

Reflections by Dr Advocate Lyndon Bouah - CWP League players represented South Africa at senior level

The annual Chess Western Province league is a veritable festival of chess. One of the greatest things that I enjoy about get league is that it brings a diverse group of people together from all walks of life and all communities. The league has been played since 1907 in Cape Town. The statistics are very revealing.

1. According to the organisers and also [www.chess- results](http://www.chess-results) there are four different countries with representatives, I.e. South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Austria.

2. Today I want to focus on the players who have represented South Africa at senior level. I have only highlighted a few of their achievements.

3. Under senior players in the Premier there are 3 international masters, 5 FIDE Masters and 3 Candidate Masters. There is one AIM. There are 2 Women International Masters and 2 Women FIDE Masters.

4. The oldest Olympiad player is FM Charles De Villiers who made his South African debut in 1974 and then after readmission in 1992 and continued to represent South Africa at Olympiads in 1994 and 1998.



Olympiad player FM Charles De Villiers

5. IM David Gluckman represented South Africa at the 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2014 Olympiads.



IM David Gluckman

6. FM Deon Solomons represented South Africa at the 1992, 1994 and 2004 Olympiads.



FM Deon Solomons

7. CM Lyndon Bouah represented South Africa at the 1992 and 1994 Olympiads.



CM Lyndon Bouah

8. CM Maxwell Solomon represented South Africa at the 1992, 1994 and 2000 Olympiads.



CM Maxwell Solomon

9. IM Watu Kobese represented South Africa at the 1994, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016 Olympiads. Watu has played over 100 games at Olympiad level.



IM Watu Kobese

10. Mark Levitt represented South Africa at the 1996 and 2002 Olympiads.



Mark Levitt

11. IM Donovan Van Den Heever represented South Africa at the 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2016 Olympiads.



IM Donovan Van Den Heever

12. FM Calvin Klaasen represented South Africa at the 2016 Olympiad.



FM Calvin Klaasen

13. FM Shabier Bhawoodien represented South Africa at the All African Games in 2003.



FM Shabier Bhawoodien

14. WIM Denise Frick represented South Africa at the Olympiads in 2000, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2016 with the last two being on board one.



WIM Denise Frick

15. WFM Michelle Fisher represented South Africa at the Olympiads in 2014 and 2016.



WFM Michelle Fisher

16. WFM Lauren Van Niekerk represented South Africa at the 2016 Olympiad.



WFM Lauren Van Niekerk

17. Robyn Van Niekerk represented South Africa at the 2014 Olympiad.



Robyn Van Niekerk

18. WIM Jesse February represented South Africa at the Olympiad in 2016.



WIM Jesse February

19. Megan Van Niekerk represented South Africa at the African Individual Championships in 2016.



Megan Van Niekerk

20. WFM Dantelle Joubert represented South Africa at the zone 4.3 Individual chess Championships in Zambia in 2017.



WFM Dantelle Joubert

21. CM Paul Khupwatheha represented Malawi at the 2014 and 2016 Olympiads.



CM Paul Khupwatheha

22. Amini Daud represented Zimbabwe at various Continental events.



Amini Daud

23. Jacque Tsalicoglou has represented South Africa at the FIDE senior championships over the last few years.



Jacque Tsalicoglou

The players all compete for different clubs and are competitive at the board and friendly off it!

We salute all of these champions!!!!

Regards

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