

Mozambique Reflections 5 by Dr Lyndon Bouah



Women Section

1. WFM Mwango beat WIM Caxita on top board to maintain her lead. She now has 4.5/5 going into round 6.
2. Megan Van Niekerk scored a good draw against WIM Jesse February. Megan has been playing solidly over the last few months.
3. WFM Marape and WIM Onkemetse drew their game.
4. WCM Lubuuto beat Rebecca Selkirk.
5. WCM Mbatha beat WCM Hamoonga.
6. WIM Mudongo won and is continuing her comeback. 3/3 on my reckoning.
7. WIM Vilhete beat Jefo.
8. Robyn Van Niekerk drew with WCM Castro.
9. Daisy Simenda beat Katina Efentakis.
10. Siteo Cheila beat Sheila Siteo.

In the Open section :

1. FM Domingos drew on top board with FM Munenga.
2. IM Pedro beat Spencer Masango to reclaim the top spot.
3. FM Charles De Villiers drew with CM Do Santos.
4. FM Calvin Klaasen drew with CM Donald Paivo. I am sure Calvin would've pressed for this one but Paivo is an up and coming talent.
5. CM Roland Bezuidenhout continued his solid form. He drew his fifth consecutive game and in the process he picked up 17 rating points ! He drew with IM Silva.
6. FM Dante Beukes drew with Daniel Mulenga. The young Namibian is in fine form.
7. Kaulule beat FM Mo Bhawoodien.
8. CM Simutowe drew with with Joseph Mwale.
9. CM Chunguane drew with FM Khetho.
10. IM Oatshotse drew with CM Calicoca.
11. Gafar lost to CM Persson.
12. Milton Botao beat Viageiro Vasco.

So some interesting statistics from the open section include the following:

1. There are eight federations competing. They are
Angola with four players
Botswana with two players
Malawi with one
Mozambique with seven
Namibia with one player
South Africa with four players
Zambia with four players
Zimbabwe.

It is interesting to note that except for the host country which is entitled to seven players no other country made their maximum quota allowed which is five players.

2. There are three international masters competing in the event.
3. There are seven FIDE Masters
4. There are seven Candidate Masters
5. Out of the 60 games played

White has triumphed 22 times

Black has triumphed 16 times and

There has been 22 draws.

6. The last statistic is significant because it shows that at zonal level the player with the Black pieces can compete with White. So one has to sharpen your individual repertoire as results are possible.

7. Of the 22 draws 8 occurred in round five, five in round four and three each in the first three rounds.

Enjoy the evening.

Regards

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