

## Reflections SA Closed Round 7 by Dr Adv Lyndon Bouah

Friday 15 December is the traditional day for the start of the festive season in Cape Town. Most factories close and many people start their journeys to the Eastern Cape. In government today is also the last day for payments to be made so there is a sense of urgency in air as many people will only be back at office after 8 January. So today it took me two hours in traffic to get to the venue! IM so glad the weekend I will be better off!



The open section had its fair share of drama today. Watu pressed against Ovcina because he wanted to seize the lead! Unfortunately it didn't work out that way! They drew and then Calvin tried to do the same against De Villiers but that game too petered out into a draw which meant that the two leaders are still neck and neck going into the final straight.

Mosethle broke the drawing pattern of Van Den Heever. He outplayed Van Den Heever who prior to this game had six straight draws.

Jacob Mnguni beat Mohammed Bhawoodien the latter overlooked a neat move that would've come close to victory. Jacob is having an impressive debut with three wins already!

Ryan Van Rensburg drew with Mabusela in a tight affair.

Hercules too tried to get the edge on Barrish but the latter held firm and a draw was agreed to.

### Women section

Sonia beat Megan van Niekerk.

Anzel Laubscher beat Dantelle Joubert.

Nina Marais drew with Jacqui Grobbelaar

Denise Frick beat Robyn Van Niekerk

Michelle Fisher beat Charlize Van Zyl.

Jesse February drew with Oberholzer who is having a good event.



So there are currently four players on 4.5 which means the race is still open!

In the Senior section we have had the unfortunate withdrawal of Anton Goosen who informed us that he has called ill. So two withdrawals in this section.

The outstanding result was the win by Mark Lewis against dr Bhawoodien. Mark essayed the Pirc and proceeded to build up the pressure on the queenside. He made good use of the open b file to create threats and with Bhawoodien defending most of the middle game Lewis secured the point and now goes into the sole lead!

Jannie Saffier who seems to be suffering from a tummy bug drew with Ohlson. It seems Jannie gets the advantage but can't finish!



Gordon Lawrence beat Edwin November.

Alfred Pesa played an excellent game against Roland Wilenberg and secured the full point.

In the B section Cavan Jacobs held Micheal James to a draw which meant that Cherwin Kleinsmidt who beat Ashley Vermaak is now level pegging at 6/7.

Jacques Basson drew with Nkosi who is still angry with himself after losing yesterday!



Kromhout and Erlank decided to play a grandmaster draw and hit the showers later.

Gandi and Basson drew as well.

Kenny Willenberg threw everything but the kitchen zinc against his opponent Kuhlase who took the point gleefully.

Lawerlot scored a win tonight when he beat the Russian Sandile Mfundisi!

In the Under 23 section Craig Bornheim is running away with the honours as he is now on 6.5/7.

Luan de Jager beat David Lubbe.

Bornheim beat Verster

Gluckman beat van Der Merwe

Essop and du Plessis drew



Du Toit and Khumalo drew as well.

We are entering the last stretch!

So watch this space

Enjoy the day!

Regards

Lyndon