

Sixth AICCF Championship, 1506

P.B.DHANISH IS AICCF CHAMPION!

	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	P.B.Dhanish	■	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
2	S.K.Somani	0	■	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
3	AG Nagaradjane	½	0	■	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	11½
4	SM RaviPrakash	0	0	½	■	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	½	10
5	N.Neelakantan	½	0	0	0	■	½	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½
6	P.S.Dabholkar	0	0	0	½	½	■	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
7	DrDRKS Rao	0	0	0	0	½	1	■	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	1	7
8	Dushyant Tyagi	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	■	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	7
9	A.Dutta Gupta	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	■	0	0	½	1	1	1	6
10	Anirudh Trehan	0	0	½	0	0	0	1	0	0	■	1	½	1	1	1	6
11	Prabhanandan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	■	1	0	1	1	4
12	V.Shivdasani	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	■	1	0	1	4
13	S.S.Ramaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	■	1	1	3
14	R.K.Chauhan	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	■	1	2½
15	K.Prabhakar	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	½

The adjudicator's decision in the last pending game of the tournament, Somani – Dhanish is a win for P.B.Dhanish who thereby emerges AICCF Champion. Actually Dhanish and Somani are tied at 13 points each, but the tie break rules evaluate Dhanish as the winner in view of his win in the personal encounter.

Former Champion S.K.Somani thus emerges runner-up and A.G.Nagaradjane, the first AICCF Champion is 3rd. There was an appeal from S.M.Ravi Prakash against the decision of his loss on technical grounds, to S.K.Somani. However the AICCF Management Committee upheld the decision of TD, M.B.Mulla in awarding the game to Somani since the position was not submitted for adjudication by Ravi Prakash within the stipulated period. In spite of this, Ravi Prakash is clearly in the 4th spot with a good margin.

The victory of P.B.Dhanish is all the more accentuated by the fact that this was his *debut* in the AICCF Championships. At the outset, he was a newcomer and certainly not amongst the favourites to win the Championship. His success amidst so strong a field could only have come about through hard work and patience. His game against Somani is remarkable in that he was at the receiving end during most of the game. Somani left out several drawing lines hoping to drive home his advantage. But Dhanish's judgement proves that he had a

superior grasp of the intricacies of the bishop vs. knight endgame that emerged. We leave P.B.Dhanish to tell us the story of his win against Somani.



Somani, S.K



Dhanish, P.B.

Somani, S.K - Dhanish, P.B.
AICCF Championship 1506
 French Tarrasch, C05

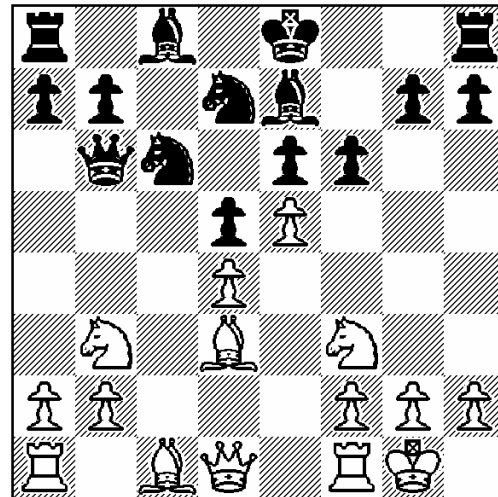
The game that made me AICCF Champion! When I started playing this tournament, I had never hoped to be the champion. I had missed T-1505. I had not applied thinking that I will not be eligible on the basis of rating. With 1506, finally I was in the elite club of AICCF!

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6

Previously, I had played b6 against Mr Somani in T-7226 and lost quickly:

6...b6 7.Ne2 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.O-O Nc7 10.f4 c4 11.f5 Qe7 12.fxe6 Nxe6 13.b3 b5 14.a4 Nb6 15.axb5 Qd7 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Ne4 Qxb5 18.N2g3 a6 19.Nf5 Nc8 20.Qf3 Ra7 21.Be3 Rc7 22.d5! 1-0 (see AICCF Bulletin, Aug 2000)

7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.O-O cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Nb3 f6 N



Novelty played unknowingly. We had started the game in Aug 2003 when I was not familiar with the databases available on the internet (I am not sure they were available then). Now, I find several games with 10...a5. For example, Rachels-Short, Manila Interzonal 1990 continued 11.a4 Nb4 12.Bb5 0-0 13.Re1 Qd8 14.Bf4 Nb8 15.Rc1 N8c6, draw on move 25