



2014 Australasian Masters



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Editor – Kerry Stead



Happy Birthday to Junta Ikeda, who is 23 today!



After only two rounds, there is already an outright leader in both events, with IM Anton Smirnov & FM Bob Smith being the only players that have won both of their games so far in the tournament.



Away from the tournament, the players are doing a variety of activities in and around Melbourne.

GM Vasily Papin visited a school in the Macedon Ranges with tournament organiser IM Leonid Sandler & decided to play a simul against the students in the class. The simul must have been a good warm-up, as later in the day he won a marathon 140 move game against IM Bobby Cheng in round 1!

Vasily Papin also took some time out at St Kilda beach, although he seems undecided about which flag should be flown on the wharf ...



During the course of many chess tournaments you need to play against people that you know or are good friends with ... however it is not often that you travel half way around the world to do so! Yesterday saw a clash between visiting Kazakh Grandmasters, Murtas Kazhgaleyev & Rustam Khusnutdinov, but they ended the peacefully after 18 moves to both remain near the lead of the tournament.

Round 2 Results

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

Round 4 Pairings

GM Event

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

IM Event

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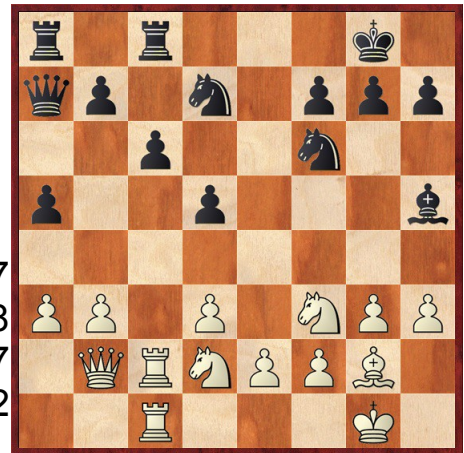
The game between the two visiting Grandmasters from Kazakhstan was a fairly quiet draw, with both players achieving a solid position out of the opening before agreeing to a draw.

Kazhgaleyev, Murtas (2576) - Khusnutdinov, Rustam (2472) [A12]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (2.1),
14.12.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 Nbd7
6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c4 a5 10.a3 Qb8
11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Rc2 Ne8 13.Qa1 Bf6 14.Rfc1 Qa7
15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.h3 Bh5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Qb2
(diagram)

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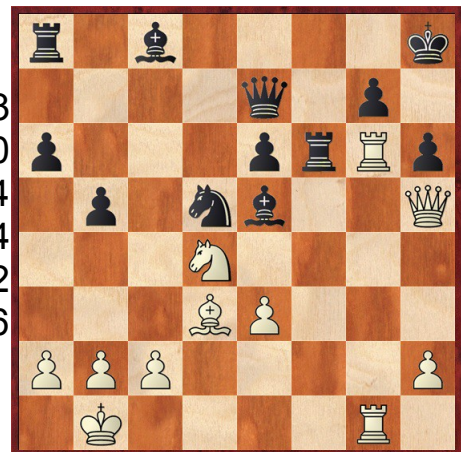


Anton Smirnov played a nice attacking game against his Olympiad teammate Moulthun Ly on the white side of a Taimanov Sicilian. Anton pushed his g-pawn towards Moulthun's castled king & later used the half-open g-file to generate play with his rooks before finding a nice combination, forcing Moulthun to resign.

Smirnov, Anton (2420) - Ly, Moulthun (2463) [B48]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (2.2),
14.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.Kb1 0-0
10.g4 d5 11.exd5 Ne5 12.Qg3 Bd6 13.Qg2 Nexg4
14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Be2 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bb4 17.Ne4
Nd5 18.Ng5 Qe5 19.Bd3 h6 20.Ngf3 Qf6 21.Qe2
b5 22.Rhg1 Kh8 23.Rg6 Qe7 24.Ne5 Rf6
25.Rdg1 Bd6 26.Qh5 Bxe5 (diagram) 27.Qxh6+
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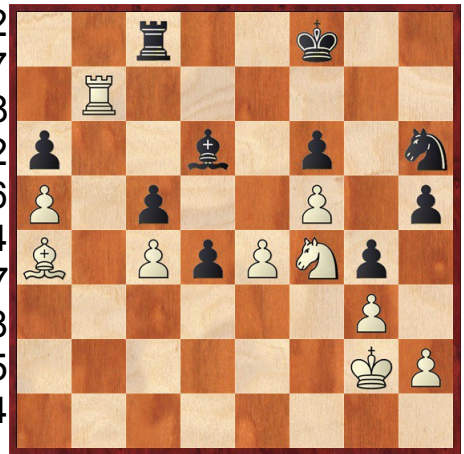
Bobby Cheng played a quiet opening that turned into a King's Indian Attack against Luke Li & appeared to have a slight edge for much of the middle game. However Luke defended well & capitalised on a few small inaccuracies from Bobby to finally reach an opposite coloured bishops endgame which was drawn.

Cheng, Bobby (2435) - Li, Luke (2342) [A06]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (2.3), 14.12.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 c5 5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2
e5 9.e4 d4 10.a4 Rb8 11.Bc1 a6 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.a5 Be6 14.Bd2 h6 15.Kh1
Kh7 16.Qe1 Rg8 17.Ng1 g5 18.Qe2 Nd7 19.f4 f6 20.Bh3 g4 21.Bg2 Qe7
22.f5 Bxc4 23.dxc4 Rbf8 24.Ra4 Ndb8 25.Rfa1 Bd6 26.Qd1 Nb4 27.Ne2

N8c6 28.Nc1 h5 29.Kg1 Kg7 30.Bf1 Kf7 31.Be2 Rh8 32.Nd3 Ke8 33.Nf2 Rfg8 34.Kg2 Qh7 35.Bxb4 Nxb4 36.c3 Nc6 37.b4 Kf7 38.Rb1 Rb8 39.b5 Ne7 40.Ra2 Qh6 41.Qd2 Qxd2 42.Rxd2 Ng8 43.cxd4 exd4 44.Rdb2 Nh6 45.bxa6 bxa6 46.Rb7+ Rxb7 47.Rxb7+ Be7 48.Nd3 Rc8 49.Nf4 Ke8 50.Bd1 Bd6 51.Ba4+ Kf8 **(diagram)** 52.Bd7 Rb8 53.Ng6+ Kg7 54.Ra7 Rb2+ 55.Kf1 Bb8 56.Rxa6 Nf7 57.Rb6 Rxb6 58.axb6 Ne5 59.Nxe5 Bxe5 60.Be8 Kh6 61.b7 Kg5 62.Kf2 h4 63.Ba4 hxg3+ 64.hxg3 Bb8 65.Bd1 Bc7 66.Be2
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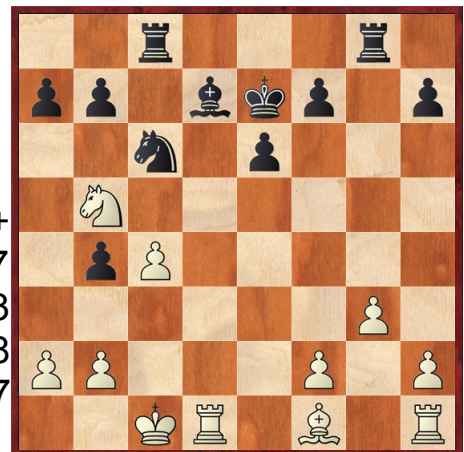


Karl Zelesco played the Marshall Gambit against Vasily Papin's Semi-Slav Defense & although there were some tricks to navigate along the way, Karl eventually found a repetition to force a draw against the Russian Grandmaster.

Zelesco, Karl (2256) - Papin, Vasily (2502) [D31]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (2.4),
 14.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2 Na6 9.Bf8 Ne7 10.Bxg7 Rg8 11.Qd4 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 c5 13.Bc3 Nb4 14.Bxb4 cxb4 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.0-0-0 Rc8 17.g3 Nc6 18.Nb5 Ke7 **(diagram)** 19.Nd6 Rc7 20.Nb5 Rcc8 21.Nd6 Rc7 22.Nb5
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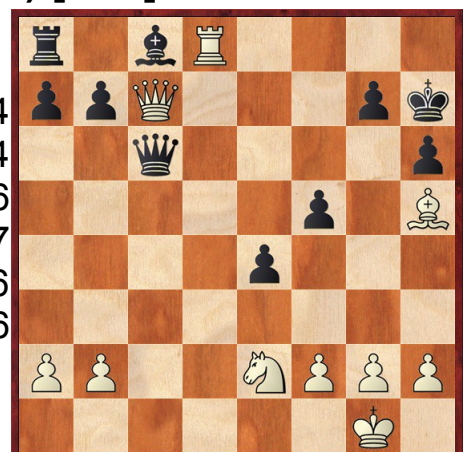


Max Illingworth played aggressively against Junta Ikeda's slightly unorthodox Semi-Slav Defense & achieved an edge out of the opening. Max sacrificed two pawns to gain a lead in development & tie up Junta's pieces, which eventually lead to Max winning a piece. He then simplified the position, before finally playing a nice checkmating combination to secure victory.

Illingworth, Max (2493) - Ikeda, Junta (2418) [D31]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (2.5),
 14.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Ngf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.Qa4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 cxd4 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.c5 Bxc5 13.Rac1 Qd6 14.Rfd1 0-0 15.Nxd4 Nb6 16.Qc2 h6 17.Ne2 Qc7 18.Be3 f5 19.Bf3 e5 20.Bxc5 Rf6 21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.Qc7 e4 23.Rd8+ Kh7 24.Bh5 Rc6 25.Rxc6 Qxc6 **(diagram)** 26.Nf4 Qxc7 27.Bg6#
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IM Event

Izzat,Kanan (2402) - Dizdarevic,Mehmedalija (1923) [A57]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (2.1), 14.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 Bb7 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.e4 Bg7
9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a4 Qxb6 12.a5 Qc7 13.Nd2 e6 14.Nc4 e5 15.h4
h5 16.Bg5 Rfe8 17.Qd3 Nh7 18.Bd2 Rad8 19.Na4 Ndf6 20.f3 Qe7 21.g3 Nd7
22.b4 Rf8 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.Rab1 Bc8 25.Ncb6 Nxb6 26.axb6 f5 27.Qc4 Kh8
28.Nxc5 f4 29.Kg2 fxg3 30.b7 Bg4 31.Nxa6 Qxh4 32.Rh1 Qf6 33.Qd3 h4
34.b8Q h3+ 35.Kxg3 Ng5 36.Kxg4 Bh6 37.Rb6 Qe7 38.Qc7 Rd7 39.Qc5 Qf7
40.Qce3 Qg7 41.Qxg5 Bxg5 42.Rxh3+ Kg8 43.Bxg5

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Smith,Robert (2245) - Rujevic,Mirko (2211) [C45]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (2.2), 14.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Nd5 7.c4 Bb4+
8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Ne7 10.Nc3 Ng6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 d6 13.0-0-0 Bg4
14.Rdf1 dxe5 15.h3 Bc8 16.Bxg6 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 hxg6 18.fxe5 Bf5 19.Rd1
Rfe8 20.Rhe1 g5 21.Re3 g4 22.h4 Rad8+ 23.Ke2 Rxd1 24.Nxd1 c5 25.Nc3
Bd7 26.Kf2 Bc6 27.Re2 Rd8 28.e6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rd2+ 30.Ke3 Rd6 31.Rxd6
cxd6 32.g3 Kf7 33.Kf4 Bd7 34.Nd5 a5 35.Ne3 Be6 36.Nf5 d5 37.cxd5 Bxd5
38.a3 Be6 39.Ne3 Ke7 40.Nxg4 Kd6 41.Ne3 c4 42.Ke4 Kc5 43.Nd1 g6
44.Nc3 Bf5+ 45.Ke5 Bd3 46.g4 Bc2 47.Ne4+ Bxe4 48.Kxe4 c3 49.bxc3 Kc4
50.h5 gxh5 51.gxh5

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Jordan,William (2233) - Gorka,Carl (2089) [C41]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (2.3), 14.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.f3 0-0 7.Be3 a6 8.g4
Re8 9.Qd2 d5 10.g5 c5 11.gxf6 Bxf6 12.0-0-0 cxd4 13.Bxd4 dxe4 14.Bxf6
Qxf6 15.Nd5 Qe5 16.Rg1 e3 17.Qg2 g6 18.f4 Qe6 19.Bc4 Qc6 20.Bb3 Kg7
21.Rd3 Nd7 22.f5 e2 23.Re1 f6 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Rg3 Ne5 26.Rc3 Qd6
27.Qxe2 Nd3+ 28.Qxd3 Rxe1+ 29.Kd2 Bf5 30.Rc7+ Kh6 31.Qd4 Re4
32.Rh7+ Kg5 33.h4+ Kg4 34.Nxf6+ Qxf6 35.Qxf6 Rae8 36.Qg5+ Kf3 37.Bd5

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Liu,Yi (2233) - Bjelobrk,Igor (2355) [D94]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (2.4), 14.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4
Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Rd1 e5 12.d5 e4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4
Nb6 15.Bb3 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Rxd5 Qb6 18.Bd2 Qxb2 19.Rb1 Qxa2
20.Rxb7 Rad8 21.Rbd7 Rxd7 22.Rxd7 h5 23.Kh2 Rb8 24.f4 h4 25.Qe7 Bf8
26.Qxh4 Rb2 27.Qd8 a6 28.Rd4 Rc2 29.Rd3 Qe6 30.Qd5 Qxd5 31.Rxd5 f5
32.Rd7 Bc5 33.Rc7 Rxd2 34.Rxc5 Rd3 35.Re5 a5 36.Kg3 Kf7 37.Kf3 a4

38.g4 Kf6 39.Ra5 a3 40.Ra6+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Ke6 42.Ra6+ Kf7 43.g5 Rb3
44.Rf6+ Kg7 45.Ra6 Kf7 46.h4 Kg7 47.Ra7+ Kg8 48.Ra5 Kg7 49.h5 gxh5
50.Rxf5 h4 51.Kg4 Rxe3 52.Kxh4 Re4 53.Ra5 Rxf4+ 54.Kh5 Rf7 55.Rxa3
Rb7 56.Ra6 Rc7 57.Rg6+ Kh7 58.Rh6+ Kg7 59.Rg6+ Kh7

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Canfell,Greg (2349) - Schon,Eugene (2287) [C55]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (2.5), 14.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1 d6 7.c3 Na5 8.Bb5
a6 9.Ba4 c5 10.d4 Qc7 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.cxd4 b5 13.Bc2 Nc6 14.d5 Nb4
15.Bb1 a5 16.Nf1 Bd7 17.Bd2 Rfc8 18.a3 Na6 19.b4 a4 20.Bd3 Qb7 21.Qe2
Ne8 22.Ne3 g6 23.g4 Ng7 24.h3 Rab8 25.Kh2 Rf8 26.Rg1 Kh8 27.Rg2 Qc8
28.Rag1 Qd8 29.Nd1 Nc7 30.Bh6 Rg8 31.Nc3 Nge8 32.Be3 Rb7 33.Qd2 g5
34.Qe2 Kg7 35.Nd2 Kf8 36.Nf1 Ng7 37.Ng3 f6 38.h4 h6 39.Nf5 Nxf5 40.gxf5
Rh8 41.hxg5 hxg5+ 42.Kg3 Kg7 43.Rh2 Rxh2 44.Kxh2 Qe8 45.Rh1 Qf7
46.Kg2 Kg8 47.Rh3 Be8 48.Qf1 Bf8 49.Be2 Qg7 50.Bd2 Qd7 51.Qc1 Qe7
52.Bh5 Bxh5 53.Rxh5 Ne8 54.Qh1 Ng7 55.Rh8+ Kf7 56.Qf1 Qd7 57.Rh7 Ke8
58.Qd3 Kd8 59.Qg3 Qe7 60.Qh3 Qf7 61.Qd3 Qe8 62.Rh8 Ke7 63.Rh1 Qd7
64.Rc1 Ne8 65.Ne2 Rc7 66.Rxc7 Nxc7 67.Be3 Qc8 68.Bb6 Na8 69.Ba5 Qc4
70.Qxc4 bxc4 71.Nc3 g4 72.Nxa4 Bh6 73.b5 Bc1 74.b6

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Thanks to those in the Victorian chess community who are hosting visiting players.

Raelene Zelesco is the official photographer of the tournament.

Carl Gorka, playing in the IM event, writes an excellent blog & he has begun to write some posts about his experiences in the tournament. It is well worth a read if you are interested in a player's perspective on events.

<http://gorkachc.blogspot.com.au/>

Tournament Information

9 round round-robin;

Games at 4pm daily starting on Saturday December 13

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

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