



6. The Commonwealth chess Championship will be held in India in 2018.

For the record other important events that South Africans will be participating in which is not qualifying from here include

7. Women's World Championship in Khanty Mansiysk in Russia. WIM Jesse February has qualified for this event.

8. World Youth Championships (under 14, 16 and 18.) will be held in Greece from 19 October until 1 November 2017.

9. World Cadet Championship (under 8,10, 12) will be held in Spain.

10. The World Youth Olympiad will be held in Turkey from 24 November to 3 December.

11. The World Schools Individual Championships will be held in Albania from 20 to 29 April.

12. The World Amateur Championships will be held in Italy from 21 -30 April

13. The African Amateur Individual Championships will be held in Livingstone, Zambia from 27 January to 4 February 2018.

So let's have a look at the games!

Open

1. Van Den Heever vs Bhawoodien. Mohammed decided to accept the draw offer from Van Den Heever.
2. Mnguni versus Mabusela . It was a struggle according to Mabu, the Atteridgeville Shark!The game ended in a draw after 18 moves.
3. Moseithe versus Barrish. Kg the giant has awoken! He brilliantly outplayed Barrish in a positional crush reminiscent of his best years! I enjoyed the analysis.
4. Van Rensburg versus De Villiers was a Samisch f3 in which the two players exchanged some sharp ideas. van Rensburg came out on top. The players spent a long time analysing the game.
5. Hercules versus Kobese . The game was a Kings Indian Defence and it was clear that the two players had prepared for the encounter. Each made their moves deliberately with each making sure that he doesn't concede a square on either side of the board. Kobese then offered a draw after satisfying himself that the strong Hercules was indeed ready for the encounter!



6. Klaasen versus Ovcina ended in a draw. Ovcina looked like he had an ok position.

Women

1. Joubert drew with Modi after Joubert was better and had the active King. Good defensive technique by Modi.



2. Megan Van Niekerk versus Jacqui Grobbelaar ended in a draw.

3. Laubscher versus Robyn van Niekerk. Robyn was able to take a draw off Laubscher after she played a strong Sicilian.

4. Marais Versus Fisher. Marais showed good spirit and held the draw against Fisher.

5. Frick versus Oberholzer. Frick lost to Oberholzer who played a nice game.

6. Van Zyl versus February. February lost to Van Zyl after Van Zyl obtained an outside passed pawn.

3. Under 23

1. Bornheim versus De Jager. Bornheim beat De Jager in nice encounter.



2. Lubbe versus Van Der Merwe. Black scored a nice win after sixty odd moves!

3. Verster versus Adams

4. Gluckman versus Du Plessis. Paul beat Du Plessis in nicely played game.

5. Bye versus Khumalo

6. Essop versus Du Toit. The players drew after Essop had initial pressure but failed to convert.

4. Seniors

1. Southey versus Pick. The game only ended at nine thirty pm and it was drawn.

2. Bye versus Lawrence

3. Goosen versus Lewis. Goosen had a good game in this Kings Indian but blundered in the middle game, Lewis took full advantage to inflict Gossens first defeat in the event.



4. November versus Pesa the game ended in draw after Edwin sacrificed a piece for two pawns.

5. Bhawoodien versus Saffier. The game ended in a draw after more than 80 moves,

6. Willenberg versus Ohlson ended in a draw after a lively Scotch game by Ohlson.

5. B section

1. Nkosi versus James. The game ended in a draw after a tough opening by Black. White was pressing but James decided to consolidate his position as leader.
2. Willenberg versus Kleinsmidt. Black won this bruiser. I tipped Kenny to win but Cherwin has been having a good run this year with some solid play and he showed that he wanted to win!
3. Basson versus Erlank. The game took a strange turn when Erlank discovered on move 14 that he had his cellphone on him. As he is a honest chap he reported the matter to the arbiter who then promptly defaulted him in turns of the rules! A tough one for Warrick after his great play yesterday.
4. Vermaak versus Jacobs. The game was drawn.



5. Kromhout versus Gandi. The top seed Kromhout is having a torrid event! Gandi from Free State (Haak Vrystaat!) showed composure when he defeated Kromhout in a well-played game. He had a monster Steinitz knight in d3 which dominated the board.
6. Mfundisi versus Basson. The two players agreed to a draw after furious play. personally I think it's the Russian hat which Sandile is wearing that is wearing his opponents out!m
7. Lawerlot versus Kuhlase. Kuhlase beat Lawerlot in a well-played game that had all the hallmarks of a slugfest!

Regards

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