



Observer report for Rode Lotus Tournament 2019 (MCR, MERS 3)

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


Date: September 28 and 29, 2019

Place: Leuven, Belgium

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the specific website <http://www.rodilotustournament.be/> what, when, where, schedule, registration, list of participants, catering, price, advice for hotel, advice for town visit, ...

Participants: 64 players

Represented countries

FRA	NED	BEL	ITA	SUI	GER
					
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Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The “Genadedal Ontmoetingscentrum” room is large enough to host 64 players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: We played with nice tiles and steady chairs and tables.

Refereeing: Rudi Kopmanis was non-player referee. He was asked for help several times.

Complaints: Remark about long lunch time, but was explained.

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 screen.

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

Catering: Coffee, tea, and there was a very nice big cake to celebrate the 10th anniversary of De Rode Lotus. Other drinks also available (for example Belgium Beer). Lunch in the same place with choice of nice sandwiches, soup, fruit, and on Sunday the famous Belgium Frites and Snacks, soup and salads.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and for the best Chicken-hand, and for the last self-drawn with Red Lotus (dot 1).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Leuven, also very well organized before and during the tournament. Plan to go again next year.