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Going into the final round of the Australasian Masters, the lead is now shared by Anton Smirnov & Murtas Kazhgaleyev, who are both on 5.5/8. Close behind them are GMs Vasily Papin & Rustam Khusnutdinov on 5/8, while Bobby Cheng still has an outside chance of a top 3 finish on 4.5/8.

The IM event sees Kanan Izzat as the sole leader on 6.5/8, however he is closely followed by Igor Bjelobrk on 6/8, with Eugene Schon & Yi Liu just behind on 5.5/8 & Greg Canfell on 5/8.

In terms of norms, the only possibility left is IM Anton Smirnov, who needs a final round win against GM Vasily Papin to secure his first GM norm. A win would also guarantee at least a share of first in the tournament for Anton. A win for Papin would guarantee him a top 2 finish, so there is plenty for both players to play for in the final round.

The SBS radio interview with Leonid Sandler & the foreign Grandmasters (in Russian) is now online <http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/russian/highlight/page/id/380839/t/Other-World-Game-on-the-black-and-white-field/>



Top left: IM Robert Jamieson & Dr Stephen Lewinsky visiting the tournament

Top right: Estonian WFMs Tuuli Vahtra & Margit Brokko, with Margit's son Karl-Erik catching up at the tournament before the Australian Women's Masters next month

Lower right: Commemorative tournament book from the 2013 Australasian Masters. A 2014 edition may also be produced.

The Inaugural Australasian Grandmasters Tournament
Held at the Box Hill Chess Club, December 14-22, 2013

Round 8 Results

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

Round 9 Pairings

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

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

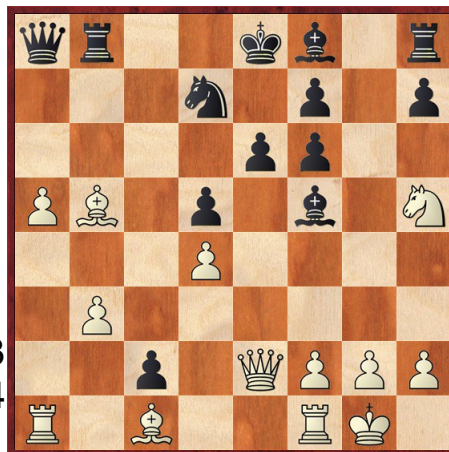
GM Event

Karl Zelesco played a Chebanenko Slav against Murtas Kazhgaleyev & found himself in a cramped, though probably playable position out of the opening. Kazhgaleyev made excellent use of his minor pieces & Zelesco found himself in an awkward position with his king stuck in the centre & pieces lacking co-ordination. In this difficult position, Zelesco blundered, handing the win to Kazhgaleyev.

Kazhgaleyev, Murtas (2576) - Zelesco, Karl (2256) [D10]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (8.1),
20.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Bd3 b5 6.b3
Bg4 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bh5 9.Qc2 Bg6 10.e4 b4
11.cxd5 Rc8 12.e5 cxd5 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Qd1



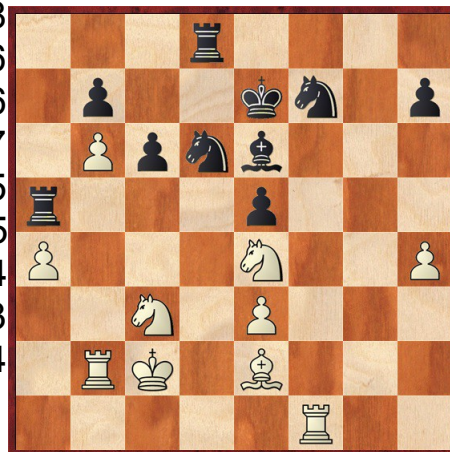
bxc3 15.Bxa6 c2 16.Qe1 Rb8 17.Nf4 Rb6 18.Qe2 Qa8 19.Bb5 e6 20.a4 Bf5
 21.a5 Rb8 22.Nh5 (diagram) Be7 23.Ng7+
1-0

Bobby Cheng played the Modern Defence against Max Illingworth & found himself on the back foot early in the game. Illingworth advanced his queenside pawns & was looking for a quick knockout blow, but Cheng defended well to keep his position in tact. When Illingworth's attack slowed, Cheng took over the initiative & was able to exchange pieces before winning some pawns. Illingworth tried to set up a mating net, and sacrificed an exchange in an attempt to find something, however Cheng defended calmly & when faced with being an exchange & two pawns down, Illingworth resigned.

Illingworth,Max (2493) - Cheng,Bobby (2435) [A42]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (8.2), 20.12.2014

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Nc6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Be3 Nh6 8.dxe5
 dxe5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.0-0-0+ Bd7 11.h3 Kc8
 12.c5 Nf7 13.Bc4 Ncd8 14.b4 Be6 15.Nd2 c6
 16.a4 Kc7 17.b5 Bh6 18.b6+ axb6 19.cxb6+ Kd6
 20.Kc2 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Ke7 22.Be2 Nd6 23.g4 N8f7
 24.Ra1 Ra5 25.h4 Rha8 26.Rab1 Rd8 27.Rb2 f5
 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Rf1 fxe4 30.Ndxe4 (diagram) Bf5
 31.Bd3 Bxe4 32.Nxe4 Nxe4 33.Bxe4 Rxa4
 34.Bxh7 Rxh4 35.Bg6 Nd6 36.Rf2 Rg8 37.Bd3
 Rg3 38.Ra2 Rxe3 39.Ra5 Rd4 40.Bg6 Rb4
 41.Bd3 Rd4 42.Bg6 Rd5 43.Ra7 Rc5+ 44.Kd1
 Rb3 45.Rf7+ Nxf7 46.Rxb7+ Kd6 47.Bf5 Rcb5
0-1



Junta Ikeda's once again played 1.b3, this time against Anton Smirnov & the position soon resembled a reversed Winawer French! Although visually Smirnov appeared to have a promising position, Ikeda had things under control & when he was able to force a number of exchanges, the position petered out to an even position that was agreed drawn.

Ikeda,Junta (2418) - Smirnov,Anton (2420) [A01]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (8.3),
 20.12.2014

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 f6 5.d4 e4 6.c4
 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qc2 Qd7 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3
 Ne7 11.Ne2 Qd6 12.Nb1 0-0 13.Nd2 Bg4 14.Ng3
 f5 15.0-0 f4 16.exf4 Qxf4 17.Qc3 Nf5 18.Nxf5
 Rxf5 (diagram) 19.f3 exf3 20.Nxf3 Raf8 21.cxd5
 cxd5 22.Nd2 Qg5 23.Rxf5 Bxf5 24.Rf1 h6 25.Nf3
 Qe7 26.Ne5 Be4 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Qd2 Qe8
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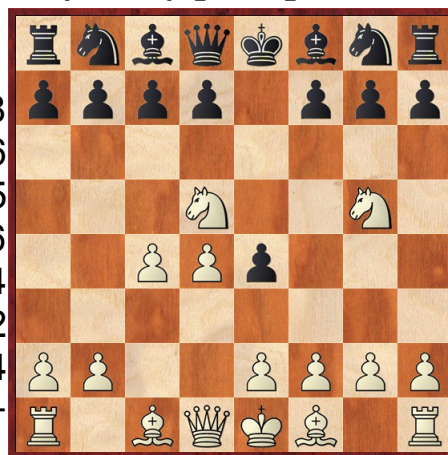
Rustam Khusnutdinov played an unusual line against Vasily Papin's English opening & the players reached an original position after only a few moves. Khusnutdinov soon pushed Papin's advanced pieces back, however this gave the Kazakh Grandmaster only a slight edge at best. The middlegame revolved around Khusnutdinov's passed d-pawn, with all the major pieces either attacking or defending it at one point or another, until finally Khusnutdinov repeated the position & the players agreed to a draw.

Papin, Vasily (2502) - Khusnutdinov, Rustam (2472) [A21]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (8.4),
20.12.2014

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5 4.Nf3 e4 5.d4 Bf8
6.Ng5 **(diagram)** c6 7.Nc3 d5 8.g3 h6 9.Nh3 Nf6
10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bg2 Nc6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Be3 Bf5
14.f3 Qd7 15.Nf2 exf3 16.exf3 0-0 17.Nd3 Bd6
18.Bf2 Rfe8 19.Rc1 Re7 20.f4 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Bb4
22.Na4 Ne4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Nxf2 25.Rxf2
d4 26.Rd1 Rd8 27.Rfd2 Qe8 28.Qf1 Re3 29.Qc4
Re1+ 30.Bf1 Qe3+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Qe3+
33.Kg2 Qe4+

1/2-1/2

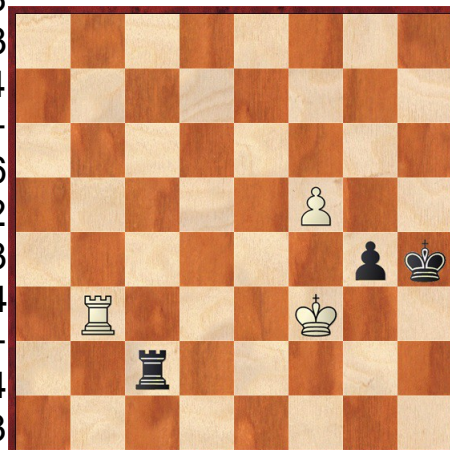


Moulthun Ly played a line of the Queen's Gambit Accepted against Luke Li & the players remained in theory for a number of moves. The position remained largely level throughout the game until Moulthun managed to win a pawn to head into a rook & pawn endgame with a slight edge. The position remained level until Luke put his king on the wrong square, which allowed Moulthun to eventually find a way into the Lucena position, which he duly converted into a win.

Li, Luke (2342) - Ly, Moulthun (2463) [D23]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (8.5), 20.12.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Bf5 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0
0-0 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.e3 Rc8 11.Qe2 c5 12.Nc3 Ne4 13.Ne1 Ndf6 14.Nxe4
Bxe4 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.b4 Bxg2 17.Nxg2 b6 18.Bb2 bxc5 19.Rac1 Qb7
20.bxc5 Ne4 21.Rb1 Qc6 22.Nf4 Ng5 23.Ng2 Bxc5 24.Qg4 h6 25.h4 f5
26.Qc4 Nf3+ 27.Kh1 Bb6 28.Qxc6 Rxc6 29.Nf4 e5 30.Nd3 e4 31.Kg2 Re8
32.Nb4 Rg6 33.Kf1 Ba5 34.a3 Bxb4 35.axb4 Rc8
36.Rbc1 Rgc6 37.Rxc6 Rxc6 38.Rc1 Rd6 39.Bc3
g5 40.hxg5 hxg5 41.Ke2 Kf7 42.Ra1 a6 43.Bd4
Nxd4+ 44.exd4 Rxd4 45.Rxa6 Rxb4 46.Ke3 Rb3+
47.Ke2 Rb8 48.Ke3 Re8 49.f3 exf3+ 50.Kxf3 Re6
51.Ra3 Kg6 52.Rb3 Ra6 53.Rb2 Ra3+ 54.Kf2
Ra4 55.Kf3 Rc4 56.Ra2 Rc1 57.Ra3 Kh5 58.Rb3
Rc2 59.g4+ Kh4 60.gxf5 g4+ **(diagram)** 61.Ke4
Re2+ 62.Kf4 Rf2+ 63.Ke4 Kg5 64.Rb8 Rf4+
65.Ke3 Rxf5 66.Rh8 g3 67.Ke4 Rf7 68.Ke3 Kg4
69.Ke2 Rf6 70.Rh7 Rf8 71.Rh6 g2 72.Rh7 Kg3



73.Rg7+ Kh2 74.Rh7+ Kg1 75.Rg7 Re8+ 76.Kf3 Kf1

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IM Event

Izzat,Kanan (2402) - Liu,Yi (2233) [D44]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (8.1), 20.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.a4 Bb4 7.e4 c5 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Qxd4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bxb5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.e5 h6 14.exf6 hxg5 15.fxg7 Rg8 16.axb5 Rxc7 17.h4 gxh4 18.Rxh4 Kc7 19.Rh8 a6 20.g3 Kb6 21.Ne5 f6 22.Nc4+ Kxb5 23.Rc8 Nc6 24.Na3+ Ka4 25.Nb1+ Kb3 26.Nd2+ Kb2 27.Rb1+ Kc2 28.Rxa8 Ne5 29.Ke2 Rd7 30.Rd1 Nd3 31.Nb3 Nf4+ 32.gxf4 Rxd1 33.Nd4+ Kc1 34.Nxe6 Rd7 35.Nd4 Kb2 36.Kd3 Rh7 37.Re8 a5 38.Re2+ Kb1 39.c4 Rh1 40.Nb5 Rd1+ 41.Kc3 Rc1+ 42.Kb3 a4+ 43.Kxa4 Rxc4+ 44.Kb3 Rxf4 45.Re1#

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Canfell,Greg (2349) - Jordan,William (2233) [A15]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (8.2), 20.12.2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.c4 d5 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.d4 Rd8 8.Nc3 Qh5 9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Rf8 11.Bf3 Qh6 12.Nxf7 Rxf7 13.Bxh6 Bxh6 14.Nd5 Nb6 15.Nxc7 Rb8 16.Ne6 Bd7 17.a4 Bc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.a5 Nbd7 20.Qc4 Ne4 21.Qxc6 Ndf6 22.b4 Ng5 23.Nxg5 Bxg5 24.b5 Ng4 25.b6 axb6 26.axb6 Nxf2 27.Ra8 Rxa8 28.Qxa8+ Kg7 29.Rxf2 Be3 30.Qf3 Rxf3 31.exf3 Bxd4 32.b7 Be5 33.Rc2

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Schon,Eugene (2287) - Smith,Robert (2245) [B35]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (8.3), 20.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.0-0 d6 10.Ndb5 b6 11.f3 Ba6 12.Qd2 Nd7 13.Bh6 Rc8 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.Bc4 Ne6 17.Nxd6 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Ncd4 19.Ne3 b5 20.Ncd5 b4 21.c3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Nb5 23.c4 Nd6 24.Qb2+ f6 25.e5 Nxc4 26.Qb3 a4 27.Qb4 Nxe3 28.Nf4 Qe8 29.Nxe6+ Kh8 30.Nxf8 Nxd1 31.exf6 exf6 32.Rxd1 Qxf8 33.Qxa4 Qc5+ 34.Kf1 Rb8 35.Qd4 Qxd4 36.Rxd4 Rb2 37.a4 Ra2 38.h4 f5 39.Kg1 h6 40.Kh2 Kg7 41.Kh3 h5 42.Kg3 Kf6 43.Rb4 Kg7 44.Rb7+ Kf6 45.Rb6+ Kg7 46.Ra6 Kf7 47.a5 Ra4 48.Ra7+ Kf6 49.a6 f4+ 50.Kh2 Ra2 51.Ra8 Kg7 52.Kg1 Ra1+ 53.Kf2 Ra2+ 54.Kf1 Kh7 55.Ra7+ Kh6 56.Kg1 Ra1+ 57.Kh2 Ra2 58.Kh3 Ra3 59.Kh2 Ra2 60.Kg1 Ra1+ 61.Kf2 Ra2+ 62.Kf1 g5 63.hxg5+ Kxg5 64.Ra8 Kh4 65.a7 Ra6 66.Ke2 Ra3 67.Kd2 Ra5 68.Kc3 Ra1 69.Kd4 Ra6 70.Ke4

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Bjelobrk,Igor (2355) - Dizdarevic,Mehmedalija (1923) [A17]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (8.4), 20.12.2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Re1 d5 8.cxd5
Nxd5 9.e4 Nb4 10.d4 c5 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 Bf6 13.Ne5 Re8 14.f4 Nd7
15.a3 Na6 16.Nc6 Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Qf8 18.Qd1 Nc7 19.d6 Bxc6 20.Bxc6
Bd4+ 21.Kg2 Qxd6 22.Bxa8 Nxa8 23.Be3 Nc7 24.Qf3 f5 25.Rd1 Nf6 26.h3
a6 27.Kh2 h5 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Qd3 h4 30.Qxf5 hxg3+ 31.Kxg3 Ne6 32.Ne4
Nxe4+ 33.Qxe4 Kf7 34.Kg4 g6 35.f5 gxf5+ 36.Qxf5+ Ke7 37.Re1 b5 38.h4 a5
39.h5 d3 40.Rxe6+ Qxe6 41.Qxe6+ Kxe6 42.Kf3

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Gorka,Carl (2089) - Rujevic,Mirko (2211) [C44]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (8.5), 20.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d3 d5 5.Nbd2 dxe4 6.dxe4 Bc5 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0
a6 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.Nc4 Nh5 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Bf1 Qf6 13.b4 Ba7 14.Ne3 Be6
15.a4 Bb6 16.Rb1 Rfe8 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Ne7 19.c4 Bc5 20.Bb2 Neg6
21.Nf5

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