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All games in the GM Norm event were decisive in round 8!



Calm start of round 8



GM Fabien Libiszewski for the third time in the tournament had an unhappy game with the Sicilian Defence. He misplayed this opening and was outplayed by Australia's youngest Grandmaster



IM Bobby Cheng won his game against IM Temur Kuybokarov



Bobby Cheng closely watches the game between GM Adrien Demuth and FM Karl Zelesco. Adrien eventually delivered a checkmate



After the completion of round 8Kanan is happy who was in time trouble but managed to out fox Chris Wallis. Temur is still smiling despite losing his chances for a GM Norm. Victorious Vasily is very serious and perhaps thinking about tomorrow's game against Anton

Going into the last round, 6 players can still win the tournament. The central game of the last round undoubtedly will be the clash between old foes Smirnov (5 points)---Papin (5.5 points). They have played in all GM Norm events in Melbourne and the score is level on 2-2. The most memorable between these two was the last round in 2014 when Anton needed to win to obtain a GM Norm but lost with the white pieces with the thematic hedgehog structure. What will happen in their 5th game tomorrow? Another game to watch would be the clash between Kuybokarov (4.5)---Demuth (5.5). Of course the Lidums Australian Young Masters joint winners Cheng and Izzat will try to finish the tournament on a high note. Substantial prize money (\$1500,\$1000,\$500) are at stake, the Champion title plus of course bragging rights....

Unfortunately in the IM Norm event chances of an IM Norm has slipped and nobody can get the magical 7 points required.



WGM Pauline Guichard had good chances in Round 8 against CM Alphaeus Ang but in the end was lucky to survive with a draw



FM Eddy Levi won his first game against FM Domagoj Dragicevic in his trademark attacking style.



Victorian FM Eugene Schon won against IM Alexej Khamatgaleev. He now is joint leaders with WGM Pauline Guichard

In last round both leaders will meet each other, a dream pairing indeed! Schon(5.5 points)--Guichard(5.5 points). Another two games to watch would be Lee(5)--Khamatgaleev(4.5) and Solomon(5)--Rosen(4,5). Many players from both tournaments will participate in the 2017 Victorian Blitz Championship which is being held at MCC on Monday December 18 from 6-30 pm.

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GRANDMASTER
 NORM TOURNAMENT
 ROUND 8
 Starts at 19:00

BOARD	PRE-GAME SCORE	WHITE	ROUND 8 RESULT	BLACK	PRE-GAME SCORE
1	3½	1st Rank LIBISZEWSKI	0-1	1st Rank SMIRNOV	4
2	4	1st Rank CHENG	1-0	1st Rank KUYBOKAROV	4½
3	3½	1st Rank IZZAT	1-0	1st Rank WALLIS	1½
4	4½	1st Rank DEMUTH	1-0	1st Rank ZELESKO	3
5	4½	1st Rank PAPIN	1-0	1st Rank DALE	2

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER
 NORM TOURNAMENT

BOARD	PRE-GAME SCORE	WHITE	ROUND 8 RESULT	BLACK	PRE-GAME SCORE
6	1½	1st Rank CANFELL	1-0	1st Rank SOLOMON	5
7	4½	1st Rank KHAMATGALEEV	0-1	1st Rank SCHON	4½
8	0	1st Rank LEVI	1-0	1st Rank DRAGICEVIC	3½
9	5	1st Rank GUICHARD	½	1st Rank ANG	2½
10	4	1st Rank ROSEN	½	1st Rank LEE	4½

Round 8 results

INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER Norm Tournament

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Points
1	IZZAT	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	4			4.5
2	LIBISZEWSKI	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3			4.5
3	PAPIN	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	5			4.5
4	CHENG	1	1	2	3	3	4	5				4.5
5	KUYBOKAROV	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	4			4.5
6	DALE	0	0	1	1	1	2	2				2.0
7	SMIRNOV	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	5			4.5
8	WALLIS	0	1	1	1	1	1	1				1.5
9	ZELESKO	0	0	1	2	2	3	3				3.0
10	DEMUTH	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5			4.5

INTERNATIONAL MASTER Norm Tournament

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Points
1	LEVI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1.0
2	CANFELL	0	1	1	1	1	1	2				4.5
3	ROSEN	1	2	3	4	4	4	4				4.5
4	KHAMATGALEEV	0	1	2	2	3	4	4				4.5
5	SCHON	1	1	2	3	3	4	5				4.5
6	LEE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				4.5
7	SOLOMON	1	1	1	2	3	4	5				4.5
8	DRAGICEVIC	0	0	1	1	2	3	3				3.5
9	ANG	1	1	1	2	2	2	3				3.5
10	GUICHARD	1	2	3	4	4	5	5				5.5

Cross Table after round 8

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