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Chamika And Sachini wins Chess Nationals 2011

Chamika Perera

(WIM) Sachini Ranasinghe

Chamika Perera, a 16 year old student of Trinity College became the Sri Lanka National Chess Champion convincingly. Young Chamika played the event very confidently and scored a total of 9 1/2 points out of possible 13 games to achieve this title. It was a one sided race for Sachini Ranasinghe (Musaeus College), the maiden women International Master of Sri Lanka in the Women's Nationals. She scored a total of 12 points out of possible 13, just giving away couple of draws throughout the event.

The Sri Lanka National Chess Championships conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka with the support of the Ministry of Sports was held from 17th to 26th of September 2011 at the University of Moratuwa. A total of Rs. 168,000/= was offered by for the winners in this 13 round Round Robin Tournaments.
From L-R: Miss Sachini Ranasinghe, Mr. Jagath Ketalawala (Hony. Secretary, CFSL) By Mr. Luxman Wijesuriya (President, Zone 3.2, FIDE, General Secretary, Commonwealth Chess Association), Mr. Upali Gunasekera (President, CFSL & Principal, Royal College)

Chamika who represented the Country at the Chess Olympiad in Khanty Mansiysk last year is performing well during the year. He earned Rs. 30,000/- cash award with the National Chess Championship Trophy. GC Anuruddha of Sri Lanka Navy had to satisfy with the 2nd place with 9 points to get the Silver medal with Rs. 20,000/- in Cash while Prasanna Kurukulasuriya, also from Sri Lanka Navy was 3rd with 8 1/2 points and recieved Rs. 10,000/- in cash with the Bronze medal. Rajeendra Kalugampitiya (University of Peradeniya) was 4th with 8 points and AMCB Alahakoon (University of Moratuwa) was 5th with 8 points.

WIM Sachini Rajnasinghe was also in the National Team for the last year Chess Olympiad and she won the Asian Zone 3.2 in last March in Sri Lanka to earn the Women International Master Title with a seat in the next World Championships to be held in Khanty Mansiysk, Russia in 2012. Sachini was awarded the Women's National Championship Trophy, Gold Medal and Rs. 20,000/- in cash. Dinushki Premanath (Girls High School) was 2nd with 11 points and recieved Rs. 12,000/- in cash with the Silver medal while Naduni Abeywardena (Furgusion High School) was 3rd with 8 points. Tiumi Yashora (Visakha Vidyalaya) and Thilini Koswatte (University of Peradeniya) scored 7 1/2 points each and placed 4th and 5th respectively on the tie breaker.
Standings Nationals: Chamika Perera (Trinity College) 9.5, GC Anuruddha (Sri Lanka Navy) 9, Prasanna Kurukulasuriya (Sri Lanka Navy) 8.5, RS Kalugampitiya (University of Peradeniya) 8, AMCB Alahakoon (University of Moratuwa) 7.5, Chandana Wijekoon (Sri Lanka Navy) & Yasas Lamawansa (Trinity College) 7, Romesh Weerawardena (Paul Morphy Chess Club), PKUM Jayasundara (Nalanda College) & WSVK Koggala (University of Moratuwa) 6, Wiman Bhagya (Nf3 Chess Club) & RS Dissanayake (Blue and Gold Chess Club) 5, Gihan De Silva (Reborn Chess Club) 4 and PD Senanayake (Fisher CC) 2.5.

Standings Women's Nationals: WIM Sachini Ranasinghe (Musaeus College) 12, WEN Dinushki Premanarth (Girls High School) 11, Naduni Abeywardena (Furguson High School) 8, Tiumi Yashora (Visakha Vidyalaya) & Thilini Koswatte (University of Peradeniya) 7, WFM Pramodya Senanayake (University of Moratuwa) & Panchali Perera (Musaeus College) 6.5, UGY Methmali (University of Sri Jayawardenapura) 6, SAK Chandrasiri (Girls High School), WFM Supeshala Thilakawardena (Musaeus College) & Pramodhi Sathy (Maliyadeva Girls College) 5.5, Gimhani Sashiprabha (Sirimavo Bandaranayake Balika Vidyalaya) 4, Nelunika Methmani (Anula Vidyalaya) 2.5 and LN Rajapaksha (University of Peradeniya) 2.
Couple of interesting games played by the Champions are given below:

(5) Bhagya,Viman (2037) - Perera,WCC (2109) [A00]
12.exb4 exb4 13.0–0 Bb7 14.Ng5 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Rfd1 Nc5 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rc1 Nc5
Kh8 29.Ne3 Qc7 30.Bd5 Be7 31.Ngf1 Kg8 32.Nd2 Bh6 33.Nc4 Ne6 34.Nxe5 Qxe5 35.Qxh8+ Kg8 36.Ng4
Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Bf6 38.g3 h5 39.Bxe6 hxg4 40.Qe1 Qxe1+ 41.Kxe1 Kh8 42.Qf6+ Kh7 43.Kh2 Kh6 44.Qe5
Qf3 45.Qxf3 Kh7 46.Qf4+ Kh6 47.Qh6+ Kh7 48.Qf6+ Kh8 49.Qh4+ Kh9 50.Kh2 Qd6+ 50.Kh2 Qd6+ 51.Kg2 ½–½

(6) Premanath,Dinushki (1857) - Ranasinghe,SD (1889) [A00]
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37.Kc2 Rd5 38.Ne6 Ke8 39.Kb3 Rxb5+ 40.Kc2 Rc5+ 0–1

From L to R: Mr. Naditha Amarakoon, (Rating Officer, CFSL), Mr. Jagath Ketalawala (Hony. Secretary, CFSL), By Mr. Luxman Wijesuriya (President, Zone 3.2, FIDE, General Secretary, Commonwealth Chess Association), Miss Sachini Ranasinghe, Chamika Perera, Mr. Upali Gunasekera (President, CFSL & Principal, Royal College) & Mr. Erosh Jayasinghe (Tournament Secretary, CFSL).