

Algerian Reflections (3) by Dr Lyndon Bouah

Round two is busy concluding as most countries get to rest.

We start with the women's section. WIM Jesse February continued her brilliant run of form when she beat WIM Amina Mezioud from Algeria. (2065) Mezioud is a seasoned campaigner and this is the first time she has faced February. This is definitely going to be one event to watch.

In the Open Section IM Daniel Cawdery drew with IM Raymond Phiri from Zambia. These two players just ended on fourth and third respectively in the Zone 4.3 championships in Zambia. GM Amin Bassem beat young Jack but I am sure Jack would have relished the occasion. Freddy Odendaal scored his first win over a 2174 Degondo Simplicite and will be pleased to have gotten off the mark.

In the Women's section there are 2 women grandmasters, seven international masters, five woman fide masters, and one candidate master. There are five countries represented.

The two woman grandmasters are

1. WGM Mona Khaled 2189
2. WGM Wafa Shrook 2165

WGM Shrook is the defending champion and having won in Uganda in 2016.

5 countries are represented with Algeria having ten players.

The round three pairings are for the Open

On board one GM Adly will play GM El Gindy in an all Egyptian clash whilst IM Daniel Cawdery plays IM Ali, whilst Jack Van Zyl Rudd plays GM Haddouche from Algeria and Freddy Odendaal plays IM DaSilva from Angola.

In the women's section WIM Hamza Amira plays WIm Shahenda Wafa whilst on board two WIM Jesse February plays WFM Lalaoul from Algeria (1719).

A great opportunity for Jack who plays two grandmasters in a row.

Enjoy the rest of the day.

Regards

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