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## 2017 Australasian Masters

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Round 4 in both tournaments were action packed with 8 decisive games! It was nice to see that 3 players registered their first wins in the 2017 Masters.



After a disappointing loss on time in the 3rd round, FM Karl Zelesco bounced back in round 4 with a win against IM Temur Kuybokarov



A very tense game as former World Champion Under 12 Bobby Cheng managed to engage his French Defence bishop to shield his king from danger and went on to win. Bobby is now placed second and needs 3.5 from the 5 remaining games to become a Grandmaster. His live FIDE rating is now 2505



IM Ari Dale won his first game in the tournament under the watchful eyes of the Chief Arbiter and a couple of Melbourne Chess Club members.



Tournament leader GM Vasily Papin preparing his army....



GM Adrien Demuth from France had a quiet draw against Anton Smirnov

In IM Norm event Eric Rosen won his fourth game in a row and in round 5 will meet second placed Pauline Guichard.



IM Eric Rosen from the USA ponders his next move



Checkmate! IM Stephen Solomon delivered a nice economical check mate to the joint tournament leader WGM Pauline Guichard

So far the youngsters are doing reasonably well



CM Alphaeus Ang from New Zealand scored a good win against FM Greg Canfell in round



FM Qung Aun Lee from Singapore in round 3 managed to win against the Australian legend IM Stephen Solomon

It is hot 37 C day expected today in Melbourne and we are sure to see some fireworks on the chess boards once again!

As always all results, games and reports can be seen [here](#)