

Mozambique Reflections 3 by Dr Lyndon Bouah

Mozambique was declared a Portuguese overseas Colony by Portugal in 1951. In the 1960s however Frelimo was established which would fight for the liberation of Mozambique. The Mozambican Liberation Front (Frelimo) was led by Eduardo Mondlane. The liberation started in 1964 and ended with the independence of Mozambique on 25 June 1974. Today Mozambique is the only country in the world that has a weapon on its flag.



Many people in South Africa celebrated the independence of Mozambique. South Africa and Mozambique have a very close relationship and history. Many of the ANC military bases were established there. In 1984 Mozambique signed the Nkomati Accord with South Africa which caught many by surprise as it forced the ANC to move from Mozambique. South African agents also brought terror to Maputo when it exploded a car bomb in which Justice Albie Sachs was travelling. He escaped with his life but he lost his arm. Nelson Mandela married Graca Machel who was the widow of the Samora Machel the first president of the Mozambique.

In the women's section:

1. WIM Vilhete played WFM Mwango. Mwango continued her good run of form by winning.
2. WIM February versus WIM Caxita. The SA Closed Champion suffered an unexpected loss but Caxita is very experienced.
3. Megan Van Niekerk vs WIM Francis Onkemetse. WIM Francis completed the sisterly double when she beat Megan.
4. WCM Mbatha vs Jefe Vicente. Vicente beat WCM Mbatha.
5. WCM Neusa Castro vs Rebecca Selkirk. Selkirk continued her good run of form and won this one.
6. WCM Linda Hamoonga vs WIM Mudongo. WIM Mudongo was the 2015 Zonal champion but this time she lost to WCM Hamoonga.
7. WFM Naledi Marape vs Siteo Chelia. WFM Marape took this one.
8. Daisy Simenda vs WCM Mulwale Lubuuto. WCM Mulwale captured the point,
9. Robyn Van Niekerk vs Christene Makwena. Robyn bounced back.
10. Idalmish Rufino vs Katina Efentakis. Idalmish won this one

In the Open section

1. IM Providence Oatlotse vs IM Aderito Pedro. Pedro after a long fight took this one.
2. FM Douglas Munenga Vs CM Donaldo Paivo. The experienced FM Munenga beat the young Paiva who is one of Mozambique's talented players.
3. Prince Mulenga vs FM Charles De Villiers. Charles drew with the royal player.
4. FM Dante Beukes vs CM Musatwe Simutowe. Beukes beat Simutowe. Beukes is playing well.
5. FM Phemelo Khetho vs Spencer Masongo. Masongo won the game. I am under the impression that Masongo scored a CM title at the last zonal but I don't see it reflected.
6. CM Roland Bezuidenhout versus Calvin Klaasen. Klaasen drew with the talented Bezuidenhout.
7. CM Manuel Do Santos versus FM Catarino Domingos. A friendly draw.
8. IM David Silva vs Vasco Viageiro. Silva bounces back!
9. Joseph Mwale vs CM Abrantes Persson. Mwale proved too strong for Persson. Mwale has been on form of late!
10. CM Alberto Chunguane vs Kela Kaulule. Kela took this one and is expected to do well.
11. CM Wilton Calicoca vs Milton Botao. Calicoca beat Bota.
12. IZdine Gafar versus FM Mohammed Bhawoodien. Bhawoodien bounced back with a victory over Gafar.

Regards

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