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ROUND 1 REPORT

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South African Delegation • 17th African Youth Chess Championships • Entebbe, Uganda

DELEGATION RESULT

WINS	DRAWS	LOSSES	POINTS
49	1	4	49.5 / 54

An exceptional opening round. Eight sections delivered clean sweeps. South Africa finishes Round 1 with a 91.7% scoring rate across all 54 boards.

SECTIONAL LEADERS

Top RSA performer in each age category. Where multiple South African players are tied on score, the player listed is the one with the highest section rank.

Section	Leading Player	Score	Notes
U8 Open	Conradie, David	1 / 1	1 of 2 RSA on 1 / 1
U8 Girls	Mlaba, Khethelo	1 / 1	3 of 4 RSA on 1 / 1
U10 Open	Akemdien, Alex (Rank 14)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 5 of 5 RSA on 1 / 1
U10 Girls	Ramonyaluoe, Madalitso (Rank 1)	1 / 1	Sole RSA player at section lead
U12 Open	Thorulsley, Kairaav (Rank 14)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 5 of 5 RSA on 1 / 1
U12 Girls	Temmers, Isabella (Rank 6)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 5 of 5 RSA on 1 / 1
U14 Open	Singh, Shaurya (Rank 7)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 6 of 6 RSA on 1 / 1
U14 Girls	Bisram, Neha (Rank 13)	1 / 1	2 of 3 RSA on 1 / 1
U16 Open	Salimu, Chase	1 / 1	Top RSA OTB win in section; sweep — 7 of 7 RSA on 1 / 1
U16 Girls	Naidoo, Dhiya (Rank 9)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 7 of 7 RSA on 1 / 1

Section	Leading Player	Score	Notes
U18 Open	Levitan, Judah Nathan FM (Rank 7)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 2 of 2 RSA on 1 / 1
U18 Girls	Mojaki, Tshegofatso (Rank 3)	1 / 1	Section sweep — 3 of 3 RSA on 1 / 1

GAME OF THE ROUND

Selected by largest rating differential among RSA wins in Round 1, excluding games against unrated opponents.

FM Levitan, Judah Nathan (RSA, 2192) vs **Wamwenje, Ethan** (KEN, 1493)

U18 Open, Board 2 — Result: 1–0 — Rating differential: 699 points

The largest rating-differential win among South African players in Round 1. FM Levitan, South Africa's highest-rated player at the championship, converted convincingly on a top board and is the highest-placed RSA player overall entering Round 2.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- Ramonyaluoe Madalitso (U10 Girls) sits at Rank 1 entering Round 2 — the only South African player holding an outright section lead in the championship.
- U16 Girls delivered a perfect Round 1: all seven RSA players won. Five of those wins came as Black — a demanding colour assignment in the opening round.
- Mojaki Tshegofatso (U18 Girls, 1518) won as Black against Nakatudde, Mackline (UGA, 1754) — a 236-point rated upset — and moves up to Rank 3 in the section. Immediate medal contention.
- FM Levitan and Difotso, Lebogang both posted wins, putting both South African boards in U18 Open on 1 / 1.
- Eight of twelve sections recorded clean sweeps: U10 Open, U12 Open, U12 Girls, U14 Open, U16 Open, U16 Girls, U18 Open, and U18 Girls all on 100 percent.

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