

Lincoln's team in Division 2 North were in action when Scunthorpe were the visitors to South Park. Both teams had lost their opening matches so a win for both teams was needed to keep in touch with Louth who were the early pace setters winning both of their opening matches.

On board 1 Lincoln's Kevin McCarthy was paired as white against Scunthorpe's Steven Lewis with the opening following a variation of the Trompowsky attack 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 c5 4. Nf3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bb4 6. Bd3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 e5 8. Nf5 0-0 9. Bg5 characterised by the bishop's move to g5 pinning the knight on f6.

Play continued 9. ...d6 10. Ne3 Be6 11. 0-0 Nbd7 12. c4 and Kevin needs to take care to protect the doubled pawns on the c-file 12. ...h6 13. Bh4 g5 14. Bg3 Nc5 15. f3 Nh5 16. Bf2 Nf4 17. Nd5 Bxd5 18. cxd5 Nxd3 19. cxd3 and Kevin can breathe a little easier but still needs to look after the pawn on d3 19. ...Qa5 20. Be3 Qa3 21. Bxf4 gxf4 22. Kh1 Qa5 23. d4 f6 24. dxe5 fxe5 and now Kevin can look to building an attack down the open c-file 25. Qb3 b6 26. Rfc1 Rf6 27. Rc7 Rg6 28. Qc2 Rf8 but black is also looking at the open g-file for an attack of his own (see diagram).

Kevin now played 29. Qc6 opening up various options to which black could have replied 29. ...Qd2 or 29. ...Rgf6 but instead played 29. ...Rxc6 maybe hoping for 30. Kxc6 Qd2+ but instead Kevin played 30. Qd7 and black resigned as mate follows in a couple of moves.

A win also for Neil Roberts and draws for Herman Kok and Jules Brown gave Lincoln the spoils win a 3-1 win.

Lincoln Chess Club play at the RAOB Club, 58 South Park on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. [www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk](http://www.lincolinchessclub.co.uk)

