Albania Reflections one (1) by Dr Lyndon Bouah

1. Introduction

We have arrived safely in Durres, Albania to participate on behalf of South Africa in the World Senior Team Championship. We left SA on Friday and arrived in Albania on Saturday late morning. The team is in board order Dr CM Lyndon Bouah (captain), Dr FM Shabier Bhawoodien, CM Anton Goosen and Andre Schutte.





2. The World Senior Team Championship background

In 2017 Chess South Africa introduced the over fifty section to the SA Closed for the first time. The winners thus far are:

- 2017 - PM Mark Lewis
- 2019 – Advocate CM Maxwell Solomon
- 2022 – PM Mark Lewis
- 2024 - Dr Lyndon Bouah and Dr Shabier Bhawoodien

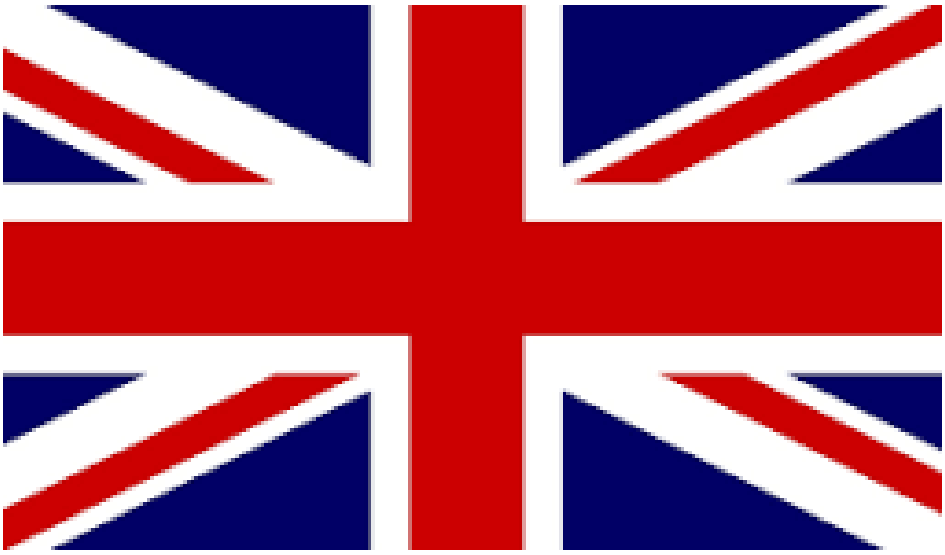
South Africa has now sent a team four times to the over-50 World Senior Team Championship. There is also an over 65 section. We have, however, not sent a team to the over-65 section.

In 2004 the South African team that competed in the Isle of Man from 5-12 October were:

1. Anthon Heyns
2. Eddie Price
3. Peter Hangelbroek
4. Andrew Fereday
5. Anthony Goldstein

1st World Senior Team Chess Championship Isle of Man, 5-12 October 2004

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Gpts
1	Israel (gold, shared)	*	2	2.5	3.5	3.5	4	3.5	3.5		4			**26.5**
2	Germany (gold, shared)	2	*	2.5	3.5	4	3	3.5	4	4				**26.5**
3	Switzerland (bronze)	1.5	1.5	*	1.5	3.5	3	2		3	4			**20**
4	Italy	0.5	0.5	2.5	*		2		3.5	3		3.5	3.5	**19**
5	England 1	0.5	0	0.5		*		3.5	3		3.5	4	4	**19**
6	Australia	0	1	1	2		*			3.5	3	3.5	3.5	**17.5**
7	England 2	0.5	0.5	2		0.5		*	3		3.5	3.5	3.5	**17**
8	Essex	0.5	0		0.5	1		1	*	3.5		3	3	**12.5**
9	Britain 3		0	1	1		0.5		0.5	*	3	2	2.5	**10.5**
10	South Africa	0		0		0.5	1	0.5		1	*	3	3.5	**9.5**
11	Chessmann				0.5	0	0.5	0.5	1	2	1	*	3.5	**9**
12	Black & White Magazine				0.5	0	0.5	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	*	**5**





PIN	Player	Nat lty	Ti tl	FIDE Rtng	R 1	O 2	U 3	N 4	D 5	S 6	7	8	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	UHLMANN,Wolfgang.....	GER	g	2406	b31=	w11=	b21=	w6+	w26+	b16+	w36+	b41+	6½	6	5	2330	3.60	1.40
2	HECHT,Hans Joachim.....	GER	g	2389	w32=	b12+	w22+	b7-	b27=	w17+	b37+	w42+	6	8	6	2192	6.00	0.00
3	KLUNDT,Klaus.....	GER	m	2358	b33+	w13=	b23+	w8=	w28+	b18+	w38+	b43+	7	7	6	2147	5.39	0.61
4	MALICH,Burkhard Dr.....	GER	g	2360	w34+	b14=	w25+	b9=	b29+	w19+	b40+	w44+	7	4	3	2192	2.88	0.12
6	MUREY,Jacob.....	ISR	g	2450	w36+	b21+	w16+	b1-	b12=	w26+	b31+	w46+	6½	5	3½	2293	3.55	-0.05
7	TSEITLIN,Mark.....	ISR	g	2406	b37=	w22+	b17+	w2+	w13+	b27+	w32+	b47+	7½	7	6½	2203	5.32	1.18
8	KRAIDMAN,Yair.....	ISR	g	2307	w38+	b23=	w18+	b3=	b14=	w28+	b33+	w49+	6½	6	4½	2179	4.02	0.48
9	STEPAK,Yedael.....	ISR	f	2302	b39+	w24+	b19=	w4=	w15=	b29=	w34+	b50+	6	4	2½	2190	2.60	-0.10
11	KORCHNOI,Viktor.....	SUI	g	2601	b41+	b1=	w31+	b16+					3½	3	2½	2322	2.52	-0.02
12	VUCENOVIC,Dragomir.....	SUI	f	2302	w42=	w2-	b32=	w17+	w6=	w21-	b47+	b26=	4	7	3	2231	4.20	-1.20
13	BHEND,Edwin.....	SUI	m	2246	b43=	b3=	w33+	b18=	b7-	b22=	w48+	w27=	4½	7	3½	2192	4.06	-0.56
14	HOHLER,Peter.....	SUI	f	2248	w44+	w4=	b34=		w8=	w23+	b49+	b28=	5	4	2½	2217	2.16	0.34
15	ILLI,Hans-Joerg.....	SUI		2173				w19+	b9=	b24-	w50+	w29=	3	3	1½	2177	1.47	0.03
16	LITTLEWOOD,John.....	ENG	f	2308	w46=	b26+	b6-	w11-	b36+	w1-	w56+	b51+	4½	6	3	2305	3.00	0.00
17	JAMES,Geoffrey H.....	ENG	c	2224	b47+	w27=	w7-	b12-	w37=	b2-	b57+	w52+	4	5	1	2280	2.10	-1.10
18	RICHARDSON,Keith.....	ENG		2220	w48+	b28+	b8-	w13=	b39+	w3-	w58+	b54+	5½	4	1½	2258	1.80	-0.30
19	WHEELER,John F.....	ENG		2209	b49+	w29+	w9=	b15-	w40=	b4-	b59+	w55+	5	3	½	2278	1.20	-0.70
21	ROSINO,Antonio.....	ITA	f	2277	b51=	w6-	w1=	b31=	w56=	b12+	w41+	b36+	5	6	3½	2254	3.18	0.32
22	BARLOCCO,Carlo.....	ITA		2108	w52+	b7-	b2-	w32+	b57+	w13=	b42+	w37+	5½	6	3½	2203	2.22	1.28
23	GARDI,Giuseppe.....	ITA		2081	b54+	w8=	w3-		w58+	b14-		b38=	3	3	½	2304	0.66	-0.16
24	PIPITONE,Antonio.....	ITA		2019	w55+	b9-		b33-		w15+	w43=	w40+	3½	4	1½	2131	1.40	0.10
25	PROFAIZER,Gino.....	ITA		1990			b4-	w34=	b59+		b44=		2	1	0	2340	0.11	-0.11
26	WADE,Robert.....	ENG	m	2174	w56=	w16-	b46=	w36=	b1-	b6-	b51=	w12=	2½	6	1½	2277	2.16	-0.66
27	FARRAND,Julian T.....	ENG		2205	b57+	b17=	w47+	b37+	w2=	w7-	w52+	b13=	5½	5	2½	2272	2.05	0.45
28	EDWARDS,Raymond.....	ENG		2119	w58+	w18-	b49+	w38=	b3-	b8-	b53+	w14=	4	4	½	2283	1.12	-0.62
29	WILLIAMS,Christopher C...	ENG			b59+	b19-	w50+	b39+	w4-	w9=	w55+	b15=	5	4	1	2261		2068
31	ZARIC,Srboljub.....	AUS			w1=	b41+	b11-	w21=	b46+	w51+	w6-	b56=	4½	7	3½	2300		2300
32	VINER,Phillip.....	AUS		2151	b2=	w42=	w12=	b22-	w47-	b52=	b7-	w57+	3	5	1½	2226	2.00	-0.50
33	KRSTIC,Slobodan.....	AUS		2049	w3-	b43+	b13-	w24+	b48+	w54+	w8-	b58+	5	5	2	2186	1.60	0.40
34	BENSON,Lachlan.....	AUS			b4-	w44+	w14=	b25=	w50+	b55+	b9-	w59+	5	4	1	2225		2032
36	HOWSON,Jim.....	ENG			b6-	w51=		b26=	w16-	b56-	b1-	w21-	1	7	1	2259		1950
37	ELLISON,D George.....	ENG		2097	w7=	b52=	w41+	w27-	b17=	w57+	w2-	b22-	3½	6	2	2250	1.80	0.20
38	SMITH,Ivor B N.....	ENG			b8-		b42+	b28=		b58+	b3-	w23=	3	5	2	2158		2086
39	CORISH,Aiden.....	ENG			w9-	w53+	w43=	w29-	w18-	w59+			2½	3	½			
40	HEPPINSTALL,Roy.....	ENG				b55+	b44+		b19=		w4-	b24-	2½	3	½			
41	WILSON,Peter.....	ENG	c	2169	w11-	w31-	b37-	b56=	w51-	w46-	b21-	w1-	½	6	½	2249	2.34	-1.84
42	FLOCKHART,Hugh S.....	SCO		1926	b12=	b32=	w38-	w57-	b52=	b48+	w22-	b2-	2½	4	1	2203	0.68	0.32
43	RETY,John.....	ENG		2001	w13=	w33-	b39=	b58+	w53+	w49+	b24=	w3-	4½	4	1	2166	1.12	-0.12
44	SMITH,David.....	ENG			b14-	b34-	w40-	w59+	b54=	b50+	w25=	b4-	3	3	½			
46	HEYNS,Anthon.....	RSA			b16=	w56+	w26=	b51-	w31-	b41+		b6-	3	6	3	2216		2216
47	PRICE,Eddie.....	RSA			w17-	b57=	b27-	w52+	b32+		w12-	w7-	2½	5	1	2258		2018
48	HANGELBROEK,Peter.....	RSA			b18-	w58+		b53+	w33-	w42-	b13-		2	4	0			
49	FEREDAY,Andrew.....	RSA			w19-	b59+	w28-	w55+		b43-	w14-	b8-	2	5	0			
50	GOLDSTEIN,Anthony.....	RSA					b29-		b34-	w44-	b15-	w9-	0	2	0			
51	GILL,Neville.....	ENG		2046	w21=	b36=	b56=	w46+	b41+	b31-	w26=	w16-	4	5	2½	2216	1.40	1.10
52	NICOLSON,James R.....	ENG			b22-	w37=	w57+	b47-	w42=	w32=	b27-	b17-	2½	6	1½	2119		1926
53	ROBERTSON,Alan B.....	ENG				b39-	b58+	w48-	b43-		w28-		1	2	0			
54	MILNER,Edward.....	ENG			w23-		w59+		w44=	b33-		w18-	1½	3	0			
55	HOOPER,Dennis.....	ENG			b24-	w40-		b49-		w34-	b29-	b19-	0	2	0			
56	REUBEN,Stewart.....	ENG	c	2150	b26=	b46-	w51=	w41=	b21=	w36+	b16-	w31=	3½	5	2	2195	2.20	-0.20
57	SOTTER,Gerlinde.....	GER	w		w27-	w47=	b52-	b42+	w22-	b37-	w17-	b32-	1½	6	1	2119		1846
58	MEHRA,Suman.....	IND	w		b28-	b48-	w53-	w43-	b23-	w38-	b18-	w33-	0	5	0			
59	DAVID,Vidya.....	IND	w		w29-	w49-	b54-	b44-	w25-	b39-	w19-	b34-	0	2	0			

Index of Columns :

A = Points scored in the tournament.
B = Number of rated opponents.(N)
C = Points scored against rated opponents.(W)
D = Average of rated opponents.(Rc). Not printed if B<4 and player is unrated.
E = Score expectation against rated opponents only.(We)
F = Actual game score less Expected score(rated players).(W-We). Multiply by co-efficent K to get change in rating.
K = 25 for up to 30 FIDE rated games; then K = 15 until rating reaches 2400 when K = 10.
F = With -- in column E. FIDE performance rating of unrated players scoring > 50% against rated opponents.
F = FIDE performance Rating of unrated players. Not printed if B<4
Title column: g = Grandmaster; m = International Master; f = FIDE Master; c = Candidate Master;
wg = Woman Grandmaster; wm = Woman International Master; wf = Woman FIDE Master;
w = Woman player(no title).
Maximum difference in rating is calculated as 350 points.

2018 World Senior Team Chess Championships 50- Germany

Ranking crosstable after Round 9

Rk.	Mannschaft	1.Rd	2.Rd	3.Rd	4.Rd	5.Rd	6.Rd	7.Rd	8.Rd	9.Rd	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	United States	39b4	20w3	9b3	2w1½	8b3½	4w3½	5b3	3b3½	6w3	16	28	310,00
2	England 1	36w4	21b3	15w3	1b2½	3w2	5b2½	6w4	10w4	4b1½	15	26,5	282,50
3	Lasker Schachstiftung GK	45b4	18w3	16b3	4w3	2b2	7w3	9b4	1w½	15b3½	15	26	268,50
4	Germany 1	44w4	19b3	6w3½	3b1	15w3½	1b½	17w3	20b3½	2w2½	14	24,5	245,50
5	Thüringen	43b4	22w2½	8b2	7w3	10b3½	2w1½	1w1	18b3	17w2½	13	23	226,00
6	Canada	38b4	29w3½	4b½	18w4	33b3	16w4	2b0	7w3	1b1	12	23	218,00
7	Germany 2	46w4	28b4	13w2½	5b1	19w3½	3b1	25w2½	6b1	21w2½	12	22	196,00
8	SC Empor Potsdam 1952 e.V.	31w3½	37b3½	5w2	12b2	1w½	21b2	51w2½	32b2½	9b2	12	20,5	189,00
9	Austria	47w4	23b3	1w1	17b2½	25w3	12b2½	3w0	15b2	8w2	12	20	177,00
10	Schachfreunde Leipzig 1	26b2	40w2½	11b2½	32w2½	5w½	13b2	21w2½	2b0	27w2½	12	17	148,50
11	Hessen	59w3½	17b2	10w1½	31b1	58w1½	48b4	55w2½	35b3½	33b3	11	22,5	179,00
12	Temasek Knights	35b3	32w2	33b2½	8w2	20b3	9w1½	19b1½	29w2	26b3	11	20,5	191,00
13	TU Magdeburg	52b3	55w2½	7b1½	39w2	38b3½	10w2	20b1½	30w2½	19b2	11	20,5	174,00
14	Oranje	17w1½	63b2½	23w3	19b1½	36w2½	25b1	34w3½	24b2	32w2½	11	20	169,50
15	SC Gröbenzell	54w4	34b3	2b1	22w2½	4b½	30w3½	33b2½	9w2	3w½	11	19,5	163,00
16	Post SV Ulm	58w4	51b3	3w1	21b2	31w3	6b0	43w2	28b2½	20w2	11	19,5	149,00
17	Russia Women	14b2½	11w2	26b2½	9w1½	39b3	32w2½	4b1	19w2½	5b1½	11	19	176,00
18	Sachsen-Anhalt	56w2½	3b1	46w2½	6b0	26w2½	43b2	35w3½	5w1	37b4	11	19	156,50
19	Brabant	27b3	4w1	44b2½	14w2½	7b½	45w3	12w2½	17b1½	13w2	11	18,5	167,50
20	Schachfreunde Leipzig 2	64w3½	1b1	36w2½	55b2½	12w1	34b3	13w2½	4w½	16b2	11	18,5	150,50
21	England 2	62b3½	2w1	47b3	16w2	54b3	8w2	10b1½	43w3	7b1½	10	20,5	166,00
22	SK 1968	42w3½	5b1½	58w2½	15b1½	46w2½	33w1½	45b3	27b1½	40w3	10	20,5	160,50
23	Niederösterreich	65b3½	9w1	14b1	54w1½	60b3½	26w1½	42b3½	38b2½	47w2½	10	20,5	140,00
24	Iraq	50b2	48w1½	38b1½	40w3	35b1	65w3	54b3	14w2	44b3	10	20	139,50
25	USA 4 Brothers	55b1½	52w3½	43b2½	50w2½	9b1	14w3	7b1½	26w1½	39b2½	10	19,5	160,00
26	Ireland	10w2	53b2½	17w1½	29w2	18b1½	23b2½	41w3	25b2½	12w1	10	18,5	162,00
27	Sweden South	19w1	44b1½	63w2½	51b2	64w2½	28b2	39b2½	22w2½	10b1½	10	18	132,50
28	Germany Women 1	49b3	7w0	54b2	38w1	50b2½	27w2	47b3½	16w1½	45b2½	10	18	132,00
29	Sweden North	63w3	6b½	37w2	26b2	55w2	58b2	46w2½	12b2	31w2	10	18	132,00
30	Rochade Bielefeld Revival	37w½	31b2	64w2½	48b2	56w4	15b½	58w2½	13b1½	43b2½	10	18	125,50
31	BSV Chemie Radebeul	8b½	30w2	40b2½	11w3	16b1	39w2	44b2½	33w2	29b2	10	17,5	148,00
32	SG Grün-Weiß Dresden	61w3½	12b2	48w2½	10b1½	37w2½	17b1½	38w3	8w1½	14b1½	9	19,5	160,50
33	Rheinland-Pfalz	57w4	67b3½	12w1½	34b2½	6w1	22b2½	15w1½	31b2	11w1	9	19,5	151,50
34	England Women	66b3	15w1	59b3	33w1½	47b2½	20w1	14b½	52w2	55b3½	9	18	117,50
35	SK Ricklingen	12w1	42b2	61w2½	37b1	24w3	55b4	18b½	11w½	52b3	9	17,5	126,00
36	Schwarzwald	2b0	62w2½	20b1½	49w2½	14b1½	52w2	37b1½	50w3	53b3	9	17,5	120,00
37	South Africa	30b3½	8w½	29b2	35w3	32b1½	38w1	36w2½	51b2½	18w0	9	16,5	133,00
38	TSG Markkleeberg 1	6w0	61b2	24w2½	28b3	13w½	37b3	32b1	23w1½	51w3	9	16,5	132,50
39	England 3	1w0	57b4	67w3½	13b2	17w1	31b2	27w1½	46b3	25w1½	8	18,5	135,00
40	Stiftung BSW/DBAG	53w2	10b1½	31w1½	24b1	49b2½	59w3½	52b2	61w3½	22b1	8	18,5	119,50

41	VSG 1880 Offenbach	48b2	50w2	55b1½	52w3	43b1	62w3	26b1	47w1	56w3½	8	18	112,00
42	Naumburger SV 1951 e.V.	22b½	35w2	45b2	43w1	53b3½	44w1	23w½		62b3	8	17,5	102,50
43	Algeria	5w0	56b3	25w1½	42b3	41w3	18w2	16b2	21b1	30w1½	8	17	132,00
44	SV Aufbau Bernburg	4b0	27w2½	19w1½	56b1½	61w2½	42b3	31w1½	48b3½	24w1	8	17	129,00
45	Belgium	3w0	64b2	42w2	66b3½	48w3½	19b1	22w1	58b2½	28w1½	8	17	112,50
46	Germany Women 3	7b0	49w2½	18b1½	62w3	22b1½	50w2½	29b1½	39w1	61b3½	8	17	110,50
47	Liechtenstein	9b0	65w3	21w1	67b3½	34w1½	56b2½	28w½	41b3	23b1½	8	16,5	100,00
48	Deutsche Schach-Löwen	41w2	24b2½	32b1½	30w2	45b½	11w0	62b3	44w½	58w2½	8	14,5	100,50
49	Scotland	28w1	46b1½	57w3	36b1½	40w1½	63b2		55w1½	66b3½	7	19,5	106,50
50	SSC Graal-Müritz	24w2	41b2	51w2½	25b1½	28w1½	46b1½	57w2	36b1		7	18	118,50
51	SV Dresden-Striesen 1990	60b2½	16w1	50b1½	27w2	59b2½	54w2½	8b1½	37w1½	38b1	7	16	114,50
52	Norway	13w1	25b½	53w4	41b1	66w2½	36b2	40w2	34b2	35w1	7	16	113,00
53	EL AL Israel	40b2	26w1½	52b0	64b2	42w½		56w2	57b2½	36w1	7	15,5	85,50
54	Germany Women 2	15b0	66w3	28w2	23b2½	21w1	51b1½	24w1	56b1½	63w2½	7	15	101,00
55	Wales Silures	25w2½	13b1½	41w2½	20w1½	29b2	35w0	11b1½	49b2½	34w½	7	14,5	119,00
56	SV SW Königsbrück	18b1½	43w1	65b3	44w2½	30b0	47w1½	53b2	54w2½	41b½	7	14,5	92,00
57	Sempreverde	33b0	39w0	49b1	61b2	63w2	60w3	50b2	53w1½	65b3	7	14,5	76,50
58	SV Horst-Emscher 1931 1	16b0	60w3	22b1½	59w2	11b2½	29w2	30b1½	45w1½	48b1½	6	15,5	119,50
59	SK Kaltenkirchen	11b½		34w1	58b2	51w1½	40b½	63w1½	67b2	64w2½	6	15,5	67,00
60	England 4	51w1½	58b1	62b1		23w½	57b1	65b2	66w2	67b2½	6	15,5	62,00
61	SK Norderstedt	32b½	38w2	35b1½	57w2	44b1½	67w3	64w2½	40b½	46w½	6	14	82,50
62	Suomi Königsbauer	21w½	36b1½	60w3	46b1	67w2½	41b1	48w1	63b2½	42w1	6	14	81,00
63	SV Horst-Emscher 1931 2	29b1	14w1½	27b1½	65w2	57b2	49w2	59b2½	62w1½	54b1½	5	15,5	104,00
64	Blue Wonder	20b½	45w2	30b1½	53w2	27b1½	66w3	61b1½	65w2	59b1½	5	15,5	98,50
65	TSG Markkleeberg 2	23w½	47b1	56w1	63b2		24b1	60w2	64b2	57w1	5	14,5	69,00
66	Schachclub Ittersbach	34w1	54b1		45w½	52b1½	64b1	67w3	60b2	49w½	5	14,5	60,00
67	SG Priestewitz/ Riesa		33w½	39b½	47w½	62b1½	61b1	66b1	59w2	60w1½	3	12,5	53,50

Annotation:
Tie Break1: Matchpoints (2 for wins, 1 for Draws, 0 for Losses)
Tie Break2: points (game-points)
Tie Break3: Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break variable

Team-Composition with round-results

37. South Africa (RtgAvg:1897, TB1: 9 / TB2: 16,5)

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	FideID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	Games	RtgAvg
1	FM	Bhawoodien,Shabir Hussain	2012	RSA	14300770	1	0	½	1	0	0	1	1	0	4,5	9	2164
2		Lewis,Mark Mm.	1920	RSA	14305674	½	0		1	0		1	½	0	3	7	2096
3		Lawrence,Gordon	1860	RSA	14305640	1	½	0		1	½	½	½	0	4	8	2080
4		Pick,Deon	1795	RSA	14310481	1	0	½	½		½	0	½		3	7	2036
5		Ohlson,Cecil	1642	RSA	14325845			1	½	½	0			0	2	5	1929

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Final Ranking after 7 Rounds

Rk.	SNo	Team	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	1	USA	USA1	7	5	2	0	12	20,5	0	104,5
2	2	LASKER SCHACHSTIFTUNG GK	GER	7	4	3	0	11	19,5	0	102
3	3	CZECH REPUBLIC 1	CZE1	7	5	1	1	11	19	0	108
4	6	ISLAND	ISL	7	5	1	1	11	18,5	0	104,5
5	10	1960-61	CZE3	7	5	0	2	10	20	0	87,5
6	7	YAMAL	RUS1	7	4	2	1	10	18,5	0	98
7	4	ENGLAND 1	ENG1	7	4	2	1	10	18	1	106
8	13	CANADA	CAN	7	4	2	1	10	18	1	96,5
9	5	SLOVAKIA	SVK	7	4	2	1	10	17,5	0	102,5
10	12	MOSCOW	RUS2	7	4	1	2	9	17,5	0	96,5
11	8	CZECH REPUBLIC 2	CZE2	7	4	1	2	9	16	0	104,5
12	11	USA TOO	USA2	7	4	1	2	9	16	0	95
13	15	AUSTRIA	AUT	7	4	1	2	9	16	0	94
14	9	GERMANY 1	GER1	7	4	1	2	9	16	0	91,5
15	16	RUSSIA WOMEN	RUSW	7	4	1	2	9	15,5	0	100,5
16	19	SK ZIKUDA TURNOV	CZE4	7	4	1	2	9	15,5	0	99,5
17	27	CZECH REPUBLIC WOMEN	CZEW1	7	3	2	2	8	15,5	0	89
18	14	SCOTLAND 1	SCO1	7	4	0	3	8	15	0	95
19	20	SSC GRAAL-MUERITZ & FRIENDS	GER3	7	3	2	2	8	15	0	79,5
20	21	VS OFFENBACH	GER4	7	4	0	3	8	14,5	0	88,5
21	30	ENGLAND 2	ENG2	7	4	0	3	8	14	0	93,5
22	22	SC GROEBENZELL RELOADED	GER5	7	4	0	3	8	13	0	98,5
23	28	WALES SILURES	WLS1	7	4	0	3	8	12,5	0	89
24	42	BURZA	CZE12	7	3	1	3	7	17,5	0	74
25	17	TU MAGDEBURG	GER2	7	3	1	3	7	17	0	83
26	25	SK MAHRLA	CZE6	7	3	1	3	7	17	0	72
27	52	OSLO SCHAKSELSKAP	NOR2	7	3	1	3	7	16	0	90,5
28	18	FINLAND	FIN	7	3	1	3	7	15,5	0	81,5
29	24	SK SLAVOJ LITOMERICE	CZE5	7	3	1	3	7	14,5	0	91
30	26	SK SOKOL VYSEHRAD	CZE7	7	3	1	3	7	14	0	88,5
31	37	SK JOLY LYSA NAD LABEM	CZE10	7	3	1	3	7	14	0	79,5
32	33	BOHEMIA PARDUBICE	CZE9	7	3	1	3	7	13,5	0	88,5
33	43	HELMA 365	CZE13	7	2	3	2	7	13,5	0	86,5
34	39	TJ SOKOL UDLICE	CZE11	7	3	0	4	6	15	0	79
35	32	VYSOCINA	CZE8	7	3	0	4	6	14	0	84,5
36	38	LATVIA WOMEN	LAT	7	3	0	4	6	12	0	87,5
37	51	SOUTH AFRICA	RSA	6	2	0	4	6	11,5	2	77,5
38	41	CZECH REPUBLIC WOMEN 2	CZEW2	7	3	0	4	6	11,5	0	73
39	23	USA 4 BROTHERS	USA3	6	3	0	3	6	10	0	92,5
40	29	ENGLAND WOMEN	ENGW	7	2	1	4	5	12,5	0	87,5
41	34	GERMANY WOMEN 2	GERW2	7	2	1	4	5	11,5	1	80
42	45	DEUTSCHE SCHACH-LOEWEN	GER9	7	1	3	3	5	11,5	1	74,5
43	31	GERMANY WOMEN 1	GERW1	7	2	1	4	5	11	0	92,5
44	35	ALB-SCHWARZWALD	GER6	7	2	1	4	5	10,5	0	99
45	48	SCOTLAND 2	SCO2	6	0	3	3	5	10	0	72
46	44	NORWAY	NOR1	7	2	1	4	5	10	0	71
47	53	JAWA 2020	CZE16	6	1	1	4	5	9,5	0	84,5
48	50	TJ ZDAR NAD SAZAVOU	CZE15	7	1	3	3	5	9,5	0	81
49	49	GERMAN NORTH TEAM	GER11	6	1	0	5	4	10,5	0	63,5
50	47	WALES ORDOVICES	WLS2	6	0	2	4	4	9	0	75
51	36	NAUMBURGER SV 1951	GER7	5	2	0	3	4	8,5	0	82,5
52	46	STREDOCESI	CZE14	6	1	1	4	3	7	0	77,5
53	54	KALTENKIRCHEN	GER12	6	0	1	5	3	7	0	75,5
54	55	LXG	MAS	6	0	0	6	2	9,5	0	75
55	40	TSG MARKKLEEBERG	GER8	5	0	1	4	1	2,5	0	79

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Tie Break2: points (game-points)
Tie Break3: The results of the teams in then same point group according to Matchpoints
Tie Break4: Buchholz Tie-Breaks (variabel with parameter)

Team-Composition with round-results

37. SOUTH AFRICA (RtgAvg:1697, Captain: Andre Schutte / TB1: 6 / TB2: 11,5)

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	FideID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.	Games	Rp	w	we	w-we	K	rtg+/-
1	Schutte Andre	1827	RSA	14306000	0	½		½	1	0	1	3	6	2003	3	1,76	1,24	40	49,6
2	Southey Andrew M.	1781	RSA	14303191	0	0		0	1	0	1	2	6	1839	2	1,73	0,27	20	5,4
3	Ohlson Cecil	1643	RSA	14325845	0	0		0	½	0	1	1,5	6	1761	1,5	1,03	0,47	20	9,4
4	Van Schaik Michael	1537	RSA	14321580	0	1		0	1	0	1	3	6	1752	2	0,97	1,03	40	41,2



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Final Ranking crosstable after 9 Rounds

Rk.		Mannschaft	1.Rd	2.Rd	3.Rd	4.Rd	5.Rd	6.Rd	7.Rd	8.Rd	9.Rd	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1		USA	8w3½	11b2½	7w2½	2b1½	3w2½	5b3	4b3	10w4	6w2½	16	25	0	96	106
2		Italy	15b3½	17w3½	16b2½	1w2½	4b1½	10w3	3b2	5w3	11b2½	15	24	0	93	102
3		England 1	18b4	13w3½	5b3	4w2	1b1½	7b2½	2w2	19w3½	10b3	14	25	0	95	103
4		Iceland	28w4	12b3½	10w3	3b2	2w2½	11b4	1w1	6b2	7w2	13	24	0	97	104
5		England 2	24w3½	23b3½	3w1	12b3	7w2½	1w1	16b2½	2b1	17w4	12	22	0	92	100
6		Slovakia	25b4	16w1½	18b4	17w3½	10b1½	12w3½	19b2½	4w2	1b1½	11	24	0	84	92
7		USA Too	9w3	22b3½	1b1½	13w3½	5b1½	3w1½	21b3½	12w3	4b2	11	23	0	92	100
8		Brazil	1b½	26w1½	31b4	15w2	25b3	23w2	13b3	11b1½	22w3½	10	21	0	75	79
9		Estonia Women	7b1	32w4	17b1	18w3	16b2	26w3	12b1½	22b2	19w2½	10	20	0	71	72
10		Israel Rishon Lezion	20w2½	27b3½	4b1	16w4	6w2½	2b1	11w3	1b0	3w1	10	18,5	0	96	103
11		Canada	26b3½	1w1½	15b3	27w3	13b2½	4w0	10b1	8w2½	2w1½	10	18,5	0	89	96
12		Germany Lubeck Chess Club	21b3	4w½	25b3½	5w1	27b3½	6b½	9w2½	7b1	23w3	10	18,5	0	81	88
13		USA Women	14w4	3b½	28w3	7b½	11w1½	20b2½	8w1	27b2	25b2½	9	17,5	2	77	84
14		Scotland	13b0	18w1½	32b3½	19w1	31b3	30w3	22w2	17b1	26w2½	9	17,5	0	58	59
15		Poland Caissa	2w½	31b3	11w1	8b2	18w1½	24b2½	17w2	29b2½	16b2	9	17	0	76	80
16		England Women	29w2½	6b2½	2w1½	10b0	9w2	22b2½	5w1½	23b2	15w2	9	16,5	0	83	89
17		Norway Oslo Schakselskap	31w3½	2b½	9w3	6b½	20b2½	19w½	15b2	14w3	5b0	9	15,5	0	82	86
18		USA 5 Brothers	3w0	14b2½	6w0	9b1	15b2½	21w1½	31w3	26b2	27w2½	9	15	0	75	79
19		Germany 1	27b1½	20w1½	24w3	14b3	23w4	17b3½	6w1½	3b½	9b1½	8	20	0	77	84
20		Polish Amateurs	10b1½	19b2½	22w2	23b2	17w1½	13w1½	27b2	30w2	32w3½	8	18,5	0	63	64
21		South Africa	12w1	28b1½	29w3½	24b3	22w1½	18b2½	7w½	25w1½	30b2½	8	17,5	0	67	71
22		Germany Graal	32b3½	7w½	20b2	26w2	21b2½	16w1½	14b2	9w2	8b½	8	16,5	0	72	73
23		England 3	30b3	5w½	26b2	20w2	19b0	8b2	28w3½	16w2	12b1	8	16	0	71	75
24		Germany Women	5b½	30w2	19b1	21w1	29b3	15w1½	32w2½	28b2	31b2½	8	16	0	58	59
25		Ireland	6w0	29b2½	12w½	28b2	8w1	32b3	26w2	21b2½	13w1½	8	15	0	68	69
26		Lithuania Women	11w½	8b2½	23w2	22b2	28w2	9b1	25b2	18w2	14b1½	7	15,5	0	72	79
27		Wales Silures	19w2½	10w½	30b2½	11b1	12w½	28b2	20w2	13w2	18b1½	7	14,5	0	71	75
28		Hungary Women	4b0	21w2½	13b1	25w2	26b2	27w2	23b½	24w2	29b2	7	14	0	68	74
29		England 4	16b1½	25w1½	21b½	32w2	24w1	31b3½	30b3½	15w1½	28w2	6	17	0	57	58
30		Poland Malopolska Team	23w1	24b2	27w1½	31w1	32b3½	14b1	29w½	20b2	21w1½	4	14	0	58	59
31		Guernsey	17b½	15w1	8w0	30b3	14w1	29w½	18b1	32b3½	24w1½	4	12	0	64	65
32		Luxemburg TASM Scheffleng	22w½	9b0	14w½	29b2	30w½	25w1	24b1½	31w½	20b½	1	7	0	61	65

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Tie Break2: points (game-points)
Tie Break3: The results of the teams in then same point group according to Matchpoints
Tie Break4: Buchholz Tie-Break Variable (2023) (Matchpoints, Cut1)
Tie Break5: Buchholz Tie-Break Variable (2023) (Matchpoints)

Team-Composition with round-results

21. South Africa (RtgAvg:1927, Captain: Bouah Lyndon / TB1: 8 / TB2: 17,5)

Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	FideID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	Games	RtgAvg	K	rtg+/-
1	CM	Bouah, Lyndon	1996	RSA	14300052	1	1	1	½	½	0	½	1	½	6	9	2123	20	56,2
2	FM	Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain	1990	RSA	14300770	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	½	½	5	9	2053	20	24
3		Metcalfe, Allister	1889	RSA	123065170	0	0	1	1	0	½	0	0	½	3	9	1989	40	-16
4		Schutte, Andre	1832	RSA	14306000	0	½	½	½	0	1	0	0	1	3,5	9	1930	20	2,4

So that is the background of South Africa's participation in this event thus far.

3. History of Albania

A quick cursory glance off the internet at Wikipedia tells us that Albania, officially the Republic of Albania, is a country in Southeast Europe. It is located in the Balkans, on the Adriatic and Ionian Seas within the Mediterranean Sea, and shares land borders with Montenegro to the northwest, Kosovo to the northeast, North Macedonia to the east and Greece to the south. With an area of 28,748 km2 (11,100 sq mi), it has a varied range of climatic, geological, hydrological and morphological conditions. Albania's landscapes range from rugged snow-capped mountains in the Albanian Alps and the Korab, Skanderbeg, Pindus and Ceraunian Mountains, to fertile lowland plains extending from the Adriatic and Ionian seacoasts. Tirana is the capital and largest city in the country, followed by Durrës, Vlorë, and Shkodër.



Albania was inhabited by several Illyrian tribes, among them the Ardiaei, Bylliones, Dassaretii, Enchele, and Taulantians, with the Chaonians settled in the southwest. Several colonies were founded by the Ancient Greeks along the Albanian coast, most notably Apollonia. The Illyrians were the dominant power in Albania before the rise of Macedon.[8] Following the Illyrian Wars, Albania was integrated into the Roman Empire and remained in the Byzantine Empire after its partition. During the Middle Ages, several Albanian principalities emerged, most notably the Principality of Arbanon, Kingdom of Albania, Principality of Albania and Albania Veneta. In the 15th century, Albania became a center of resistance against Ottoman expansion under the

leadership of Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg, whose military campaigns repelled Ottoman advances for over two decades. Although incorporated into the Ottoman Empire, Albania retained distinct cultural and social identities throughout four centuries of foreign rule, culminating in the Albanian Renaissance in the 19th century. Albania declared independence in 1912, followed by a turbulent 20th century marked by monarchy, foreign occupation during both World Wars, and a communist regime under Enver Hoxha.

Since its independence in 1912, Albania has undergone a number of political changes, transitioning from a monarchy to a communist regime before becoming a sovereign parliamentary constitutional republic. Governed by a constitution prioritising the separation of powers, the country's political structure includes a parliament, a ceremonial president, a functional prime minister and a hierarchy of courts. Albania is a developing country with an upper-middle income economy driven by the service sector, with manufacturing and tourism, which attracted over 11 million visitors in 2024, also playing significant roles.[10] After the dissolution of its communist system the country shifted from centralised planning to an open market economy. Albanian citizens have universal health care access and free primary and secondary education. The country is an official candidate for membership in the European Union and has been negotiating accession since 2022.

4. Famous people from Albania

Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu (1910-97) is arguably the most famous Albanian person. She is commonly known as Mother Theresa. Born ethnic Albanian in Skopje, North Macedonia, she moved to Ireland when she was eighteen to join the sisters of Loreto and left a year later for missionary work in Calcutta (now known as Kolkata). She devoted her life to helping the poor and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work.

5. Interesting Fun facts

There are 175 000, bunkers built during the Communist era

Albania participated at the Olympic Games in 1972 for the first time. The country made their Winter Olympic Games debut in 2006. Albania missed the next four games, two of them due to the 1980 and 1984 boycotts, but returned for the 1992 games in Barcelona. Since then, Albania have participated in all games. Albania normally competes in events that include swimming, athletics, weightlifting, shooting and wrestling. The country have been represented by the National Olympic Committee of Albania since 1972. The nation has participated at the Mediterranean Games since the games of 1987 in Syria. The Albanian athletes have won a total of 43 (8 gold, 17 silver and 18 bronze) medals from 1987 to 2013.

6. Interesting Facts about Albania and South Africa

Albania and South Africa established diplomatic relations in 1992, with ties currently managed non-residentially by the South African Embassy in Rome. While direct political engagement is limited, connections include emerging tourism interest for South Africans, limited trade relations and historical non-diplomatic ties like the asylum of King Leka Zongu 1 in South Africa.

7. Profile of the players

Three of the players reside in the Western Cape and Anton Goosen is from Pretoria, Gauteng.

8. Results of Round one

South Africa lost to England Two today.

We were outrated on all the boards. First to finish was Andre Schutte. He told me afterwards in the room his opponent found some good moves. Andre had the black pieces. Andre was a bit slow in development of his rook.

I lost on board one when I was a bit impatient. Once i showed impatience, my opponent started to dominate the position.

On board two Shabier's opponent closed the position on a white side of a king's Indian Defence. Dr Shabs was forced to sacrifice a knight to open the white king but it did not look positive.

On board three Anton Goosen was lost and then went for an attack. His opponent defended against the attack and the game was soon over.

It seems only the top twenty boards are being broadcast for some reason.

Enjoy the last of the Sunday night

Regards

Dr Lyndon Bouah
Reporting live from Durres, Albania