

Reflections 2 on Capablanca by Dr Lyndon Bouah

One needs to have a bucket list of tournaments to participate in! One of the events that you need to plan is the annual Capablanca Open. The event is pure class. We are playing in the Sun Casino complex and there are ample opportunities around the place to eat and have coffee.



I am playing in the Masters section which is the second section after the grandmasters section.

The grandmaster section is a who's who of chess in South Africa. Top seed is GM Aleksa Strikovic who was the 2015 and 2016 SA champion.



GM Aleksa Strikovic playing Jack Van Zyl-Rudd

I spotted GM Sahaj Grover playing IM Kobese this morning and then beating FM Calvin Klaasen in the early evening.



GM Sahaj Grover vs FM Calvin Klaasen

The third grandmaster is GM Alejandro Hoffman from Argentina.



GM Alejandro Hoffman

I saw a brilliant game played by IM Cawdery against the young Madagascar talent. Have a look at the game. IM Cawdery won the SA Closed in 2015 and is the highest rated player in SA.

IM Kobese beat FM Klaasen in round one and has played well today.

In the evening round AK 47 Andrew Kayonde played a very interesting game against GM Hoffman and claimed the point.

In the Masters section which I am playing I started with two losses. Essentially I short castled! Now I have to stop long castling tomorrow morning! I play WIM Jesse February in the morning. So exciting it will be.



CM Bouah playing CM Donaldo Paivo from Mozambique

The event is indeed a classy affair and all credit must go to Tshwane and the Kasparov chess foundation. The venue is great and the 25 digital boards allow the games to be broadcast live. The games can be followed events day from 09:00am SA time and 15:00 each afternoon. The games can also be downloaded from <http://chess-results.com/>.

I am pleased to see that we also have four women Olympiad players in action. They are WIMS February, Bouah and Theron. I also saw WFM Fisher. So it will be very interesting. The games are very interesting but they hard! The players are booked up and it is clear that many players are using the event as preparation for the African championship next month as well as the Olympiad in September.



WIM Jesse February



WIM Denise Bouah



WFM Michelle Fisher

Enjoy the games and follow the events live and on live!

Regards
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