's title,

despite losing to Manju James in the fifth and final round.

Malarselvi and Manju James, also with four points, each finished second and third respectively.

Final placings - Men: 1. R.B. Ramesh (IB) 7.5 points, 2. N. Sudhakar Babu (IB) 7 points, 3. M.J. Noohu 7 points, 4. G.B. Prakash (IB) 7 points, 5. A. Shankar (6.5 points), 6. George Daniel 6.5 points, 7. T.B. Sundar 6.5 points, 8. Sekar Karthik 6.5 points, 9. J.S.K. Wari (BP) 6.5 points.

Women: 1. M.R. Sangeetha (CSI) 4 points, 2. P. Malarselvi (Holy Angels) 4 points, 3. Manju James (SBOA) 4 points, 4. T.V. Sinduja (SBOA) 3.5 points, 5. B. Shantha (Guntur Subbiah Pillai) 3.5 points.

Results (final round): Men: R.B. Ramesh 7 1/2 bt A.Sankar 6 1/2. G.B.Prakash 7 bt George Daniel 6 1/2. Ebenezer Joseph 6 lost to N.S.Babu 7, K.Krishnamurthy 6 lost to

M.J.Noohu 7, J.S.K.Wari 5 1/2 bt N.Gokul 6. G.Srikanth 5 1/2 lost to T.B.Sundar 6 1/2. Sekar Karthik 6 1/2 bt Intikhab Alam 5 1/2. K.Visweswaran 6 bt R.R.Laxman 5 1/2. K.Srinivasa Raghavan 6 bt Dharendra Kumar 5. C.Natarajan 6 bt N.Sivagnanam 5. S.Dillibabu 6 bt K.Murali Mohan 5. K.S.Ramesh 5 lost to T.K.Chandrasekhar 6. S.Harishankar 6 bt K.Suresh 5. M.R.Venkatesh 6 bt K.Dawood 5. P.Satish 6 bt K.Venkatnathan 5. R.Sundaresan 5 1/2 drew with Sasirekha 5 1/2. P.Venkatesh 5 lost to C.J.Arvind 6. M.P.Sasikumar 5 lost to H.Venkatesh 6. R.Bhaskar 5 1/2 bt P.Muthukrishnan 4 1/2. Mahboob Pacha 5 1/2 bt C.P.Arun Kumar 4 1/2.

Women: Manju James 4 bt M.R.Sangeetha 4. T.V.Sinduja 3 1/2 drew with B.Shantha 3 1/2. P.Malarselvi 4 bt N.Kaushalya 3. A.Vidya 2 lost to P.Malleswari 3. P.Priya 3 bt P.Aparnakrishnan 2. E.Divya 1 lost to S.Gayathri 3. Charanya 2 bt T.Sangeetha 2.

Sudhakar Babu triumphs

MADRAS, Sept. 4.

IM N. Sudhakar Babu of Indian Bank, ranked No. 6 in the country, won the fourth Frontline rapid chess tournament, organised by the Rotary Club of Madras Central, at the Indian Red Cross Society hall here recently.

He defeated his teammate G. B. Prakash in the final round and finished with 7.5 points. International Master norm holder and India's No. 2 T. S. Ravi of Indian Bank played an exciting draw against IM R. B. Ramesh. Ravi also collected 7.5 points, but was placed second.

IM V. Koshy, M. R. Venkatesh, International Woman Master and national champion S. Vijayalakshmi, R. R. Laxman (Don Bosco), R. B. Ramesh, FIDE Master K. V. Shantharam secured seven points each and were placed from 3rd to 8th. IM V. Saravanan, T. V. Karthikeyan, A. L. Kasi and G. B. Prakash (Indian Bank) scored 6.5 points and were ranked 9th to 12th in that order.

T. V. Subramanian of Madurai got the best veteran prize. National sub-junior champion Mahesh Chandran of Madurai, P. Kumarsh and V. Srinivas got the

best player awards for under 14, 12 and 10 categories for boys. P. Priya, K. Preethi, S. Banupriya got the under 14, 12 and 10 awards for girls respectively.

International Master V. Saravanan of BPCL won the eighth problem solving contest with a score of 105 out of a possible 135 points. N. N. Sivagnanam (95) and R. Yuvaraj (90) finished second and third respectively.

Mr. C. T. Lakshman, Divisional Controller, HCL Frontline Ltd., gave away the prizes.

Important rapid chess results:

IM R. B. Ramesh (7) drew with T. S. Ravi (7.5), IM N. Sudhakar Babu (7.5) beat G. B. Prakash (6.5), IM V. Koshy (7) drew with V. Koshy (7), M. K. Alaguraja (6) lost to R. R. Laxman (7), S. Vijayalakshmi (7) beat Mahesh Chander (6), K. V. Shantharam (7) beat C. Nagarajan (6), S. Subramanian (5.5) lost to M. R. Venakatesh (7), K. Visweswaran (5.5) lost to T. V. Karthikeyan (6.5), S. Meenakshi (5.5) lost to A. L. Kasi (6.5), C. J. Arvind (5) lost to K. Ranganathan (6).

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இன்கிரன் / 21-8-96.

கேபா செஸ்:

சங்கீதா சாம்பியன்!

சென்னை, ஆக. 21-
கேபா செஸ் அகாடமியின் நான்
காவது வருடாந்திர செஸ்
போட்டியில் 18 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட
மாணவ மாணவியர் பிரிவு
களில் சாந்தோம் பள்ளியைச்
சேர்ந்த சி.ஜே.அர்விந்தம்,
சி.எஸ்.ஐ. மோனோஹன்
பள்ளியை சேர்ந்த எம்.ஆர்.
சங்கீதாவும் சாம்பியன் பட
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கவிஞர் அழுவள்ளியப்பா
நினைவு சுழற்கோப்பையும்,
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நினைவு சுழற்கோப்பையும்

வாழ்க்கப்பட்டன.
572 சிறுவர் சிறுமியர் கலந்து
கொண்ட இப்போட்டி
சென்னை மயிலாப்பூர் வித்யா
மந்திர பள்ளியில் நடைபெற்
றது.
18 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட மாணவர்
பிரிவில் சி.ஜே.அர்விந்த (சாந்
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வெஸ்லி பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த
எம்.ஆர்.வெங்கடேஷ், ஜெய்
கோபால் பள்ளியை சேர்ந்த
ஜி.லட்சுமி நாராயணன் ஆகி
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எடுத்து இரண்டாவது, மூன்றா
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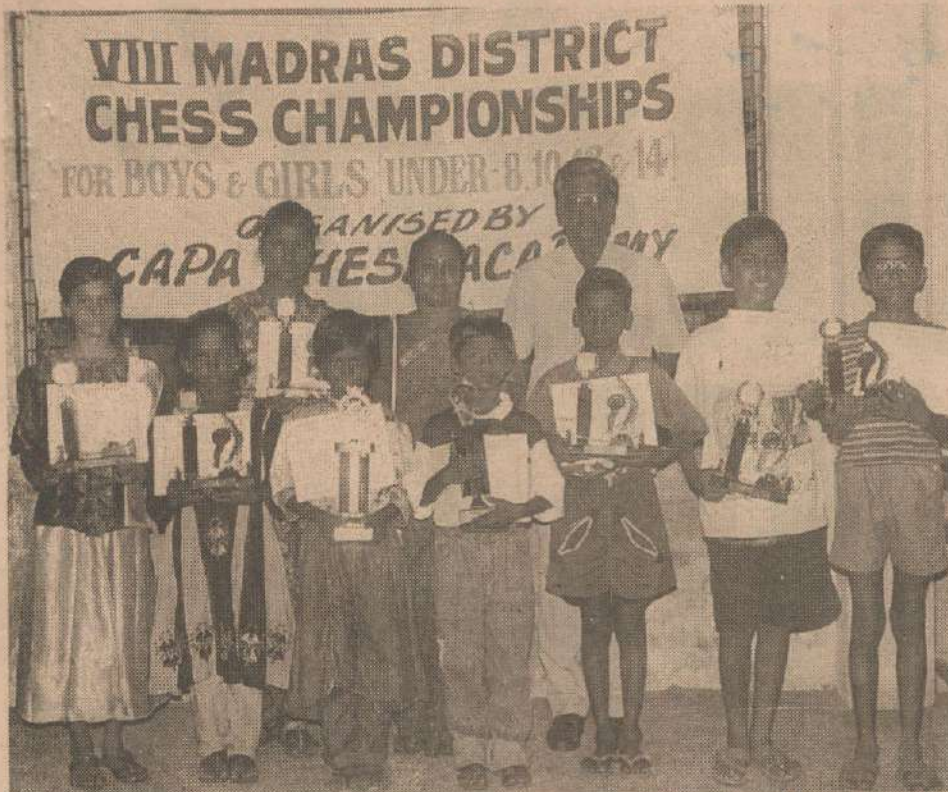
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சேர்ந்த எம்.ஆர்.சங்கீதாவும்,
வேறொரு ஏஞ்சல்ஸ் பள்ளியை
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போதிலும், சங்கீதா டைபிரெக்
கர் மூலம் சாம்பியனாக
அறிவிக்கப்பட்டார்.

ஆறுபுள்ளிகள் எடுத்த
ஆர்.ஆர்த்தியும் (எம்.சி.டி.எம்.),
எஸ்.பி.ஏ.ஏ.வைச் சேர்ந்த
மஞ்சளா ஜேம்சும் முறையே
மூன்றாவது, நான்காவது பரிசு
களைத் தட்டிச் சென்றனர்.

பரிசளிப்பு விழாவில் அகில
இந்திய யூகோ வங்கி ஊழியர்
சங்க பொதுச்செயலாளர்
விஜயன், வங்கி மண்டல
மேலாளர் ராமச்சந்திரன்,
கேபா செஸ் அகாடமி செய
லாளர் மாண்புமிகு

Thereafter it was an absorbing tussle with both teams going all out. With the rival defence coming up with neat trapping and accurate clearances, the

memory of Mr. Pradyut Kumar Dutta, Honorary secretary, Indian Football Association, who was away in New Delhi in the early hours of Wednesday.



All the winners in the Madras District sub-junior chess championship organised by the CAPA Academy here recently: from left (back row): M. R. Sangeetha (under-14), Mrs. R. Alamelu (Chief Arbiter), Mr. S. Ramaswamy (President CAPA Academy and chief guest); (front row): T. S. Subashini (under-12), P. Malarselvi (under-10), P. Priya (under-8), R. Siddarth (under-8), M. R. Venkatesh (under-10), R. Laxman (under-14) and K. V. Sreenath (under-12).

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Laxman, Sangeetha bag u-14 titles

MADRAS, Nov. 17. National under-12 champion R. Laxman of Don Bosco School choosing to play in the higher age category, won the under-14 boys title with a creditable 7.5 points out of a possible eight in the Madras District sub-junior chess championship, organised by the Capa Chess Academy under the auspices of the MDCA here recently.

The girls title in this category went to M. R. Sangeetha of CSI Monohan who won all her matches in the four-round contest.

Placed behind Laxman were, K. Dwarak (PSBB), the only FIDE rated player in the event, with seven points, R. Bhaskaran (Gill Adarsh) with 6.5 points and K. Venkatanathan (PSBB) with six points.

R. Vilasani (Lady MCTM) and S. Gayathri (CSI Ewart) with three points each finished second and third respectively in the girls section. T. Laxmi (PSBB) finished fourth with 2.5 points.

K. V. Sreenath of Santhome High School and T. S. Subashini of Kola Saraswathi School emerged respective champions in the under-12 category. Sreenath had tied with Ram S. Krishnan (PSBB) and Umesh Krishnan (Hindu SSS), all totalling 6.5 points in eight rounds, but the tie break score helped Sreenath to win the title. Ram S. Krishnan and Umesh finished second and third respectively. J. Dhirendra Kumar (Don Bosco) finished fourth with six points.

In the girls section, Subashini was a clear winner mustering four points. R. Gayathri (Sri Sankara) with three points finished second while C. V. Rajalakshmi (St. Marks) and T. V. Sinduja (SBOA) with

2.5 points each were placed third and fourth in that order.

In the under-10 section, M. R. Venkatesh (CSI Monohan) with a tally of 5.5 points out of a possible six took the title. R. Naveen (DAV Higher Secondary School) and Anirudh Krishnan (Vidya Mandir) had five points each but Naveen finished ahead on better progressive scores. M. Pradeep (SBOA) with 4.5 points finished fourth. On the girls side P. Malarselvi (Holy Angels) with 3.5 points out of a possible four took the honours. Charanya Kannan and P. N. Harini (both B. S. Mooth Girls School) besides Vidya Ramesh (Abacus) had three points each to finish in that order.

In a four player round robin in the under-8 category, P. Priya (Holy Angels) won the title with an all-win record. Samyuktha (Sishya) finished runner up with two points while Gowri Selvam and Hemavathy (both Valliammal School) finished third and fourth.

R. Siddarth (Chinmaya) emerged champion in the boys section. Both Siddarth and Bharathraj Kidambi (PSBB) tallied 3.5 points each. Since there was a tie in their tie break score also, the spin of coin decided the winner. J. Dhritman (KFI) and R. Uttam Sharma had three points each to finish in that order.

The first four rankers in each category are eligible to represent the district in the forthcoming State championship to be held in Madurai next month.

Mr. S. Ramaswamy (President, Capa Chess Academy) and Mr. D. Sundara Krishnan (Vice President, M/s Lee Fin India Ltd) gave away the prizes.

Vinod bags

I.E. title 28-9-93

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MADRAS - G. Vinod of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School scored six points to bag the title in the Madras District Sub-junior Chess Championship at the SBOA Junior College here on Monday.

K. Sasikiran (Modern Senior Secondary School, Nanganallur) too had six points but finished second due to an inferior progressive score. He had 25 points to Vinod's 26.5.

National under-12 champion, R. Aarthi (M.C.T.M. Higher Secondary School) won the girls title, logging 5.5 points.

Final placings:

Sub-jr open: 1. G. Vinod (Don Bosco) 6 points (26.5); 2. K. Sasikiran (Modern) 6 (25); 3. Kedar Narayanan (La Chatelaine) 5.5 (24); 4. S. Karthik (SBOA) 5.5 (23.5); 5. R. Laxman (Don Bosco) 5.5 (22).

6-12 placings: M. Bharadwaj (SBOA) 5 (23); Sameer Shroff (PSBB) 5 (22.5); T.V. Karthikeyan (PSSSS) 5 (22); Arvind Narayanan (St. John's) 5 (22); Sundarajan Kidambi (PSBB, K.K. Nagar) 5 (22); M.R. Venkatesh 5 (19); K.V. Srikanth (Hindu HSS) 5 (19).

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News Today

Sangeetha upsets Sasirekha Sekhar

Madras, Nov. 7:

M.R. Sangeetha (CSI Mohanan HSS) caused major upset by defeating seeded Sasirekha Sekhar (SBOA HSS., Anna Nagar) in the first round of the Madras District under 19 girls championship being played at Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Higher Secondary School., K.K. Nagar.

In the boys section, seeded players T.K. Chandra Sekharan (PSBB K.K.Nagar) G. Vinod (Don Bosco HSS), S. Murali Balaji (Loyola College), Easwaran (Govt.HSS, Chrompet) had registered easy victories. The championship had attracted a record number of 104 entries.

Boys (under 19):

Arjun Shankar (Gill Adorsh HSS) lost to Chandrasekharan (1) (PSBB, K.K.Nagar), Shanmugam (D.B.Jain) lost to Karthik Vaidyanathan (1) (St.John's), Sameer Shroff (1) (PSBB, Nungambakkam) beat Prasanna (Gill Adorsh HSS), Vinod (Don Bosco HSS) beat Naveen (DAVHSS), Arun Kumar (1) (IPGIT, Vellore) beat Rajendran (Sri

Narayan Mission), Srikrishna (Kendra Vidhyala) lost to Murali Balaji (1) (Loyola College), Vaideeswaran (Sri Sankara Matriculation) lost to Sasikiran (1) (Modern Sr. Sec. School, Nanganallur), Easwaran (Govt. Hr.Sec.School, Chrompet) beat David (Loyola Matriculation), Laxman (Don Bosco) beat Driendra Kumar (Don Bosco, Egmore) and Kamal (St.Beed's HSS) lost to Kedra Narayan (1) (La Chetriae HSS, Valasara-vakkam).

Girls (under 19):

Vinitha (Anna Adarsh) (1) beat Vanitha (St.Antony HSS, Mandavelli), Vidya (Vanavadi HSS) beat Ashritha, Sangeetha (1) (CSI Mohanan HSS) beat Sasirekha Sekhar (SBOA, Anna Nagar) Sindhuja (SBOA HSS) lost to Laxmi (1) (PSBB, K.K.Nagar), Banu Priya (Krishneswamy Matriculation) lost to Priya (1) (Holy Angels), Rajalakshmi (Sri Sankara Sr.Sec. School) lost to Shantha (1) (GSPT HSS) and Malar Selvi (1) (Holy Angels) beat Priya (Adarsh Vidhyalaya HSS).

Sasirekha upset

I.E. 7-11-93

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In the boys section, seeded players Chandrasekaran (PSBB-K.K. Nagar), G. Vinod (Don Bosco), S.M. Balaji (Loyola College) B. Easwaran (Chrompet Govt HSS) had easy draws.

Results: Boys- Arun Kumar lost to T.K. Chandrasekharan (1), S. Shanmugam lost to R. Karthik Vidyanathan (1), Sameer Shroff (1) bt K.P. Prasanna, G. Vinod (1) bt R. Naveen, A. Arun Kumar (1) bt L. Rajendran, S. Srikrishna lost to S. Murali Balaji (1), S. Vaideeswaran lost to K. Sasikiran (1), B. Easwaran (1) bt David, R. Laxman (1) bt J. Driendra Kumar, P. Kamal lost to K. Narayanan.

Girls: M. Vinitha (1) bt K. Vanitha, A. Vidya (1) bt J. Ashritha, M.R. Sangeetha (1) bt Sasirekha Sekhar, T.V. Sindhuja lost to T. Laxmi (1), S. Banu Priya lost to T. Priya (1), C. Rajalakshmi lost to B. Shantha (1), P. Malar Selvi (1) bt G. Priya.

Treble: Rs 954 (30 tkts), Jackpot: Rs 9152 (4 tkts). •UNI

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சங்கீதாவிடம் சசிரேகா தோல்வி

சென்னை, நவ. 6—

சென்னையில் நடைபெறும் மாவட்ட ஜூனியர் செஸ் (19 வயதுக்குட்பட்டோருக்கானது) சாம்பியன் பட்டப்போட்டியின் முதல் சுற்று ஆட்டத்தில் சிஎஸ்ஜி மோகனன் மேல் நிலைப் பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த ஆர். சங்கீதா அண்ணா நகர் எஸ்பிஓஏ பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த சசிரேகா சேகரைத் தோற்கடித்தார். டி.கே. சந்திரசேகரன், ஜி. வினோத், எஸ். முரளி பாலாஜி, பி. ஈஸ்வரன் ஆகியோர் தத்தமது போட்டிகளில் எளிதில் வெற்றி பெற்று ஒரு புள்ளி ருத்தனர். [தின மணி]



The Capa Chess Academy open schools chess tournament winners — Front row (from left) — R. S. Prasanna (under 10), P. Kumaresh (under 12), C. V. Raghuram Balaji (under 8), M. Roopavathy (under 10), C. V. Rajalakshmi (under 14), Nabila Farheen (under 12). Back row (from left) — C. J. Arvind (under 18), Mr. K. Vijayan, Mr. K. V. Ramachandran (chief guests) and M. R. Sangeetha (under 18).

Arvind and Sangeetha emerge champions

MADRAS, Aug. 21. C. J. Arvind of Santhome High School and M. R. Sangeetha of CSI Monohan emerged champions in the under 18 boys' and girls' categories respectively at the annual open tournament, conducted by Capa Chess Academy, at Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, here on Sunday.

Arvind and Sangeetha were awarded Kuzhandai Kavignar Azha Valliappa and Damayandhi Trophies. Arvind secured 7.5 points out of eight rounds. M. R. Venkatesh (Wesley) and G. Lakshmi Narayanan (Jai Gopal Garodia) finished second and third with 6.5 points.

Other results:

Under-18 girls — 1. M. R. Sangeetha (6.5) 2. P. Malarselvi (Holy Angels-6.5) 3. R. Aarthi (M. Ct. M. Chidambaram-6) 4. Manjula V. James (SBOA-6).

Under-8 boys — 1. C. V. Raghuram Balaji (St. Mark's-7) 2. B. Srisubramanian (7) 3. K. Abhishek (Padma Seshadri-6.5) 4. T. R. Ranjith (Modern SSS-6.5). Girls - 1. K. Lakshmi (DDC Vivekanand Vidyalaya-6.5) 2. Sruthi Soundararajan (M.Ct.M.-6) 4. A. Hemavathi (Valliammal-6).

Under-10 boys - 1. R. S. Prasanna (Modern SSS-7.5) 2. Uttam Sharma (Bhaktavathalam Vidyashram-7). Girls - 1. M. Roopavathy (NSN-6) 2. P. Priya (Holy Angels-6) 3. V. Ayswarya (5) 4. S. M. Ragasudha (Padma Seshadri-5) 5. R. Surya (AMM Mat.-5)

Under-12 boys — 1. P. Kumaresh (Padma Seshadri-7.5) 2. J. Antono Solar (St. John's-7) 3. V. Ashwin (Sri Sankara-7). Girls — 1. Nabila Farheen (Krisnaswami Matric-6) 2. Charanya Kannan (BS Mootha-5.5) 3. K. Preethi (Padma Seshadri-5.5) 4. M. Renuka (St. Marks-5.5)

Under-14 boys — 1 — Ram S. Krishnan (Padma Seshadri-7.5) 2. Preetam Sharma (Bhaktavathalam Vidyashram-6.5) 3. B. Shyam Sundar (Vailankanni-6.5) Girls — 1. C. V. Rajalakshmi (St. Marks-6.5) 2. V. Thavamani (St. Marks-6.5) 3. K. Nishamathi (Jawahar HSS-6) 4. H. Isai Amuthu (La-

dy M. Ct. M-6) 5. Y. Prathiba (Sankara Vidyalaya-6) Messrs. K. V. Ramachandran, Zonal Manager, UCO Bank and K. Vijayan, General Secretary, All-India UCO Bank Employees Union, gave away the prizes.

Aarthi is champion

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better progressive score.

COIMBATORE, SEPT. 3

TOP-SEEDED R. Aarthi (Madras) emerged champion, scoring six points in the Tamil Nadu State Women's Chess Championship at the Gujarathi Samaj, here, on Tuesday.

Aarthi, who went into the seventh and final round with 5.5 points, played exchange variation of French Defence against P.L. Sivakami (Madurai). Both settled for a draw after exchanging major pieces.

With this victory Aarthi qualified for the forthcoming National Women's 'B' Championship, to be held in Bangalore from Sept 7.

M.R. Sangeetha (Madras), P.L. Sivakami (Madurai) and C.V. Rajalakshmi (Changai MGR), who finished second, third and fourth respectively, also qualified for the Bangalore Nationals.

In the final round, Sangeetha defeated S. Sujatha (Madras) to claim the second place with 5.5 points. Sivakami and

Results (7th round): P.L. Sivagami (Mdu) 5 drew with R. Aarthi (Mds) 6. S. Sujatha (Mds) 4 lost to M.R. Sangeetha (Mds) 5.5. P. Sumathi (Periyar) 4 lost to C.V. Rajalakshmi (Chengai) 5. P.N. Nirmala (Cbe) 4 drew with Manjula V. James (Chengai) 4.5. S. Cynthia (Mdu) 4 drew with P. Kausalya (Cbe) 4. T.S. Subashini (Mds) 4.5 bt S. Valarmathi (Cbe) 3.5. T.V. Sinduja (Mds) 4 bt B. Santha (Mds) 3.5. R. Krithika (Chengai) 3 lost to S. Archana (Chengai) 4. Aparna Krishnan (Mds) 3 lost to P.N. Harini (Chengai) 4. S. Beulah Alagammal (Nellai) 4 bt T. Santha (Chengai) 3. K. Divya (Cbe) 2.5 lost to N. Renuka (Chengai) 3.5. T. Sangeetha (Mds) 3 bt S. Soundaryanayagi (Mds) 2. N.T. Roopavathy (Mds) 2 lost to Y. Prathiba (Chengai) 2.5. Rajarajeswari (Cbe) 1.5 lost to Nirmala Nesayya (Mds) 1.

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'THE HINDU' 21-8-96

The brother sister duo

By K.V. B. Rajagopal

ROYAPETTAH

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Rajendran bought various books on the subject, studied them, participated in events and interacted with officials to pass on the wisdom.

Among Sangeetha's achievements the five state titles she won deserve special mention. In the

recent National played at Talachery, she came second. It was played on league basis and out of nine rounds, she won six and drew three.

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Sangeetha's goal is to become a GRAND MASTER. This will, no doubt, come to her in due course of time, if one takes into account the natural talent and dedication she shows. Sangeetha does not think beyond chess and eats and breathes the game. The glittering profiles that adore

the showcase demonstrate this. Here is wishing her the Best of Luck in her future endeavours.

Big achiever

M.R. VENKATESH, 14 years old is a product of C.S.I. Wesley School, Royapettah. He is a prodigy and started playing the game from the tender age of eight. He had the added advantage of his sister, Sangeetha and father, Mr. Rajendran to give him all the support and encouragement.

Venkatesh has already achieved a lot and will go miles ahead. His performances are: 1. He was state first in Juniors for under -



10 district. 2. He was national first for Juniors held at Chennai. 3. Went to Brazil at the age of ten and won the bronze metal in under - 10 category. He got the medal from Anatoly Karpov. 4. He was National Champion for under - 12 at

Coimbatore in 1997. Participated in the Chess Championships Chennai 1998 and won the trophy. 6. In the under - 10 category (Juniors) Bikaner 1997 he won second. 7. In the under - 10 category (Juniors) held at Aurangabad he stood second. 8. In the under - 18 category Bikaner in 1998 he stood third. 9. Defeated I. Master Sekar in 1997 National Master V. 1997 and another I. Master K. Sasikaran in 1998.

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Coimbatore in 1997. 5. Participated in the Senior Chess Championship held at Chennai 1998 and won the trophy. 6. In the under - 16 category (Juniors) held at Bikaner 1997 he was second. 7. In the under - 16 category (Juniors) category held at Aurangabad in 1998 he stood second. 8. In the under - 18 category held at Bikaner in 1998 he came third. 9. Defeated National Master Sekar in 1996.

National Master V. Koshi in 1997 and another Indian Master K. Sasikaran in 1998.

Venkatesh feels he was lucky to have played with Grand Master Viswanathan Anand in the 'Cloasimul'

exhibition match played at the Russian Cultural Center in August 1995. He had the rare distinction of holding the world No: 2 player to a draw in a simultaneous game. He was one among the six players selected to participate in the event. This worthy performance was praised by Grand Master, Anand.

Venkatesh's aim is to represent the Asian Championship (Juniors) to be held this year. He is grateful to his Head Master in school who encourages him and keenly following his achievement.

Venkatesh and Sangeetha live at : 7/15, Peters Colony, Royapettah. Ph: 8592702.



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CHESS / BAD DAY FOR ANUPAMA

Bhagyashree, Pallavi in joint lead

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VISAKHAPATNAM JULY 28. Bhagyashree Thipsay of IDBI and Pallavi Shah of LIC with four points each were jointly in the lead at the end of the fourth round of the YMCA 28th National 'B' chess championship for women here on Saturday.

In the fourth round matches, third-seeded Bhagyashree Thipsay playing black pieces defeated J.E. Kavitha of Tamil Nadu in 35 moves, while fifth seed Pallavi Shah with white pieces prevailed over Krithika Nadig of Maharashtra also in 35 moves.

Top-seeded Anupama Gokhale had a bad day today, registering draws in the third and fourth rounds. In the third round this morning Anupama was held to a draw by the under-14 National champion Eesha Karwade of Maharashtra. In a closed Sicilian defence game the players fought it out on equal terms and eventually the draw came about after 37 moves. In the evening match, Anupama

was held to a draw by Sowmya Swaminathan of Tamil Nadu.

Second-seeded Saheli Dhar Barua also lost half point when she had to settle for a draw against M.R. Sangeetha of Tamil Nadu in the third round. In a Kings Indian set up the match progressed to a stage wherein the players seemed to be on even terms and a draw resulted after only 23 moves. However in the evening Saheli chalked up a win against Arpi Shah of Gujarat to stay in the running.

Andhra Pradesh's under seven National champion P. Lakshmi Sahiti also forced a draw against fourth seed Nisha Mohota in the fourth round. Sahiti decided on a Kings Indian defence against the d4 opening of Nisha. After 32 moves with the position seemingly equal, the match ended in a draw.

● **The results (fourth round):** J.E. Kavitha (3) lost to Bhagyashree Thipsay (4); Pallavi Shah (4) bt Krithika Nadig (3); Sowmya Swaminathan (3) drew with

Anupama Gokhale (3); Saheli Dhar Barua (3.5) bt Arpi Shah (2.5); Sai Meera Ravi (3) drew with Baisakhi Das (3); Eesha Karwade (3) drew with Dolan Champa Bose (3); Tanya Sachdev (3.5) bt M.R. Sangeetha (2.5); Pooja Rathod (3) drew with Shafira Shahnaz (3); D. Harika (3.5) bt P. Priya (2.5); Nabeela Farheen (3.5) bt Swati Mohato (2.5);

Amruta Mokal (3) bt Sreeparna Chakravarty (2); Anoori Shah (3) bt I. Ramya Krishna (2); Shraddha Samani (3) bt N. Vinuthna (2); C. Delphin (3) bt V.K. Sindhu (2); Purabi Singha (3) bt N. Sandhya (2); S. Sujatha (3) bt M. Sailaja (2); K. Chandrasaha (2) lost to Y. Pratibha (3); P. Uthra (2) lost to S.R. Radha (3); Saheli Nath (3) bt K.L. Praneetha (2); Nisha Mohota (2) drew with P. Lakshmi Sahiti (2);

E. Sheena (2.5) bt T.T. Lakshmi Priya (1.5); Bindu Saritha (1.5) lost to Sivasankari (2.5); P. Malaselvi (2.5) bt Ch. Kavitha (1.5); Kiran Agarwal (2) drew with Anupriya Patil (2); C.V. Rajalakshmi (2.5) bt P. Sudha (1.5); Prasana (1.5) lost to M. Rajadashini (2.5); D. Minu (2.5) bt Niharika Thakkar (1.5); Shahzabeen (2.5) bt T. Venalla (1.5); H. Nilavoli (2.5) bt Alka Das (1.5); T. Arvinda Lochani (2.5) bt B.S. Keerthi (1.5);

N. Raghavi (2.5) bt Jaya Arunmathi (1.5); P.V. Nirmala (1.5) drew with Nazia Nona (1.5); Kajri Choksi (2) bt Meena Fotta (1); V. Mrunalini (2) bt Dhayani Dave (1); Sonam Shah (2) bt Pampa Dasgupta (1); N. Manojna (2) bt Pranjali (1); Jyoti Nishad (2) bt Tripti Soni (1); B.K. Srivani (2) bt S. Kavitha (1); B. Ramadevi (1) lost to K. Nayana (2); S. Latha (1) lost to P. Sushmita (2); R. Sharanya (1) lost to Abha Thakur (2); Pubali Goswami (2) bt M. Sindhu (1); K. Pallavi Maiya (2) bt Vidya Fotta (1); Anjana Sowmya (1) lost to Mugda Dolas (2); Madana Sri (1) drew with Gunmoni Gogoi (1); Vandana (1) bt K. Sasikala (nil); N. Jahnvi (nil) lost to K. Sindhu (1); K. Ruby (nil) lost to Lakshmikeerthi (1); Sasi Prabha Singh (nil) lost to T. Amrutha Varshini (1); Manisha Singh (1) bt Jhansi (nil).

Third round: Anupama Gokhale (2.5) drew with Eesha Karwade (2.5); M.R. Sangeetha (2.5) drew with Saheli Dhar

Barua (2.5); Bh. Purabhi Singha Sujatha (2); J.E. Shah (2); Swathi Tanya Sachdev bt C. Delphin (2); drew with Somya Rajadarshini (1.5); Champa (1.5).

Safira Shahn (1.5); P. Priya (2) Arpi Shah (2.5) bt hi Das (2.5) bt (1.5) lost to P. Chakravarty (1.5); T.T. Lakshmi Nisha Mohota (1) lost to Shradhbha (2) bt N. B.

Sivasankari Agarwal (1.5); Choksi (1); Pan Saheli Nath (2) nam Shah (1); Jyoti Nishad (1) Ramadevi (1); Amruta Mokal with T. Arvinda thi (1.5) drew with

Tripti Soni (1) (2); V.K. Sindhu Nazia Nona (1) M. Sailaja (2) bt (1) lost to P. Uth R. Saranya (1); C to Bindu K. Sar (1) drew with Pu nasri (0.5) lost to Sudha (1.5) bt Dhayani Dave (1) with (1) bt N. J (1) bt Lakshmi (1) bt Sashi Prab ta (1) bt Manees la (nil) lost to P. (1) bt T. Amruth (nil) lost to V. M lost to N. Man (1) bt Jhansi (nil)



Saheli Dhar Barua (right) and M.R. Sangeetha analyse their drawn game in the 28th National women's 'B' championship in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. — Photo K.R. Deepak

Chandrasekar, Sangeetha claim top honours

MADRAS, Sept. 13.

T. K. Chandrasekar (Vaishnava College) and M. R. Sangeetha (CSI, Mohanan) won the boys and girls titles respectively in the Madras District chess championship for under-19 here. Chandrasekar collected 6.5 points out of a possible seven while Sangeetha claimed the full five points.

Mr. V. Kameswaran, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chess Association, was the chief guest on the final day. Mr. S. Narayanaswamy, Joint Secretary, TNCA, and Mrs. Mino Agarwal, Principal, DAV Public School, gave away the prizes.

The results:

Boys: 1. T. K. Chandrasekar (Vaishnava) 6.5 pts; 2. R. Laxman (Don Bosco) 6.5, 3. J. Direndrakumar (Don Bosco) 6.5, 4. M. R. Venkatesh (CSI, Mohanan) 6, 5. C. Natarajan (Qaid-E-Milleth) 5.5, 6. S. Karthick (SBOA) 5.5, 7. R. Naveen 5 and 8. G. Dinesh Kumar (Don Bosco) 5.

Girls: 1. M. R. Sangeetha (CSI, Mohanan) 5, 2. G. Vidya (Ethira) 4, 3. T. S. Subhasini 4, 4. T. V. Sinduja (SBOA) 4, 5. R. Gayathri 3, 6. N. Kousalyadevi (Vaishnava College) 3, 7. B. Shantha (Guntur Subbiah) 2.5 and 8. N. Gayathri 2.

'THE HINDU' 13-9-94

Manikandan bags title

MADRAS, Nov. 2.

J. Manikandan of Savithri Ammal Oriental HSS with 7 points in eight rounds claimed the boys under-16 title in the Madras Cements sponsored third Children's Club Open chess tournament for boys and girls which concluded on Sunday.

On the final day, Mr. K. V. Ramanathan, President, Children's Club welcomed the gathering and Mrs. Seitha Lakshminarayan, wife of chief guest, Mr. V. R. Lakshminarayan, Director General of Police (retd.) gave away the prizes.

The prize winners: Boys: Under-16: 1. J. Manikandan (Savithri Ammal Oriental HSS) 7; 2. K. V. Sreenath (Santhome HSS), 3. K. M. Ranganathan (NSN MHSS) 4. Karthik Vaidyanathan (St. Johns, Mandavelli) (each 6-1/2 points).

Under-14: 1. C. J. Arvind (St. Johns, Besant Nagar) 7-1/2; 2. R. Naveen (DAV) 7; 3. S. Srinath (Sri Sankara) 4. M. R. Venkatesh (CSI); 5. T. Vignesh (Jawahar Vidyalaya) (each 6 points).

Under-12: 1. Ram S. Krishnan (PSBB, T.Nagar) 7-1/2; 2. R. Suridar (PSBB, T.Nagar), 3. R. Pritham Sharma (Bhaktavatsalam Vidyashram) (each 6-1/2).

Under-10: 1. V. Ashwin (Sri Sankara) 4-1/2; 2. M. Santosh (Don Bosco), 3. P. Kumaresh (PSBB, K K Nagar), 4. J. Venkataraman (Bishop Corrie), 5. S. Vaideeswaran (St Marks) (each 4).

Under-8: 1. R. Uttam Sharma (Bhaktavatsalam) 5; 2. Sunil Dev (Hindu SSS, Indira Nagar) 3. R. Muthukumar (Kamaraj Convent) (both 4 pts); 4. K. Mukesh, Bharathiraj Kidambi, M. Karthik (all 3 pts).

Girls: Under-16: 1. M. R. Sangeetha (CSI) 5; 2. N. Kousalya Devi (Kesari) 4; T. S. Subhashini (Kola Saraswathi) 3; Vaishnavi (Jawahar Vidyalaya) 1.

Under-14: 1. S. Sudharshana (PSBB) 3; 2. T. Padmapriya (PSBB) 3; 3. B. Shantha (GSPGHS) 3; N. Gayathri (St. Johns, Mandavelli) 2-1/2.

Under-12: 1. C. V. Rajalakshmi (St. Marks) 3-1/2; 2. P. Malarselvi (Holy Angels) 3; 4. J. Ashritha (KFI) 2-1/2.

Under-10: 1. P. Priya (Holy Angels) 3-1/2; 2. M. Renuka (NSN) 3; 3. K. Preethi (PSBB).

Under-8: 1. M. Roopavathy (NSN) 2; 2. A. Hemavathy (Valliammal) 2; 3. Gowri Selvam (Valliammal).

2-11-94 'THE HINDU'.

Sreenath, Subashini win titles

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MADRAS - K.V. Sreenath of Santhome HS and T.S. Subashini of Kola Saraswathi won the under-12 boys and girls titles respectively in the 8th Madras district sub junior chess championship, organised by the Capa Chess Academy, under the auspices of the Madras District Chess Association at the Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan SSS

(K.K.Nagar) on Sunday.

Sreenath, Ram Krishnan and Umesh Krishnan scored six and a half points in eight rounds but a tie break score enabled Sreenath to win the title.

In a four round contest, Subashini established a clear supremacy with a 100% score of four points to emerge as champion. R. Gayathri finished second with three points.

P. Priya of Holy Angels won

the under-3 girls title with three points. Samyuktha was runner up.

R. Siddharath of Chinmaya clinched the under-8 boys title.

P. Malarselvi of Holy Angels secured three and a half points out of four to emerge champion in the girl's under-10 section. The under-10 boys title went to M. R. Venkatesh of CSI Monohan with three and a half points out of a possible six.

National under-12 champion R. Laxman of Don Bosco chose to play in a higher category and proved his worth by winning the title in the under-14 boys section with seven and a half points out of a possible eight.

In a four round contest in the girls under-14 section, M. R. Sangeetha of CSI Monohan clinched the title by winning all her matches.

I.E. 16-11-94

GENERAL

Sangeetha retains title; Iswarya Shobana is runner-up

CHENNAI: M.R. Sangeetha of Chennai retained the title in the Ramco Cements 25th Rachel Paranjothy women's chess tournament which concluded on Friday at the Ethiraj College.

She won with a score of seven points in the eight-round swiss tournament to take home Rs 5,000.

L. Iswarya Shobana of M.O.P. Vaishnav was declared runner-up on better progressive score after she was tied with K. Radhika of Ethiraj College on 6.5 points. Mr. C. Palani, Assistant General Manager of Canara Bank, distributed the prizes for the winners in both the individual and the ESPO inter-collegiate tournament.

The placings: 1. M.R. Sangeetha 7; 2-3. Iswarya Shobana,

K. Radhika 6.5; 4-8. J. Mohana Priya (Modern Senior), R. Bharathi (Bhaktavachalam School), P. Malarseivi (MOP Vaishnav), S. Aarthi Sri (SRDK), J. Saranya (Velammal); 9-13. R. Sneha (Velammal), V. Malavigha (Maharshi Vidya Mandir), C. Dephin (Stella Maris), K. Mrunalini (St Josephs Eng), G.K. Momisha (Amrutha Vidyalaya) 5.5; 14-16. M. Niveditha (Good Earth), A. Akshaya (Vellayan Chettiar), S. Apoorva (Srimathi Sundaravalli) 5. Special prizes for Ethiraj College students went to A. Surya, D.K. Abirami and A. Radha.

Easy for Sai Samita

The top-seed Sai Samita defeated Kayya Bharat 6-1, 6-1 in a girls' under-14 quarterfinal match of the BSNL junior ten-

nis tournament at Krishnan Tennis Centre, Kottivakkam, here on Friday.

Other results: Quarterfinals: Boys: U-14: K. S. Sangita bt Anjana Sundaram 6-1, 6-0; A. Sharmila bt M. Sinduja 6-0, 6-2; M. Madhumita bt Akshath Ananth 6-0, 6-2. Girls: U-12: Mohd. Abrar bt Adithya Vasant 6-0, 6-0; Siddharth Reddy bt L. Aakash 6-3, 6-1; N. Ashwin Srivathsaav bt P. Vignesh Prabhu 6-2, 6-2; Ihsan Hussain bt B. Naveen Kumar 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

CBSE tournament

The Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan SSS (Nungambakkam) will organise the CBSE National tennis tournament from January 18 to 22 at the SDAT Nungambakkam tennis stadium. The tournament will take place in the boys' and girls' under-19 and under-14 categories, with more than 35 schools from India and the Gulf taking part. A total of around 300 boys and girls are expected to participate.

"Tennis is now coming back to its full zenith and more and

more youngsters are taking to tennis now. This tournament will be a very good opportunity for them to do well," said Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G. Parthasarathy, Dean & Director, Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan SSS, at a press conference.

Ground inauguration

A 40-over match, between the TNCA President's XI and India Piston's XI will be held on January 15 to mark the inauguration of the renovated Marina Cricket ground.

The ground, part of the Presidency College, has been given a fresh look with a new turf wicket and an improved pavilion, all courtesy Simpson and Co. Ltd. which carried out the work and will also be maintaining the facility.

Selection tournament

School of Chess will conduct the Kanchi district selection tournament for boys and girls on January 14 at Valluvar Gurukulam, Tambaram. Call Sanjay Kumar (98413-42129) for details.

Yashwant hits century

A century by C. Yashwant (116) helped Santhome HSS 'A' to a 179-run win over St. John's ES and JC in the semifinals of the TNCA city schools u-15 cricket tournament for the B. Somasundaram Trophy.

The scores: Santhome HSS 'A' 288 for nine in 50 overs (C. Yashwant 116, R. Saravana Kumar 82 not out, B. Ashok 32, A. Karthik 27) bt St. John's ES and JC (Ch-90) 109 in 49.4 overs (Shikhar Hukku 25 not out, V. Jai Ganesh three for 8).

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