

Lincoln's team in Division 2 North opened this season's campaign when they were the visitors to last year's champions Grimsby D. A change in venue saw the teams doing battle at the Millfield Hotel in Bargate Grimsby. The hosts have already got their title defence underway with a win against Louth so Lincoln needed a result to peg them back.

On board 2 Lincoln's Jules Brown was paired as white against Grimsby's up and coming star Arya Parnian and we pick up the game after Jules had just played 21. fxe3 (see diagram) completing an exchange of queens with a pawn and knight ending in prospect.

Play continued 21. ...Ng3 22. Kf2 Nf5 23. Ne2 Nd6 24. Nf4 Nc4 25. Nd3 Kf8 26. a4 a5 27. Ke2 b5 28. axb5 cxb5 and black is threatening to set up a passed pawn down the a-file 29. b3 Nd6 30. Nc5 Nb6 31. e4 dxe4 32. Ngxe4 Nxe4 33. Nxe4 and now Jules has a passed pawn of his own 33. ...Ke7 34. Nc3 b4 and the a-file threat has been nullified 35. Ne4 Nd5 36. Nc5 Nc3+ 37. Kd3 Nd5 38. Ke4 and with neither player able to make any progress a draw was agreed.

A draw for Ian McDonald was Lincoln's only other contribution and Grimsby took the spoils 3-1 and have opened up a 4 point gap at the top of the table.

Meanwhile Paul Fischer has set up a facebook page for Lincoln Chess Club encouraging members to contact each other and set up matches in the club championship. Paul is also adding a few chess problems for you to have a go at - check it out.

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

