

1988 : MALAWI CHESS

The origins of chess are not altogether certain. There are visual references to chess - like board games dating back as far as 2000 BC. It is fairly probable that chess developed from the Indian game of Chaturunga, being brought to Europe via Spain in about the 8th Century AD. From there it went to Italy, South Germany, France, England and Scandinavia. The introduction of the game to Russia seems to have been direct from Persia by way of Baghdad. In Malawi, individual chess players were available long before organised chess games started. Organised chess games in Malawi started in 1973 with a few secondary schools taking part. In 1975, Zambia schools chess organisers invited Malawi schools chess team to a series of friendly games in Zambia. Five matches were played while in Zambia. Malawi won one match and lost the rest.

In 1976, inter-school chess tournaments were organised under the sponsorship of the National Bank of Malawi. Zomba Catholic Secondary School became the first to win the trophy in the 1976/77 school academic year. Since then, the trophy has been treasured by other winning schools and colleges in the country. Malawi chess is not a monopoly of schools and colleges only, more and more people are showing remarkable interest in the game and with the mushrooming of chess clubs, Malawi may produce a National Team of chess players in the near future.

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Format : Vertical : 15t, 25t, 50t, K2.

Quantities : 15t : , 25t : , 50t : , K2 : .

First Day Covers : Serviced official FDCs will be available at K 3.3500 each.

Paper : CA Spiral

Colour : Five

Watermark : Ww16

Souvenir Sheet Size : None.

Catalogue Listings : SG 780 - 783.



15t - Staunton Knight and the Local Knight



35t - Staunton Bishop and the Local Bishop



50t - Staunton Rook and the Local Rook



K2 - Staunton Queen and the Local Queen

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