

Reflections SA Closed Round 10 by Dr Adv Lyndon Bouah



And what a round. It was!

The sensation of the round must be Daniel Barrish beating Watu Kobese. Some of the pundits around the analysis room thought Watu had a good position from the opening but Barrish absorbed the pressure to bring home the point.

The scene is set for an exciting climax tomorrow. The results went this way:

Calvin scored a draw against Donovan Van Den Heever after Van Den Heever was probably better.

Mohammed Bhawoodien drew with Charles after an interesting opening.

Mabusela drew with Ovcina in keeping with his strategy of not losing and blocking Micheal Atherton style.



Jacob Mnguni lost to Ben Hercules while Kgaugelo Mosethke beat Ryna Van Rensburg.

The pairings for round 11 looks like this:

Calvin Klaasen and Johannes Mabusela both have 6.5 and both need just a draw to secure their Olympiad spots. A win for either will guarantee them the title of South African Champion.

Calvin is playing Jacob Mnguni whilst Mabusela is playing Kobese who needs a win badly! So expect some fireworks on these two boards!

Daniel Barrish and Kgaugelo both have six as well. If both end on 6.5 then Barrish will end higher because of the direct encounter. Barrish plays Charles and Kgaugelo plays Ben Hercules.

So a tight one to call!

2. Women

Sonia Modi beat her third Olympian Michelle Fisher. Modi has pleasantly surprised me.

Robyn drew with Marni in an encounter that ended last on stage.

Jesse beat Jacqui to secure her lead going into the last round.



Dantelle Joubert lost to Charlize van Zyl.

Megan van Niekerk drew with Denise Frick.

Anzel Laubscher beat Nina Marais.

So the scene is set. February plays Joubert. She needs a draw to secure her first SA closed title.

Denise Frick plays Anzel Laubscher. Both players are very experienced.

Modi and Marais play each other and a favourable result for either may propel their chances.

Jacqui Grobbelaar plays Oberholzer .

So a tough set of games is expected!

3. Seniors

1. Deon Pick beat Alfred Pesa in a nice game.

2. Mark Lewis beat Jannie Saffier.

3. Gordon Lawrence beat Cecil Ohlson.



4. Andrew Southey beat roland Willenberg.

Lewis only needs a draw against Pesa to end first as he is ahead on all tiebreaks.

Bhawoodien will finish second if Lewis should draw or win.

Gordon Lawrence has secured the over 65 prize.

4. Under 23

Bornheim clinched the section tonight with an early draw.

Heinco and Stefan are both on 7.

Well done Craig.

B section

Cherwin Kleinsmidt unexpectedly list tonight against Mfundisi but still won the section as James also lost to Lawerlot.

James is lying second with Erlank in third position with Cavan Jacobs.

So the scramble is for second and third place. Well done to Cherwin.