

What a Save!

Round 10

Open Team v Kuwait – a Win for Wales!

Bo.	148	 Kuwait (KUW)	Rtg -	114	 Wales (WLS)	Rtg	1½:2½
72.1	FM	□ Al-Hajiri, Bader	2112	-	FM	■ Strugnell, Carl	2327 ½ - ½
72.2		■ Al Azmi, Khalaf	1785	-	□ Blackburn, Jonathan L B	2185	0 - 1
72.3	CM	□ Alothman, Abdul Wahab	1911	-	■ Bullen, Alex	2098	1 - 0
72.4		■ Alothman, Salem	1690	-	□ Pleasants, Allan J	2090	0 - 1

From quite early on this was looking horribly like another draw, with clearly better positions for White on every board. Allan, refreshed from his rest day yesterday, took his opponent apart with a sacrificial attack which was entertaining to watch.

Jonathan kept his chances of an FM title alive with another win.

Alex drew the short straw – paired against the under-rated CM who has already earned his FM “conditional” title with 6/7 and was unfortunately unable to break his winning streak.

Carl just had a terrible position, material down, and we all assumed he would eventually succumb, and a 2-2 draw was inevitable. But he pulled back from the brink to hold his opponent to a draw and win the match. Replay the games here:



Women’s Team v South Korea

The Women did well against an on-form team from South Korea. In this match it was Shayanna who drew the short straw to face their best-scoring player. Like Alex’s opponent she was on 6/7 and already in line for a WFM title. Both Shayanna’s and Venetia’s opponents played excellent games.

Bo.	71	 Wales (WLS)	Rtg -	77	 South Korea (KOR)	Rtg	1½:2½
34.1	WFM	□ Smith, Olivia	2013	-	WFM	■ Wang, Chengjia	2050 1 - 0
34.2	WCM	■ Sivarajasingam, Venetia	1771	-	WFM	□ Eynula, Roza	2030 0 - 1
34.3	WCM	□ Camp, Imogen A L	1940	-	CM	■ Lee, Seyeon	1727 ½ - ½
34.4	WCM	■ Sivarajasingam, Shayanna	1788	-	WCM	□ Park, Sunwoo	1793 0 - 1

Olivia led from the front, in a game that demonstrated the awesome power of the Bishop-pair, and Imogen held her opponent to a draw in a difficult, constrained position.




Final Round on Friday

Tough for the Open team; maybe an easier one to finish with for the Women's team?

The final round starts the earlier time of 11am (8am UK time).

Women – Round 11 – Mozambique




A chance to improve our final position in the table. Every point counts, so a 4-0 victory is the aim.

49	71		WLS	Wales	20	9	:	9	16	Mozambique	MOZ		117									
 104. Mozambique (MOZ / RtgAvg:1543, Captain: Maia Mariano Tesoura De / TB1: 9 / TB2: 108)																						
Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games	Rp	w	we	w-we	K	rtg+/-
1	WIM Vilhete Vania Fausto Da T.	1752	MOZ	0	0	1	1	1	1	½	0	1	1		6,5	10	1897	4,5	2,72	1,78	20	35,6
2	Efentakis Katina	1451	MOZ	0	0	1	0		0	0	½	1			2,5	8	1504	1,5	1,30	0,20	40	8,0
3	Jefo Suzete Vicente	1379	MOZ	0	0		0	1	0	0			1		2,0	7	1440	2	1,83	0,17	40	6,8
4	Sitoe Cheila Andre	1545	MOZ	0		0	1	½	1		0	1	½		4,0	8	1572	3	2,72	0,28	40	11,2
5	Sitoe Sheila	1425	MOZ	0	0		0		0	0	1	0			1,0	7	1189	0	2,04	-2,04	20	-40,8

Open – Round 11 – Jordan

An experienced team, who field a tactical board order in reverse strength.

This doesn't seem to have paid off for them, as they have been underperforming a bit this tournament. Can we press home an advantage?

63	74		JOR	Jordan	19½	9	:	9	16½	Wales	WLS		114									
 120. Jordan (JOR / RtgAvg:2345, Captain: Kruppa Yuri / TB1: 9 / TB2: 116,5)																						
Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games	Rp	w	we	w-we	K	rtg+/-
1	Moayed Obied	2125	JOR	1	0	1		0	1	0	1	1			5,0	8	2191	5	4,35	0,65	20	13,0
2	FM Mansour Sameer	2232	JOR	1	0		0	0	0		1	1	0		3,0	8	2136	3	4,03	-1,03	20	-20,6
3	IM Ahmad Al Khatib	2355	JOR	1	0	1	0	0	0	½	1	1	0		4,5	10	2162	3,5	5,66	-2,16	20	-43,2
4	FM Issa Rafat	2388	JOR	1	0	1	0	0		½	1	1	½		5,0	9	2252	5	6,18	-1,18	10	-11,8
5	IM Khader Sami	2405	JOR		1	0		0	1			0			2,0	5	2097	1	2,83	-1,83	10	-18,3