



## 2016 Australian Chess Championship

Bulletin 4 – Day 4 / Round 5  
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Round 5 in the Championship saw Kanan Izzat continue his winning ways at the top of the tournament, though it was not all plain sailing, with his opponent Bobby Cheng holding a slight edge for much of the game. Just when the position appeared headed for a draw in a rook endgame, Cheng went astray & allowed Izzat to gain a passed h-pawn & the resulting queen & rook endgame saw Cheng's exposed king quickly get into trouble, forcing Cheng to resign. Karl Zelesco & Luke Li moved into second place, with Zelesco drawing with James Morris, while Li won the battle of Melbourne High against Ari Dale. If Zelesco & Li can keep this form going into the later rounds, then an IM norm might become a real possibility!

The day's drama in the Championship saw IM Justin Tan lose on time against FM Domagoj Dragicevic. Tan said he played his 40<sup>th</sup> move (Kf8) & pressed his clock, however the clock did not register his press & counted to 0:00. As arbiter, I was called over to the board to make a ruling & although some other participants saw Tan make the move, apparently before his clock reached 0:00, I had no choice but to follow the FIDE rules:

*6.8 A flag is considered to have fallen when the arbiter observes the fact or when either player has made a valid claim to that effect.*

*6.9 ... if a player does not complete the prescribed number of moves in the allotted time, the game is lost by that player.*

*6.10 a. Every indication given by the chessclock is considered to be conclusive in the absence of any evident defect.*

As a result, I awarded the game to Dragicevic, in spite of Dragicevic's insistence that he did not want to win the game like that. At the time Dragicevic was a pawn ahead in a minor piece endgame, but not clearly winning the position.

In the Reserves, the top board clash between Clive Ng & Kris Chan ended in a draw, meaning that they retained their share of the lead, however they were joined in first place by Michael Kethro, Patrick Gong & Alexandra Jule, all on 4.5/5. With another ten players a further half point behind, the tournament is still very much up for grabs!



*A crowd gathers to watch the tense closing stages of the top board clash between IM Bobby Cheng & IM Kanan Izzat*

### Championship Round 5 Results

|                       |                 |     |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Cheng, Bobby        | 2417 2465 [3.5] | 0:1 | Izzat, Kanan        | 2480 2521 [4]   |
| 2 Morris, James       | 2422 2461 [3]   | ½:½ | Zelesco, Karl       | 2278 2340 [3.5] |
| 3 Li, Zuhao (Luke)    | 2311 2359 [3]   | 1:0 | Dale, Ari           | 2310 2354 [3]   |
| 4 Papin, Vasily       | 2480 2536 [2.5] | 1:0 | Canfell, Gregory J  | 2323 2356 [2.5] |
| 5 Smirnov, Anton      | 2465 2482 [2.5] | 1:0 | Puccini, Jack       | 2192 2249 [2.5] |
| 6 Hu, Jason           | 2121 2162 [2.5] | 1:0 | Johansen, Darryl K  | 2404 2463 [2.5] |
| 7 Dragicevic, Domagoj | 2197 2233 [2]   | 1:0 | Tan, Justin         | 2446 2415 [2]   |
| 8 Stojic, Dusan       | 2181 2261 [2]   | 0:1 | Ikeda, Junta        | 2390 2430 [2]   |
| 9 Solomon, Stephen J  | 2386 2417 [2]   | 0:1 | Wallis, Christopher | 2327 2371 [2]   |
| 10 Loh, Zachary       | 2220 2231 [2]   | 0:1 | McClymont, Brodie   | 2347 2462 [2]   |
| 11 Schon, Eugene      | 2332 2312 [2]   | ½:½ | Chow, Samuel        | 2301 2345 [2]   |
| 12 Nakauchi, Gene     | 2265 2313 [1.5] | ½:½ | Maguire, Tom        | 1983 2045 [2]   |
| 13 Gorka, Carl        | 2149 2202 [1.5] | 0:1 | Rujevic, Mirko      | 2252 2271 [1.5] |
| 14 Levi, Eddy L       | 2191 2247 [1]   | 0:1 | Choong, Yita        | 2219 2336 [1.5] |
| 15 Hacche, David J    | 2040 2082 [1]   | 0:1 | Illingworth, Max    | 2517 2597 [1]   |
| 16 Pyke, Malcolm L    | 2034 2102 [.5]  | 0:1 | Jordan, William     | 2184 2226 [1]   |
| 17 Brown, Andrew      | 2271 2351 [0]   | 1:0 | Nemeth, John        | 2099 2170 [.5]  |

### Reserves Round 5 Top Board Results

|                             |                 |     |                          |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 20 Ng, Clive                | 2002 2052 [4]   | ½:½ | Chan, Kris               | 1990 1915 [4]   |
| 21 Kethro, Michael          | 2018 2107 [3.5] | 1:0 | Peng, Shunkai            | 1938 1938 [3.5] |
| 22 Girgin, Ege              | 1881 1833 [3.5] | 0:1 | Gong, Patrick            | 1915 2061 [3.5] |
| 23 Kelly, Adam              | 1955 2031 [3.5] | ½:½ | Crossman, Tom            | 1879 1889 [3.5] |
| 24 Tsai, Charles            | 1949 1821 [3.5] | 0:1 | Jule, Alexandra          | 1997 2009 [3.5] |
| 25 Quek, Kristine           | 2028 1877 [3]   | ½:½ | Lekkas, Frank            | 2052 2111 [3]   |
| 26 Broekhuysse, Paul        | 2056 2043 [3]   | 0:1 | Gibson, Kyle             | 1847 1876 [3]   |
| 27 Parle, Hughston          | 1716 1640 [3]   | 0:1 | Narenthran, Tharmaratnam | 1993 1980 [3]   |
| 28 Dalton, Samuel           | 1982 1972 [3]   | 0:1 | Yu, Bobby                | 1801 1829 [3]   |
| 29 Carolin-Unkovich, George | 1932 1948 [3]   | 0:1 | Bhat, Vishal             | 1969 1794 [3]   |
| 30 Penrose, Justin          | 1927 1910 [3]   | 1:0 | Glissan, Paul            | 1800 1738 [3]   |
| 31 Abbott, Peter            | 1913 1901 [3]   | 1:0 | Fry, Peter               | 1758 1692 [3]   |
| 32 Ghumman, Shumsheer       | 1841 1788 [3]   | 0:1 | Davis, Tony J            | 1849 1897 [3]   |
| 33 Strickland, Rebecca      | 1611 1522 [3]   | ½:½ | Bonham, Kevin            | 1895 [3]        |
| 34 Gong, Qiming             | 1498 1498 [3]   | +:- | Hose, Shaun              | 1932 1894 [3]   |
| 35 Schmitz, Andreas Arnold  | 2047 2047 [2.5] | ½:½ | Watson, James            | 1591 1633 [3]   |
| 36 Lovejoy, David           | 1857 1711 [2.5] | 0:1 | Spuler, David            | 1996 2036 [2.5] |
| 37 Weller, Tony             | 1886 1701 [2.5] | 0:1 | Hogg, Dean               | 1984 2014 [2.5] |
| 38 Mallari, Donato          | 1940 2013 [2.5] | 1:0 | Anton, Sarah             | 1738 1703 [2.5] |
| 39 Chan, Luis               | 2099 1995 [2.5] | 1:0 | Crowley, Regan           | 1794 1689 [2.5] |
| 40 Narenthran, Savithri     | 1747 1648 [2.5] | 0:1 | Ahmer, Axel              | 1750 1972 [2.5] |
| 41 Ly, Thai                 | 1928 1930 [2.5] | 1:0 | O'Donoghue, Malachi      | 1754 1678 [2.5] |
| 42 Schmitz, Manuela         | 1915 1915 [2.5] | ½:½ | Korenevski, Oleg         | 1881 1654 [2.5] |
| 43 Guo, Zhi Lin             | 1765 1701 [2.5] | ½:½ | Stewart, Scott           | 1928 1870 [2.5] |
| 44 Beckman, John            | 1530 1433 [2.5] | 0:1 | Anderson, Alistair       | 1910 1842 [2.5] |
| 45 Yung, Cameron            | 1853 1809 [2.5] | 1:0 | Barber, Geoffrey         | 1754 1628 [2.5] |
| 46 Braguine, Victor         | 1875 1775 [2.5] | 1:0 | Stokes, Mark C           | 1821 1535 [2.5] |
| 47 Chmiel, Rad              | 1810 1769 [2.5] | 1:0 | Yao, Licia               | 1668 1501 [2.5] |
| 48 Dilag, Calixto           | 1690 1593 [2.5] | 0:1 | Setiabudi, Megan         | 1824 1767 [2.5] |
| 49 Krstevski, Tristan       | 1802 1767 [2.5] | 1:0 | Qin, Tomson              | 1642 1493 [2.5] |
| 50 Lu, Lillian              | 1521 1398 [2.5] | 0:1 | Voon, Richard            | 1800 1765 [2.5] |