

Lincoln's team in Division 2 North played their second match in a week when they visited the well-appointed Corn Exchange Inn in the Barton-on-Humber Market Place. Last season the two teams drew before Lincoln went on to take the championship in a tightly contested campaign.

It was my pleasure to be paired as white on board 4 against Robert Crawshaw with the opening following the Sicilian defence 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. Be3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. 0-0-0 Bd7 and I castled queen side preparing to mount an attack of black's king.

Play continued 10. f3 a6 11. g4 b5 12. h4 b4 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. exd5 Nxd4 15. Bxd4 Bxd4 16. Qxd4 a5 after an exchange of pieces my queen on d4 controls the centre of the board 17. h5 e5 18. dxe6 using the "en passant" move (French for in passing) which allows me to take the pawn on e5 but my d-pawn is now placed on e6 (see diagram) followed by 18. ...Bxe6.

I could have won the pawn with 19. Qxd6 but Bxa2 could have been awkward so instead I played 19. hxg6 opening up the h-file for my rook and black responded 19. ...Qg5+ 20. Kb1 (protecting the pawn on a2) Qxg6 21. Bd3 and black now has a problem as I have my eyes on h7 so he responded 21. ...f5 22. gxf5 Rxf5 23. Rdg1 pinning the queen to the king and he resigned.

A win also for Dave Bull and draws for Qais Karimi and Jules Brown gave Lincoln a 3-1 win.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the RAOB Club, 58 South Park on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk

