



2014 Australasian Masters



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Russian Grandmaster Vasily Papin has taken the lead in the Australasian Masters GM event after an impressive win over Junta Ikeda. He now leads the tournament by half a point ahead of Anton Smirnov, with Bobby Cheng a further half point behind in third place.

In the IM event early leader Bob Smith was defeated by Kanan Izzat, which has left them in a share of the lead, along with Igor Bjelobrk, with Yi Liu just half a point behind them.



In both events, a number of players still have opportunities for norms, however these players need to score heavily in the remaining rounds if they wish to achieve a GM or IM performance.

Top: Zhi Lin Guo is presented with the Rookies trophy for 2014 by Grandmasters Kazhgaleyev, Papin & Khusnutdinov before the Sunday round.



Lower left: International Arbiter Jamie Kenmure updating the cross table

Lower right: Moulthun Ly & Karl Zelesco analysing their interesting round 4 clash.



Round 4 Results

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

Round 5 Pairings

GM Event

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2 Zuhao (Luke) Li	2342 2382	:	Junta Ikeda	2418 2416
3 Moulthun Ly	2463 2508	:	Max Illingworth	2493 2523
4 Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472	:	Karl Zelesco	2256 2281
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IM Event

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3 Mirko Rujevic	2211 2227	:	Gregory J Canfell	2349 2379
4 Mehmedalija Dizdarevic	1923 1908	:	Yi Liu	2233 2331
5 Robert W Smith	2245 2304	:	William Jordan	2233 2235

Round 6 Pairings

GM Event

1 Murtas Kazhgaleyev	2576	:	Bobby Cheng	2435 2489
2 Karl Zelesco	2256 2281	:	Anton Smirnov	2420 2393
3 Max Illingworth	2493 2523	:	Rustam Khusnutdinov	2472
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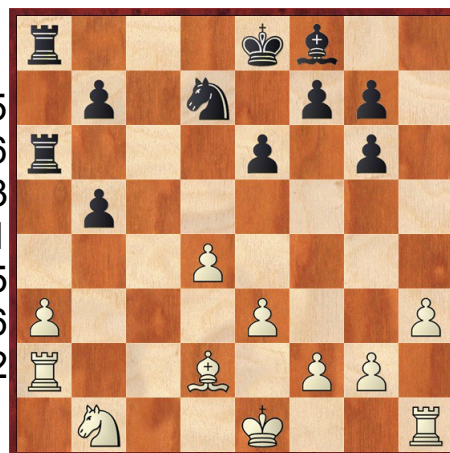
Anton Smirnov played the Slav Defence against Murtas Kazhgaleyev & managed to equalise fairly early in the game. Smirnov's slightly weakened pawn structure was compensated by his active piece play, with exchanges further simplifying the position. Eventually the players agreed to a draw in a level rook & minor piece endgame.

Kazhgaleyev, Murtas (2576) - Smirnov, Anton (2420) [D11]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (4.1),
16.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5
6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Ne5 Nfd7 9.Nd3 Bg6
10.Qxb6 axb6 11.Nf4 Na6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.a3
Nc7 14.b3 dxc4 15.bxc4 Rh5 16.Ra2 Rha5 17.Nb1
b5 18.cxb5 Nxb5 19.Bd2 R5a6 20.Bxb5 cxb5
(diagram) 21.Rb2 Bxa3 22.Nxa3 Rxa3 23.Ke2 Nf6
24.Rxb5 Ne4 25.Rhb1 Ra2 26.R5b2 Rxb2
27.Rxb2 Nd6 28.Bc3 Kd7 29.f3 b5 30.e4

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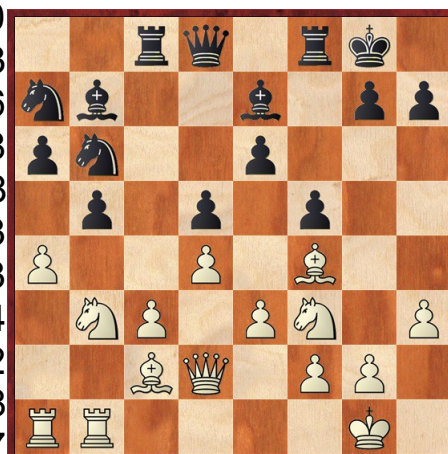
Bobby Cheng played a Torre Attack against Rustam Khusnutdinov & appeared to reach a fairly level position out of the opening. Cheng appeared to gain a small edge after some manoeuvring on the queenside, before winning a pawn shortly after the queens were exchanged. Cheng won another pawn & Khusnutdinov resigned as he was about to lose his final pawn, faced with a rook & knight ending two pawns down.

Cheng, Bobby (2435) - Khusnutdinov, Rustam (2472) [D03]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (4.2), 16.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nd2 d5 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 0-0
6.Ngf3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 b6 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.a3
Nd7 11.Bf4 c4 12.Bc2 f5 13.Ba4 Nf6 14.h3 a6
15.Bc2 Nd7 16.b3 b5 17.Rfb1 cxb3 18.Nxb3 Rc8
19.a4 Na7 20.Qd2 Nb6 **(diagram)** 21.Na5 Ba8
22.Ne5 Nxa4 23.Bxa4 bxa4 24.Nb7 Qe8 25.Nd3
Nb5 26.Nbc5 Bxc5 27.Nxc5 e5 28.Bh2 a3
29.Nxa6 Nxc3 30.Rb3 exd4 31.Nc7 Qe7 32.exd4
Ne4 33.Qf4 g5 34.Qe5 Qxe5 35.Bxe5 Nd2
36.Rbxa3 Nc4 37.Rxa8 Nxe5 38.Rxc8 Rxc8
39.Nxd5 Ng6 40.Ra5 Rc1+ 41.Kh2 Rd1 42.Ra7
h6 43.Ne3 Rd2 44.Nxf5 Rxf2 45.Nxh6+ Kf8 46.Kg3 Rd2 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Rg7
Nf4

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Moulthun Ly played the Nimzo-Indian Defence against Karl Zelesco & the game soon left known theory, with Ly opening up the centre early. Ly was determined to play actively &

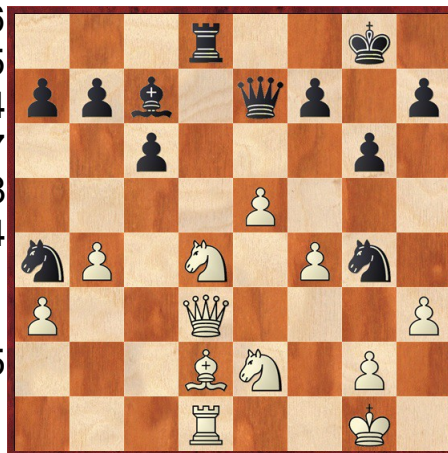
sacrificed an exchange, but Zelesco returned it soon afterwards in an effort to defend, however it was then the turn of Ly's knights to create havoc with Zelesco's position. The net result of this was Ly winning a pawn & exchange, before he continued to improve his position, until Karl made a further blunder in a difficult position, and resigned.

Zelesco, Karl (2256) - Ly, Moulthun (2463) [E46]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (4.3), 16.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 c6
6.a3 Ba5 7.Qc2 d5 8.Ng3 Bc7 9.Be2 e5 10.dxe5
Bxe5 11.0-0 Qe7 12.Bd2 Rd8 13.Rad1 dxc4
14.Bxc4 Bg4 15.f3 Be6 16.Bd3 Nbd7 17.f4 Bc7
18.b4 Nb6 19.Nce2 Bg4 20.e4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Rd8
22.Nd4 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 g6 24.e5 Ng4 25.h3 Na4
26.Nge2 (diagram) Nb2 27.Qe4 Nf6 28.Qc2 Nxd1
29.exf6 Qxf6 30.Nf3 Bb6+ 31.Kh2 Ne3 32.Qc1
Qe7 33.Ng3 Nd5 34.Ne5 Bc7 35.Ng4 h5 36.Nf2 f5
37.Qc4 Re8 38.b5 h4 39.Ngh1 Qe2 40.Qb3 Qxd2

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Luke Li played the Nimzo-Indian Defence against Max Illingworth & the game soon turned into a tactical slugfest, with both players having compromised pawn structures. Illingworth chose to leave his king in the centre & Li found a nice piece sacrifice to generate mating threat's against Illingworth's king. Although Illingworth returned the material in an attempt to defend his position, his king was too exposed & a further series of tactical shots by Li were enough to cause Illingworth to resign.

Illingworth, Max (2493) - Li, Luke (2342) [E25]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (4.4),
16.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+
6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.dxc5 f5 9.e4 fxe4
10.Qc2 0-0 11.fxe4 Nf6 12.Nf3 Nbd7 13.c6 Nc5
14.e5 Ng4 15.Be2 bxc6 16.Bg5 Qa5 17.h3
(diagram) Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Nb3 19.Qxb3 Qxe5
20.Be7 Ba6 21.Ra2 Rab8 22.Bb4 c5 23.c4 cxb4
24.axb4 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Rbc8 26.Ra5 Qg3+

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Junta Ikeda again played 1.b3, this time against Vasily Papin & this time the game transformed into a sideline of the Sicilian Defence. Papin launched an attack against Ikeda's king, which Ikeda seemed to be defending, until he allowed a tactic that saw Papin win a pawn. Papin then found another nice combination to win Ikeda's queen for two pieces, before exchanging pieces, consolidating his advantage & bringing about Ikeda's resignation.

Ikeda,Junta (2418) - Papin,Vasily (2502) [B40]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (4.5),
16.12.2014

1.b3 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 c5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6
6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.Nxc6 Bxc6 9.Bd3 Bb4
10.0-0 0-0 11.e5 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nd5 13.Bd2 Qh4
14.f4 Ne7 15.Be1 Qh6 16.Qe2 f6 17.Bd2 Qh4
18.a4 fxe5 19.Qxe5 Ng6 20.Qe3 Ne7 21.c4 Nf5
22.Qe5 Rf6 23.Be1 Qh6 24.Ra2 d6 25.Qc3 Raf8
26.Be2 Rg6 27.Bf3 Qxf4 28.Bd2 Qd4+ 29.Kh1
(diagram) Ng3+ 30.hxg3 Rh6+ 31.Bxh6 Qxc3
32.Bf4 Bxf3 33.Rxf3 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 e5 35.Bg5 Rxf3
36.gxf3 Qd1



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IM Event

Izzat,Kanan (2402) - Smith,Robert (2245) [E01]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (4.1), 16.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.g3 Bb4 6.Qb3 c5 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc5
9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Bxb6 13.Na4 Bc7 14.Bd2 b6
15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Rb8 17.Rfc1 Bb7 18.Ne1 Rfc8 19.Rc2 Ne7 20.Bxb7
Rxb7 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Rac1 Be5 23.Nf3 Bb8 24.e4 f6 25.Rd1 a5 26.Bxe7
Rbx7 27.Kf1 Kf7 28.Ke2 Rb7 29.Nd4 Rd8 30.Nb5 Rxd1 31.Kxd1 Ke7
32.Rc8 f5 33.Ke2 Be5 34.f4 Kd7 35.Rc2 Bf6 36.e5 Be7 37.Rd2+ Ke8 38.Rd6
Kf7 39.Rc6 Rb8 40.Nd4 b5 41.Rc7 Re8 42.Kd3 Rd8 43.Ke3 b4 44.axb4 axb4
45.Rxe7+ Kxe7 46.Nc6+ Kd7 47.Nxd8 Kxd8 48.Kd4

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Jordan,William (2233) - Dizdarevic,Mehmedalija (1923) [B02]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (4.2), 16.12.2014

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.Nf3 Nxd5 5.Bc4 c6 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Nxc3
8.bxc3 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.d4 Qa5 12.Qf3 e6 13.Bf4 Nf6
14.Rb1 Qa4 15.Bd3 Qxa2 16.Rxb7 Qd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Be5 Nxc3 19.Kd2
Nd5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Be2 a5 22.Bf3 Rc8 23.g5 Nd7 24.Bc7 Bb4+ 25.Kd3 Rxc7
26.Rxc7 Kd8 27.Rxc6 Ke7 28.Rc7 Kd6 29.Ra7 Rh4 30.c5+ Bxc5 31.dxc5+
Nxc5+ 32.Ke3 Ra4 33.Rd1+ Ke5 34.Rxf7 Ra3+ 35.Ke2 Nb3 36.Bg2 Nd4+
37.Kf1 Nf5 38.Re1+ Kd6 39.Ra7 Nd4 40.Rd1 e5 41.Rxg7 Ke6 42.h4 a4
43.Rxg6+ Kf5 44.Rf6+ Kg4 45.g6 Rc3 46.g7

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Liu,Yi (2233) - Rujevic,Mirko (2211) [E91]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (4.3), 16.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Nb8

9.Ne1 a5 10.Nd3 Na6 11.a3 Nc5 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Qc2 Ne8 14.Na4 b6 15.b4
cxb4 16.axb4 f5 17.bxa5 Rxa5 18.Bd2 Ra8 19.f3 Bd7 20.Nc3 Nd6 21.Be3
fxe4 22.fxe4 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Qh4 24.Rf1 Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Bh6 26.Bf2 Qf4
27.Bd3 Qd2 28.Qxd2 Bxd2 29.Nb5 Bxb5 30.cxb5 Kf7 31.Bg3 Bc3 32.Kf2 Ke7
33.Bh4+ Kd7 34.Kf3 Nf7 35.Bf6 Bb4 36.g3 Be7 37.Bg7 Bd6 38.h4 Bb4 39.Bf1
Bc3 40.Bh3+ Ke7 41.Be6 Nd6 42.Bh6 Nxb5 43.Bg8 Nd6 44.Bxh7 Nf7 45.Bg7
g5 46.h5 g4+ 47.Ke2 Bb2 48.Bg6 Bc1 49.Bxf7 Kxf7 50.Bxe5 b5 51.Kd3 Bg5
52.Bxc7

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Canfell,Greg (2349) - Gorka,Carl (2089) [C41]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (4.4), 16.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 c6 8.0-
0-0 b5 9.e5 b4 10.Na4 dxe5 11.Bxe5 Qa5 12.Bxb8 Qxa4 13.Qe3 Nd5
14.Qg3 Rxb8 15.Qxb8 Bg5+ 16.Kb1 Be6 17.Qxf8+ Kxf8 18.Nxe6+ fxe6
19.Bd3 Bf6 20.Ka1 Bxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Qa3+ 22.Ka1 Nc3

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Schon,Eugene (2287) - Bjelobrk,Igor (2355) [C67]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (4.5), 16.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Ng5 6.Nxg5 Qxg5 7.c3 a6
8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Bd6 10.f4 Qe7 11.fxe5 Qxe5 12.Bxf7+ Kd8 13.Qxe5 Bxe5
14.d4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bb7 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Bf3 Ne7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Ne4 Rb6
20.Bg5 Nd5 21.Rf5 Re8 22.Nxf6 Nxf6 23.Raf1

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