

Observer Report 14th Belgium Open

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Date : Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 of March 2023

Place : Temse (Belgium)

MERS 2 tournament

Information could be found on the website kleine3draken.be

Information at the website was clear and complete.

Participants

There were 96 players from Belgium (12), The Netherlands (23), Germany (10), France (37), Sweden (1), Italy (10), Spain (1) and Poland (1).

Playing Schedule

2 days, 7 rounds of 1hr and 50min and the last hand finished to the end.
4 rounds at day 1, 3 rounds at day 2.

Location

The tournament took place in the Community Centre of Temse located at the Hof Ter Elstlaan in Elversele.

Equipment

Good. We played on mahjongtables with big tile mahjongsets.

Refereeing

Non playing referee: Peter van Damme. There were no big issues.

Complaints

No complaints about the organization.

Information/communication during the tournament

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen.

The results were available in time, printed and posted on walls.

Catering

Lunch in the same place, served on plates. A hardworking kitchen brigade delivered a very good job.

On both days after the first round there was soup and lunch after the second round. Bread on day 1 and a special lunch on day 2: homemade beef stew with fresh fries. A typical Belgium dish.

Prizes

There were prizes for the numbers 1, 2 and 3; beautiful artworks made by a Belgium sculptor. The prizes were awarded by the mayor of Temse.

Conclusion

And again Temse succeeded in organizing a great tournament. The atmosphere was good: fair play and friendly. Players like to come over for this tournament because of the good atmosphere.