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After 2 rounds in the GM Norm tournament, 4 Grandmasters are dominating the proceeding. They have scored 5 wins and 5 draws. Vasily Papin after winning a very nice sacrificial game against Karl Zelesco is the sole leader with 2 points.



Temur Kuybokarov with his mother Tatiana before the game against Anton Smirnov.



Anton Smirnov after a quiet opening managed to win material and the game against Temur Kuybokarov. This was Anton's first win in his new Grandmaster capacity. Symbolically Anton who was born in our capital city Canberra from Russian parents won his game playing the Petrov defence (sometimes called Russian game).



The Australian Champion Bobby Cheng using risky strategy in the game against Chris Wallis nearly backfired. Luckily a perpetual check was the outcome of this interesting game.

Our two top seeds French Grandmasters Adrien Demuth and Fabien Libiszewski together with Anton are on 1.5 points. Round 3 will see the first in the tournament all Grandmasters clash (Libiszewski-Demuth).

In IM Norm tournament we have 2 leaders (IM Eric Rosen and WGM Pauline Guichard) with a perfect score. International Master Eric Rosen from the United States of America is a keen traveller and reporter. Half a point behind the leaders is Australian IM Stephen Solomon.



The only lady in the field, French visitor WGM Pauline Guichard fresh from her success in 2017 European Women Rapid Play Championship. Unfortunately she had to experience our unreliable Sunday tram public transport and had to rely on Uber to arrive just 7 minutes before the forfeiture time. Despite this she managed to win her game.



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29TH AUSTRALIAN / AUSTRALASIAN MASTERS					
GRANDMASTER NORM TOURNAMENT					
ROUND 2					
BOARD	PRE-GAME SCORE	WHITE	ROUND 2 RESULT	BLACK	PRE-GAME SCORE
1	0	GM ZELESKO	0-1	GM PAPIN	1
2	1/2	IM IZZAT	1/2	GM LIBISZEWSKI	1
3	1/2	GM DEMUTH	1-0	GM DALE	0
4	1/2	GM SMIRNOV	1-0	GM RUTBOKAROV	1
5	0	GM WALLIS	1/2	GM CHENG	1/2

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER NORM TOURNAMENT					
6	1	IM ANG	0-1	IM ROSEN	1
7	0	GM LEVI	0-1	GM CANFELL	0
8	1	WGM GUICHARD	1-0	GM LEE	1/2
9	1	IM SOLOMON	1/2	GM SCHON	1/2
10	0	GM DRAGICEVIC	0-1	GM KHAMATGALEEV	0

Result board in the foyer of the Melbourne Chess Club.

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