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The 3rd round of the 46th National A Chess Championship was started with a celebration. International Master K Rathnakaran of Railways the former wonder boy of Kerala turns 27 today . Organising Secretary M S Gururaj presented a bouquet to Rathnakaran and a cake was cut to cherish the moments.

Rathnakaran's game was the first to finish with a draw against IM Adhiban . Both players kept their kings in centre and Adhiban forced Rathnakaran's pieces to defensive squares. Rathnakaran claimed a technical draw in photographic repetition of moves and the players had to split the point in 29 moves. With this draw IM Adhiban , the winner of the National B Championship , opens his account.

GM Ganguly of PSPB playing the black side of Sicilian dragon against IM Akshayraj Kore chose a line for which statistics points as favourable to white. Ganguly , one of the seconds in GM Anand's World Championship campaign & well known for his preparation decided to sacrifice an exchange and go for Kore's king. Despite an interesting middle game, players signed a truce in 25 moves and Ganguly opined " I missed winning chances towards the end".

IM Konguvel split the pawns of Shyam Sundar's king side and held some advantage in the 2 rooks plus bishop ending. Despite the weakness Konguvel couldn't convert and the players agreed for a draw in 41 moves, with only 1 rook exchanged.

GM Deepan Chakkravarthy of PSPB defeated IM Sriram Jha in 36 moves. Replying with the Breyer variation in Ruy Lopez IM Jha equalized easily. When things went awry on the Jha's kingside , Deepan invaded thro the "f" file to pocket a point.

The theoretical battle between IM Satyapragyan and GM Thipsay ended in former's favour. Both players responded with prophylactic maneuvers. Thro' the halfway mark Satyapragyan created some weakness but not enough to win. Thipsay usual time scramble came into and Satyapragyan exposed black's kingside with strong moves.

In the battle of GMs Negi and Neelotpal , the latter sprung a surprise in the Sicilian Classical by playing 11...Rg8 instead of the routine 11...0-0-0. Negi played safe and exchanged the Queens sustaining some weakness in pawn structure. The players reached an opposite colour bishop ending with 2 pawns each and nothing to play for, signed a piece treaty in 43 moves.

The important personalities to watch the games today were Shri Yogesh Bhat , MLA, Mangalore South and Capt.Ganesh Karnik,MLC & Vice Chairman , NRI Council. The dignitaries expressed their happiness in the credibility of the SKDCA and its efforts for conducting this important event in an excellent manner.

Results after Round 3

		Name	Rtg	Res.		Name	Rtg	
3	IM	Satyapragyan Swayangsu	2417	1 - 0	GM	Thipsay Praveen M	2444	1
4	IM	Shyam Sundar M	2402	½ - ½	IM	Konguvel Ponnuswamy	2463	13
5	IM	Adhiban B	2439	½ - ½	IM	Rathnakaran K	2458	12
6	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2597	½ - ½	GM	Neelotpal Das	2477	11
7	IM	Akshayraj Kore	2400	½ - ½	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2603	10
8	GM	Deepan Chakkravarthy J	2464	1 - 0	IM	Sriram Jha	2458	9

Cross Table after Round 3

SNo.		Name	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	Played
1	GM	Thipsay Praveen M	2444	*	0	0											0	2
2		Thejkumar M S	2441	1	*											1	2	2
3	IM	Satyapragyan Swayangsu	2417	1		*									½	½	2	3
4	IM	Shyam Sundar M	2402				*							1	0	½	1½	3
5	IM	Adhiban B	2439					*					0	0	½		½	3
6	GM	Negi Parimarjan	2597						*			½	0	½			1	3
7	IM	Akshayraj Kore	2400							*	0	½	½				1	3
8	GM	Deepan Chakkravarthy J	2464							1	*	1					2	2
9	IM	Sriram Jha	2458						½	½	0	*					1	3
10	GM	Ganguly Surya Shekhar	2603					1	1	½			*				2½	3
11	GM	Neelotpal Das	2477				0	1	½					*			1½	3
12	IM	Rathnakaran K	2458			½	1	½							*		2	3
13	IM	Konguvel Ponnuswamy	2463		0	½	½									*	1	3