

Australian Chess Championships

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Australian Junior Chess Championships



Bulletin No. 2
Friday 30 December

Day 2 dawned as a typical muggy Brisbane summer day, somewhat overcast but fiercely hot when the sun emerged. The first day's arctic conditions in the Crest have been remedied and no frostbite cases were reported.

Games

After a few hiccups on day one, we are catching up with entering games from both the adult and junior events. These games are now available on our internet site to play through in a game viewer or to download as pgn files.

Australian Juniors

After two rounds of the various events in the Australian Junior Championships, the leading players are still jostling for position, with just the odd player dropping half a point here and there.

In the Under 18 Open, reigning champion **Moulthun Ly** continued his fine start to the tournament with a fairly quick win against **David Webster**. One of his main rivals for the championship, **Ronald Yu**, dropped half a point to **Ben Harris**, but **Vincent Suttor** and **Junta Ikeda** both won against **James Morris** and **Daniel Anderson** respectively. Big upsets were scored by **Edwin Wu**, **Michael McGuirk**, **Michael Gearing**, **Daniel Posner**, **Jonathan Behne-Smith** and **James Griggs** in this section.

In the Under 18 girls event, **Alexandra Jule**, **Jessica Kinder**, **Miona Ikeda**, **Sally Yu** and **Susan Sheng** are on maximum points.

Both **Yuan Yi** and **Kelvin Finke** won in the Under 12 open event, but **Alex Grossman**, who lives in the USA but is representing Victoria, dropped half a point against **Oscar Wang**. Most of the results in this section went with seedings.

Emma Guo, **Charmian Zhang**, **Katrina Knapp** and **Karen Khoo** are on maximum points in the Under 12 girls, with no major surprises.

The Xstrata Australian Championships

In the championship event, round two results were a little more predictable after the five fairly major upsets in round one. Queensland **IMs David Smerdon** and **Stephen Solomon** drew with **GMs Lubomir Ftacnik** and **Roland Schmalz** respectively.

Giant-killer **James Obst** is proving the surprise packet of the event so far, with a victory over **Arianne Caoili** adding to his first round scalp of **Igor Goldenberg**.

In the Major, **Tony Davis** had an upset win over **Mehmedalija Dizdarevic**, and **Brayden Soo** and **Luthien Russell** had draws against **Damien Norris** and **Frank Barisic** respectively, both rated several hundred points higher. It was a surprise to see that **Craig Duxbury** won in only 10 moves against **John Myers**.

As the top seeds start playing each other, round three will see a lot more tightly contested games in all events.

Player Profile

This person has successfully completed the first two rounds of the 2006 Australian Junior 18 Girls Championship. She is a member of the Gold Coast Chess Club and has a current ACF ranking of 1553. She has won the Girls Under-16 Queensland Championship for the last two years. She loves the theory and the principle of the middle game. When she not enjoying the competition over the chess board, she loves hanging out with friends, reading and watching or playing any sport possible.

She loves her Sushi, but has a general dislike of seafood and hates brussel sprouts with a passion. One of her favourite movies is 'Troy' - her reason? 'the guys are hot'. She loves to listen to 'Veronica' and especially the new song 'Nobody wins' (not applicable to her chess though!)

OK, you've probably guessed—this person is the redoubtable **Alexandra Jule**.

Arbiters' angle

Our illustrious arbiters have appointed a **Dispute Panel** to settle any potential problems involving specific contentious arbiting issues. Most states are represented in the 12 member panel.

There will be an **Arbiter's Workshop** on **Sunday 1 January at 1 pm** in the Analysis Room. Anyone with aspirations to organize and run tournaments could find this meeting very helpful. The future of chess depends on people willing to take on these roles.

A few gentle reminders for **spectators**—who apparently are generally very well-behaved!

- Please keep to the designated areas for viewing and make no noise.
- Photos can only be taken within the first ten minutes.
- Please keep noise levels down in the foyer.

And **players** are reminded that score sheets must be legible—our intrepid band of games enterers are very happy if they can decipher them easily.

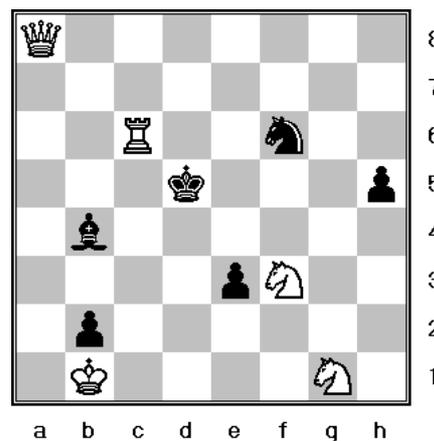
Problem Corner

Was No. 1 a bit of a teaser? Took a bit of thinking outside the square, so to speak? Try the following moves:

1.Ne6 2.Nc7 3.Na8 4.Kc7 5.b8=B 6.Rb7 7.cBa7 8.b6 9.b5 10.Qe7+ Kxe7

Arthur Willmott's Problem No. 2

Mate in 3



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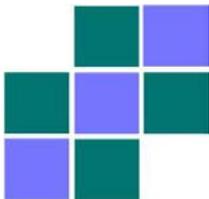
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Alex Davidovic's annotated games from round 1

Laura Moylan - Greg Canfell

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Bd3 d5 (Black usually needs to put in lots of effort to be able to play this liberating move, but possibly in a bid to avoid the well-trodden theoretical paths, Laura never even tries to stop it, preferring to keep her knight on b1 for the time being.)

7.Nc6 bc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.f4 Nc5 10.Be2 Qb6 11.O-O Qb2 (Happy that he has equalized so comfortably, black decides to press for more and accepts the offering. White's compensation is that black is yet to develop most of his pieces. This compensation seems dubious in the absence of weak spots in the black position, but to her credit, Laura manages to keep her opponent busy.) 12.Nd2

Na4 13.Bd3 Bc5 14.Bc5 Nc5 15.Be2 (Aware that without Bd3 there is no counter-play, white retreats it to e2 for the second time.) 15...Qd4 16.Kh1 O-O 17.Rf3 f6

18.c3 Qa4 19.Nb3 Ne4 20.Qf1! (Stopping 20...Ba6 and further exchanges.) 20...fe5 (Black could have waited with this move for a more opportune moment. Opening the position before black is fully developed favours white, who jumps at the opportunity for some kingside activity.) 21.fe5 Bd7 22.Bd3 Qa3

23.Qe1 Ng5 24.Qh4 h6 25.Rg3 Qe7 26.Nd2 Qd8 27.Nf3 Ne4

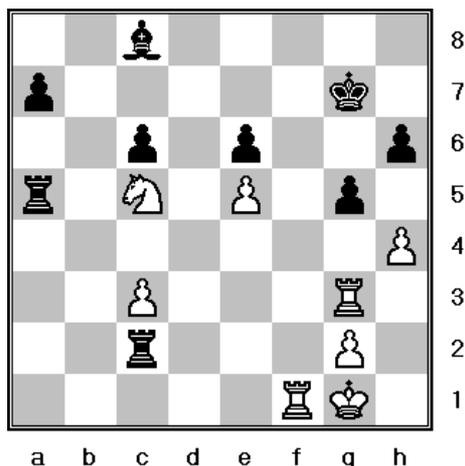
28.Be4 Qh4 29.Nh4 de4 30.Ng6 (To neutralize his opponent's initiative, black heads for the endgame, but the task is now more difficult: Bd7 is yet to find an active role.) 30...Rf2 31.Kg1 Rd2 32.Re3 Kh7

33.Nf4 g5? (This move seems to create more problems than it solves.) 34.Nh5 Rb8 35.Nf6 Kg7 36.Ne4 (White re-establishes the material equilibrium. To black's chagrin, his bishop is more passive than ever, and Laura transfers all of her attention to the vulnerable king.) 36...Rc2 37.Nc5 Rbb2

38.Rg3 Bc8 39.h4 Ra2 40.Rf1! Ra5 (diagram) 41.hg5!! Rc5 42.gh6 Kh6

43.Rf8 Kh7 44.Rf4

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Moulthun Ly - Alex Wohl

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Qb6 (4...Qb6 has become popular in recent years due to the article published in New in Chess magazine by the international master Zoran Illic. The idea is do dislodge Nd4 from the centre - at least temporarily. The game often transposes into common variations of the Sicilian.) 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6

7.Bd3! (7.Be2 allows 7...Bb4 and 8...d5, with a good game for black. Attacking the queen with 7.Be3 deserves attention. C7 is a better square for the black queen than b6, so Moulthun decides not to give chase.) 7...d6 8.O-O a6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Kh1 Qc7 11.f4 b5 12.a3 O-O

13.Bd2 Rb8 14.Rae1 b4!? 15.ab4 Nb4 16.Nb5!? ab5 17.Bb4 e5

18.Ra1 Be6 19.Na5 (White prevents 19...Bc4 and threatens 20.f5.) 19...ef4 20.Rf4 Nd7 21.Nb3 Bb3 22.cb3 Ne5

23.Bc3 Nd3?! (Questionable decision. White's pair of bishops looks menacing so in a balanced position black parts with his strong knight for Bd3. However, in the endgame that follows white finds the optimal squares for his pieces, taking over the initiative.) 24.Qd3 Qd7 25.b4 Qe6 26.Raf1 f6 27.h3 Rf7 28.Rf5

Qc4 29.Qc4 bc4 30.Rd5 Bf8 31.g4 Rc7 32.Kg2 Be7 33.Ra1 Kf7

34.Kf3 Ke6 35.Ra6 Rcb7 36.Ke3 Rb4 (Unhappy about the prospect of passive defense, black sacrifices the exchange, picking up the pawns in the process and activating his remaining rook. His compensation is inadequate only because of the remaining b pawn, which is free to head for the back rank.) 37.Bb4 Rb4 38.Rd2 Rb3

39.Kd4 Rh3 40.Kc4 h5 41.gh5 Rh5 42.b4 Rh1 43.Rb2 Rh4 44.b5

Ke5 45.b6 Re4 46.Kb5 Bd8 47.b7 Bc7 48.Rc6

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