

Another game from the match between Lincolnshire and Worcestershire, where Lincolnshire cruised to a 11½ to 4½ point victory, has been sent to me by Ian McDonald a stalwart at Lincoln Chess Club for many years Ian, now retired, used to own his own business translating articles and scientific papers between English and continental languages.

Ian was paired as black against John Varilone from Kidderminster with the opening following the Trompowsky attack named after the Brazilian champion Octavio Trompowsky 1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. Qd2 c5 where white has control of the centre contested by Ian's pawn on c5. White played 7. Bh6 0-0 8. Bxg7 Kxg7 exchanging bishops 9. Be2 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Nc5 11. f3 Ne6 12. h4 Nh5 and white, having defended the pawn on e4 now tries to prize open Ian's defence with a pawn advance on h4 13. Nxe6 Bxe6 14. g4 Ng3 15. Rg1 Nxe2 16. Qxe2 Qb6 and Ian now goes on the offensive attacking both the rook on g1 and the pawn on b2.

White defends by castling queens side 17. 0-0-0 Rac8 and now Ian's pieces are in position to attack white's king 18. Qd2 Qa5 (see diagram). White now played 19. h5 intent on opening up Ian's defence but overlooking 19. ...Bxa2 which gains a pawn for black 20. hxg6 hxg6 21. Rh1 Rh8 22. Rxh8 Rxh8 and Ian has countered any attack by white down the h-file 23. Qd4+ f6 24. Nxa2 Qxa2 25. g5 maybe looking for 26. gxf6 exf6 but he overlooked 25. ...Rh2 and white resigned as white's escape route has been blocked after 26. ...Qa1+.

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