



Observer report for Stanislas Open 2023 (MCR)

Observer: Loïc de Kergommeaux

Date: November 25th - 26th 2023

Place: Varangéville, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Nemausus 54 : registration, program, list of participants... Additional information regarding the transports were given by mail by the organisers.

Participants: 80 players

Represented countries: 6 (France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 110 minutes

Location: The “Espace Prieuré” is a big venue, with multiple rooms. The main room was large enough to fit all the playing tables with sufficient place between them. An additional room were used for the breaks and lunches. Both rooms had bathrooms for players.

Equipment: We played with various games and tables.

Refereeing: David Jourdain and Thomas Boutonnet were players referees. Originally, David Jourdain was supposed to be non-player referee, but due to last minute cancelation of some players, he had to play to round the number of players up to 80.

Complaints: Multiple players complained about the duration of the rounds (110 minutes), which they found too short. 115 or 120 minutes would have been better.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, projected on a screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: Breakfast and lunch in the break room, drinks and others. Lunch was provided by a former member of the local club, who owns a restaurant nearby. Fresh and local food, special menu for people with specific diets. Excellent food, all comments about the lunch were positive.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Prizes for individual ranking (1st to 10th) and for the best team. There was also a little prize for the winner of a challenge given by the organisers, which was the last chicken hand with 2 flowers done in the tournament.

Conclusion: As usual, very nice tournament in Varangéville, with very good food, and a good playing atmosphere.