



## 2014 Australasian Masters



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Bulletin 2 – Sunday December 14, 2014  
Editor – Kerry Stead

The Australasian Masters got underway with a drawing of lots, which was then used to determine the pairings for the tournament. This threw up a number of similarities between the events, as in both events the top seed drew number 10 (meaning they will have 5 blacks & 4 whites during the event) & both were paired with the third seed in round 1! Both second seeds drew pairing number 3 & there was only one game that featured two foreign players paired against each other.

The games themselves were hard fought, with only one draw amongst the ten games!

### Participants in Pairing Order

#### **GM Event**

1. IM Max Illingworth	2493	Australia
2. IM Junta Ikeda	2418	Australia
3. GM Vasily Papin	2502	Russia
4. FM Luke (Zuhao) Li	2342	New Zealand
5. IM Moulthun Ly	2463	Australia
6. GM Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472	Kazakhstan
7. IM Anton Smirnov	2420	Australia
8. IM Bobby Cheng	2435	Australia
9. Karl Zelesco	2256	Australia
10. GM Murtas Kazhgaleyev	2576	Kazakhstan

#### **IM Event**

1. FM Greg Canfell	2349	Australia
2. Eugene Schon	2287	Australia
3. IM Igor Bjelobrk	2355	Australia
4. Carl Gorka	2089	England
5. IM Mirko Rujevic	2211	Australia
6. Mehmedalija Dizdarevic	1923	Bosnia & Herzegovina
7. FM Robert Smith	2245	New Zealand
8. FM William Jordan	2233	Australia
9. Yi Liu	2233	Australia
10. IM Kanan Izzat	2402	Azerbaijan

### Tournament Information

9 round round-robin

Games at 4pm daily starting on Saturday December 13

Round Two will begin at 5:30pm; Final round on Sunday December 21 will begin at 2pm;

Venue: Box Hill Chess Club – 3 Rochester Rd, Canterbury

Time Control: All moves in 90 minutes, with 30 seconds per move added from move 1

Forfeit Time: 30 minutes from advertised starting time for each round

Arbiters: IA Jamie Kenmure, FA Leonid Sandler & IA Kerry Stead

## Round 1 Results

### **GM Event**

1 Max Illingworth	2493 2523	0:1	Murtas Kazhgaleyev	2576
2 Junta Ikeda	2418 2416	1:0	Karl Zelesco	2256 2281
3 Vasily Papin	2502 2517	1:0	Bobby Cheng	2435 2489
4 Zuhao (Luke) Li	2342 2382	0:1	Anton Smirnov	2420 2393
5 Moulthun Ly	2463 2508	0:1	Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472

### **IM Event**

1 Gregory J Canfell	2349 2379	.5:.5	Kanan Izzat	2402 2397
2 Eugene Schon	2287 2305	1:0	Yi Liu	2233 2331
3 Igor Bjelobrk	2355 2432	1:0	William Jordan	2233 2235
4 Carl Gorka	2089 2113	0:1	Robert W Smith	2245 2304
5 Mirko Rujevic	2211 2227	1:0	Mehmedalija Dizdarevic	1923 1908

## Round 2 Pairings

### **GM Event**

1 Murtas Kazhgaleyev	2576	:	Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472
2 Anton Smirnov	2420 2393	:	Moulthun Ly	2463 2508
3 Bobby Cheng	2435 2489	:	Zuhao (Luke) Li	2342 2382
4 Karl Zelesco	2256 2281	:	Vasily Papin	2502 2517
5 Max Illingworth	2493 2523	:	Junta Ikeda	2418 2416

### **IM Event**

1 Kanan Izzat	2402 2397	:	Mehmedalija Dizdarevic	1923 1908
2 Robert W Smith	2245 2304	:	Mirko Rujevic	2211 2227
3 William Jordan	2233 2235	:	Carl Gorka	2089 2113
4 Yi Liu	2233 2331	:	Igor Bjelobrk	2355 2432
5 Gregory J Canfell	2349 2379	:	Eugene Schon	2287 2305

## Round 3 Pairings

### **GM Event**

1 Junta Ikeda	2418 2416	:	Murtas Kazhgaleyev	2576
2 Vasily Papin	2502 2517	:	Max Illingworth	2493 2523
3 Zuhao (Luke) Li	2342 2382	:	Karl Zelesco	2256 2281
4 Moulthun Ly	2463 2508	:	Bobby Cheng	2435 2489
5 Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472	:	Anton Smirnov	2420 2393

### **IM Event**

1 Eugene Schon	2287 2305	:	Kanan Izzat	2402 2397
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3 Carl Gorka	2089 2113	:	Yi Liu	2233 2331
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<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?15710-Australasian-Masters-GM-Norm-tournament-2014>

<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?15718-Australasian-Masters-IM-Norm-event-2014>

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## Games GM Event

Max Illingworth's quest for his final GM norm got off to a rocky start after Murtas Kazhgaleyev defeated him in round 1. After a fairly even position was reached out of the opening, however Max went astray after Kazhgaleyev's 24... Rb4 & the GM gave him no second chances, finishing the game off efficiently once he seized the initiative.

### Illingworth,Max (2493) - Kazhgaleyev,Murtas (2576) [E11]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (1.1),  
13.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5  
6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bg2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qb6  
10.e3 exd5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 Be6  
14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.a3 Be7 16.Na4 Qb5 17.Nc5  
Rdc8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bh3 Kf7 20.f3 c5 21.e4 d4  
22.a4 Qa6 23.b3 Rab8 24.Bf4 Rb4 25.Rfe1 Qb6  
26.Bf1 c4 27.Bxc4 d3+ 28.Qf2 Bc5 29.Be3 Bxe3  
30.Rxe3 Rxb3 31.Qd2 Rb1 32.Bxe6+ Kxe6  
33.Qa2+ Rb3 34.Kg2 Rxc1 35.Rxd3 Qg1+  
36.Kh3 Qf1+



Position after 26.Bf1

**0-1**

Junta Ikeda played an unorthodox opening (often played by Georgian GM Baadur Jobava) against Karl Zelesco & reached an original position before move 10. Unfortunately for Karl, he went astray & Junta's seemingly passively placed pieces suddenly came to life & took control of the centre, before Junta managed to win a pawn. Junta did not let go of the advantage once he grabbed it & eventually won more material before Karl was forced to resign in a hopeless position.

### Ikeda,Junta (2418) - Zelesco,Karl (2256) [A01]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (1.2), 13.12.2014

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.Na3  
Na5 6.Be2 c6 7.c4 0-0 8.c5 Bxc5 9.Nc2 Nd5  
10.Bxe5 b6 11.Nf3 Nb7 12.0-0 Re8 13.e4 Nc7  
14.d4 Bf8 15.Bd3 d6 16.Bg3 Bg4 17.Ne3 Bh5  
18.Qc2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 h5 20.h4 Rc8 21.Qxc6 Na5  
22.Qa4 Ne6 23.Bb5 Re7 24.b4 Nb7 25.Nf5 g6  
26.Nxe7+ Bxe7 27.Bd7 b5 28.Qxb5 Nxd4  
29.Qxb7 Rc7 30.Qd5 Ne2+ 31.Kg2 Bxh4 32.Qd2  
Nc3 33.Bh3 Bxg3 34.fxg3 Qf6 35.Rac1 h4  
36.Rfd1 Rc6 37.b5 Qe5 38.bxc6 Qxg3+ 39.Kh1  
Nxd1 40.Rxd1 Qxh3+ 41.Kg1 Qxf3 42.Rf1 Qxe4  
43.Qf4 Qd5 44.Qxf7+



Position after 20... Rc8

**1-0**

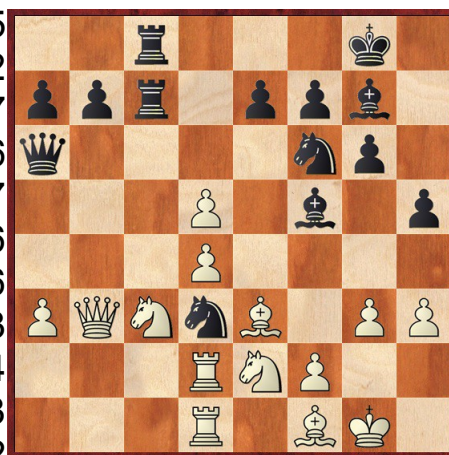
Vasily Papin played his favourite English Opening & Bobby Cheng responded with an aggressive line & managed to get his knight to an advanced position in white's camp. However this knight soon had its retreat squares cut off & Cheng was forced to give up an exchange. A number of pieces & pawns were exchanged before the players reached an ending with rook & three pawns for Papin against bishop & three pawns for Cheng, with all pawns on the same side of the board. Papin pushed for the win & over 100 moves later, he managed to force Cheng to resign after finally getting an unstoppable passed pawn!

## Papin, Vasily (2502) - Cheng, Bobby (2435) [A16]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (1.3), 13.12.2014

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e4 d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.exd5 0-0  
 8.Nge2 Na6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.a3 Nc5 11.d4 Nd3 12.Be3 Nxb2 13.Qb3 Qb6  
 14.Qa2 Nd3 15.h3 h5 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Rd2 Rc7 18.Rad1 Qa6 19.Qb3 Rfc8  
 20.Bf1 e5 21.dxe6 Bxe6 22.Qb1 Rxc3 23.Nxc3 Rxc3 24.Rxd3 Qxa3 25.d5

Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Bf5 27.Rxa3 Bxb1 28.Bxa7 Nxd5  
 29.Rb3 Ba2 30.Rxb7 Nc3 31.Rc7 Be6 32.Bg2  
 Nb5 33.Rb7 Nxa7 34.Rxa7 Bd4 35.Ra5 Kg7  
 36.Rb5 Kf6 37.h4 Be5 38.Bd5 Bxd5 39.Rxd5 Ke6  
 40.Rb5 Bd4 41.Kg2 Kf6 42.Rd5 Ba7 43.Kf3 Kg7  
 44.Rd2 Kf6 45.Ke4 Bb8 46.Rd7 Ke6 47.Rb7 Bd6  
 48.Rb6 Ke7 49.Kd5 Ba3 50.Rb3 Bc1 51.Ke5 Bh6  
 52.Rb7+ Kf8 53.Kd6 Bd2 54.Kd7 Be1 55.Rb2 Bc3  
 56.Rb8+ Kg7 57.Ke8 f5 58.Rb7+ Kg8 59.Rc7 Bd4  
 60.Rc2 Kg7 61.Ke7 Bf6+ 62.Ke6 Bd4 63.Rd2 Bc3  
 64.Rd7+ Kg8 65.Rc7 Bd4 66.Rc2 Kg7 67.Rd2  
 Bc3 68.Rd3 Bb2 69.f3 Ba1 70.Kd5 Bf6 71.Rb3  
 Ba1 72.Ke6 Bd4 73.Rb4 Bc3 74.Rb7+ Kg8 75.Rf7



Position after 20.Bf1

Bd4 76.Rb7 Bc3 77.Rb3 Bd4 78.Rd3 Bb2 79.Ke7 Be5 80.Ke6 Bb2 81.Rd1  
 Kg7 82.Rg1 Bd4 83.Rg2 Bc3 84.Kd5 Bf6 85.Rc2 Ba1 86.Rc6 Bb2 87.Rc7+  
 Kg8 88.Ke6 Bd4 89.Rc4 Bb2 90.g4 fxg4 91.fxg4 hxg4 92.Rxg4 Kh7 93.Kf7  
 Kh6 94.Rxg6+ Kh5 95.Rg2 Bd4 96.Rh2 Be5 97.Rh1 Bg3 98.Kf6 Bc7 99.Kf5  
 Bd6 100.Rd1 Bc5 101.Rc1 Bf2 102.Kf4 Ba7 103.Kg3 Bb8+ 104.Kh3 Bd6  
 105.Rd1 Ba3 106.Rb1 Bf8 107.Rb5+ Kg6 108.Kg4 Bh6 109.Rb6+ Kg7  
 110.Kf5 Bd2 111.Rg6+ Kh7 112.Rd6 Bc1 113.Rd3 Kg7 114.Rd7+ Kh6  
 115.Rc7 Be3 116.Rc8 Kg7 117.Rc3 Bd2 118.Rd3 Bc1 119.h5 Kh7 120.Kg4  
 Kg7 121.Rd7+ Kf6 122.Rc7 Bd2 123.Rc2 Be3 124.Kf3 Bh6 125.Rg2 Kf5  
 126.Rg6 Bf8 127.Rg2 Bh6 128.Rg8 Bc1 129.Rc8 Bh6 130.Rg8 Bc1 131.Kg3  
 Bd2 132.Kh3 Be3 133.Rg2 Bc1 134.Rc2 Bh6 135.Rg2 Bc1 136.Rg6 Bb2  
 137.Rc6 Kg5 138.h6 Bf6 139.h7 Bg7 140.Rc8

**1-0**

Anton Smirnov played a Grunfeld Defense against Luke Li & the players reached a fairly level middlegame, although Smirnov generated some pressure on the kingside. Li defended accurately until he allowed a rook sacrifice that lead to a forced checkmate, so Li resigned.

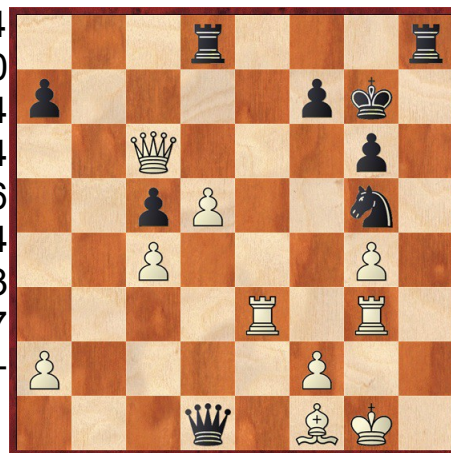


## Li,Luke (2342) - Smirnov,Anton (2420) [D97]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (1.4), 13.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4  
6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0  
exd5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.h3 Rfe8 14.g4  
Bd7 15.Be3 h5 16.Ng5 hxg4 17.hxg4 Qd6 18.Bf4  
Qf8 19.Bg3 Bh6 20.Bh4 b5 21.Qf4 Qg7 22.Qd6  
b4 23.Bxa6 bxc3 24.bxc3 Bxg5 25.Bxg5 Ne4  
26.Qxd7 Nxc5 27.Rd3 Qf6 28.Qc6 Qf4 29.Rg3  
Ne4 30.Rg2 Rad8 31.Re1 Qd2 32.Re3 Kg7  
33.Bf1 Ng5 34.Rgg3 Rh8 35.c4 Qd1 36.Qc7 Rh1+

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Position after 35... Qd1

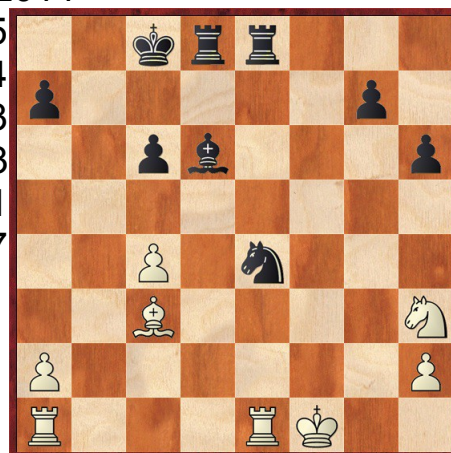
Moulthun Ly played a sideline against Rustam Khusnutdinov's Sicilian Defense & sacrificed a pawn early to complicate the position. Unfortunately for Ly, Khusnutdinov was able to hold on to the extra pawn & when Ly tried to recover it, Khusnutdinov found a combination which won a piece, so Ly resigned.

## Ly,Moulthun (2463) - Khusnutdinov,Rustam (2472) [B53]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (1.5), 13.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5  
Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.c4 f5 8.Nc3 e5 9.Qe3 fxe4  
10.Ng5 Nf6 11.0-0 Be7 12.b4 d5 13.b5 d4 14.Qg3  
dxc3 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Qxc3 Qd4 17.Bb2 Qxc3  
18.Bxc3 h6 19.Nh3 Bd6 20.Rfe1 0-0-0 21.Kf1  
Rhe8 22.f3 exf3 23.gxf3 e4 24.fxe4 Nxe4 25.Bxg7  
Nd2+ 26.Kf2 Bc5+

0-1



Position after 24... Nxe4



## IM Event

## Canfell,Greg (2349) - Izzat,Kanan (2402) [B19]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (1.1), 13.12.2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5  
Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Ngf6 11.Bd2 e6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ne4 Nxe4  
14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2 Qd5 16.Kb1 0-0 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.Ne5 c5 19.f3 cxd4  
20.Bxd4 Qa5 21.g4 Bc5

1/2-1/2

**Schon,Eugene (2287) - Liu,Yi (2233) [C11]**

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (1.2), 13.12.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Nb3 Bb4 12.Bd3 b5 13.g4 Rb8 14.Rhg1 a5 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc5 17.f5 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Be7 19.f6 gxf6 20.Rdf1 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Ba6 22.g5 b4 23.Qh3 Bxg5+ 24.Kb1 f6 25.Rxg5+ Kh8 26.Rxf6 Rxf6 27.Qh6 Qf8 28.Bxf6+

**1-0****Bjelobrk,Igor (2355) - Jordan,William (2233) [B36]**

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (1.3), 13.12.2014

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 e5 6.Nb5 d6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Bg7 9.Nc2 Nge7 10.h4 h5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Qd2 f6 13.Be3 Kf7 14.Nd5 Nc8 15.g3 Rb8 16.a4 b6 17.Ncb4 Nxb4 18.Nxb4 Ra8 19.Bh3 Bxh3 20.Rxh3 Ne7 21.Rh1 b5 22.Qd3 Qa5 23.Bd2 Bh6 24.Bc3 Qb6 25.Ke2 Qb7 26.axb5 axb5 27.cxb5 Rhd8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Rd1 Kg7 30.Nd5 Nc8 31.Qc4 Rb8 32.Ra1 Qxb5 33.Qxb5 Rxb5 34.Ra8 Rc5 35.b4 Rc6 36.Kd3 f5 37.f3 Kf7 38.b5 Rc5 39.Bb4 Rc1 40.b6 Nxb6 41.Ra7+ Ke8 42.Nxb6 Rg1 43.Nd5 Rxg3 44.Nf6+ Kd8 45.Bxd6 Rxf3+ 46.Kc4 Kc8 47.Rc7+ Kb8 48.Nd7+ Ka8 49.Nb6+

**1-0****Gorka,Carl (2089) - Smith,Robert (2245) [B22]**

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (1.4), 13.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Be2 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.Nc4 d6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.Nd2 Be6 13.Nd5 Ne7 14.Bf3 f5 15.g3 Qd7 16.Bg2 f4 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.c4 h5 19.Bf3 Bh6 20.Kh1 fvg3 21.fvg3 Qg5 22.Nb1 Rf7 23.Nc3 Raf8 24.Bg2 Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Rf2 26.Qe1 Qf6 27.Kg1 Rxb2 28.Rb1 Bd2 29.Qe2 Bxc3 30.Rxb2 Bd4+ 31.Kg2 Bg4 32.Qd2 Qf3#

**0-1****Rujevic,Mirko (2211) - Dizdarevic,Mehmedalija (1923) [B01]**

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (1.5), 13.12.2014

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.Be2 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 Nxd5 7.c4 N5b6 8.Nf3 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Rad1 e6 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Ne4 Be7 16.b3 Nf6 17.Neg5 Bb4 18.Rf1 Nh5 19.Bc1 Nd7 20.g4 Ng7 21.Bf4 Be7 22.Rd3 Qa5 23.Rfd1 Rac8 24.Qb2 Nf6 25.Ne5 Rf8 26.h3 Qd8 27.Qe2 Nfe8 28.Nef3 Nf6 29.Re1 Bb4 30.Red1 Be7 31.Ne4 Nxe4 32.Qxe4 Qa5 33.d5 cxd5 34.cxd5 Bd8 35.d6 Qxa2 36.Qxb7 Bb6 37.Be3 Rb8 38.Qe4 Bd8 39.Qc4 Bf6 40.Bc5 Bd8 41.d7 Qa5 42.Bxf8 Kxf8 43.Nd4 Rb4 44.Qc8 Rxd4 45.Rxd4 Ke7 46.b4 Qb6 47.Qc5+ Qxc5 48.bxc5 e5 49.Rd5 f6 50.g5 Ne6 51.gxf6+ Kxf6 52.c6 Nc7 53.Ra5 a6 54.Rb1

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Raelene Zelesco is the official photographer of the tournament.



## Photos from Round 1



Top Left: Grandmasters analysing after the Papin-Cheng game

Lower Left: The Australasian Masters trophy

Lower Right: GM Kazhgaleyev strikes a poke more familiar to a famous Norwegian GM against IM Max Illingworth, whose 'bag of tricks' was unable to help him





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