



2014 Australasian Masters



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The lead in the Australasian Masters is once again shared by GM Vasily Papin & IM Anton Smirnov, who are both on 4.5/6. GM Murtas Kazhgaleyev is half a point behind them in third place, with GM Rustam Khusnutdinov a further half point behind him. However these four players have separated themselves from the rest of the field & one would expect the top three place getters to come from this group of four.

In the IM event, the three leaders, IM Kanan Izzat, IM Igor Bjelobrk & Yi Liu all won to retain their share of the lead. They are now a full point ahead of FM Greg Canfell & Eugene Schon. Izzat & Liu are still to play each other (in round 8), so the top three may not keep their places until the end of the event.

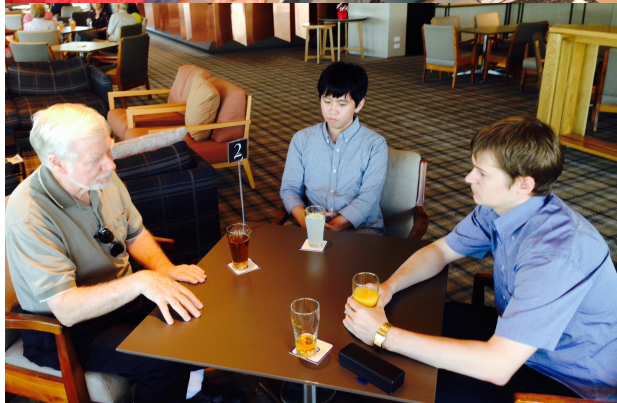
In terms of norm possibilities, there are still a few people who have chances, although they are getting more difficult to achieve with each passing round. IM Anton Smirnov needs 2/3 to secure a GM norm, FM Luke Li & Yi Liu both require 2.5/3 for an IM norm, while Karl Zelesco requires 3/3 if he is to repeat his IM norm performance of 2013. Best of luck to those players.

An article written by tournament organiser Leonid Sandler was recently published on the FIDE website <https://www.fide.com/component/content/article/4-tournaments/8456-hot-chess-summer-in-australia.html>



Away from the board, the visiting Grandmasters visited the SBS Radio studios for a talk about the tournament & chess in general. The interview is to be aired on Saturday (and hopefully you will have a link to it in a later bulletin).

GM Vasily Papin & IM Moulthun Ly enjoyed lunch with Chess Victoria Treasurer Trevor Stanning at Huntingdale Golf Club!



Round 6 Results

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

Round 7 Pairings

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

Round 8 Pairings

GM Event

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

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Websites: http://www.boxhillchess.org.au/live/tfd_full.htm

<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?15710-Australasian-Masters-GM-Norm-tournament-2014>

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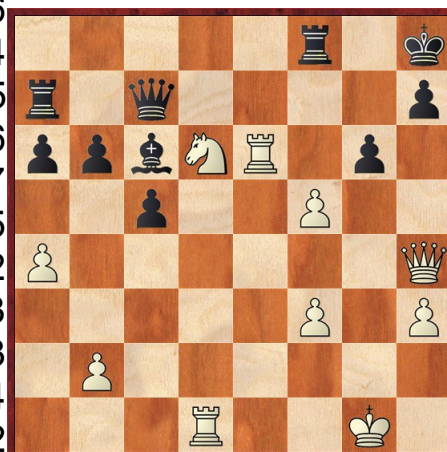
Games GM Event

Bobby Cheng played a Benoni Defence against Murtas Kazhgaleyev & found himself with a solid, but slightly cramped position typical of the opening. Cheng appeared to find a nice tactic in the middle game with Nxd5, however Kazhgaleyev remained in control of the position & built up pressure in the centre. Kazhgaleyev missed an opportunity to finish the game sooner with 31. f6! however even without this shot, he continued to apply pressure & Cheng found himself having to give up a piece to prevent a promotion. The Kazakh then used excellent technique to finish the game off, with Cheng resigning when faced with a forced trade of rooks and a hopeless position.

Kazhgaleyev,Murtas (2576) - Cheng,Bobby (2435) [A61]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (6.1), 18.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.a4 Bg7 9.h3 0–0 10.e3 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0–0 Nfd7 14.Bg3 f5 15.Rb1 b6 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.f4 Nf7 18.e4 Nf6 19.Bh4 Qc7 20.Rbd1 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Bf3 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Bc6 24.f5 Ne5 25.Nxd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rf8 27.Rfe1 Bf6 28.Re6 Bxh4 29.Qc4 Kh8 30.Qxh4 Ra7 **(diagram)** 31.Rde1 g5 32.Qh5 Qg7 33.R1e5 Bxa4 34.Ne4 Raf7 35.f6 Qg6 36.Qxg6 hxg6 37.Rxb6 Bd7 38.Re7 Rxe7 39.fxe7 Rxf3 40.Nxc5 Re3 41.Nxd7 Rxe7 42.Nc5 Re2 43.Ne6 Kh7 44.Nxg5+ Kh6 45.Ne6 Rd2 46.b4 Kh5 47.Nf4+ Kg5 48.Ng2 Rb2 49.Kh2 Rb3 50.Rb8 a5 51.Rb5+ Kh6 52.Rxa5 Rxb4 53.Ne3 Rb2+ 54.Kg3 Rb3 55.Re5 Kg7 56.Kf4 Kf7 57.Re4 Rb5 58.Kg4 Kf6 59.h4 Rc5 60.Rd4 Rc6 61.Ng2 Ke5 62.Rf4 Rc2 63.Ne1 Ra2 64.Kg5 Ra6 65.Nd3+



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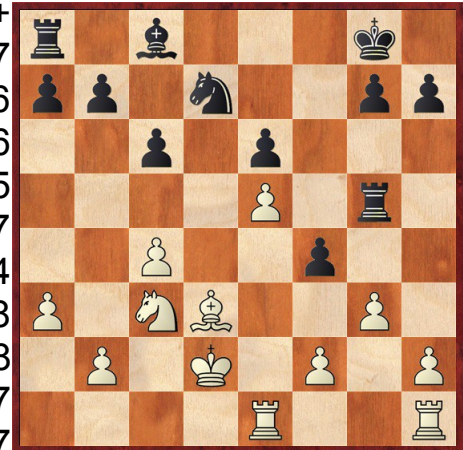
Anton Smirnov played the Nimzo-Indian Defence against Karl Zelesco & managed to achieve a solid & fairly equal position out of the opening. Although the game looked like it might break out into a tactical battle, both players kept things under control, with the game remaining fairly level throughout. Zelesco's active king was balanced by Smirnov's active pieces & neither player was able to make much progress. The players eventually shook hands when they reached a drawn king & pawn endgame

Zelesco,Karl (2256) - Smirnov,Anton (2420) [E46]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Bd6 7.Ng3 c6 8.e4 Nxe4 9.Ngxe4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Bf4 f5 12.Nc3 Bf6 13.Be5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 f4 16.Kd2 Nd7 17.Re1 Rf5 18.Bd3 Rg5 19.g3 **(diagram)** Nxe5 20.gxf4 Nf3+ 21.Ke3 Nxe1 22.fxg5 Nxd3 23.Kxd3 e5 24.Ke4 Be6 25.c5 Re8 26.h4 Bb3 27.f3 Kf7 28.Rh2 Ke6 29.Rd2 Rf8 30.Rd6+ Ke7 31.Kxe5 Rxf3 32.Rd4 Bc2 33.Ne4 Bxe4 34.Rxe4 a5 35.Ra4 Re3+ 36.Kf4 Rb3 37.Rxa5

Rxb2 38.Ra4 Rf2+ 39.Kg3 Rd2 40.Rb4 Rd7 41.Kf4 Kd8 42.Ke4 Kc7 43.Rd4 Re7+ 44.Kf5 Re8 45.Re4 Rf8+ 46.Ke5 Re8+ 47.Kd4 Rd8+ 48.Kc4 Rd7 49.Rf4 g6 50.Rd4 Rf7 51.Re4 Kd7 52.Kd4 Rf1 53.Ke5 Rf5+ 54.Kd4 h6 55.Rg4 hxg5 56.Rxg5 Rf4+ 57.Kc3 Rxh4 58.Rxg6 Kc7 59.Rg8 Rh1 60.Kb4 Rb1+ 61.Kc4 Rb5 62.Ra8 Rb2 63.Rh8 Rb5 64.Rg8 Rb1 65.Kc3 Kd7 66.Rh8 Ke6 67.Rd8 Ke5 68.Kc4 Rc1+ 69.Kb4 Rb1+ 70.Kc4 Ke6 71.Rd3 Ke7 72.Rd2 Ke8 73.Rd3 Rh1 74.Kb4 Rh5 75.Kc4 Ke7 76.Rd4 Rh8 77.Kb4 Rh3 78.Ka4 Ke8 79.Rb4 Rc3 80.Rxb7 Rxc5 81.Kb4 Rb5+ 82.Rxb5 cxb5 83.Kxb5 Kd7 84.Kb6 Kc8
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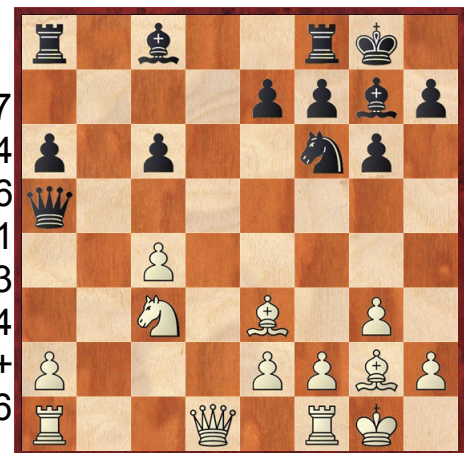


Max Illingworth played an English Opening against Rustam Khusnutdinov & held a slight space edge out of the opening. Khusnutdinov temporarily sacrificed a pawn to activate his pieces & Illingworth nullified this initiative by returning the pawn. After some further exchanges, the players agreed to a draw in a level rook & pawn endgame.

Illingworth,Max (2493) - Khusnutdinov,Rustam (2476) [E60]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (6.3),
 18.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.b3 d5 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Ncb5 Qb6 11.bxc4 a6 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Qa5 (diagram) 15.Bxc6 Rb8 16.Rc1 Bh3 17.Bg2 Ng4 18.Nd5 Bxg2 19.Bd2 Qa3 20.Kxg2 e6 21.Ne3 Nxe3+ 22.Bxe3 Qxa2 23.Bf4 Rbd8 24.Bd6 Be5 25.c5 Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qd5+ 27.Qxd5 exd5 28.Rc6 Rfe8 29.Rfc1 Re6 30.Rxa6 Rxd6
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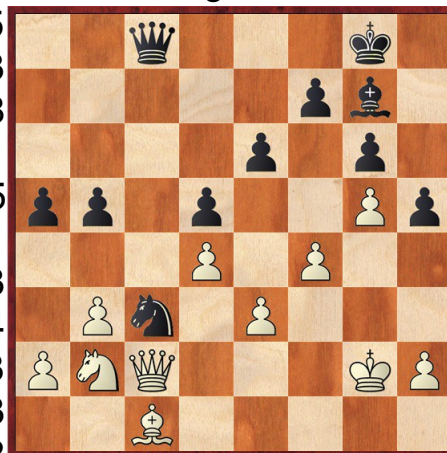


Good friends Junta Ikeda & Moulthun Ly faced each other & Moulthun announced his aggressive intentions by responding to Junta's 1. b3 with the unorthodox 1... a5!? Ly gained an edge out of the opening with a good bishop/bad bishop middlegame. However Ikeda seemed to be on the verge of equalising when Ly found a nice pawn break in the centre to allow his queen to invade Ikeda's king position. Although Ikeda saved his king, Ly won two pawns on the queenside & these were enough to secure victory, finally trading into a winning king & pawn endgame to force Ikeda to resign.

Ikeda,Junta (2418) - Ly,Moulthun (2463) [A01]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (6.4), 18.12.2014

1.b3 a5 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bd3 c6 9.Ne2 Ne4 10.Nd2 Ndf6 11.f3 Nd6 12.g4 Bxd3 13.cxd3 h5 14.g5 Nf5 15.Nb1 Nd7 16.f4 g6 17.Nbc3 Bg7 18.Rb1 0-0 19.Kh1 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.d4 Ne4 22.Qd3 Nxc3 23.Nxc3 Qd7 24.Bd2 Rfc8 25.Rbc1 Nd6 26.Na4 Qd8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rc1 Ne4 29.Kg2 Rxc1 30.Bxc1 Qc8 31.Qd1 b5 32.Nb2 Nc3 33.Qc2 (diagram) e5 34.dxe5 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Qf3+ 36.Qf2 Qh1+ 37.Qg1 Qe4 38.Qg2 Qb1 39.Qd2 Nxa2 40.Nd3 Qxb3 41.Bb2 Qc4 42.Kf2 b4 43.Bd4 Nc3 44.Kf3 Ne4 45.Qd1 Qc8 46.Kg2 Bf8 47.h3 Nc3 48.Bxc3 Qxc3 49.f5 b3 50.Kf2 Qc2+ 51.Qxc2 bxc2 52.Ke2 Ba3 53.Kd2 c1Q+ 54.Nxc1 Bxc1+ 55.Kxc1 gxf5 56.Kb2



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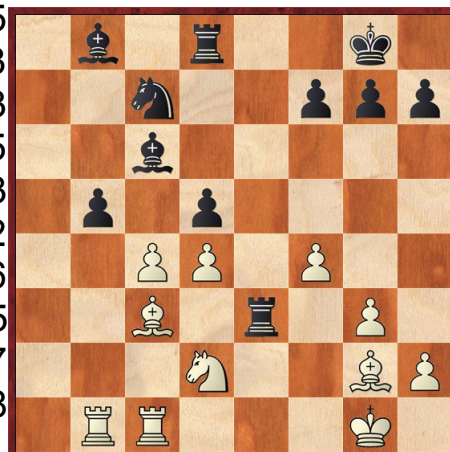
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Vasily Papin once again played his favourite English Opening, this time against Luke Li, but Li was able to equalise fairly easily out of the opening. Li looked like he grabbed a safe pawn in the centre, but this allowed Papin to develop some pressure on the queenside. Li did not find the best way of defending & soon found himself in trouble tactically, with Papin winning a piece & shortly afterwards, the game.

Papin,Vasily (2502) - Li,Luke (2342) [A17]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (6.5), 18.12.2014

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 Be7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bb2 Bd6 12.a4 Qe7 13.Nd2 Rfe8 14.Bd3 Rac8 15.a5 c5 16.Nb5 Bb8 17.axb6 axb6 18.Bf5 Bc6 19.Qe2 Rcd8 20.Bh3 Nf8 21.g3 Ne6 22.Qd3 Ng5 23.Bg2 Qe6 24.Nc3 Nfe4 25.f4 c4 26.Qe2 Nxc3 27.Bxc3 Qxe3+ 28.Qxe3 Rxe3 29.Rfc1 Ne6 30.bxc4 Nc7 31.Rab1 b5 (diagram) 32.cxb5 Bxb5 33.Ba5 Bd3 34.Rb3 Rde8 35.Bxc7 Bxc7 36.Rxc7 Re1+ 37.Bf1 Bf5 38.Rcb7 Rd1 39.Rb8 Bc8 40.Rc3



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IM Event

Izzat,Kanan (2402) - Jordan,William (2233) [D91]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (6.1), 18.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Bh4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.e3 b5 9.a4 c6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Be2 a6 12.Bf3 Ra7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qe2 Rc7

15.Bg3 Rc8 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra7 Nd7 18.Rfa1 Nb6 19.Ne4 Na4 20.R7xa4
bxa4 21.Nc5 Bd7 22.Rxa4 Ra8 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.Nxd7 Qa1+ 25.Qf1 Ra8
26.Nb6 Ra6 27.Nxc4 Qxc3 28.Nb2 Ra2 29.Nd1 Qc2 30.h4 h5 31.Kh2 Bf6
32.Qe1 Ra1 33.Qe2 Qa4 34.Nc3 Qb4 35.Ne4 Qb1 36.Nxf6+ exf6 37.Bf4
Qh1+ 38.Kg3 Rg1 39.Qa6 g5 40.hxg5 h4+ 41.Kg4 Rxc2+ 42.Bxc2 Qxc2+
43.Kxh4 Kh7 44.Qd3+ Kg7 45.Qf5 Qf3 46.Qg4 Qd5 47.e4 Qxe4 48.gxf6+
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Liu, Yi (2233) - Smith, Robert (2245) [E94]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (6.2), 18.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5
9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Ne8 12.Nd2 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 e4 15.a3 Qf6
16.Rac1 a4 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.Rg1 Qg6 19.Nb5 b6 20.Nb1 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Nf6
22.Nc3 Ng4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Rgf1 Nd3 25.Rcd1 Kh7 26.Rd2 Nc5 27.h3 Qg3
28.Bxc5 bxc5 29.Nxa4 Rfb8 30.Nxc5 Rxb5 31.Ne6 Rxb2 32.Qc1 Rxd2
33.Qxd2 Rxa3 34.Rc1 Rc3 35.Rxc3 Qxc3 36.Qe2 Bd4 37.Kh2 Qe3 38.Qd1
Bg7 39.Qh5 Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Qf7 Qc3 42.Qxf5+ Kh8 43.Qxe4 Qc1
44.Qg6 Qc3 45.Qe8+ Kh7 46.Qf7
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Canfell, Greg (2349) - Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija (1923) [A17]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (6.3), 18.12.2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Qc2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.b3
dxc4 9.bxc4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Rad1 Qc8 12.d4 c6 13.e4 Nf8 14.e5 N6d7
15.Ne4 Be7 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.Re3 Ng6 18.h4 Rad8 19.h5 Ngf8 20.c5 h6
21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.cxd6 Qb8 23.Ba3 Rc8 24.Rc3 Qa8 25.Rc1 c5 26.dxc5 bxc5
27.Qe2 Bd5 28.Bxc5 Qb7 29.a3 a5 30.Bd4 Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Rc8 32.Rxc8 Qxc8
33.Qb2 Qa8 34.Qc3 Qb7 35.Ne1 Bxc2 36.Nxc2 Qb5 37.Nf4 Qb1+ 38.Kh2
Qb5 39.Nd3 Qa4 40.Nb2 Qb5 41.Qc4 Qb7 42.Qc3 Qb5 43.Nd3 Qd5 44.Nc5
f6 45.Nxd7 Nxd7 46.exf6 gxf6 47.Qc8+ Nf8 48.Bc5 Qxh5+ 49.Kg2 Qd5+
50.f3 Kf7 51.Qc7+ Kg8 52.Be3 Qa2+ 53.Kh3 Qd5 54.Kg2 Qa2+ 55.Bf2 Qd5
56.a4 h5 57.Qe7 f5 58.Qg5+ Kh7 59.Qxh5+ Kg7 60.Be3 Qxd6 61.Bh6+ Kf6
62.Qg5+ Kf7 63.Qg7+ Ke8 64.Qg8 Qe7 65.Bxf8 Qxf8 66.Qxe6+ Kd8
67.Qd5+ Ke7 68.Qc5+ Ke8 69.Qxf8+ Kxf8 70.Kf2 Ke7 71.Ke3 Kd6 72.Kd4
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Schon, Eugene (2287) - Rujevic, Mirko (2211) [B09]

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1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.e5 Ne8
9.Ne4 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.Qe2 Bf5 13.Bd2 e6 14.Bb5 dxe5
15.dxe5 Nc7 16.Nd6 Nxb5 17.Qxb5 Nd5 18.Nd4 a6 19.Qb3 b5 20.N4xf5 gxf5
21.Rad1 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Rad8 23.Rf3 f6 24.Be3 Qc6 25.Bd4 Kh8 26.Rg3 fxe5
27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.fxe5 Rd7 29.Rf3 f4 30.Re1 Rg7 31.Qd3 Qc7 32.g3 Rfg8
33.gxf4 Qc5 34.Rg3 Nxf4 35.Qf3 Qc2 36.Qxf4

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Bjelobrk,Igor (2355) - Gorka,Carl (2089) [A13]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (6.5), 18.12.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.b3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bb2 a5 8.d3
Nc5 9.Nbd2 b6 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.Rac1 Rc8 12.Rfd1 c6 13.Qb1 Rc7 14.Be5
Rc8 15.Bd4 Ncd7 16.e4 c5 17.Bb2 d4 18.Rf1 e5 19.Bh3 Rc6 20.Rce1 Re8
21.Qd1 Bf8 22.Bc1 Bc8 23.Kg2 g6 24.Nb1 h6 25.Ng1 Nh5 26.Na3 Ndf6
27.Nb5 Bxh3+ 28.Nxh3 Qd7 29.f3 Bg7 30.g4 Nf4+ 31.Nxf4 exf4 32.Bxf4 h5
33.h3 Kh7 34.Qd2 Ng8 35.Rg1 Be5 36.Bxe5 Rxe5 37.f4 Re8 38.gxh5 gxh5
39.Kh2 f5 40.e5 Nh6 41.Rg5 Rg6 42.Rxg6 Kxg6 43.Rg1+ Kh7 44.Qe2

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IM James Morris dropped by the tournament & showed off his dodgeball skills!

Also keep an eye on Carl Gorka's CoffeeHouse Chess blog for a player's perspective on the event:

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