



2014 Australasian Masters



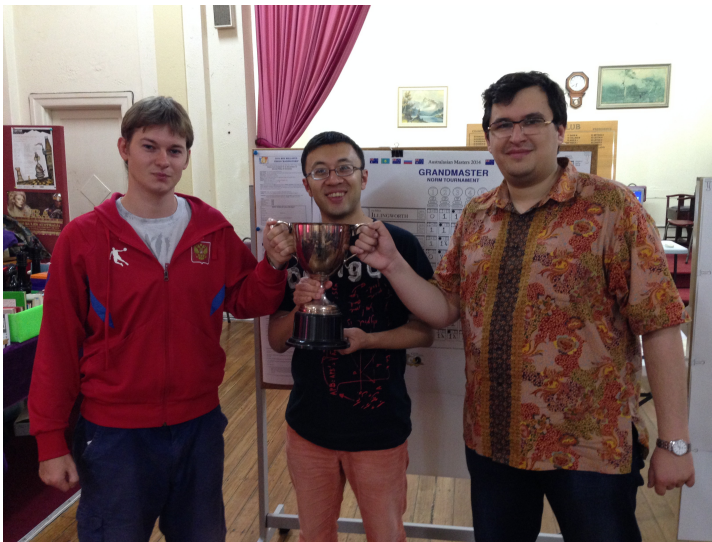
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The Australasian Masters has come to an end for another year & in a repeat of last year's result, the foreign Grandmasters all shared first place with 6/9. Although all of the Grandmasters lost one game to a local International Master, they were overall the most consistent players in the tournament & deserved to share first place. Of the Australians, Anton Smirnov once again shone, leading for much of the event before losing his final round game against Vasily Papin when fighting for not only first place in the tournament, but also for his first GM norm. The locals players all had moments in the tournament where they showed what they are capable of, however none were able to maintain this high level throughout the tournament.

The IM event was dominated by eventual winner Kanan Izzat, who thoroughly deserved his first place with an excellent score of 7.5/9. Of the others, it was the younger players who performed the best, particularly Yi Liu, who by his own admission did not play his best, however he managed to find ways to win games from difficult positions, eventually finishing in a tie for second place with Igor Bjelobrk.

Thanks to all the sponsors of the event for making it a success, as well as those who have assisted the tournament in any way. Your help & support is greatly appreciated!



Although no players earned norms from the event, there were a number who came close & all the local players should benefit from the opportunity to play such strong opponents in an event. The experience gained in such an event should benefit particularly the younger players, who can hopefully continue to go from strength to strength in the future.

Top: Tournament winners, GM Vasily Papin, GM Murtas Kzahgaleyev & GM Rustam Khusnutdinov.

Right: Spectators watching the critical final round games, particularly the clash between IM Anton Smirnov & GM Vasily Papin.



Round 9 Results

GM Event

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

IM Event

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

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Games

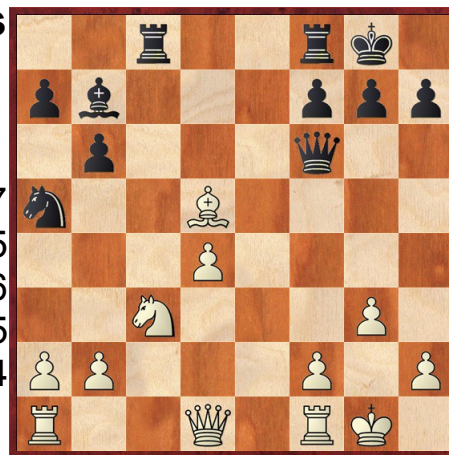
GM Event

Murtas Kazhgaleyev played the Queen's Indian Defence against Moulthun Ly & followed a theoretical line for over 10 moves. The position remained fairly level, with both players keeping their opponent's tactical possibilities under control, with exchanges leading players towards a draw. With more exchanges about to occur, Kazhgaleyev offered a draw, which Ly was happy to accept.

Ly, Moulthun (2463) - Kazhgaleyev, Murtas (2576) [E16]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (9.1),
21.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bg2 c6 8.e4 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Ne5
0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bg5 Na5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6
14.cxd5 exd5 15.Ng4 Rc8 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Bxd5
(diagram) Rxc3 18.Bxb7 Rc4 19.Bg2 Rxd4
20.Qe2 Rfd8 21.Rad1 g6 22.b3 Nc6
1/2-1/2

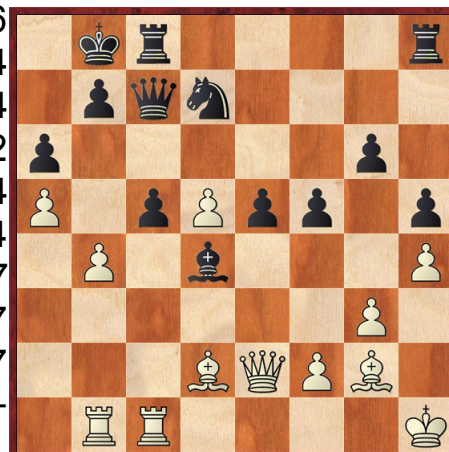


Rustam Khusnutdinov played a quiet line of the Vienna Opening against Luke Li & appeared to get very little out of the opening. However, when Li decided to castle on the queenside (after Khusnutdinov had previously castled kingside), Khusnutdinov unleashed a devastating attack on Li's king. Although Li tried to defend, he was ultimately unable to keep Khusnutdinov's pieces at bay, with Khusnutdinov winning material to leave himself a bishop ahead in an endgame, which forced Li to resign.

Khusnutdinov,Rustam (2472) - Li,Luke (2342) [C26]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (9.2), 21.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.d3 a6
6.Nge2 d6 7.h3 Nd4 8.0-0 h5 9.Nxd4 Bxd4
10.Bg5 c6 11.a4 Be6 12.Ne2 Ba7 13.d4 Bc4
14.d5 cxd5 15.exd5 Qa5 16.b3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2
Qc3 18.Kh1 0-0-0 19.Bd2 Qc7 20.a5 Kb8 21.c4
Nd7 22.b4 Rc8 23.Rfc1 f5 24.h4 g6 25.Rab1 Bd4
26.c5 dxc5 **(diagram)** 27.b5 Qd6 28.bxa6 Rc7
29.axb7 Rxb7 30.a6 Rxb1 31.Rxb1+ Ka8 32.Rb7
Rb8 33.Qb5 Nb6 34.Qc6 Qxc6 35.dxc6 Rxb7
36.axb7+ Kb8 37.Ba5 c4 38.Bb4 Nc8 39.bxc8Q+
Kxc8 40.Bd5 c3 41.Ba5



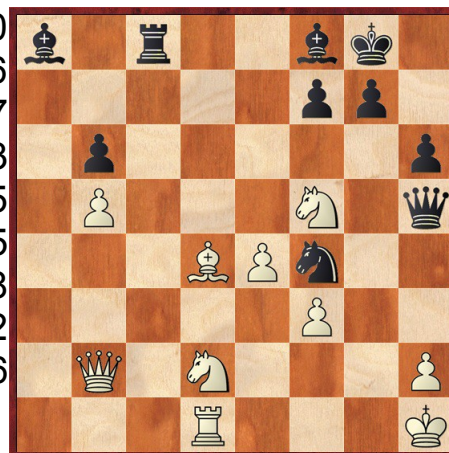
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Anton Smirnov played a Maroczy Bind against Vasily Papin's Kan Sicilian & gained a significant space advantage out of the opening. However Papin's position remained solid and when Smirnov looked to gain more space on the queenside, Papin countered in the centre & established a dangerous knight on f4. Although Smirnov looked to still have some initiative, Papin quickly brought his queen into the attack & when Smirnov faltered in his defence, Papin seized his opportunity & found a nice tactical finish to an exciting game.

Smirnov,Anton (2420) - Papin,Vasily (2502) [B41]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (9.3), 21.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Be2 b6 8.Qd3
d6 9.f4 Nbd7 10.0-0 Bb7 11.b4 Be7 12.Be3 0-0
13.Rac1 Rfc8 14.a3 Qd8 15.Nb3 Rab8 16.Nd2 h6
17.Bd4 Ne8 18.Bg4 Bf6 19.Be3 Ba8 20.Rfd1 Qc7
21.Ne2 Rd8 22.Bf3 Rbc8 23.Qb1 Qb8 24.Nb3
Be7 25.Ned4 Nef6 26.a4 Re8 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5
e5 29.Nf5 Bf8 30.Ng3 d5 31.fxe5 Nxe5 32.cxd5
Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Nxd5 34.Bd4 Nf4 35.Rxc8 Rxc8
36.Qb2 Qd6 37.Nf5 Qg6+ 38.Kh1 Qh5 39.Nd2
(diagram) Bxe4 40.Nxh6+ gxh6 41.Rg1+ Bg6
42.Be3 Bg7 43.Qb4 Nd5



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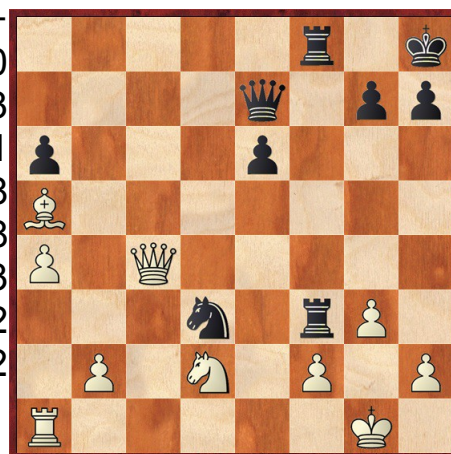
Bobby Cheng played the Catalan against Junta Ikeda & got a fairly even position out of the opening, however Ikeda quickly struck at Cheng's centre & gained a strong initiative as a result. Cheng sacrificed an exchange to try to make his defensive task easier, however Ikeda continued to attack & force Cheng's pieces back. When Cheng made another slip in his defensive efforts, Ikeda found a nice mating attack to finish off the game.

Cheng,Bobby (2435) - Ikeda,Junta (2418) [E04]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (9.4), 21.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Nf3 Bb4+
6.Bd2 Be7 7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.0-0
0-0 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Ba5 Qe7 14.Nc3
b4 15.Nd1 c5 16.Ne3 Rac8 17.Qd2 Ne4 18.Qd1
cxd4 19.Qxd4 Bc5 20.Qd3 f5 21.Qb3 Kh8
22.Rxc5 Nexc5 23.Qxb4 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Rb8
25.Qa3 Rb3 26.Qa2 Ne5 27.Bg2 f4 28.Nf1 f3
29.exf3 Nxf3+ 30.Bxf3 Rbxf3 31.Qc4 Nd3 32.Nd2
(diagram) Qa7 33.Ne4 Rxf2 34.Kh1 Qe3 35.Nxf2
Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Nxf2 37.Qxe6 Qh1#

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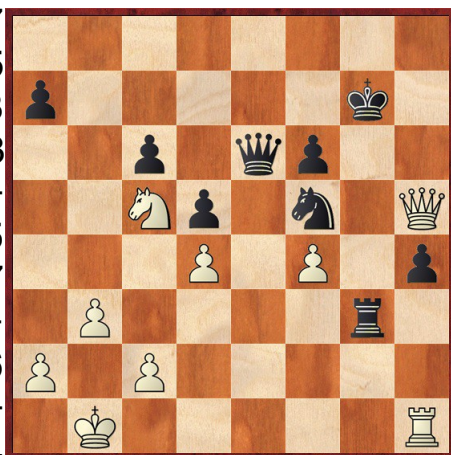
Karl Zelesco played a type of London system against Max Illingworth, who responded aggressively with a number of pawn thrusts. Zelesco defended well to hold off Illingworth's pieces, before sacrificing a pawn to try to make his defensive task easier. After Zelesco regained his pawn, Illingworth played a combination to go into a queen & pawn endgame, however neither player could make any progress in the position & the game was eventually drawn.

Zelesco,Karl (2256) - Illingworth,Max (2493) [D00]

Australasian Masters GM Melbourne (9.5), 21.12.2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 g5 5.Be5 f6 6.Bg3 h5 7.h4 g4 8.Nge2 c6
9.Nf4 e5 10.Nd3 exd4 11.exd4 Qb6 12.Bf4 Ne7 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.0-0-0 Ng6
15.Re1+ Kf7 16.Be3 Re8 17.g3 Qa5 18.Bg2 b5 19.Kb1 Nb6 20.b3 b4 21.Nd1
Bd6 22.N1b2 Be4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Nf4 Ne7 25.f3 gxf3 26.Qf2 Bxf4 27.gxf4
Nbc8 28.Nd3 Nd6 29.Bd2 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Nef5 31.Bxb4 Qc7 32.Bxd6 Qxd6
33.Qf2 Rg8 34.Qxf3 Rg4 35.Qf2 Qe7 36.Re1 Qd7
37.Nc5 Qd6 38.Qe2 Ng7 39.Nd3 Rxh4 40.Qf2 Nf5
41.Rg1 Rg4 42.Rh1 Kg6 43.Qh2 h4 44.Qe2 Rg3
45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qh5 Qe6 47.Nc5 (diagram) Qe3
48.Qxf5 Rg1+ 49.Rxg1+ Qxg1+ 50.Kb2 Qxd4+
51.Kb1 Qxc5 52.Qg4+ Kf7 53.f5 Qc3 54.Qxh4 a5
55.Qh7+ Ke8 56.Qg8+ Kd7 57.Qe6+ Kc7
58.Qe7+ Kb6 59.a4 Qd4 60.Qd8+ Ka6 61.Qa8+
Kb6 62.Qb8+ Ka6 63.Qa8+ Kb6 64.Qb8+ Ka6
65.Qc7 Qc3 66.Qc8+ Kb6 67.Qb8+ Kc5 68.Qf8+
Kb6 69.Qb8+ Kc5 70.Qf8+ Kb6 71.Qe7 Qd4
72.Qd8+ Ka6 73.Qc7 Qc3 74.Qe7 Kb6 75.Qe2 Qd4 76.Qe7 Qd1+ 77.Kb2
Qd4+ 78.Ka2 Qf2 79.Qd8+ Kb7 80.Qd7+ Kb6 81.Qd8+ Kb7 82.Qxf6 Qxc2+
83.Ka3 Qc5+ 84.Kb2 Qf2+ 85.Ka3 Qc5+ 86.Kb2 Qf2+ 87.Ka3 Qc5+

1/2-1/2



IM Event

Rujevic, Mirko (2211) - Izzat, Kanan (2402) [B49]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (9.1), 21.12.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0–0 Bb4 9.Bd3 Ne5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Nde2 0–0 12.a3 Bc5 13.Bg5 Nfg4 14.h3 Nxf2 15.Rxf2 f5 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bg3 f4 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.Rf1 fxd3 20.Nxd3 Rxf1+ 21.Bxf1 Qb6 22.Rb1 g4 23.Qe2 Rf8 24.b4 Bf2 25.Kh2 Qd4 26.Rb3 Nf3+ 27.gxf3 gxf3 28.Qd3 Bxd3

0–1

Dizdarevic, Mehmedalija (1923) - Gorka, Carl (2089) [C22]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (9.2), 21.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bd2 d5

1/2–1/2

Smith, Robert (2245) - Bjelobrk, Igor (2355) [D79]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (9.3), 21.12.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.0–0 0–0 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Ne5 Bf5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Na4 Qb5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rc1 Rfe8 15.Re1 Rac8 16.h3 h5 17.Qd2 e5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Nc5 Re7 21.Kh2 Rce8 22.Qc3 Qb8 23.Red1 h4 24.e4 dxe4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 Ng4+ 27.hxg4 Rxe4 28.Kh3 Qc8 29.Qf3 hxg3 30.Qxg3 Kg7 31.Rc4 Rxc4 32.bxc4 Re4 33.c5 f5 34.Qc3+ Kh7 35.Qf6 Qe6 36.Qxe6 Rxe6 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.Rd6 Re2 39.Kg3 Rxa2 40.Rxc6 Kg7 41.f3 Ra4 42.Rd6 Kf7 43.c6 Rc4 44.Rd7+

1/2–1/2

Jordan, William (2233) - Schon, Eugene (2287) [C77]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (9.4), 21.12.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7 8.0–0 0–0 9.d3 h6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.Nc3 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bb3 d5 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Qd6 19.Ra1 d4 20.Qf3 Bb7 21.Qh5 Bc8 22.Ra5 c5 23.h3 Kh7 24.Ra7 g6 25.Qf3 Bd7 26.h4 h5 27.Bc4 Kg7 28.g3 Be6 29.Bxe6 Qxe6 30.b3 Qb6 31.Ra4 Qe6 32.Qd1 Rc8 33.Qa1 Qd7 34.Ra7 Rc7 35.Ra8 Rc8 36.Ra7

1/2–1/2

Liu, Yi (2233) - Canfell, Greg (2349) [E94]

Australasian Masters IM Melbourne (9.5), 21.12.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0–0 c6 8.d5 Na6 9.Ne1 Nc5 10.Qc2 a5 11.Be3 cxd5 12.cxd5 b6 13.f3 Nh5 14.Nd3 f5 15.b4 axb4 16.Nxb4 Nf4 17.Rfe1 Ra3 18.Bf1 fxe4 19.fxe4 Qh4 20.Nb5 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Bh6 22.Ra3 Nxe4 23.g3 Qg4 24.h3 Qg5 25.Qxe4 Bxh3 26.Nxd6

Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Nh3+ 28.Kg2 Rxf1 29.Kxf1 Qc1+ 30.Kg2 Qxa3 31.Kxh3 Bf8
 32.Qxe5 Qxb4 33.Qe6+
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2 IM Hiroshi IKEDA	1	1	2	2	2½	2½	2½	3	4	7
3 IM Vasily PAPIN	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5	6	=1
4 IM Zhenan LIU	0	½	1	2	2½	2½	3	3	3	4
5 IM Mouchen LY	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	4½	=5
6 IM Boris KHUSNUTDINOV	1	1½	2	2	3	3½	4½	5	6	=1
7 IM Andrei SMIRNOV	1	2	2½	3	4	4½	5	5½	5½	4
8 IM Boqiang CHENG	0	½	1½	2½	2½	3½	4½	4½		=5
9 IM Zhele ZELESCO	0	½	1	1	1	1½	1½	2		10
10 IM Miroslav KAZHGALYEV	1	1½	1½	2	3	4	4½	5½	6	=1

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER NORM TOURNAMENT										
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1 IM Gregory CANFELL	½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	4	5	5	5
2 IM Boris SCHON	1	1	1½	2	2½	3½	4½	5½	6	4
3 IM Boris BIELOBRUK	1	1½	2½	3	3½	4½	5	6	6½	=2
4 IM Gorka GORKA	0	0	0	1	1½	1½	1½	2	2½	9
5 IM Mirko RUJEVIC	1	1	2	2	2	2½	3	3		8
6 IM Miroslava DIZDAREVIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½		10
7 IM Robert SMITH	1	2	3	3	3	3½	3½	4		6
8 IM William JORDAN	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3½		7
9 IM Liu LIU	0	½	1½	2½	3½	4½	5½	5½	6½	=2
10 IM Kanan IZZAT	½	1½	2	3	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	1

Final Cross Tables from both tournaments.