

Reflections 4 : 2018 - WP Team Blitz 2017 by Dr Advocate Lyndon Bouah

Stellenbosch 2017 WP team blitz champions.

The 2017 WP Team Blitz was held at Sans Souci School in Newlands on 17 February.



21 teams entered the event. The teams assembled had brought some big guns. The 2017 event could not fitted into the schedule so February was agreed as the 2017 version and later this year the 2018 version will be held.

The A section was played as a round robin with the top eight rated teams all paired in this section. Stellenbosch showed they meant business by posting huge victories. In their seven games they beat Steinitz A 4-0, beat ACL 3-1 and Manyanani 3.1

Stellenbosch was spearheaded by IM Mohammed Henry Steel who showed his mettle by capturing board one with an unassailable 7/7! Stellenbosch in fact claimed three board prizes. On board two Professor Stefan Wagner scored 6.5/7 and on board three Heinrich Basson scored 5/7. Kenny Willenberg scored 6/7 to secure Board four for Steinitz.

The final match between ACL and MRL (why always three letters?) ensured that tension was in the air as both ACL and Steinitz scored 16.5 because MRL did Steinitz a favour by winning 3-1. However because Steinitz beat ACL 3-1 in their direct encounter they came second and took silver medals whilst ACL took bronze.

In the B section ACL pipped CPUT by one point securing the b section with 19.5. The third and fourth positions were taken by Cape Town and the improbable names team The Other team.

I was glad that Mohammed Henry Steel is playing again because he is getting in shape for the Event in

PE next month.

Well done to the organisers and congratulations to Stellenbosch. You played well and the team was super solid was Khadiga La Treche a rock on board four!



Regards

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