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In the GM Norm tournament 3 games ended in a draw and in 2 other games black managed to win.



IM Bobby Cheng played his pet variation but was undone by his King move. GM Fabien Libiszewski exploits Bobby's blunder.



Papin-Demuth ended in a quick draw but even in the game like this you can find some interesting stories behind the scene. French Grandmaster wrote a book about Reti Opening and of course knows a lot of new ideas in this opening. He used one of such ideas to equalise with ease. Congratulations on publishing your first book Adrien!



Tournament leader Vasily Papin watching the game between Dale-Zelesco where Karl showed that opposite colour bishops are useful tools for attacking. This was his second win in a row for Karl and is still in the hunt for an IM Norm (4.5 points from 9).



FM Chris Wallis was never in danger and drew pretty comfortably against GM Anton Smirnov.



Friendly post mortem analysis between IM Kanan Izzat and IM Temur Temur Kuybokarov held in Russian which is one of the official FIDE languages.



Tournament playing hall at the Melbourne Chess Club.

In the IM Norm event undoubtedly the game of the round was the clash between leaders IM Eric Rosen and WGM Pauline Guichard.



In the long and protracted game WGM Pauline Guichard managed to prevail and once again is sharing the lead with IM Eric Rosen and both have 4 points. She needs to score 3 points from 4 games to achieve an IM Norm.



After a slow start the tournament top seed IM Alexey Khamatgaleev won against FM Greg Canfell and is only half point behind the joint leaders.



Finally after 4 draws Box Hill Chess Club co-champion FM Eugene Schon won his first game and if he keeps winning then he can reach the magical 7 points and score an IM Norm.



Cross Table after 5 rounds



Round 5 results

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