



2016 Australian Chess Championship

Bulletin 3 – Day 3 / Round 4
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Round 4 in the Championships saw an outright leader emerge, as International Masters Kanan Izzat & James Morris put their friendship aside & engaged in a tactical slugfest! Kanan grabbed a pawn in the opening, consolidated his position & then took the opportunity to win more material when James played some inaccurate moves. Karl Zelesco & Bobby Cheng are just half a point behind Kanan, after wins against GM Vasily Papin & Anton Smirnov respectively. Zelesco's victory over the visiting Russian GM drew quite the crowd, as spectators were keen to witness the final moves of the game! Further down the field, defending Champion Max Illingworth's run of poor form continued, with a loss to FM Dusan Stojic, after he overlooked a relatively simple pinning tactic. Although Max's defence of his title is not over just yet, he really needs to put some wins on the board if he wishes to leave Melbourne with the Johansen Cup!

In the Reserves, there are now only two players with perfect scores, Clive Ng & Kris Chan & they will meet in round 5. As is often the case with events such as this, it is the underrated juniors who are most often responsible for the upset victories, however some of the 'old hands' are still proving to be tough to beat & the tournament is still very much up for grabs at this early stage.

A reminder for players who are interested in playing in the Australian Blitz Championships, scheduled for Friday January 8th (rest day in the Championship) starting at 2pm. Registrations are filling up fast & the venue (Melbourne Chess Club – 66 Leicester St Fitzroy) has a limited capacity, so if you wish to play in the event & have not yet registered or paid, please see Kerry Stead to register or Elizabeth Warren to register & pay for the event as soon as possible. The entry fee is \$25 for all players, with free entry offered to GMs & IMs. People who have previously registered for the event, but have not paid their entry fee need to do so by 1:30pm on the day of the event at the latest, otherwise their place may be offered to other potential entrants.

Spectators gather to watch the final games of the round in the Australian Championship



Championship Round 4 Results

1 Izzat, Kanan	2480 2521 [3]	1:0	Morris, James	2422 2461 [3]
2 Zelesco, Karl	2278 2340 [2.5]	1:0	Papin, Vasily	2480 2536 [2.5]
3 Cheng, Bobby	2417 2465 [2.5]	1:0	Smirnov, Anton	2465 2482 [2.5]
4 Johansen, Darryl K	2404 2463 [2]	½:½	Canfell, Gregory J	2323 2356 [2]
5 McClymont, Brodie	2347 2462 [2]	0:1	Li, Zuhao (Luke)	2311 2359 [2]
6 Wallis, Christopher	2327 2371 [2]	0:1	Dale, Ari	2310 2354 [2]
7 Puccini, Jack	2192 2249 [2]	½:½	Solomon, Stephen J	2386 2417 [1.5]
8 Ikeda, Junta	2390 2430 [1.5]	½:½	Loh, Zachary	2220 2231 [1.5]
9 Chow, Samuel	2301 2345 [1.5]	½:½	Dragicevic, Domagoj	2197 2233 [1.5]
10 Rujevic, Mirko	2252 2271 [1.5]	0:1	Hu, Jason	2121 2162 [1.5]
11 Illingworth, Max	2517 2597 [1]	0:1	Stojic, Dusan	2181 2261 [1]
12 Tan, Justin	2446 2415 [1]	1:0	Hacche, David J	2040 2082 [1]
13 Jordan, William	2184 2226 [1]	0:1	Schon, Eugene	2332 2312 [1]
14 Choong, Yita	2219 2336 [1]	½:½	Gorka, Carl	2149 2202 [1]
15 Maguire, Tom	1983 2045 [1]	1:0	Levi, Eddy L	2191 2247 [1]
16 Brown, Andrew	2271 2351 [0]	0:1	Nakauchi, Gene	2265 2313 [0.5]
17 Nemeth, John	2099 2170 [0]	½:½	Pyke, Malcolm L	2034 2102 [0]

Reserves Round 4 Top Board Results

20 Narenthran, Tharmaratnam	1993 1980 [3]	0:1	Ng, Clive	2002 2052 [3]
21 Chan, Kris	1990 1915 [3]	1:0	Broekhuysse, Paul	2056 2043 [3]
22 Tsai, Charles	1949 1821 [3]	½:½	Kelly, Adam	1955 2031 [3]
23 Gong, Patrick	1915 2061 [2.5]	1:0	Penrose, Justin	1927 1910 [3]
24 Stewart, Scott	1928 1870 [2.5]	0:1	Kethro, Michael	2018 2107 [2.5]
25 Hogg, Dean	1984 2014 [2.5]	0:1	Girgin, Ege	1881 1833 [2.5]
26 Jule, Alexandra	1997 2009 [2.5]	1:0	Yung, Cameron	1853 1809 [2.5]
27 Bhat, Vishal	1969 1794 [2.5]	½:½	Dalton, Samuel	1982 1972 [2.5]
28 Peng, Shunkai	1938 1938 [2.5]	1:0	Kalisch, Tom	1824 1764 [2.5]
29 Glissan, Paul	1800 1738 [2.5]	½:½	Abbott, Peter	1913 1901 [2.5]
30 Crossman, Tom	1879 1889 [2.5]	1:0	Guo, Zhi Lin	1765 1701 [2.5]
31 Watson, James	1591 1633 [2.5]	½:½	Quek, Kristine	2028 1877 [2.5]
32 Lekkas, Frank	2052 2111 [2]	1:0	Wyss, Felix	1774 1676 [2]
33 Schmitz, Andreas Arnold	2047 2047 [2]	½:½	Narenthran, Savithri	1747 1648 [2]
34 Crowley, Regan	1794 1689 [2]	½:½	Mallari, Donato	1940 2013 [2]
35 Harris, Anthony	1742 1667 [2]	0:1	Carolyn-Unkovich, George	1932 1948 [2]
36 Korenevski, Oleg	1881 1654 [2]	½:½	Ly, Thai	1928 1930 [2]
37 Davis, Tony J	1849 1897 [2]	1:0	Johnston, Thomas	1812 1629 [2]
38 Hose, Shaun	1932 1894 [2]	1:0	Young, Nathanael	1760 1626 [2]
39 Russell, Paul	1863 1878 [2]	0:1	Parle, Hughston	1716 1640 [2]
40 Gibson, Kyle	1847 1876 [2]	1:0	Liu, David	1843 1599 [2]
41 Anderson, Alistair	1910 1842 [2]	½:½	Dilag, Calixto	1690 1593 [2]
42 Yu, Bobby	1801 1829 [2]	1:0	Winkelman, Albert	1712 1580 [2]
43 Johnson, Nicholas	1646 [2]	0:1	Ghumman, Shumsheer	1841 1788 [2]
44 Hoholis, Harry	1819 1778 [2]	0:1	Strickland, Rebecca	1611 1522 [2]
45 Barber, Geoffrey	1754 1628 [2]	½:½	Braguine, Victor	1875 1775 [2]
46 Zhong, Tony (Junhao)	1822 1773 [2]	0:1	Gong, Qiming	1498 1498 [2]
47 Stokes, Mark C	1821 1535 [2]	½:½	Chmiel, Rad	1810 1769 [2]
48 Yao, Licia	1668 1501 [2]	½:½	Krstevski, Tristan	1802 1767 [2]
49 Au, Alexander	1555 1439 [2]	½:½	Weller, Tony	1886 1701 [2]
50 Fry, Peter	1758 1692 [2]	1:0	Mocclair, Philip	[2]