

## Reflections SA Closed Round 9 by Dr Adv Lyndon Bouah



The SA Closed Congress is nearing the end. It has been a good event with different sections and a good vibe surrounding the event. One of the aspects that I have been observing is the analysis afterwards. It is always interesting to watch. Sometimes one doesn't know who won the game because the loser would be demonstrating all the bad moves of his opponent!

All the players are very respectful towards Watu Kobese and listen to him when he passionately explains his ideas. Players are also not afraid to analyse in depth their games and the hidden possibilities that existed that were not played. I personally enjoy the analysis of Charles as he tries to dissect the game.

One interesting aspect is the amount of blitz Dr Bhawoodien plays! He invariably ends up waiting for Mohammed and then he takes on all comers. As he is a showman Dr Shabs loves to show his fantastic tactical acumen and of course takes wins and losses in his stride. I have noticed that Sandile never loses his Russian hat. Even in the analysis area teh hat is never far away!

Lets look at the games of round nine:

1Kgaugelo Mosehle beat Mohammed Bhawoodien. Kg is playing well and wants to make a strong finish.

2. Ryan Van Rensburg and Jacob Mnguni drew their game.

3. Ben Hercules and Donovan Van Den Heever drew their game. Ben is fining the going hard but i am confident he will bounce back!

Calvin Klaasen held the advantage against Mabusela but couldn't find any knockout blows. Mabulse defended well and with this drew Mabusela climbs to the top of the leader board together with Kobese and Klaasen.

Barrish beat Ovcina who is having a rough event.

Kobese who appears to be nursing a cold drew with Charles De Villiers. Between them they have ten titles and of course many Olympiad caps as well!



So the standings of the top four are:

Mabusela, Klaasen and Kobese on 6 followed by

Daniel Barrish, Kgaugelo Mosehle, Ryan Van Rensburg and Jacob Mnguni on 5

## 2. Women

Modi caused an upset when she beat Laubscher. Modi has been playing well.

Nina Marais beat Megan Van Niekerk



Denise Frick beat Dantelle Joubert

Van Zyl lost to Jackie Grobbelaar

February beat Robyn Van Niekerk

Oberholzer and Fisher drew.

The standings are

February on 6.5

Frick on 6

Grobbelaar and Marais on 5.

3. Senior section

Lewis beat Ohlson in a well-played game.



Bhawoodien used all the tricks in a repertoire to secure the point against Southey! Southey refused two draw offers and Bhawoodien kept plugging away.

Gordon Lawrence was fortunate to beat Roland Willenberg after the latter had the upper hand most of the game!

Jannie Saffier lost to Alfred Pesa. Saffier had the spatial advantage and after he exchanged Queens Pesa then dominated.

The top four places are

Lewis on 8

Bhawoodien on 7.5

Gordon Lawrence on 6

Deon Pick on 5

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1. Jordan Verster beat Luan De Jager
2. Gluckman beat Lubbe
3. Essop drew with Van Der Merwe
4. Stefan Du Toit beat Adams



5. Heinco du Plessis beat Khumalo in a well played Benko

The top four are

1. Bornheim 8.5
2. Du Toit 6.5
3. Heinco du Plessis 6
4. Hishaam Essop on 5.5

B section

Kleinsmidt steamrolled over Cavan Jacobs



Erlank drew with James

Lawerlot beat Nkosi

\Vermaak lost to Mfundisi who played without the Russian hat!

Willenberg beat Gandi

Kromhout drew with Jacques Basson after the latter could not finish the better position he had!

Kuhlase and Heinrich Basson drew.

The top four are

1. Kleinsmidt 8
2. James 6.5
3. Erlank 5
4. Cavan Jacobs 5

So the scene is set for a rumble in the last round!