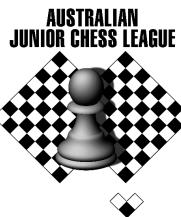




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Now there are just four contenders for the U18 title, and in two cases that contention is very remote. Bobby Cheng leads Andrew Brown by a point, and has a two-point buffer over James Morris and Eugene Schon. James and Eugene have finally clawed their way back to the top table after a couple of losses apiece, but they must now both beat Bobby for either to have any title chance.

In the U12 Andrew Pan has the title almost wrapped. Ari Dale matched it with the top seed for most of the game but gave him too much play with an error on move 36, and the usual Pan-demonium ensued. With Callum Gray defeating Joshua Behar on board 2, Pan's lead increased to two, but Behar stays in outright second. Jamie-Lee Guo now leads the U10 by half a point from a pack of pursuers and the U8 is also still up in the air. The Girls U18 leaders kept station except for Megan Setiabudi conceding half a point. In the Girls Under 12, leaders Savi and Grace play tomorrow, but Grace plays Denise Lim today, and that could decide the title early. Kashish Christian could secure Girls Under 10 today.

A very special mention should be made of the game between William Gong and Kevin Willathgamuwa. This game would not look out of place in 1200s level adult club chess, and unlike many of the longer U12 games (which have often been stretched out by mopping up in won positions) the game between William and Kevin was remarkably even until move 58, when Kevin snuck a pawn through and won a dozen moves later. Kevin is the youngest player here, age six, and his game took three and a half hours, long before the end of which he was exhausted, but still he kept on going. Plenty of children his age couldn't focus on one difficult task for three and a half minutes.

Kevin Bonham
D.O.P and Bulletin Editor

PS The blunder of the tournament was committed not by Anthony Milton on board 2 yesterday but by those evil fiends who give me words to use in bulletins, thus making everybody think I have even more of an engouement for obscure linguistics than I do. Even when I loyally employed four words per day they increased my quota to *five* for no reason but yesterday they **forgot to give me the words before I went home** and even blamed the AusJCL meeting for this! As punishment for this (and them still having the hide to *insist on their words being included* and threaten "consequences"!) their crafty scheme is revealed, and as redonation they must use at least two of the following in tomorrow's announcements or be seen to be Wusses by all 117 juniors present: **miasma** (a noxious air supposedly causing disease), **defenestrate** (to throw out a window), **flocculent** (having a fluffy or woolly appearance) and **supervenience** (a relationship of properties in which if two objects differ from each other in one property, they must also differ in another.) Rewengi! Bwahahaha!!!!



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Trivia Quiz For The Sake of Image Content: Who are the two young gentlemen (hmmm) pictured and what (apart from having played chess –who hasn’t?) did they have in common with each other and this tournament? Any junior who can tell me will be

declared Extremely Clever in bulletin 10, unless an adult told them, in which case they will be declared to have Cheated but to still be Very Clever. For bonus points, what did one say about the other?

Lightning Playoffs: Three playoffs were played yesterday. Leteisha Simmonds won the GU14 Lightning 2-0 against Natasha Bortsova. Eugene Schon defeated Bobby Cheng 1.5-0.5 in the U18 and was overawed by Bobby’s sportsmanship when Bobby gave him a draw in game one rather than clocking him with KR vs KR. (It turns out under 2009 FIDE laws for blitz games with “adequate supervision” that Eugene could have claimed an Article 10.2 draw but Eugene didn’t know that and neither did at least one IA present!) Bobby then defeated Yi Yuan (1-1, 2-0) to claim the U16 title, giving the U14 title to Alex Stahnke who had no need to anpeyn since he won his main event game on forfeit and a lightning title as a result of somebody else’s playoff! **Breaking Gnus:** Noah Gong defeated the mighty Kevin Willathgamuwa 2-0 for the U8s today.

Pointless Metric of the Day: There have now been at least 156 checkmates in this tournament. Of these 89 were delivered by a queen (21 by capture), 48 by a rook (7 by capture), seven by a bishop (3 by capture), five by a knight (2 by capture), and one by some jehu in a Commodore running over the opposing king (I made this one up because we’ve lost the finish of that game because of sloppy scoring). Six pawn moves have delivered checkmate including one capture and two promotions, one to queen and one to rook. No one has yet delivered checkmate by discovered check by king move (very rare), by castling (0-0-0 mate really rubs it in!), by underpromoting to bishop or knight or by promoting with capture. Your editor has been checkmated 4 times in about 1030 rated games, and two were by Alastair Dyer and Marcus Bretag (the latter with a pawn!)

FIBE NEWS: APPEAL RECEIVED!!!

To Sir Kevin, He of the Outstanding Oink, IA Dr Charles Zworestine doth protest! It was not Oscar Fish who won the Adult Blitz with 9 consecutive one-point byes, but rather Oscar the Kitten. He applied for and was officially granted said name change when he became the kitten belonging to the mother of the aforementioned IA; a kitten who, incidentally, turns one year old tomorrow, and therefore officially becomes a kitten-cat.*

FIBE will consider this protest very carefully. Greg Canfell has confirmed that Oscar the Kitten has himself paid his FIBE Name Transfer Revenue Slosh Fund Fee of 60,000 cat biscuits and therefore he is eligible to formally meow a protest. An investigation will be launched and if severe fedity and defamation can be proven then the offender will be slapped on the fin and told not to do it again. If on the other hand the matter is totally trivial then a six hour presidential board meeting will be convened followed by a fistfight between Azmai and himself while Nigel Short insults somebody living or dead again and nobody actually cares!

* The surname “Bonham” in fact has nothing to do with pigs but stems from the French for “good man” and was widely used in Medieval England to mean a kindly person, an individual worthy of admiration and respect, or in your editor’s case, the absolute reverse!

