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Round 7 was a bad round for the leaders in both tournaments. The GM Norm event is wide open with 7 players still able to win the tournament. Leaders are Papin, Kuybokarov and Demuth on 4.5 points. Cheng and Smirnov are on 4 points followed by Libiszewski and Izzat on 3.5 points.



Russian Grandmaster Vasily Papin was stopped by a very determined IM Temur Kuybokarov. This was the first loss for Vasily after fifteen unbeaten games in Australia this year. Temur displayed a very good understanding of the subtleties in the French Defence and is still in the hunt for his last GM Norm. He requires wins against Cheng and Demuth in the last 2 rounds. We wish him luck!



In opening of this game IM Bobby Cheng managed to get ahead in position plus an extra hour on his clock. Unfortunately something went wrong for the Australian Champion in middle game and he was lucky not to lose and the game ended in a draw. Unfortunately no GM Norm for Bobby from this tournament



Before the round GM Anton Smirnov, GM Vasily Papin and IM Leonid Sandler participated in the Russian Radio SBS program discussing several topics including the recent chess sensation Alpha Zero crushing Stockfish. Follow the interview on the following link [Radio SBS](#)



Australian youngest GM Anton Smirnov presented the latest 50 moves magazine to the Russian SBS Radio chief-producer Sima Tsyskin.

In IM Norm tournament, Pauline Guichard and Stephen Solomon are joint leaders on 5 points. They are closely followed by Alexey Khamatgaleev, Eugene Schon and Qing Lee on 4.5 points. Eric Rosen is still on 4 points. All these 6 players can win the tournament.



WGM Pauline Guichard needs to win her last remaining 2 games to create some chess history. Never before in nearly the thirty year history of the Australasian Masters has a woman won this tournament as well as an IM Norm



WGM Pauline Guichard delivered a nice checkmate to the previous tournament leader IM Alexey Khamatgaleev



Round 7 games attracted the attention of our official photographer Raelene Zelesco. Her son FM Karl Zelesco needs to score 1.5 points in the last 2 rounds for an IM Norm

29TH AUSTRALIAN/AUSTRALASIAN MASTERS					
GRANDMASTER NORM TOURNAMENT					
ROUND 7					
BOARD	PRE-GAME SCORE	PLAYER WHITE	ROUND 7 RESULT	PLAYER BLACK	PRE-GAME SCORE
1	1½	IM JIM DALE	½	GM FABIAN LIBISZEWSKI	3
2	1	FM CHRIS WALLIS	½	FM KARL ZELESCO	2½
3	3½	IM BOB CHENG	½	GM ADREN DEMUTH	4
4	3½	GM ANDRUS SMIRNOV	½	IM KAMRAN IZZAT	3
5	3½	IM TIMUR KUYBOKAROV	1-0	GM VASILE PAPIN	4½

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER NORM TOURNAMENT					
6	3½	IM QING-AN LEE	1-0	FM CHRIS CINFELL	1½
7	3	FM DOMAGOJ DRAGICEVIC	½	CM ALPHANUS WU-EN ANG	2
8	4½	IM ALEXEI KHAMATGALEEV	0-1	WGM PAULINE GUICHARD	4
9	4	IM STEPHEN SOLOMON	1-0	FM EDDY LEVI	0
10	3½	FM EUGENE SCHON	1-0	IM ERIC ROSEN	4

Round 7 results

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INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER Norm Tournament



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. IM KENNETH IZZAT	1	1/2	1/2	2	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
2. IM FRANK LIBISZEWSKI	1	1/2	2	2	3	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
3. IM VASILY PAPIN	1	2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
4. IM BOBAY CHENG	1	1	2	3	3	3 1/2	4	4	4	4
5. IM THOMAS KUYBOKAROV	1	1	2	2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
6. IM ARI DALE	0	0	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	2	2	2	2
7. IM ANDREY SMIRNOV	1	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	4	4	4
8. IM CHRISTOPHER WALLIS	0	1	1 1/2	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
9. IM KAREL ZELESCO	0	0	0	1	2	2 1/2	3	3	3	3
10. IM ANDREW DEMUTH	1	1	2	2 1/2	3	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2



INTERNATIONAL MASTER Norm Tournament



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. IM ELOI LEVI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. IM CHRIS CANNELL	0	1	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
3. IM BEN ROSEN	1	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4. IM ALEXEI KHAMATGALEEV	0	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
5. IM ELMAN SCHON	1	1	1 1/2	2	3	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
6. IM QING-AN LEE	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
7. IM STEPHEN SOLOMON	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	3	4	5	5	5	5
8. IM DRAGAN DRAGICEVIC	0	0	1	1 1/2	2	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
9. IM ANDREW WILK ERS	1	1	1 1/2	2	2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
10. IM JACQUES GUICHARD	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	5

Cross Tables after 7 rounds

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