

Geoff Collyer has sent me this week's featured game which was played in the Division 2 South game between current league leaders Lincoln and reigning champions Grantham. Geoff was paired on board 1 against Grantham stalwart Grenville Wollerton who also plays for Newark in the Nottinghamshire League.

Geoff as white followed the Reti opening 1. Nf3 Nf6 with the unusual continuation of 2. b4 e6 3. a3 d5 4. Bb2 c5 which allowed black to control the centre 5. c3 Be7 6. e3 c4 7. d3 cxd3 8. Bxd3 0-0 9. Ne5 Nbd7 10. Nxd7 Bxd7 11. 0-0 e5 12. c4 e4 and now Grenville's central pawns have Geoff pinned back.

Play continued 13. Be2 dxc4 14. Bxc4 Qc7 15. Nd2 Rad8 16. Rc1 Qb8 (avoiding 17. Bxf7+ winning the queen) 17. h3 b5 18. Bb3 Bf5 19. Qe2 Qb7 20. Rfd1 Ne8 21. Nf1 Rxd1 22. Rxd1 Bf6 and black is looking to swap off bishops but has allowed Geoff an opportunity to win a pawn (see diagram) - can you see it?

Geoff played 23. Bd5 Qb8 24. Ng3 Bg6 25. Bxe4 Bxe4 26. Nxe4 Bxb2 27. Qxb2 f5 28. Nc5 Nf6 29. Nd7 Nxd7 30. Rxd7 Rf7 31. Qb3 Qe8 32. Rxa7 winning a second pawn 32. ...Kf8 33. Rxf7+ Qxf7 34. Qxf7+ Kxf7. Geoff took advantage of the extra pawns with 35. Kf1 Ke6 36. Ke2 g5 37. Kd3 Ke5 38. g3 h5 39. f4+ gxf4 40. gxf4+ Ke6 41. Kd4 Kd6 42. h4 and black resigned as another pawn must fall helping Lincoln to a 2½ to 1½ win and a healthy three point lead in the table.

Meanwhile the next round of the Junior Rapidplay tournaments has a new venue in St.James School in Bargate Grimsby on Saturday 10 March. You just have time to get your entry in to Grimsby Chess Club chairman Paul Chaplin on paul.chaplin27@btinternet.com

Grimsby Chess Club also play at St.James School on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30pm. www.grimsbychessclub.co.uk

