

Lincoln's team in Division 2 South were on their travels again when the familiar surroundings of the St.James Church Hall in Louth was the venue. The two teams occupied the bottom two positions in the Division, Lincoln on 3 points from 4 games and Louth yet to get off the mark in their 3 games so far.

On board 3 Lincoln's Jules Brown was paired as black against Neil Milson, father of Samuel and Amy, and no mean player in his own right and we pick up the game after white has just played 15. Ne4 (see diagram) - materially equal, in fact no pieces had been exchanged up to this point, looking to change things by offering an exchange.

Jules duly obliged with 15. ...Nxe4 16. dxe4 d5 and white has doubled e pawns and cannot play 17. exd5 Bxc2 so had to play 17. cxd5 Nxd5 18. Nc3 Bb6 19. Nxd5 cxd5 20. 0-0 d4 and now Jules' central pawns are advancing menacingly.

White responded with 21. Rd1 Qe7 22. Qe2 Rac8 23. Bd2 Rc2 and Jules now has a rook in a key position 24. Rac1 Rfc8 25. Rxc2 Rxc2 26. Qd3 Qc7 27. Kh1 f6 28. exd4 Bxd4 29. f4 Be8 30. Qb3+ Bf7 31. Qa4 h6 32. fxe5 fxe5 33. Bf1 Bh5 and white's attempts to create an opening on the king's side only succeeded in losing a piece as 34. Rc1 Rxc1 35. Bxc1 Qxc1 followed and white resigned a few moves later.

Wins also Ian McDonald, Herman Kok and yours truly gave Lincoln a 4-0 whitewash and move them up into third place a couple of points behind Grantham and Horncastle who are this season's title contenders.

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

