

Battle of the Minds: Tuks Residences 'Check their Mates'

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On the 26th of March 2011, ten of the University of Pretoria's residences went on head to head in an exciting chess tournament hosted by TuksChess at Sci-Enza.

The Residences that participated were Klaradyn, Asterhof, Erika, Nerina, Boekenhout, Olympus, Tuks Naledi, Mopanie, Kollege and Olienhout. Each of these residences had to put together five of their most strategic players to make a team. Two groups were drawn and the winners of each group played in the finals and the runners up the two groups played for the third spot.



Olympus having 80% of their team in the TuksChess Club, looked the favourites to win the tournament, although the proof of the pudding was in the eating. Asterof were the winners in the ladies group when they had a rather easy first game against Nerina and a totally inspiring game against their bitter rivals Klaradyn. Boekenhout and Olympus, without a single loose during the tournament, had to face each other in the play offs to determine the group winner. Surprisingly, Boekenhout emerged as winners with a narrow 3-2 victory over the aspiring doctors. Asterof faced Boekenhout in the finals before the guys could officially take home the first prize. Boekenhout beat Asterhof 5-0 in the finals, but the highlight of the game was when the board 1 player of Asterhof, Paida Chirowodza, gave Wiaan Bester of Boekenhout a run for his money. The current top five Res league rankings are Boekenhout, Asterhof, Olympus, Klaradyn and Olienhout. TuksChess at Sci-Enza will have this tournament over a longer period next year, so the residences are most welcome to join us, as well as the faculty houses that are registered as a residence.



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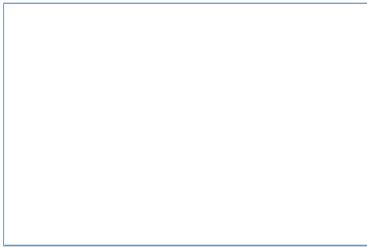
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