

Lincoln's team in Division 2 North were in action when Horncastle were the visitors to South Park. Having lost to Horncastle in the away fixture Lincoln were lying at the foot of the table on 2 points with Horncastle and Scunthorpe just above them on 3.

Needing to get the show back on the road Lincoln put out a strong team including debutant Andreas Sivacenko who has recently moved from his native Latvia to live and work in the county and proved himself to be a more than useful player in the games he has played within the club.

Andreas was paired as black against Kieran Burt who has joined Lincoln Chess Club from Horncastle and has played for Lincoln in the Division 2 South but on this occasion was asked to turn out for his old club.

Play began with the English opening 1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 c6 5. e4 d6 6. Nge2 Nbd7 7. d3 0-0 8. a3 e5 9. b4 Ne8 10. 0-0 and in a circumspect opening both players have castled with white having the edge with control of the centre.

Andreas countered this with 10. ...f5 11. exf5 Rxf5 opening up the f-file 12. Rb1 Rf8 13. d4 exd4 14. Nxd4 Ne5 15. c5 dxc5 16. bxc5 and now the d and e files are also open (see diagram). Andreas's next move proved decisive resulting in a gain of material - can you see it?

Andreas played 16. ...Qxd4 17. Qxd4 seemingly giving away his queen but now played 17. ...Nf3+ 18. Bxf3 Bxd4 19. Bg2 Bxc3 and is now a piece up and went on to win a few moves later.

Wins also for Kevin McCarthy, Herman Kok and Ian McDonald gave Lincoln a 4-0 win.

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

