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2016 Australian Chess Championship

Bulletin 1 – Day 1 / Round 1

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Almost 200 players converged on the Fitzroy Town Hall for the 2016 edition of the Australian Championships! In the Championship division, there are 34 players from around Australia, headed by top seed, defending champion and GM-elect from Sydney, International Master Max Illingworth, with foreign players GM Vasily Papin from Russia & IM Kanan Izzat from Azerbaijan the second & third seeds for the tournament. In the reserves, an enormous field of 149 players are contesting this year's Reserves event, with local Frank Lekkas & Canberra's Michael Kethro the top seeds.



IM Max Illingworth & ACF President Gary Wastell at the Opening Ceremony

Round 1 of the Championship saw some of the top seeds struggle, but all of the higher rated players scored points from their games. Defending Champion IM Max Illingworth was held to a draw by young Victorian FM Karl Zelesco, IM Justin Tan was held to a draw by FM Zachary Loh & in the battle of the oldest & youngest players in the event, IM Mirko Rujevic held IM Anton Smirnov to a draw. Of the other games, the top players often had to struggle to earn their wins, with GM Vasily Papin & IM Stephen Solomon in particular being pushed to the very end, while IM Kanan Izzat seemed to be under pressure from FM Gene Nakauchi, however Kanan's king held solid & his attack broke through to score a nice win.

In the Reserves, games largely went according to seeding, although Judi Sugiharto & Nicholas Husek defeated their higher rated opponents, while eight games were drawn.

After a slight delay at the start of the event, with extra time needed to finalise the last few registrations in the Reserves, play got underway around 1:30pm. Everything ran smoothly, with the exception of a sign which fell from the balcony onto board 11! Thankfully Brodie McClymont was away from the board when the sign fell & his opponent Dusan Stojic simply adjusted the pieces that were displaced & continued to ponder his next move.

The Fitzroy Town Hall filled to near capacity as round 1 of the 2016 Australian Championships gets underway!



Championship Round 1 Results

1 Zelesco, Karl	2278 2340 [0]	½:½	Illingworth, Max	2517 2597 [0]
2 Papin, Vasily	2480 2536 [0]	1:0	Brown, Andrew	2271 2351 [0]
3 Nakauchi, Gene	2265 2313 [0]	0:1	Izzat, Kanan	2480 2521 [0]
4 Smirnov, Anton	2465 2482 [0]	½:½	Rujevic, Mirko	2252 2271 [0]
5 Loh, Zachary	2220 2231 [0]	½:½	Tan, Justin	2446 2415 [0]
6 Morris, James	2422 2461 [0]	1:0	Choong, Yita	2219 2336 [0]
7 Dragicevic, Domagoj	2197 2233 [0]	0:1	Cheng, Bobby	2417 2465 [0]
8 Johansen, Darryl K	2404 2463 [0]	1:0	Puccini, Jack	2192 2249 [0]
9 Levi, Eddy L	2191 2247 [0]	0:1	Ikeda, Junta	2390 2430 [0]
10 Solomon, Stephen J	2386 2417 [0]	1:0	Jordan, William	2184 2226 [0]
11 Stojic, Dusan	2181 2261 [0]	0:1	McClymont, Brodie	2347 2462 [0]
12 Schon, Eugene	2332 2312 [0]	1:0	Gorka, Carl	2149 2202 [0]
13 Hu, Jason	2121 2162 [0]	0:1	Wallis, Christopher	2327 2371 [0]
14 Canfell, Gregory J	2323 2356 [0]	1:0	Nemeth, John	2099 2170 [0]
15 Hacche, David J	2040 2082 [0]	0:1	Li, Zuhao (Luke)	2311 2359 [0]
16 Dale, Ari	2310 2354 [0]	1:0	Pyke, Malcolm L	2034 2102 [0]
17 Maguire, Tom	1983 2045 [0]	0:1	Chow, Samuel	2301 2345 [0]

Reserves Round 1 Top Board Results

20 Liu, David	1843 1599 [0]	0:1	Lekkas, Frank	2052 2111 [0]
21 Kethro, Michael	2018 2107 [0]	1:0	Staak, Eric	1716 1594 [0]
22 Dilag, Calixto	1690 1593 [0]	0:1	Gong, Patrick	1915 2061 [0]
23 Ng, Clive	2002 2052 [0]	1:0	Little, Ian	1589 1591 [0]
24 Brockman, Roland	1670 1585 [0]	½:½	Schmitz, Andreas Arnold	2047 [0]
25 Broekhuysen, Paul	2056 2043 [0]	1:0	Ilic, Milan	1655 1582 [0]
26 Winkelman, Albert	1712 1580 [0]	0:1	Spuler, David	1996 2036 [0]
27 Kelly, Adam	1955 2031 [0]	1:0	Beattie, Roger	1659 1560 [0]
28 Asaka, Samuel	1767 1555 [0]	0:1	Hogg, Dean	1984 2014 [0]
29 Mallari, Donato	1940 2013 [0]	1:0	Premathilaka, Kanishka	1785 1554 [0]
30 Bakanursky, Will	1772 1553 [0]	0:1	Jule, Alexandra	1997 2009 [0]

Championship results & games available on Chess Results

<http://chess-results.com/tnr202273.aspx?lan=1>

Results & pairings for both Championship & Reserves are available on Chess Chat

<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?16003-Australian-Championship-2016>

Results & pairings also available on the Championship website

<http://2016.chesschampionship.org.au/>

The winner of the Championships will be awarded the newly-created Darryl Johansen Cup, in recognition of the record number of six wins that Darryl Johansen has achieved in Australian Championships in the past. Perhaps Darryl might even win his own cup in 2016!

